

# **VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE**

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During 2019 the Brownsville Police Department continued with its philosophy of taking a proactive approach to law enforcement with a goal of obtaining voluntary compliance with the law. The keys to highway safety are Education, Engineering and Enforcement. Whenever possible, attempts were made to combine the education element along with the enforcement component while interacting with offenders.

The professional working relationship that the Brownsville Police has established with other police agencies in Dodge County continues to serve the residents of Brownsville well in providing police services as needed. In 2019 Marshal Seymour worked with the Dodge County Sheriff's Department when appropriate in conducting joint agency investigations into incidents which have occurred in the Village. The Brownsville Police Department also has close working relationships with the Lomira Police Department and the Theresa Police Department. The ongoing working relationship that has been established with other local police agencies has benefited the residents of the Village of Brownsville. The Mutual Aid agreement that the Brownsville Police Department has with the Lomira Police Department continues to allow for both agencies to have additional law enforcement assistance when needed with a quick response time.

Marshal Seymour provided mutual aid to the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, Lomira and Theresa Police Departments. Marshal Seymour also received mutual aid assistance from the same agencies with incidents occurring in the Village.

Several significant incidents occurred in the Village of Brownsville in 2019.

During 2019 the Village was impacted by two separate flooding events caused by the flooding of Kummel Creek. The first flooding event occurred on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Residences on North Street, Duke Street, E. North Street, Prospect Street, Prospect Ave and Oakdale Drive were the most severely impacted by the flooding. The village owned foot bridge connecting E. North Street with Oakdale Drive, was extensively damaged and was deemed unsafe for use. It was subsequently replaced by a new bridge crossing the creek.

The second flooding event occurred in October but resulted in fewer residences being impacted by the high water.

Since 2016 the Brownsville Police Department has been a member of the Standard Mutual Aid Response Team (SMART) agreement which includes all police agencies in Dodge County. The SMART agreement provides mutual aid assistance to local police agencies to provide assistance at events requiring more law enforcement assistance than the local agency has available. The additional assistance provided by the assisting law enforcement agencies is provided at no cost to the Village of Brownsville. During 2019 the Brownsville Police Department was requested to provide assistance per the SMART agreement to the Village of Theresa Police Department for a missing child which also resulted in the Dodge County Child Abduction Response Team (CART) being activated to respond to the Village of Theresa to assist the Theresa Police Department.

The Brownsville Police Department participated in several Wisconsin Department of Transportation highway safety initiatives during 2019. Local media was advised of the participation of the police department in these initiatives. These initiatives targeted unsafe driving behaviors such as speeding, impaired and distracted driving and failure to wear seat belts.

During 2019 numerous serious crimes occurred in Dodge County. During 2019 few serious crimes occurred in the Village of Brownsville. The level of serious crime decreased in the Village as compared to the previous year.

Although the numbers of some crimes increased over previous years, the incidence of crimes in the Village is very low. Village residents being security conscious and the efforts of the Police

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Department to be highly visible patrolling the Village likely contributed to the incidence of crimes still being significantly lower than in neighboring communities.

In 2019 Marshal Seymour investigated several animal complaints. No citations were issued to persons for allowing Dogs to be Running at Large within the Village this year. Complaints regarding dogs barking decreased significantly as compared to previous years. No dog bites occurred during 2019.

Marshal Seymour worked with the Brownsville Department of Public Works Department regarding traffic safety issues. Marshal Seymour continued to interact with Superintendent Lechner regarding a number of other concerns regarding issues that posed a potential safety threat to Village residents and visitors to our community.

During 2019 Marshal Seymour had contact with 842 people either thru traffic stops or complaint investigations. This is a significant increase from the previous year. In 2018, 1008 calls handled had a case number assigned to them which allows easier documentation of the incidents.

During 2019 Marshal Seymour worked a total of 2090 duty hours. Marshal Seymour spent 1263 hours patrolling the village, 106 hours investigating complaints and 58 hours handling court matters. 487 hours were spent handling administrative duties which includes writing reports, drafting proposed revisions to Village ordinances, attending meetings and submitting monthly documentation to the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Marshal Seymour made a total of 675 traffic stops which is an 18% increase when compared to the number of stops that were made in 2018. Traffic enforcement efforts appear to have resulted in drivers traveling thru the Village being in better compliance with traffic laws than in the past. The traffic stops made resulted in 541 traffic citations and 554 warnings being issued. Marshal Seymour investigated five traffic crashes which occurred in the Village. In 2019, 5 traffic crashes were investigated. This is a significant increase in the number of traffic crashes that were investigated in 2018. Marshal Seymour responded to and investigated 150 complaints.

In 2019 Drug Offense arrests increased dramatically over the previous years. Six arrests were made for drug charges in addition to one arrest for drugged driving.

Marshal Seymour responded to 86 mutual aid requests which included assisting the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, the Lomira Police Department, Theresa Police Department, and the Brownsville Fire Company.

While on duty Marshal Seymour responded to numerous requests for Emergency Medical Service calls in the village. When on duty Marshal Seymour was able to arrive at these calls with 2-3 minutes, begin assessing the patient and start treatment as necessary prior to the arrival of the Brownsville Fire Company First Responders. During one EMS assist Marshal Seymour responded to a person in cardiac arrest. Marshal Seymour performed CPR and utilized the Police Department Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) on the patient prior to the Brownsville First Responders and Fond du Lac Paramedics arriving at the scene.

Marshal Seymour received 64 requests for service while off duty. In most of these cases Marshal Seymour came on duty and responded to deal with the matter.

The following list is a breakdown of some of the incidents responded to or investigated:

Alarms	9
Animal complaint	6
Child abuse	3
Drug arrest	6

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Family problem/Neighbor dispute	5
Gas drive off/theft	8
Motor vehicle crash investigation	5
Missing child	2
Ordinance violations	26
Restraining order violation	1
Suspicious activity	24
Suicidal person	1
Theft complaint	2
Unlawful burning	2
Unwanted person	1
Vandalism	1
Vehicle lockout	2

Administrative changes made by the Police Department in 2017 continue to positively impact daily operations of the police department.

In December 2017 all law enforcement agencies in Dodge County adopted a central Records Management System (RMS). The adoption of the Spillman RMS continues to be a benefit to the Brownsville Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in Dodge County.

2019 saw the second full year of the transition of citations issued by the Brownsville Police Department to being handled by the Fox Lake Municipal Court. The transition to municipal court has resulted in less time spent with court related matters, more flexibility in charging violators for offenses and reduced fines for violators convicted of offenses.

The charts below are a breakdown of duty hours and types of contacts made during 2019.

### 2019 BREAKDOWN OF HOURS WORKED

Date	Patrol	Admin /Rpts	Court Duty	Compt Invest	Arrests	Mutual Aid	Equip Maint	Trng	PR
January	92.8	53.75	10	0.75	0	6.75	4.5	0	0
February	85	49.75	2.5	9	2	7.25	3.75	6	0
March	102	41.5	6.5	5	0	2.25	1	6	0
April	84.5	55.75	3.5	17.5	0	6	0	9.5	0
May	111	36.5	1.5	9.75	0	3.75	3	5.25	0
June	123	35.75	5.5	6	0	5.25	0	0	0.5
July	118	40.25	4	5.75	3	3.75	1.5	0	0
August	123	37	4.5	10.5	0	3.25	4.75	0	0
September	123	26.25	4.5	10.25	0	2.75	1.5	10.5	0
October	90	30.75	9	10.75	0	3.75	2	32.75	0
November	95.3	45.25	2	7.25	0	10.25	3.5	0	0.5
December	115	35	5	13.5	4.5	9.5	0	5	0
TOTALS	1262.6	487.5	58.5	106	9.5	64.5	25.5	75	1

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### 2019 BREAKDOWN OF CONTACTS

Date	# TS	Com plts	Mut Aid	Alarm	Radar cits	Laser cits	DL cits	Sign cits	Equip cits	oth cit	OWI arrest	criminal arrests	Speed warn	Equip warn	Oth r war n	Prkg vio	Cras h Inves t	M un Cit s
Jan	47	2	5	1	0	27	3	0	6	3	0	0	2	23	13	1	0	1
Feb	43	11	10	1	6	18	4	0	0	6	0	1	1	16	16	8	0	1
Mar	61	11	6	1	1	27	0	0	8	10	0	0	0	34	18	4	0	2
Apr	41	24	9	3	5	13	3	1	2	5	0	0	2	26	8	3	1	0
May	64	12	9	0	5	25	2	0	5	9	0	0	2	29	18	9	1	1
Jun	68	12	6	0	6	33	7	0	3	6	0	0	6	38	16	2	0	1
Jul	72	7	6	0	4	40	3	2	12	7	0	1	1	31	22	3	0	0
Aug	63	19	6	0	5	22	4	0	8	15	0	0	5	34	20	2	0	1
Sep	68	15	5	0	2	28	1	0	6	3	0	1	3	42	21	3	0	0
Oct	32	7	3	1	2	15	2	0	2	6	0	0	2	13	6	2	1	0
Nov	42	14	12	1	1	33	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	12	10	3	0	0
Dec	74	16	9	1	3	34	4	1	5	12	1	0	3	35	26	4	2	1
Total	675	150	86	9	48	315	36	4	57	88	1	3	27	333	194	44	5	8

Duty Hours totals                      2090  
Total traffic citations                      541  
Total traffic warnings                      554

The charts below are a comparison of the breakdown of duty hours and types of contacts made during the past several years.

### ANNUAL COMPARISON BREAKDOWN OF HOURS WORKED TOTALS

Year	Patrol	Admin /Rpts	Court Duty	Compt Invest	Arrests	Mutual Aid	Equip Maint	Trng	PR
2011	221	47.25	10.5	6.25	0	0	26.5	0	0
2012	763	160.8	50.5	62.75	0	0	20.75	17	7.5
2013	894	213	65	75.5	0	0	24.5	54.5	0.25
2014	821	410.6	63.75	123.6	7	23.75	49.5	125	6.75
2015	843	434.5	75.25	131.3	3	58.25	18	145	10
2016	1014	364.5	98.8	119.5	22.5	30.5	33.25	82.75	1.5
2017	937	445.3	94.75	87	2	36.5	34.5	134.3	.75
2018	977	427	71.75	166.8	9	44.75	35.75	83.75	4.75
2019	1263	487.5	58.5	106	9.5	64.5	25.5	75	1
Totals	7733	2990.5	588.75	878.7	53	258.25	462	717.7	32.5

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Year	# TS	Com plts	Mut Aid	Alarm	Radar cits	Laser cits	DL cits	Sign cits	Equip cits	oth cit	OWI arrests	criminal arrests
<b>2011</b>	237	6	4	3	60	n/a	6	0	0	8	0	0
<b>2012</b>	539	71	29	1	170	n/a	20	5	2	6	0	0
<b>2013</b>	599	66	21	0	254	n/a	19	3	0	13	0	0
<b>2014</b>	494	86	44	0	236	n/a	9	3	0	11	1	3
<b>2015</b>	474	117	63	8	232	n/a	25	5	0	25	0	3
<b>2016</b>	703	112	57	1	214	121	46	5	6	65	0	7
<b>2017</b>	592	109	56	5	37	245	37	2	21	77	0	1
<b>2018</b>	571	159	49	7	48	210	45	4	51	61	0	11
<b>2019</b>	675	150	86	9	40	315	36	4	57	88	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	4884	876	409	34	1291	891	243	31	137	354	2	28

Year	Equipment warnings	Other warnings	Parking violations	Crash Investigations	Municipal Citations	CAD cases
<b>2011</b>	81	127	1	0	0	
<b>2012</b>	137	254	24	1	0	
<b>2013</b>	173	244	31	1	0	
<b>2014</b>	146	208	30	1	1	390
<b>2015</b>	133	196	41	3	3	621
<b>2016</b>	268	257	53	6	3	818
<b>2017</b>	301	215	41	3	4	736
<b>2018</b>	314	183	35	2	5	810
<b>2019</b>	333	194	44	5	8	1008
<b>Totals</b>	1886	1878	300	22	24	3573

The 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility police squad which was purchased in 2014 continues to serve the needs of the Police Department very well.

During 2019 The Brownsville Police Department accumulated a total of 8,713 patrol miles and used 968 gallons of fuel.

Marshal Seymour attended 75 hours of training during 2019. Training attended included Chapter 51 Emergency Detentions Updates, Law Enforcement Standards Board annual firearms qualification training for both pistol, police shotgun and patrol rifle training, 2019 Badger TraCS Users training, Stop the Bleed training, Leading Without Rank; leadership training and attended the Dodge County Dementia Caregiving Conference. Marshal Seymour also participated in Active Shooters exercises involving the Lomira and Hustisford School Districts.

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The illegal use of opioid drugs such as heroin has resulted in numerous medical emergencies in Dodge County. The Brownsville Police Department carries lifesaving Naloxone (NARCAN) in the squad car. Marshal Seymour is trained in the use of Naloxone during opioid overdose emergencies.

Marshal Seymour continues to be vigilant in the enforcement of Village ordinances including parking restrictions. Marshal Seymour continues to work with the Village Board to obtain additional Village ordinances to allow the police department to better address enforcement of existing ordinances and to address other enforcement concerns. The Police Departments proactive approach to addressing citizen complaints and violations of Village ordinances has resulted in maintaining a high level of compliance with Village ordinances.

Marshal Seymour continues to address problem areas such as speeding issues on Oaklane Rd and Main Street and failure of vehicles stopping for stop signs on Prospect Ave and other locations in the Village. Aggressive traffic enforcement has resulted in vehicle speeds being reduced on Village streets.

Marshal Seymour continues to place special emphasis on interacting with individuals utilizing Dale R. Michels Park. Several persons have thanked him for his presence at the park.

Many citizens of Brownsville have thanked Marshal Seymour for his efforts and they advised that the Village streets are safer as a result.

On behalf of the Brownsville Police Department, I would like to thank the Village Board for your support of the Brownsville Police Department during 2019. I look forward to working with the members of the Village Board and serving the citizens of the Village of Brownsville during 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Seymour  
Marshal