

MPD MAY 2019 PSRC REPORT

VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVE (VRI)

In late summer and fall of 2017 the Madison Police Department began a Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI) as a result of a dramatic increase in gun violence throughout the City. This included a number of homicides and a significant increase of shots fired calls for service. This initiative yielded positive results and as such in 2018 the Madison Police Department again implemented a VRI each of the six Madison Police Department Patrol Districts. \$90,000 in grant funding from the State of Wisconsin DOJ was awarded and utilized for this purpose. This initiative was coordinated through the Operations Section of the department and took place from April 12 through November 4, 2018.

MPD has once again been awarded a \$90,000 State grant to fund this initiative in 2019.

- This year's Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI) will run May through October.
- The goal of the VRI is: reduce crime, reduce fear of crime, and build community relationships in identified hot spots (focus areas). 15 have been identified city-wide by MPD Crime Analysts for 2019.

Violence reduction policing strategies:

- Officer Presence and engagement with positive contacts in each focus area.
- Violent Crime **suppression/problem solving** efforts through enforcement action, community engagement or other initiative.
- Warrant **apprehension** and probable cause arrests of violent offenders.

K9 ARCHIE

The Madison Police Department proudly announces the addition of K9 "Archie" and his handler Officer Emily House to the MPD K9 Unit. With their addition, the K9 Unit now includes 8 police K9s and their handlers.

Officer House is a 12 year veteran of the Madison Police Department. She has volunteered for 10 years as a training decoy for K9 Unit training sessions – in light of her career goal to become a member of the K9 Unit.

K9 Archie was purchased by Capital K9s due to a generous donation from Wendy & Duane Reichel, who chose Archie's name in memory of Wendy's grandfather. K9 Archie is trained to detect narcotics and track for humans and evidence. Officer House and K9 Archie completed a 6-week training course with FMK9 in Berrien Center, Michigan, and earned certification by the North American Police Work Dog Association at the conclusion of their training.

ROBBERY STATISTICS

Year-to-date, the City has experienced 75 reported robberies. For the first four months (January-April) of the last five years, we averaged 70 robberies. The 75 reported robberies has resulted in a 7% increase for the year when compared to the five year average. When looking exclusively at the month of April of 2018 (17) to the month of April of 2019 (12), the monthly comparison reflects a 29% decrease in robberies.

Year-to-date, 53% of robberies committed took place between the hours of 6pm-Midnight. The most prominent day(s)-of-week for robberies occurring in 2019 (thus far) are Monday and Sunday (14), and Tuesday (13).

Breakdown of robberies by District (year-to-date):

- North (15)
- West (14)
- South (13)
- Central (13)
- East (12)
- Midtown (8)

Breakdown of robberies by District (April, 2019)

- North (4)
- West (3)
- South (3)
- Central (2)