

**VILLAGE OF BROWNSVILLE**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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During 2018 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 2018 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.

Marshal Seymour provided mutual aid to the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, Lomira and Theresa Police Departments and Wisconsin State Patrol. 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 2018.

On August 28<sup>th</sup> the Village was hit by two separate tornados. Initially most streets in the Village were impassible due to downed wires and trees. As a result, a Declaration of State of Emergency was declared in the Village. Many property owners had damage to buildings. Most property owners had significant damage to trees. Approximately 70% of the Village was without electrical power for 38 hours. Some residences were without power for 48 hours. No persons reported being injured as a result of the initial impact of the tornados. Marshal Seymour assumed the Role of Incident Commander for the storm recovery response in the Village.

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 2018 the Brownsville Police Department was not requested to provide assistance per the SMART agreement nor was assistance required in the Village.

The Brownsville Police Department participated in several Wisconsin Department of Transportation highway safety initiatives during 2018. 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 2018 numerous serious crimes occurred in Dodge County. Although few serious crimes occurred in the Village of Brownsville, the level of crime increased in the village as compared to previous years. Significant criminal incidents included a high speed pursuit which originated in the Village, several domestic incidents and burglaries to two businesses.

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

In 2018 Marshal Seymour investigated several animal complaints which included one dog bite incident. No citations were issued to persons for allowing Dogs to be Running at Large within the

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Village this year which is an improvement over previous years. Complaints regarding dogs barking increased significantly as compared to previous years.

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 2018 Marshal Seymour had contact with 789 people either thru traffic stops or complaint investigations. This is a significant increase from the previous year. In 2018, 810 calls handled required a case number be assigned to them.

During 2018 Marshal Seymour worked a total of 1820 duty hours. Marshal Seymour spent 977 hours patrolling the village, 167 hours investigating complaints and 72 hours handling court matters. 427 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 571 traffic stops which is a slight decrease when compared to the number of stops that were made in 2017. 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 419 traffic citations and 531 warnings being issued. Marshal Seymour investigated two traffic crashes which occurred in the Village. This is 50% reduction in the number of traffic crashes that were investigated in 2017. Marshal Seymour responded to and investigated 159 complaints.

Marshal Seymour responded to 49 mutual aid requests which included assisting the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, the Lomira Police Department, Theresa Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol 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.

Marshal Seymour received 71 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:

Alarm	7
Animal Complaint	5
Bail jumping	1
Unlawful burning	1
Drug arrest	1
Family problem/Neighbor dispute	5
Disorderly conduct	2
Motor vehicle crash investigation	2
Traffic pursuit	1
Missing child	2
Public nuisance	1
Suspicious activity	4
Theft complaint	2
Burglary	2

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Vandalism	1
Vehicle lockout	1
Unwanted person	2
Restraining order violation	2
Gas drive off/theft	14

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 transition to the Spillman RMS occurred with minimal issues. The adoption of the Spillman RMS continues to be a benefit to the Brownsville Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in Dodge County.

2018 saw the first 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 lower fines have reduced the number of contested cases.

The charts below are a breakdown of duty hours and types of contacts made during 2018.

## 2018 BREAKDOWN OF HOURS WORKED

Date	Patrol	Admin /Rpts	Court Duty	Compt Invest	Arrests	Mutual Aid	Equip Maint	Trng	PR
January	55.8	46.25	10.5	7.5	0	7.5	3.75	8.5	0
February	55.5	22.25	7.75	4.25	0	1	7.5	18.75	0
March	54.3	32	10.5	13	3	7	0	9.5	0
April	83.3	34.5	7	4.25	0	2.5	2	5	0
May	83	25.25	5.5	15.75	0	1.5	9.25	11	0
June	85.8	42.25	8	9	0	3	1	.75	3.5
July	93.8	31.5	6	26.25	0	3.5	0	5	0
August	131	47.75	2	25.25	0	4.25	1.25	0	0
September	65.6	32.25	3	37	0	4.5	3	0	1.25
October	92.8	48	1.5	13.25	0	3	3.25	23.25	0
November	93.8	44.75	4	8	6	5	3.75	2	0
December	81.8	20.25	6	3.25	0	2	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>71.75</b>	<b>166.8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>44.75</b>	<b>35.75</b>	<b>83.75</b>	<b>4.75</b>

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## 2018 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	32	5	8	0	3	10	1	0	7	12	0	1	2	19	7	0	0	0
Feb	32	5	2	0	14	3	0	0	5	5	0	0	1	20	20	1	1	0
Mar	39	12	6	2	1	11	7	2	3	3	0	7	2	20	13	6	0	0
Apr	60	10	2	1	5	7	7	0	5	5	0	0	6	34	19	5	1	0
May	61	19	4	0	2	21	8	0	6	6	0	0	3	40	22	0	0	0
Jun	57	22	3	0	10	21	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	25	24	4	0	1
Jul	63	21	4	0	4	33	2	0	6	6	0	1	6	23	16	4	0	3
Aug	46	25	6	2	1	20	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	23	14	2	0	0
Sep	18	15	6	1	1	7	3	0	2	2	0	0	1	16	4	0	0	0
Oct	62	12	3	1	1	35	3	1	8	8	0	0	2	33	15	3	0	0
Nov	55	7	11	0	2	31	7	0	8	8	0	3	3	31	17	5	0	0
Dec	46	6	4	0	4	18	4	0	0	0	0	0		25	12	5	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

Duty Hours totals                    1820  
 Total traffic citations                419  
 Total traffic warnings                531

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
<b>2011</b>	221	47.25	10.5	6.25	0	0	26.5	0	0
<b>2012</b>	763	160.8	50.5	62.75	0	0	20.75	17	7.5
<b>2013</b>	894	213	65	75.5	0	0	24.5	54.5	0.25
<b>2014</b>	821	410.6	63.75	123.6	7	23.75	49.5	125	6.75
<b>2015</b>	843	434.5	75.25	131.3	3	58.25	18	145	10
<b>2016</b>	1014	364.5	98.8	119.5	22.5	30.5	33.25	82.75	1.5
<b>2017</b>	937	445.3	94.75	87	2	36.5	34.5	134.3	.75
<b>2018</b>	977	427	71.75	166.8	9	44.75	35.75	83.75	4.75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6470</b>	<b>2503</b>	<b>530.25</b>	<b>772.7</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>193.75</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>642.66</b>	<b>31.5</b>

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## ANNUAL COMPARISON BREAKDOWN OF CONTACTS TOTALS

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>Totals</b>	4209	726	323	25	1251	576	207	27	80	266	0	25

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>Totals</b>	1553	1684	256	17	16	2565

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 2018 a front seat rifle/shotgun mount was purchased to allow for quicker access to the weapons when needed. The mount also locks the weapons in the vehicle with reduces the potential for unauthorized access and/or theft. Protective window bars were installed in the rear seat prisoner area of the vehicle to guard against window damage and or prisoner escape.

During 2018 The Brownsville Police Department accumulated a total of 8,003 patrol miles and used 836 gallons of fuel.

Marshal Seymour attended 55 hours of training during 2018. Training attended included Legal Updates, Law Enforcement Standards Board annual firearms qualification training for both pistol, police shotgun and patrol rifle training, , Law Enforcement Standards Board required Pursuit Driving and Emergency Response training, 2018 Badger TraCS Users training, Drug Overdose/Reckless Homicide training and Use of Force training. Marshal Seymour also

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participated in Active Shooters exercises involving the Lomira and Dodgeland School District and Haz-Mat Release Disaster exercises sponsored by Dodge County Emergency Management.

The illegal use of opioid drugs such as heroin has resulted in numerous medical emergencies in Dodge County. The Wisconsin Department of Justice provided Naloxone at no cost to police agencies wishing to be better prepared to respond to overdose emergencies. The Brownsville Police Department now carries lifesaving naloxone in the squad car. Marshal Seymour has received training regarding 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.

A recently revised ordinance regarding Theft of Motor Fuel has resulted in five citations being issued and orders of restitution from the City of Fox Lake Municipal Court for the dollar amount stolen.

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 has partnered with The Dodge County Sheriff's Office to provide information to concerned village residents regarding establishing a Neighborhood Watch group. Marshal Seymour continues to work with that group of concerned citizens.

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. During the summer of 2017 several incidents of vandalism occurred in Dale Michels Park and at various locations throughout the Village. No significant issues of vandalism occurred this year at Dale R. Michels Park or elsewhere in the Village.

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 2018. I look forward to working with the members of the Village Board and serving the citizens of the Village of Brownsville during 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Seymour  
Marshal