Enhancing Public Safety through the Power of Partnerships and Community Leadership
During the first eight months of my tenure as chief, a great deal of time and energy was devoted to assessing the department’s strengths, as well as identifying opportunities for enhancing our operation. Among the changes announced in 2012 was the transition to dark blue uniforms. This change was motivated by our desire to enhance the uniformity and professional appearance of our uniform garments.

Consistent with the philosophy of leadership by inclusion, changes in the promotional process were introduced in 2012 in order to allow for broader input during the candidate assessment and rating process.

I look forward to working with rank-and-file members, supervisory personnel, senior command staff members, elected officials, area residents, and others as we strive to solve problems and reduce crime. Simply stated, our core mission is to create an environment where citizens feel safe. Thank you for all you do in support of achieving our mission!
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Lieutenant Kurt Maurer

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LEUTENANT

Technology

Lieutenant Kurt Maurer is a 23 year veteran of the department. He is currently assigned as the Commander of Technology. Lieutenant Maurer was promoted to Sergeant in 1999 where he supervised Patrol Shifts, the Gang Unit, and Courts Section. As a Patrol Officer Lt. Maurer served the department in the Gang Unit, Mountain Bike Patrol, Field Training Officer, Master Patrolman, and Major Crimes. Lieutenant Maurer has served as the Commander of the department’s Honor Guard Unit since 1999.

Lieutenant Weitzel

Chuck Weitzel
LEUTENANT

Planning

Lieutenant Weitzel is a 38 year veteran of the department assigned as the Planning Lieutenant for 2012. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2011. In 2005 Weitzel was promoted to Sergeant. He served as a Patrol Supervisor and Gang Investigations Sergeant. Lieutenant Weitzel has served the department as the Crisis Negotiations Commander Racine County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Awards Committee, Master Patrolman, Training Unit, Crime Prevention Officer, POST Team Member, Gang Unit, and Field Training officer. Lieutenant Weitzel led the Uniform Committee through the new uniform selection process in 2012 as well.

Lieutenant Wohlgemuth

Dave Wohlgemuth
ACTING LEUTENANT

Investigations

Lieutenant Wohlgemuth is a 19 year veteran of the department. He was promoted to Acting Lieutenant in 2012 where he completed his duties in the General Investigations Division. In 2003 Wohlgemuth was promoted to Sergeant where he served as Patrol Supervisor, Training Sergeant, Gang Unit, and Field Training Officer. Lieutenant Wohlgemuth led the Uniform Committee through the new uniform selection process in 2012 as well.

Steve Wagner

Lieutenant

Internal Affairs

Lieutenant Wagner is a 23 year veteran of the department currently assigned as Commander of Internal Affairs. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2011 where he now serves as Commander of Special Investigations/ Gang Unit and Commander of 3rd Shift Patrol. Lieutenant Wagner was promoted to Inspector in 2009 and Sergeant in 2006. While Sergeant he was a Patrol Supervisor and Gang/Drug Unit Sergeant. During his time as an Investigator Wagner was assigned to General Investigations. Lieutenant Wagner has served the department on the Major Crimes Squad, Crisis Negotiation Team, Awards Committee, Recruitment Group, and the Mountain Bike Program. He also spearheaded the Drug Endangered Children Program during his time in Special Investigations.

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Special Investigations

Lieutenant Todd Schulz

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LEUTENANT

Community Policing

lieutenant Todd Schulz is an 18 year veteran of the department. Throughout 2012 Lieutenant Schulz was assigned as Commander of General Investigations. Lieutenant Schulz was promoted to Investigator in 2000, Sergeant in 2001, and Lieutenant in 2010. At Lieutenant, Schultz served as Commander of 3rd Shift Patrol, Commander of 1st Shift Patrol and Traffic Bureau, as well as the Commander of General Investigations. While a Sergeant, Schultz was a Patrol Sergeant, Investigator Sergeant, and Supervisor. While an Investigator, Schultz served as a Patrol Sergeant, Gang Investigations Sergeant, and Investigation Sergeant. Lieutenant Schultz has served the department as the Crisis Negotiations Commander Race County Local Emergency Planning Committee, Awards Committee, Master Patrolman, Training Unit, Crime Prevention Officer, POST Team Member, Gang Unit, and Field Training Officer. Lieutenant Schultz led the Uniform Committee through the new uniform selection process in 2012 as well.

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James Zuehlke  
LIEUTENANT  
First Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Zuehlke is a 17 year veteran of the department, currently assigned as the Commander of 1st Shift Patrol. He was promoted to Lieutenant in March of 2012. In 2000, Zuehlke was promoted to Sergeant. During his tenure as a Sergeant, he served as a Patrol Supervisor and Sergeant of Special Investigations. He has served as a member of the SWAT team for 14 years and serves as the Commander of the Unit. He is a member of the Honor Guard and Awards Committee. He has also served the department as a Neighborhood Beat Officer, Target Enforcement Team Member, and Mountain Bike Team Member.

William Macemon  
LIEUTENANT  
Third Shift Patrol

Lieutenant Macemon is a 23 year veteran of the department, currently assigned as Commander of 3rd Shift Patrol. Lt. Macemon was promoted to Traffic Investigator in 1995 and Sergeant in 2000. As Sergeant, Lieutenant Macemon served as Public Information Office, Patrol Sergeant, and Chairman of the Award Committee. As Lieutenant, Macemon is currently serving as the Coordinator for the Crisis Intervention Team, Chairman of the Accident Review Board, and is the Secretary of the Racine County Law Enforcement Memorial Committee.

"Our Mission is to deliver the best community oriented police services to the people of Racine."

From inception, it has been the desire of those named as Chaplains for the Racine Police Department to serve the men and women of this organization. Whether it is providing officer support during crisis calls-for-service, or providing support to officers or civilians on a personal basis, our primary mission is to serve.

While the names and faces have changed over the years, the mission of the Chaplains remains the same, that being, to serve and provide support to all members of the department. In short, we are here to lend a hand, lend an ear, encourage, offer support, and to provide what has been called the “ministry of presence.”

We are humbled and grateful to be allowed the opportunity to perform this special ministry among you. We consider it an honor and a privilege to serve with and among you in whatever capacity requested. We continue to be amazed at how we have been welcomed among you and made to feel a part of the Racine law enforcement family. Thank you so much!

May God continue to bless the members of this department, and may His hand of protection cover you with safety as you carry out your duties for the residents of this community.

“City of Racine”

MAYOR OF RACINE  
John Dickert

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POLICE PALs - MENTOR PROGRAM

DURING THE SPRING OF 2012, Investigator Melissa Diener announced her desire to develop a mentoring initiative comprised of police officers. Investigator Diener’s plan was innovative and bold, as this plan called for police officers to be allowed to interact with local students while on-duty.

In explaining her vision for the program, Melissa noted that, many school-based youth intervention programs have been eliminated over the years due to budget cuts. In particular, law enforcement initiatives such as the Gang Resistance Education & Training program, Officer Friendly and D.A.R.E. have had the unintended consequence of removing positive police role models from the school environment.

Under the Police Pals initiative, police officers are now reconnecting with the school system and more importantly, officers are connecting with at-risk students in a positive environment before trouble surfaces.

As of this time, 33 police officers have agreed to participate in this program. The Police Pals initiative has been praised by school administrators, teachers, elected officials, and others. While early in the process, some students are already beginning to see improvement in their grades as a result of working with police mentors.

CHIEF FOR THE DAY - COLORING CONTEST

THIS YEAR’S WINNER for the Christmas coloring contest was 3 year old Devvin Barber. The department received many wonderful contest entries. Devvin won the contest with his bold and creative art. Devvin utilized color and stickers in his contest winning entry. Devvin came to the police station and became Chief for the day even wearing the Chief’s uniform hat. He also received a stocking full of goodies and got a private tour of the police department. Thank you Officer Don Veselik for organizing this years contest.

Investigator Diener is a true leader within the department. Her vision and persistence in making a positive difference in the lives of local students is noteworthy and exemplary. Not only have students benefited from Investigator Diener’s vision, officers have benefited as well, as the profile and level of respect for local police officers has been raised due to the decision to participate in the community-building initiative.

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AS A COMPONENT of the department’s burglary reduction goal, the Northeastern Wisconsin Property Reporting System (NEWPRS) was implemented in the fall of 2012. Originally developed by the Green Bay police department as a regional solution, the NEWPRS system is now a statewide secondhand dealer database designed to prevent the transfer of stolen property.

Under the NEWPRS system, pawnshop and secondhand dealers are required to photograph, document, and electronically report incoming property transactions to subscribing law enforcement agencies. The NEWPRS system illustrates the growing value of technology in law enforcement.

As property is entered into the NEWPRS database, stolen items may be traced to pawnshops operating throughout the state, affording law enforcement agencies the ability to network to quickly identify active criminals and recover stolen property. Within weeks of implementing the NEWPRS system, burglary detectives were able to identify and arrest a local offender who transferred stolen property to a secondhand dealer outside of the Racine area.

- Burglary investigators Chad Stillman and Kevin Kupper are solving burglary cases utilizing the NEWPRS system.

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**2012 Totals** 2,278 2,332 1.6%

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**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE RETIREES - 2012**

- **Diane Horn**: Retired in December after serving the City for 11 years.
- **Ann Marie Putman**: Retired in December after serving the City for 21 years.
- **Mildred Price**: Retired in December after 32 years of service.
- **Gloria Taylor**: Retired in December after 23 years of service.
Deputy Chief
David Smetana: Retired December 2012 after nearly 30 years of service.

Lieutenant
John Scharping: Retired June 2012 after 24 years of service.

Sergeant
Richard Goller: Retired November 2012 after nearly 26 years of service.

Sergeant
Christian "Mag" Vo Jochymel: Retired December 2012 after nearly 25 years of service.

Sergeant
Robert "Vojo" Malajakowski: Retired December 2012 after nearly 23 years of service.

Investigator
Steve Holter: Retired September 2012 after nearly 26 years of service.

Investigator
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