



BIRCHWOOD

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PATROL: AN OVERVIEW

by Tim Harris, Patrol Commander

As the most visible unit of our agency, the patrol division is responsible for patrolling and providing direct police services to 23 cities and townships in Washington County. I am proud to lead the team of almost 70 sworn deputies and patrol sergeants who work throughout the county to provide the highest level of public safety services to our residents. Because each community has its own distinct characteristics and unique events, our deputy contract services are tailored to meet the needs of the communities we serve. Dedicated deputies report to work at substations located within their contract area, like the one in the Mahtomedi-area contract, for added consistency and continuity. The patrol division is also the home to our K9 unit, field training unit, specialized enforcement team, community engagement team, and crisis intervention training. As the Commander of this unit, I am proud of our long-standing partnership with Birchwood Village and I look forward to continuing our work together to keep your city safe.



WC23000101 STRUCTURE FIRE

XXX HALL AVENUE

On January 29th at approximately 7:00 pm, deputies responded to a report of a structure fire on Hall Avenue. Deputies could not see any flames from the outside, however upon walking up to the home they could see and smell smoke coming from inside. After confirming that all occupants were safe and outside of the residence, deputies worked to find the source of the fire. Deputies determined the fire was likely located in the garage. Fire crews arrived and extinguished the flames, and the State Fire Marshal would later respond to conduct an investigation into the cause of the flames.



MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

I am pleased to announce the 2023 Washington County Sheriff's Office Citizen's Academy to be held this Spring!

The nine-week, hands-on academy gives participants a first-hand look of what goes on behind the scenes of the Washington County Sheriff's Office and puts you in a deputy's shoes. You'll hear from our patrol unit, jail, 911, investigations, K9, SWAT, evidence, court security, and much more. Participants are given the opportunity to engage in scenarios, firearm and defensive tactics training, and ride-along with a deputy on the road.

We have enjoyed the participation of community and city leaders in years past, and we would welcome anyone who may have interest to join our academy. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening in April and May. Applications are available on our website!

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Starry".

Sheriff Dan Starry