



Monona Police Department

"Service, Leadership, Teamwork"

Brian Chaney – Chief of Police



MONONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE: Assistance for Outside Agency Requests

DATE: December 10, 2025

The Monona Police Department has been made aware of the recent resolution proposed in Madison seeking reimbursement for mutual aid responses from neighboring agencies. I want to begin by expressing our deep respect and appreciation for our big neighbor, the City of Madison, and for the longstanding partnership we share with Madison PD.

Our department's motto – Service, Leadership, and Teamwork – is not simply a slogan; it represents our core values and the way we approach every call for service. We strongly believe in teamwork, and we know that working together is what keeps all our communities safe.

Just within the period of a year, from **December 9, 2024** to **December 9, 2025**, the Monona Police Department responded **185 times** to assist Madison or take primary calls for service. These incidents include high-risk calls such as shootings and homicides, to more frequent occurrences such as domestic disturbances, medical emergencies, injury crashes, K9 requests, coverage assists, and other calls for service.

And when lives are on the line, our officers do not hesitate. This was perhaps most evident during the tragic incident at Abundant Life Christian School, where MOPD officers were among the very first police officers to enter the building. Our officers tended to the injured, supported the evacuation, and assisted with the reunification effort. For a good portion of the day, MOPD also provided coverage to the East and South Police Districts at the request of former MPD Chief Shon Barnes. We provided this assistance all while maintaining adequate police services in Monona. To do that meant that nearly every team member of MOPD, from Dispatchers to Detectives, Officers and Command Staff, responded into work in order to fulfill the request. We were proud to serve our friends in Madison on that tragic day, and if called upon, we would be right there again if needed.

This partnership is not new. During the civil unrest that took place in Madison in 2020, Monona PD was one of the many departments that answered the call for mutual aid. MOPD has responded to help with calls for service for unplanned events in Madison many times, providing coverage or serving as a backup officer for various calls while Madison responded to the event. Taken together, our calls for assistance in Madison over the years equate to hundreds of personnel hours and thousands of dollars in resources. And in that time, the Monona Police Department has never submitted a bill for reimbursement.

As Chief, I am sometimes asked by residents why Monona officers spend so much time "on the

5211 Schluter Road • Monona, WI 53716-2598

Non-Emergency (608) 222-0463 • Fax (608) 222-4196 • TDD (608) 441-0399

www.mononapolice.com

border” (referring to our section of the Beltline or Highway 51). The answer is simple: we are a modern, data-driven, and community-oriented police department. We deploy our resources where our call volume and crime patterns demonstrate the greatest need – often along our major corridors and large retail areas, which naturally connect with our partner municipality. At the same time, we maintain regular patrols throughout our residential and business districts in an effort to deter crime and respond swiftly when violations occur. We take a measured, strategic, and professional approach to our work. Being a smaller department does not mean we are less capable, less dedicated, or less professional.

Madison and Monona indeed have certain operational differences – such as pursuit policies, body-worn camera implementation, and school resource officer programs. These differences should not be viewed as reasons to create division between our communities. Instead, they highlight the diverse ways departments can serve their residents while still working collaboratively toward the same broader goals.

The Monona Police Department remains committed to partnership, communication, and collective safety. Our officers will always respond when help is needed because that is what the public expects and what our law enforcement profession demands. We do so without reservation or fear of political consequence.

I am proud and honored to lead this group of talented professionals that serve the City of Monona. And I look forward to continuing our strong relationship with the City of Madison and all regional partners, grounded in **service, leadership, and teamwork.**

-Chief Brian Chaney