



# BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Beloit Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Corey Howes recently completed a series of training courses at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy and Northwestern University in Evanston, IL in regards to traffic crash investigation and reconstruction. Additional training is scheduled for the fall of 2015 which includes the forensic mapping tools to be utilized for our local crime scene investigations as well. Officer Howes is replacing an officer that retired recently that previously performed some of these functions for the department.

We will be working on a collaborative initiative with the Wisconsin State Patrol in regards to ongoing training and deployment opportunities to insure that Officer Howes receives the best possible field training opportunities in this area as he applies his skills in the field.

Officer Howes serves as a member of the department's patrol division since being hired in March of 2006, but also serves as a member of the department's Evidence Technician Unit. The department's evidence technician unit is summoned to virtually all death scenes, including traffic crashes and various crime scene investigations that occur in Beloit. The Evidence Tech Unit was established in the early 1980's and currently has 8 evidence technicians, 2 evidence tech supervisors, and a team commander. Members of this unit may be utilized 40-50 times per year.

This level of specialized training is very demanding and requires a strong background and knowledge base in the formal and physical Sciences, including Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics. The following courses were completed by Officer Howes over the past year:

**Crash Investigation II** - Wisconsin State Patrol Academy - June 23rd - 27th, 2014

**Vehicle Dynamics** - Northwestern University Center for Public Safety/WI State Patrol - August 25-29, 2014

**Traffic Crash Reconstruction 1** - Northwestern University Center for Public Safety - April 20 - May 1, 2015

Congratulations, Officer Howes.



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