
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Data Initiative Data Set Information

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Our mission at the Beloit Police Department is to create safe neighborhoods by reducing crime, fear, and disorder through community collaboration using honorable, progressive policing.

Transparency and accountability are strong components of building trust with the community in which we serve. The Beloit Police Department has partnered with the Police Data Initiative who promotes the use of open data to encourage joint problem solving, innovation, enhanced understanding, and accountability between communities and the law enforcement agencies that serve them.

For more information on the Police Data Initiative, please visit their website at www.policedatainitiative.org.

All data published will be on our website at www.beloitwi.gov. The “Police Data Initiative” link under the Police Department will take you to all open data sets we are currently publishing. The direct link to open data is <http://gouda.beloitwi.gov/weblink/0/fol/67173/Row1.aspx>.

The Beloit Police Department takes great effort in making the data published as accurate as possible, but there is no avoiding the introduction of errors in this process, which relies on data provided that cannot always be verified. Information contained in any dataset may change over a period of time. The Beloit Police Department is not responsible for any error or omission from this data, or for the use or interpretation of the results of any research conducted.

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Use of Force

Per Beloit Police Department policy, and in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Justice guidelines, the definition of force is the application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents or weapons to another person.

The Beloit Police Department will publish Use of Force data quarterly. Use of force data sets include:

- Internal Use of Force number (UOF #)

- Incident number (CAD #)
- Date of incident
- Offense of incident
- Disposition of Incident
- Sex of person force was used on
- Race of person force was used on
- Age of person force was used on
- Arrest Charges or holds placed upon person force was used on (Charges)
- Use of Force used to obtain compliance
 - Dialog (this alone does not qualify for the definition of Use of force)
 - Hand Strike
 - Vertical Stun
 - Decentralization
 - Forearm Strike
 - Batons
 - Wrist Compression
 - Knee Strike
 - Less than Lethal
 - OC (Chemical Spray)
 - Foot Strike
 - K9 Bite
 - Pressure Points
 - Diffused Strike
 - Firearm
 - Conducted Energy Device (Taser)
 - Other (explained)
- Alcohol use suspected
- Drug use suspected

For the Beloit Police Department Use of Force Policy, click on the Police Department icon for “Policies, Procedures and Forms”.

Hate Crimes

The definition of a hate crime per the Wisconsin Department of Justice is a criminal offense committed against a person, property, or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias against a race, religions, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, or ancestry; also known as a bias crime.

The Beloit Police Department will publish Hate Crimes data quarterly. Our first open set, published for the 1st quarter of 2018 will include 2016 and 2017 data. Hate Crime data sets include:

- Incident number (CAD #)
- Date of incident

- Offense/crime of incident
- Location type
- Hate/bias motivation for the offense
- Victim type
- Number of individual victims
- Victim's race if applicable
- Victim's sex if applicable
- Number of offenders
- Offender's race if applicable
- Offender's sex if applicable
- Disposition of incident

Traffic Stops

Traffic stop open data is currently being built and will be the next data set to be published.

Daily Media Reports

Daily media reports, though not open data sets, are published for informational purposes and can be quickly accessed by pressing the Media Report link on our website. The reports published Tuesday through Friday will be 24 hour reports, 6am to 6am. The Monday report will be a 72 hour report, 6am Friday to 6am Monday. Holidays will be reported on the following business day.

Media reports include reportable calls for service that have been started by officers. The type of call, date and time reported, address of occurrence, CAD (incident) number and primary officer will be shared. Mental health, juvenile, sexual assault and investigative tip information will not be shared.