

PLEASANT PRAIRIE POLICE OFFICERS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE APRIL 5th PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM

The Pleasant Prairie Professional Police Association (PPPPA), Local 185, announces its support for the April 5th referendum. The referendum is requesting to add four (4) additional police officers. The additional personnel are needed to cover the Village's growing public safety needs.

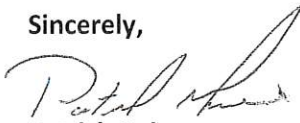
The Pleasant Prairie Police Department's calls for service have risen 7.5% since 2012 (not including self-initiated calls). Over the last several years, there has been a major increase in police chases, violent calls for service, and calls that require multiple officer responses, but staffing levels have only increased minimally over the same amount of time. Due to the low staffing levels, this has led to significant overtime costs and officer safety issues.

Officers from the Pleasant Prairie Police Department take pride in providing professional, competent, and compassionate service to the community, but staffing levels have not kept pace with the volume and severity of the calls they receive. The additional officers being requested in the referendum would assist in reducing response times and allow for more productive proactive policing. Having additional officers available to focus on proactive policing reduces crimes and provides a safer community for everyone within the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Additional officers not only benefit the public, but it greatly enhances officers' safety.

The members of the PPPPA strongly support the referendum and the goals its intended to realize.

The PPPPA is an affiliate of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association (WPPA).

Sincerely,



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