

Beat Cop North

A beat cop is a police officer who helps facilitate community involvement and improves police relationships with the community while focusing on quality of life issues in neighborhoods.

Officer Jeff Mares is the new North Neighborhood Beat Officer. Jeff has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. This year marks his 25th year as a police officer for the city of Sheboygan. Jeff brings a lot of experience, ideas and a great mindset to the position. In his time as a Sheboygan Police Officer, Jeff has worked on four different patrol shifts. He will open communications, build trust, collaborate and problem solve with residents; dedicating their time and energy in making Sheboygan a great place to live. Jeff has started using social media to connect with citizens in Sheboygan, friend request Beat Cop Jeff on Facebook.

Jeff will be a part of all the Northside neighborhoods, but target areas for 2017 include Kuehne Park and North Flats. Working with Building Inspection, Public Works and Planning and Development, these North areas will have road improvements, trimming projects, and lighting projects completed. As part of the city's neighborhood revitalization plan, Jeff is looking to help stabilize at-risk neighborhoods, increase the number of new neighborhood associations, and to help make Sheboygan the safest community of its size in the United States.

These goals cannot be done alone. Citizens working with police, city agencies and non-profit groups can have a major impact on any neighborhood. From Peel's Principles; the police are the only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to the duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of the community welfare. The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them.