

ensure that a dependable vehicle is available to respond to public safety needs. The Sheriff's Department has a "1-to-1" program in place which ensures that a squad car is only driven by 1 officer and kept at the home of that office. That program results in a 3-year vehicle replacement schedule. Other available cruisers are replaced annually based on mileage.

The Outagamie County Sheriff operates a jail facility at 320 S. Walnut Street in Appleton. The jail has a capacity of 556 inmates. It is divided into several different areas to separate juveniles from the adults. Males and females are also separated within the jail. In addition, the jail accommodates a work-release population who works 40-50 hours each week outside of the jail and then returns to the facility for nights and weekends. The jail usually accommodates around 520 inmates (95-98% of capacity). Currently, studies are being conducted to look at a new-shared jail facility with Calumet and Winnebago Counties. It is yet to be determined, where such a facility would be located or how large it would be. Presently, the additional space is needed for the work-release inmates (through the Huber-Law Program).

### Village of Black Creek Police Department-

The Village of Black Creek has its own police department that is operated out of the Village Hall. Current staff consists of ~~six part-time officers and a full-time Police Chief~~~~two full-time and three part-time officers~~. The department has two squad cars (~~update?~~ ~~a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina and a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria~~). Emergency response times in the Village average less than 2 minutes. Emergency 911 dispatch is handled by Outagamie County. The Village considers staff and equipment needs on an annual basis as part of its budgeting process. Staffing levels are considered adequate (see box at right).

#### POLICE PROTECTION STANDARDS

The traditional Wisconsin standard for small town/rural police protection is 1.86 officers/1,000 persons. The FBI Standard is 2 officers per 1,000 persons. The Village of Black Creek exceeds both of these standards.

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Black Creek Rural Fire Committee is responsible for providing fire protection, first responders and ambulance service to the Town and Village of Black Creek. What follows is a more specific description of each service.

### Fire Protection-

**(Update)** The Joint Black Creek Fire Department provides on-call volunteer based fire protection to the Town and Village. Manned by 43 volunteer firefighters, the department tries to provide a balance of volunteers from the Village and the Town. The department has mutual aid agreements with all surrounding communities. These mutual aid agreements allow the town to call on additional service from neighboring communities should the need arise.

The department operates from a fire station building that was constructed in 2000. This new facility meets all equipment storage and training space needs.

The fire department provides 911-based emergency service dispatched by Outagamie County. The response time within the community varies depending on the location of the call and the time of day. Typically, the department can have a truck on the road to a site within 2 minutes.

Historically, the joint fire department used to serve a portion of the Town of Cicero that has since joined with the Village of Nichols Fire Department. As a result, the Black Creek Fire Department has a more than adequate amount of equipment. Specifically, the department has:

- 2000 Ambulance
- 2000 Tanker
- 1985 & 1979 Pumper Trucks
- 1971 Equipment Truck
- 1969 Water Truck
- 1979 Command Vehicle
- 1999 Grass Unit

The department plans for vehicle replacement through the use of a Capital Improvement Plan. There is no need to expand fleet of vehicles.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) rates fire protection service for communities across the United States. The rating system scale is out of 10 with 1 being the best. Most insurance underwriters utilize the assigned fire protection rating to calculate residential, commercial and industrial insurance premiums. Fire districts are evaluated on a cyclical basis that is determined by district growth and the size of the population served. Accessibility to ample water (either via hydrants or wells) is a critical factor in the ratings. The ratings for the local department are a seven (7) in the rural areas and a five (5) in the Village.<sup>5</sup>

### First Responders

First Responders provide initial medical assistance until an ambulance can reach the scene. Each first responder carries oxygen, a defibrillator, airway openers, and other basic medical supplies.

First responder service is provided through the Town and Village of Black Creek Fire Department. There are 21 volunteer first responders. Response time for the First Responders varies by the time of day as many of the volunteers work out of the area during the daytime hours.

### Black Creek Rescue Service

The Black Creek Rescue Service provides EMT, IV Tech and first responders to residents in the Town and Village of Black Creek, as well as the Village of Nichols and Town of Cicero. The service is dispatched through the Outagamie County 911. The Black Creek Rescue Service has one ambulance that was purchased in 2000. The ambulance is meeting current needs, but occasionally there are calls received when the ambulance is in use. When these situations arise, Seymour and Shiocton provide back-up assistance. By 2010, the Black Creek Rescue Service intends to purchase a second ambulance and use its current ambulance as a back-up unit. The ambulance is kept at the Fire Department.

The Black Creek Ambulance Service is fortunate to have many volunteers. Currently there are 10 IV Techs (EMT's with advanced training), 2 IV Tech trainees, 7 EMTs, 4 EMT temps (persons nearly completed with EMT training), and 4 first responders. All staff are volunteers. They are not paid on-call. Long-term there may be a need to merge the Seymour, Shiocton and Black Creek Rescue Services in order to provide paid on-call service.

The ambulance will go to any area hospital. Appleton Medical Center is the primary affiliate of the ambulance. Average response time is between 6 and 8 minutes.

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<sup>5</sup> These ratings were completed in 2001. The five rating applies to areas within 1000 feet of a public hydrant.

## ADDITIONAL TOWN FACILITIES

Town facilities generally include such things as fire stations, meeting halls and any equipment. The Town of Black Creek has a town hall located on Twelve Corners Road. The facility accommodates the office of the clerk/treasurer, the town meeting room (community hall), a small kitchen and a board room. This facility has been serving the Town well since its construction in 1992. There are no plans to expand this facility in the future. The Town of Black Creek owns no other facilities or lands.

## ADDITIONAL VILLAGE FACILITIES

### Municipal Garage

The municipal garage, located adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant site provides storage for municipal equipment and vehicles. The building was constructed in 1985 and expanded in 1987. The building meets the current needs for public works equipment and vehicle storage. No expansions or remodeling is planned.

### Village Hall

Built in 1961, the Village Hall was expanded in the 1970s and again in 1991. It is located at Maple and Oak Street. It houses the clerk's office and police department. The building also includes a meeting room that is currently used by Municipal Court (though they are considering a location change). The Village Hall is structurally sound and no major repairs are needed. The existing facility is expected to meet the needs of the village for the foreseeable future.

### Community Center

The Village Community Center is attached to the library located on Maple Street. The Village Board conducts its meetings at the Community Center.

## UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES MAPS




























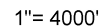
The maps provided on the next page illustrate the location of utilities and community facilities in Black Creek. The maps identify the Town and Village Halls, parks and recreation areas, towers, wells, sanitary district boundaries, cemeteries, school district boundaries, school buildings, the library and substations among other features.

# BLACK CREEK



### LEGEND

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|  | VILLAGE OF BLACK CREEK BOUNDARY     |  | OUTAGAMIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SATELLITE STATION |
|  | PLANNED SEWER SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY |  | SPORTSMAN CLUB                               |
|  | SEWER SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY         |  | WATER TOWER                                  |
|  | GAS PIPELINE                        |  | COMMUNITY CENTER/ LIBRARY                    |
|  | INSTITUTIONAL                       |  | WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT                  |
|  | ROADS                               |  | CHURCHES                                     |
|  | CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILROAD          |  | GAS SERVICE POINT - SUBSTATION               |
|  | QUARRIES / PITS                     |  | TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER                      |
|  | UTILITIES                           |  | POLICE DISPATCH TOWER                        |
|  | OPEN WATER AREAS                    |  | SEYMOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT                      |
|  | CEMETERIES                          |  | SHIOCTON SCHOOL DISTRICT                     |
|  | RECREATIONAL                        |   |  |
|  | PROPOSED TOWN PARK                  |   |  |
|  | FALLEN TIMBERS PROPERTY             |   |  |



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SOURCE: EAST CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

