

## **Vote on Police Staffing Tonight**

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Much has changed in La Crosse in the last thirty years. Including the number of police. But La Crosse police chief Ed Kondracki has warned that lingering vacancies in his department are shrinking the force to 1970's levels. And that's taking a toll on public safety. He cites the dwindling number of tickets and arrests made by his department as indication that current vacancies are taking a toll. There's seven vacancies right now. With two retirements coming in the department by the end of the year. Five more by summer. The city council votes tonight on allowing Kondracki to fill some of those positions tonight. Mayor Matt Harter tells us, if he had wanted those jobs filled, he would have authorized them.