



The mission of the Milwaukee Police Band is to represent the Milwaukee Police Department and serve the community by providing music, education, and goodwill, while preserving the historical importance of the band.

The Milwaukee Police Band is the oldest police band in America, having been established in 1898. The members of the Milwaukee Police Band, under the direction of Retired Lieutenant Karen Dubis, a 40 year veteran of the band and 37 year veteran of the department, continue in their role as “goodwill ambassadors” to the citizens of Milwaukee. We cherish the opportunity to do our part in improving the quality of life in Milwaukee.

The band performs regularly at the Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial, recruit graduation ceremonies, the Law Enforcement Mass of Blessing at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies and other civic functions.

Each year in the winter and summer the band performs a free concert for the community. The annual winter concert is performed at the Historic Pabst Theater while the summer concert is performed at the Peck Pavilion. The band also performs monthly in elementary schools in the Milwaukee area, utilizing music to reach out to students, allowing them to see another side of police officers. The concert is very interactive and allows the children to participate with the band, using the universal language of music.

The band is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization and is funded by donations made to the Milwaukee Police Band Association. These donations help to pay for the annual concert at the Pabst Theater, music, uniforms and other items needed for the operations of the band. No city monies are utilized to fund the band's operations. The civilian and police members who perform with the band volunteer their time and talent.

The band’s website is found at www.milwaukeekeepoliceband.org The band is also on social media to include Facebook and Instagram. The mailing address of the band is: Milwaukee Police Band, 6680 N. Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53209. Their phone number at the Academy is 414-935-7933. Director Dubis may be reached directly at 414-405-8288.