

The opening week-end of Oktoberfest isn't just a little busier than normal for La Crosse police. It goes well beyond that. Numbers released by police today show a wide gulf between arrests, tickets and calls in general on a typical week-end and the opening fest week-end. The week-end before fest had police making 25 arrests. Fest week-end: fifty arrests, which is actually down considerably from last year. Citations for things like underage drinking on the week-end prior: 55. Compare that to over four hundred for fest week-end. And calls for police service in general keep cops hopping. Nearly 11 hundred calls last week-end. More than double the week-end before. Police also a little more bruised than a normal week-end. Three officers suffered injuries during the first Oktoberfest week-end while making arrests.