

Middleton Police Department

2015 Annual Report



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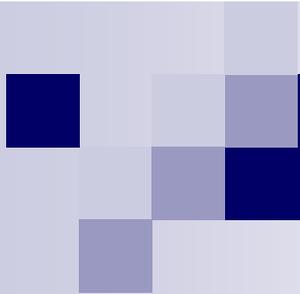


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From The Chief

Citizens of Middleton, Mayor Sonnentag, City Council Members, Police Commission Members, Public Safety Committee Members, City Administrator Mike Davis and Police Department Staff,

On behalf of the men and women of the Middleton Police Department, I present to you our Annual Report for 2015.

In 2015, the Middleton Police Department began a comprehensive review of arrest statistics, policies and procedures which disproportionately affect minorities and people of poverty, the fine/deposit structure in Municipal Court, incarceration policies, outreach efforts in the minority community, use of force and officer training. I am pleased to report that Police Department employees have embraced this introspection and have worked to change and adapt to 21st Century police practices in training, policy revision, use of force, patrol priorities and interactions with the people of our community.

One example of our efforts was the concern over the disproportionate effect traffic stops and citations had on members of minority communities and people of poverty. Because of this, we focused on primary traffic violations that endanger other drivers and pedestrians and encouraged officers not to issue multiple citations during traffic contacts. I'm pleased to report that our traffic crash statistics decreased in 2015 compared to previous years, but our traffic warnings increased 245%, jumping from 936 in 2014 to 3,817 in 2015. We are measuring our officers' success by the number of citizen contacts they have (many of which are positive, proactive encounters), not the number of traffic citations or arrests they make.

For the third year in a row, the Crime Rate in Middleton continues to decline. There was a 23% decrease in reported crime in 2013 over 2012, a 16% decrease in crime in 2014 over 2013 and a 5% decrease in crime in 2015 over 2014. There is an increase in armed robberies and thefts from vehicles and much of this increase is attributed to heroin use. Calls for services have increased 23% over the previous year.

Our Communication Center continues to provide professional services to our community. We answered 89% of 911 calls (landline and cellular) within 10 seconds, 97% within 20 seconds and 99% within 30 seconds, well above national dispatch standards.

We continue our community outreach programs. Please follow us on our website, Facebook and Twitter.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Police



Mission, Vision & Values

The mission of the Middleton Police Department is to
"make a positive difference in the quality of life in our community."

"We will be leaders in our community and among our peers. We will be a model for integrity, service, innovation and excellence."

As members of the Middleton Police Department, our personal and professional values reflect the core ideology of our organization. These are the deeply held principles to which we are committed and which will not change over time. These values are what our organization lives and breathes, and are reflected in all of our efforts and activities.

Integrity: We recognize the complexity of police work and exercise discretion in ways that are beyond reproach and worthy of public trust. We are honest in words and deeds. We demonstrate self-discipline, particularly when no one is watching or listening.

Respect: We treat everyone in our community and workplace with courtesy and dignity. We are committed to a work environment that is safe and open. We recognize and foster the individual talents and strengths of our fellow employees, and we celebrate their successes.

Diversity: We recognize that respecting the inherent differences in individuals is essential to creating an inclusive organization and community.

Trust: We believe in the reliability, truthfulness, ability and strength of those around us, and we strive to be trustworthy in all of our words and actions.

Synergy: We work together to accomplish more as a team than we can individually.

Leadership: We seek to positively influence others to achieve goals that meet the needs of our organization and community. We accept our responsibility as leaders within the community and strive to be a model among law enforcement agencies.

Professional Development and Growth: We recognize that our employees are our most valuable asset and we are dedicated to their mental and physical well-being. We constantly strive to provide opportunities for all of our employees to enhance their personal growth and job satisfaction. We recognize that this is a shared responsibility and we encourage and support the initiative of all employees to seek out and obtain individual training and education.

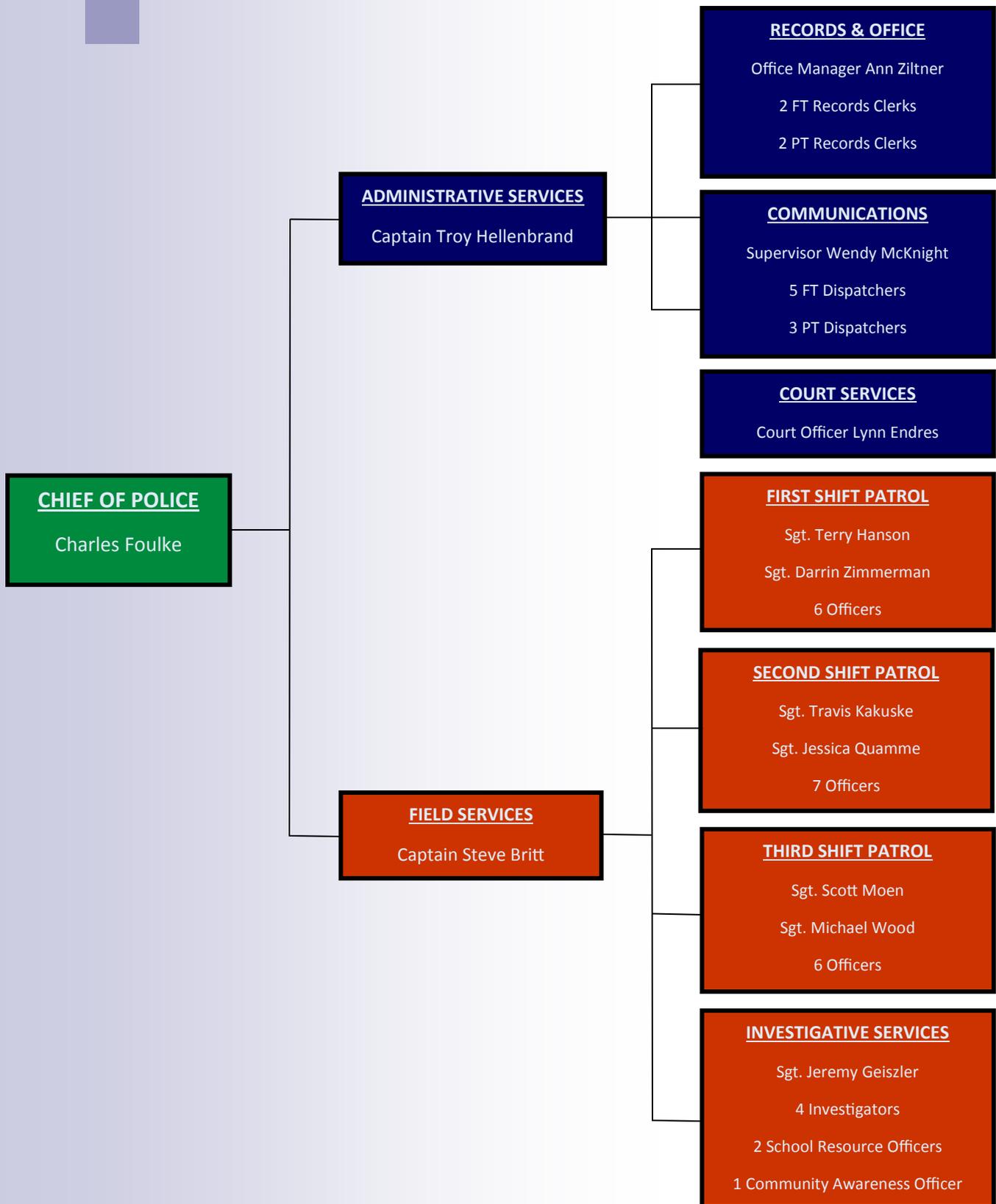
Dependability: We consistently and reliably provide quality service to our community, allied organizations, and fellow employees, as partners in the task of policing.

Accountability: We are each responsible for the quality of our performance and for the reputation and morale of the department. We are committed to conducting ourselves in accordance with our Oath of Honor.

Competence: We are prudent stewards of the public's grant of authority and resources. We are knowledgeable and proficient in the use of police strategies and skills and we meet or exceed contemporary professional standards for service and performance.

Courage: We accept our moral responsibility to take action against injustice and wrong-doing. We will exercise fortitude in the face of danger and stand resolute against actions which compromise our values.

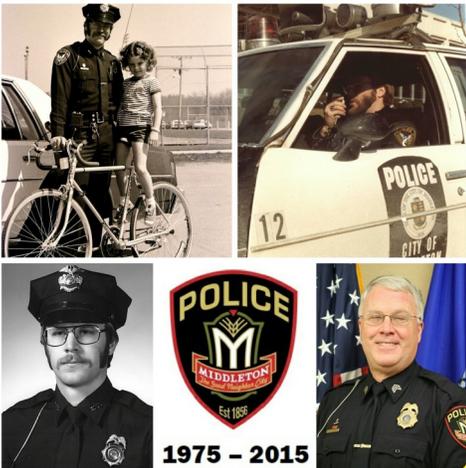
Organizational Chart



Personnel

RETIREMENTS

Two long-time, valued employees retired in 2015.



Don Mueller was a Middleton Police Officer for 40 years. He began employment with the Middleton Police Department in April of 1975. Don served in the capacity of Patrol Officer, Corporal, Detective and was promoted to Sergeant in 1982. Don received many Department awards, commendations and letters of thanks and was named the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Director's Award for Traffic Officer of the Year in 2007. Don retired in April of 2015, marking his 40th year anniversary as a Middleton officer.

Mike Ash retired in March of 2015 after serving 30 years as a Middleton Police Officer. Mike was also a Middleton EMS volunteer from 1988 to 2007.

Both Don and Mike were valuable members of the Police Department and are missed by our staff and the community.



PROMOTION



Mike Wood was promoted to Sergeant in March of 2015. Sergeant Wood has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He has been a Middleton Police Officer for 11 years and worked for a number of years prior to that with the Shorewood Hills Police Department.

Sergeant Wood has been a member of the Special Events Team, Field Training Officer and Motorcycle Unit, and is currently assigned to 3rd shift patrol.

New Hires

Officer Jesus Gama joined the Middleton Police Department in January of 2015. Officer Gama was born in Mexico where he spent the first five years of his life. Officer Gama and his family then moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he grew up and attended Beloit Memorial High School. Following graduation, Officer Gama moved to Milwaukee where he attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and graduated with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. Pursuing his long life dream of becoming a law enforcement officer, Gama enrolled at Blackhawk Technical College where he completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Gama is passionate about helping others and looks forward to working with the community of Middleton.



Officer Ryan Roettger is the most recent addition to the Middleton Police Department. He was sworn in on February 6, 2015. Officer Roettger is from Stillwater, Minnesota, where his father was a police officer for 29 years. Ryan graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Resource Management-Law Enforcement. Officer Roettger worked for the Stillwater Police Department as a Community Service Officer before moving to Middleton and began working as a Security Officer for the UW-Madison Police Department.

Cassandra Slocum was also hired as a part-time Records Clerk in October 2015, Officer Cesar Salinas was assigned to the School Resource Officer position at Kromrey Middle School, Officer Kathleen Riffenburg was assigned to the Rotating Detective position and Officer Kim Wood was assigned to the Community Awareness Officer position.

Field Training Report

The Middleton Police Department Field Training Team has nine Field Training Officers (FTO's) and is supervised by Sergeant Darrin Zimmerman and overseen by Operations Captain Steve Britt.

The Field Training and Evaluation Program is a supplement to the academic and skill requirements of the basic law enforcement recruit training academy. The program shall incorporate a comprehensive curriculum comprised of Department policy and procedure for handling high frequency tasks/assignments, as well as low frequency, but high risk tasks and assignments.

The Field Training and Evaluation Process consists of five distinctive Training Steps. Each step represents time spent on different tasks and progressive learning experiences. In this manner, the Field Training Process insures exposure to the multiple responsibilities required of Middleton Police Officers. Training steps one, two and three shall be for a minimum of 24 duty days each and shall involve a rotation of assignments to ensure broad experience.

The Field Training Program is designed to provide a valid, job-related evaluation of the probationary officers' performance. Selected and professionally trained FTO's shall evaluate and report on probationary officers' performance in a standardized and systematic manner. The program's appraisal system shall also measure the effectiveness of the Department's selection and training processes.

2015 was an extremely busy year for the field training team. The Middleton Police Department had nine probationary officers in field training. At the beginning of the year, eight of the nine probationary officers were still riding with and being trained by a FTO. As the year progressed, probationary officers became certified for solo patrol at different times. Once the officers were certified for solo patrol, they continued to be evaluated by shift supervisors and FTO mentors. The probationary officers were rotated on different shifts during 2015 to expose them to a wide variety of calls. Because of the large number of probationary officers in field training, the FTO's had to train multiple officers throughout the year and document the training. This takes a great deal of time, dedication, patience and skill. One officer successfully passed his probation in 2015; one officer did not pass the probationary period. The remaining probationary officers are scheduled to pass probation in 2016. The new officer success is in large part because of the efforts of the Field Training Team.

The Field Training Team will be looking to add another FTO in 2016.

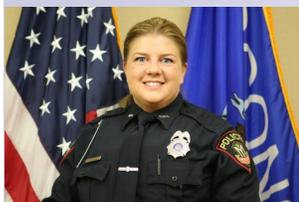
Our FTO's vary from different backgrounds, experience and shift assignments:



Officer Rich O'Connor – 18 years of experience. Officer O'Connor is a Firearms and Less Lethal Instructor. Officer O'Connor is currently assigned as the Middleton High School Resource Officer. Because of his current assignment, Officer O'Connor could not be used to field train any of the new hires in 2015.

Field Training Report

Officer Ken Smith – 23 years of law enforcement experience, 21 years of military experience, 5 years as a FTO. Officer Smith is currently assigned to 1st shift patrol.



Officer Jill Tutaj – 14 years of experience. Officer Tutaj is currently assigned to 1st shift patrol.

Officer Kim Wood – 9 years of experience. Officer Wood was a detective for three years. Officer Wood became a FTO in 2014 and was assigned to 2nd shift patrol in 2015.



Officer Nick Stroik – 8 years of law enforcement experience, approximately 4 years of military experience. Officer Stroik recently became a Defense and Arrest Tactics Instructor as well. Officer Stroik is currently assigned to 3rd shift patrol.

Officer Kathleen Riffenburg – 11 years of law enforcement experience, approximately 4 years of military experience. Officer Riffenburg is also a Drug Recognition Expert. Officer Riffenburg is currently assigned to 2nd shift patrol.



Officer Jesse Sellek – 9 years of experience. Officer Sellek is also a Certified Motorcycle Officer. Officer Sellek is currently assigned to 2nd shift patrol.

Officer Cesar Salinas – 4.5 years of experience. Officer Salinas became a FTO in 2014 and immediately began assisting in training the new hires.



Officer Steve Ziegler – 4 years of experience. Officer Ziegler became a FTO in 2014 and also recently became a Defense and Arrest Tactics Instructor. After completing his FTO training, he immediately began assisting in training the new hires.

Department Awards

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Detective Tyler Loether started his assignment in the Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) in April of 2014. He began with three months at the Dane County Narcotics Task Force, where he teamed up with officers and deputies from throughout the County to conduct drug investigations and combat the impacts that various drugs have on our City, the County and beyond. Detective Loether worked alongside many other officers with significantly more experience and he performed exceptionally well while he was with the Task Force and since returning to the Middleton Police Department. He continues to invest a significant amount of time in local drug investigations and remains aggressive with cases that would appear to have few leads.

In addition to his drug investigations, Detective Loether has accepted and thoroughly investigated every case he has been assigned to. Even though there is a significant learning curve associated with becoming a detective, he has established himself as a quick and eager learner and a comprehensive investigator who has taken on multiple substantial felony cases.

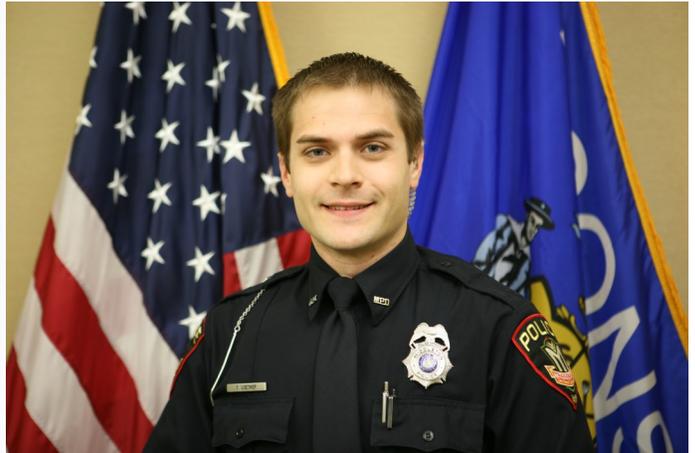
In his short time in ISB, he has investigated multiple armed robberies leading to State and Federal charges, a fatal drug overdose death leading to reckless homicide charges and residential burglaries leading to an arrest.

Early on in his tenure, Detective Loether also aggressively took on what appeared to be a relatively simple fraud case involving door-to-door solicitors.

Largely due to his aggressiveness and will to solve the case for the victims, his investigation lasted almost nine months and involved numerous subpoenas and warrants. This lengthy investigation led to felony charges of theft by false representation for the two suspects who organized the scheme.

Despite his limited time in law enforcement, Detective Loether has taken full advantage of his assignment in the Investigative Services Bureau and, through hard work and determination, he has earned the respect of the full-time detectives and others throughout the Department. Detective Loether is known as a hard worker and can be trusted to do his best with any investigation.

Detective Loether is awarded the Middleton Police Department's Outstanding Service Award in recognition of the sustained delivery of a high level of service which demonstrates professional excellence. Detective Loether's daily work clearly illustrates his awareness of and commitment to Departmental philosophy, goals, and objectives.

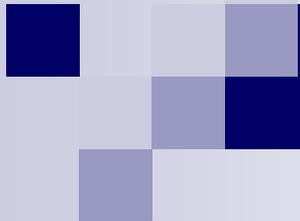


Life Saving Awards

Raffel (2)	Wood (1)
Stroik (2)	Ziegler (1)
Maier (1)	

Annual Service Awards

Carbon - 5 years
Smith - 10 years
Faust - 25 years



Citizen Awards

Oswaldo Perez Reyes - Incident #14-3581

On July 6, 2014, 5:45 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a man wielding a machete and creating a disturbance in an apartment on Pheasant Lane. The original call for service came from 12-year old Oswaldo Perez Reyes.

With others audibly upset in the background, Oswaldo clearly and calmly explained to the Middleton Police Dispatcher that there was a disturbance taking place outside of his home and that at least one of the individuals involved had an edged weapon. Oswaldo was able to provide dispatch with an excellent description of the armed suspect: a mean looking male subject with no shirt, no hair and a tattoo on his arm who was currently standing with a female with red hair.

Oswaldo informed dispatch that the suspect had retreated to his vehicle, a silver van, and hid the knife prior to the arrival of officers. Oswaldo remained on the line with dispatch and provided further details when asked, until officers were on scene. Oswaldo was able to direct officers to the suspect in this incident. Once the situation was under control, Oswaldo provided officers with a detailed statement of what had taken place on this date.

Oswaldo is to be commended for his actions on this date as his phone call alone is what brought officers to this location and what undoubtedly kept this disturbance from escalating into a more serious situation.

Christopher Poetker & Katie McCarthy - Incident #14-6481

On December 1, 2014, at approximately 4:48 AM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a burglary in progress at Chalmer's Jewelers. The first call for service came from a nearby resident who was awakened by several loud bangs. Upon being awakened by the noises, this resident, Christopher Poetker, went to his window to see if he could determine what was causing the noise. Poetker found that the noise was coming from a male subject who was attempting to kick in the front door of Chalmer's Jewelers. Poetker immediately contacted the Middleton Police Department and officers were dispatched to the burglary as it was still in progress.

Poetker remained on the telephone with Middleton Police dispatch providing updates, suspect descriptions and direction of travel as the suspects ran from the building. Poetker did a marvelous job of remaining calm and relaying important details as the event unfolded.

On December 1, 2014, at approximately 4:53 AM, Middleton Police Dispatch received a second 911 call in reference to this case. The second caller, Katie McCarthy, stated that she heard a vehicle pull into the parking lot directly in front of her apartment. McCarthy stated that she observed three black male subjects run from the parked vehicle, in the general direction of University Avenue and Allen Boulevard. McCarthy was able to confirm that the suspect vehicle she had observed was still parked in front of her residence and that at least one officer was out with this vehicle. McCarthy provided crucial information tying three suspects to this case.

The willingness of both of these citizens to get involved, to immediately call the police and to take a stand to help keep their community safe, is what makes them excellent candidates for this award.

Field Services

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

MI15-279, Mead & Hunt, 2440 Deming Way, Computer Crimes

On 01-13-15, Middleton Police responded to this firm to take a report of a cyber-security attack. It was reported that a former employee had hacked into the company's computer network deleting and disabling programs. Thousands of dollars in damage was done and detectives are continuing to investigate.

MI15-734, PDQ Convenience Store, 6519 Century Avenue, Armed Robbery

On 02-01-15, at 11:09 PM, Middleton Police received the report of an armed robbery that just occurred at the above location. The victim reported that a suspect entered the store with his face masked, pointed a flare gun at her and demanded that she "empty the register." The suspect fled the store and ran to a waiting get-a-way car on Branch Street. After a several month long multi-agency investigation, 20 year old Fitchburg resident, Raequon Allen, was identified and arrested for this robbery and a string of violent felony charges he had committed since the robbery in neighboring jurisdictions.



MI15-1714, Private Residences, City-wide, Multiple Burglaries

In early March, The Middleton Police Department received the report of seven attempted burglaries and three actual burglaries that had occurred throughout the City. These reports came in sporadically and were intermingled with reports of additional burglaries throughout the City that were later determined to be unrelated. Detectives were working to put together a pattern or a common method of operation for these incidents.



On the morning of March 8, victims of several attempted burglaries, and some astute neighbors, began filing timely reports of these incidents with the police. As multiple reports began coming in that gave a similar suspect and vehicle description, officers flooded the area in search of the suspect. Officer Smith located a suspect vehicle similar to the one described by many of the victims and stopped it on Amherst Road. During this investigatory stop, Officer Smith took 26 year old Middleton resident, Dylan McGinnity, into custody.

A thorough investigation led officers to search McGinnity's vehicle and his apartment. Items from several area burglaries were recovered and McGinnity was arrested and jailed on multiple felony burglary charges. This single individual was eventually linked to ten separate cases that occurred between March 2 and March 8. The majority of the property stolen was later recovered at Madison area pawn and jewelry re-sale shops. McGinnity eventually admitted that he had been committing the burglaries to support his Heroin addiction.

Field Services

MI15-1686, Private Residences, 2100 Block of Gateway North, Burglary

On 03-09-15, at 2:13 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to the above address when the homeowner returned to his residence to find his front door had been kicked in.

While investigating the residential burglaries in the Gateway North area, Middleton Officers conducted numerous neighborhood canvass operations. As a result, officers were contacted by an area resident who had a trail camera set up in his backyard. This individual reported capturing images of an unknown suspect who had attempted to gain entry into his home while he was away.



Officers began circulating images of this suspect in the media and to local law enforcement. On 03-12-15, an area probation agent identified the suspect caught on the trail camera as 53 year old Middleton resident Jemille Smith. Smith was subsequently arrested and a search warrant was issued for his vehicle. This search resulted in the seizure of evidence that linked Smith to three daytime residential burglaries.

Both McGinnity and Smith, although completely unrelated, used the common tactic of knocking on front doors to see if anyone was home prior to breaking in. If someone answered the door, they would either ask for a fictitious person or claim to be some type of repair person at the wrong address.

MI15-2427, Home Goods Store, 1661 Deming Way, Theft by Bailee

On 04-02-15, Middleton Police received a report that an employee had been caught stealing cash from the Home Goods Store in Greenway Station. The employee confessed to taking approximately \$1,000.00 from the store through a scheme involving fraudulent returns. The 45 year old Waunakee resident, Anne Tillman, was cited by the Police for Theft.

MI15-4024, Private Apartment, 2100 Block of Allen Blvd, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 05-22-15, several parents, of Middleton High School students, reported to the police that their children had been purchasing marijuana from an adult female named Molly, who drove a beat up red pickup truck.

Through further investigation, Middleton Detectives were able to identify the suspect as 41 year old Middleton resident, Molly Wilke. Detectives contacted Wilke at her residence and were given consent to search the home. As a result of this search, marijuana, THC cookies, THC butter, Hash Oil, packaging equipment, drug paraphernalia and related equipment were seized. Molly Wilke was charged with Keeping a Drug Dwelling, Possession with Intent to Deliver THC and Possession of Paraphernalia. Twenty four year old Madison resident, Devin McGrane, was also charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver THC and Possession of Paraphernalia.



Field Services

MI15-4309, BP Gas Station, 6504 University Avenue, Robbery

On 05-31-15, at 2:00 PM, Middleton Officers responded to the report of an Armed Robbery at the BP Gas Station. The suspect entered the store, told the clerk that he had a gun and demanded all of the cash from the register. The suspect fled with the cash from the store, however, the observant clerk was able to note the suspect's vehicle description and license plate number. A check of the vehicle's registration revealed that the car was stolen out of the City of Madison. Middleton Officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle a short distance from the store. After a brief motor vehicle pursuit, the suspect crashed into a parked car near Tiedeman's Park. The suspect then fled the accident scene on foot. Officers from multiple agencies set up a



perimeter to contain the suspect and began searching on foot and with a K-9. The Middleton Fire Department assisted in the investigation as they were able to utilize a departmental drone to search the area of Tiedeman's Pond via the air. The suspect was located by the drone's camera as he lay partially submerged in water and surrounded by tall weeds at the edge of the pond. The 21 year old Madison resident, Marquis M. Phiffer, was located by officers and taken into custody and jailed without further incident.

MI15-4849, Falbo's Pizza Parking Lot, 3301 Parmenter Street, Theft

On 06-18-15, at 7:20 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of a strong-arm robbery that had just occurred in the parking lot outside of Falbo's Pizzeria. The victim originally informed officers that two unknown male subjects had driven up next to him in the lot and forcibly took \$90.00 in cash from his hands. The suspects were to have then fled the area. Middleton Officers were able to locate the suspects a short distance from the scene. Further investigation of this incident revealed that the victim actually knew his assailants and that they had taken the cash from his hand as he owed them money from a previous sale/purchase of marijuana. Two 20 year old Middleton residents, Jervarious Rockmore and Brady Hagen, were cited for Theft and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and released.

MI15-4928, 3400 Block of Valley Creek Circle, Burglary

At 6:28 AM, on 06-21-15, the victims of this burglary awoke to find two suspects stealing phones from their bedside tables. The suspects fled the area on foot. After a significant follow up investigation that included obtaining video surveillance, taking DNA samples, conducting dozens of interviews, and the forensic examination of a cell phone, two Madison juvenile males were arrested for the burglary.

MI15-4970, Papa Murphy's Pizzeria, 1005 North Gammon Road, Armed Robbery

On 06-22-15, at 8:00 PM, Middleton Police Officers responded to the report of an armed robbery at the Papa Murphy's Pizzeria. The suspect entered the store and demanded all of the cash from the registers and safe. During the robbery, the suspect brandished a large knife. The suspect was identified by one of the Papa Murphy employees as a former co-worker. This individual was also the suspect in several Madison and Monona robberies. Working with the Madison and Monona Police Departments, Middleton Detectives assisted in the execution of a search warrant at the suspect's home on 06-24-15. During the execution of this warrant, detectives seized clothing and a knife that matched those that were used in the Middleton robbery. Twenty-four year old Madison resident Jeffrey Masino was arrested on multiple counts of armed robbery and jailed.



Field Services

MI15-4542, Private Residence, 5300 Block of South Ridge Way, Uniform Controlled Substance

On 06-25-15, based on information provided by area residents, Middleton Police Detectives executed a search warrant at the above address. During the execution of this warrant, police located marijuana, hashish oil, psilocybin laced candies and drug paraphernalia within this duplex home. The drugs and drug laden candy were found throughout the home and within easy access of the children that lived within the residence. One of the residents stated that the marijuana and paraphernalia belonged to a boyfriend, however, she admitted that both had previously engaged in the trafficking of controlled substance from and within this residence. A second resident admitted to possessing the controlled substances found in the residence, however, made no admission about the sale of these items from the residence. Twenty-eight year old Middleton resident Keith Schlunz-Mueller and 29 year old Connie Hirsch were arrested and charged with Possession of THC with Intent to Deliver, Maintaining a Drug Dwelling and Child Neglect. Fifty-five year old Middleton resident Martin Hirsch was also cited for Possession of THC.



MI15-5243, PDQ, 7508 Century Avenue, Prostitution & Drug Paraphernalia

On 06-29-15, at 4:25 PM, Middleton Police received the report of a reckless driver operating on Laura Lane. Middleton Officers located the vehicle and operator being in the PDQ store. It was determined that the driver of the vehicle had an active warrant for his arrest and he was taken into custody. A search of the vehicle turned up a number of pieces of crack cocaine and Heroin paraphernalia. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle driver had just dropped off the vehicle owner so that she could engage in an act of prostitution in a City of Middleton park. As a result of this investigation, 24 year old Madison resident Nathan Etheridge was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 23 year old Madison resident Mary Boydston was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Prostitution. Both Boydston and Etheridge admitted that the acts of prostitution were being performed to support their Heroin addiction.



MI15-5254, Public Roadway, 2800 Block of Parmenter Street, Uniformed Controlled Substances

On 06-30-15, at 11:30 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to the area of Parmenter Street and Donna Drive for a report of a disabled vehicle in the roadway. As officers were responding to this location, they were informed that a female had just run up to the car, pulled a bag from it and then fled in another vehicle. The female was located and it was determined that she was a friend of the owner of the disabled vehicle. The bag she had removed from the vehicle was found to contain a substantial amount of marijuana that was packaged for individual sale. The vehicle owner was found a short time later walking back to his car with a can of gas. The female, 24 year old Middleton resident Christine Parkin, was arrested and jailed for Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana.



MI15-6889, Apartment Complex, 2000 Block of Parmenter St., Uniform Controlled Substance

On 08-16-15, at 10:30 PM, Middleton Officers were dispatched to investigate the report of a male subject stumbling between buildings. The caller stated that the male was first observed with a hypodermic needle in his hand and then, moments later, seen stumbling and obviously intoxicated. This investigation resulted in a 37 year old Middleton resident, Nathan Comp, being arrested for Possession of Heroin.



Field Services

MI15-7382, PDQ Store, 7508 Century Avenue, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 08-31-15, Middleton Police and EMS were dispatched to the report of a possible drug overdose at the PDQ store on Century Avenue. Officers located a highly intoxicated male in the public restrooms and EMS provided this individual with Narcan to counteract the Opiates in his system. During this investigation, officers located numerous hypodermic needles and controlled substances in the possession of the overdose subject's female companion. This incident resulted in the arrest and jailing of 25 year old Melissa Buol, of Baraboo, for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



MI15-7603, Bruce Company, 2030 Parmenter Street, Burglary

In the months of August and September, employees of the Bruce Company reported three burglaries to the retail store. The reports were made well after the suspected burglaries had occurred as inventory control measures were determining that products were missing. Staff eventually installed security cameras which captured images of an unknown subject entering through a window, taking items and then carefully covering his tracks as he exited with the loot.

As the suspect was known to have stolen several expensive Weber gas grills, Middleton Police Officers began monitoring several internet sites looking for similar items listed for sale. In early September, Middleton Detectives began communicating with a seller of a "brand new" Weber grill on Craigslist. Detectives arranged for a meeting with the subject and were able to confirm that he was the person captured on camera stealing from the store. A search of the suspect's home and yard revealed thousands of dollars of stolen patio furniture, grills and outdoor equipment. Thirty-seven year old Middleton resident Juan Ortiz was arrested on multiple counts of burglary from several Dane County area stores.

MI15-8137, Pheasant Branch Conservancy, 3615 Pheasant Branch Road, Theft

In early September, the Middleton Police Department took four theft from auto reports from the parking lots servicing the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. Dane County Deputies investigated three similar incidents in their adjacent park. On the afternoon of September 23, Middleton Detectives conducted surveillance in the area and observed a male subject driving between two of the Conservancy parking lots and looking into vehicles. As the subject left the area in a vehicle, he was stopped by patrol officers. One of the detectives then responded to the parking lot where the suspect was last seen and in doing so he located a vehicle that had been broken into.



The vehicle the suspect was driving was seized and a search warrant was written. Inside the vehicle, detectives found evidence from five separate thefts from vehicles that had occurred in Middleton, Madison and the Town of Springfield. As a result of this investigation, 40 year old Fitchburg resident, Rodney Wipperfurth was jailed on several charges including theft, criminal damage to property, theft of credit cards and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Field Services

MI15-9626, PDQ Store, 5301 South Ridge Way, Uniform Controlled Substance

On 11-03-15, at 5:08 PM, Middleton Officers were summoned by PDQ staff as there was a customer in the store that appeared to be "on drugs." Officers located and identified the described suspect. A standard records check revealed that the subject had active warrants for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and a search incident to arrest of his person revealed a substantial amount of contraband. Twenty-two year old Middleton resident Jacob Gessler was arrested and jailed for Possession of Heroin, Marijuana, Paraphernalia and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.



MI15-10144, Smoothie King, 2019 Deming Way, Theft

On 11-18-15, Middleton Police took the report of employee theft from Smoothie King. Store owners reported that more than \$5,000.00 had been stolen by staff within the past two months. Officers and Detectives examined financial records, conducted multiple interviews and watched hours of store video. As a result of the investigation, 33 year old Muscoda resident Bruce Rosenow was charged with Felony Theft by Bailee.

MI15-10361, Private Apartment, 6400 Block of University Avenue, Uniformed Controlled Substance

On 11-24-15, at 9:45 PM, Middleton Police and EMS were dispatched to an apartment on the report of a pulseless non-breathing subject who just shot up with heroin. Upon arrival, Officers found the non-responsive victim on the floor surrounded by numerous needles and heroin. The subject was revived with Narcan and transported to an area hospital. As a result of this incident, two Madison residents have been charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

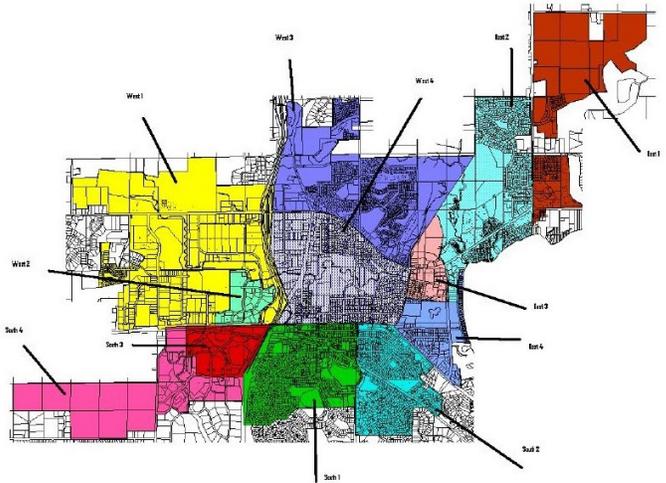
In 2015, the sale and use of controlled substances continued to be the driving force behind the majority of our most significant criminal investigations. Although marijuana is undoubtedly the most widely used controlled substance, heroin continues to be the most insidious. Heroin is the most commonly admitted motivation for the commission of minor property crimes, burglaries, robberies and even homicides. We continue to cultivate our working relationship with the Dane County Drug Task Force and prosecution of felony drug offenders, while keeping a watchful eye on maintaining our response level to all requests for service.

Neighborhood Officer Program

The Middleton Police Department, as part of our community policing philosophy, has maintained a Neighborhood Officer Program for over ten years. This program helps us build strong partnerships with members of our community, while more effectively identifying and quickly solving problems in our neighborhoods.

Our program divides the city into 12 "neighborhoods," with a specific officer assigned to each area. These officers are responsible for monitoring their individual area, as well as getting to know the residents, business leaders, and stakeholders in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood officers are also tasked with identifying ongoing problems and chronic quality of life issues. If a problem is identified, a formal neighborhood project is created and the assigned officer then directs appropriate resources and seeks ways to solve the problem. Such measures may include extra patrols, meeting with residents, or partnering with other City departments who may be of assistance.



In 2015, the Middleton Police Department assigned 28 neighborhood projects throughout the city, ranging from traffic concerns to a rash of retail thefts at a gas station. We also continued the practice of assigning 3rd shift officers to bars rather than neighborhoods, allowing us to stay on top of any tavern-related issues.

Current neighborhood officer assignments are available on our website (www.middletonpd.com) so that residents can easily locate and contact their neighborhood officer if they have any questions or concerns.

Crisis Intervention Team

An important element of the Neighborhood Officer initiative is our Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). Currently, four of our officers serve as Mental Health Resource Officers on our CIT and have received extensive specialized training in the areas of de-escalation, collaboration with local mental health providers, and follow-up plans. These officers are assigned to individuals in our community who are displaying signs of mental instability and are potentially unsafe, or who are generating an inordinate amount of police activity.



In several cases throughout the year, our CIT Officers were able to meet with individuals in need of help and improve their situation through partnerships with local mental health professionals, working with their families, as well as long-term follow-up plans. The results of this program have been very positive and several more officers are scheduled to be trained as Mental Health Resource Officers in 2016. Pictured at left are CIT Officers Jill Tutaj, Dave Kasdorf and Kim Wood.

Traffic Report

Traffic enforcement and safety is an important issue and the Officers of the Middleton Police Department strive to provide a safe community for residents and visitors to the City. As such, the Middleton Police Department devotes considerable time and effort into the areas of traffic enforcement and traffic safety. The Department applies for traffic enforcement grants in order to place more officers on the roads and to obtain additional traffic safety equipment. Officers are sent to traffic related training seminars as part of their ongoing training in order to enhance their abilities and knowledge in this important area.



Dane County has seen a rise in Drugged Driving cases. Drugged Driving is driving while under the influence of either a controlled substance or prescription medications when it impairs your ability to drive. One of the results of this increase is an increase in the number of accidents caused by drugged driving. Because of this increase, Wisconsin continues to train officers in drugged driving recognition.

Our Department is fortunate to have two highly trained officers in Detective Kathleen Riffenburg and Sergeant Jessica Quamme, both of whom are certified Drug Recognition Experts. Their expertise is used not only by our Department but by other departments around the County who do not have such a valuable resource at their disposal. Their skill is needed in order to identify the category of drug or drugs the driver is under the influence of. They can also ascertain whether impairment may be medically related rather than drug related so that the driver can get the medical help he/she may need. The DRE program was founded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. Detective Riffenburg and Sergeant Quamme performed two DRE evaluations this year on OWI arrests.



We are also fortunate to have a motorcycle officer in Officer Jesse Sellek. Officer Sellek underwent a rigorous training regimen prior to being allowed to operate the Department motorcycle which was donated by Quaker Steak and Lube several years ago. Officer Sellek also partakes in a yearly in-service training in order to keep up his skill level and to get recertified. Officer Sellek participated in our Department's National Night Out, as well as Waunakee's National Night Out. Officer Sellek led the Good Neighbor Festival Parade down University Avenue and performed escort duty for the Safe Harbor Ride. Officer Sellek was also able to have the motorcycle out for the Lakeview Village Picnic. Officer Sellek had the motorcycle at Quaker Steak and Lube for their bike night on Wednesday nights on seven occasions this year. Officer Sellek was on the motorcycle for traffic enforcement for approximately 100 hours this year from May 21st to November 15th. Officer Sellek made 103 enforcement actions and made Middleton roads a little safer this year.



Traffic Report



Our Department is fortunate to have two officers qualified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians with Officer Jill Tutaj and Officer Julie Carbon being certified. Officer Tutaj and Officer Carbon checked and installed 58 car seats this year to make sure infants and young children were safely fastened. Officer Tutaj and Officer Carbon have to be recertified every year in order to continue to check and install car seats.



Sgt. Jessica Quamme, Officer Jill Tutaj, Officer Sellek and Community Services Manager Mark Walther attended the 41st Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Highway Safety. They were updated on all the latest traffic law changes and other traffic safety related issues. Officer Sellek also attended the Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officers' Annual Training Conference in March.

Sgt. Jessica Quamme attended the periodic meetings of the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission. The Traffic Safety Commission discusses various aspects of traffic safety and includes representatives from other police agencies in Dane County, County Highway division employees, Judges, District Attorneys, Department of Transportation employees, Bureau of Traffic Safety and private safety organizations.



We received numerous complaints via the online Traffic Complaint form this year. Each of these complaints was looked into and the necessary follow-up was completed to address each concern. Most of the complaints the Department received this year were speeding complaints so the speed awareness trailer was deployed around the City on numerous occasions. The speed awareness trailer gathers data on speeds and notifies drivers of their speed in an educational effort to reduce speeding.

Officers performed traffic safety functions such as traffic direction and control at numerous events around the City during the year. These ranged from the Good Neighbor Festival parades, Haunted Hustle, Tri 4 Kids Run, Ride for Kids, Gilda's Club Run, New Year's Day Dash and neighborhood children's Halloween parades. Officers provided traffic control and public relation activities for three neighborhood parades on July 4th in the Stonefield, Middleton Hills and Northlake neighborhoods.



There were 658 reportable accidents in 2015, compared to 784 in 2014, a 16% decrease. Our Department received an OWI Traffic Grant for the 2016 season which started in October of 2015 and will continue through September 2016. The Grant allows us to have the financial resources to assign additional officers to areas of traffic safety concerns. This Grant provided the Department with an additional 36 hours of enforcement during 2015. Seventy-two traffic enforcement actions were taken by grant funded officers.

Traffic Report

In addition to the grant patrols, officers devoted 266 hours of effort in directed traffic patrols to address areas of particular concern, frequently in response to citizen concerns voiced to the Department. The Department started to create Neighborhood Projects for traffic complaints this year and has been focusing on those areas of concern. Some of the Neighborhood Projects this year focused on traffic signal violations, stop sign violations, use of compression brakes within the city and pedestrian crossings. Five hundred twenty-five traffic enforcement actions were taken during directed patrols.



In total, Officers issued 3,428 traffic citations and 3,698 warnings in 2015. This included 84 Operating While Intoxicated arrests and two arrests for Operating with a Controlled Substance.



School Resource Officers

In the fall of 2015, I began my first year as the Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer (SRO). Prior to becoming the SRO at Kromrey, I spent four years as a patrol officer, working the midnight shift. In those four years, I've assisted with Middleton's Citizens' Academy, Middleton's Summer Intern Program and became a Field Training Officer. The start of the 2015 school year has been an eye opening experience, but a good one. I've enjoyed working in an atmosphere that is positive and where students are exploring their self-identity and pursuing their dreams. The Kromrey Middle School position includes Kromrey Middle School along with the three elementary schools in the City of Middleton. It also includes assisting the Middleton High School SRO as well.



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Besides handling calls for service at the schools, one of my primary roles is to build positive relationships with staff, students and parents. Another role of mine is to teach students about various topics, including internet/social media safety and the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs. I also work with the social workers from the three elementary schools to teach the Keeping Safe Program to all of the kindergarten through fourth grade students.

Each year I teach the G.R.E.A.T. program to all of the sixth grade students. G.R.E.A.T. stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training and is a school-based, law enforcement officer instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence and gang membership. The goal of the G.R.E.A.T. program is to help youth develop positive life skills that will help them avoid gang involvement and violent behavior. G.R.E.A.T. uses a community-wide approach to combat the risk factors associated with youth involvement in gang related behaviors. The lessons included in each curriculum are interactive and designed to allow students to practice positive behaviors that will remain with them during the remainder of their development years.



G.R.E.A.T. is a 13-week program and after completing the program, all of the students were invited back to a completion ceremony held at the Kromrey Middle School. Students receive a G.R.E.A.T. t-shirt and a completion certificate. This year students welcomed student-athletes from the UW Badgers at their celebration. Current Badger athletes reinforced

the importance of education, working hard and making good choices.

School safety continued to be a top priority in 2015. We have continued to practice our quarterly shelter, evacuation, classroom holds and lock down drills. We continue to look for areas of improvement in our procedures to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Lastly, 2015 continued to be an exciting time for staff and students at the Kromrey Middle School. All sections of Kromrey are now open and functional. The construction period is over. Students are enjoying the new playground area, as well as the field house.

School Resource Officers

In 2015, I finished up my first full school year and started my second year as School Resource Officer at the Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School.

During 2015, I handled 249 calls for service at the Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School that required reports, investigations or citations. The majority of calls generated were for disturbances and lost or stolen property. I also issued 55 municipal citations and made seven criminal arrests. Decisions about issuing citations and making arrests were always made after considering my main goals of keeping everyone in the schools safe while building positive relationships, educating and counseling students and helping them understand consequences.



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Keeping my main goal of school safety in mind, I participated in and facilitated several school activities in 2015 to help achieve that goal. I helped the Middleton High School Dean of Students plan and run ten safety drills for all staff and students in 2015. I also attended several District Wide Safety Committee Meetings and a District Wide Active Shooter Table Top Exercise. I participated in a multi-jurisdictional, functional school emergency exercise and also facilitated two school emergency response table top drills in 2015.

I also did my best to keep my own safety training up to date with quarterly Department In-service Training, regular County Wide School Resource Officer Meetings, a National School Resource Officer Conference and specialized hands on Active Shooter Training.



To keep up positive relationships with the students at the Middleton High School and Clark Street Community School, I continued spending the majority of my free time in the halls and in the lunch rooms during the two lunch periods. I also participated in many of the daily video announcements and helped several students make videos for class projects. I also worked at several basketball games, football games and dances. I was able to be in the Homecoming Parade and also attended the Homecoming football game and dance.

I continued my education efforts with several talks in 2015 as well. I spoke with two Law and Justice classes, and had an informal Q&A with the Current Events Club about police use of force. I gave several 90 minute presentations on Drugs and Alcohol to all of the Freshman and Sophomore Health Classes. I gave an informal talk to a girls physical education class about personal safety and also talked to the entire student population, one grade at a time, about social media safety.

During the summer of 2015 I was assigned a few patrol shifts, but spent most of the summer assisting administrators with our Department Accreditation. I also attended five days of Equity Training put on by the School District Equity Institute, and worked at the Middleton National Night Out event.

My first full year as School Resource Officer was extremely fulfilling and rewarding and I'm really looking forward to another great year.

Community Awareness Programs

The **Middleton Community Police Partnership, MiCoPP**, is a local Non-Profit Organization that is compiled of Middleton citizens, business owners and employees, as well as one member of the Middleton Police Department; the Community Awareness Officer. The main goals of this organization are to not only form community partnerships to lessen the burdens of government through volunteer activities, but also to combat community deterioration through community awareness programs, events and activities.



It is through this organization that the programs described below are supported and able to continue each and every year. We hope that you have been able to attend and participate in some of these wonderful programs and look forward to seeing you all this year!

Polar Plunge



In February, Middleton Police worked at the Polar Plunge in Madison. The Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) Polar Plunge winter fundraiser was held at Willow Island. Plungers consisted of individuals and teams of students, law enforcement officers, business professionals and families. Below is Officer Richard O'Connor who braved the cold waters and plunged with several students from the Middleton High School.



Jaycee's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

In March, Middleton Police participated in the Jaycee's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeview Park. Kids got to climb on the fire trucks and in the police cars and then were off to search for hundreds of eggs.



Officer Enstrom stopped to visit the Girl Scouts more than once this year, and bought "a few" boxes to support them.



Community Awareness Programs

Downtown Middleton Business Association Easter Egg Hunt

Middleton Police attended the downtown Middleton Business Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Fireman's Park.



Med Drop

Officer Jill Tutaj and Sergeant Jeremy Geiszler spent time collecting old prescription medications at the Senior Center. They collected two five-gallon pails of medication in about an hour. The Middleton Police Department has a Med Drop Box available in the Police Department lobby 24 hours a day.



VIPS Training

Ryan Jensen, from the Ready Wisconsin AmeriCorps Disaster Preparedness Project, came to the Middleton Police Department to train the Volunteers in Police Service on Emergency Preparedness. AmeriCorps Ready Wisconsin will also assist communities with developing emergency volunteer management plans, volunteer recruitment and disaster relief services when needed.



Citizens Academy

In the Spring of 2015, the Middleton Police Department hosted a Citizens' Academy. The purpose of the Citizens' Academy is to familiarize members of the community with the Middleton Police Department in ten weeks of instruction in many of the same areas where officers receive training. Students of the Citizens Academy received training in traffic law, crime scene investigation, defensive and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operation, emergency medical response, firearms, Fire Department response, gang and drug enforcement and other basic police procedures.



Community Awareness Programs

Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics

In June, Middleton Police Officers participated in the final leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run. Law enforcement carried the Flame of Hope and raised money for the Special Olympics.



EAA Pancake Breakfast

In July, Middleton Police attended the annual fundraiser at the Morey Field Airport.

Hero Summer Camp

In July, Middleton Police went to KEVA for their Hero Summer Camp. Officer Tutaj spent the morning with members of the camp talking about safety and giving tours of the police car.



Downtown Middleton Beach Party

Middleton Police Officers attended the Downtown Middleton Beach Party. While some officers showed off squad cars to kids, others participated in the Annual volleyball tournament.



"Kickin' It For Kids"

Officers Jill Tutaj, Ben Enstrom and Cesar Salinas participated at the Charity Kickball Tournament at Mcgaw Park in Fitchburg to benefit Reach A Child.



Community Awareness Programs

Rides to School

Middleton Police give several kids rides to school each year. Rides to school are a top prize giveaway for several fundraisers and raffles. At right is Officer Dave Schultz with a student from Elm Lawn Elementary.



Green Bay Packer Football Cards

Every year, the Middleton Community Bank donates Packer football cards to the Middleton Police Department for officers to hand out while having contact with kids.

"Battle of the Badges" Charity Softball Game

In August, the Middleton Police Department played against the Middleton Fire Department in the 4th Annual Battle of the Badges Charity Softball Game. Emergency Responders honored Jackson Pagel this year and raised funds in the Battle of the Badges for him & his family.



National Night Out

In August, Middleton Police, Spring Window Fashions and members of Middleton Fire Company #1, hosted the 11th Annual National Night Out at Lakeview Park. Hundreds of people came to this event and enjoyed dinner, prizes, games and contact with public safety workers.



Community Awareness Programs

Summer Reading Program



Officer Jill Tutaj participated in the Middleton Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Officer Tutaj came to the library to spend some time with the kids, read books and give a tour of the police car.



Middleton United Way Day of Caring



Officer Kasdorf volunteered at the United Day of Caring in August. The kids who came out for United Way's Day of Caring had a great time doing projects, fishing, playing sports and spending time with emergency responders.



Family Safety Day

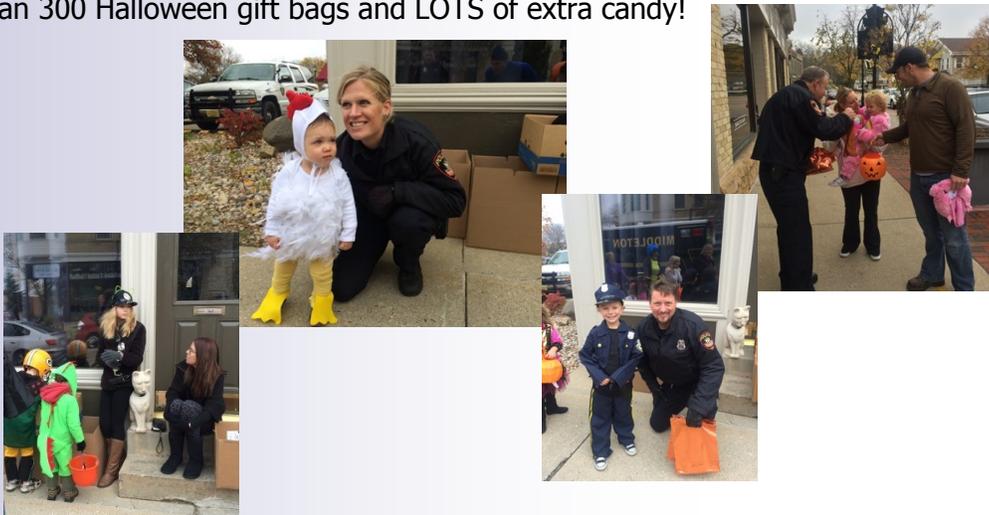


In September, Middleton Police, the Middleton Fire Department and West Bend Mutual Insurance sponsored the 9th Annual Family Safety Day at the Middleton Fire and EMS Stations. Families were able to get their car seats checked and watch several safety presentations by local companies.



Halloween

On October 30, Middleton Officers attended Middleton's Downtown Business Association Annual Trick or Treat event. Below, Chief Foulke, Officer Dixon and Officer Kim Wood, along with volunteer Lily Schintgen, helped pass out more than 300 Halloween gift bags and LOTS of extra candy!



Community Awareness Programs

Trick or Tweet Photo Contest

Middleton Police also held their 2nd Annual "Trick or Tweet" event which allows parents to send in pictures of their children in costumes for a chance to win either a Ride to School or lunch with a Police Officer. Voting is done through our social media outlets and the picture with the most likes is the winner. Pictured at right is our 2015 winner, Adele Hotz, with Officer Kim Wood.



Senior Car Care Clinic

On Saturday, October 17, Middleton Police, along with the Middleton Senior Center and Middleton Ford, came together by helping senior residents prepare their vehicles for Wisconsin's winter.



Shop With a Cop Fundraiser at Culvers

On November 17, Middleton Police Officers delivered food to customers at Culvers. Culvers donated a portion of the sales of the day to the Community Awareness Fund to support our Shop with a Cop event.



Shop with a Cop

On December 6, Middleton Police Officers donated their time to take nine Middleton kids holiday shopping for their families. This marked the 15th annual event and, along with several other Dane County agencies, over 80 area children were able to shop for their families. This event was held at Target East and the VFW Post 1318. Our event was made possible by funds donated to the Community Awareness Fund.



Community Awareness Programs

VIPS Volunteers in Police Service

The Middleton Police Department has over 40 active volunteers. The Volunteers assist the Middleton Police Department with fundraising, special events, parades, Safe Assured ID and more. Members of the VIPS serve on the Middleton Community Police Partnership (MICOPP) Board.



Crime Prevention Notices

To help promote safety in the Middleton community, Middleton Police will issue Crime Prevention Notices to a residence or a business to inform them of crime risks. Officers will also do this for vehicles. Middleton Police have a bright orange Report Card that will be placed on a vehicle grading it on a pass/fail scale on whether the vehicle is locked and if valuables are left in plain view.



Speed Watch

Volunteers in Police Service members are trained in the use of portable radar units. VIPS monitor traffic at numerous locations in the city, recording vehicle speeds.



Middleton Business Watch Partnership

The Middleton Business Watch has over 300 members. The Middleton Business Watch is used to alert local businesses about criminal activity which could potentially affect your business.

Pedestrian Flag Crossings

The Middleton Police Department has partnered with Safe Communities to provide orange pedestrian flags at dangerous crossings. These flags are tools that pedestrians can use to signal motorists of their intention to cross the street.



Crime Prevention Surveys

The Middleton Police Department takes requests for Crime Prevention Surveys for businesses and residences. A Police Officer will conduct a physical survey on request and will make suggestions and provide a report on how to minimize criminal opportunity.

Safe Assured ID

The Middleton Police Department has a digital identification system that was purchased with funds donated from American Girl and the Mattel Toy Store. This system can be used for children, adults and seniors. Middleton Police will take reservations for having kits made. Kits are free for Middleton residents or MCPASD students. Families will receive a full-color photo data card and a Parents' Guidebook with prevention tips. It records a digital record of picture, video, and audio all on a secure mini-cd.

Pictured at right is Jim Blodgett, one of the VIPs (Volunteers in Police Service) assisting with the Safe Assured program.



Community Awareness Programs

Other Events

The Middleton Police gave several presentations throughout the community, including TDS, Gate's Auto Body Collision Center, Lexus of Middleton, Drivers' Education, child care centers and more. The Police Department participated in events at The Little gym "Who's You're Hero Camp, Service Appreciation Day, Operation Toy Drive, Good Neighbor Fest, Brat Fest and the VIPS appreciation dinner and more.



Food Drive for Middleton Outreach Ministry

Officer Tom Wilson organized a food drive with students and staff at Kromrey Middle School and together they raised over 1,600 pounds of food to be donated!



Accreditation

Reaccreditation of the Police Department is fast approaching as the Police Department is scheduled for a review by certified assessors in January of 2017.

Accreditation is a major undertaking by any police agency as to achieve full accreditation a police organization must demonstrate and show they are following 235 professional standards which have been established by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG). An indication of how difficult achieving accreditation can be, only 25 law enforcement agencies in the entire State of Wisconsin are currently fully accredited and are meeting the 200 plus professional standards on a yearly basis.



Within the past year, Department policies were all reviewed and members of the Department were continuously collecting documentation throughout the year to assist in the reaccreditation process. Documentation for the reaccreditation process includes collecting police reports, taking photographs and compiling other documents to show the Police Department is following the best practices which have been established by the WILEAG board.

In addition to working on the Police Department's accreditation efforts, Accreditation Manager Captain Troy Hellenbrand was one of three assessors who participated in a comprehensive accreditation review of the Hartland Police Department in November of 2015. During this three day process, Captain Hellenbrand joined two other assessors in reviewing the policy manual of the Hartland Police Department, interviewing Hartland Police Department employees, touring department facilities and evaluating department proofs.

Training

Traditionally, providing relevant and ongoing specialized training for all Police Department employees has been a yearly department goal and 2015 was no exception. In addition to the annual 24 hours of in-service training



which are required by the State of Wisconsin – Department of Justice for each sworn police employee, Department employees also attended over 2,935 hours of specialized training throughout the year. Highlights of some of the training

courses attended by Department members include: interview techniques; law enforcement and civilian responses to active shooter events; Intoximeter and radar training; instructor development; major



case investigations; less lethal instructor; evidence technician course; Alzheimer's workshop; pedestrian and bicycle enforcement; heroin overdose investigations; sexual assault investigations; and peer support training. The Department recognizes the importance of having a well-educated staff who follow the current best practices of the law enforcement profession and who ultimately provide the best service to those to whom we serve.



In 2015, the Department conducted one tabletop and one functional exercise with members of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District, Middleton Fire Department and Middleton Emergency Medical Service. The main focus for each of these training exercises was discussing and addressing areas of concern during times of a critical incident. This training was in preparation for preparing the local school district and local emergency service

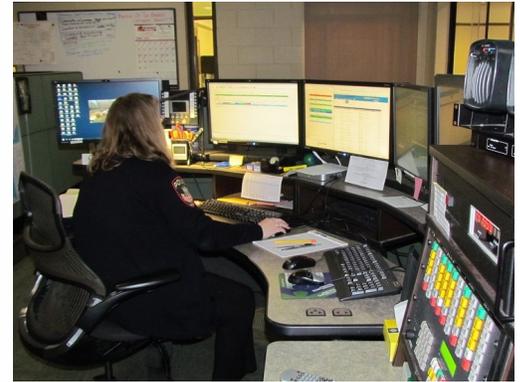
departments on a planned full-scale exercise which is scheduled for the summer of 2016. The training conducted in 2015 and the full-scale exercise planned for 2016 has all been covered by grant funding which was awarded to the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District and the City of Middleton Police Department.



The law enforcement profession experienced some significant scrutiny in 2015 due to some high profile incidents nationally and even one incident locally. Due to concerns expressed by experts in the law enforcement profession and the constituents whom the Department serves, a major focus of in-service training in 2015 was getting back to the basics of responding safely to calls for service, slowing down an officer's response, and continuously evaluating the situation to provide the best possible outcome for all of the involved participants. Additionally, the Department, along with our training partners of Fitchburg and Sun Prairie Police Departments, received a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice to provide racial equity and implicit bias training to all sworn members of the Department. As the Department moves forward and prepares for future in-service training, further emphasis will be placed on training which prepares our staff for the stressors of the law enforcement profession and provides the most appropriate and safest outcome for the citizens whom members of our staff come into contact with while responding to calls for service.

Communication Center

The Middleton Police Communication Center answers an average of 2,720 phone calls a month with about 255 of them being from either landline or wireless 9-1-1. While our number of phone calls remains fairly steady, dispatchers have been busy working on several special projects this year. One of them is an effort to reduce the number of accidental 9-1-1 calls that come into the center. Like other communications centers nationwide, we see many accidental 9-1-1 calls each day. Some result from an unlocked phone within a pocket or a purse and then the emergency button gets pressed. Others are from employees at businesses who hurriedly dial a long distance number and have phone systems that require dialing a '9' to get an outside line. We also see many calls from phones that aren't connected to a service plan, but still have battery power. These are typically old cell phones that are given to children to play with when their parents' upgrade their own. These phones will still dial 9-1-1 with battery power, but because they don't have service, it's impossible to determine who to call back or where they might be calling from. All of these calls need to be handled with the possibility in mind that a true emergency exists and they take up valuable resources.



To help reduce the number of these calls, we've identified those people or businesses who have repeat accidental calls. An educational brochure has been created and is included with any warning letters we send. In most cases though a phone call or a visit by a dispatcher or officer to explain the concern and how it impacts the center has helped. We appreciate this collaborative effort by those we serve.



Call Statistics per Range of Answer Time, Grouped by Year

From : 01/01/2015 00:00:00 To : 12/31/2015 23:59:59
 Line Group: 911, WRLS 911

Number of Calls : 3,085

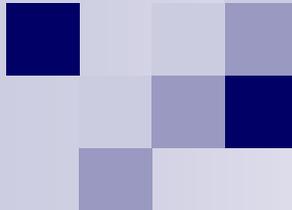
Year	Range of Answer Time	Number of Calls	Average (hh:mm:ss)	Minimum (hh:mm:ss)	Maximum (hh:mm:ss)
2015	0-0 (sec) Call Answer Time	23	00:00:00	00:00:00	00:00:00
	0.001-10 Excellent	2,696	00:00:05	00:00:00	00:00:10
	10.001-20 Good	272	00:00:13	00:00:10	00:00:19
	20.001-30 Average	52	00:00:23	00:00:20	00:00:29
	30.001-40 Poor	27	00:00:34	00:00:30	00:00:39
	40.001+ Unacceptable	15	00:00:51	00:00:40	00:01:13
		3,085	00:00:06	00:00:00	00:01:13
		3,085	00:00:07	00:00:00	00:01:13

In 2015, the Middleton Police Department Communication Center received 3085 landline and wireless 9-1-1 calls.

- 88% were answered within 10 seconds
- 97% were answered within 20 seconds
- 99% were answered within 30 seconds

Communication Center

2015 Communication Center Phone Stats	
Total Phone Calls	32,921
Incoming Non-emergency	21,566
Incoming Landline 9-1-1	1,414
Incoming Wireless 9-1-1	1,671
Incoming Tie Line	2,619
All outgoing calls	5,196
Busiest Date	June 29 180 calls
Slowest Date	January 25 37 calls
Busiest Hour of the Day	10:00am
Slowest Hour of the Day	4:00am
Busiest Day of the Week	Monday
Monthly Averages	
Landline 9-1-1 Calls	118
Wireless 9-1-1 Calls	139
Non-Emergency Line	1,797
Tie Line	218
Ave. Monthly Total (inc. outgoing)	2,743
Ave. Monthly CFS	1,750
Ratio of Phone Calls to CFS	1.6



Department Statistics

In 2015, the City of Middleton saw a slight decrease in the overall crime rate when compared to crime statistics in 2014. For the past several years, the City of Middleton has been fortunate to see a declining crime rate for many of the more serious and concerning crimes which can have a significant effect on the citizens of our community. The declining crime rate which the City of Middleton has experienced over the past couple of years can be contributed to the strong partnerships which have been built in our community between the Police Department, community members, and different organizations.

Some noteworthy statistics from 2015 include a:

- decrease of crime by 5%
- 43% decline in robbery incidents
- 161% increase of theft from automobile incidents
- 23% increase in the total number of calls for police services
- 53% decrease in crimes occurring at the Middleton High School

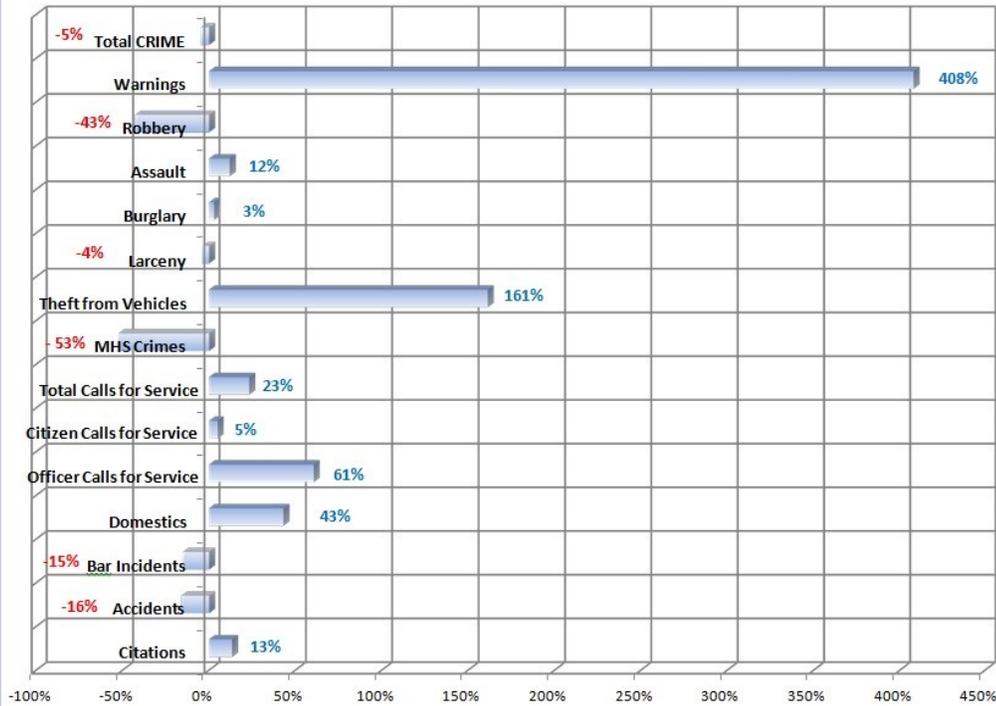
Traditionally, crime rates in the City of Middleton have been lower when compared to similar sized cities in the State of Wisconsin. However, this can quickly change and the partnerships which have been developed must continue to flourish and grow to keep our city a safe community for all of us to work and live in.

In 2015, the Middleton Police Department filed 422 criminal charges; issued 3,971 citations; 3,817 written warnings; and completed 11,607 police reports; all stemming from 20,998 calls for service. From these 20,998 incidents, Middleton Officers used force in 41 incidents (0.195% of our calls for service). Force which was used during these 41 incidents, from multiple officers using different techniques, included Escort Techniques (5), Compliance Holds (12), Decentralizations (9), Punched/Knead (2), Electronic Control Device (8), Firearm Displayed (39), Firearm Discharged – Animal (6), Firearm Discharged – Person (0). All of these incidents where force was used were reviewed by a supervisor and 15 by the Department's Critical Incident Review Board. Out of these 15 incidents reviewed by the Critical Incident Review Board, one incident was found not to be within Department policy.

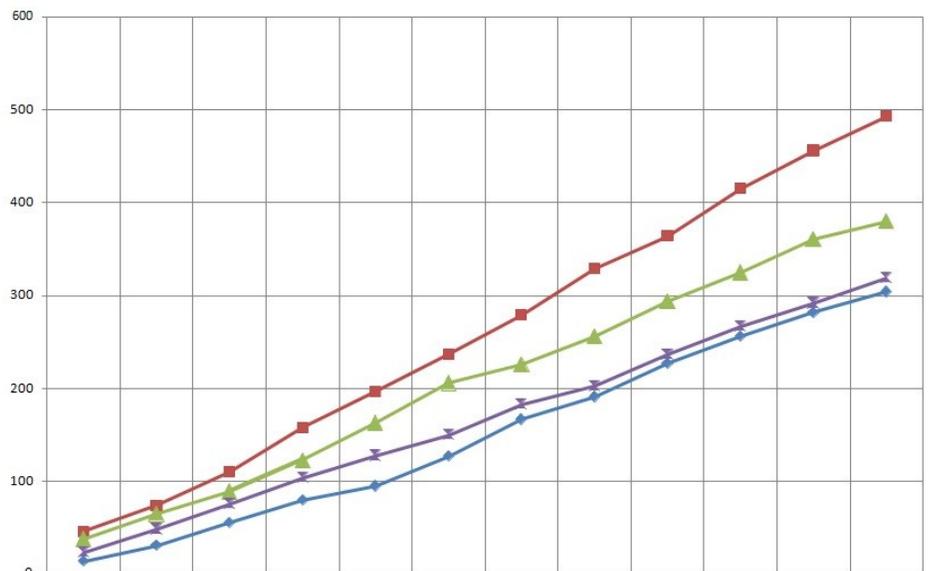
The Department received ten formal and informal complaints against employees in 2015. These complaints against Department employees were for Communications (3), Conduct (1), Use of Force (1), Procedures (2), and Disparate Treatment (3). After a thorough investigation into each of these complaints, three complaints were determined to be unfounded, one complaint was withdrawn, one complaint was labeled as undetermined, three complaints were sustained, and in two cases employees were exonerated.

Crime Rates

2015 MIPD Rates Compared to 2014

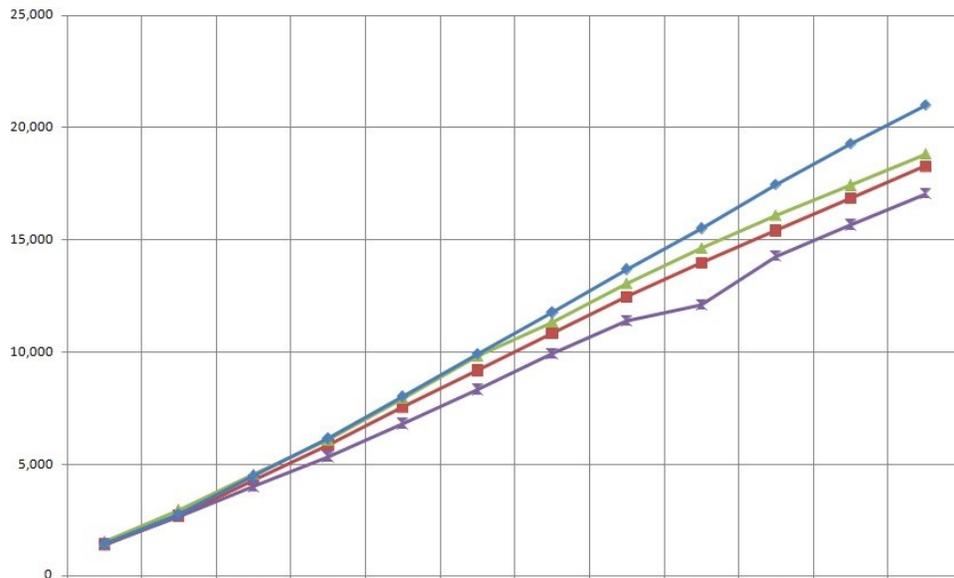


Crime 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



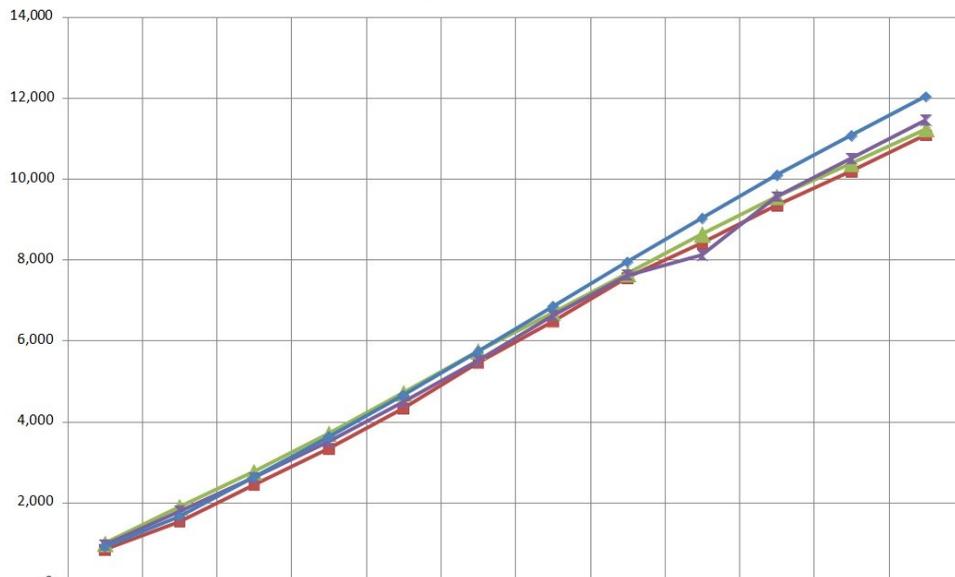
Citizen Calls For Service

Calls for Service 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



CFS 2012	1,393	2,699	4,284	5,851	7,550	9,175	10,819	12,464	13,971	15,415	16,838	18,281
CFS 2013	1,550	2,958	4,560	6,100	7,925	9,816	11,316	13,049	14,633	16,087	17,436	18,803
CFS 2014	1,435	2,661	4,011	5,324	6,799	8,322	9,927	11,389	12,100	14,255	15,664	17,038
CFS 2015	1,423	2,764	4,474	6,146	8,014	9,900	11,766	13,680	15,503	17,467	19,285	20,998

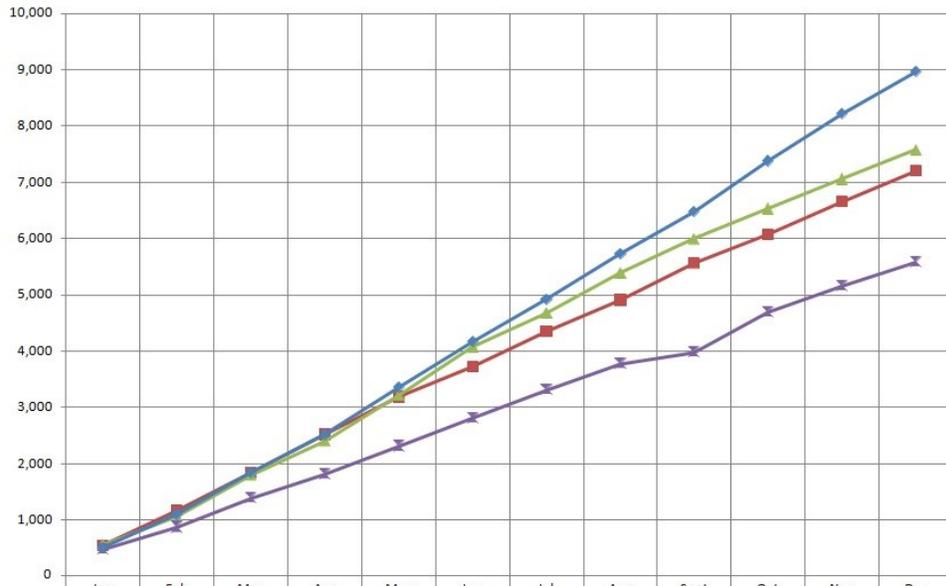
Citizen CFS 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



CCFS 2012	842	1,531	2,443	3,333	4,326	5,451	6,469	7,557	8,409	9,339	10,185	11,080
CCFS 2013	988	1,888	2,761	3,700	4,712	5,740	6,687	7,661	8,636	9,562	10,383	11,230
CCFS 2014	953	1,784	2,621	3,507	4,486	5,507	6,618	7,614	8,120	9,560	10,504	11,456
CCFS 2015	916	1,666	2,634	3,626	4,659	5,736	6,841	7,947	9,027	10,087	11,068	12,034

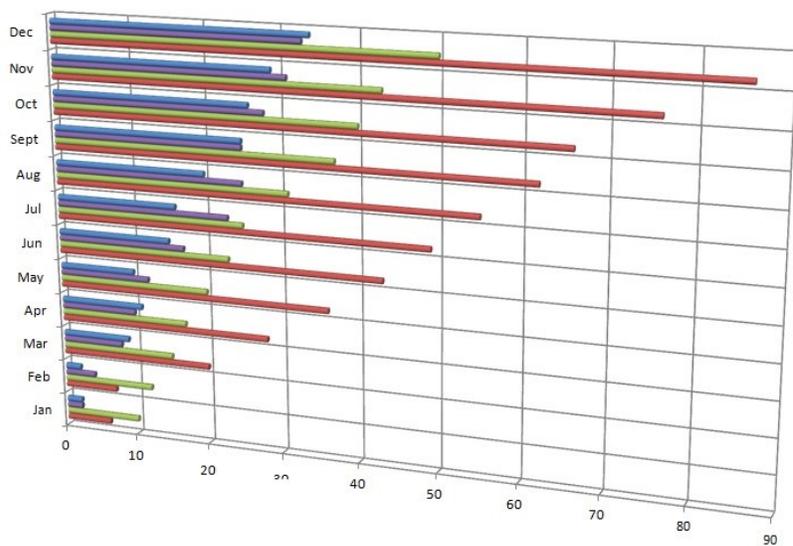
Officer Initiated Calls & Burglaries

Officer Initiated CFS 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
OCFS 2012	551	1,168	1,841	2,518	3,188	3,724	4,350	4,907	5,562	6,076	6,653	7,201
OCFS 2013	562	1,070	1,799	2,400	3,213	4,076	4,674	5,388	5,997	6,525	7,053	7,573
OCFS 2014	482	877	1,390	1,817	2,313	2,815	3,309	3,775	3,980	4,695	5,160	5,582
OCFS 2015	507	1,098	1,840	2,520	3,355	4,164	4,925	5,733	6,476	7,380	8,217	8,964

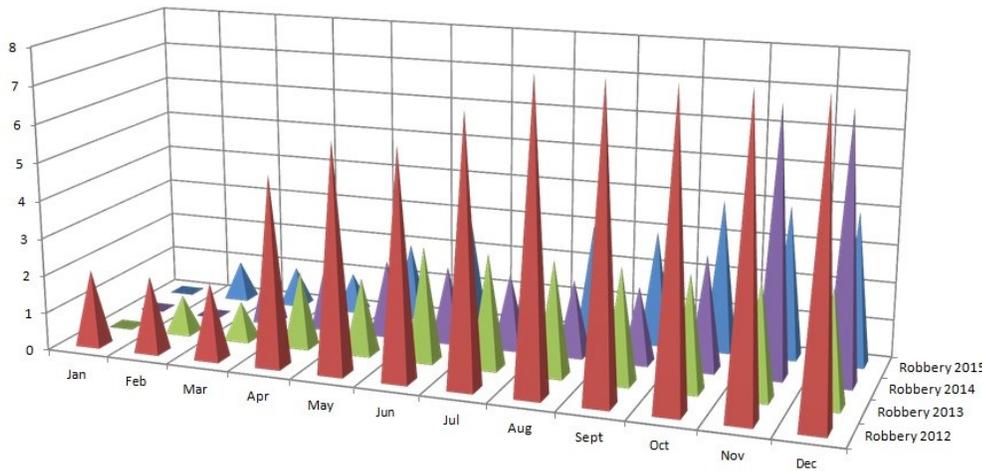
Burglary 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Burglary 2015	2	2	9	11	10	15	16	20	25	26	29	34
Burglary 2014	2	4	8	10	12	17	23	25	25	28	31	33
Burglary 2013	10	12	15	17	20	23	25	31	37	40	43	50
Burglary 2012	6	7	20	28	36	43	49	55	62	66	76	86

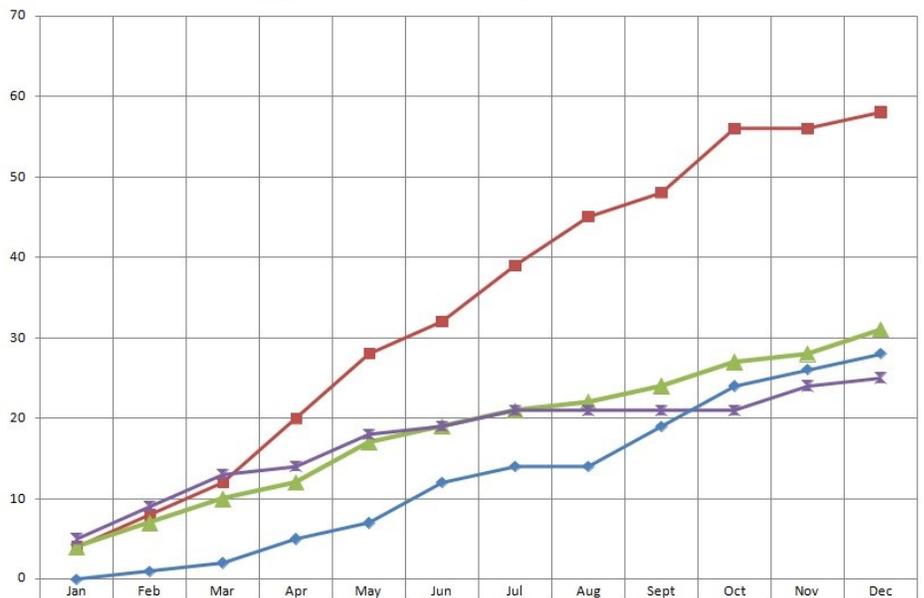
Robberies & Assaults

Robbery 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



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Robbery 2012	2	2	2	5	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	8
Robbery 2013	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Robbery 2014	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	7	7
Robbery 2015	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4

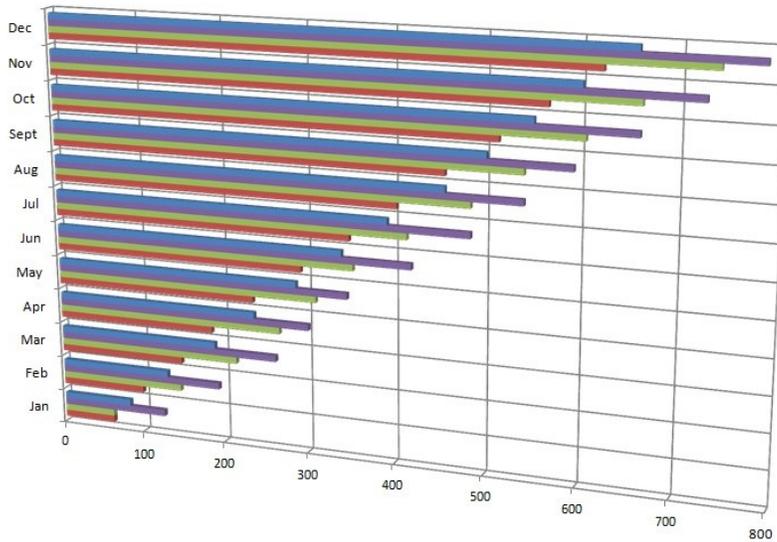
Assaults 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Assault 2012	4	8	12	20	28	32	39	45	48	56	56	58
Assault 2013	4	7	10	12	17	19	21	22	24	27	28	31
Assault 2014	5	9	13	14	18	19	21	21	21	21	24	25
Assault 2015	0	1	2	5	7	12	14	14	19	24	26	28

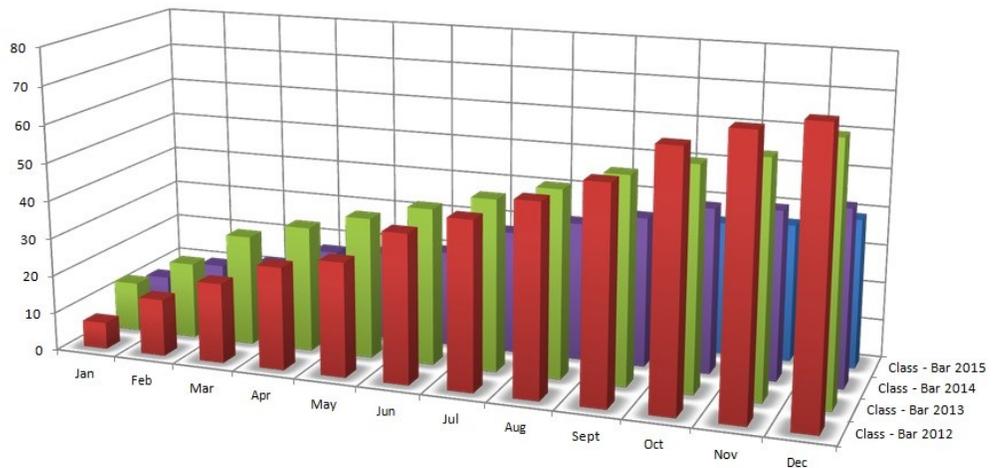
Accidents & Bar Incidents

Accidents 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Accidents 2015	82	130	189	237	287	340	392	456	501	551	601	658
Accidents 2014	125	193	262	301	346	419	484	541	593	660	726	784
Accidents 2013	61	146	215	267	310	353	414	484	541	605	662	739
Accidents 2012	61	99	148	186	236	293	349	403	456	514	566	622

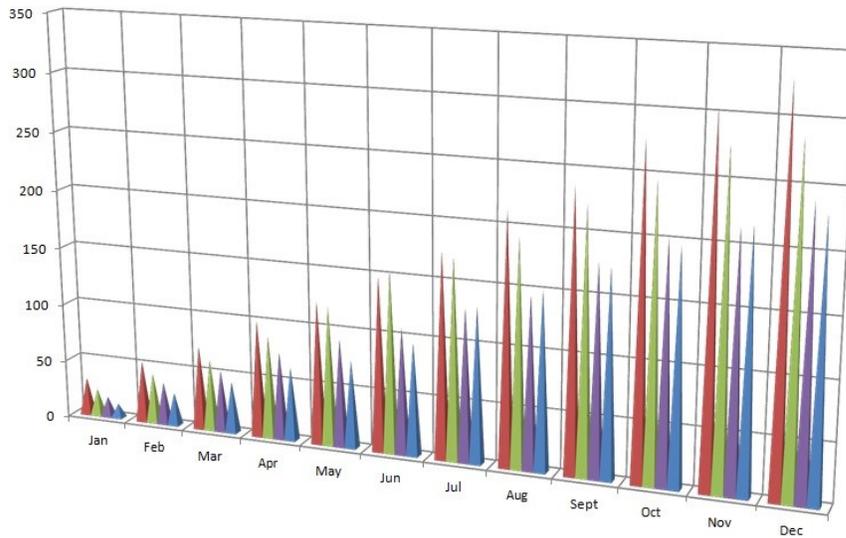
Bar Incidents 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Class - Bar 2012	7	15	21	27	30	39	44	50	56	66	71	74
Class - Bar 2013	13	20	29	33	37	41	45	49	54	58	61	67
Class - Bar 2014	10	15	17	22	23	25	32	36	39	43	44	46
Class - Bar 2015	1	5	9	10	15	20	25	29	31	35	36	39

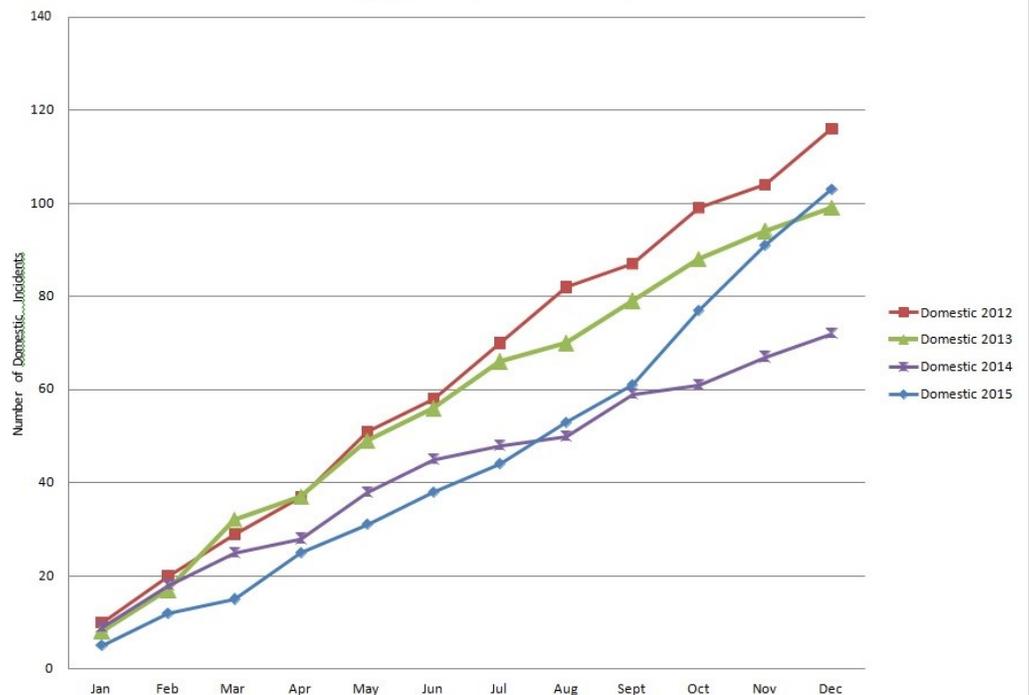
Larceny & Domestic Abuse

Larceny 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



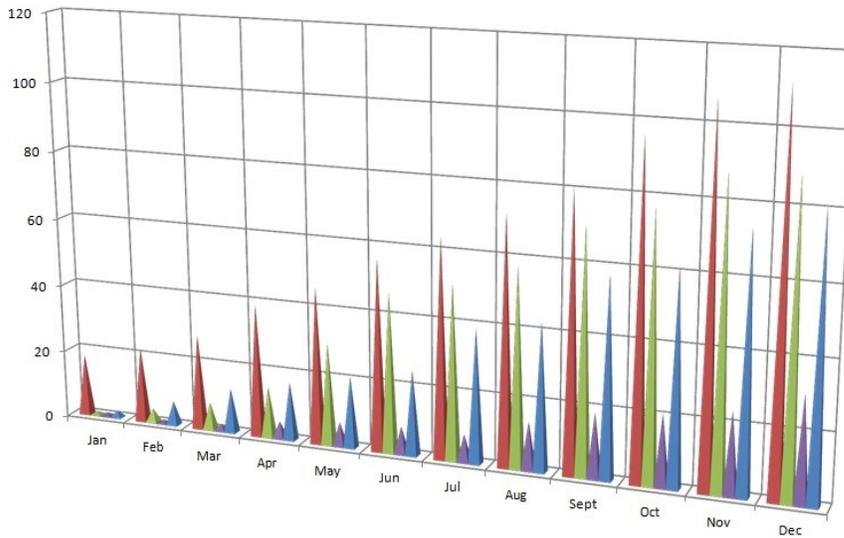
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Larceny 2012	32	53	72	100	122	149	175	212	237	276	306	330
Larceny 2013	23	43	61	88	119	155	171	192	222	247	278	287
Larceny 2014	17	36	53	75	92	108	130	146	178	203	216	240
Larceny 2015	12	28	44	63	75	96	132	151	175	197	218	231

Domestics 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



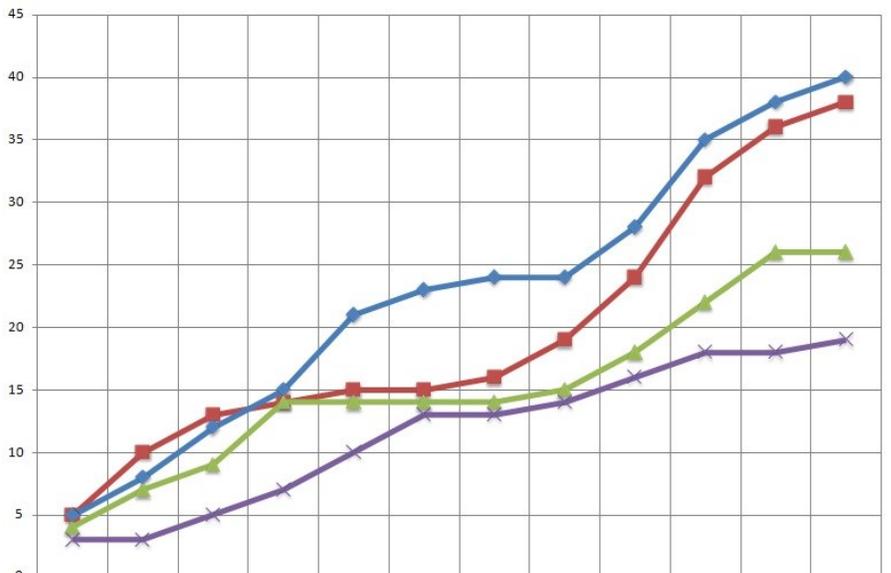
Theft from Vehicles & MHS Crimes

Theft from Vehicles 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
■ Theft from Veh 12	18	22	28	39	46	56	64	72	81	96	107	112
■ Theft from Veh 13	1	4	8	15	30	47	51	58	71	77	88	89
■ Theft from Veh 14	1	1	2	5	7	8	8	14	19	21	24	31
■ Theft from Veh 15	2	7	13	17	21	25	39	43	58	62	74	81

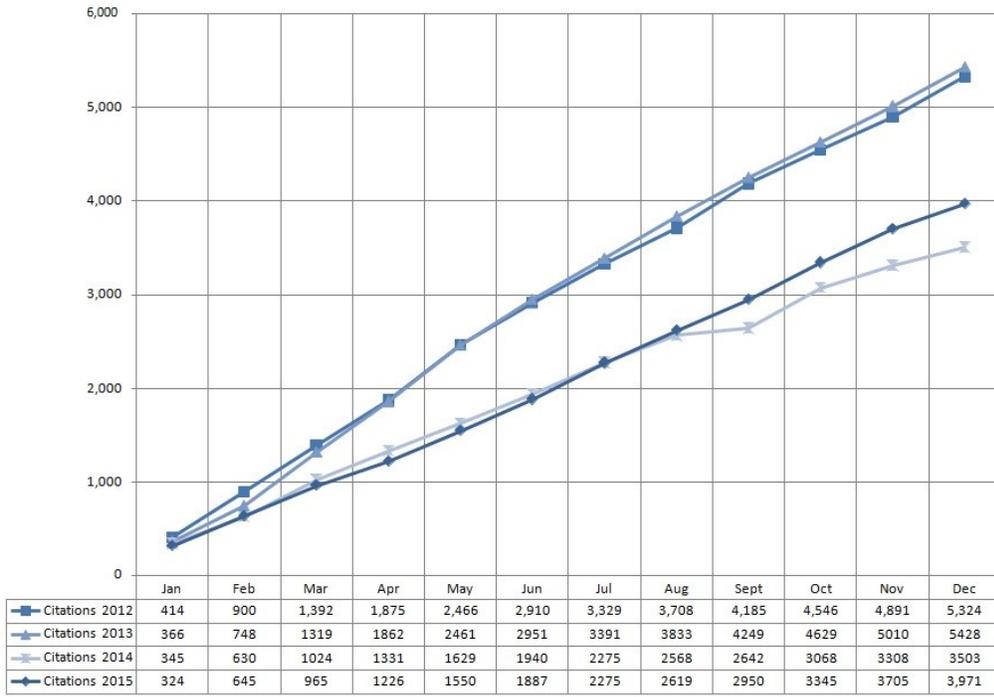
MHS Crimes 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012



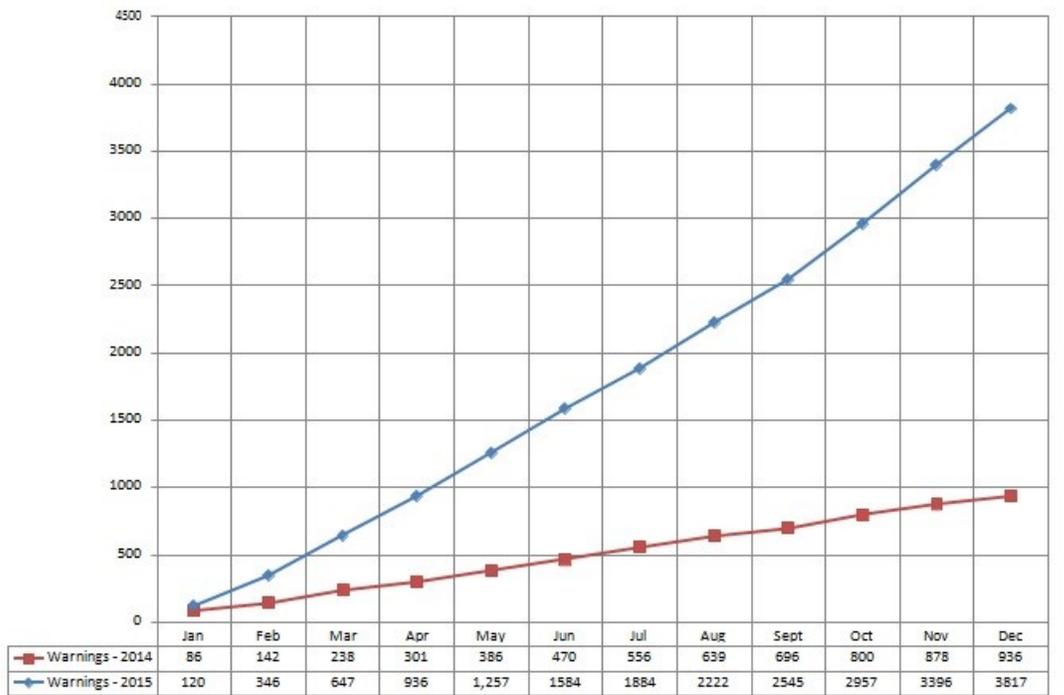
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
■ MHS Crimes 2012	5	10	13	14	15	15	16	19	24	32	36	38
■ MHS Crimes 2013	4	7	9	14	14	14	14	15	18	22	26	26
■ MHS Crimes 2014	5	8	12	15	21	23	24	24	28	35	38	40
■ MHS Crimes 2015	3	3	5	7	10	13	13	14	16	18	18	19

Citations & Warnings

Citations 2015 Compared to 2014, 2013 & 2012

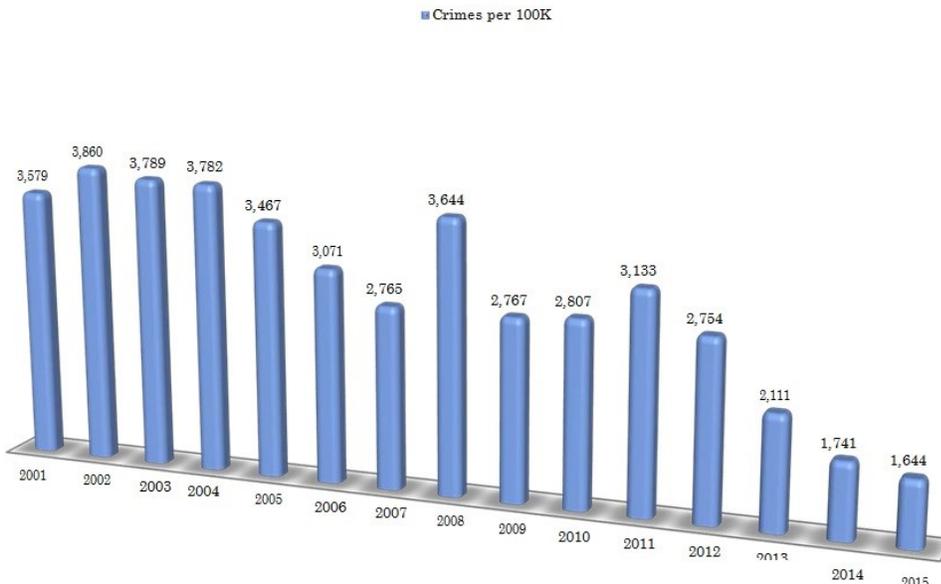


Warnings 2015 Compared to 2014



Crime per 100K, Annual Comparisons

Crimes by Year Per 100K Population



ANNUAL COMPARISONS

Category	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Crimes	304	319	380	493	550	482	471	618	469
Personal Crimes	32	33	36	69	85	63	94	82	36
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	2	3	2	3	3	3	1
Robbery	4	7	3	8	6	10	8	4	4
Assault	28	25	31	58	77	51	83	75	31
Property Crimes	273	288	344	424	465	419	377	536	433
Burglary	34	33	50	86	73	60	59	89	49
Larceny/Theft	232	243	287	330	381	347	308	431	327
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	12	7	8	11	11	10	16	17
Clearance Rate	31%	38%	28%	36%	33%	36%	38%	32%	29%
Value of Property Stolen	\$474,449	\$349,980	\$374,801	\$512,652	\$519,309	\$331,776	\$286,780	\$338,875	\$361,436
Value of Property Recovered	\$109,212	\$86,456	\$110,601	\$85,182	\$81,931	\$124,108	\$105,694	\$150,759	\$151,337
% of Property Recovered	23%	25%	30%	17%	16%	37%	37%	44%	42%
Incidents	11,607	7,063	8,554	8,514	8,835	9,244	9,455	8,455	8,584
Calls for Service	20,998	17,038	18,803	18,281	19,229	19,226	20,404	19,195	18,502
Accidents (TRACS)	500	524	498	416	383	375	391	473	427
Warnings	3,817	936	1,161	1,151	1,878	2,022	1,872	1,771	1,748
Citations	3,971	3,503	5,428	5,235	6,001	5,879	6,154	4,820	5,440
Criminal Arrests & Charges	422	360	465	622	619	640	736	700	607