

# WEST ALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



2015



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# A Message from the Chief

## **The Honorable Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, Members of the Common Council, & Citizens of West Allis:**

On behalf of the men and women of the West Allis Police Department, I thank you for taking the time to read our 2015 Annual Report. The West Allis Police Department is comprised of 132 sworn officers and 28 civilian members, who provide 24 hour a day service to residents and visitors. West Allis, with a population of approximately 60,000 residents, is a predominantly urban city which is a first tier suburb of the City of Milwaukee. Department members work cooperatively with other government agencies as well as police departments and state and federal law enforcement agencies in the region.

This report will provide information on department organization, leadership, operations, programs, and statistics. I hope that the report provides insight into the daily activities of department personnel and the positive impacts which department members make within the community.

The department continued to make advancements in the use of technology to deliver services in a more efficient manner. In 2015, the West Allis Police and Fire Departments jointly purchased and implemented an electronic Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) program within the Communications Center. The EMD program guides dispatchers through the process of collecting vital information from a caller, obtaining the patient's status, choosing an appropriate dispatch level, and instructing the caller with medically approved protocols until the dispatched units arrive at the scene. Prior to 2015, the EMD function was performed using flip-cards and a more cumbersome process. Having an electronic EMD allows dispatchers to more efficiently and effectively gather and relay information to the caller and responding units.

During 2015, the department welcomed 4 new officers and 5 new civilian members. In addition, 8 members retired or resigned from the department.

In December of 2015, Chief Charles Padgett retired after 27 1/2 years of service with the department. We thank Chief Padgett for his leadership and service and wish him well in retirement.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Mitchell*  
Chief of Police



Charles Padgett  
Chief of Police



Chief Patrick Mitchell being sworn in by the  
Honorable Judge Murphy



**MISSION STATEMENT**

The West Allis Police Department’s mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community through the protection of life and property, fair and unbiased law enforcement, and community partnerships.

**VISION**

The vision of the West Allis Police Department is to provide the best possible opportunity in which to live, work, and raise a family in a safe community by minimizing both the reality and perception of crime.

**VALUES**

The men and women of the West Allis Police Department are committed to uphold the following values:

- Human Life
- Integrity and Ethical Behavior at all times
- Respect for the Rule of Law and the Dignity of All
- Teamwork and Cooperation
- Responsibility and Accountability for our actions
- Our Role in the Community
- Empathy and Compassion
- Excellence
- Inter and Intra Departmental Communication
- Loyalty

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Reduce crime to insure high quality of life is maintained.
- Provide professional service that meets the needs of the community.
- Provide professional leadership in the Department and community.
- Work in cooperation with other city departments and agencies within the community to improve the quality of life in the city.
- Recruit and select the most qualified candidates for employment.
- Provide a safe working environment with modern equipment for employees.



**ACCREDITATION**

The West Allis Police Department is accredited through the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG)





## LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS



**A S A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

**I WILL** keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint, and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

**I WILL** never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

**I RECOGNIZE** the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession...**LAW ENFORCEMENT.**



## 2015 BOARD OF POLICE & FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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(President Joseph Kempen retired from the Board of Police & Fire Commissioners in April of 2015)

## ADMINISTRATION

In addition to the Chief of Police, the Administrative Office consists of the Deputy Chief of Operations, the Deputy Chief of Support Services, and an Administrative Captain.

**The Deputy Chief Operations** is responsible for the Patrol Bureau and the Criminal Investigations Bureau, which includes the Criminal Investigations Unit, Sensitive Crimes Unit, and Special Investigations Units.

**The Deputy Chief Support Services** is in charge of the Traffic Bureau, Records Bureau, Training Bureau, Communications Bureau, Forensic & Technical Services Bureau, and Community Services Bureau.

**The Administrative Captain** is an assistant to the Chief and assists in monitoring the budget, policy and procedure development, professional standards, and is in charge of accreditation, grant administration, and social media.



Deputy Chief  
Support Services  
Christopher Botsch



Deputy Chief  
Operations  
Robert Fletcher



Captain  
Steven Beyer



## PATROL BUREAU



Captain  
Robert Navarrette



Captain  
Chad Evenson



Captain  
Christopher Marks



Lieutenant  
Todd Clementi



Lieutenant  
Nick Pye



Lieutenant  
Brian Saftig

**The Patrol Bureau** is the largest and most visible component of the West Allis Police Department. Patrol officers and supervisors serve a community that is 11.4 square miles with a population of about 60,000 residents. When a citizen needs the service of a law enforcement officer, these are the men and women who respond. They are available twenty-four hours a day, every day, regardless of the nature of the problem. The Patrol Bureau is under the direction of Deputy Chief Robert Fletcher. He is assisted by Captain Robert Navarrette (day shift), Captain Chad Evenson (evening shift) and Captain Christopher Marks (night shift).

Patrol officers are also assigned to special events which require added law enforcement presence to maintain citizen safety and security. In 2015, patrol officers were assigned to special duties during State Fair, parish festivals, city parades, and numerous other events. Patrol officers work with residents and members of the business community to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in the City of West Allis. With this in mind, our officers patrol the city in a variety of ways including using marked and unmarked cars, on foot (beat), and bicycles.

**Bicycle Patrol** is used effectively on all three shifts. During the day and early evening hours, the officers concentrate their efforts near the schools, parks, and playgrounds. In an effort to deter criminal activity in the late evenings and early morning hours, officers patrol the business districts and the residential neighborhoods.



## PATROL BUREAU



Captain  
Robert Navarrette

**First Shift Patrol Officers** work from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The shift is comprised of 20 Patrol Officers, 2 Patrol Sergeants, 2 Desk Sergeants, 1 Patrol/Traffic Lieutenant, and 1 Patrol Captain.

During the year of 2015, these officers responded to a wide variety of calls for service. Their main objective is preservation of life and property while serving the community. Officers look for ways to connect with citizens in order to provide safety tips in the areas of personal safety and property.

First shift patrol officers again used a monthly initiative to address certain needs within the community. During 2015 the following initiatives were developed and addressed: Alley patrol, foot patrol in targeted areas while addressing crime trends, targeted patrols around businesses, and traffic enforcement around schools. First shift officers also worked closely with the department's Domestic Violence Advocate by assisting with follow up visits to recent victims of domestic violence incidents.



Captain  
Chad Evenson

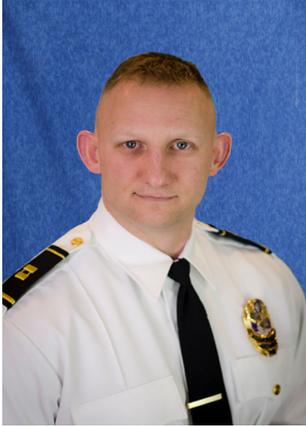
**Second Shift Patrol Officers** work from 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The shift is comprised of 24 Patrol Officers, 2 Road Sergeants, 2 Desk Sergeants, 1 Patrol Lieutenant, and 1 Patrol Captain.

Second shift is the most active time of day for calls for service. Officers handle a wide variety of calls while also making time to enforce traffic laws, perform foot patrols, bike patrols and contribute to crime prevention efforts. Second shift officers work closely with probation & parole agents and various other departments to insure compliance to court imposed restrictions by those under probation supervision. Early shift officers also frequently conduct compliance checks of West Allis businesses licensed to sell tobacco and alcohol products.

Officers on second shift continually work to prevent and rectify issues related to taverns, conduct school zone speed enforcement, HWY 100 cruising concerns, and many other quality of life concerns throughout the city.



## PATROL BUREAU



Captain  
Christopher Marks

**Third Shift Patrol Officers** work from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. The shift is comprised of 21 patrol officers, 2 Road Sergeants, 2 Desk Sergeants, 1 Patrol Lieutenant and 1 Patrol Captain.

During the year of 2015, these officers responded to a wide variety of calls for service. Their main objective was to provide safety and security in the areas of life and property. Officers are tasked everyday with providing assistance and information to city residents and visitors.

Third shift patrol officers utilize a variety of techniques from bike patrol, foot patrol, covert operations, surveillance, and many others to combat burglaries, thefts, domestic violence, drug activity, and many other issues that occur during the overnight hours. Third shift is unique in that their hours are during the time when most residents are in bed sleeping. They are tasked with insuring the safety of those residents while also enforcing various laws and ordinances such as overnight parking restrictions. Officers also work proactively, in conjunction with other agencies, attempting to combat nuisance issues related to the cruising traffic on Highway 100.

Third shift officers work with various tavern employees and owners to control behavior of patrons, assist neighboring residences and businesses, and provide safety for all. The majority of OWI arrests occur overnight and this shift is very aggressively pursuing those who choose to drive intoxicated to prevent harm to themselves and others in their path.



## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU



Captain  
Barry Waddell

**The Criminal Investigations Bureau** is dedicated to providing the highest quality of investigative, scientific, and information services for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property.

The men and women of this Bureau do their best to combat and reduce crime by conducting prompt, diligent, and professional investigations. Detectives maximize the use of all technological resources to solve crimes, track down and apprehend suspects, accomplices and fugitives, as well as to locate missing persons and recover and return stolen property to the rightful owner.

Captain Barry Waddell is assisted by Lt. Jessica Johnson who supervises the Sensitive Crimes Unit and Lt. Colin Hughes who supervises the Special Investigations Unit.

Detectives investigated over 1170 cases in 2015, consisting of a various types of incidents to include homicide, robberies sexual assaults, suicides, stabbings, arsons, and other aggravated assaults. Additionally, a Detective has been assigned to act as a liaison with Milwaukee Police Department's Fusion Center, which has been a great opportunity for information sharing. Another Detective has been assigned to the US Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force. The Task Force was developed to investigate large scale and multi-jurisdiction financial crimes such as Credit Card Fraud and Identity Theft.

The Bureau team members strive for professional excellence, dedication to duty, and the delivery of quality service to the public. We are part of an overall team effort dedicated to the safety and protection of the community to improve the quality of life in the City of West Allis. Our actions will reflect intelligent, sincere, efficient, and courteous service.

**Major Cases:** In 2015, detectives investigated numerous major crimes, two of which are included below:

**Armed Robbery:** On January 7th, at about 8:55PM, officers responded to County Beer & Liquor, 979 S 60 St., regarding an armed robbery and shots being fired. The clerk stated 2 actors came into the store and demanded money. One of the male suspects fired a single shot into the ceiling upon entry of the business. After about \$1500 in cash was taken the male suspect fired a second shot across the counter near the employee. Two spent 9mm luger casings were found inside the business and a bullet was found on the shelf containing single packages of cigarettes on the south wall. Investigation revealed this robbery may be related to other crimes and suspects were identified. Detectives and members of the Crisis Response Unit subsequently executed a search warrant at 5861 W. Washington St. Three suspects were taken into custody; Evidence recovered indicated the suspects were involved in the County Beer & Liquor robbery, Maas gas station robbery (West Allis), a bank robbery (Milwaukee), a convenience store robbery (Town of Brookfield), and a robbery/homicide at a gas station (Waukesha). One suspect admitted to all of the robberies as well as the homicide.

**Homicide:** On April 8th, at about 10:27PM, officers responded to the south alleyway in the 5600 block of W. National Av., for a report of a subject struck by gunfire. Officers located a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe in the alleyway. A subject located in the vehicle, identified as Henry Hodges of Milwaukee, was deceased with apparent gunshot wounds. A second victim was shot but recovered from her injuries. An arrest was made and the investigation continues.



## SENSITIVE CRIMES UNIT



Lieutenant  
Jessica Johnson

The primary mission of the **Sensitive Crimes Unit** is to investigate crimes that are sensitive in nature, such as: Sexual assault, elder abuse, crimes committed by children, and those committed against children, such as child abuse, neglect and sexual assault. The personnel assigned to the Unit work in cooperation with a number of social service agencies in an effort to protect children in our community.

Abuse investigations are very sensitive and time consuming and require the investigators receive specialized training in various areas.

Lieutenant Jessica Johnson is the commander of the Sensitive Crimes Unit. She is assisted by five detectives, four on dayshift and one on night shift. In 2015, the Sensitive Crimes Unit investigated over 300 complaints.

### Juvenile Arrests

In the year 2015, there were 1247 juvenile arrests; 966 were referred to Municipal Court, 136 were referred to Children's Court Center, 20 were referred to other police agencies and the rest were administratively disposed.

### Internet Crimes Against Children

The West Allis Police Department is an affiliate of The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force program. It is an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children. This program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet. The ICAC program is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 3,500 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

### Human Trafficking Task Force

The Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee is the community response to eradicate human trafficking through coordinated services, education and awareness and informed policy change. We participated in the FBI's Operation Cross Country, an annual law enforcement action that takes place in 106 U.S. cities to address the sexual exploitation of juveniles as part of the Innocence Lost National Initiative. Since its creation in 2003, the Innocence Lost program has resulted in the identification and recovery of approximately 4,800 minors who have been sexually exploited. This year marks the ninth Operation Cross Country: 149 trafficking victims were recovered and 150 pimps were arrested nationwide.

### Sex Offender Registration

The Sensitive Crimes Unit registers convicted sex offenders living in West Allis who are probation or parole. We also continuously review the status of sex offenders who are living in our city, but are in violation of our city's ordinance regarding residency restrictions and take action as required and necessary.



## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



Lieutenant  
Colin Hughes

**The Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** is responsible for investigating vice related crimes including, but not limited to gang-related crime, prostitution, gambling and delivery/possession of illegal drugs or controlled substances. In addition to these duties, investigators assigned to the unit assist the Criminal Investigations Bureau in major investigations and cooperated with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The emphasis of the unit is drug investigations. Drug investigations require unique methods to investigate all levels of drug offenses such as, utilizing sophisticated equipment, informant management and undercover tactics.

At the beginning of 2015, SIU was staffed with one lieutenant, one detective sergeant, five detectives and two corporals. Three investigators from SIU were assigned to the following drug task forces; one detective was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Drug Task Force, one detective to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Drug Task Force and one detective to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG). In addition to the officer's duties at each drug task force, they are responsible for maintaining a liaison with SIU for drug investigations that directly affect the City of West Allis.

SIU worked cooperatively on investigations with HIDTA, MMDEG, DEA, The Department of Homeland Security, The U.S. Marshal Service, The Federal Food and Drug Administration, The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement), Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services, Milwaukee P.D, Green Bay P.D, Brown County S.O, Milwaukee County S.O, Wauwatosa P.D, West Milwaukee P.D, and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. Assistance was both given to, and received, from the aforementioned agencies.

SIU maintains the anonymous prescription drug collection drop box in the lobby of the police department. In 2015, a total of 1,328 pounds of pills, liquids, and creams were surrendered for destruction.

A total of 19 residential search warrants and 14 buy / bust operations were conducted during 2015. The Special Investigations Unit received 53 new drug tips. Special Investigations Unit investigators also reviewed 723 drug arrests by the Patrol Bureau and made 96 arrests of their own.



## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

WAPD DRUG-RELATED INVESTIGATION AND ARREST ACTIVITY	
Total Defendants	809
Residential Search Warrants	19
Felony Arrests	159
Misdemeanor Arrests	103
Ordinance Arrests	543
Firearms Seized	29
Cash Seized	\$122,699.00
Vehicles Seized	3

Controlled Substances Seized	Approximate Weight	Street Value
Heroin	263 grams	\$39,450
Cocaine	294 grams	\$29,400
Marijuana	93,759 grams	\$1,875,180
Marijuana Plants	10	\$10,000
MDMA/Ecstasy	0	0
Pills	1,603	\$16,030

**\*Note—Street Value category is purely anecdotal and for reference purposes only.**



## CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT



Captain  
Steven Beyer

The West Allis Police Department recognizes the need for a well managed team response to critical incidents. As such, **the Crisis Response Unit** is responsible for managing high-risk incidents, including hostage situations, barricaded subjects, armed & suicidal individuals, buy-bust operations, and search warrant execution. The unit is comprised of tactical members and hostage negotiators.

The unit currently consists of a 2 member command staff, a team leader, 14 tactical operators, and 4 negotiators.

Members of the Crisis Response Unit were used on 25 different occasions during 2015. Search warrant execution comprised the bulk of their activity. The search warrants were primarily for drugs and weapons related offenses. Six buy-bust operations were also conducted for the Special Investigations Unit. Every mission was handled very professionally with successful resolution in each case.

Members of the Crisis Response Unit receive regular and diverse training throughout the year to help ensure they can successfully respond to a wide variety of situations at a moment's notice.



Lieutenant  
Brian Saftig





## CANINE UNIT



**The Canine Unit** is comprised of three canine handlers and three canines. The Patrol Dogs are German Shepherds and were obtained from the Southern Police Canine Institute where the handlers and canines received extensive Training.

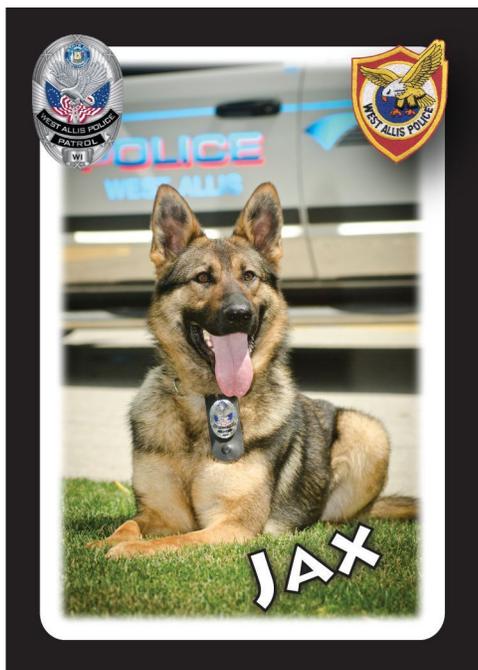
The Patrol dogs are trained in tracking, evidence collection and recovery, building searches, officer protection and K9 Diesel is cross-trained in drug detection. K9 Jax and Cpl. Cerqua are assigned to the 2nd shift patrol. K9 Diesel and Cpl. McNally are assigned to late nights patrol. K9 Sonny was purchased from a kennel in Pennsylvania and shipped to the Minnesota State Patrol for his training in narcotics detection.



K9 Sonny and Cpl. Zientek are assigned to the Special Investigations Unit and utilized in the execution of search warrants, package searches and are frequently requested to conduct “sniffs” for area drug task forces. The K9 Unit received Statewide recognition this year .

We appreciate the continued support of our Canine Unit by the following businesses:

- J.H. Medingers (major donor and sponsor of annual golf outing)
- Pam’s Paws (grooming)
- Pet World (food)
- Shorty’s Shooting Sports (major donor and sponsor of annual golf outing sponsor)
- Sprit of 76 Veterinary Clinic (care, treatment, medications)





## COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU



Lieutenant  
Christopher Beldin

**The Communications Bureau** is the heart of the Department's computer, radio, and telephone communication systems. The Communications Center is a secure state of the art facility that is staffed by Lieutenant Christopher Beldin, six Desk Sergeants, and fourteen civilian employees (9 full time dispatchers, 5 part time dispatchers).

The staff is responsible for answering all incoming 911 emergency, non-emergency, administrative and public information calls. This requires they have a good working knowledge of department procedures and operational matters. Incoming calls must be routed to the proper division or caller information must be entered into the department's computer aided dispatch database (CAD).

Utilizing CAD, they are required to dispatch the appropriate police and fire department units, which entails the use of a multi-channel radio system. Dispatch personnel are routinely required to perform multiple tasks simultaneously such as receiving phone calls, answering police and fire mobile units and entering pertinent data into the CAD system.

The Communications Center is the vital resource link for various police and fire units requesting information such as warrant status, motor vehicle records, criminal histories, building hazards, and communiqués from other agencies.

The Communications Bureau is on-line with a new digital, computerized recording system capable of tracking all incoming and outgoing telephone conversations in the communication center. This system also tracks and records radio traffic for both the police and fire departments as well as selected telephone lines throughout the police department. In 2015 the Communications Center received 15,317 emergency 911 telephone calls for police, fire, and emergency medical services. The total number of documented CAD events in 2015 was 56,836 for police and 9,381 for fire and emergency medical. The Communications Center also processed 282 applications for recorded information in 2015.



## TRAFFIC BUREAU



Lieutenant  
Todd Clementi

**The Traffic Bureau** consists of Traffic Investigators, Warrant Officers, Circuit Court Liaison Sergeant and Parking Control Officers.

Traffic Warrant Officers enter and clear West Allis Municipal Warrants. They serve as Municipal Court bailiff and fill in for the Circuit Court Liaison during his absence. The Warrant Officers cleared 242 warrants with a value of \$106,952.00 while entering over 3431 new warrants into the NCIC system. Warrant Officers transported 107 prisoners, handled 2 extraditions, cleared and recovered 65 bad checks.

Our Parking Control Officers issued a total of 21,812 tickets for parking violations in 2015. Parking Control Officers are responsible to enforce the overnight parking rules along with the daytime regulations.

Our Circuit Court Liaison Sergeant is primarily responsible to present cases at the District Attorney's Office during the regular business week. During 2015 the Circuit Court Liaison, warrant officers and weekend court officers presented nearly 1,588 cases to the Milwaukee District Attorney's office for charging. Of the cases reviewed at the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, 1089 were criminal cases involving domestic violence incidents, retail thefts and other general crimes. The remaining 499 cases were traffic related crimes such as OWI, operating after revocation and hit and run.

### **Enforcement, Engineering, Education**

In 2015 there were 2292 traffic crashes overall with 1 of them resulting in a fatality. Of the 2292 crashes investigated this past year 2029 involved property damage while remaining 263 involved some type of reported injury. Traffic investigators handled 773 of these crashes. Traffic Investigators also instruct traffic crash investigation techniques and Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies to other police officers and at the department's Citizens Police Academy.

During 2015 the Zoo Interchange construction project was in full swing creating new traffic patterns and closures in the city. The police department worked closely with WISDOT throughout the year to provide assistance during freeway closure. While there were no lengthy freeway shutdowns as in 2014, the police department did provide assistance to several smaller freeway closures. As in the past these shutdowns are pre-planned and posed no significant issues to the City of West Allis.

The Department has always taken an aggressive enforcement stance on drunk driving and during 2015, 528 people were arrested. This was an increase of 25 arrests from 2014.



## TRAINING BUREAU



Captain  
Ron Versnik

**The Training Bureau** is responsible for the implementation, delivery and coordination of all training programs throughout the Department. In addition, the Training Bureau oversees the Police Reserve unit, Field Training Officer program, Intern program, Recruitment program, Ballistic Vest Grant program, Honor Guard, Vehicle Maintenance, Custodial, Clothing and Training equipment purchases, Indoor Range and Garage. The Training Bureau assists other areas of the department with Standards/Directives research and development.

In 2015, the Police Reserve and Explorer units donated over 1,500 hours of assistance to the West Allis Police Department, West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, West Allis Health Department, Community Alliance Against Drugs, West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation Department and various community based programs.

Captain Ron Versnik supervised the Training Bureau in 2015. He was assisted by Sergeant Archie Dunbar.

## BUILDING & FLEET MAINTENANCE

**Building Maintenance** is provided by one full-time employee and one part-time employee. They are responsible for the upkeep and preservation of approximately 56,000 square feet of the police department building and surrounding grounds.

**Fleet Maintenance** is provided by one full-time mechanic. He is responsible for the maintenance of 75 department vehicles.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



Lieutenant  
Jeffery Nohelty

**The Community Service Bureau** works out of the Police Satellite Station located at 6900 W. National Avenue. This Bureau has a strong commitment to the community and the programs it maintains to foster that relationship. While one of our important goals is to provide programs and information to prevent crime, our overall mission is to work with all aspects of our community to maintain West Allis as a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Programs currently offered by the Community Services Bureau to meet the needs of the community are:

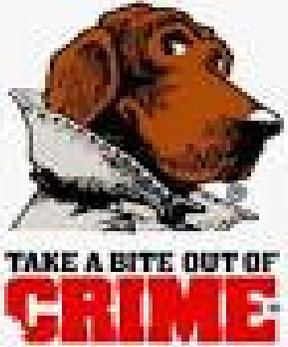
Crime Prevention, Alcohol Compliance Checks, Bank Alert, Bicycle Registration, Bicycle Safety, Burglary Reduction, Business Alert, Church Festivals, Citizen Police Academy, City Clean Up, Combat Auto Theft (CAT), Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD), Community Policing Initiative, Community Prosecutor, Concerned Parents Program, Crime Prevention Seminars, Crime Stoppers, Graffiti Abatement Program, Holiday Shopping Program, Home Security, Landlord Training, Mediation Center, National Night Out, Neighborhood Partnership Specialist, Neighborhood Watch, Operation Identification, Police Reserve Program, Recognition Dinner, School Liaison Program, Slow Down Signs, Sports Card program, Station Tours, THINK Program, Tobacco Compliance Program, Truancy Abatement Program, Weed and Seed Program, WISH Program.

A brief summary of some of the programs are described in the following pages.





## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



### Crime Prevention Program

Crime Prevention is to anticipate, recognize and evaluate a possible crime risk and then take action to reduce or remove that risk before the crime occurs. Keeping this in mind, the West Allis Police Department's Community Services has developed various programs with the intent to establish partnerships between citizens, neighborhoods, businesses and city services Bureau. These partnerships allow us to work together to solve problems.



### Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch program is based on the core concept of neighbors helping neighbors. It utilizes citizen involvement by tapping in their awareness and familiarity with their own neighborhoods. As a result, they are able to assist police officers with the protection of their neighborhood by calling the station at the first sign of suspicious activity.

Neighborhood Watch groups help preserve the excellent quality of life to which residents of West Allis are accustomed. We maintain contact with the groups through a Neighborhood Watch Newsletter, which is published quarterly and distributed to individual homes by the block captains

Through the Newsletter, we keep citizens informed about current crime problems facing the city and list crime prevention tips. Currently, there are a total of **541 Neighborhood Watch** groups located throughout the city with a total of **16,362 homes** participating in our program.



### Graffiti Abatement Program

Allowing graffiti to remain on our property sends a message that this type of behavior is acceptable and encourages other offenders to degrade the community with more graffiti or other vandalism. After a police report has been made, the graffiti should be removed as soon as possible. The West Allis Police Department has hired a part-time Graffiti Abatement Specialist who will clean up the graffiti once a police report is generated and the property owner or agent signs a release of liability form. Typically, graffiti is removed within 48 hours of being reported.

#### 2008 –2015 Statistics

Graffiti	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2008 vs 2015	310	370	273	237	122	100	132	126



## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



### Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Crime Stoppers is a local community effort which involves the public, the news media, and law enforcement officers in an organized effort against crime. It offers anonymity and cash rewards to persons who furnish information leading to the arrest and filing of criminal charges against offenders and/or the apprehension of fugitives. Since the program began in July 1991, we have received 1,748 phone tips, which have resulted in 920 arrests.

1991-2015 Crime Stopper Statistics	
Total Number of Tips Received	1,748
Number of arrests made	920
Value of recovered property	\$469,316.50
Drugs seized	\$2,173,128.00
Rewards issued	\$38,385.00

### Officer/Citizen/Business-Recognition Ceremony

Every year the West Allis Police Department recognizes its members of the department and citizens that have taken exemplary action to maintain the high quality of life we have come to enjoy in West Allis. In 2015, we recognized **66** employees and **14** citizens. **19** businesses were also recognized for their support of the West Allis Police Department. We were also honored by having Jenna Sachs from Fox 6 News emcee the event.



### Community Alliance Against Drugs

The West Allis Police Department partners with the Community Alliance Against Drugs (CAAD) in sponsoring many family friendly events throughout the year. The CAAD Board, in cooperation with the West Allis Police Department organizes and runs these events. It is the intent of CAAD and the WAPD to keep these events reasonably



priced so families of all income levels may enjoy the numerous activities. The yearly family fee, which includes a CAAD membership and admission to all sponsored events, is \$20.00. Several events that are currently planned or are being considered include: New Year's Eve Event (1000+ attended), Winter Fest (350 attended), Halloween In the Park Fun Fest (1000+ attended), Open swim / barbecue, Night Out (Admirals/Brewer/Wave Game), A LA Carte/Craft Fair, Tuesday Nights in the Park / DJ and pizza.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



### Tobacco/Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Community Services Bureau has partnered - up with WA-WM Community Coalition and WI-WINS to educate business their employees, children, and the general public on laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages and tobacco to underage persons. Our goal is to reduce the accessibility of alcohol products to underage persons by canvassing taverns, restaurants, and beer/alcohol depots through the use of compliance checks (utilizing an underage person under the supervision of an officer). The West Allis Police Department is dedicated to preventing underage persons from procuring alcoholic products by limiting their access to alcoholic products and educating these vendors about underage persons alcohol access laws.



**2015 Alcohol Compliance Checks** - WAPD entered 34 randomly selected businesses and attempted to purchase **alcohol**. Seven of the businesses sold alcohol to the underage person - 79% compliance

### National Night Out



Each year at the West Allis Farmer’s Market, National Night Out (NNO) is the West Allis Police Department’s most popular event, attracting several thousand people. This event is geared towards families, providing numerous fun activities and attractions for children and a very popular health fair for adults. In addition, there is a wide selection of food, snacks, and treats for the entire family. All attractions and food is priced moderately so everyone can enjoy!

The purpose of National Night Out is to: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police / community partnerships. NNO is a two-day event that begins with a kick off festival in late July. The second day involves neighborhood block parties throughout the city.

We are very proud of our Community Services Bureau programs and the tremendous effort of those individuals who take the time to get involved in their neighborhoods and community. As the needs in our community change, we will continue to offer new innovative programs and services.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

### WISH - Women Initiate Self-healing & Hope

#### Domestic Violence Support Group

The WISH Program had their first meeting on February 18, 2009; as we embark on the sixth year of this outstanding program, WISH continues to help many victims of domestic abuse. This program is a partnership between the Police Dept., Health Dept., Family Resource Center, Mount Hope Lutheran Church and Sojourner Family Peace Center. It started with an all-volunteer staff and a donation from the Women's Club of West Allis. This program continues to demonstrate our commitment to helping women get out of abusive relationships. Congratulations to Holli Stephens (Program Coordinator) on making a difference for victims of domestic abuse. *Everyone deserves a relationship based on mutual love and respect. No one deserves to be abused.*

WISH is a support, empowerment, and educational group for women who are currently in an abusive relationship or have been in an abusive relationship in the past. The group helps women gain support, insight, and strength from other women who have experienced domestic violence.

WISH provides a safe place to learn about the cycle of violence, gain self-awareness and heal. Topics for group discussion include exploring different types of domestic violence and the effects of domestic violence on children, building healthy relationships, and learning effective communication skills.

#### Statistics

- **793.5** total number of hours of education offered to participants
- 2014 to 2015 group participants increased by **56%**
- **18** different women attended the WISH support group for 2015
- The average size is **7** women and **3** children, **10** participants attending weekly
- Ages of the children range from 1 year old to 11 years old
- **103** hours have been donated by volunteers in the Children's Program
- **114** families were adopted for the 2014 holiday season
- **1** presentation was provided to increase awareness of the support group in the community.

<b>2015 Meetings</b>	Women	Children	New clients per month
January -4 meetings	32	14	1
February -4 meetings	27	11	2
March -4 meetings	26	14	3
April -4 meetings	17	10	0
May -4 meetings	25	10	2
June -5 meetings*	35	12	2
July -5 meetings*	31	9	0
August -4 meetings	27	16	1
September -5 meetings	34	22	2
October -4 meetings*	34	24	2
November -3 meetings*	25	8	3
December -4 meetings*	46	20	1
<b>Total # of participants for the year.</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>18</b>

\* Months indicated having one less meeting or no child care for the

<b>Referral Source</b>	Total Referrals for 2015
1 - WA Police Department	<b>8</b>
2 - WA Health Department	<b>0</b>
3 - Sojourner Family Peace Center	<b>12</b>
4 - WA-WM School District	<b>0</b>
5 - Local Church	<b>2</b>
6 - Aurora Health / Hospital	<b>6</b>
7 - Other -newspaper, on-line	<b>19</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>47</b>



## RECORDS BUREAU

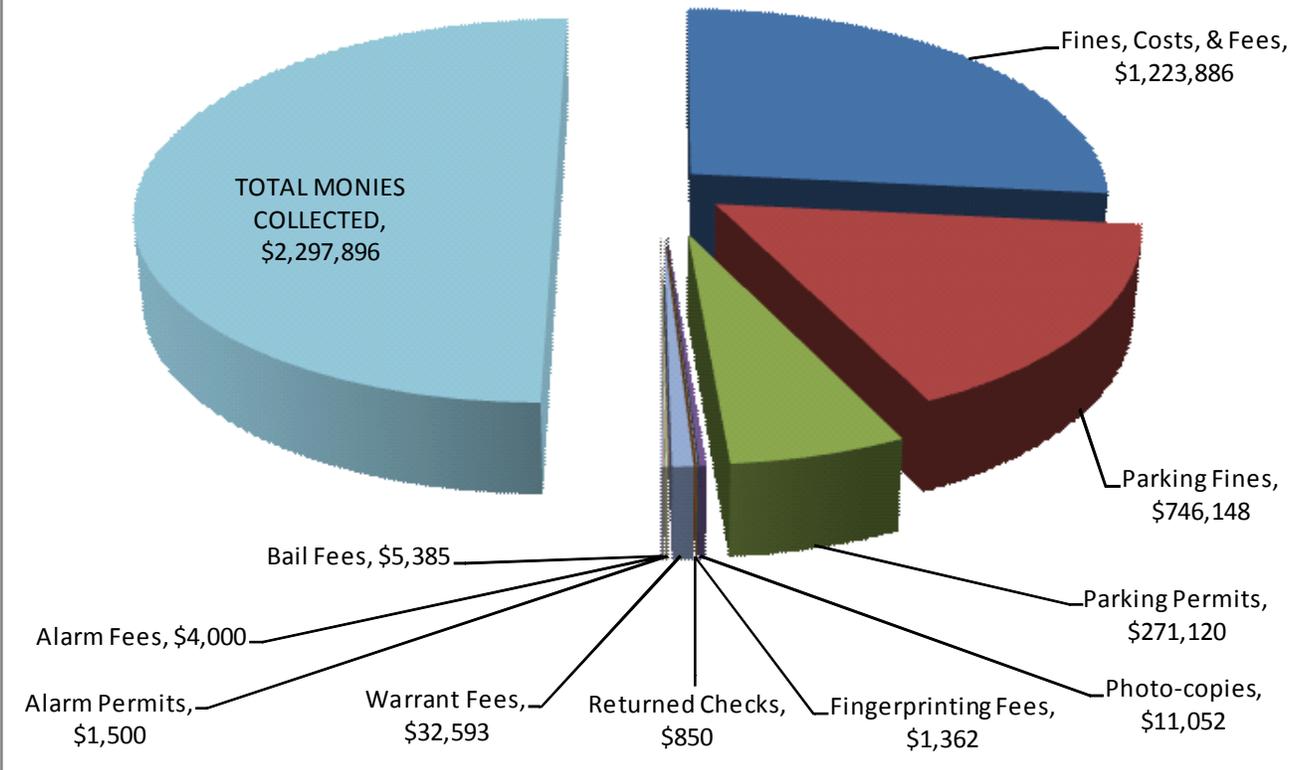


Records Supervisor  
Carol Sperka

**The Records Bureau** is responsible for maintaining and updating all department records and files, including incident and accident reports, traffic, municipal and parking citations. In addition, the Records Bureau compiles statistical reports for submission to the Office of Justice Assistance and FBI. It is also responsible for collecting funds for the payment of court fines and costs as well as providing copies of reports available through the open records process, collecting fees and selling permits. In addition, clerical staff members greet citizens arriving at the building and direct them to the proper person to handle their concern.

During 2015, the department's report numbering system was changed and consolidated. In addition, the department was audited for the first time by the FBI regarding data security. New technologies such as video recording have increased the complexity of the open records process. The staff continues to ensure the accuracy of the department's statistics and provide excellent service to both internal and external customers.

### MONIES COLLECTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT (2015)





## CRIME ANALYST

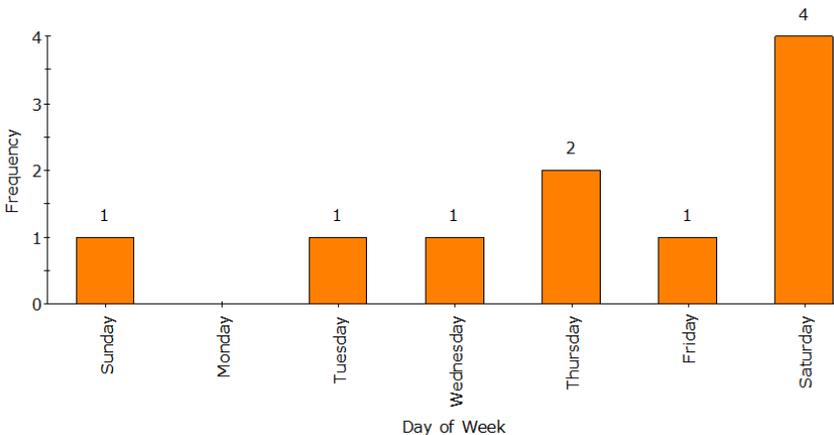
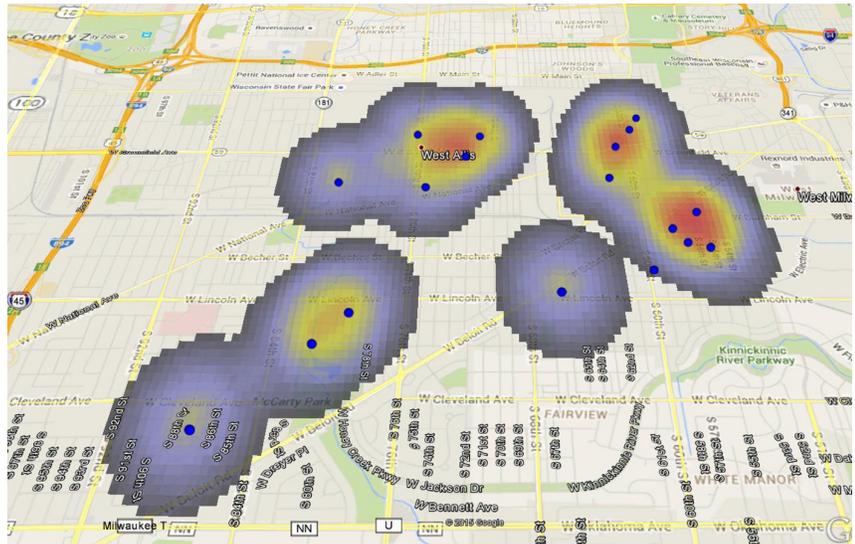
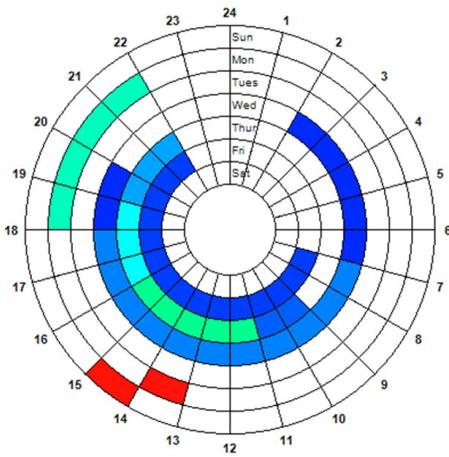


Crime Analyst  
Chrisie Hunter

### Crime Analysis

The crime analyst works closely with the patrol and investigative bureaus. The role of the analyst is to provide current crime trend and pattern information to patrol, to aid in apprehension and prevention of crime. The analyst provides support to the investigative bureaus, by linking cases, identifying suspects, and performing special types of analysis to support ongoing investigations. The analyst works closely with outside law enforcement agencies to coordinate and link crime cases across jurisdictional boundaries. The collaborative effort increases the amount of resources to apprehend criminals and solve cases. Crime analysis can be used to proactively and retroactively solve crime. The analyst also works with administration and other city departments to provide statistics on crime trends.

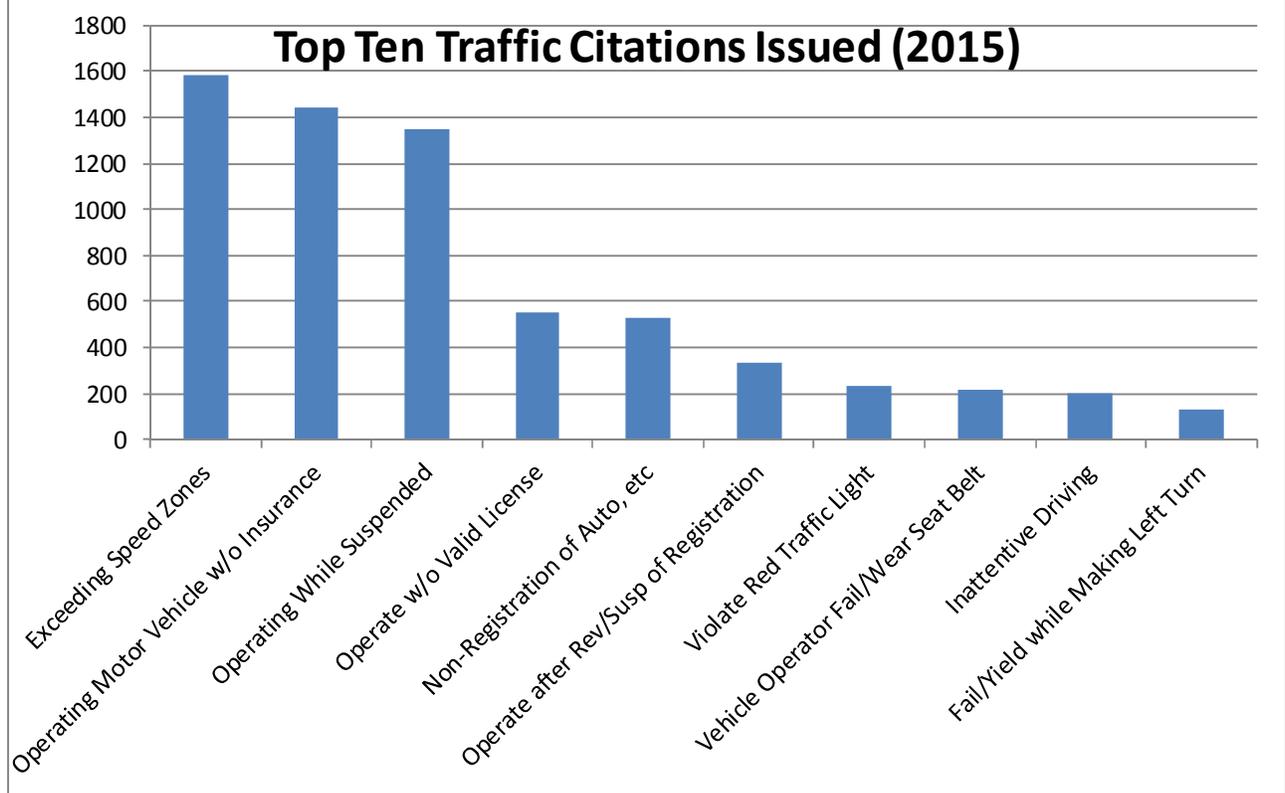
Chrisie resigned in October 2015 and a new Crime Analyst is expected to be hired in 2016.





## TRAFFIC STOP DATA

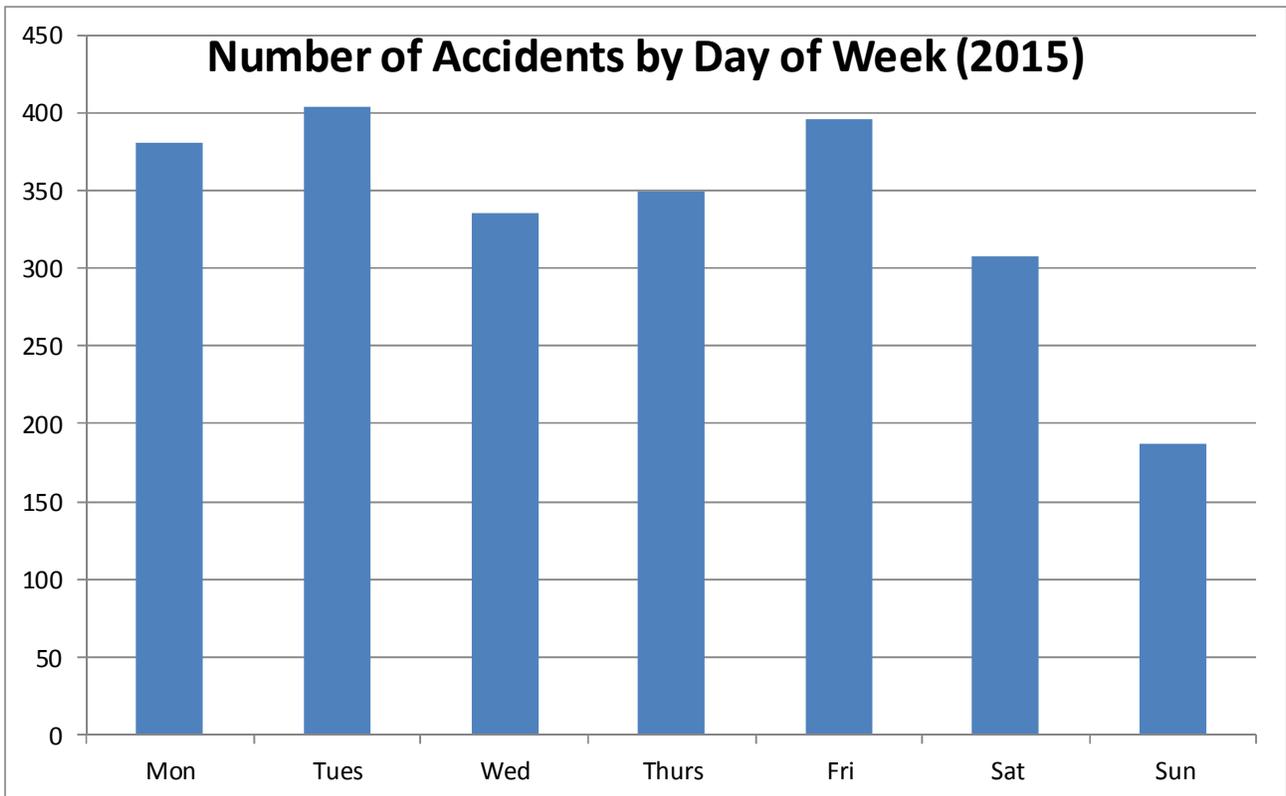
The West Allis Police Department conducted approximately 8100 traffic stops in 2015.





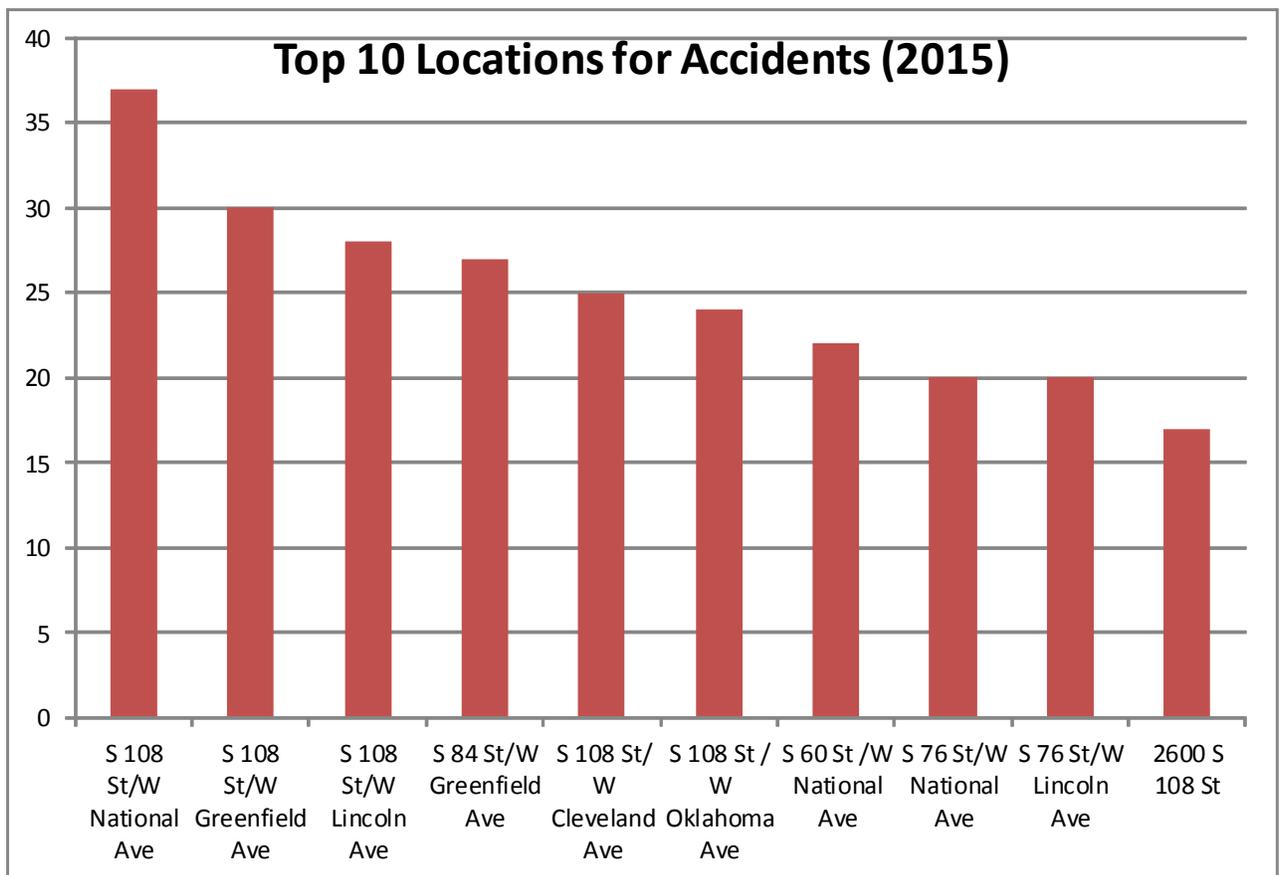
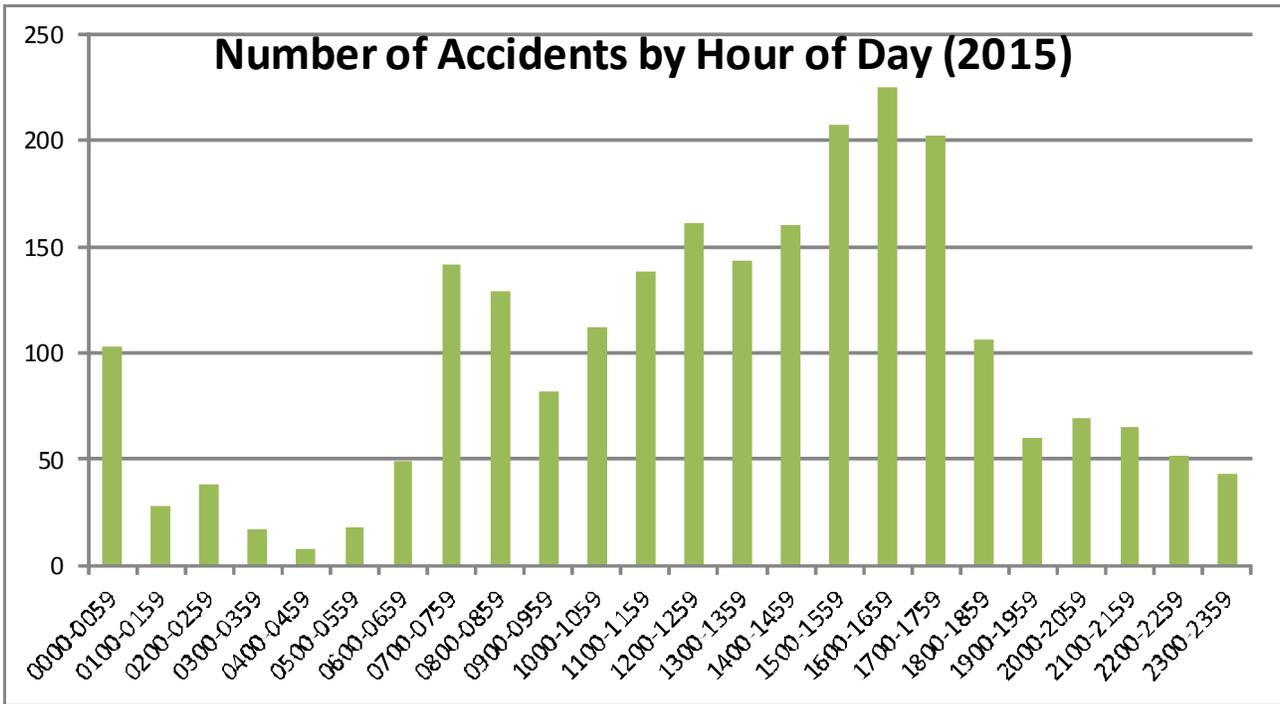
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The West Allis Police Department investigated 2363 traffic crashes in 2015.





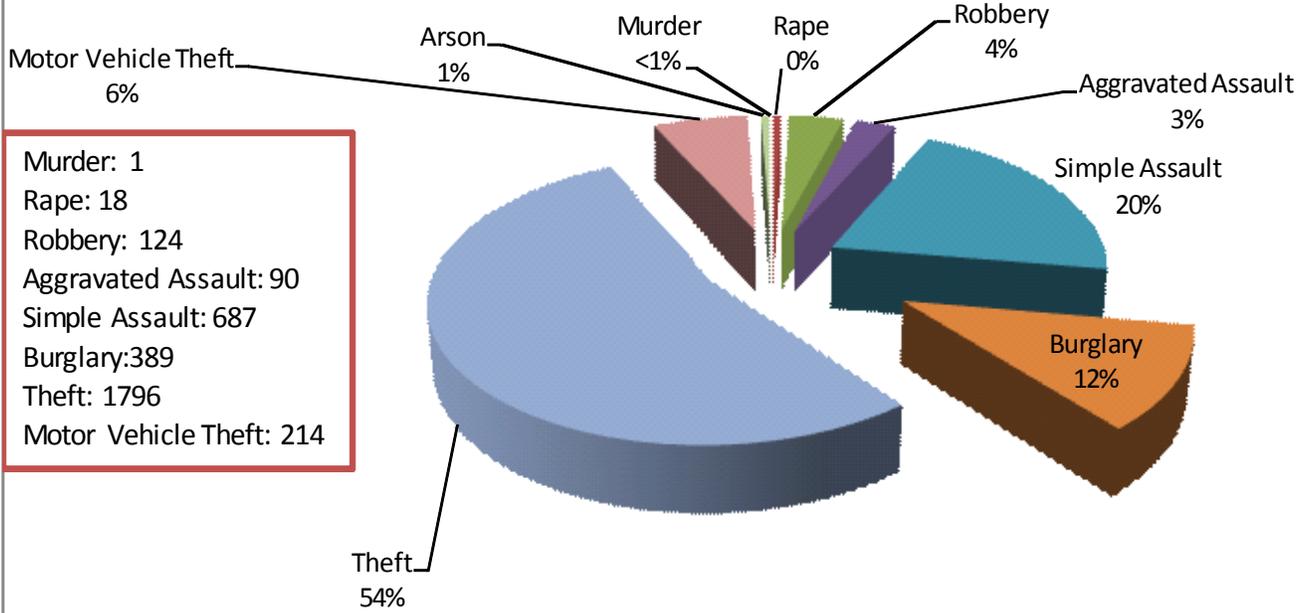
## TRAFFIC CRASH DATA



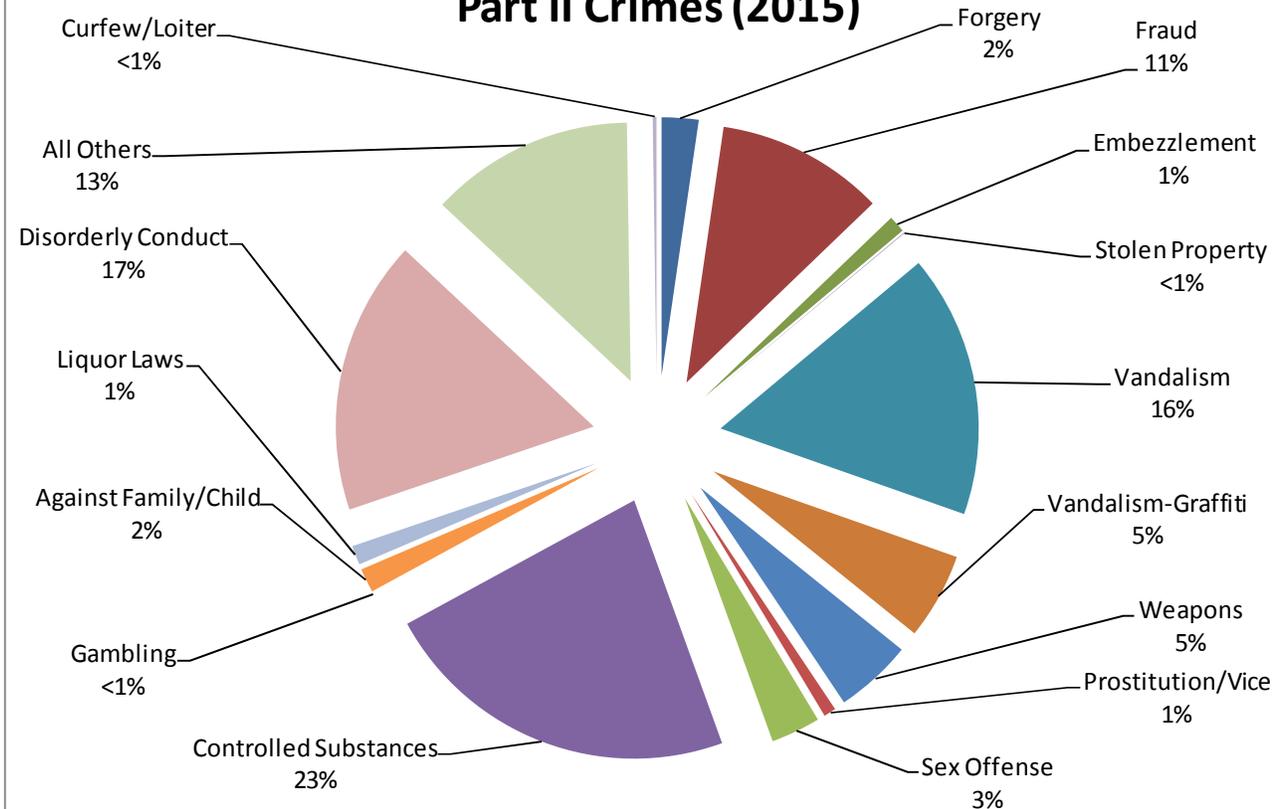


### CRIME DATA

#### Part I Crimes (2015)



#### Part II Crimes (2015)





## CRIME DATA

### CHANGES IN VIOLENT CRIME

UCR Crime Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 vs. 2015
Murder	2	0	4	1	1	No change
Rape	8	10	15	14	18	Increase 22%
Robbery	114	98	99	107	124	Increase 14%
Aggravated Assault	76	82	72	89	90	Increase 1%
<b>Violent Crime Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>233</b>	
<b>2014 vs. 2015</b>				<b>Increase 9%</b>		
<b>2013 vs. 2015</b>			<b>Increase 18%</b>			
<b>2012 vs. 2015</b>		<b>Increase 18 %</b>				
<b>2011 vs. 2015</b>	<b>Increase 14%</b>					

### CHANGES IN PROPERTY CRIME

UCR Crime Description	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 vs. 2015
Burglary	571	556	631	500	389	Decrease 22 %
Theft	2376	2233	2126	2074	1796	Decrease 13 %
Motor Vehicle Theft	227	132	92	139	214	Increase 35 %
Arson	27	18	16	13	21	Increase 38%
<b>Property Crime Totals</b>	<b>3201</b>	<b>2939</b>	<b>2865</b>	<b>2726</b>	<b>2420</b>	
<b>2014 vs. 2015</b>				<b>Decease 11%</b>		
<b>2013 vs. 2015</b>			<b>Decrease 15%</b>			
<b>2012 vs. 2015</b>		<b>Decrease 18%</b>				
<b>2011 vs. 2015</b>	<b>Decrease 24%</b>					



## CRIME DATA

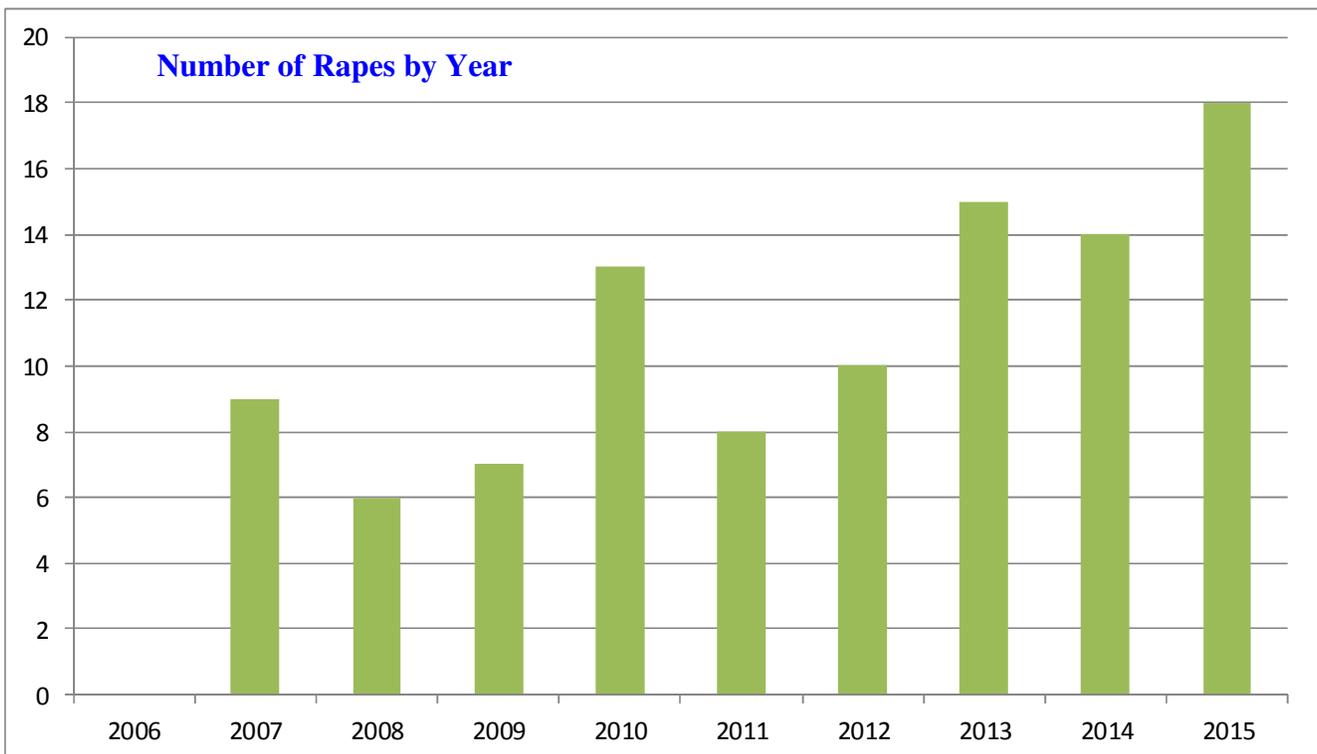
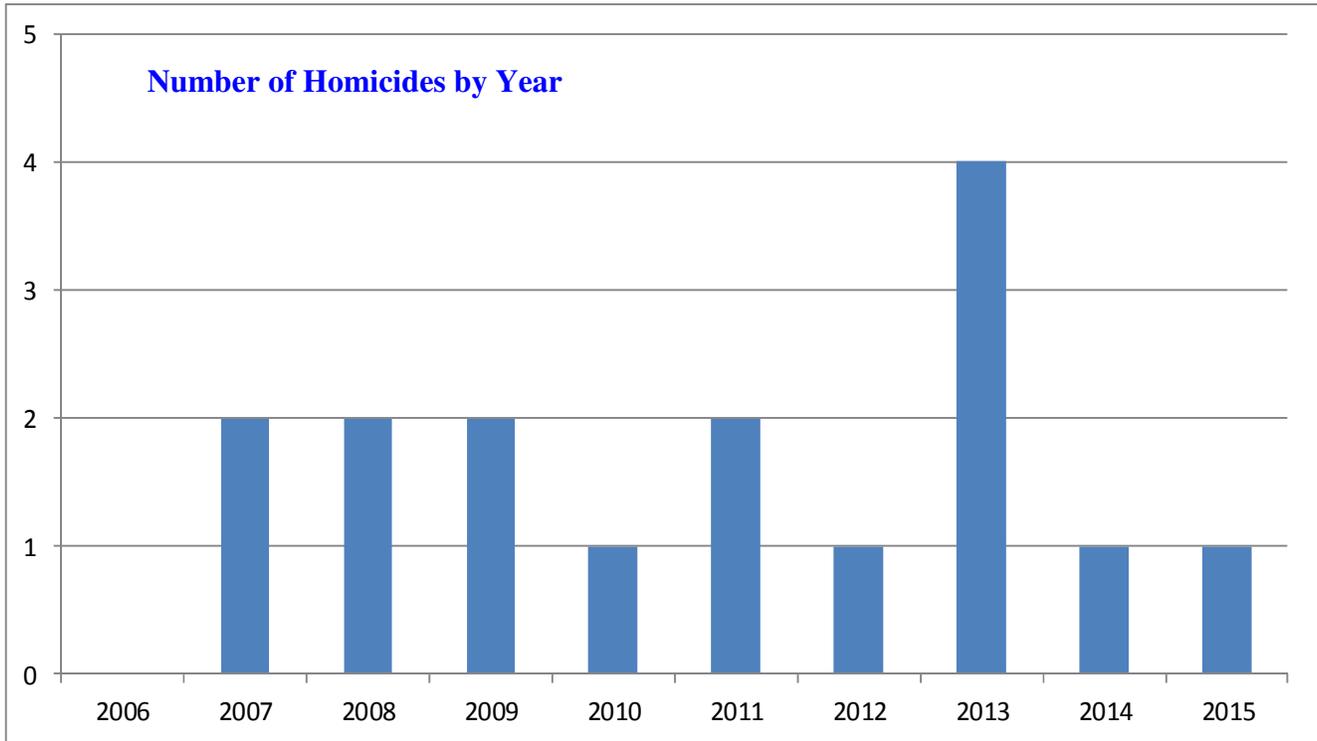
### CHANGES IN TOTAL CRIME

Overall UCR Crime	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Violent Crime Totals	200	190	190	211	233
Property Crime Totals	3201	2939	2865	2726	2420
<b>Annual Totals</b>	<b>3401</b>	<b>3129</b>	<b>3055</b>	<b>2937</b>	<b>2653</b>
<b>2014 vs. 2015</b>				<b>Decrease 10%</b>	
<b>2013 vs. 2015</b>			<b>Decrease 13%</b>		
<b>2012 vs. 2015</b>		<b>Decrease 15%</b>			
<b>2011 vs. 2015</b>	<b>Decrease 22%</b>				



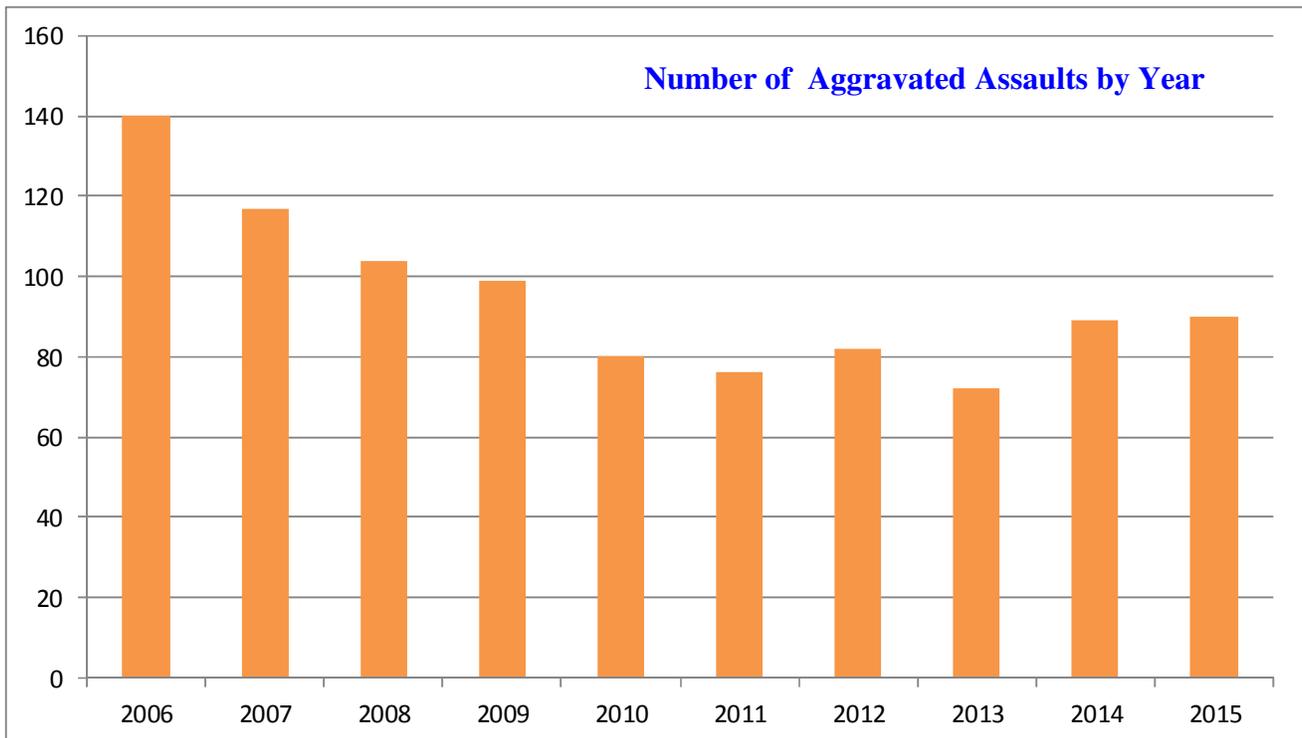
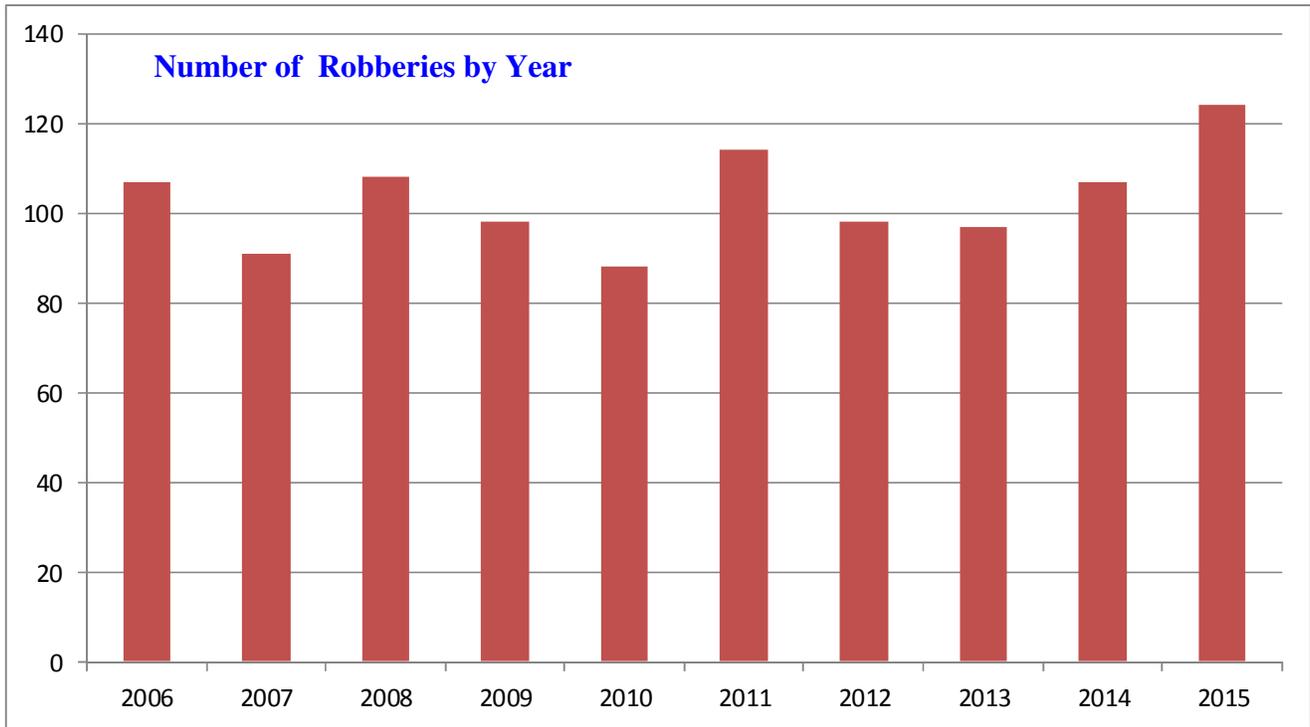


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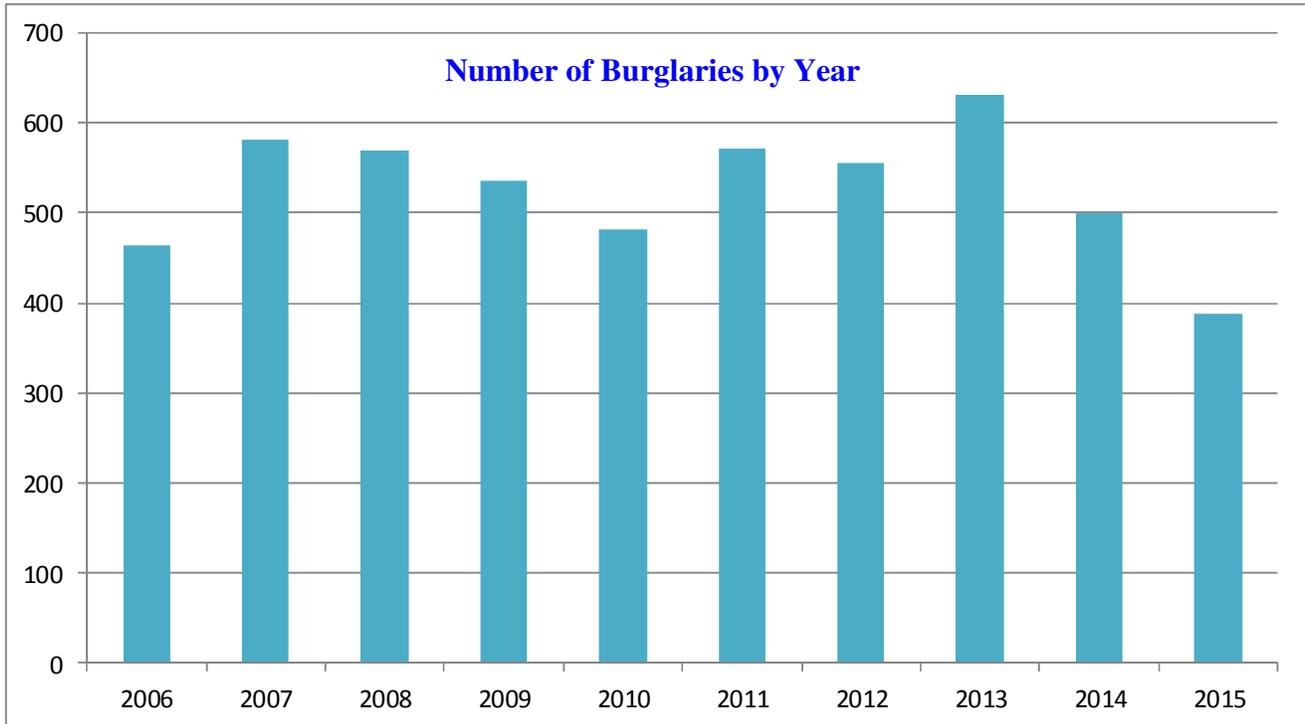
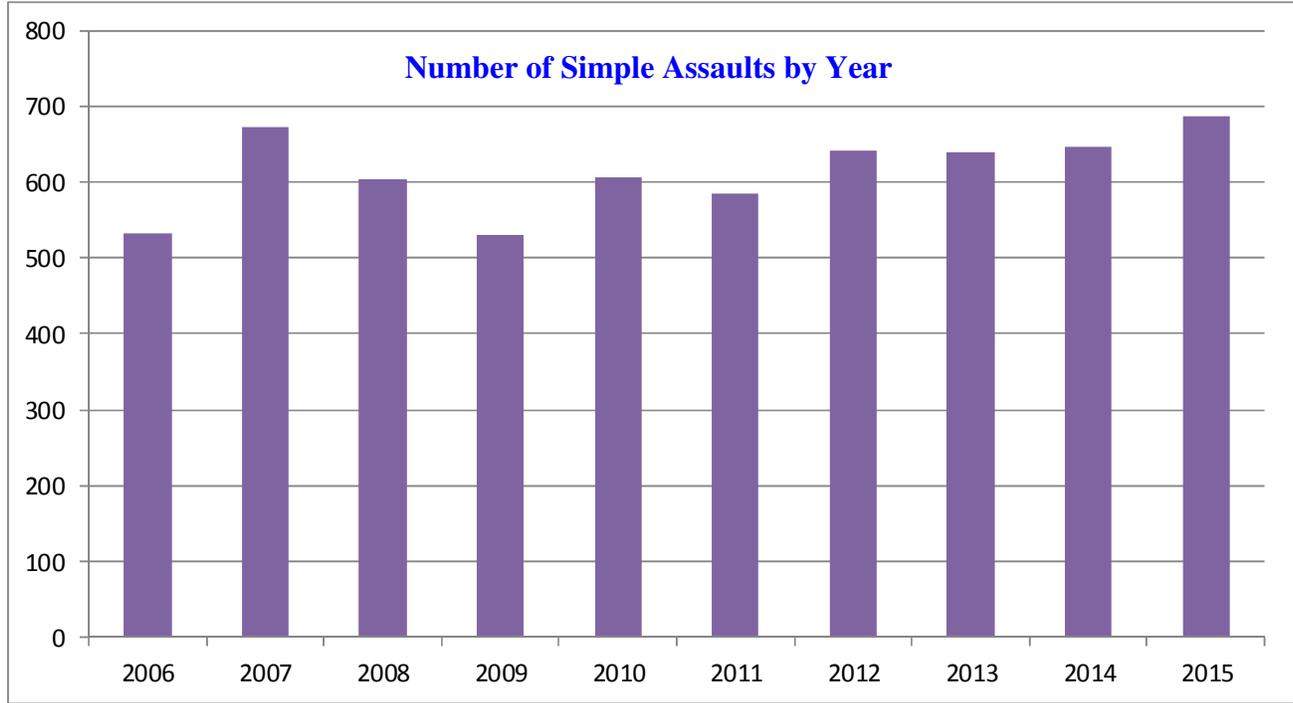


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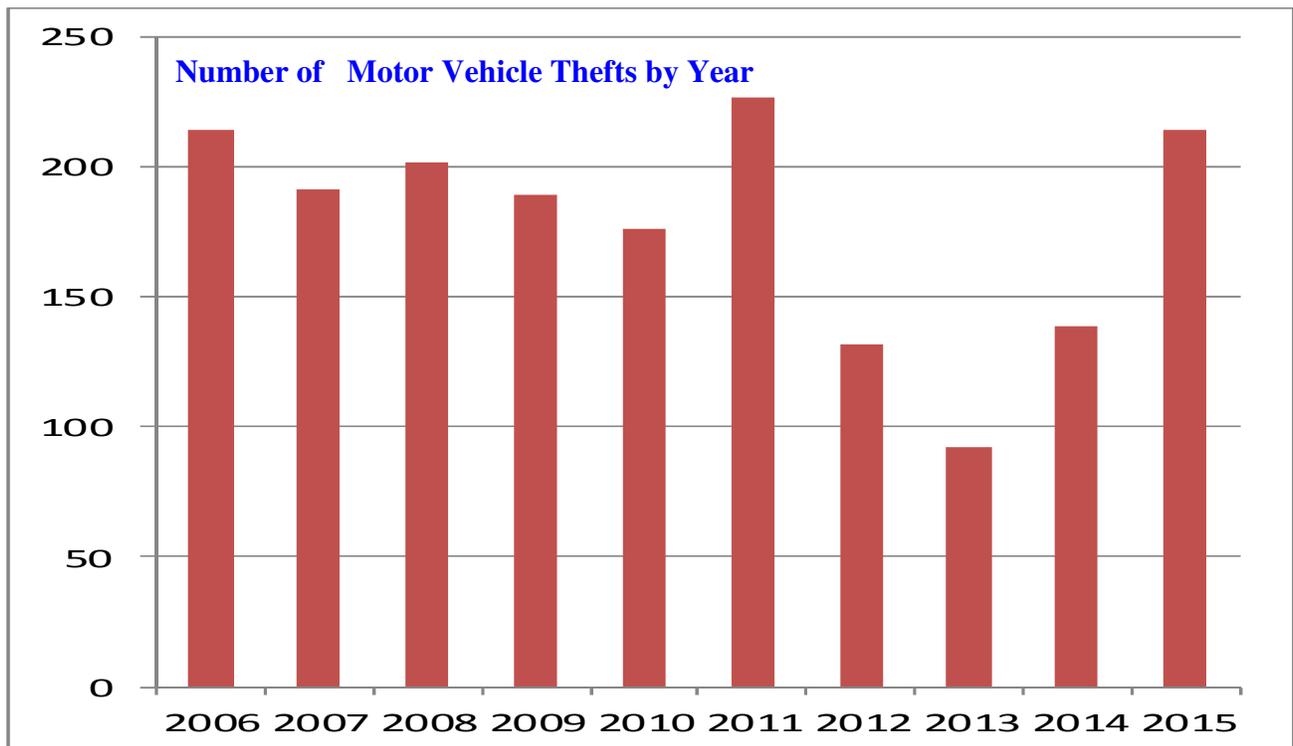
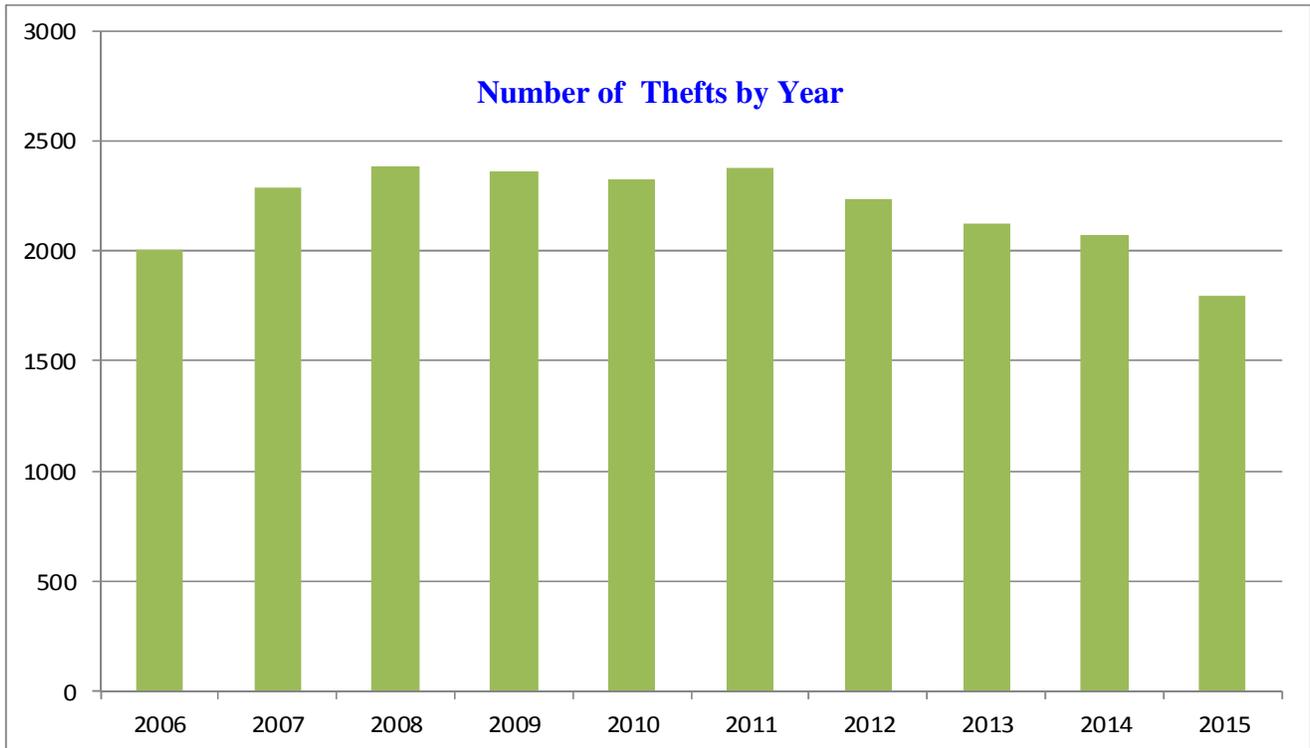


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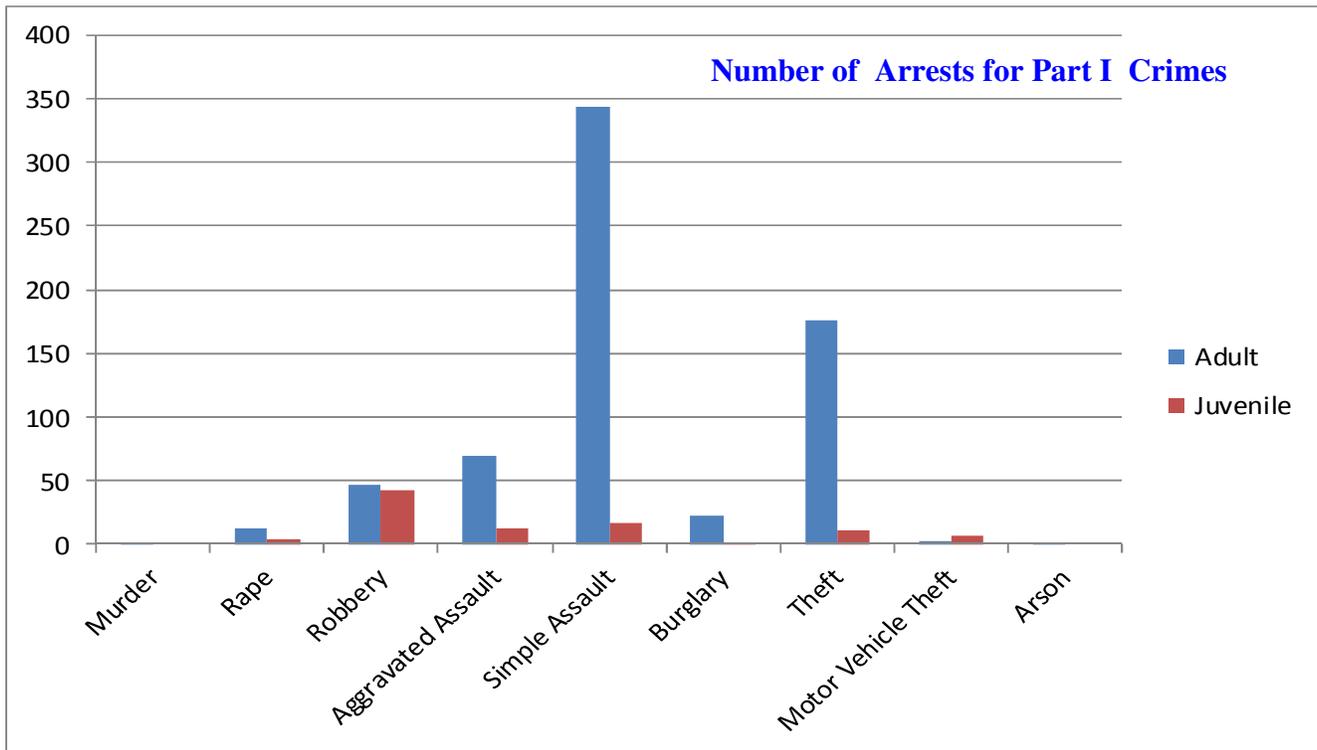
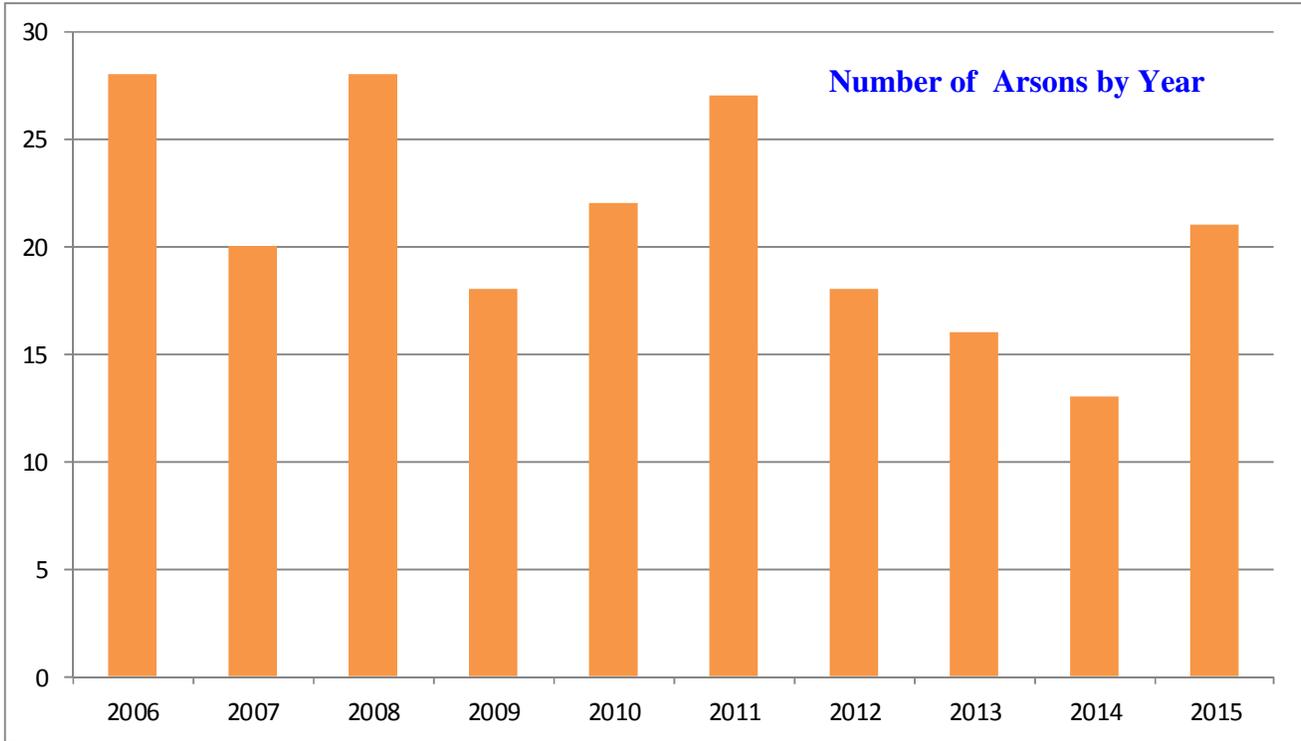


## CRIME DATA





### CRIME DATA





## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

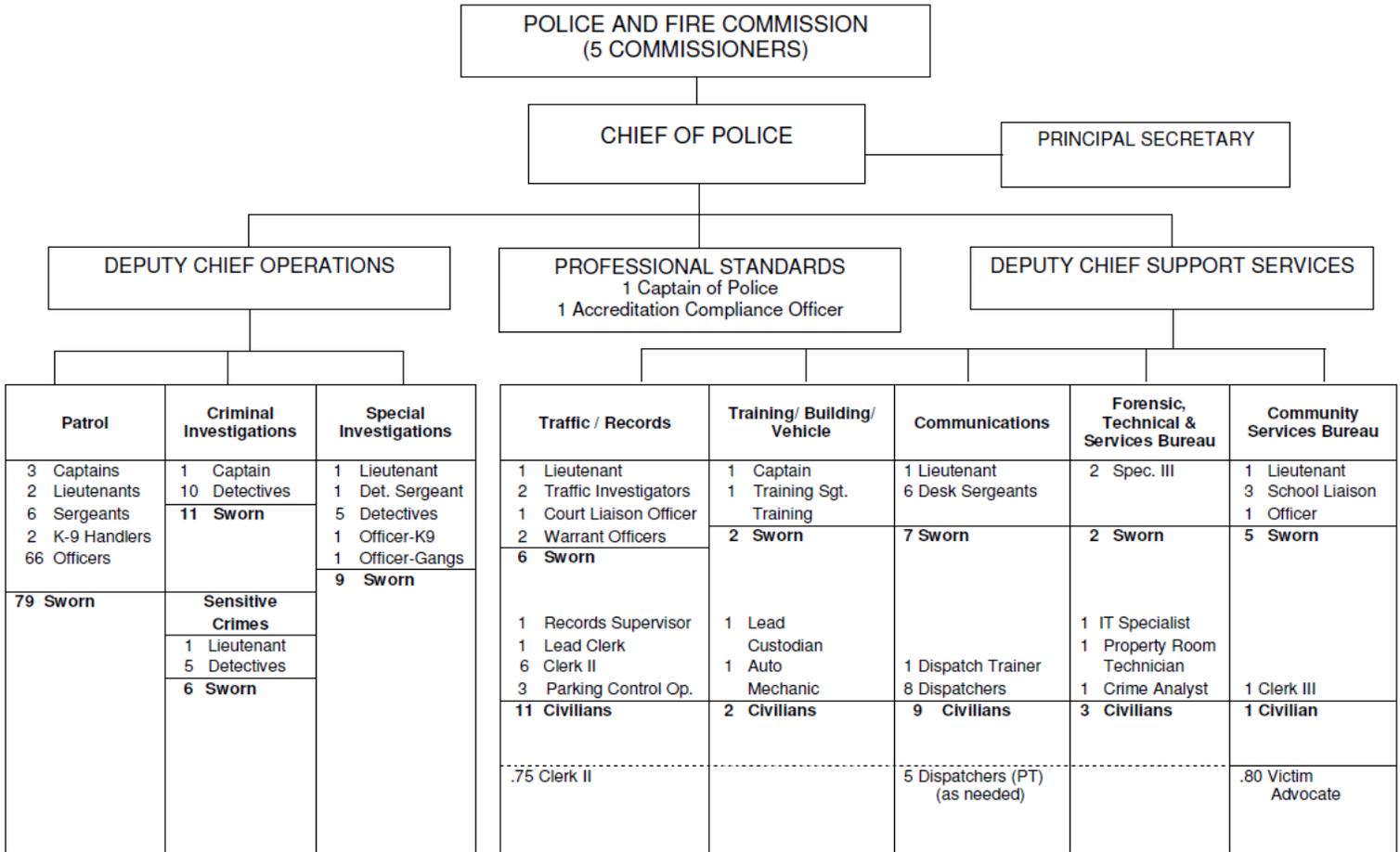
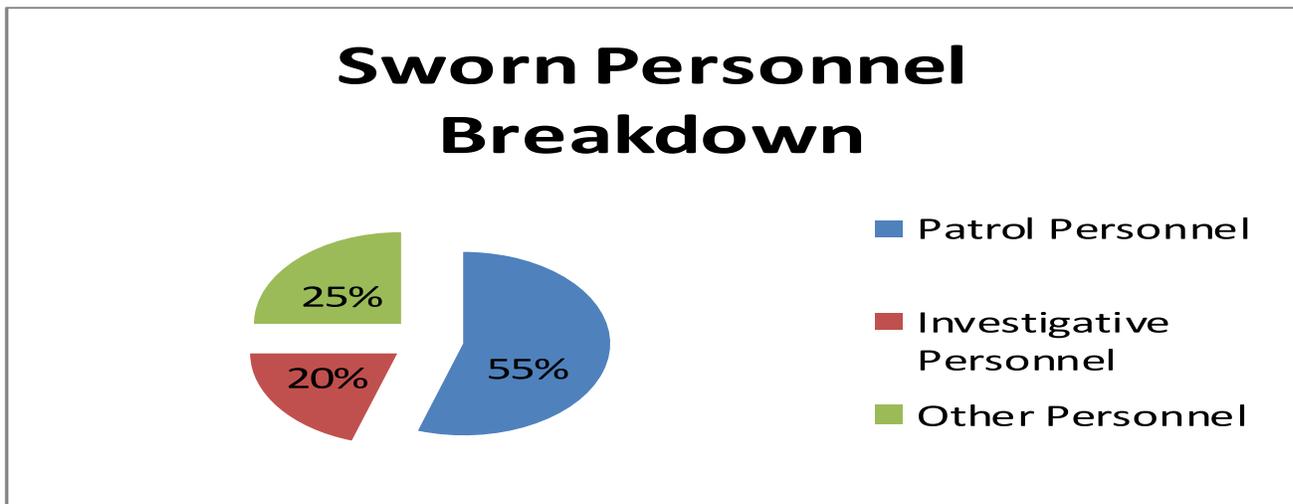


Chart does not reflect the 11 part time and temporary positions (Community Aides, Night Parker Takers, Part-time Cleaner, and Clerks) as needed.

The Department consists of 158 full time employees as well additional part time employees. This total includes 132 sworn law enforcement officers and 26 civilian support personnel.





## SWORN PERSONNEL

Charles Padgett	Chief of Police	Steven Barwick	Court Sergeant
Robert Fletcher	Deputy Chief	Marla Martin	School Liaison Officer
Christopher Botsch	Deputy Chief	Christopher Randlett	School Liaison Officer
Barry Waddell	Capt of Police	Nicole Moews	School Liaison Officer
Robert Navarrette	Capt of Police	Rodney Nelson	School Resource Officer
Ronald Versnik	Capt of Police	Phillip Noche	Accreditation Specialist
Steven Beyer	Capt of Police	Randal Holmes	Warrant Officer *
Christopher Marks	Capt of Police	Scott Geysa	Warrant Officer
Chad Evenson	Capt of Police	Wayne Treep	Warrant Officer *
Jeffrey Nohelty	Lt of Police	Jeffrey Zientek	Canine Handler
Brian Saftig	Lt of Police	Ryan McNally	Canine Handler
Jessica Johnson	Lt of Police	Jonathan Cerqua	Canine Handler
Colin Hughes	Lt of Police	Jeffrey Mattson	Patrol Officer *
Christopher Beldin	Lt of Police	Philip Laspisa	Patrol Officer
Nicholas Pye	Lt of Police	John Petrich	Patrol Officer
Todd Clementi	Lt of Police	Stephen Heckler	Patrol Officer
Troy Maas	Detective Sergeant	Todd Ketterhagen	Patrol Officer
Archie Dunbar	Training Sergeant	Cynthia Colombe	Patrol Officer
Jeffrey Shimetz	FTSB Sergeant	Kurt Beier	Patrol Officer
Brian Havican	FTSB Sergeant	James Herkowski	Patrol Officer
Scott Waarvik	Sergeant of Police	Zachary Scott	Patrol Officer
Anthony Spath	Sergeant of Police	Darrin Kmichik	Patrol Officer
Clint Corwin	Sergeant of Police	Richard Pinter	Patrol Officer
Trever Pasdera	Sergeant of Police	Gregory Blunt	Patrol Officer
Michael Kempinski	Sergeant of Police	James Plotkin	Patrol Officer
James Cato	Sergeant of Police	Charles Clark	Patrol Officer
Thomas Kulinski	Detective	Timothy Gold	Patrol Officer
Ann Marie Phillippi	Detective	Robert Tuschl	Patrol Officer
Thomas Carr	Detective	Joseph Lehman	Patrol Officer
Ronald Donigain	Detective	Ryan Solie	Patrol Officer
Todd Kurtz	Detective	Andrew Matter	Patrol Officer
Daniel Di Torrice	Detective	Brian Steffen	Patrol Officer
Jessica Wink	Detective	Allison Cerqua	Patrol Officer
Heather Stuetgen	Detective	Steven Kuhnmuensch	Patrol Officer
Christina Porter	Detective	Carrie Kielley	Patrol Officer
Nick Stachula	Detective	Lucas Binter	Patrol Officer
Eric Sturino	Detective	Randall Kwasinski	Patrol Officer
Michael Wroblewski	Detective	Druscilla Schneider	Patrol Officer
Jason Vanderwerff	Detective	Christine Waystedt	Patrol Officer
Michael Sitter	Detective	Michael Otto	Patrol Officer
Caleb Porter	Detective	Joseph Mathy	Patrol Officer
Brandon Hurley	Detective	Sharif Said	Patrol Officer
David Madden	Detective	Megan Primising	Patrol Officer
Jeritt Mees	Detective	Jonathan Fabrycki	Patrol Officer
Lori Belli	Detective *	Bernie Molthen	Patrol Officer
Christopher Sohre	Traffic Investigator	Steven Martin	Patrol Officer
Rick Orlovski	Traffic Investigator	Jared Manthe	Patrol Officer
James Strauss	Dispatch Sergeant	Erin Luedke	Patrol Officer
Robin Walsh	Dispatch Sergeant	Kyle Webster	Patrol Officer
Anthony Zingale	Dispatch Sergeant	Ramon Agor	Patrol Officer
Paul Hartmann	Dispatch Sergeant	Daniel Foy	Patrol Officer
Peter Borree	Dispatch Sergeant	Jacob Kaye	Patrol Officer
Bradley Tillman	Dispatch Sergeant	Adam Schweitzer	Patrol Officer



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## SWORN PERSONNEL

Kevyn Mussatti	Patrol Officer	Allison Hakala	Patrol Officer *
Jason Komorowski	Patrol Officer	Andrew Kozlowski	Patrol Officer *
Jesse Fletcher	Patrol Officer	Jeffrey Dufek	Patrol Officer *
Kevin Schmidt	Patrol Officer	Adam Niemuth	Patrol Officer *
Alexander Iskandarani	Patrol Officer	Lane Olson	Patrol Officer *
Ryan Stuetzgen	Patrol Officer		
Richard Krueger	Patrol Officer		
Michael Dobschuetz	Patrol Officer		
Joel Baumgart	Patrol Officer		
Lete Carlson	Patrol Officer		
Justin Schrandt	Patrol Officer		
Paul Taylor	Patrol Officer		
Adam Stikl	Patrol Officer		
Lonnie Christianson	Patrol Officer		
Nathaniel Eklund	Patrol Officer		
Anthony Wagner	Patrol Officer		
Jesse Maxwell	Patrol Officer		
Ryan Schultz	Patrol Officer		
John Kleinfeldt	Patrol Officer		
Bret VandenBoogard	Patrol Officer		
Lance Meyer	Patrol Officer		
Brandon Rapp	Patrol Officer		

## CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Stacy Schmeling	Principal Secretary	Marianne Fletcher	Parking Control
Carol Sperka	Records Supervisor	Scott Poklasny	Parking Control *
Marisa Szymuszkiewicz	Lead Clerk	Gale Ireland	Parking Control *
Linda Graybar	Clerk II	Kelly Wilson	Parking Control *
Carol Sura	Clerk II	Holli Stephens	Victim Advocate
Gloria Goodrich	Clerk II	Mark Bykowski	Neighborhood Partner
Nicole Cook	Clerk II	Brian Mason	Neighborhood Partner
Elizabeth Russell	Clerk II	Kaitlin Wrightsman	Part-Time Dispatcher
Deyana Patrick	Clerk II	Thomas Koerner	Part-Time Dispatcher
Lisa Bergmann	Clerk III	Jason Gonwa	Part-Time Dispatcher
Tracy Manz	Clerk III	Tracy Graf	Part-Time Dispatcher
John (Jack) Coffey	Comp.Network Spec.	Philip Russell	Part-Time Dispatcher *
Danielle Hibbard	Record System Spec.	Jolynn Woehrer	WISH Staff
Debra Nohelty	Property Room Clerk	Julie Witt	WISH Staff *
Chrisie Hunter	Crime Analyst II *	Nancy Doucette-Wilkinson	WISH Staff
Doreen Blattner	Dispatch Trainer	Andrea Lewis	WISH Staff *
Eric Jansen	Dispatcher	Claudia Derringer	Night Parker Taker
Gina Trombatore	Dispatcher	Nicole Samz	Night Parker Taker
Britnie Lobes	Dispatcher	Kerry Treul	Night Parker Taker
Natalie Mueller	Dispatcher		
Jeffrey Dufek	Dispatcher		
Elizabeth Eberhardt	Dispatcher		
Cassandra Santana	Dispatcher		
Christopher Hamilton	Dispatcher		
Brian Resch	Lead Custodian		
Raymond Radliff	Part-Time Cleaner		
Patrick Samz	Police Auto Mech/Tech		

\* Denotes employee was assigned to position for only a portion of the year.



## EMPLOYEES ON THE MOVE

### **The following employees were hired in 2015:**

- ◆ Part-Time Dispatcher Philip Russell was hired on January 5, 2015.
- ◆ Parking Control Officer Gale Ireland was hired on January 5, 2015.
- ◆ WISH Staffer Andrea Lewis was hired on July 14, 2015.
- ◆ Clerk II Deyana Petrick was hired on August 3, 2015.
- ◆ Patrol Officer Allison Hakala was hired on September 14, 2015.
- ◆ Patrol Officer Andrew Kozlowski was hired on September 14, 2015.
- ◆ Patrol Officer Adam Niemuth was hired on September 14, 2015.
- ◆ Patrol Officer Lane Olson was hired on September 14, 2015.
- ◆ Parking Control Officer Kelly Wilson was hired on November 9, 2015.

### **The following employees were promoted/reassigned in 2015:**

- ◆ Patrol Officer Lori Belli was promoted to Detective on March 28, 2015.
- ◆ Patrol Officer Wayne Treep was promoted to Warrant Officer on July 7, 2015.
- ◆ Lieutenant Nicholas Pye was reassigned from 2nd shift to 3rd shift in the Patrol Bureau on August 18, 2015.
- ◆ Lieutenant Brian Saftig was reassigned from 3rd shift to 2nd shift in the Patrol Bureau on August 19, 2015.
- ◆ Dispatcher Jeffrey Dufek was promoted to Patrol Officer on September 14, 2015.
- ◆ Deputy Chief Robert Fletcher was reassigned to Acting Chief of Police on November 23, 2015.
- ◆ Captain Christopher Marks was reassigned from the Patrol Bureau to the Training Bureau on December 16, 2015.

### **The following employees resigned in 2015:**

- ◆ Wish Staff Julie Witt resigned on April 22, 2015.
- ◆ Crime Analyst Chrisie Hunter resigned on October 23, 2015.

### **The following employees retired in 2015:**

- ◆ Corporal Randal Holmes retired on July 6, 2015.
- ◆ Patrol Officer Jeffrey Mattson retired on December 1, 2015.
- ◆ Patrol Officer John Petrich retired on December 31, 2015.
- ◆ Captain Ronald Versnik retired on December 31, 2015.
- ◆ Detective Thomas Carr retired on December 31, 2015.
- ◆ Chief Charles Padgett retired on December 31, 2015.

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