



# City of Eden Prairie Police Department

## 2014 Annual Report



March 2015

Dear Mayor Tyra-Lukens and City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit the 2014 Eden Prairie Police Department Annual Report to you and the residents of Eden Prairie. This report contains a summary of the events and operations the Police Department undertook in 2014.

Last year we had a large number of investigations that involved multiple jurisdictions working together to solve cases including both business and residential burglaries. I am proud to say that we took the lead on many of those investigations which resulted in multiple arrests.

At the end of 2013 we created a document called Blueprint for Success that detailed the initiatives we planned to work on in 2014 and 2015. We accomplished several of those initiatives last year including:

- A home medication disposal system to safely dispose of unused painkillers which can be a gateway to drugs such as heroin.
- Conducting incident management training for EPPD staff as well as 250 firefighters, 290 police officers and 40 dispatchers from neighboring departments. Having consistent training for multiple departments is greatly beneficial in responding to mass casualty incidents.
- Teamwork training for the entire department including sworn and civilian staff in order to maintain morale and improve the understanding, value and importance of teamwork for all employees regardless of the division in which they work.

We had a number of retirements which led to the hiring of five new officers, a new records supervisor and a new K-9 team. We participated in many of our traditional outreach programs including Toys for Tots, the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, My Book Day, Safety Camp, the Citywide Open House and Eden Prairie Night to Unite.

This year we plan to work on the 2015 initiatives laid out in the Blueprint including Crisis Intervention Training for all officers to help deal with people in mental crisis, increased impaired driver enforcement, the installation of cameras in our squad cars and a pilot program for our patrol schedule.

On behalf of the nearly 150 staff and volunteer members of the Police Department, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Reynolds  
Police Chief



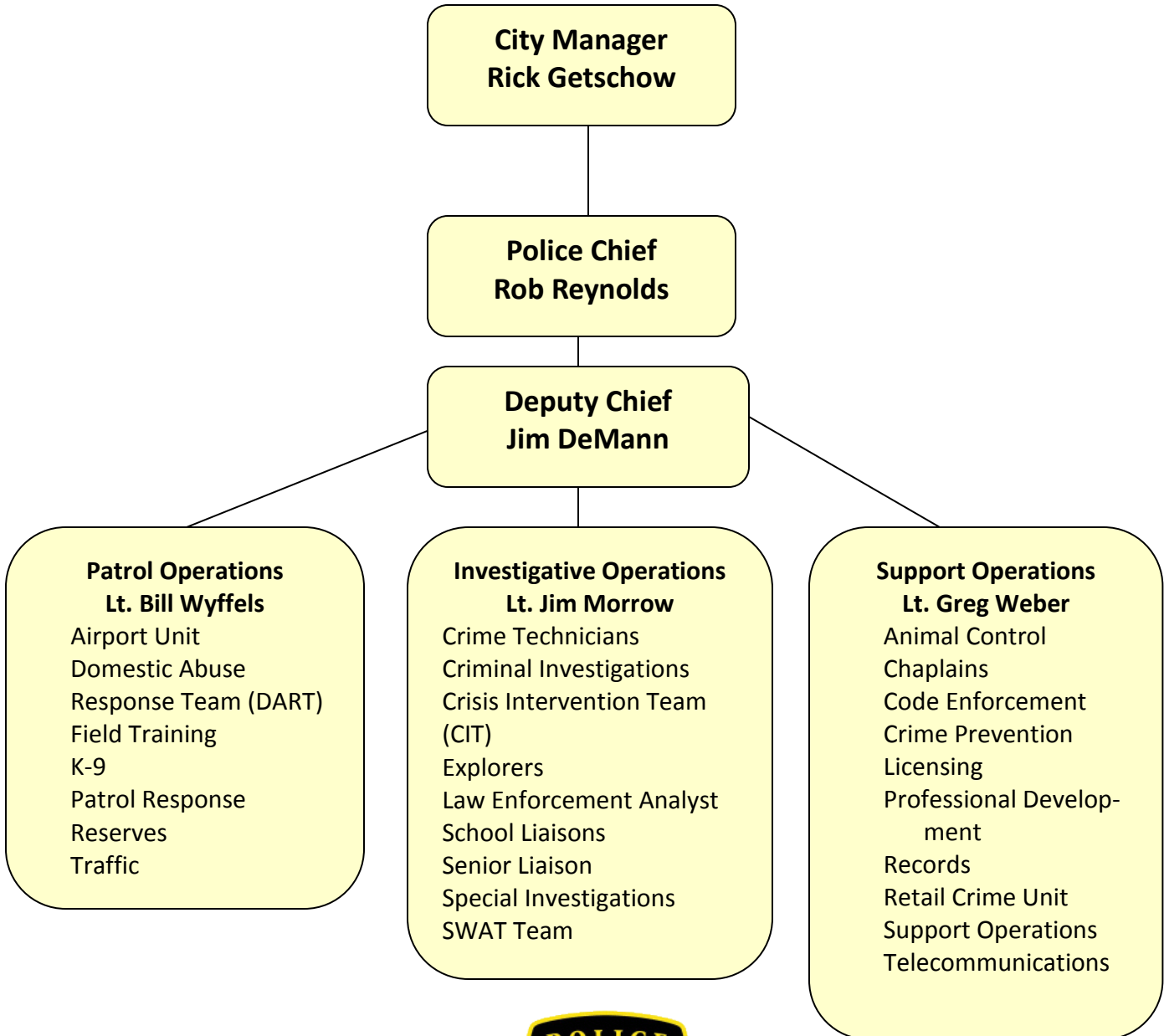
## **Mission statement**

The mission of the Eden Prairie Police Department is to protect and serve the community of Eden Prairie through active and professional engagement.

## **Department values**

- Provide customized service to the community;
- Exercise discretion and fairness in enforcement;
- Build public trust in the Department; and
- Promote the professional development of its members.

# 2014 Eden Prairie Police Department Organizational Chart



# Office of Police Chief



**Chief  
Rob Reynolds**



**Deputy Chief  
Jim DeMann**

The **Office of Police Chief (OPC)** consists of the Chief, Deputy Chief, Projects Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. The OPC oversees departmental operations including a \$12.8-million annual budget.



The Command Staff, L to R: Lt. Bill Wyffels, Lt. Greg Weber, Chief Rob Reynolds, Lt. Jim Morrow, Deputy Chief Jim DeMann

Office of Police Chief

# Patrol Division



**Lt. Bill Wyffels**

In 2014 the **Patrol Division** was led by Lt. Bill Wyffels and includes seven sergeants and 34 officers. There are seven patrol units as well as the secondary Airport, K-9, Field Training, Crime Tech, Traffic and Reserve Units.

**Bob Davis** was promoted to sergeant April 21, 2014. Since being hired in 2000, Sgt. Davis has worked as a Patrol Officer, SWAT team member, Field Training Officer, juvenile diversion officer and DART team member.



**Sgt. Bob Davis**



**K-9 Riggs** joined the department in May after graduating from the St. Paul Police Department K-9 Academy with partner **Officer Scott Mittelstadt**.



Patrol Division

# Patrol Division

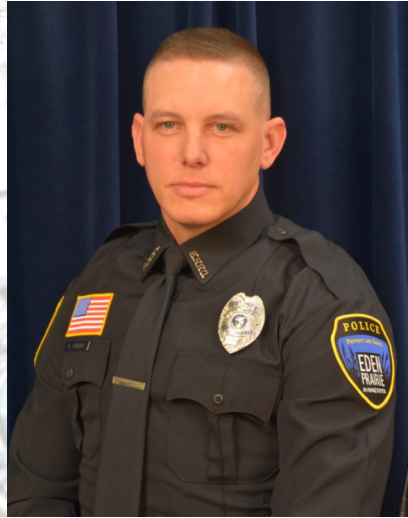
## Welcome New Officers



**Andrew Naumann** began working as an officer in Eden Prairie May 5, 2014. Prior to coming to Eden Prairie, He worked as an officer for the Waterloo, Iowa police department for four years.



**Matt O'Rourke** began working as an officer in Eden Prairie May 5, 2014. He previously worked as an officer for Eau Claire, Wis. for three years before coming to Eden Prairie.



**Chad Streiff** began working as an officer in Eden Prairie July 14, 2014. He served as an officer in Silver Bay, Minn. for six years before working in Eden Prairie.



**Phil Johnson** worked as a Community Service Officer in Eden Prairie for three years before being hired as an officer Sept. 8, 2014.



**Heather Schenck** began working as an officer in Eden Prairie September 8, 2014. She spent a year working as a Community Service Officer in Eden Prairie.

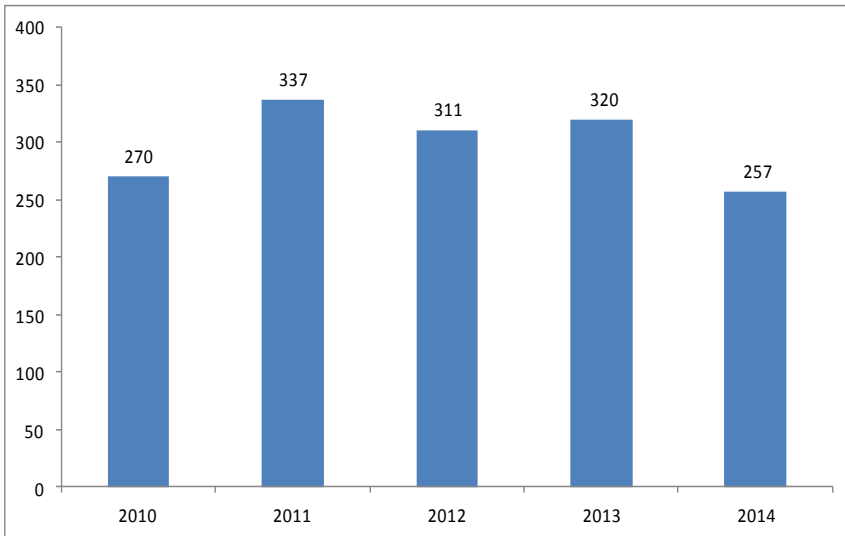
Patrol Division

# Patrol Division

For the fourth time in the past seven years, **Officer Todd Groves** was named to the Minnesota DWI All-Star Team by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for having one of the highest number of DWI arrests in Minnesota in 2013. Officer Groves made 81 DWI arrests that year.



## DWI Arrests 2010-2014



The number of DWIs in Eden Prairie in 2014 was the lowest in six years which is consistent with statewide statistics. The EPPD gives credit for the drop to a saturation of education efforts by state, local and school organizations.

## Retirements



**Officer Orrin Alt** retired in March 2014 after serving the department for 35 years.



**Officer Ann Bogren** retired in June 2014 after 17 years of service.



**Officer Janina Wresh** retired in November 2014 after six years of service.

Patrol Division



## Investigations Division

The **Investigations Division** was led by Lt. Jim Morrow in 2014. This division consists of the Criminal Investigations Unit, the School Liaison Unit and the Special Investigations Unit. There are two sergeants, 13 officers and two full-time civilian employees in the Investigations Division.



**Lt. Jim Morrow**

## Retirements



**Investigations Sgt. Dennis Paulson** retired in May 2014 after serving the department for 33 years.



**Detective Kyle Duchscher** retired in May 2014 after serving the department for 31 years.

---

In 2014 we worked closely with other metro area departments to solve crimes committed by the same individuals in multiple jurisdictions. Sharing details about the crimes with other departments gives us a clearer picture of who the thieves might be and when they will strike next. Working with other departments we:

- Arrested a suspect in multiple Best Buy burglaries that resulted in a \$310,000 loss.
- Arrested a man who had been robbing Walgreen's stores throughout the metro area.
- Arrested a man who admitted to committing 59 strip mall burglaries.

# Investigations Division

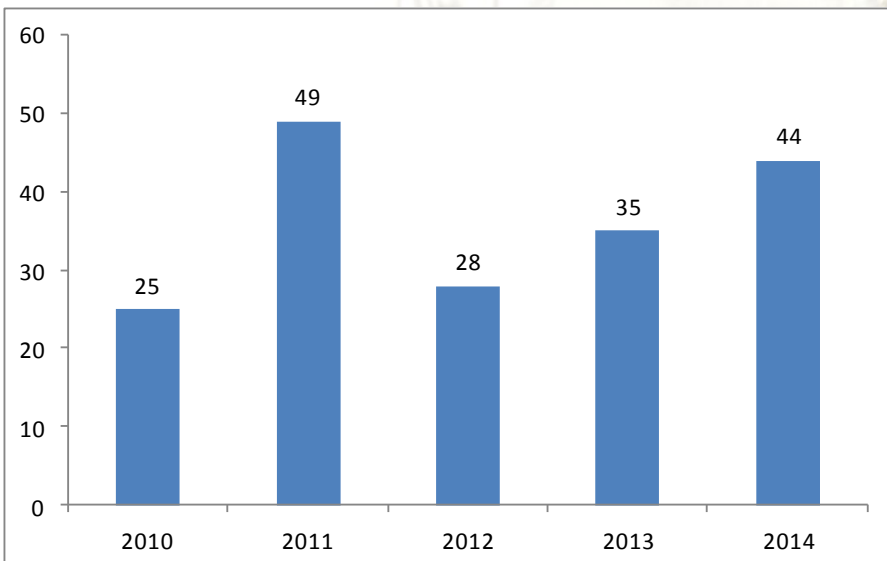
## Awards

In January 2014 **Detective Dean Corder** received the 2013 Investigator of the Year Award from the Tri-County Law Enforcement Association for his work on several major investigations during 2013. In November Detective Corder was also honored by his peers with the **2014 Eden Prairie Officer of the Year Award**.



In October 2014 **Law Enforcement Analyst Ryan Kapaun** received the Charles Rix Award of Excellence from the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association. The award is given to someone for whom “the virtues of vision, leadership and success converge in an individual effort in crime prevention.”

**Non-residential burglaries 2010-2014**



The number of non-residential burglaries increased from 2013 due to multiple, unrelated organized burglary rings that targeted Eden Prairie in 2014.

Investigations Division

# Investigations Division



In an effort to get potentially dangerous prescription drugs out of Eden Prairie homes, the Police Department launched a home medication disposal program in 2014. The Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund donated money to purchase home medication disposal bags that are easy to use and good for the environment. Because prescription drugs can be a gateway to more lethal drugs like heroin, the department believes that the safe disposal of prescription drugs will help decrease heroin use.

The 24th annual Eden Prairie Safety Camp took place last summer at Riley Lake Park with 180 soon-to-be 3rd graders. The Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments hosted the camp which taught kids about a variety of safety topics including electrical safety, bullying prevention, Internet safety, violence prevention and seatbelt safety.



Investigations Division

## Support Division



**Lt. Greg Weber**

In 2014 the **Support Division** was led by Lt. Greg Weber and consists of the Records, Dispatch, Professional Development, Support Operations, Community Service/Animal Control, Licensing, Code Enforcement, Chaplain and Retail Crime Units. There are three sergeants, two supervisors and 24 civilians in the Support Division.



In February 2014 **Records Supervisor Sandy Mitchell** retired after 30 years of service to the EPPD. **Cesar Munoz** was hired in early 2014 as the new Records Supervisor.

In March, **Licensing Technician Christy Weigel** was awarded the City Manager's Quality Award for her work during the summer of 2013 when a significant storm caused a dramatic increase in the number licenses issued to peddlers and solicitors.

In 2014 the Eden Prairie Police Department issued 126 licenses to for-profit peddlers and solicitors. That is a dramatic decrease from 2013 when 364 licenses were issued.



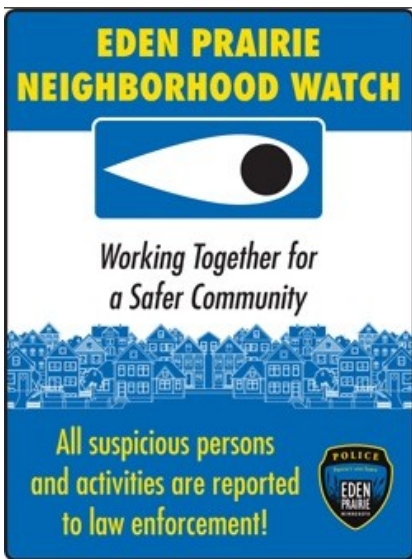
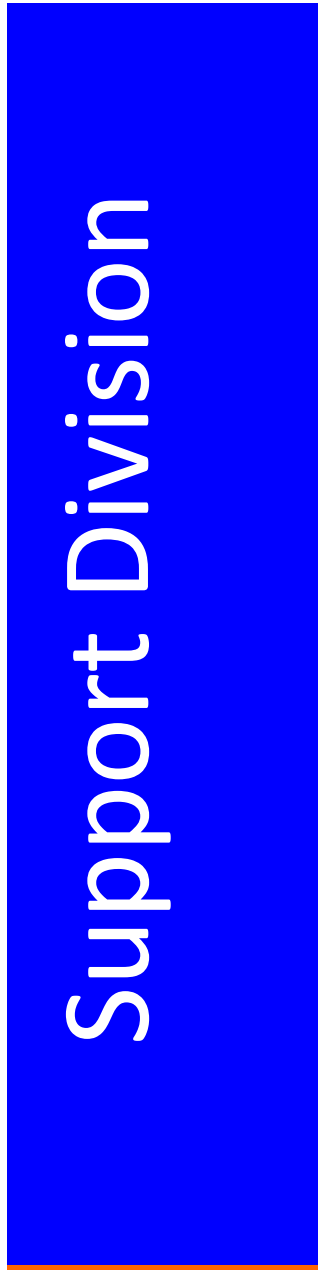
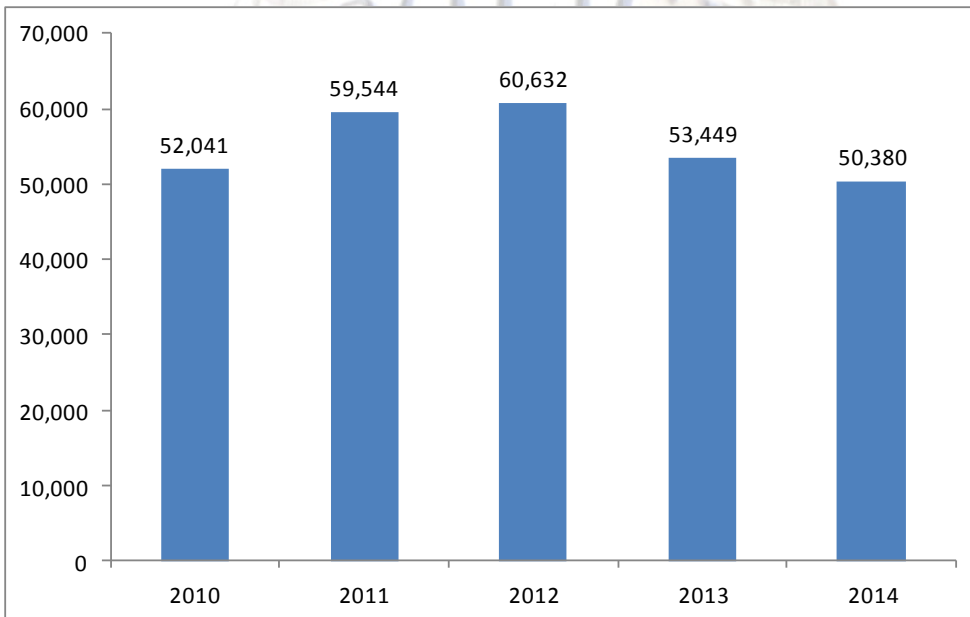
Support Division

# Support Division



Eden Prairie’s 911 Dispatch Center answers calls 24 hours/day, 365 days/year. In 2014 we received 50,380 calls for service, ranging from missing dogs to major car crashes. Dispatchers prioritize calls according to the severity of the situation and the other calls they have at the time in order to determine the best resources to send to a call.

**Calls for Service 2010-2014**



Neighborhood Watch is a cooperative effort between the Police Department and individual neighborhoods that focuses on reducing crime. Residents involved in Neighborhood Watch receive training on how to prevent, detect and respond to suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods. The number of Neighborhood Watch programs in Eden Prairie grew from two in 2013 to 16 in 2014.

# Volunteers

*The Eden Prairie Police Department relies on its three volunteer programs—Reserves, Explorers and Chaplains— to assist department members with traffic direction, security at special events, requests for service at both emergency and non-emergency incidents, and, in the case of the Chaplains, spiritual guidance in times of trauma and tragedy.*



**David Gregoire and Nicholas Iacovelli** joined the Eden Prairie Reserves in November after completing the 10-week Reserve School hosted by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. They are pictured with members of the department and fellow Reserve officers.

Each spring the Reserve officers take part in a Traffic School where they learn how to safely direct traffic along with Reserve officers from other communities.



Explorers are young people aged 14-21 who are interested in law enforcement. This year the Explorers attended two state conferences where they took home awards in multiple events including white collar crime, interview and interrogation, and search and seizure.

Volunteers

## 2014 Highlights

**K-9 Jace** received a bulletproof vest in February thanks to an anonymous donor who contacted the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund requesting to purchase it for him. Jace wears his vest while on high-risk patrol calls, SWAT call-outs and during training.



On May 8, the Eden Prairie Noon Rotary hosted its annual **My Book Day** event at Eden Prairie City Center. Throughout the day 700 Eden Prairie 1st graders received their own brand-new hardcover book, a library card and story time with a special guest reader, some of whom were Eden Prairie police officers.

In October the Police Department participated in the **Citywide Open House** which gave residents an opportunity to meet EPPD staff, climb in police vehicles, tour the jail and learn how to dust for fingerprints.



2014 Highlights

## 2014 Highlights



In September Eden Prairie's **SWAT** team participated in the Minnesota Tactical Officers Association's annual conference at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, Minn. Part of the conference is dedicated to hands-on training exercises, including firearms and scenarios, which are evaluated by host team SWAT members. For the third year in a row, the Eden Prairie SWAT team took home Top Team honors, reflecting the strong work ethic and teamwork they exhibited during the three-day conference.



**Round Lake Road Party Winners**



**Full shelves at PROP**

At the Night to Unite event in August, residents from 153 parties contributed 8,751 pounds of food to PROP (People Reaching Out to Other People). The neighborhood with the most donations was Round Lake Road which donated 676 pounds, earning them an ice cream social with the Police and Fire Departments.





# 2014 Statistics

<b>Person Crimes</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Homicide (includes attempts)	3	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct	22	28
Robbery	7	4
Felony Assault	48	44
Non-Felony Assault	38	31
Domestic Assault	77	77
Disorderly Conduct	61	34
Harassing Communication	15	10
Crimes Against Families	20	14
Interfering with 9-1-1 Calls	8	12
Kidnapping/False Imprisonment	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>259</b>

<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Residential Burglaries	52	56
Non-Residential Burglaries	35	44
Theft	426	500
Theft from Vehicle	226	167
Vehicle Theft	44	26
Motor Vehicle Tampering	332	215
<b>Financial Theft</b>		
Identity Theft	170	189
Forgery/Counterfeiting	29	25
Theft by Check	0	10
Credit Card Fraud	42	30
Shoplifting	251	265
Property Damage	257	252
Arson	3	2
Negligent Fires	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>1,781</b>

<b>Other Crimes</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Crimes Against Government	88	91
Gambling	0	0
Narcotics	309	278
Underage Drinking Age 18-21	26	15
Underage Drinking & Driving	10	7
Weapons	9	5
Fleeing Police	13	7
Miscellaneous	104	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>512</b>

<b>Traffic Related</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Fatal Vehicle	1	0
Personal Injury Crash	133	127
Driving While Impaired	320	257
Property Damage Crash	1,033	1,040
Hit and Run	198	200
Driver's License Violations	743	771
Equipment Violations	754	672
Parking Violations	147	93
Moving Violations	3,309	3,573
<b>Total Traffic Citation Violations</b>	<b>4,953</b>	<b>5,109</b>

Warnings-Written	10,233	9,091
------------------	--------	-------

<b>Selected Calls for Service</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Animal Control	1,488	1,308
Medicals	2,641	2,850
9-1-1 Hang-Ups	4,329	4,578
Alarms (False)	1,812	1,923
Suspicious Activity	1,904	1,893

<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
	53,449	50,380

<b>Juvenile Status Offenses</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Juvenile-Alcohol	13	9
Juvenile-Runaway	63	48
Juvenile-Curfew	6	4
Juvenile-Tobacco Use	17	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>68</b>