



# Eden Prairie Police Department



**2016 Annual Report**

March 2017

Dear Mayor Tyra-Lukens and City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit the 2016 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 2016.

Last year we experienced a number of staffing changes with the retirement of Chief Rob Reynolds at the end of June. On July 1, I was honored to become this department's sixth police chief. Subsequently, Greg Weber was appointed to Captain, Dave Becker was promoted to Lieutenant and Jess Irmiter became the department's newest sergeant.

In addition to Chief Reynolds' retirement, four other officers retired. As a result, we hired six new officers in 2016, five of whom had worked as Community Service Officers for the EPPD before being hired as officers.

Our calls for service were up slightly from 2015. We handled 50,744 calls in 2016 compared to 49,921 calls in 2015. The number of narcotics charges increased as officers are being trained on drug interdiction, particularly during traffic stops.

I am happy to report there were no traffic fatalities in 2016. There were however, four homicides in our community last year. After extensive investigations by our detectives, arrests have been made in all cases.

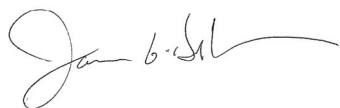
A more detailed table of 2016 statistics can be found on page 22 of this report.

2016 was the first year for the EPPD's 2016-18 initiatives. We have made great strides on many of them including Human Trafficking, License Plate Readers, Enhancing Healthy Living and Renovating the Mobile Command Center.

This year we plan to continue to work on the remaining initiatives including the establishment of a Street Crimes Unit, research on body cameras, re-establishing the Traffic Unit and adding an officer to the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

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,



James G. DeMann  
Police Chief



# Chief's Report

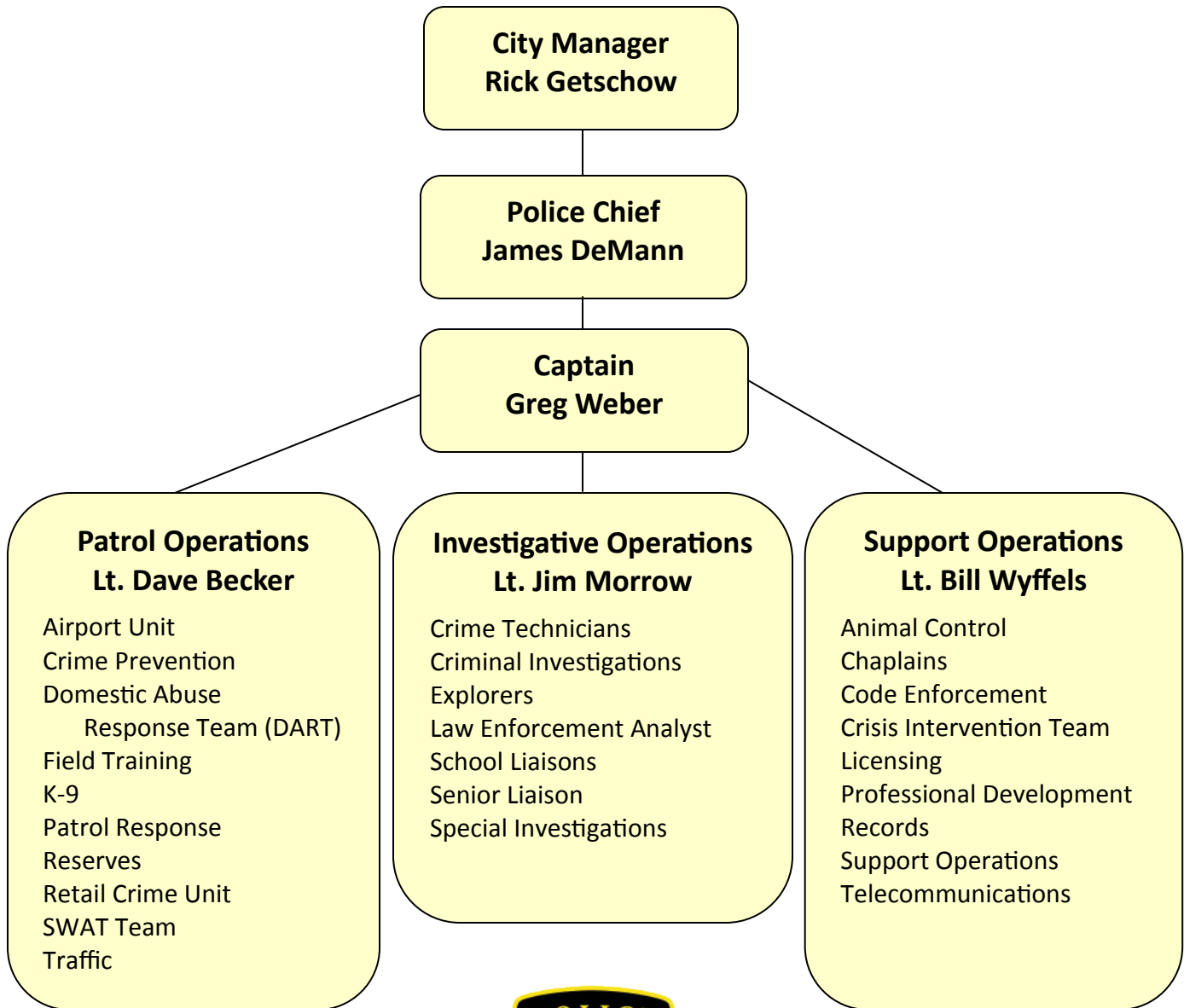
## **Mission Statement**

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
- Promote the professional development of its members

# 2016 Eden Prairie Police Department Organizational Chart





# Office of Police Chief



**Chief  
James DeMann**



**Captain  
Greg Weber**

The **Office of Police Chief (OPC)** consists of the Chief, Captain, Projects Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. The OPC oversees departmental operations including a \$13.6-million annual budget.



Command Staff, L to R: Lt. Bill Wyffels, Captain Greg Weber, Chief James DeMann, Lt. Jim Morrow, Lt. Dave Becker

**Office of Police Chief**

# Patrol Division



**Lt. Dave Becker** was promoted to lieutenant of the **Patrol Division** in August 2016. The Patrol Division includes eight sergeants and 38 officers. There are eight Patrol Units as well as the secondary Airport Unit, Crime Prevention, Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART), Field Training, K-9, Reserve, Retail Crime and SWAT units.

**Sgt. Jess Irmiter** was promoted to sergeant in September 2016. Sgt. Irmiter has worked for the department since 2001 as a patrol officer, investigator, K-9 officer, instructor, SWAT team member, Reserve Unit coordinator and Airport Unit liaison.



**Officers Chad Streiff and Todd Groves** were named to the **Minnesota DWI All-Star Team** by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for achieving two of the highest number of DWI arrests in Minnesota in 2015. Officer Streiff made 49 DWI arrests and Officer Groves had 45 that year.

Officer Streiff also joined Officer Groves as a certified Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) last year. A DRE is an officer who has received specialized training on detecting and removing drug-impaired drivers from the road.

Patrol Division

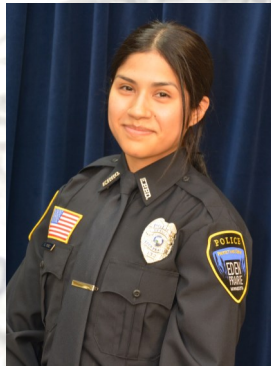


# Patrol Division

Six new officers were hired in 2016: **Karl Knutson, Leslie Perez, Brett Lindeman, Matthew Rosati, Mason Heine and Evan Hynek.** Although they were hired at different times throughout the year, they all took the ceremonial oath of office together, alongside their family members.



**Karl Knutson**



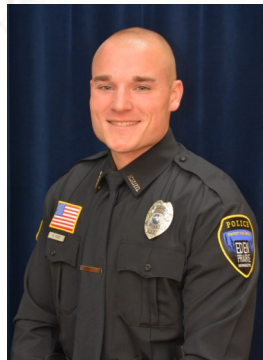
**Leslie Perez**



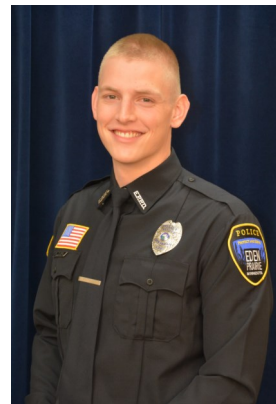
**Matthew Rosati**



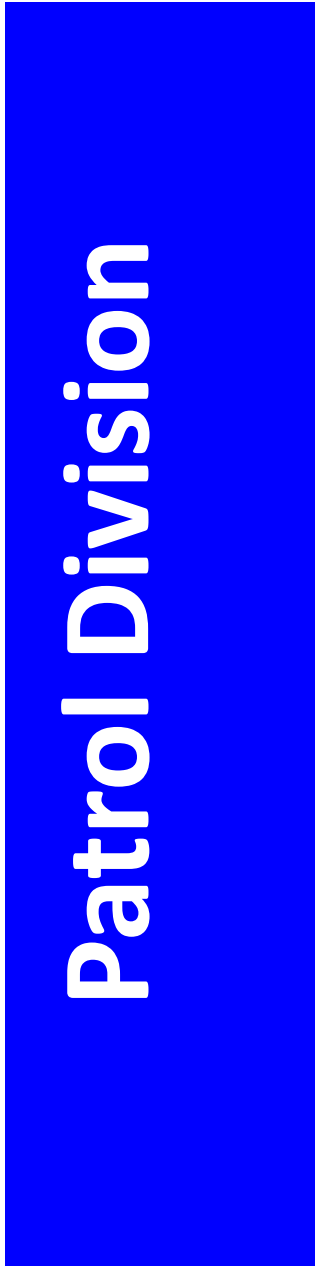
**Brett Lindeman**



**Mason Heine**



**Evan Hynek**





# Patrol Division

In October the Police Department held its annual **Open House** along with other City departments. Among other things, participants were able to watch a K-9 demonstration, dust for fingerprints with the Crime Tech Unit and try on SWAT gear.



On May 15, EPPD officers participated in the tradition of standing guard at the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial on the State Capitol grounds as part of **Law Enforcement Memorial Day**.



Patrol Division

# Investigations Division

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



**Lt. Jim Morrow**



At the department's Annual Awards and Recognition Program in November, **Detective Andy Rohde** was awarded the department's **Officer of the Year Award** for his thorough investigation of several major fraud cases in the previous year and his patience and tenaciousness while serving as an interviewer in human trafficking cases.

**Analyst Ryan Kapaun** received the **Civilian Employee of the Year Award** for his outstanding analytical support to the department, and in particular his work on last year's homicides. Earlier in 2016, Analyst Kapaun was named the **Minnesota Analyst of the Year** by the Minnesota Association of Criminal Intelligence Analysts and received the **2015 Tri-County Analyst of the Year** from the Tri-County Law Enforcement Association.

**Investigations Division**



# Investigations Division



The entire **Investigations Division** received a **Unit Citation** for their work investigating five homicides that occurred in Eden Prairie during a 10-month period from September 2015 to July 2016. Two of the cases were heroin overdoses in which the dealer was later charged with homicide.

EPPD detectives investigated three additional heroin overdose deaths in other communities that were linked to the same dealer. The dealer has been charged with five cases of 3rd-degree murder.

Two of the other Eden Prairie homicides occurred in May when a man killed his 23-year-old wife and their unborn child in their home. The man recently reached a plea agreement for 65 years in prison.

The fifth homicide occurred in July 2016 when a 74-year-old man was found dead in his home. After an extensive investigation which led investigators to Utah and back to Minnesota, a man was arrested and charged with 2nd-degree murder in the case.

Chief DeMann noted the division's teamwork, dedication and commitment in solving all of these difficult crimes.

Investigations Division

# Investigations Division



**Detective Carter Staaf** received the City of Eden Prairie's **Scott H. Neal Excellence in Leadership Award** for his work in creating and leading a program to combat human trafficking.

In 2016 the EPPD conducted four human trafficking stings in Eden Prairie and arrested 27 people. The department also assisted neighboring agencies with stings in their communities.



Last summer the EPPD held a six-week **Senior Citizens Academy** where participants had a chance to learn about various aspects of the EPPD, including investigations, use of force, SWAT team, K-9, Dispatch, Crime Tech Unit and crisis negotiations. The Senior Citizens Academy is sponsored by the Eden Prairie Lionesses and the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund.

Investigations Division



# Support Division



Lt. Bill Wyffels

The **Support Division** is led by Lt. **Bill Wyffels** and consists of the Records, Dispatch, Professional Development, Support Operations, Community Service/Animal Control, Licensing, Code Enforcement and Chaplain units. There are three sergeants, two supervisors and 24 civilians in the Support Division.

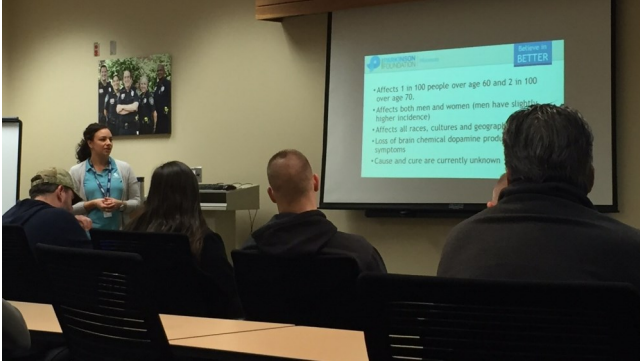


## In 2016 the Support Division:

- Answered 50,744 calls for service in the Dispatch Center
- Processed 84 liquor license applications
- Processed 512 gun permit applications
- Processed 18,240 pieces of evidence
- Performed 322 fingerprint services
- Responded to 849 city ordinance violation calls
- Processed 10,177 records
- Processed 129 solicitor applications

Support Division

# Support Division



Every month the EPPD instructors hold training sessions for department staff. Topics vary from range shooting to physical agility to classroom topics such as learning about Parkinson's disease (above left).



Dispatcher **Darren Marshbank** began working as an EPPD Dispatcher in August.



**Kyle Duchschere** was hired as the department's Evidence Technician in April after the retirement of Julie Bergstrom. Kyle previously served as an EPPD officer and detective for 31 years.



**Katie Kastl** was hired as an EPPD dispatcher in October.

Support Division



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The EPPD participated in three **Special Olympics** events in 2016: the Torch Run (above left), a Tip a Cop (above right) and the Polar Plunge (right). Law enforcement plays a significant role in helping to raise both money and awareness for the Special Olympics.



In 2016, our **Animal Control and Community Service Officers** responded to 1,416 animal calls, including a turtle rescue on Hwy. 212 in July (left). In October our CSOs learned how to handle exotic animals (above).

The EPPD added a **Community Crime Map** to the department's website in October. This tool is an interactive map that allows users to search for crimes by type or date range.



Support Division



# Retirements



**Officer Jim Schlossmacher** retired in January after serving for 31 years.



**Evidence Technician Julie Bergstrom** retired in April after serving for 33 years in the Records Unit.



**Officer Bob Barli** retired in March after 29 years with the EPPD.



**Officer Bob Haberle** retired in April after working in Eden Prairie for 17 years.



**Chief Rob Reynolds** retired in June after 31 years with the EPPD.



**Officer Paul Reichman** left Eden Prairie in September after serving three years as an officer.

Retirements

# Reserves

Eden Prairie Police Department Reserves are adult volunteers who assist sworn officers by performing community service tasks and non-criminal police functions. Reserve officers also assist in natural disasters and other emergencies that require additional personnel. In addition, they help clean up Hwy. 5, serve as the City's Color Guard and are trained to provide basic emergency medical care.



Reserve Officers **Brett McMahon** and **Bob Mjolsness** received Commendation Awards from then-Chief Rob Reynolds for their actions in saving the life of suicidal woman while on patrol last April.

Chief Jim DeMann and Lt. Dave Becker welcomed **Vicki Parsons** to the Reserve Unit after she completed her training in September.

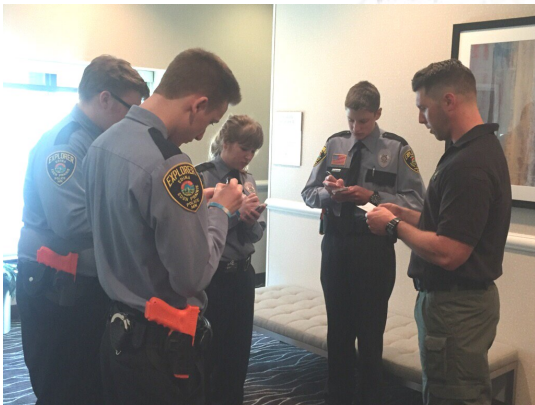


Volunteers



# Explorers

Explorers are young people ages 14-21 who are interested in law enforcement. Last year the Edina/Eden Prairie Explorers attended one national and two state conferences where they took home awards in multiple events including first place honors for Taser, Domestic Crisis and Hostage Negotiations competitions. Explorer **Katie Kline**, who is also a part-time EPPD Community Service Officer, placed first in the statewide police exam and Explorer **Alex Geiger** won the nationwide female individual fitness challenge.



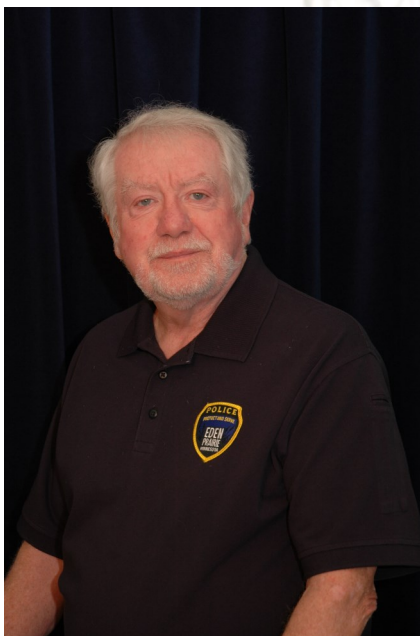
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# Chaplains



The department's volunteer Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual care to community members and public safety responders. Chaplains take turns wearing a paging device and being on-call for the Department. In 2016 they were called out 22 times. The **Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund** sponsors the Chaplain program.

Two new chaplains joined the Chaplain Unit in 2016: **Peter Johnson** of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and **Nolana Holloway** of Live Your Beautiful Life Ministries.



In September the EPPD lost a cherished member of our family with the passing of **Father Tim Power**. Father Tim was a faithful servant to the residents of Eden Prairie in many ways, including serving as a Chaplain for the Eden Prairie Police and Fire Departments. Father Tim was one of the original Chaplains when the program started in 1992. In addition, Father Tim served on the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund board for more than a decade. We will deeply miss the ministry of presence he provided to the community and our department.

Volunteers



# 2016 Highlights

At last year's **Night to Unite** in August, neighbors at 146 parties donated 7,938 pounds of food for PROP (People Reaching out to Other People). They also had a chance to meet officers, firefighters, City Council members and McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog.



Last fall the EPPD hosted a **Citizens Academy** for 20 people who either work or live in Eden Prairie. The participants spent one evening per week for six weeks gaining hands-on law enforcement experience. The department's hope is that participants will share their opinions and observations with their neighbors, civic organizations, friends and family, to further develop the EPPD's community network.



2016 Highlights



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In June, 150 soon-to-be 3rd-graders and their counselors took over Riley Lake Park for the 27th annual **Safety Camp**. The counselors are members of the Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation departments who help the campers rotate through various safety activities, including firearms safety, bullying prevention, weather safety, animal safety, aquatics safety and car seat safety.



The EPPD's second annual **Shop With a Cop** event took place in December, funded by generous donors through the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund. Target, JCPenney and the Eden Prairie Community Foundation also donated to the event. After buying gifts for themselves and family members, the kids and their families enjoyed lunch at Davanni's with the officers.



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During last year's holiday season the EPPD collected toys from residents and staff at the City Center, Community Center and Senior Center for **Toys for Tots**. The toys were loaded into police vehicles by EPPD staff and Reserve officers then taken to the KARE11 studios in Golden Valley for the annual law enforcement Toys for Tots procession.



In September Eden Prairie's **SWAT** team participated in the Minnesota Tactical Officers Association's annual conference at Camp Ripley in Little Falls, Minnesota. Part of the conference is dedicated to hands-on training exercises, including firearms and scenarios, which are evaluated by host team SWAT members. Eden Prairie's team was awarded several honors including Top Iron Man team and second place in the sniper team competition.

2015 Highlights

# 2016 Statistics

<b>Person Crimes</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Homicide (includes attempts)	1	4
Criminal Sexual Conduct	19	31
Robbery	15	8
Felony Assault	13	12
Non-Felony Assault	115	118
Domestic Assault	85	76
Disorderly Conduct	68	43
Harassing Communication	18	17
Crimes Against Families	10	7
Interfering with 9-1-1 Calls	10	4
Prostitution	8	14
Human Trafficking	0	9

<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Residential Burglaries	63	58
Non-Residential Burglaries	24	16
Theft	862	636
Theft from Vehicle	191	147
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	27
Motor Vehicle Tampering	291	250

<b>Financial Theft</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Identity Theft	252	139
Forgery/Counterfeiting	14	28
Theft by Check	15	8
Fraud	276	296
Shoplifting	303	222
Property Damage	278	186
Arson	3	2

<b>Other Crimes</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Crimes Against Government	59	57
Narcotics	223	268
Underage Drinking Age 18-21	21	27
Underage Drinking & Driving	3	6
Weapons	6	16
Fleeing Police	14	17

<b>Traffic Related</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Fatal Vehicle	3	0
Personal Injury Crash	138	151
Driving While Impaired	280	255
Property Damage Crash	908	896
Hit and Run	191	205
Written Warnings	9,355	8,915
Driver's License Violations	790	759
Equipment Violations	724	746
Parking Violations	112	108
Moving Violations	4342	3897
<b>Total Traffic Citation Violations</b>	<b>5,968</b>	<b>5,510</b>

<b>Selected Calls for Service</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Animal Control	1,507	1,416
Medicals	2,769	2,832
9-1-1 Hang-Ups	3,806	3,363
Alarms (False)	1,876	1,557
Suspicious Activity	2,095	2,128
Death Investigations	33	40

<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
	49,921	50,744

<b>Juvenile Status Offenses</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Juvenile-Alcohol	9	20
Juvenile-Runaway	47	84
Juvenile-Curfew	9	17
Juvenile-Tobacco Use	1	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>135</b>

