

CAPE GIRARDEAU POLICE DEPARTMENT
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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Wes Blair

CAPE GIRARDEAU POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Cape Girardeau Police Department is to protect life, property, and the rights of persons; to enforce ordinances and laws; and to preserve peace, order, and safety.

In the pursuit of our mission, the Cape Girardeau Police Department will establish effective relationships with the community through community partnerships, community involvement, and by nurturing public trust. We will hold ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. We will be constantly aware of the needs of our community and those we serve. We will consider innovative strategies to improve working conditions and policing programs in order to enhance our service. We will continually strive toward community problem solving and accountability.

We will, through concerted efforts, improve the overall quality of life in our community.

OUR VALUES

Integrity: We value adherence to the rule of law, to the Constitutions of Missouri and of the United States, and to complete honesty.

Accountability: We value ethical decision making and accepting responsibility for our decisions and actions.

Community Participation: We value working with Cape Girardeau's communities to ensure the safety and security of our neighborhoods.

Quality Service: We value providing fair, courteous, responsive and efficient service, equally to all people, which observes each individual's dignity and worth.

The organizational values of the Cape Girardeau Police Department are reflected in every operational policy and procedure. All members of the Cape Girardeau Police Department are expected to uphold each value thereby fulfilling the standards of conduct.

The Cape Girardeau Police Department will reward conduct which best exemplifies our values and sanction behavior which is contrary to these values.

Message from the Chief of Police



We, at the Cape Girardeau Police Department, are incredibly proud to serve our community. The men and women of the Cape Girardeau Police Department work diligently every day to ensure the safety of our citizens. As hard as we work at that, it wouldn't be possible without the incredible support and cooperation we get from you.

I am proud to announce that crime numbers in the City of Cape Girardeau have dropped over the course of 2017. We witnessed a 3% decrease in Part I crimes and a 3.5% decrease in Part II crimes. While these numbers are encouraging, we also recognized an increase in crimes involving weapons. We will be focusing on this growing concern in 2018 to make our community even safer.

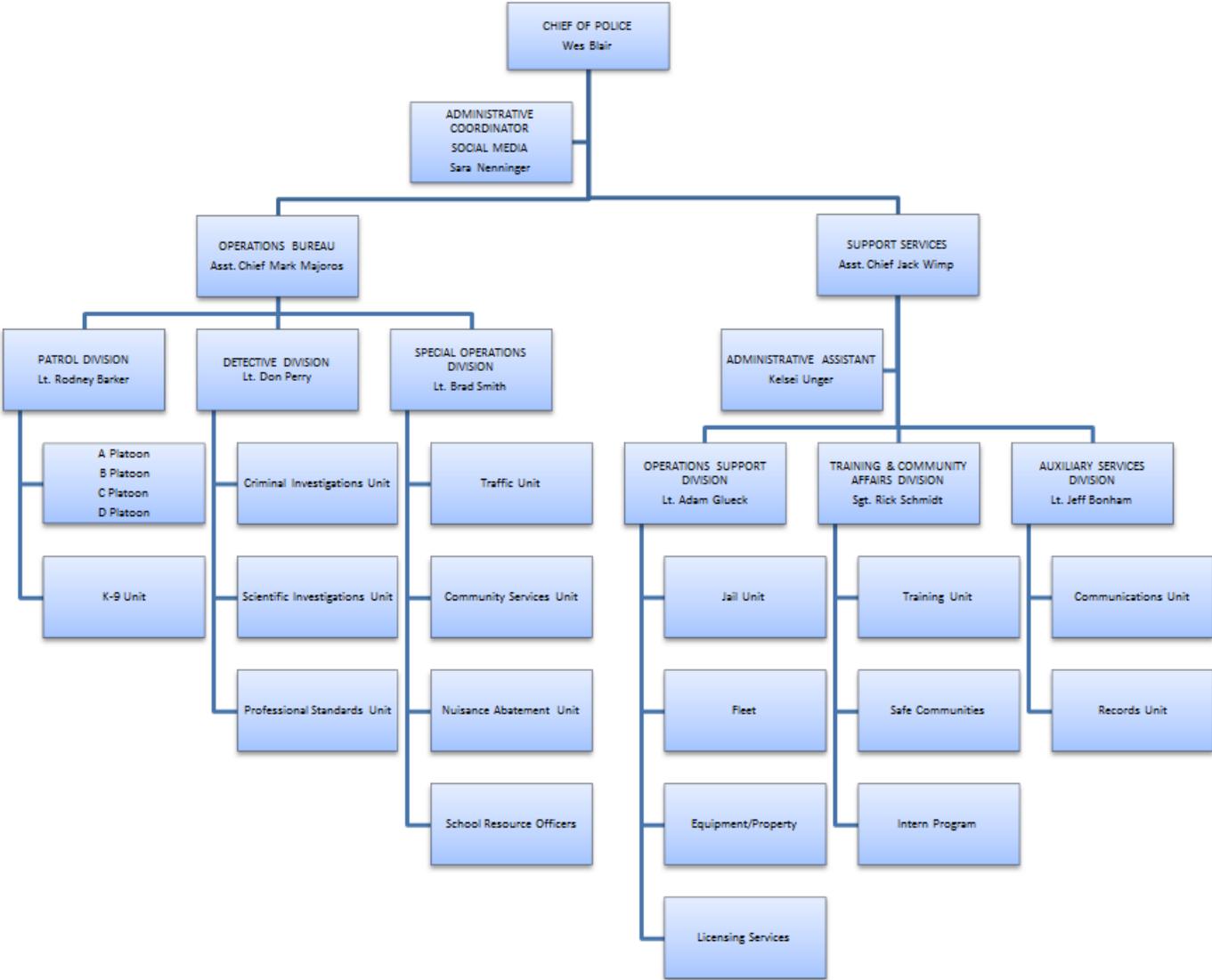
In addition to the reduction in crime, we had some other significant achievements. In 2017, we needed to replace our two retiring K9s. After reaching out to the community, we not only secured funds for their replacement, but also received funding to add two additional dogs. That means that we will have a K9 available on every shift. Another remarkable achievement was the finalization of construction on a new police facility. As 2017 drew to a close, we reached substantial completion on the new police department with a move scheduled for early 2018. The upgrades to technology will allow us to serve more efficiently than in the past and we look forward to seeing the increased benefits to both our staff and our community.

Now that 2017 is behind us and great things are in store for 2018, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you've given to your police department. We could not have had the success we did without the support of the citizens we protect. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wes Blair', written in a cursive style.

WES BLAIR
Chief of Police

Cape Girardeau Police Department



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Cape Girardeau Police Department employs 80 sworn officers who serve a community of more than 39,000 residents spanning an area of 28.49 square miles. In addition, the Department employs 33 full-time civilians that provide essential services such as Communications, Administrative Support, Records, Property and Evidence, and Highway Safety.

The Police Department is organized into two bureaus; the Operations Bureau consisting of the Patrol Division, Investigation Division, and Special Operations Division; and the Support Services Bureau consisting of the Operations Support Division, Training and Community Affairs Division, and the Auxiliary Services Division. The function of each division is an important component in assuring the Cape Girardeau Police Department maintains the professional operation expected by the community we serve.

Our Department values independence decision-making and problem-solving strategies. Using a community-oriented policing philosophy, our Department has fostered strong partnerships between our schools, faith-based community, civic organizations, and citizens. This type of collaboration greatly enhances our crime fighting tactics and tends to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community. We strongly believe that preventing crime is a community effort and it is our role, as the Police Department, to provide the training and information necessary to help our citizens take an active part in crime fighting efforts.

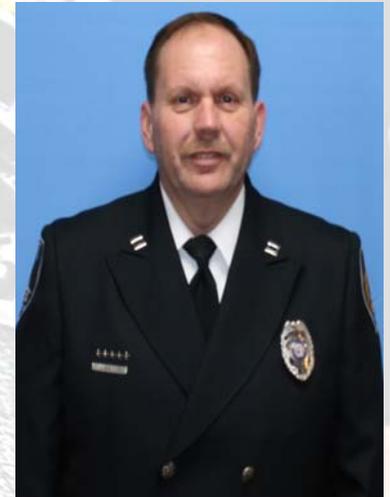
Every member of the Cape Girardeau Police Department is committed to our Mission Statement, which is summed up with: **Service, Commitment, Community**.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUREAUS

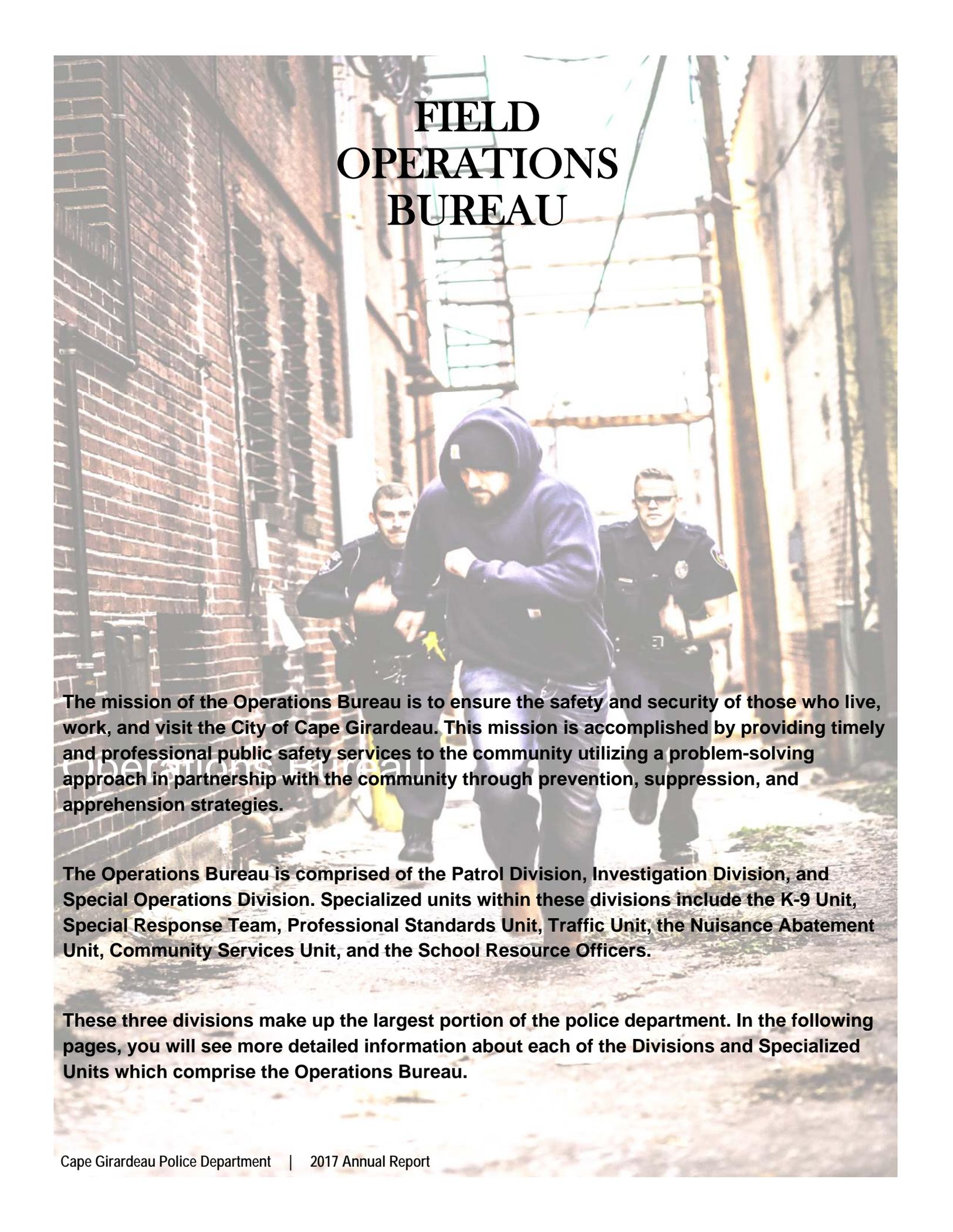


The Field Operations Bureau, under the command of Assistant Chief Mark Majoros, is the largest and most visible component of the Cape Girardeau Police Department. The Field Operations Bureau is comprised of Patrol and a number of specialized units who serve the community as first responders to a myriad of incidents. The men and women assigned to the Field Operations Bureau take pride in serving our residents, businesses and visitors through a Community Oriented Policing approach using the Department's mission, visions, and values as guiding principals.

The Support Services Bureau, under the command of Assistant Chief Jack Wimp, oversees Human Resources, Training, Public Information Services, and jail operations. The Bureau is also responsible for the Communications Unit which is often a point of first contact with the community in providing emergency and non-emergency services. The Support Service Bureau has been intensely focused on hiring the highest caliber employees for sworn police officer positions as well as civilian staff.



POLICE



FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

The mission of the Operations Bureau is to ensure the safety and security of those who live, work, and visit the City of Cape Girardeau. This mission is accomplished by providing timely and professional public safety services to the community utilizing a problem-solving approach in partnership with the community through prevention, suppression, and apprehension strategies.

The Operations Bureau is comprised of the Patrol Division, Investigation Division, and Special Operations Division. Specialized units within these divisions include the K-9 Unit, Special Response Team, Professional Standards Unit, Traffic Unit, the Nuisance Abatement Unit, Community Services Unit, and the School Resource Officers.

These three divisions make up the largest portion of the police department. In the following pages, you will see more detailed information about each of the Divisions and Specialized Units which comprise the Operations Bureau.

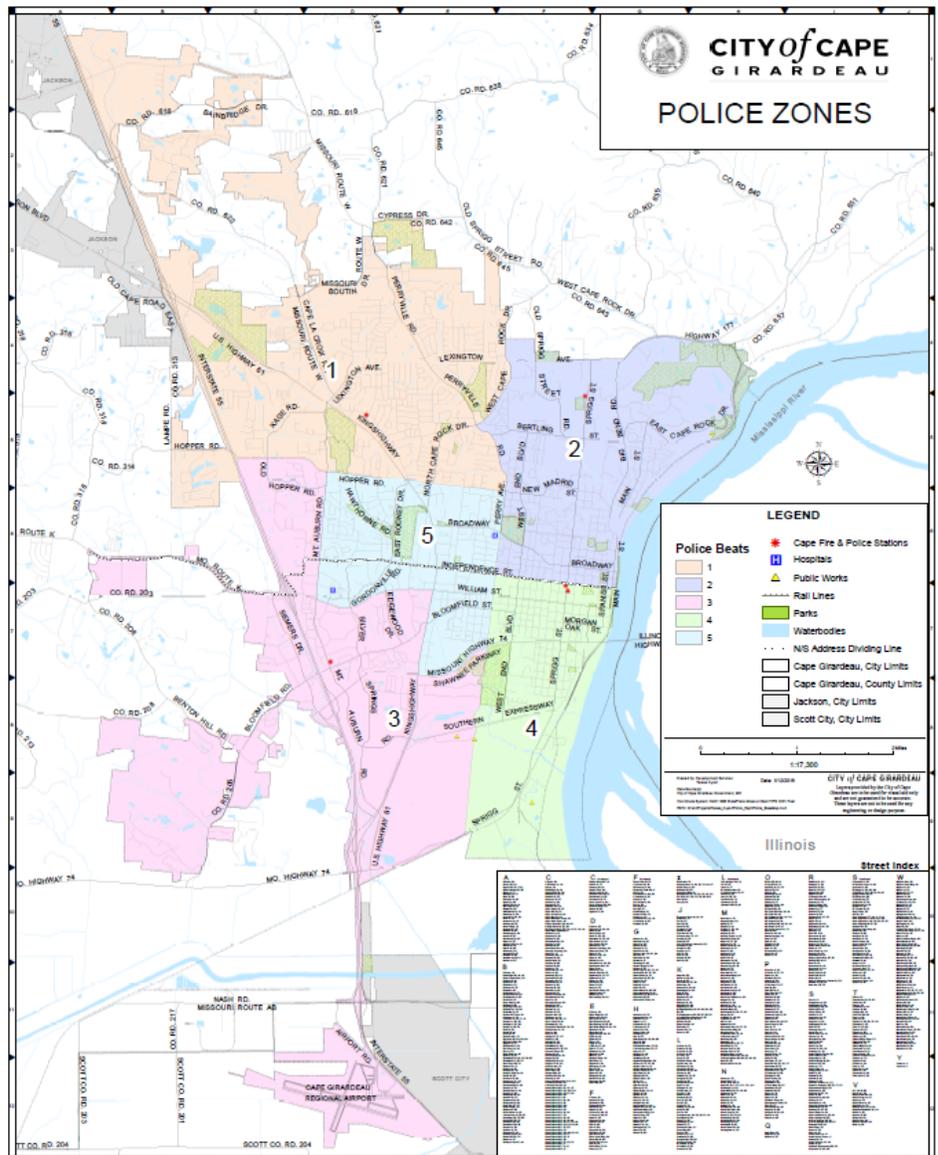
PATROL DIVISION

Division Supervisor: Lt. Rodney Barker

When a citizen or visitor calls the Cape Girardeau Police Department for assistance, the initial responding officer is assigned to the Patrol Division. Officers of the Cape Girardeau Police Department who are assigned to the Patrol Division handle all of the initial investigative duties that pertain to calls for service in the City of Cape Girardeau. These officers meet with the reporting person, interview witnesses and suspects, collect evidence, and effect arrests. If a scene or criminal investigation is complex, the patrol officer can request the assistance from a specialized unit for additional investigative resources; however, the initial case is worked by the patrol officer.

There are four platoons that provide police services within the City of Cape Girardeau 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Each platoon is supervised by a sergeant, corporal, and is staffed by police officers to ensure an efficient and effective patrol response. The City is currently divided into five separate geographical areas known as zones. An individual officer is assigned to each zone and is responsible for providing police service to that area.

Officers responded to 57,244 calls of service in 2017. In addition, officers engaged in a variety of proactive enforcement activity throughout the year. The Patrol Division achieved outstanding response times for emergency and urgent calls.



K-9 UNIT

Unit Supervisor: Sgt. Bryan Blanner

In 2017, the Cape Girardeau Police Department was tasked with raising funds for the replacement canines of K9 Reno and K9 Schupo, who both celebrated retirements in 2017. It was at this time that we saw the need to expand and strengthen our K9 Unit from two canines to four. By expanding the K9 Unit to four certified police dogs, it would allow a police K9 to be assigned to each of our four platoons, ensuring that a police K9 would be available and on-duty around the clock.

A goal of raising \$60,000 was set and fundraising efforts began. Through the generosity of area businesses, civic organizations, and citizens, our goal was far exceeded and over \$85,000 was raised by October 2017.

In May, K9 Reno retired. His handler, Ptlm. Rahn also decided to retire from K9 handling duties and returned to working the streets solo. Reno's replacement, K9 Dallas and new K9 handler Ptlm. Steiner began their 8 week training program shortly after Reno's retirement and in June, they hit the streets as a K9 Unit.

In September, K9 Schupo was retired and two additional canines were purchased. Schupo's handler, Sgt. Blanner, also decided to retire from having a K9 assigned to him, however, he is now overseeing the K9 Unit while being assigned as a platoon sergeant.

With a successful "Pay for the Pups" campaign, we asked our citizens to vote on pre-selected names for our newest additions to the force. Our community chose the names of "Jango" and "Thor". Both K9 Jango and K9 Thor joined the force in September and began their 8-week training program with their handlers, Ptlm. Brotz and Ptlm. Spencer. The fourth canine will be purchased in 2018.

2017 K9 STATS	Sgt. Blanner/ K9 Schupo (Jan-July)	Ptlm. Rahn/ K9 Reno (Jan-April)	Ptlm. Steiner/ K9 Dallas (May-Dec)	Ptlm. Spencer / K9 Thor (Oct-Dec)	Ptlm. Brotz/ K9 Jango (Oct-Dec)	TOTALS
Vehicle Search	31	8	69	14	20	142
Drugs Found	8	4	37	11	11	71
Narcotics Search (Building)	6	4	9	3	1	23
Drugs Found	5	3	4	1	1	14
Building Search (Suspect)	3	0	0	0	0	3
Tracking	7	2	3	1	0	13
Public Demonstrations	16	1	7	1	0	25
Assist Police Units	13	0	12	2	0	27

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Special Response Team, commonly known as SWAT, is a group of highly trained tactical officers designed for deployment during critical incidents. These incidents include, but are not limited to, hostage situations, barricaded subjects, high-risk search warrants, high profile escorts, and crowd control.

Members of the Special Response Team serve on a voluntary, part-time basis. They train a minimum of 12 hours per month in addition to the critical incident operations throughout the year. There are currently 12 special response operators, three paramedics, one auxiliary member, and one commander.

The Special Response Team was deployed for a total of 8 times during 2017.



PATROL PLATOONS



A Platoon

Platoon Supervisor: Sergeant Keith Green



B Platoon

Platoon Supervisor: Sergeant Bryan Blanner

PATROL PLATOONS



C Platoon

Platoon Supervisor: Sergeant Joey Hann



D Platoon

Platoon Supervisor: Sergeant Bradley Neels

DETECTIVE DIVISION

Division Supervisor: Lt. Don Perry

The Detective Division is responsible for investigating all serious crimes against persons as well as property crimes. The Division consists of highly trained and skilled detectives, investigations, crime scene investigators, and other specialists who are responsible for handling all criminal investigations involving property crimes as well as crimes against persons, normally referred to as Part I Crimes.

The Division also includes the Scientific Investigations Unit (SIU). This Unit provides proper handling, storage, maintenance, and disposal of law enforcement held property and evidence. The property and evidence room maintains the integrity of evidence for criminal prosecutions and safe keeping of property for all citizens who come in contact with the Department.

The Detective Division is committed to providing high-quality service to the community in pursuit of those who victimize others.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit (Internal Affairs) investigates allegations of employee misconduct to ensure compliance with the professional standards of the Cape Girardeau Police Department. This Unit is attached to the Detective Division and is staffed by the Commander of the Detective Division.

These allegations may include, but are not limited to:

- Complaints of bias based on profiling
- Excessive Force
- Alleged Corruption
- Insubordination
- Breach of Civil Rights
- False Arrest
- Other allegations of serious misconduct

The Cape Girardeau Police Department works diligently to maintain an open environment where our community members can freely tell us when they are pleased or dissatisfied with our performance. When we receive allegations of employee misconduct, we thoroughly investigate the incident to determine the appropriate response.

2017 Investigations and Findings:

Professional Standards Investigations:

No. of Investigations: 9

No. of Employees Investigated: 9

Findings of Misconduct: 4

No. of Unfounded Investigations: 4

** One 2017 PSI still active at the time of this report*

Findings of misconduct result in disciplinary actions that may include, but are not limited to:

Written Reprimand, Suspension Without Pay, and/or Termination of Employment

Citizen Complaints:

No. of Investigations: 6

No. of Employees Investigated: 7

Findings of Misconduct: 0

No. of Unfounded Investigations: 6

CAPE GIRARDEAU / BOLLINGER COUNTY MAJOR CASE SQUAD

Several employees of the Cape Girardeau Police Department serve on the Cape Girardeau/Bollinger County Major Case Squad (MCS) in addition to their positions within the Department. Since its inception in 1983, the Major Case Squad, made up of officers and detectives from six law enforcement agencies has worked a total of 62 cases. Assistant Chief of Police Mark Majoros currently serves as the Major Case Squad Commander.

2017 Major Case Squad Activations

March 1, 2017: Ryan Grandi, age 30, was shot multiple times inside his home in the 600-block of Bellevue. After being shot, Grandi was driven to a Cape Girardeau hospital by unknown subjects who told the medical staff they had a gunshot victim in their vehicle. After medical staff took Grandi inside, the unknown subjects fled the scene. Grandi died at the hospital. Nicholas Fairbank, age 20, and Steffon Swader, age 17, face charges of armed criminal action, tampering with physical evidence, and burglary in the first degree.

April 14, 2017: Officers conducting routine patrol were waved down by a victim who suffered an apparent gunshot wound. In talking to that victim, officers learned of another victim who had been shot nearby. Jeremy Guyton, age 32, was located in the area of Bloomfield and Christine and was pronounced deceased by the Cape County Coroner. The reporting victim was transported to an area hospital with non-threatening injuries. Tiwan Page, age 29 of Sikeston, was charged with one count of murder in the first degree, two counts of armed criminal action, one count of assault in the first degree, and one count of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

May 11, 2017: Demetric Atchison, age 41, of Cape Girardeau was found dead from a gunshot wound near 41 N. Henderson. After the 72-hour standard activation period, the Major Case Squad disbanded. No arrest has been made in this case.

July 19, 2017: Lavell Durden, Jr., age 49, of Cape Girardeau was found deceased near the 200-block of S. Lorimier. After extending past the 72-hour standard activation period, the Major Case Squad disbanded a week later. No arrest has been made in this case.

August 26, 2017: Jimmy Walker, age 22, of Cape Girardeau was found shot in the 700-block of S. Sprigg. After being transferred to a Cape Girardeau hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. After the 72-hour standard activation period, the Major Case Squad disbanded. No arrest has been made in this case.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

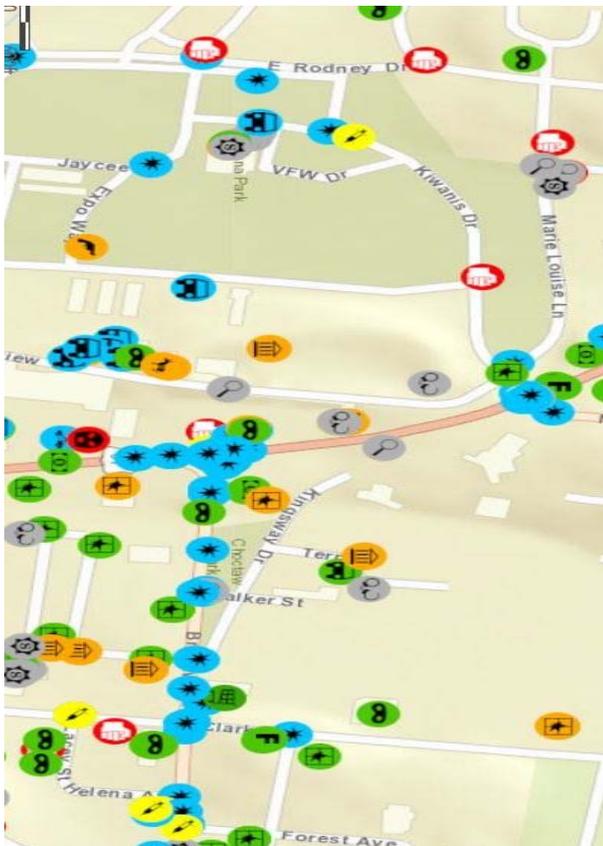
Division Supervisor: Lt. Brad Smith

The Special Operations Division oversees a variety of specialized units, projects, and events. Units in this Division include the Traffic Unit, Community Service Unit, Crime Analyst, the School Resource Officers,

Community Service Unit

Community policing initiatives have been developed nationwide by local governments in an effort to help improve the quality of life. Community policing is a philosophy in which the community and law enforcement collectively decide what local and neighborhood problems are, and what resources can be used to address them.

The officer assigned to the Community Service Unit works primarily with neighborhood residence and groups serving as a link between them, the Police Department, service agencies, and the local government to help recognize crime trends and eliminate the source of crime in the community. In December, Corporal Richard Couch was assigned as the Community Service Officer and assigned additional responsibilities as a landlord liaison for the Department.



Crime Analyst

In April 2017, Corporal Ryan Droege was appointed as our Department's first Crime Analyst. The Crime Analyst position is responsible for the analysis and dissemination of crime activity data and the collection and maintenance of crime intelligent information for the city of Cape Girardeau. The information provided contribute to officer safety and crime reduction efforts. The Crime Analysis Unit is also charged with responding to requests for crime data from departmental staff. Data exported from this Unit is used by officers for more effective, efficient policing, and by administration for improved staffing decisions.

School Resource Officers

Five officers are currently assigned to the Cape Girardeau Public School District. These officers provide a forum through which students, parents, faculty, and law enforcement officers can become better acquainted and, as a result, continue mutual respect for one another. These officers are involved in activities such as conducting classroom presentations, coordination of group discussions with students in the area of mutual concern, patrolling school premises and surrounding areas to reduce loitering and prevent criminal activity as well as stimulate student involvement in crime prevention programs.

2017 School Resource Officers

Cpl. Tado:	Career & Technology Center
Ptln. T. Angle:	Central High School
Ptln. Carlisle:	Central Jr. High School
Ptln. Whitlock:	Central Academy
Ptln. Ortmann:	Elementary Schools

The Cape Girardeau Explorers POST 4230 attended a week long training in July with the Greater St. Louis Police Explorers Academy. Our Explorers competed all week and represented the Cape Girardeau Police Department extremely well. One Explorer placed 1st in "Top Shot" and another Explorer who was overall best "Level 2 Explorer." There are three levels within the program in St. Louis. We received rave reviews from everyone on how well our of our Explorers performed. Post 4230 began in the winter of 2016.



Airport Security

Since May 2002, the Cape Girardeau Police Department has been in contract with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide security at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport. Officers are assigned to provide security for screening passengers and luggage.

Nuisance Abatement Unit

The Nuisance Abatement Unit is comprised of a full-time supervisor, three full-time and one part-time Nuisance Abatement Officers. They are responsible for the many aspects of the Unit which includes animal control issues, litter, disabled vehicles, quality of life issues, and other health and nuisance abatement issues.

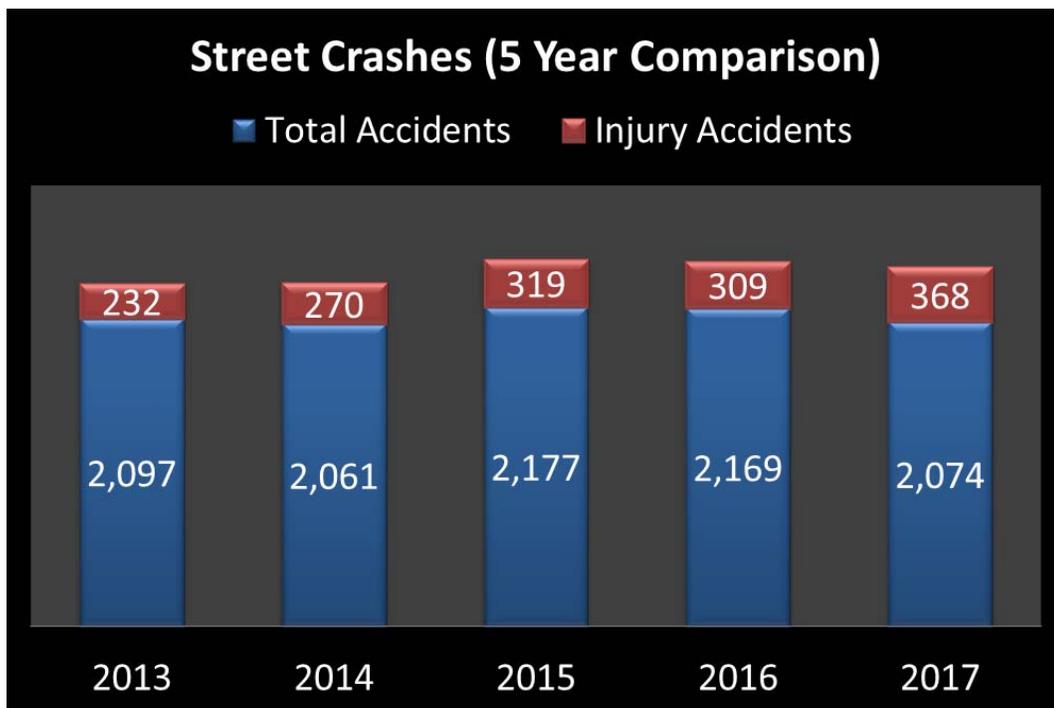
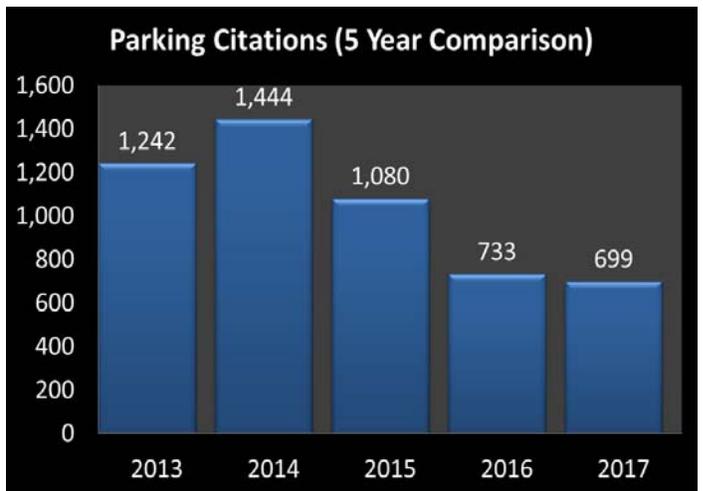
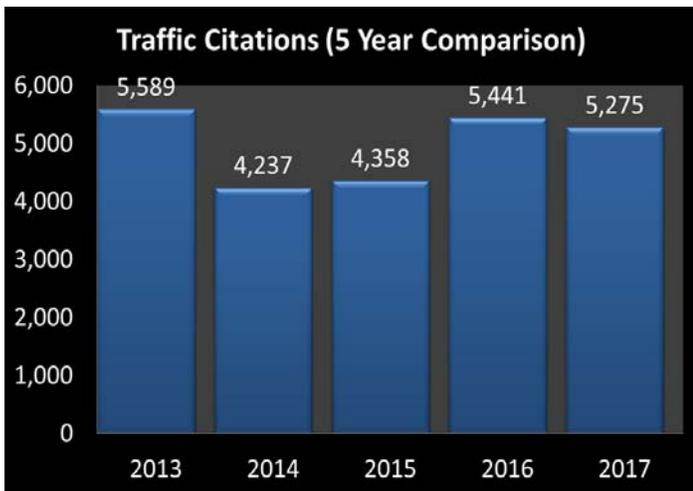
Note: Vehicles, illegal parking, signs, etc. were all previously classified under Zoning. Classification of these types of incidents changed in 2014 so every type of incident the Department handles could be noted. In these statistics, Zoning incidents are now classified as issues Nuisance Abatement handles at the request of other City Departments.

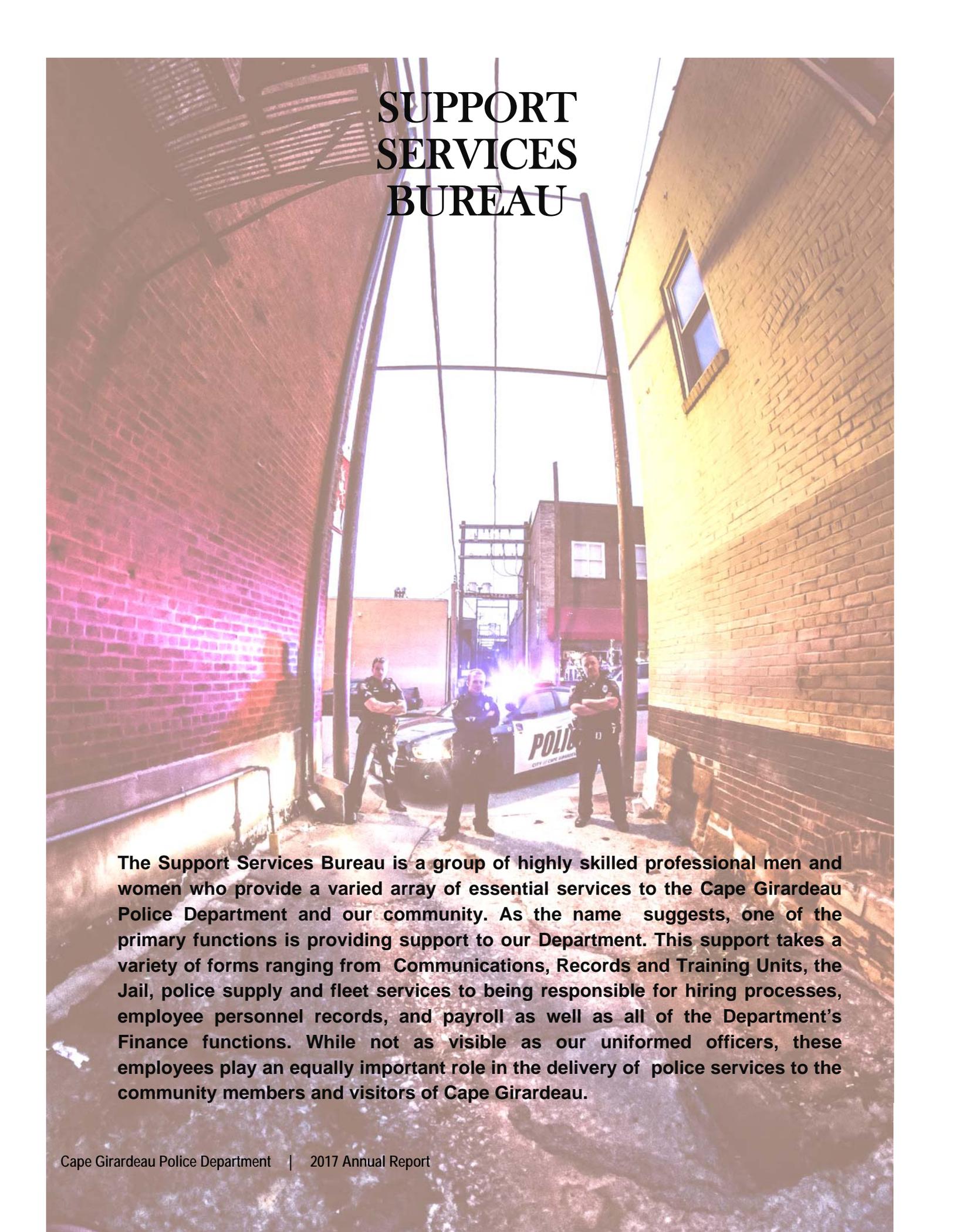


2017	
Animals	3,458
Warnings Issued	663
Summons Issued	55
Trash	532
Warnings Issued	253
Summons Issued	7
Zoning	1
Warnings Issued	0
Summons Issued	0
Weeds	224
Warnings Issued	102
Summons Issued	0
Nuisance	1,216
Warning Issued	536
Summons Issued	12
Signs	46
Warning Issued	1
Summons Issued	0
Parking	1,694
Warning Issued	614
Summons Issued	341
Miscellaneous	178
Vehicles	276
Warnings	111
Summons	9
Graffiti	9
Warnings	3
Summons	0
Total Calls	7,634
Total Warnings	2,283
Total Summons	424

Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is one of the most visible units that the motoring public has contact with. This Unit is tasked with ensuring the safety of the residents and visitors that utilize the network of roadways, walkways, and bikeways within the city. Goals include ensuring the expeditious flow of traffic and compliance with local, state and federal laws. This is accomplished by utilizing several different approaches, including a combination of public education and enforcement efforts. The Traffic Unit also assists in the coordination of “Click It or Ticket It” campaigns, DWI enforcement, Hazardous Moving Violations (HMV), as well as special events including parades or 5Ks.





SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

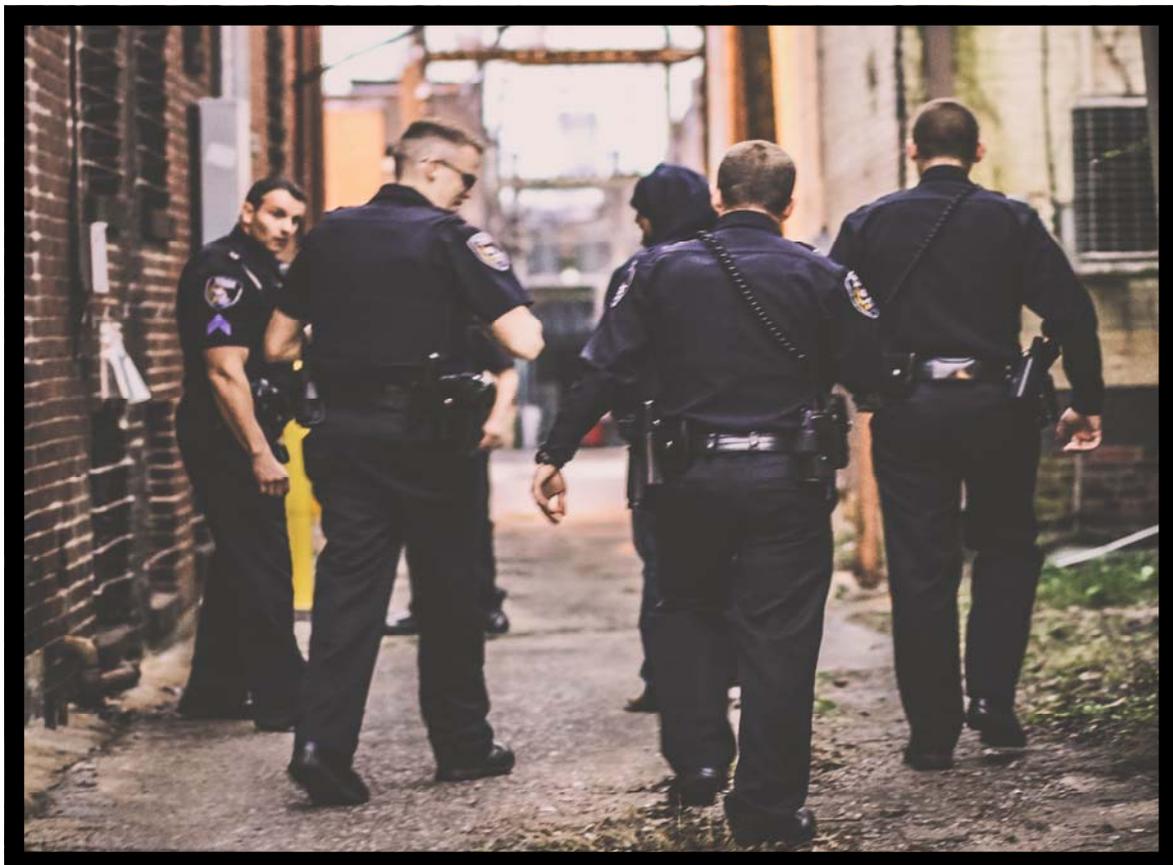
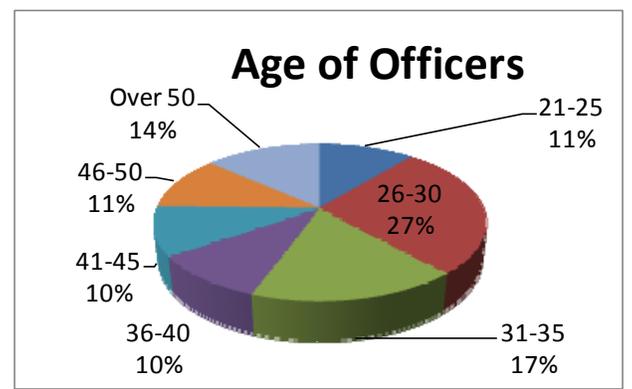
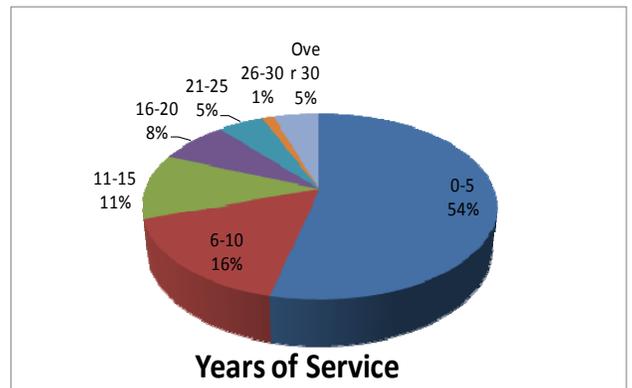
The Support Services Bureau is a group of highly skilled professional men and women who provide a varied array of essential services to the Cape Girardeau Police Department and our community. As the name suggests, one of the primary functions is providing support to our Department. This support takes a variety of forms ranging from Communications, Records and Training Units, the Jail, police supply and fleet services to being responsible for hiring processes, employee personnel records, and payroll as well as all of the Department's Finance functions. While not as visible as our uniformed officers, these employees play an equally important role in the delivery of police services to the community members and visitors of Cape Girardeau.

Our Personnel

The most important asset of the Cape Girardeau Police Department is our staff. Our Department is filled with talented and experienced individuals who hold many advanced certifications and degrees. Currently, 46% of our officers hold a Bachelors or Masters degree.

With an average of 9 years of service, their diversity and experience provides a balance of appropriate performance and preparation for the future.

The Cape Girardeau Police Department prides itself in having competent, capable, and relentless members. Employees serve extended productive careers which provides stability for the Department and a wealth of experience. We salute their dedication as they move through their career.



New Hires

Patrolman Brian McCain, January 9
Communicator Zachary Graham, January 9
Patrolman Ryan Anderson, February 27
Communicator Rachel Turner, March 13
Communicator Michelle VanGennip, March 20
Communicator Kailey Beguin, April 24
Administrative Assistant Kelsei Unger, May 8
Patrolman Cody Owens, June 12
Patrolman Andrew Simmons, June 12

Patrolman Jacob Monteith, June 26
Communicator Allen Stensland, June 26
Patrolman Jacob Marberry, July 24
Jailer Stephen Brownslee, July 31
Jailer Vernon Norfolk, July 31
Patrolman Andrew Naholz, August 28
Nuisance Abatement Officer Ethan Garnett, September 18
Jailer Eric Nanney, October 9
Patrolman Blake Leadbetter, December 4

Promotions

Lieutenant Adam Glueck, April 22 (Reassigned from Training & Community Affairs to Operations Support Division Commander)
Sergeant Bradley Neels, April 22 (Remains in Patrol Division/assigned as D Platoon Supervisor)
Corporal Jacob Scheper, April 22 (Remains in Patrol Division)
Sergeant Bryan Blanner, May 20 (Remains in Patrol Division/assigned as B Platoon Supervisor & K9 Unit Supervisor)
Corporal Ryan Droege, May 20 (Remains in Special Operations Division/Crime Analyst)
Lieutenant Jeffrey Bonham, July 1 (Transferred from Detective Division to Auxiliary Services Division Commander)
Sergeant Brian Vassalli (Remains in Patrol Division)
Corporal Mark Wyatt (Remains assigned as a Court Bailiff)

Retirements



Lynn Ware began employment with us on October 9, 1999 and was the Safe Communities Coordinator. She retired from the Department on January 27, 2017.



Ptlm. David Valentine began employment with us on March 10, 2003. He retired from the Department on February 24, 2017. Before his retirement, Ptlm. Valentine was assigned to the Traffic Unit.



Lt. Barry Hovis began employment with us on July 28, 1986 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on January 17, 2009. He retired from the Department on March 3, 2017. Before his retirement, Lt. Hovis was the Support Division Commander.



Lt. John "Buddy" Davis began employment with us on July 28, 1986 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on December 23, 2000. He retired from the Department on June 30, 2017. Before his retirement, Lt. Davis was the Auxiliary Services Division Commander.



Sgt. Kevin Orr began employment with us on October 4, 1982 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 23, 2000. He retired from the Department on May 12, 2017. Before his retirement, Sgt. Orr was the supervisor of the Traffic Unit.

AUXILIARY SERVICES DIVISION

Division Supervisor: Lt. Jeffrey Bonham

The Auxiliary Services Division is overseen by an officer holding the rank of Lieutenant. There are two distinct functions within this Division—

Communications Unit and Records Unit

Communications Unit

The Cape Girardeau Public Safety Communications Unit is the nerve center and life-line of the Police Department. The Communications Unit handles both emergency and non-emergency calls for service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and plays a pivotal role in the Department's efforts to meet increasing demands for police services. As the first point of contact, personnel answers emergency (911) and non-emergency calls and ensures resources are dispatched rapidly and efficiently.

The Unit is staffed with 13 trained full-time Public Safety Communicators, 7 part-time Communicators, two per diem call-takers, and a civilian communications manager. Each Communicator plays a vital part in the overall mission of the Cape Girardeau Police Department.



RECORDS UNIT

When members of the community arrive at the Police Department, they're often first greeted by a member of the Records Unit. Their timely and dedicated support of other divisions is an important component in ensuring the Department remains responsive to the community.

The Police Records Unit is also responsible for the maintaining and storage of all Police related records. In 2017, over 8,296 reports plus numerous supplemental reports were processed through the Unit. They have the primary responsibility for submitting the monthly Uniform Reports Statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigations—U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Department.

The Records Unit of the Cape Girardeau Police Department is staffed with four full-time civilian Records Clerks and one Records Supervisor.



Left to Right: Tammy DeSpain, Records Clerk; Lori Vandeven, Records Supervisor; Clara Jane Fletchall, Records Unit temp; Janet Hahn, Records Clerk; Tonya Green, Records Clerk; Caylea Rhodes, Records Clerk

OPERATIONS SUPPORT DIVISION

Jail Unit

The Cape Girardeau Police Department houses a 29 bed, direct-supervision jail facility used primarily to house prisoners awaiting municipal ordinance violations.

During the 2017 calendar year, the jail was operated by six full-time jailers that covered the jail 24/7.

The expertise and professionalism of the correctional staff assigned to the Jail Unit are critical to maintaining a safe jail facility.

CITY	Male	1,100
	Female	568
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	Male	136
	Female	37
FEDERAL	Male	0
	Female	0
STATE	Male	0
	Female	0
TOTAL ADMITTED		1,841

Equipment

The Operations Support Division is responsible for the purchasing of uniforms and equipment for all commissioned officers, jailers, nuisance abatement officers, and communications officers. Uniforms and equipment are provided to our employees with no cost to the employee.

The duties and responsibilities of the uniform and equipment officer consists of ordering uniforms and equipment, receipt of items, maintaining departmental asset records, and issuing related equipment to all uniformed employees.

This Division works closely with various vendors and the City's Finance Department to maintain an adequate supply of necessary support items and equipment. Through continuous effort, projected planning, and ordering for future needs, Department personnel are provided with equipment to function effectively and provide the citizens of Cape Girardeau with the utmost in police services.

To outfit a new patrolman with uniforms and personal equipment (to include handgun, patrol rifle, duty belt, handcuffs, flashlights, radios, Taser, etc.), it costs approximately \$11,175.00. It should be noted equipment is re-used as often as possible and new equipment is not ordered for every probationary officer. Detectives are given an annual clothing allowance of \$400.00.

TRAINING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Training and Community Services Unit is responsible for the Department's training unit, media relations, and crime prevention.

Unit Supervisor: Sgt. Rick Schmidt

Training Unit

The Training Unit is the first spot new officers will experience as they embark on their career. It's also a place that offers continued employee development throughout the year.

The Training Unit is committed to providing the most updated training curriculum for employees and other law enforcement agencies who may attend courses at our facility. The Training Unit ensures that all commissioned officers complete their state mandated POST program training hours during each three-year reporting period.

Officer training includes, but is not limited to:

- * Active Shooter
- * Reality-Based Scenarios
- * Use of Force
- * Defensive Tactics
- * Cultural Diversity
- * Domestic Violence

Media Relations

The Cape Girardeau Police Department fosters cooperation and mutual respect between the Department and news media.

Sergeant Adam Glueck and Patrolman Rich McCall are assigned as media liaisons and are highly trained individuals who understand the importance of using the media as a valuable resource to keep the public informed as to the Department's activities. In this regard, they realize their role is to assist members of the media in completing the task of gathering information and reporting on news events impacting residents and visitors to the City of Cape Girardeau. The public's perception and image of the Department is largely dependent on the hard work of these officers.

Safe Communities Program

The goal of the Cape Girardeau Safe Communities Program is to provide injury prevention strategies, primarily in the areas of traffic safety to the citizens of Cape Girardeau County.

The Safe Communities initiative is working to expand partnerships in the community to access local injury data. Through this information, areas of concern are determined and new effective strategies for injury prevention are developed. The program has two full-time coordinators, a part-time employee (TRACTION), and a 19 member Advisory Committee. Grants through the Missouri Department of Transportation-Division of Highway Safety provide funding for this program.

Safe Communities coordinates multi-jurisdictional law enforcement efforts throughout Cape Girardeau County.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Cape Girardeau Police Department has maintained a Facebook and Twitter account since 2013, however, we began to greatly increase our presence on the popular social media sites in 2015 and throughout 2016. The feedback from the community is overwhelmingly positive.

Social media continues to be a valuable resource for getting information out to the public in a timely manner. Twitter is often used by the Department to send out emergency status updates for motor vehicle crash responses, or lane closures, while Facebook is primarily used to promote events such as “Coffee with Cops” and “National Night Out”, bringing awareness to programs the Department has in place to

engage citizens in public safety initiatives, and giving recognition to sworn and non-sworn personnel who have received compliments from citizens for their work. In addition,

several posts requesting the public’s assistance in identifying and/or locating persons of interest or suspects proved to be extremely successful and resulted in several arrests throughout 2017.

Social media has also allowed citizens to ask questions or make statements (publicly or privately) and receive quick feedback back from the Department. Many have expressed how grateful they are in having the opportunity to approach us with questions in such an open manner.

The Department’s social media presence increased throughout the year, engaging a growing audience of interactive citizens. In 2017, our Facebook page grew from 10,646 to over 15,336. Our Twitter account went from 2,521 to 3,000 followers. Lastly,

our Instagram grew from 1,392 to 1,700 followers. We anticipate these numbers will continue to grow as we actively seek to engage the citizens of our City.



Beth Wessell Cape Girardeau Police Department

October 31 · 🌐

I would like to thank Officer McCAIN for taking the time to talk to and show my grandson, Tripp, his car, and share some candy with him, on this Halloween. You made his nite !!! #ourpolicerock #cgpd #madetrippshalloween



Brian Miller

July 28 · 🌐

Big thanks to the nice officers who went above and beyond to bring my moms Janet Miller wallet she left at CVS earlier today. Great job guys. Cape Girardeau Police Department. Thanks for understanding while I let my dogs out. 🙌🙌🙌

Social Media Top Stories



Posted: July 8, 2017

Total Reach: 167.8K

Engagement: 49.1K

The local Elk's Lodge hosted a K9 fundraiser for the Cape Girardeau Police Department in July. As part of their event, fireworks were shot off, some which caused a black ring of in the sky. Our Communications Unit was inundated with calls about this mysterious circle in the sky. After posting on Facebook that this was a result of fireworks and not related to an alien abduction, it quickly became one of the top Social Media "stories" for us in 2017.

After 8 human years, and 56 years dog years, Reno is turning in his badge and collar. Now, it's a lifetime of doggie biscuits and long walks for K9 Reno as he adjusts to "civilian" life. Throughout Reno's career, he was involved in the arrest of hundreds of suspects, convincing suspects to peacefully surrender with nothing but his bark. Reno was also trained in narcotic detection and sniffed out numerous drug and evidence finds, always eager to take a bite out of crime. Reno's well-earned retirement will be spent at home with his Officer, Roy Rahn. But first, he will get to enjoy a delicious cake courtesy of [Mississippi Mutts](#) later this afternoon as we thank him for his years of loyal service to our community!

After 14 years as a K9 handler, Officer Roy Rahn will be transitioned to a patrol assignment.



Posted: May 10, 2017

Total Reach: 135.7K

Engagement: 19.5K

On Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 8:37 a.m., officers were dispatched to the area near Wal-Mart Supercenter at 3439 William in reference to a reported missing person. Upon arriving, officers discovered that a female had not shown up for work this morning.

After reviewing cell phone and banking records, along with video from surrounding businesses, it was discovered that the female had been abducted from the parking lot of the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

The victim was located unharmed in rural Scott County. The Department immediately posted the suspect description to its social media platforms and a few hours later, the suspects were identified as John Czarnecki and Christopher Smith. On June 16, both suspects were taken into custody in western Kansas by officers of the Kansas Highway Patrol and the United States Marshals Service. This most reached close to half a million people and is the top social media story for our Department in our history.

Posted: June 15, 2017

Total Reach: 484.9K

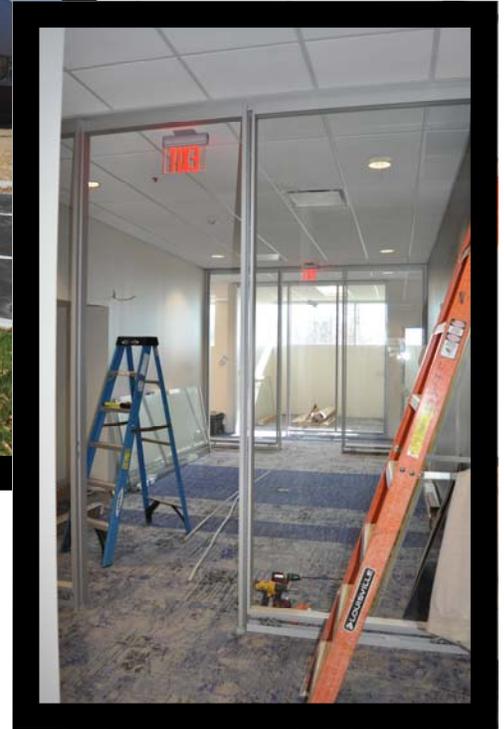
Engagement: 123.8K

Sara Nenninger, Administrative Coordinator and designated social media coordinator for the Cape Girardeau Police Department was recognized on September 6, 2017 as one of the Business Today's 2017 "Newsmakers." Sara was given the task of managing our social



media platforms in 2016. Her exhaustive efforts in social media outreach are a vital part of the relationship building and transparency that is critical to effectively providing the citizens of Cape Girardeau with the best law enforcement services possible.

POLICE STATION PROGRESS



Progress on the new Police Headquarters building, jail and Municipal Court continued throughout 2017. Chiodini and Associates was selected as the architecture firm to design the building and Kiefner Brothers, Inc. was selected as the General Contractor for the project.

On August 2, 2016, demolition began on the building that formerly housed military reserve units at 2530 Maria Louise Ln. Once the building was completely razed, the contractor began preparing the site for a new building. Part of that preparation uncovered a problem with the soil that was under the existing building. The solution was to remove three (3) feet of soil from the site and replace it with an engineered rock base fill to stabilize the site.

On October 12, 2016, the architect, contractor, and City of Cape Girardeau broke ground for the new building. The contractor then built and poured the footings and foundations for the new building. During the soil remediation and footing/foundation construction, the design team continued to meet weekly to design the interior of the Police, Court and Jail facilities. The construction team experienced phenomenal working conditions due to unusually warm, dry weather during the fall months that kept the project progressing.

In December 2017, most exterior work was completed and interior flooring, demountable walls, and hardware installed. Substantial completion is on schedule for February 2, 2018 with a move-in date scheduled for March 5, 2018.

Public Safety Trust Fund

In 2014, voters approved the renewal of Fire Tax until 2035. The revenue generated from this 1/8-cent sales tax is expected to be \$1.2 million per year. Half the funding will be used for facilities and the other half will be used to replace existing fire apparatus and police vehicles as needed. These expenditures are being tracked through the Public Safety Trust Fund. Below are expenditures that have been made from this fund by the Police Department.

Cape Girardeau Police Department Trust Fund Expenditures through 2017

Police Cars (fully equipped)

9 Police Vehicles FY 2015	\$239,672
4 Police Vehicles FY 2016	\$100,206
8 Police Vehicles FY 2017	\$202,259

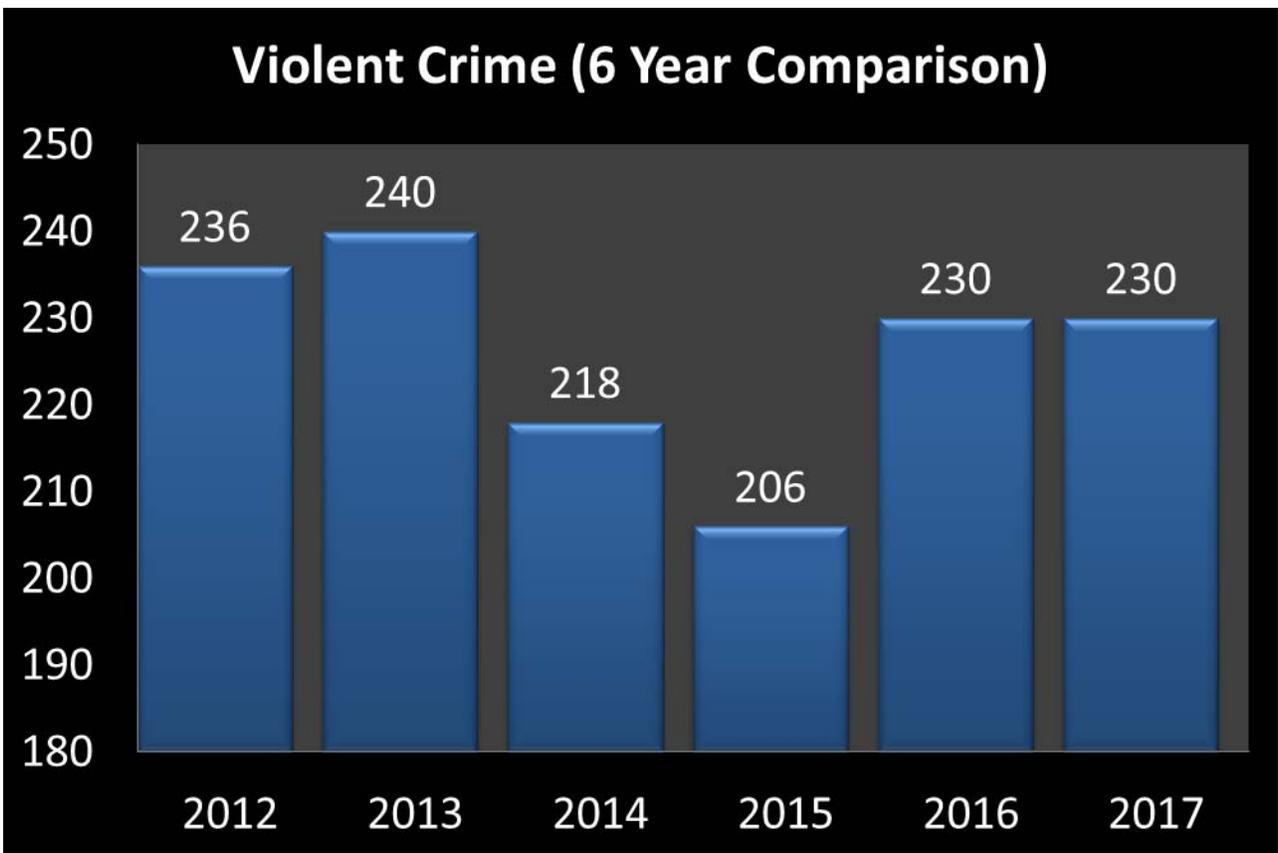
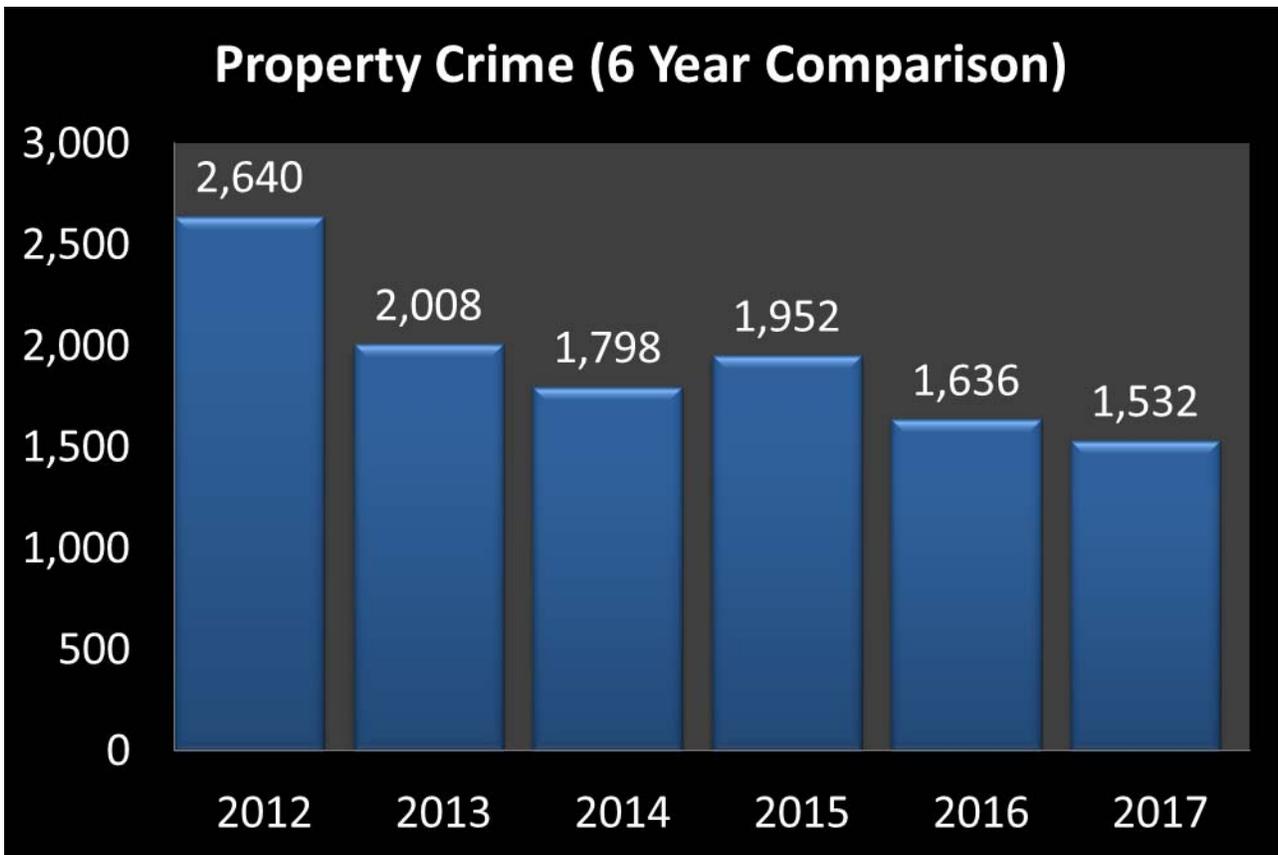
Police Equipment

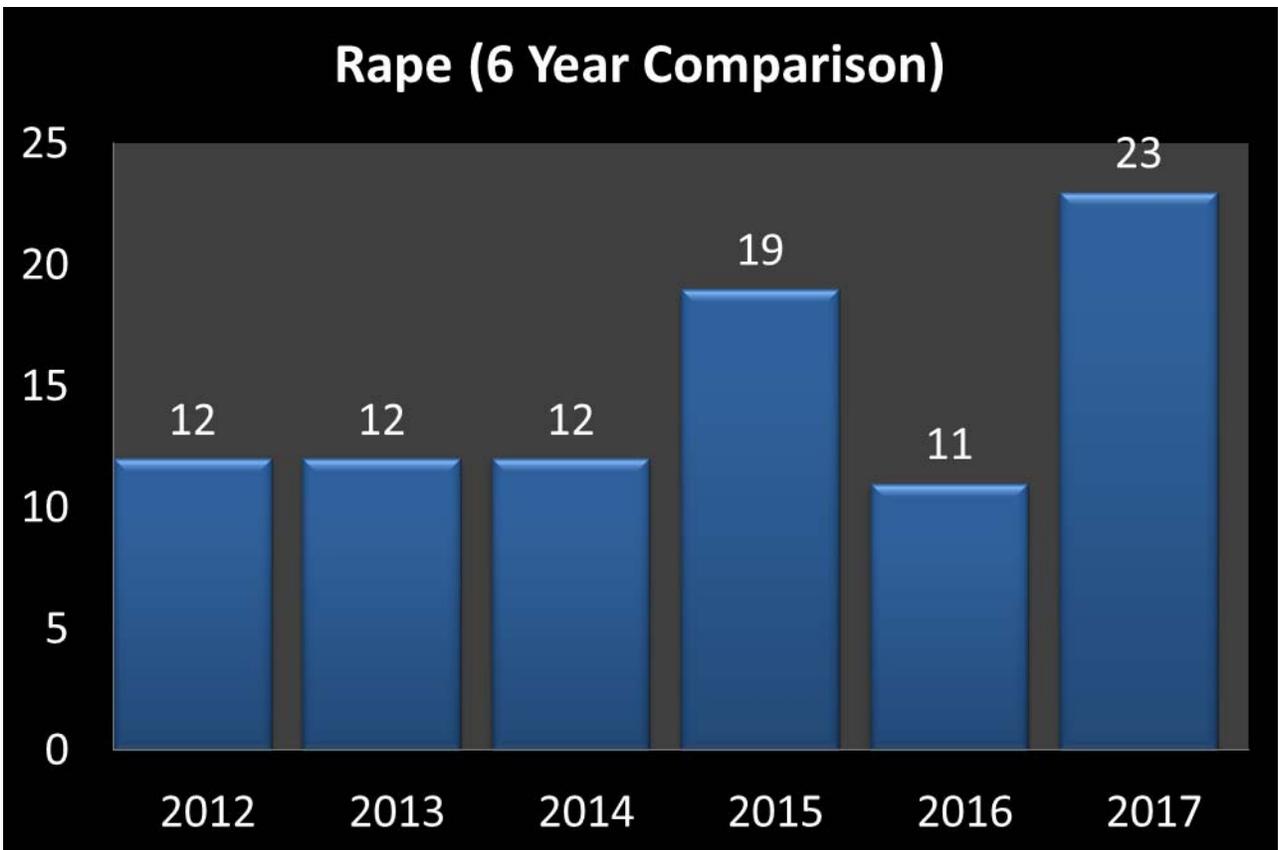
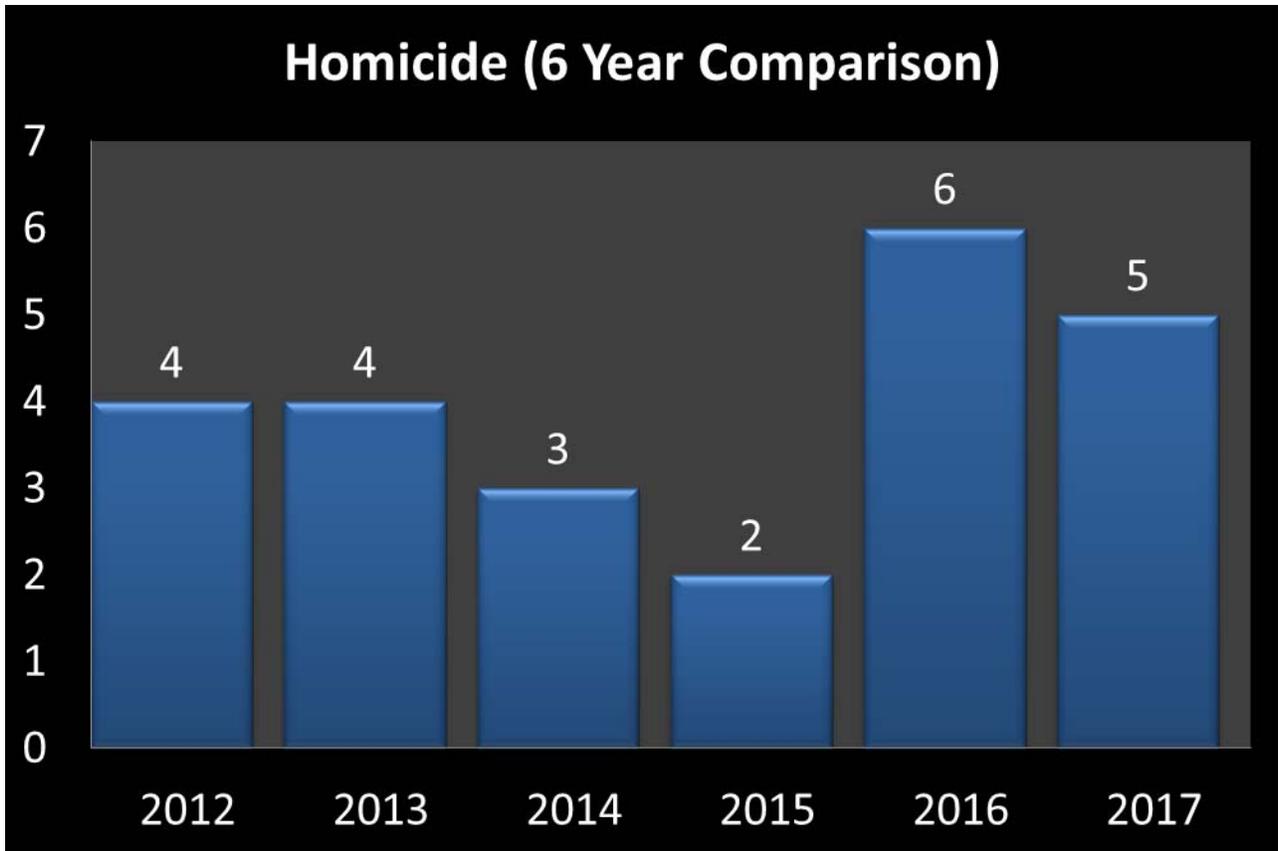
5 Petitions w/cages & gun racks	\$ 8,000	SRT Equipment	\$12,454
Change out 9 New Vehicles (moving radios, lights, MDTs)	\$ 5,400	Extreme Vision Drone & Parts	\$10,018
New Vehicle Striping on New Vehicles	\$ 5,400	5 Mobile Fingerprinting Devices	\$ 8,625
12 SRT Helmets	\$ 5,400	Equipment for Patrol Vehicles	\$ 8,429
2 Extra Mags for 80 Officers	\$ 6,400	Mobile Data Terminals for 2 Vehicles	\$ 6,368
Emergency Lights for 2 Vehicles	\$ 2,920	Motorola Radio APX 7500	\$ 4,000
Vehicle Radios for 2 Vehicles	\$ 8,846	Enclosed Trailer	\$ 3,900
Mobile Data Terminals for 2 Vehicles	\$ 13,050	Truck Vault	\$ 3,849
Vehicle Sirens for 2 Vehicles	\$ 900	Light Bars for 2 Vehicles	\$ 3,490
Tire Deflators for 2 Vehicles	\$ 800	40 Rescue Tourniquets	\$ 3,457
Trunk Accessories for 2 Vehicles	\$ 300	K9 Kennel	\$ 2,995
Equipment Installation Cost	\$ 2,700	SRT Sniper Rifle	\$ 2,919
4 Free Standing T-Mounts	\$ 4,800	9 Bulletproof Vests	\$ 7,445
Aim Point Rifle Optics	\$ 5,000	Evidence Truck Equipment	\$ 1,715
Air Soft Training Weapons	\$ 942	Laptop	\$ 1,617
Camera (Back Lot)	\$ 1,186		
Cargo Container (Storage)	\$ 3,075		
Push Bumper (Bomb Squad Tahoe)	\$ 1,212		

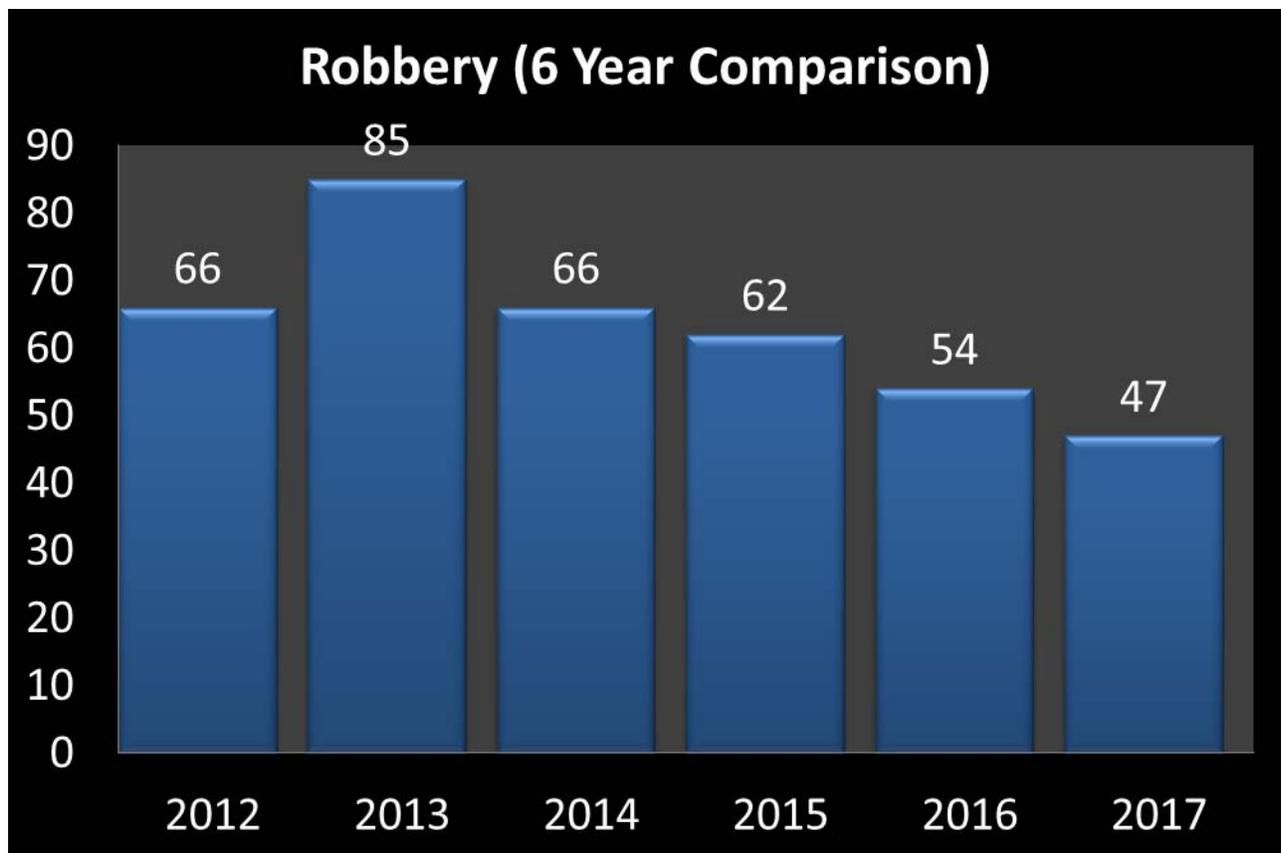
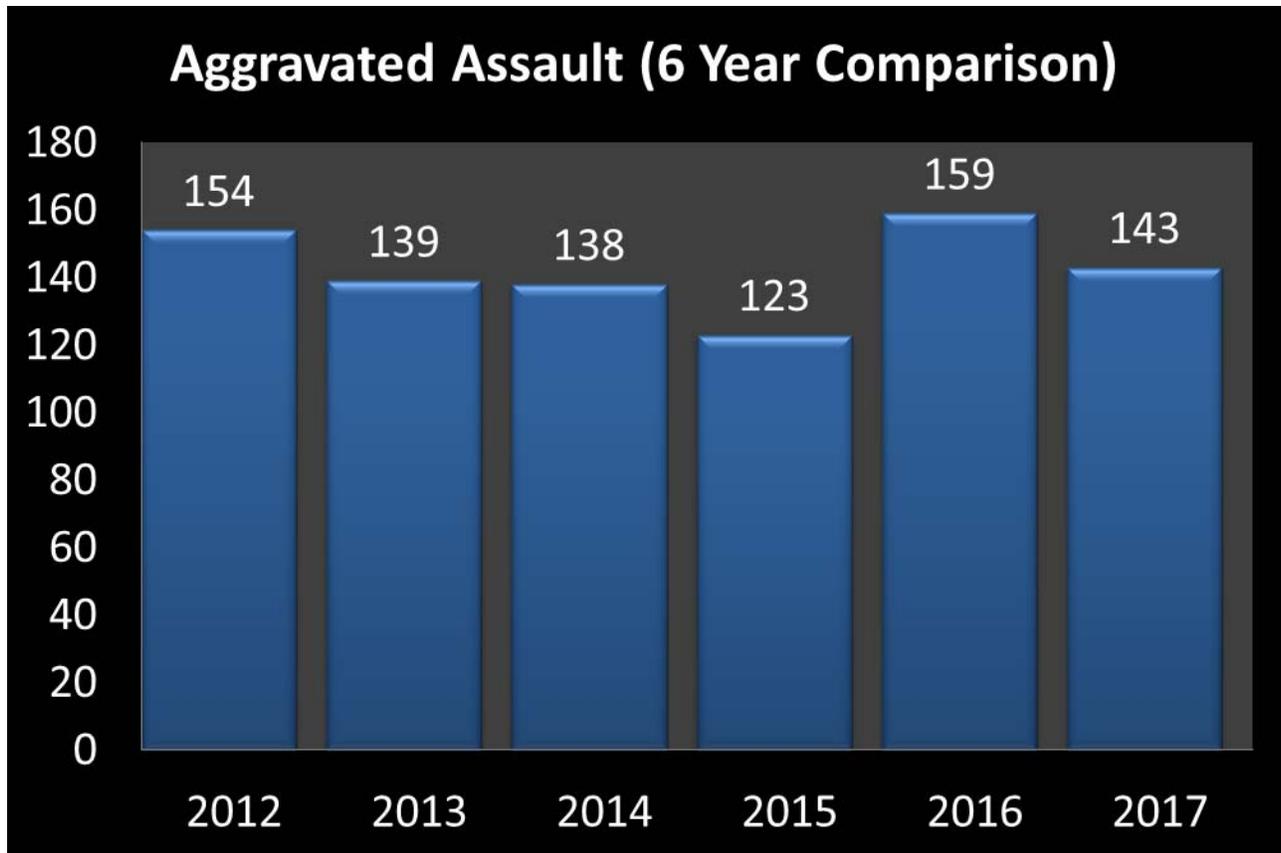
Grants

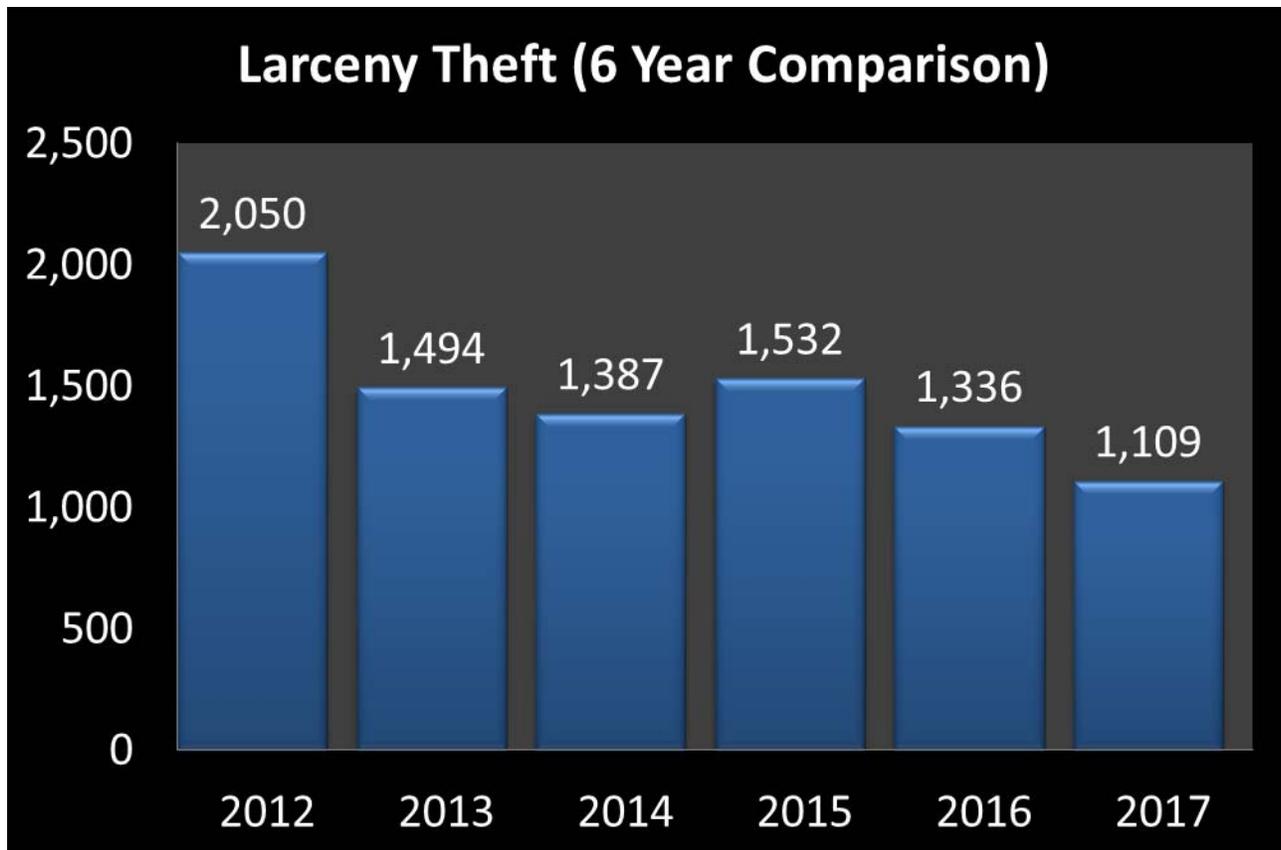
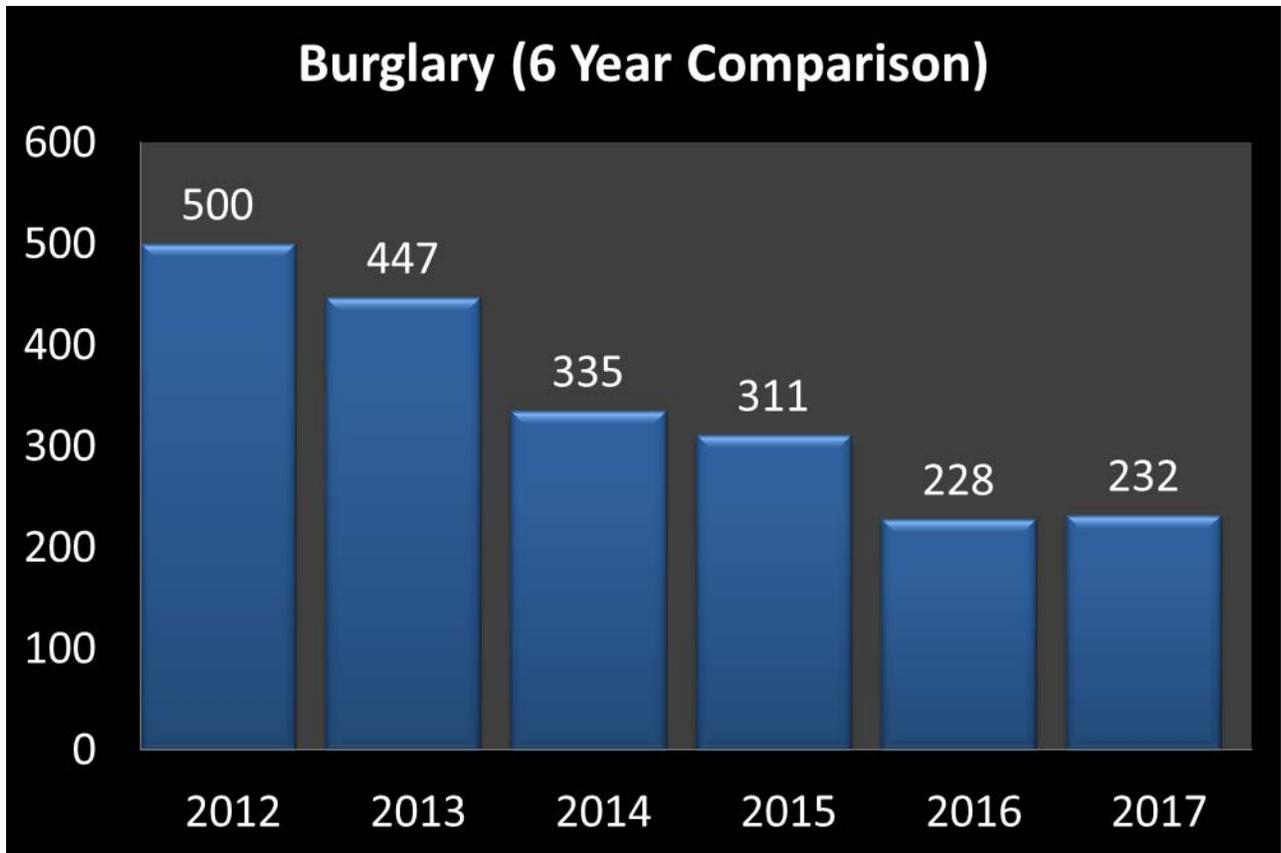
COPS Grant (DOJ)	\$355,156.00
Team Spirit	\$192,576.00
School Resource Officers	\$145,592.00
Safe Communities	\$ 77,081.00
TSA Grant (Airport Security Officers)	\$ 31,423.41
Various Traffic Safety Overtime Grants	\$ 20,500.00
Protective Vests Grant	<i>Approximately</i> \$ 1,000.00
STEP Enforcement Grants	\$ Unknown

These are short-term grants (usually a few to several days) for traffic enforcement. They are usually approved a few months in advance and we do not know if they will be available next fiscal year.

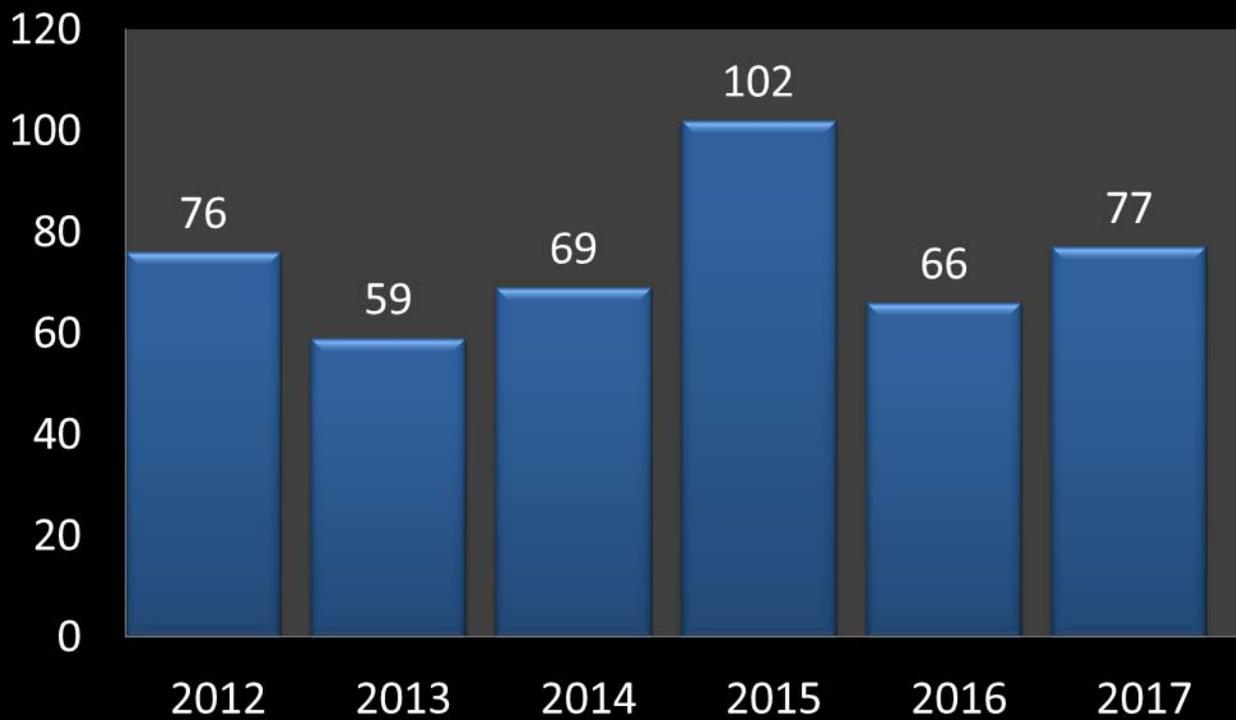




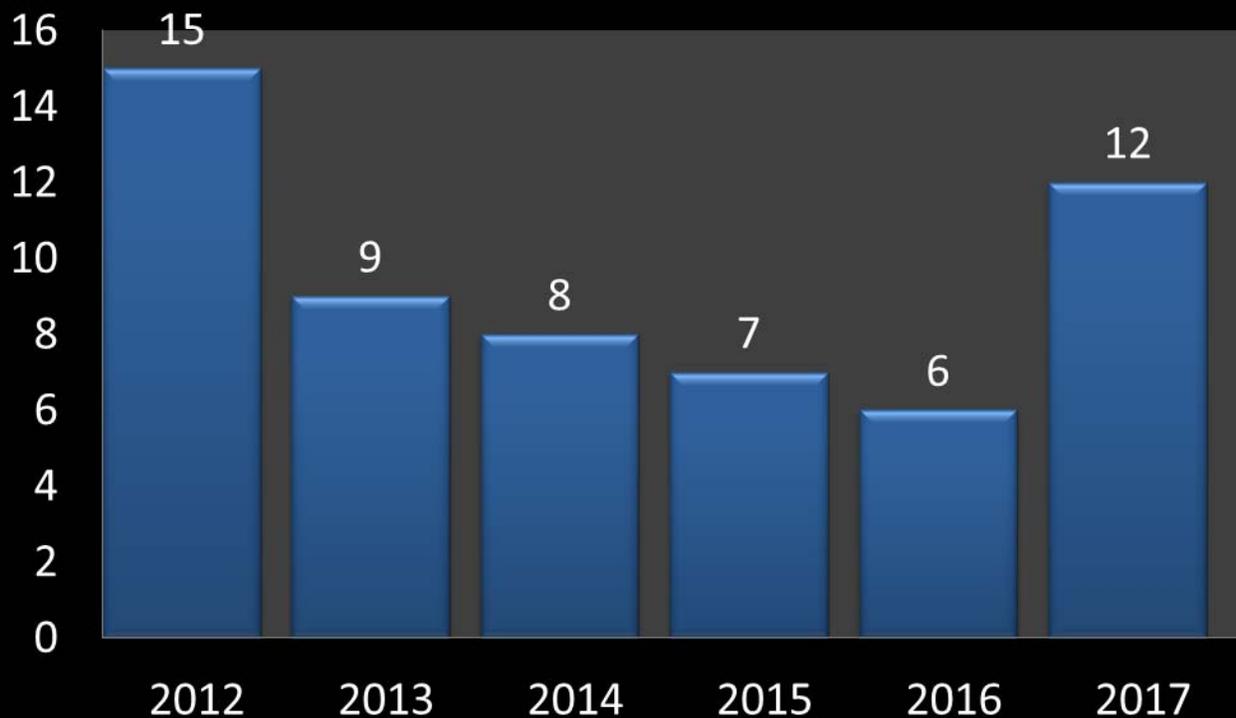




Motor Vehicle Theft (6 Year Comparison)



Arson (6 Year Comparison)



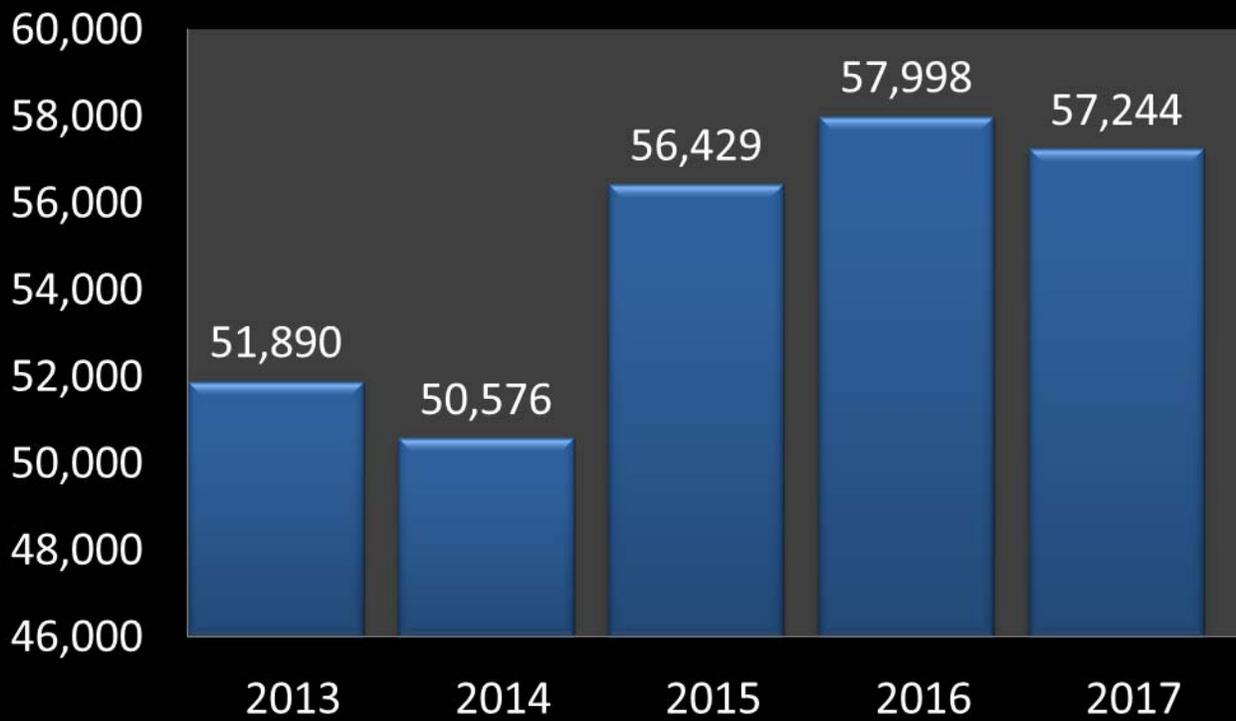
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Part I Crime Summary—2017			
	2016	2017	YTD % Change
Crime Classification			
Homicide, Murder, and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	6	5	-16.67%
Rape/Sex Offenses	11	24	118.18%
Robbery, Firearm	17	27	58.82%
Robbery, Strong-Arm	29	17	-41.38%
Robbery, Knife/Cutting Instrument, Other Dangerous Weapon	8	6	-25.00%
Assault, Aggravated, Firearm	32	47	46.88%
Assault, Aggravated, Knife/Cutting Instrument	27	35	29.63%
Assault, Aggravated, Other Dangerous Instrument	31	20	-35.48%
Assault, Aggravated, Hands/Feet/Fists	69	49	-28.99%
Assault, Non-Aggravated	443	456	2.93%
Burglary, Forcible Entry	130	138	6.15%
Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force	86	111	29.07%
Burglary, Attempt Forcible Entry	12	4	-66.67%
Larceny	1,336	1,194	-10.63%
Motor Vehicle Theft	66	82	24.24%
Arson	6	14	133.33%
Total	2,309	2,229	-3.46%

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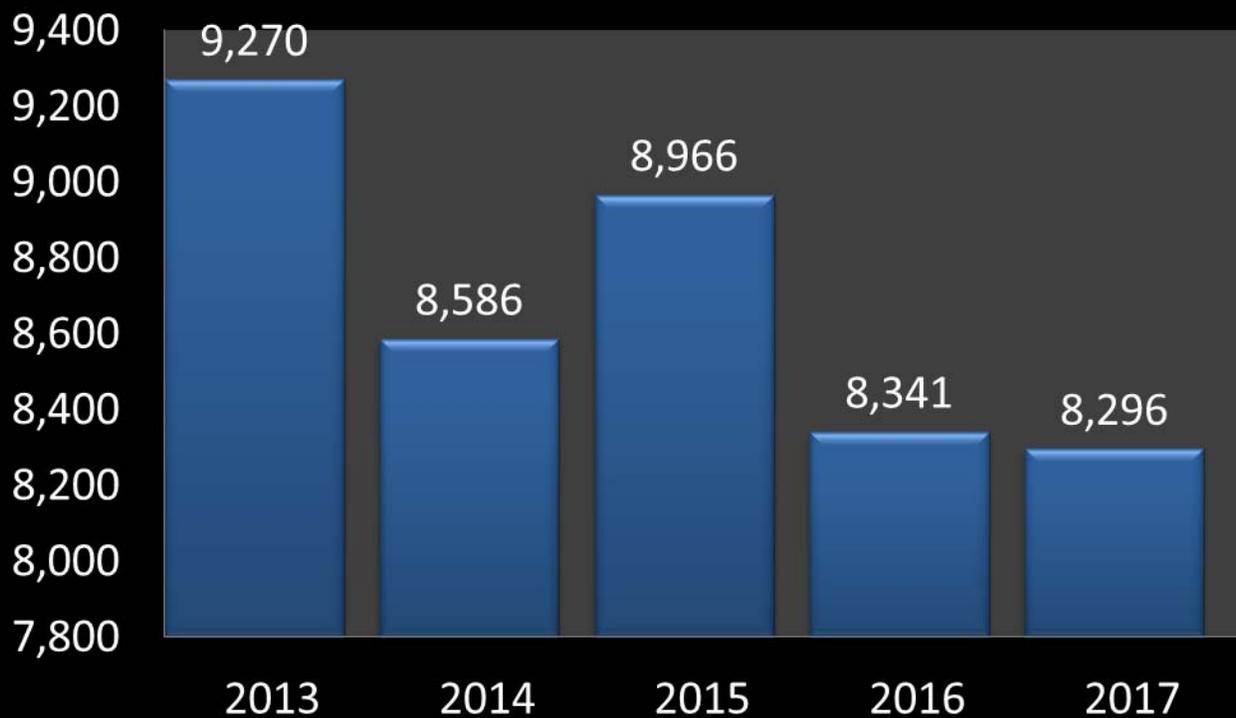
Part II Crime Summary-2017

	2016	2017	YTD % Change
Crime Classification			
Forgery/Fraud	194	157	-19.07%
Stolen Property (Receiving, Possessing, Buying)	23	25	8.70%
Vandalism	388	387	-0.26%
Vice	1	5	400.00%
Sex Offenses	34	36	5.88%
Weapons Offense (Possession, Carrying)	96	74	-22.92%
Drug Possession	194	264	36.08%
Drug Sale	23	41	78.26%
DWI	124	118	-4.84%
Liquor Laws Violation	20	25	25.00%
Offenses Against Family/Children	91	79	-13.19%
All Other (Non-Traffic)	1,002	901	-10.08%
Total	2,190	2,112	-3.56%
Combined Total	4,499	4,341	-3.51%

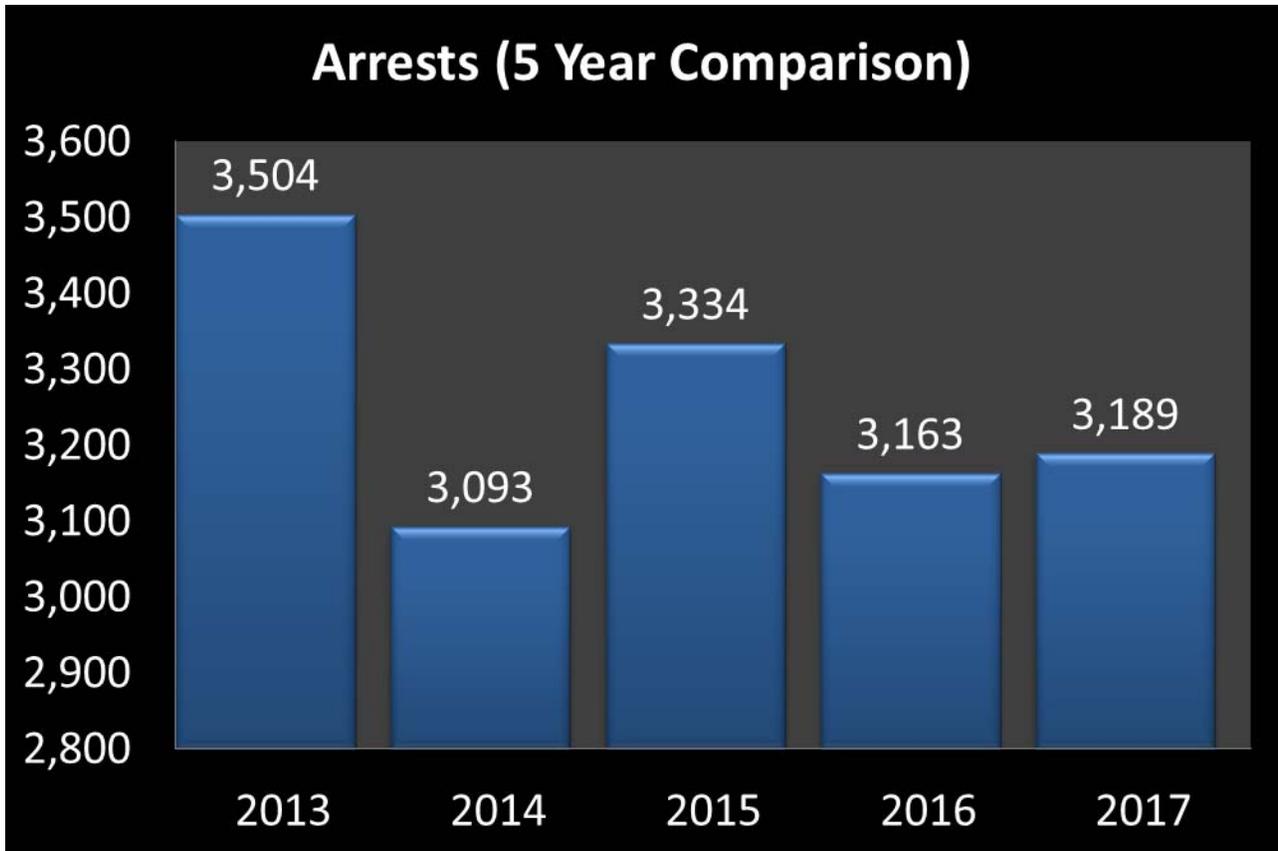
Calls for Service (5 Year Comparison)



Written Reports (5 Year Comparison)



Statistics



2017 PERSONNEL AWARDS

Chief Commendation

This award recognizes outstanding and exceptional work that is beyond the call of duty and which directly enhances the image and operation of the Police Department.

- Lieutenant Bradley Smith
- (Ret.) Lieutenant John "Buddy" Davis
- Sergeant Richard Schmidt
- Corporal Jacob Scheper
- Officer Jonathan Brotz
- Officer Darin Hickey
- Officer Roy Rahn
- Officer Jacob Carter
- Communicator Allen Stensland

Employee of the Year



Each year, the Chief of Police accepts nominations for Employee of the Year. The distinction is one of great honor at the Department, as several people are usually nominated each year for very worthy efforts. A group of peers then meet to select an employee to receive this recognition.

The 2017 recipient is Detective Corporal Cary Dunavan.

Corporal Dunavan began his employment as a patrolman in the Patrol Division in 2007. In 2008, he was appointed as an Evidence Technician for his platoon, and in 2009, he was appointed to the Special Response Team. He currently serves as a Team Leader for the SRT.

Corporal Dunavan was promoted and transferred to the Detective Division July 1, 2014 and in August 2014, he was appointed supervisor of the Scientific Investigations Unit (SIU). To manage SIU is a huge undertaking as this Unit is responsible for maintaining the integrity of evidence for criminal prosecutions and safe keeping of property for all citizens who come in contact with the Department. In addition, Corporal Dunavan oversees the training of all of our Evidence Technicians and ensures that they are highly trained in the preservation of evidence. Corporal Dunavan's day leads him in many different directions and the tasks he handles are vital to the Department.

"Corporal Dunavan is very much a leader in our Department and is incredibly deserving of this show of confidence by his peers. It speaks to his level of commitment to the community, the police department and his coworkers," said Chief Wes Blair. "He is a tremendous asset to our Department."

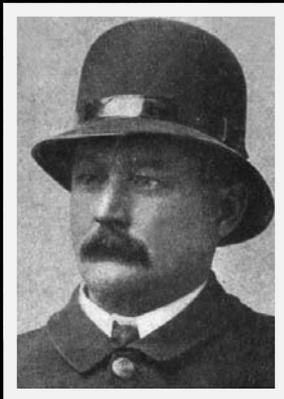
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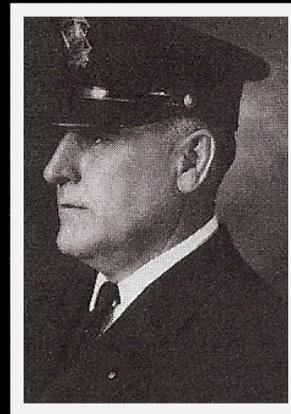
10/27/1917



PtIm. Willis A. Martin

EOW

02/27/1921



Chief Nathaniel J. Hutson

EOW

10/07/1922



Auxiliary Officer
Herbert L. Goss

EOW

03/10/1961



PtIm. Donald Crittendon

EOW

03/21/1961

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Ward 2: Mrs. Shelly Moore
Ward 3: Mr. Victor Gunn
Ward 4: Mr. Robbie Guard
Ward 5: Mr. Bob Fox
Ward 6: Mr. Danny R. Essner

Full Time Commissioned Personnel: 80

2017 Calls for Service: 57,244

Full Time Civilian Personnel: 33

FY 2017-2018 Police Budget: \$ 8,454,418

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