

# Guilderland Police Department Annual Report 2015



Welcome to the Guilderland Police Department. Contained in these pages is a brief outline of the activities of your police department during 2015.

You will see that the Guilderland Police Department has continued to provide our community with a vast array of activities and services enhancing our partnership with the community.

## MISSION STATEMENT

- Deter Crime and Apprehend Criminals
- Maintain strong police-community relations
- Continually enhance the training and expertise of each member

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# *A Message from the Chief of Police*



Welcome to the 2015 Annual Report for the Guilderland Police Department and Guilderland Emergency Medical Services. We are constantly striving to provide innovative and excellent service to our community. The men and women of the police department and paramedic unit work diligently every day to ensure the safety and well being of our citizens, businesses and visitors. The purpose of this report is to provide a snapshot of information and statistics affecting our town, including crime, traffic, staffing and what's new in our departments. We continue to build a solid relationship with our residents and welcome you to stop in and see your police department.

Several well deserved promotions were made in 2015. Promotions are indication of what years of hard work and dedication can lead to. As individuals take on more and more responsibility, promotions are a sign of their commitment to serve the residents of the town.

Captain Curtis Cox was promoted to Deputy Chief. He is a 31 year member of the Police Department and has held the ranks of Dispatcher, Police Officer, Sergeant, First Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain.

Lieutenant Dan McNally was promoted to Captain. He is a 29 year member of the Police Department and has held the ranks of Police Paramedic, Police Officer, Investigator, Sergeant and Lieutenant.

Sergeant Eric Batchelder was promoted to Lieutenant. He is a 14 year member of the police department and has held the rank of Dispatcher, Police Officer and Sergeant.

Sergeant Michael Minette was promoted to First Sergeant. First Sergeant Minette is a 15 year member of the police department and has held the rank of Police Officer and Sergeant.

If you know any of these individuals, you know that they are well deserving of these promotions. Please join me in congratulating all of them.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Guilderland for their continued support. These are not easy times for police departments and knowing that our citizens are standing with us is a wonderful feeling.

*Carol J. Lawlor*  
Chief of Police

## Technology and Upgrades

The Guilderland Police Department made enhancements to the physical layout of the administrative office by creating a service window to help better serve our customers who visit the second floor of the department.

In an effort to improve scheduling and tracking of employee hours, overtime and time off, the Guilderland Police Department purchased a software program from Visual Computer Solutions (VCS). According to VCS, *“Traditional time & attendance systems - which are still widely used today – clock the hours employees are on the job after they have worked. This reactive approach breeds overspending and inefficiencies. VCS’ software systems compute data prior to shift work, so that the planned hours and positions are properly staffed.*

*Proactive scheduling promotes a productive, compliant, and fiscally responsible workforce.”* VCS payroll integration means paying employees with real-time data directly from the schedule. In addition to regular hours worked, this system takes into account accruals, overtime, grant and vendor overtime, shift differentials, pay rates/steps, back pay, holidays, and more. Web-based timesheets are stored in one location to easily manage timesheet submissions, changes, and reporting-making the process more efficient.



Police car Unit 20, was the first vehicle to receive an Intersection Clearing System, also known as “The Rumbler”. The low frequency sound waves are effective for approaching and clearing intersections. Unit 20 also received a dash cam video camera. The camera has become a valuable asset especially when pulling a vehicle over during a suspected DWI/DWAI offence. The video obtained can assist the District Attorney’s office when prosecuting a DWI/DWAI arrest.

The Guilderland Police Department is considering the implementation of a body worn camera system and are in the process of testing/evaluating cameras from several manufacturers.



# Communications

The Guilderland Police Department Communications Division is staffed with certified E 911 telecommunicators. Enhanced 911 means that when you call 911, the address you are calling from is automatically displayed on the Telcommunicators screen. This is crucial in the event a person becomes unconscious before giving you the location or a crime in progress prevents the caller from giving the address. The Division is a 24 hour operation and is a vital link to the residents and businesses in this town to the emergency personnel in the field.



Communications is also responsible for the mobile command post. This vehicle is utilized as an alternate communications center and dispatched to scenes of major incidents. This vehicle responds to a scene, helping isolate communications burdens associated with that particular incident and freeing up the main 911 center for additional emergencies.

This year we have added 9 more cellular phone lines to our communications center. When a caller is reporting an incident in the town, the cell call will now be received by the Town of Guilderland Telecommunications Center which has made a drastic improvement in response time.

In 2015 Telecommunicators received over 16,000 911 calls for service. Those 911 calls do not include non-emergency calls and transferred cellular 911 calls. Over 25,000 calls were taken for police, 6,105 emergency medical services (EMS) and fire calls were received for service. This brings the total to over 45,000 calls for service this year.



# Patrol Division

Patrol is the foundation of police work. The uniformed officer is frequently the most visible component of the department. Major emphasis is placed on the deployment of personnel allocating patrol presence to the entire town 24 hours per day.

The patrol division is staffed by a Lieutenant, 1 First Sergeant, 3 Sergeants, 2 Senior Patrol Officers, 24 Patrol Officers and 1 Police Canine. The functions and objectives are:

- Proactive Police Patrol and Crime Prevention
- Response to calls for service both emergency and non-emergency
- Preliminary investigations of crimes and incidents
- Arrests and processing of prisoners
- Respond and investigate traffic collisions
- Maintain public order
- Provide emergency first aid when needed
- Develop a positive relationship between citizens and the department



As part of our continued effort to offer advanced training to our Patrol Officers, Guilderland Police Department sent Officer Joseph Turoski to Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) School located in Bethpage, NY, hosted by the Nassau County Police Department and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Only 20 applicants throughout the state were accepted into the program. Currently there are about 170 active DRE's in New York State and 7000 in the U.S. The DRE is a post arrest tool to successfully conduct a 12 step standardized evaluation to assess if an individual is under the influence of a drug; if so, successfully determine what category of drug and assist with the prosecution of the case with expert witness testimony.



The academic training was February 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Bethpage NY. Throughout the two weeks the students had to finish with a final average of 80% or higher to move on. Students then were sent to Jacksonville Florida, where they had to complete 12 drug influence evaluations on actual drug impaired individuals under the supervision of DRE instructors.

Since his certification, Officer Turoski completed 31 drug influence evaluations and has been able to assist multiple outside agencies: Albany PD, University at Albany PD, Bethlehem PD, Colonie PD, Schenectady PD, Green Island PD, Watervliet PD, and the New York State Police.

# Traffic Safety Unit

The Guilderland Police Department is dedicated to keeping our roads safe through the strict enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic laws. In 2015, members of the department conducted 8,490 vehicle stops which resulted in 4,331 issued traffic citations, increasing citations by 8% from the previous year. These vehicle stops yielded 224 DWI Arrest, 10 DWAI arrests, and 31 Driving While Ability Impaired by the Use of Drugs. Alcohol and Drug Impaired arrests were up 41% from 2014. The increase in traffic citations and arrests are due to continued advanced training and enforcement efforts. It is the goal of the Guilderland Police Department to have the safest roads possible.

The Guilderland Police Department received one of only four awards given to a police agency by



Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in New York State. Chief Carol Lawlor accepted the Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency Award "Recognition of Excellence", for the outstanding dedication in deterring impaired drivers on New York roadways in 2014. Sgt. Michael Minette received an Outstanding Law Enforcement Individual Award. This award is given to officers for dedication to highway safety and removing impaired/intoxicated drivers from the roadways. Sgt. Minette has been a member of the Traffic Safety Unit for 11 years as an officer, and is currently the Traffic Safety Supervisor. The Traffic Safety Unit is actively involved in the Albany County Stop DWI program and continues to

host the Stop DWI Victim's Impact Panel six times per year. The department also participated in Buckle Up New York, Operation Safe Stop Education, Enforcement Day, No Empty Chair, and the STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) which is the enforcement of violations such as, aggressive driving, speeding, and driver distraction which includes the use of cellular phones and electronic devices. The Guilderland Police Department continues to partner with the Guilderland Central School District for Operation Safe Stop. During Operation Safe Stop, which occurs in April, a display of a police car, school bus, and a message sign reminds motorists of the dangers of passing stopped school busses.

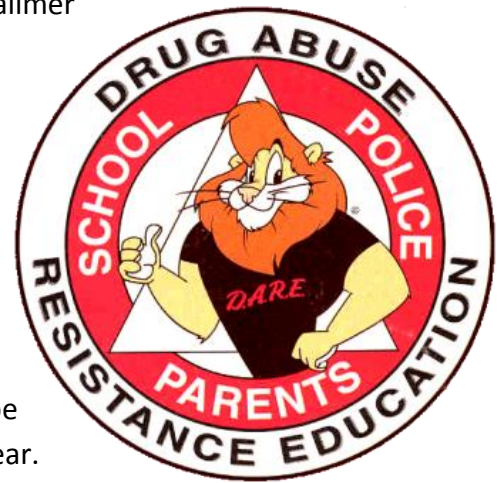
Accident investigations and reconstructions are also conducted by members of the Traffic Safety Unit. The officers are highly trained in accident reconstruction and utilize a Total Station, which provides detailed measurements, resulting in exact accident reconstructions. This tool is used in serious personal injury and fatal accidents. In 2015, the department responded to 1,210 accidents: 2 fatal accidents, 1014 property damage accidents, 167 personal injury accidents, and 27 alcohol related crashes.



## Community Services Unit

The Community Services Unit (CSU) is comprised of members of the patrol division, with specialties in juvenile/youth services and crime prevention. In addition to their regular duties, the special operators of the CSU are responsible for delivering state of the art programs which serve to enhance safety/security and increase a sense of community.

Officer Patricia Stallmer, a member of the Community Services Unit, has become our newest School Resource Officer (SRO). Officer Stallmer works out of the middle school. At the annual NYS Police Juvenile Officers Association conference, Officer Stallmer became certified as a Basic Juvenile Officer. When Officer Patricia Stallmer became the Department's Crime Prevention Officer, one of her directives was to enhance the Neighborhood Program and increase their participation throughout the town. Officer Stallmer, along with Officer Matthew Hanzalik became certified DARE instructors. With the support of the Guilderland Central School District, Officers Stallmer and Hanzalik started teaching the DARE Program in two of the elementary schools. The program will be expanded to include every elementary school in the coming year.

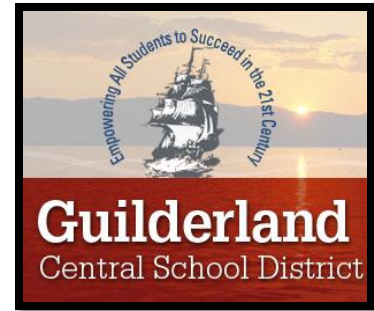


## Child Car Safety

The CSU has been actively involved in the Car Seat Installation program through the State of New York for several years. Due to the increase in the number of people requesting this service we have expanded our program and we have increased our certified installers to four. We continue to encourage people to take advantage of this free installation/inspection.



The Guilderland Central School District, with input from the Guilderland Police Department, has increased security measures at all of the schools in the District. These measures include modification of entry points to increase security as well as additional cameras being installed in several of the buildings.



A program which the CSU was proud to launch in 2014 was Project Child Safe. This program is supported and funded by the State of New York and supplies police departments with gun locks that they can distribute to gun owners. The locks are free and may be obtained at the Guilderland Police Station or at one of our outreach programs.

## RAD

The **Rape Aggression Defense** program continues to be one of the most popular programs that the Guilderland Police Department offers. The program is now being offered on an annual basis as part of the Guilderland School Districts Continuing Education Program. In 2015 the CSU increased its trained staff of professional instructors by including Officer Kyle McCormick and Sergeant Joe Normandin.



## Explorer Post



Guilderland Police Department Explorer Post was formed in 1992, and is a division of the Boy Scouts of America. It is open to boys and girls. This "club" consists of youth from the ages of fourteen to twenty-one who have an interest in law enforcement. Members of the post learn that there is another side of law enforcement than what they may see on television. What they don't see is the

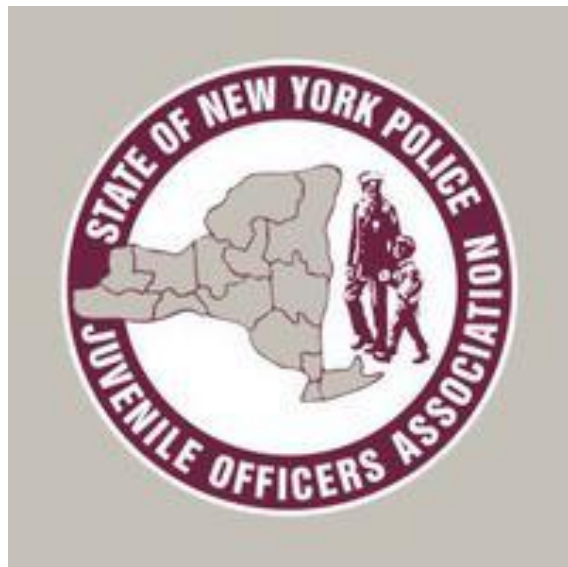
community service side. The Explorers attended the annual High Stress Day event which was held in Danbury CT. This training places Police Explorers in high stress situations which they are required to resolve. The training is conducted in a safe educational environment and is meant to be academic as well as fun.

# Halloween

One of the CSU's biggest events of the year is the Halloween extravaganza. The Guilderland Police Department partnered with the Guilderland Central School District and united GPD's Halloween Extravaganza with the GCSD's Trick or Treat Street event at the Guilderland High School. This is in addition to the haunted house that is operated by our Explorer Post during the Altamont Apple Fest at the Altamont Fairgrounds.



The Guilderland Police Department Youth/Community Services Unit continues to be very active members in the State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association and attended its annual conference. Lieutenant Eric Batchelder and Officer Patricia Stallmer were both certified as Basic Juvenile Officers.



# Criminal Investigation Unit

The Criminal Investigation Unit handles a wide variety of cases within the Police Department. The CIU primarily handles felony cases in addition to assisting the Patrol Unit. The CIU is supervised by a Senior Investigator with two additional investigators assigned. Each investigator is forensically trained to process crime scenes. Some of the CIU's other functions are evidence and property room supervision, accident investigation, issuing warrants, compiling photo arrays, processing pistol permit applications, conducting employee background checks and applications for a peddler's permit, professional standard investigations, and criminal, death and drug investigations.



Criminals tend to cross town boundaries making it necessary for the CIU to work closely with area agencies. The agencies the CIU typically works with are the United States Secret Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security, Capital District Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, New York State Police, NYS Narcotics Enforcement, Albany County Sheriff's Department, Probation/Parole and other area police agencies. In addition, the CIU investigates emergency scenes with the town fire departments, ambulance services and paramedics.

*The CIU would like to remind everyone that the 2014 homicide of the Asian family on Western Ave is still open and the case has been turned over to the New York State Police. Anyone that has any information that may help solve this case is asked to call the CIU or the New York State Police.*

## Significant cases handled by the CIU in 2015

### *January*

The Guilderland Police received a call for an armed robbery at the Xtra Mart 3903 Carman Rd. The CIU was called to assist and information, including photos, was distributed to the media. A resident driving through the area after seeing the news observed a shirt matching the suspect's shirt on the side of the road on a street behind the Xtra Mart and called Guilderland Police. The shirt was submitted to the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center for analysis which resulted in a DNA match for a Gregory Lavallo. During the investigation, Lavallo was linked to similar robberies in the Town of Rotterdam and the CIU conducted a joint investigation with



the Rotterdam Police Department. This led to the arrest of Lavallo. He was charged and later pled to the robberies in Rotterdam and Guilderland. Lavallo is currently serving a 3 year sentence in prison.

### ***February***

The CIU received a complaint from 2 patrons of Jonny Rockets stating their credit cards were compromised after they used them to pay for meals at the Crossgates Mall location. Through the course of the investigation a suspect was identified as Shannon Pozniakas, who was an employee of Johnny Rockets. Pozniakas was arrested for criminal possession of stolen property in the 4<sup>th</sup> and sentenced to 3 years probation and ordered to pay restitution.

### ***March***

The Guilderland Police received a call from Dave and Buster's Crossgates Mall that a juvenile male was touched in the bathroom while using the facilities. An adult male came up behind the juvenile and touched him inappropriately. This adult male left Dave and Buster's exiting into the Mall common area. Dave and Buster's video surveillance system was reviewed and a description of the suspect was distributed. A few hours later, the suspect returned to Dave and Buster's. The police were notified and the suspect was taken to the Mall Substation for interview. The suspect was identified as Nathan Harrington and he worked at a hair salon in the mall. Harrington was arrested and the case was transferred to Albany County Court where the defendant was indicted on felony charges. Harrington served 6 months in jail with 5 years' probation and 10 years post-supervised release.

The CIU investigated a counterfeit credit card case at Littman's Jewelers. A counterfeit credit card was used to purchase a 2kt loose diamond and a men's diamond ring in the amount of \$30,000. It was learned the suspect purchased a Rolex watch from Frank Adam's Jewelers in January of this year with another counterfeit credit card. The suspect was identified as Rahkeim Scarlett, who has done similar thefts at area stores in the Capital District. The cases were transferred to Albany County Court where Scarlett was indicted. Scarlett is currently serving a 10 year sentence in State Prison.

### ***April***

This year the reality of gun violence in public places hit close to home. The Guilderland Police received reports of shots fired in the upper level JC Penny parking lot at Crossgates Mall. Both vehicles fled the area. One vehicle was a red Ford with Connecticut plates which was an Avis/Budget rental vehicle, and the other was an older model black



Lexus. Patrols were able to locate the CT rental vehicle on Western Ave. near Tractor Supply. Witnesses report the occupants of the CT rental were throwing things out the windows while they fled down Western Ave. The occupants of the CT rental were taken to the CIU for interview. The occupants stated they were from NYC, didn't know the people who shot at them and believed they were being randomly robbed. They denied any illegal activity while at the Mall. Recovered in the upper level JC Penny parking lot were expended 22 cal shell casings. The CT rental had been struck by bullets several times but investigators weren't able to recover any rounds from the vehicle. The vehicle had a strong odor of marijuana and items used to package drugs were found inside. The shell casings were sent to the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center. After investigating all leads, this case is believed to have been a drug deal that had gone bad and the older model black Lexus was never located.

### ***May***

The CIU responded to Inferno Pizza for a burglary that had occurred overnight where the cash register drawer had been stolen with the opening cash inside. Some physical evidence was located in the rear parking lot. This case was investigated until the case went cold. A man suspected of commercial burglaries in the City of Albany was arrested and later confessed to this burglary. The defendant, John Whiteford, had committed burglaries in East Greenbush, Town of New Scotland, Coeymans and Menands. He was sentenced to 3 years in State Prison.



### ***June***

The CIU assisted patrol with a person that was missing. The missing person had a domestic dispute with her boyfriend, left the residence and couldn't be reached by phone. Later, the female called the police stating her boyfriend was breaking into her home. Her residence was checked and no one was found at that location. When the female didn't report to work the next day or answer phone calls, a missing person report was filed because family feared for her safety. Through investigation, the missing person was safely located in a vehicle on a traffic stop in Poughkeepsie.

### ***July***

The CIU investigated a case of employee theft from Pet Zone Crossgates Mall. The investigation revealed the general manager was making false returns, false discount entries and stealing deposits pocketing the cash. The general manager was identified as Matthew Cross. Cross admitted to the theft during interview and was arrested for grand larceny 4<sup>th</sup>. Cross' case is still pending in Town Court.

## **August**

A confidential informant working with the CIU purchased a quantity of heroin from 2 locations in the Town of Guilderland. The dealer was identified as Chris Kaszluga and indicted in Albany County Court on criminal sale 3<sup>rd</sup> charges. Kaszluga was taken into custody and transported to the Albany County Correctional Facility. Kaszluga's case was transferred to Albany County Court.

## **September**

Shalaeko Banks was driving his 2004 Acura on Western Ave in the area of I-87 Northway when he was stopped by patrols for traffic violations. A strong odor of marijuana was coming from his vehicle and a search of the vehicle was conducted where a quantity of marijuana was recovered. A search warrant was obtained. During the search a hidden compartment was discovered with additional marijuana, weighing 1-1/2 pounds. The defendant had to forfeit \$900 in cash and the seizure of his 2004 Acura, which will be auctioned off at a later date.



## **October**

Patrol responded to a domestic call where one of the occupants of the residence was threatened with a gun. The occupants, brother and sister, had been drinking. The brother stated his sister pulled a gun on him and had done this in the past when they fight. All parties were interviewed and the owner of the residence gave consent to search the home for weapons. A pistol was located in a bedroom and no one living at the residence had a pistol permit. A search warrant was obtained. An additional handgun was recovered along with a quantity of illegal drugs. The defendant, Cheryl Crumpley, was arrested for criminal possession of a firearm, criminal possession of stolen property and criminal possession of a controlled substance 7<sup>th</sup>. Crumpley pled guilty and received a sentence of probation.



The Guilderland Police received a call for a burglary in progress. Forced entry was made through a side door which opened into the children's bedroom. The resident's son was in the bedroom and alerted his father. The father chased the suspect to a vehicle at the end of the driveway. The suspect fled the area. The suspect was identified as Sarah Peters and she surrendered herself to members of the CIU at a later date. Peters was arrested, pled guilty and received a sentence of 3 years probation.



### ***November***

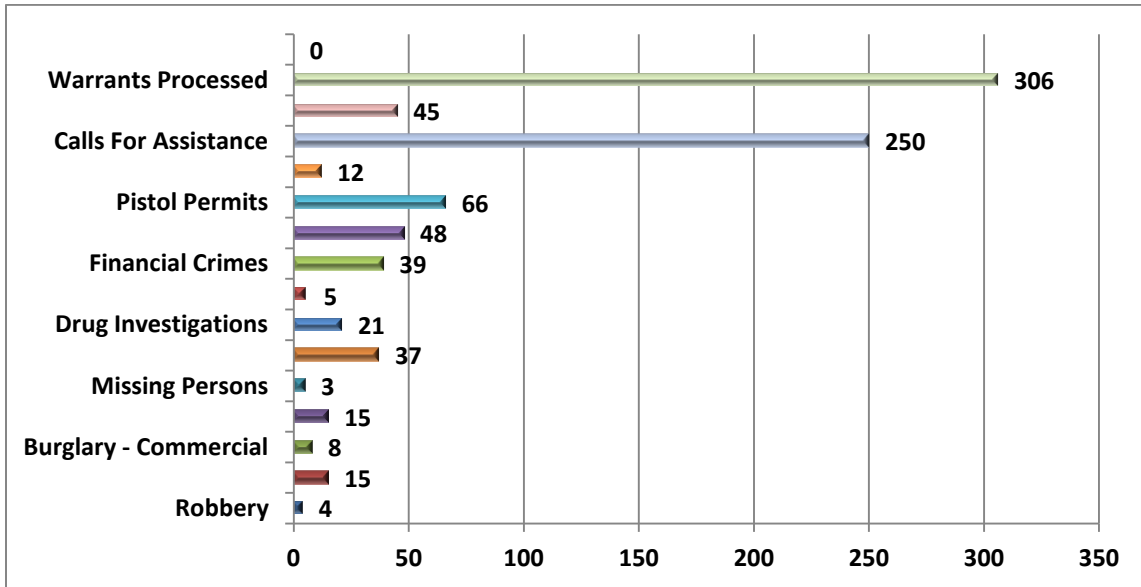
The CIU was contacted by investigators with the Department of Correction and Community Supervision to assist with a drug operation in the Town of Guilderland. DOCCS investigators stated a soon-to-be released inmate was going back on the streets to continue to sell heroin. The inmate was identified as Kenneth Sutton. Sutton arranged to sell heroin in the parking lot of Macy's Crossgates Mall to a confidential informant. Sutton was taken into custody and charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance 3<sup>rd</sup>, criminal possession of a controlled substance 3<sup>rd</sup>, and unlawful possession of marijuana. Sutton's case was transferred to Albany County court where he was indicted on the charges. Sutton remains in the Albany County Correctional Facility pending a State Prison sentence.

### ***December***

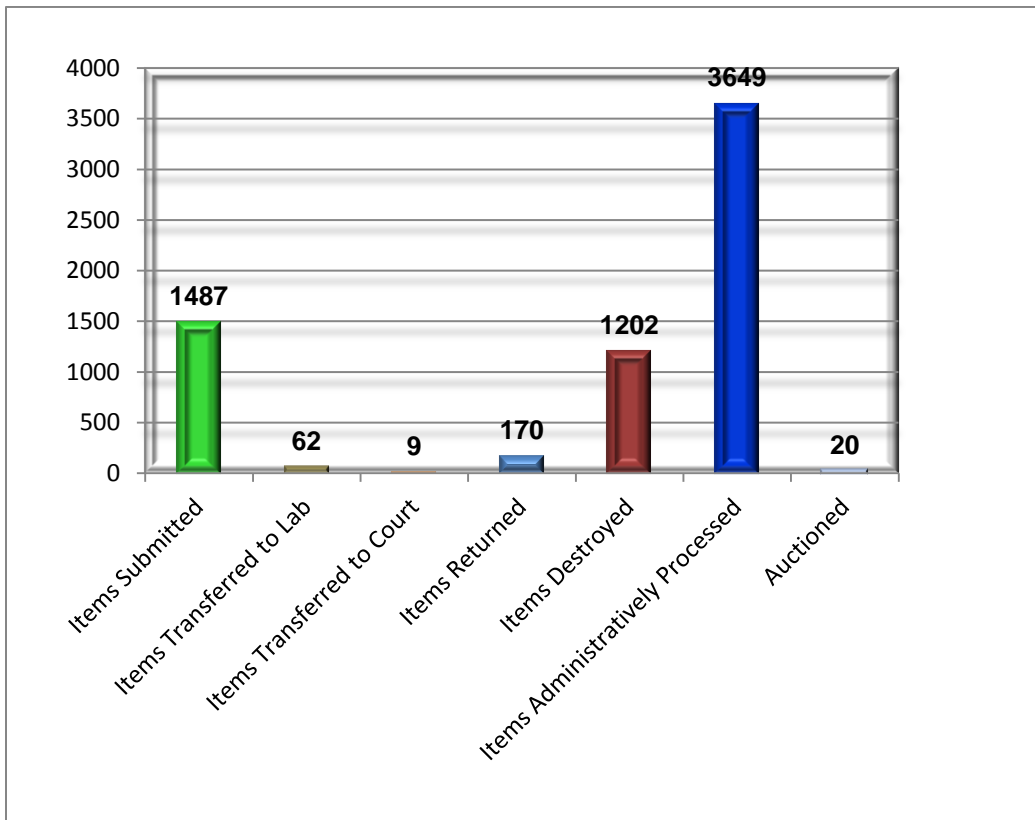
The CIU was asked to assist the Altamont Police with a case of identity theft in the Village of Altamont. The Altamont Police received information from a former resident that he was a victim of identity theft and packages were being ordered over the internet and delivered to his old address which was up for sale. The CIU conducted surveillance of the address when a 4-door darker colored Volkswagen pulled into the driveway. A black male exited the vehicle, picked up a package off the front porch. The vehicle was pulled over by a member of the CIU and the operator was turned over to the Altamont Police for interview. The operator was identified as Billie Johnson and an interview was conducted which identified a second suspect. Johnson was supposed to deliver items he had picked up that day to the second suspect he was working for. A meeting with the second suspect was set up at Crossgates Mall and a controlled delivery was conducted which resulted in the arrest of Joel Tsahey by members of the CIU. Billie Johnson was arrested by the Altamont Police. This case is still pending in court.



### CIU Cases Handled in 2015



### 2015 Evidence Stats





## Guilderland Emergency Medical Services

In 2015, the Town of Guilderland Paramedic Division continued to provide its residents, business owners, and visitors with the finest advanced emergency care in the area. In addition to responding in the Town of Guilderland, Paramedics are the primary advanced life support responders to the Town of Knox, a portion of the SUNY Albany Campus, and the NYS Thruway. Over the course of the year, we responded to 6,105 emergency calls. Thousands of town residents and visitors were treated for emergencies ranging from bleeding and shock to alleviating pain and suffering. Every patient requiring Emergency Medical Services in the Town of Guilderland was evaluated by a Paramedic. After the initial assessment, the patient requiring advanced life support was transported in a local ambulance under the care of the town paramedic. If advanced life support was not required, the patient would be turned over to one of the basic life support ambulances for transport to a local hospital. The paramedic would then go back in service to cover the town and prepare for the next response.

### The Division

**Staff** – The Paramedic Division is comprised of 20 paramedics, inclusive of a Senior Paramedic Supervisor and five Field Supervisors. Police Captain Daniel McNally provides general oversight and direction to the entire unit. Of the twenty paramedics, 16 are full time and 4 are part time. The paramedic unit is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, provides training and support to the local fire, police and community organizations. Guilderland EMS is an American Heart Association Training Center and is very active in community outreach.



**Medical Control** – The paramedic unit provides Advanced Life Support under the medical direction of Dr. Donald Doynow. Dr. Doynow is an emergency room physician at St. Peters Hospital in Albany and Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. In addition, he is the Medical Director for both Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Cobleskill's Paramedic programs. He is also a member of the Regional Emergency Medical Organization which provides medical oversight for a six county area in New York State. He is a vital part of the system and his guidance has ensured the success of the unit.

**Vehicles**- Sport Utility Vehicles (ranging in year from 2007 to 2014) are used by paramedics and the Medical Director to respond to emergency calls.

**Initial Care**- The Town of Guilderland Communications Division answers all 911 calls received for the town and dispatches the Emergency Medical Calls for the Paramedic Division. The paramedic may receive a dispatch for a non-emergency call in the town to assist the Police Department in drawing bloods samples on subjects with possible substance abuse. A non-emergency call may consist of a

welfare check on a senior living in the community, a request for a paramedic to standby for a Fire Department call. In addition, several large events held in the town are provided one or more paramedics to remain onsite and provide advanced medical care.

### **AHA/NYS Continuing Medical Education**

In 2015, the Guilderland EMS American Heart Association Training Center provided training to the community and the Emergency Services Staff of the Town of Guilderland. The Training Center organized and trained a total of 650 students in the various disciplines (Healthcare Provider CPR, Heart Saver CPR and Heart Saver CPR with First Aid).

In February 2015, the town of Guilderland participated in the Albany County Heart Month Initiative to teach “Hands Only” CPR to the public. This initiative was developed by the Albany County Executive’s Office in conjunction with the Department of Health and the American Heart Association. This public access information event was held throughout the Albany County Region. The goal of the event was to provide rapid training to the public in the use of “Hands Only CPR” and calling 911. This event was implemented to improve the chances of survival when a person experiences cardiac arrest. The Guilderland Training Center organized several events in the town to provide instruction and information. The events were held at Crossgates Mall and the Guilderland High School. In addition to town events, Instructors from the training center held several Hands Only CPR events on the SUNY Albany Campus.

In the summer of 2015, the Training center participated in the “National Night Out” sponsored by the Guilderland Police Department. The event enabled the training center to continue with the “Hands Only CPR” initiative. During the event, “Hands Only CPR” was demonstrated and the importance of activating 911 was stressed. In addition, it enabled the Training Center to review signs and symptoms of stroke. This event resulted in the training of an additional 50 people in “Hands Only CPR” and brought stroke awareness to the public.



In 2014, the NYS Board of Education recommended a change to the High School curriculum to include CPR for all students in the NYS Education System. This recommendation was forwarded to the NYS Board of Regents for approval in 2015. In anticipation of this approval, the Guilderland EMS Training Center collaborated with the Guilderland High School to establish a Hands Only CPR/ AED program. This program was piloted in the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015. The Hands Only CPR and AED Awareness program was held during the students Health classes. This piloted program resulted in the

successful training of over 250 students (ranging from freshman to seniors). In September of 2015, this program was officially mandated by the NYS Board of Regents and the Pilot program with the Guilderland High School was continued with the assistance of high school staff.

## ***New York State***

Guilderland EMS has NYS Certified Instructor Coordinators at the paramedic level on staff, which allows the Town to be able to provide all the required national, state, and regional Continuing Medical Education requirements for the entire unit. This training allows the Town to be able to voucher New York State \$500 per paramedic upon renewal of their certification. The Paramedics continue their education throughout the year (minimum 24 hours per paramedic) to maintain their skills and increase their medical knowledge.

## **Accomplishments**

***Paramedic Action Team-*** In 2014 EMS agencies throughout NYS received an order from the Commissioner of NYS Department of Health to be prepared for Ebola and other class A infectious diseases, should a response be needed. In 2015 this program continues. Guilderland EMS has six paramedics assigned to this team, with experience in these types of responses while members of either the military or Fire Department. The paramedics are certified in either Hazardous Waste Operations and Response (HAZWOPER) or Hazardous Waste and Materials (HAZMAT). Training is conducted monthly in order to remain proficient in the response, donning and doffing of gear.



**Active Shooter Training** – In the Spring of 2015, Captain McNally and two paramedics from the department obtained Instructor Certification as Instructors in Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT); Active Shooter II Program . This program provides training for Law Enforcement and EMS Providers. The course includes active shooter mass casualty scenarios, identifying the threat, treatment of wounded, establishment of casualty collection points, rapid triage and integrated responses with Police/EMS/Fire personnel. Over the

course of the year, every member of the Guilderland EMS System successfully completed the course. In addition, the town instructors participated in the training of over 400 Law Enforcement and EMS Personnel in the Albany, Schenectady, and Saratoga counties.

***Equipment Upgrades-*** In 2015, Guilderland EMS purchased three new Zoll Cardiac X Series Cardiac Monitors. The monitors are used for all patient care and enable the Paramedic to monitor the Heart rhythm, blood pressure and oxygenation. The Zoll Monitor also provides life saving defibrillation and cardiac pacing when needed. In addition to state of the art features, the monitor is considerably lighter to our previous monitors. This will continue our goal to minimize injuries from heavy equipment.



**Billing Revenue** - In 2015 Guilderland EMS continued to improve the Town's billing recovery to projected goals while using the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad as a third party billing vendor. Revenues are also received from our AHA/CPR Training Center, Town of Knox and DOH voucher program.

### **2015 Community Outreach Program**

In 2015, the Guilderland Community Outreach program continued to provide educational events for the residents in the community. The goal of the Community Outreach Program is to educate the public about the Emergency Services provided the town and to teach school aged children the importance of 911. Over the course of the year, the Outreach Program has attended the Town of Guilderland National Night Out, Tawasentha Park Summer Camp and the YMCA Healthy Kids Day. The paramedics provide valuable information on health and Stroke and Heart Disease Awareness. In addition, coloring books and games and provided to school aged children to encourage the recognition of an emergency and 911 activation. In addition, useful information is provided to parents and the public on the Emergency Services provided by the town. This has always been a valuable program in promoting the Emergency Services Unit as well as providing valuable information on public health concerns (Flu Vaccines, Stroke Awareness, Hands Only CPR, Pool Safety, Helmet use, etc.).

In addition to public events, the community outreach program attends the annual Pine Bush Little League Coaches meeting. This meeting allows for the coaches and parents to learn about the location and use of Public Access Defibrillation and the importance of contacting 911 with the proper information needed in an emergency.

### **2016 Goals**

The unit will continue the American Heart Association's courses for its staff, emergency responders, and public. In addition, we will continue to expand our instructor base and expand the courses offered.

The department will continue to increase our event participation to include: the school systems Public Events (Altamont Fair, National Night Out, etc.) and Afterschool programs. This will provide more opportunities to promote the services provided by the town and educate the young public. The continuation of this program is vital to the growth of the services in the town and it assists the Emergency Services Department to identify specific needs or assistance.



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**2015 Call Statistics by type of dispatch response**

-Heart/Breathing Related	732
- Medical Emergency	2875
-Falls/Fractures	746
-Bleeding	41
-Maternity	8
-Overdose	24
-Psychiatric	128
-Mutual Aid	609
-Personal Injury Auto	75

**Fire Service related response**

-Rescue Call	38
-Hazardous Condition	147
-Hazardous Material	47
-Structure Fires	325
-Possible Structure Fire	234
-Vehicle Fires	28
-Outdoor Fires	51

**Total 6,105**

## Animal Control/Animal Shelter



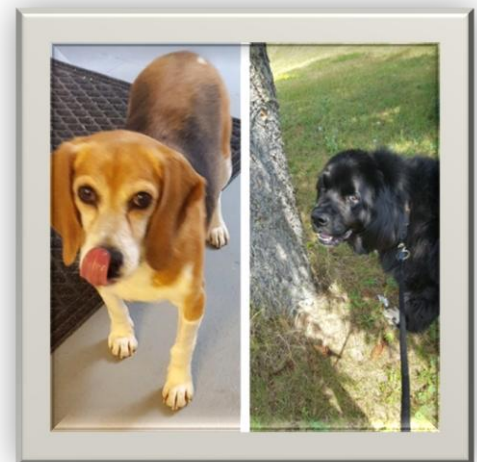
The Town of Guilderland animal shelter is located at 6363 Frenches Mill Rd. Guilderland Center. The animal control staff works out of the shelter and is responsible for many duties which include: finding the owners of the lost dogs we pick up, and finding good homes for the pets left behind. The Animal Control Officers are also responsible for public safety and enforcing relevant sections of the town law as well as NYS Agriculture and Markets law article 7. The shelter hours are Monday thru Friday

9am to 4 pm by appointment and Saturdays 9 am to 5 pm. We also maintain a Facebook page showcasing animals available for adoption. Call us at 861-6855.

In May of 2015, the Town of Guilderland was proud to host its 6<sup>th</sup> annual ACO/DCO conference. Animal Control staff from all over the state participates in the training including: different ways of handling situations pertaining to dogs, addressing job safety, and providing updates on the New York State Agriculture and Markets law.

### During 2015, Animal Services responded to 759 calls

- Received 270 stray dog calls
- Received 46 barking complaints
- Investigated 5 domestic animal bites
- Reunited 37 lost or runaway pets with their owners
- Placed 14 dogs in permanent adoptive homes
- Placed 16 cats in permanent adoptive homes
- Conducted 12 home visits to check on animals
- Conducted 23 tours of the Animal Shelter
- Received 231 wildlife calls
- Received 23 farm animal calls



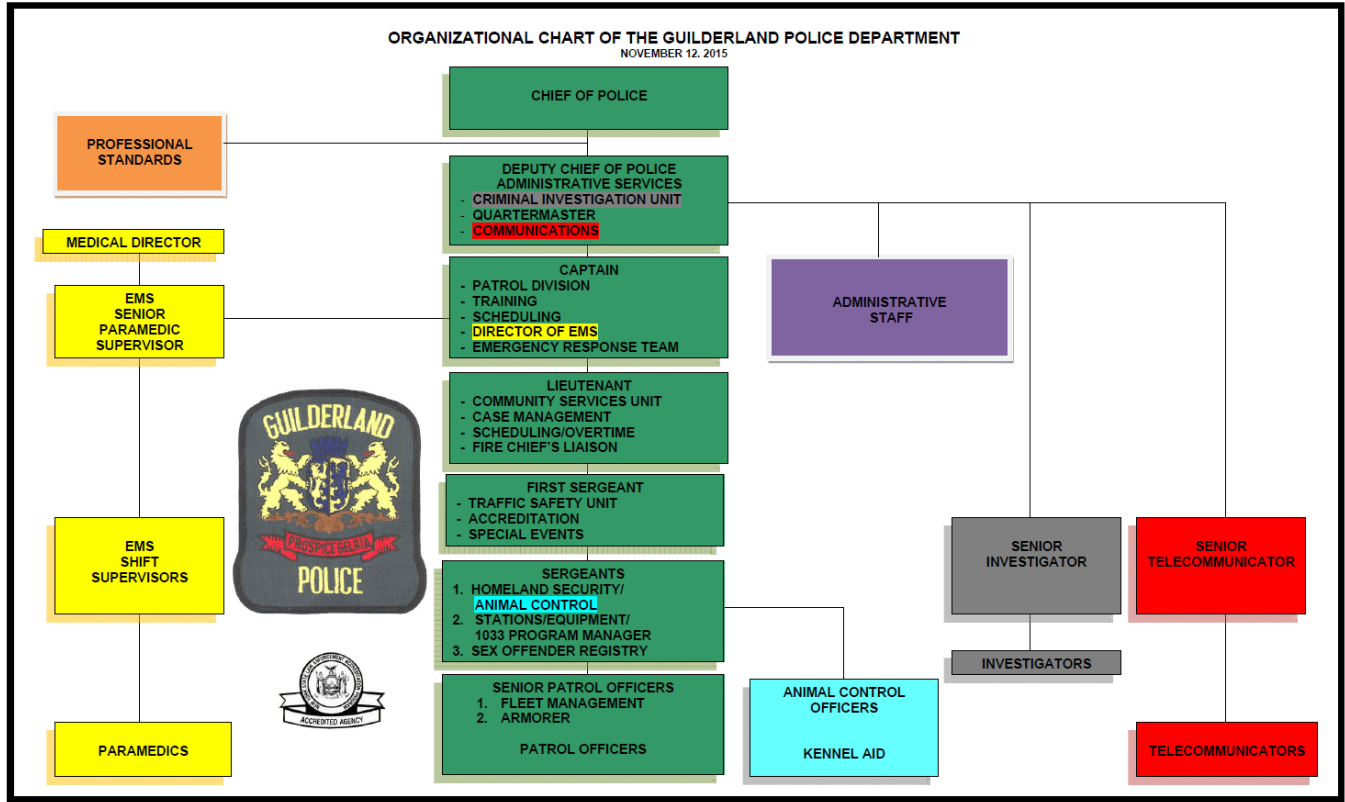
# Milestones/Reorganization



The police department made significant changes to its command and supervisory staff to enhance the department's overall operation. Members of the department were promoted and assignments realigned to better reflect the current goals and objectives of the department.

Promoted were Captain Curtis Cox to Deputy Chief of Police, Lieutenant Daniel McNally to Captain, and Sergeant Eric Batchelder to Lieutenant.

Command Staff: l-r Lieutenant Eric Batchelder, Captain Daniel McNally, Chief Carol Lawlor, Deputy Chief Curtis Cox



Also promoted were Sergeant Michael Minette to First Sergeant, and Officer Joseph Normandin to Sergeant.



First Sergeant Michael Minette



Sergeant Joe Normandin and Chief Lawlor

### MILESTONES

Chief Carol Lawlor	1978	37 years of service
Deputy Chief Curtis Cox	1984	31 years of service
Sergeant Gary Lee	1986	29 years of service
Captain Daniel McNally	1988	27 years of service
Gail VanPatten	1991	24 years of service
Kris Kelley-Sweeney	1991	24 years of service
Officer Adam Myers	1992	23 years of service
Sr. Patrol Officer Daniel Coburn	1993	22 years of service
Sr. Investigator Thomas Funk	1994	21 years of service
Officer Roger Ginder	1994	21 years of service
Gina Spadaro	1995	20 years of service
Investigator Charles Tanner	1995	20 years of service
Sr. Patrol Officer James Brust	1995	20 years of service
Sergeant Carl Duda	1995	20 years of service
Officer Nicholas Ingle	1995	20 years of service
Officer Russ Tallman	1995	20 years of service

**Congratulations and thank you for your service!**



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# **APPENDIX**

## INDEX CRIMES REPORTED TO POLICE: 2011-2015

Year	Index Total	Violent Crime					Property Crime			
		Violent Total	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Property Total	Burglary	Larceny	MV Theft
2011	<b>873</b>	<b>27</b>	0	1	10	16	<b>846</b>	79	762	5
2012	<b>697</b>	<b>24</b>	0	5	10	9	<b>673</b>	52	619	2
2013	<b>686</b>	<b>12</b>	0	3	5	4	<b>674</b>	48	625	1
2014	<b>680</b>	<b>19</b>	0	3	4	12	<b>661</b>	58	598	5
2015	<b>584</b>	<b>10</b>	0	5	3	2	<b>574</b>	23	546	5

Note: The increase in the violent crime total in 2015 is attributable in part to the expanded crime category of rape.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS REPORTED IN 2015

	Intimate Partner			OTHER FAMILY VICTIM	TOTAL
	FEMALE VICTIM	MALE VICTIM	TOTAL		
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	1
Simple Assault	13	3	16	5	21
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0
Violate Protection Order	0	0	0	0	0
Total	13	3	16	6	22

Police Calls for 2015			Police Calls for 2014	
CALL TYPE		Percent Change	CALL TYPE	
911 ACCIDENTAL CALL	689	20	911 ACCIDENTAL CALL	572
911 HANG-UP CALL	751	47	911 HANG-UP CALL	512
911 NON-EMERGENCY /NUISANCE	62	-2	911 NON-EMERGENCY / NUISANCE	63
911 Open Line	269	36	911 OPEN LINE	198
ABANDONED VEHICLE	27	-4	ABANDONED VEHICLE	28
ALARM DROP	50	43	ALARM DROP	35
ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT	1046	-3	ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT	1079
ASSAULT	22	57	ASSAULT	14
ASSIST A PERSON	1002	23	ASSIST A PERSON	816
AUTO ACC PROP DAMAGE	1352	5	AUTO ACC PROP DAMAGE	1289
AUTO ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY	69	-8	AUTO ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY	75
AUTO ACCIDENT UNKNOWN	35	3	AUTO ACCIDENT UNKNOWN	34
BOMB THREAT	2	0	BOMB THREAT	2
BOY/GIRLFRIEND TROUBLE	10	-29	BOY/GIRLFRIEND TROUBLE	14
BURGLAR ALARM	1278	11	BURGLAR ALARM	1149
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	8	-43	BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	14
CAR BLOCKING	8	-50	CAR BLOCKING	16
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	78	59	CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	49
CHECK A SUBJECT	1274	25	CHECK A SUBJECT	1022
CHECK A TRAFFIC LIGHT	63	-17	CHECK A TRAFFIC LIGHT	76
		-100	CHECK FOR HUNTER	47
COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT	22	-31	COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT	32
COURT ORDER	31	-35	COURT ORDER	48
CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	26	-13	CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	30
DETAIL	64	0	DETAIL	64
DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	409	-24	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	536
DMV REQUEST	1	-67	DMV REQUEST	3
DOMESTIC CALL	202	-23	DOMESTIC CALL	263
DRUNK ANNOYING	23	-12	DRUNK ANNOYING	26
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	199	12	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	178
EMS (JUVENILE) CALL	8	-33	EMS (JUVENILE) CALL	12
EMS CALL	595	-3	EMS CALL	614
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	196	41	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	139
EXECUTING A WARRANT	35	-29	EXECUTING A WARRANT	49
FIGHT	64	31	FIGHT	49

FILE 1 CHECK	2	-60	FILE 1 CHECK	5
FINGERPRINTS	144	-24	FINGERPRINTS	189
FIRE CALL	210	-7	FIRE CALL	225
FIREWORKS	69	64	FIREWORKS	42
FOLLOW UP ON PREV. CALL	43			
FOUND PROPERTY	139	-1	FOUND PROPERTY	140
GAS DRIVE OFF	8	-38	GAS DRIVE OFF	13
GET A COMPLAINT	1346	2	GET A COMPLAINT	1318
GET A REPORT	1611	12	GET A REPORT	1433
GROUP ANNOYING	12	9	GROUP ANNOYING	11
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CALL	8	167	HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CALL	3
HOLD-UP ALARM	38	31	HOLD-UP ALARM	29
HOME VISIT CHECK	26	550	HOME VISIT	4
INVESTIGATION	6			
JAIL RUN	8	-68	JAIL RUN	25
JUVENILE INCIDENT	59	5	JUVENILE INCIDENT	56
JUVENILE SHOPLIFTER	53	104	JUVENILE SHOPLIFTER	26
K-9 ACTIVITY	65	-24	K-9 ACTIVITY	85
LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	20	67	LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	12
LARCENY JUST OCCURRED	52	-9	LARCENY JUST OCCURRED	57
LOCK OUT	135	14	LOCK OUT	118
LOUD MUSIC	49	44	LOUD MUSIC	34
LOUD PARTY	27	-40	LOUD PARTY	45
MISSING PERSON	59	40	MISSING PERSON	42
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	30	-6	NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	32
NOTIFICATION	456	29	NOTIFICATION	354
OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	36	9	OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	33
OTHER	173	-30	OTHER	248
PERSON ACTING SUSPICIOUS	34	-35	PERSON ACTING SUSPICIOUS	52
PERSON ANNOYING	23	-15	PERSON ANNOYING	27
PERSON ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	13	63	PERSON ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	8
PERSON DOWN	2	100	PERSON DOWN	1
PERSON EXPOSING SELF	2	-71	PERSON EXPOSING SELF	7
PERSON WITH A WEAPON	7	250	PERSON WITH A WEAPON	2
PISTOL PERMIT	52	49	PISTOL PERMIT	35
POLICE COURT	120	24	POLICE COURT	97
POLICE INFORMATION	54	-37	POLICE INFORMATION	86
POLICE WANTED UNKNOWN	22	69	POLICE WANTED UNKNOWN	13

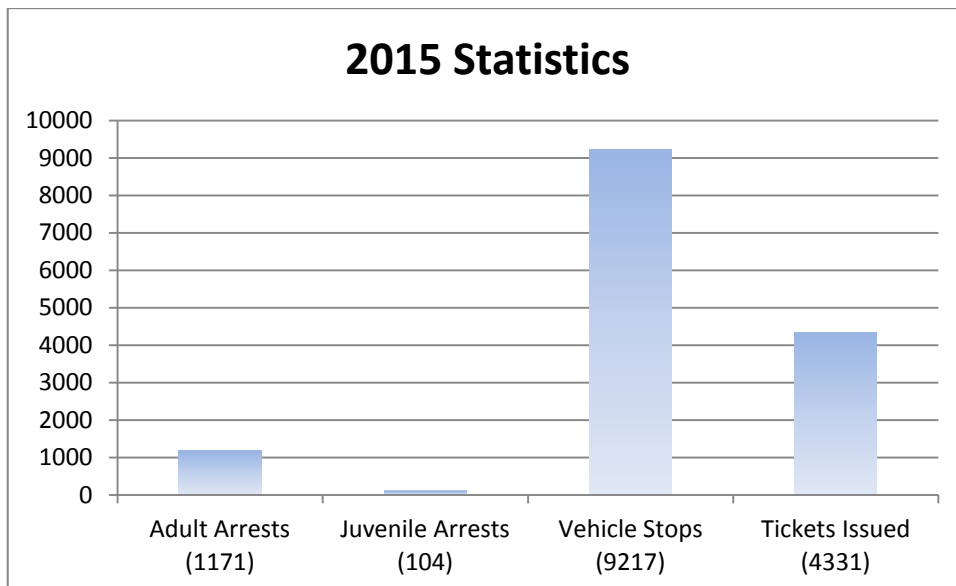
PROPERTY CHECK	2128	12	PROPERTY CHECK	1894
PROWLER	21	91	PROWLER	11
ROAD HAZARD	162	-9	ROAD HAZARD	179
ROBBERY	2	100	ROBBERY	1
			SELLING DRUGS	3
SHOPLIFTER	296	17	SHOPLIFTER	252
SHOTS FIRED	5	67	SHOTS FIRED	3
SNOW EMERGENCY (BIRD)	11	-50	SNOW EMERGENCY (BIRD)	22
SOMEONE IN BUILDING	10	25	SOMEONE IN BUILDING	8
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	223	0	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	223
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	426	11	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	385
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GUILD CTR	37	131	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GUILD CTR	16
TRAFFIC STOP	9168	7	TRAFFIC STOP	8591
TREE DOWN	31	-21	TREE DOWN	39
TROUBLE WITH A CUSTOMER	85	33	TROUBLE WITH A CUSTOMER	64
UFO	1			
VEHICLE ANNOYING	328	-2	VEHICLE ANNOYING	333
VEHICLE IN VIOLATION	142	20	VEHICLE IN VIOLATION	118
VIOLENT DOMESTIC	6	20	VIOLENT DOMESTIC	5
WARRANT	372	17	WARRANT	319
WATER BREAK	23	35	WATER BREAK	17
WELFARE CHECK	153	14	WELFARE CHECK	134
WIRES DOWN/ARCING	43	34	WIRES DOWN/ARCING	32

**TOTAL**

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