

# **2015 ANNUAL REPORT**



## **Sparta Police Department**

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# ***Mission Statement***

## ***Our Mission***

The mission of the Sparta Police Department is to enhance public safety through crime prevention, education, and enforcement of the law while working in partnership with the community to preserve the quality of life for Sparta residents.

## ***Our Vision***

Preserving quality of life through innovation and excellence in policing.

## ***Our Values***

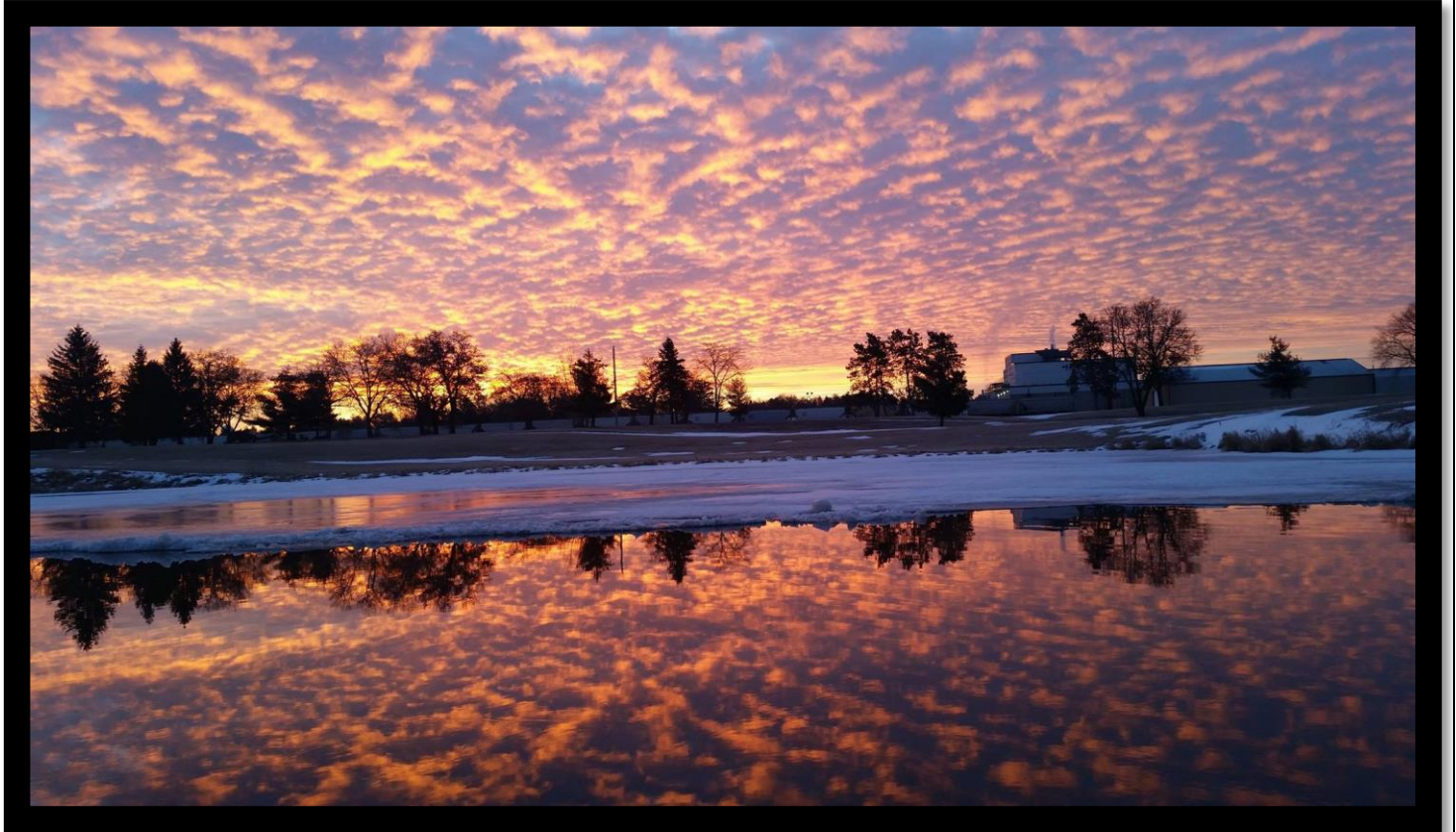
**Courage** – To face one’s fears in the face of adversity and do what is required to protect others.

**Pride** – In work and family we are accountable to each other and the Community.

**Excellence** – Strive for perfection knowing that “good enough” really isn’t.







# ***Code of Ethics***

“As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence and disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

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

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

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve those objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my profession...*Law Enforcement.*





## ***Oath of Honor***



On my honor,  
I will never betray my profession,  
my integrity, my character,  
or the public trust.

I will always have the courage  
to hold myself and others  
accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the constitution,  
my community, and  
the agency I serve.





**Chief**  
**David Kuderer**



**Police Support Specialist**  
**Jessica Erickson**



**Administrative Assistant**  
**Jennifer Uhls**



**Lieutenant**  
**Emilee Nottestad**



**Chaplain**  
**Jef Skinner**



**Chaplain**  
**Randy Larsen**



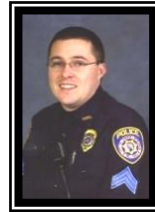
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**Andrew Kuen**



**Detective**  
**Jose Tovar**



**Sergeant**  
**Jason Pipkin**



**Sergeant**  
**Booker Ferguson**



**Sergeant**  
**Joel Ames**



**Sergeant**  
**Kyle Erickson**



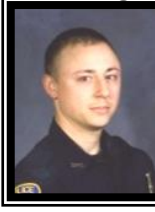
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**Kyle Seubert**



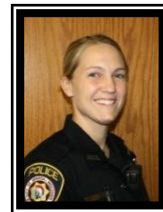
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**Marc Nelson**



**Officer**  
**Kyle Guralski**



**Officer**  
**Chris Welker**



**Officer**  
**Jenna Lee**



**Officer**  
**Corey Johnson**



**Officer**  
**Jacob Edwards**



**Officer**  
**Zach Fischer**



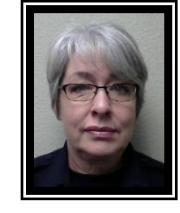
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**Ethan Schroeder**



**Officer**  
**Justin Grones**



**Officer**  
**Brian James**



**Evidence/Compliance**  
**Officer**  
**Christine Haas**



**Larz**

# Personnel Changes

## Goodbyes



**Paula Skinner**  
Left in December



**Nitro**



**Beth Ambrosius**



**Christopher Itnyre**



**Sam Welbourne**

## Promotions



**Detective  
Jose Tovar**

## Welcome



**Lieutenant  
Emilee Nottestad**



**Christine Haas as  
Evidence Custodian &  
Code Enforcement**



**Jennifer Uhls as  
Administrative  
Assistant**



**Officer  
Brian James**



**Officer  
Justin Grones**



**Larz**



# *Employee Training*

## **Officer Jacob Edwards**

- Firearms
- Instructor Development
- Field Training Officer Certification
- ECIR II Recertification
- FBI ALERRT Active Shooter Response
- CTU Team Training (new member)

## **Officer Zachary Fischer**

- Completed Field Training
- Firearms
- Operation RUSH
- Basic SWAT
- Domestic Violence: Best Practices
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving

## **Officer Justin Grones (new hire)**

- Completed Field Training
- Firearms
- Defense and Arrest Tactics
- Domestic Violence: Best Practices

## **Officer Kyle Guralski**

- Assoc. SWAT Personnel Conference
- Firearms
- Less-Lethal Projectiles
- CTU Team Training (monthly)
- Sniper Training
- ECIR II Recertification
- Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement
- Fit Force Administrator's Course
- Scenario Instructor

## **Officer Brian James (new hire)**

- Completed Field Training
- Firearms
- K-9 Certification & Monthly Training
- CTU Team Training (new member)
- Domestic Violence: Best Practices

## **Officer Corey Johnson**

- Firearms
- CTU Team Training (monthly)
- Instructor Development
- Defense and Arrest Tactics Instructor
- ECIR II Recertification

## **Officer Jenna Lee**

- DCI Drug Investigation School
- Firearms
- Basic Evidence Technician
- ECIR II Recertification

## **Officer Marc Nelson**

- Assoc. SWAT Personnel Conference
- Firearms
- ECIR II Recertification
- NTOA SWAT Commander II
- CTU Team Training (monthly)

## **Officer Ethan Schroeder**

- Completed Field Training
- Firearms
- Operation RUSH
- Basic Evidence Technician
- Domestic Violence: Best Practices
- FBI ALERRT Active Shooter Response

**Officer Christopher Welker**

- K-9 Certification & Monthly Training
- Firearms
- ECIR II Recertification

**Sergeant Joel Ames**

- Firearms
- Intermediate Incident Command System
- Crime Stoppers Conference
- Advanced Incident Command
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
- ECIR II Recertification

**Sergeant Booker Ferguson**

- Firearms
- Wisconsin Command College
- ECIR II Recertification

**Sergeant Kyle Erickson**

- Firearms
- Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor
- Introduction to Incident Command
- Intermediate Incident Command
- Leadership in Police Organizations
- ECIR II Recertification
- FBI ALERRT Active Shooter Response

**Sergeant Jason Pipkin**

- Firearms
- Internal Investigations
- LAWS Communication
- Intermediate Incident Command
- ECIR II Recertification
- FBI ALERRT Active Shooter Response

**Evidence Custodian Christine Haas**

- Property Room Management

**School Resource Officer Kyle Seubert**

- Firearms
- School Resource Officer Conference
- ECIR II Recertification

**Police Specialist Jessica Erickson**

- Managing Police Records in Wisconsin
- LAWS Communications
- Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Training

**Detective Tovar**

- Firearms
- CTU Team Training (monthly)
- Phone & Internet Investigations
- Internet-Based Investigations
- Homicide Investigators Conference
- Vehicle Contacts Instructor
- Domestic Violence: Best Practices
- ECIR II Recertification
- Child Death Scene Investigations

**Detective Kuen**

- Internal Investigations
- DCI Drug Investigation School
- TLO Program
- Firearms
- CTU Team Training (monthly)
- Crisis Intervention Team Training
- Heroin & Prescription Drug Crimes
- ECIR II Recertification
- Child Death Scene Investigations
- Law Enforcement Training Officer Conf.
- Fit Force Administrator's Course
- Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement
- Scenario Instructor

**Lieutenant Emilee Nottestad**

- Discipline & Termination/Performance Improvement
- Public Information Officer
- Attorney General's Summit on Public Safety
- Firearms
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician
- Drug Endangered Children
- WI Chiefs of Police Conference
- Domestic Violence: Best Practices
- Governor's Conference on Highway Safety
- Deliberate Leadership
- Professional Communications Instructor
- Scenario Instructor

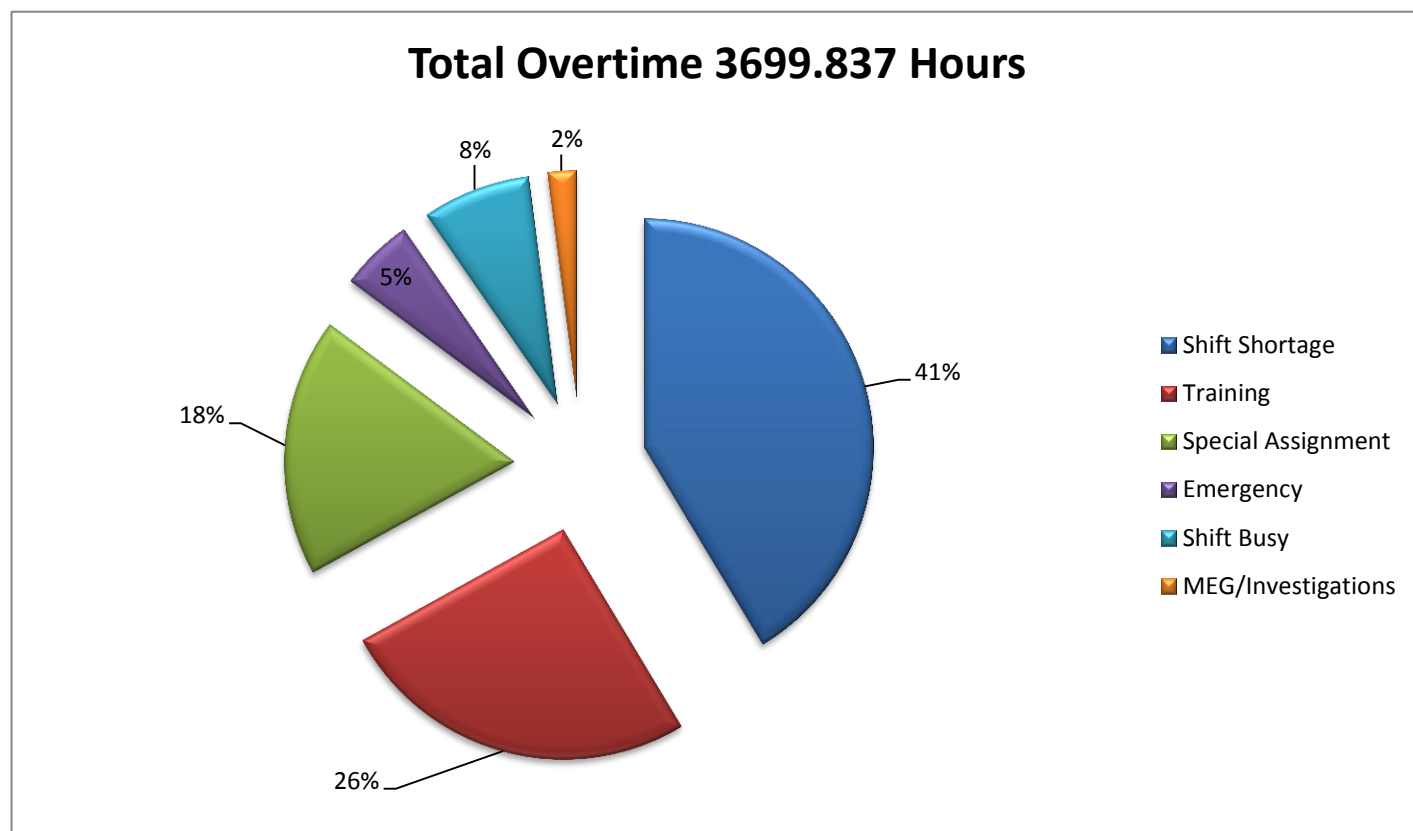
**Chief David Kuderer**

- WI Chiefs of Police Conference (winter & summer)
- New Chiefs & Sheriffs Training
- Core Standards Verification Program Orientation
- Firearms
- WILEAG Assessor Training
- Executive Leadership
- Drug Endangered Children
- Property Room Management
- ECIR II Recertification



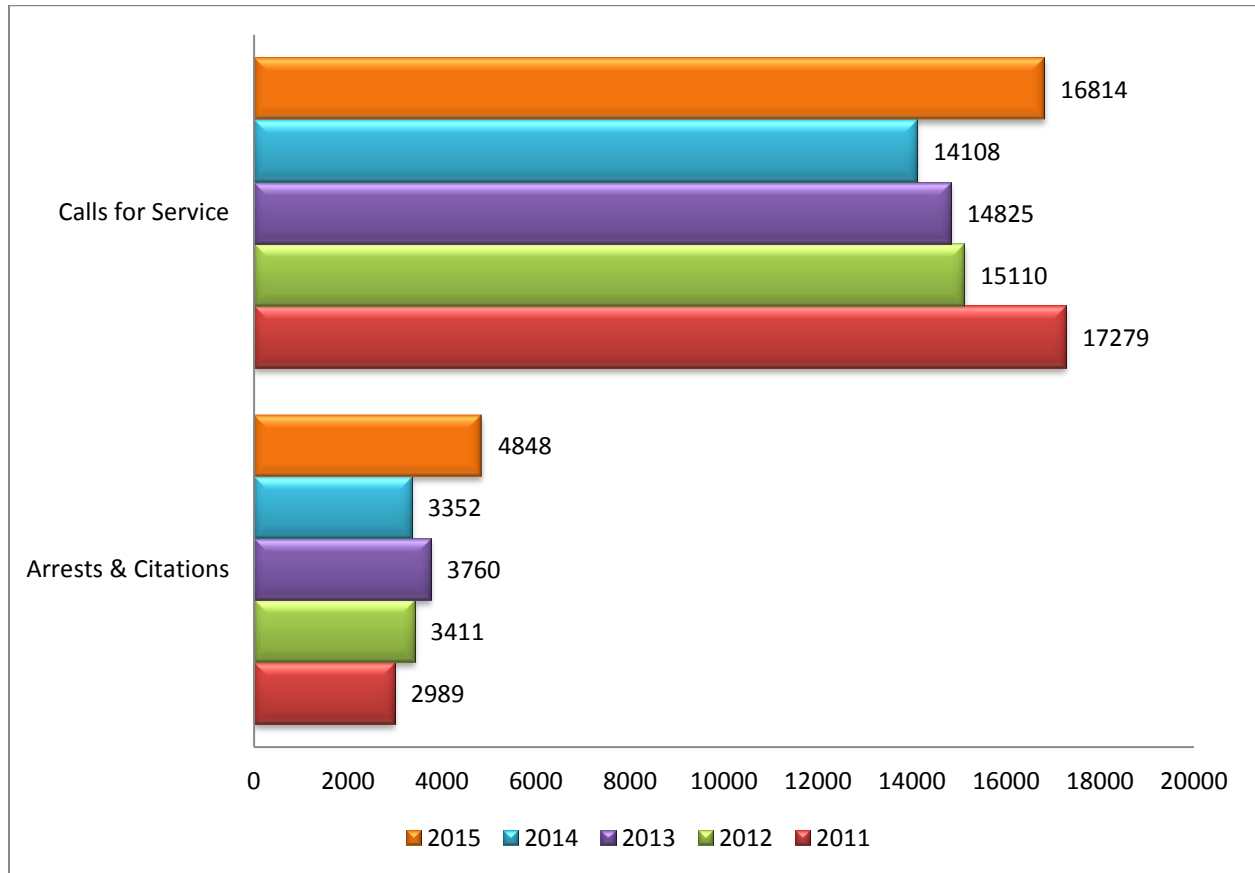


# *Overtime Statistics*



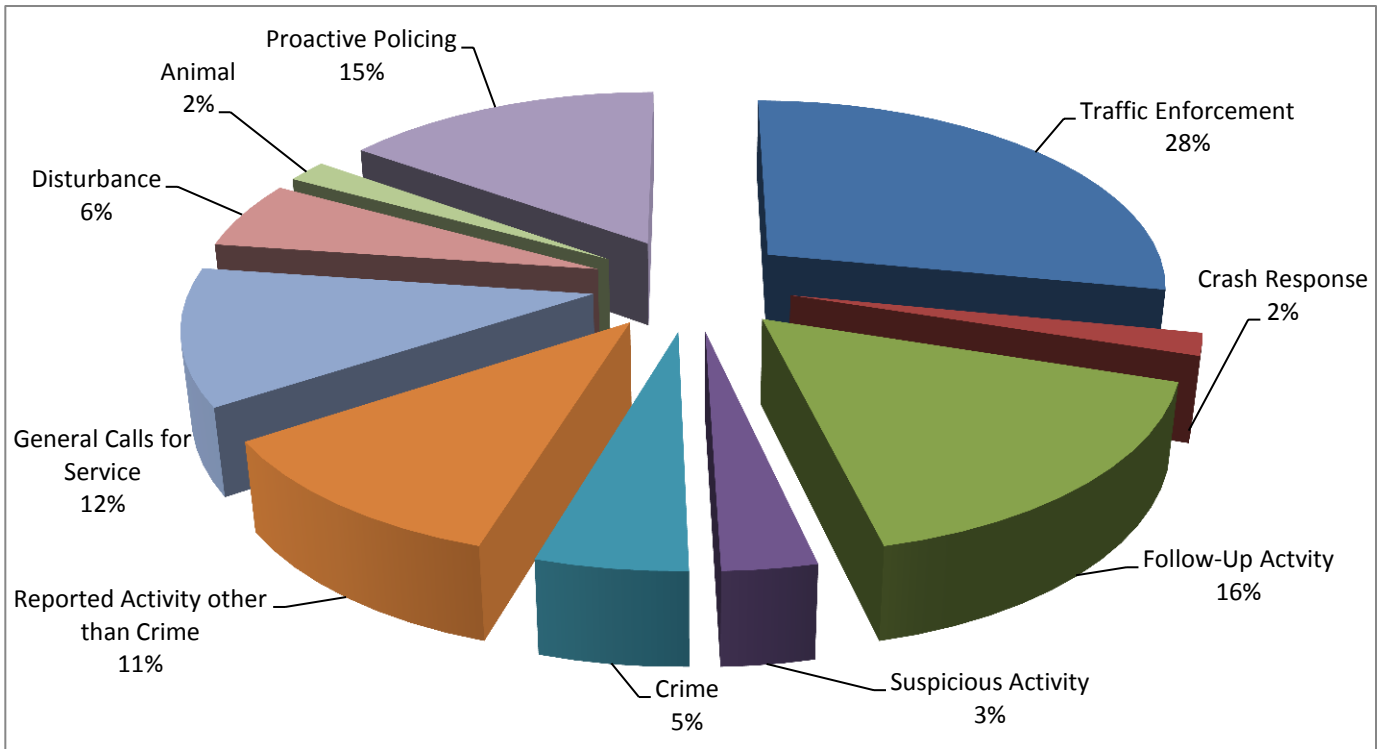
- Shift Shortage – Due to vacations, training, special assignments, emergencies, and investigations conducted by other officers
- Training – Hours in excess of officer's normal work schedule
- Special Assignment – Court, briefings, presentations
- Emergency – Natural disasters, Combined Tactical Unit call-out
- Shift Busy – Incidents occurring at the end of a shift or ones that have to be finished for the next day
- MEG/Investigation – drug investigations, major cases

# *2015 Five Year Trends*





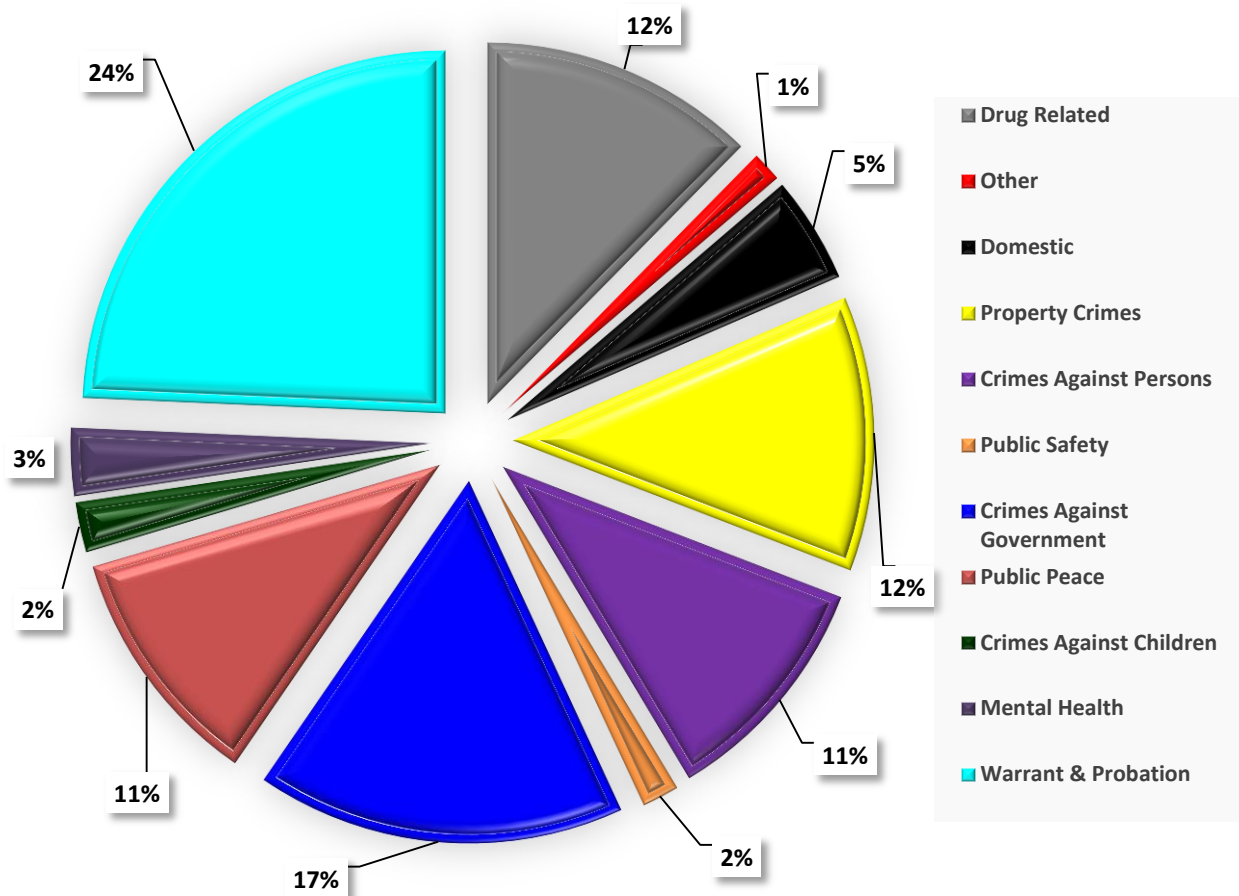
# *Allocation of Services*



This graph depicts a percentage of Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) calls grouped into similar activities. The graph isn't intended to present a true representation of actual time allocated to a grouped activity, but provides a visual reference for comparing police services, either requested or self-initiated.



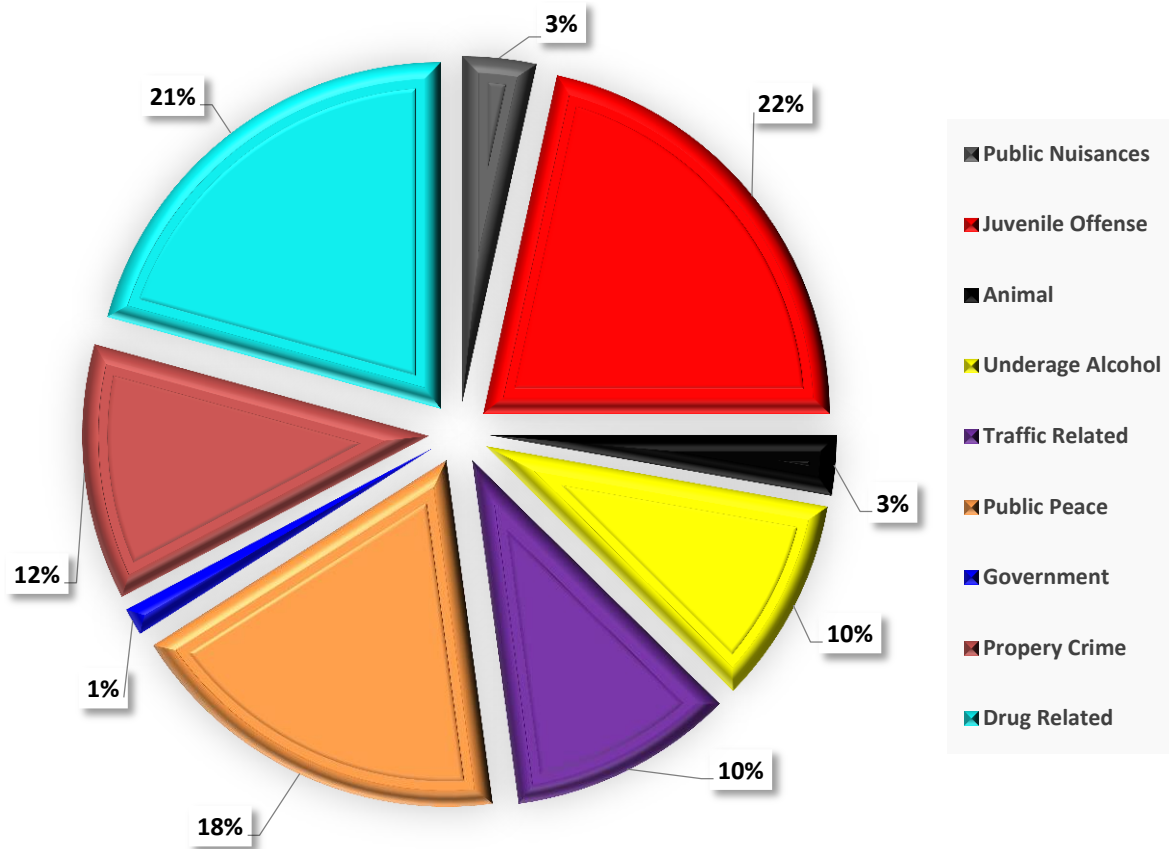
# *Arrest Percentage By Type of Crime*



- **Compared to 2014:**

- Drug related arrested increased 4%
- Property Crimes increased 1%
- Crimes Against Persons increased 4%
- Crimes Against the Government decreased 1%
- Mental Health related incidents decreased 3%

# *Municipal Offense By Type*

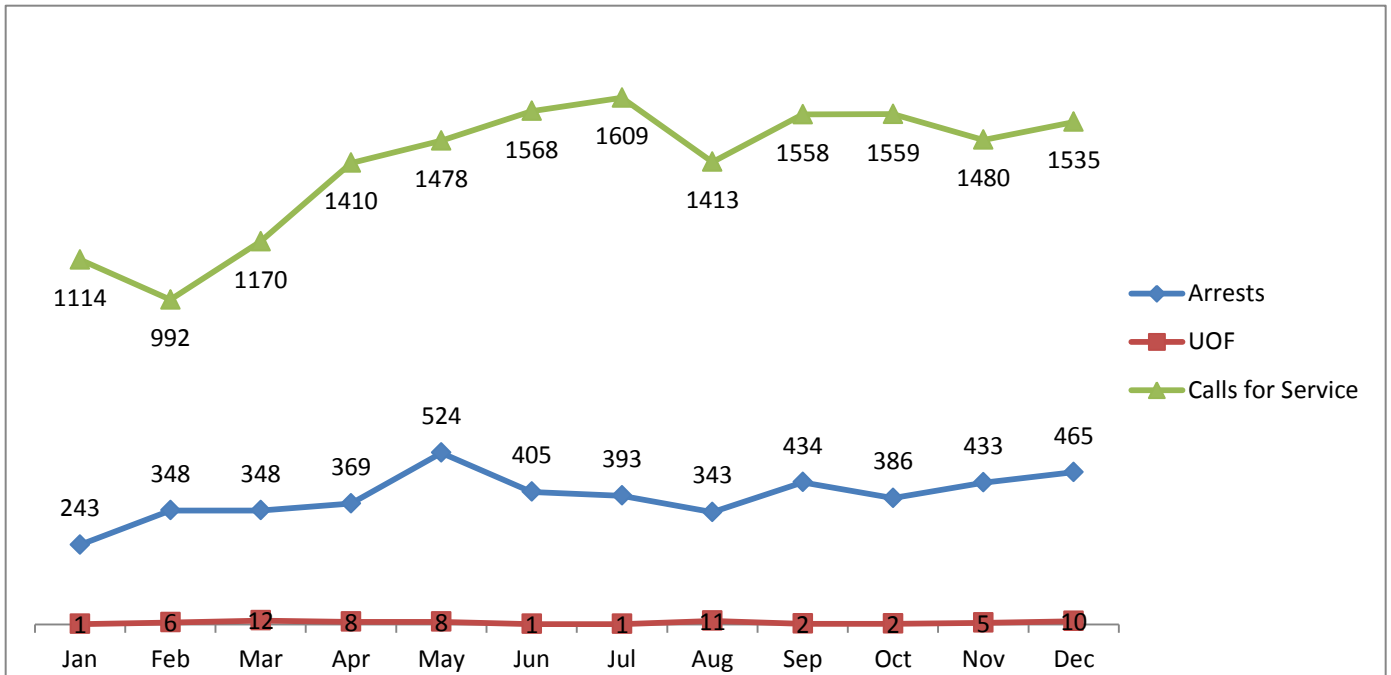


- **Compared to 2014:**

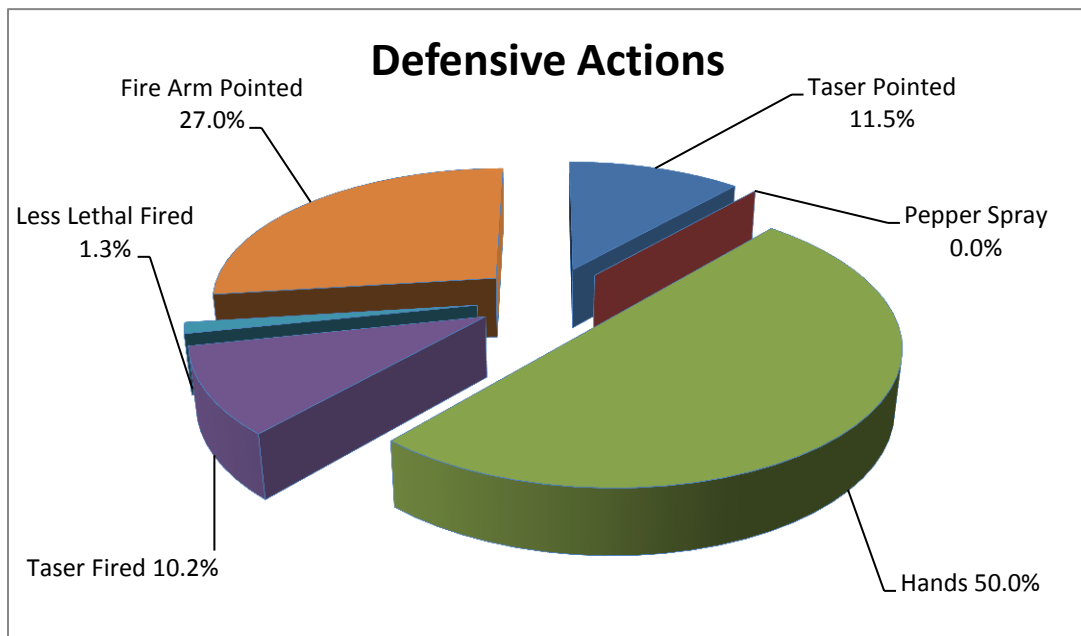
- Juvenile related municipal citations increased 4%
- Underage Alcohol related municipal citations increased 1%
- Traffic related municipal citations increased 4%
- Public Peace related municipal citations decreased 3%
- Property Crime related municipal citations decreased 1%
- Drug related municipal citations increased 1%

# Use of Force (UOF)

## Comparison Report



## UOF by Type



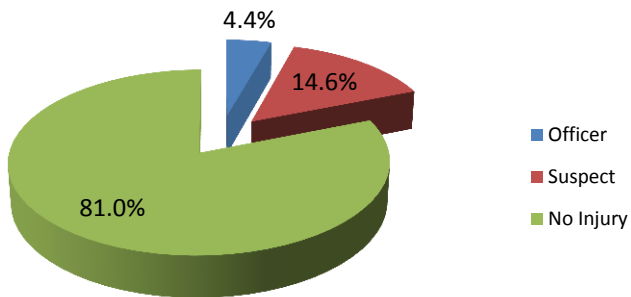


# UOF Statistics

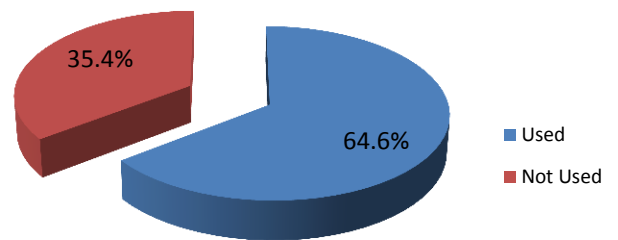
## 2015 Suspect/Officer Injury Ratio

## 2015 Alcohol Usage Factor

### Injury

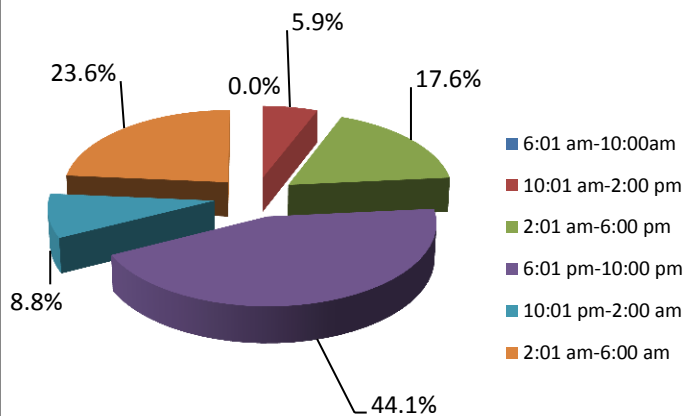


### Under the Influence

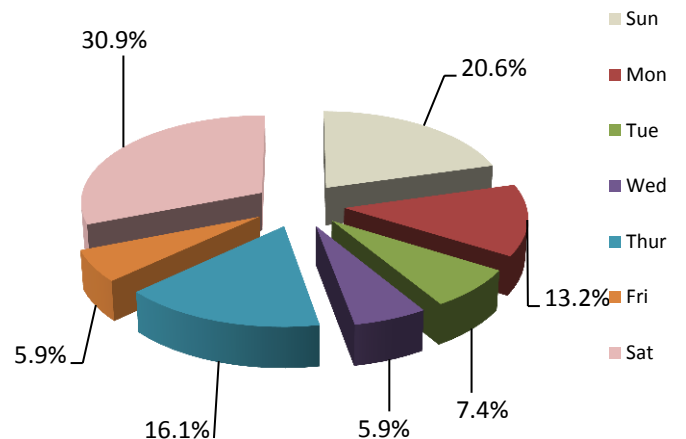


## 2015 Defensive Action by:

### Time of Day



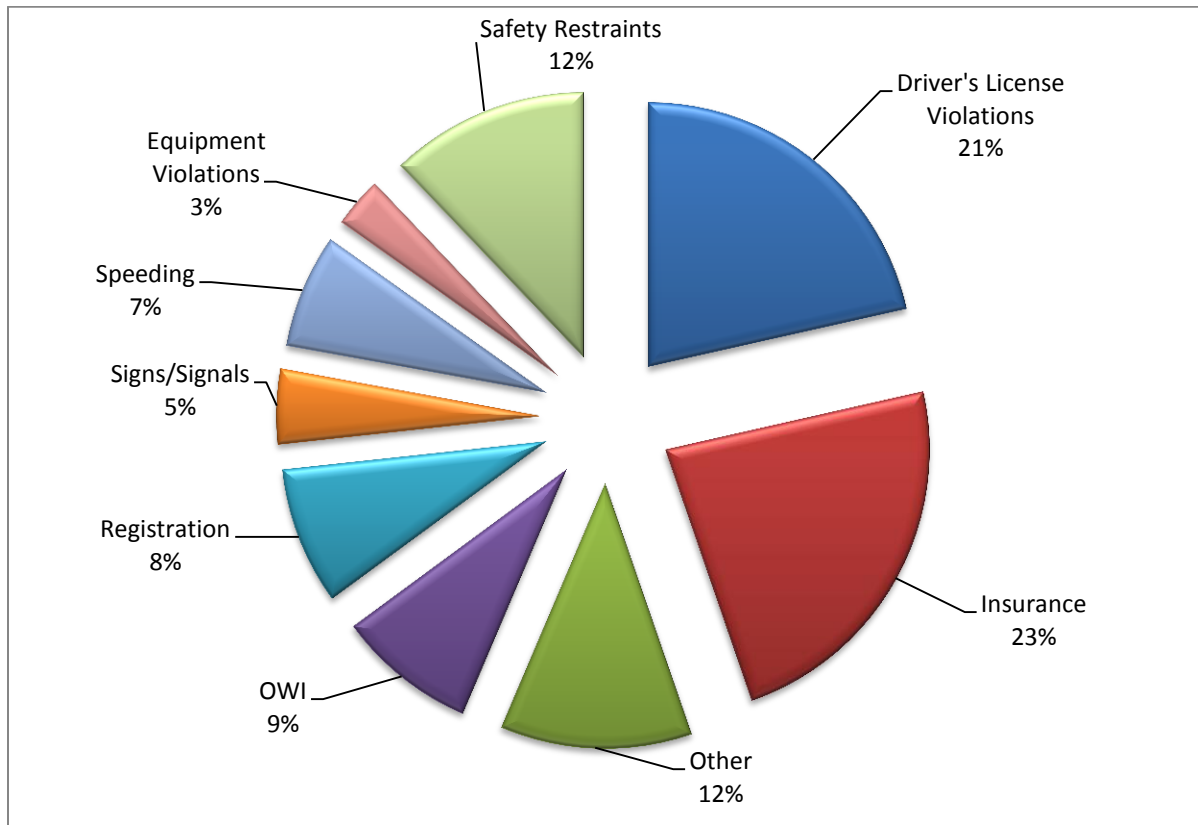
### Day of Week





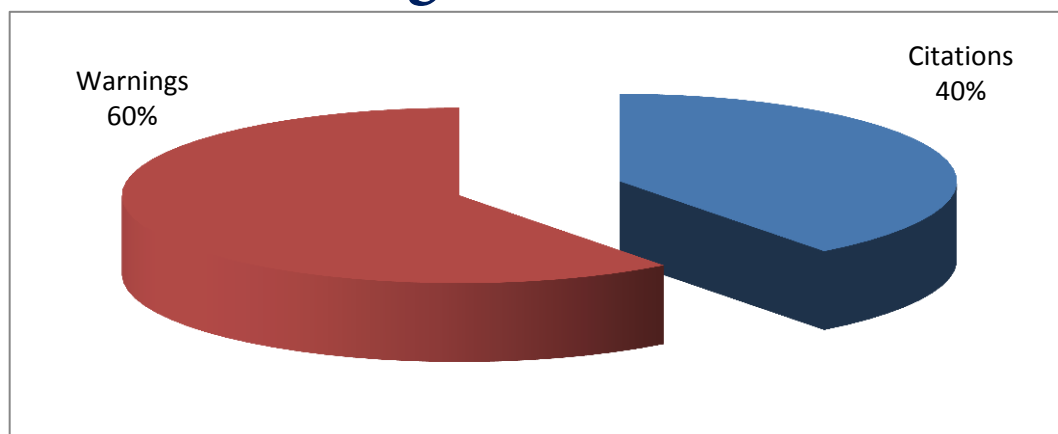
# *Traffic Citations Percentage*

## *By Type of Offense*

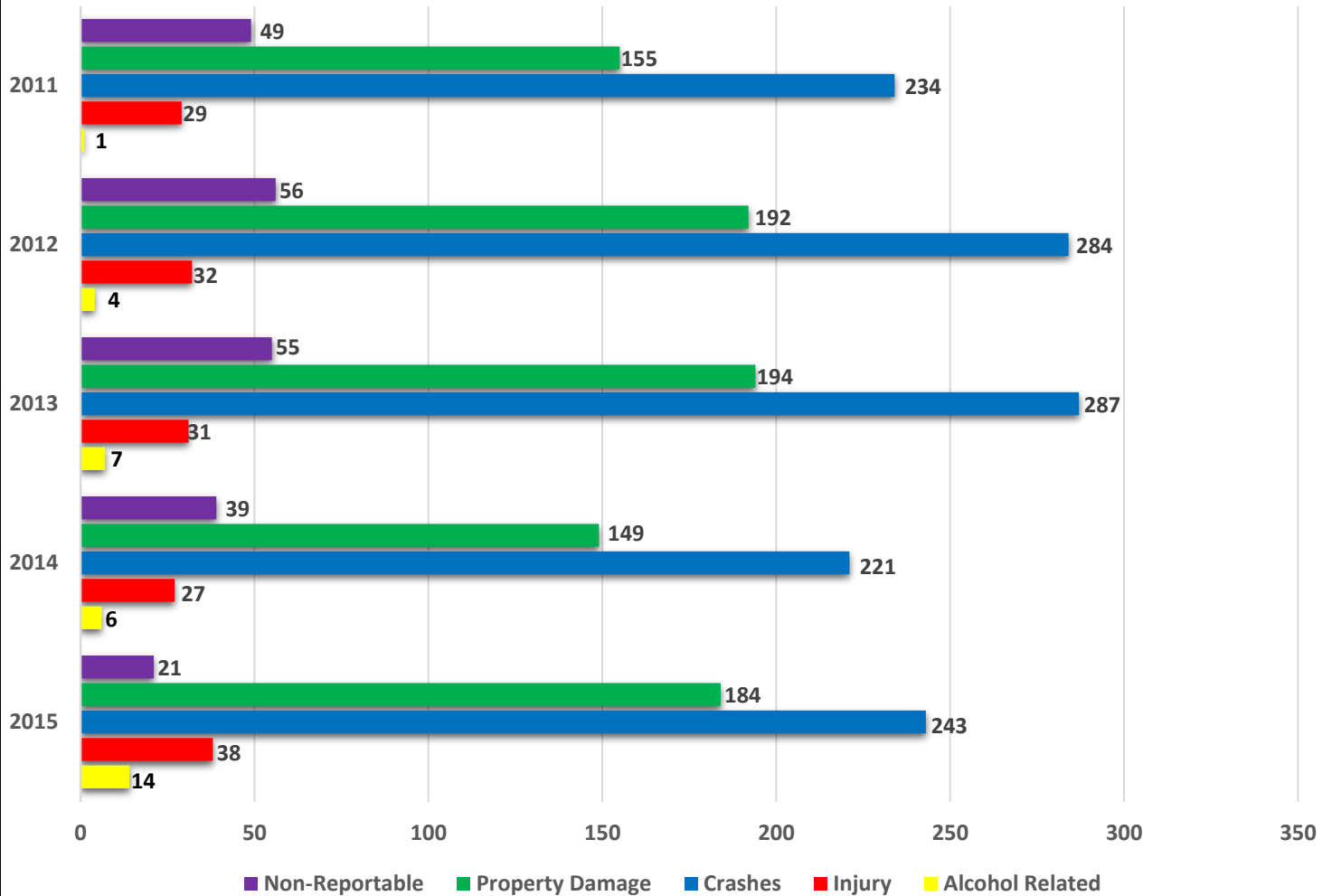


## *Traffic Stops*

### *Warnings vs Citations*



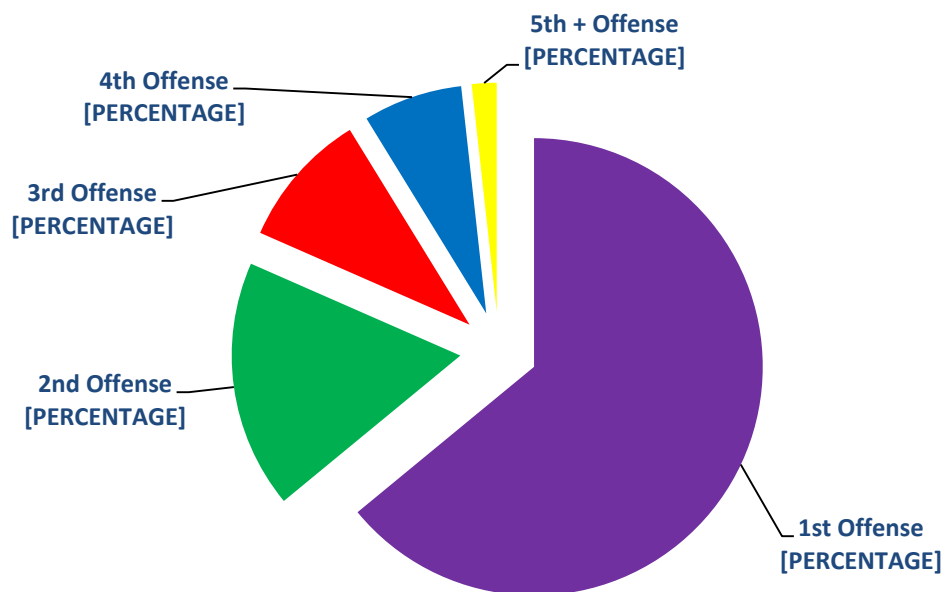
# Five Year Traffic Crash Trend



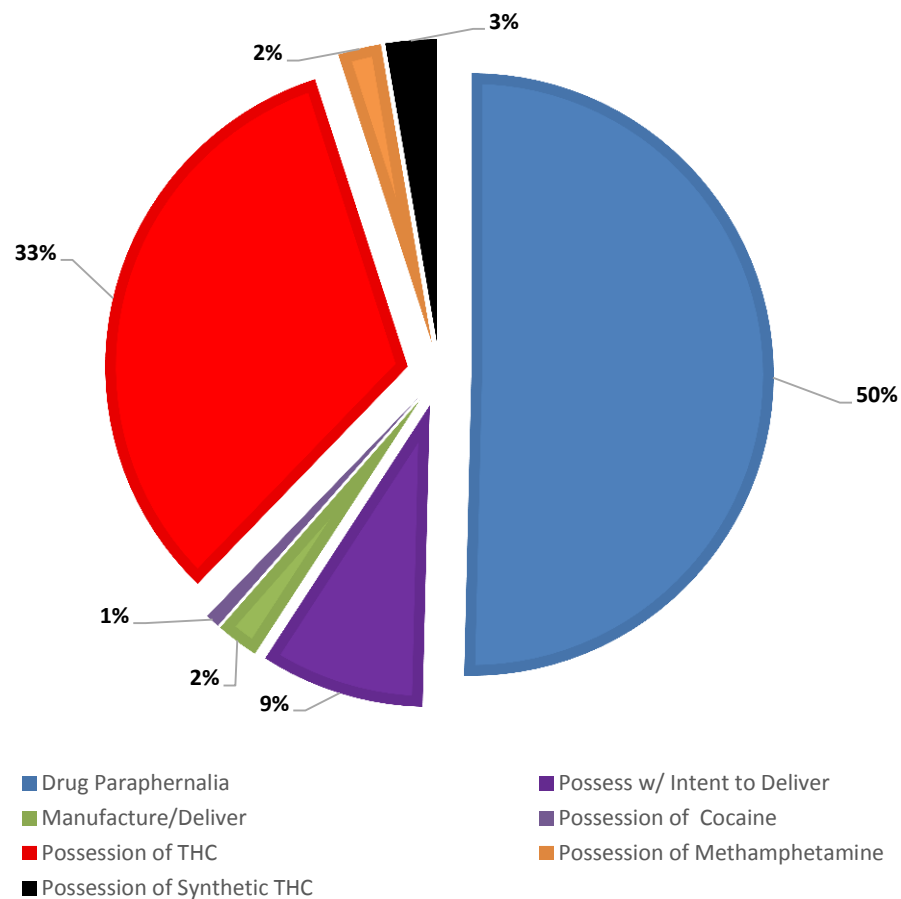
## BAC/PAC Results

Month	Average Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	5th+ Offense	W/ Controlled Substance
January	.152	1	2	2	0	0	0
February	.163	13	2	0	0	0	5
March	.139	6	1	1	1	0	1
April	.136	8	2	0	1	0	3
May	.160	9	2	2	0	0	2
June	.101	4	2	0	1	0	1
July	.136	4	2	0	0	1	2
August	.155	3	1	0	0	1	2
September	.199	5	3	3	0	0	2
October	.153	5	2	3	1	0	3
November	.129	7	0	0	2	0	2
December	.073	8	1	0	2	0	5
Average	.141	73	20	11	8	2	28

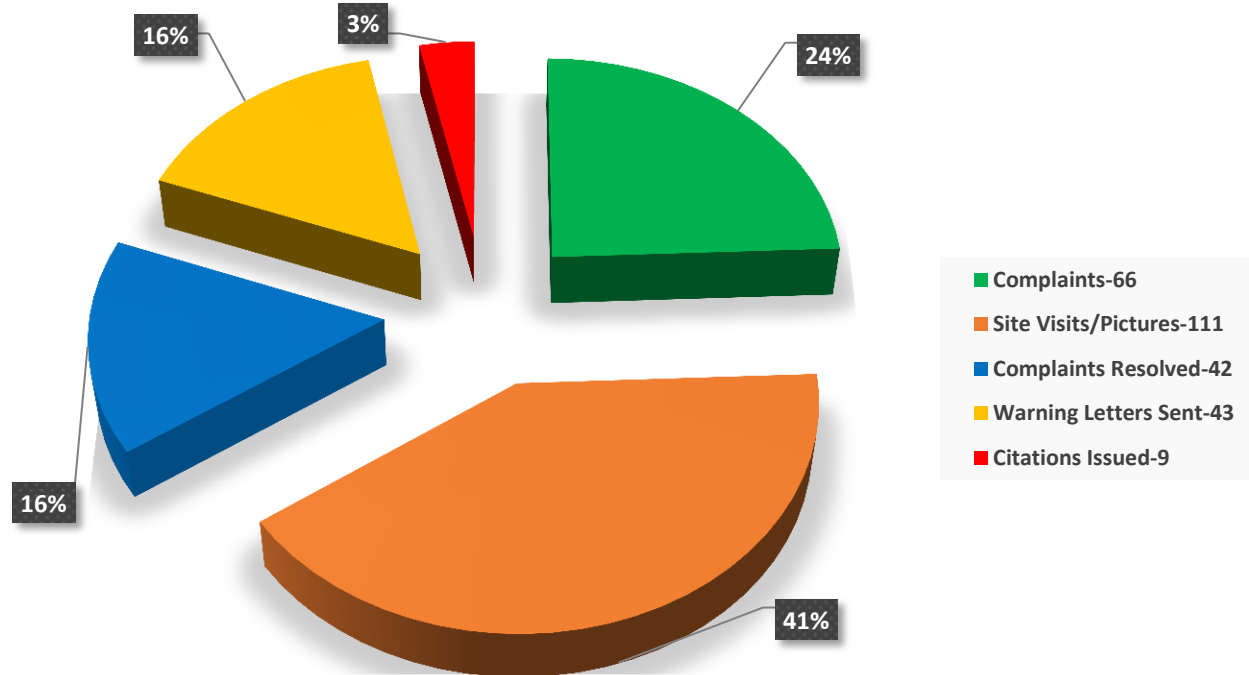
## Repeat Violation Offenses



# *Drug Arrest and Citation Percentages By Type of Offense*



# *2015 Code Compliance Investigation Totals*



# 2015 Activity Report

## 2015 yearly Activity Report:

During the year of 2015 the Sparta Police Department responded to 16,814 calls for service, issued 2,761 traffic citations, arrested 160 people for Operating While Under the Influence and made 2,087 non-traffic related arrests. Overall activity level was higher when compared with the prior year.

### Index Crimes:

#### Part I Offenses Reported:

Homicide: **0**                      Sex Offense: **31**                      Assault: **20**                      Burglary: **34**  
Theft: **292**                      Motor Vehicle Theft: **23**                      Arson: **0**                      Robbery: **1**

#### Part II Offenses Reported:

Fraud: **165**                      Criminal Damage: **150**                      Drug: **88**  
Domestic: **69**                      Disorderly: **24**                      Weapons: **18**

#### Part III Traffic Offenses Reported:

Crashes: **313**                      Traffic Complaints: **380**                      Traffic Stops: **4720**  
Parking Complaints: **302**                      Parking Tickets Issued: **830**

#### Part IV Incidents:

Alarms: **162**                      Mental: **48**                      Suspensions: **531**                      Open door/window: **30**  
Warrants: **140**                      Noise: **115**                      911 hang up: **244**                      Animal: **321**

## Citations & Arrests

Traffic: 2761

Non-Traffic: 2087

Speed Related	192	Bail Jumping	199
Traffic Signs & Signals	125	Battery	63
Driver License Violations	593	Burglary	12
Vehicle Registration	231	Disorderly Conduct	226
OMVWI/PAC	235	Obstructing/Resisting	63
Insurance	641	Drug Related	301
Seat Belts	335	Theft	223
All Others	409	Underage Drinking	46
		Curfew	30
		Truancy	38
		All Others	886



## CTU 2015 Year End Report

The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (CTU) is a Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team staffed by members of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Sparta Police Department, Tomah Police Department and Wisconsin State Patrol. The member agencies have entered into an agreement to staff the team in this manner to allow for the most efficient use of each department's resources.

In 2015 CTU had some personnel changes from a couple agencies. For Sparta PD Detective Jose Tovar resigned after 4 years of service and Officer Jacob Edwards and Officer Brian James along with K9 Larz joined the team.

The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit continues to train for one eight hour day each month in addition to other training that individual members attend. Sniper team members continue to train with Fort McCoy Police SRT Snipers on a regular basis. Nine team members attended the Association of SWAT Personnel-Wisconsin Conference, which included incident debriefs from several critical incidents across the United States. CTU conducted two joint training sessions, with La Crosse County Sheriff's Department Emergency Response Team and La Crosse Police Department Emergency Response Team.

In 2015 CTU responded to 5 calls throughout Monroe County. Two of those calls were just outside of the Sparta and two were located in the City of Sparta. Both calls in the city were barricaded subjects who threatened either officers or other individuals with a gun.

### Sparta PD Personnel

Officer Nelson – Team Leader/Medic  
Officer Guralski – Sniper/Entry  
Det. Kuen – Entry  
Officer Johnson – Entry  
Officer James – K9/Entry  
Officer Edwards – Entry



Prepared By Officer Nelson

**2015**  
***Sparta Police Department***  
***K9 Unit***

In August 2015 Officer Brian James was hired by the Sparta Police Department. Officer James worked full time for four years at the Vernon County Sheriff's Office. While employed with Vernon County, Officer James was a patrol deputy and in November of 2011 became Vernon County's first full time K9 Deputy. Officer James became the K9 Handler for K9 Larz. Officer James and Larz completed their Basic Canine Handler Course at Steinig Tal Kennels. Larz was trained as a dual purpose K9, where he is trained in narcotics detection, handler protection, criminal apprehension, article searches, and tracking. Officer James and Larz completed their training in February of 2012. Officer James and Larz certify yearly through North American Police Working Dog Association (NAPWDA). They are also members of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handlers Association (WLECHA).

K9 Larz is a pure bred German Shepherd, born on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. His parents were imported from Germany to Chile where he was born and imported to the U.S. in 2011 to begin his training and career as a police K9. In 2014, Larz received a state award through WLECHA, for Meritorious Track with an Apprehension. Larz and Officer James have been to several trainings together such as Swat & K9's Interacting During Deployment School (S.K.I.D.D.S), Madison Man Trailing course, and Tony Palotta's K9 Workshop. Larz and Officer James train approximately 16 hours a month to maintain their certification and abilities to work all the different abilities that Larz has to offer to the community.

In October 2015, Larz started working the road with Officer James in the City of Sparta. Since working the road in Sparta, Larz and Officer James has been called and responded to many calls to assist other officers. In response to the calls for Larz's assistance, many of the calls had led to arrests and seizures of several illegal narcotics taken off the streets of Sparta. Not only has Larz and Officer James assisted with the illegal narcotics off the streets, but have done several K9 demonstrations and meet and greets within the community. Officer James and Larz are also members of the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit.

**Highlights of 2015**

- Case #15-1626 – K9 Larz was used to conduct an exterior sniff of a vehicle. Larz alerted to the odor of narcotics coming from the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and did not locate any contraband. Officer James decided to use Larz for an interior search of the vehicle. Officer James placed Larz inside of the vehicle and noticed that Larz was very interested in the rear backseat portion. Larz started to indicate by scratching at the rear passenger seat, so Officer James had Larz exit the vehicle. Officer James searched the rear passenger seat area where Larz was scratching and located a used hypodermic needle wrapped in a plastic baggie in between the seats pushed all the way down. If Larz was

not there to locate these illegal narcotics the suspects would have been released. Also located on one of the suspects was .3 grams of Methamphetamine.

- Case #15-1795 – K9 Larz was used to conduct a building search of a residence where a search warrant had been conducted. Larz located a small crawl space in the basement where several commands were given. Larz was sent into the crawl space to locate a suspect who had been involved in a disturbance. Larz located the individual hiding in the crawl space and apprehended this individual who was then placed into custody for several charges.



## **Sparta Police Department Social Media**

Currently the Sparta Police Department uses two forms of social media, Facebook and Twitter. Our Facebook page is utilized far more than Twitter because locally, more people are on Facebook than Twitter.

Example: In late November an anonymous person made us each a very nice ornament showing support for law enforcement. The same picture was posted on Facebook and Twitter. The Tweet reached approximately 800 people, while the Facebook post reached more than 96,000 people.

The Wanted Wednesday posts on Facebook reach thousands of people, resulting in many successful apprehensions.

We've had great success in identifying retail theft suspects by posting surveillance still shots on our Facebook page. These posts generally reach 10,000-20,000 people and most suspects are quickly identified.

Social media is here to stay. It can be used to open channels of communication, to build a better, stronger relationship with the community.

*SPD Trivia: 1<sup>st</sup> Facebook post: August 17, 2010, announcing 2010  
Citizens Academy*

“The employees of the Sparta Police Department would like to thank the anonymous person who made us each an ornament. The ornaments look great, they will be going on our trees!”



**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -More than 96,000 people reached. 850 ‘Likes’ on our page alone. The ornament picture reached more people than any other post to date.**

When sending news releases to media outlets, we also post the press release on our Facebook page. It is important to keep the public informed about what we do and what is happening in the community. News spreads quickly over social media. It is important that we release the correct information in a timely manner in order to mitigate rumors and misinformation.

*SPD Trivia: Current Page ‘Likes’: 5887 as of 04/18/2016*



**March 12, 2016**

**This picture was taken by a woman who looked outside and saw Officer Nelson handing out Culver's coupons to some kids who were wearing their helmets. The post reached more than 57,000 people, getting more than 1,900 likes on our page.**



*SPD Trivia: Most 'Likes' on a post-See above. Officer Nelson handing out coupons=1,900 'Likes'*



**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

“Officer Lee spent some time with a little girl who wandered out of her house and got lost today. Shortly after this picture was taken, she was reunited with a very thankful (and worried) mother. She has never wandered off before. Officer Lee did a great job keeping her calm. This story has a happy ending, and with all the negativity in the world, we wanted to share something positive.”



**This girl's mother was very thankful and gladly gave us permission to post the picture on our Facebook Page.**

**30,000 people reached, more than 900 'Likes'**

**Perceptions of law enforcement have changed through the years. Many people used to think we mostly handed out speeding tickets. In reality, speeding tickets are a very small part of what we do. Social Media offers law enforcement the opportunity to present more information to the community, and to show that we do more than just issue tickets.**

**Social media is a powerful tool we can use to improve relations with the people we serve. Prolific use of social media in today's society means we must utilize the tools and technology available to us. Otherwise the technology and tools can be used against us through the spreading of rumors, lies, and misinformation. The public we are sworn to serve and protect deserve better than that and we work hard to make sure they get the best service possible.**

# Community Involvement



National Night Out



Lakeview Montessori School



Girl Scout Tour



Trick or Treat Street





# *Shop with a Hero*



# **Sparta Police Department**

## **2015 Dayshift**

**Sgt. Jason Pipkin**

**Officer Marc Nelson**

**School Resource Officer Kyle Seubert**

**Officer Chris Welker**

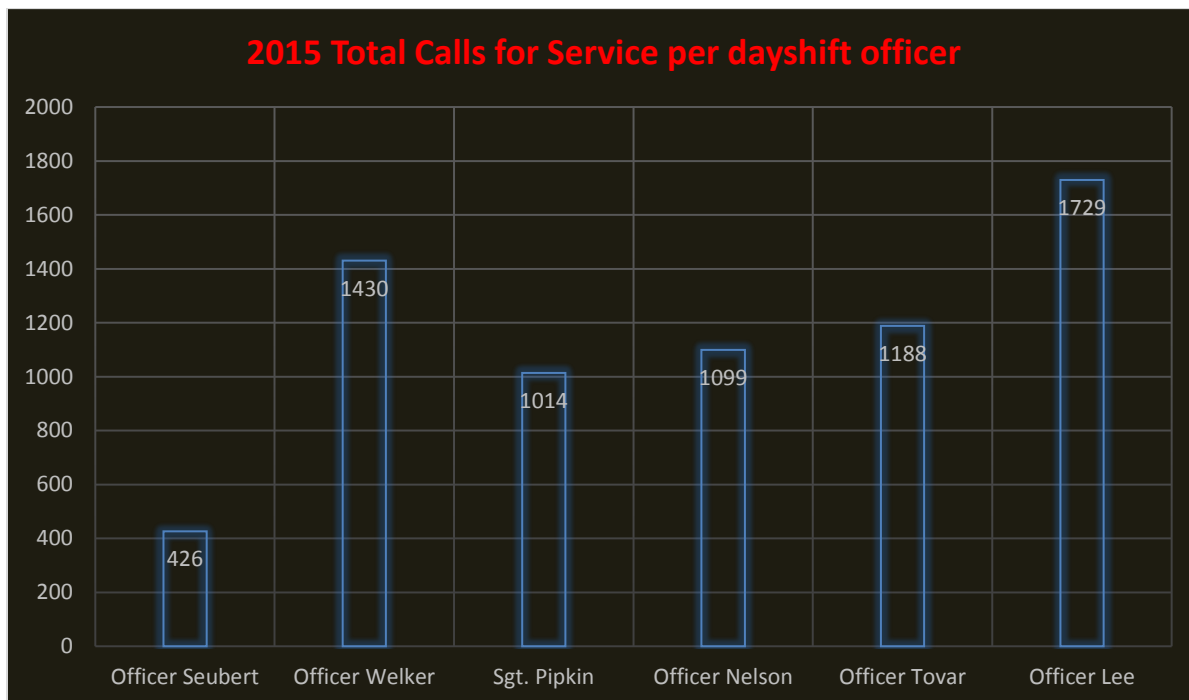
**Officer Jose Tovar**

**Officer Jenna Lee**





**In 2015 we saw some changes in dayshift personnel. In October, Officer Tovar was assigned to an investigator position. Officer Lee then joined the dayshift crew after a few years on second shift. Between all the dayshift officers, we responded to 6886 calls for service. Here is the breakdown.**



**Officer Seubert spends  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the year as the School Resource Officer. He handles the majority of school related cases that occur during the school year.**



## Incident at Sparta High School



On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Sparta Police Department responded to the Sparta High School for a report of people with guns holding students hostage in the cafeteria. School officials put the high school on lock down while officers responded and made entry. This turned out to be a prank call. One of the students had sent a text message to his mother, stating that people had guns in the school and were holding students hostage. Officer Seubert, who was inside the school when the call came in, had already located the student and determined it to be a prank. This was found out just as the other officers made entry to the school.

Due to the proliferation of social media and cell phone technology, news of this incident spread quickly, alarming many parents and members of the community. While still on scene, we were able to use social media to inform the public that it was a false alarm. Through Twitter and Facebook, we quickly reached thousands of people, possibly preventing widespread panic about the incident.

The story was picked up by some local news stations.





**On May 24th dayshift officers responded to residence on Blake St. for a report of a man trying to steal money from an elderly man. When officers arrived on scene the suspect fled out the back, with a helpful citizen chasing after him. The suspect was later found to have warrants for his arrest and had been a fugitive for over a year. The suspect attempted to force a female to drive him away, but officers deployed pepper spray and drug him out of the vehicle. The citizen who assisted us was identified as Tom Wavra. Mr. Wavra was later presented with a SPD challenge coin and certificate of appreciation.**

**At the scene of an accident on April 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**Semi took out Cable TV for this River Rd. neighborhood. Charter came out and fixed it.**





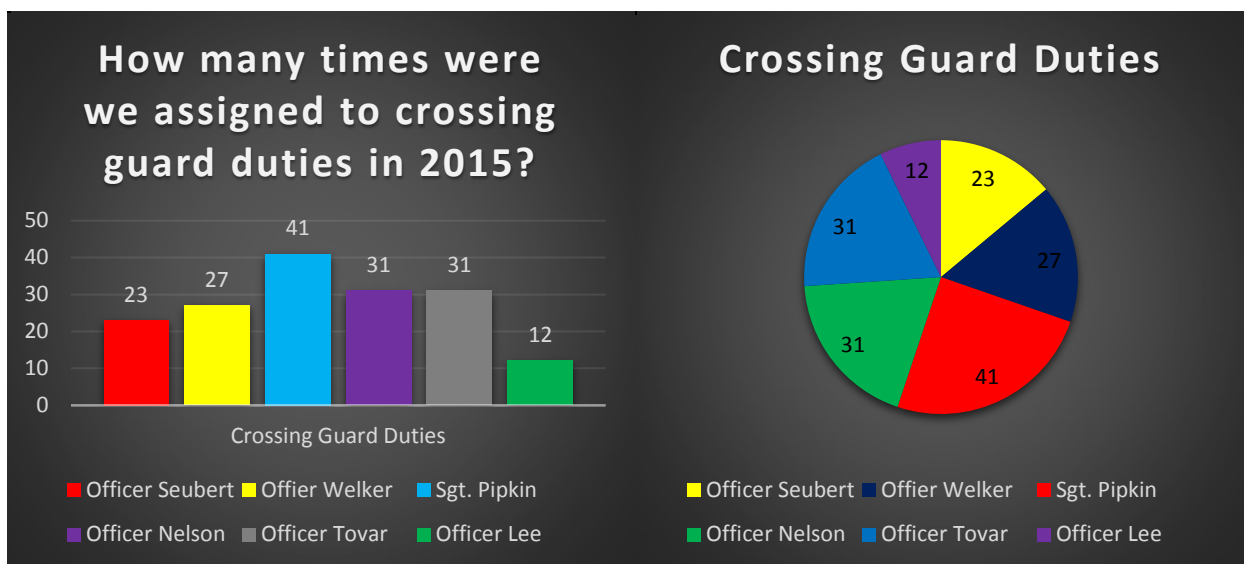
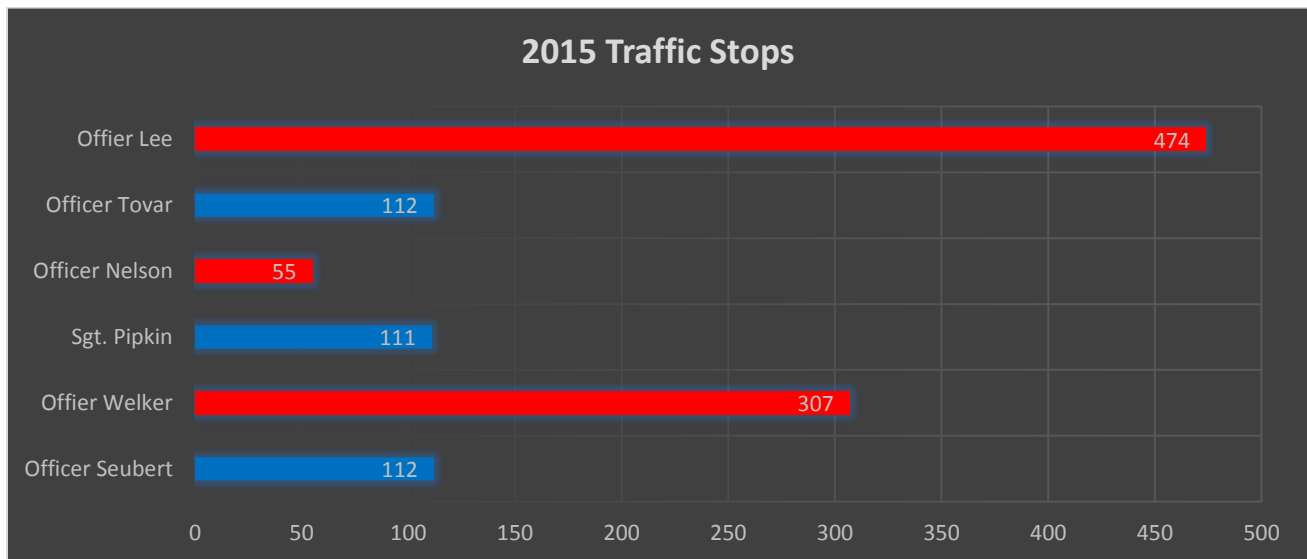
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On July 17<sup>th</sup> the old Co-op building was torn down.

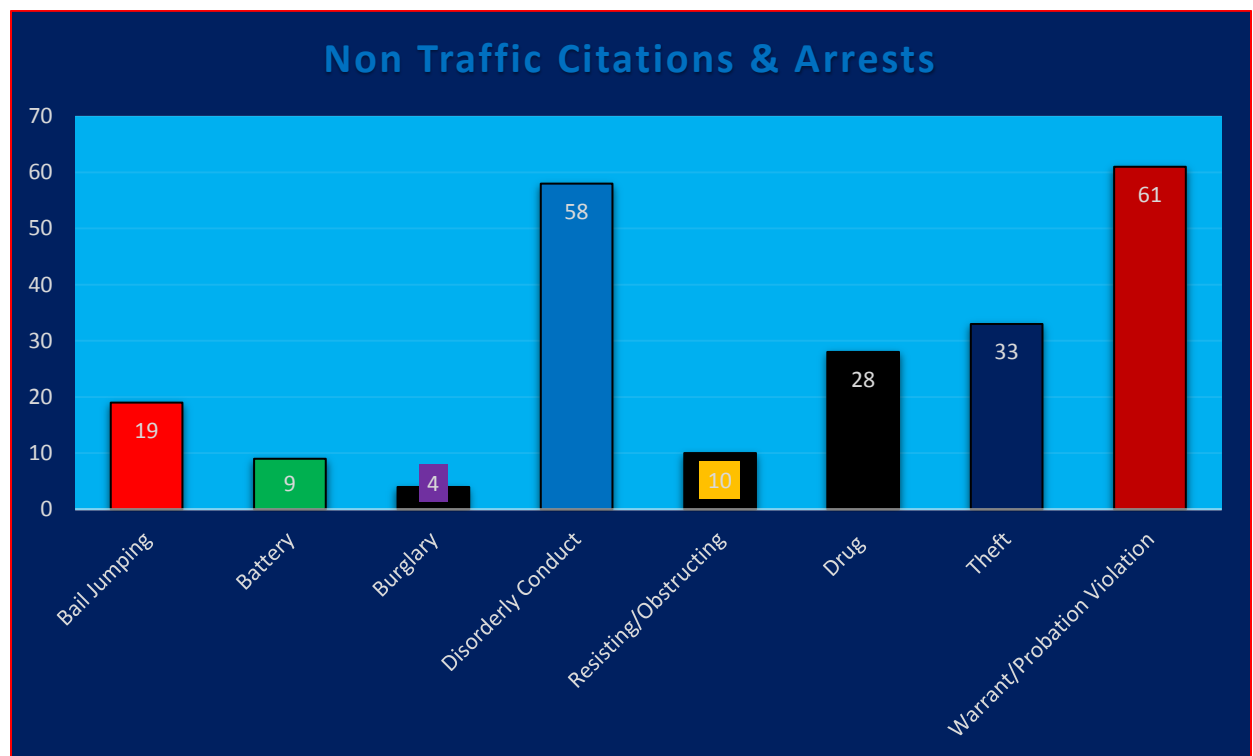
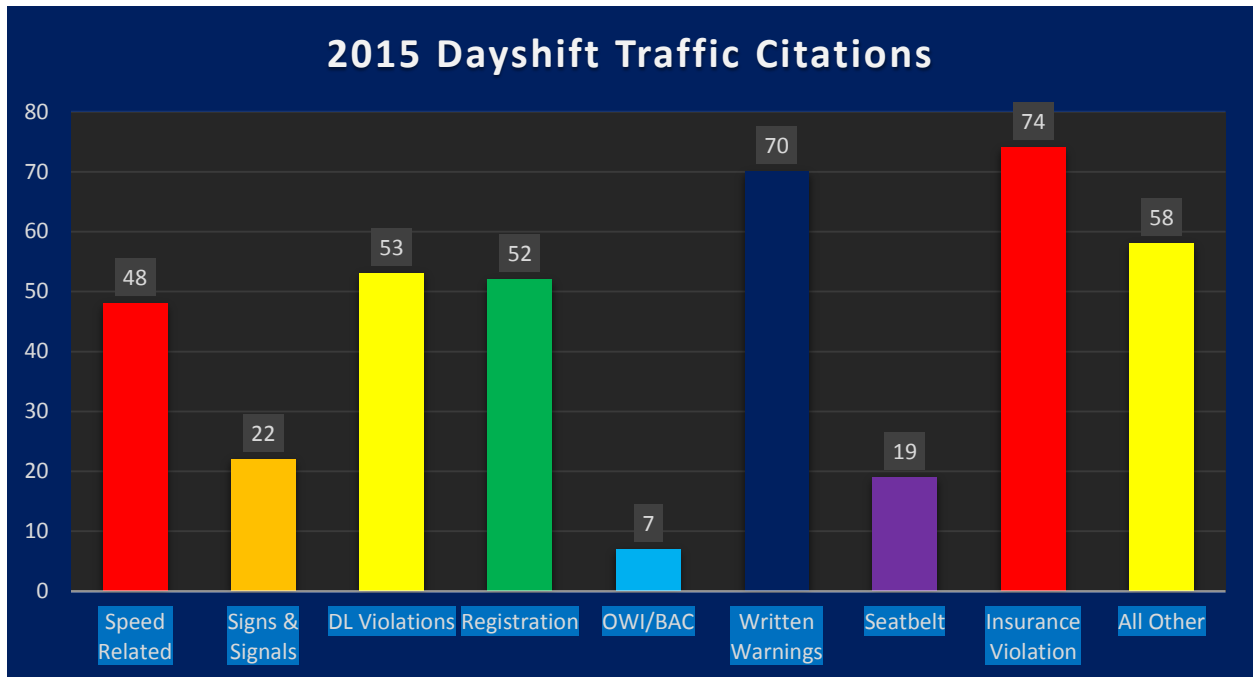


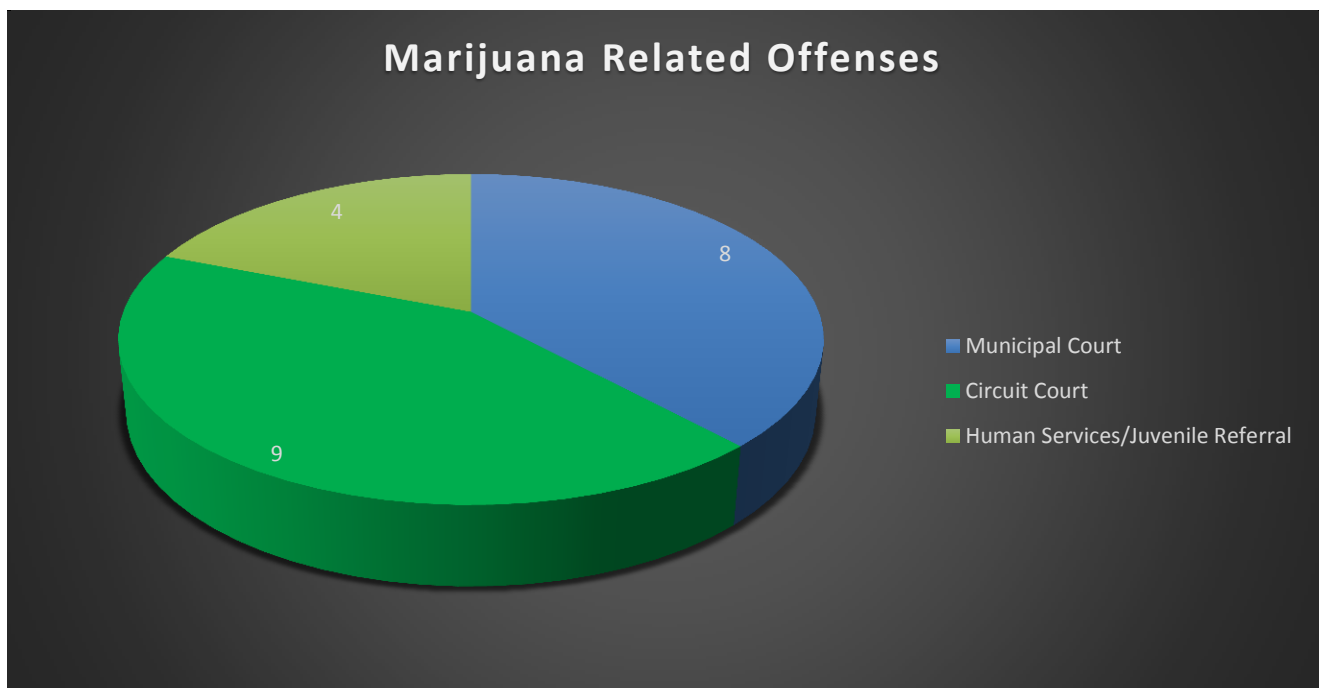
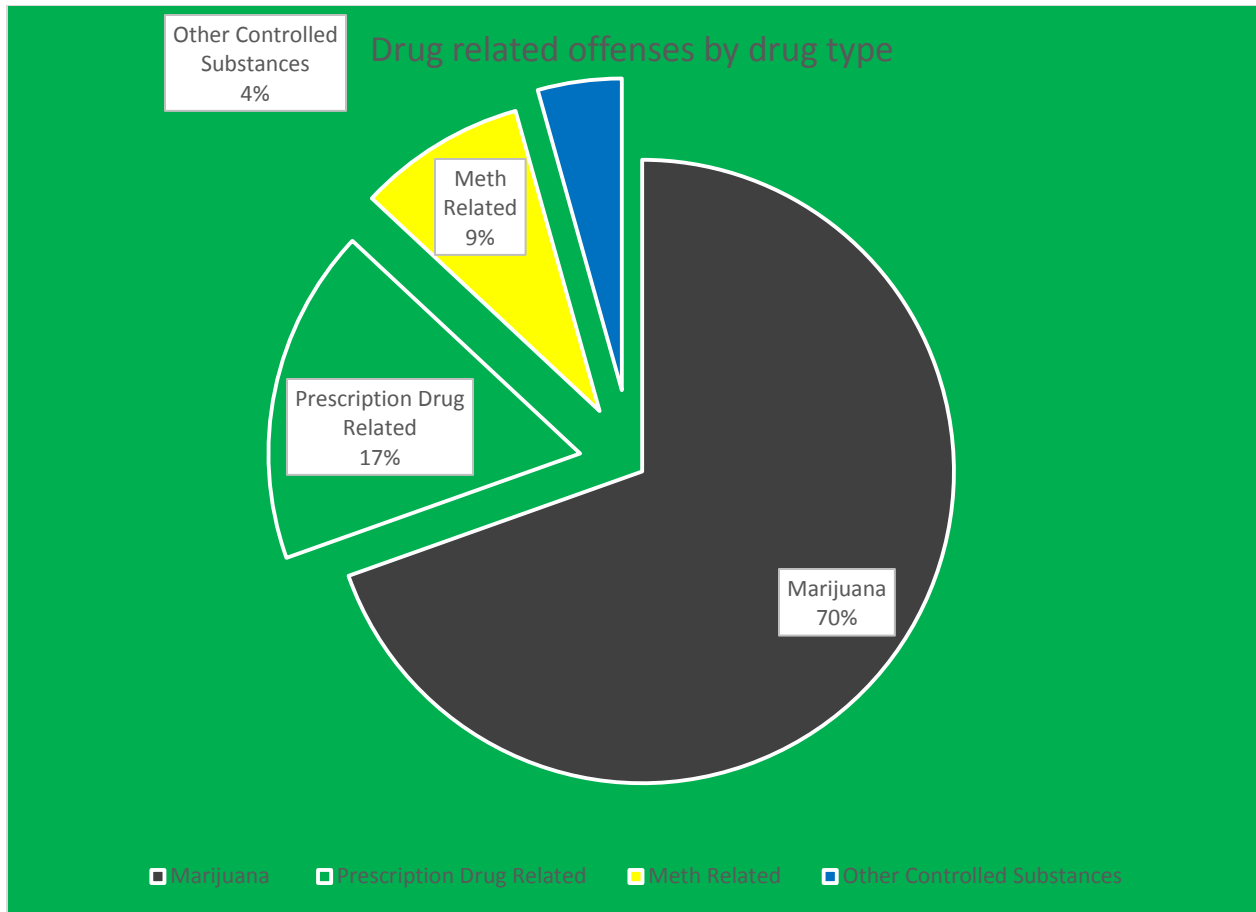
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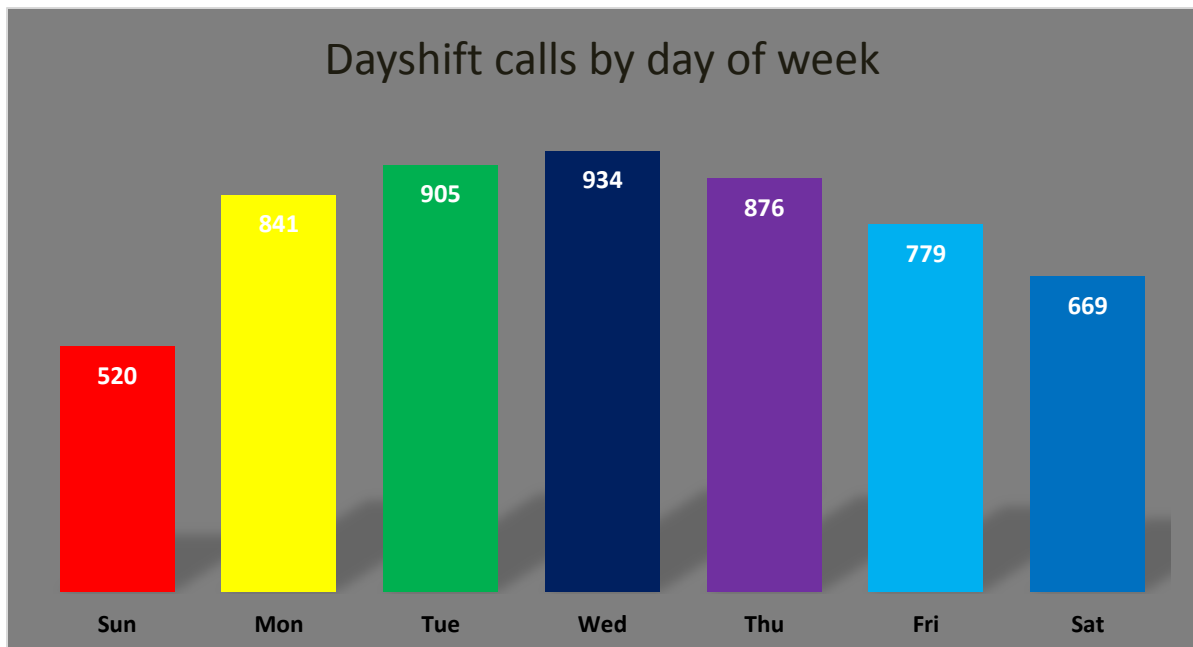
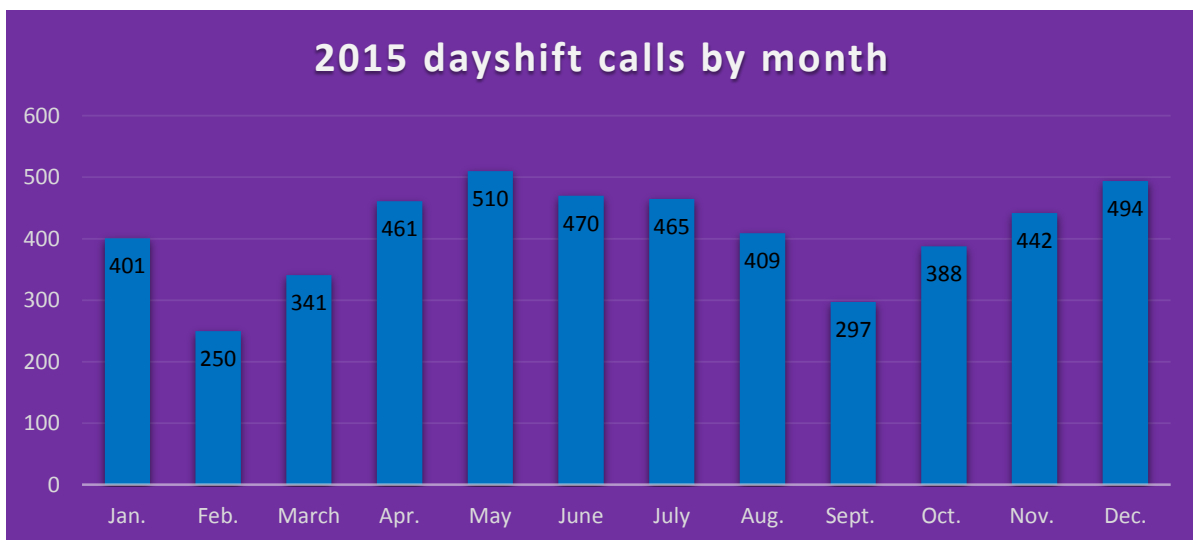
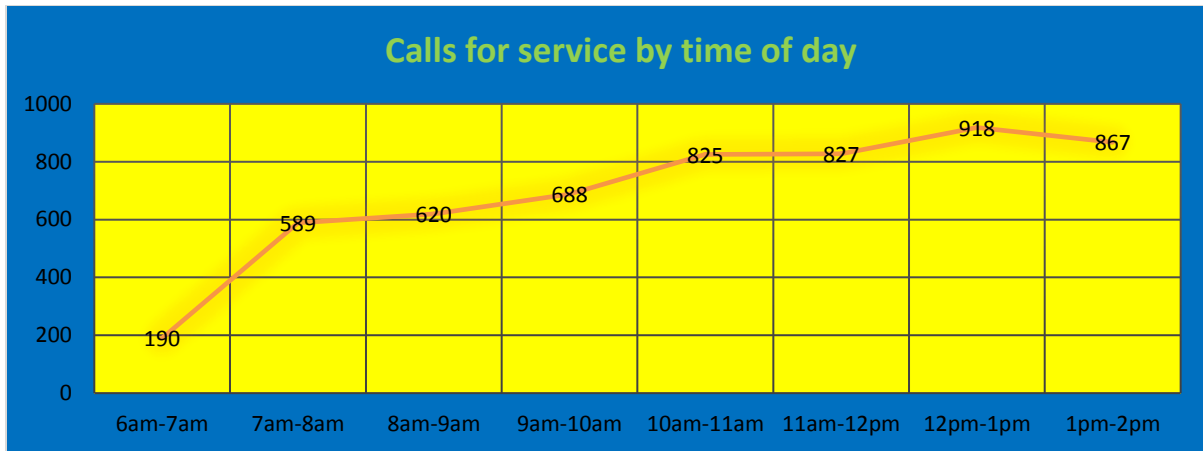
**We spent a lot of time filling in for crossing guards in 2015. Often we cover their intersections if they call sick or if they won't come in due to cold weather. We were short one crossing guard for a good portion of the school year, but the position has since been filled.**

Once again, no-insurance violations were the number one citation issued on dayshift. State law requires vehicle to be insured, but many people do not follow this law.









**In 2015 K9 Nitro retired after several years on the department. It was sad to see him go, but we can rest assured that he is living a life of leisure with the Welker family. We had a retirement party, complete with cake and gifts for Nitro.**



**Officer Welker and Nitro take a moment to reflect.**





## Community Involvement













As police officers, we not only enforce the laws, but serve as leaders in the community. A brief encounter with a child can leave an impression they will never forget. Whenever possible, we visit schools and parks, or even stop by lemonade stands to say hello. Every day we work to build a better and stronger relationship with the community we are proud to serve.



## Sparta Police Department

2015 Dayshift Annual Report

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**2015**



**Second Shift**



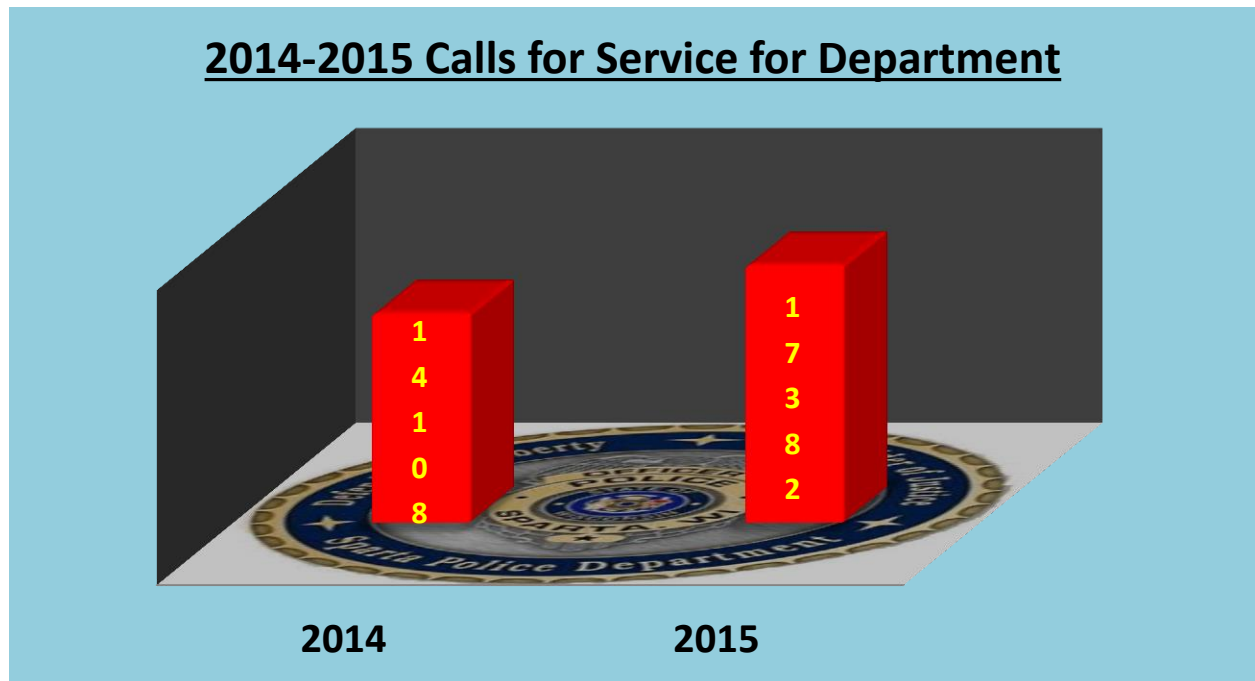
**Annual Report**

**"A hero is someone who has given his or her life  
to something bigger than oneself"**

**-Joseph Campbell-**



During 2015 the Sparta Police Department had a total of 17382 calls for service, 3274 more than during the year of 2014. Calls for service include everything from 911 calls to traffic stops.

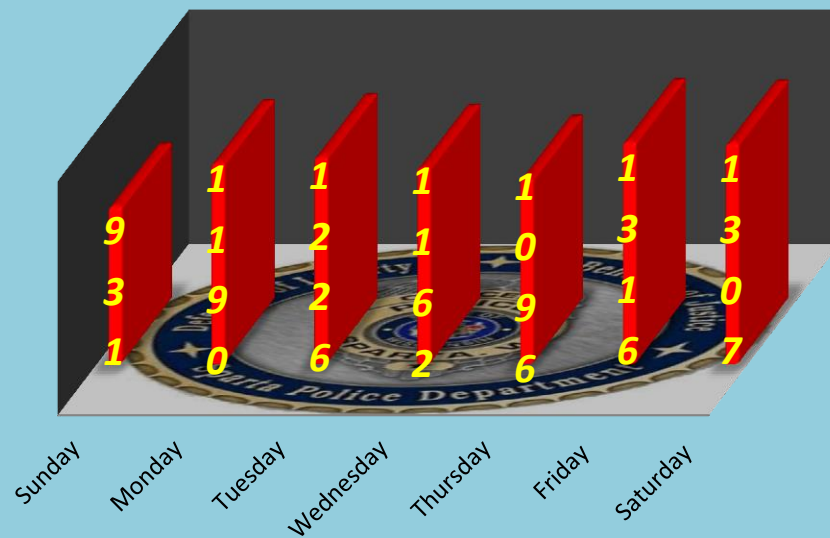


Of the 17382 calls for service handled by the Department, 8228 were taken by Officers assigned the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift.



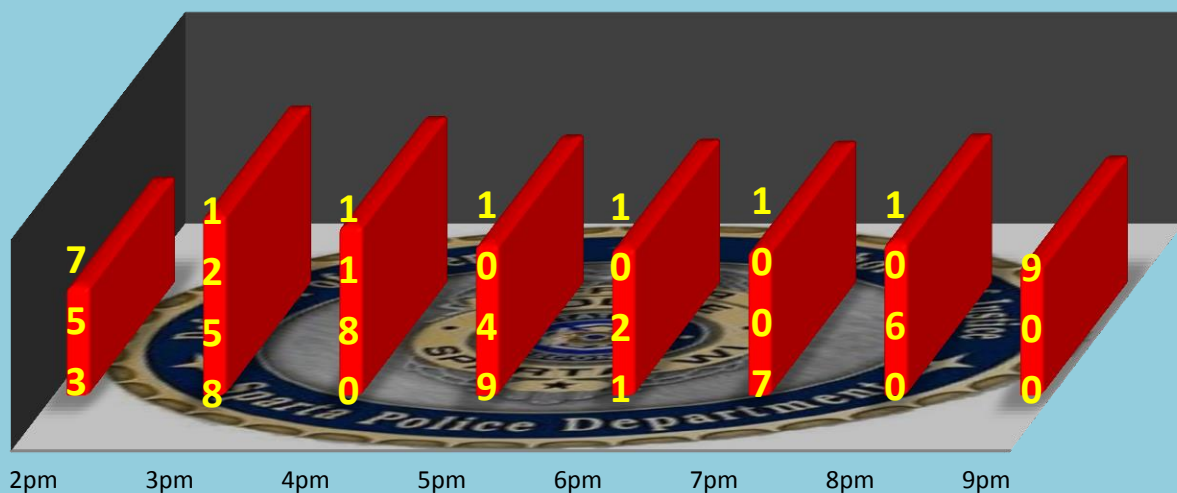
Of the 8228 calls second shift handled during 2015, the largest number (1316) occurred on Fridays (see chart below).

### Calls by Day of the Week (DOW)



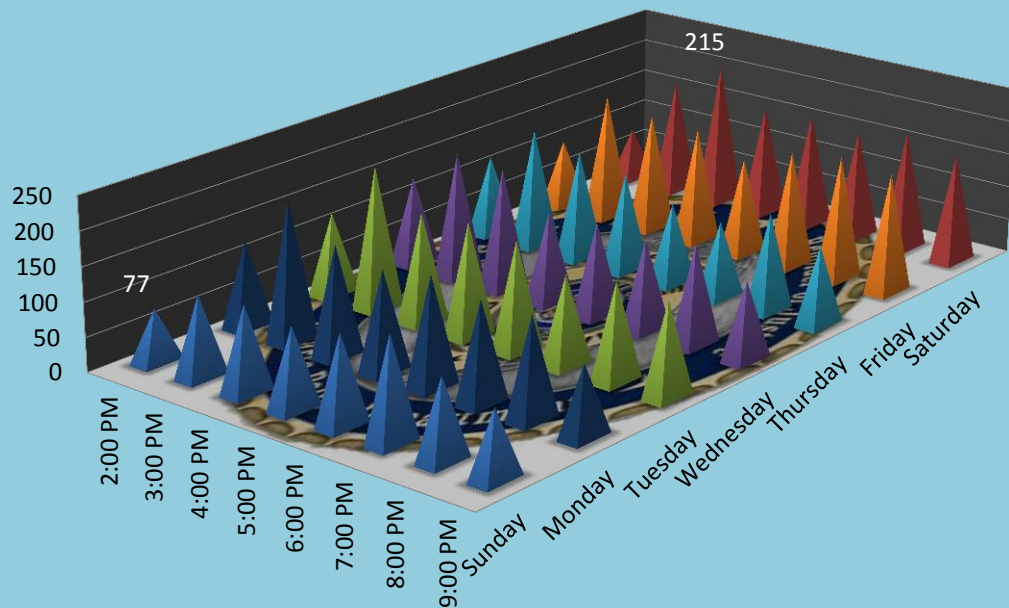
Of the 8228 calls second shift handled in 2015, the largest number (1258) occurred during the 3:00 pm hour (see chart below).

### Calls by Hour of the Day (HOD)



This chart shows the Calls for Service based on the Day of the Week, and the Hour of the Day, showing that our busiest hour of the week (215 Calls for Service) was on Saturday afternoon, during the 4:00pm hour, Sunday at 2:00 pm was the time with the fewest calls (these two hours are labeled on the chart as an example).

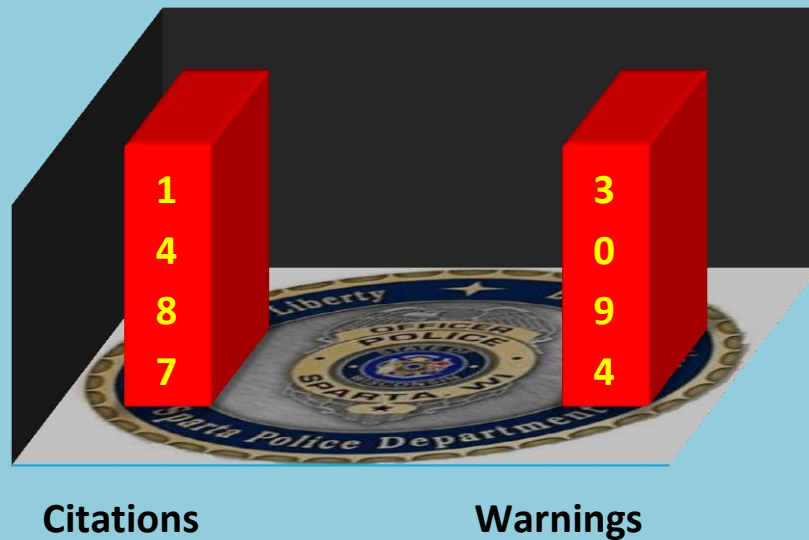
**Calls by HOD and DOW**



	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM
■ Sunday	77	118	126	117	130	150	116	97
■ Monday	126	205	161	146	159	146	146	101
■ Tuesday	121	209	160	166	160	131	143	136
■ Wednesday	130	185	179	136	138	133	147	114
■ Thursday	119	178	162	146	120	112	144	115
■ Friday	101	190	177	172	143	173	184	176
■ Saturday	79	173	215	166	171	162	180	161

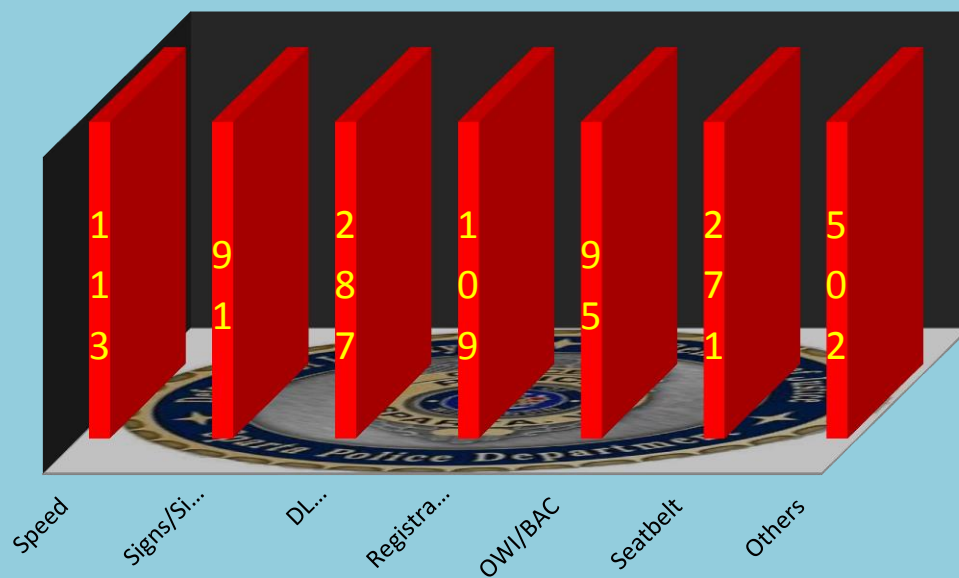
Of the 8228 calls for service handled by 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Officers 2547 of them were traffic stops. Those traffic stops lead to the issuing of 1468 Citations and 3094 warnings.

### Traffic Enforcement Taken

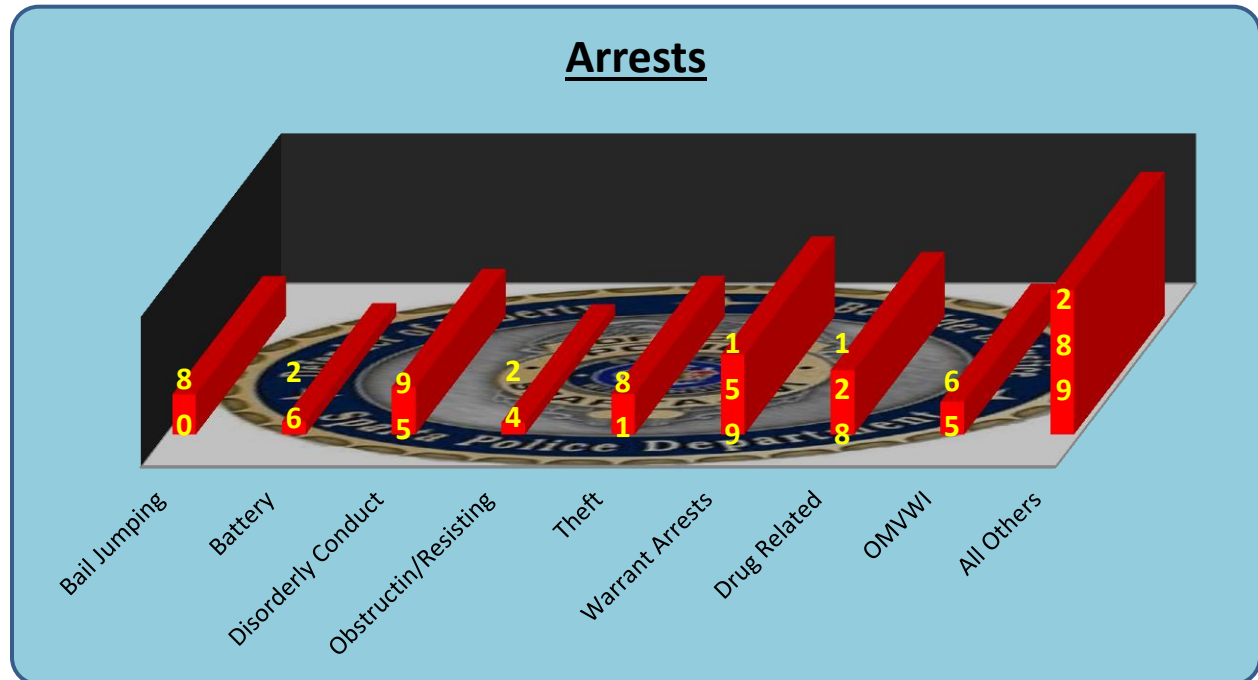


The citations issued include offenses listed in the following chart. The offenses included under "others" include Operating without Insurance, No proof of insurance, Inattentive Driving, and multiple other offenses.

### Citations Issued



Of the 8228 calls for service taken by 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Officers 947 arrest were made. Those arrests include 128 Drug related offense, 159 Warrant arrests, 80 Bail Jumping arrests, and 65 OMVWI arrest; additional offenses are listed in the chart below. Arrests included in “All Others” are Recklessly Endangering Safety, Fraud, Burglary, and multiple other offenses.



## Alcohol Compliance Enforcement

During 2015 Officers conducted two Alcohol Compliance Checks on businesses that serve/sell Alcohol in the City of Sparta. Those checks were conducted in July and August. During July the following businesses were found to be in compliance:

Amish Cheese House	Hansen's IGA	Kwik Trip (Black River St.)
Kwik Trip (Hwy 71)	Pizza Hut	Sparta Super Gas
Walgreen's	Wal-Mart	BP Travel Station
Brewski's Pub	Casey's General Store	
Club 16		

The Cenex Gas Station and the BP Gas Station (300 block of W. Wisconsin Street) were found to be in violation and were issued citations.



**During the August compliance check the following businesses were found to be in compliance:**

American Legion

Colonial Bowling Center

El Vallarta

Fox Hole Pub

The Greens

Harris Crossing

Southside Saloon

Wayside Tavern

The Great Wall Buffet and Silent Outdoors were found to be in violation and were issued citations.

## **Training Attended in 2015**

**Sgt. Ames:** Crisis Intervention, Intoximeter Recertification, Firearms Training (Duty Pistol, Backup/Off Duty Pistol, Rifle)

**Officer Lee (Hanson):** Evidence Technician, Intoximeter Recertification, Internet Crimes Against Children Investigations, Firearms Training (Duty Pistol, Backup/Off Duty Pistol, Rifle)

**Officer Edwards:** Intoximeter Recertification, Active Shooter Response, Firearms Training (Duty Pistol, Backup/Off Duty Pistol, Rifle), FTO Instructor

**Officer Fischer:** Basic Swat, Domestic Violence Investigations, Advanced Roadside Impairment Detection and Enforcement (ARIDE), Firearms Training (Duty Pistol, Backup/Off Duty Pistol, Rifle)

## **Notable Incidents**

**15-0051:** On January 9, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a residence to attempt to locate a subject with an active arrest warrant. When an Officer knocked on the door, the door was answered by a male who advised Officers they could enter the residence. Once inside the residence it was discovered the wanted subject, Wade Riley, and another male, Timothy

Wither, had been smoking marijuana. Riley was arrested for the warrant. Riley and Withers were both issued citation for possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia.

**15-0132:** On January 28, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a residential fire on E Main Street. During the investigation contact was made with Dillion Towne and Leah Lodahl. When questioned about their whereabouts prior to the fire, the subjects provided conflicting stories. Both subjects were subsequently arrested for Obstructing.

**15-0161:** On February 4, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a hit and run accident near the intersection of Rusk and Franklin Streets. The Tomah Police Department had contact with the driver/vehicle a short time later. As a result of the incident Bruce Williams was arrested by the Tomah Police Department for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated. Williams was also arrested for Hit and Run, and issued multiple citation based on the Sparta investigation.

**15-0176:** On February 8, 2015, Sparta Officers took a complaint of a subject who had been attacked by a baseball bat. The victim claimed he was trying to return personal property to Kenneth Sizemore when Sizemore struck him with a baseball bat. Officers attempted to contact Sizemore but he refused to answer the door. Officers requested and received a search warrant to enter the residence. Because of Sizemore's known history of violence the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit was called to secure the residence. While waiting for the team to arrive, Sizemore exited the neighboring residence and attempted to flee the area on foot. He was taken into custody by an officer who was maintaining surveillance on the residence. Sizemore was held in the Jail on substantial Battery and recklessly Endangering Safety.

**15-0230:** On February 18, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a Hit and Run accident. During the investigation it was determined that a vehicle being driven by Mark Kinserdahl had struck the rear of another vehicle on Montgomery Street, near Lincoln Street. As the vehicles were pulling to the side of the roadway, Kinserdahl again struck the rear of the second vehicle. When Kinserdahl learned Police had been called he fled the area in his vehicle. He was located a short time later and subsequently arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated, with a passenger less than 16 years of age, and Hit and Run.

**15-0293:** On March 3, 2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. During the course of the traffic stop the Officer discovered the driver, and lone occupant, was in possession of over 200 Oz's of marijuana, in various forms (vegetable material, hash oil, and consumable candies). Anthony Williams, of Wabasha MN, was taken into custody for multiple offenses, including Possession with the Intent to Deliver, and Williams' vehicle was impounded.

**15-0302, 15-0303, 15-0348, 15-0416, and 15-0420:** During the month of March Officers had numerous dealings with Gary Bade, to include three OWI arrests, and multiple accidents.

**15-0307:** On March 7, 2015, Sparta Officer took a complaint of a female being held against her will. Officers responded to the residence and contacted the suspect Allen Stark. Stark claimed he had tried to stop the female from driving because she had been drinking, but denied holding her against her will. Stark was arrested for multiple offenses, including violating his probation by having contact with the female.

**15-0329, and 15-0360:** On March 12, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to Walmart for a shop lifting complaint. A male and female left the store without paying for items. The male and female had been together, but left the store using separate doors. The female, Violet Blackdeer, was located a short time later and arrested. The male was not located by Officers. Officers did obtain his identification information. Branden McGinnis was referred to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. On March 17, 2015, Walmart employees called advising Blackdeer and McGinnis were again in the store concealing items. Officers located the pair in the store. Blackdeer was arrested for Bail Jumping, as she now had bond conditions prohibiting her from being on Walmart property. McGinnis was found to be in possession of items he had removed from packaging and concealed. McGinnis was also wearing shoes that he had taken from Walmart while in the store. McGinnis was arrested for theft.

**15-0340:** On March 15, 2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle for expired registration. All occupants of the vehicle were under 21, and the odor of intoxicants could be smelled coming from the vehicle. During the investigation several open containers of intoxicants were located. Also located was synthetic marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. All three occupants were issued multiple citations.

**15-0378:** On March 23, 2015, Officers responded to a report of screaming. Contact was made with several occupants of an apartment located near the downtown area. The odor of recently smoked marijuana could be smelled in the apartment. The Occupants refused Officers request for a consent search. A search warrant was requested and granted for the residence. The search revealed a marijuana growing operation at the residence. The matter remains under investigation and charges are yet to be determined.

**15-0405:** On March 27, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a housing development on the west side of the City, for a complaint of juveniles throwing rocks at houses. Contact was made with a juvenile who admitted to the act. Information was obtained in reference to multiple cases of Criminal Damage to Property over the last couple of months, where juveniles had throwing rocks at houses and caused damage. As a result of the investigation five juveniles were refer to Monroe County Human Services.

**15-0417:** On March 29, 2015, Sparta Officers and members of the Sparta Area Fire District responded to a fire on the City's west side. Two juveniles took a gas can from a garage and lit it

on fire. One of the juveniles then kicked the gas can causing it to roll over by some plastic lawn furniture igniting the lawn furniture on fire. The older juvenile admitted to attempting to try and start fires in the past. Both juveniles were referred to Monroe County Humans Services for Arson of Property other than a Building.

**15-0432:** On April 1, 2015, Officer took a complaint of an attempted unarmed robbery. A local woman met her son, Edward Bobnar at a local Motel to rent him a room for a week. She is the payee of his social security and has control over his money. As she removed money from her person to pay for the room he attempted to take the money from her hands. She refused to release the money and a struggle ensued. She told the clerk to call 911. The clerk retrieved a handgun and told Bobnar to release the woman. At that point Bobnar fled the Motel. Bobnar was later located and arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Simple Battery, Attempted Unarmed Robbery, and a PO Hold.

**15-0445:** On April 5, 2015, an Officer received information of a disturbance that occurred at a local business, in the parking lot. A female was backing her car out of a marked stall and did not see a pickup approaching from the south. The driver of the truck "flipped the bird" to the female and approached her car yelling profanities at her. Two separate male witnesses told the subject to leave the female alone and he reportedly yelled at both of them, threatening to release his dogs on them. He then fled the scene. The Officer reviewed video and recognized the male as Daniel Gordon. Gordon was cited for Disorderly Conduct.

**15-0516:** On April 18, 2015, Officer responded to a report of a fight at the Amber Inn. When Officers arrived they were advised a male, identified as Jacob Olsen, had been attempting to start a fight in the bar. Olsen was calm at the point. As Officers attempted to speak to Olsen, another male identified as Adam Moore, was being held back from attacking Olsen by four males. The males released Moore and he went after Olsen. Moore was taken into custody for Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting an Officer. As Officers were escorting Moore from the tavern Olsen, who had been calm when Officers arrived, pushed Moore. Olsen was then arrested for Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting an Officer. Olsen was also held in the Jail for a Probation hold, as he had conditions not to consume alcohol or be in taverns.

**15-0523:** On April 21, 2015, Officers investigated a fight that occurred at a local auto parts store. Bradley Tuchalski and Kevin Kvalheim were at the store at the same time. As the parties were leaving they began arguing over previous issues. During the argument Tuchalski reportedly punched Kvalheim in the face three times breaking his nose. Tuchalski claimed this was in self-defense as Kvalheim pushed Tuchalski and then struck him first. As a result of the incident Tuchalski was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Substantial Battery, and Operating after Revocation, second offense. Tuchalski was also arrested for an active Warrant. Kvalheim was referred to the District Attorney's Office for review of charges of Disorderly Conduct.



**15-0533:** On April 23, 2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle after Dispatch received a traffic complaint on the vehicle. After the traffic stop was completed the Officer asked for consent to search the vehicle and consent was granted. During the search the Officer located marijuana and a large amount of cash. As a result of the incident Skyler Medicine-Horn was arrested for Possession of THC and Possess of Paraphernalia. Nicholas Williams was arrested for a Probation Hold.

**15-0561/15-0562:** On April 27, 2015, Officers took a complaint of a hit and run that occurred in the Meadowview School parking lot. While trying to locate the vehicle another traffic complaint came in on the vehicle, as it had now struck a mailbox on Angelo Road. The vehicle was later located and stopped by an Officer. The driver Roger Matson was subsequently arrested for Operating While Under the Influence (1st Offense), Hit-and-Run Property Adjacent to Highway, Deviating from Designated Lane, Driver Possess Open Intoxicants in Motor Vehicle, and Operate Motor Vehicle Without Proof of Insurance.

**15-0555/15-0556:** On April 26, 2015, Officers were advised of a hit-and-run accident. While responding, a female called and advised her ex-boyfriend, Eric Johnson, was the driver in the hit-and-run, and they had just had an altercation when he dropped their child off at her residence. As a result of the incident, Johnson was arrested for DVA-related Disorderly Conduct, Operating While Intoxicated and Operating with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration, Hit and Run-Property Adjacent to Highway, Operate Motor Vehicle Without Insurance, Failure to Notify Police of Accident, and Unsafe Turn at Intersection.

**15-0564:** On April 28, 2015, Officers responded to a local trucking company trailer lot for a report of a disturbance. The investigation revealed that Robert Hutschenrueter followed a truck into the lot because he believed the driver had cut him off. During the incident the driver of the truck had his foot slammed in the truck door. Hutschenrueter was cited for Disorderly Conduct (fighting), and for non-registration of a vehicle.

**15-0592:** On May 3, 2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. During the traffic stop a consent search was asked for and granted. During the search Officers located marijuana and paraphernalia. Meth paraphernalia was also located. Joseph Lester and Isabella Toney were arrested at the scene. Three other subjects, including a juvenile have been referred to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office for review of possible charges.

**15-0600:** On May 6, 2015, day shift Officers responded to a Hit and Run accident with injuries. The driver of the striking vehicle fled the scene. A witness was able to provide Officers with a license plate number. Later in the day afternoon shift Officers located the vehicle at the registered owner's address. The owner was questioned and denied any involvement in the

accident. Valentin Ramos De La Luz then admitted he was driving at the time of the accident Ramos was arrested for Hit and Run causing Injury.

**15-0603:** On May 6, 2015, Officers responded to a report of a disturbance involving an adult male and a juvenile male. The investigation revealed the juvenile had been yelling a swearing at his mother. During the altercation, Terry Derkez, the stepfather, choked the juvenile while pushing him up against the wall. Derkez also had the family pet, a pit bull terrier, bite the juvenile. Derkez was arrested for Felony Child Abuse.

**15-0611:** On May 8, 2015, Officers responded to a possible drug overdose. Investigation revealed that Cody Skidmore had injected himself with Heroin. Skidmore was transported for medical treatment. The case has been referred to the District Attorney's Office for review of possible charges against Skidmore of Possession of Heroin, Possession of paraphernalia, and Bail Jumping.

**15-0657:** On May 15, 2015, Officers took a complaint of a vehicle all over the road. The vehicle was located, and committed several traffic offenses in front of an Officer, including driving onto a sidewalk adjacent to a highway. The officer conducted a traffic stop and subsequently arrested Irene Kramer for OMVWI 3rd offense. It was later discovered that Kramer had been arrested earlier that same day for OMVWI 3rd offense.

**15-0683:** On May 20, 2015, Officers took a complaint of a vehicle leaving the Amish Cheese House without paying for fuel it had pumped. The vehicle was located a short time later at the Cenex Convenience Store. It was determined the driver of the vehicle was Ryan Halverson. Halverson was arrested for OMVWI 2nd offense. A passenger, Shane Williams, provided a false name to Police and was subsequently arrested for Obstructing a Police Officer, and a Probation Violation. A second passenger, Kaleb Brush, was found to be in possession of marijuana, and was arrested for a Probation Violation.

**15-0729:** On May 27, 2015, David Walton was featured as the Wanted Wednesday subject of the Sparta Police Department Facebook page. An Officer observed Walton and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle he was driving. Walton was arrested for an active warrant.

**15-0730:** On May 27, 2015, Officers responded to a report of a disturbance between a male and female. Investigation revealed that Justin Sickels became upset with his girlfriend earlier in the day. The female was sleeping when Sickels entered the bedroom and began punching the female as she slept. The female required medical attention for the injuries received during the incident.

**15-0734:** On May 29, 2015, Officers received a complaint that Justin Sickels was attempting to have contact with the female victim of a Domestic Abuse situation he was arrested for. Sickels

could not be located and was referred to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office for Bail Jumping and Violating a Domestic Abuse restraining order.

**15-0742:** On May 29, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a traffic crash at the intersection of STH 27 and Icon Road. All Sheriff's Deputies were busy and Sparta Officers were requested to assist. A vehicle travelling east on Icon Avenue failed to stop for a stop sign and struck a School Bus traveling south on STH 27. The bus was carrying Track athletes back from a nearby event. The driver of the pickup fled the scene prior to Police arrival. The driver of the pickup, Daniel Gordon, was located a short time later and subsequently arrested for 3rd offense OMVWI.

**15-0420:** On June 11, 2015, test results were received for blood drawn from Gary Bade during the month of March. The tests showed that Bade had detectable amount of Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol in his system at the time of incident. Bade was issued a citation for Operating with a Detectable amount of a Restricted Controlled Substance.

**15-0779:** On June 4, 2015, Officers were requested to perform a PBT on Gary Bade, as his monitoring equipment indicated he had been drinking., Contact was made with Bade and it was determined he was in fact consuming alcohol, which was a violation of two separate Bond Conditions he was currently on. Bade was taken into custody for the violation.

**15-0790:** On June 5, 2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle for travelling through the road construction on S Water Street. The driver, Armando Mercadoesparza, admitted he did not have a license. The passenger, later identified as Cassandra Carmody, provided a name that was determined to be false. Carmody eventually admitted her correct identity and was found to have active warrants. During the arrest, a pipe used for smoking methamphetamines was located. Carmody claimed the pipe belonged to Mercadoesparza. Mercadoesparza denied that the pipe was his. Both parties were arrested. Both parties were on Probation. Probation also placed a hold on both parties. After reviewing video it was discovered that Carmody hid additional drug paraphernalia while in a patrol car. Carmody removed the paraphernalia from what appeared to be her crotch area after being secure in the patrol car.

**15-0871:** On June 20, 2015, Sparta Officers were advised of a vehicle that travelled through Memorial Park at an estimated speed of 50mph, and almost struck several children. As Officers responded a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle collided with a parked vehicle in front of one of the responding Officers. The driver was identified as Cole Schnitzler. Schnitzler appeared intoxicated and refusing to perform SFST's was arrested for OMVWI, 1st offense.

**15-0885:** On June 23, 2015, Officers responded to a one vehicle roll-over accident with injuries at Amundson Park. A sixteen year old male driver, the vehicle's only occupant, entered the park at a high rate of speed. He left the roadway travelling towards several trees. When he

turned to miss the trees he rolled the small pickup, which belonged to another subject, approximately one and a half times, coming to rest on the passenger side. The subject was transported from the scene by ambulance. The subject was issued a citation for failure to wear a seat belt, and for Reckless driving, causing injury.

**15-0934:** On July 2, 2015, an Officer on patrol observed Gary Bade away from his residence. The Officer knew Bade to have Bond Conditions that included a curfew. Contact was made with Bade and Bade was arrested for Bail Jumping.

**15-0941:** On July 3, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a hit and run accident. The owner of the vehicle that was struck, followed the striking vehicle, reporting it's movements to Police. Contact was made with the driver of the striking vehicle, Danielle Schmitz. Subsequently Schmitz was arrested for OMVWI, Hit and Run of an unattended vehicle, and failure to notify Police of an accident.

**15-0995:** On July 14, 2015, an Officer observed Ryan Flood leaving a tavern in the City of Sparta. The Officer knew Flood to have Probation conditions against entering places that sell alcohol. The Officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Flood was driving. The investigation also revealed that Flood had a .02 restriction on his driver license, and Flood was in violation of this restriction. As a result Flood was arrested for the Probation violation, and 5th offense OMVWI.

**15-1064/15-1065:** On July 29, 2015, Alcohol Compliance checks were conducted in the City of Sparta. During the compliance checks the Cenex Convenience Store, and the BP Convenience Store (on Wisconsin Street) sold alcohol to underage subjects. The clerks who sold alcohol to the underage subjects and the businesses were each issued citations.

**15-1094:** On August 4, 2015, Officers responded to a report of a male and female were arguing loudly. The female reportedly could be heard telling the male he was hurting her. Officers learned during their investigation that Dylan Swenson and Autumn Gauthier had been involved in an argument. During the argument Swenson hit and choked Gauthier. Swenson was arrested for Battery, Strangulation/Suffocation, Disorderly Conduct, and Criminal Damage to Property.

**15-1128, 15-1148:** On August 12th, Officers were dispatched to Kwik Trip on S Black River for a reported theft. On scene, Kwik Trip employees provided video evidence from four different incidents in which Brian W Matteau selected ice cream, energy drinks, and steaks from the store cooler, concealing the merchandise in the front of his pants, and leaving the store without paying for the items. Matteau was located on August 16th, 2015 and taken into custody for Retail Theft, Felony Bail Jumping (x2) and Misdemeanor Bail Jumping. After being taken into custody and released at the jail, jail staff located 9 Clonazepam 1mg pills concealed in Matteau's rectum. The pills were turned over to the SPD officer. Matteau was arrested for two



MOSO Warrants, Delivering Articles to an Inmate, Possession of Prescription Medication without a Prescription, and Bail Jumping. Matteau released to the custody of the jail staff.

**15-1131:** On August 13th, 2015 an Officer attempted to execute a traffic stop of an unregistered motorcycle being operated by Jonah L Miller in the City of Sparta. As the Officer turned his squad car around and activated his emergency lights, Miller accelerated rapidly through the heavy traffic southbound on S Black River St. Miller passed numerous vehicles on the right side shoulder of the road and continued southbound out of the city limits, also speeding through an active construction zone just south of the City of Sparta. For safety concerns the officer deactivated his emergency lights and siren but continued to watch Miller travel southbound on State Highway 27 past Icon Rd at what appeared to be a high rate of speed. Information was posted on social media that Officers were looking for Miller. Miller boasted that it was going to be the longest game of hide and seek ever. Miller was located a couple days later and taken into custody after attempting to flee from Officers on foot, and being subdued by a Taser.

**15-1137:** On August 14, 2015, an Officer on patrol near Old Airport Road observed Dustin Boardman riding his bicycle. Boardman had two active arrest warrants at the time. The Officer contacted Boardman and arrested him for the warrants. During the search of Boardman's person the Officer located marijuana. Boardman was booked into the Jail for the warrants and for possession of marijuana.

**15-1138:** On August 15th, 2015 an Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle being operated by Monte Gebhardt. As a result of the stop Gebhardt was taken into custody for Felony OWI (5th) and transported to Monroe County Jail.

**15-1161:** On August 18th, 2015 officers responded to a traffic complaint and welfare check of a subject passed out in a vehicle parked on a curb on Century Court in the City of Sparta. Contact was made with the male subject identified as Jason S Ott, who was unconscious at the time of contact. Ott became conscious as officers attempted to remove him from the vehicle and began resisting officers. EMS arrived on scene and transported Ott to Sparta Mayo. After being cleared from Sparta Mayo, Ott was transported to the Monroe County Jail where he was released to the custody of the jail staff. Ott was arrested for OWI (2nd), Possession of a Schedule II Narcotic, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Resisting, and cited for OWI (2nd).

**15-1165, 15-1166:** On August 18, 2015, Sparta Officers conducted alcohol compliance checks in the City of Sparta. During the compliance checks Silent Outdoors and the Great Wall Buffett were found to be in violation. Each establishment and each individual responsible (server) for the violation were issued a citation.

**15-1247:** On September 4, 2015, a 2nd shift Officer working a traffic grant attempted to stop a motorcycle for traveling 39 mph over the posted limit on City streets. The motorcycle operator failed to stop and led the Officer on a pursuit that reached speeds of approximately 120 mph. The pursuit was terminated for safety reasons. During the investigation it was learned that the identity of the operator was Jeremy Miller, of Sparta WI. Contact was made with Miller and evidence was collected. When questioned about the matter Miller admitted to fleeing from the Officer because he knew he had a warrant and did not have a motorcycle license.

**15-1397:** On September 30, 2015, Officers were dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle collision. The striking vehicle reportedly left the scene. As Officers responded a second motor vehicle collision was discovered. The investigation revealed that Sharon Larue struck a vehicle near the intersection of Wisconsin Street and S L Street. Larue continued west bound after the first collision and subsequently struck a vehicle near the intersection of Wisconsin Street and Thayer Avenue. Larue was arrested for suspicion of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated. Larue was also issued multiple citations.

**15-1429:** On October 7, 2015, a vehicle being driven by Jose Sanchez was stopped waiting for traffic on STH 16 so he could turn south onto Harmony Avenue. Sanchez's vehicle was struck from behind by a vehicle being operated by Gordon Hoffman. Both vehicles crossed the oncoming lane of traffic and entered the ditch on the south side of the road where they again collided before coming to a stop. Both subjects were transported from the scene by ambulance. Hoffman was issued a citation for Inattentive Driving.

**15-1431:** On October 10, 2015, Officers received information that Melissa Jacobson was in the yard of her residence. Jacobson had an active warrant for her arrest. When Officers arrived at the residence she was no longer outside. A family member advised Jacobson was inside the residence and allowed Officers to enter the residence. Jacobson could not be located at first. Jacobson was found to be hiding in the attic of the residence; having covered herself with insulation. Jacobson was arrested for the warrant.

**15-1518:** On October 22, 2015, Officers investigated a suspicious vehicle call at a local motel. During the investigation a substantial amount of marijuana and cash were located in the vehicle. Brandy Eddy, Antonio Jaime, and Earl Smith were arrested for Possession of THC with Intent to Deliver.

**15-1530:** On October 25, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a report of a male subject outside a residence yelling at juveniles inside the residence. When the first Officer arrived on scene the suspect attempted to leave. As the Officer attempted to speak to him he began swearing at the Officer. The subject stopped walking and then lunged at the Officer who was still trying to speak to him. The subject then fled on foot. After a short foot chase the subject stopped and

was taken into custody. The subject was identified as Keegan Fogleson. Fogleson was found to be on Felony bond conditions. Fogleson was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting, and Bail Jumping.

**15-1569:** On October 30, 2015, Sparta Officers assisted Officers from a neighboring agency in arresting a subject after a high speed vehicle pursuit. Officers were advised the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department was pursuing a vehicle on STH 16 towards the City. A Sparta Officer was able to deploy a tire deflation device and flatten three of the vehicles tires. The vehicle then stopped a short distance into the City. Raina Pickett was taken into custody.

**15-1604:** On November 5, 2015, Officers received information that Holly Schamens had been obtaining prescription pain pills that were prescribed to her for her canine, despite the fact that the canine had died several months prior. Schamens was referred to the Monroe County District Attorneys' Office for Illegally Obtaining a Prescription.

**15-1626:** On November 8, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a disturbance at the Burger King restaurant. The investigation revealed that Leah Bell and Kenneth Wilson were loudly arguing, in and near a vehicle that had been driven to the restaurant. Also in the vehicle was David Salis. Based on known drug use of all three subjects Officer James, using his canine partner Larz, conducted a canine sniff of the vehicle the subjects were in. Larz indicated on the vehicle and a search was conducted. Paraphernalia for the use of methamphetamine was located in the vehicle and on Salis' person. Salis was arrested of the drug violations, Bail Jumping, and Disorderly Conduct. Bell was arrested for a Probation hold because of the incident.

**15-1701:** On November 20, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a disturbance at 519 Walrath Street. It was determined that Kenneth Wilson and Andrew Bowen had been in an argument over a dog. Wilson had reached into Bowen's vehicle at one point and Bowen rolled the window up trapping Wilsons' arm. Bowen then began driving the vehicle with Wilsons arm still trapped. Bowen was not in the area when Officers arrived. Bowen was referred to the Monroe County District Attorneys' Office for Recklessly Endangering Safety.

**15-1702:** On November 21, Officers arrested David Salis for Bail Jumping, when he was found to be with Leah Bell, in violation of his Bond Conditions.

**15-1718:** On November 25, 2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle being operated by Greg Arnold after it was determined Arnold had an active arrest warrant. The investigation revealed Arnold appeared to be under the influence of Methamphetamines at the time and Arnold was also arrested for OMVWI. A female passenger provided a false name and was eventually identified as Amanda Santa Clara. Santa Clara was arrested for Obstructing a Police Officer. A search of the vehicle produced multiple items related to the Possession and consumption of Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and prescription drugs.

**15-1747, 15-1748:** On December 1, 2015, Sparta Officers responded to a report of a dog that had been caught by staff at a local Hotel. The Officer was familiar with the animal and the owner, Theresa Hansen was contacted. Donna Hansen responded to retrieve the animal. During the contact it was discovered that Hansen had driven to the Hotel and had been consuming alcohol. Hansen was placed through field sobriety testing and subsequently arrested for OMVWI. Theresa Hansen was issued a citation for Dog Running at Large as a result of the incident.

**15-1749, 15-1752:** On December 1, 2015, Officers responded to two motor vehicle accidents that occurred on the Rasmussen overpass. Investigation revealed that Jason Greenland lost control of his vehicle as he crossed the overpass, striking the concrete barriers on both sides of the bridge. Greenland pulled to the side of the road on the bridge. A vehicle being operated by Robert Gebczyk approached and came to a stop behind Greenland. A third vehicle, being operated by Jennifer Lydon, approached the scene and failed to stop striking the rear of Gebczyk's vehicle, causing minor injuries to two occupants in Gebczyk's vehicle. The investigation revealed that Lydon had been drinking and she was placed through field sobriety tests and subsequently arrested for OMVWI, causing injury.

**15-1777:** On December 6, 2015, Officers responded to a report of a disturbance outside one of the downtown taverns. The investigation revealed that Trent Needham and Bryce Gorski had been involved in an altercation and Gorski struck Needham causing injury that required stitches. Gorski was arrested for Substantial Battery.

**15-1795:** On December 8, 2015, Officers responded to a reported stabbing at 918 North Street. Contact was made with Christina Rogge who had an injury to her hand. She denied knowing who caused the injury to her hand. Entry was made to the residence and drug paraphernalia was found in plain sight. A warrant was obtained and the residence was searched. During the search, canine Larz located James Rivas hiding in a crawl space in the residence. Rivas would not exit the crawl space and was bitten by Larz. Rivas and Rogge were both arrested for multiple offenses.

**15-1807:** On December 12, 2015, an Officer stopped a vehicle for a defective headlamp. The vehicle was being driven by Jonah Miller. Miller had active felony bond conditions to not be operating a motor vehicle unless properly licensed. Miller had a suspended status and arrested for felony Bail Jumping.

**15-1832:** On December 18, 2015, Sparta Officers received information of an adult male reportedly attempting to establish a sexual relationship with a juvenile male and juvenile female, using a popular social media site. Patrick Schonasky was questioned and subsequently arrested for multiple offenses.



**15-1837:** On December 19, 2015, a subject, later identified as Jawonn Obey, approached an Officer in front of the Police Department. Obey was requesting a warning sign off, which was provided and the Obey then left. After Obey left the Officer was advised by Dispatch that Obey did not possess a driver license. Obey returned a short time later requesting the Officer provide a business card. The Officer approached Obey who was in his vehicle to question him about driving. The Officer could smell the odor of marijuana from the vehicle and questioned Obey about it. Obey denied having any marijuana but admitted there was a loaded revolver in the pocket of the driver door. The weapon was removed and the vehicle was searched. Along with the gun Officer located marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Obey and his passenger Jordan Sitze, were both arrested for multiple offenses.

**15-1845:** On December 21, 2015, Officers responded to a physical disturbance and just prior to arriving Officers were advised the suspect, Chad Queen, was threatening suicide by cop. Queen repeatedly refused Officers commands and was tased twice. Queen repeatedly reached into his waistband as if reaching for a weapon. Queen was taken into custody for multiple offenses.

**15-1852:** On December 24, 2015, Officers contacted James Vian at the Country Inn and Suites, while conducting follow-up on a case. During the contact Vian was found to be in possession of Methamphetamines, Marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Vian was arrested for multiple offenses.

**15-1856:** On December 26, 2015, Officers responded to the Sparta Walgreens for a report of a subject inhaling from an aerosol can. Contact was made with Michael Spencer, who Officers observed inhaling from a compressed aerosol can. Spencer was found to be on bond and probation. Spencer was arrested for multiple offenses.

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**Sergeant Booker Ferguson**

**Sergeant Kyle Erickson**

(Works Sgt. Ferguson's off days)

**Officer Kyle Guralski**

**Officer Corey Johnson**

**Officer Ethan Schroeder**

**Officer Brian James (K-9)**

(Half 2<sup>nd</sup> shift / Half 3<sup>rd</sup> shift)

**Officer Christopher Itnyre**

(January– April)

Completed by Sgt. Ferguson

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Third shift supervisor is Sergeant Booker Ferguson with Sergeant Kyle Erickson supervising on Sgt. Ferguson's days off. In 2015 two 3<sup>rd</sup> shift Officers resigned to take jobs at other law enforcement agencies. Officer Beth Ambrosius resigned in January and Officer Christopher Itnyre resigned in April.

Officers Corey Johnson and Ethan Schroeder were assigned to the open 3<sup>rd</sup> shift patrol positions. Officer Brian James and his K-9 partner Larz also started patrolling in October with part of his shifts assigned on night shift.

In 2015, we have seen an overall increase of drug possession, with the current trends favoring Marijuana and Methamphetamines. Since October Officer James deployed Larz **10** time during night shift.

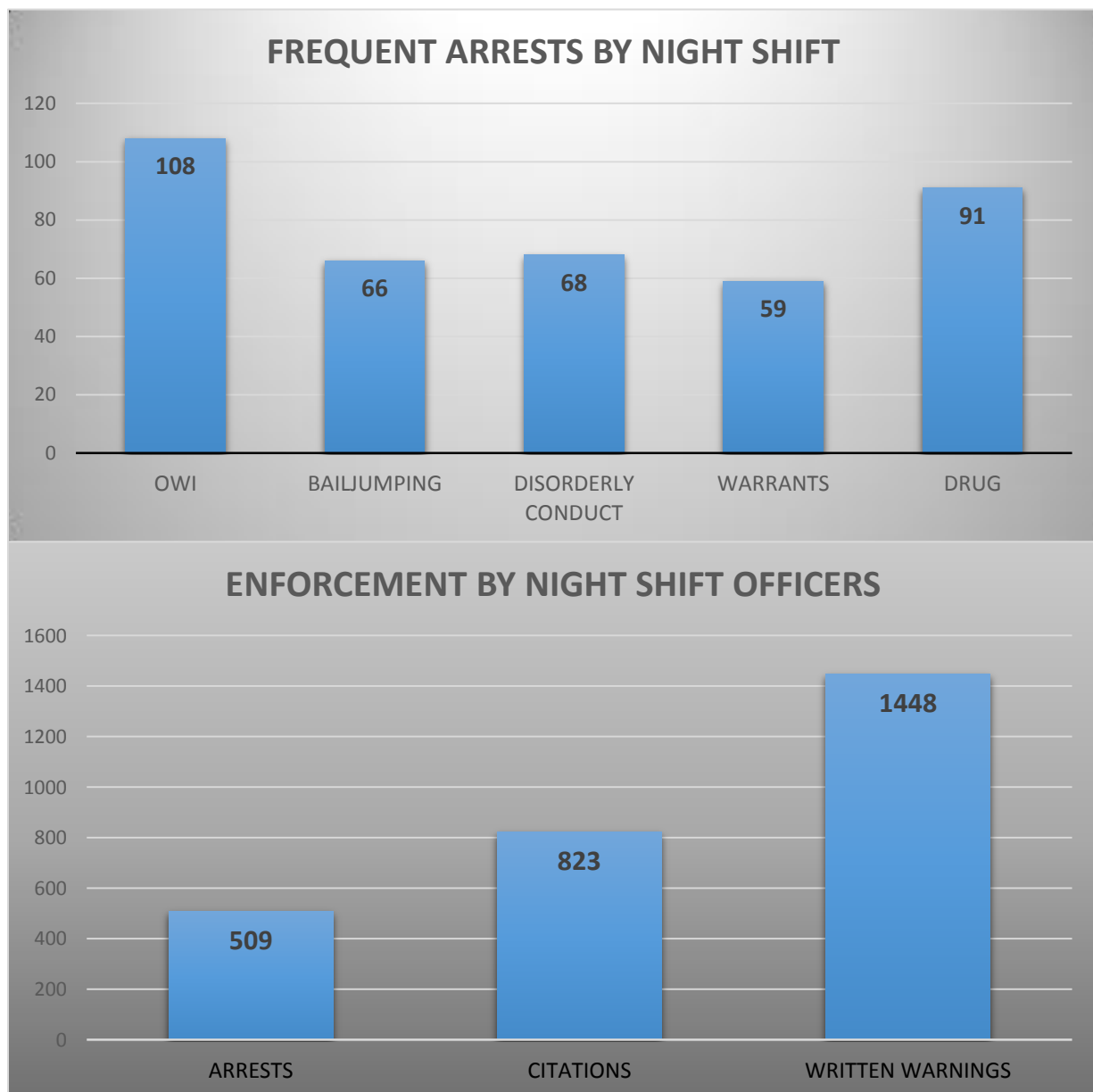


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### OFFICER ENFORCEMENT DATA

In 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> shift officers were assigned to 4,006 of the 16,814 total calls for service. During their investigations the most arrested offenses were OWI, Drug Violations, Disorderly Conduct, Bail Jumping and Warrants. Officers issued 823 citations and issued 1,448 written warnings.



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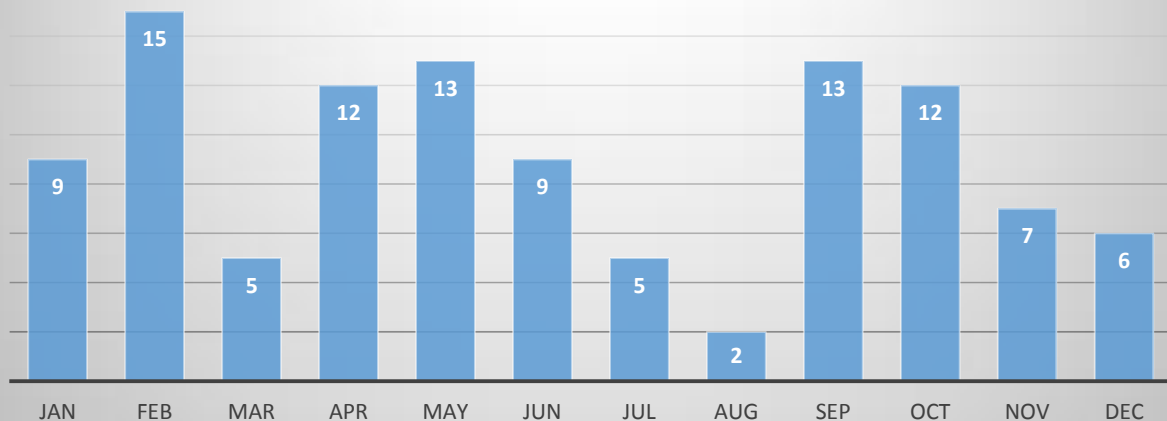
### OWI ENFORCEMENT

Night shift officers issued **108** OWI related citation/arrests in 2015, an increase of 11 from 2014. A total of **61** people were arrested for OWI by night shift officers in 2015.

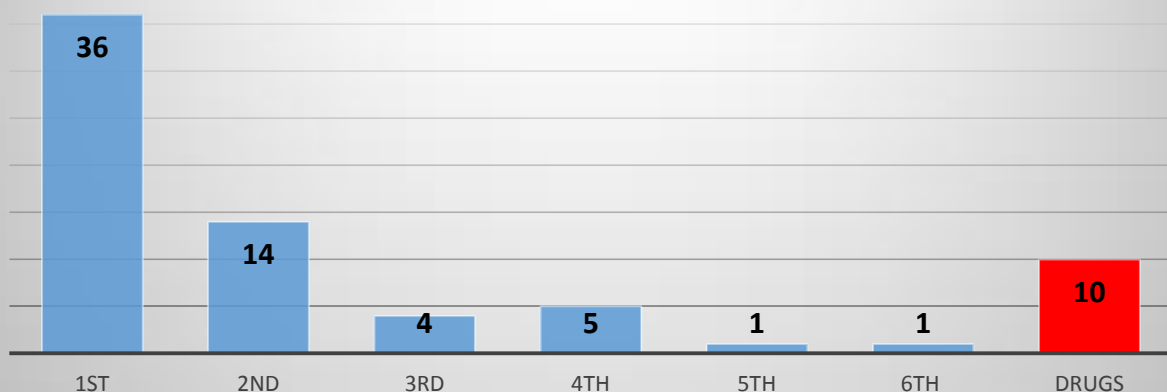
- The average Prohibited Alcohol Concentration (PAC) was **.15**
- Highest Prohibited Alcohol Concentration was during May at **.262**

**10** of 61 people were arrested for driving while impaired by a restricted controlled

### NIGHT SHIFT 2015 OWI CITATIONS BY MONTH



### OWI BY OFFENSE





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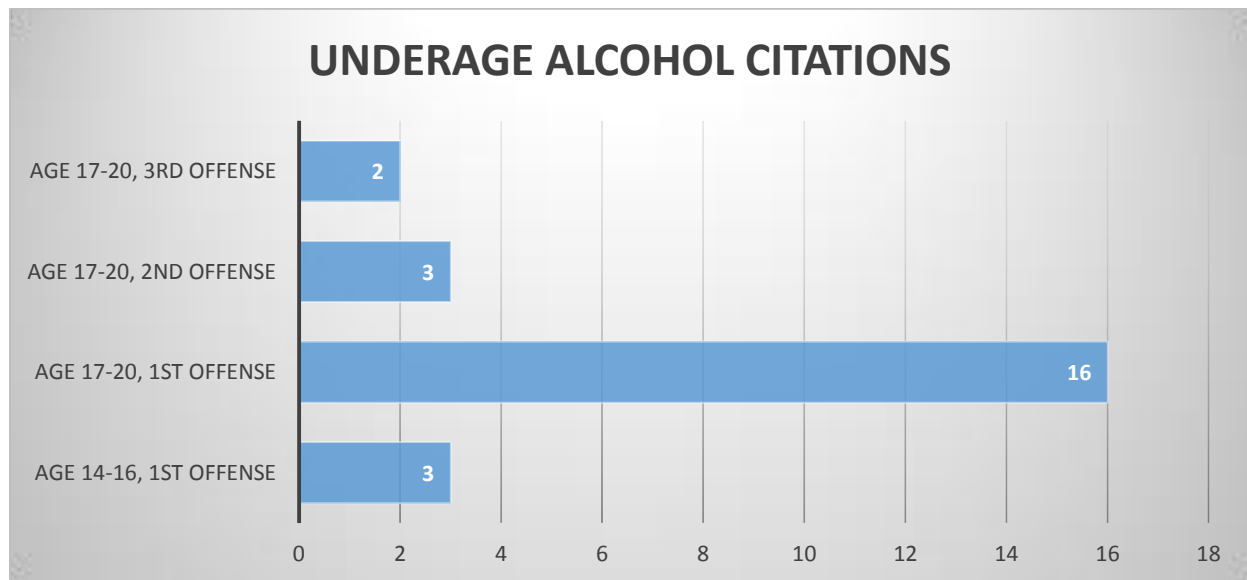
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### *UNDERAGE ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS*

In 2015 there were 24 cited violations involving underage alcohol consumption by night shift officers. The fine for an Underage Alcohol Citations ranges from \$30.00 - \$439.00.

The Sparta Police Department also does random checks of establishments with liquor licenses throughout the year.

The City of Sparta has an ordinance prohibiting hosting events or gatherings of underage persons. This citation was issued one time in July and carries a fine of \$1,000.00.

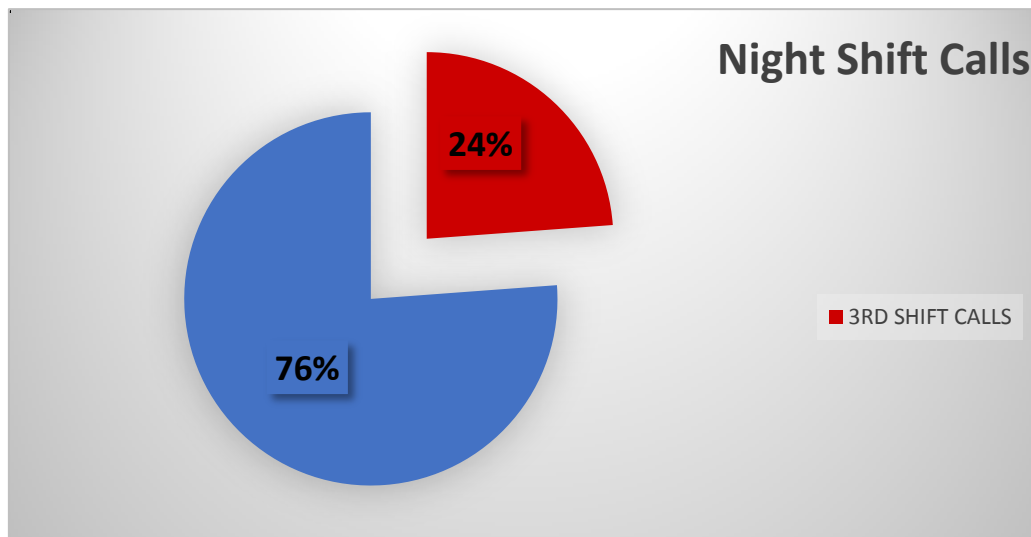
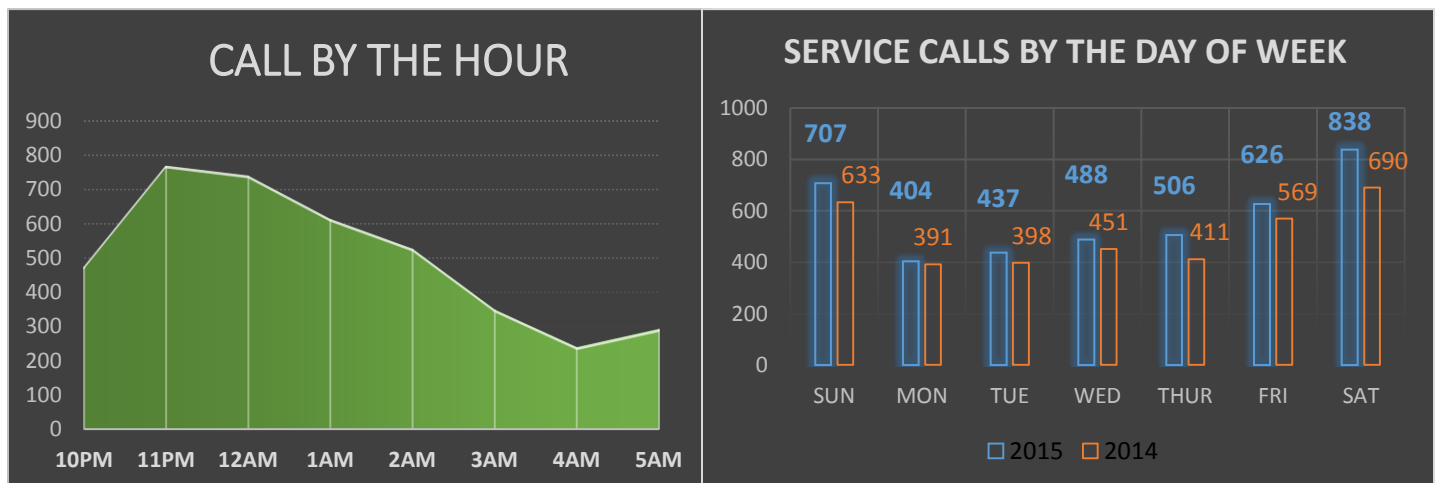


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### CALLS FOR SERVICE

Night shift responded to **13%** more calls for service in 2015 then 2014. Officers were dispatched to 4,006 calls between 10pm - 6am, an increase of 463 from 2014. The night shift averaged 11 calls per day, with Friday night, Saturday night and early Sunday morning being the busiest call times.



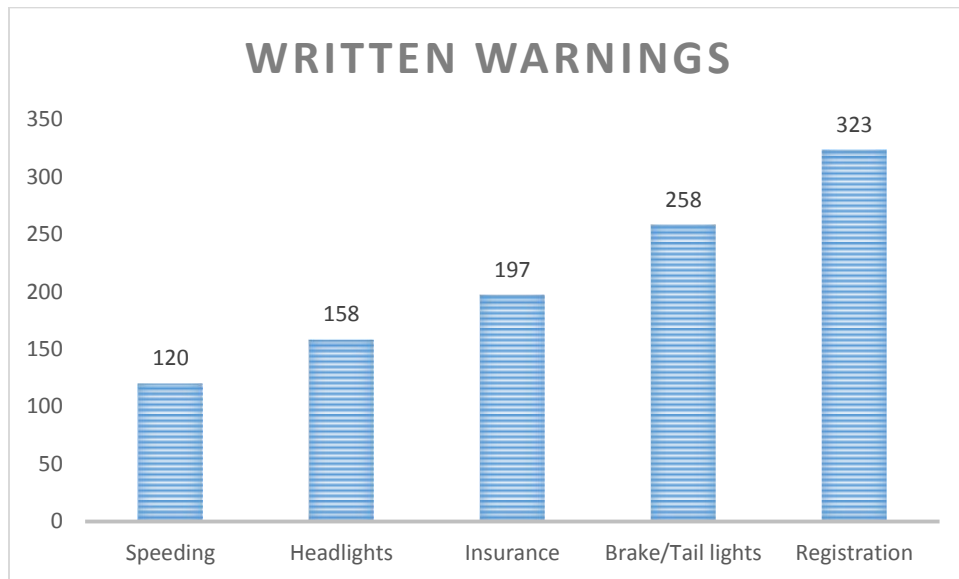
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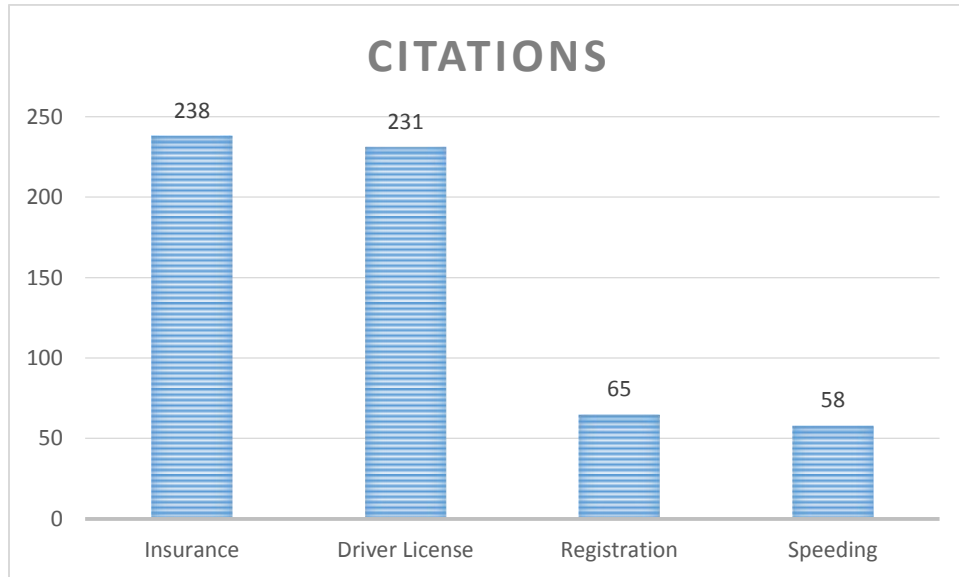
### *TOP CITATION/WARNING VIOLATIONS FOR NIGHT SHIFT*

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### A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2015

**FEBRUARY** – Officers responding to a disturbance downtown located a suspect vehicle leaving and attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver and passenger fled from the vehicle on foot during the traffic stop. Responding officers followed prints in the snow and located the driver hiding under a vehicle in a driveway nearby.

**MARCH** – SPD officers assisted the WI State Patrol with a search of a semi-trailer seized from the interstate. The driver had been arrested by State Patrol for not having a valid commercial driver's license and the semi towed to Sparta after a K9 unit indicated for the presence of illegal drugs. Sparta officers assisted in examining the contents of the trailer. Although no drugs were located in the trailer, the driver could not explain why one pallet was missing from the trailer's contents and in contradiction of the bill of lading. There were no scheduled stops from the trailer's pickup location and when it was stopped by the Trooper, the driver would never explain the anomaly.

**APRIL** – A severe thunderstorm came through the city overnight on 04-09-15. The Officers were at the PD when lightning appeared to strike the building causing damage to electronic equipment to the PD and a few surrounding businesses.

**MAY** – Officers were dispatched to a residential burglary in progress on Long Ct. Officers arrived and located a male suspect outside the residence and took him into custody. The investigation revealed the suspect was an ex-boyfriend of the victim. The suspect had previously talked to the victim on the phone

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and discharged a firearm to fake a suicide. The suspect brought a hand gun with to the residence however, threw the gun into the weeds just before law enforcement arrived. Law Enforcement located the gun in and learned it was reported as stolen. The suspect was suicidal and placed on a mental health evaluation and later transported to the jail.

**JUNE** - Butterfest weekend kept night shift officers busy with 76 calls which was overall about a 21% increase over 2014 Butterfest. Saturday was the busiest night for our shift, with 30 calls compared to 13 in 2014.

During Butterfest officers responded to an injury accident, a 13 year old female ran into traffic on Black River St and was struck by a vehicle. The State Patrol was called into assist with an accident reconstruction. Alcohol is not a factor in the accident.

Night shift also responded to an armed robbery at Westside Tavern. The suspects fled on foot, Officers were able to identify the suspects and subsequently took the subjects into custody.

**DECEMBER** – Officers were sent to a report of a stolen vehicle/disturbance on Goodman St. Arriving Officers began to investigate the incident and eventually became engaged in a standoff with an armed suspect. The suspect barricaded himself inside the residence, started two fires and hid from officers inside of a freezer in the basement to avoid capture. The CTU team was called to assist and the incident was eventually resolved after nearly 12 hours.