

# 2013 SPARTA POLICE DEPARTMENT END OF YEAR REPORT



LIFE IS LIKE A BICYCLE, TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE  
YOU MUST KEEP MOVING. ~ ALBERT EINSTEIN

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*The Honorable Ron Button, Mayor  
and Members of the City Council  
Sparta City Hall  
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*Dear Mayor Button and Members of the City Council:*


*The Annual Report of the City of Sparta Police Department, for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, is herewith submitted for your review.*

*The staff and I always look forward to completing this report and strive to make it not only informative, but entertaining to read. This year each of the shift supervisors completed a yearend review of their respective shift that highlights their shift goals and activity. As you can imagine there is a wide range of police activity that occurs at different times of the day and these reports clearly illustrate the challenges each shift faces.*

*As you review this report you'll note that property crimes dropped significantly in 2013. This is great news as these types of crime are the most likely to impact area residents. A greater emphasis on the drug problem, crime scene processing, educating the public and other social media strategies likely had some positives effects on reducing these types of crime.*

*If the past is any indicator of the future the demands and challenges facing local police departments will continue to grow. As an agency we strive to be innovative and forward thinking. We make every effort to partner with other agencies and community organizations to meet our mission objectives and better serve the residents of the City of Sparta. We strongly believe that our successes are the community's successes and working in partnership with government and civic leaders we'll have a positive influence on the greater Sparta Community!*

*Respectfully submitted,*

  
Michael Kass  
Chief of Police

*Committed to Excellence*



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*About 100 million bicycles  
are manufactured  
worldwide each year.*

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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.





*"if you have a strong commitment to your goals and dreams, if you wake up every day with a passion to do your job, everything is possible."*

*--- Chantal Petitclerc*



## CODE OF ETHICS

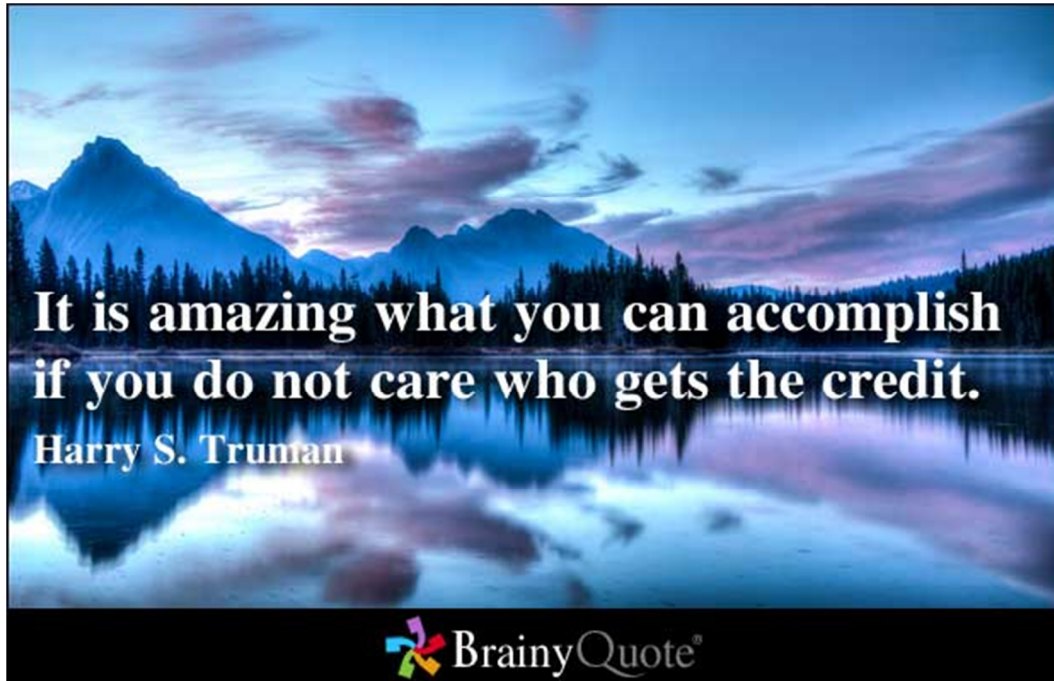
"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence and disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty,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

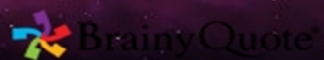
I will always uphold the  
constitution,  
my community, and  
the agency I serve.





**Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.**

*Winston Churchill*







Admin Assistant  
Paula Skinner



Lieutenant  
David Livingston



Chaplain  
Jef Skinner



Chief  
Mike Kass



Chaplain  
Randy Larsen



Lieutenant  
David Kuderer



Chaplain  
Joe Matthews



Admin Assistant  
Jessica Hemmerich



Detective  
Mark Meyers



Sergeant  
Booker Ferguson



Sergeant  
Joel Ames



Sergeant  
Jason Pipkin



SRO  
Kyle Seubert



Officer  
Marc Nelson



Officer  
Jose Tovar



Officer  
Corey Johnson



Officer  
Beth Ambrosius



Officer  
Chris Itnyre



Officer  
Andrew Kuen



Officer  
Jenna Branigan



Officer  
Chris Welker



Officer  
Kyle Erickson



Officer  
Kyle Guralski



Officer  
Jacob Edwards



Nitro



## SAYING GOODBYE



Mickey Brown retired in June, 2013 after 18 years of service to the Department.



Heather Kenworthy left to pursue a career with US Silica after 10 years with the Department.

## WELCOME



Corey Johnson joined us in January 2013. Corey came to us from MATES at Fort McCoy.



Jacob Edwards joined us in December 2013. Jacob came to us from Wisconsin State Patrol.



Jessica Erickson began full time as Records Technician in May 2013 after 3 years with Monroe County 911 Communication Center.



Paula Skinner, Admin Assistant joined us in June 2013 after 7 years at Fort McCoy Lodging.

# **SPECIALIZED DUTIES**

## **Accident Reconstruction**

Officer Guralski

## **Alcohol Compliance**

Sgt. Pipkin

Officer Kuen

Officer Branigan

## **Armorer (Colt)**

Sgt. Pipkin

Officer Guralski (M14/M1A)

## **Bicycle Safety**

Officer Nelson

Officer Erickson

Lt. Kuderer

## **Bike Patrol**

Officer Kuen

Det. Meyers

Officer Tovar

Officer Erickson

## **Computer / Internet Crimes**

Det. Meyers

Officer Itnyre

Officer Kuen

## **Computer Search & Seizure**

Det. Meyers

Sgt. Ferguson

Officer Itnyre

Officer Ambrosius

## **Crime Scene Technicians**

Lt. Livingston

Officer Itnyre

Officer Ambrosius

Officer Tovar

Officer Kuen

## **Crime Stoppers**

Lt. Livingston

## **Death Investigator**

Sgt. Ferguson

Officer Ambrosius

Officer Tovar

## **Drug Investigators**

Lt. Livingston

Officer Nelson

Officer Tovar

Det. Meyers

Officer Kuen

### **Field Training Officers (FTO)**

Lt. Livingston (Coordinator)  
Lt. Kuderer  
Sgt. Pipkin  
Sgt. Ferguson  
Officer Seubert  
Officer Itnyre  
Officer Ambrosius  
Officer Nelson  
Officer Tovar  
Officer Kuen  
Officer Erickson

### **Hostage Negotiator**

Sgt. Ferguson  
Officer Branigan

### **Instructors**

Sgt. Pipkin – Firearms, Patrol Rifle,  
Simunitions  
Sgt. Ames – Firearms, Shotgun, Simunitions,  
TASER, Less Lethal, Thermal Imager  
Officer Nelson – TASER, Less Lethal,  
Thermal Imager  
Officer Guralski – EVOC, Firearms, Patrol  
Rifle  
Officer Itnyre – DAAT  
Officer Kuen – Vehicle Contacts  
Officer Welker – Radar/Laser

### **Internet Crimes Against Children**

Officer Ambrosius

### **K-9**

Officer Welker

### **Law Enforcement Fitness Trainer**

Officer Kuen

### **Physical Crime Prevention**

Officer Guralski

### **Police Training Officer (PTO)**

Sgt. Ferguson  
Officer Nelson

### **School Resource Officer**

Officer Seubert

### **Sexual Assault & Forensic Interviewing**

Officer Ambrosius  
Officer Nelson  
Officer Seubert

### **Tactical Team Members**

Officer Nelson (Team Leader & Medic)

Officer Guralski (Precision Rifle)

Officer Kuen

Officer Tovar

### **Video Investigation Analysis**

Det. Meyers

### **White Collar Crimes**

Det. Meyers

### **Terrorism Liaison Officer**

Chief Kass

Sgt. Pipkin

Officer Nelson

### **Terrorist Bombings**

Officer Itnyre

Officer Kuen

### **TraCS**

Sgt. Ferguson

Officer Erickson

### **Traffic Safety**

Lt. Kuderer





# DETERMINATION

"Determination is the wake-up call to the human will."

—Anthony Robbins



# EMPLOYEE TRAINING

## Officer Beth Ambrosius

- Supervision of Police Personnel
- Firearms
- Officer Survival: The Inner Warrior
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- DNA Update-submission guidelines
- Evidence Tracker Updates
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Intoximeter Recertification

## Sergeant Joel Ames

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Conference on Highway Safety
- Leadership in Police Organizations
- Taser Instructor Recertification
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Traffic Incident Management (TIME)

## Jenna Branigan

- Firearms
- Officer Survival: The Inner Warrior
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Death Notification
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Intoximeter Recertification

## Jacob Edwards

- Field Training Program (New Hire)

## Kyle Erickson

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Reid Interview & Interrogation
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Synthetic Drugs of Abuse

## Booker Ferguson

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- WAHI Conference
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- TIME Intro Certification
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Winning the Battle

## Kyle Guralski

- Combined Tactical Unit Training
- Sniper Training
- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Advanced SWAT
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Intoximeter Recertification

**Christopher Itnyre**

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Physical Fitness Instructors
- Advanced Scenario Instructor
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- EVOC Instructor
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Instructor Update

**Corey Johnson**

- Field Training Program (New Hire)
- Death Notification
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Reid Interview & Interrogation
- Traffic Radar/Laser Operator
- EC/IR II Breath Examiner Specialist
- PIT within Pursuit Dynamics
- Drug Impairment Training (DITEP)

**Michael Kass**

- Wisconsin Chief of Police Conference
- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Synthetic Drugs of Abuse

**David Kuderer**

- Wisconsin Chief of Police Conference
- Firearms
- Less lethal Impact Munitions
- DNA Update – submission guidelines
- Evidence Tracker Updates
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Synthetic Drugs of Abuse

**Andrew Kuen**

- Combined Tactical Unit Training
- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Crime Scene Unit Training
- Advanced SWAT
- Physical Fitness Instructors
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- A.L.I.C.E. Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- EVOC Instructor
- Intoximeter Recertification

**David Livingston**

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Crime Scene Unit Training
- Crime Stoppers
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Caustic Risks in Law Enforcement
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Problem Oriented Policing
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Synthetic Drugs of Abuse

**Mark Meyers**

- Firearms
- Recognition of Domestic Terrorists
- Less Lethal
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Financial Crime Seminar

**Marc Nelson**

- Combined Tactical Unit Training
- Wisconsin Summit on Tactical EMS
- Firearms
- SWAT Team Leader Development
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Advanced SWAT
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- 2013 CIB Conference
- Taser Instructor Recertification
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Synthetic Drugs of Abuse

**Jason Pipkin**

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Leadership in Police Organizations
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Intoximeter Recertification

**Kyle Seubert**

- Wisconsin SRO/AP Conference
- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- A.L.I.C.E. Training
- Traffic Radar/Laser Operator
- Juvenile Officers Conference
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Drug Impairment Training (DITEP)

**Jose Tovar**

- Combined Tactical Unit Training
- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Pedestrian & Bicycle Laws
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Intoximeter Recertification
- Tactical Combat Casualty (TC3)


**Christopher Welker**

- Firearms
- Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- Rifle and Handgun Training
- Self Aid – Buddy Aid
- Intoximeter Recertification
- K-9 Recertification



**Try to learn something  
about everything and  
everything about something.**

**Thomas Huxley**

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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Sparta Police Department Awards committee receives nominations for recognition from department personnel who feel that one of their peers has exceeded the basic standards subscribed to by the men and women of the Sparta police Department. After careful review and consideration, we, as a Department, are pleased to announce 2013 recipients.

*Medal of Valor*



*Sergeant Joel D. Ames*

For his heroic efforts to save a life despite risking grave danger to himself.

On April 14th, 2013, Sergeant Ames, along with other officers, responded to a report of a vehicle in Perch Lake. Seeing that other officers were already in contact with the vehicle attempting to extract the occupant, Sergeant Ames still entered the water to assist. Prior to making contact with the vehicle, he was advised that the occupant was out and being helped to shore. Realizing both officers were exhausted, Sergeant Ames re-entered the water three more times to assist them and the victim to shore. Sergeant Ames' disregard for his own safety is truly indicative of the leader he is. He knowingly entering frigid water and risked hypothermia and possible life-threatening injury to help his fellow officers and save the life a woman in distress. His actions are worthy of the highest honor we can bestow upon him and we are proud to call him one of our own.

## *Medal of Valor*



### *Officer Andrew J. Kuen*

For his heroic efforts to save a life despite risking grave danger to himself.

On April 14th, 2013, Officer Kuen, along with other officers, responded to a report of a vehicle in Perch Lake. Being one of the first officers to arrive and learning the occupant was still inside the now sinking vehicle Officer Kuen entered the frigid water and swam out to the vehicle. Upon reaching the vehicle, he and his partner struggled to get inside the vehicle and with exhausting effort eventually shattered the rear window and pulled the lone occupant out. With the vehicle still sinking, officers fought through fatigue and early stages of hypothermia to swim the occupant to shore. Officer Kuen's actions demonstrate his willingness to place the life of another above his own and positively reflect on the selfless sacrifice sometimes demanded by the profession. His actions are worthy of the highest honor we can bestow upon him and we are proud to call him one of our own.

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### *Officer Corey D. Johnson*

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# *Award of Merit*



## *Detective Mark E. Meyers*

For Quick Assessment and Action in a Potentially Tragic Situation

On June 11, 2013, Sparta Police took a report of a suicidal female intent on taking her own life by overdosing on medication. Detective Meyers and other Officers immediately began searching for the female using information provided by Verizon to triangulate a possible cellular telephone location. After numerous unsuccessful attempts to locate the subject in different areas of the city, it appeared they were out of options. Detective Meyers concluded his tour of duty, but continued to ponder the situation until he eventually called the Division of Criminal Investigation seeking technological support in the search. Detective Meyers returned to Sparta and assisted DCI by using a mobile tracking unit. Working together the team was eventually able to locate the hidden female who was unresponsive. Detective Meyers' tenacity and investigative skills were instrumental in locating the female and rendering needed medical attention. Detective Meyers has proven himself an important member of the Sparta Police Department team and is someone we can be proud to call our own.

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### **Letters of Recognition**

Officer Erickson

Sergeant Ferguson

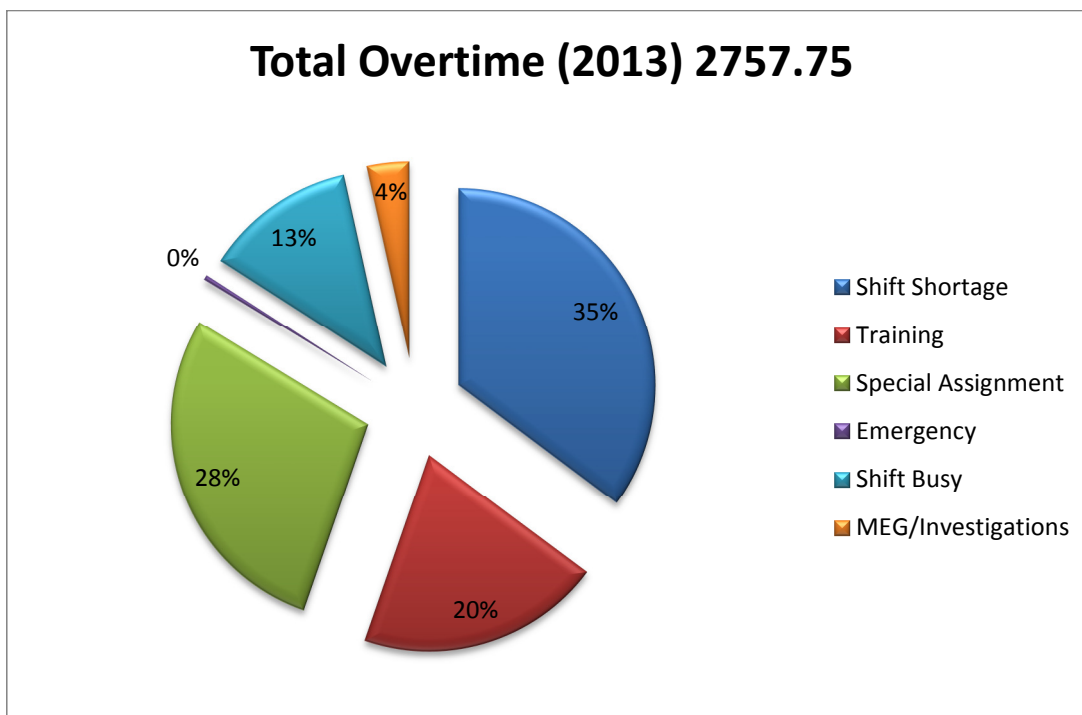
Officer Kuen

Officer Nelson

Officer Tovar



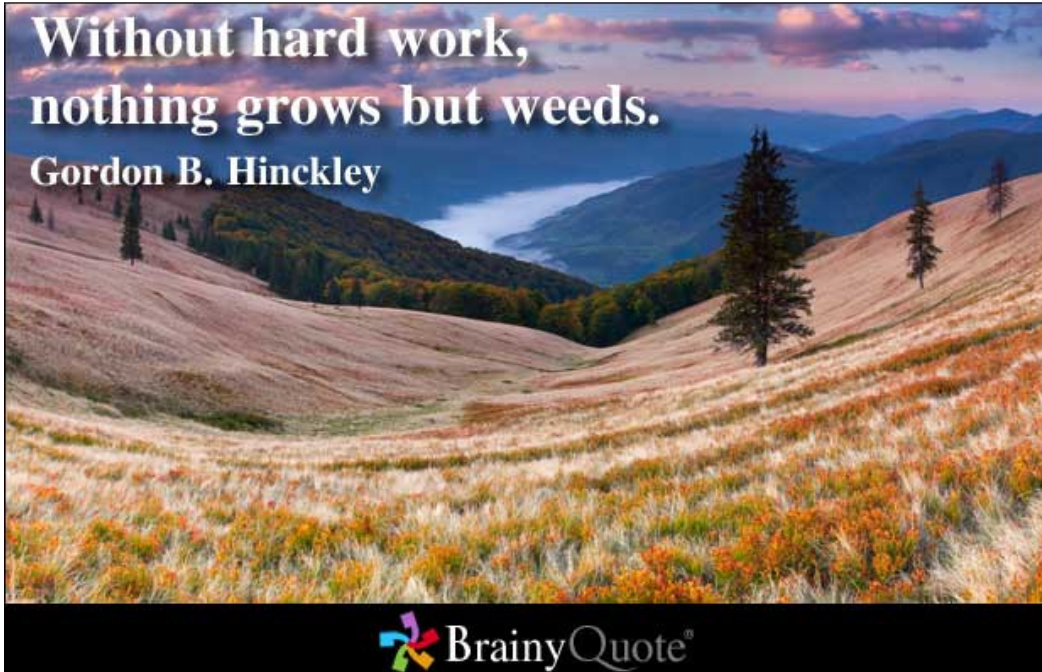
## OVERTIME STATISTICS




- Shift shortage – Due to vacations, training, special assignments, emergencies, and investigations conducted by other officers.
- Training – Hours in excess of officer.
- 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.

**Without hard work,  
nothing grows but weeds.**

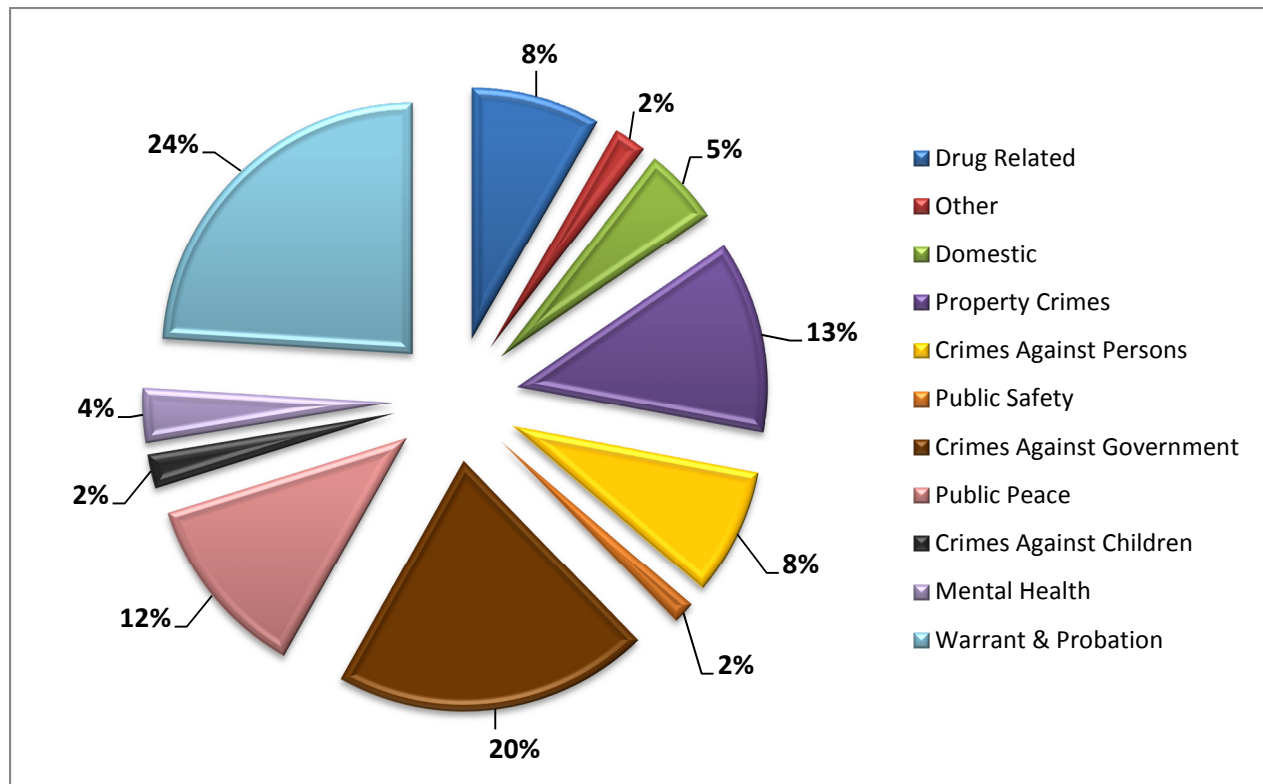
**Gordon B. Hinckley**



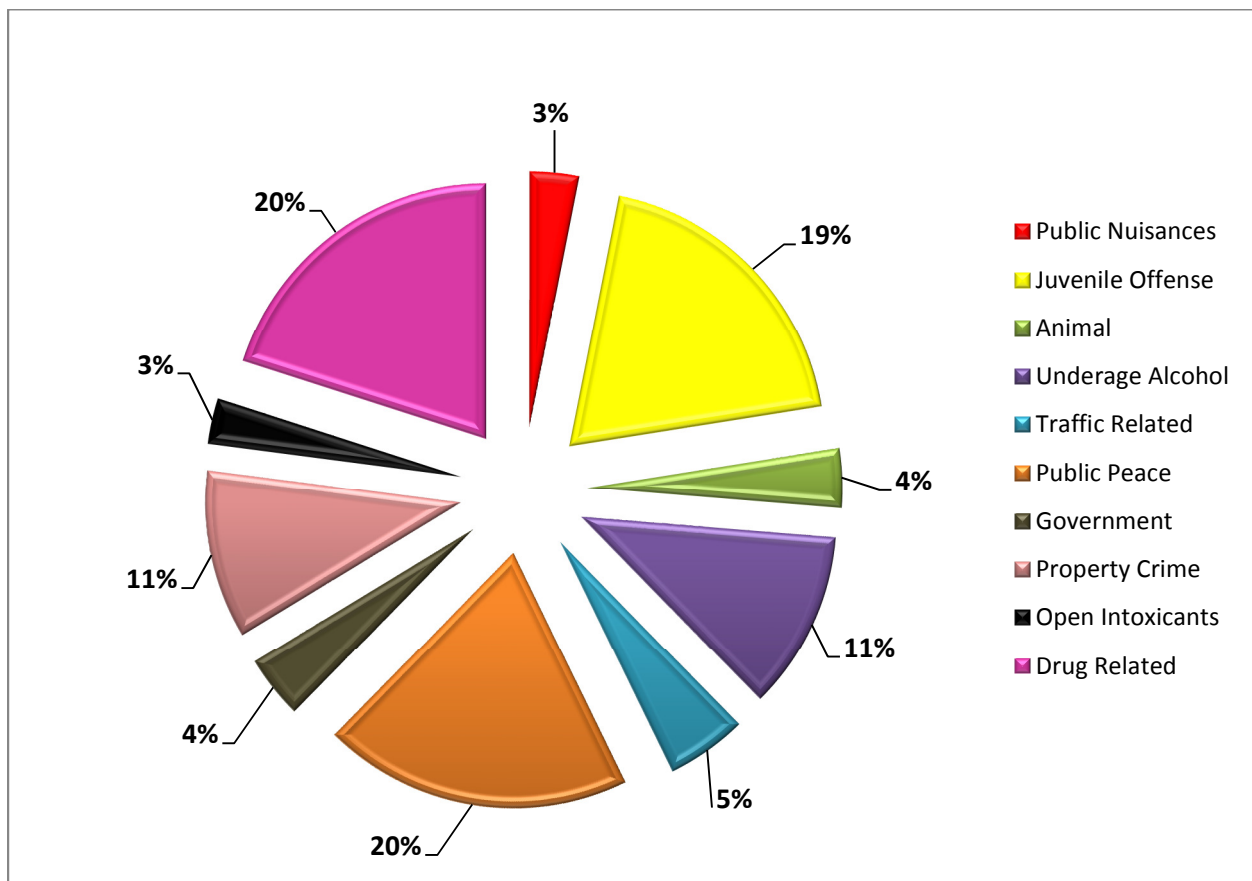
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# ARREST PERCENTAGE

## BY TYPE OF CRIME

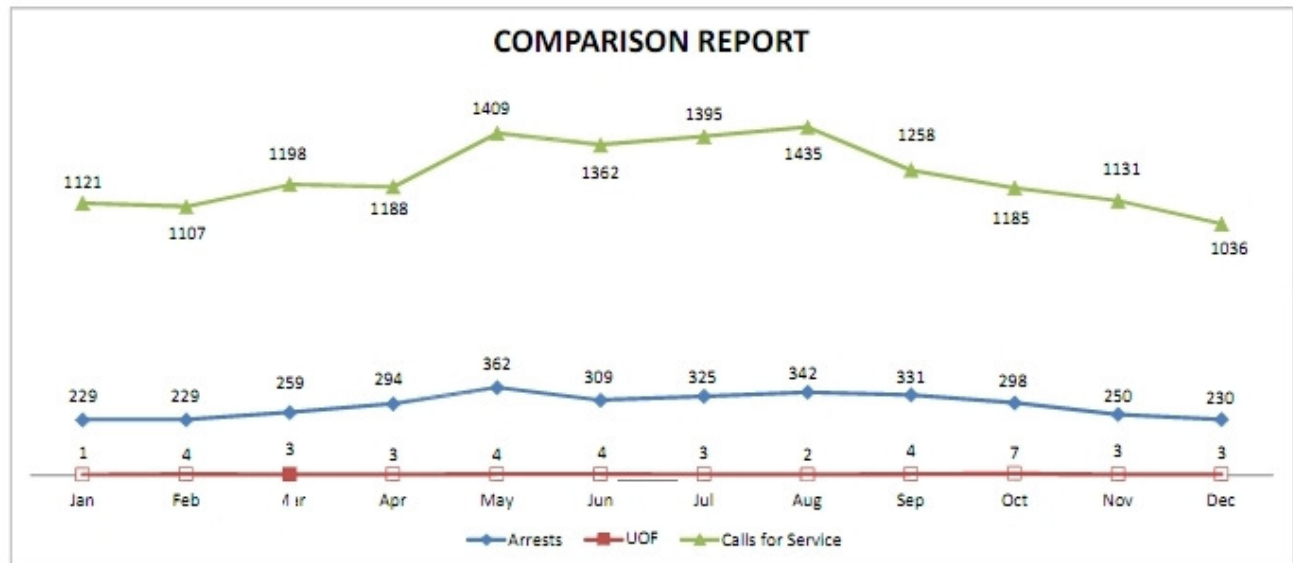


# MUNICIPAL OFFENSE

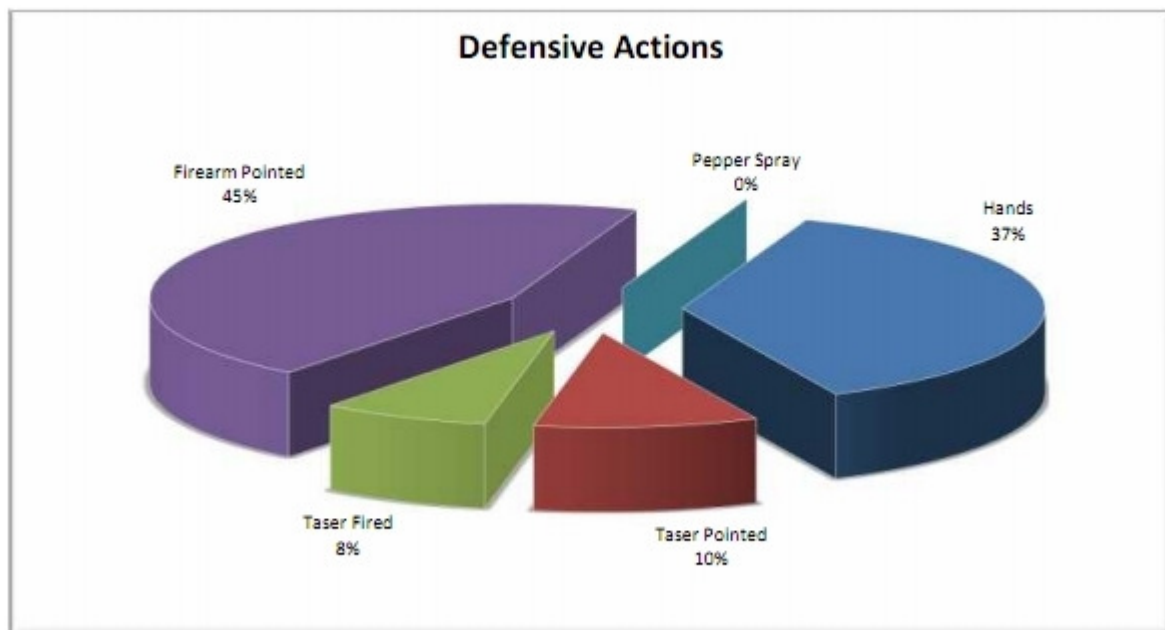




# USE OF FORCE (UOF)

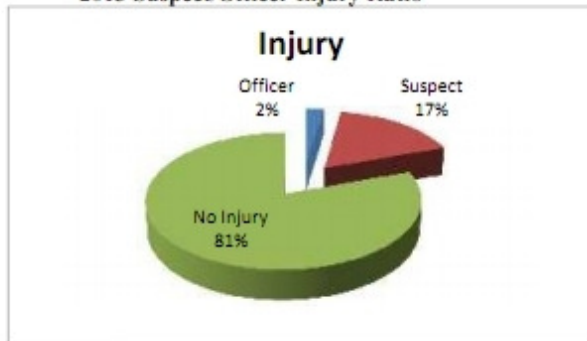


## UOF BY TYPE

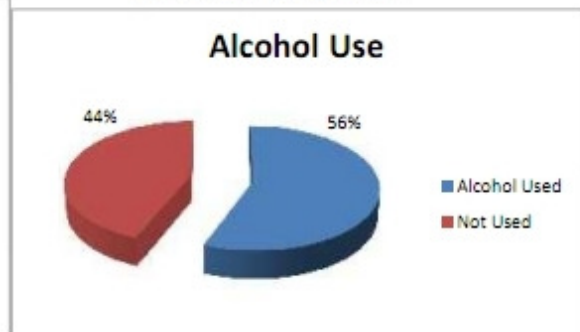


# UOF STATISTICS

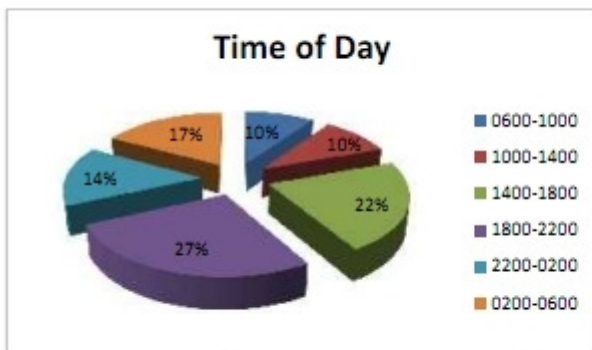
2013 Suspect/Officer Injury Ratio



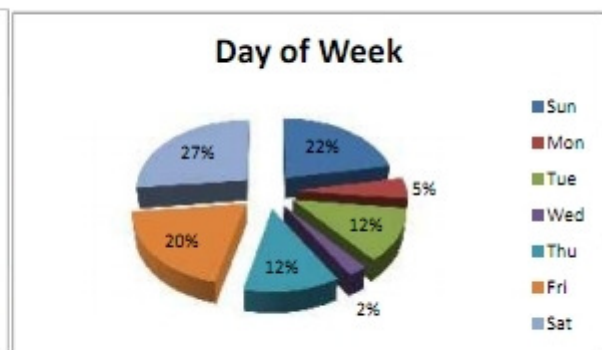
2013 Alcohol Usage Factor



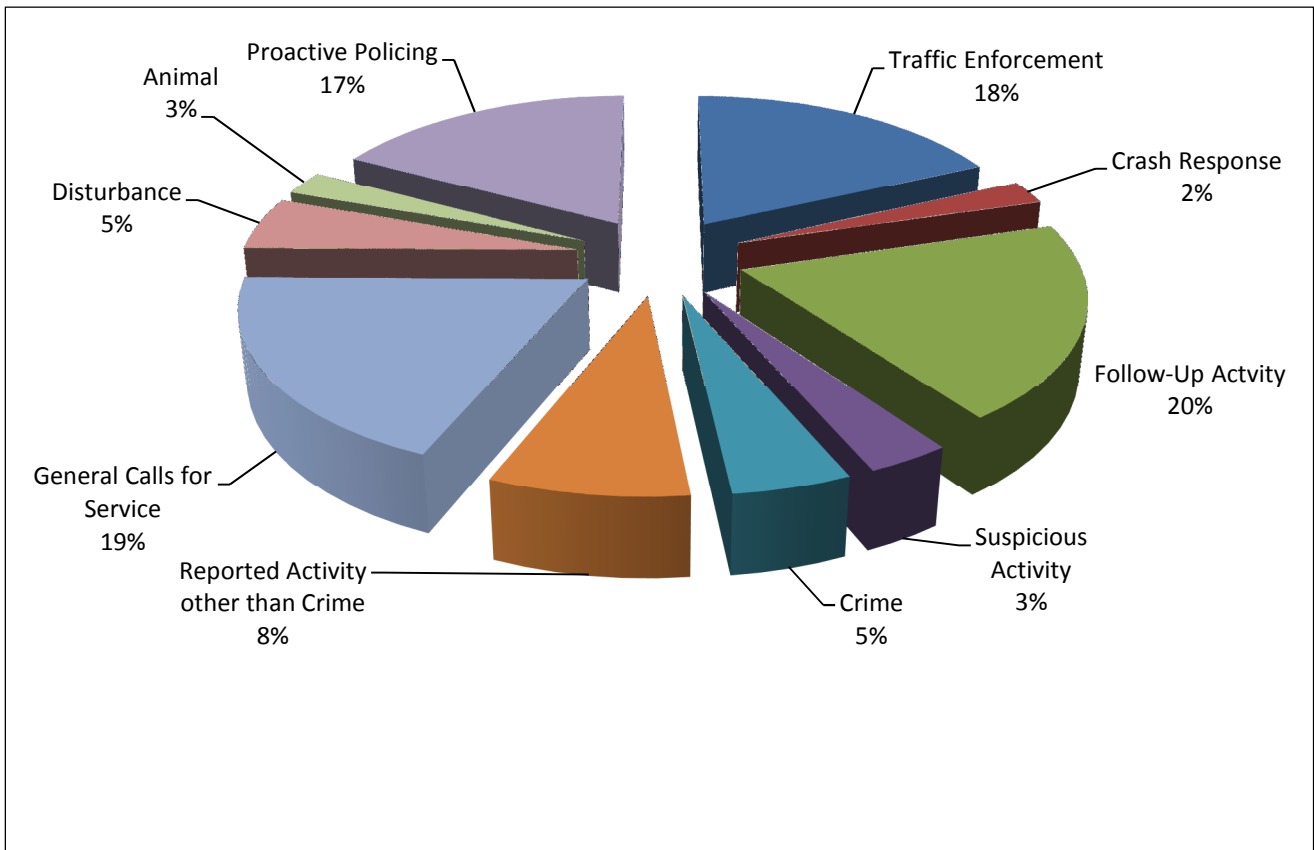
2013 Defensive Action by Time of Day



2013 Defensive Action by Day of Week

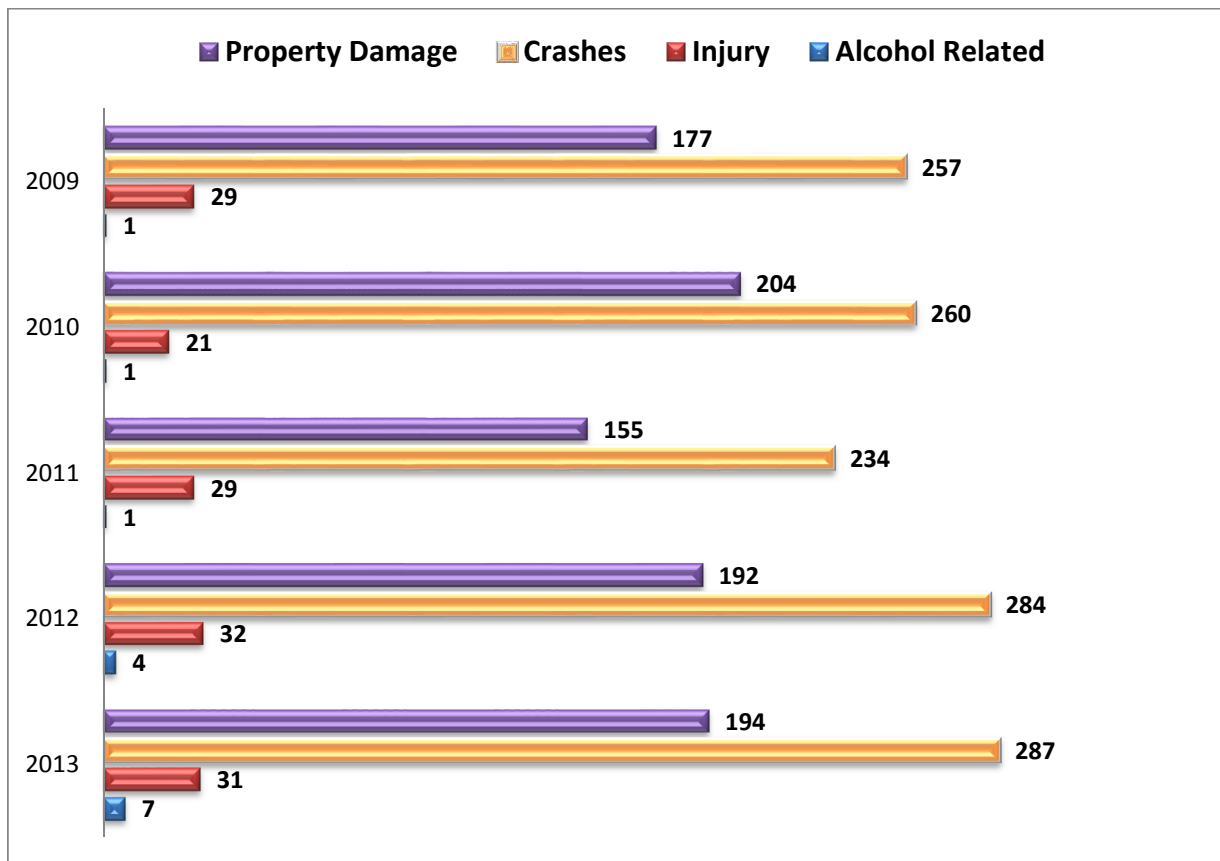


## ALLOCATION OF SERVICES



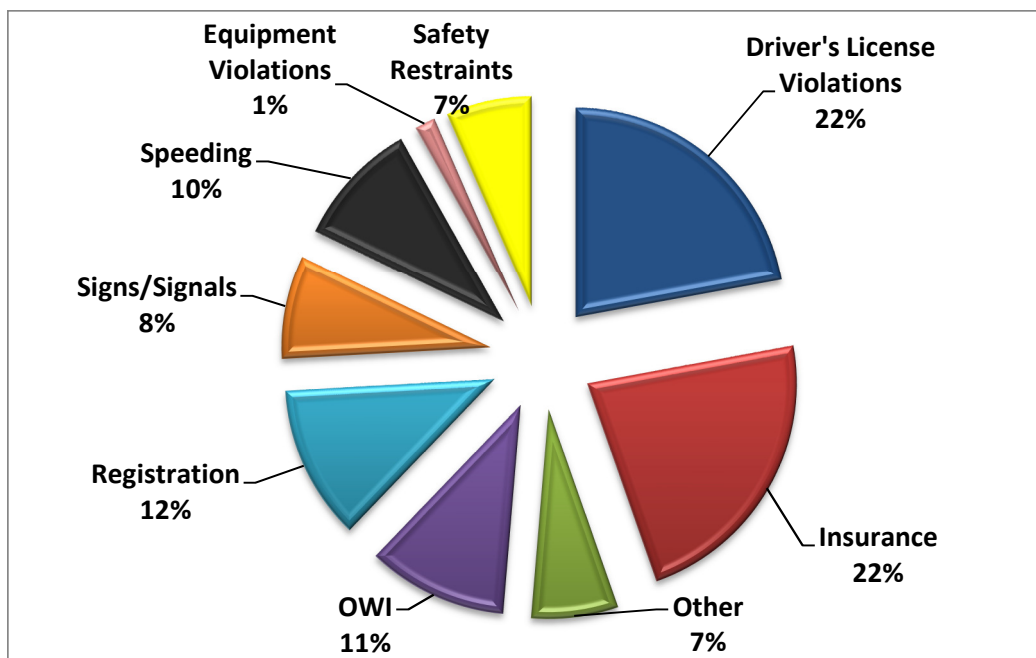
This graph depicts a percentage of Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) calls grouped into similar activities. The graph isn't intended to present a true representation of actual time allocated to a grouped activity, but provides a visual reference of comparing police services, either requested or self-initiated.

## FIVE YEAR TRAFFIC CRASH TREND



# TRAFFIC CITATION PERCENTAGE

BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

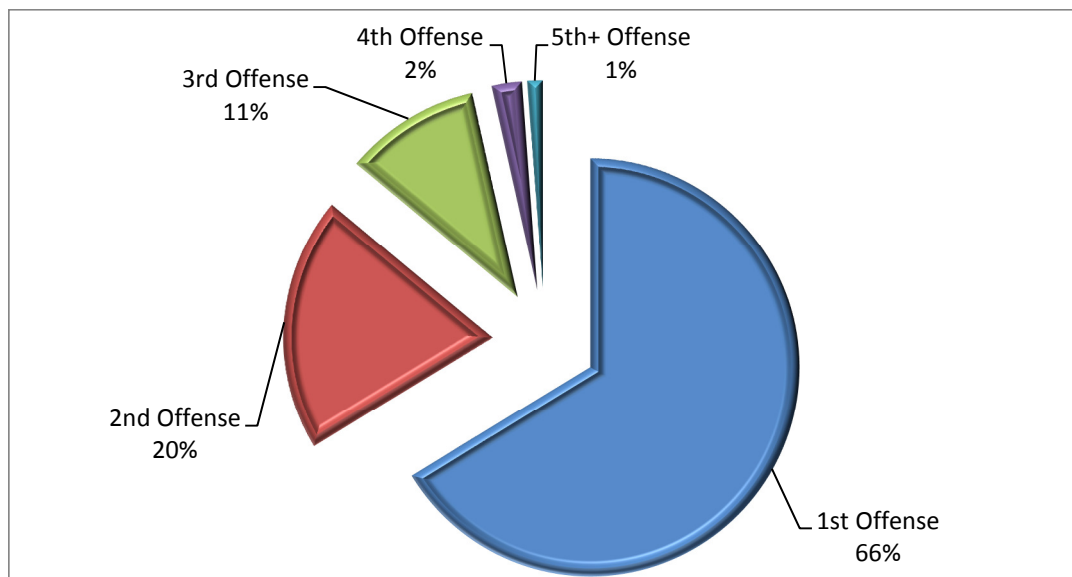


# OWI STATISTICS

## BAC/PAC RESULTS

Month	Average Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense	5th+ Offense
January	0.165	2	0	0	0	0
February	0.135	4	0	0	0	0
March	0.182	7	2	1	0	0
April	0.161	1	1	0	0	0
May	0.182	3	0	1	0	1
June	0.152	4	2	1	0	0
July	0.153	1	3	2	0	0
August	0.159	10	3	0	0	0
September	0.156	10	1	3	1	0
October	0.150	6	4	0	0	0
November	0.182	4	2	1	0	0
December	0.168	9	0	0	1	0
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.162</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

## REPEAT VIOLATION OFFENSES





## **2013 Citizen's Academy**

### **Glad to be back!**

September 24, 2013, marked the return of the Sparta Police Department's Citizen Police Academy (SPDCPA). The goal of the SPDCPA is to create a better working relationship between members of the Sparta Police Department and the citizens of Sparta, through education and interaction.

The Sparta Police Department began hosting an annual SPDCPA in September 2007. An academy was held each year for four years. During the years of 2011 and 2012, no academy was held due to budget constraints.

The participants meet for two hours each Tuesday night. During that time an Officer or Officers give a presentation on various topics. The officers are not required to participate in the Academy and do so voluntarily.

The first session includes an introduction to the members of the Sparta Police Department, and a tour of the SPD building. The next two sessions includes tours of the Jail and Dispatch, and a presentation provided by the Monroe county District Attorney, and one of the presiding Circuit Court Judges.



The fourth meeting is held on a Saturday morning, and includes a trip to the Department's outdoor firing range. At the range the attendees are given information on the Department's various weapons, and then allowed to shoot each weapon. This is the day most participants enjoy the most.

The itinerary also includes a presentation on Tasers, and the opportunity to be Tased. Several participants took advantage of this opportunity and voluntarily took a Taser exposure. The participants were also introduced to Nitro, the Department's canine. Again participants are allowed to take a bite from Nitro if they wish. As with the Taser, several participants took the opportunity to experience taking a bite from a Police canine.

The itinerary included a mock accident scene that was set up by PER Towing of Sparta Wisconsin. The accident included a rolled over semi lying on top of a car, entrapping an occupant. The Fire Department and the Sparta Area Ambulance Services performed a rescue of the occupant, and then allowed attendees to view the various pieces of equipment they employ. Gundersen Lutheran Med-Flight was also on-hand allowing attendees an up-close look at the helicopter, and crew members were available to answer questions.

The final class of the SPDCPA featured a presentation on the Department's patrol vehicles. Participants were introduced to the equipment that is available in the vehicles, and then allowed to drive the vehicle around a designated course at the skid pad located at WTC in Angelo.

A graduation dinner was held at Jake's Northwoods on December 10, 2013. Along with current attendees and their family former participants are invited. More than forty people joined us for the dinner. Chief Kass and Sgt. Ames each spoke about the Academy and then provided current attendees with a Certificate and a challenge coin.

## UNWANTED MEDICATION DROP-OFF SITE



Sparta Police Department is latest Monroe County Unwanted Medication Drop-Off Site

Prescription drug abuse is currently being reported by law enforcement agencies across the country as one of their greatest threats, especially with some of them being a gateway to other drug usage. In addition, unsafe disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications is costly to the environment.

In response to the growing demand for a safe and convenient way to dispose of unwanted or expired medications, the Sparta Police Department in collaboration with the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition through its Drug Free Community grant, has installed a medication drop-box in the Sparta Police Department's lobby located at 121 E. Oak Street.

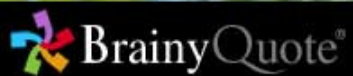
Residents can drop off unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications - no questions asked. The goals of this program are to keep drugs off the street, prevent overdoses and accidental poisonings, and avoid environmental contamination. Items that can be placed in our secure drug drop box include non-narcotics, narcotics, over the counter (OTC), herbals, and veterinary medications. Items that should not be placed in the box include needles or sharps, inhalers, biohazard materials, and illegal drugs.

"The Sparta Police Department and the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition constantly strive to be proactive in enhancing public safety and saving lives. I am very excited to have another drop box in Monroe County" says Natalie Carlisle, Drug Free Communities Coordinator. The Sparta Police Department along with other police departments in the county has been active in the national DEA take back days. The Monroe County Safe Community Coalition continues to work on promoting the message of how dangerous prescription drugs can be. We believe "A Prescription for Safe Communities" in regard to prescription drugs is to store them safely, dispose of them properly and to not share them with anyone.



**No man is good enough to govern  
another man without the  
other's consent.**

**Abraham Lincoln**





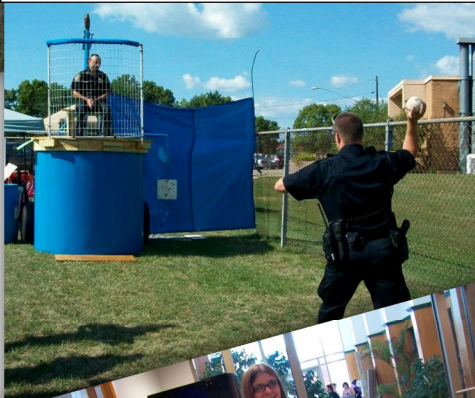
# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Emergency Responders Presentation



SACS Dunk Tank



Breakfast at Morrow Home



Trick or Treat Street



## SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS





## SHOP WITH A HERO







# **Sparta Police Department**

## **Dayshift 2013**

**Sgt. Jason Pipkin**

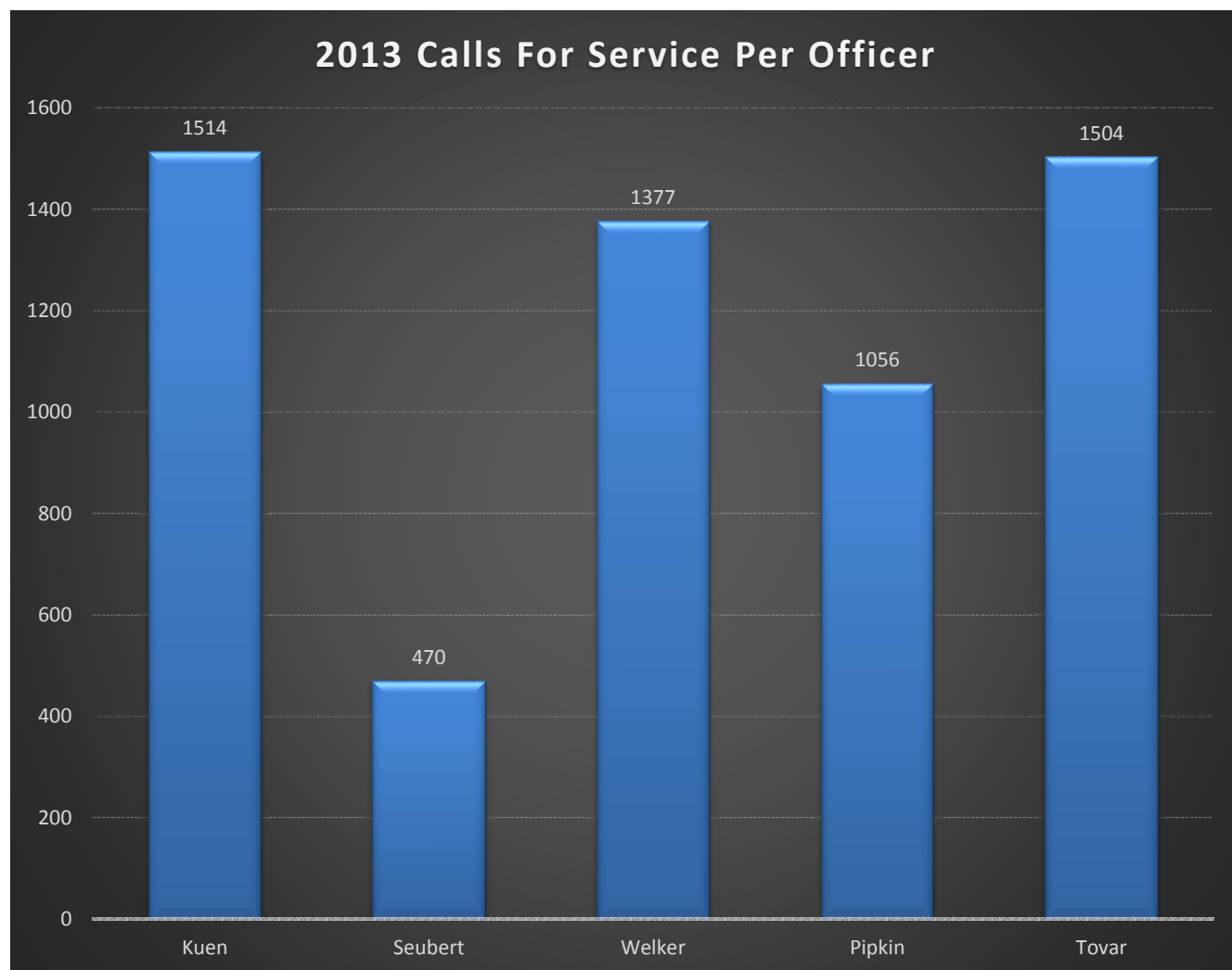
**Patrol Officer Andrew Kuen**

**School Resource Officer Kyle Seubert**

**K9 Officer Chris Welker**

**Patrol Officer Jose Tovar**

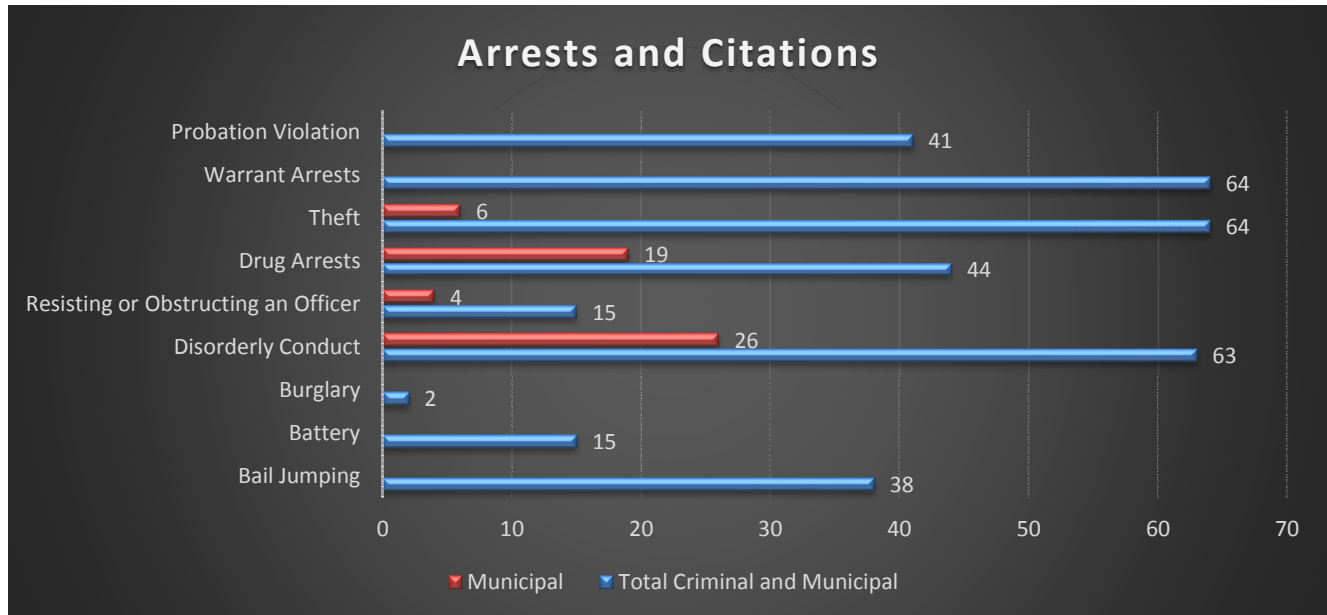
**Dayshift officers kept busy in 2013, handling 5921 calls for service.**



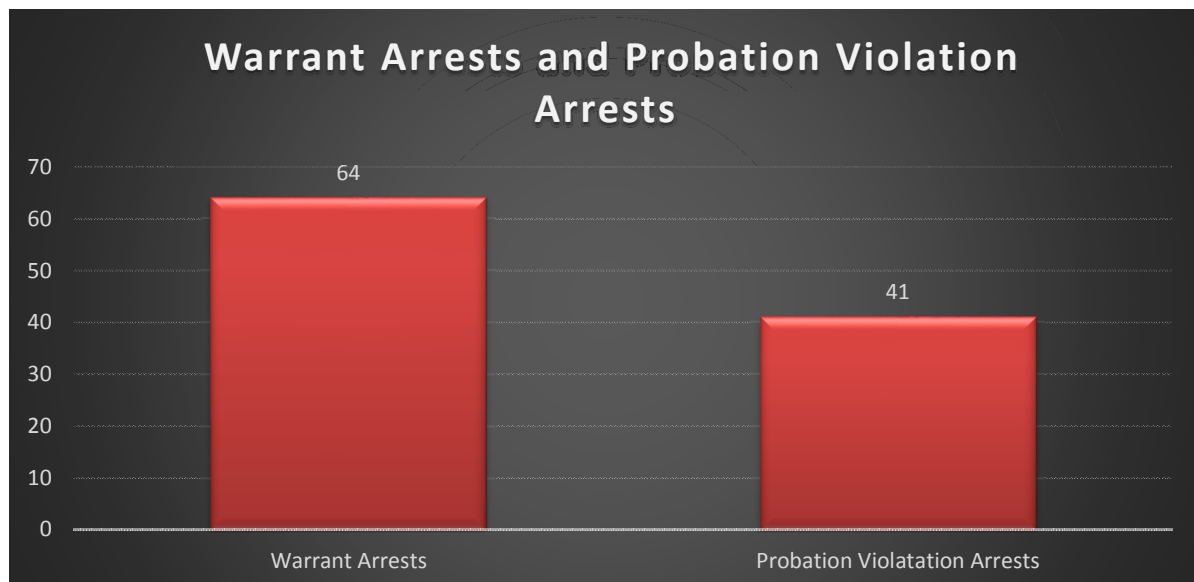
# Sparta Police Department

## Dayshift 2013

Warrant arrests and theft were the top two arrests on dayshift. Drug arrests, disorderly conduct and probation violations were also frequent in 2013. Some disorderly conduct charges are Human Services referrals on juveniles, especially from SRO Seubert.

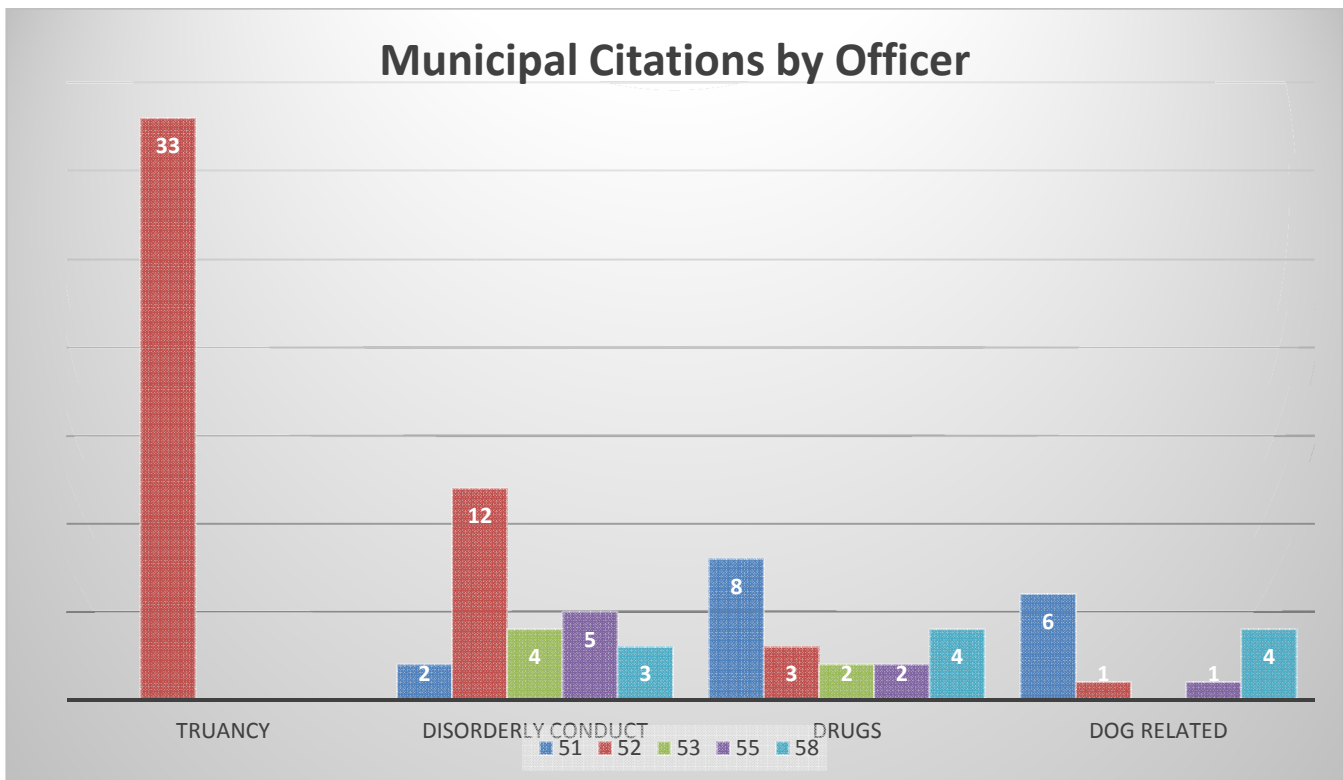
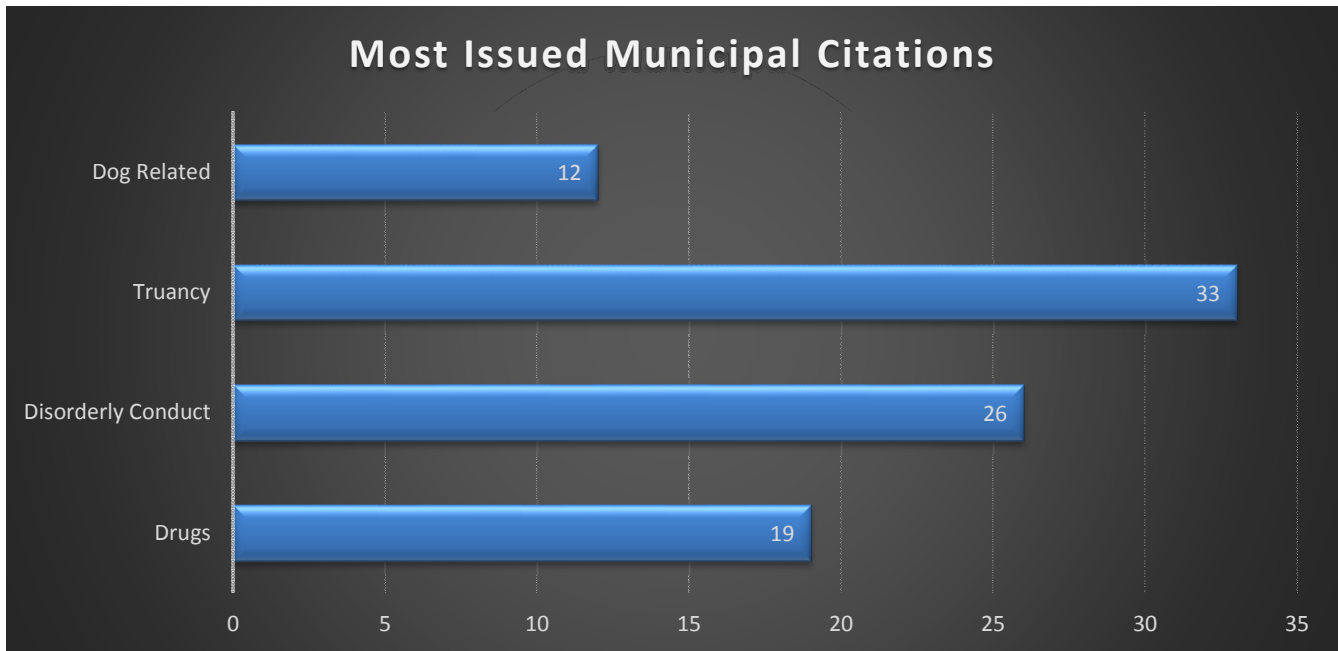


Sparta P.D. dayshift is often dispatched to Probation & Parole offices to take persons into custody for probation or parole violations. Below is a simple comparison of probation/parole violation arrests and warrant arrests.



# Sparta Police Department

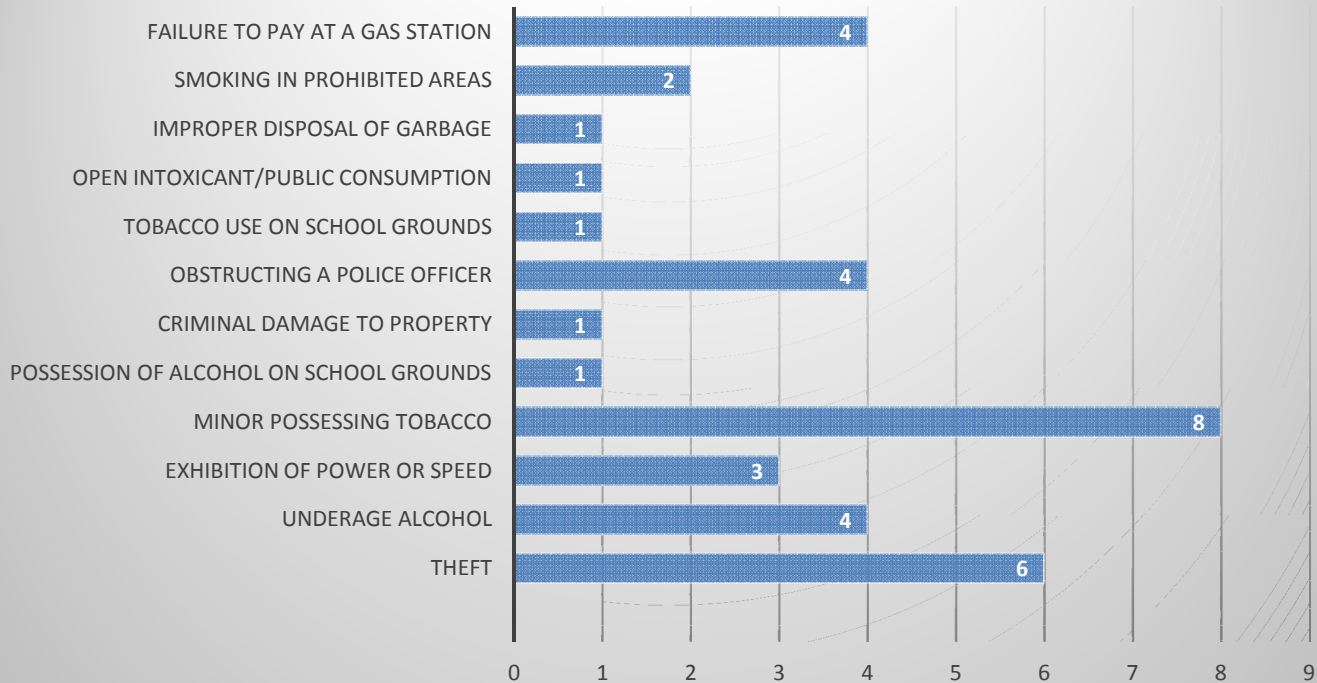
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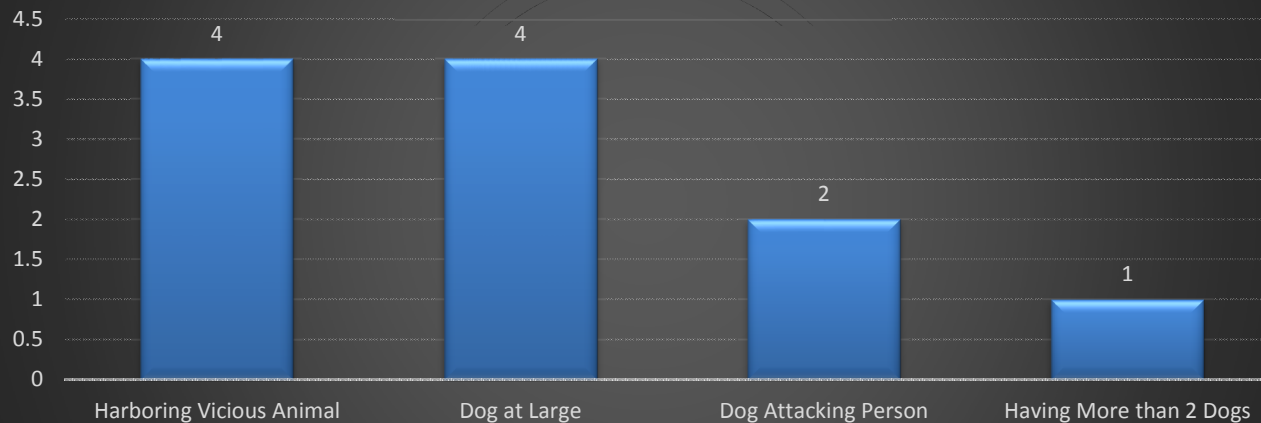
## Dayshift 2013

### Other Municipal Citation Issued by Dayshift in 2013



Of interest in 2013 is the number of dog related citations.

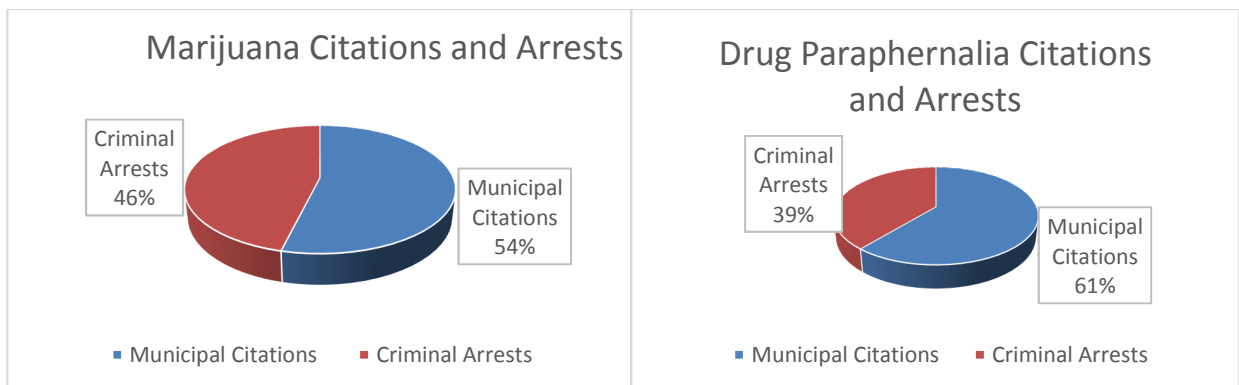
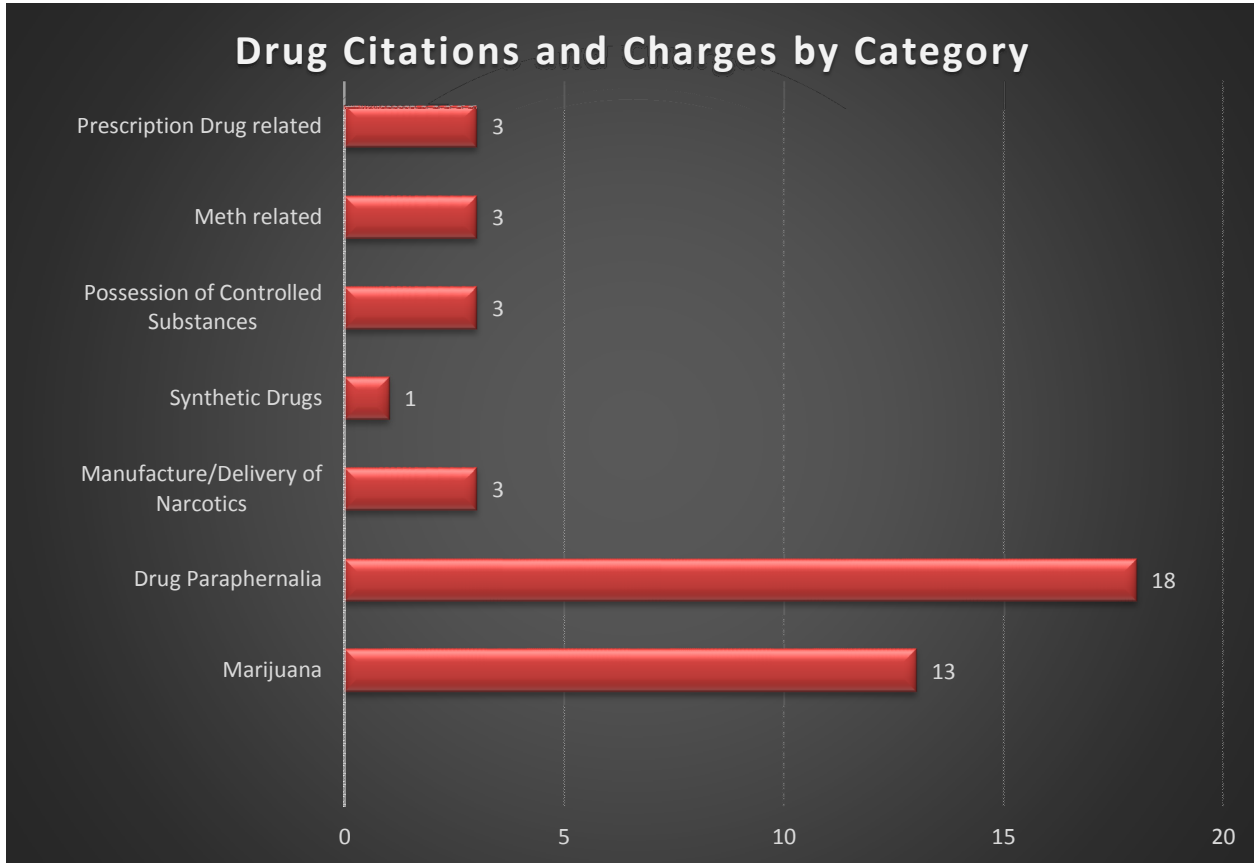
### Dog Related Citations



# Sparta Police Department

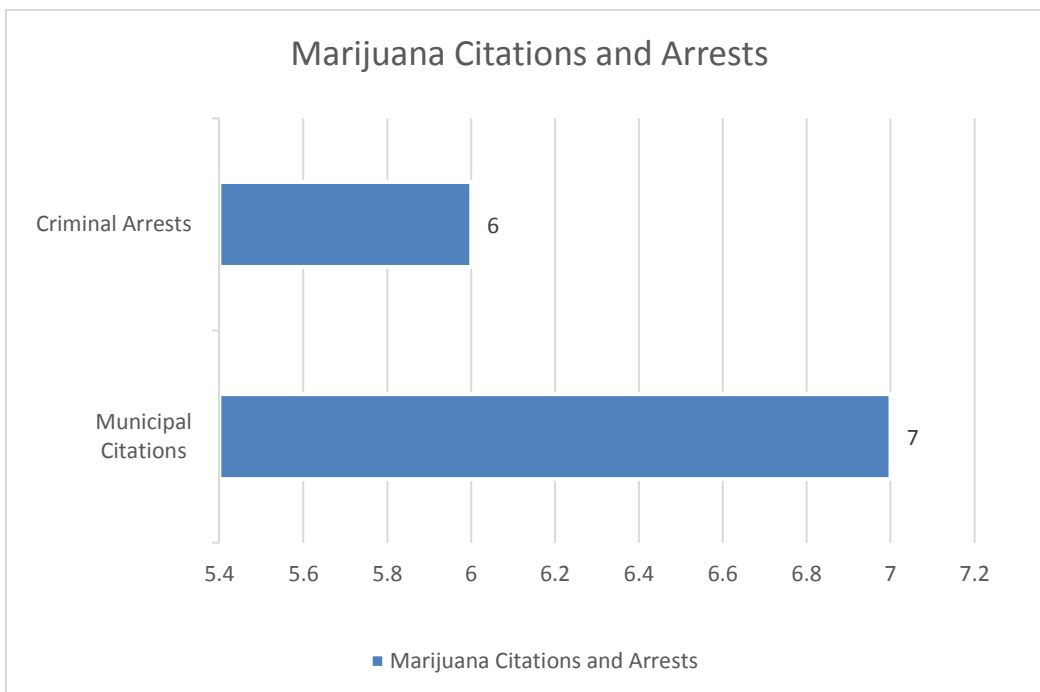
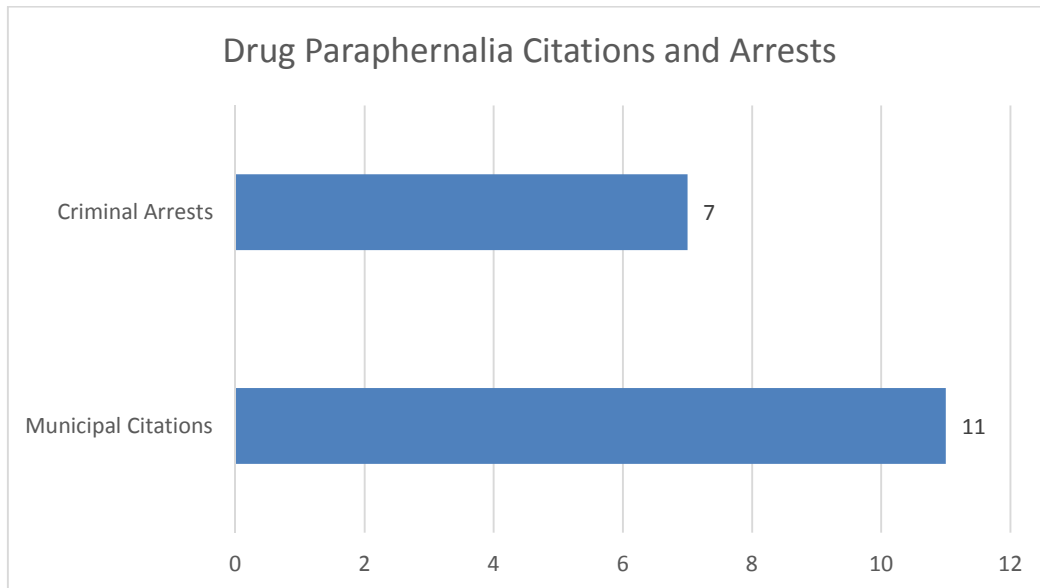
## Dayshift 2013

Dayshift has been active in drug enforcement, producing 44 arrests and citations for illegal drug activity.



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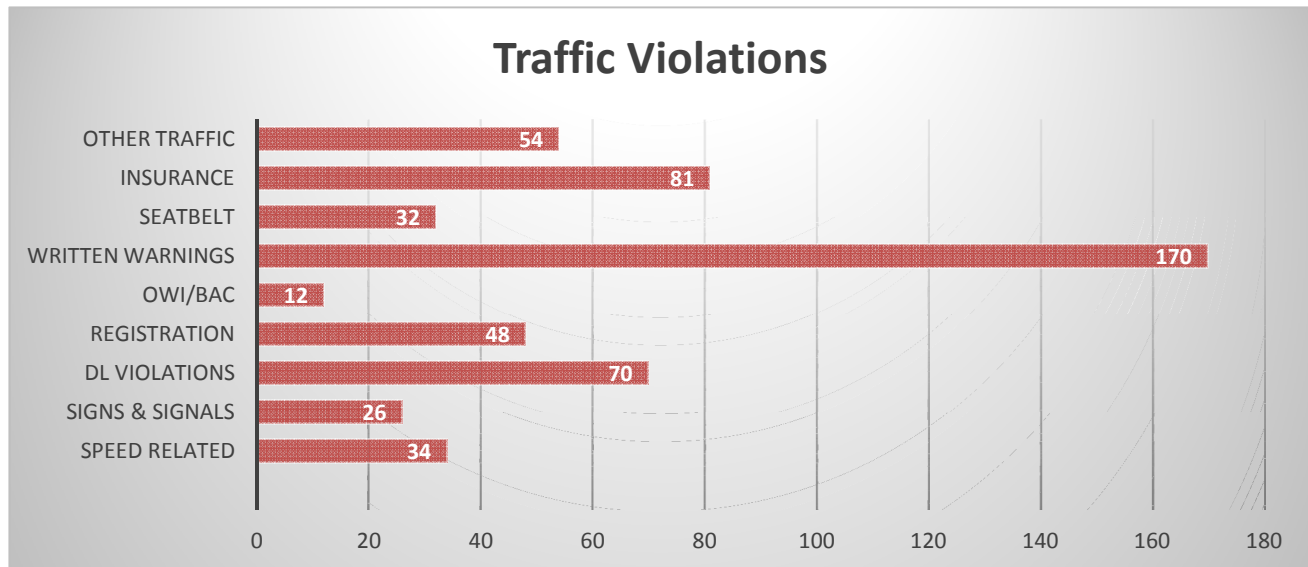
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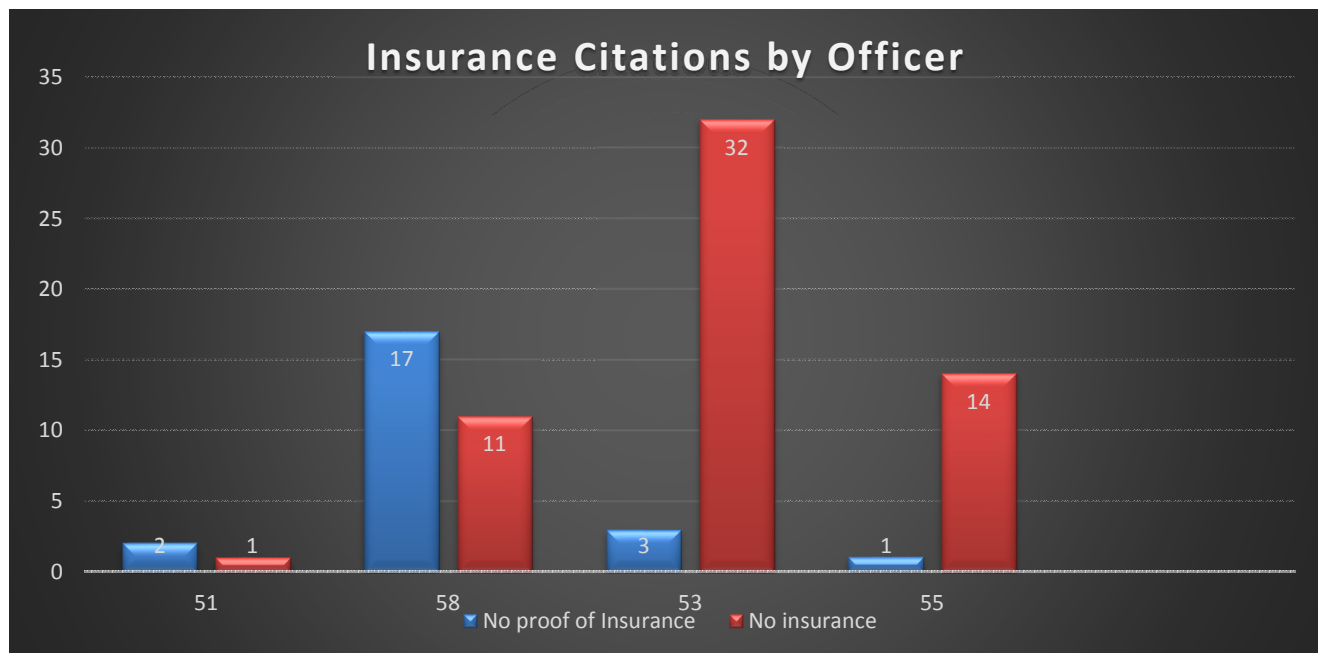
# Sparta Police Department

## Dayshift 2013

Officers most often issued traffic citations for DL violations and for not having insurance or proof of car insurance. DL violations include driving without a license, operating while suspended and operating while revoked.



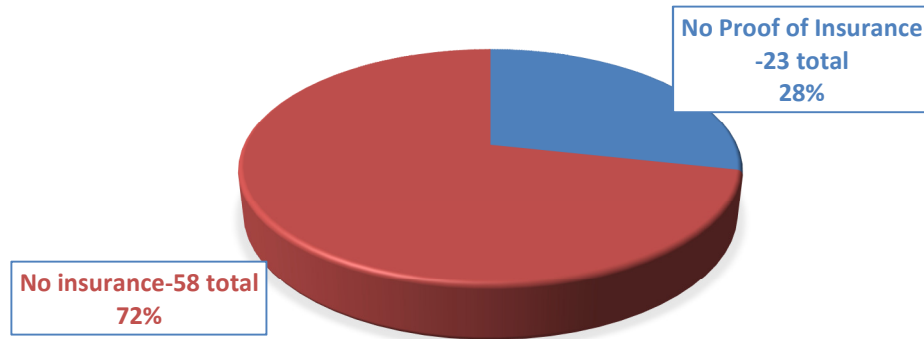
While DL violations have been strictly enforced for years, Wisconsin law did not require car insurance until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Many drivers still do not carry insurance, even though the law has been in effect for more than 3 years. Dayshift officers continue issuing traffic citations for not having insurance or not carrying proof of insurance.





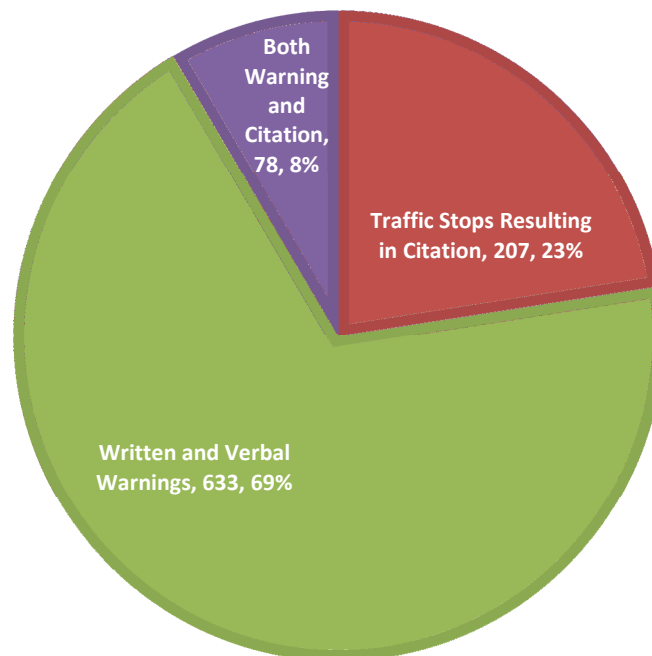
## Sparta Police Department Dayshift 2013

### INSURANCE RELATED CITATIONS



Traffic stops can result in a verbal warning, a written warning, a citation, or a combination of the three. A common misconception is that officers mainly issue citations on traffic stops. Figures indicate far more warnings are issued.

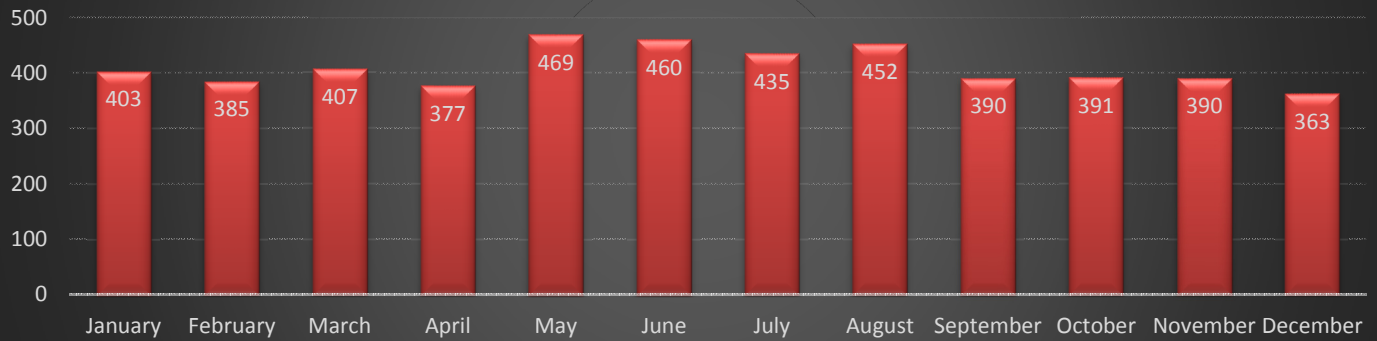
### 2013 DAYSHIFT TRAFFIC STOPS



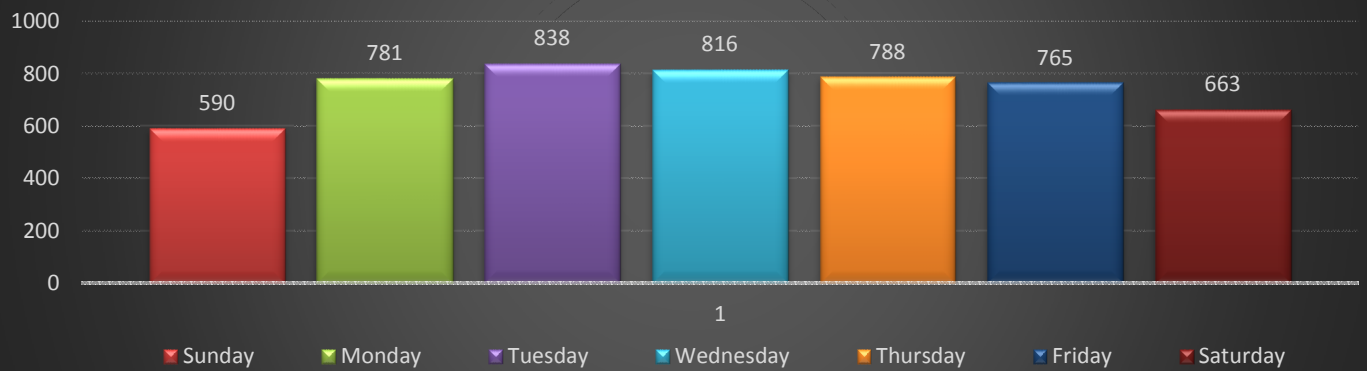
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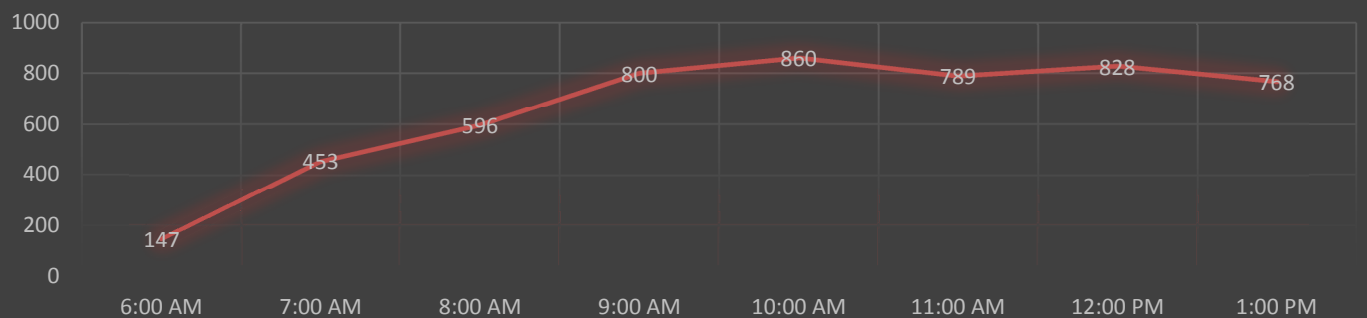
### Dayshift Calls for Service by Month



### Dayshift Calls by Day of Week



### Calls for Service by Time of Day



# **Sparta Police Department**

## **Dayshift 2013**

### **Dayshift Cases of Interest**

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:27 am female called 911 reporting ex-boyfriend, who had bond conditions indicating a no-contact, was back at her residence trying to get in. Male suspect was arrested on charges of bail jumping and stalking after officers located him near the residence.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm Police and EMS personnel responded to a report of a subject that was struck by a train near the intersection of Milwaukee and Walrath Streets. An 18 year old male died from his injuries, and the investigation revealed the victim was walking by himself when he stepped in front of the train.

On April 27, 2013 Officers responded to a reported chemical smell on Hill St. Inside the residence officers encountered a strong chemical smell so they backed out of the residence. Fire and HazMat personnel were called to the scene, as was the DCI Meth Lab team. Materials located in the residence indicated the suspect was beginning to produce methamphetamine. The suspect was identified and later arrested in LaCrosse after discharging a handgun near Riverside Park. He was later convicted of the meth related charges. He is currently serving a prison sentence.

Later in the day on April 27 Sparta Officer assisted with a high risk traffic stop in the Amish Cheese house parking lot. A male suspect was involved in a violent domestic in LaCrosse County. It was reported that he was armed with a handgun. The suspect had abandoned his car at the eastbound I-90 rest area and taken a taxi into Sparta. The suspect was taken into custody by SPD and State Troopers. Marijuana and a substantial amount of heroin were discovered on the male suspect.

April 27 dayshift continued to be busy when an officer got into a short foot chase with a female suspect near the intersection of Wolcott and Douglas Streets.

Officers responded to probation/parole on May 14, to transport a subject to jail. The suspect ran from police but was captured a few days later.

Officers responded to a retail theft complaint at Wal-Mart on May 29. A male suspect was later stopped by State Patrol in West Salem. More than \$700.00 in merchandise was recovered and returned to Wal-Mart. The male suspect was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.

While investigating the theft complaint at Wal-Mart, an officer spotted a male suspect that was arrested 5 days earlier after a domestic violence incident. The officer observed the suspect violating the conditions of his bond by having contact with the victim.

## **Sparta Police Department**

### **Dayshift 2013**

On July 23, 2013 a female came into the police station to report a domestic violence incident that occurred a couple days earlier. The female victim claimed her boyfriend yelled at her and spit in her face. When she called 911 he tackled her to the floor to get the phone away from her. The male suspect was arrested and taken to the Monroe County Jail.

On August 1st Sparta Police Officers responded to a complaint of a drug deal that just happened on the 300 block of S. Water St. The suspect vehicle was stopped and a large amount of prescription pills were found in the vehicle. Investigation revealed that that suspects drove to Sparta to illegally purchase prescription narcotics. Besides the two suspects in the car, a Sparta woman was arrested for illegally selling her prescription pills.

On September 11, an officer conducted a traffic stop that led to the arrest of a 53 year old Sparta man on several drug related offenses. During the traffic stop, officers located more than 88 grams of marijuana and several other drug related items.

On September 27, the Sparta Police Department responded to a driving complaint coming in to Sparta on Hwy. 16. The callers reported the subject was driving all over the road, crossing the center line into oncoming traffic and forcing cars off the road. Officers stopped the car as it entered Sparta. The driver was arrested for OMVWI, 3rd offense. The suspect was believed to be under the influence of drugs, not alcohol.

On September 30, Officers responded to a Julie Avenue address for a report of a possible break in at a residence. Officer located the resident's daughter and her boyfriend. The daughter's boyfriend was not supposed to be at the residence, according to the resident. Officers located the suspect's backpack, which contained a pry bar, tin snips, binoculars, and two-way radios. The suspect was arrested on a warrant out of Monroe County. He was also booked in for several other charges, including being in possession of burglarious tools.

In Early October 2013 a series of garage burglaries occurred and a large number of golf clubs and other items were taken. On October 8th the golf clubs were found in the back yard of a residence on E. Franklin St. It is unknown why the golf clubs were left there.

On October 13, Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated individual at Wal-Mart. The male suspect was on probation, and had a no-drink condition through his probation. The suspect resisted arrest and was eventually taken into custody. He was taken to jail for the probation violation and for resisting/obstructing an officer.

# **Sparta Police Department**

## **Dayshift 2013**

On October 19th an officer stopped a car for numerous equipment violations and for speeding. The driver was found to have an active warrant for her arrest. The driver was asked about the odor of marijuana in the car, and she removed the marijuana she was hiding in her bra. She was arrested on the warrant and for possession of marijuana. Jail staff later recovered a smoking device concealed in her bra.

On October 28th, officers responded to a local Veterinary Clinic for a report of a dog that was attacked by other dogs. The dog owner was walking by an Oak Street residence when multiple dogs came out and attacked her dog. The complainant's dog was severely injured in the attack and had to be treated in Madison, WI. The owner of the attacking dogs was cited for having more than two dogs, harboring a viscous animal, and dog running at large.

On October 21st KFC was burglarized and money was taken from the safe.

On November 20th, an armed robbery occurred at Check Advance. A suspect entered the business, displayed a handgun and demanded cash. On November 26th, another robbery occurred at a check advance business in Tomah. Shortly after the Tomah robbery, Lt. Livingston spotted a male suspect driving westbound on I-90. The male subject matched the description of the Sparta and Tomah robberies. The suspect was stopped and arrested. A search of the car revealed a BB pistol resembling a real pistol. The amount of cash stolen in the Tomah robbery was recovered in the vehicle, and other evidence linking the suspect to the Sparta robbery was also found in the vehicle.

On December 10th officers responded to a report of a man passed out behind the wheel near Theater Rd. and Wisconsin St. Officers made contact with the male subject, who was subsequently arrested for OMVWI 1st offense. The blood results indicated the suspect had a .276 blood alcohol level at the time of the arrest.

2013 Dayshift Report

## **2013 Second Shift Report**

In 2013 the following Officers were assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift (2:00pm-10:30pm) patrol:

**“Coming together is a beginning.**

**Staying together is progress.**

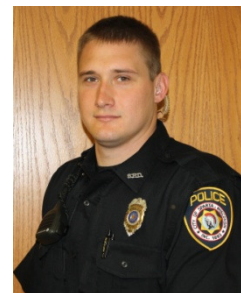
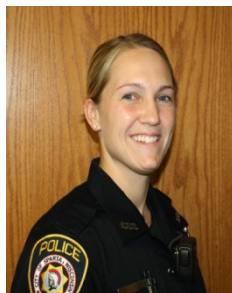
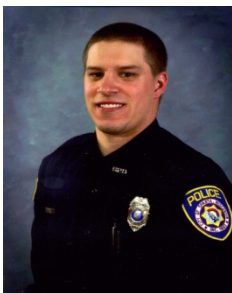
**Working together is success.”**

**-Henry Ford-**

### **Sgt. Joel Ames**

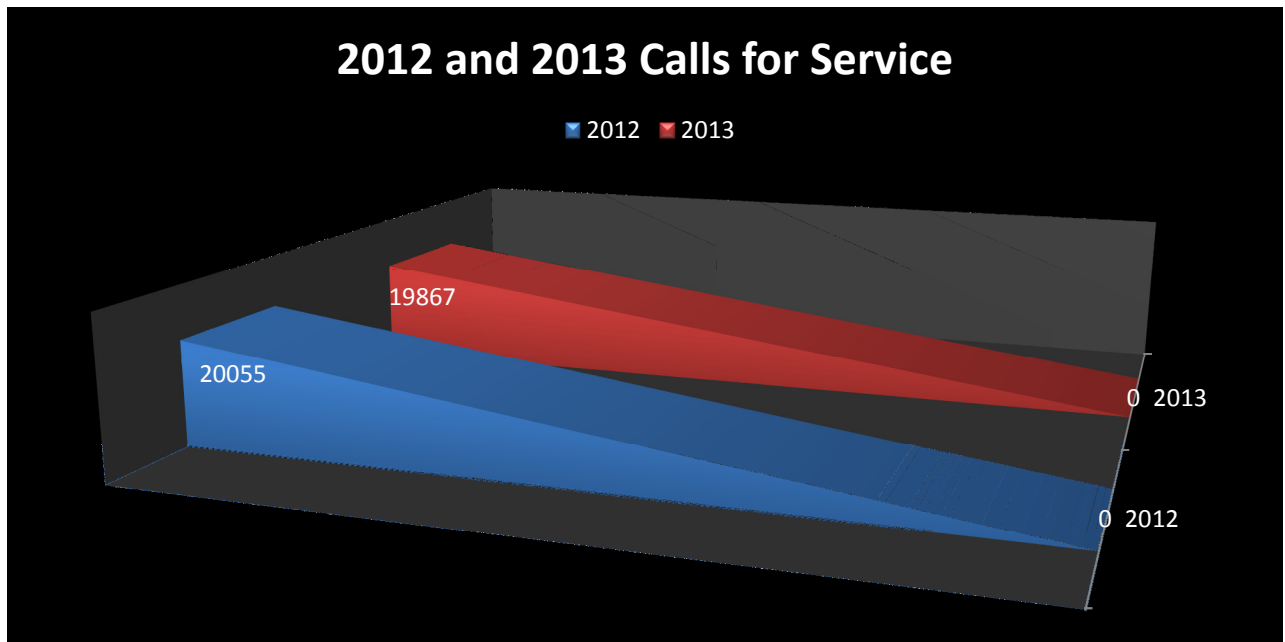


### **Officer Kyle Erickson--Officer Jenna Branigan--Officer Corey Johnson**

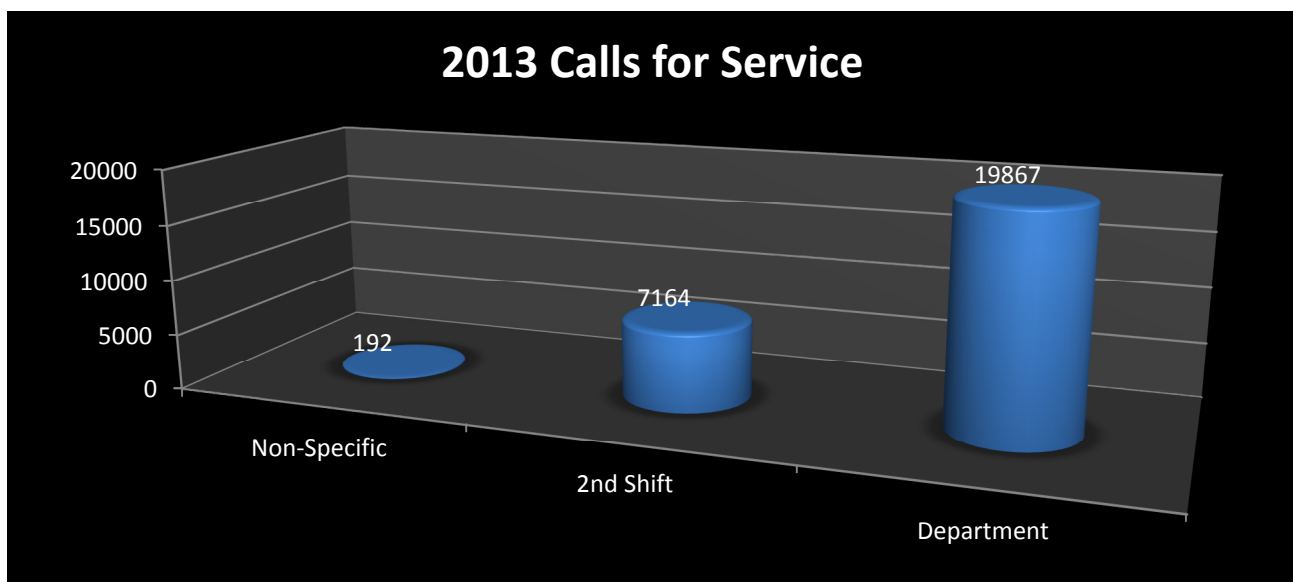


In 2013 the Sparta Police Department responded to 19867 Calls for Service. This number was slightly (.99%) less than the previous year's totals of 20055 calls for service.

## Sparta Police Department 2013 Second Shift Report



In 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Officers responded to 7,164 calls for service- 36% of the Department's total calls for service. In 2013 192 Calls were not assigned to a specific Officer.

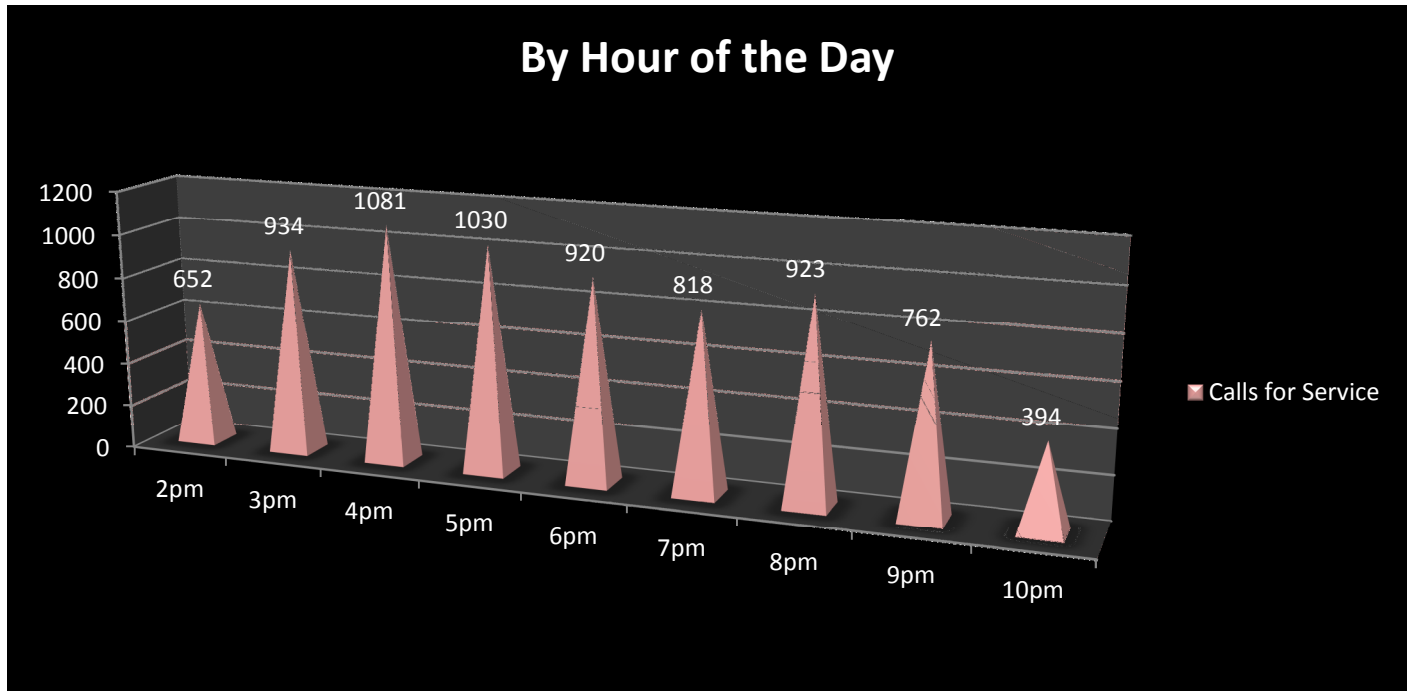




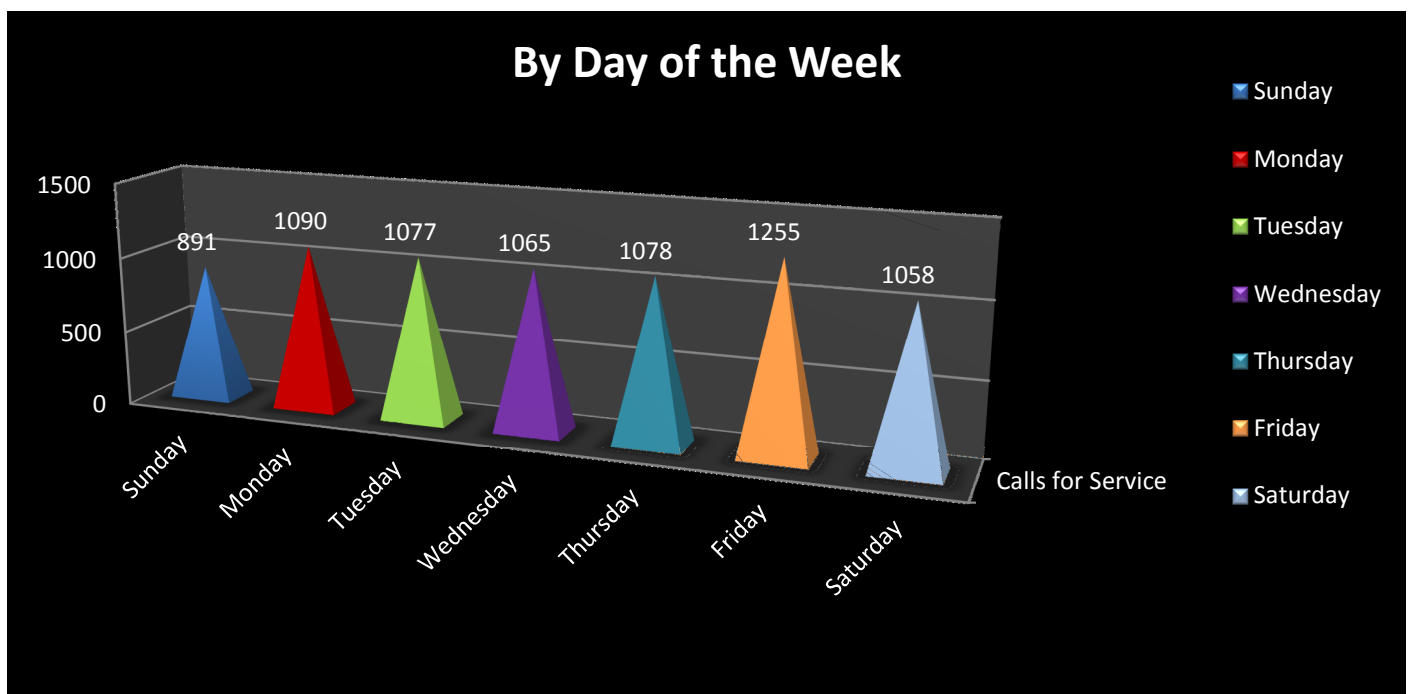
## Sparta Police Department

### 2013 Second Shift Report

In 2013 the highest number of calls for service received during 2<sup>nd</sup> shift per hour was during the 4:00 pm hour.



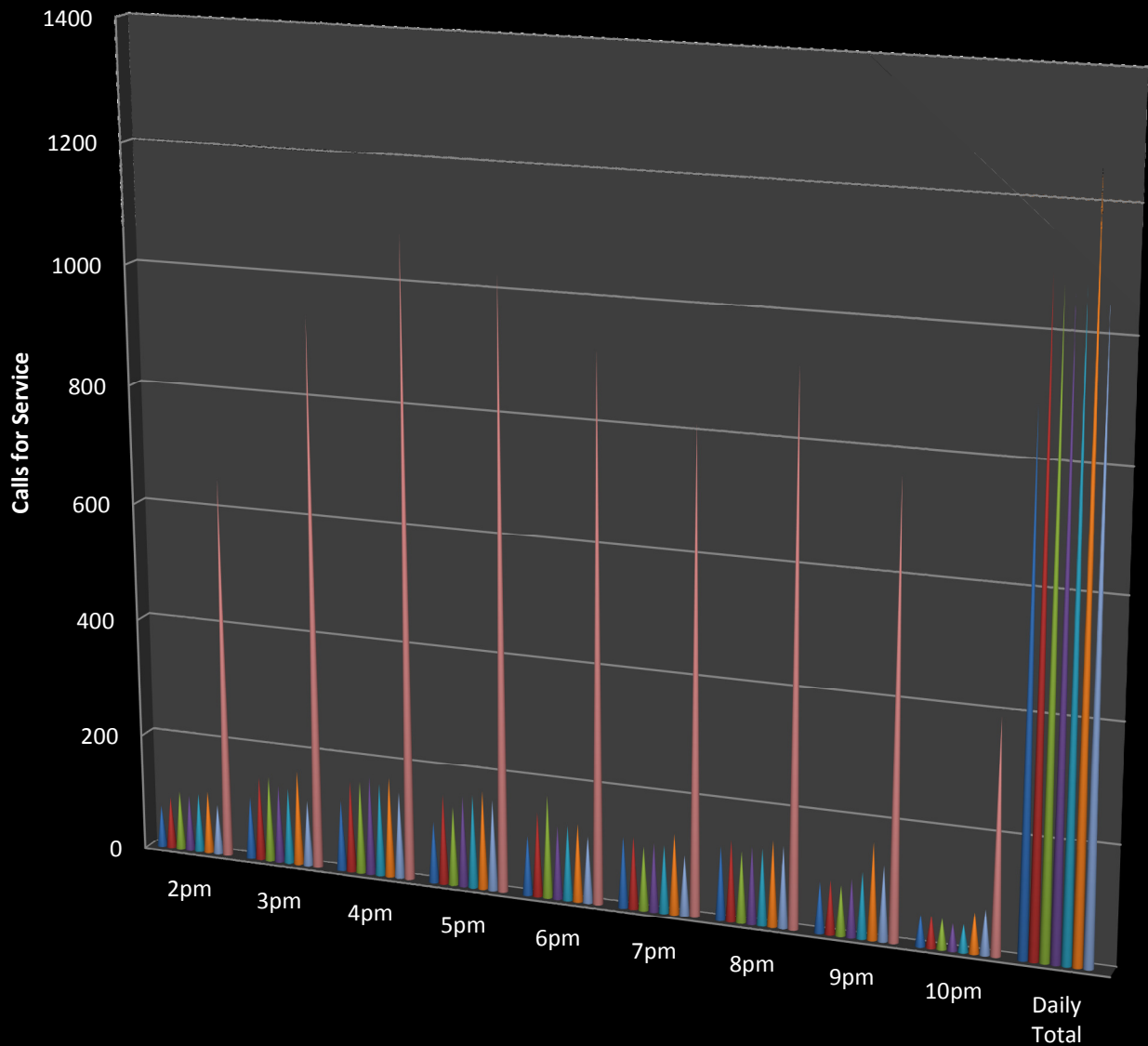
In 2013 the highest number of calls for service received during 2<sup>nd</sup> shift per day was on Friday.



# Sparta Police Department

## 2013 Second Shift Report

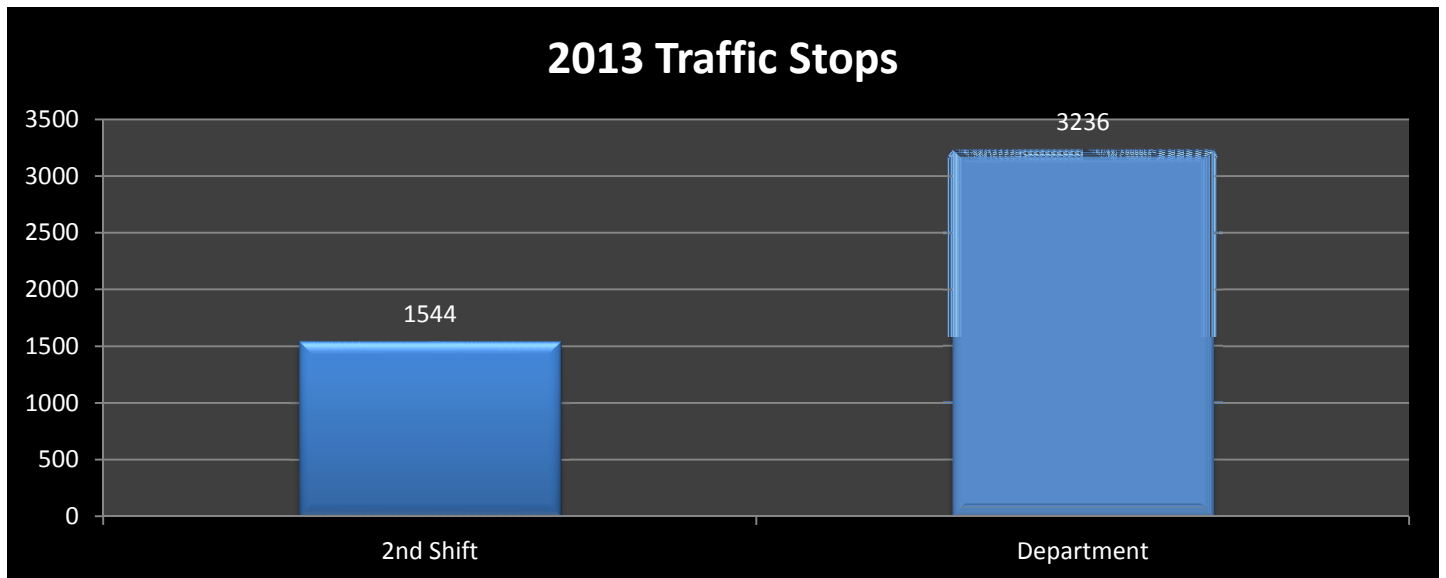
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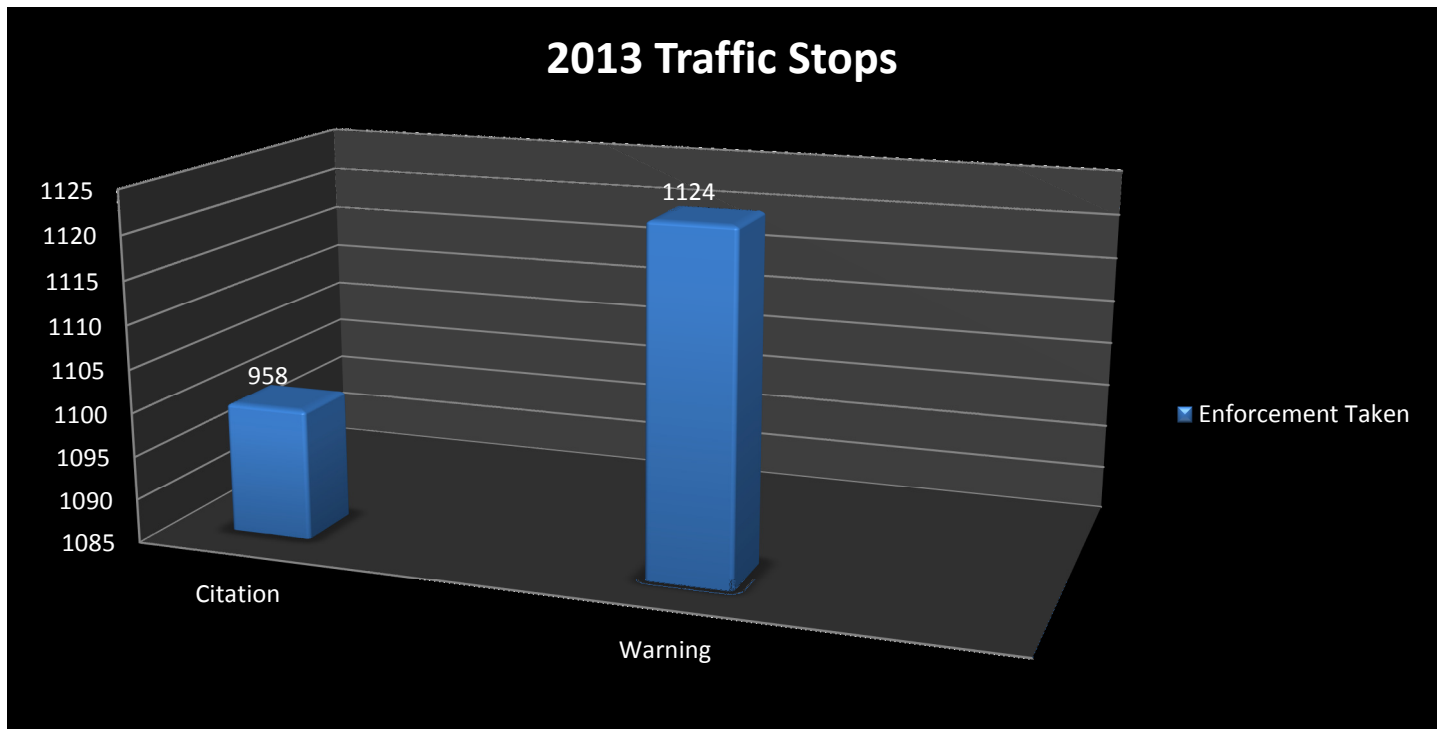
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☐ Tuesday	101	146	158	135	174	107	120	85	51	1077
☐ Wednesday	96	133	168	155	125	115	130	98	45	1065
☐ Thursday	101	130	159	159	128	114	129	112	46	1078
☐ Friday	107	162	171	168	133	137	145	163	69	1255
☐ Saturday	86	113	148	155	114	101	138	127	76	1058
☐ Hourly Total	652	934	1081	1030	920	818	923	762	394	

## Sparta Police Department 2013 Second Shift Report

In 2013 Officers of the Sparta Police Department conducted 3236 traffic stops. Of those traffic stops 1544 (48%) were conducted by Officers assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift.



As a result of the 1544 traffic stops conducted by 2<sup>nd</sup> shift officers, 1144 warnings were issued (either verbal or written), and 958 citations were issued.

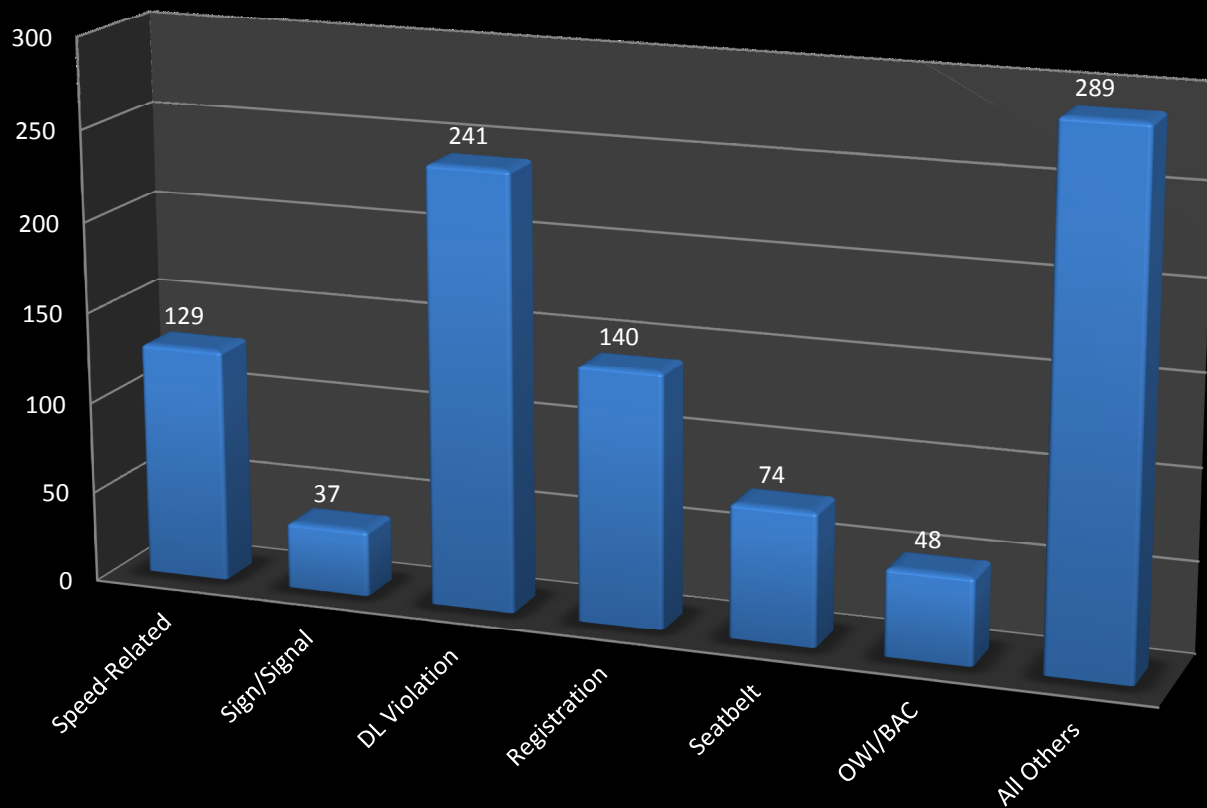


## Sparta Police Department

### 2013 Second Shift Report

Of the 958 citations 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Officers issued during 2013 the majority were for offenses such as not having insurance/proof of insurance, failure to yield right of way, unsafe backing, etc... 241 citations were issued for Driver License violations-140 citations were issued for vehicle registration violations-129 speed related citations were issued-74 seatbelt citations were issued-48 OWI/BAC citations were issued-37 sign/signal violation citations were issued.

**Traffic Citations Issued By Offense**

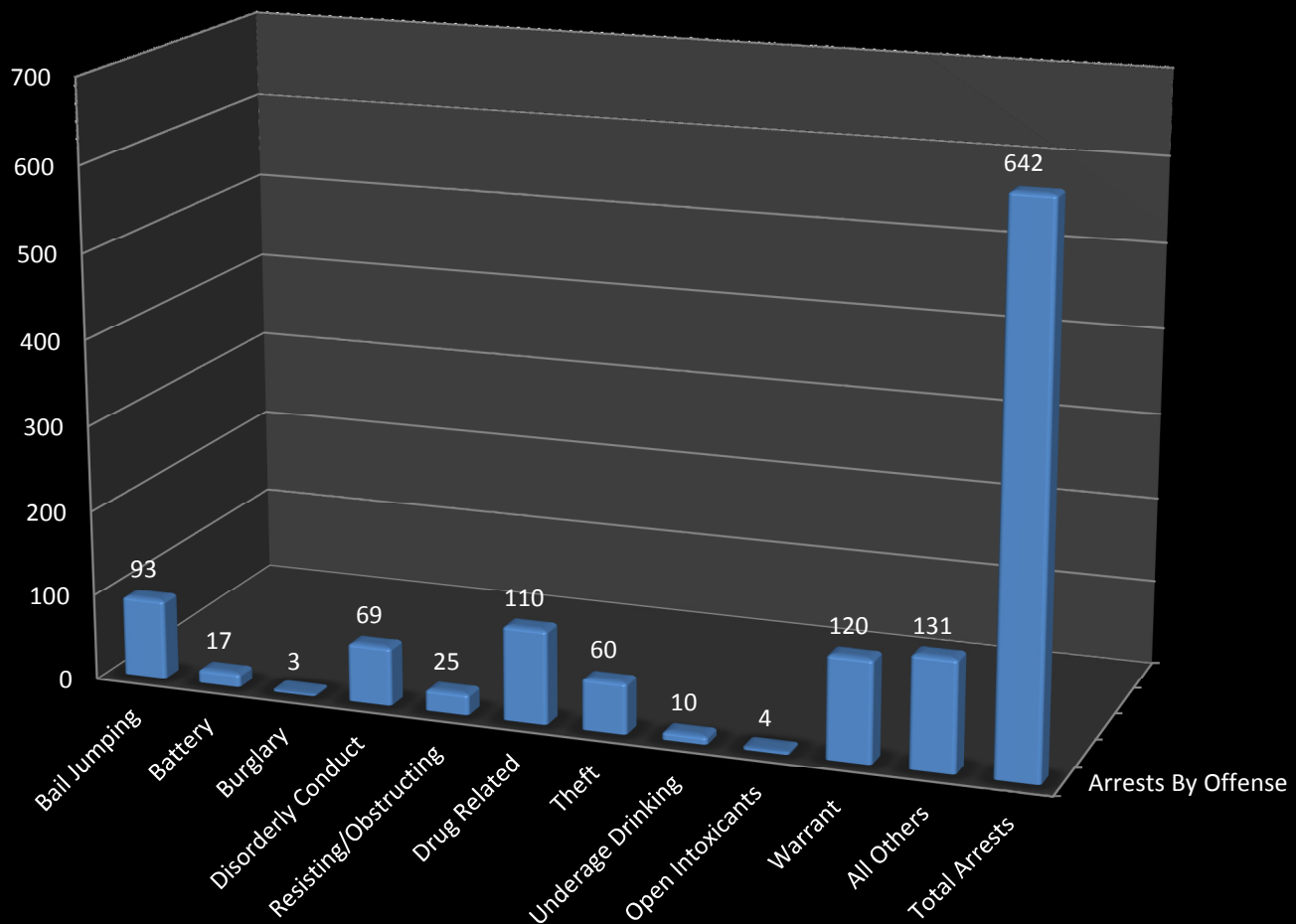


## Sparta Police Department

### 2013 Second Shift Report

2<sup>nd</sup> shift officers made 642 arrests during 2013. These include criminal arrests (custodial and DA referrals) and Municipal citations. The largest number of arrests was for offenses such as child abuse, recklessly endangering safety, felon in possession of a firearm, etc... 120 warrant arrests were made by 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Officers in 2013. 110 of the arrests made during 2013 involved narcotics, these and additional arrests are shown below.

#### Arrests By Offense



**Sparta Police Department**  
**2013 Second Shift Report**  
**Alcohol Compliance Enforcement**

In September of 2013 Officers Branigan and Johnson conducted Alcohol Compliance checks of the businesses that hold a liquor license issued by the City of Sparta. The Alcohol Compliance checks are paid for used grant funding.

The checks are conducted by enlisting the help of adult subjects who have not reached the legal drinking age. The subjects are required to provide a State Issued ID to the bartender if one is requested, and if they are asked their age they must provide their actual age. The subjects do not consume alcohol, even if the business sells to them, and this is verified by the Officers overseeing the checks.

After the check is complete each business is contacted by one of the Officers overseeing the checks, whether serving alcohol to the underage subject or not. If a violation does occur two citations are issued, one to the bartender serving the underage person, and one to the business, using the business owner's name. Two or more violations in one year can lead to the revocation of the liquor license.

During 2013 five businesses provided alcohol to the underage buyers, resulting in the issuance of ten citations. Businesses that were found to be in violation are listed below:

Bobby V's Pool and Pub

El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant

The Greens

Lynda Lou's Bar

Silent Outdoors

## **Sparta Police Department**

### **2013 Second Shift Report**

#### **2013 Notable Incidents**

On April 14, 2013, Sparta Officers responded to a report of a vehicle in Perch Lake. It was determined the vehicle was occupied and Officers entered the water and were able to get a female out of the vehicle and back to land. It was determined the female had driven her car into the lake in an attempt to end her life.

On May 15, 2013, Sparta Officers took a complaint of a possible intoxicated driver. The vehicle was located and the driver was subsequently arrested. The driver had a previous OWI conviction and a seven year old child in the car. Because of this the driver was arrested for Felony OWI. The driver was also on bond conditions that prohibited them from consuming alcohol.

On May 21, 2013, Sparta Officers responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian accident at the intersection of Black River and Montgomery Streets. A juvenile male was crossing Black River Street on the opposite side of the Crossing Guard, when he was struck by a vehicle being driven by another juvenile male. The subject who was struck was transported to Mayo Hospital in Sparta with non-life threatening injuries. The driver was cited for Failure to Yield Right of Way to a Pedestrian.

On June 28, 2013, Sparta Officers responded to a report a subject who had armed himself with a shotgun. The subject was reportedly waiting for Police to arrive and arrest him for active warrants. Officers developed and implemented a Tactical plan and upon approach to the residence encountered the subject who was still holding the shotgun. After a short dialogue the subject retreated into the residence. He returned a short time later unarmed, and was taken into custody without further incident. The shotgun was later determined to have been taken in a recent Burglary near Leon.

On June 30, 2013, Sparta Officers responded to a report of a subject who attacked a vehicle with a knife. The vehicle was being driven by his ex-girlfriend. As a result of the investigation the suspect was arrested. While in the patrol car the subject repeatedly struck his head on the Plexiglas partition injuring himself, to the point of needing five staples to close a wound to his forehead.

On August 11, 2013, Sparta Officers were responding to a report of a disturbance where a child who was riding his bicycle was intentionally struck by a vehicle. While responding Officers were advised the suspect vehicle in the disturbance was also the suspect vehicle in a theft that had just occurred. A male was subsequently arrested for Hit and Run causing injury, Reckless Driving causing bodily harm, and Theft. The stolen property was returned to the victim of the theft.



# **Sparta Police Department**

## **2013 Second Shift Report**

### **2013 Notable Incidents**

On August 19, Sparta Officers responded to Walmart for a shoplifting complaint. A female was stopped by Loss Prevention as she attempted to leave the store without paying for approximately \$300.00 worth of merchandise. During the investigation it was determined the female was on bond, and was out after her Court ordered curfew. The suspect was booked into the Jail for multiple charges to include theft, and Bail Jumping.

On August 31, 2013, Sparta Officers took a complaint of a vehicle that was stolen from the Wayside Tavern parking lot. Later in the evening Jackson County stopped the vehicle, however the driver fled at a high rate of speed. The driver led Police in a pursuit that reached speeds of 110 mph. Tire deflating spikes were deployed and the vehicle went into the ditch just north of the City of Sparta. The driver was taken into custody on multiple charges. The passenger was questioned and released. The passenger was subsequently referred to the DA's Office for Operating a Motor Vehicle without Owner's Consent as a passenger.

October 4, 2013, Sparta Officers responded to a disturbance where a male party was threatening family members with a knife. Sgt. Ferguson was the first Officer to arrive and was confronted by the suspect. The suspect advanced at Sgt. Ferguson while still holding two knives, despite being told to drop the weapons. Sgt. Ferguson fired his duty pistol striking the suspect multiple times, the suspect later died from the injuries received during the incident.

November 4, 2013, Sparta Officers responded to a report of a disturbance at Casey's General Store. A male subject was arrested for a physical altercation involving his wife. During the altercation he drove his vehicle into hers trying to run her off of the road, and attempted to take her keys and cell phone, tearing her clothing in the process. He was released the following day and subsequently arrested again after violating conditions of his bond by making threats towards the victim while registering for the Bond Monitoring program.

November 21, 2013, Sparta Officers respond to a report of an intoxicated driver leaving a residence. A male was located and determined to be intoxicated. The subject was found to be in possession of a shotgun that had the barrel cut to less than 18" in length. It was also determined the subject was a convicted felon.

**Sparta Police Department**  
**2013 Second Shift Report**  
**2013 Notable Incidents**

November 29, 2013-Sparta Officers responded to a report of a subject who was bleeding significantly, and was out of control. It was determined that the subject had consumed "Bath Salts" and was disconnected from reality. The subject broke a window and cut himself causing him to bleed profusely. The subject subsequently had to be medically sedated to be intubated. The subject was transferred to a La Crosse Hospital via helicopter for treatment.

On December 22, 2013, an Officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for lane deviation. The driver claimed to be texting while driving. The subject was required to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated. The subject was also issued a citation for texting while driving.

On December 22, 2013, an unidentified male committed an unarmed robbery at the Sparta Family Dollar Store. The suspect, described as a white male wearing a camo coat and ski mask, fled the area on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.

On December 27, 2013, an unidentified male approached a female subject selling charity items door-to-door. The suspect was described as a white male wearing dark clothing and a black ski mask, engaged the female in questioning, and subsequently took an undetermined amount of cash from her. The suspect fled on foot. The suspect remains unidentified.

On December 27, 2013, a male entered the Casey's General Store of Sparta wearing a ski mask, and demanded money. The suspect fled the store on foot with an undetermined amount of cash. Jeremy Hodgkins has been arrested for this and the Family Dollar Robbery.



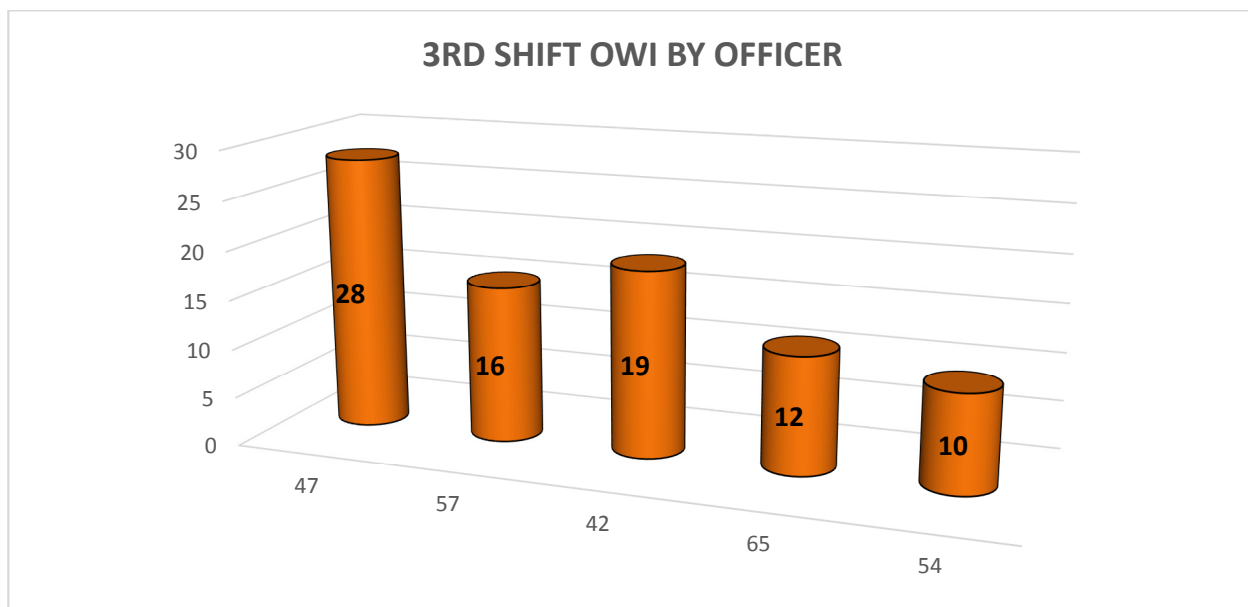
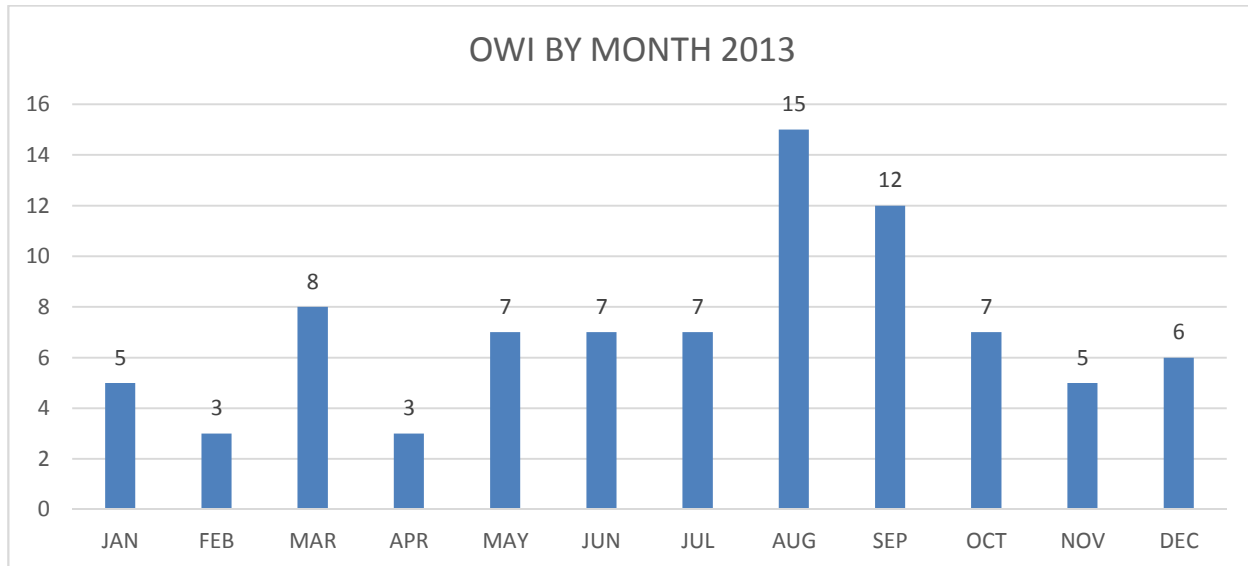
# SPARTA PD NIGHT SHIFT 2013

**Sgt. Booker Ferguson**

Officer Marc Nelson, Officer Christopher Itnyre, Officer Kyle Guralski Officer Beth Ambrosius,

## 2013 Alcohol Related Enforcement

In 2013 night shift officers arrested 85 subjects for OWI offenses, up 10% from 77 arrests in 2012. The OWI arrests were broken down by violation and month. 53 subjects were arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> offense, 15 for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, and 9 for 3rd offense, 4 arrested for 4th offense and 4 arrests for 5th /6th offense. August saw the most OWI arrests with 15, while February and April tied for the least with 3 arrests in those months. In total 143 OWI related citations were issued during 2013.



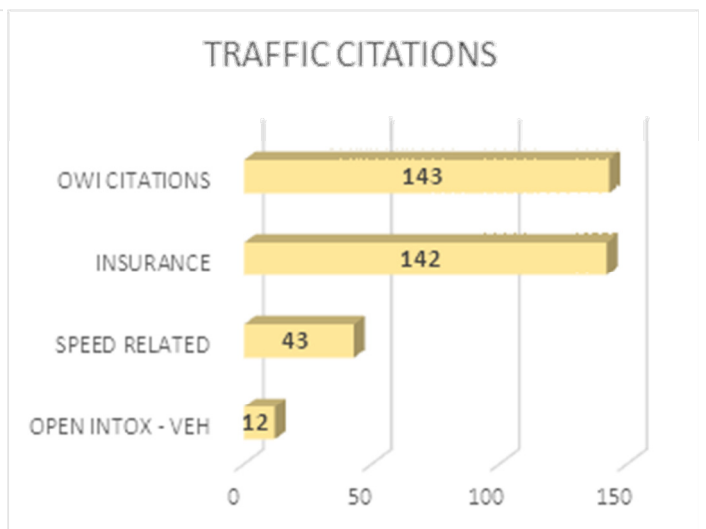
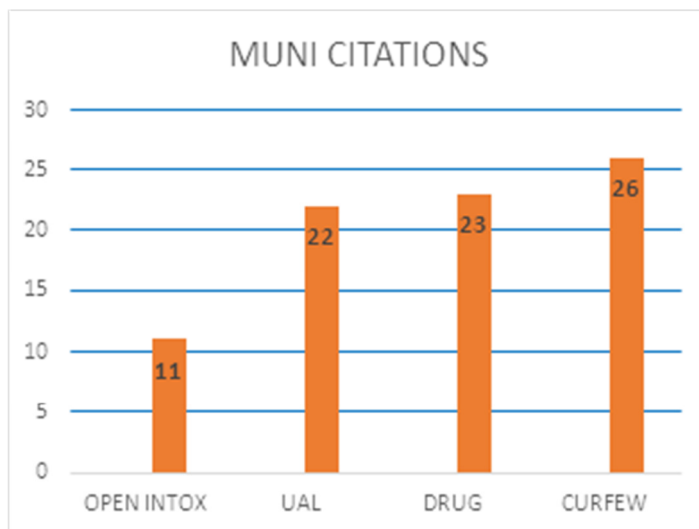
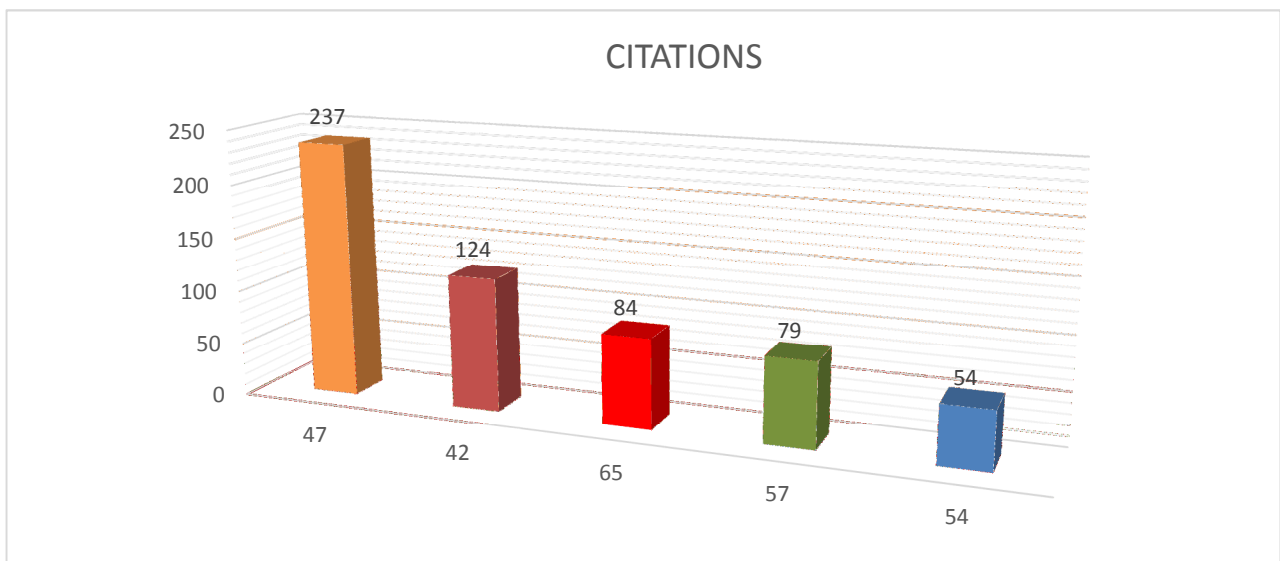
## SPARTA PD NIGHT SHIFT 2013

### 2013 Enforcement Highlights

In 2013 night shift officer had a combined 468 arrests and issued 578 citations. The citations amounted to \$129,349.18 in fines being handed out by officers in 2013. OWI and Insurance violations accounted for 60% of all traffic citations issued by night shift. In addition officers issued 1,094 traffic warnings.

The most issued municipal citations issued were Curfew, Drug and Underage Alcohol. 11 subjects were cited for having open intoxicants in the downtown area.

Night officers issued 1,315 parking citations with a fine total of \$19,725.00

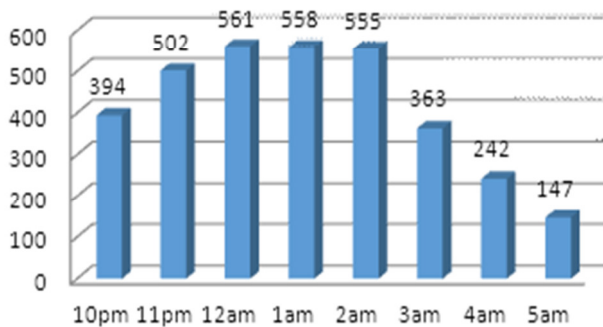


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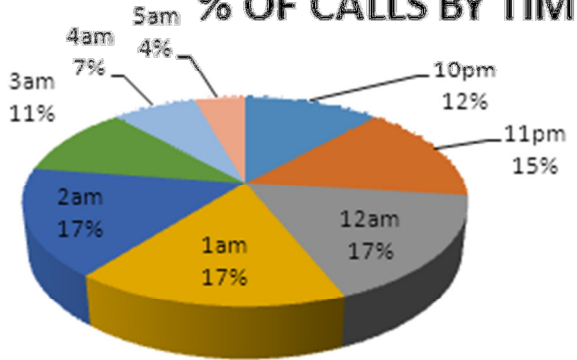
### 2013 Service Calls

Night shift officers took 3,322 calls for service in 2013, 18% decrease from the 4078 calls in 2012. The busiest hours of the shift were between 12:00am and 3:00am. Most service calls answered by night shift occurred on Saturday and Sunday morning, which average a 40% increase over the other days. Shifts on Monday saw the least amount of service calls. Night shift averaged 9 services calls per shift in 2013.

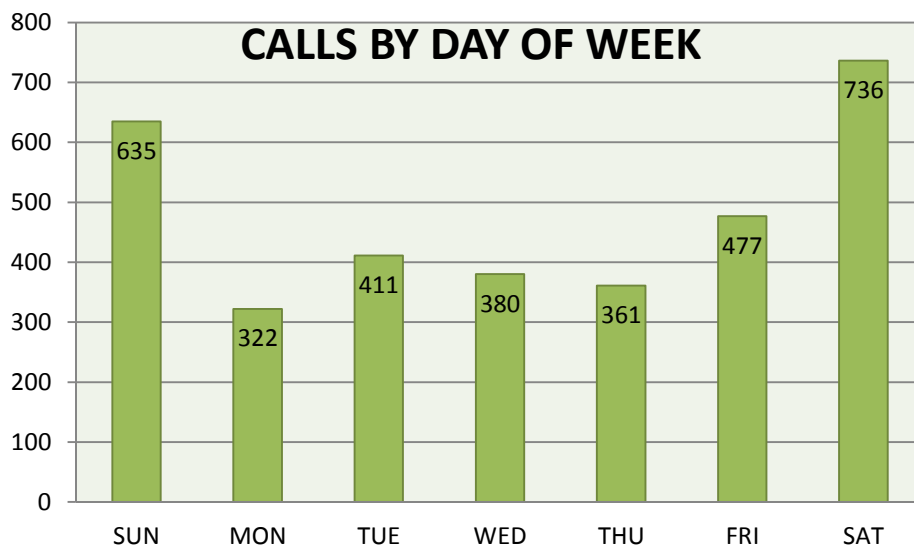
#### CALLS BY TIME OF DAY



#### % OF CALLS BY TIME



#### CALLS BY DAY OF WEEK



# SPARTA PD NIGHT SHIFT 2013

## 2013 Incident Highlights

### **MAY:**

Officers responded to a violent domestic, female victim was located outside the residence naked. The suspect made statements about shooting the victim and was believed be in the apartment with victim's 3 year old son. Officers from the Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin State Patrol assisted SPD and officer cleared the residence. The suspect and victim's child were not located and of Officers began a kidnapping investigation. DCI was called to assist in tracking the suspect's cellphone signal. Prior to the arrival of DCI the child was located uninjured near the incident location and had been released by the suspect. Shortly after, the suspect was taken into custody without incident. The suspect later committed suicide while being held in jail.

### **JUNE:**

An Officer noticed an armored Humvee suspiciously parked downtown after bar time. The Humvee was stopped for a traffic violation. The driver was found to be intoxicated and unauthorized to be driving the vehicle in town at the time and off base. The driver was arrested for OWI and Fort McCoy responded to take custody of the Humvee.

### **JULY:**

Officers responded to I-90 for reports of a vehicle driving the wrong way from Bangor. Officers set up at the city limits and located the vehicle travelling at interstate speeds east bound in the west bound lanes of traffic. The driver was arrested for OWI; he stated he was on his way from Wisconsin Dells to Illinois at the time of contact, unaware of his location.

### **OCTOBER:**

Officers responded to a suicidal subject downtown that had a handgun threatening to shoot up the police department. The intoxicated subject was upset about an Officer Involved Shooting that occurred days earlier.

### **NOVEMBER:**

An Officer on patrol attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation and believed the driver was impaired. The vehicle failed to stop leading officers on a pursuit onto county roads north of Sparta. Several minutes into the pursuit the suspect vehicle struck another vehicle head-on. The driver of the other vehicle died on scene. The suspect and passenger in the suspect vehicle were unconscious and airlifted to a hospital. Both the suspect and his passenger survived the incident.

The drivers of both vehicles were intoxicated at the time, after being released from the hospital; the suspect was arrested for vehicular homicide.

### **DECEMBER:**

Officers responded to a reported shooting in the city. Officer arrived and located a 26 year old male subject conscious and walking, however, had severe facial/head trauma. It was determined the subject had shot himself with a 45 caliber handgun in the face exiting on the side of his head. The subject was transported by helicopter to a La Crosse Hospital. The subject is expected to survive the injuries.