



WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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CITY OF WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT – 120 MAPLE STREET WADSWORTH, OHIO 44281

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Wadsworth Police Department Personnel Roster

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Hire</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Chief of Police | Reinke, Randall M. | August 12, 1992 |
| Lieutenant | Wyrick, Robert D. | August 28, 1989 |
| Sergeant | Dorland, David A. | January 10, 1994 |
| Sergeant | Blubaugh, Melissa K. | January 10, 1994 |
| Sergeant | Wilcox, James R. | April 24, 1991 |
| Sergeant | Elchlinger, James S. | August 27, 1999 |
| Sergeant | Ballway, Michael J. | August 17, 1998 |
| Patrol Officer | Spoerke, Peter W. | September 16, 1996 |
| Patrol Officer | Cooper, Joshua A. | August 23, 1999 |
| Detective | Sipos, Katie L. | December 15, 2000 |
| Patrol Officer | Walser, James R. II | January 2, 2001 |
| Patrol Officer | Shannon, Sean P. | November 14, 2001 |
| Detective | Schismenos, Dawn C. | April 29, 2002 |
| Patrol Officer | Blubaugh, Andrew J. | January 9, 2003 |
| Patrol Officer | Ahern, John A. | March 31, 2003 |
| Patrol Officer | Patterson, Michael P. | December 8, 2003 |
| Patrol Officer | Dorner, Wendy M. | July 30, 2001 |
| Detective | Markley, Matthew S. | November 8, 2004 |
| Patrol Officer | Rose, Joe C. | February 21, 2006 |
| Patrol Officer | Innocenti, Adam P. | September 2, 2008 |
| Patrol Officer | Shonk, Daniel R. | August 10, 2009 |
| Patrol Officer | Chafin, Daniel L. | February 1, 2010 |
| Patrol Officer | Studer, Heath E. | April 26, 2010 |
| Patrol Officer | Petit, Seth P. | February 21, 2011 |
| Patrol Officer | Haas, Kyle A. | March 21, 2011 |
| Patrol Officer | Allenby, James | January 2, 2013 |
| Patrol Officer | McCune, Curt S. | January 17, 2013 |
| Patrol Officer | Godwin, Keith | August 11, 2014 |
| Communications Officer | Dodge, Brian K. | May 20, 1998 |
| Communications Officer | Emrick, Wendy R. | May 26, 1999 |
| Communications Officer | Banks, Michael P. | July 5, 1999 |
| Communications Officer | Covil, Nicole L. | May 30, 2003 |
| Communications Officer | Sonntag, Heidi A. | February 14, 2005 |
| Communications Officer | Brown, Kelsey M. | December 4, 2006 |
| Communications Officer | Urdiales, Olivia L. | March 30, 2009 |
| Communications Officer | Neforos, Jenny | September 19, 2011 |
| Police Administrative Assistant | Buzard, Kathryn A. | June 8, 2009 |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer | Neil, Matthew A. | January 12, 1997 |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer | King, David E. | December 31, 2001 |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer | Sobie, Michael A. | November 9, 2010 |
| Auxiliary Patrol Officer | Woolard, Joel F. | March 21, 2013 |

An Overview of The Wadsworth Police Department's Personnel Structure

WPD Current Rank/Structure:

1 Chief of Police, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 20 Patrol Officers, 1Ptl Officer in training, 8 Communications Officers, 3 Auxiliary Officers, 1 Civilian Employee.

| | | % of Whole Department | % of Department |
|--------------------------|----|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Full Time | | | |
| Sworn Full Time Officers | 28 | 70% | 75.7% |
| Communications Officers | 8 | 20% | 21.6% |
| Auxiliary Officers | 3 | 7.5% | NA |
| Civilian Employees | 1 | 2.5% | 2.7% |

| Sworn Full Time Officers | | % of Sworn Officers | |
|---------------------------------|----|----------------------------|--|
| Admin | 2 | 7% | |
| Front-line Supervisors | 5 | 18% | |
| Detectives | 2 | 7% | |
| Patrol | 17 | 61% | |
| Special Assignments (SRO/DTF) | 1 | 3.5% | |
| Field Training | 1 | 3.5% | |

2014 Personnel Changes:

In 2014 Patrol Officer Michael Cindia separated from service on a retirement disability from the Wadsworth Police Department after more than 16 years of service. Auxiliary Officers Mick Sobie and Phil Canfora also resigned from their positions with the Wadsworth Police Department near the end of the 2014 calendar year.



Ptl. Michael Cindia



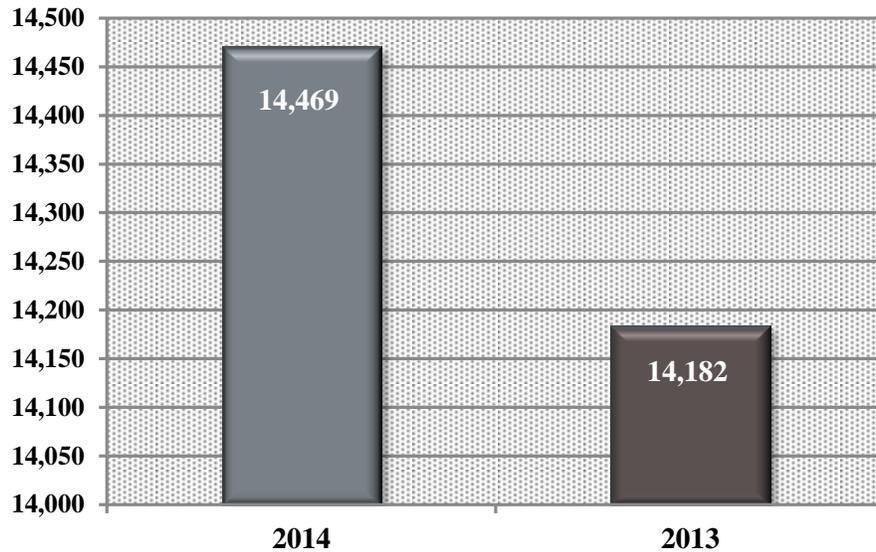
Aux. Mick Sobie



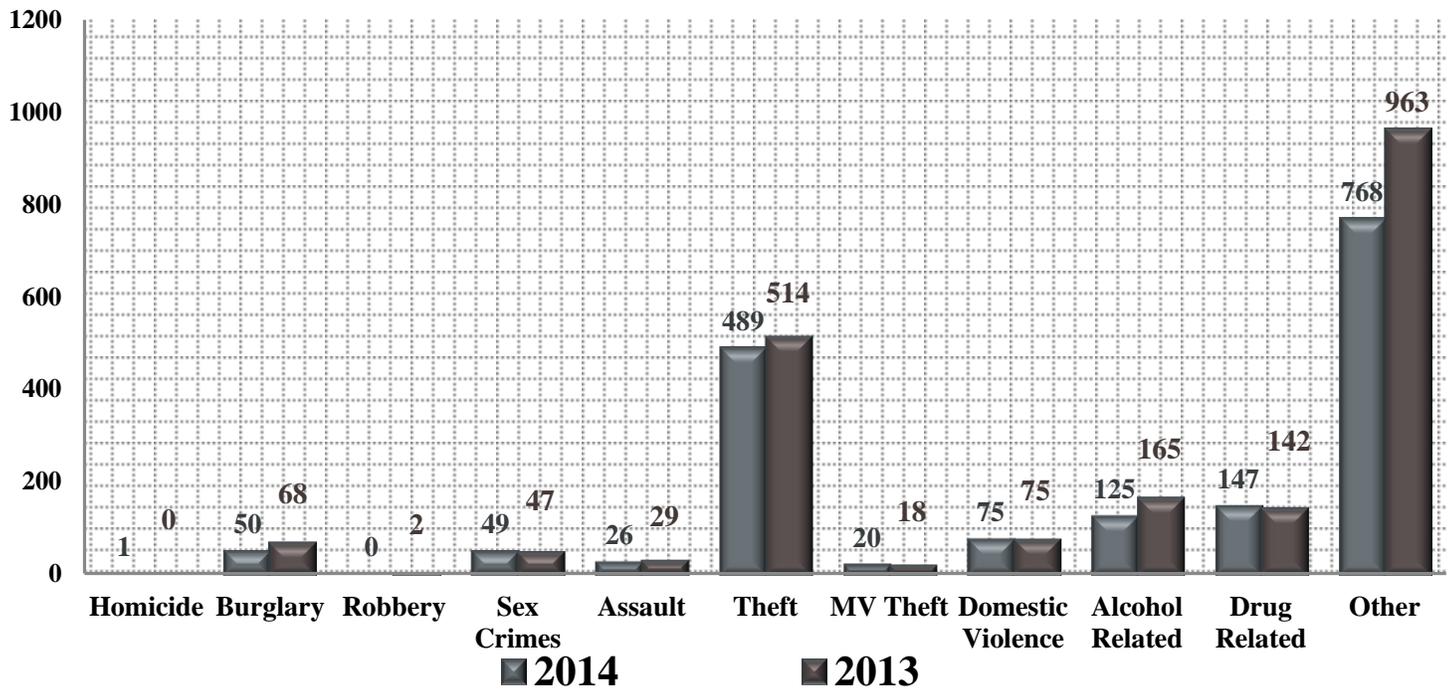
Aux. Phil Canfora

The Wadsworth Police Department welcomed Patrol Officer Keith Godwin who was sworn in on August 11, 2014. He attended the Ohio State Highway Patrol Police Academy and upon completion of the academy, Officer Godwin began his field training program with WPD.

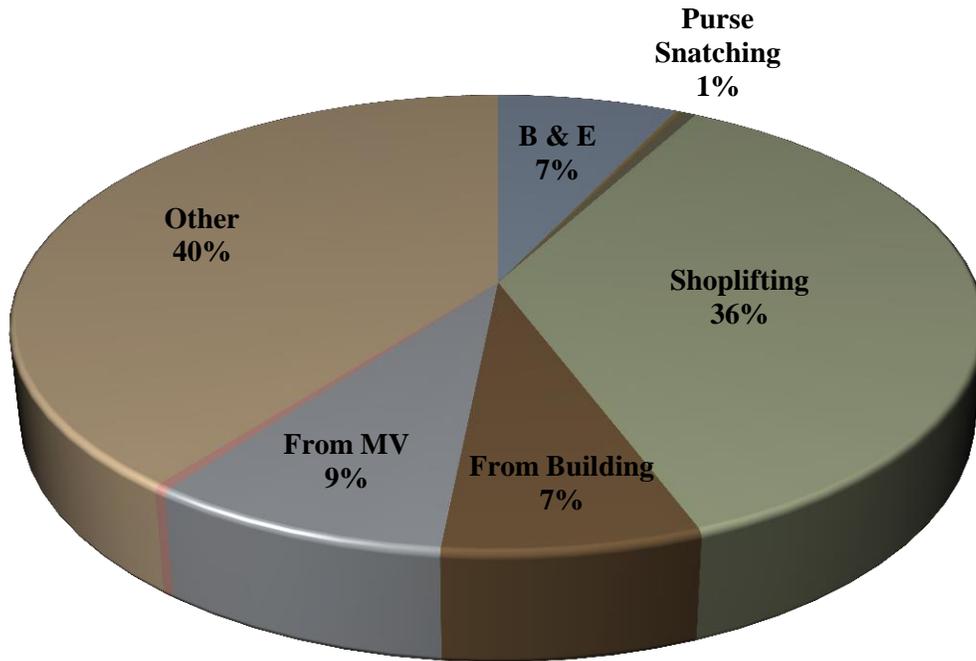
2014 DEPARTMENT STATISTICS Police Calls for Service



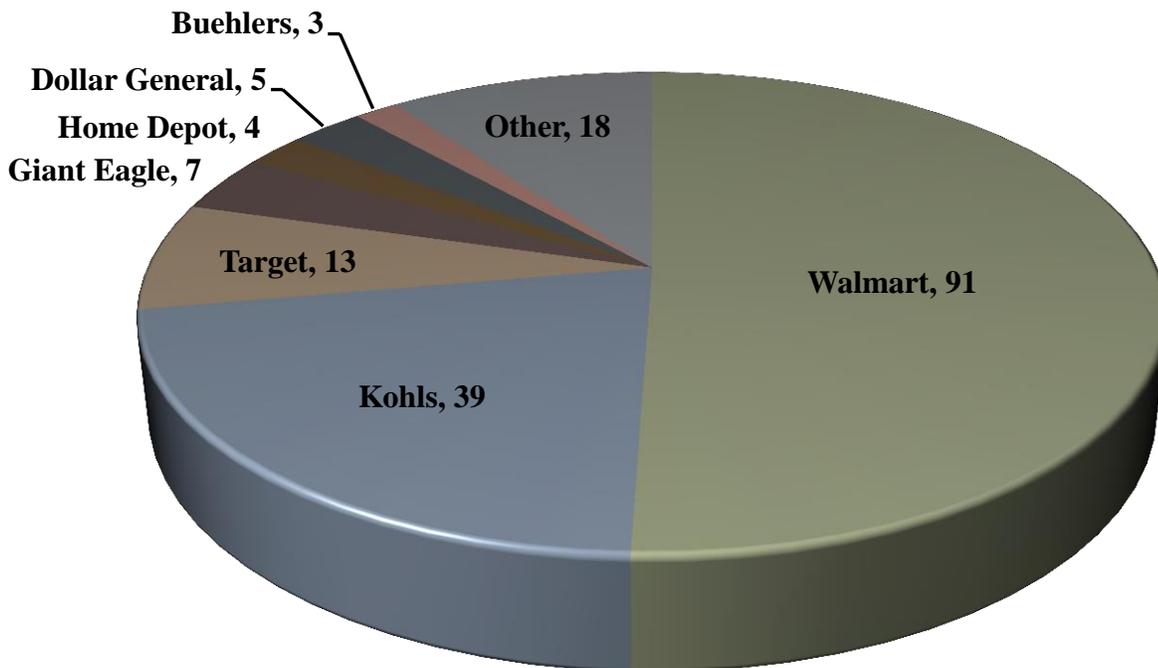
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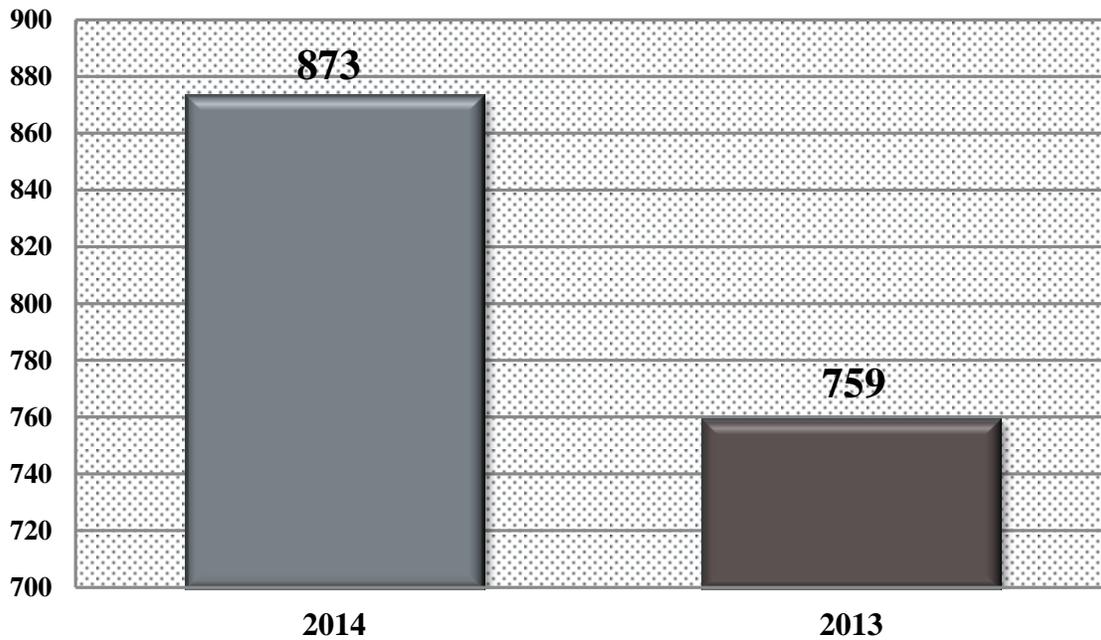
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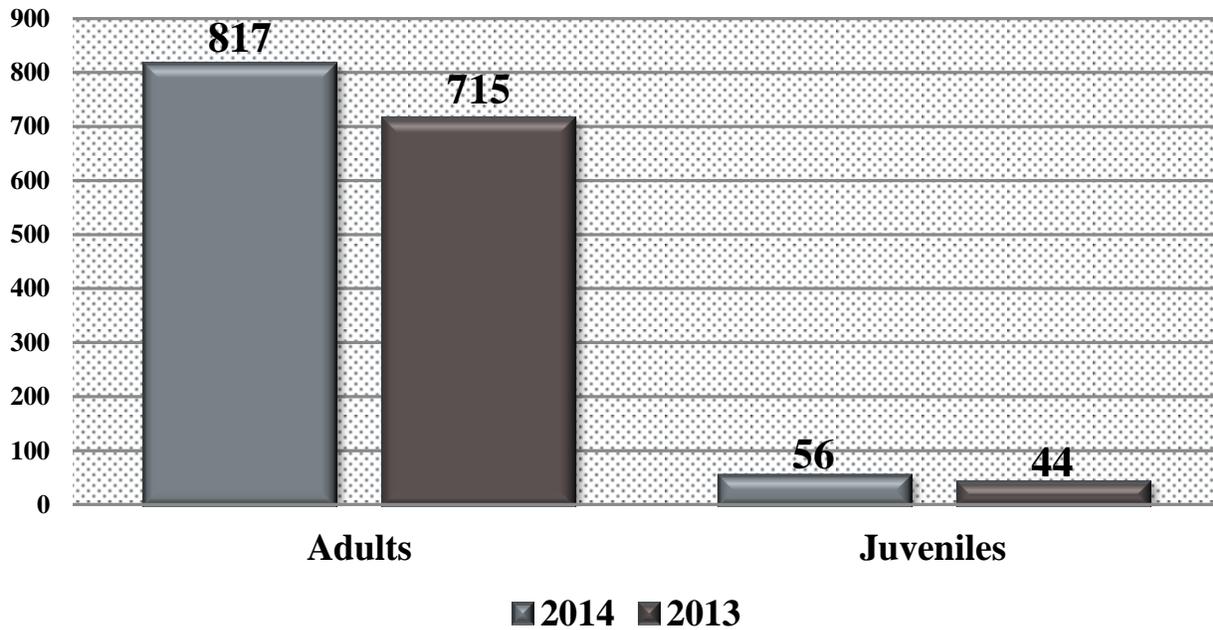
Thefts by Store



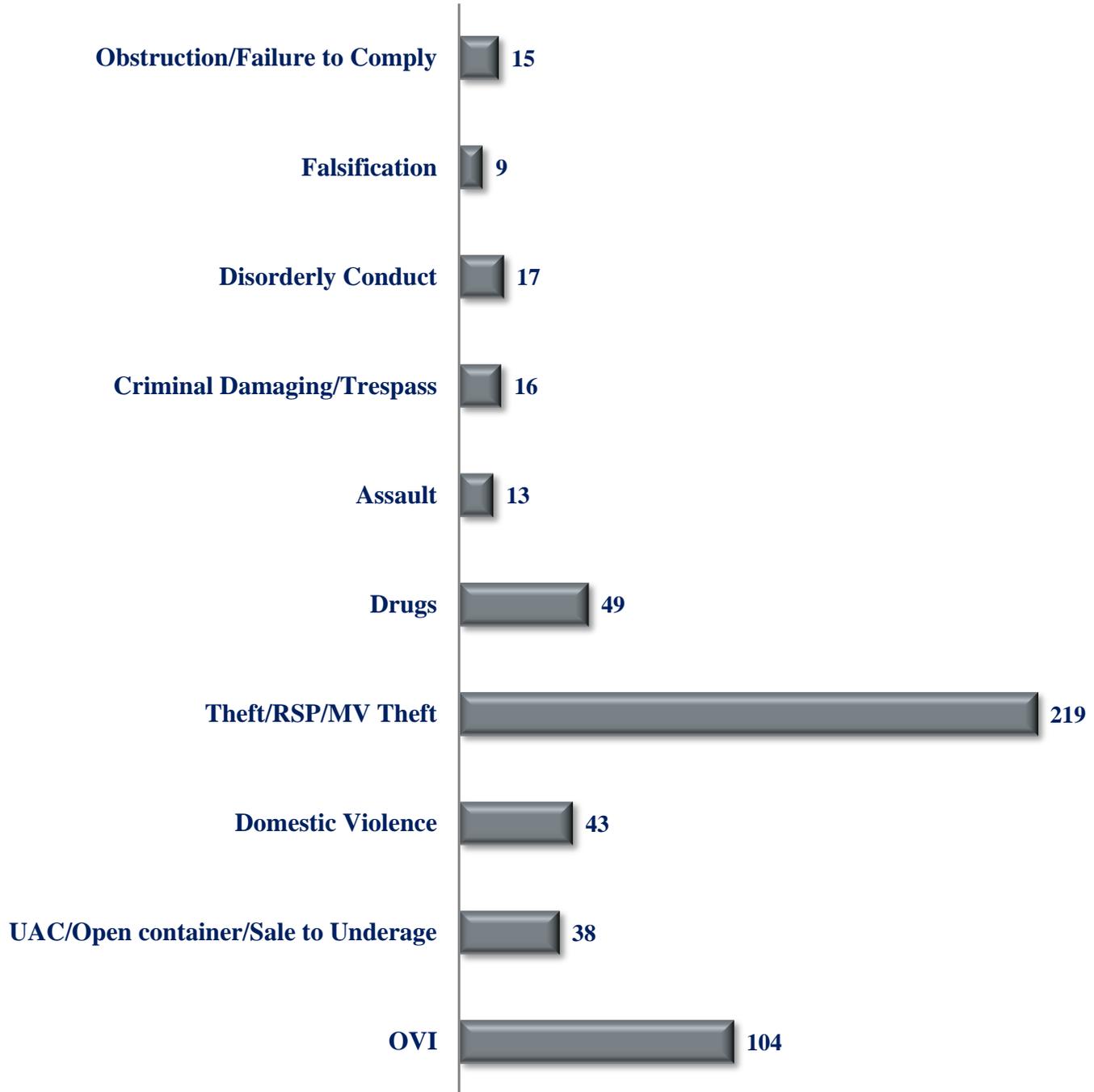
Total Arrests



Adult vs. Juvenile Arrests

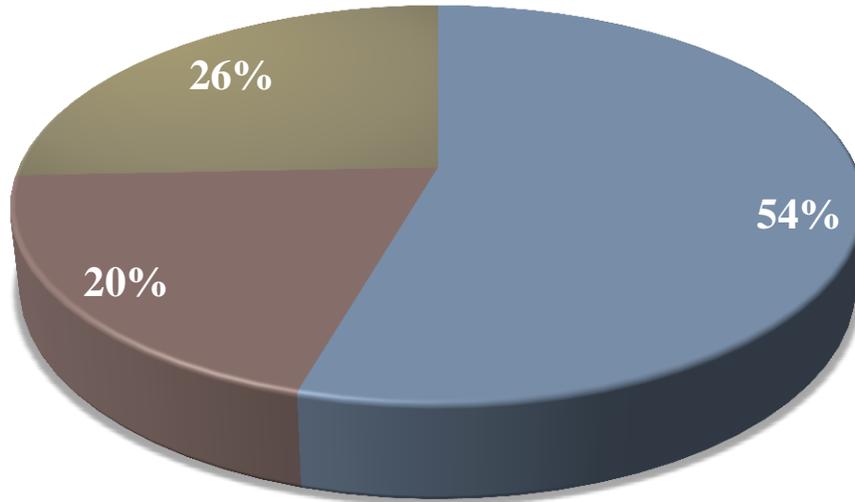


Top Ten Arrest Charges 2014



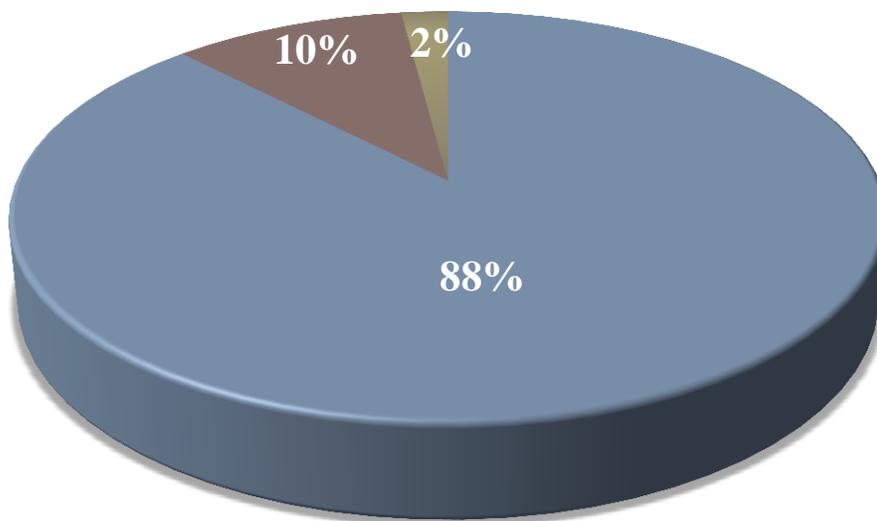
2014 Alcohol/Drug Related Arrests

■ OVI ■ UAC/Open container/Sale to Underage ■ Drugs

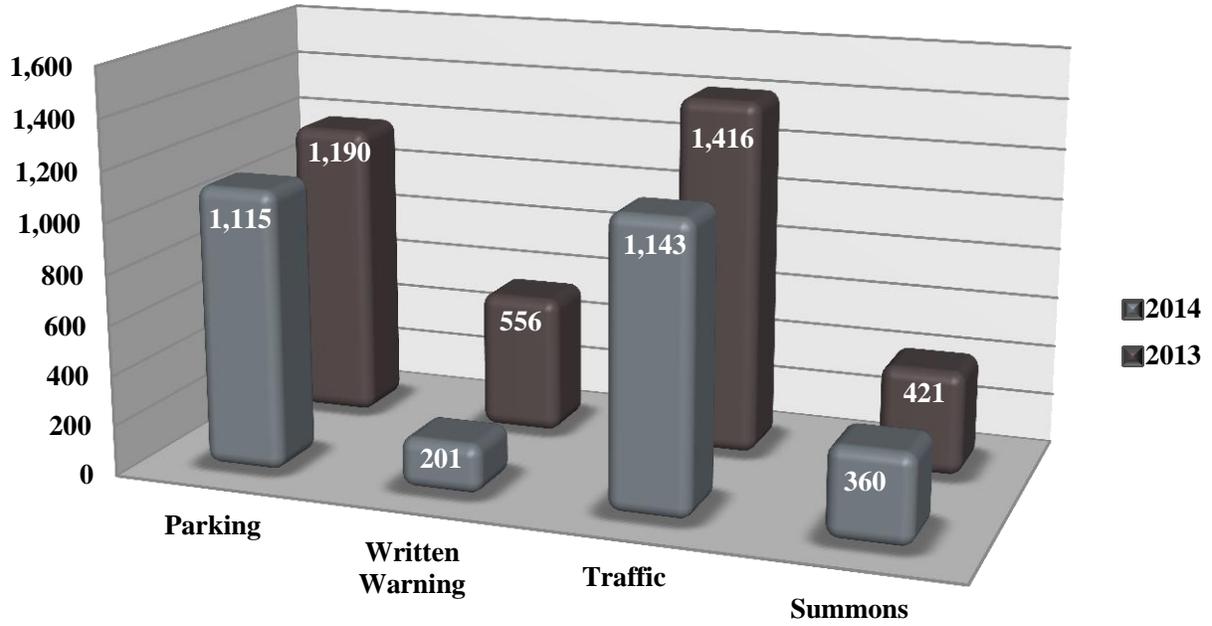


2014 Violent Crimes Arrests

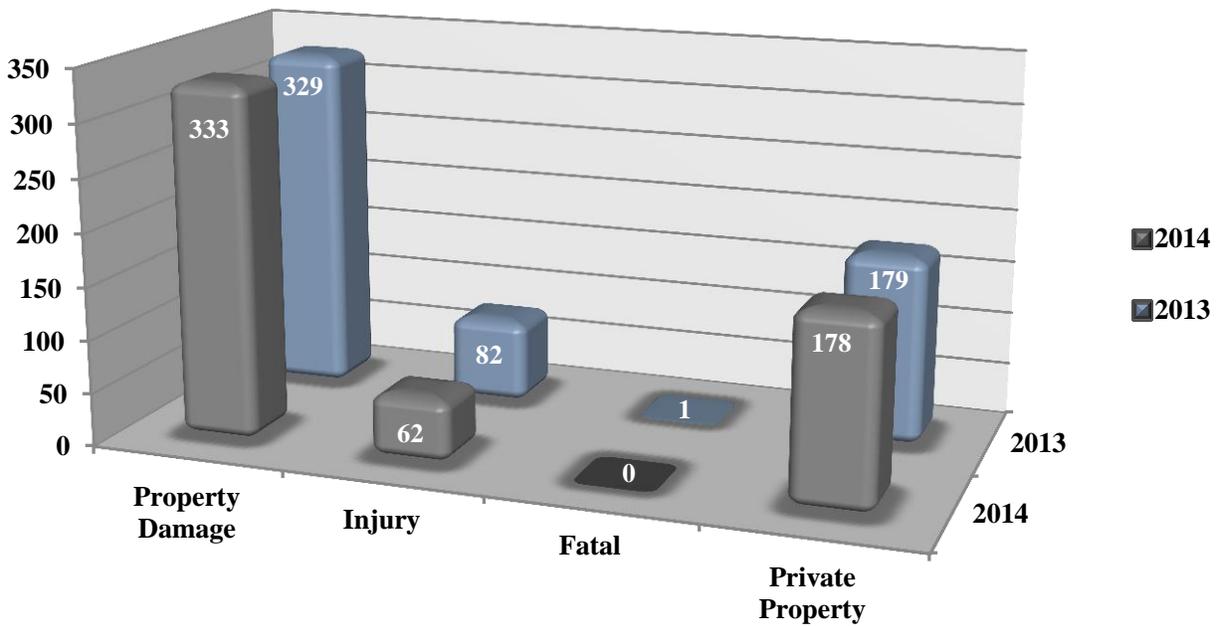
■ Domestic Violence
■ Sex Crimes
■ Assault



2014 vs. 2013, Citations Issued

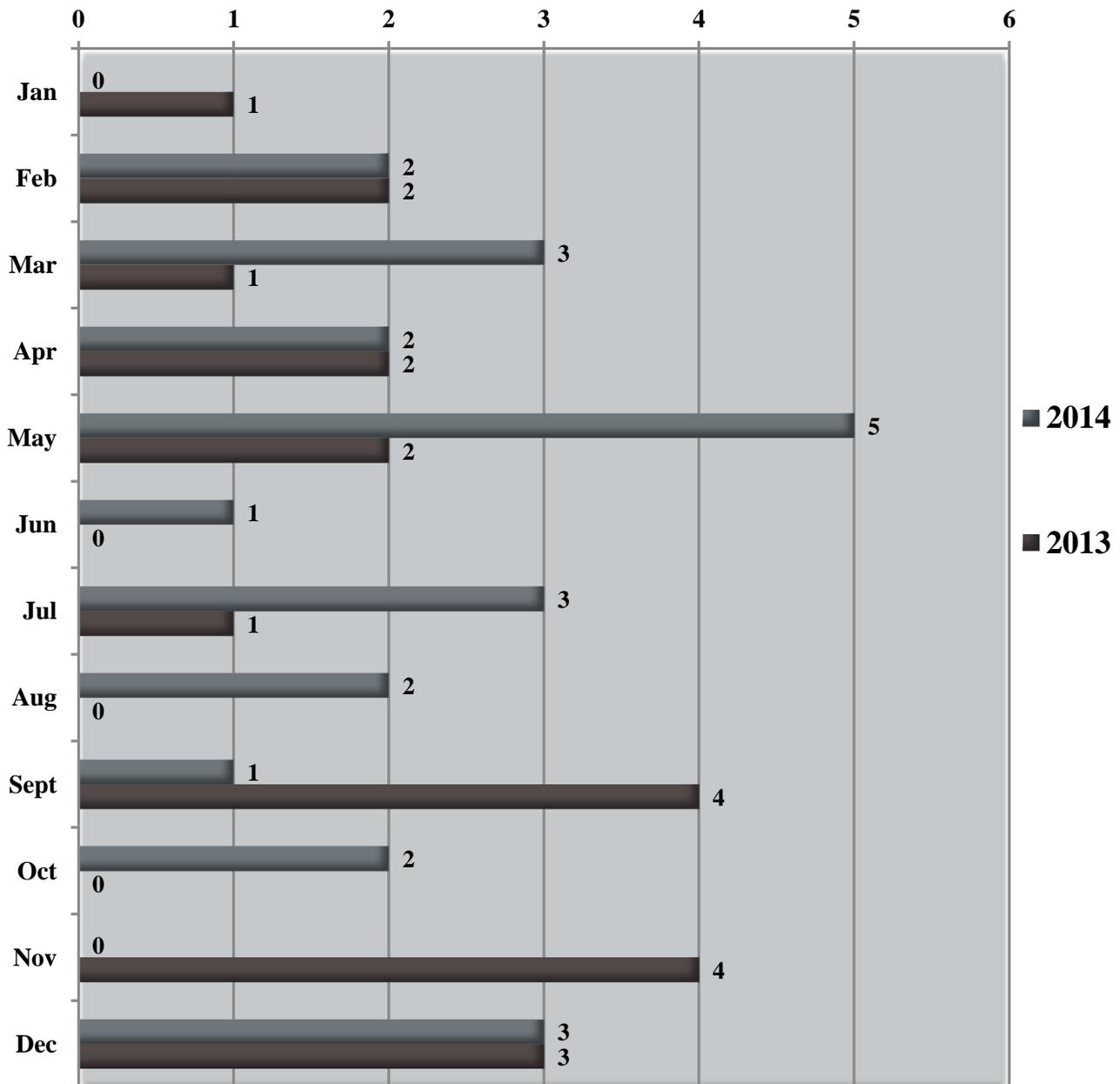


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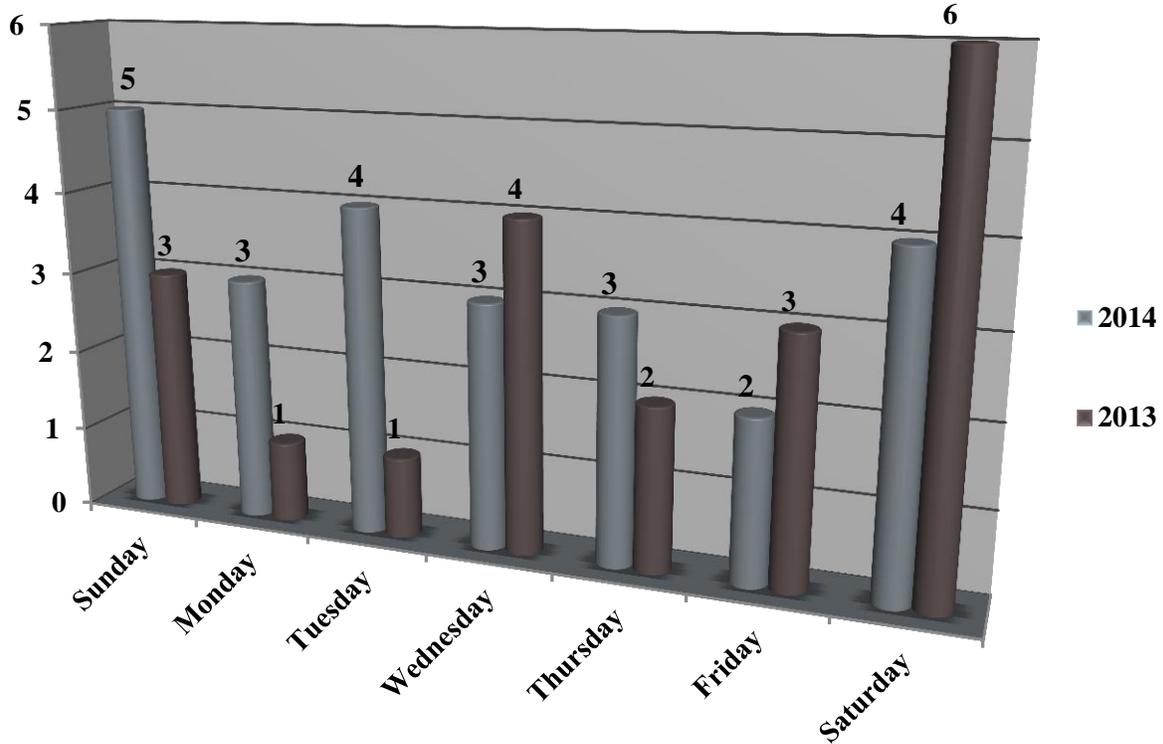


Alcohol Related Crash Statistics 2014 vs. 2013

| <u>2014</u> | | <u>2013</u> | |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Injury | 7 | Injury | 7 |
| No Injury | 17 | No Injury | 13 |
| Total | 24 | Total | 20 |



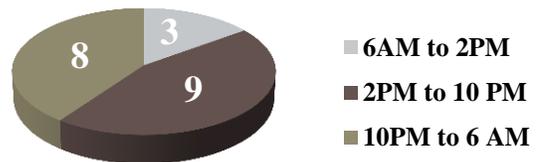
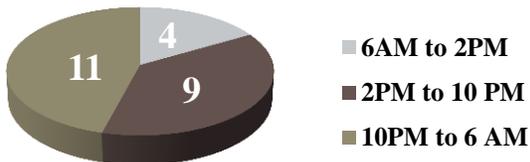
Alcohol Related Crashes by Day 2014 vs. 2013



Alcohol Related Crashes by Shift

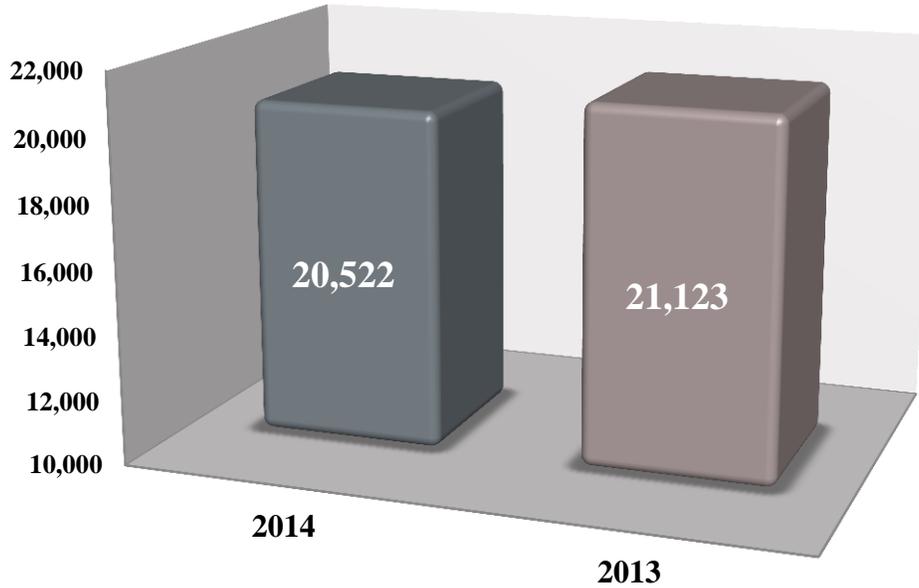
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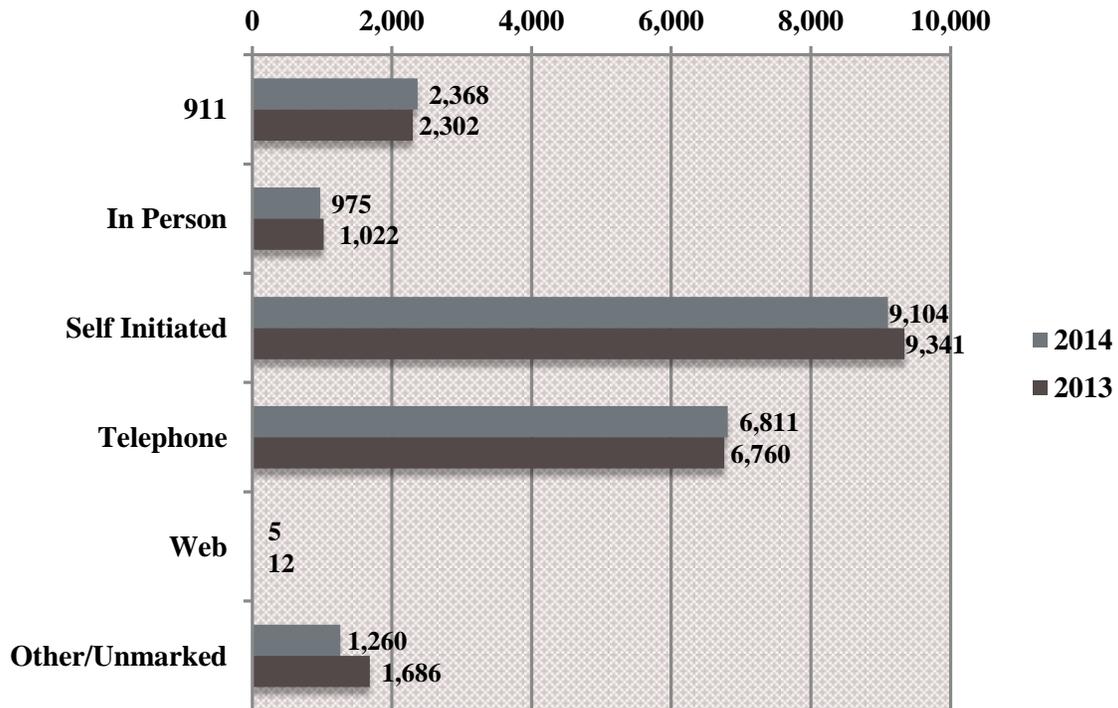


Dispatch Statistics

Total Calls Received by Dispatch

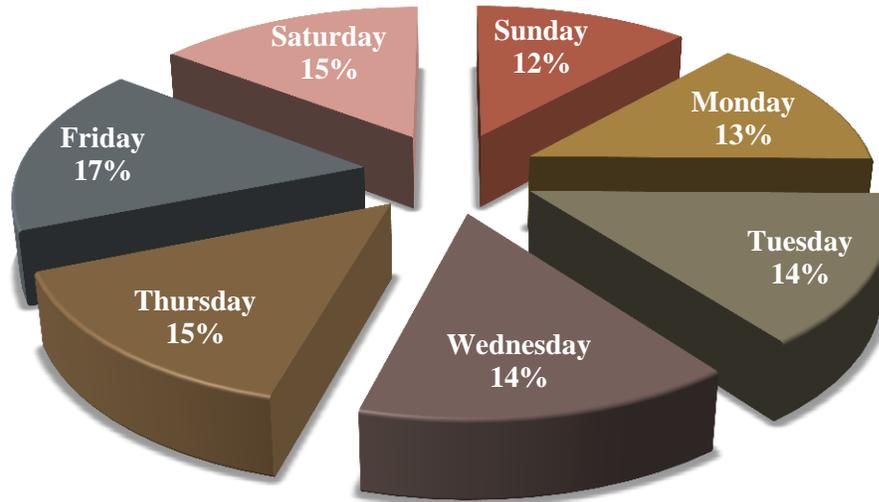


Calls Breakdown by Method Received



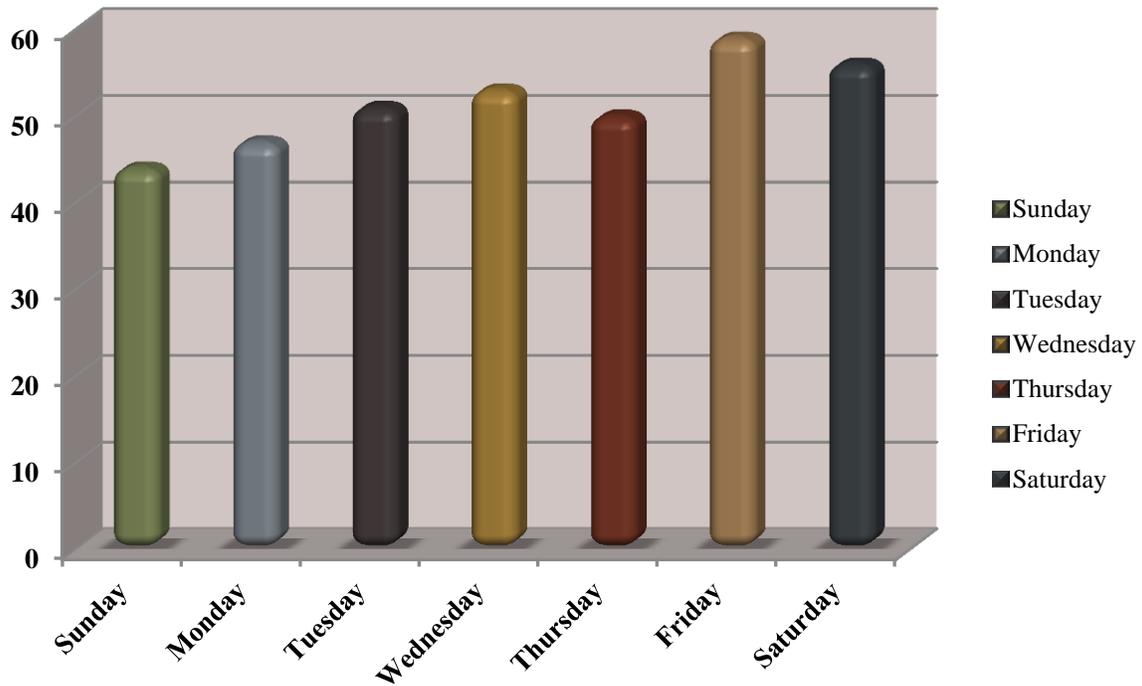
2014 Calls by Day of the Week

| | |
|-----------|-------|
| Sunday | 2,402 |
| Monday | 2,768 |
| Tuesday | 2,985 |
| Wednesday | 2,975 |
| Thursday | 2,992 |
| Friday | 3,406 |
| Saturday | 2,994 |



2014 Average # Calls Per Day of the Week

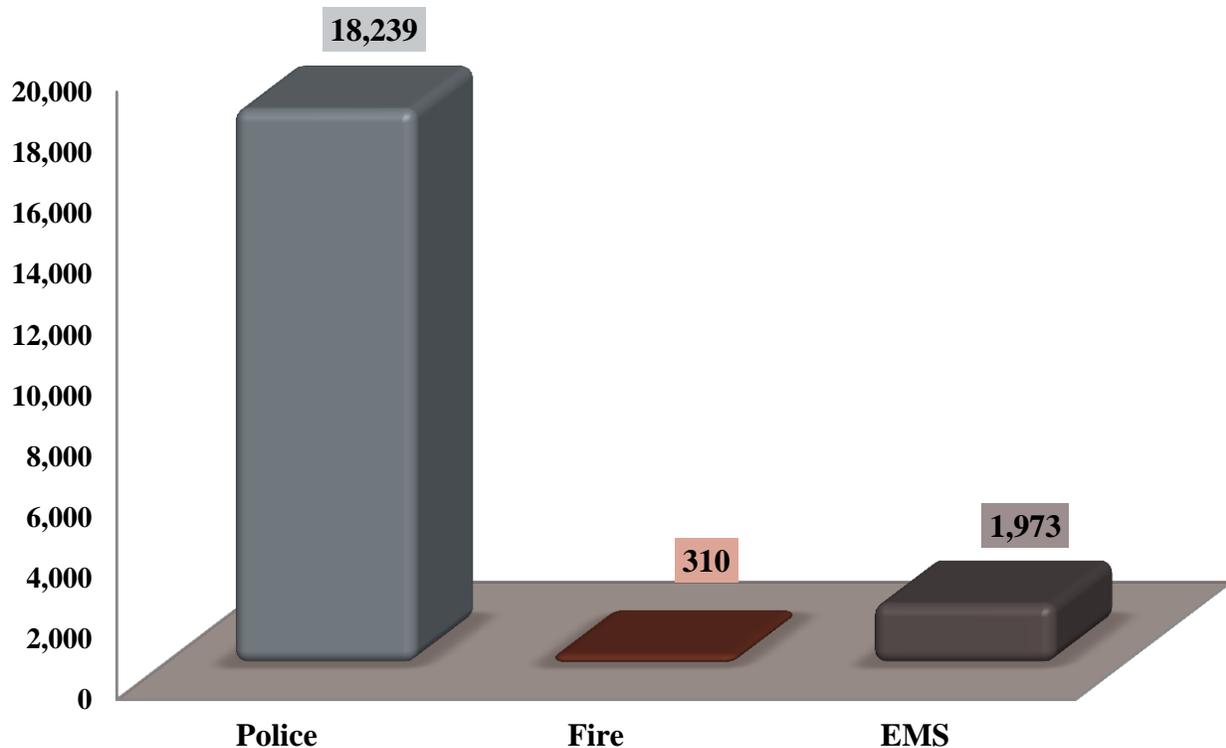
2014



2014 Breakdown of Calls taken by Dispatch Call Type

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Disorderly | 228 | Alcohol Related | 335 |
| Assault | 36 | Burglary | 86 |
| Custody Dispute | 70 | Domestic | 252 |
| Drugs | 127 | Fight | 33 |
| Gun | 27 | Illness/Injury | 53 |
| Juvenile | 314 | Knife | 3 |
| Mental Illness | 87 | Missing Person | 72 |
| Noise Complaint | 153 | Over Dose | 6 |
| Robbery | 2 | Security Check | 1,165 |
| Sex Offense | 44 | Stalking/menacing | 89 |
| Stolen Vehicle | 35 | Suspicious Person/Vehicle | 1015 |
| Telecommunications Harassment | 178 | Theft | 677 |
| Traffic Stop | 4,156 | Traffic/Parking Complaint | 1,487 |
| Trespass | 106 | Vacation House Check | 282 |
| Vandalism/Damaging | 143 | Warrant Service | 626 |
| Search Warrant | 4 | Summons | 143 |

2014 Dispatch Calls Taken by Service



LEADS Data

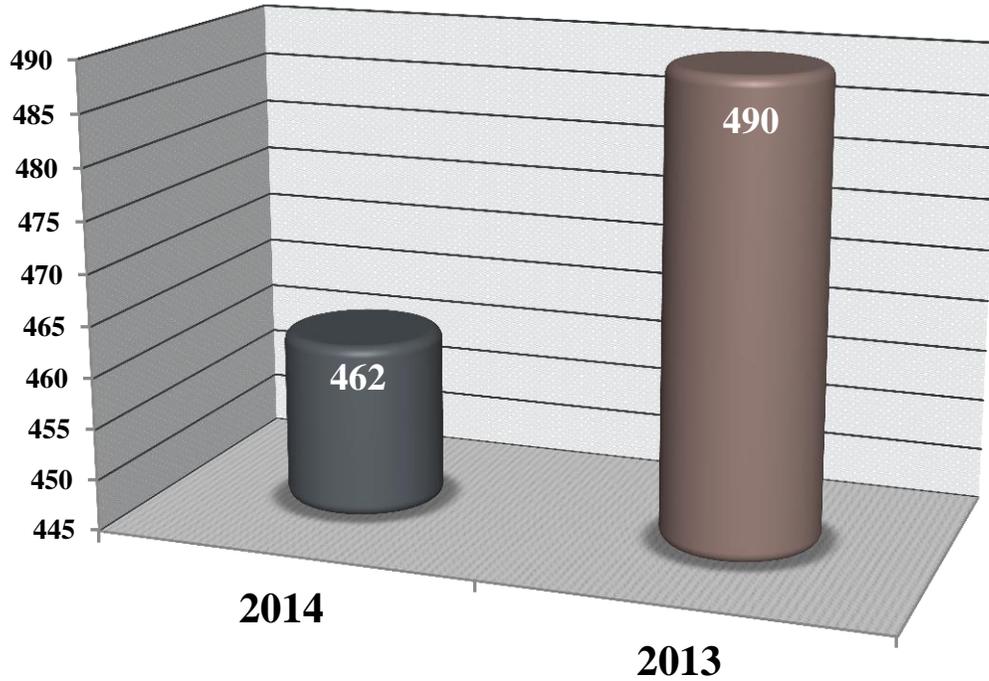
LEADS is the acronym for the **L**aw **E**nforcement **A**utomated **D**ata **S**ystem. LEADS is the statewide computerized network which provides computerized data and communications for criminal justice agencies within the state of Ohio. LEADS is administered by the Ohio State Highway Patrol superintendent. LEADS does not include data and files separately collected and maintained by intrastate regional systems or other individual user systems.

| LEADS Totals | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Warrants Entered | 373 | 412 |
| Missing Persons Entered | 26 | 30 |
| Articles Entered | 11 | 9 |
| Stolen Vehicle Reports Entered | 10 | 14 |
| Stolen Vehicle Reports Cleared | 6 | 14 |
| Criminal History Checks Accessed | 1,459 | 1,291 |
| Ohio Vehicle Registration Checks | 8,402 | 9,011 |
| Ohio Operators License Checks | 12,135 | 13,377 |
| Out of State Vehicle Registration Checks | 576 | 630 |
| Out of State Operators License Checks | 623 | 660 |
| Protection Orders Entered | 24 | 22 |
| Stolen Plates Entered | 3 | 8 |
| Stolen Plates Cleared | 1 | 3 |
| Stolen Guns Entered | 5 | 4 |
| Stolen Guns Cleared | 0 | 7 |
| Hit Confirmations Received | 165 | 195 |
| Hit Confirmations Sent | 229 | 253 |

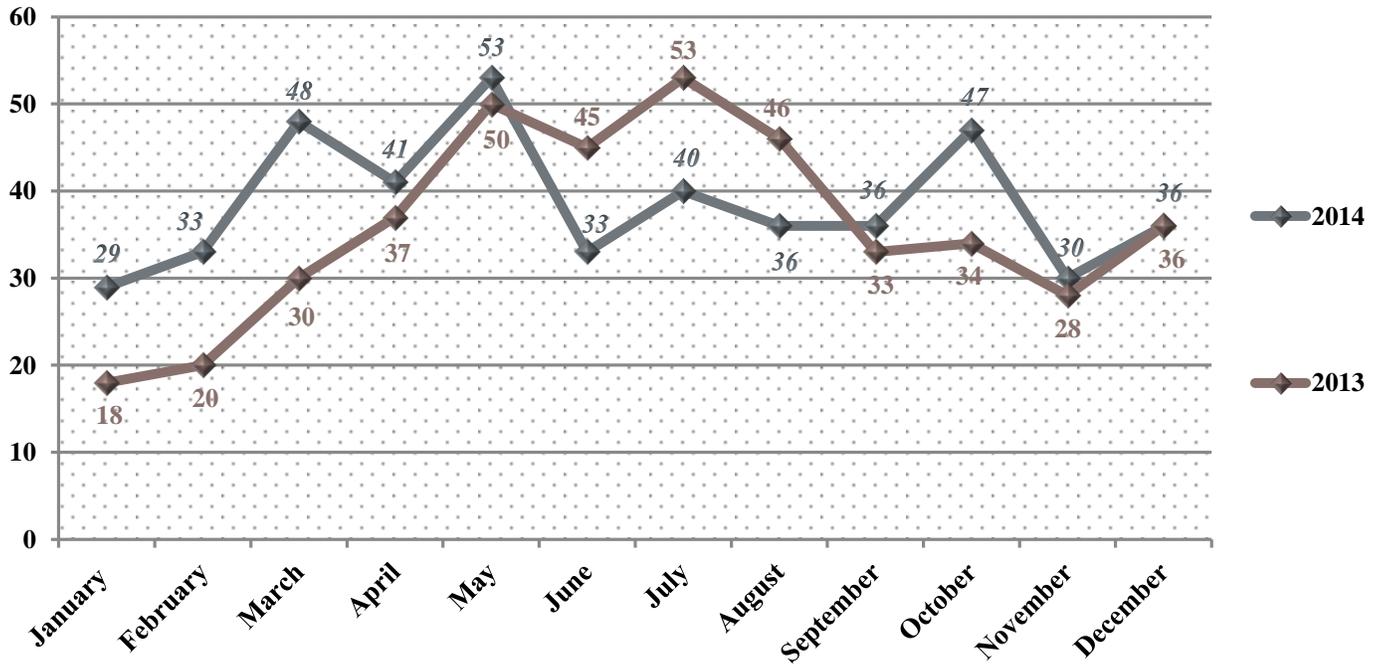
| Mobile LEADS Transactions by Month | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| January | 17,920 | 18,862 |
| February | 16,297 | 16,555 |
| March | 15,684 | 20,152 |
| April | 17,189 | 18,677 |
| May | 15,350 | 16,695 |
| June | 17,302 | 15,206 |
| July | 18,786 | 20,240 |
| August | 18,813 | 19,491 |
| September | 15,591 | 16,294 |
| October | 14,850 | 15,546 |
| November | 11,972 | 15,296 |
| December | 15,281 | 14,561 |
| Total | 195,035 | 207,545 |

Public Records Statistics

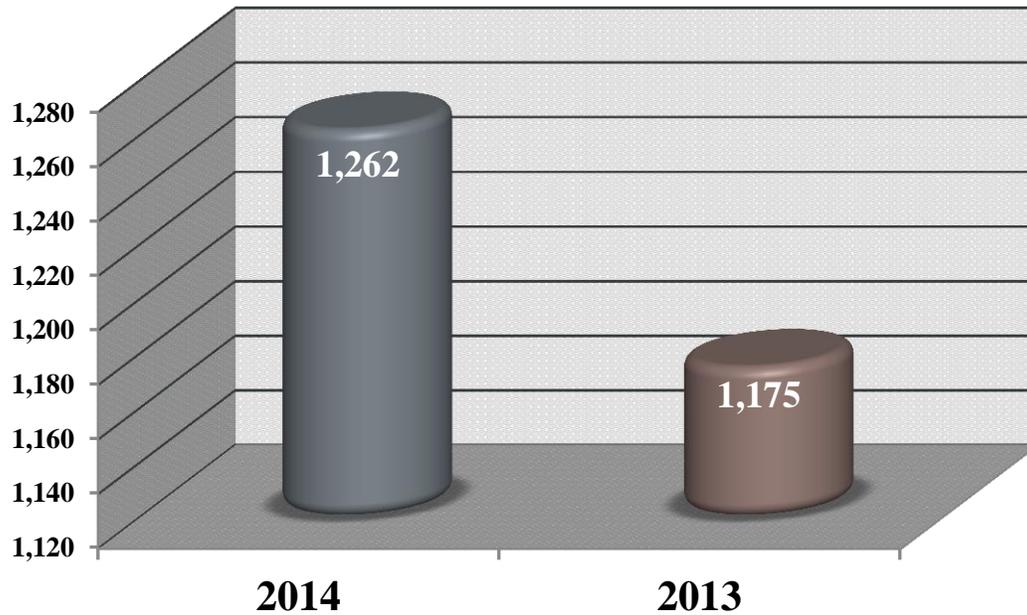
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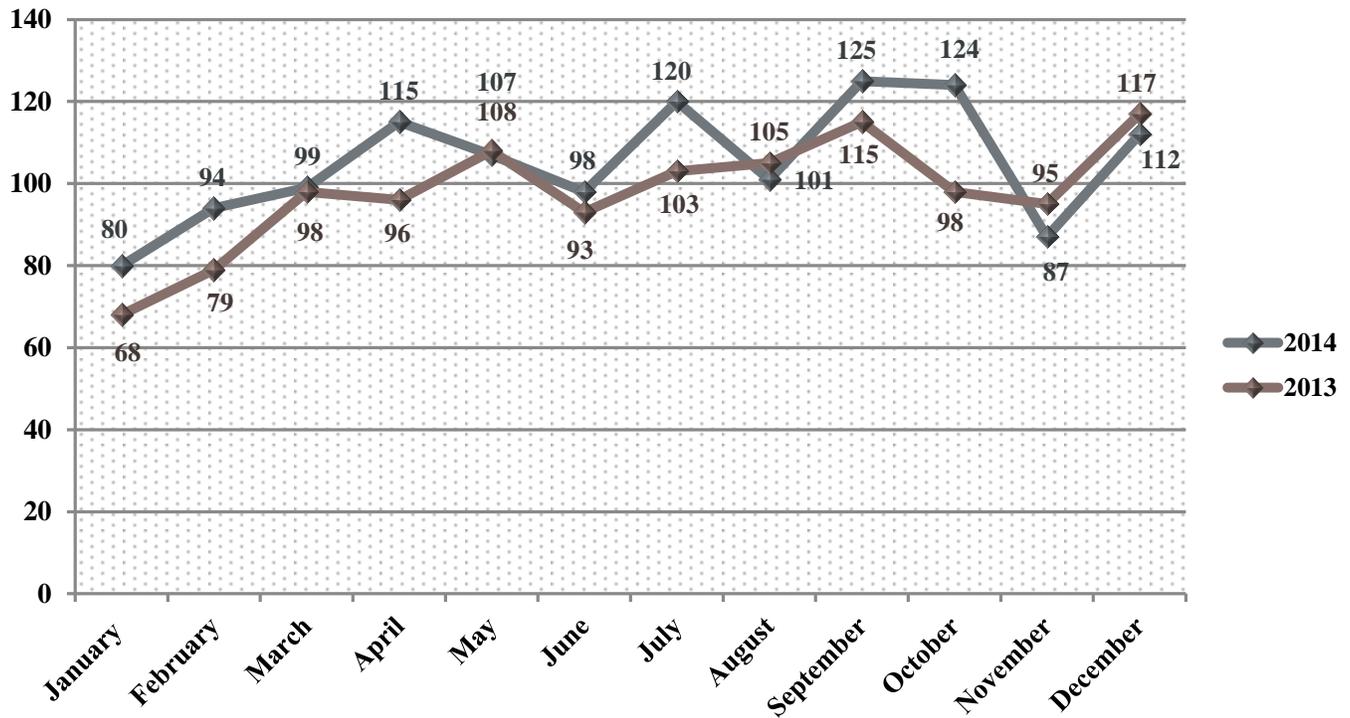
Background Checks by Month



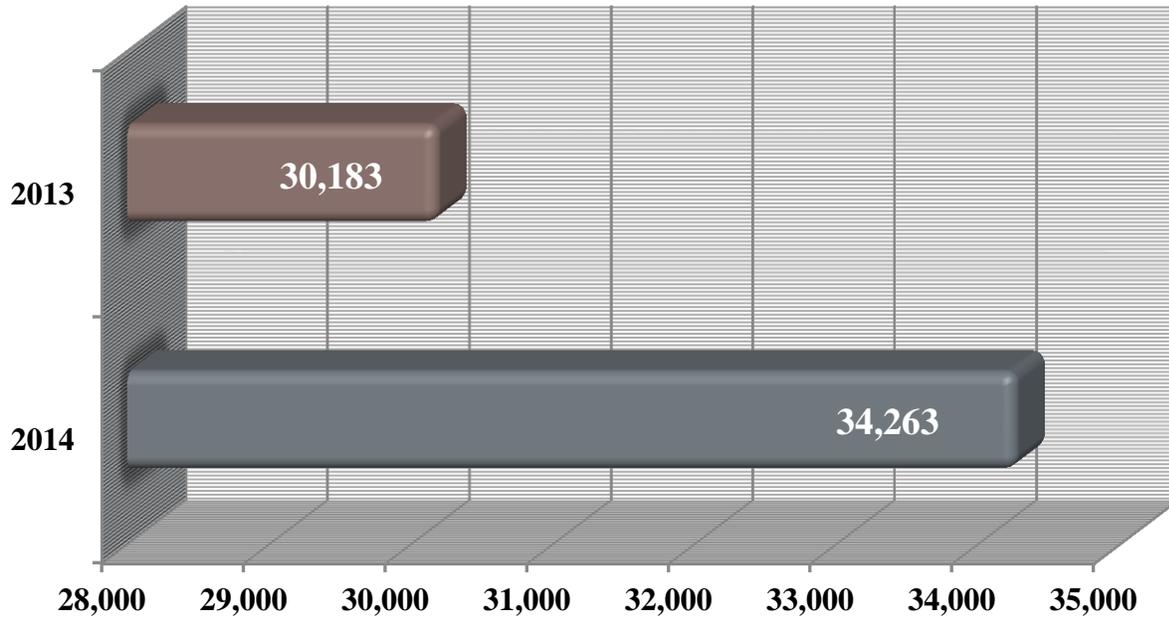
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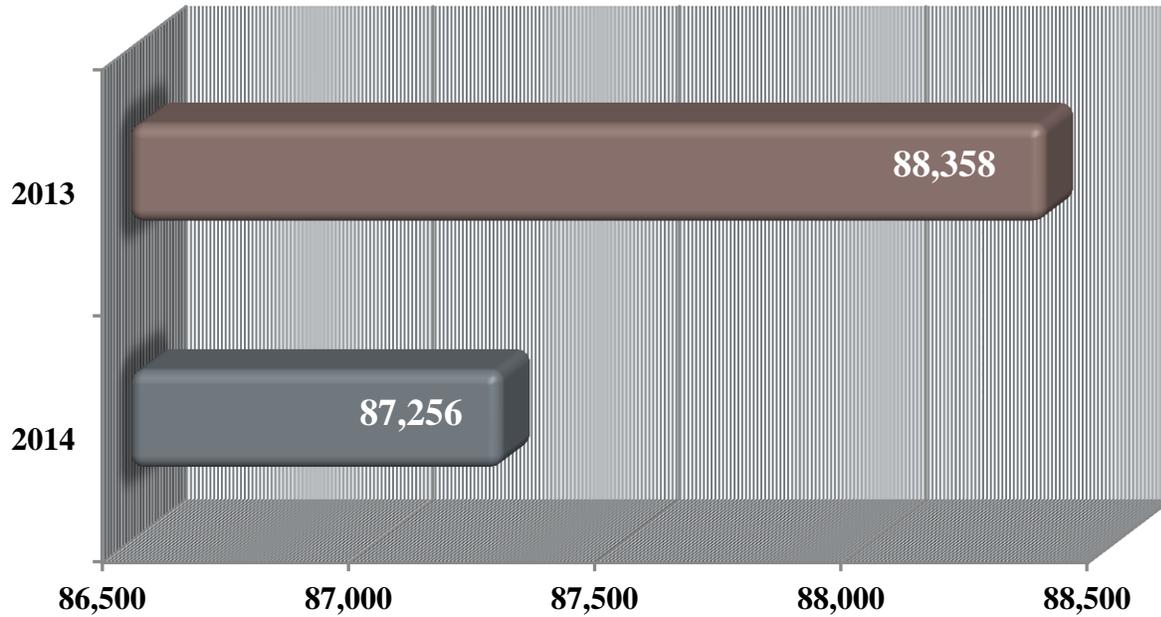
Public Records Requested/Completed



Number of Times WPD Online Reports Webpage Accessed



Total Number of WPD Reports Viewed Online



Criminal Activity Nuisances

Effective July 16, 2013, property owners in the City of Wadsworth are required to comply with provisions and fees for abatement of criminal nuisance activity as set forth in Ordinance No. 13-039.

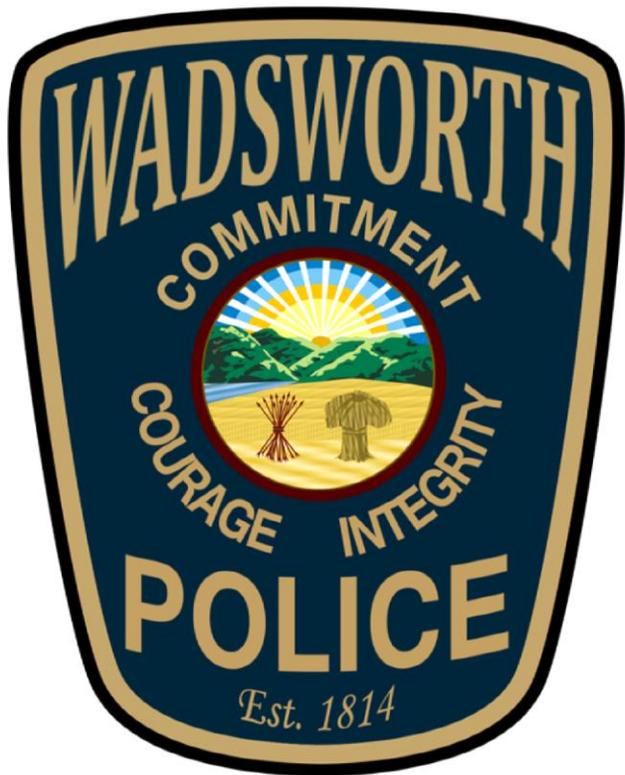
The Board of Nuisance Abatement held one Hearing of Appeal in 2014. As a result of that hearing, the property owner was ordered to pay an assessment to the City of Wadsworth of \$400.00 in abatement costs.

| | 2014 | 2013 |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|
| Total Letters Mailed | 65 | 33 |
| 2nd Offense Letter | 46 | 19 |
| 3rd Offense Letter | 13 | 9 |
| 4th Offense Letter | 5 | 5 |
| 5th Offense Letter | 1 | 0 |
| Cost of Abatement Assessed: | \$2,600.00 | \$2,000 |
| Abatements Excused: | 0 | 3 |

2014 WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT PATCH



Wadsworth PD Previous Patch



Wadsworth PD Current Patch

A number of officers have expressed a desire to change the patch of the Wadsworth Police Department over the past few years. So with the city celebrating the Bicentennial in 2014, Chief Reinke decided the time was right. He asked students from a high school arts class, a local graphic design company and the officers themselves to submit ideas. Eventually the choice was narrowed to two (2) finalists and the Chief had both patches made so everyone could see how they would actually look. The new patch design was the overwhelming favorite among the officers and with the approval of Mayor Robin Laubaugh and Director of Public Safety Matthew Hiscock it became the official patch of the Department on May 1, 2014. The patch was designed by the officers themselves with a great deal of the credit going to Patrol Officer Joshua Cooper and to Sergeant Dave Dorland.

S.W.A.T.



The Wadsworth Police Department currently has four (4) officers who are members of the Medina County SWAT Team. The team was activated on four (4) occasions in 2014.

May 7, 2014 – The SWAT team served a high risk search warrant for the Medina County Sheriff's Office on a Jesse D. Hodges who committed an Aggravated Robbery and had a Deadly Weapon on his person at the time of the incident.

May 19, 2014 – The team responded to a residence on S. Pardee St in Wadsworth for a barricaded suicidal male subject. Negotiators were able to talk the subject into giving himself up after approximately five (5) hours.

July 28, 2014 – The team was activated for a call in Medina Township where a subject had forced entry into the residence of an ex-girlfriend and held her at gun point for several hours. The ex-girlfriend was eventually able to escape from the residence. The subject remained in the residence and failed to communicate any further with the negotiators. At that time the SWAT team breached and the subject showed himself while holding a hand gun to his head. Sgt. Elchlinger of the Wadsworth Police Department was able to talk the subject into putting the gun down and he was subsequently taken into custody.

The team was activated for a fourth (4th) time for an armed barricaded male in the City of Wadsworth but was deactivated prior to arriving on scene because the male subject gave himself up.

Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program

In partnership with Medina County Juvenile Judge John Lohn and the Office of Criminal Justice Services, the Juvenile Diversion program was established as a voluntary program that utilizes driving simulators and class room instruction taught by police officers from various police departments in Medina County. The program is taught on Saturdays at Medina High School for three hours. This program is an alternative to going through the Juvenile Court system and having a juvenile record.

The Juvenile Diversion Program is designed for first time juvenile traffic offenders. It has been documented that this program is very successful.

The Wadsworth Police Department referred 15 juveniles to the Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program during 2014, compared to 20 in 2013.



Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Wadsworth Police Department in conjunction with the Ohio Investigative Unit (O.I.U.) conducted random compliance checks at various licensed alcohol establishments throughout the City in 2014.

May 9th, 2014 – Random Compliance Checks on twenty-two (22) area establishments results in four (4) violations.

October 11th, 2014 – Random Compliance checks on thirty (30) area establishments results in four (4) violations.

The Wadsworth Police Department remains committed to keeping alcohol out of the hands of area youth.



OHIO
INVESTIGATIVE UNIT



D.U.M.P.

Dispose of Unused Medications Properly

In 2014, the Wadsworth Police Department continued its efforts in assisting the public in proper disposal of unused or unwanted medications through the drop box located in City Hall. The D.U.M.P. box in City Hall is one of 12 that can be located throughout Medina County. During the 2014 calendar year, a total of 722 pounds of unwanted medication were collected and turned over to the Medina County Drug Task Force for disposal. This is in comparison to 765 pounds of unwanted medications collected and turned over in 2013.

On April 26, 2015 WPD also participated in the National Prescription Drug “Take Back Day”. An Auxiliary Officer was on hand to collect unwanted medications from the public.

Bike Patrol

The Wadsworth Police Department currently has seven officers who have completed bike patrol training. In 2014 the officers were out riding as time and weather permitted. The bike patrol also provided security at a number of events to include:

First Night

Blue Tip Parade

Blue Tip Festival

Fireworks

Bookin' 5k Race

Safety Town

Memorial Day Parade

Scare on the Square



School Resource Officer (SRO)

In 2014, Officer Innocenti continued to serve as the Wadsworth Police Department's SRO officer. The SRO Officer is the primary point of contact for the Wadsworth City Schools should they need a police officer. The SRO position allows the Wadsworth Police Department to work closely with the schools in order to enhance school safety and improve community relations. As part of his duties, Officer Innocenti conducted numerous trainings with the schools in 2014 to include:

Safety Town

Safety Forces Camp

A.L.I.C.E. Training

Third Grade Safety Seat Belt Program

Fatal Vision Program – 9th Grade Health Class

Spoke with High School Classes regarding Legal and Traffic Issues

Spoke with First Grade/Kindergarten classes about Community Helpers

Officer Innocenti monitors the safety and security of all 8 schools, assists in the “lockdown/evacuation” drills for all 8 schools, works closely with the Juvenile Probation Department and Courts and handled numerous cases involving drugs, theft, sexual abuse and assaults and warrant arrests.



Community Relations

The Wadsworth Police Department is committed to providing safety awareness and education to the community. Throughout the year, the Police Department hosts and participates in a number of community programs to include:

Safety Town

3rd Grade Safety Belt Program

National Night Out (NNO) *(pictured right)*

Shop with a Cop

Safety Forces Camp

Students in Government – W.H.S.

Reality Day – W.M.S.

Click it or Ticket

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Medina County OVI Task Force

Salvation Army Walk-a-Thon and

Family Fun Day Event

Special Olympics Law Enforcement

Torch Run *(pictured right)*

Peace Officer Memorial event

Touch-a-Truck event at Key to My

Father's House Church

Fall Festival at Reimer Road Baptist

Church Car Show

Home Depot 'Safety Day'



2014 Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, WPD participants:
Det. Markley, Adm. Asst. Buzard, Ptl. Allenby and Ptl. Haas



WADSWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Wadsworth Police Department continues to utilize social media outlets such as **Facebook** and **Twitter** to actively engage in communication with the public on a daily basis. WPD uses social media sites to update the public on traffic related issues, request assistance in identifying suspects and in general keep the public informed of any major police related incidents.



PEOPLE

8,350 likes

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Suggest Edits

Wadsworth Police Department added 6 new photos to the album: Stolen Credit Card (Case 214-12-191) January 27 at 6:40am

This case involves the use of a credit card that was stolen from a vehicle in Wadsworth and later used at some local businesses. If you recognize any of the subjects in these photos, please contact Wadsworth PD at 330-334-1511 or wadsworthpd@gmail.com.

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- #TwitpicYourself#A422
- State of the NFL
- #Ask78
- #SugeKnight
- Boogie

Medina County Criminal Patrol Task Force and OVI Task Force

In 2014 the Wadsworth Police Department had thirteen (13) officers appointed special deputation through the Medina County Sheriff's Office that allowed them to participate in Criminal Patrol Task Force (CPTF) and OVI Task Force events throughout the county. From April 11, 2014 through September 26, 2014, Medina County Criminal Patrol Task Force held 12 events.

CPTF Event Statistics

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Traffic Stops | 224 |
| DUS | 13 |
| Citations | 32 |
| | |
| Arrests | 30 |
| Felony | 8 |
| Misdemeanor | 22 |
| | |
| Felony Warrants | 2 |
| Misdemeanor Warrants | 1 |
| | |
| Searches | 75 |
| | |
| Drugs Seized | Qty |
| Marijuana | 1845.2grams |
| Vicodin | 2 unit doses |
| Ecstasy | 5 grams |
| Heroin | 4.7 grams |
| Cocaine | 2 grams |
| Amphetamine | 12 unit doses |
| | |
| Guns Seized | 3 |

OVI Task Force Statistics

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Checkpoints Conducted | 12 |
| OVI Arrests | 25 |
| Other Arrests | 40 |
| Traffic Stops | 1,252 |

Medina County Drug Task Force

In 2014 the Wadsworth Police Department (WPD) and the Medina County Drug Task Force (MCDTF) continued on with the Memorandum of Understanding between the agencies.

During 2014 the MCDTF conducted one hundred and eighteen (118) drug related investigations in the city of Wadsworth leading to eighty-two (82) people being arrested on one hundred and twenty-one (121) criminal charges. Another seven (7) people were arrested on nine (9) outstanding warrants - five (5) felony, four (4) misdemeanor - during the course of the investigation. An additional twenty-one (21) criminal cases are pending presentation to a Medina County Grand Jury.

Agents of the MCDTF executed nine (9) search warrants in the city of Wadsworth and neutralized a total of seven (7) clandestine (methamphetamine) labs. This is in comparison to four (4) clandestine (methamphetamine) labs that were neutralized in 2013. A total of sixteen (16) forensic examinations of mobile devices were conducted by the MCDTF to assist in WPD investigations.

Prior to 2014 WPD had a patrol officer assigned to the MCDTF on a full time basis to conduct drug investigations primarily within the City but to also assist with investigations throughout Medina County. That position was vacant during the 2014 calendar year. It is believed that not having an officer assigned to the task force in 2014 partially attributed to the decrease in the total number of drug related arrests and amount of drugs seized. WPD hopes to reassign a new officer to that designated position.

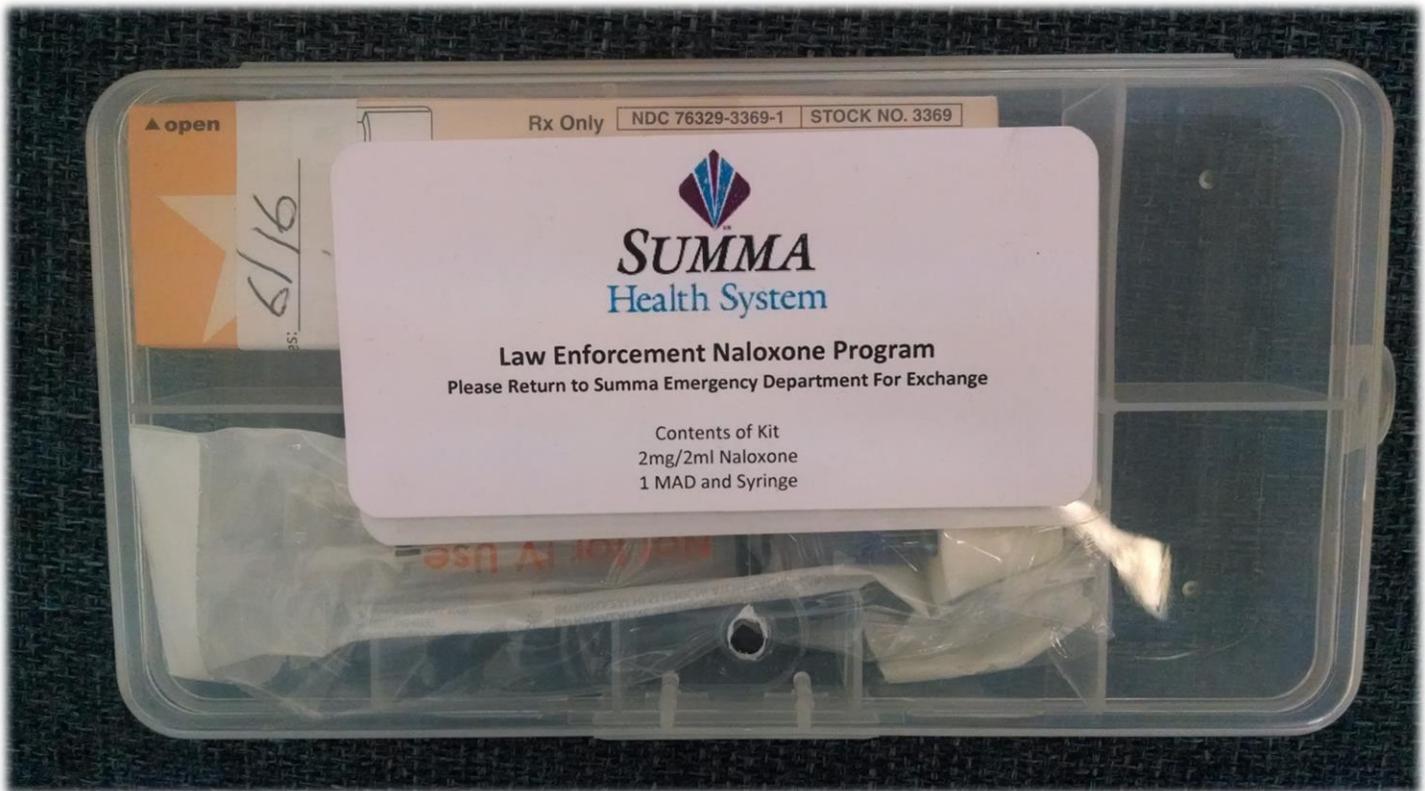
Medina County Drug Task Force Statistics for the City of Wadsworth

| Drug | Drugs Seized | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Marijuana | 254.3 grams | 22,834 grams |
| Cocaine | 7 grams | - |
| Crack | - | 6.5 grams |
| Heroin | 1.9 grams | 60.2 grams |
| LSD | - | - |
| Meth | 3.7 grams | 20.3 grams |
| MDMA | .38 grams | 4 grams |
| Pharmaceuticals | 99 unit doses | 689 unit doses |

| Degree of Criminal Charges | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| Federal Charges | 0 | 0 |
| 1 st Degree Felony | 0 | 0 |
| 2 nd Degree Felony | 4 | 6 |
| 3 rd Degree Felony | 25 | 20 |
| 4 th Degree Felony | 21 | 44 |
| 5 th Degree Felony | 12 | 41 |
| Misdemeanor Charges | 59 | 134 |
| Arrest Warrants | 9 | 2 |
| Total | 130 | 247 |

| Criminal Charges For Wadsworth | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Crime | 2014 | 2013 |
| Trafficking Cocaine | 1 | |
| Trafficking Crack Cocaine | | 4 |
| Trafficking Heroin | 2 | 16 |
| Trafficking LSD | 1 | |
| Trafficking Marijuana | 3 | 25 |
| Trafficking Meth | 1 | 3 |
| Trafficking MDMA (Ecstasy) | 1 | 4 |
| Trafficking MDPV (Bath Salts) | | 2 |
| Trafficking Psilocybin | | 2 |
| Trafficking Rx Drugs | 10 | 35 |
| Possession of Crack Cocaine | | 1 |
| Possession of Heroin | | |
| Possession of Marijuana | 2 | 3 |
| Possession of Meth | 2 | 1 |
| Possession of Rx Drugs | 1 | 1 |
| Possession of Steroids | | |
| Pseudoephedrine Violation | 57 | 130 |
| Illegal Assembly of Chemicals | 21 | 5 |
| Manufacturing Meth | 3 | 4 |
| Endangering Children | | |
| Deception to Obtain Rx Drugs | 2 | 1 |
| Illegal Processing of Drug Docs. | 11 | 1 |
| Permitting Drug Abuse | 1 | 2 |
| Tampering With Evidence | | |
| Theft | 2 | 3 |
| Other Misc. Charges | | 2 |
| Other Agency Arrest Warrants | 9 | 2 |
| Total | 130 | 247 |

Overdose Deaths and the Use of NARCAN



NARCAN is a medication utilized in emergency response incidents to counteract heroin overdose. A majority of Wadsworth Police Department's officers received NARCAN training from members of Summa Health Systems on May 9th, 2014 as well as online training through eOPOTA. On July 29, 2014 the WPD received NARCAN kits which were provided free of charge by Summa Health Systems.

In 2014, the use of heroin and the number of unintentional overdoses and resulting deaths remained a very prevalent issue. There were a total of two (2) deaths from heroin overdose in the City of Wadsworth in 2014. Since receiving the NARCAN kits, WPD officers have used NARCAN on five (5) separate occasions. Four (4) of the five (5) incidents resulted in effectively saving the individual who had overdosed.

Departmental Awards

Officer-of-the-Year Award

Patrol Officer Daniel Chafin was named Officer-of-the-Year for 2014. He was selected to receive this award by a majority of his peers and front-line supervisors. He was awarded the Officer-of-the-Month award for his overall performance during the months of December 2013 and September 2014. Officer Chafin has consistently been an aggressive investigator on his assigned incident reports, pursuing the truth and holding suspects accountable for their criminal activity. He has also accepted additional responsibilities in the areas of instructing departmental personnel in firearms, Taser and field training our newest patrol officers.



Departmental Commendation Award

Patrol Officer Pete Spoerke was awarded a Departmental Commendation for life saving efforts he made on the morning of July 8, 2014. WPD Dispatch received a 911 call about a female possibly having a heart attack, was unconscious, not breathing and without a pulse. Ptl. Spoerke responded and arrived on scene within minutes of Wadsworth EMS. Upon arrival Ptl. Spoerke saw that the paramedic administering chest compressions was fatigued and the other paramedic was preparing breathing equipment and unable to assist. Ptl. Spoerke quickly stepped in and continued compressions until a third paramedic arrived. Ptl. Spoerke's quick actions contributed to saving the female's life and is deserving of the Blue Commendation Award.



Recap of Events in 2014

January:

1-5 2014 shift reassignments are effective.

February:

2-13 Chief Randy Reinke and Lieutenant Rob Wyrick attend the first meeting of the year of the Medina County Safe Communities.

2-24 Both Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti and Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave King provide mutual aid to the Medina P.D. as they host Governor Kasich at the State of the State Address in Medina, Ohio.

2-27 Numerous officers are sworn-in by Sheriff Tom Miller as inaugural members of the newly form Criminal Patrol Task Force.

March:

3-11 We host the "Building Clearing" mobile academy from OPOTA for three days and the majority of our personnel receive the training, along with members of the Montville Police and M.C.S.O.

3-15 First Night Wadsworth; a bicentennial celebration of the city is held.

April:

4-15 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (April 13-19, 2014) is recognized with a mayoral proclamation. Communications Officer Olivia Urdiales represents the department in receipt of this proclamation.

4-26 The national prescription drug "Take Back Day" is conducted and Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave King collects unwanted medications.

May:

5-1 Chief Randy Reinke participates with other city leaders in the annual Students in Government Day.

5-10 Patrol Officer Heath Studer represents the department at the annual Salvation Army Walk-a-Thon and Family Fun Day at Memorial Park.

5-15 Peace Officer Memorial Day is observed.

5-16 Patrol Officers Adam Innocenti and Heath Studer participates with other community leaders in Reality Day at the Wadsworth Middle School in which students experience real life responsibilities.

5-31 Throughout the month of May, hundreds of young students tour the WPD.

June:

6-9 The week-long Wadsworth Safety Forces camp begins for approximately 150 middle-school aged students.

6-17 The Blue Tip Parade commences the week-long Blue Tip Festival.

6-23 Various members of the department participate in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run through Medina County.

July:

7-21 Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti participates in the two weeks of Safety Town.

- 7-29 Narcan begins to be distributed to personnel that have completed the training; allowing for quick administration of this life-saving drug be administered by patrol personnel to those in a narcotic overdose.

August:

- 8-5 Department members participate in the National Night Out event.
8-11 Our newest Patrol Officer Keith Godwin is sworn-in. He's assigned badge number 43.
8-13 Patrol Officer Keith Godwin begins 19 weeks of basic peace officer training at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy
8-16 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Dave King represents the department at the Medina County Safe Communities kick-off event for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign/Cops-n-Rodders Car Show (August 15 - September 1, 2014).
8-20 Patrol Officer Adam Innocenti returns to his assignment as the School Resource Officer (SRO) within the Wadsworth City Schools.
8-22 Prosecutor Page Schrock's last Law Enforcement Seminar takes place; he's presented with an 'appreciation plaque' on behalf of the department for his career of service.
8-23 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Mick Sobie represents the department at the annual Touch-a-Truck event at the Key to My Father's House Church.
8-24 Sergeant Mike Ballway represents the department at the annual car show held at Buehler's in support of the Wadsworth Safety Forces Camp.

September:

- 9-8 Car 10, a Ford Police Interceptor SUV is placed into service
9-11 Patriot Day is observed.
9-17 Patrol Officer Michael Cindia separates from service on a retirement disability; He served more than 16 years with the department.
9-20 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Matt Neil represents the department at the Reimer Road Baptist Church's Fall Festival.
9-22 Patrol Officers Joe Rose and Dan Shonk are presented awards by Chief Randy Reinke for their high-level of traffic enforcement at the annual Medina County Safe Communities Awards Breakfast.
9-27 The Medina County OVI Task Force performs saturation patrols within the greater Wadsworth area.

October:

- 10-11 Continuing partnership with the OIU results in four violations out of a total of 30 establishments checked.
10-20 Patrol Officer Joe Rose begins the 10-day Drug Recognition Expert (class room) training at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy.

November:

- 11-14 Sergeant Mike Ballway is presented with a \$500.00 donation from the Blue Tip Committee for next year's Safety Forces Camp.
11-24 Patrol Officer Joe Rose returns to duty after a week in Los Angeles, California conducting actual DRE examinations.

December:

- 12-3 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Phil Canfora resigns after a second stint with the department that began on July 19, 2011.
- 12-6 Various departmental members participate in the annual Shop with a Cop program, spearheaded by Detective Matt Markley.
- 12-12 At the departmental meeting, Chief Randy Reinke presents the 2014 Officer-of-the-Year Award to Patrol Officer Dan Chafin.
- 12-31 Auxiliary Patrol Officer Mick Sobie resigns his position, after serving over four years in an auxiliary capacity.

Officers-of-the-Month:

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| January 2014: | Patrol Officer Seth Petit |
| February 2014: | Patrol Officer Daniel Shonk |
| March 2014: | Detective Dawn Schismenos |
| April 2014: | Patrol Officer Seth Petit |
| May 2014: | Patrol Officer Michael Patterson |
| June 2014: | Detective Dawn Schismenos |
| July 2014: | None |
| August 2014: | None |
| September 2014: | Patrol Officer Daniel Chafin |
| October 2014: | Patrol Officer Heath Studer |
| November 2014: | Patrol Officer Curtis McCune |
| December 2014: | Detective Dawn Schismenos |

