

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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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 1st through December 31st, 2014, is herewith submitted for your review.

The staff worked very hard compiling the 2014 data to make this report very informative and entertaining to read. The first half of the report contains a year-end review of the total Department information. The second half of the report contains the year-end review broke down by each shift's activities. This gives you a better idea what is happening in Sparta at different times of the day and the challenges faced by each shift.

As you review this report you'll notice that there was a 2% increase in warrant & probation arrests. Mental Health related incidents increased by 2% from last year. There was an increase in drug incidents, which caused an increase in thefts, including shoplifting and fraud. There was a decrease of about 4.8% in calls for service from the prior year. I attribute the increases above to the Police doing a better job of informing and educating the public on these issues. The public is working closer with the Police to make the community a better place to live.

The future demands and challenges of local Police Departments are constantly changing and growing, as you can see in the news. The Sparta Police Department is always striving to be innovative and forward thinking. Partnering with other agencies and community organizations is very important to the Sparta Police Department's mission so we can better serve the residents of the City of Sparta. We strongly believe that working in partnership with government and civic leaders we'll have a positive influence on the greater Sparta Community.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kuderer
Chief of Police

Committed to Excellence

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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.





October, 2014

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.





Lieutenant
Interim Chief
David Kuderer



Admin Assistant
Paula Skinner



Admin Assistant
Jessica Erickson



Chaplain
Jef Skinner



Chaplain
Randy Larsen



Detective
Andrew Kuen



Sergeant
Jason Pipkin



Sergeant
Booker Ferguson



Sergeant
Joel Ames



Sergeant
Kyle Erickson



SRO
Kyle Seubert



Officer
Marc Nelson



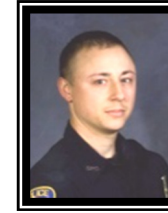
Officer
Chris Itnyre



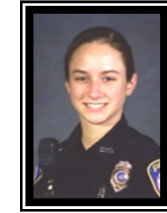
Officer
Kyle Guralski



Officer
Jose Tovar



Officer
Chris Welker



Officer
Beth Ambrosius



Officer
Jenna Hanson



Officer
Corey Johnson



Officer
Jacob Edwards



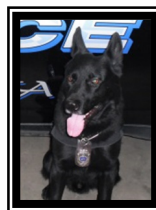
Officer
Zach Fischer



Officer
Sam Welbourn



Officer
Ethan Schroeder



Nitro

Personnel Changes

Goodbyes



Mike Kass

Left in July to become the Chief of Police in Brown Deer, WI



David Livingston

Left in March to become the first Lieutenant at Altoona Police Department



Mark Meyers

Left in November to further his career.



Jeremy Mootz

Left in August

Promotions



David Kuderer

With 34 years of experience in the Department, LT Kuderer stepped in to become Interim Chief of Police in August.



Kyle Erickson

Officer Erickson has been with the Department for six years and was promoted to Sergeant in July.

Welcome



Zachary Fischer

Zach is from Argyle and is a Drill Sergeant in the National Guard. A graduate of UW Platteville, he joined us in December.



Sam Welbourn

Sam is a native of Chippewa Falls and graduated from CVTC. He joined us in December.



Ethan Schroeder

Ethan is a native of Antigo and graduate of NTC. He joined us in December.



Officer Hanson welcomed a daughter in December.

Employee Training

Officer Beth Ambrosius

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- SFST Seated Battery Testing
- Legal Update
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- CPR AED Certification
- WAI Conference
- Instructor Development

Sergeant Kyle Erickson

- Firearms
- Instructor Development
- Alternative Field Sobriety Test
- IPMBA Police Cyclist Refresher
- EVOC
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- MACH
- TraCS Conference
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Drug Endangered Children
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- CPR AED Certification

Sergeant Joel Ames

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- Legal Update
- WisDot Emergency Exercise
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- DOT Winter Prep
- CPR AED Certification
- Crime Stoppers

Sergeant Booker Ferguson

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- Legal Update
- Wisconsin Homicide Conference
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- TraCS Conference
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- Command College

Officer Jacob Edwards

- Field Training
- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- MACH
- CPR AED Certification
- Mindset Boot Camp
- SWAT 1, Advanced Patrol Tactics
- Reid & Assoc. Interview & Interrogation
- Advanced Roadside Impairment ARIDE
- Desert Snow Interdiction

Officer Zachary Fischer

- Field Training (New Hire)

Officer Kyle Guralski

- Firearms Simulation Training
- SWAT Tactical Conference
- FBI Tactical Sniper Training
- Tactical Sniper Training
- Instructor Update
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- IED Identification

Officer Jenna Hanson

- Firearms
- FTO Instructor
- Firearms Simulation Training
- WAWP Conference
- Legal Update
- Public Safety Media Relations
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Drug Endangered Children
- Sex Assault Legal Update

Officer Chris Itnyre

- Firearms
- CPR
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- GRACI Ground Defense for LE
- WAI Conference
- Cooper LE Fitness Specialist
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Drug Endangered Children
- Sex Assault Legal Update

Officer Corey Johnson

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- Mindset Boot Camp
- FTO Instructor
- Basic SWAT
- IPMBA Police Cyclist Course
- EVOC
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- CPR AED Certification
- Advanced Roadside Impairment ARIDE
- Advanced SWAT

Chief Mike Kass

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Police Chief Training Conference

Lieutenant Dave Kuderer

- Traffic Safety
- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- Juvenile Law Conference
- Crisis Management & Executive Info
- Record Management Training
- EVOC
- LESB Handgun
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Landlord Tenant Law for LE
- Drug Endangered Children
- Wounded Ballistics
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- Juvenile Law

Detective Andrew Kuen

- Firearms
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Firearms Simulation Training
- Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview
- Stewards of Children Training
- Legal Update
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- Police Applicant Background Investigation
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Drug Endangered Children
- Instructor Update
- Reid & Assoc. Interview & Interrogation
- New High Tech Investigations
- Investigations for New Detectives

Lieutenant Dave Livingston

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training

Detective Mark Meyers

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- Advanced Drug Investigations
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Evidence Technician

Officer Jeremy Mootz

- Field Training (New Hire)
- Firearms
- EVOC
- FEMA IS-100 & IS-700

Officer Marc Nelson

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- SWAT Tactical Conference
- Wisconsin TEMS Summit
- FBI Tactical Training
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- MACH
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Drug Endangered Children
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- CPR AED Certification

Sergeant Jason Pipkin

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- Legal Update
- EVOC
- Multi Agency Unified Command
- Public Safety Media Relations
- LESB Handgun Qualification
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Landlord Tenant Law for LE
- Drug Endangered Children
- Wounded Ballistics

Officer Ethan Schroeder

- Field Training (New Hire)

Officer Kyle Seubert

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- School Resource Officer Conference
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Juvenile Law Conference
- Drug Endangered Children
- Sex Assault Legal Update

Officer Jose Tovar

- Firearms
- Firearms Simulation Training
- FBI Tactical Training
- IPMBA Police Cyclist Refresher
- EVOC
- Combined Tactical Unit
- IED Identification
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- CPR AED Certification

Officer Sam Welbourn

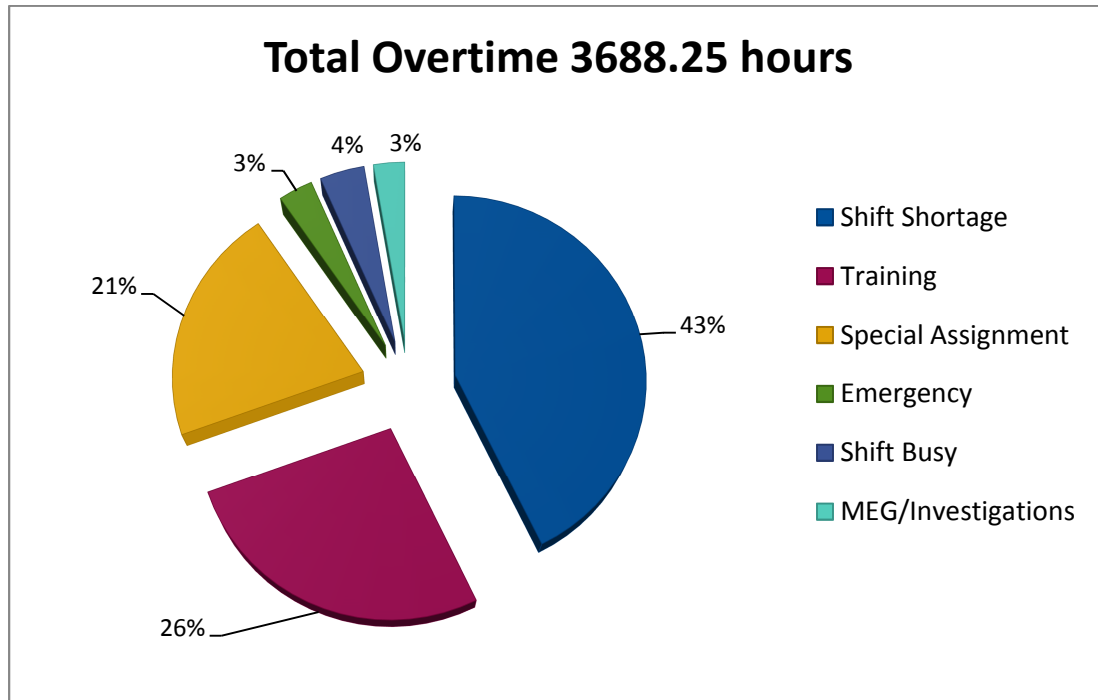
- Field Training (New Hire)

Officer Chris Welker

- Legal Update
- Handgun Qualification
- EVOC
- Rifle/Handgun Training
- Supervision of Police Personnel
- K9 In-Service
- Sex Assault Legal Update
- CPR AED Certification
- K9 Recertification

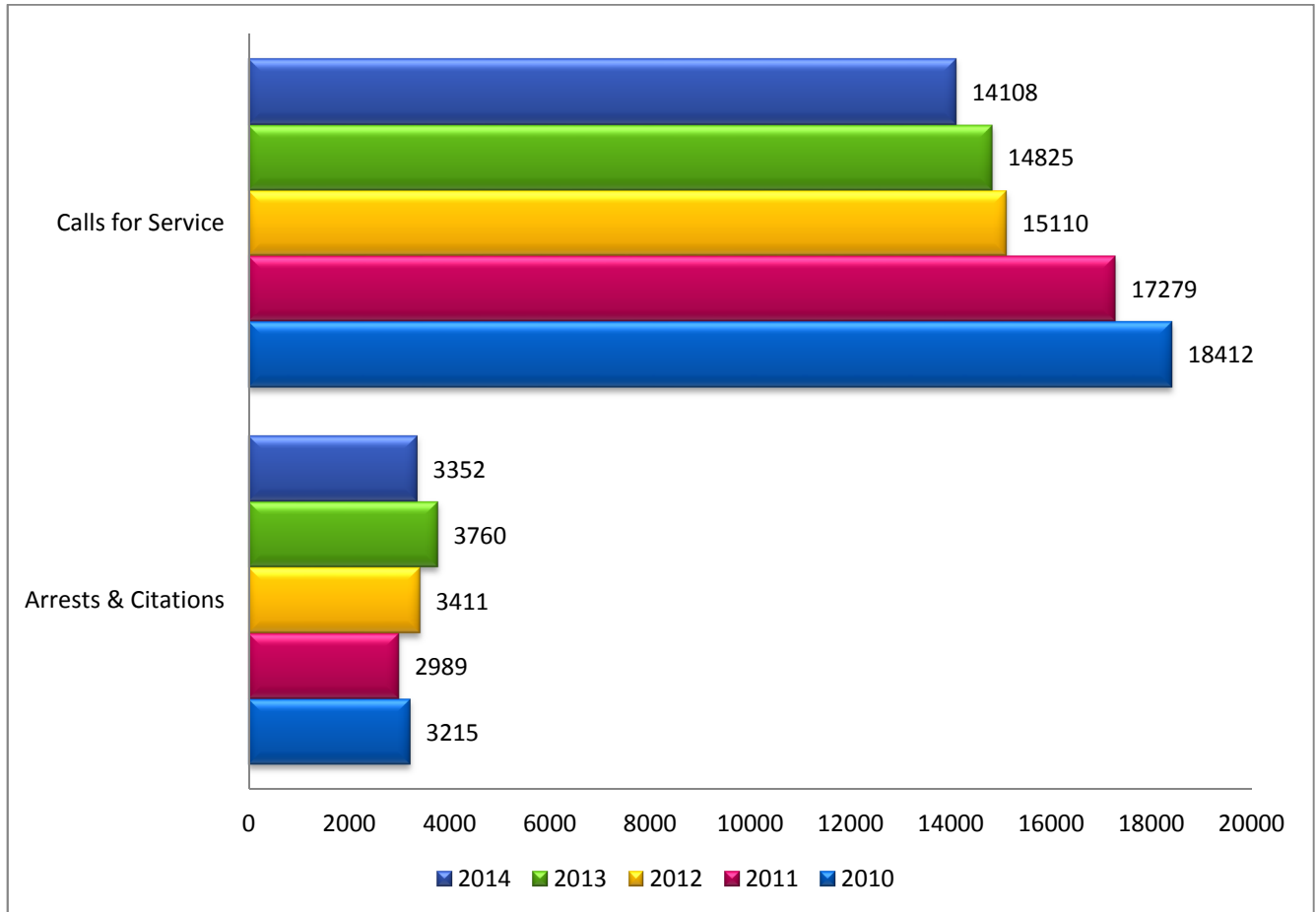


Overtime Statistics

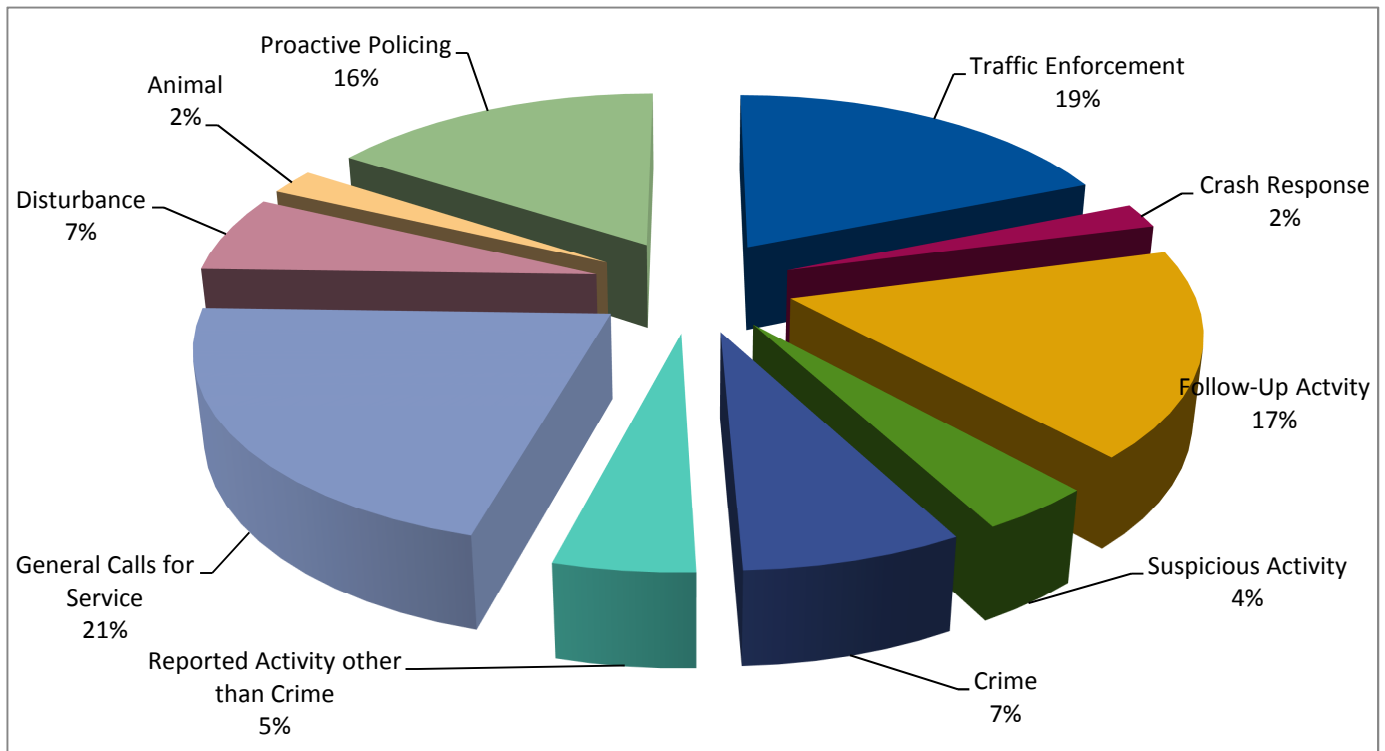


- Shift Shortage – Due to vacations, training, special assignments, emergencies, and investigations conducted by other officers
- Training – Hours in excess of officer's normal work schedule
- Special Assignment – Court, briefings, presentations
- Emergency – Natural disasters, Combined Tactical Unit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

Five Year Trends



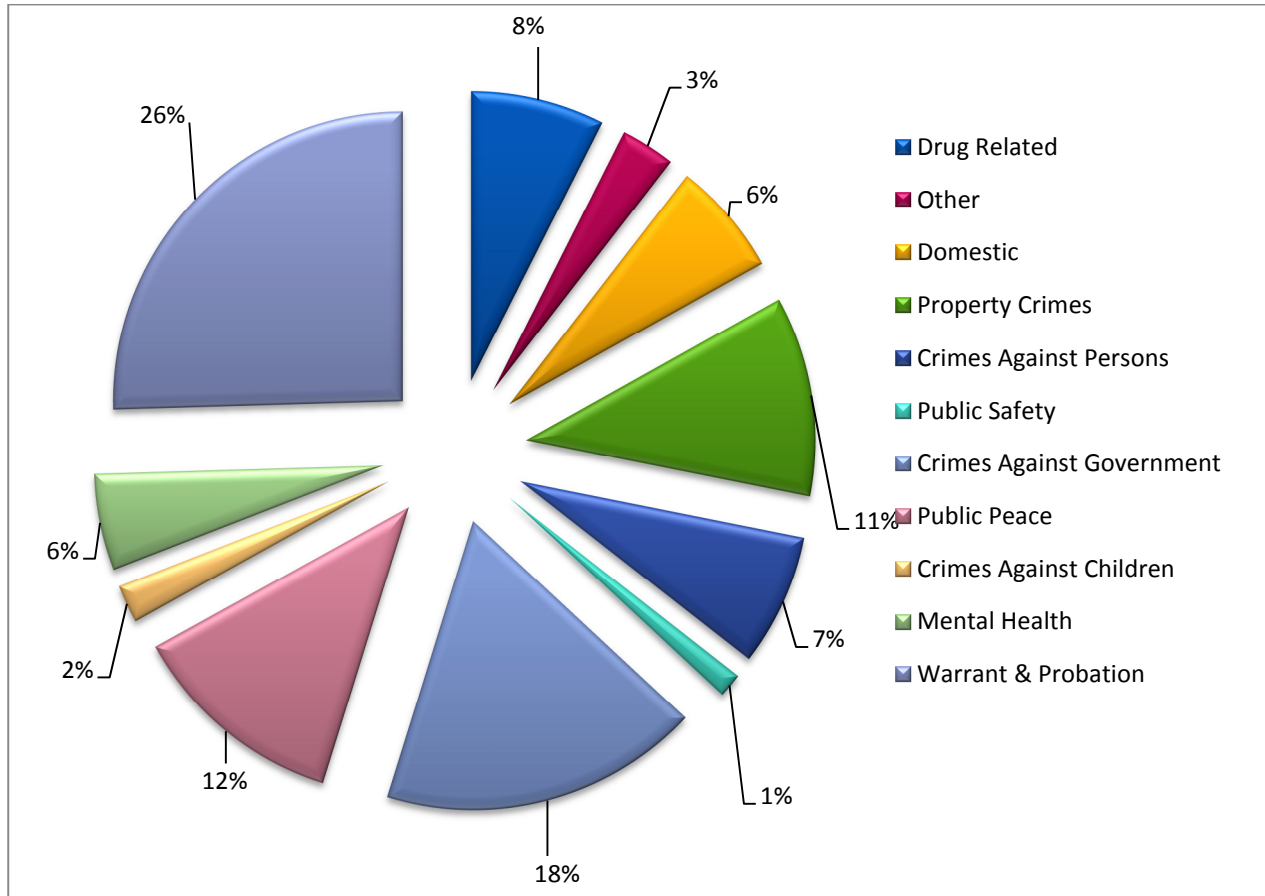
Allocation of Services



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



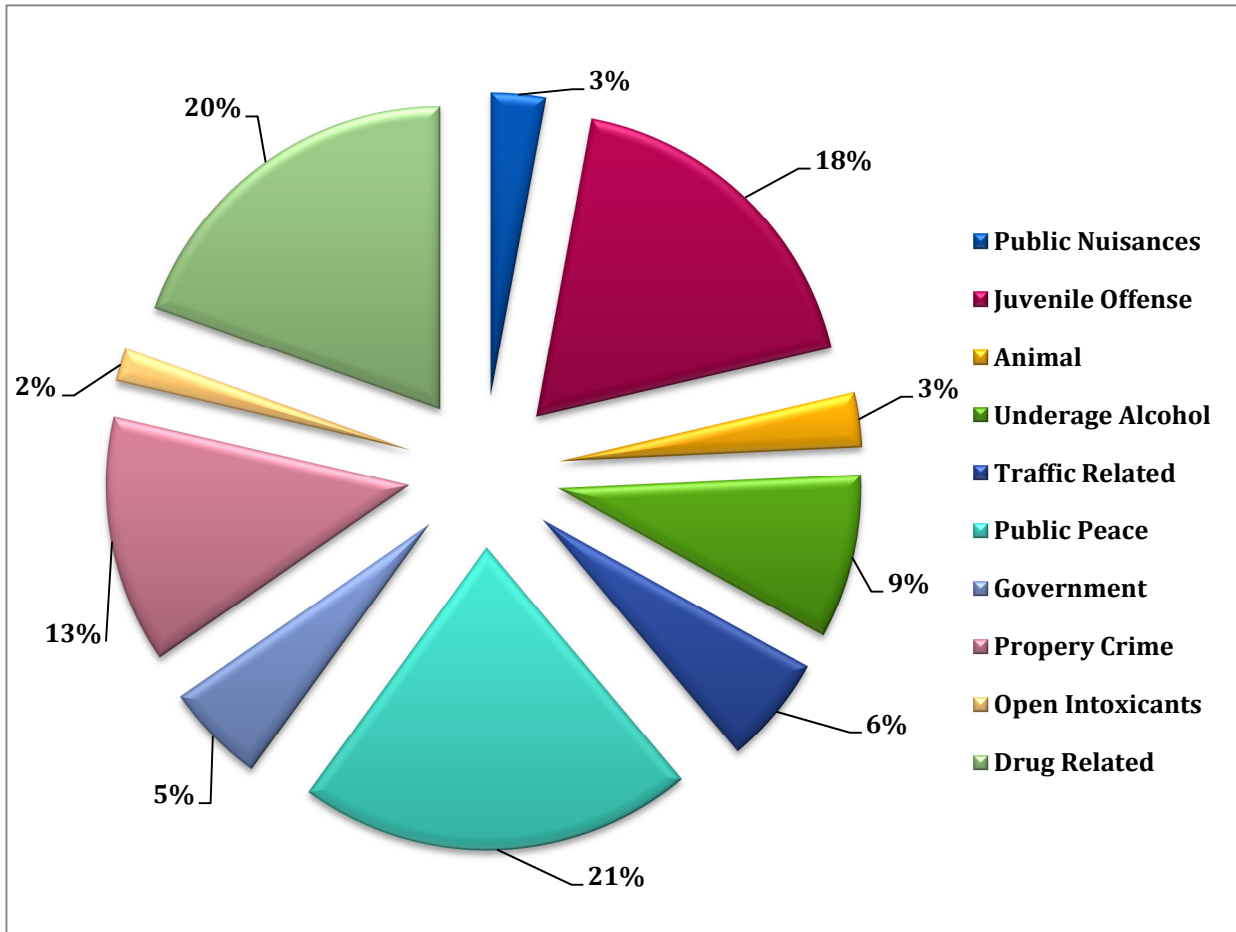
Arrest Percentage By Type of Crime



- Compared to 2013:
 - Warrant & Probation arrests increased 2%
 - Crimes Against the Government decreased 2%
 - Crimes Against Persons decreased 1%
 - Mental Health related incidents increased 2%
 - Property Crimes decreased 2%

Municipal Offense

By Type

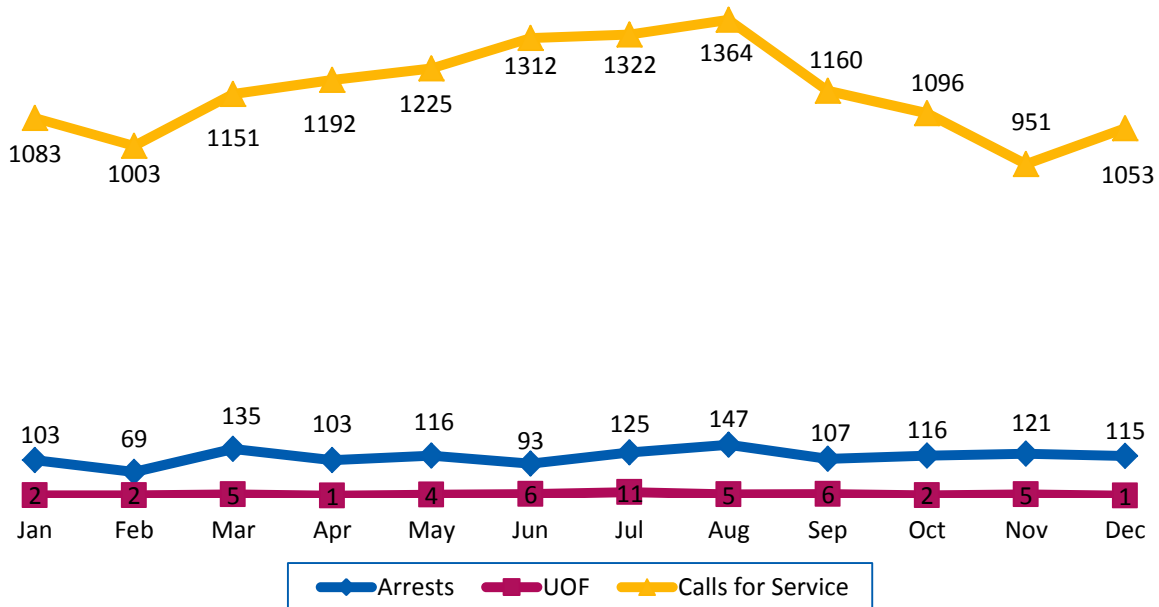


- Compared to 2013:
 - Juvenile related municipal citations decreased 1%
 - Underage alcohol related municipal citations decreased 2%
 - Traffic related municipal citations increased 1%
 - Public Peace related municipal citations increased 1%
 - Property Crime related municipal citations increased 2%

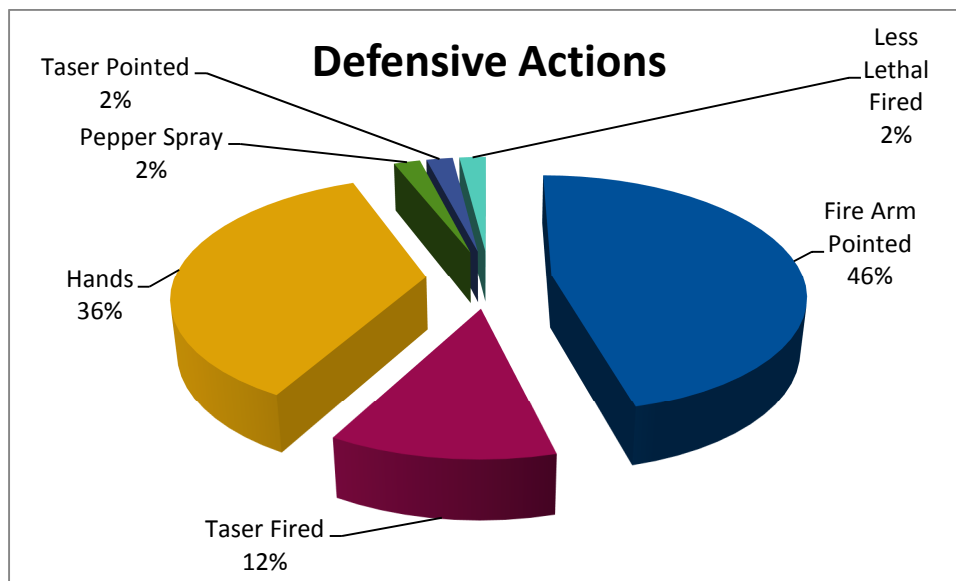
Use of Force (UOF)

Comparison Report

2014 Use of Force (UOF) Report

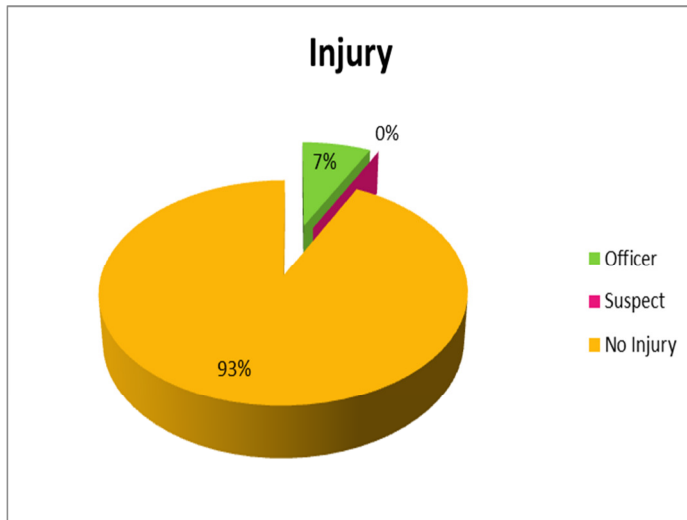


UOF by Type

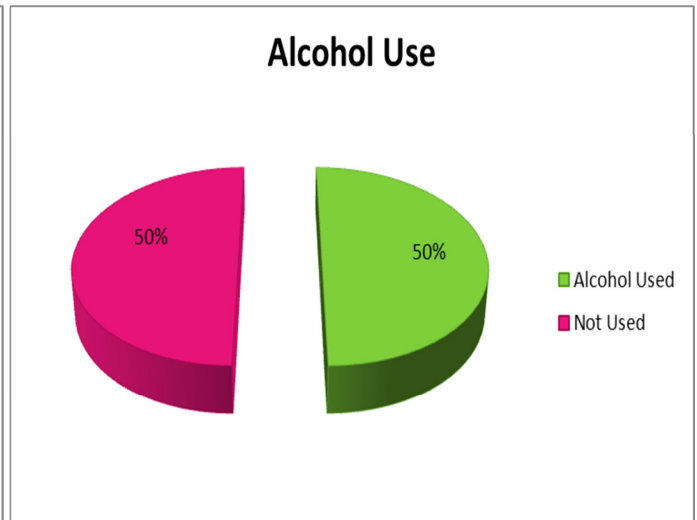


UOF Statistics

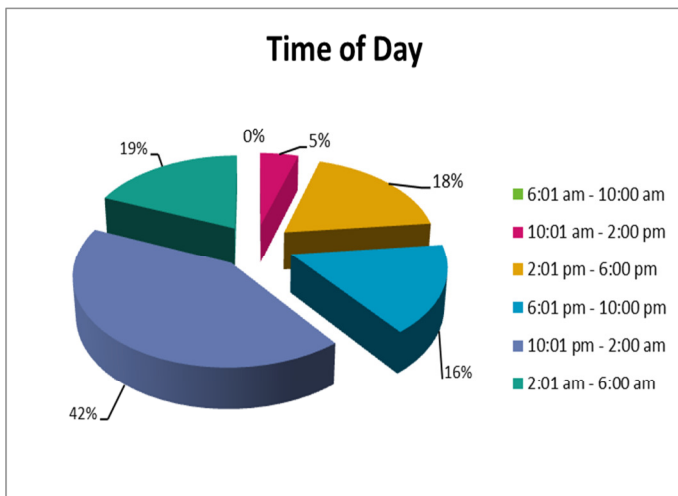
2014 Suspect/Officer Injury Ratio



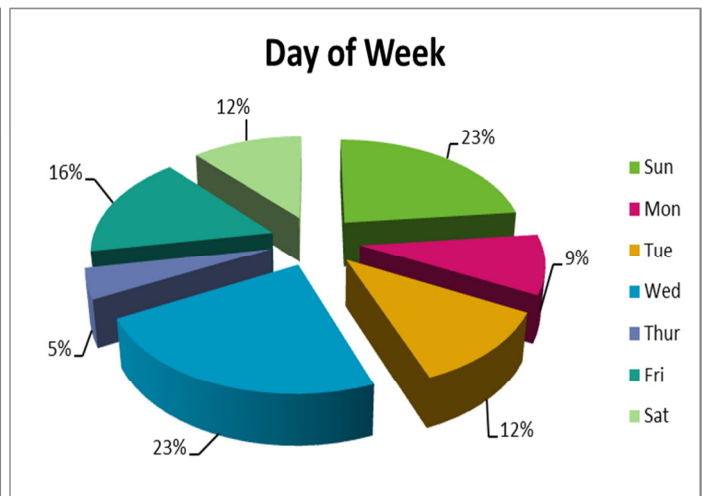
2014 Alcohol Usage Factor



2014 Defensive Action by Time of Day

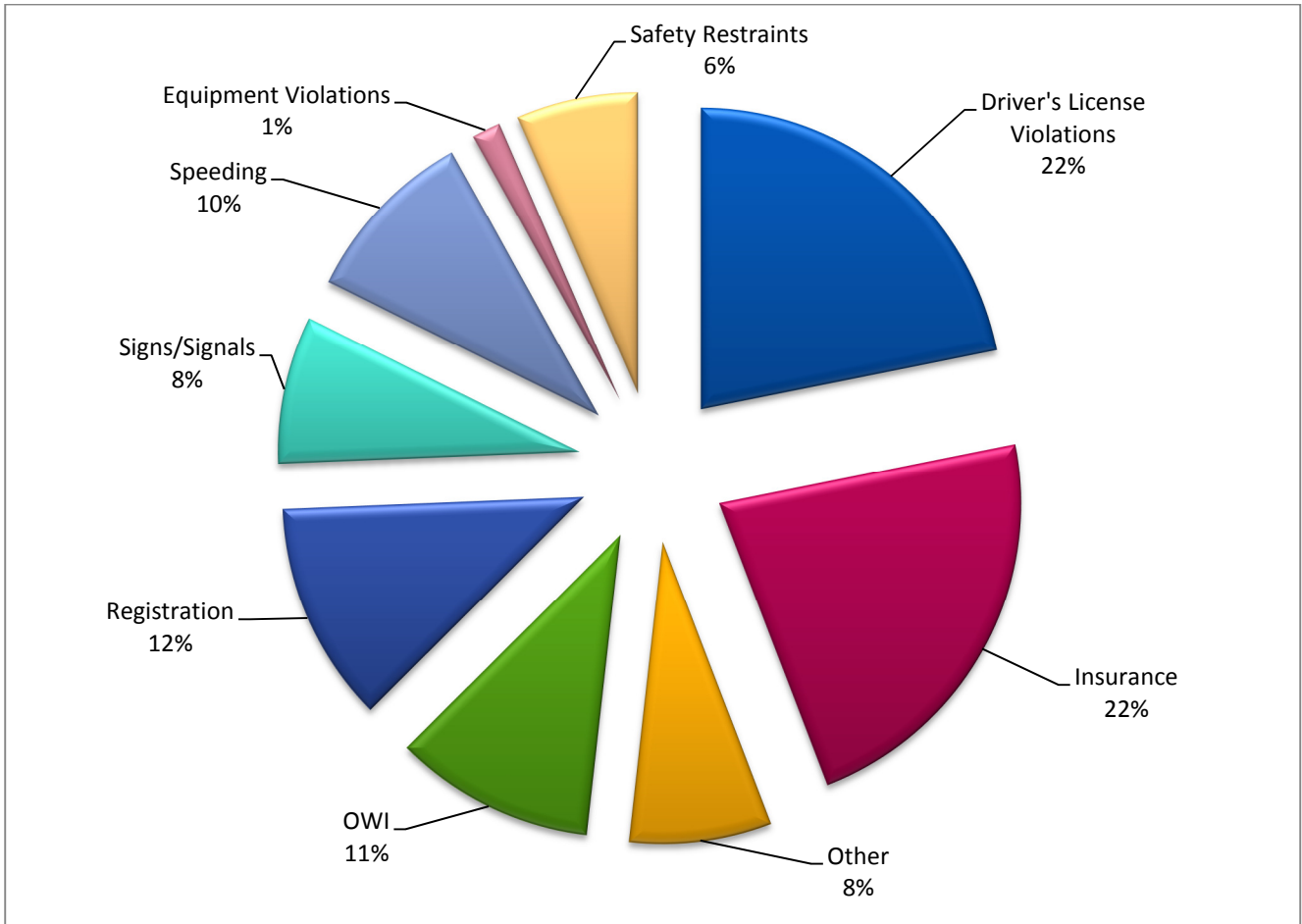


2014 Defensive Action by Day of Week



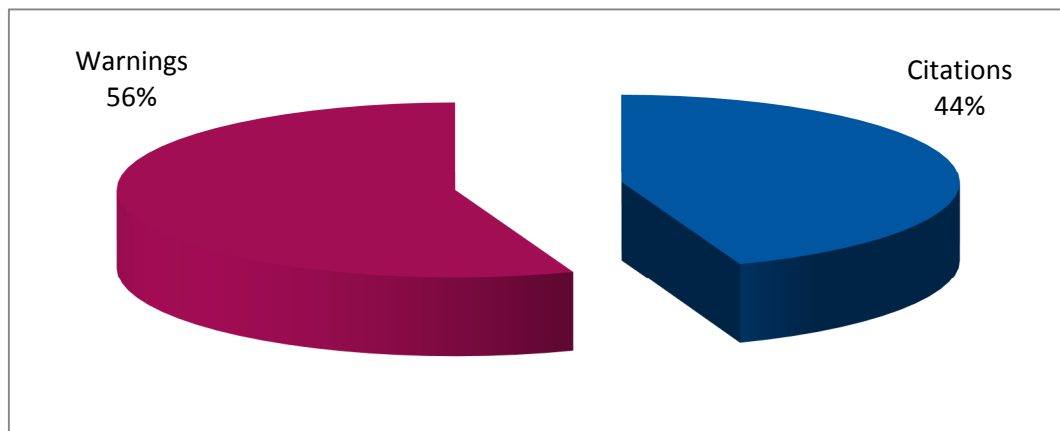
Traffic Citations Percentage

By Type of Offense



Traffic Stops

Warnings vs Citations



Five Year Traffic Crash Trend

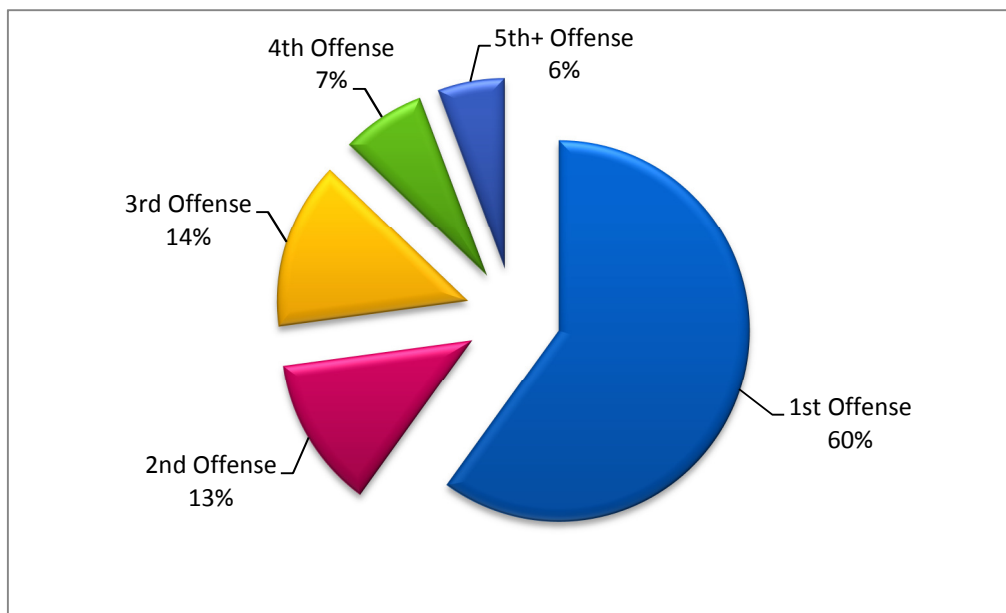


OWI Statistics

BAC/PAC Results

Month	Average Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense	5th+ Offense
January	0.125	3	0	0	0	0
February	0.202	2	1	1	1	0
March	0.148	2	1	1	1	2
April	0.152	3	0	2	0	1
May	0.155	4	1	2	1	0
June	0.195	4	0	2	0	0
July	0.160	3	2	1	0	0
August	0.157	6	1	0	2	0
September	0.139	3	0	1	0	1
October	0.153	6	2	0	0	0
November	0.106	4	0	0	0	0
December	0.205	2	1	0	0	0
Average	.158	42	9	10	5	4

Repeat Violation Offenses



Activity Report

During the year of 2014 the Sparta Police Department responded to 13,912 calls for service, issued 1,562 traffic citations, arrested 79 people for Operating While Under the Influence and made 1,774 non-traffic related arrests.

Index Crimes:

Part I Offenses Reported:

Homicide: **0** Sex Offense: **46** Assault: **20** Burglary: **26**
 Theft: **272** Motor Vehicle Theft: **17** Arson: **0** Robbery: **2**

Part II Offenses Reported:

Fraud: **142** Criminal Damage: **123** Drug: **124**
 Domestic: **58** Disorderly: **15** Weapons: **7**

Part III Traffic Offenses Reported:

Crashes: **295** Traffic Complaints: **327** Traffic Stops: **2622**
 Parking Complaints: **236** Parking Tickets Issued: **1343**

Part IV Incidents:

Alarms: **155** Mental: **62** Suspensions: **535** Open door/window: **39**
 Warrants: **147** Noise: **110** 911 hang up: **199** Animal: **306**

Citations & Arrests

Traffic: 1562

Non-Traffic: 1774

Speed Related	154	Bail Jumping	183
Traffic Signs & Signals	44	Battery	63
Driver License Violations	361	Burglary	4
Vehicle Registration	170	Disorderly Conduct	241
OMVWI/PAC	133	Obstructing/Resisting	63
Insurance	438	Drug Related	186
Seat Belts	65	Theft	127
All Others	197	Underage Drinking	37
		Curfew	17
		Truancy	43
		All Others	810

Citizen Academy



Pictured, (left to right): Top row- Officer Guralski, Amy Weibel. Front row-Detective Kuen, Officer Nelson, Lynn Kloety, Emily Ruud, Michael Arenz, Cynthia Arenz, Laura Endres, Shane Grissell, Sgt. Pipkin. Not pictured: Kevin Croninger, Selena Olvera, Sgt. Ames.

The Sparta Police Department again hosted a fall Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). Nine people attended the CPA this year, including the District Attorney, Kevin Croninger (not pictured above). The goal of the CPA is to foster a better working relationship between the Department and the citizens we serve.

The CPA is held in the fall, beginning during the month of September. Participants meet each Tuesday night for approximately two hours. A different aspect of Law Enforcement is presented each night. The presentations are done by one or more Officers of the Department. The Officers that present to the CPA do so voluntarily, and are not assigned to do so. Each year I find the Officers enjoy their involvement with the CPA as much as the participants do.

The first session includes an introduction to the members of the Sparta Police Department, and a tour of the Sparta Police Department. The next two sessions include tours of the Jail and Dispatch, and a presentation provided by the Monroe county District Attorney, and Monroe County Circuit Court J. David Rice.

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.

Participants were also given a presentation on SPD's canine, Officer Nitro, by his handler Officer Welker. Officer Welker demonstrated Nitro's ability to locate narcotics in hidden locations, and his ability to apprehend a suspect by performing a bite on Officer Erickson.

Participants were also given a presentation by Fire and EMS personnel that included the opportunity for participants to wear Fire Department turnout gear, and operate the Jaws of Life on two vehicles that were donated by PER Towing.

The final presentation was on the Taser. Participants were given the opportunity to be tased, and several participants took a voluntary exposure. Participants were then allowed to fire a Taser at a paper target.

The CPA closed with a dinner on December 9, 2014, held at Jake's Northwoods. Former CPA attendees are also invited to join us at the dinner. Four former attendees joined us this year for the Graduation Dinner. Current participants receive a Certificate and a SPD challenge coin, which was presented by then interim and now current Chief of Police, David Kuderer.

Prepared by Sergeant Joel Ames

K-9



Nitro is a full blooded German shepherd that was born in Germany on July 5, 2007. Nitro was purchased by the Sparta Police Department using grant money and was put into Service on Oct. 21, 2009. Nitro is trained and certified as a Dual Purpose K-9 and can perform tasks including Narcotic Detection, Suspect Tracking, Locating and Apprehension. Nitro has one physical apprehension in his past in which he bit a violent suspect who had assaulted two people including a Sheriff's Deputy who required stitches. Nitro located and apprehended the suspect hiding in tall weeds in the village of Norwalk. In 2014, Nitro was utilized in a number of situations including K-9 sniffs and searches of vehicles and buildings and most notably located 1.3 grams of Heroin in a vehicle that was stopped by the Sparta Police Department on April 18th. Nitro assisted the Sparta Area School District in performing K-9 drug searches at the schools. In April and May Nitro completed demonstrations at the Cataract and Lawrence Lawson Elementary Schools. In October the Sparta Police Department Citizen Academy and the Cub Scouts observed demonstrations of Nitro in action. In 2014 Nitro trained with the State Patrol, Tomah, Holmen, and Onalaska K-9 teams. In addition, Nitro has assisted in narcotic searches with outside agencies including the Tomah VA Police, Monroe County Sheriff's Department and the State Patrol. Nitro also assisted on numerous occasions with the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit.

Prepared by Officer Welker

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – Grant



Mayo Clinic Health System donated money to the department to help purchase three Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices. With the purchase of these three AEDs, all six patrol cars will now have an AED available. The AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of a patient and is able to treat them through defibrillation. The application of this electrical therapy stops the arrhythmia allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. According to Mayo, using an AED in the first three minutes increases a victim's survival rate to 70%. That goes up to 90% if used in the first minute. Many times, the police squad cars are the first on scene and getting them equipped with AEDs is vital in increasing the patient's odds of survival.

In addition to the money received from Mayo, the Sparta Area Ambulance Service contributed an additional \$350 toward the purchase of the AED units.

Officers and staff receive CPR/AED certification every two years.

Combined Tactical Unit



The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (CTU) is a Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team staffed by members of the Tomah Police Department, Sparta Police Department, and Monroe County Sheriff's Department. The member agencies have entered into an agreement to staff the team in this manner to allow for the most efficient use of each department's resources. CTU was created to handle those rare high-risk incidents that require a unique set of skills and equipment not typically possessed by a patrol officer. CTU is trained and equipped to handle situations such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, and high-risk warrant service and rural manhunt operations. Members of CTU train once a month throughout the county and routinely with other area tactical units including FBI Milwaukee. The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit responded to five tactical situations in 2014. Three of these were located in the City of Sparta. Officers assigned to the unit are also frequently used by their individual agencies when the entire unit is not required for a particular assignment.

Members of CTU from Sparta PD

Marc Nelson – Team Leader/Medic

Kyle Guralski – Sniper/Entry Team

Andy Kuen – Entry Team

Jose Tovar – Entry Team

Corey Johnson – Entry Team

Prepared by Officer Nelson



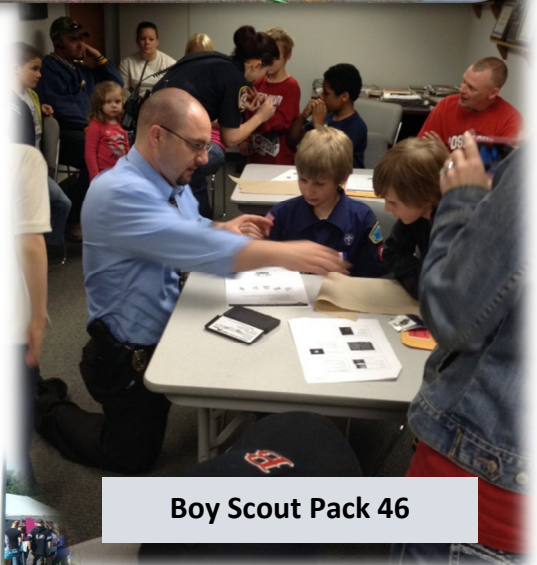
Community Policing



Meadowview Middle School



STEM Scavenger Hunt



Boy Scout Pack 46

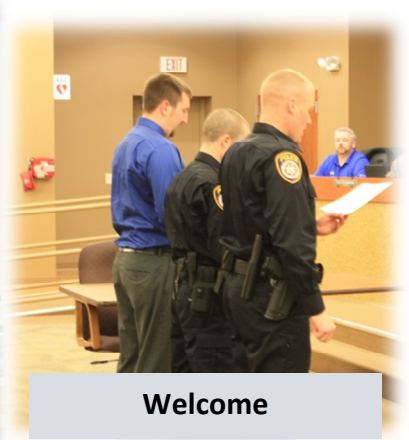


Back to School Block Party

Department Snapshots



Saying Goodbye



Welcome



National Night Out



Trick or Treat Street



Annual Law Enforcement Picnic



Lakeview Montessori School



Shop with a Hero



Sparta Police Department

Dayshift 2014

Sgt. Jason Pipkin

Officer Marc Nelson

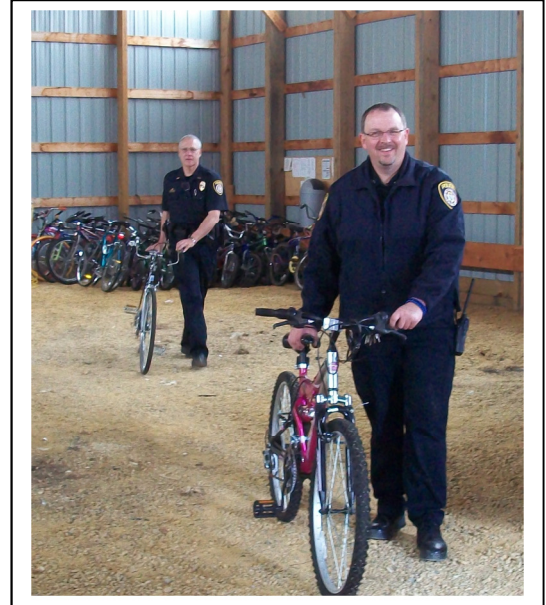
Patrol Officer Jose Tovar

K9 Officer Chris Welker

School Resource Officer Kyle Seubert



"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."-Nelson Mandela

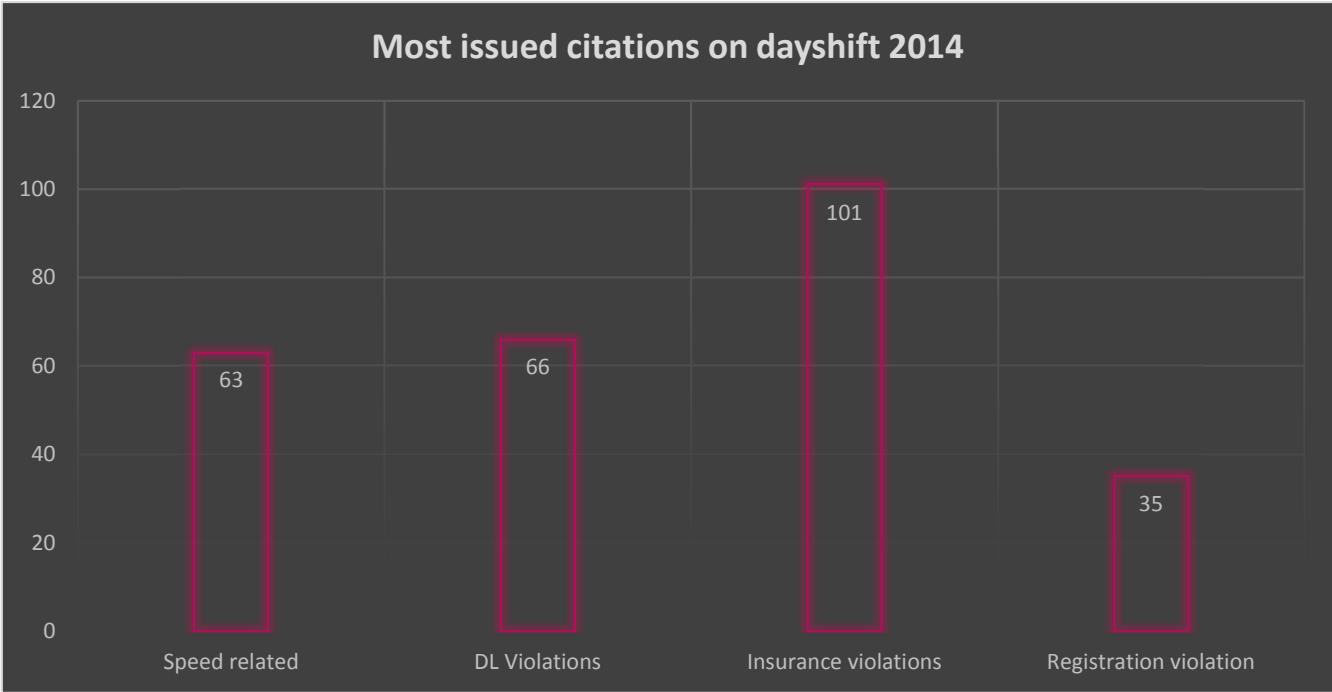
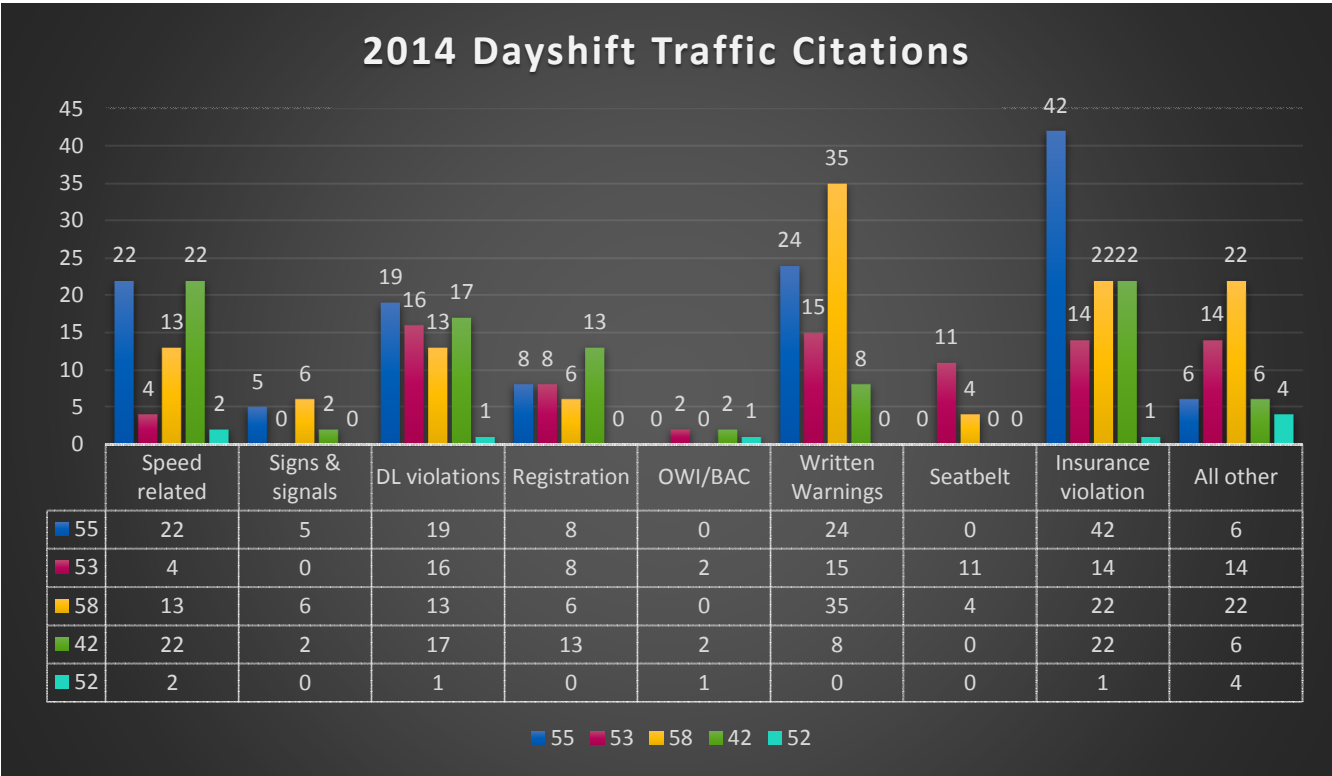


*Sparta Police
Department*

2014



We still have many people driving without insurance. That was the number one traffic citation issued on dayshift in 2014.



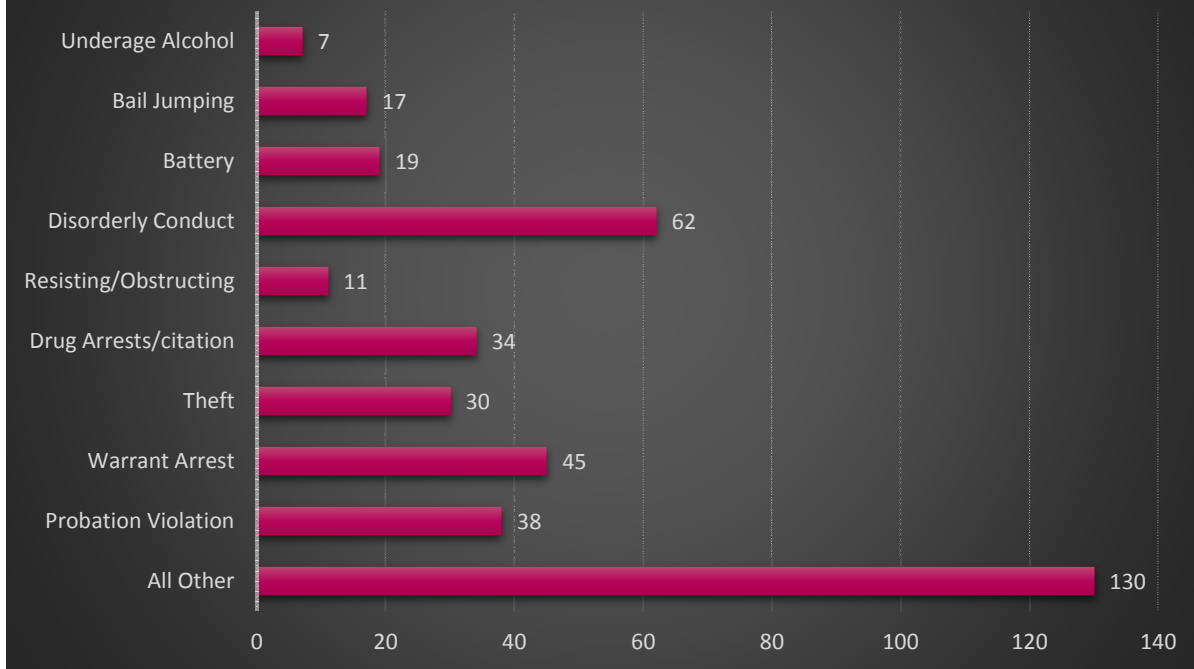


Officer Tovar having lunch with some very happy kids at Meadowview!

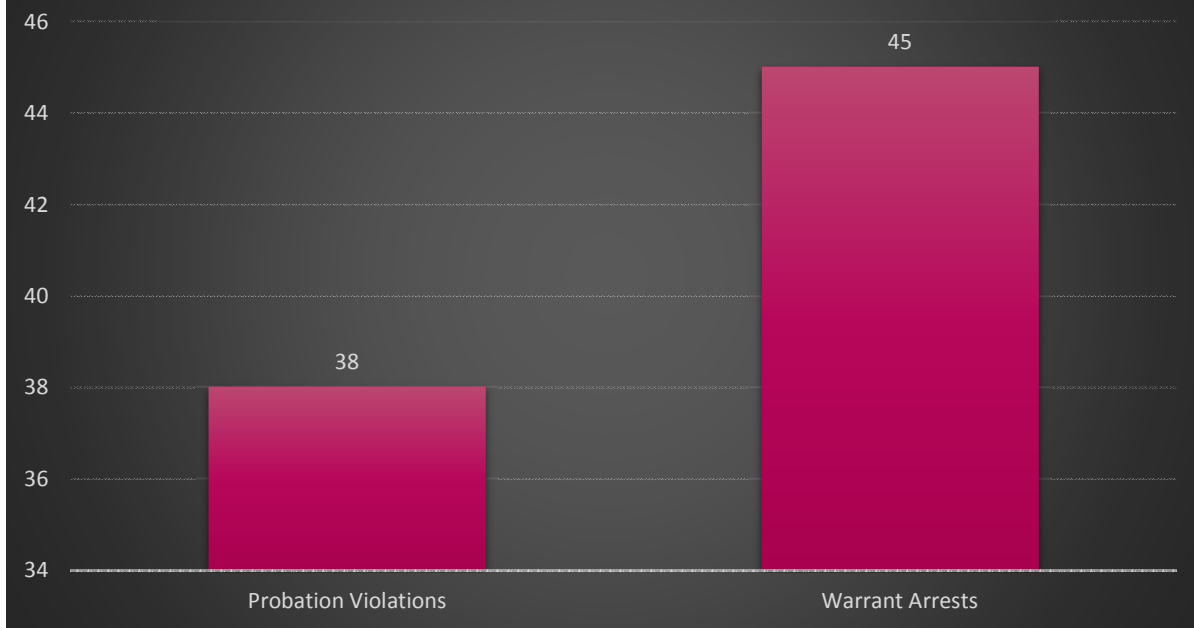
K9 Nitro visited National Night Out and he even brought along Officer Welker.



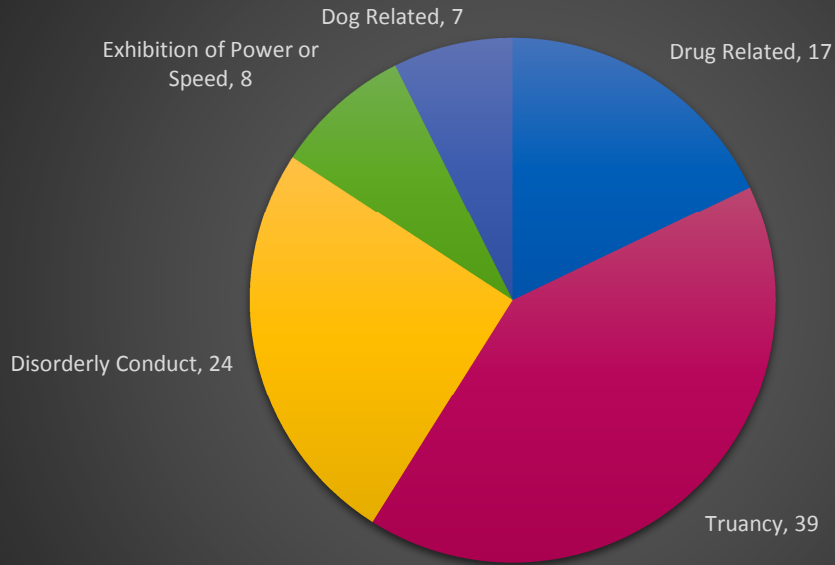
2014 Dayshift Arrests and Citations



Probation Violations and Warrant Arrests

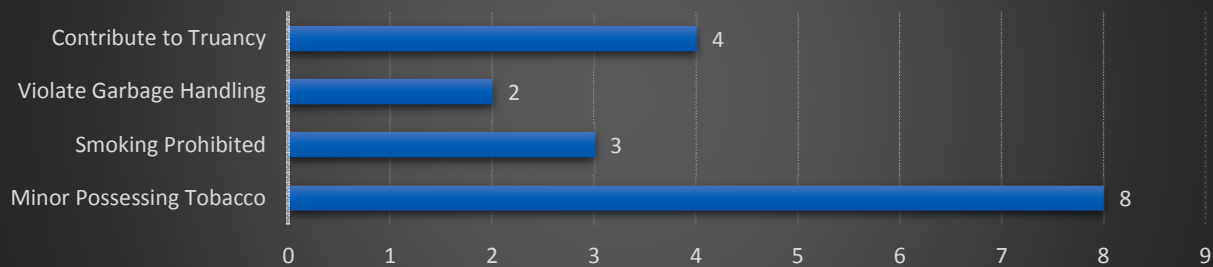


Municipal Citations

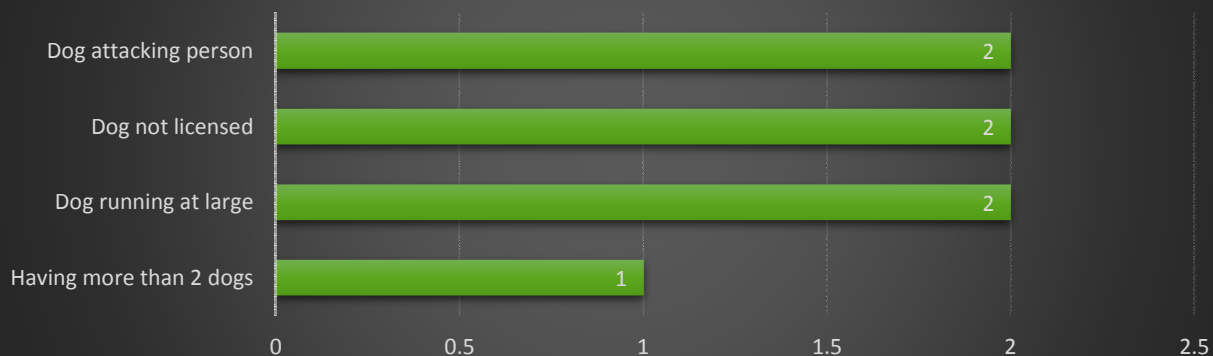


■ Drug Related ■ Truancy ■ Disorderly Conduct ■ Exhibition of Power or Speed ■ Dog Related

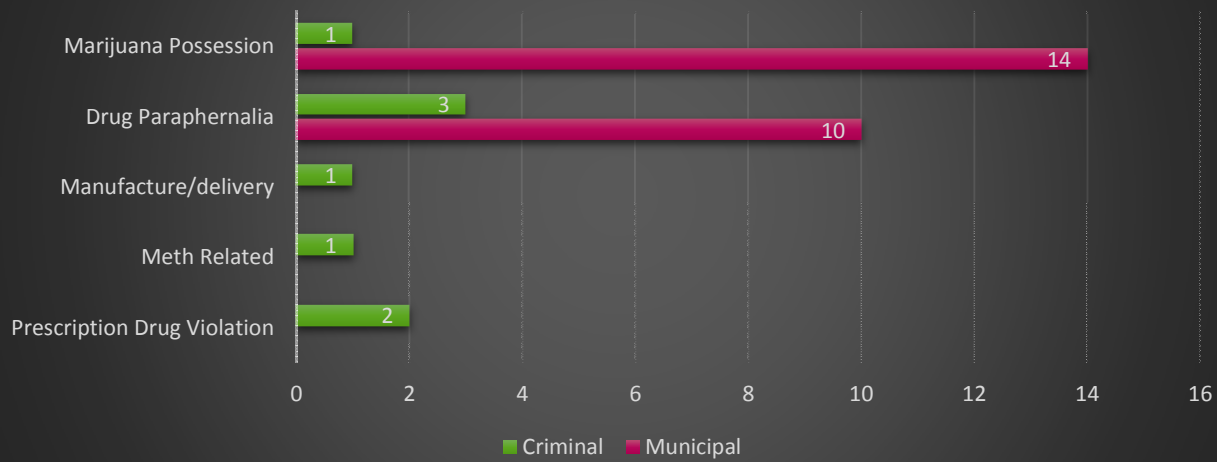
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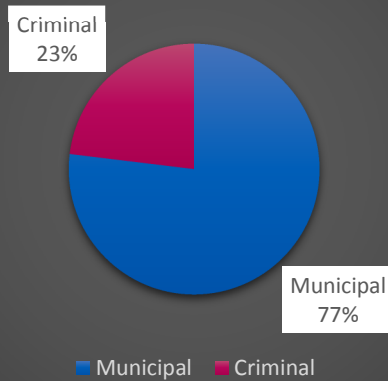
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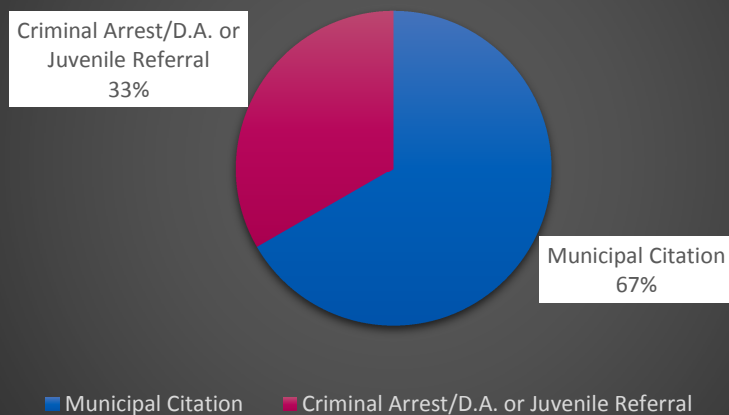
Drug Related Offenses



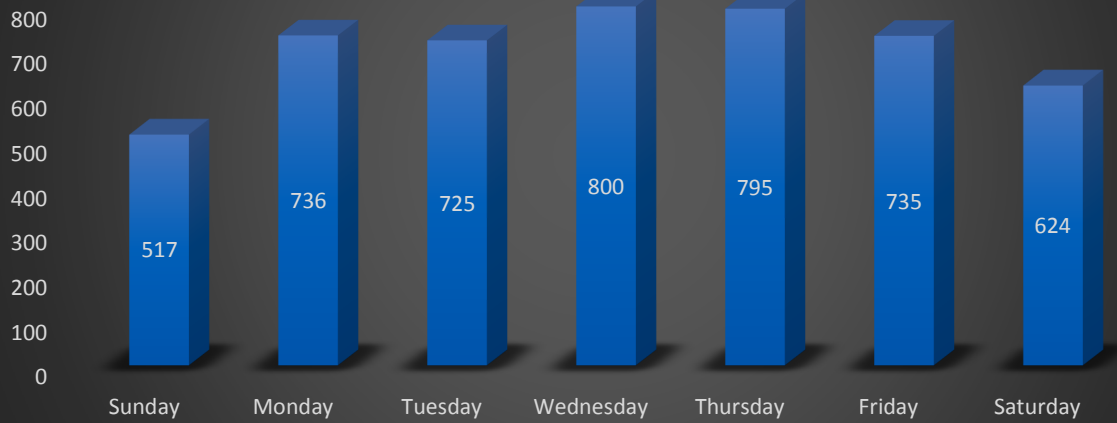
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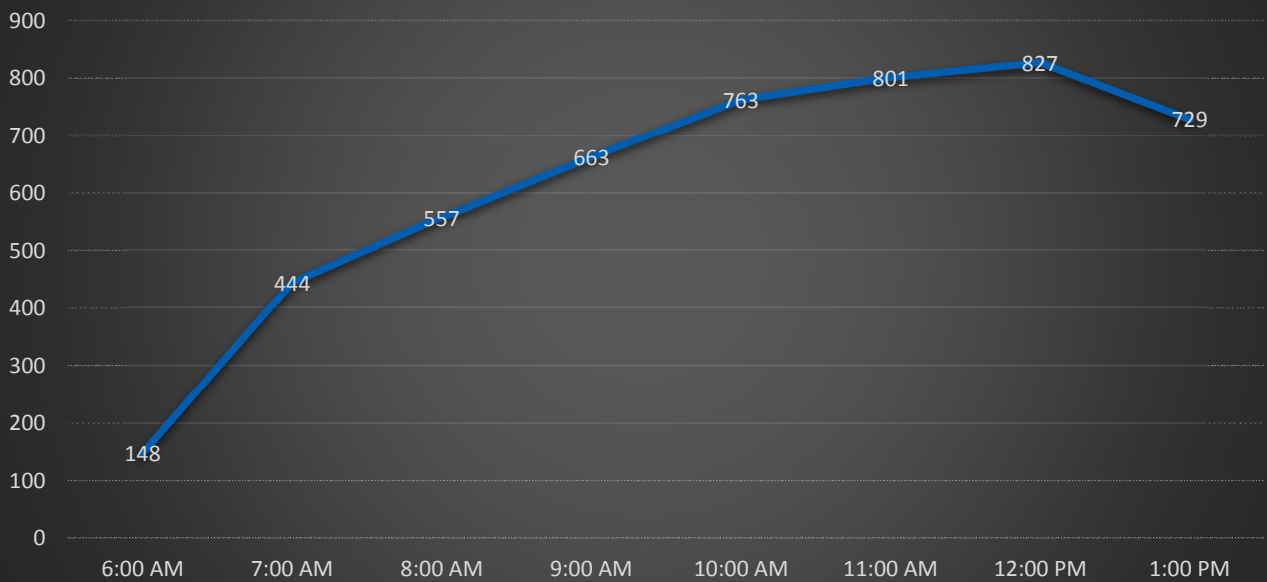
Possession of Marijuana



Dayshift call response by day of week



Dayshift call response by hour of shift

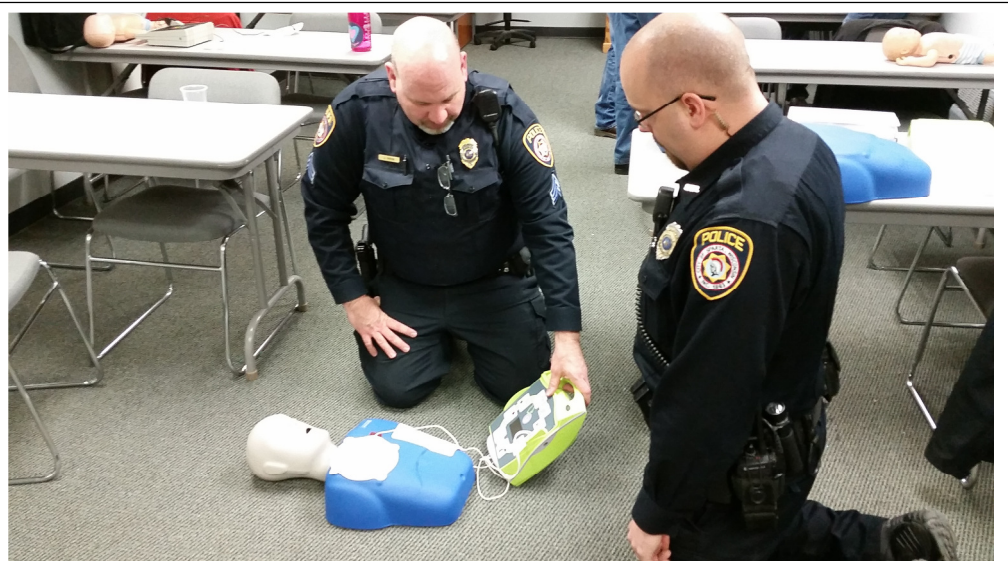


Officer Nelson worked with Mayo Clinic Health System and Sparta Area Ambulance Service to get additional AED units for the Sparta Police Department. We now have an AED for every patrol car, which will help us save lives.



Officer Nelson is interviewed by a local news station. They did an excellent story on Sparta P.D. getting the AED units.

Officer Nelson providing instruction on the use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).





Sgt. Pipkin and Officer Johnson participated in "Dunk a Cop" at a fundraising event for Lakeview Montessori School. Ask them how cold it was...



Future Sparta Police Officer? Maybe...everyone got the chance to check out the squad car at the block party, which was held at the American Legion.



Officer Nelson handing out the always popular sticker badges.

*Proud to be part
of the
community!*

Selected 2014 cases of interest

January 4th, 11:44 am: A female called requesting a welfare check on her daughter, who she thought was at a residence on the 200 block of W. Montgomery. The daughter was located and was found to be with a male who had bond conditions indicating he was not to be with the female. She was returned to her mother and the male was arrested for felony bail jumping.

January 16th, 9:56: Officer sent to Justice Sanctions for a report of a person who showed up for an appointment after consuming alcohol. The officer administered a preliminary breath test and the subject was found to have been drinking, which violated his bond conditions. The male suspect was arrested for felony bail jumping.

January 26th, 12:44 pm: Officer on patrol sees a vehicle parked in a disabled spot but not displaying any sort of permit. Contact with the driver revealed the registration on the vehicle was suspended and the vehicle was not insured. The driver also had a warrant for his arrest so he was taken into custody. He was issued a \$100.00 parking ticket for parking in a disabled parking spot.

February 12th, 7:09 am: An officer responded to the 1800 block of River Rd. for a harassment complaint. The reporting party stated the male suspect was arrested and had bond conditions stating he was not to contact her. The suspect was repeatedly contacting her, and he was later located at a downtown bar. The suspect was arrested for felony bail jumping.

February 25th, 11:35 am: An officer on patrol saw a person he knew to have a warrant for his arrest driving near the high school. The officer activated his lights and then siren, but the suspect kept driving to his residence a couple blocks away. The suspect got out of this car and started towards his residence, but was quickly taken into custody by the officer. He was cited for failure to stop and he was arrested on the warrant.

March 10th, 9:54 am: School Resource Officer responded to an assault complaint. An 18 year old student attacked another student, punching him several times. The suspect was arrested on several charges, including battery, disorderly conduct, and bail jumping.

April 18th, 12:14 am: Officers responded to a disturbance call on Court St. The victim had minor cuts and alleged the suspect cut her with a knife during the struggle. The suspect was arrested for battery, disorderly conduct, and causing injury by negligent use of a weapon.

June 7th, 1:35 pm: Report of an armed robbery at EZ Money Payday Loans. An officer arrived at the front and saw the suspect running out towards the back of the building. A nearby off-duty SPD Officer heard radio traffic about the robbery and also responded. The off-duty officer drew his weapon and confronted the suspect just as he got to his getaway car. The other officer came around the building at about the same time and the suspect surrendered. Suspect was arrested for armed robbery. The firearm he displayed during the robbery was later found to be a BB gun.

August 12th, 11:51 am: An officer on patrol observed a suspect driving without a valid license. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle, when the suspect led the officer on a nearly 3 mile pursuit. The pursuit ended when the suspect made it to his residence outside the city and he was taken into custody in his driveway. He was booked into the jail on numerous charges including fleeing an officer.

August 14th, 11:30 am: Male suspect attempted to steal a TV from Wal-Mart but store security saw him leaving. The followed him to the parking lot and got a license plate number off the car he was driving. The suspect realized security saw him so he abandoned the TV in the parking lot and fled. Through security footage, and with the license plate, the investigating officer was able to identify the suspect and cite him for retail theft.

October 1st, 1:01 pm: SPD received a complaint of an incident that occurred on Walrath St. when Cub Scouts were selling popcorn door to door. The Scouts knocked on the door at 616 Walrath St. and were met by a man holding a sword in a threatening manner and yelling at them to get away. The suspect was located and arrested for disorderly conduct and recklessly endangering safety.

October 7th, 11:18 am: Officers responded to a welfare check on South K Street. A male suspect had called 911 reporting he believed there was an injured prostitute somewhere in the area. The suspect also talked about several other random topics and the officers believed he was under the influence of drugs. The suspect was taken into custody on a probation hold. The arresting officer located a needle on him and

the suspect said he used it to inject methamphetamine. He was booked into the jail for the probation hold and for possession of methamphetamine paraphernalia.

October 22nd, 12:58 pm: Complaint of someone stealing beer from Wal-Mart. Store security observed a male suspect place beer in his back pack and then leave without paying for it. Officers viewed surveillance video and recognized the suspect from previous contacts. Officers located the suspect on the 300 block of W. Montgomery and he still had the stolen beer in his back pack. The suspect was arrested for retail theft.

October 26th: At 2:50 pm: Officers responded to an ongoing neighbor dispute on the 100 block of S. Thayer. Officers were there many times prior and had warned the residents there to stop their behavior. One of the neighbors continuously hit her rake against a fence, despite the neighbor repeatedly yelling at her to stop. The complainant filmed the incident, which provided enough evidence to issue a disorderly conduct citation to the neighbor with the rake. She later plead no contest in municipal court and was found guilty of disorderly conduct.

November 8th, 12:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated male threatening people inside a downtown tavern. The suspect then left the bar and fell on the sidewalk, injuring himself. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital. He was cited for disorderly conduct.

November 22nd, 8:38 am: Officer on patrol sees a driver run a red light by the high school. The driver had a warrant for his arrest and was taken into custody. The officer discovered a small amount of marijuana in the suspect's pocket. In addition to being arrested for the warrant, the driver was cited for running a red light and he was issued a municipal citation for possession of marijuana.

On November 25th at 12:00 pm an officer received information about a possible charity scam that was going to occur in Sparta. The investigating officer contacted local organizations and warned them. The suspects were also called and advised of the investigation. The fundraiser was held on December 7th and it was discovered that the suspect stole several hundred dollars from the event. The suspects later admitted to stealing the money and they were arrested for theft.



Shop with a Hero



On December 8th, Officer Zach Fischer had just started with the Sparta Police Department. He didn't have his police uniform yet, but he still joined us and participated in the event wearing his military uniform.



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2014 Sparta Police Department

Second Shift

Activity Report

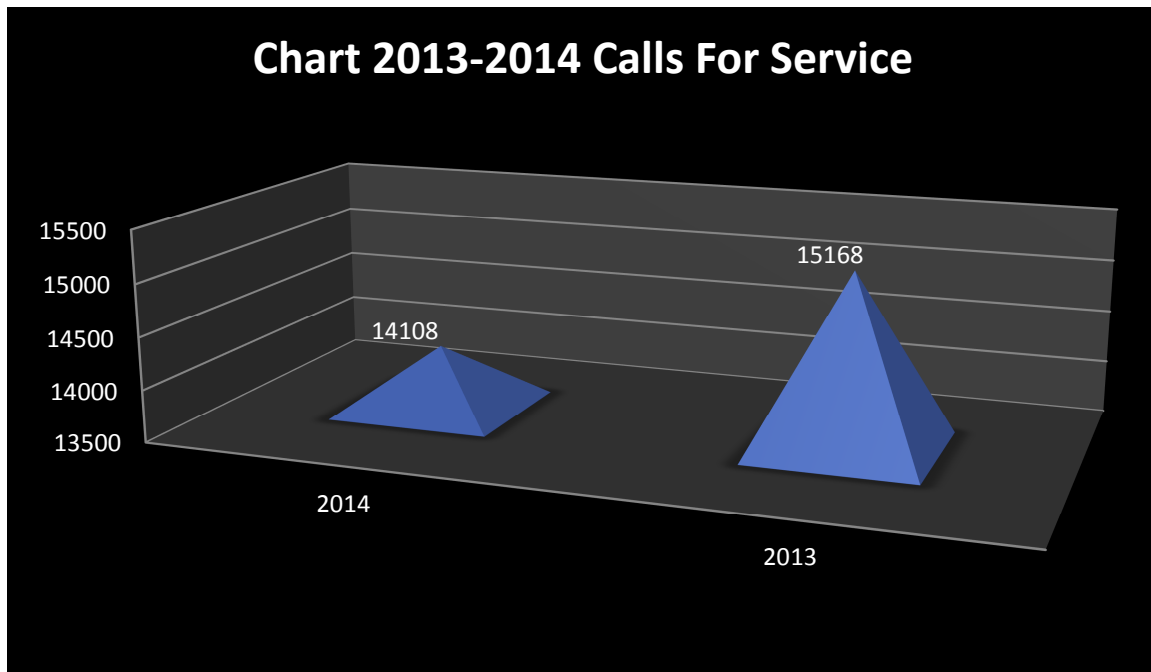


"Be the change that you wish to see in the world"

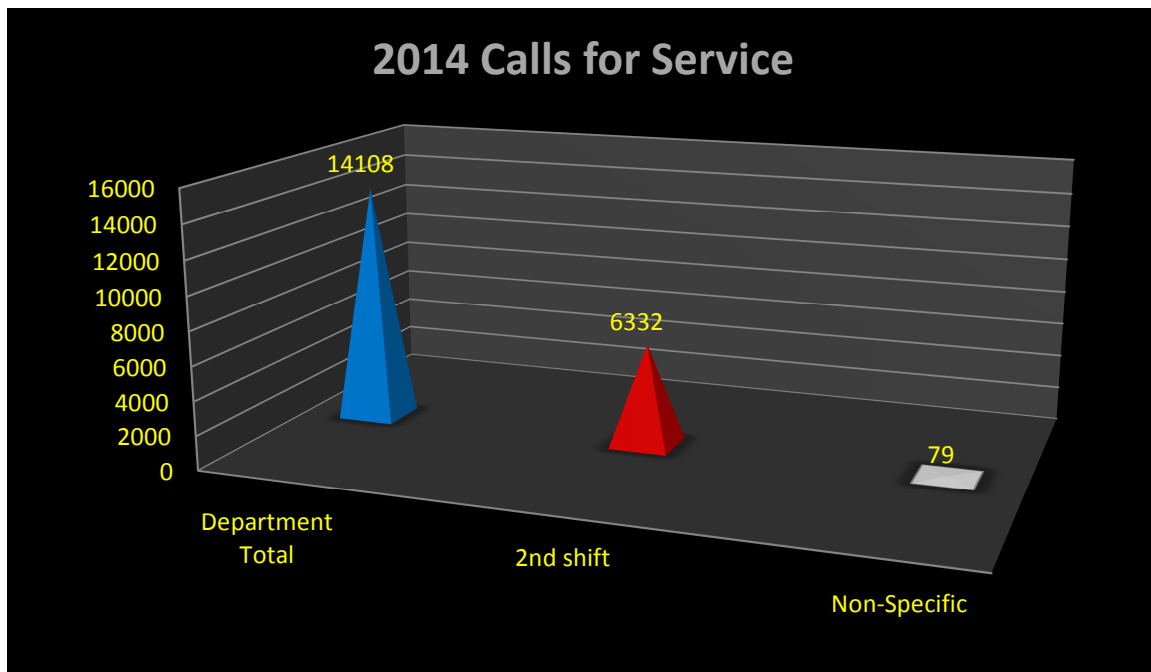
-Mahatma Gandhi-

Prepared by Sergeant Joel Ames

In 2014 the Sparta Police Department responded to 14108 calls for service. Calls for service include complaints reported to the Sparta Police Department (Disturbances, Neighbor Complaints, Traffic Complaints, etc.), and self-initiated activity by Officers (Traffic Stops, Bar Checks, Warrant Arrests, etc.).

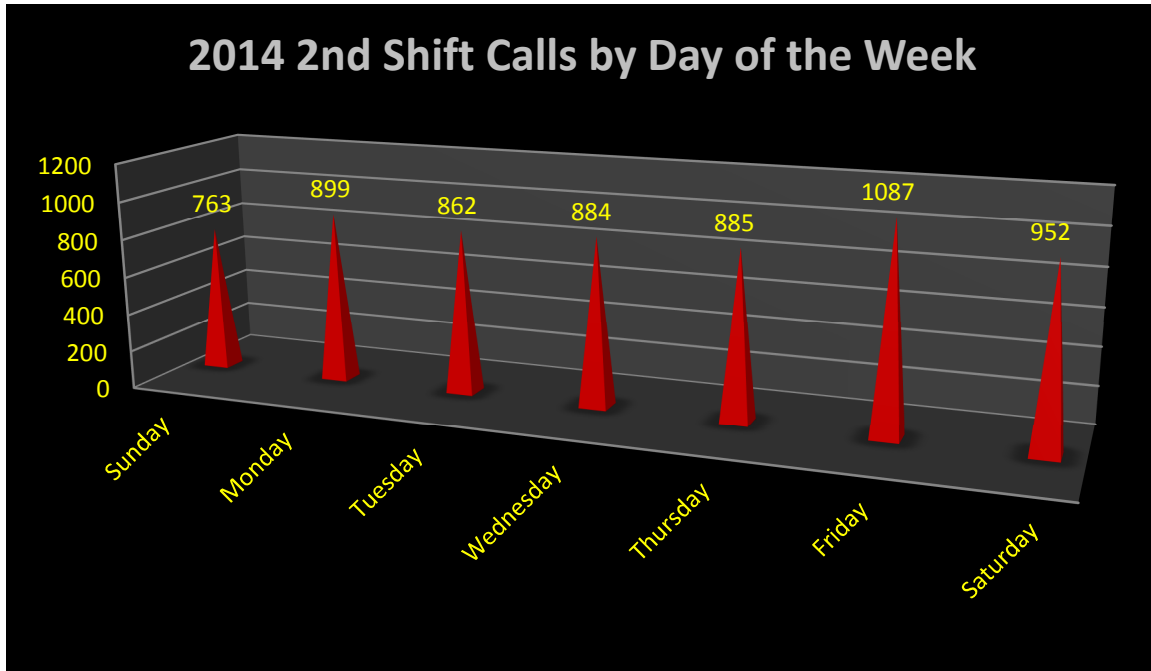


The number of calls for service the Department responded to in 2014 is slightly less (approximately 9%) than the number of calls for service the Department responded to in 2013.

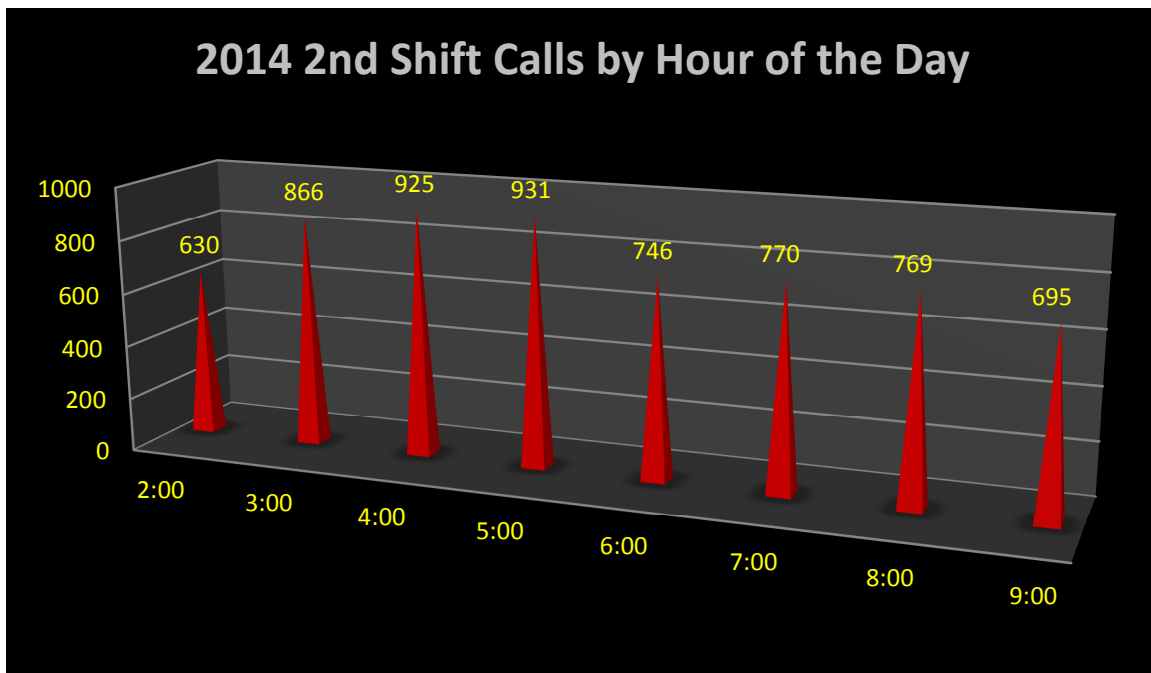


Of the 14108 calls for Service taken by the Department, 6332 (Approximately 45%) of those were taken by Officers assigned to 2nd shift. 79 calls were not assigned to a specific Officer.

Of the 6332 calls for service assigned to a 2nd shift Officer the largest number (1087) occurred on Fridays (approximately 17% of the total).

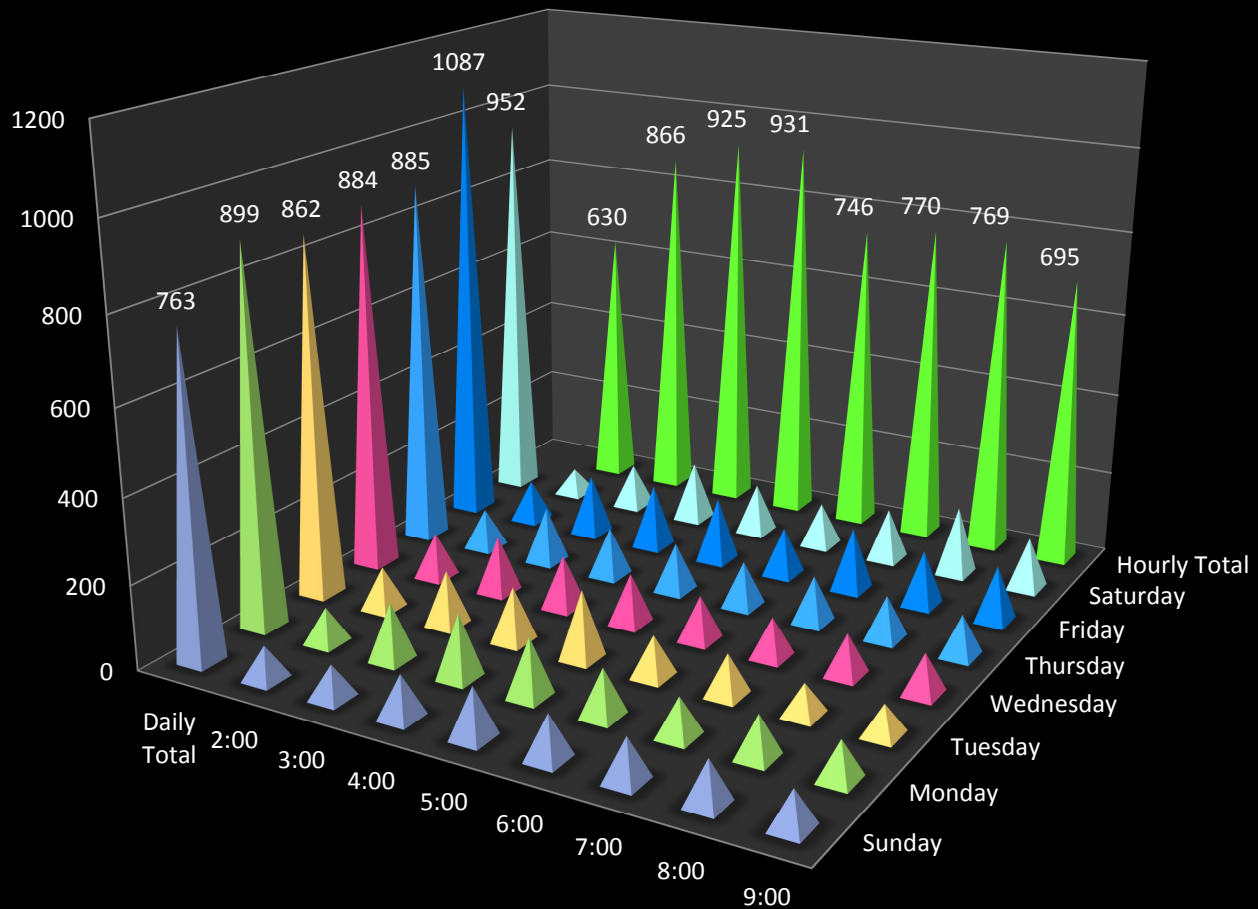


Of the 6332 calls for service assigned to a 2nd shift Officer the largest number (931) occurred at 5:00 pm (approximately 15% of the total).



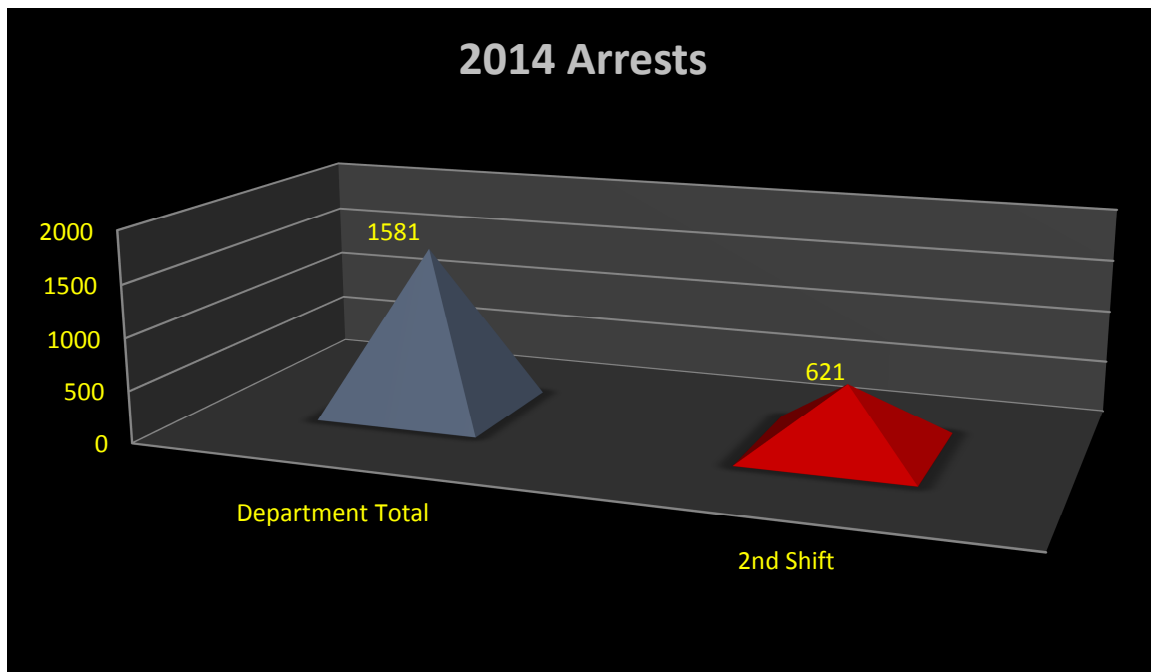
This chart shows a detailed breakdown of calls for service by the hour of the day, and the day of the week.

2014 2nd Shift Calls by Hour of the Day/Day of the Week

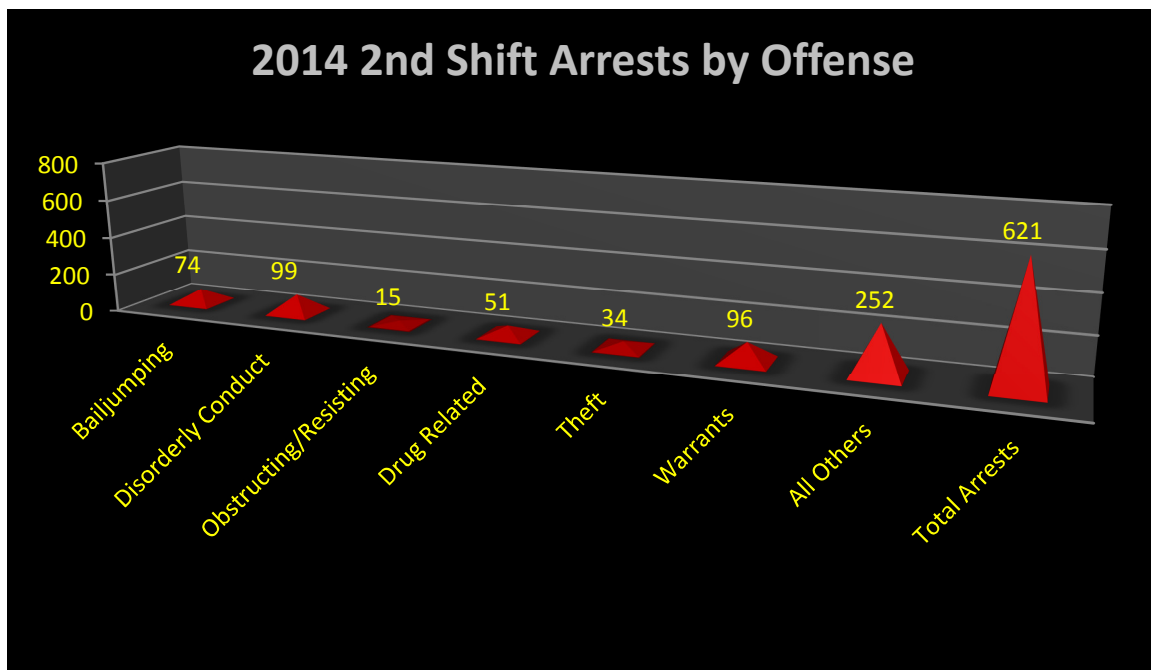


	Daily Total	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00
■ Sunday	763	79	78	100	118	103	99	100	86
■ Monday	899	84	136	152	138	111	91	98	89
■ Tuesday	862	101	130	130	163	97	97	73	71
■ Wednesday	884	108	136	126	120	106	95	98	95
■ Thursday	885	96	134	119	116	108	111	103	98
■ Friday	1087	99	146	154	156	116	152	132	132
■ Saturday	952	63	106	144	120	105	125	165	124
■ Hourly Total		630	866	925	931	746	770	769	695

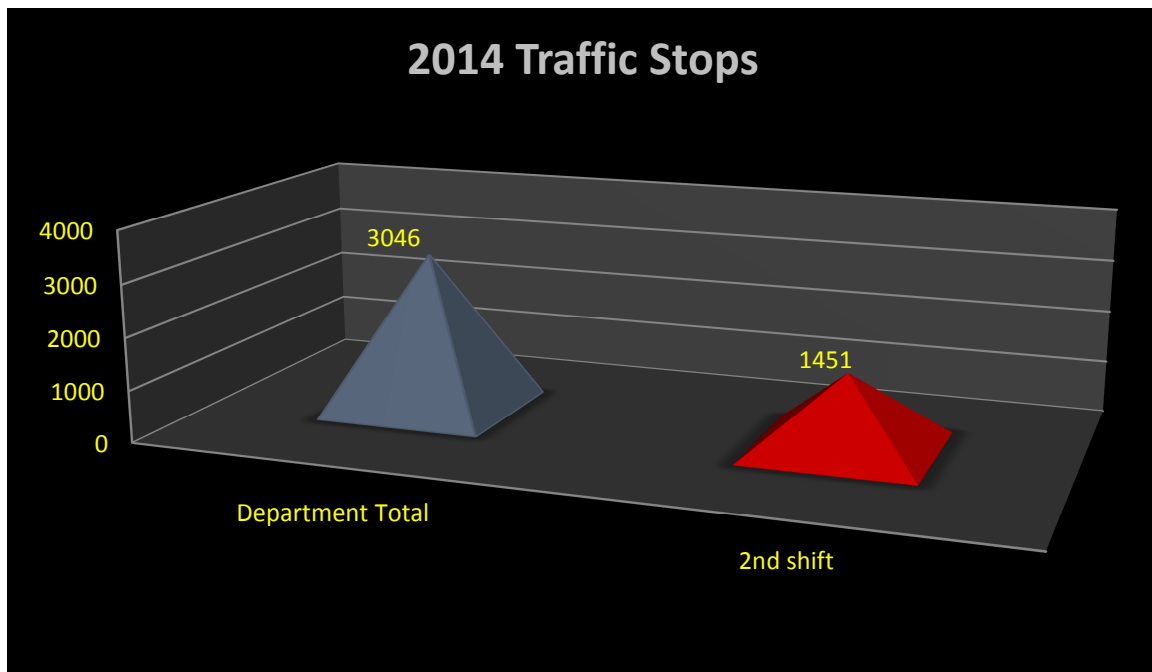
During 2014 the Sparta Police Department made a total of 1581 arrests. Arrests include physical arrests where an offender is taken into custody and transported to the Monroe County Jail, Municipal Citations, and referral of charges to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. 621 (approximately 39%) of those arrests were made by Officers assigned to 2nd shift.



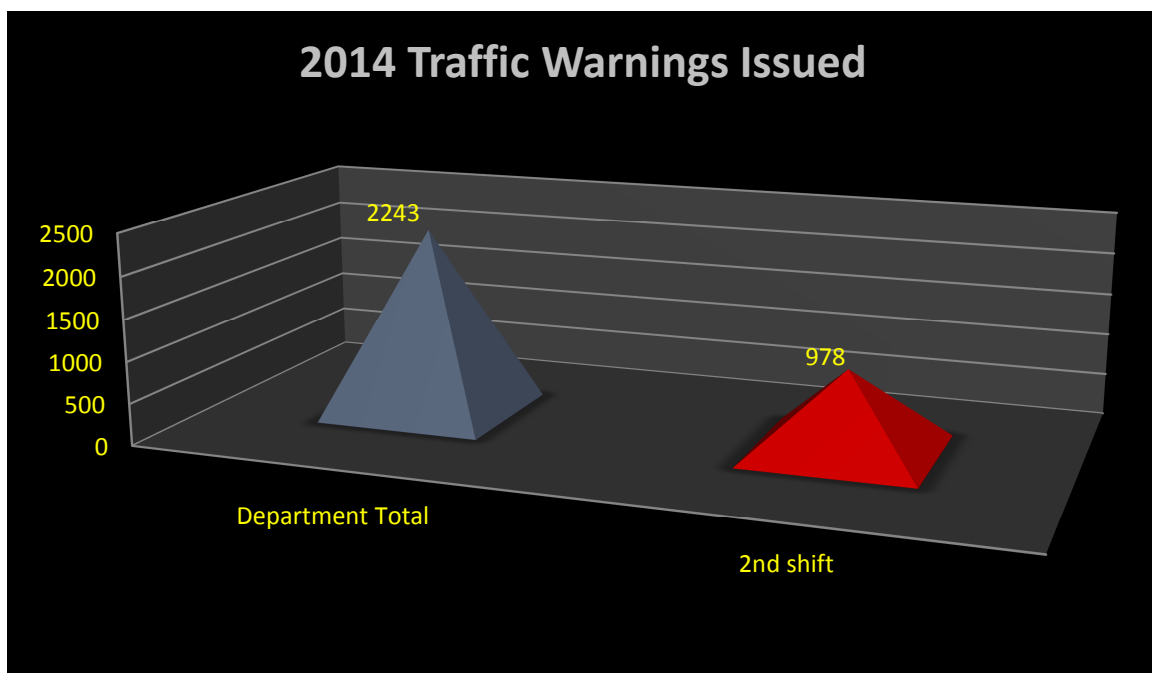
Of the 621 arrests made by an Officer assigned to 2nd shift 74 were for Bail jumping, 99 were for Disorderly Conduct, 51 were drug related, and 96 arrests were for Warrants. 301 arrests were for other offenses. Other Offenses include Chapter holds, Domestic arrests, Theft, and additional offenses.



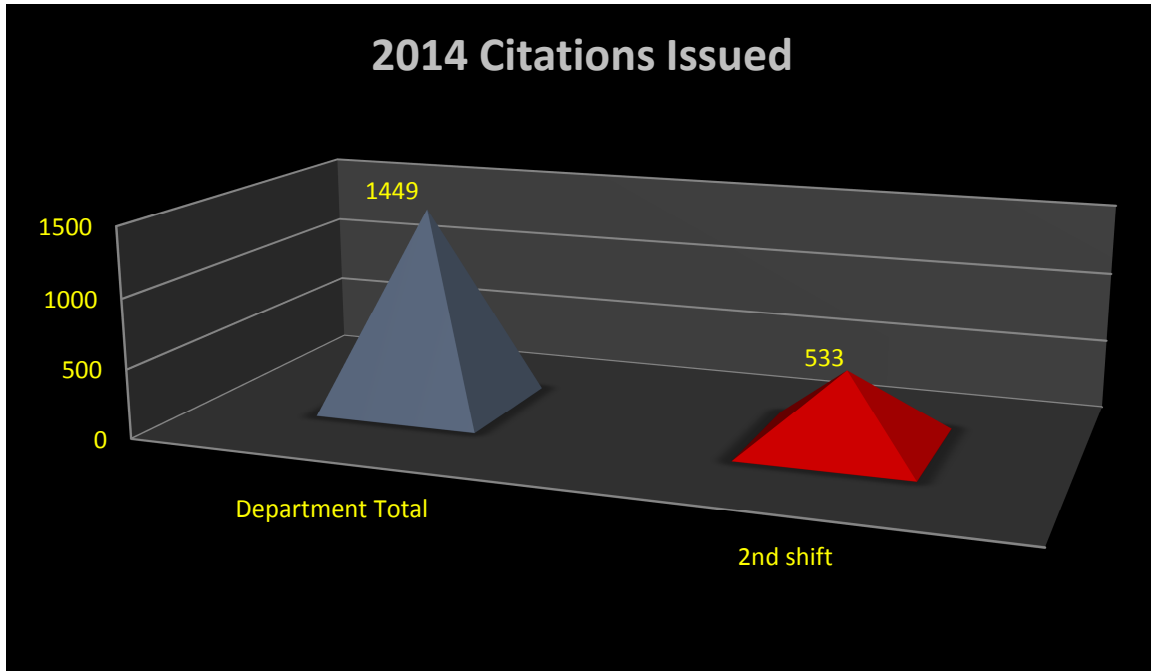
During 2014 a total of 3046 traffic stops were conducted by Officers of the Sparta Police Department. Of those stops 1451 (approximately 48%) were conducted by Officers assigned to 2nd shift.



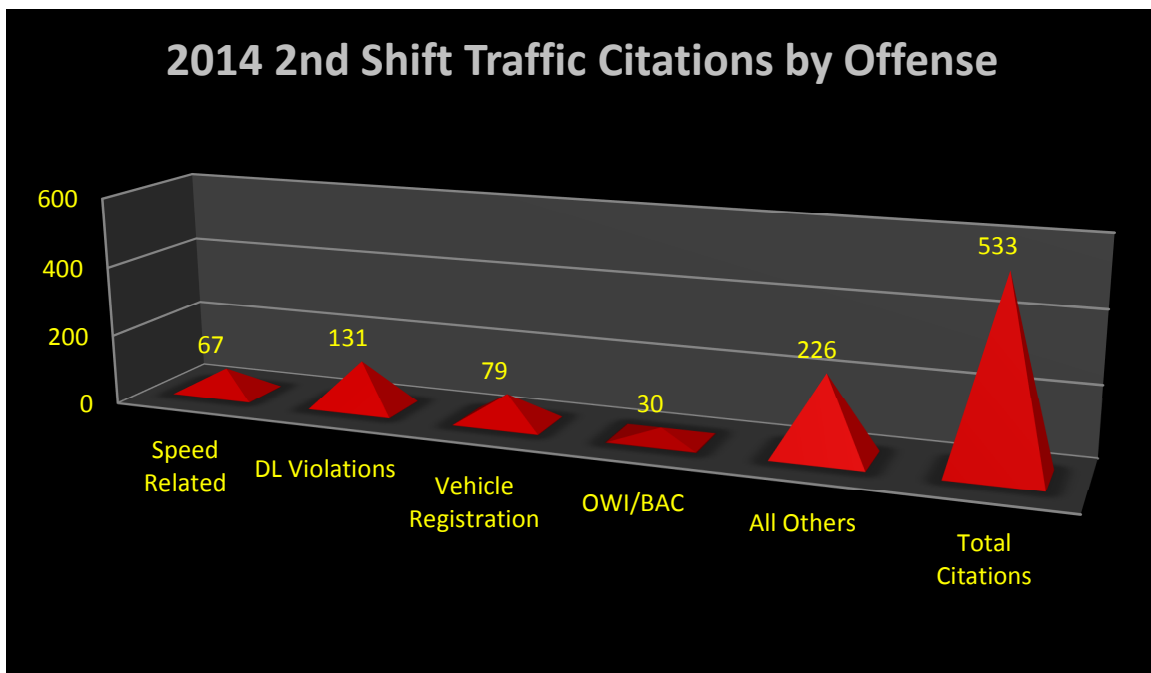
As a result of the 3046 traffic stops, Officers issued a total of 2243 traffic warnings during 2014. 978 warnings (approximately 44%) were issued by Officers assigned to 2nd shift.



Sparta Police Department Officers issued a total of 1449 Traffic Citations during 2014. Of those citations, 533 (approximately 37%) were issued by Officers assigned to 2nd shift.



Of the 533 citations issued by Officers assigned to 2nd shift, 30 were related to Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated violations, 67 were speed related violations, 79 were for vehicle registration violations, 131 were for Driver License violations, and 226 were for other violations. Other violations included sign/signal violations, insurance violations, and other miscellaneous violations



2014 Notable Incidents

- 14-0063: Sparta Officers responded to a one snowmobile accident on the west side of the City. The snowmobile left the ground after hitting a bump throwing the operator to the ground. The snowmobile travelled approximately 85 feet while tumbling striking the ground in four separate locations. The operator was transported to a local Hospital with significant injuries. The operator was issued a citation for careless operation of a snowmobile.
- 14-0203: While driving on CTH B north of the City Jessica Williamson observed a young child walking in the roadway. The child had been crying and was obviously cold (the current temperature was 4 degrees with a wind-chill of minus six degrees. Jessica took the child into her car and drove the child around until finding his home. Jessica then observed that there were no adults at the home and called Police. Contact was made with the child's mother and it was determined a miscommunication between the mother and grandmother occurred leaving the child without adult supervision. Williamson was subsequently given a Certificate of Recognitions by the Sparta Police Department for the incident.
- 14-0303: On March 22, 2014, A Sparta Officer stopped a vehicle do to the fact the registered owner had never been issued a driver license. The driver provided a name that was later determined to be false. When the name provided could not be verified the driver was taken into custody. At the Jail the subject's correct identity was discovered. During the incident Immigration was contacted and a detainer was issued, as the subject had previously been deported, and had re-entered the Country illegally.
- 14-0470: On April 25, 2014, Sparta Officers responded to a local business for a report of a subject, who had recently been served a Domestic Abuse Restraining Order, at his wife's place of employment looking for her. The wife was hiding in the building. As a result of the investigation the male party was arrested and transported to the Monroe county Jail for multiple offenses.
- 14-0479: On April 27, 2014, Sparta Officer took a complaint of a vehicle that had been damaged by the owner of a local repair shop. The vehicles owner took the vehicle in for repairs. The shop owner claimed to be test driving the vehicle at approximately 11:30 pm on April 25, 2014, somewhere near Fort McCoy, when he struck a deer. The shop owner contacted the vehicle the vehicle owner and advised he did not have insurance to cover the accident. The accident had not been reported to authorities, prior to the vehicle owner reporting it. The shop owner has been referred to the District Attorney's Officer for operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent.
- 14-0403: Officers took a complaint of a subject shoplifting from, and also damaging property at Walmart. During the investigation it was discovered the suspect was opening packages of meat while in the store, and eating the contents raw. As a result of the investigation Dennis Schaitel was issued a citation for retail theft.
- 14-0567: An Officer on patrol observed a subject he believed to be revoked, operating a motor vehicle. This information was confirmed with Dispatch and a traffic stop was conducted. The Driver Jennifer Anglemyer was not only revoked it was determined she had an active arrest warrant, and on active bond conditions.

- 14-0567 cont.: The investigation revealed Anglemyer had smoked a marijuana cigarette approximately 15 minutes prior to being stopped. Anglemyer was arrested for third offense OMVWI, OAR, Possession of THC, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of a Prescription Drug without a Prescription, and Bail Jumping. Anglemyer was also placed on a probation hold.
- 14-0641: Sparta Officers responded to a report of a subject who was intoxicated and threatening to kill his family members. His wife and son were able to exit the residence. The subject, identified as Phillip Smith, barricaded himself in the residence. Smith refused to cooperate with Police during the incident, and could be seen pointing a rifle out of a window at one point during the incident. Chemical munitions were delivered into the house and Smith then exited, but continued to ignore Police orders. Smith was then shot with Less Lethal Bean Bag Rounds and taken into custody. Smith was arrested for multiple offenses related to the incident.
- 14-0823: While on patrol an Officer was flagged down by a male subject driving a vehicle in the area of Mill and Washington Streets. The subject wanted to complain about his neighbors setting off fireworks. It was determined the subject had been drinking. During SFST's a PBT was performed and the machine returned a reading of .412. The subject was arrested for third offense OMVWI.
- 14-1118: On August 26, 2014, Officers responded to an injury accident near the Sparta Skate Park. The investigation revealed that Fredy Lopez Gonzalez was seated on an ATV that was in the bed of a pickup. The driver of the pickup, Jonah Miller, was aware the subject was on the ATV. Miller accelerated rapidly causing the rear wheels to spin. When the tires went from the gravel drive to blacktop Lopez Gonzalez was thrown to the ground. Miller was subsequently arrested for Reckless Driving, 2nd offense, and issued several citations.
- 2014-1156: On September 4, 2014, Officers took a DVA related COTP compliant. Later in the day the suspect, Donald Moore was located. Moore fled from Officers on a pedal bicycle and was eventually tackled by a Good Samaritan (Ivan Vulovic, who was later presented with an award for his actions).
- 2014-1196: On September 10, 2014, Sparta Officers arrested Dustin Boardman for Domestic Abuse after investigating an incident involving Boardman and his live-in girlfriend. Boardman was arrested for several offenses including False Imprisonment. While in the back of the patrol car Boardman stuck his head against the partition repeatedly, and hard enough that he sustained injuries that required stitches.
- 2014-1199: On September 11, 2014, Officers took a complaint of Donald Moore leaving items outside the residence of the victim of a DVA related case (14-1156), which is in violation of his bond. Moore was referred to the DA's Office.
- 14-1250: On September 24, 2014, Officers took a complaint of Donald Moore continuing to contact the victim of the DVA.
- 14-1265: On September 27, 2014, Officers took a complaint of Moore lying under the vehicle of the victim of the DVA. Moore fled prior to Officers arrival. The following day Officer located Moore in the downtown area. As Officers spoke to Moore he attempted to flee and was taken into custody. Moore was arrested for multiple offenses to include stalking and resisting arrest.
- 14-1284: On October 1, 2014, Officers responded to 616 Walrath to question a subject for reportedly threatening Boy Scouts with a sword, on the previous day.

- 14-1284 cont.: When Officers knocked on the door Owen Reese exited his residence holding a sword. Reese was taken into custody for multiple offenses, including Recklessly Endangering Safety.
- 14-1317: On October 8, 2014, Sparta Officers responded to a three vehicle crash at the intersection of Industrial Avenue and STH 16. A minivan being driven by Gaylord Gruen failed to stop for a red light and struck an eastbound tractor trailer. In an attempt to avoid the crash the driver of the tractor-trailer swerved into the adjacent eastbound lane striking a second eastbound tractor trailer. Both drivers of the tractor trailers were uninjured. Gruen had to be extricated from his vehicle and was then transported via helicopter to a La Crosse hospital with life threatening injuries. The Wisconsin State Patrol reconstruction unit was called for assistance. The highway was closed for approximately four and a half hours while the investigation was completed.
- 14-1411: On October 30, 2014, Sparta Officers responded to the Monroe County Justice Sanctions building for a report of a disturbance. It was determined that Ryan Stanford had been released from Jail earlier in the day and had gone to Justice Sanctions for bond monitoring. Stanford was taken there by his girlfriend, who he had an active no contact bond condition with. He accused the girlfriend of stealing his pills while he was in Jail the previous night. She denied doing so and an argument occurred during the argument Stanford punched his girlfriend in the face knocking her unconscious. Stanford was arrested and transported to the Monroe County Jail.
- 14-1425: On November 3, 2014, Sparta Officers responded to a report of a physical domestic. It was determined Amy Erickson intentionally struck her husband with their vehicle during an argument. Erickson was arrested for DVA related DC and Recklessly Endangering Safety.
- 14-1570: On December 6, 2014, Sparta Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated male who had armed himself with a shotgun, as he was expecting an altercation with his girlfriend's son, who he had an altercation with earlier in the evening. The female caller was able to exit the residence. Officers made phone contact with William Kreuzer, who refused to exit the residence, advising Officer to come in and get him. The Monroe County Tactical Unit was called in along with Police Negotiators. The subject agreed to exit the residence after speaking to the negotiators for some time.
- 14-1589: On December 10, 2014, Officers responded to two suspicious fires; one in a dumpster filled with cardboard, and one involving a mattress lying next to a garage. At this time it is unknown who started the fires.
- 14-1592: December 10, 2014, Officers received information that an intoxicated Jaime Burnham entered the residence of Lisa Finn. Burnham had been allowed to stay at Finn's residence previously, but was no longer allowed at there. Finn was not at home but her fourteen year old son and his friend were there. When the juveniles commented on Burnham not being welcomed there, Burnham punched one of them in the stomach. The other boy knocked him to the ground and Burnham attempted to strike him also. The juveniles were able to remove Burnham from the residence. Burnham was located the following day and taken into custody.
- 14-1644: On December 21, 2014, officers responded to assist a State Trooper near the intersection of Wisconsin and Black River Streets. The Trooper had conducted a traffic stop and a passenger fled from the vehicle. The passenger, Eric Anderson, was located hiding behind garbage bins near the location of the stop. It was determined Anderson had an active warrant, and Bond Conditions to not have contact with the driver of the stopped vehicle.

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NIGHTSHIFT 2014 YEARLY REPORT



Sergeant Booker Ferguson

Sergeant Kyle Erickson

(Works Sgt. Ferguson's off days)

Officer Christopher Itnyre

Officer Kyle Guralski

Officer Andrew Kuen

(Promoted in February to Detective)

Officer Jacob Edwards

(February – June)

Officer Corey Johnson

(July – December)

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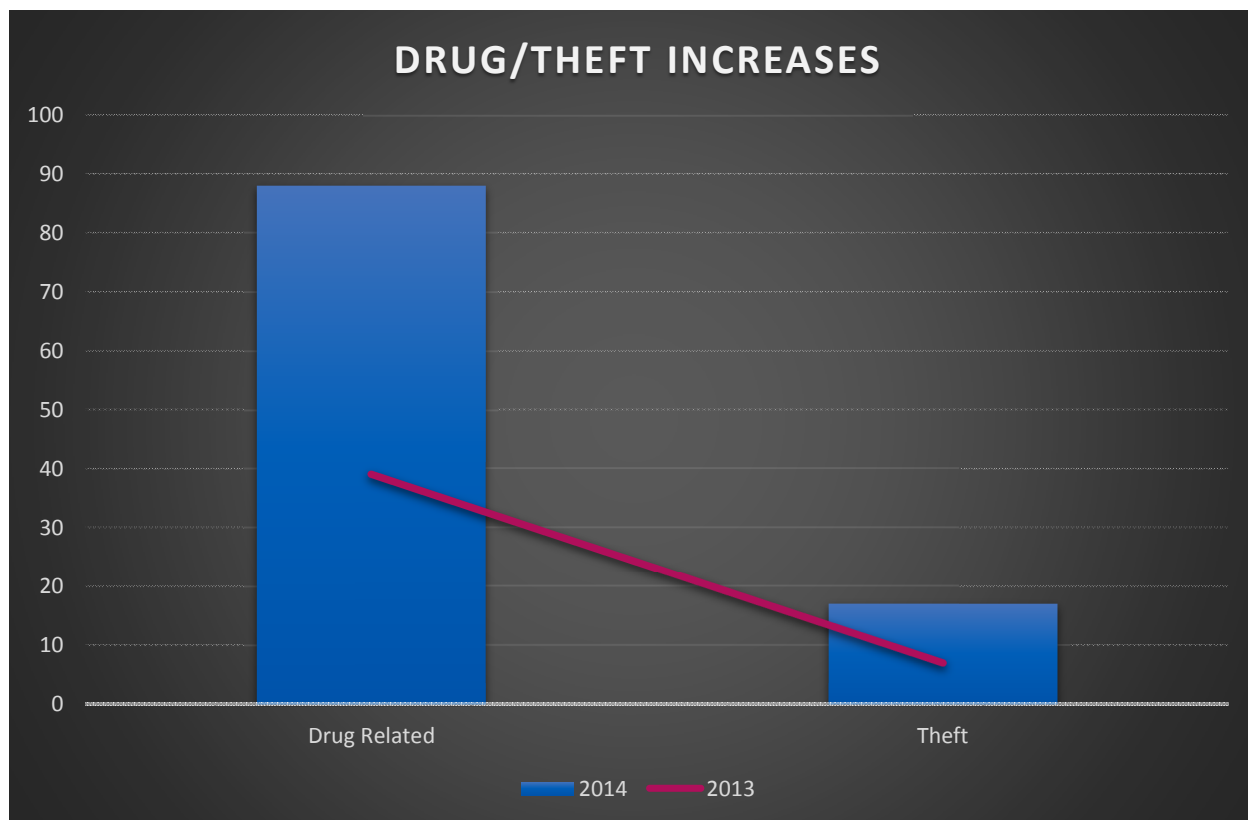
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The nightshift completes its mission under the watch of Sergeant Ferguson and Sergeant Erickson, who rotates supervision duties between both the afternoon shift and nightshift covering supervisory off days. In 2014 Sparta Police Department saw several employee changes that occurred; the night shift saw a fluctuation in shift assignments for its patrol officers.

In February Officer Andrew Kuen was promoted to Detective. Detective Kuen's open patrol shift was filled by Officer Jacob Edwards until June after completing our Field Training Program. In June Officers Edwards and Johnson swapped shifts and Officer Corey Johnson was assigned to the nightshift for the remainder of the year.

Nightshift officers generated 3,543 service calls in 2014, which is without significant change from 2013. The biggest changes comparing 2013 with 2014 were significant increases in theft and drug arrests.

- Nightshift officers had a **126%** increase in drug arrests.
- Nightshift officers had a **143%** increase in theft arrests.



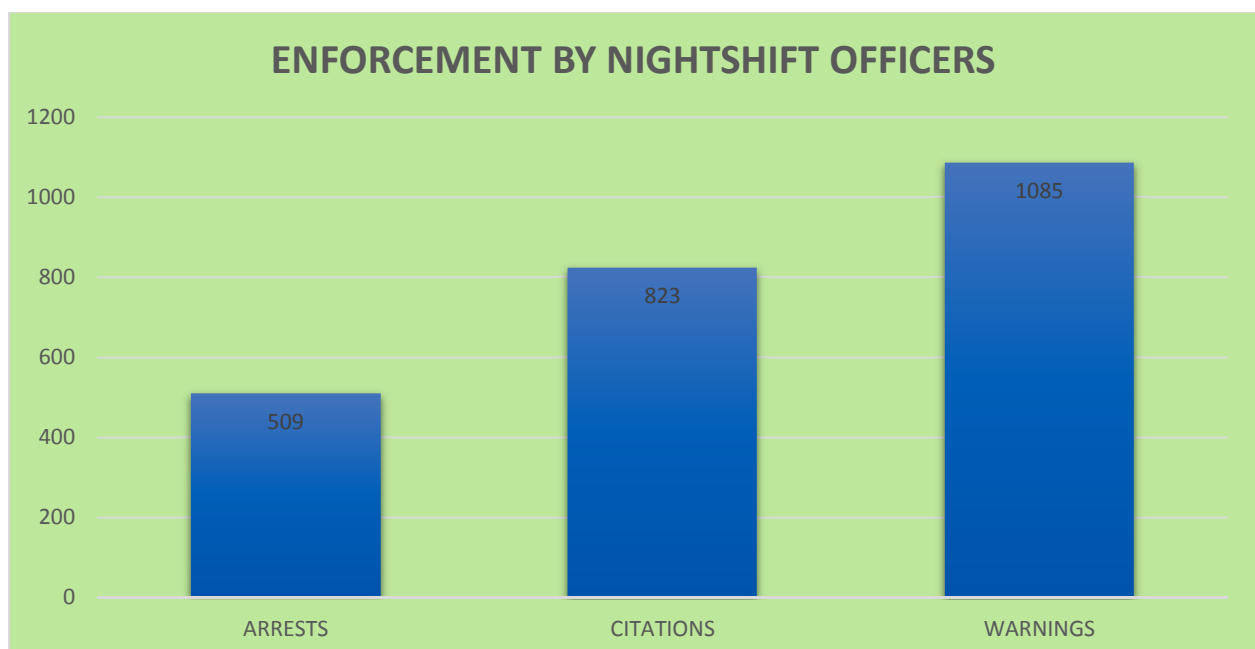
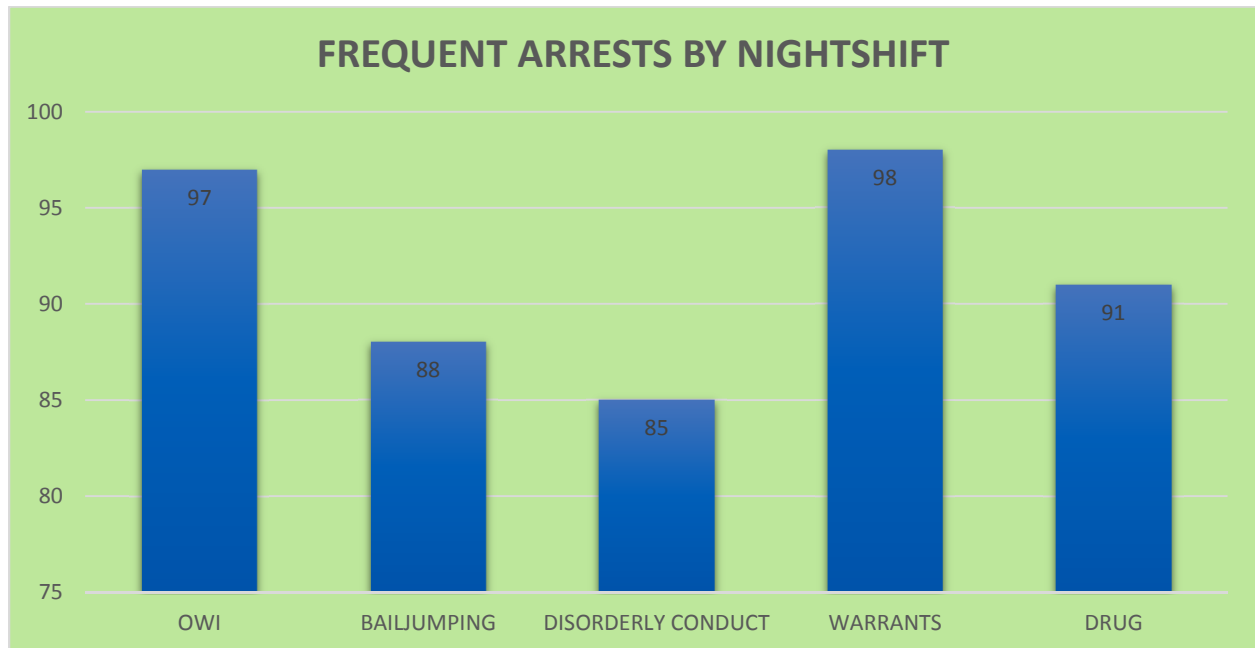
There seems to be a steady increase in the number of theft-related calls the nightshift officers are responding to; with an increasing amount of those suspects having drugs on their persons or committing thefts for financial gains to further their drug use.

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NIGHTSHIFT 2014 YEARLY REPORT

OFFICER ENFORCEMENT DATA

Nightshift Officers wrote 823 citations with a total estimated fine amount of \$116,384.10. The average fine amount of each citation issued by nightshift officers was \$141.41.

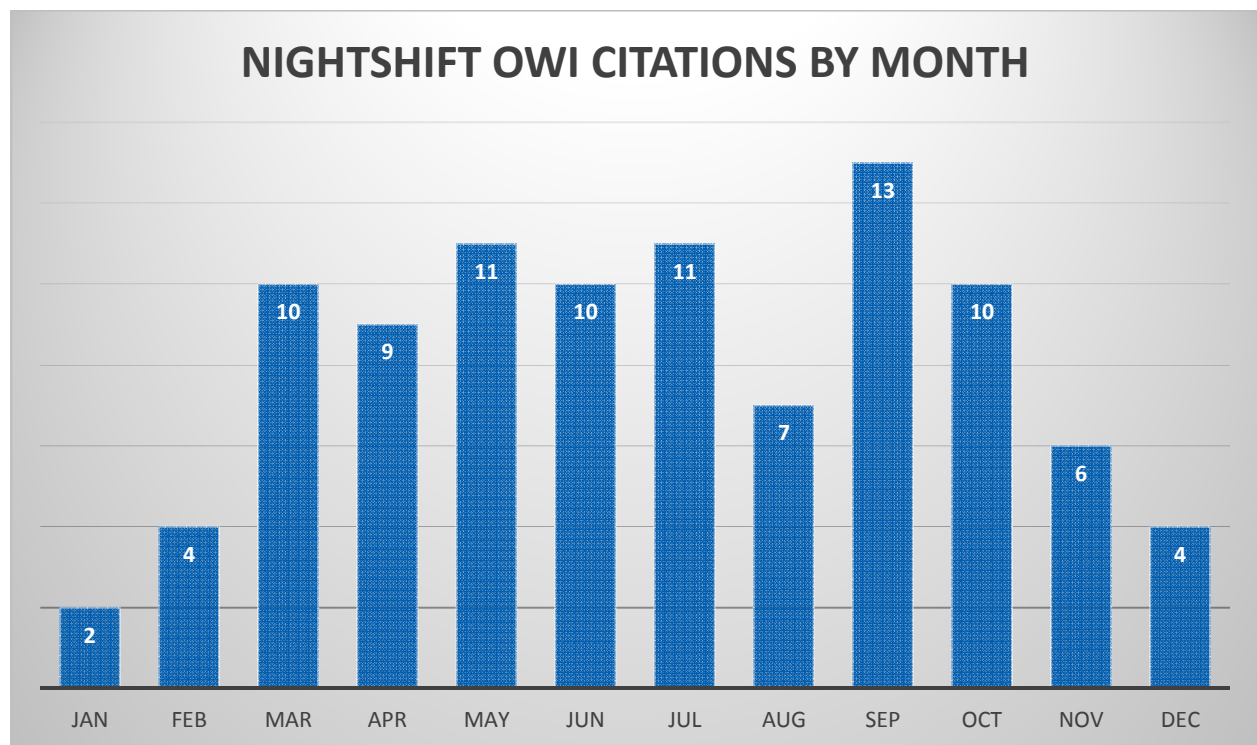


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OWI ENFORCEMENT

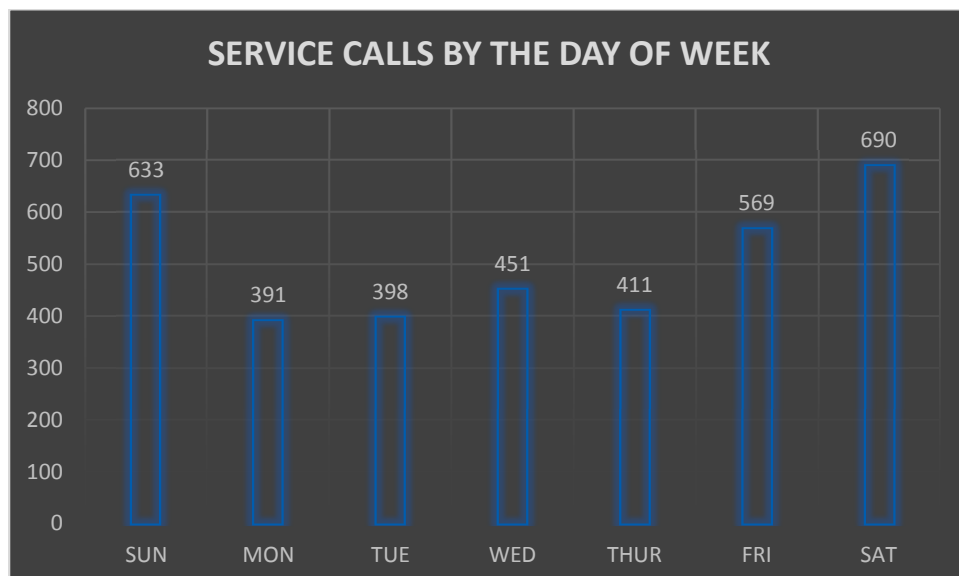
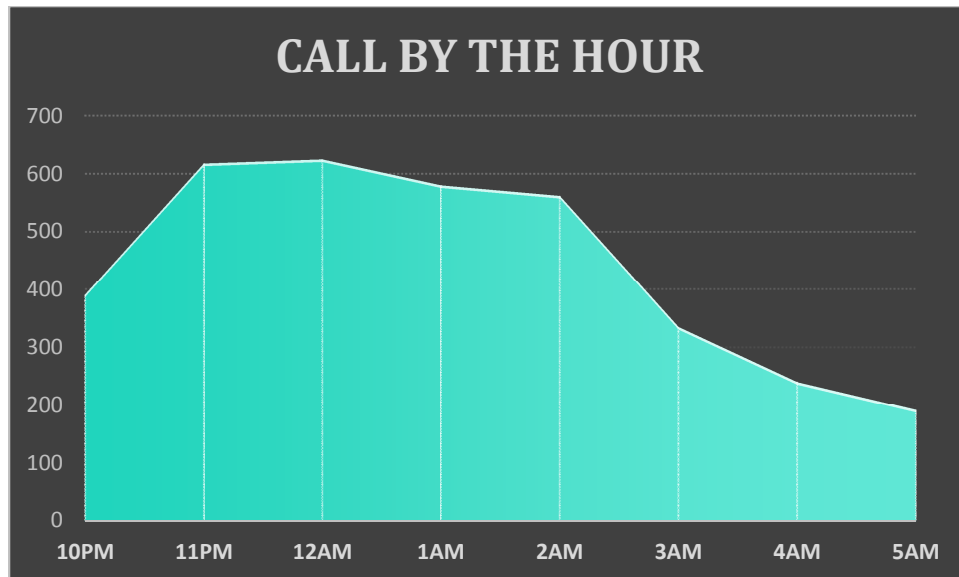
OWI enforcement was consistent with last year; there was a slight increase of 12 OWI arrests in 2014. Nightshift officers accounted for 73% of OWI related enforcement for the department.



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NIGHTSHIFT 2014 YEARLY REPORT

CALLS FOR SERVICE



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NIGHTSHIFT 2014 YEARLY REPORT

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY – Officers were dispatched to Walmart for a theft complaint in which the suspect started brandishing an axe when confronted by staff. Responding officers quickly located the suspect in the store and took him into custody without incident. The suspect appeared to be under the influence at the time and attempted to steal over-the-counter cough medication with the intent to abuse it.

MARCH – Officers responded to a single-vehicle crash on I-90 near exit 25. Officers located a vehicle that had lost control in the snowy conditions and went into the ditch. Investigating officers determined the driver had locked the car doors and crawled into the locked trunk to avoid possible arrest for a drunk driving violation. The driver was eventually removed from the trunk and taken into custody for numerous violations including drunk driving and assaulting law enforcement.

JUNE - Officers were dispatched to a 911 call reporting a man had threatened the caller with a gun and stole his vehicle. Officers from surrounding jurisdictions were asked to be on the lookout for the stolen vehicle. The vehicle and suspect were located a short time later and taken into custody. The suspect was a convicted felon at the time and in possession of a firearm. Through the investigation it was determined the victim had lied about the incident after a failed drug transaction between the victim and suspect.

JULY – Officers on patrol located a vehicle coming into Sparta which had been reported to have fled from a home invasion in Bangor. Officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop on the vehicle and two suspects were taken into custody. During the incident drugs and paraphernalia were located in the vehicle and it was determined the home invasion was an attempted robbery for drugs. The suspects had mistakenly attempted to rob the wrong residence.

AUGUST – Officers received numerous calls of a shirtless male walking the streets of Sparta. Officers began following a significant blood trail in the central part of the city. Officers eventually located the suspect, who attempted to flee on foot from officers. The suspect was taken into custody and had significant cut wounds which he could not explain. The suspect was taken by EMS to the hospital and it was later determined the cut came from the suspect breaking a window of a downtown business.

DECEMBER – Officers were dispatched along with EMS to an unresponsive subject located in a vehicle parked in the Walmart parking lot. Officers arrived and located a subject that was impaired by the recent injection of heroin along with a needle still in his lap. Officers determined that a female subject had been a passenger in the vehicle and was currently shopping in the store. Officers and staff made contact with the female as she exited the store and determined she had stolen merchandise and drugs on her person. Both subjects were taken into custody for numerous charges including possession of heroin.



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