



Syracuse Police Department Annual Report 2014



Dedication

Sacrifice

Tradition



Tradition

Service

Innovation

Excellence

As members of the Syracuse Police Department, our mission is to protect all lives and property and maintain a feeling of security in the community, and to enforce all federal, state, and local laws over which the Department has jurisdiction. Our mission is carried out with a commitment to the philosophy and principles of community policing.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor

April 1, 2015

Honorable Stephanie A. Miner
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Mayor Miner :

I respectfully submit to you the Syracuse Police Department's 2014 Annual Report.

The information and statistics captured in this report are indicative of the outstanding dedication and performance of the employees of the Syracuse Police Department. You can be assured that the members of the Police Department will continue to work diligently to ensure a safe and secure city for the residents of Syracuse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Fowler', written in a cursive style.

Frank L. Fowler
Chief of Police

Evaluation of 2014 Goals and Objectives

Deter crime and criminal activity through a visible presence and to promote a sense of safety and security within the City by apprehending violators of the law through initial investigations, evidence collection, and follow-up investigations.

Ongoing.

The Police Department continues to target specific high crime areas by deploying double units when staffing allows, facilitating information sharing between all Department entities, initiating TRUCE gang sweeps when needed, and proactively suppressing gun violence through the development of anonymous tips from members of the community which can be used to focus on targeted high crime areas and known criminal elements.

Initiate and complete the entire process of canvassing, conducting background investigations, interviewing, and ultimately hiring a class of Police Candidates.

Accomplished.

On August 21, 2014, 35 Police Candidates were sworn into office and began their training in the Syracuse Regional Police Academy. Of the 35 hired, 13 are minorities, and 12 are residents of the City of Syracuse. Class #16 graduated on February 22, 2015.

Continue to develop and broaden the City Wide Fleet Operations Program.

Ongoing.

The Police Department is continuing to develop and broaden the City Wide Fleet Operations Program in cooperation with the Departments of Fire, Public Works, Water, and City School District with the goal of sharing both services and employees thereby cutting the costs of outsourcing.

Continue upgrading the Patrol East/Garage Facility both on the interior and exterior.

Ongoing.

Restoration and complete transformation of both the garage and interior offices are continuing with the final stage scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015. All of the windows and insulation will be replaced making the facility more energy efficient, thereby cutting future energy costs.

Implement an impound lot for to aid in Department investigations and enforcement.

Ongoing.

A 24 hour camera surveillance system was brought online in the fall of 2014, and a Time Warner Alarm System is set to be installed as soon as weather permits, with total lot implementation expected in the Spring of 2015.

Restructure the Technology Division to increase efficiency and improve the organization's information security posture.

Accomplished.

During 2014 the Technology Division was abolished and re-organized as the Division of Technology & Program Management. The new Division was split into two Sections the first being the Program Management Section, which is comprised of the Accreditation Standards Unit, the Grant Management Unit, and the Program Management Unit; the second being, the Technology Operations Section. Additionally, 2 sworn officer positions were re-allocated and made available to road patrol, and their vacancies were subsequently filled by civilian employees. The restructuring has created greater efficiency in the handling of the daily computer and network maintenance, while at the same time allowing the Division to take on multiple new projects in an effort to continually support the overall goals and mission of the Department.

Community Relation programs foster the development of trust between the police and the community.

The Syracuse Police Department's community relations efforts have always gone far beyond the theory that the Police Department is only an agency that provides law enforcement within the City of Syracuse. In 2014 those efforts continued with the development of new strategies, ideas, and programs. The primary goal of each new strategy, idea, and program is to foster the development of trusting relationships between the police and the community they serve in order to jointly work on solutions for long term change. Chief Fowler had direct involvement in the creation and implementation of two highly successful community relations related efforts through "Coffee with the Chief" and the many "Town Hall" meetings the Chief personally attended within city churches and with their associated congregations. A third program, "Save our Youth Multi Discipline Intervention Team (MDIT), was developed through existing Syracuse Truce Program. Also in 2014, the established and successful "Neighborhood Watch" program continued to work to create greater transparency between the police and the citizens they serve. The "InterFaith Works" program continues to be developed with the goal of implementation in 2015.

The "Coffee with the Chief" initiative was developed to give the community exposure to Chief Fowler who can, in person, provide details to the public about the inner workings of the Police Department. This has shown the public that the Chief Fowler is approachable and understanding of their problems and moreover, will hold his personnel accountable for their service, conduct, and professionalism. Chief Fowler and a police officer met with hundreds of city residents during six informal meetings at local cafés in the city. The people had the opportunity to discuss anything from sports, personal questions, policy and procedure, to the daily workings of the Police Department. Any complaints that arose were investigated and in some cases arrests were made.

Every citizen that met with the Chief was called back, and they all positively praised the program and looked forward to future meetings in 2015. As a result of "Coffee with the Chief," neighborhoods with specific complaints received specific attention from the Community Policing Division, Patrol Division, Traffic Section, Crime Reduction Team and Criminal Investigation Division.

"Town Hall" church meetings were also held throughout 2014 and were attended by: Chief Fowler, The Department's Community Relations Officer, a Territory Officer, who would normally patrol the area that the church was located in, and the Zone Sergeant. The mission of the program is to create advocates within the community that have a better understanding of the functions of the Police Department. Department personnel met with clergy and members of their congregations to discuss the challenges in that particular neighborhood both from police and community perspectives. The congregations were informed of numerous crime fighting tools, as well as existing programs in place such as the various "Tip Hotlines" and the Department's "Truce" initiative. During these meetings the roles of the Neighborhood Police Officer and Zone Sergeant were discussed and the attendees were able to personally meet them. The meeting also had question and answer segments where the people had an opportunity to ask police officers questions pertaining to policy and operational procedures. The presence of Territory Officers and Zone Sergeants allowed citizens to personally explain what their neighborhood concerns are to the personnel that would be responding to their calls for service.

"Save our Youth" MDIT (Multi Discipline Intervention Team), a non-enforcement branch of the Syracuse "Truce" initiative, began to hold bi-weekly meetings in 2014. MDITs are geared toward education and counseling of clients so that they choose alternatives to gang life and criminal activity. The mission of the program is to come up with strategies to place confirmed gang

members into programs that prepare them for life outside of the gang. Gang members participate on a voluntary basis. The enrollment is kept to about 20 clients to ensure success. Personnel from the Syracuse Police Department, Onondaga County Probation Dept., Onondaga County Court System, CCA (job readiness), Family Functional Therapy, Case Management, Outreach, and the Syracuse City School District participate in the program. This program steers needy participants towards appropriate social services to assist in achieving their goals.

The “Neighborhood Watch” program continued to be successful program throughout the City of Syracuse in 2014. Commanding Officers and Community Policing personnel attended numerous “Neighborhood Watch” meetings on a monthly basis to record complaints and answer questions that citizens had. In addition to taking complaints, the neighbors are briefed on crime trends, crime prevention, new crime fighting tools, and the new initiatives and programs that the Department has implemented, as well as any new initiatives and programs the Department has planned for the future.

In 2014 the “InterFaith Works” program began its development with the selection of seven Department members who have excellent communication skills and the ability to conduct professional informational meetings. Their directive was to begin work with seven community leaders in order to facilitate conversations among the different ethnic groups within the City. The mission is to have one police officer and one respected community leader conduct several meetings with the same group to foster positive advocates within the Police Department and community. A primary goal of the “InterFaith Works” program is to give the community a better understanding of police policy, procedures, actions, and show that those police actions are based on Department policy and procedure, and not on the cultural backgrounds of anyone involved.

2015 Goals & Objectives

Deploy an additional 43 new COPS Platform cameras in the following locations:

- Hawley Ave/Green Street area.
- Park Street Corridor which includes Washington Square Park.
- East Fayette Street.
- Clinton Square.

Implement a problem oriented policing (POP) strategy.

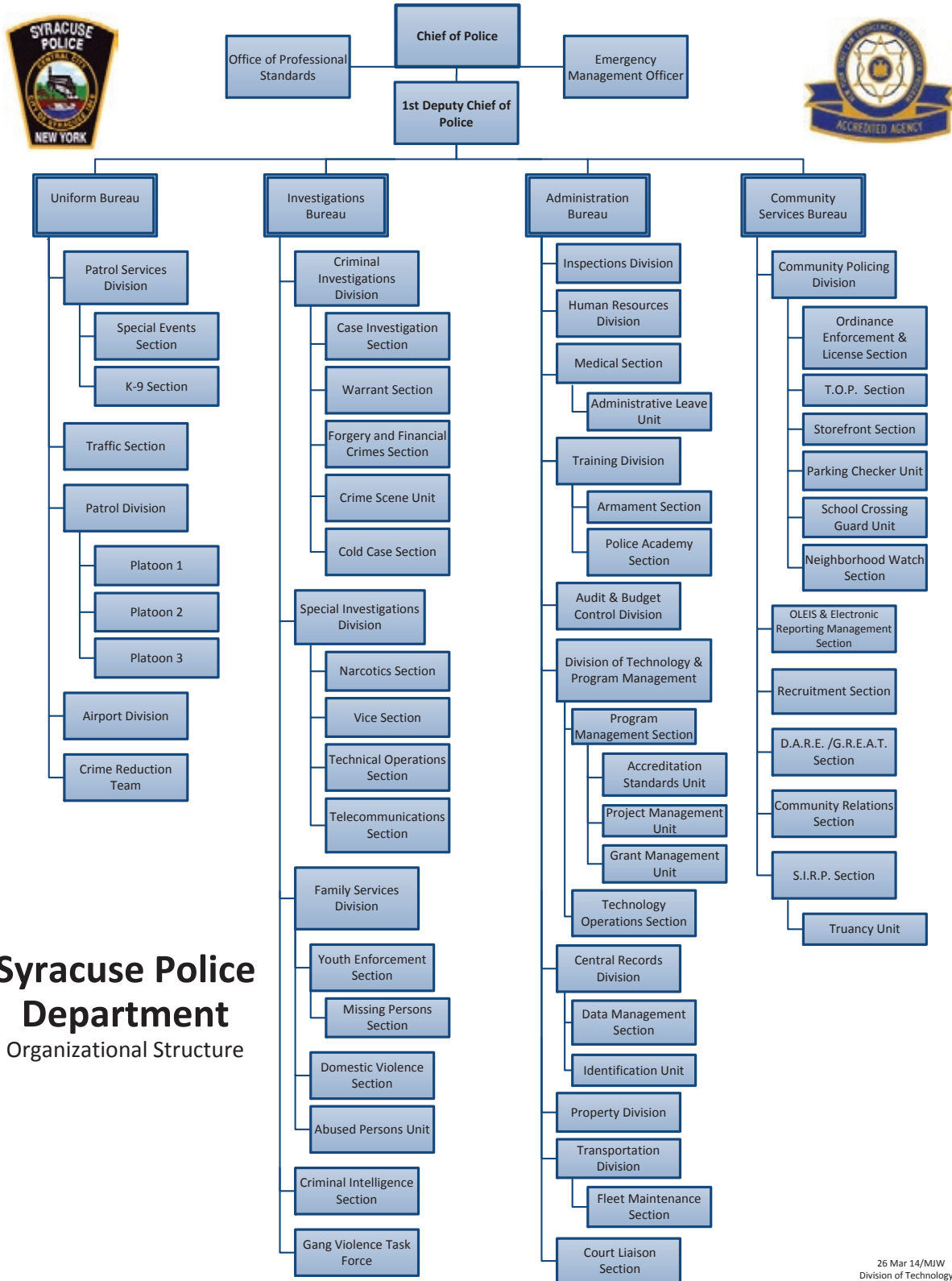
- POP areas will be established based on historical crime data on shootings, shootings with injury, and homicides by gun.
- POP teams will be created for each area and will be led by a specified Command Officer.
- POP teams will be tasked with identifying specific problems in each area that are contributing to the overall crime in the POP area.
- Action plans will be developed by the teams for consideration at the weekly operations meetings.
- Follow-up on the action plans will take place to determine effectiveness of actions taken and the need for additional action.

Improve community relations and explore new methods of interacting with the various different segments of the public.

- Continue to assist in the development of the InterFaith Works program.
- Develop the crime prevention page on the Department's website which will provide links to "How To" videos on various crime prevention strategies as well as links to brochures that have tips on crime prevention.
- Continue to host and plan for the following Community Relations events: Shop with a Cop, Retiree's Day, Bring Your Child to Work Day, and the NYS Fair.
- Continue to provide a medium in which citizens can express their neighborhood concerns directly to police administrators through initiatives such as "Coffee with the Chief".

Organizational Chart

The Department maintains a table of organization that identifies the organizational components and establishes the chain of command and clear lines of authority.



The City of Syracuse covers a land area of 25.8 square miles and has a population of approximately 145,170. The Mayor-Council Style Government governs the City. As of December 31, 2014 there were 449 sworn officers and 127 civilian personnel employed by the Police Department, with an operating budget of approximately \$46,130,143.00.

General Goals of the Department

Prevention of Crime - Crime is a problem that affects all segments of our society, and is a concern of everyone. The Department shall endeavor to involve the community in generating mutual understanding regarding the nature and extent of the crime problem and to involve the community in crime prevention efforts necessary to reduce crime.

Deterrence of Crime - Although there are certain crimes that cannot be prevented, crimes committed against innocent victims in public places and crimes against property can be deterred by proactive police operations and an involved community. These types of crimes are deterred by the criminal's fear of immediate apprehension or by the increased likelihood of his/her detection. The deterrence of crime requires the investigation of behavior that appears to be criminally directed. The Department shall strive to organize its personnel to deter crime and inspire public confidence in the safety and security of the community.

Apprehension of Offenders - Once a crime has been committed; it is the duty of the Department to initiate the criminal justice process by identifying and apprehending the offender, obtaining necessary evidence, and by assisting in the prosecution of the case. The Department must strive diligently to solve all crimes and to bring offenders to justice. The certainty of swift and sure punishment serves as an effective deterrent of crime.

Recovery and Return of Property - While the actual cost of crime is difficult to measure, it is possible to observe the mounting cost of lost and stolen property. This loss, as well as the other costs, must be borne ultimately by victims. In order to minimize the losses due to crime, the Department shall make every reasonable effort to recover lost or stolen property, identify its owners, and to ensure its prompt return.

Public Service - Because other public or private agencies may be unavailable, the public relies upon the police for assistance and advice in both routine and emergency situations. Saving lives, aiding the injured, locating lost persons, keeping the peace, facilitating the safe and orderly movement of traffic, and providing for many other miscellaneous needs are basic services provided by the Department. It is the Department's responsibility to respond to all calls for service and to render such aid or advice, as is necessitated or indicated by the situation.

Victim/Witness Assistance - It is essential to our law enforcement efforts that we protect the rights of victims and witnesses. Therefore, the Department shall strive to avoid the traumatization of victim/witnesses by assisting them through an awareness of the psychological trauma associated with their circumstances and providing them with the necessary information regarding resources that are available to them.

Accreditation - Law enforcement Accreditation is a process used to identify an agency's level of professionalism as measured by standards established by experts and practitioners in the field of law enforcement. It is a goal of the Department to maintain its Accreditation status with the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Innovation - The Syracuse Police Department has an exemplary history as a leader in forging new and innovative policing methods and programs. It is a goal of the Department to continue this tradition. Members are encouraged to think critically and creatively, present and promote ideas directed towards continuously improving the Department and the services it provides to citizens in the City of Syracuse.

Report On Office of the Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Frank L. Fowler, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Syracuse Police Department and is the final authority in all matters of Department policy, operations, and discipline. The Chief of Police is accountable to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Syracuse.

The Office of the Chief of Police

- Ensures that the Department's mission is executed efficiently and effectively.
- Creates a vision of the desired future state of the Department.
- Develops strategic goals and objectives.
- Empowers and leads subordinates.
- Plans, organizes, directs, staffs, coordinates, and controls all Departmental functions.
- Reports to the Mayor and the Common Council.

The **Administrative Staff** of the Office of the Chief of Police acts as a liaison between the Chief of Police, 1st Deputy Chief, and Bureau Chiefs. The staff handles internal and external communications directed to the Office and represents the Office of the Chief of Police in matters as directed.

The **Public Information Officer** is responsible for acting as a liaison between the Department and the media, coordinates all inquiries from the media, prepares news releases issued by the Department, and acts as a spokesperson when requested or directed.

The **Emergency Management Officer** facilitates the strategic application and management of information and resources in the deterrence, detection, prevention, and mitigation of the effects of natural, technological, and man-made hazards that can negatively impact the community; and strengthens the preparedness, timely response, and recovery from any disaster, critical incident, or other emergency.

The Office of Professional Standards

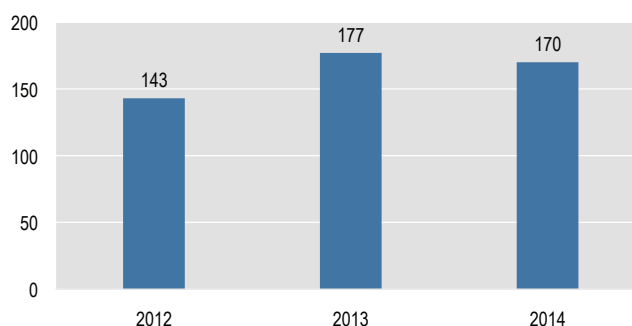
- Facilitates the process of receiving internal and external complaints alleging employee misconduct.
- Investigates complaints against members of the Department.



Frank L. Fowler
Chief of Police

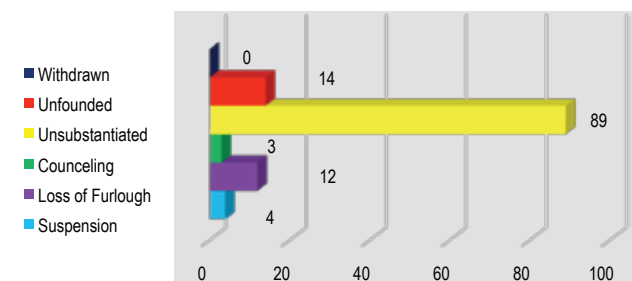
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**Office of Professional Standards Cases Investigated
2012 - 2014**



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**Office of Professional Standards Case Dispositions
2014**



- Maintains documentation of complaints.
- Prepares charges (criminal, civil, and Departmental) when appropriate.
- Assists in the representation of the Department in arbitration.

See Charts 1 and 2

Report On Administration Bureau Operations

The Administration Bureau is commanded by First Deputy Chief of Police, David C. Barrette, who is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the Department's operations and daily administrative functions. The Administration Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, Sections, and Units:

The Audit and Budget Control Division

- Prepares and manages the Department's budget.
- Oversees and maintains records concerning the requisitioning of agency property and expenditures.
- Administers employee status, payroll, and program information.
- Conducts cost analysis.
- Maintains overtime information and records.

See Charts 3 and 4

The Human Resources Division

- Responsible for the selection of all Department employees.
- Establishes and maintains procedures that conform to federal and state regulations for hiring.
- Conducts comprehensive background investigations.
- Maintains human resources records.
- Maintains all documentation relating to appointments, transfers, retirements, terminations, secondary employment, and commendations.
- Maintains and validates employee records of attendance; furlough, military, administration, and administers time accumulated and/or used by all employees.
- Prepares reports for the New York State Police and Firemen's Retirement System and maintains the Department Roster and Personnel Status Reports.

See Charts 5 through 8

Medical Section

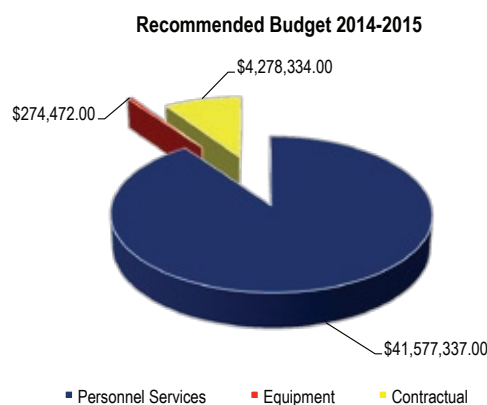
- Maintains and validates employee records of attendance; sick, injured, and monitors medical leave procedures.
- Maintains personnel records of employees who have been assigned to administrative leave.
- Prepares reports for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

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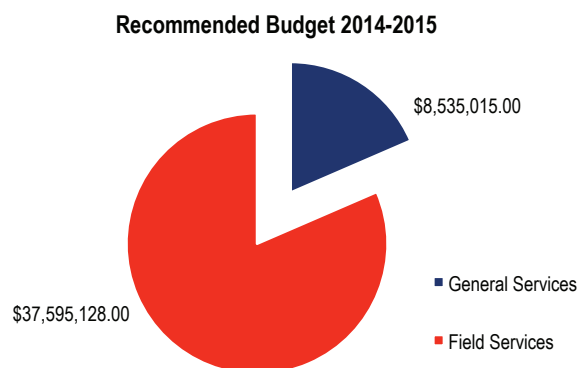


David C. Barrette
First Deputy
Chief of Police

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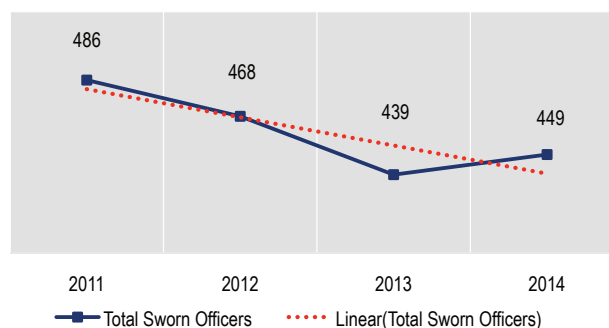


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**Composition of Departmental Employees
Change in in Sworn Workforce 2011-2014**



Administration Bureau Operations

The Training Division

- Coordinates and administers Department training programs.
- Coordinates and administers the Police Officer Basic Academy.
- Administers training to peace and police officers from outside agencies.
- Plans and develops Department training standards and programs.
- Monitors training methods and identifies training needs necessary for adherence to state/federal laws, and Department policies.
- Prepares and distributes Training Bulletins.
- Administers in-service and field training officer programs, physical fitness evaluations, firearms training and qualifications, and police academy programs.
- Maintains records of training standards, programs, and lesson plans.

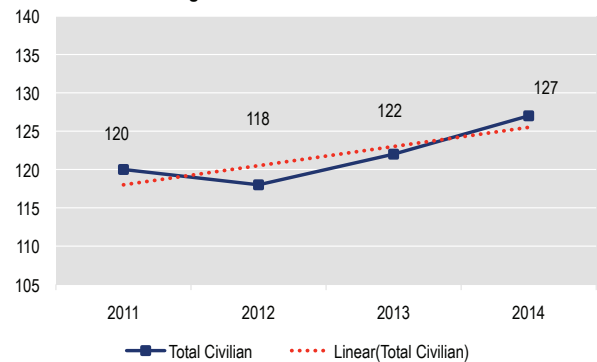
TRAINING DIVISION ACTIVITY	2012	2013	2014
Police Academy Classes	0	0	1
Total Officers Certified	0	0	57
Outside Agencies Attending	0	0	8
Community Service Officers	7	5	5
In-Service Training Sessions			
Total Officers Trained	472	422	361
Police Officers	389	388	294
Training Topics Instructed	7	9	11
Supervisors	55	54	44
Training Topics Instructed	7	8	10
Command Officers	28	30	23
Training Topics Instructed	7	8	8
Certified Course Instruction			
NYS BMP OPS	24	22	20
Refresher	11	12	11
Seminars	32	11	10
Specialized Training	14	13	11
Outside Agencies Attending	6	24	32

The Armament Section

- Coordinates Department firearms training.
- Maintains Department weapons, related inventory, and firearms proficiency records.

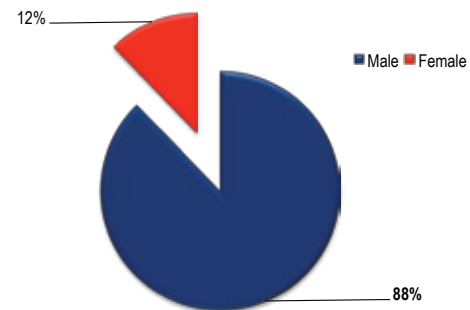
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Composition of Departmental Employees
Change in Civilian Workforce 2011-2014



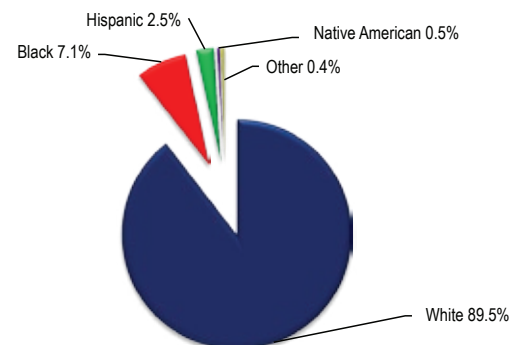
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Sworn Personnel By Gender 2014



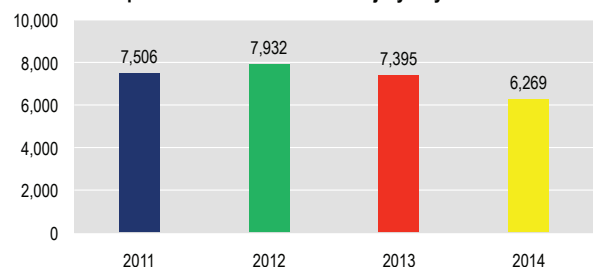
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Sworn Personnel by Race & Ethnicity 2014



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Department Personnel Sick & Injury Days Used



Administration Bureau Operations

The Inspections Division

- Conducts staff and line inspections.
- Evaluates efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of Department operations and systems.
- Evaluates compliance of goals and directives.
- Ensures that Department policies and procedures are being followed.
- Reports deficiencies to the First Deputy Chief of Police.

See Charts 10 and 11

The Division of Technology & Program Management

- Develops, prepares, publishes, and maintains records of all Department Rules & Regulations and orders, except the Human Resources Division's Personnel Orders, and the Training Division's Training Orders.
- Conducts research and planning projects as directed by the Chief of Police.
- Responds to surveys from government and educational institutions.
- Prepares and publishes the Department's Annual Report.
- Develops, manages, and provides forms control services.
- Ensures Department compliance with NYS Accreditation Program Standards.
- Maintains and implements Department Information & Technology Systems and provides computer system support services.
- Prepares and assists in the management of Department grants.

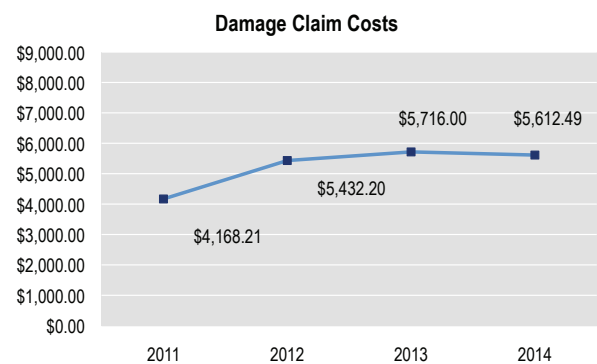
In 2014 the Technology Operations Section began to upgrade all Department computers to the Windows 7 Operating System. In addition, re-wiring and installation of a new Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) was completed to load balance the electrical demands of the network and prevent a catastrophic failure/shutdown. The Technology Operations Section also provided technical support with the ongoing renovations at the Patrol East facility; and facilitated SPD network connections to the temporary Police Garage, NEHDA, and numerous new Community Policing Storefronts.

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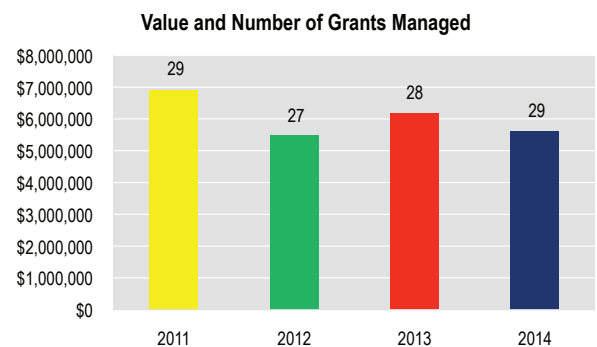
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Administration Bureau Operations

Central Records Division

- Processes, maintains, and distributes police records to include incident and follow-up reports, criminal process, and criminal history information.
- Processes freedom of information requests and oversees the Department's use of the eJusticeNY-Integrated Justice Portal (IJP).
- Maintains computer information, indexes, and records.
- Provides photocopying and mailing services.

See Charts 13-15

The **Identification Section** processes and maintains arrest records, photographs, fingerprints, and FBI updates on all individuals arrested by the Syracuse Police Department. The Section also seals defendant records as ordered by the court and supplies criminal history transcripts.

The **Data Management Section** inputs Syracuse Police Department information into CNYLEADS (Central New York Law Enforcement Analysis Database System); as well as the County-Wide Criminal History Information Reporting System and generates Uniform Crime Reports and statistical requests as required.

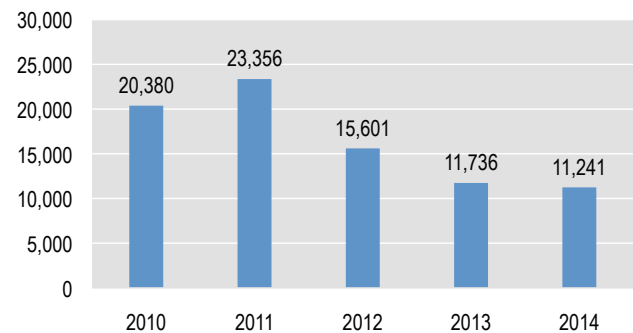
The Property Division

- Is responsible for the custody and disposal of physical evidence, found or recovered property, and all property held for safekeeping.
- Maintains all Department inventory records.
- Orders and stores supplies.
- Prints Department forms.

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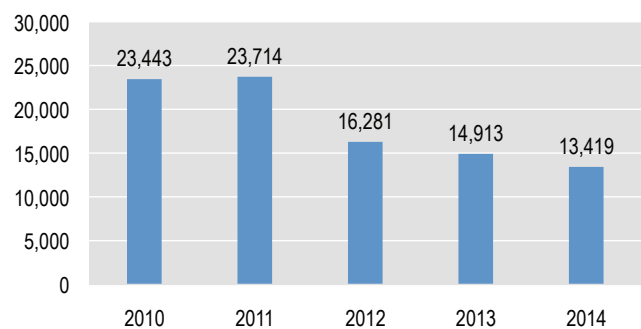
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Arrest Reports Processed



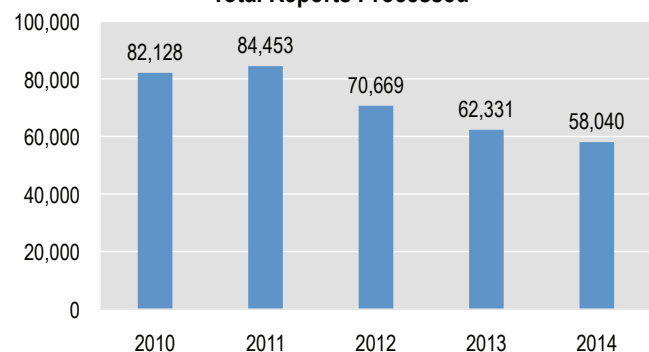
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Investigation Reports Processed



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Total Reports Processed



Administration Bureau Operations

The Transportation Division

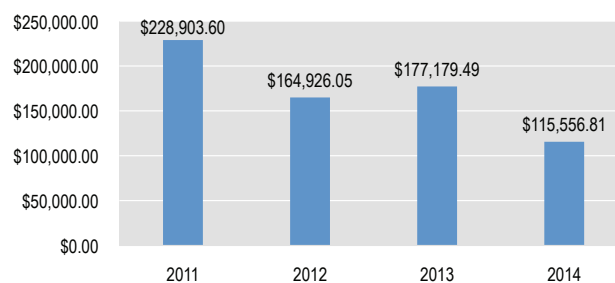
- Maintains all Department vehicles and prepares vehicles for auction.
- Prepares specifications for the purchase of new vehicles.
- Completes vehicle repair work and maintenance on fleet vehicles.

Transportation Division Activities	2014
Vehicles In Service	369
Vehicles Taken Out of Service	58
New Vehicles Purchased	44
Vehicles Auctioned	58
Auction Revenue	\$50,050.50
Gasoline Dispensed (gal.)	315,509
Fleet miles per gallon	9.1
Repair Orders Completed	3,422
Preventative Maintenance	1,925

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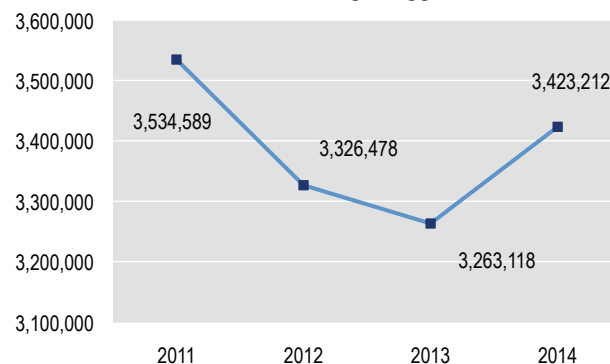
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Total Unclaimed Cash Processed by the Property Division



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Fleet Mileage Logged



Report On Uniform Bureau Operations

The Uniform Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police, Rebecca E. Thompson, who is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. These services include street patrol, traffic control and enforcement, responding to calls for service and emergencies, and community oriented policing operations. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, Sections, and Team:



Rebecca E. Thompson
Deputy Chief of Police

The Patrol Division

- Responds to all calls for police services.
- Conducts thorough preliminary investigations of all offenses.
- Conducts follow-up investigations in cases where responsibility is not yielded to another Division or Section.
- Apprehends offenders and recovers stolen property.
- Enforces laws and regulations.
- Conducts crime prevention and suppression activities.
- Maintains close liaison with the community and fosters positive police community relations.

See Charts 18 and 19

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Uniform Bureau. It consists of the First, Second, and Third Platoons.

The First Platoon's hours of duty are 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, with roll calls at 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM daily.

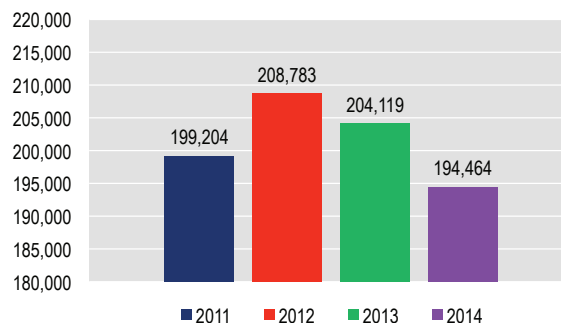
First Platoon Activity 2014

Felony Arrests	688
Misdemeanor Arrests	2,060
Violation Arrests	1,836
Appearance Tickets	870
Warrant Arrests	817
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	3,152
Parking Tickets Issued	5,096
Calls for Service	61,087
With Reports	14,233
Without Reports	46,854
Number of Reports	19,943

The Second Platoon's hours of duty are 06:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with roll calls at 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

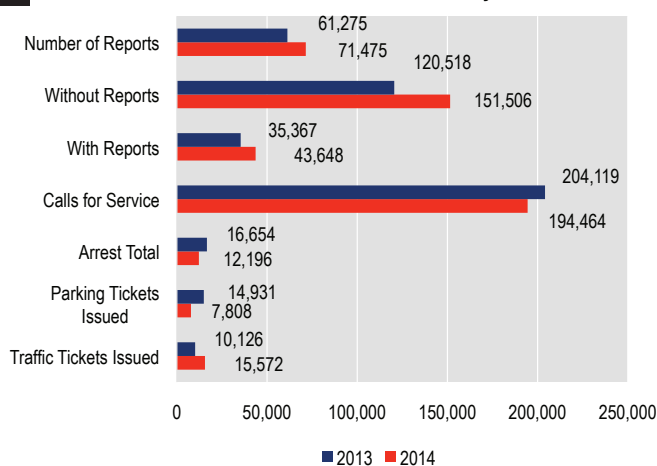
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Patrol Division Calls for Service



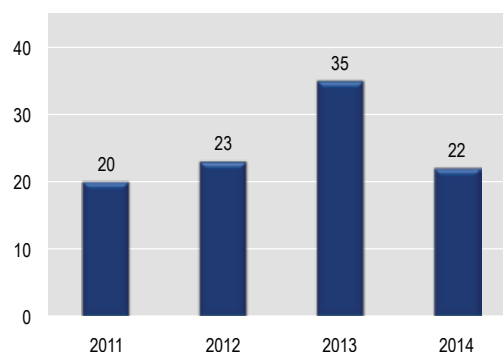
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Patrol Division Activity



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Total Number of Pursuits



Uniform Bureau Operations

Second Platoon Activity 2014

Felony Arrests	464
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,449
Violation Arrests	680
Appearance Tickets	291
Warrant Arrests	382
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	1,240
Parking Tickets Issued	3,922
Calls for Service	50,349
With Reports	11,523
Without Reports	38,826
Number of Reports	20,518

The Third Platoon's hours of duty are 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with roll calls at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM daily.

Third Platoon Activity 2014

Felony Arrests	732
Misdemeanor Arrests	2,189
Violation Arrests	1,474
Appearance Tickets	1,046
Warrant Arrests	612
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	3,416
Parking Tickets Issued	3,178
Calls for Service	83,028
With Reports	17,892
Without Reports	65,826
Number of Reports	31,014

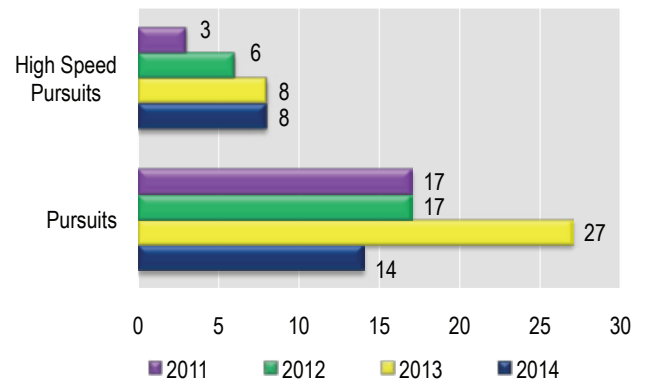
Platoon Comparisons 2014

The following chart depicts the average annual workload per officer assigned to the First, Second, and Third Platoons for the categories listed:

Platoon	First	Second	Third
Felony Arrests	13	10	12
Misdemeanor Arrests	40	31	39
Violation Arrests	35	14	26
Appearance Tickets Issued	17	6	19
Warrant Arrests	16	8	11
Traffic Tickets Issued	61	27	61
Parking Tickets Issued	98	84	57
Calls for Service	1,124	1,095	1,483
With Reports	274	245	320
Without Reports	901	826	1,175
Number of Reports	384	436	554

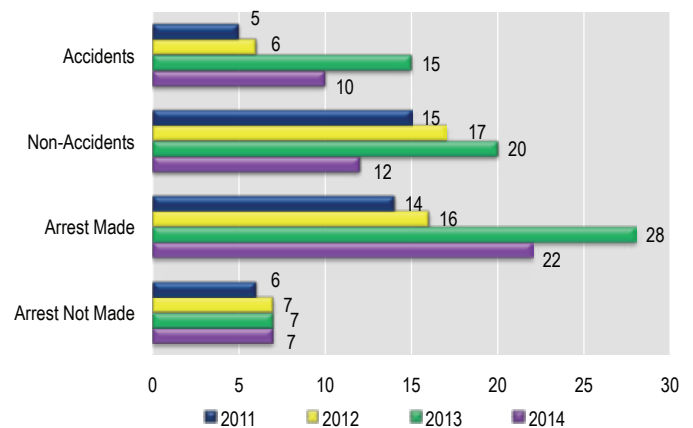
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High Speed Pursuits vs. Pursuits



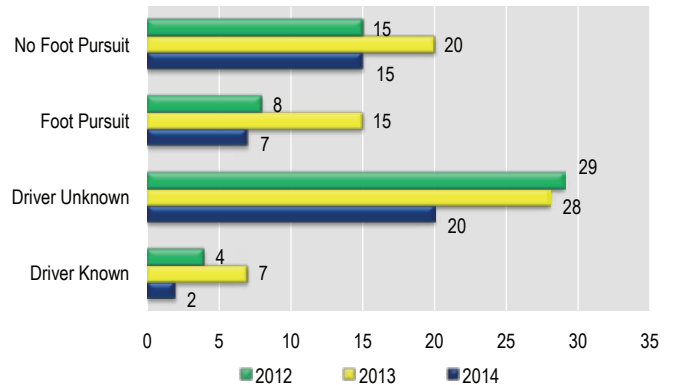
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Pursuit Accident & Arrest Data



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Pursuit Suspect Driver Data



Uniform Bureau Operations

The Patrol Services Division

- Serves as the administrative arm of the Uniform Bureau Deputy Chief.
- Disseminates directives and information.
- Obtains equipment necessary for operations.
- Analyzes statistical data of patrol activity systems and processes.
- Monitors levels of efficiency and effectiveness.
- Oversees the operations of the Special Events Section, K-9 Section, and the Court Liaison Section.

Each year the Patrol Services Division conducts an analysis of Syracuse Police Department vehicle pursuits. During 2014, 22 pursuits were analyzed. Charts 20-24 depict the results of that analysis.

See Charts 20-24

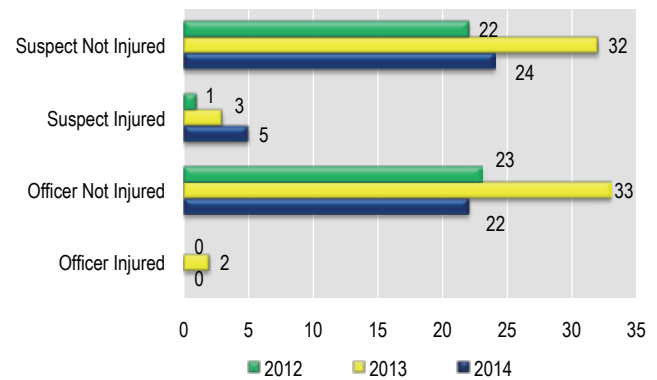
The **K-9 Section** is comprised of 7 canine teams. Each team receives special training in building searches, area searches, tracking, obedience, and either narcotics or explosive detection.

K-9 activity for 2014 is as follows:

Calls for Service	3,089
Felony Arrests	18
Misdemeanors	52
Violations	20
Building Searches	195
Explosive Searches	124
K-9 Tracking	20
Open Area Searches	42
Building Perimeter Checks	478
Stolen Property Recovered (Monetary Value)	\$50,000
Traffic Tickets Issued	56
K-9 Demonstrations	17
Attendance	1,205
Officer Protection	88
Drug Searches	59
Marijuana Seized	3.5 oz.
Cocaine Seized	4.7 lbs.
Heroin Seized	1.6 lbs.
Drug Money Seized	\$52,217

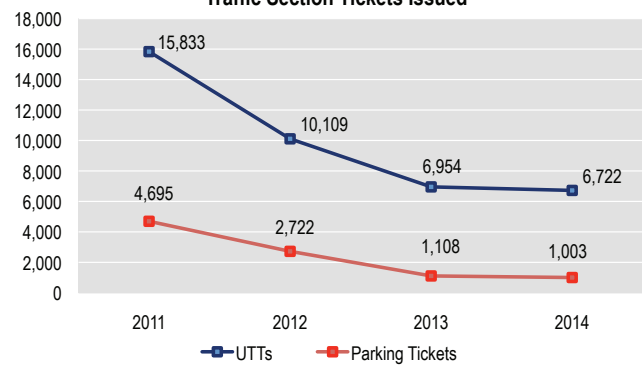
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Pursuit Injury Data



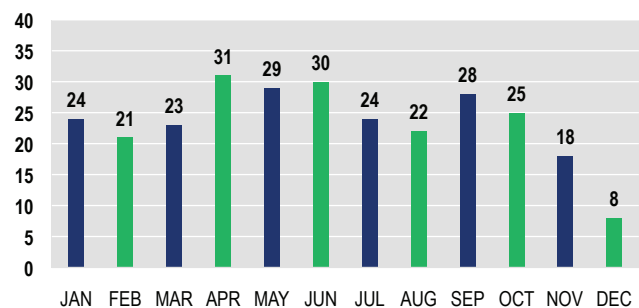
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Traffic Section Tickets Issued



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DWI Arrest for 2014



Uniform Bureau Operations

The **Special Events Section** plans and coordinates staffing and traffic control operations for numerous community events conducted in the City of Syracuse.

Major Community Events	148
Parade Permits	42
Assembly Permits	123
Carrier Dome Events	68
Officers Assigned to Dome Events	1,711
Dome Attendance 2014	980,729

The **Court Liaison Section** processed 3,874 subpoenas and notices scheduling pre-trial hearings and conferences to individual officers.

The Traffic Section

The Traffic Section is a pro-active traffic enforcement component of the Department and is responsible for enforcing NYS laws and City of Syracuse ordinances governing vehicles and traffic.

See Charts 25 and 26

The **Accident Investigation Section** reviews, processes, stores, and maintains motor vehicle accident reports and provides statistical and requested report information concerning motor vehicle accidents that occur in the City of Syracuse. The following graphs depict various motor vehicle accident and vehicle and traffic related statistics.

See Charts 27-28

The Crime Reduction Team

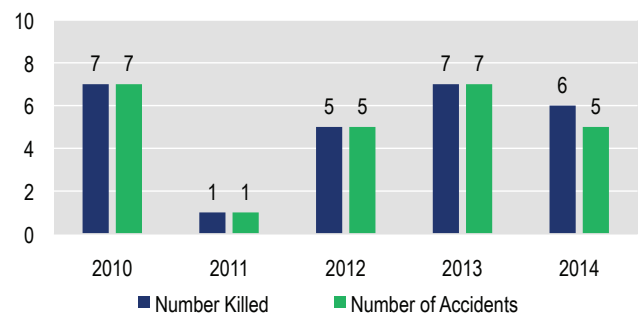
The main function of the Crime Reduction Team is to reduce crime and violence in the City of Syracuse through proactive patrol tactics and strict enforcement of city ordinances, penal, and vehicle & traffic laws. CRT concentrates its activities in designated troubled neighborhoods, responds to shots fired calls, and supports uniform patrol operations when necessary.

In 2014, the Crime Reduction Team recorded unit high records in the following categories: firearm recoveries, heroin recoveries, uniform traffic tickets issued, total monies seized and total drug recoveries. The unit also received the Distinguished Onondaga County Traffic Safety Aggressive Criminal Enforcement Award for their efforts and achievements.

See Chart 29

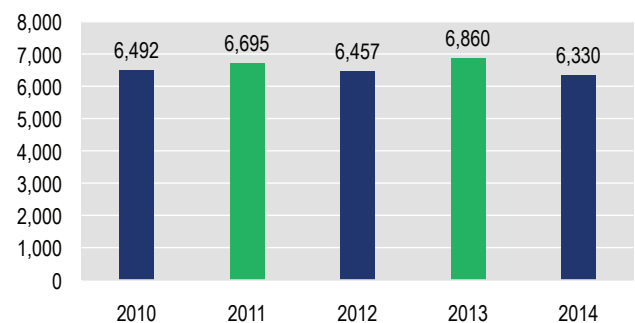
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Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents



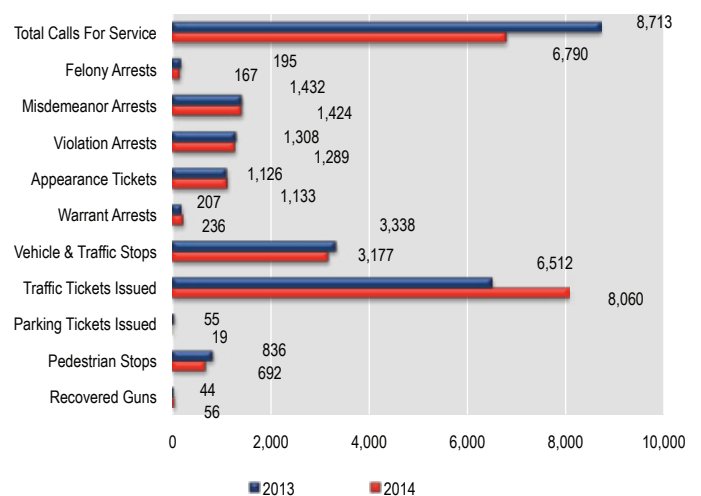
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Motor Vehicle Accidents



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Crime Reduction Team Activity



Report On Investigations Bureau Operations

The Investigations Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police, Shawn M. Broton, who is responsible for overseeing the investigations of crimes committed against persons, property, and serious or unusual incidents after the initial response and investigation by the Patrol Division. The Investigations Bureau also investigates narcotic and vice activity. This Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, Sections, and Units:

The Criminal Investigations Division

- Conducts follow-up felony investigations initiated by the Patrol Division.
- Assists in primary investigations when requested.
- Clears crimes through arrest and recovery of stolen property, executes search and arrest warrants, and apprehends fugitives.
- Acts as a liaison with representatives from federal, state, other municipal agencies, and exchanges information concerning known criminals and criminal activity.
- Coordinates information with prosecuting agencies during investigations for upcoming court cases.

The **Case Investigation Section** conducts criminal investigations, primarily of felony crimes against persons such as homicide, rape, robbery, assault, and unattended deaths. The Section also investigates criminal acts involving the loss of, or damage to, property such as burglary, arson, and larceny.

See Charts 30 and 31

The **Forgery Section** conducts follow-up investigations of all economic crime investigations that are beyond the capabilities of the Patrol Division. The Section assists and advises patrol personnel in processing patrol initiated fraud arrests and investigations. The Forgery Section further coordinates investigations and acts as a liaison with businesses, banks, and other law enforcement agencies.

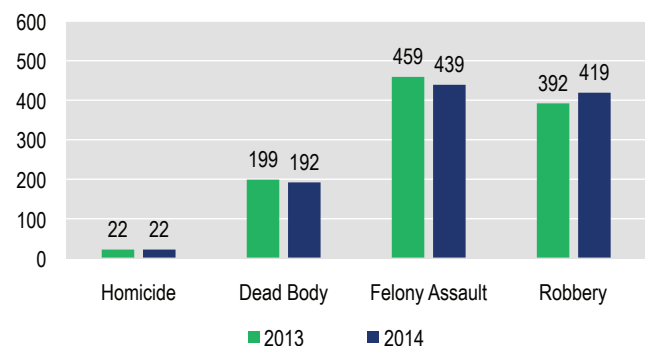
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Shawn M. Broton
Deputy Chief of Police

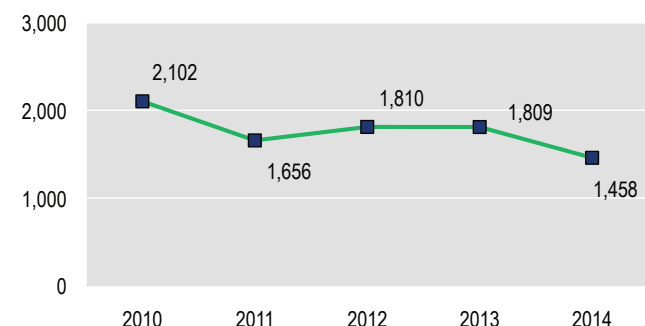
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CID Crimes Against Persons Investigations



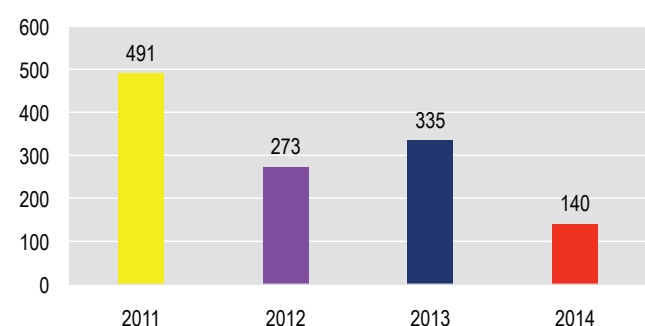
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Burglaries Reported



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Forgery Investigations



Investigations Bureau Operations

The **Cold Case Section** investigates unsolved homicides or prolonged missing person investigations. Detectives maintain the Cold Case Webpage on www.syracusepolice.org that includes case history and photos in order to reach a wider audience and help cultivate case tips.

Cold Case Unit	2014
Current Cold Cases	70
Homicide	59
Closed by Arrest	0
Missing Persons	8
Suspicious DOA	2
Fatal Fire	1

The **Warrant Section** is responsible for the execution of outstanding misdemeanor and felony arrest warrants. The Section develops information on the whereabouts of suspects and coordinates investigations with other law enforcement agencies in order to apprehend fugitives.

See Chart 33

The **Crime Scene Unit** is responsible for processing all major crime scenes and incidents for the purpose of the preservation and collection of evidence.

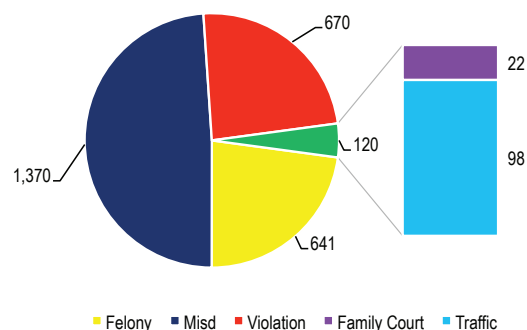
Crime Scene Unit	2014
Homicides	21
Officer Involved Shootings	0
Suspicious Deaths/Incidents	6
Fatal Fires	3
Cell Phones Processed	83
Vehicles Processed	41
Crime Scene Sketches	37
ET Cases Photographed	6,059
ET Photographs	211,940
CSU Photographs	32,373

The Special Investigations Division

- Conducts investigations into organized crime, narcotics trafficking, and vice-related activity.
- Coordinates enforcement action and develops inter-agency cooperation, coordination, and communication relative to metropolitan wide narcotics enforcement efforts.

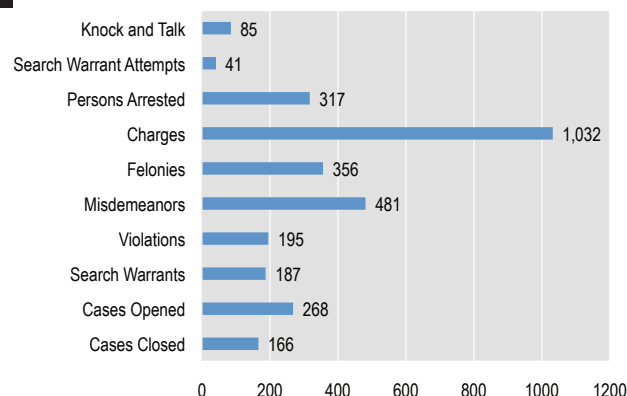
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Warrant Section Arrests 2014



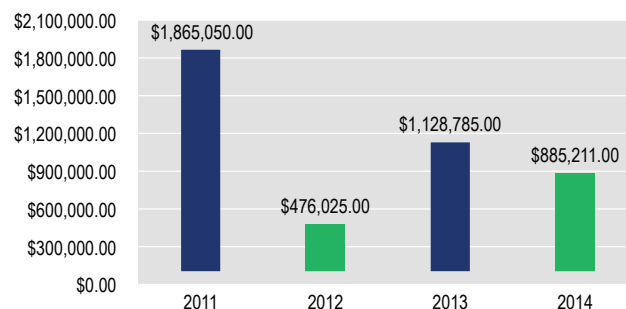
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Narcotics Activity 2014



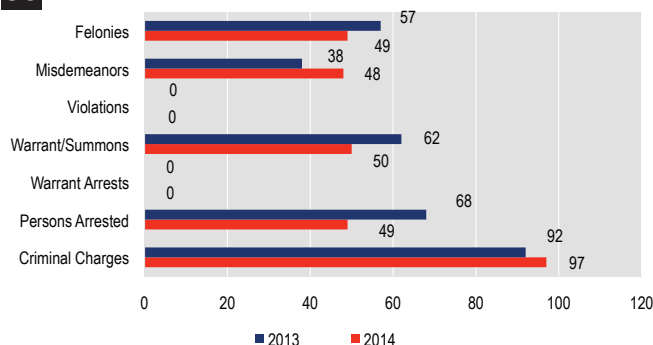
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Value of Narcotics Seized



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Abused Persons Unit Activity



Report On Investigations Bureau Operations

The **Narcotics Section** is responsible for the suppression of narcotics trafficking, from street level to major criminal conspiracy activity. The Section maintains and develops intelligence files relative to narcotics distribution, develops informants, executes search warrants, makes arrests, and initiates counteractive measures to combat illegal drug activity.

See Charts 34 and 35

The **Technical Operations Section** is responsible for the maintenance, operation, and deployment of electronic surveillance equipment. The Section provides technical support to various Department Units and investigates processes and tracks narcotic forfeiture cases. The Technical Operations Section identifies and tracks transient narcotics dealers and larger multi-jurisdictional narcotic organizations as well as groups operating in our area. Members act as a liaison with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Section also provides protective escort operations for resident and visiting dignitaries.

Technical Operations 2014

Audio-video Operations	23
Photographic Operations	26

Forfeiture Operations

Federal Currency & Vehicle Cases	71
Cash Amount	\$2,931,569.00
State Currency & Vehicle Cases	164
Cash Amount	\$160,271.00

Protective Escort Operations

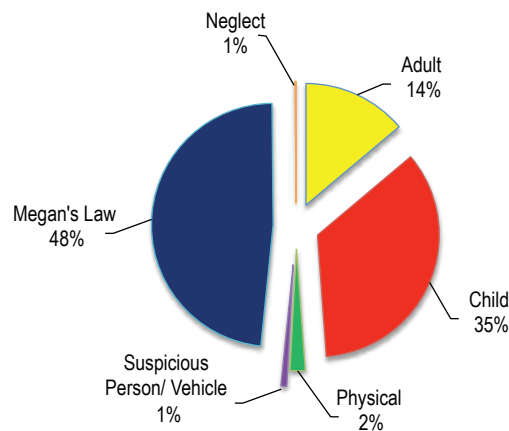
Advance Operations	18
Escort Details	9

The **Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force (GVTF)** is a multiagency Task Force that aggressively targets violent gangs and their members. The Task Force uses long term investigations which are prepared and presented to the federal court system for prosecution. The continuing mission of the Gang Violence Task Force is to partner with Federal, State, and Local authorities to combat gang crime in the City of Syracuse.

In 2014 the Gang Violence Taskforce worked to bring a large scale gang investigation to a successful conclusion. The LAMA Gang has been an active gang on the East Side of the City of Syracuse dating back to the 1970's. They have been active in large scale narcotics distribution and street level narcotics sales. They have controlled their territory using violence and intimidation. In response to this ongoing gang activity the Task Force

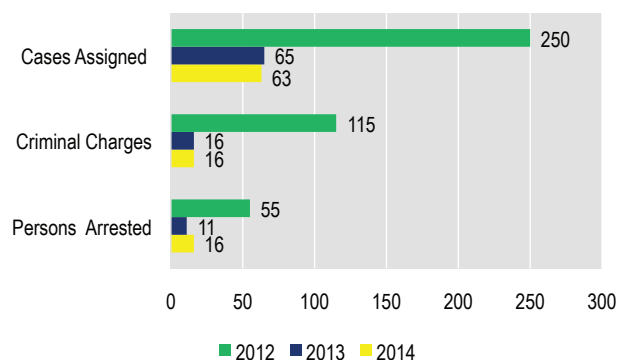
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2014 APU Investigations



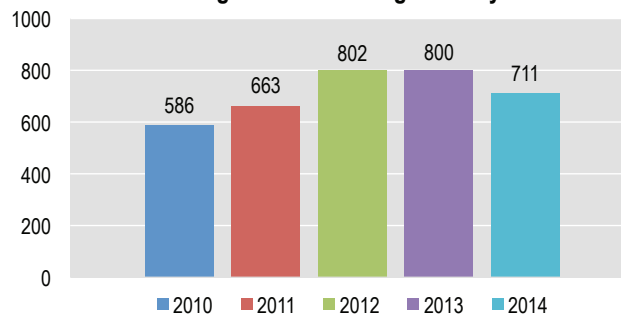
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Domestic Violence Section Activity



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Missing Persons Investigations by Year



Investigations Bureau Operations

conducted a large scale investigation of the LAMA gang partnering with members of the DEA Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), US Attorney's Office, The United States Marshall Service, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the Onondaga County Districts Attorney's Office, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, Onondaga County Probation Office, The New York State Police, and the New York State Division of Parole.

On April 15th 2014 the members of the Gang Violence Task Force along with Federal partners, the Syracuse Police Department's Special Investigations Unit, the Syracuse Police Department's SWAT Team, and the Crime Reduction Team executed three simultaneous search warrants on members of the LAMA Gang. This raid resulted in the recovery of: 966.4 Grams of powder cocaine, 515.2 grams of crack cocaine, 6.78 grams of heroin, 108 grams of marijuana, 3 motor vehicles, 4 illegal handguns, \$58,629.26 of currency, and 5 defendants were arrested.

The Investigation into the LAMA Gang continued. On June 18th 2014 members Gang Violence Task Force along with Federal partners, the Syracuse Police Department's Special Investigations Unit, the Syracuse Police Department's SWAT Team, and Crime Reduction Team executed seven simultaneous search warrants which resulted in the recovery of: 1.5 kilograms of Heroin, 16 grams of crack cocaine, 3 motor vehicles, 2 illegal handguns, \$21,831 in currency, and 11 defendants were arrested.

The arrests and seizure of evidence was not the end to the investigation conducted by the Gang Violence Task Force. The members of the task force have continued to assist the US Attorney's Office with preparation for trial for members of the LAMA gang. GVTF Detectives assisted with the transport of prisoners and the debriefing of the defendants. Information was developed and previous unsolved cases now have new information brought forth which will eventually lead to arrests in open homicide cases.

Since the large scale arrests of the 16 defendants of the LAMA GANG, crime and violence on the east-side of the city has seen a dramatic decline. We can attribute a large portion of this decline to the success of the LAMA gang investigation.

The Gang Violence Task Force also focuses on the day to day criminal activity of street level gangs in the City of Syracuse. As part of this mission they have expanded their role with increased visibility within the community, and strict enforcement of all applicable laws.

Criminal Intelligence Section

The function of the Criminal Intelligence Section is to collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate intelligence related to criminal activity, illegal narcotics, gangs, serial crime events, and quality of life problems. The Section identifies crime trends by analyzing factors such as time, method of operation, and hot spot identification. The field intelligence officers gather more in depth information through street interviews with officers, the public, debriefings of arrested individuals, and criminal informants. The Section provides services to all law enforcement agencies throughout Onondaga and adjacent counties by distributing work products and completing intelligence bulletins.

Criminal Intelligence Section Activity 2014

Bulletins Distributed

Officer Safety	49
Wanted for an Offense	121
General Police Information	614
Investigative Lead Reports	441
Total Bulletins	1225
Crime Analysis Special Research Projects/ Studies	1,608
Inmate Release Notices	62
Anonymous Tips Received	569

The Family Services Division

- Initiates and conducts follow-up investigations regarding youth and family related matters.
- Conducts follow-up investigations on all felony, sex-related offenses.
- Oversees the operations of the Youth Enforcement Section, Domestic Violence Section, Missing Persons Unit, and Abused Persons Unit.

The **Abused Persons Unit** is responsible for investigating sex offenses, including child pornography, all felony physical child abuse and neglect incidents, and identifying and apprehending offenders. The Unit works closely with Onondaga Child Protective Services, The Rape Crisis Center, Department of Probation, and New York State Parole.

See Charts 36 and 37

Report On Investigations Bureau Operations

The **Domestic Violence Section** is dedicated exclusively to victims of domestic violence. The Section conducts follow up investigations on domestic violence incidents that fall outside the investigative role of the Patrol Division.

See Chart 38

The **Youth Enforcement Section** has primary responsibility for investigation of crimes perpetrated by juveniles. The Section is responsible for the diversion of offenders by making referrals to appropriate agencies, and acting as a liaison with other youth service providers and other agencies concerned with the problems and needs of youth. The Section maintains juvenile records and reports, and coordinates juvenile operations with other Divisions within the Department. Additionally, the Section assists other Department Units with Family Court, Social Services referrals, and crime prevention activities.

Youth Enforcement Section Activity 2014

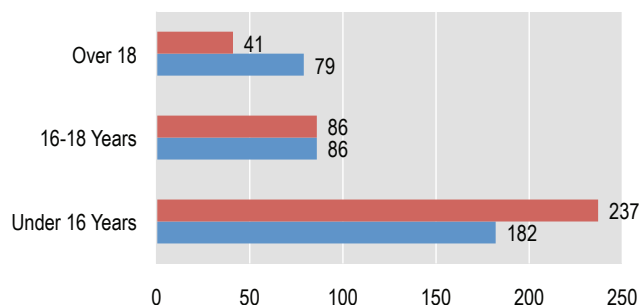
Cases Assigned	73
Criminal Charges	31
Juvenile Arrests	25
Warrant Arrests	41
Departmental Statistics 2014	
Juveniles Arrested	441
Charges Lodged	673

The **Missing Persons Unit** is responsible for conducting investigations of missing persons.

See Charts 39 and 40

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2014 Missing Persons by Age & Sex



Report On Community Services Bureau Operations

The Community Services Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police, Joseph L. Cecile, who is responsible for providing community based services to the public. These services include Recruitment, Community Relations, Team Oriented Policing, Ordinance and License Enforcement, Nuisance Abatement, Neighborhood Watch, Storefront operations, School Resource and Information Officers, and the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) programs. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, Sections, and Units:

The Community Policing Division

- Implements and advances Community Policing principles, strategies, and operations.
- Coordinates Community Policing with all components of the Department.
- Oversees the operations of the Team Oriented Policing, Ordinance Enforcement & License, Storefront, and Neighborhood Watch Sections.

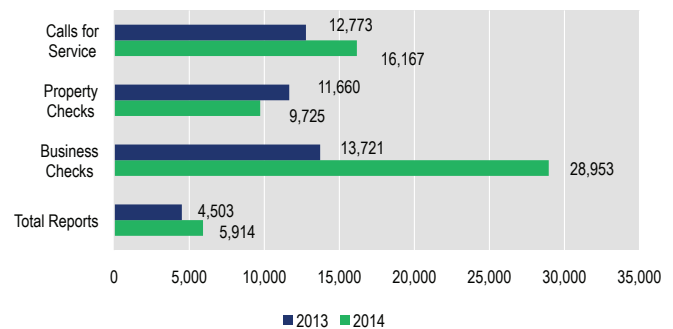
The **Team Oriented Policing and Storefront Sections** (TOPS) are a key element in the Community Policing problem-solving approach utilized by the Syracuse Police Department. There are six TOPS units that are located in Eastwood, Schiller Park, Butternut Square, Valley Plaza, and Otisco St. Teams of officers are deployed from mobile bases of operation set up in specifically targeted neighborhoods. The Storefront Section utilizes three storefront policing centers and one community center situated for convenient access to the public in the North and East sides of the city. Personnel answer complaints, develop working relationships with area residents and business owners, and strive to solve underlying problems in neighborhoods. TOPS also assists both the Criminal Investigations Division with burglary follow-up investigations and the SIRP Section with police related incidents on or around City of Syracuse School District properties.



Joseph L. Cecile
Deputy Chief of Police

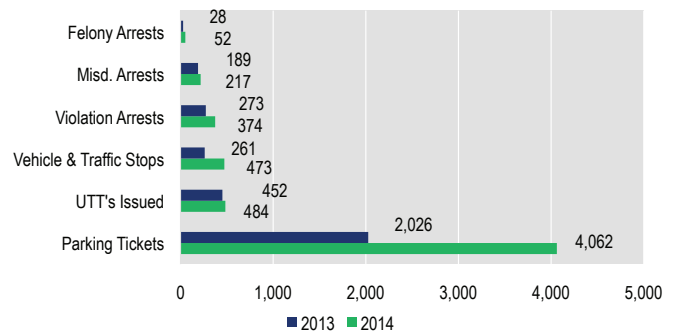
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Team Oriented Policing & Storefront Section



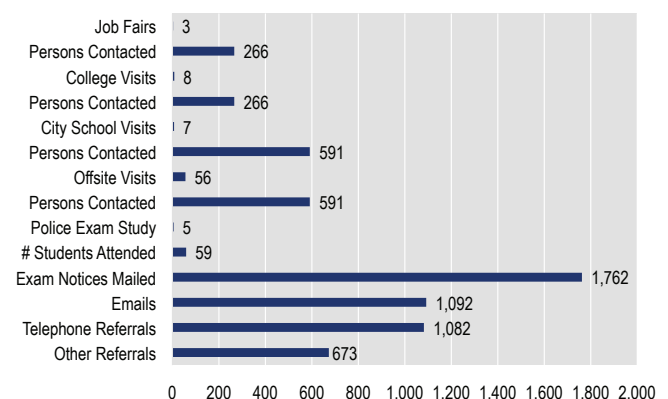
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Team Oriented Policing & Storefront



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Recruitment Section Activity 2014



Community Services Bureau Operations

TOPS/Storefront	2014
Burglary follow-ups	281
Burglaries referred to CID	6
Assist to other agencies	652
Meetings	545
School calls	279
School crossings	971
School details	657

See Charts 41 and 42

The **Ordinance Enforcement & License Section** inspects, enforces, and processes violations of city licenses and ordinances. Enforcement efforts are coordinated with Department Units, and other City Departments such as Animal Control, Codes and Zoning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation to achieve compliance and eradicate conditions of physical decay in neighborhoods.

Ordinance Enforcement Activity 2014

Abandoned Vehicle Complaints	186
Red Tag Vehicle Tows	16
Salvage Certificates	148
Red Tags Issued	304

The **Neighborhood Watch Section** serves as a Department liaison with 103 Neighborhood Watch Groups situated throughout the City of Syracuse and also assists in the development of additional groups. Crime prevention education is conducted through routinely scheduled meetings where groups are established. The Section acts as a liaison with other City Departments toward solving complaints and community problems.

Neighborhood Watch Section Activity 2014 is as follows:

Active Neighborhood Watch Groups	103
New Neighborhood Watch Groups Formed	16
Total Meetings, Special Events and Gatherings	358
Newsletter Publications	3
Major Special Events	16
Halloween Safety-October	51
Nuisance Abatement Monitoring	17
Watchlink Complaints Weekly Average	16
Total Number of Residents Involved	4,927

The **Recruitment Section** is responsible for recruiting the most qualified applicants available for actual and anticipated vacancies within the Department. Recruitment personnel strive to develop and maintain a racial and ethnic composition within the Department that mirrors the demographic composition of the City of Syracuse.

See Chart 43

The **Community Relations Section** is responsible for educating the public in the area of crime prevention for home, business security, and personal safety. The Section also provides specifically tailored educational programs to senior citizens and youth. The Section seeks to enhance interaction and establish long term relationships between the police, individuals, and groups in order to solve community problems.

Programs/Presentations	2014
McGruff	30
Civilian Rider Program	323
Safety Speaking Engagements	26
Business Security Seminars	11
Internships	24

The **School Information Resource Section** is a contingent of detectives who are permanently assigned to the City of Syracuse School District. Detectives are responsible for handling all police matters within the school, and to interact with students and teachers and to provide advice when requested. They make class presentations on a variety of subjects, conduct physical plant security checks, and work with various school groups and clubs.

See Chart 44

The **Truancy Outreach Unit** is responsible for locating students truant from school. The Unit works with the City of Syracuse School District toward achieving the safe return of truant students to parents/guardians, or their respective school for appropriate corrective action. The Unit coordinates its activity with educators, counselors, school staff, program volunteers, and parents. The goals of the program are to:

- Reduce the risk of victimization of youths.
- Encourage the continuance of education.
- Return students to the education environment.
- Assist education officials by providing appropriate counseling or corrective action.

Community Services Bureau Operations

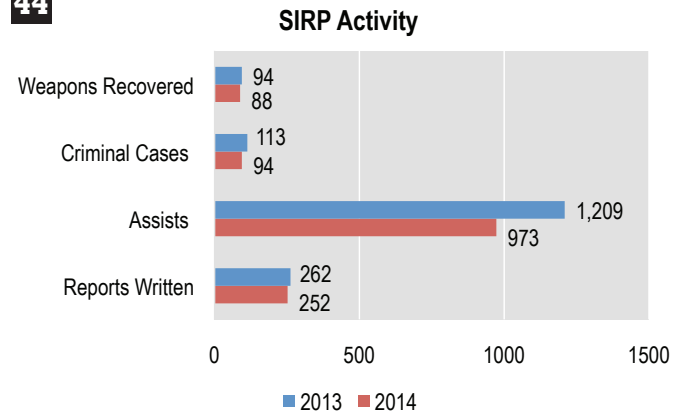
The **Drug Abuse Resistance Education Section (D.A.R.E)** is responsible for administering and conducting Project D.A.R.E. lesson plans in the City of Syracuse School District, making presentations to various community and business groups, administering the Mini-Police Academy for Youth, and Officer Friendly programs (Stranger Danger, Good-Touch/Bad-Touch). The Section plans Drug Abuse Resistance Education programs and implements programs designed to prevent delinquency in matters such as substance abuse and victimization.

D.A.R.E.	2013	2014
Students Educated	1,514	1,606
Rite-Aid Drug Quiz Program	0	0
Number of Classes Taught	165	63
Officer Friendly		
Students Educated	4,736	5,247
Number of Classes Taught	226	224

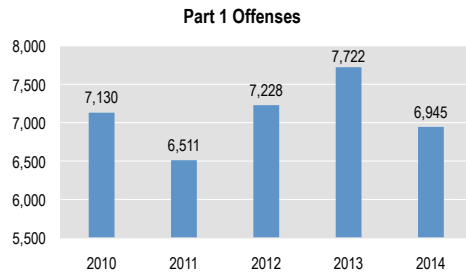
The **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)** program was introduced in Syracuse during 2003. The officers assigned to D.A.R.E teach the curriculum. This federally funded program gives students accurate facts about gang involvement. During thirteen weeks of instruction, the program teaches skills needed to peacefully resolve conflicts and overcome the stresses that may lead to gang involvement.

G.R.E.A.T.	2013	2014
Students Educated	1,777	1,543
Number of Classes Taught	484	67

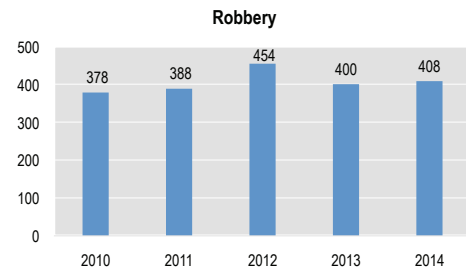
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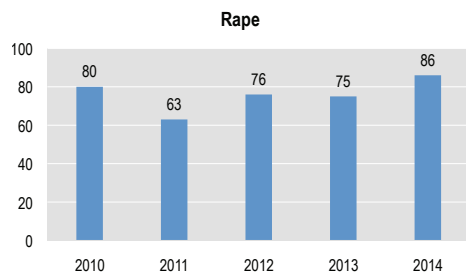
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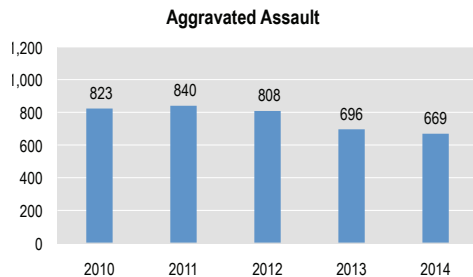
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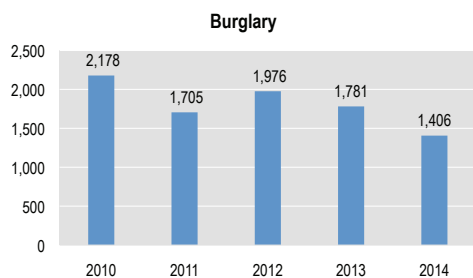
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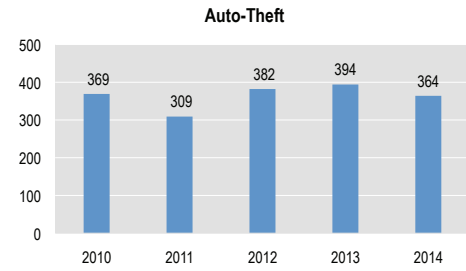
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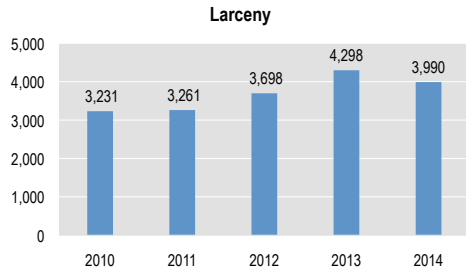
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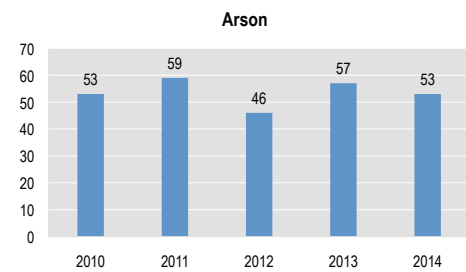
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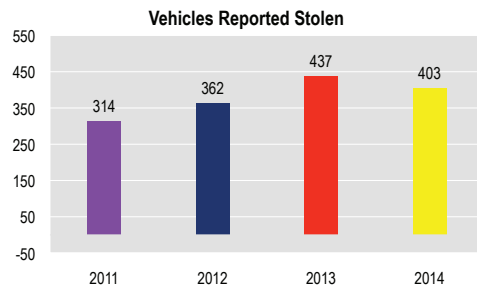
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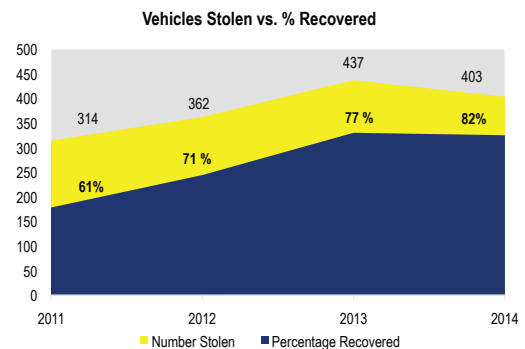
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Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

Departmental Awards 2014

Awarded for actions in 2013

Francis Hendricks Medal

No Recipient

Post-Standard Medal

Police Officer Scott Carns
Police Officer Thomas Lund
Police Officer Rob Harrington

John C. Dillon Award

Police Officer Jason Eiffe

Jerome P. Slater Award

Police Officer John Nye
Police Officer Alvin Harrington
Police Officer Elizabeth Helterline

Chief's Achievement Award

Police Officer Gregory Staub
Police Officer Shawn Hauck

Wallie Howard Jr. Award

Police Officer David Metz

Timothy Laun Award

Lieutenant Eric Carr

Distinguished Service Award

Police Officer David Craw

PBA President's Award

Police Officer Derrick McGork

PBA Valor Award

Police Officer Nicholas Stuper
Police Officer Andrew Stockton
Police Officer Jason Wells
Police Officer Eric Gerace

PBA Merit Award

Police Officer William Lashomb
Police Officer Jeff Okon
Police Officer John Szakalski

SPD Life Saving Award

Police Officer Jacob Breen

Meritorious Service Award

Police Officer Joseph White

Officer of the Year 1st Platoon

Police Officer Gordon Quonce

Officer of the Year 2nd Platoon

Police Officer Mark Vella

Officer of the Year 3rd Platoon

Police Officer Mamoun Abraham

Officer of the Month Recipients 2014

January

1st platoon- Police Officer Alvin Herrington
2nd platoon- Police Officer Thompson
3rd platoon- Police Officer Andrew Quinn

February

1st platoon- Police Officer Daniel Shipe
2nd platoon- Police Officer Melissa Ferris
3rd platoon- Police Officer Nikki Hendrix

March

1st platoon- Police Officer Gordon Quonce
2nd platoon- Police Officer Jeff Fleming
3rd platoon- Police Officer Jerry Mosqueda

April

1st platoon- Police Officer Ahmad Mims
2nd platoon- Police Officer Thomas Nicolini
3rd platoon- Police Officer Evan Hepburn

May

1st platoon- Police Officer Ahmad Mims
2nd platoon- Police Officer Nancy Armbruster
3rd platoon- Police Officer Joseph Taylor

June

1st platoon- Police Officer Michael Hard
2nd platoon- Police Officer Tammy Barletto
3rd platoon- Police Officer John Harkness

July

1st platoon- No recipient
2nd platoon- Police Officer Rebecca Thompson
3rd platoon- Police Officer Timothy Martins

August

1st platoon- Police Officer Autumn Tharrett
2nd platoon- Police Officer John Szakalski
3rd platoon- Police Officer Aylan Briedis

September

1st platoon- Police Officer William Coleman
2nd platoon- Police Officer Tracy Greco
3rd platoon- Police Officer Sean Donegan

October

1st platoon- Police Officer Terell Irvine
2nd platoon- Police Officer Angela Mahar
3rd platoon- Police Officer Michael Shannon

November

1st platoon- No recipient
2nd platoon- Police Officer Nica Russell

December

1st platoon- Police Officer William LaShomb
2nd platoon- Police Officer Steve Abbott
3rd platoon- Police Officer Erik Heppeler

Promotions 2014

To the Rank of Sergeant

Police Officer Gregory Adams
Police Officer Brian Novitsky
Police Officer Robert Ocker
Police Officer Patrick VanSlyke

To the Rank of Lieutenant

Sergeant Eric Carr
Sergeant Thomas Derby
Sergeant Geno Turo

Departmental Retirements 2014 and Years of Service

Police Officer John Kluge

August 25, 1989 - January 11, 2014

Police Officer John Serrao

August 25, 1989 - January 30, 2014

Captain Paul Dillon

March 24, 1989 - January 31, 2014

Police Officer Larry Brown

April 15, 2011 - February 27, 2014

Police Officer Melivn DeBottis

June 27, 1986 - March 07, 2014

Police Officer Joseph Smola

September 16, 1985 - March 28, 2014

Sergeant Stephen LaRue

May 14, 1993 - April 4, 2014

Sergeant Patrick Phelps

April 15, 1994 - April 15, 2014

Sergeant Michael Schroeder

April 15, 1994 - April 15, 2014

Police Officer Richard Cunningham

April 15, 1994 - April 18, 2014

Sergeant Shawn Smith

March 31, 1989 - April 18, 2014

Police Officer Patrick Manns

April 15, 1994 - May 14, 2014

Police Officer Michael Serrao

September 11, 1987 - May 30, 2014

Police Officer Christina Rockwood

April 15, 1994 - June 18, 2014

Police Officer Robert Wiegand

April 15, 1994 - June 27, 2014

Police Officer Jocelyn Allbright

April 15, 1994 - July 23, 2014

Sergeant Richard Perrin

April 15, 1994 - August 4, 2014

Sergeant Mark Hogan

April 8, 1988 - August 11, 2014

Police Officer Michael Dillon

April 12, 1991 - August 19, 2014

Police Officer James Burns

April 15, 1994 - August 28, 2014

Police Officer Thomas Slack

May 14, 1994 - August 31, 2014

Sergeant Gregory Adams

September 29, 1994 - September 30, 2014

Police Officer Tammy Barletto

September 29, 1994 - September 30, 2014

Police Officer Tracy Johnson

March 31, 1989 - October 3, 2014

Deaths of Sworn Retired Members 2014

Sergeant William J. Hunter

passed March 6, 2014, served 1955-1974

Police Officer Daniel Erwin

passed April 6, 2014, served 1972-2007

Police Officer Patrick Ahern

passed April 21, 2014, served 1966-1986

Police Officer Charles Venton

passed July 3, 2014, served 1965-1985

Sergeant Edwin "Al" Locklin

passed August 6, 2014, served 1963-1985

Police Officer John Zrebiec

passed August 19, 2014, served 1953-1973

Police Officer Robert Rankin

passed September 9, 2014, served 1948-1981

Police Officer Donald Dlugolenski

passed September 10, 2014, served 1962-1984

Police Officer Michal Shevchuk

passed September 27, 2014, served 1964-1996

Police Officer Harold "Bud" Major

passed September 28, 2014, served 1957-1977

Police Officer James Nelson

passed October 27, 2014, served 1969-1989



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