

Syracuse Police Department



Annual Report 2016

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, 2017

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 2016 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".

Frank L. Fowler
Chief of Police

Evaluation of 2016 Goals and Objectives

Assess the viability of partnering with the Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force to aid both the Special Investigations Division and the Gang Violence Task Force in investigating and prosecuting violent gang members who may not be swept up in narcotics related eavesdropping investigations.

Ongoing. In December of 2016 the operational phase of the assessment was completed. The processes has now moved into the preparation of cases for prosecution. This will continue into 2017.

Continue to remain focused in creating open environments and methods in which community members and the Police Department can openly communicate and better understand each other's needs and expectations.

- The Community Relations Division will focus on developing new programs such as the new anonymous "TIP411" line.
- Continue to host programs such as "Coffee with the Chief", Interfaith Works, "Shop with a Cop", "Bring Your Child to Work Day", and conduct community events, meetings, and other child related events throughout the Syracuse Public and Private School Systems.

Transform the Criminal Intelligence Section and OCAC into a real time crime center with access to real time call for service, live access to COPS camera viewing and radio dispatch

- Expand the Crime Center hours to include evening hours

Completed. Analysts are now working evening hours Tuesday through Friday.

- Develop protocol that allows analysts to interact and provide assistance during real time events.

Completed. There is a policy on how that interaction will take place.

- Develop a protocol that allows analysts to become integrated in major CID & SID investigations to provide assistance.

Completed. There is an analyst assigned to the homicide squad and during major events such as the Father's Day incident and subsequent protests, an analyst was assigned to the Command Post.

- Enhance relationships and transfer knowledge between OCAC analysts and operational officers and detectives within the Syracuse Police Department.

Ongoing and improving.

- In conjunction with the OCAC and NYS Parole expand the use of GPS monitoring on TRUCE and gang involved individuals within the City of Syracuse in an effort to reduce violent crime.

Ongoing. In 2015 of the 50 or so GPS braceleted parolees, there were no TRUCE involved parolees on GPS. Through the recommendation of OCAC Analysts there are now as many as 11 of the 50 GPS braceleted parolees who members of group or gang. Efforts are underway to increase that number.

- Conduct a media campaign to increase the use of the tip system through texting, smart phone application, Facebook, and the Department's website.

Completed. The community was targeted through the media and neighborhood watch meetings to use the TIP411 system. Now the public has completely migrated over to the new system and tips have increased in quantity.

Deploy new COPS Platform cameras in the following locations:

- Midland Ave/W. Ostrander Ave.
- Upper Onondaga Park area.
- Park Street area (expansion)
- Richmond Ave/Wall Street.
- Dealer's Row (W. Genesee Street)

Completed. In 2016, the Division of Technology & Program Management deployed a total of 65 cameras in the above noted locations. Deployment to other areas of the city is scheduled to continue into 2017.

Since the opening of the Public Safety Building (PSB) in 1964 thousands of officers have passed through what, over time, has become known as the “North Hallway” as they made their way out to serve the citizens of the City of Syracuse. Until recently the hallway was nothing more than a means to pass to and from the courtyard, to other areas of PSB, or to the basement. But in late 2016 the “North Hallway” of the PSB took on a much greater and meaningful significance.

On Annual Retirees Day, Monday, December 19, 2016, many former officers and current members of the Syracuse Police Department, joined Chief Fowler along with former Chiefs Lee Hunt, Timothy Cowan, Frank Sardino, John Falge, Dennis Duval and Steve Thompson in the “North Hallway”. A ceremony was held to officially dedicate the space as the “Hall of Honor” which is depicted on the cover of this year’s annual report.

Today, instead of being just a thoroughfare to pass from the courtyard or any other location within the PSB the “Hall of Honor” became not only a memorial to the fallen officers who died serving the City of Syracuse but also an area to display the long and prestigious history of the Syracuse Police Department and recognize the Department’s Officers of the Month.

Along the north wall of the “Hall of Honor” those passing through will see black rope draped. Above the rope are the framed photographs and images of eleven officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty serving the City of Syracuse. Each photograph or image is accompanied by a narrative describing the circumstances that led to the officers’ death. The north wall serves as a memorial to the fallen officers and ensures that their sacrifices are never forgotten. It also is a constant reminder of the dangers all officers face on a daily basis, just as these eleven brave and courageous officers did while working the same streets as the officers of today, and those that will come tomorrow.

The “Hall of Honor” is meant both to honor officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and to also serve as a display area for the history of the Syracuse Police Department and recognize the Department’s Officers of the Month. Along the south wall, a pictorial timeline of the individuals who have served as the Chief of Police since 1848 has been created. Of the thirty-four who have served as the Chief of Police since 1848, twenty-three of those individuals are acknowledged here with their photograph. Images could not be located for eleven of the past Chiefs, but they have all been memorialized in a plaque mounted near their fellow Chiefs. These Chiefs of Police were the face of the Department throughout its history and led the members through changing times while maintaining the Department’s exceptional tradition of policing that remains consistent to this day. The south wall also contains an area where historical photographs and past uniform patches are displayed. Additionally, when first walking into the “Hall of Honor” from the courtyard a display case is mounted on the south wall where pictures of exceptional officers from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Platoons are recognized.

The “Hall of Honor” is meant to depict where we came from, where we are now, and where we are headed. It should also serve as a daily reminder of what it means to be a Syracuse Police Officer and responsibility that comes with serving the citizens of the City of Syracuse. To say that you are a Syracuse Police Officer, is much more than just putting on a uniform and badge, it is a noble profession steeped in Honor, Tradition, and Sacrifice that only the “Finest” will experience and truly understand.

Special thanks to Sgt. John Savage (Ret.), Lt. Russ Gates, Lt. Timothy Holtman, the Syracuse Police Benevolent Association, and Chief Frank L. Fowler who were all instrumental in the development, creation, and unveiling of the “Hall of Honor”.

2017 Goals & Objectives

Successfully implement the newly created Homicide Unit, which shall be dedicated to thoroughly investigating all of the Homicides as well as Suspicious Deaths that occur within the City of Syracuse, with intent to solve them in an efficient manner.

Partner with the Division of Criminal Justice Services and roll out the new Blue Courage Program.

- Implementation will begin with Academy Class #18 and will continue with Field Training Officers, who will mentor the new officers upon entrance into the Department's Field Training Program.
- Begin Department wide Blue Courage training during annual In-Service Training.

Implement the Body Worn Camera Pilot Program to test the viability and logistics that would be involved in a Department wide deployment.

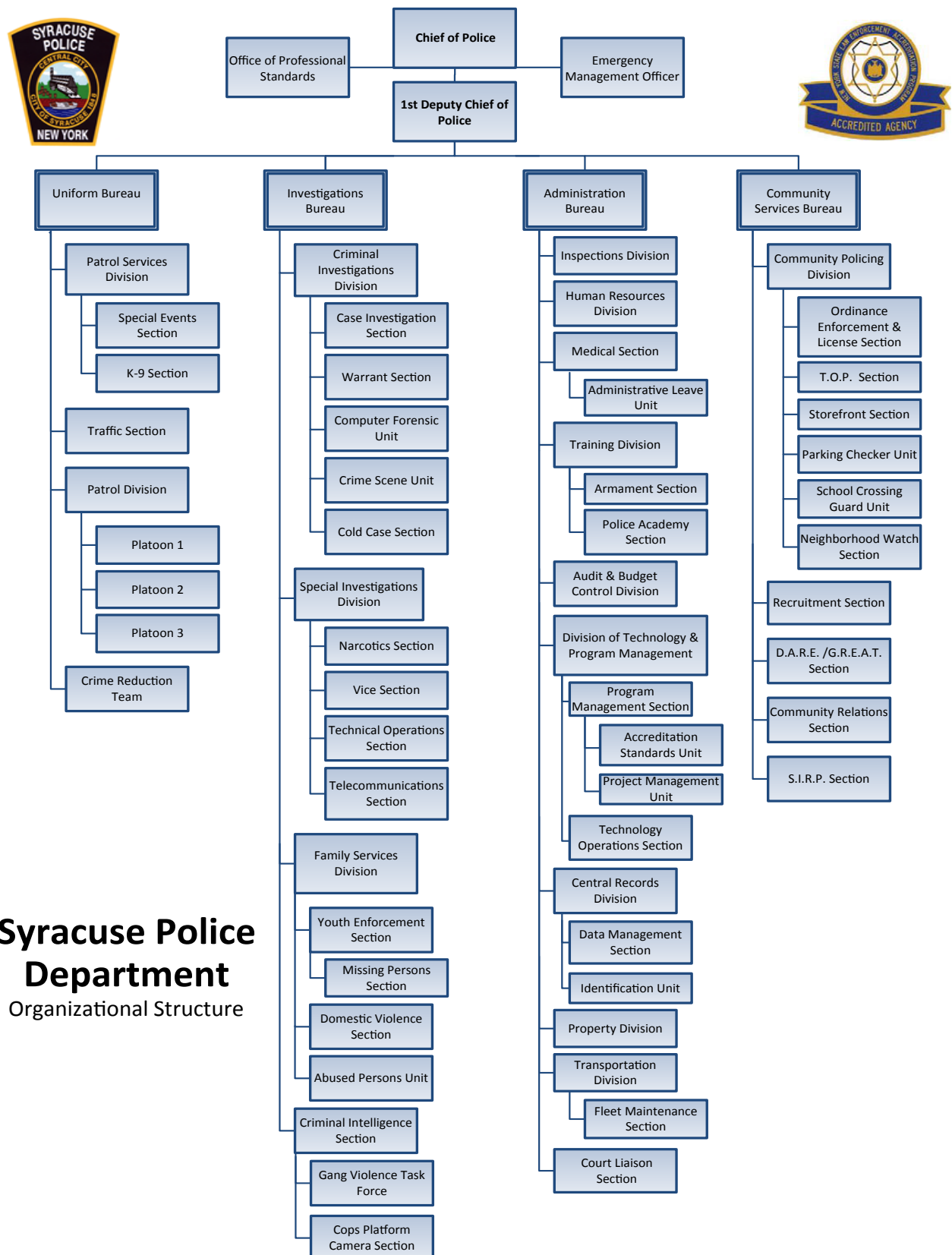
- Make procedural and policy changes, as necessary, based on testing.
- Create a solid foundation of information through testing, data collected, and procedural and policy changes, which can be used for future grant applications.

Implement the ShotSpotter System.

- Use existing gunshot data to determine where the initial sensors will be set up.
- Utilize the data from ShotSpotter to get a more accurate tally of how many shots are being fired in the City and allow officers to respond more quickly and efficiently to actual shootings.

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, 2016 there were 445 sworn officers and 120 civilian personnel employed by the Police Department, which has an operating budget of approximately \$48,484,887.00.

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, to 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 of the Chief of Police 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.*

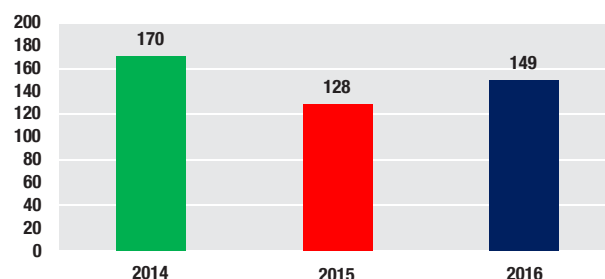
The Office of Professional Standards

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

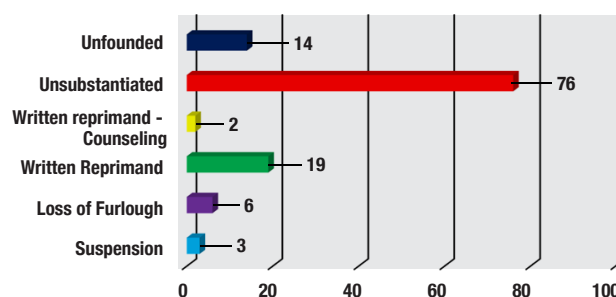


Frank L. Fowler
Chief of Police

1 Office of Professional Standards Cases Investigated
2014 - 2016



2 Office of Professional Standards Case Dispositions
2016



- 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, Joseph L. Cecile, 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 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.
- Maintains the Department Roster and Personnel Status Reports.

See Charts 5 through 8

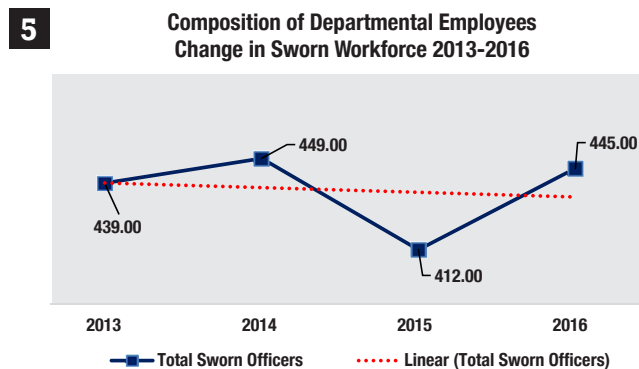
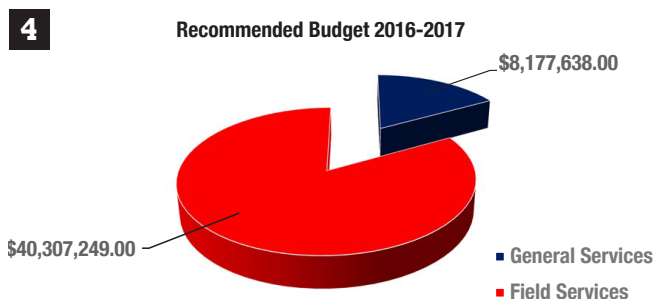
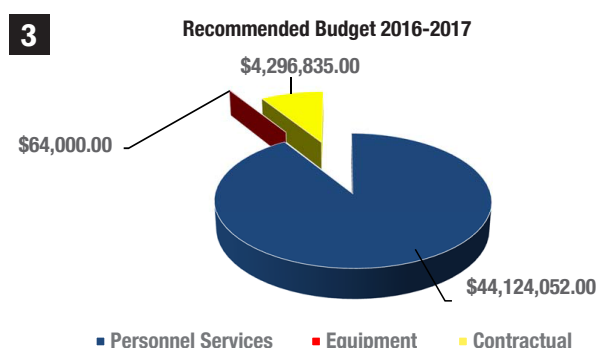
Medical Section

- 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.

See Chart 9



Joseph L. Cecile
First Deputy
Chief of Police



Administration Bureau Operations

The Training Division

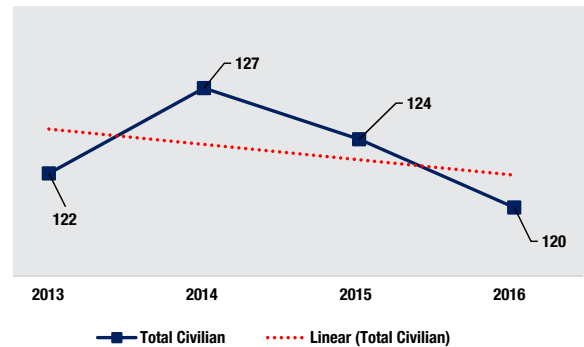
- Coordinates and administers Department training programs.
- Coordinates and administers the Police Officer Basic Academy.
- Administers training to peace and police officers from outside agencies.
- Plans and develops Department training standards and programs.
- Monitors training methods and identifies 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	2014	2015	2016
Police Academy Classes			
Total Officers Certified	57	0	25
Outside Agencies Attending	8	0	2
Community Service Officers	5	7	9
In-Service Training Sessions			
Total Officers Trained	361	406	386
Police Officers	294	334	320
Training Topics Instructed	11	11	10
Supervisors	44	46	48
Training Topics Instructed	10	10	10
Command Officers	23	26	18
Training Topics Instructed	8	10	8
Certified Course Instruction			
NYS BMP OPS	20	18	19
Refresher	11	12	9
Seminars	10	8	14
Specialized Training	11	10	12
Outside Agencies Attending	32	30	32

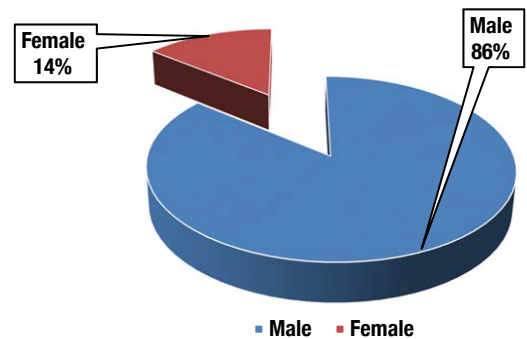
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Composition of Departmental Employees
Change in Civilian Workforce 2013-2016



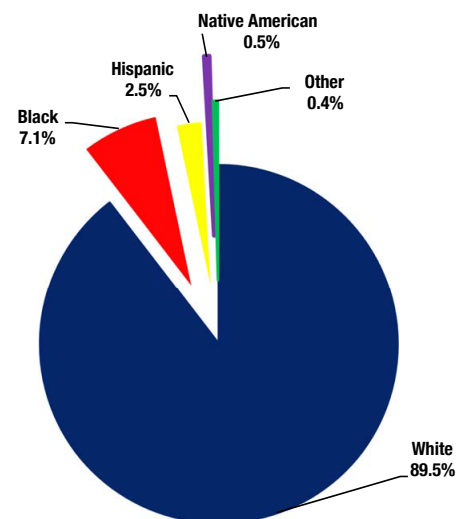
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Sworn Personnel by Gender 2016



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Sworn Personnel by Race & Ethnicity 2016



Administration Bureau Operations

The Armament Section

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

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

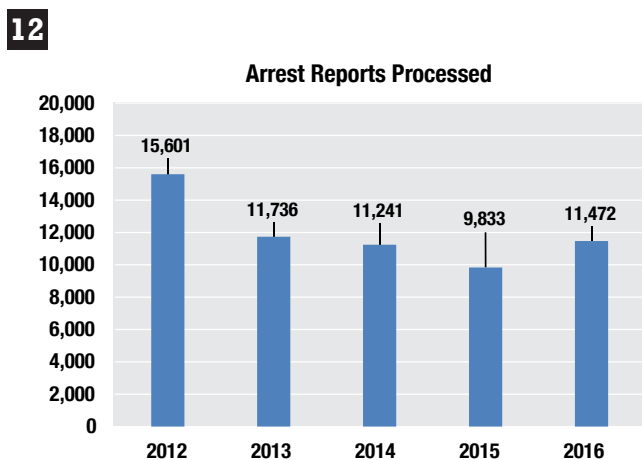
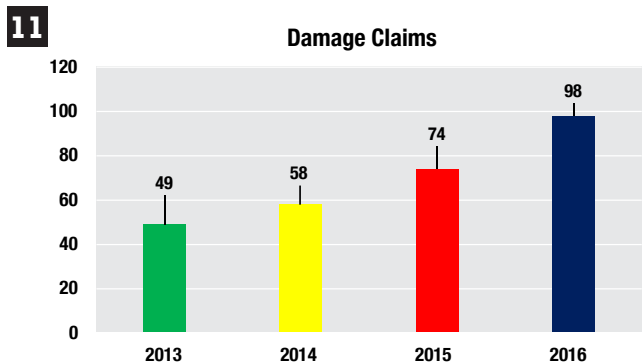
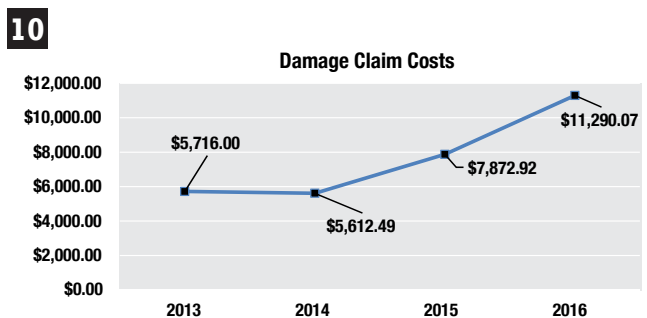
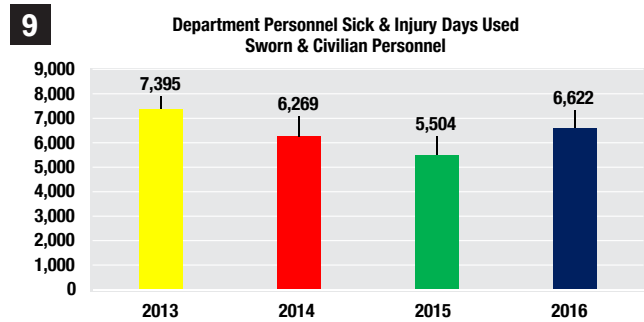
The Division of Technology & Program Management

- Develops, prepares, publishes, and maintains records of all Department Rules and Regulations and orders, except the Human Resources Division's Personnel Orders and the Training Division's Training Bulletins.
- 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.

Technology Operations Section

2016 Noteworthy Accomplishments

- Continued support to Onondaga County 911 Center and implementation of the Mobile for Public Safety CAD program; to include the installation of the new MPS software program on over 130 MCTs.
- Technical support and implementation of a new Fiber Network for internet service with dedicated lines for the Public Safety Bldg. and SID, to stabilize Network traffic.



Administration Bureau Operations

- Technical support and testing of a new Asset Management program with web-based and Bar code integrated technology for tracking inventory of IT related equipment.
- Technical support and coordination with Matthews Vehicles and Syracuse University in the implementation and deployment of the Department's new Command Post Vehicle; establishing real-time Network connectivity.
- Technical support during the completion of renovations of new offices of the Division of Technology and Program Management; to include new Fiber and Cat-5 wiring termination to new patch panels and switches to one room location.
- Technical support during the completion of renovations taking place at Public Safety Bldg., Patrol Area.
- Technical support in setting up and establishing SPD Network connections to the new Butternut Street Storefront.
- Continued support to Onondaga County IT of the new county-wide (CMS) NUCLEIS and CHAIRS2 programs.
- Continued support and development of the department's computer network to stay current and meet the challenges of an ever-changing technology environment and world.

Central Records Division

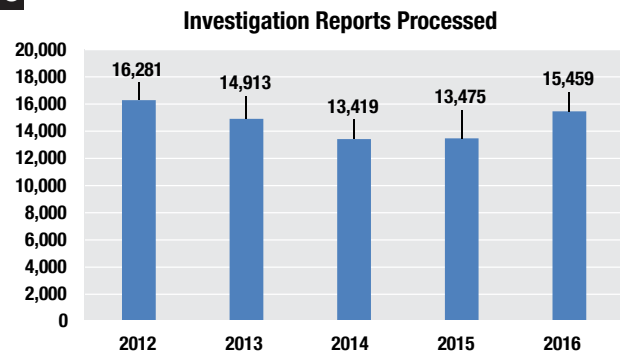
- Processes, maintains, and distributes police records to include incident and follow-up reports, criminal process, and criminal history information.
- Processes freedom of information requests and oversees the Department's use of the e-JusticeNY-Integrated Portal.
- Maintains computer information, indexes,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

See Charts 12-14

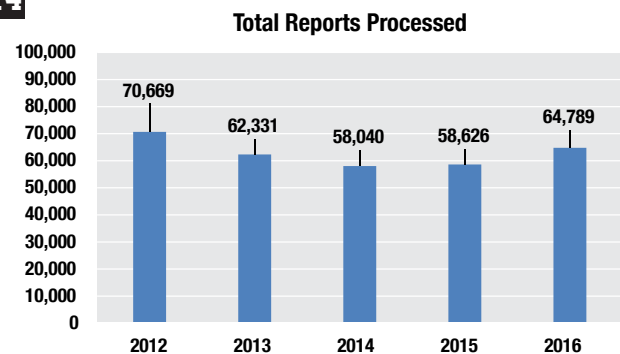
The **Identification Section** processes and maintains arrest records, photographs, fingerprints, and FBI updates on all individuals arrested by the Syracuse Police Department. The Section also seals defendant records as ordered by the court and supplies and criminal history transcripts.

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.

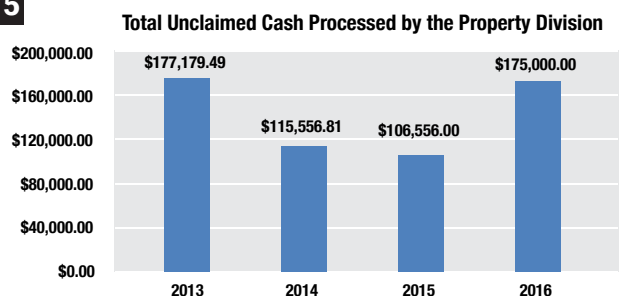
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Administration Bureau Operations

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.

See Chart 15

The Transportation Division

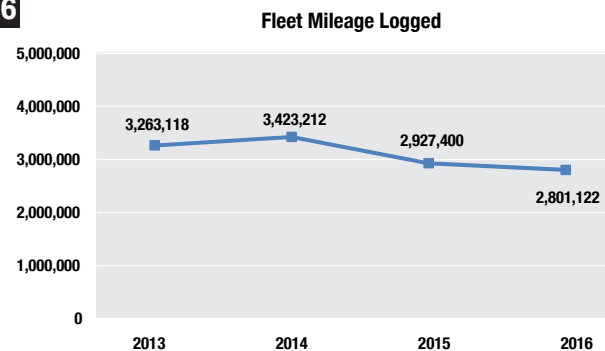
- Maintains all Department vehicles and prepares vehicles for auction.
- Prepares specifications for the purchase of new vehicles.

Completes vehicle repair work and maintenance on fleet vehicles.

Transportation Division Activities	2016
Vehicles In Service	387
Vehicles Taken Out of Service	36
New Vehicles Purchased	46
Vehicles Auctioned	36
Auction Revenue	\$42,130
Gasoline Dispensed (gal.)	295,735
Diesel Dispensed (gal.)	484
Fleet miles per gallon	10.2
Repair Orders Completed	2,552
Preventative Maintenance	970

See Chart 16

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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 17 and 18

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.

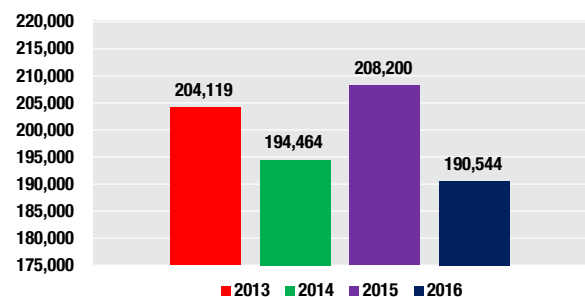
First Platoon Activity 2016

Felony Arrests	699
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,995
Violation Arrests	1,569
Appearance Tickets	830
Warrant Arrests	757
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	3,554
Parking Tickets Issued	4,180
Calls for Service	58,970
With Reports	13,002
Without Reports	45,968
Number of Reports	20,023

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.

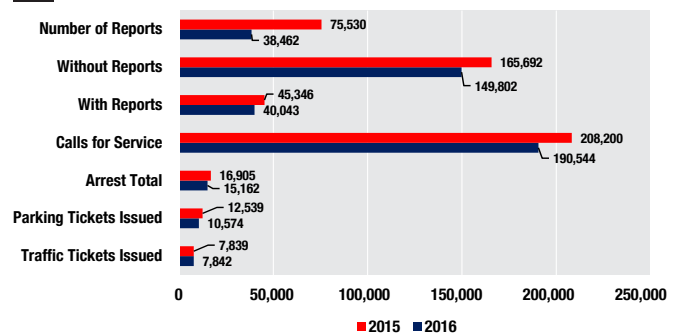
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Patrol Division Calls for Service



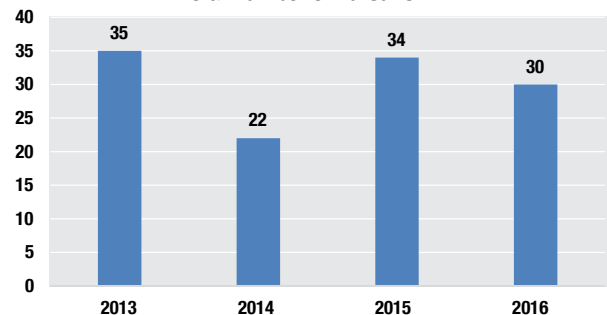
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Patrol Division Activity



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Total Number of Pursuits



Uniform Bureau Operations

Second Platoon Activity 2016

Felony Arrests	399
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,115
Violation Arrests	614
Appearance Tickets	324
Warrant Arrests	372
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	1,060
Parking Tickets Issued	3,394
Calls for Service	49,373
With Reports	10,621
Without Reports	38,103
Number of Reports	18,439

On September 23rd 2016, while investigating a disturbance call at 1124 Westcott Street, 2nd Platoon Officers Henry Hilton and Scott Carns located a badly injured 28 year old female attempting to escape from the house and its occupants. As the officers rescued the victim, the suspects seeking to avoid apprehension, returned to the interior of the house. Additional officers responded, secured the exterior and eventually the six suspects were safely taken into custody. With the assistance of CID, a search warrant was secured and valuable evidence, to include a handgun, were recovered. Ultimately the suspects were charged with a total of 13 felonies, including Unlawful Imprisonment 1st degree, Assault 2nd degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd degree.

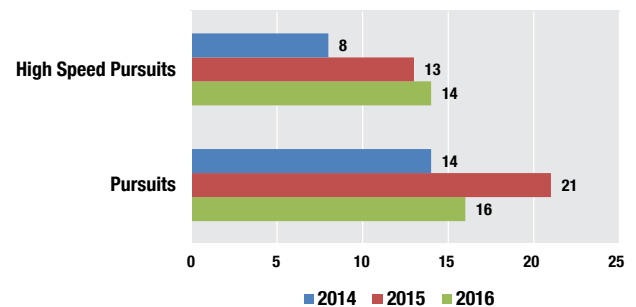
The Third Platoon's hours of duty are 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with roll calls at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM daily.

Third Platoon Activity 2016

Felony Arrests	714
Misdemeanor Arrests	2,424
Violation Arrests	1,259
Appearance Tickets	840
Warrant Arrests	1,251
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	3,228
Parking Tickets Issued	3,000
Calls for Service	82,201
With Reports	16,420
Without Reports	65,731
Number of Reports	29,365

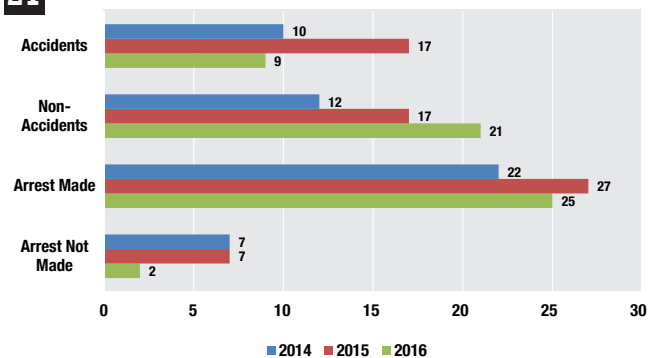
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High Speed Pursuits vs. Pursuits



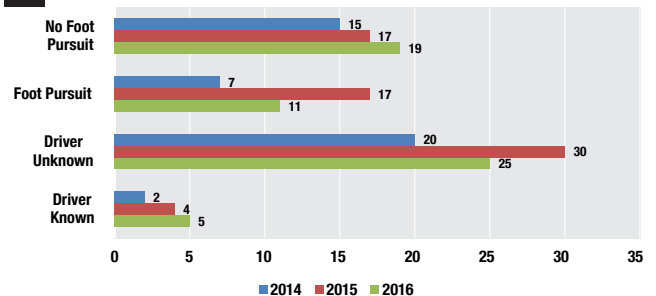
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Pursuit Accident & Arrest Data



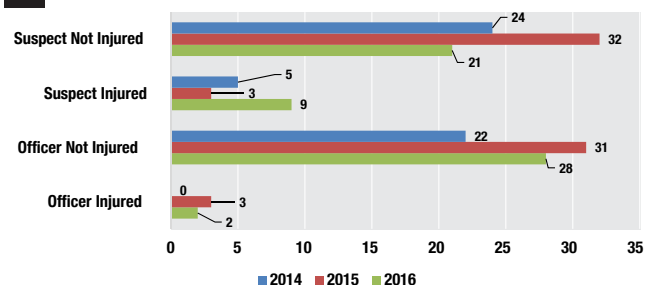
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Pursuit Suspect Driver Data



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Pursuit Injury Data



Uniform Bureau Operations

Platoon Comparisons 2016

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	14	8	13
Misdemeanor Arrests	40	22	43
Violation Arrests	31	12	22
Appearance Tickets Issued	17	6	15
Warrant Arrests	15	7	22
Traffic Tickets Issued	71	21	57
Parking Tickets Issued	84	66	53
Calls for Service	1,179	968	1,442
With Reports	260	208	288
Without Reports	919	747	1,153
Number of Reports	400	362	515

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 2016, 34 pursuits were analyzed. Charts 19-23 depict the results of that analysis.

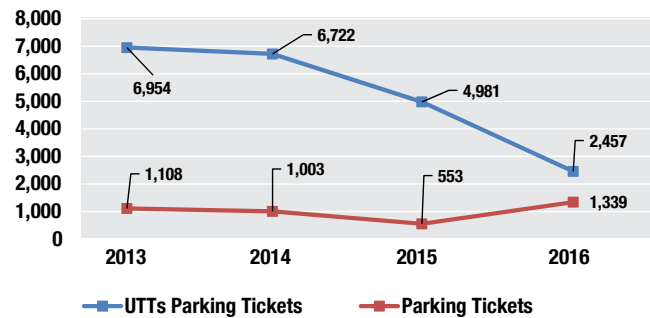
See Charts 19-23

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.

In 2016, the K-9 Section welcomed K-9 Brit as the newest member to the Section. He is currently partnered with Ofc. Foster and completed both patrol and narcotic school during the 2016 calendar year. On December 31, 2016 K-9 Chassa was retired after 8 years of service and is now living the life of leisure in retirement with Ofc. Foster. Also in 2016, the K-9 Section hosted basic schools for patrol/tracking and narcotic/explosive detector teams. In the Spring 3 canine teams (Syracuse, Ithaca and Troy) attended and graduated from the patrol

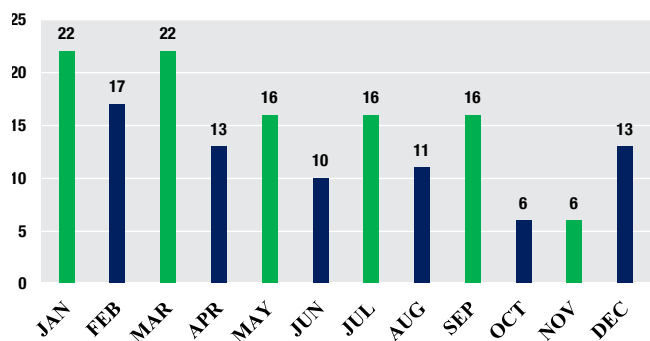
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Traffic Section Tickets Issued



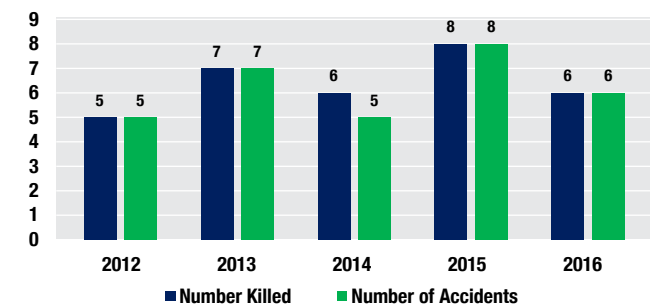
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DWI Arrests in 2016



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Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents



school. Additionally, a total of 7 teams attended the detector schools, 3 (Syracuse, Ithaca, and Utica) graduated from the narcotic detection school and 4 (New York State Park Police in Buffalo, Troy, Utica, and the Broome County Sheriff's Office) graduated from the explosive detector school. The Section hopes to continue hosting basic schools for patrol/tracking and narcotic/explosive detector teams in 2017.

K-9 activity for 2016 is as follows:

Calls for Service	3,025
Felony Arrests	24
Misdemeanors	29
Violations	15
Building Searches	167
Explosive Searches	143
K-9 Tracking	10
Open Area Searches	41
Building Perimeter Checks	256
Stolen Property Recovered (Monetary Value)	\$20,000
Traffic Tickets Issued	53
K-9 Demonstrations	16
Attendance	637
Officer Protection	83
Drug Searches	50
Marijuana Seized	1.76 lbs.
Cocaine Seized	1.5 oz.
Heroin Seized	3.25 oz.
Drug Money Seized	\$12,404

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	117
Parade Permits	19
Assembly Permits	154
Carrier Dome Events	58
Officers Assigned to Dome Events	1,212
Dome Attendance 2016	718,996

The **Court Liaison Section** processed 3,873 subpoenas and notices scheduling pre-trial hearings and conferences to individual officers during 2016.

Uniform Bureau Operations

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 24 and 25

The **Accident Investigation Section** reviews, processes, stores, 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 26-27

The Crime Reduction Team

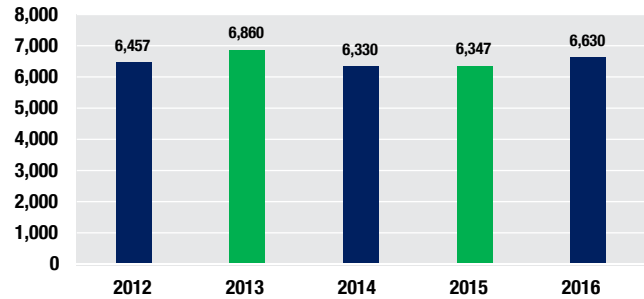
The main function of **the Crime Reduction Team** is to reduce crime and violence in the City of Syracuse through proactive patrol tactics and strict enforcement of city ordinances, penal, and vehicle & traffic laws. CRT concentrates its activities in designated troubled neighborhoods, responds to shots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

The Crime Reduction Team maintained consistent and aggressive enforcement in all Target Areas as directed by the Chief; with the intention to reduce violence and criminal activity throughout the City by utilizing proactive patrol tactics and strict enforcement of the NYS Penal and Traffic Laws along with all City Ordinances. From April 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 CRT's efforts were focused on the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (G.I.V.E.) Operation and due to the diligent efforts and competitive environment that was created the Unit removed a total of a 108 firearms from the streets of Syracuse as well as recording Unit record highs in the following categories: firearms recoveries, currency seized, total drugs recovered, total physical arrests, vehicle seizures, and total stops. CRT also received the Distinguished Onondaga County Traffic Safety Aggressive Criminal Enforcement Award for all of the Unit's achievements.

See Chart 28

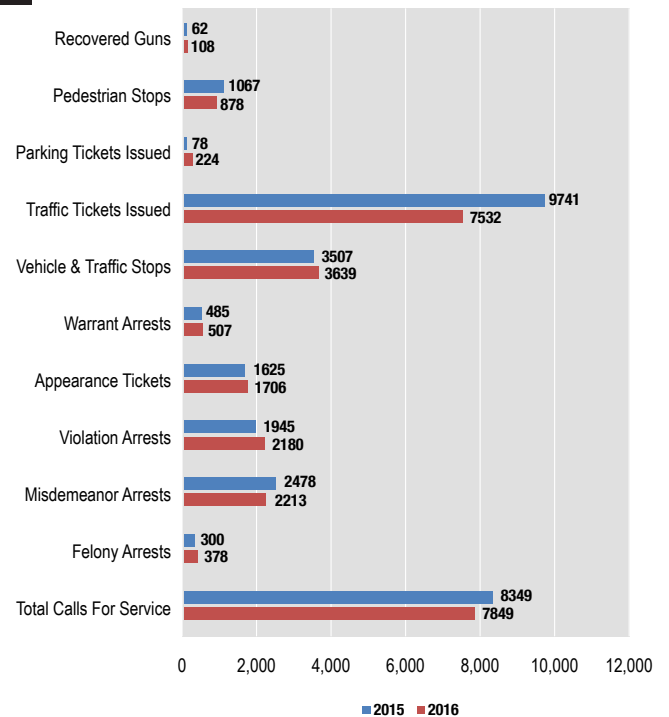
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Motor Vehicle Accidents



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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:



Shawn M. Broton
Deputy Chief of Police

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.

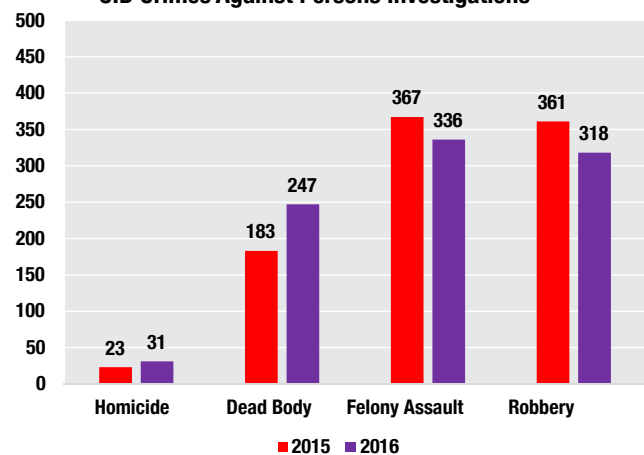
See Charts 29 and 30

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/photos in order to reach a wider audience and help cultivate case tips.

Cold Case Unit	2016
Current Cold Cases	72
Homicide	62
Closed by Arrest	2
Missing Persons	8
Suspicious DOA	1
Fatal Fire	1

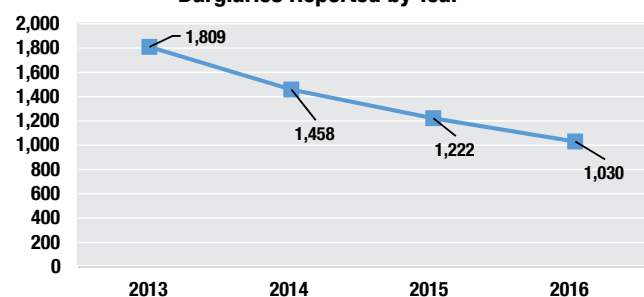
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CID Crimes Against Persons Investigations



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Burglaries Reported by Year



Investigations Bureau Operations

The **Computer Forensic Unit** is responsible for processing and analyzing digital evidence from a variety of sources such as mobile devices, phones, GPS systems, tablets, memory cards, USB drive, gaming systems, cameras, computers, networks, and assisting in federal, state, and other municipal agencies when possible and requested. The Unit also assists in investigations involving computers and electronic crimes and will respond, when possible, to scenes to assist in search warrants involving electronic evidence and in the recovery of all electronic evidence and assure that the proper chain of custody is maintained of all electronic evidence.

Computer Forensic Unit	2016
Hard Drives/Mobile Devices Analyzed	225
Cases Investigated	68

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 31

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

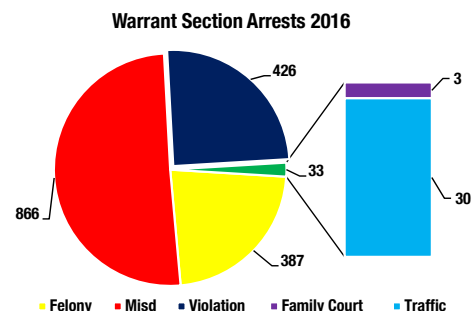
Crime Scene Unit	2016
Homicides	31
Officer Involved Shootings	5
Suspicious Deaths/Incidents	4
Fatal Fires	2
Vehicles Processed	74
Crime Scene Sketches	43
ET Cases Photographed	5,389
ET Photographs	239,310
CSU Photographs	33,088

The Special Investigations Division

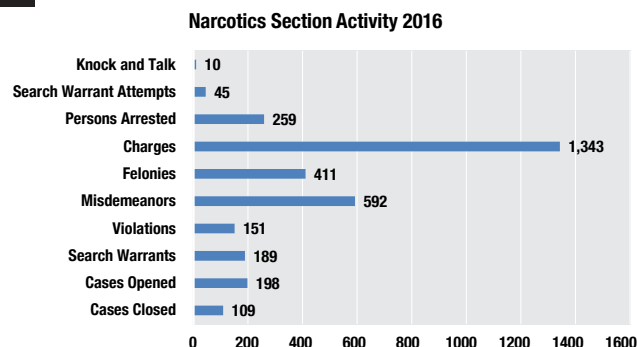
- Conducts investigations into organized crime, narcotics trafficking, and vice-related activity.
- Coordinates enforcement action and develops inter-agency cooperation, coordination, and communication relative to metropolitan wide narcotics enforcement efforts.

The **Narcotics Section** is responsible for the suppression of narcotics trafficking, from street level to major criminal conspiracy activity. The Section maintains and

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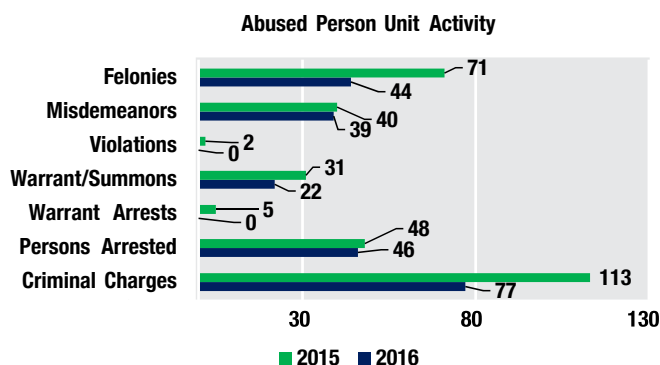
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Report On Investigations Bureau Operations

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 32 and 33

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 2016

Pole Camera Installation	44
GPS Tracking	7
Search Warrant Photo CD's	150

Forfeiture Operations

State Currency & Vehicle Cases	230
Cash Amount	\$470,295.09

Protective Escort Operations

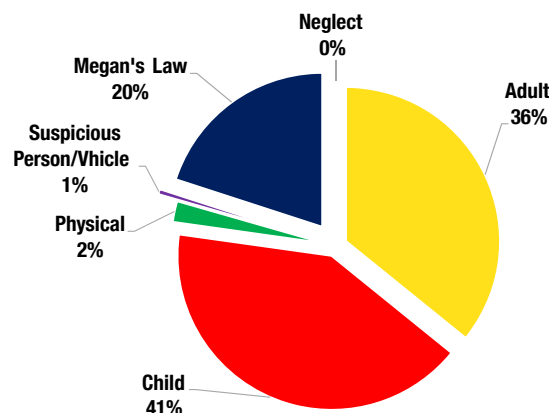
Advance Operations	20
Escort Details	11

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 2016 the members of the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force completed Operation "Salt City" which was a U.S. Marshal supported Triple Beam project designed to disrupt and dismantle gang violence in the City of Syracuse. The operation was conducted between January 2016 and December 2016 and included street operation details, surveillance, the use of informants to conduct search warrants, and probation/parole details. At its completion, Operation Salt City resulted in the arrest of 114 individuals that included 60 active gang members, the recovery of 43 illegal firearms, more than \$339,000.00 in

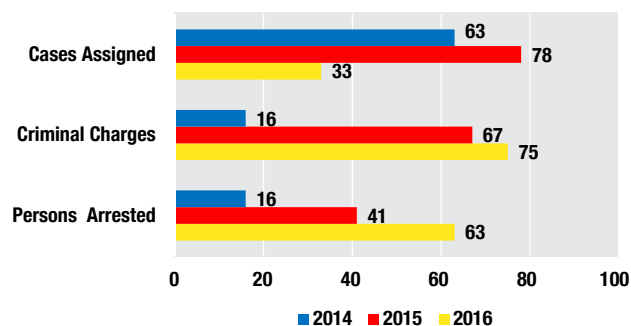
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2016 APU Investigations



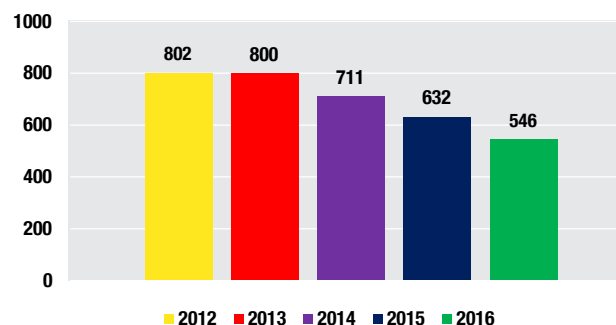
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Domestic Violence Section Activity



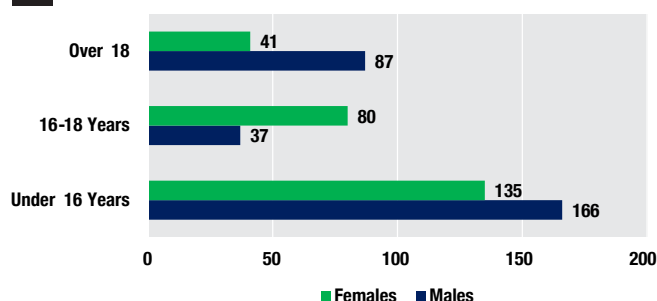
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Missing Persons Investigations by Year



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2016 Missing Persons by Age & Sex



Investigations Bureau Operations

U.S. currency, 207 grams of heroin, over three kilograms of cocaine and more than one pound of marihuana.

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 2016

Bulletins Distributed

Officer Safety	108
Wanted for an Offense	246
General Police Information	974
Investigative Lead Reports	619

Total Bulletins

1,947

Crime Analysis Special Research Projects/Studies

Inmate Release Notices

Anonymous Tips Received

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 34 and 35

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 36

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 2016

Cases Assigned	30
Criminal Charges	13
Juvenile Arrests	6
Warrant Arrests	5

Departmental Statistics 2016

Juveniles Arrested	414
Charges Lodged	637

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

See Charts 37 and 38

Report On Community Services Bureau Operations

The Community Services Bureau is commanded by First 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.

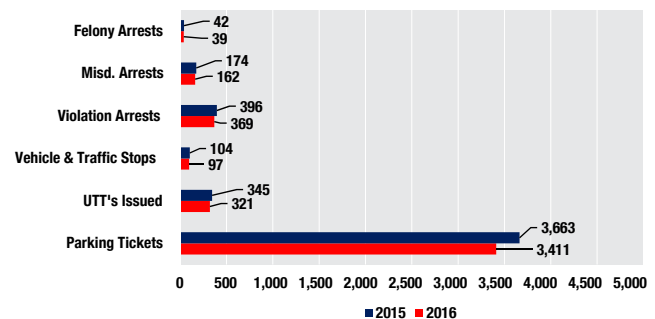
TOPS/Storefront	2016
Assist to other agencies	1,114
Meetings	462
School calls	265
School crossings	1,047
School details	242



Joseph L. Cecile
First Deputy
Chief of Police

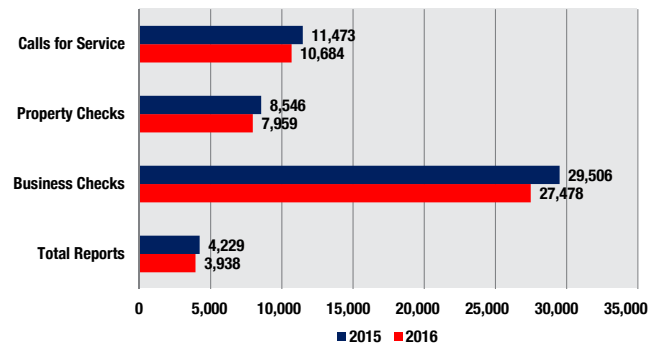
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Team Oriented Policing & Storefront Activity



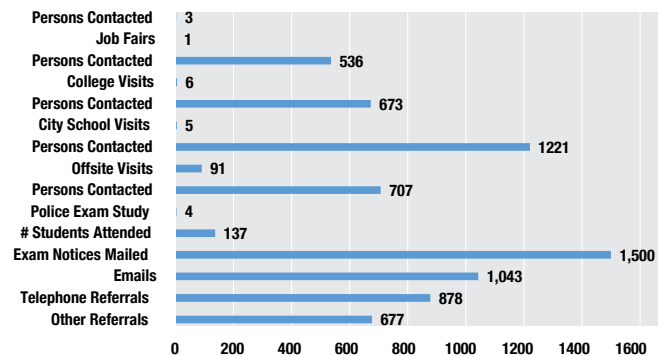
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Team Oriented Policing & Storefront Activity



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Recruitment Section Activity 2016



Community Services Bureau Operations

See Charts 39 and 40

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 2016

Abandoned Vehicle Complaints	279
Red Tag Vehicle Tows	3
Salvage Certificates	30
Red Tags Issued	190

The **Neighborhood Watch Section** serves as a Department liaison with 103 Neighborhood Watch Groups situated throughout the City of Syracuse and also Section 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.

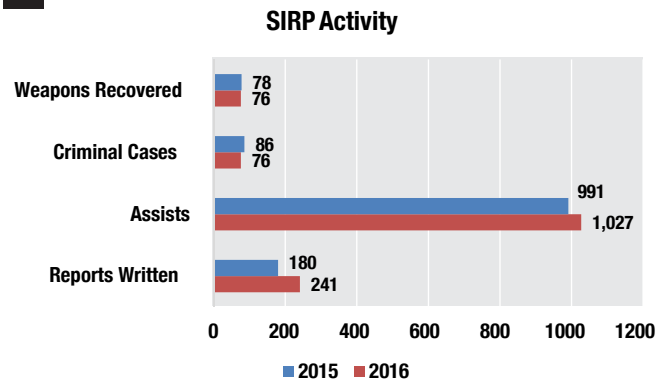
Neighborhood Watch Section Activity **2016** is as follows:

Active Neighborhood Watch Groups	128
New Neighborhood Watch Groups Formed	25
Total Meetings, Special Events and Gatherings	405
Newsletter Publications	5
Major Special Events	19
Halloween Safety Watch Groups-October	76
Nuisance Abatement Monitoring	17
Watchlink Complaints Weekly Average	14
Total Number of Residents Involved	5,698

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 41

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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 2016

McGruff	40
Civilian Rider Program	582
Safety Speaking Engagements	39
Business Security Seminars	26
Internships	47

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 42

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.

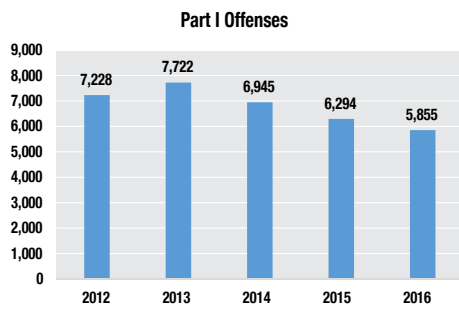
D.A.R.E.	2015	2016
Students Educated	1,577	1,482
Number of Classes Taught	151	326
Officer Friendly		
Students Educated	5,540	3,564
Number of Classes Taught	261	646

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.

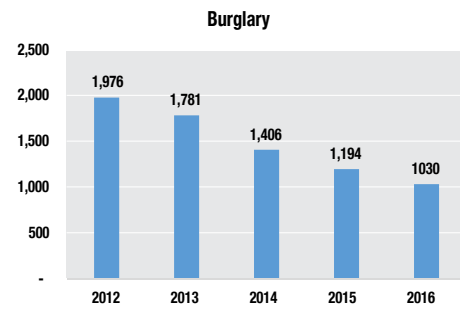
G.R.E.A.T.	2015	2016
Students Educated	1,577	1,751
Number of Classes Taught	474	554

Statistical Review

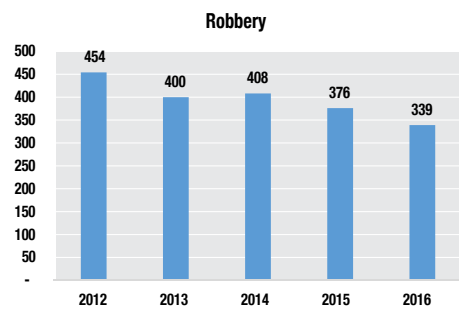
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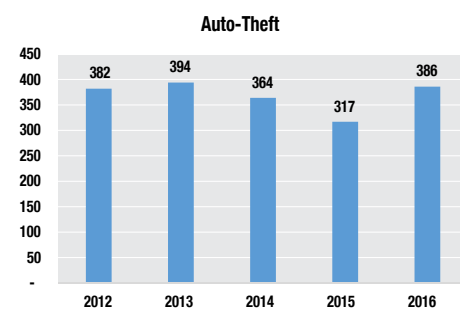
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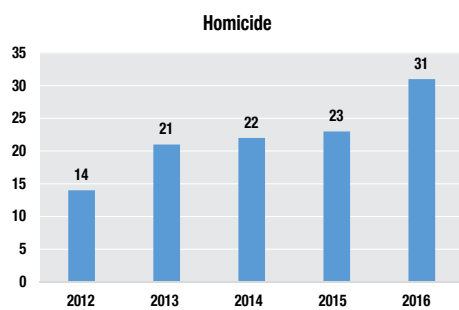
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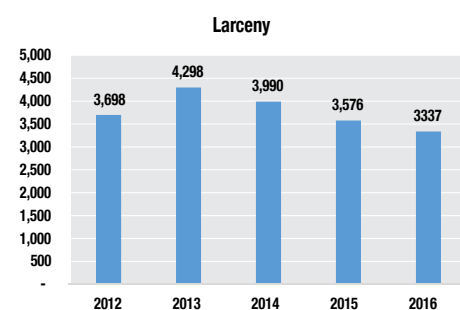
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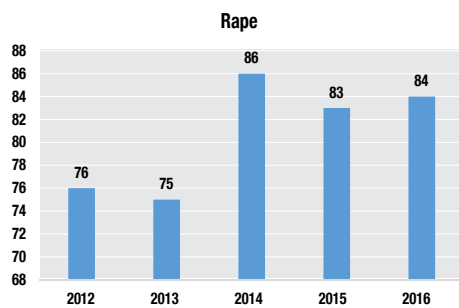
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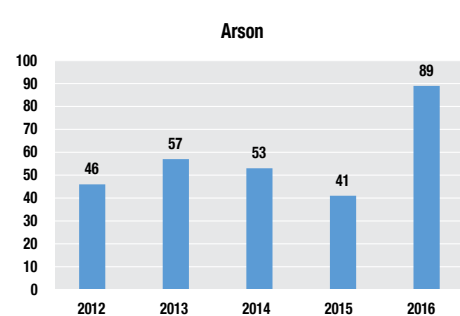
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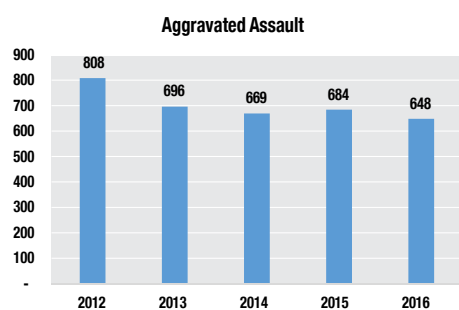
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Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

2016 Departmental Awards

(Awarded for actions during calendar year 2015)

Francis Hendricks Medal

No recipient

Post-Standard Medal

Police Officer Michael Smith
Police Officer William Foster
Police Officer Christopher Romano

John C. Dillon Award

Lieutenant Michael Yarema

Jerome P. Slater Award

Police Officer David Craw

Chief's Achievement Award

Police Officer Fred Lamberton
Police Officer Rich Hargraves

Wallie Howard Jr. Award

Police Officer Scott Henderson

Timothy Laun Award

Sgt. John Savage

Distinguished Service Award

Police Officer Daniel Rathbun

PBA President's Award

Police Officer Patti Sargeant

PBA Valor Award

Police Officer Joseph Taylor
Police Officer Taras Senenko

PBA Merit Award

Sergeant Sean Ryan
Police Officer Mark Rusin

SPD Life Saving Award

Police Officer Steven Stonecypher
Police Officer Charlie Lester
Police Officer Rodney Fitzgerald

Meritorious Service Award

Police Officer John Nolan
Police Officer Jeremy Merola

Officer of the Year 1st Platoon

Police Officer John Nye

Officer of the Year 2nd Platoon

Police Officer Todd Mooney

Officer of the Year 3rd Platoon

Police Officer Patrick Moore
Police Officer Stephen Foote

Officer of the Month Recipients 2016

January

1st platoon- Police Officer Gerald Fluno
2nd platoon- Police Officer Jeremy Baldwin
3rd platoon- Police Officer Travis Holmes

February

1st platoon- Police Officer Alvin Herrington
2nd platoon- Police Officer Evan Hepburn
3rd platoon- Police Officer Daniel Medlock

March

1st platoon- Police Officer John Kritzer
2nd platoon- Police Officer Christopher Worrell
3rd platoon- Police Officer Timothy Martins

April

1st platoon- Police Officer Roger Camby
2nd platoon- Police Officer Emily Quinones
3rd platoon- Police Officer Anthony Fiorini

May

1st platoon- Police Officer Joseph Mauro
2nd platoon- Police Officer Charles Fassinger
3rd platoon- Police Officer Adam Rajchel

June

1st platoon- Police Officer Chad Picotte
2nd platoon- Police Officer Nica Russell
3rd platoon- No recipient

July

1st platoon- Police Officer Terell Irvine
2nd platoon- Police Officer Mark Vella
3rd platoon- No recipient

August

1st platoon- Police Officer Kathleen Herrington
2nd platoon- Police Officer Christopher Worrell
3rd platoon- No recipient

September

1st platoon- Police Officer Jacob Breen
2nd platoon- Police Officer Shannon Einbeck
3rd platoon- Police Officer Gregory DiPuccio

October

1st platoon- Police Officer Daniel Fahey
2nd platoon- Police Officer Robert Newman
3rd platoon- Police Officer Ryan Jones-Brimmer

November

1st platoon- Police Officer Jason Caceres
2nd platoon- Police Officer Jeffrey Goodrow
3rd platoon- Police Officer Matthew Malinowski

December

1st platoon- Police Officer Robert Wolfe
2nd platoon- Police Officer Rodney Fitzgerald
3rd platoon- Police Officer Marc Colella

Promotions 2016

To the Rank of Sergeant

Police Officer Rick Raymond
Police Officer Brian Williams
Police Officer Derek McGork
Police Officer Shawn Hahn
Police Officer David Hart
Police Officer Joseph Szakacs
Police Officer Joseph White, III

To the Rank of Lieutenant

Sergeant Don Schultz
Sergeant Michael Yarema
Sergeant John Fay

Departmental Retirements 2016 & Years of Service

Police Officer John Gossin

May 14, 1993 - January 28, 2016

Police Officer Jennifer Hardwich

April 15, 1994 - January 29, 2016

Police Officer Louis Falvo III

September 29, 1994 - February 24, 2016

Police Officer Patrick Bergamo

September 16, 1985 - February 24, 2016

Captain John Ives

September 27, 1996 - March 25, 2016

Sergeant Michael Hartnett

March 31, 1989 - March 31, 2016

Police Officer Paul Hanley

September 17, 1996 - April 30, 2016

Police Officer Scott Prutsman

June 13, 2005 - May 30, 2016

Police Officer Michael Taylor

April 8, 1988 - May 31, 2016

Sergeant John Savage

May 20, 1991 - June 30, 2016

Sergeant Jeffrey MacCollum

May 14, 1993 - June 30, 2016

Police Officer Michael Sammon

July 23, 1999 - July 28, 2016

Lieutenant Thomas Derby

October 27, 1988 - July 31, 2016

Police Officer Gary Coe

September 16, 1985 - July 31, 2016

Police Officer Michael Thomas

November 14, 1997 - September 9, 2016

Police Officer Richard Curran

September 29, 1994 - September 30, 2016

Deaths of Sworn Retired Members 2016 & Years of Service

Koylia Wilkes

passed January 15, 2016
served – 1968 -1988

Robert Dixon

passed February 25, 2016
served 1952 - 1972

Mark Rosso

passed April 6, 2016
served 1956 - 1977

Raymond Keith

passed May 26, 2016
served 1972 - 1984

Manuel Leone

passed May 30, 2016
served 1951 - 1986

Lograzio “Rudy” DiBiasio

passed June 15, 2016
served 1954 – 1979

Thomas Bergamo

passed July 6, 2016
served 1965 - 1985

Catherine McAvoy

passed July 26, 2016
served 1962 - 1984

John Burke Jr.

passed August 4, 2016
served 1952 - 1985

Thomas Heick

passed August 22, 2016
served 1960 – 1981

Charles Nelson

passed September 2, 2016
served 1972 - 1998

Fred Collier

passed September 25, 2016
served 1946 - 1983

William Kocher

passed October 18, 2016
served 1966 - 1989

Paul Rowand

passed December 13, 2016
served 1963 - 2000

Albert Bleskoski

passed December 20, 2016
served 1966 - 2002

*** James Morris**

passed November 29, 2016
served 1996 – 2016 (Active Member
at time of passing) *



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