

# Town & Country Police Department

## 2015 Annual Report

Patrick W. Kranz  
*Chief of Police*



***“Purposeful Community  
Connections”***

## **OUR VISION**

Is a community where the citizens and general public are secure in their homes, schools, houses of worship, places of employment and all public places; knowing that the Town and Country Police serve without prejudice as guardians and agents of justice, in opposition to those who violate the law; while standing firm to restore order, safety and peace of mind for those who are exploited and victimized.

## **OUR MISSION**

Our mission, collectively as a department, and individually as officers, is to provide an exemplary level of service and protection to the City of Town and Country, its residents, businesses, and to all those who may visit, work in, or travel through our community, by virtue of professional conduct at all times and the enforcement of criminal and traffic laws without prejudice or bias, with respect for the rights of all people, to effectuate a safe and secure environment for all.

### ***On the Cover:***

The cover of our 2014 Annual report was entitled "We are Community." It displayed numerous photographs of neighborhoods, businesses, schools and churches that make up our community. Our 2015 cover carries forward the Town and Country Police Department's commitment to establish *Purposeful Community Connections*.

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PATRICK W. KRANZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

**TO: MAYOR JON DALTON  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MEMBERS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION**

**FOR: THE CITIZENS OF TOWN AND COUNTRY**

**RE: 2015 ANNUAL REPORT**



Each year when I sit down to compose the opening letter for the Annual Report I struggle to find the best way to highlight and summarize the many accomplishments of the men and women of the Town and Country Police Department. It would be easy to list the number of arrests made, cases solved, enforcement actions taken, etc. But it would be a disservice not to recognize those who played an essential part in our success. Of course I am referring to the community.

In last year's report I shared that the City of Town and Country was ranked the #1 safest city in Missouri in 2014 by the real estate research company *Movoto*. I am pleased to come to you again and share that in 2015 Town and Country was select as one of the top 10 safest cities in Missouri by *The SafeWise Report*, an independent Home Security and Safety Advice forum. Achieving these back-to-back accolades fortifies the quote found on our City website banner - "Public Safety is a Partnership!"

This Department works hard to form purposeful community connections and partnerships with the residents, business, and elected officials. We rely on an informed and observant citizenry to assist us in our efforts to prevent crime and keep our community safe. It is my hope that this partnership will continue to grow and strengthen.

As in past years, this year's annual report will highlight the dedication of the men and women who have committed themselves to serve and protect our City, by utilizing statistical analysis of crime and enforcement data; information detailing awards, recognition, and achievements of individual officers; and acknowledgement of the community support we received from enthusiastic residents who volunteered their time and service as they attended our Citizens Police Academy and our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your assistance and support as we work towards our mission to "*Provide an exemplary level of service and protection.*"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Kranz".

Patrick W. Kranz  
Chief of Police



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## Organized for Service and Protection...

The Town and Country Police Department is comprised of 29 commissioned officers and 1 civilian employee. Every member of the organization is committed to our mission of *“providing an exemplary level of service and protection to the residents, businesses, and all those who may visit, work in, or travel through our community”*. The organizational structure of the Department is intentionally configured to allow us to achieve the above-mentioned commitment in an efficient and effective manner.

The Department consists of three primary units or divisions:

- Operations
- Investigations and
- Administrative Services.

### Operations Division:

Commanded by Captain Robert Arthur, the primary emphasis of this division is the patrol function. The Division is made up of two platoons consisting of two patrol squads per platoon. The platoons are led by Lieutenant Rick Kranz and Lieutenant John Flanagan.

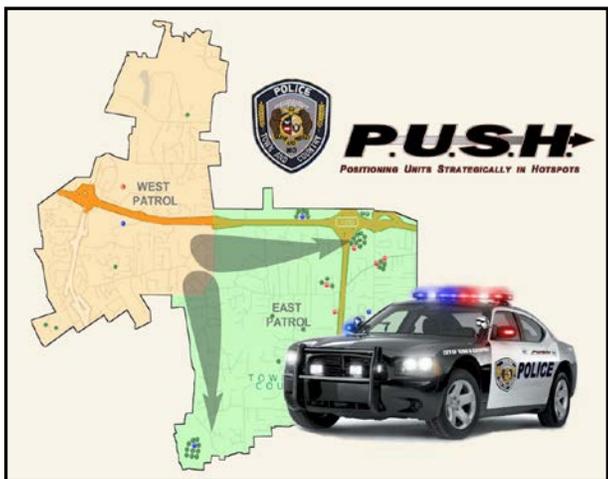
Each of the four patrol squads is comprised of a Sergeant, Corporal, two patrol officers and one traffic officer. Officers from the four patrol squads are scheduled 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide maximum coverage in hot-spots as well for neighborhood patrols.

Patrol and traffic officers assigned to Operations respond to nearly 20,000 calls for service and log over 300,000 miles of driving each year. Their core services include:

- 🚓 Primary Response to Calls
- 🚓 Directed patrol at potential trouble spots
- 🚓 Proactive Enforcement of State Law and Local Ordinances
- 🚓 Problem Solving for Recurring Complaints.



In addition to responding to calls for service, patrol officers conducted numerous directed patrol assignments. These directed patrols and area checks are initiated by citizen concerns or developed by the analysis of hot spots or potential problem areas.



The Department utilizes a unique deployment strategy referred to as “P.U.S.H.” (Positioning Units Strategically in Hot-spots). Rather than deploying officers based solely upon a geographically boundary, P.U.S.H. utilizes up to the minute crime analysis and directs patrol resources to hot-spots of criminal activity. When a crime series is identified, additional officers are moved into the area for saturation patrol. P.U.S.H. enhances the effectiveness of deployment and directs uncommitted patrol time to the areas where most needed.

It is important to note that uncommitted patrol time is when officers traditionally conduct traffic enforcement, DWI patrols, etc. so there is a trade-off. When officers are directed to hot spots there will be less self-initiated enforcement action, i.e. traffic summonses and arrest.

## Investigative Unit

The Investigative Unit is the only non-uniform unit of the Department. This unit consists of two detectives and is overseen by Lieutenant Richard Kranz. The detectives have primary responsibility for:



- ◆ Crime Scene Processing
- ◆ Follow-Up Investigations
- ◆ Juvenile Offenses
- ◆ Child and Elder Abuse or Neglect
- ◆ Background Investigations (pre-employment process and liquor license applications)

The detectives are on-call 24 hours a day and receive extensive training in crime scene processing and investigative techniques. They are also members of the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad, which investigates high-profile homicides in the greater St. Louis area.



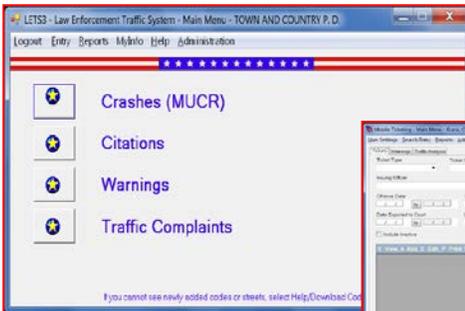
Our detectives have developed a robust relationship with retailers in the City to identify and arrest shoplifters using the store's video surveillance. The top photo shows a female suspect exiting the store without paying for an expensive vacuum. The bottom photo captured her leaving the area in her vehicle. Armed with these images and information acquired from other agencies, our detectives were able to identify and arrest the suspect.

## Administrative Services Unit:

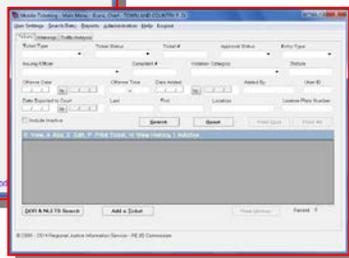
The primary responsibility of the Administrative Services Unit is to coordinate logistical support to the Operations Division. This unit, under the command of the Chief of Police, consists of 2 components, each of which is described below.

### Records

This component is staffed by a full time police clerk and is in operation Monday through Friday during regular business hours. The clerk processes all the daily reports and paperwork generated by our officers and routes it to the correct agency or persons.



In 2015, Records processed 2,758 reports, 5,149 traffic summonses and 582 arrest reports. Records also managed the collection and transfer of \$81,759 in bond money from arrested subjects.



The Records Clerk also supplies local, state and federal systems with report data for analysis and administrative actions. This includes criminal, traffic crash, and Driving While Intoxicated information.

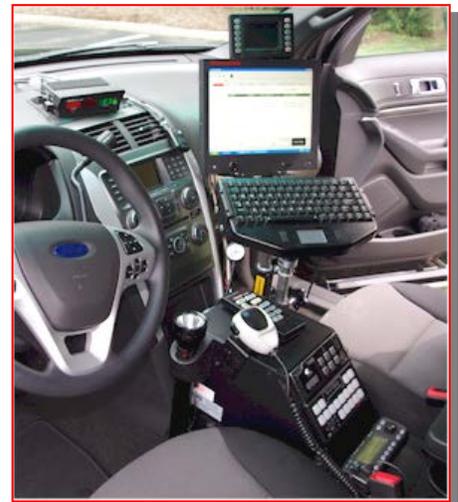
## **Resource Management**

Chief Kranz bears primary responsibility for managing this component, which is accountable for fiscal management, budgeting, employment processes, and personnel records. Fleet management and maintenance is the responsibility of the Administrative Services Officer.



Our fleet of vehicles regularly logs over 300,000 miles each year. Maintaining an operational fleet is essential for public safety. Scheduled and preventive maintenance along with unexpected repairs are only one component of maintaining the fleet.

Additionally, every police vehicle is equipped with all types of sophisticated electronics including a police radio, computer, radars and more. All of this equipment needs to be kept in top-notch condition in order for us to deliver the service and protection our community has come to expect.



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## Statistics in Context...

This section provides a narrative overview of various statistical data collected by the Department and how these overall numbers have either increased or decreased when compared to previous years. The categories covered are: Service Activities, Major Crimes, Residential Burglaries, Thefts, Arrests, and Traffic Safety.

The information is also represented in various charts and graphs which can be found in the Addendum section located at the end of this Annual Report.

### Service Activities:

Service Activities covers a myriad of categories that represents what officers do throughout the year, “to effectuate a safe and secure environment for all”. In addition to the typically associated activity of officers responding to calls for service, this category includes activities that officers initiate themselves: Extra Patrols, Specific Area Checks, Selective Traffic Enforcement in our Neighborhoods, Vacation Checks, and Security Awareness Notifications (i.e. unsafe conditions such as open garage doors, newspapers left on the driveway or unlocked cars). All of these activities are designed to help educate our community, identify potential problems and take the appropriate actions to resolve the issue, provide additional levels of directed patrol when needed, and assist in providing the quality of life our residents have come to expect.

The above activities are logged in our Computer Aided Dispatch system (C.A.D.); however there are other acts of service which are a routine part of every officer’s day that do not get logged. They range from giving directions to a confused motorist, to answering a citizen’s questions on any number of topics, to stopping on a neighborhood street to interact with children. Our officers see these acts of service just as part of being a good public servant.



In 2015 the number of Service Activities increased approximately 4.6% from the previous year. The steady increase seen over the past five years reflects the proactive self-initiated activities of our officers as they conduct their patrols throughout the neighborhoods and business corridors.

### Part One Offenses & Clearances:

Major Crime in the United States is categorized as Part One offenses, which are reportable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. Part One offenses include murder, rape, robbery, burglary, arson, larceny, motor vehicle theft and aggravated assaults.

In 2015 Part One offenses rose by 25.6% compared to 2014. An important report which is linked to the Part One offenses is the rate at which these offenses are cleared. Once again the Department is very proud to report that our clearance rate for the Part One offenses is greater than the national average. In 2015 the Department’s Part One Crime clearance rate was 66%.

**Burglary** –The number of reported residential burglaries for 2015 was 16, in addition there were only 2 reported business burglaries. With respect to the RESIDENTIAL burglaries, 2015 saw an increase of 12 when compared to 2014. It is important to note that criminals pay no attention to city limits or boundaries. Town and Country was not alone in seeing an increase in this category. The explosion of heroin addiction coupled with high gold prices made the West County area an attractive and lucrative target for a number of unscrupulous individuals willing to steal items so they can buy drugs. In fact a number of burglaries in the area were the work of one career burglar. When this suspect was arrested it was discovered he had



been paroled in early 2015; only to return to his criminal habit. It is believed he was responsible for as many as nine burglaries in our community.

When a burglary does occur the Town and Country Police will send out a **BeAware** email to alert the residents. Burglary prevention is truly a cooperative effort between home and business owners, neighbors, and the police. Each party plays a significant role in the prevention of this very personal crime. The Department provides security inspections free of charge to home and business owners complete with actionable steps and suggestions to help minimize the potential of becoming a victim.



**Thefts** – Another Part One offense category which is reportable to the FBI’s UCR system are thefts. Thefts are cataloged by in the following sub-categories: business, residences, persons, vehicles and shoplifting. In 2015 the total number of thefts increased by 7% over 2014. As explained in the Burglary section above, the influx in heroin addiction has caused those addicted to this drug to steal anything that can be sold or traded for drugs. As you might expect, the shoplifting sub-category saw the greatest increase exploding by 146% over 2014; shopliftings rose from only 13 thefts in 2014 to 32 in 2015. The next category to see an increase was thefts from persons, which rose by nine in 2015. There was also a slight increase of 4 thefts from vehicles in 2015 over 2014. The good news is Town and Country Police cleared 67 % of all thefts in 2015.



The Department has been working hard to build relationships with retailers as well as to educate citizens to remove valuables and lock their vehicles. Additionally, patrol officers stay informed on the latest intelligence to be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles that may be in the neighborhoods and retail centers.

## Arrest Activities:

Total full custody arrests for 2015, which includes Driving While Intoxicated arrests, declined by 292 from 2014. Of the DWI arrests there was a decrease of 53 as compared to DWI arrests in 2014. The most significant factor for this decrease was due to a reduction in workforce. Throughout 2015 several officers were unable to work for extended periods of time due to injuries. Additionally, because of our commitment to **PUSH\***, our operational deployment strategy, when we see a spike in criminal activity such as burglaries or thefts from vehicles we will redirect our resources to focus on these hot-spots. As a result there will be a corresponding reduction in certain self-initiated activities. This is an expected outcome as we do what is necessary to adapt to up to the minute crime analysis and intelligence to keep our community safe.



(\*Refer to the [Organizational Review](#) section of this report for more information on **PUSH**.)

## Traffic Safety:

This section reviews the two interrelated topics of traffic enforcement and traffic crashes.

**Crashes** – Unfortunately 2015 saw an increase of 184 traffic crashes over 2014 with the number of injury crashes increasing by 27. These increases were primarily due to long-term, major highway construction

projects along IS-64 and Highway 141 which adversely impacted normal traffic patterns and flows resulting in backups and crashes. It is projected that once the highway improvements are completed the number crashes will drop off significantly.

**Summonses** – Whether a summons or a warning (verbal or written) was issued our number one priority is to educate motorists about their driving behavior and to reduce the number of traffic crashes. In 2015 a total of 5,149 summonses were issued, of that number 4,845 were for hazardous moving violations. Officers also issued 1,817 written warnings to drivers of which 1,611 of them were for hazardous moving violations. Not listed here are the numerous verbal warnings given to drivers throughout the year.



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If you would like to view the above information in a statistical chart format go to the ADDENDUM section located at the end of this Annual Report.

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## ***Purposeful Community Connections...***

We actively pursue opportunities to reach out and connect with our community. Whether it is a City sponsored event like Fire & Ice, Arbor Day celebration, a School Picnic or City parade you will undoubtedly find members of the Department there with the purpose of making purposeful community connections. In fact each year members of the police department attended numerous subdivision meetings to inform the residents of the calls for service in their neighborhood and to answer anyone's questions. Developing partnerships and enlisting community involvement plays an essential role in the department's goal of ensuring a safe and secure place to live and work.

Below you will find some examples of our commitment to our community.

### ***Citizens Police Academy:***



The Citizens Police Academy is offered to residents from Town and Country, Creve Coeur, Des Peres, Frontenac and Olivette.

Participants spend nine consecutive Tuesday evenings with members of sponsoring departments serving as instructors. Participants learn some of the basics of policing, including Constitutional Law, patrol tactics, use of force, defensive tactics, traffic safety, investigations and firearms.

The Academy culminates with the "recruits" applying their knowledge in a number of role playing scenarios.



### ***Community Emergency Response Team:***



CERT is a seven-lesson course designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to train citizen volunteers to assist their communities after disasters. Over the years the Police Department with the assistance of West County EMS and Fire has trained hundreds of area residents as part of our community's disaster response preparation. Topics covered during the training include disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology.

### ***St. Louis Night Out:***

The St. Louis Night Out event is held annually on the first Tuesday in October. Police officers and members of West County EMS and Fire, along with elected officials, visit neighborhood gatherings and business events with the purpose of promoting community involvement in crime prevention activities, and to enhance the partnerships between the community and the men and women of our police and fire departments.

### ***Station Tours:***



Each year groups of Boy and Girls Scout troops, grade school classes and church groups tour our police station. Often a tour is a requirement in obtaining a patch or merit badge. Officers

escort the groups of excited boys and girls throughout the station showing the various offices, the holdover & jail cells, squad and workout rooms and of course everyone's favorite a police vehicle.

### ***School Partnership:***

Parents, teachers, and administrators expect schools to be safe havens of learning. While schools remain relatively safe, any amount of violence is unacceptable. It is to this end we continue to partner with schools in Town and Country. Our Community Relations Officer meets regularly with school administrators, staff and students to assist them on a myriad of topics ranging from school bus safety, bullying, social media safety, to what to do in the event of an active shooter incident.



Communication is vital for sustaining a safe and secure community. **BeAware** (formally known as CPSN – crime prevention & safety network) is a free email & SMS text subscription service designed to provide timely information concerning crime and crime prevention. We rely on an informed and observant citizenry to assist us in preventing crime and keeping the community safe. Over 430 people partner with the Department through this service.

### **Coffee with a Cop:**



Each year the Department host “Coffee with a Cop” events at local coffee shops or restaurants. The purpose of the event is for residents and officers to meet in an informal setting to get to know one another better. There is no agenda or speeches. It is simply a chance to sit down over a cup of coffee and ask questions, voice concerns and/or offer suggestions.

### **Police Internships:**

Several surrounding Universities offer studies in Criminal Justice. As a part of their curriculum students are often required to intern for a police department of their choice. It is surprising how many professors and



even former interns recommend the Town and Country Police Department. Interns are exposed to all facets of police work while serving; from Administration, Dispatching, Patrol and more, interns get an opportunity to learn from the professionals. Their time as an intern is an invaluable experience as they prepare to further their studies and possibly attend the police academy.

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## Awards, Achievements and Recognition...

### MADD Awards:

Each year, the Gateway Affiliate of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) holds a banquet to recognize those courageous men and women of law enforcement who risk their lives daily to make our roadways safe. The officers who are honored go above and beyond the call of duty to stop the crime of



drunk driving. By doing so, they spare more families the pain of losing someone they love. The 2015 "Heroes" of Town and Country who were recognized at the event were:

Sergeant Jeff Wolfe	Corporal Chris Moore
Corporal Kent Berry	Officer Jordan Fowle
Officer Scott Schlager	Officer Lauren Becker
Officer Jeff McNutt	Officer Josh Hamel
Officer Danny Wilkey	Officer Katie Exline

### Perfect Attendance:

A total of nine employees had perfect attendance in 2015, which is over 30 percent of the Department's complement of officers. The employees listed below demonstrated a commitment to our vision and helped to foster a team spirit by showing up and doing their job each and every day they were assigned.

Captain Bob Arthur	Sergeant Mike DeFoe	Corporal Dave Laughlin
Corporal Joe Giacobelli	Officer Jordan Fowle	Detective Chris Hunt
Officer Scott Schlager	Officer Josh Hamel	Officer Danny Wilkey

### Retirement Celebrations:

#### **Officer John Mattingly**



Officer John Mattingly announced his retirement effective March 4, 2015. This was a symbolic date for John as 30 years ago on this date he began his career with the Town and Country Police Department. The police department was still in its infancy, having just started up in November of 1983, but John was eager to join and assist with the department's maturation. Throughout his career, John was consistent in his delivery of professional police services to our residents. Many things have changed over the last 30 years but John Mattingly was not one of them. Congratulations to John, and we wish him a long and happy retirement.



## **Lieutenant Steve Nelke**



Lt. Steve Nelke announced his retirement effective September 1, 2016 after serving in law enforcement in some capacity for nearly 36 years. Steve began his law enforcement career in 1979 as a Police Cadet for the city of Jennings Police Department. Steve became a police officer for Jennings in 1982 and came to Town and Country Police Department in 1985.



Steve's tenure with Town and Country has seen him serve in the Investigative Unit as a Detective and Detective Corporal. He was a member of the St. Louis Area Major Case Squad and assisted in 25 homicide investigations, including several high profile cases. Steve was promoted to Sergeant in 1997 and was transferred to the Patrol Unit where he served as Watch Commander. In 2008 Steve was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant serving as Platoon Commander. Congratulations to Steve on his retirement.

### **Dedicated Service:**

In 2014 six officers were recognized for the multiple years of dedicated service to the Department and the community. Happy anniversary to following:

#### **Thirty Years**



Captain Robert Arthur

#### **Twenty Years**

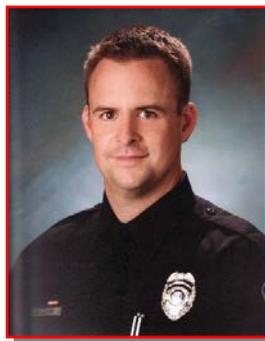


Sergeant Tom Walker



Officer Jordan Fowle

#### **Five Years**



Officer Daniel Palmer

## Welcome New Employees:



### **Officer Fareid Yaakub**

Officer Fareid “Freddie” Yaakub stated with the Police Department in mid-May 2015. Prior to Town and Country, Freddie was a police officer with St Louis County where he worked for the last 12 years. Freddie resides in Arnold with his wife and three children.



### **Officer Jason Sapienza**

Officer Jason Sapienza started with the Police Department in early July 2015. Jason was formerly with the St. Louis City Police Department where he worked for the last 10 years. Jason resides in Pevely with his wife and two daughters.



### **Officer Curtis McPherson**

Officer Curtis McPherson started with the Police Department in mid-September 2015. Prior to Town and Country, Curtis was a police officer with the St. John Police Department where he worked for one year. Curtis resides in Ofallon, Missouri with his wife and two children.

## Introducing:



### **Police Chaplin Dan Goodson**

When Dan Goodson, the Executive Pastor at Destiny Church, approached Chief Kranz in early 2015 about serving as the Department Chaplain, it was one of the easiest decisions the Chief has had to make. Pastor Goodson was no stranger to Town and Country. That’s because Dan along with Destiny Church’s Lead Pastors Jim and Jessica Stern and members of the Church have been hosting a special National Day of Prayer ceremony at City Hall for the past several years. After the ceremony Destiny Church graciously provides lunch for all the Town and Country employees. Dan soon desired to become more involved in the lives and work of the

Officers. After experiencing a few ride-longs it quickly became obvious that Dan was a good fit for this Department. The office of the Chaplain exists in order to provide an avenue for the employees to obtain counseling and spiritual guidance, and to encourage community support for law enforcement objectives. Additionally the Chaplain must be available on a 24 hour basis to provide assistance in the event of serious illness, injury or death of an officer as well as to accompany officers, if needed, when making death notifications to residents. Dan resides in Ofallon, Missouri with his wife Torey.

## Special Recognition:

### Employee of the Year for 2015

#### Laurie Hangge



Laurie Hangge has been with the City of Town and Country for slightly over 2.5 years, working as the sole Police Clerk. Although 2.5 years is not a long time, relatively speaking, Laurie has gained the respect and admiration of co-workers on the level of a 30 year veteran. Laurie has proven herself to be a fast learner and she quickly adopted the “Town and Country” way of handling people and paperwork. She has the same calm and reassuring demeanor whether she is speaking to a disgruntled customer or assisting an elderly resident. Although Laurie is easy-going, she is not a push-over, which is very an important trait for Police Clerk. Laurie has two children of her own, but she has also become the surrogate mother to the 29 police officers of the Department. She handles schedules, appointments, computer and voicemail problems, processes payroll and benefit issues, in addition to her normal duties – all with her ever present smile.

Perhaps the greatest award possible is to be recognized by one’s peers and co-workers. So on behalf of all the employees of the Town and Country Police Department for exemplifying teamwork, professionalism and a commitment to our mission “*to serve and protect*” POLICE CLERK LAURIE HANGGE is hereby named the 2015 Employee of the Year.

## Saying Goodbye:

### In Memory of Arline Patterson



In 1985 shortly after the death of her husband, Arline began her career as a Police Clerk for the Town and Country Police Department. She quickly endeared herself to all the Officers as she was always willing to help out. Her talents as an excellent seamstress helped keep the officers’ uniforms in good condition. Her love of baking meant no one went without a homemade cake on their birthday. Arline worked as Police Clerk for 16 years and decided to quit in 1997 to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. But that didn’t mean she stopped working. Always active and vibrant, Arline took a part-time job at a bakery in Kirkwood. After several years there, Arline officially retired. Later, due to declining health she moved to a nursing home. In November of 2015 surrounded by her family Arline passed away at the age of 90.

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# Addendum...

## Statistics Analysis

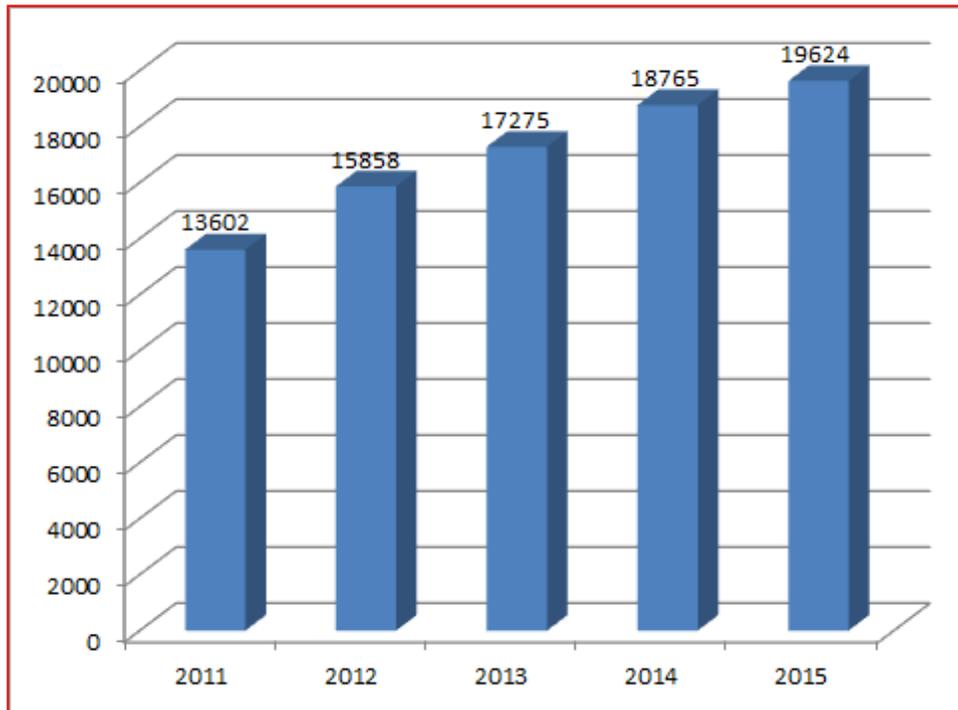
The charts and graphs below are in support of the Looking Back section which provides a narrative explanation of various statistical data collected by the Department and how these overall numbers have either increased or decreased when compared to previous years.

The categories covered are:

- Service Activities,
- Major Crimes,
- Residential Burglaries,
- Thefts,
- Arrests, and
- Traffic Safety.

### Service Activities

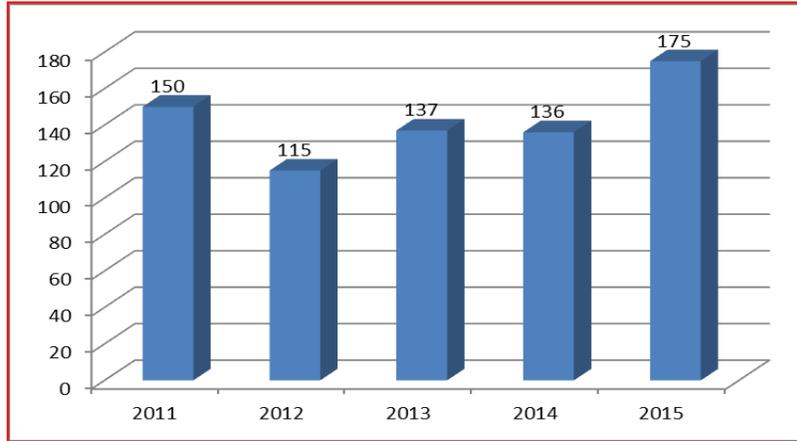
The Service Activities chart not only reflects the calls to the police department for assistance, it also contains the activities initiated by our officers. These include traffic stops, arrests, and other service activities such as extra patrols, vacation checks and courtesy notifications of unsafe conditions observed on patrol. The steady increase seen over the past five years reflects the proactive self-initiated activity of our officers as they conduct their patrols throughout the neighborhoods and business corridors.



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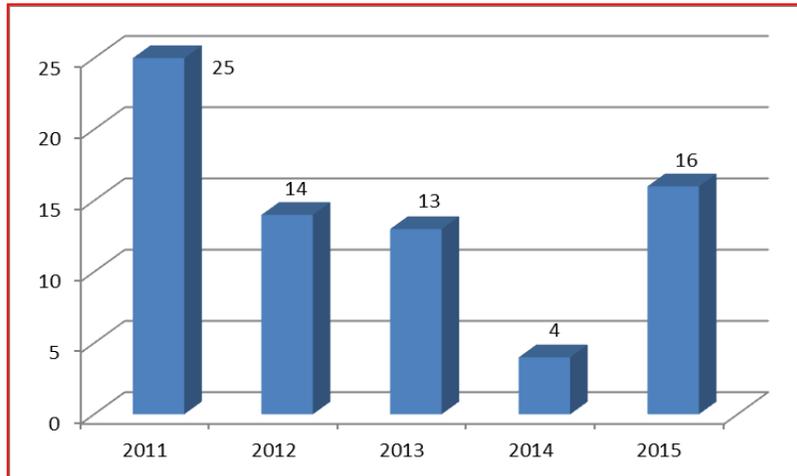
## Part One Crimes

Major crime in the United States is categorized as Part One offenses, which are reportable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting system. Part One offenses include murder, rape, robbery, burglary, arson, theft and assaults. The first chart compares the total number of Part One offenses as reported for the past five years.



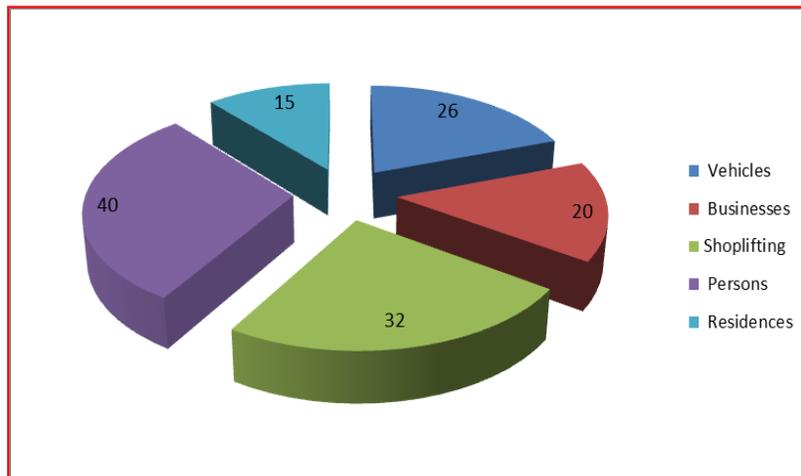
Total Part One Offenses

This chart looks specifically at the category of reported Burglaries and compares them to the previous four years.



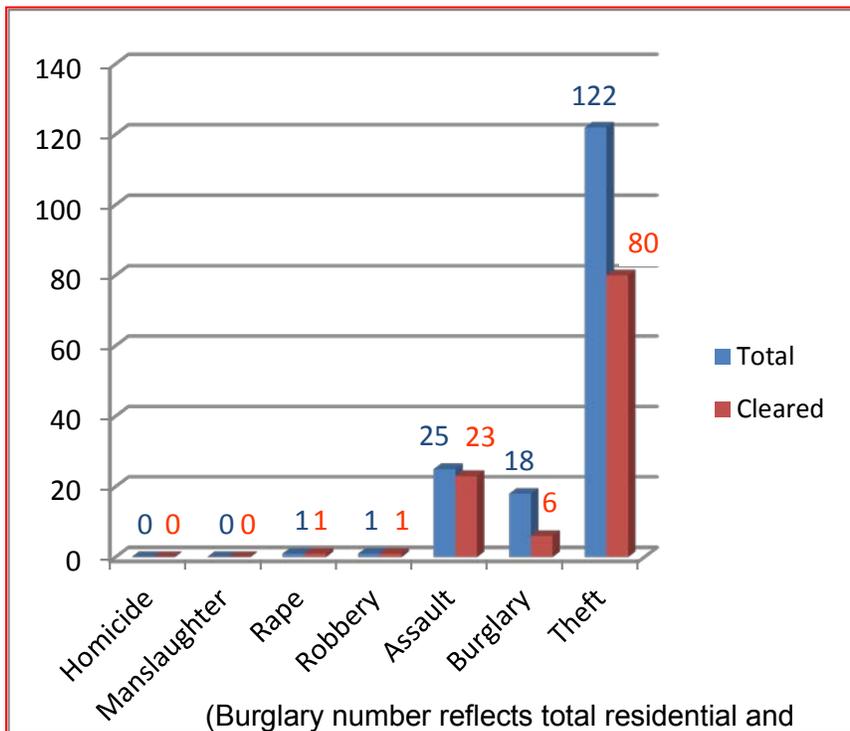
Reported Burglaries

The next chart breaks down the Part One offense category of Thefts reported in 2015 and separates them by location of occurrence.



Reported Thefts by Location

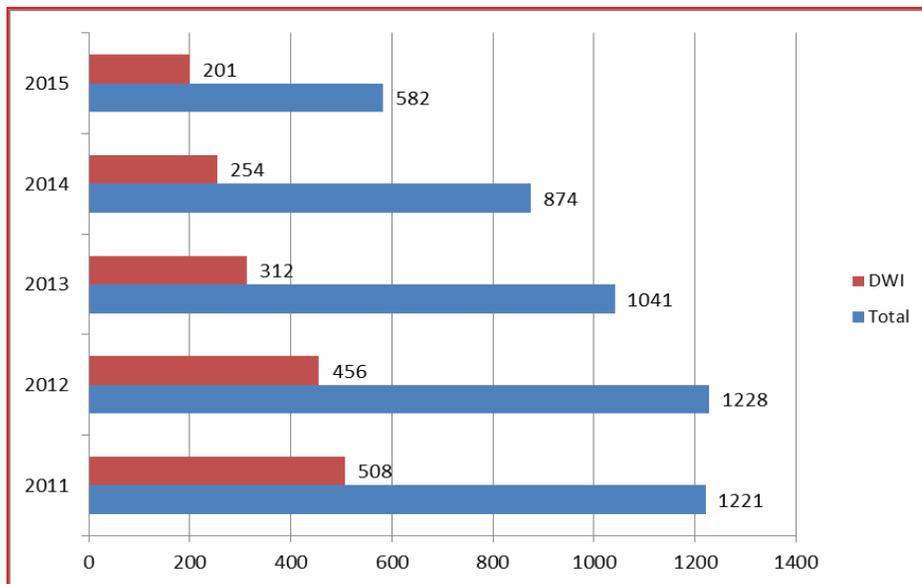
This chart shows the Part One offenses by category, as well as the number of clearances per category. The Department is very proud to report once again that our clearance rate for the Part One offenses is greater than the national average. In 2015 the Part One Crime clearance rate was 60%.



### Arrest Activities

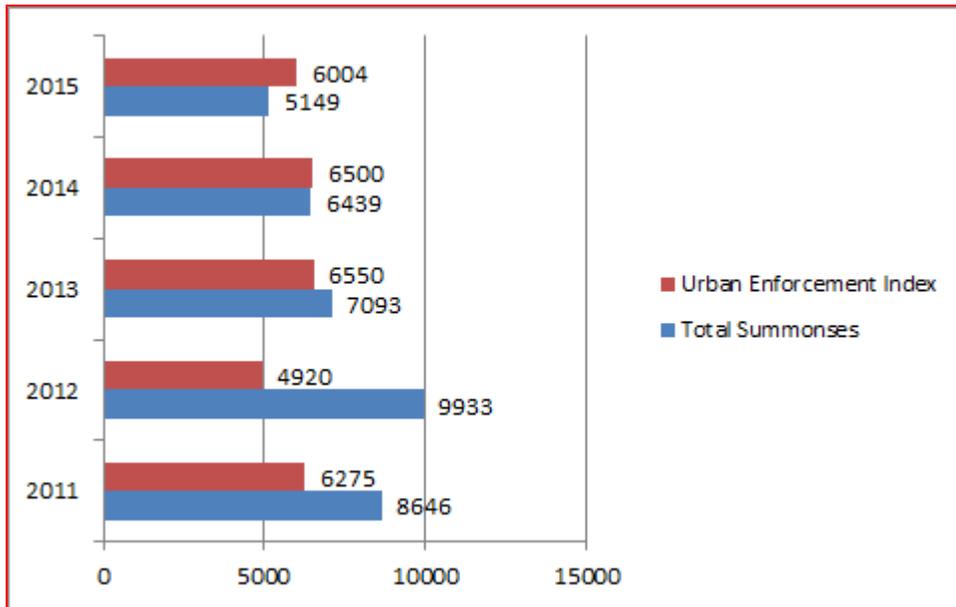
Total full custody arrests for 2015, which includes Driving While Intoxicated arrests, declined by 292 from 2014. Of the DWI arrests there was a decrease of 53 as compared to DWI arrest in 2014. The most significant factor for this decrease was due to a reduction in workforce. Throughout 2015 several officers were unable to work for extended periods of time due to injuries. Additionally, because of our commitment to **PUSH**, our operational deployment strategy, when we see a spike in criminal activity such as burglaries or thefts from vehicles we will redirect our resources to focus on these hot-spots. As a result there will be a corresponding reduction in self-initiated activity. This is an expected outcome as we do what is necessary to keep our community safe.

\* See the Organizational Review section of this report for more information on PUSH.



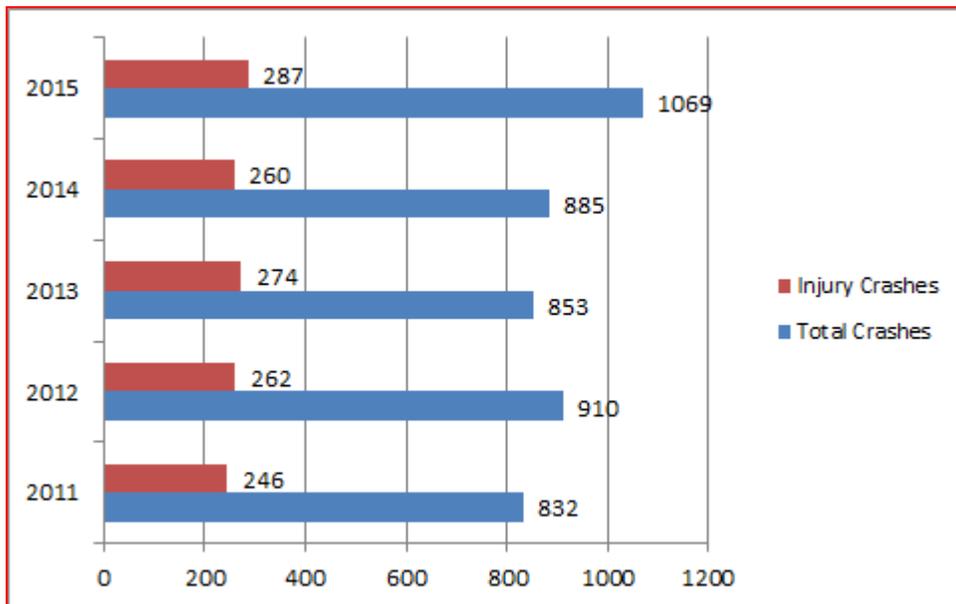
## Traffic Safety

This section contains two related charts: traffic enforcement or summonses issued and traffic crashes. In 2015 a total of 5,149 summonses were issued, of that number 4,845 were for hazardous moving violations. Not represented in this chart are the 1,817 written warnings issued to drivers by our officers for a variety of violations.



Summonses Issued

Whether a summons or a warning (verbal or written) was issued our number one priority is to educate motorists about their driving behavior and to reduce the number of traffic crashes. Unfortunately 2015 saw an increase of 184 traffic crashes over 2014 and the number of injury crashes increased by 27. The increases were primarily due to long-term, major highway construction projects that adversely impacted normal traffic patterns and flows.



Traffic Crashes

## Vehicle Pursuit Report

During 2015 Town and Country Officers were involved in 4 vehicular pursuits resulting from three events. Two Officers were involved in the same event but their involvement in the pursuit and their actions were distinct from the other. After review, a fifth reported pursuit was determined not to meet the definition of a pursuit. The Officer was attempting to proceed to a location to warn the wrong way driver of their actions. The event occurred on South Outer 40 at the Maryville Overpass. Two of the pursuits were considered high speed pursuits.

Each Vehicle Pursuit report includes information about the time of day, offense, environmental conditions, speeds, and distances. Each of these categories is further defined by specific data unique to that event.

Three of the four pursuit events had supervisory oversight. The fourth pursuit involved the on-duty supervisor. Three of the pursuits were terminated prior to a conclusion (arrest or crash) and the fourth pursuit the suspect stopped. No one Officer initiated more than one pursuit and only one Officer was involved in multiple pursuits (he initiated a pursuit and assist in one of the pursuits). The pursuit event involving 2 different Officers were both high speed pursuits; the suspect was wanted for Kidnapping.

Each Pursuit was reviewed and evaluated by a Command Officer. Two of the pursuits were determined to be outside of Department policy and in one pursuit event the controlling supervisor failed to provide concise direction to the Officers. All involved Officers; were either counseled, disciplined or both and each Officer was given remedial training specific to the pursuit policy. In one pursuit the Officer's actions were within policy; however he was counseled regarding his tactics. In addition, Pursuit Policy training will be conducted for each Officer by their respective supervisor during the first quarter of 2016.

<b><u>Reason Pursuit Initiated</u></b>		<b><u>Speeds of Officer</u></b>	
Kidnapping	2	<60	1
Traffic Violations	2	60-79	1
		80-99	0
		100+	2
<b><u>Terminated For / By</u></b>		<b><u>Speeds of Suspect</u></b>	
Safety Concerns	3	<60	1
Violator Stopped	1	60-79	1
Primary Officer	1	80-99	0
Supervisor	3	100+	2
<b><u>Area Type</u></b>			
Business	1		
Highway	3	<b><u>Distances</u></b>	
		<1 Mile	1
<b><u>Resulting Crashes</u></b>	0	1-5 Miles	3
Injuries	0	6-10 Miles	0
		11+ Miles	0

## Use of Force Report

In 2015 Town and Country Officers made 874 custodial arrests. Use of Force was used in 11 separate events involving 11 individuals. The following information describes specific characteristics in the Use of Force events:

1. Eight of the 11 use of force events resulted in the suspect being arrested. The other three individuals, two of which involved juveniles, were transported to a medical facility for psychological evaluation.
  - A. An eight year old female, while a passenger in a vehicle became disruptive to the point her mother feared she would cause a vehicle crash. The mother stopped on the shoulder of MO 141, at which time the daughter began assaulting her mother by; kicking, biting, and throwing rocks at her. At one point the daughter attempted to “run” out into traffic. Officers were able to restrain the daughter without inflicting injury and she was transported to a medical facility.
  - B. A 14 year old female attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the second floor of an office building. She was a patient at Center Point being treated for a Self –Injury disorder. The subject attacked the first Officer on scene by; punches, kicks, and biting, when he attempted to restrain her. Officers were able to restrain her without inflicting injury and she was transported to a medical facility.
  - C. A patient at St Luke’s Hospital, who was being evaluated as a suicide risk, walked away from the hospital. Paramedics from the St Charles County Ambulance District located the patient on MO 141 north of the hospital’s main entrance. A Town and Country Officer responded to the call for assistance from the paramedics, she was in closer proximity than the responding Chesterfield Officers. The patient attempted to “run” out into traffic and was restrained by the paramedics and our Officer. The patient was eventually controlled so he could no longer offer resistance and was returned to St Luke’s Hospital.
  - D. Officers responded to a fight in progress at CBC High School that began at the conclusion of a dance. It was estimated that as many as 100 subjects were involved in the altercation. Officers from 10 different agencies responded to assist. During an arrest attempt of a 15 year old male, one of our Officers suffered a traumatic back injury as a result of being assaulted by the subject. The Officer has yet to return to duty.
2. Five of the 11 individuals involved in the force events were under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination. Of the remaining six; four were experiencing a psychotic episode and the remaining two individuals were cognizant of their actions.
3. In seven of the use of force events Officers would have been justified in using a greater level of force to control the subject.

Use of Force reporting includes information about the suspect, the force threatened and used, time of day / day of week, offense, and number of officers involved. Each of these categories is further defined by specific date unique to that situation and is reported in that format.

Each Use of Force Event was reviewed and evaluated by a Command Officer. All Use of Force Events were in keeping with Department philosophy and policy.

Although there were five Officers involved in multiple Use of Force events, there was no pattern established by these incidents related to squads or officers.

A total of 15 Officers were involved in Use of Force Events:

1. Nine Officers were primary in the Use of Force Events
2. Two Officers were primary in 2 events each.
3. Eight different Officers assisted in a Use of Force Event, a Frontenac and Chesterfield Officer assisted in one event each.
4. Two Officers assisted in multiple events, both were involved in two events and neither was primary in any event.
5. In one event the Officer was not assisted.
6. Only one Officer was involved in three events, twice as primary and once as an assist.

For a complete breakdown of 2015 Use of Force see next page.

**Reason for Use of Force<sup>i</sup>**

Effect Arrest	8
Defend Officer	5
Restrain for Subject's Safety	3
Defend Other	3

**Point in the Encounter Force was Necessary<sup>ii</sup>**

Initial Contact	4
First Touch	2
Handcuffing	8
In-Transport	1

**Level of Resistance / Force used by Subject<sup>iii</sup>**

Verbal	3
Passive Resistance	2
Defensive Resistance	5
Active Aggression	5
None	1

**Level of Control / Force used by Officer<sup>iv</sup>**

Verbal	10
Muscling Techniques	9
Joint Locks	1
Pressure Points	1
Taser (Displayed only)	1

**Reason Subjects were Arrested/Detained**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault / Domestic
- Assault on Law Enforcement Officer
- DWI
- Suicidal
- Violation of Order of Protection

**Injury(s) Resulting from Use of Force:**

Two Suspects injured:

- 1 – Abrasion to Forehead
- 1 –Sore Back & Wrist

One Officer injured:

Back Injury\*

\*Officer has yet to return to duty.

**Gender**

Male	5
Female	6

**Age**

8	1
10-15	2
16-20	2
26-30	1
36-40	1
46-50	2
60 +	2

**Suspect Under the Influence**

Alcohol / Drugs	5
Crisis Intervention / Psychological	4
N/A	2

<sup>i</sup> Force events may have multiple reasons force became necessary

<sup>ii</sup> During a Force event there may be multiple points in the process that force becomes necessary.

<sup>iii</sup> Each Suspect could use Multiple Types of Force or Resistance

<sup>iv</sup> Officers may use Multiple Levels of Control or Force in One Event.