

The Park Ridge Police Department

Chief Frank Kaminski



2015 Annual Report

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Chief's Message

2015 was an especially good year for the Department.

After years of development, the 9/11 Memorial beam was dedicated in a public ceremony attended by elected officials, Police and Fire staff, and the public. The memorial display will be a reminder for generations to come about the significance of the events on 9/11. The Department was honored to have participated in this event.

In reference to crime, our overall crime index declined by 12.5% since 2014. There was a 50% decrease in overall violent crimes and an 11.5% decrease in overall property crimes. This is the lowest index crime rate over the past five years.

During 2014, the Department transitioned to a new police dispatch center, West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center. Then in 2015, the Department transitioned to a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Through CAD, our entire call and reporting process has gone paperless. In 2016, the Department will continue to develop its records management system.

The Department completed its first year of the Mental Health Grant project. Three of the four goals were completed. Our grant monitor gave a presentation on the grant to Council.

Our staff continued to be recognized for outstanding service in 2015. Deputy Chief Mellema was honored by MCYAF. Officer Koller was the recipient of the Cook County Sheriff's Award of Valor. Phyllis Barklow, our Volunteer of the Year, was recognized by TRIAD.

On a personal note, I was honored to be appointed President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police in June 2015. My term will extend into 2016. I have been grateful to serve the police chiefs throughout the State of Illinois.

In 2016, the Department looks forward to working on reaccreditation, conducting an administrative functions audit, and moving forward with police department renovations.

I am grateful for the staff of the Park Ridge Police Department and their efforts in 2015 to make our community safe.

Frank Kaminski

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Officers

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Daniel Alonso

Jodi Broderick

Dave Cacioppo

Rodney Cavender

Hector Cruz

John Dorner

Sean Dorsey

Jason Doucet

Robert Evans

Lenny Garcia

Ana Juarez

Daniel Kearns

Jeff Koller

David LaFrancis

Frank Lauria

Matt McGannon

Jon Moehrlin

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Robert Niemiec (Hired 12/30/15)

James Novy (Hired 12/30/15)

Greg Orta

Carlos Panizo

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Remoh Robert

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Arnold Sanetra

Mitchell Stephens (Hired 12/30/15)

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Gretchen Bertling
Christine Dudlak
Jerry Dytko

Christina Eager
Paul Enderle
Kathy Geib
James Harrison
Patricia Helton
Richard Janas
Ralph Lietz

John Luszowiak
George Marcin
Francis Musillami
Mark Nagel
Max Ponder
Mary Powers
Rubin Ruiz

James Russo
Mark Schaffer
Jack Suomi
Rob Wortman
Kathleen Yoshida



Reserve Crossing Guards

Vicki Birnbaum
Joe Blume
Ernest Downing
Olga Frometa
Lauralei Harris
Jody Krueger
Liz Mahoney
Judy Niederkorn
Michael Niemetz
Ann Payne
Joseph Piech
Michael Powell
Byron Singer

Student Interns

Edward Campbell
Kenneth King
Anthony Chiovari

Citizen Patrol Members

Joe Deprizio	Jim DuBrock	Jerry Scafa	Elizabeth Ryles
Don Tyre	Jean Trnka	William Reilly	Mike Dwyer
Pat Dohr	Bob Gluchman	Ron Kurowski	Frank Summers
Dick Stuercke	Joseph Cien	Susan Scatchell	Tom Wilson
Martin Mercy	Joseph Sweeney	Leslie A. Wolf	Jerry Oleksy
John Mukoyama	Art Ryden	Ted Woytowicz	Ray Rasane
Joan Hutchinson	Gary K. Warner	Angelo Demeros	
Susan Kleckner	Neil Norcross	Cassie Stutman	
Wes Davis	Stan D'Souza	Harry J. Ashner	

Police Explorer Members

Michael Goetz	Gary Lynch
Gregg Gronke	Anthony Perez
Leann Haller	Lexus Szadkowski
Brandon Jelke	Jacob Vowell

CERT Members

Ron Augustyne	John Dorrow	Pat Lofthouse	Earl Roth
John Bennett	Phil Falson	Gary Lynch	Mary Wynn Ryan
Len Berg	Stevan Georgevich	Lydia Munger-Little	John Sasser
Raymond Brzny	Erin Grapenthien	Shel Newman	Jerry Scafa
Dan Cassettari	Cameron Grossart	Larry Pahlke	Paul Sheehan
Joseph Cien	Angelo Hunter	Anthony Perez	Christine Strewe
Michael Davis	Joan Hutchinson	Ray Rasane	
Jean Dietsch	Bryanne Kaminski	William Reilly	

Police Chaplains

Perry Fisher - 1st Church of Christ Scientist

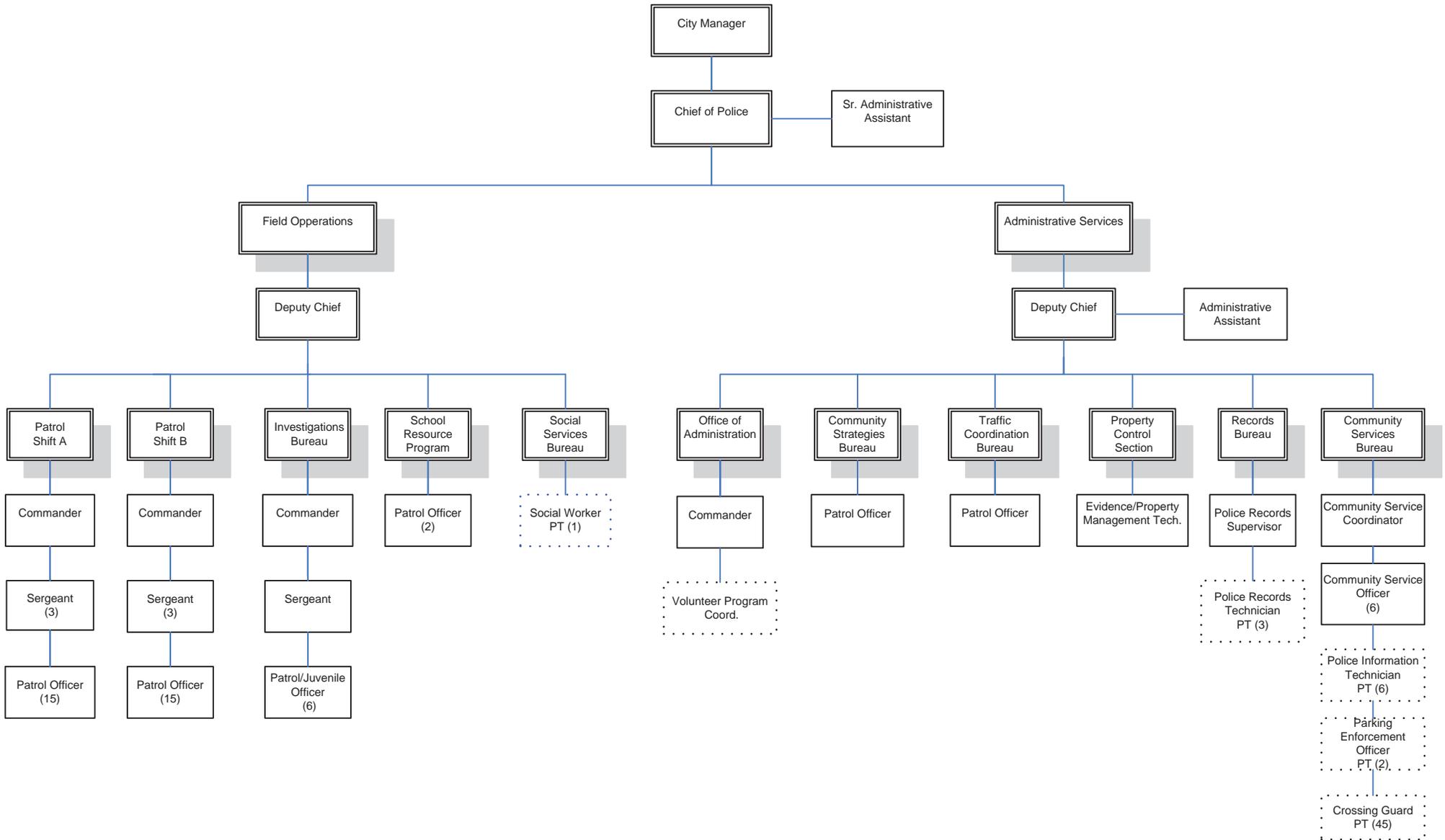
Fr. Piotr Gnoinski - St. Paul of the Cross Church

Rev. Matt Hoffman - St. Andrews

Fr. Chris Kerkeres - St. George Greek Orthodox

Fr. James Wallace - Mary, Seat of Wisdom

Park Ridge Police Department



Part II
Departmental Recognition

Departmental Recognition

Special Awards

Special Chief's Award

The Chief of Police may present special awards to members or citizens based on exceptional service or contributions. This year he selected Deputy Chief Duane Mellema for his exceptional service to MCYAF and his participation in Special Olympics events.

Police Officer of the Year 2014

Each year the department forms a committee to nominate an Officer of the Year. Officer Robert Evans was chosen to receive the Officer of the Year award for 2014 for his work on a kidnapping/stolen auto call, and for saving the life of a citizen involved in a one-car accident due to a medical condition.

Employees of the Year

Property Management Technician Chris Bengtson, CSO Pat Hodge and CSO Laura Soto were awarded the Employee of the Year Award for 2014 for their work and assistance in the case of a kidnapping and stolen auto.



Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award

Officer Jeff Koller received the Cook County Sheriff's Award of Valor for his efforts in saving the life of a subject who had overdosed on drugs.





Certificates of Recognition

During 2015, twenty-six employees received Letters of Recognition, Department Commendations, Awards of Valor, and Life Saving Awards. Out of those twenty-six, 10 officers received two or more letters.

Perfect Attendance

In 2015, Sergeant Bob Kampwirth, Officer Dave Cacioppo, Detective Mario Faso, Detective Ken King, Officer Andrei Moravet, Officer Tom Rechlicz, CSO Jack Lanners, PEO Kathy Jozwiak, and Records Technician Kerry Cwick did not use any sick time during the year.

Complimentary Letters From Citizens

Over the past twelve months, the department has received 123 complimentary letters to numerous officers for their hard work and professional efforts.

Saved By the Belt Award

Thirty-six (36) individuals received the Saved by the Belt award for wearing their seat belt when involved in an accident. Although minor injury may have occurred, wearing a seat belt prevented them from sustaining more serious injuries.

Part III
Crime Data



PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2014 VS. 2015

The Park Ridge Crime Offense/Arrest Comparison report is an annual summary and comparison of all Index crimes, or Part I crimes, and a select group of Part II crimes, as well as a variety of other traffic related department activity. For reporting purposes, criminal offenses are divided into two major groups: Part I offenses and Part II offenses. Part 1 crimes are collectively known as Index crimes and are separated into two subgroups, Violent Crimes against Persons and Crimes against Property. Part II offenses are less severe crimes, but account for the majority of criminal offenses reported.

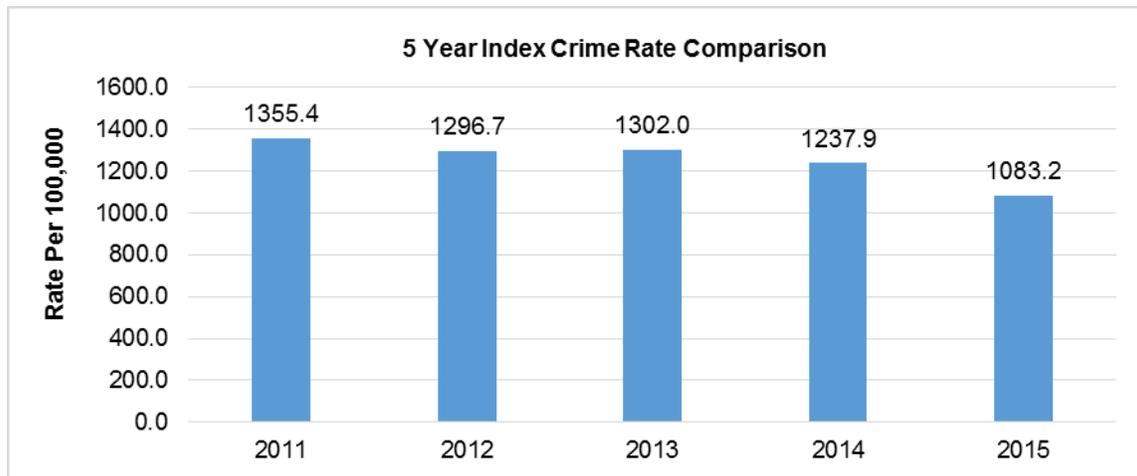
INDEX CRIME OFFENSE RATE

The **Index crime rate**¹ indicates the prevalence of crime occurring across a given population. It is generally defined as the total number of index crimes per 100,000 inhabitants and is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Crime Index Count} \times 100,000}{\text{Jurisdictional Population}^2} = \text{Crime Rate}$$

The **percent change** indicates the increase or decrease of the volume of data represented.

$$\frac{\text{Current Figure} - \text{Previous Figure}}{\text{Previous Figure}} \times 100 = \text{Percent Change}$$



The above comparison indicates the 2015 Index Crime Rate is lower than the 2014 Index Crime Rate by 12.5% percent. Index Crimes are broken down into Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. There was a 50% decrease in overall Violent Crimes and an 11.5% decrease in overall Property Crimes. A few areas to note that contributed to the overall reduction in the index crime rate include an almost 4% decrease in reported Burglaries and an almost 14% decrease in reported Thefts, as well as an over 1% decrease in the Aggravated Battery/Assault category.

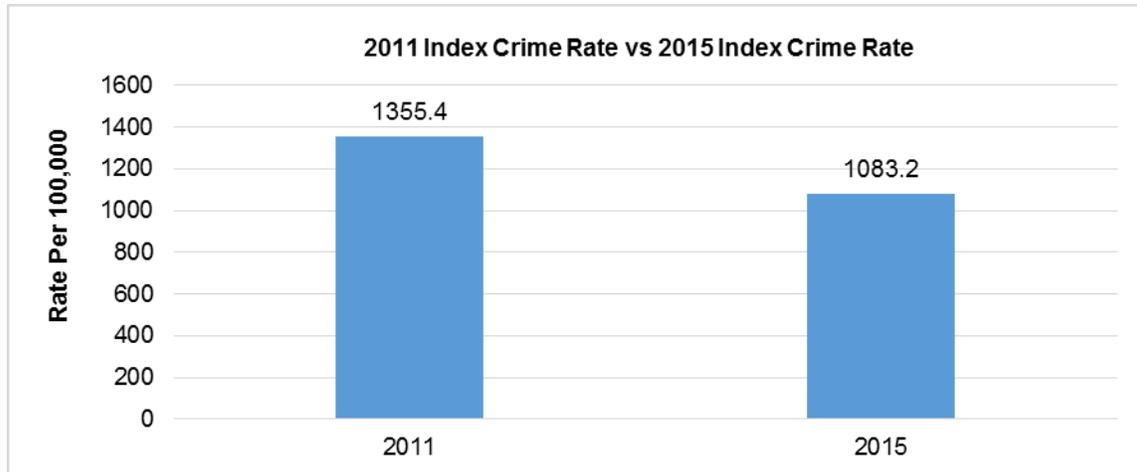
¹ Based on the latest publication of Crime in Illinois 2014, the Crime Rate for the State of Illinois was 2393.2 and 3095.7 for the County of Cook

² Based on 2010 census data = 37,480

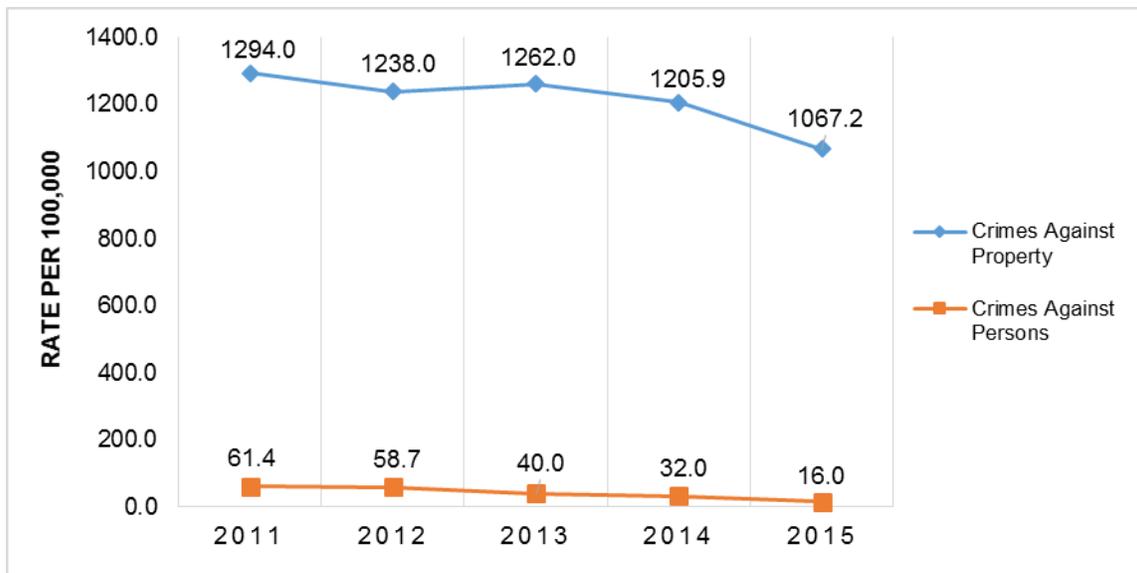


PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2014 VS. 2015

The five year comparison indicates that the Crime Rate in 2015 was 20.1% lower than in 2011.



Violent Crime Offenses include Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault/Battery (including attempts). Violent crime offenses, or Crimes against Persons, accounted for 1.5% of the crime index total in 2015. Property Crime Offenses include Burglary, Theft (including Burglary from a Motor Vehicle), Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Property Crime Offenses, or Crimes against Property, accounted for 98.5% of the crime index total in 2015.





**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON
2014 VS. 2015**

Property Crime Offenses have shown a downward trend with an 11.5% decrease since 2014 and a 17.5% decrease since 2011. Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson continue to account for the smallest percentage of the overall crimes against property crime index offense total.

Violent Crime Offenses have also shown a downward trend with a 50.0% decrease since 2014 and a 73.9% decrease since 2011. Criminal Homicide and Forcible Rape continue to account for the smallest percentage of the overall violent crimes against persons crime index offense total, with zero counts of either category in 2015.

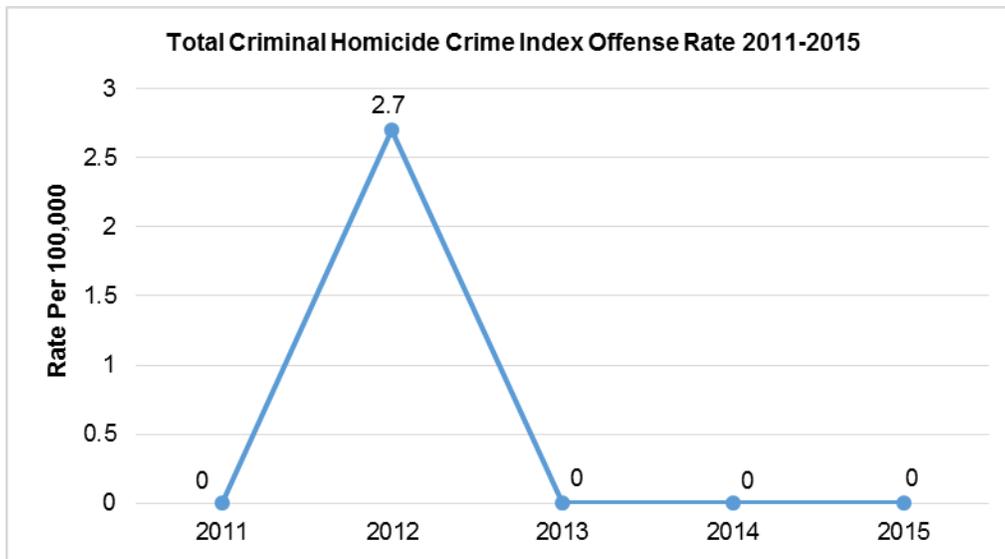
In 2015, both Property Crime and Violent Crime Offenses were the lowest they have been in 5 years, including decreases in both Burglaries and Thefts, which account for the majority of Index Crime Offenses.

It is important to remember when looking at the Crime Index Offense Rate, that these numbers represent a standard comparison to published data, and do not represent the number of actual crimes, but the number of reported crimes per 100,000 population. For the actual number of Index crimes in a given year, refer to page 10 of this report.

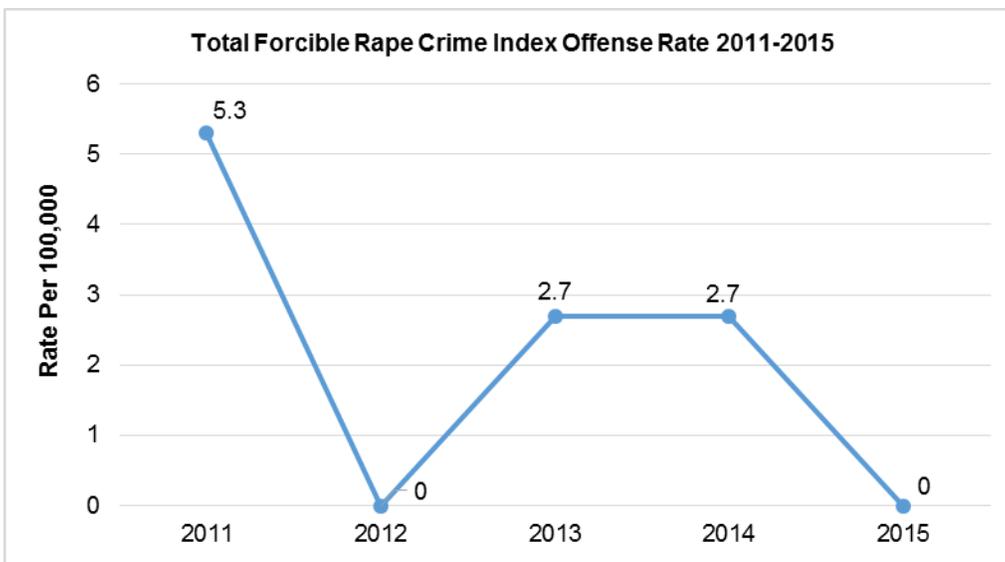


PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2014 VS. 2015

Violent Crime Offenses



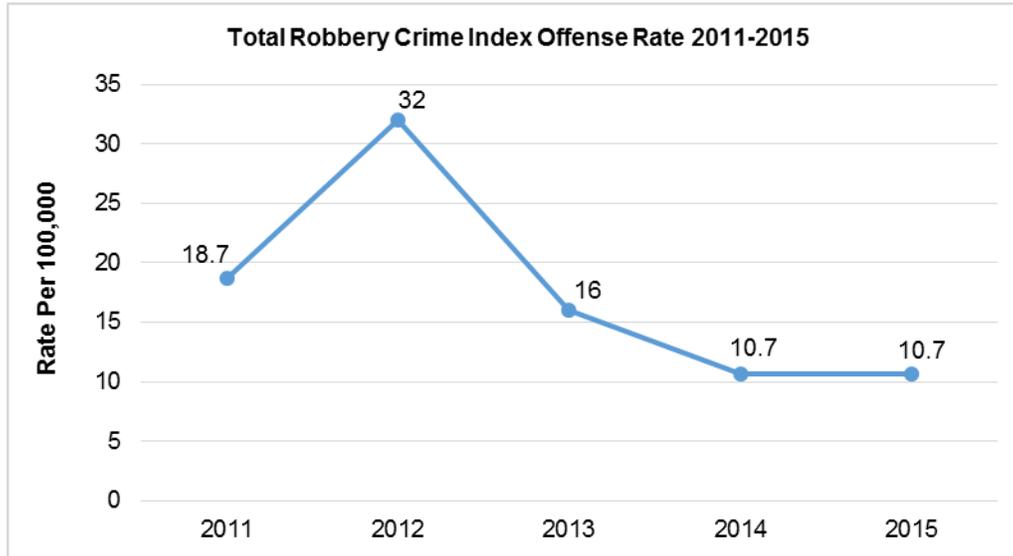
The Criminal Homicide Crime Index Offense Rate remained at 0 in 2015 from 2014, and was the same as it was in 2010. There has been only one homicide in the past five years, which accounted for the spike to the homicide crime index rate in 2012.



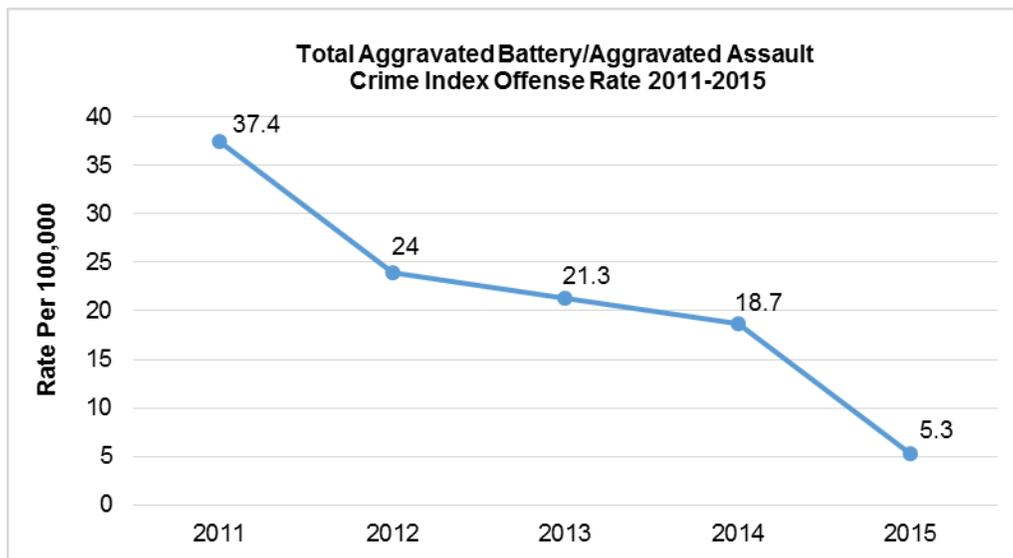
The Crime Index Offense Rate for Forcible Rapes decreased 100%, or by 1 count, in 2015 since 2014.



PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2014 VS. 2015



The Robbery Crime Index Offense Rate remained at 10.7 in 2015 from 2014, but has decreased by 42.8% in the last five years, and remains at the lowest it has been in five years.



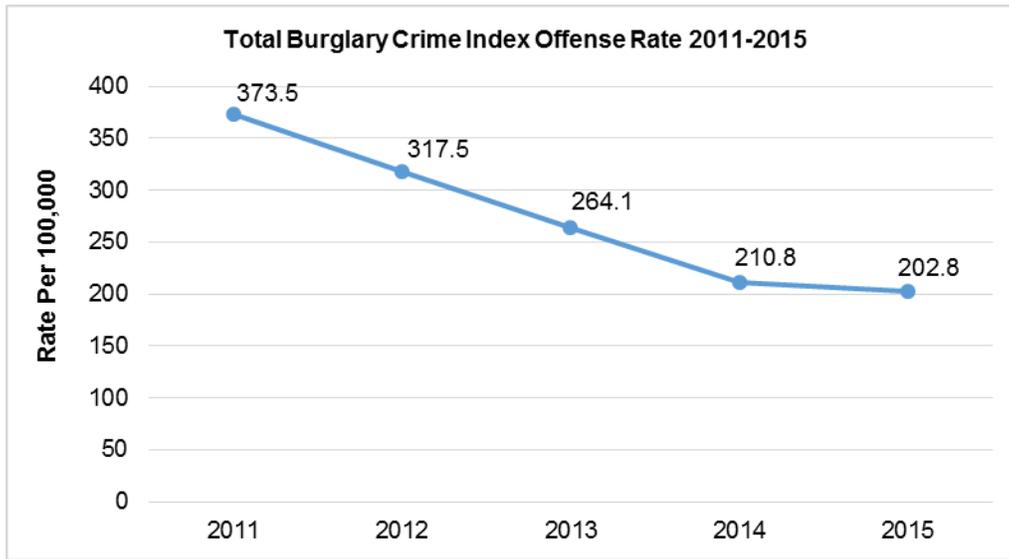
The Crime Index Offense Rate for Aggravated Battery/Assault crimes decreased by 71.7% in 2015 from 2014, and has decreased by 85.8% as compared to five years ago, and is the lowest it has been in five years.



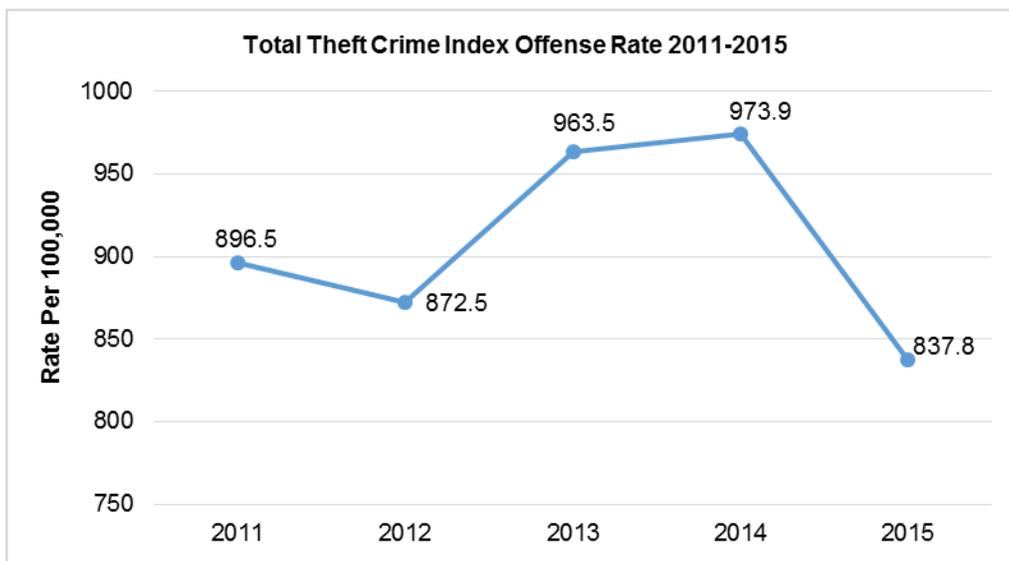
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Property Crime Offenses

The Burglary Crime Index Offense Rate has decreased by 3.8% in 2015 from 2014. It is 45.7% lower than it was in 2011, and is the lowest it has been in five years.

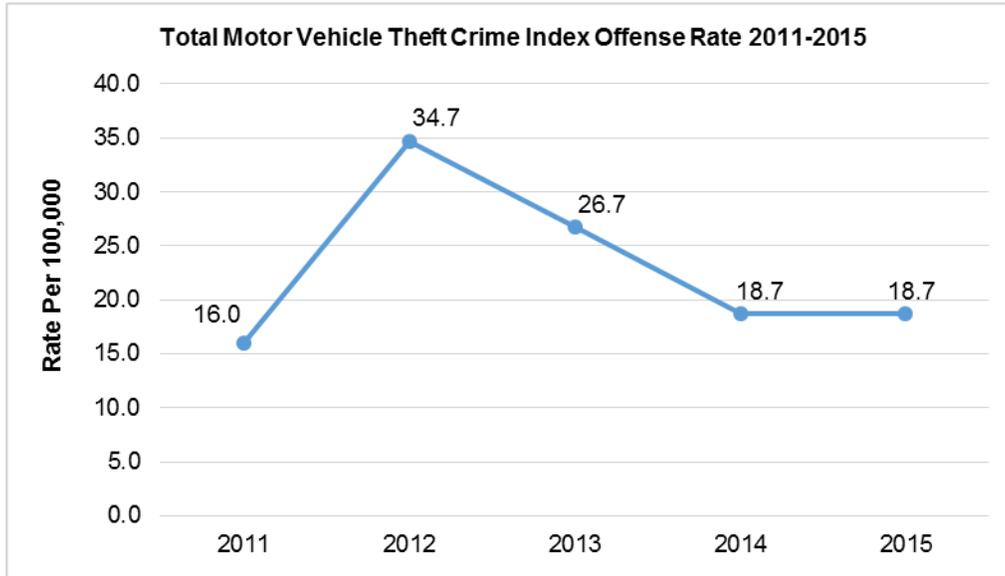


The Theft Crime Index Offense Rate has decreased by 14% in 2015 from 2014, and has decreased by 6.5% since 2011. It is also the lowest it has been in five years.

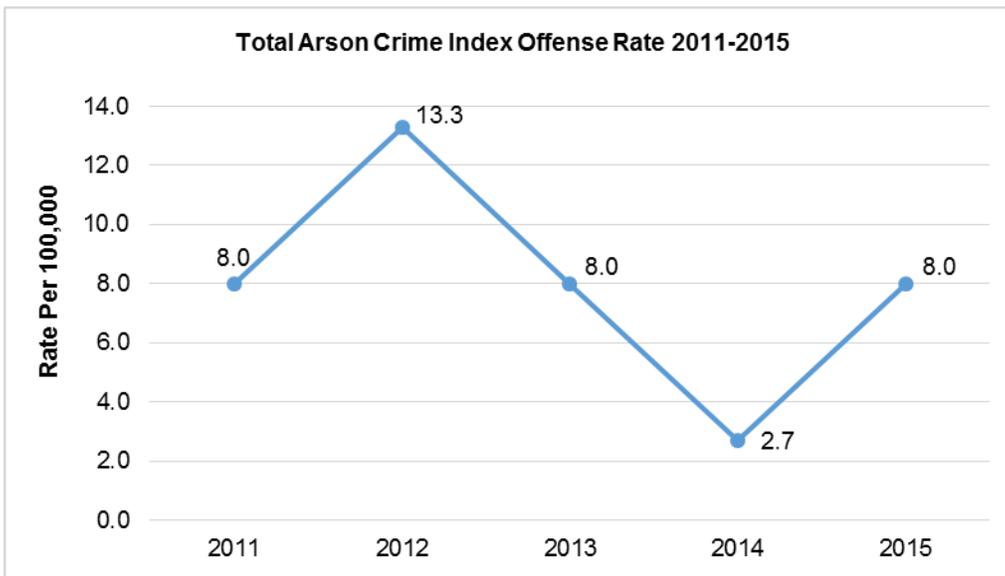




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The Motor Vehicle Theft Crime Index Offense Rate has remained the same as it was in 2014, and although it is 16.9% higher than in 2011, it has declined since 2012.



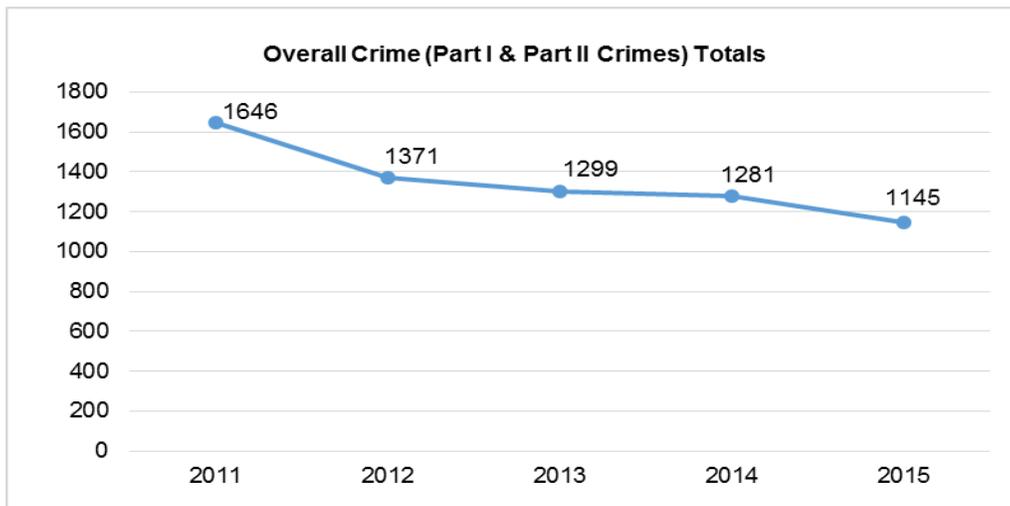
The Arson Crime Index Offense Rate has increased 196.3% in 2015 since 2014 (an increase of 2 arsons). The five year comparison shows the same number of arsons in 2015 as in 2013 and in 2011.



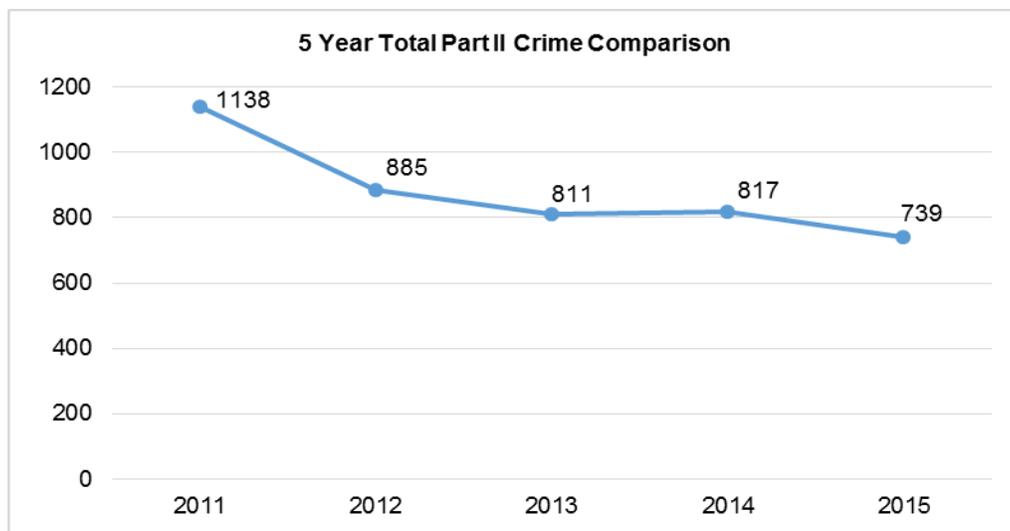
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OVERALL CRIME TOTALS

Overall crime totals represent the total number of both Part I & Part II crimes reported to have occurred during a given year.



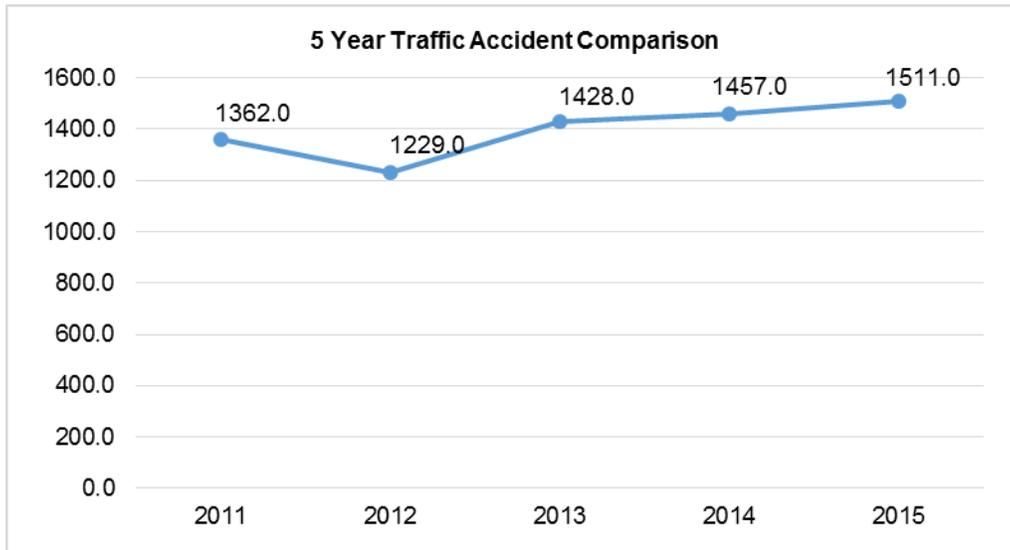
In 2015, the total of overall crime decreased by almost 11%, or 136 criminal offenses, as compared to 2014. Additionally, the overall crime totals have decreased by 30.4% as compared to 2011, and are the lowest they have been in five years.



The total of Part II Crimes has decreased by 9.5% since 2014, with the five year trend showing a decrease of 35.1% since 2011.



PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2014 VS. 2015



Traffic Accidents have increased by 3.7% in 2015 as compared to 2014. The following chart reflects the total number of traffic accident reports taken for the last 5 years, and indicates that over five years, traffic accidents have increased by 10.9% and in 2015 were the highest they have been in five years.



**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON
2014 VS. 2015**

Violent Crime Offenses	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0.00%
Forcible Rape	1	0	-1	-100.00%
Robbery	4	4	0	0.00%
Aggravated Battery/Assault	7	2	-5	-71.43%
Property Crime Offenses	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Burglary	79	76	-3	-3.80%
Theft	365	314	-51	-13.97%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	7	0	0.00%
Arson	1	3	2	200.00%
Crime Index Offense Totals	464	406	-58	-12.50%
Violent Crime Offense Totals	12	6	-6	-50.00%
Property Crime Offense Totals	452	400	-52	-11.50%
Violent Crime Arrests	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0.00%
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0.00%
Robbery	1	4	3	300.00%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	7	2	-5	-71.43%
Property Crime Arrests	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Burglary	7	7	0	0.00%
Theft	24	27	3	12.50%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0.00%
Arson	0	0	0	0.00%
Crime Index Arrest Totals	39	40	1	2.56%
Violent Crime Arrest Totals	8	6	-2	-25.00%
Property Crime Arrest Totals	31	34	3	9.68%



**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON
2014 VS. 2015**

Drug Crime Arrests	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Cannabis Control Act	51	53	2	3.92%
Controlled Substances Act	6	8	2	33.33%
Hypodermic Syringes & Needles Act	0	0	0	0.00%
Violations of Drug Paraphernalia Act	31	40	9	29.03%
Violations of Methamphetamine Act	0	0	0	0.00%
Drug Crime Arrest Totals	88	101	13	14.77%

Select Part II Crime Offenses	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Simple Assault/Battery	69	79	10	14.49%
Domestic Battery	63	65	2	3.17%
Criminal Damage to Property	88	86	-2	-2.27%
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	73	98	25	34.25%

Alcohol Related Arrests	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Liquor Control Act Violations	52	47	-5	-9.62%
DUI Violations	51	43	-8	-15.69%
Zero Tolerance Violations	5	6	1	20.00%

Annual Totals	2014	2015	# Difference	% Change
Part I Crime Offenses	464	406	-58	-12.50%
Part I Crime Arrests	39	40	1	2.56%
Part II Crime Offenses	817	739	-78	-9.55%
Part II Crime Arrests	463	438	-25	-5.40%
Drug Crime Arrests	88	101	13	14.77%
Total Criminal Arrests	502	478	-24	-4.78%
Total Criminal Offenses	1281	1145	-136	-10.62%
Total Service Calls	27111	23889	-3222	-11.88%
Total CAD Incidents	28392	25034	-3358	-11.83%
Traffic Accident Reports	1457	1511	54	3.71%
Total Traffic Stops	3880	4035	155	3.99%

Part IV
Departmental Highlights

Highlights

9/11 Memorial

After years of discussion, the 9/11 Memorial project became a reality. Mr. Ralph Cincinelli, a resident/architect, volunteered his time and designed the Memorial. Our thanks goes out to him for all his efforts. The Memorial was dedicated in a public ceremony on 9/11. Elected officials, police and fire staff, and the public all participated in this dedication. The end result was a beautiful display of a beam from the World Trade Center that will be a continual reminder of all those who gave their lives that day. For 2016, a memorial brick campaign will be available to the public.



New Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD)

During 2014, the Department transitioned to a new police dispatch center, West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC). During 2015, the Department then transitioned to a new computer aided dispatch system. The transition allowed the Department to move on to a paperless system for documenting calls for service and reports and for dispatching calls for service. This was a significant improvement in the way the Department tracked its activities. During 2016, the Department will continue to develop its records management system.

Mental Health Grant

The first year of the grant was completed in 2015. Some of the accomplishments included:

- 24 of the Department's 54 officers have completed the 40-hour CIT training. We are on track to exceed our original goal.
- A Town Hall Meeting was held in conjunction with NAMI, "How can you tell if it's mental illness?"
- Two community trainings were conducted with our community partners and our Advisory Board.
- Our use of force training included de-escalation techniques in the training program.
- The Department participated in the NAMI Walk/Run for Mental Health.

During 2016, the Department will conclude the grant, and provide a final report to the Department of Justice.



Reaffirming the Oath

At a City Council meeting in May 2015, during National Police Week, the Department took a step to increase officer accountability and reaffirm their commitment to serving the community. Department leaders asked all 54 sworn officers to reaffirm the oath they took when they first became police officers. The Department wanted to reassure the community that our officers are "committed to professionalism and will accept nothing less from ourselves."

The official oath states that the officer will support the Constitution of the United States and the state of Illinois, and faithfully perform the duties of a patrol officer. The Law Enforcement Oath of Honor that follows reads, "On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the constitution, my community and the agency I serve."

Every officer in the department reaffirmed his or her oath and the Department's Mission/Value Statement by signing a large, framed document which is now displayed in the front lobby of the Police Department.



Safe City

The Park Ridge Police Department has maintained the status as one of the top 100 Safest Communities in the nation for 2015 by Location, Inc., which is a leading builder and source of location-based data and risk analysis information. Location, Inc. provides crime data and other information to neighborhoodscout.com and uses that information to identify the safest communities across the country. Park Ridge ranked 96th in 2015.

Park Ridge Community Star

Park Ridge Police Officer Julie Genualdi received the Chamber's Community Star Award for her work in bringing together the Police Department and the community to support numerous charitable organizations, such as Special Olympics Illinois.



Volunteer Coordinator

During 2015, the Department created a new part-time Volunteer Coordinator position. Mr. Tom Wilson was selected for this position. The purpose of this position is to coordinate all the activities of the volunteer groups.



Chaplain Program

Two chaplains resigned from the program, Rev. Bob Campbell and Rev. Ed Bird. We are grateful for their service and wish them well on their new assignments.

Citizen Corps Council

The Park Ridge Citizen Corps Council is a collaboration between City Departments and community stake holders. In 2015, the Park Ridge Citizen Corps Council operated with 117 volunteers for 4,101* service hours volunteered to the City of Park Ridge. Citizen Corps Council programs were deployed during every event and critical incident within the City of Park Ridge in 2015.

*Total YTD Hours (4101) X Volunteer Hourly Rate \$23.07 = Total Annual Salaries Saved by the City (\$94,610.07)

Citizens Patrol

The Park Ridge Citizens Patrol is a not-for-profit, community-based volunteer organization consisting of 32 active members. Started in 1979, the original goal of the group was to aid in crime prevention by patrolling the community for the purpose of observing and reporting suspicious activity and potentially dangerous situations. This goal has expanded over the years and the group now also helps to maintain the safety and security of our city by supporting other city organizations with their events, as needed, in the form of traffic and crowd control.



Members of the Citizens Patrol donate their time by patrolling the community during evening hours, assisting during storms, railroad crossing problems, floods, power outages, automobile accidents, crime scenes and other catastrophic events. In addition, the Citizens Patrol continues to assist and support the Park Ridge Police Department and the City with activities and events such as 5K walks/runs, recycling events, Taste of Park Ridge, National Night Out, Winter Fest, and the Park District carnival. In 2015, Citizens Patrol provided a total of 2,228 hours of service.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team (PRCERT) program consists of 34 volunteers with specialized training in traffic control, disaster response skills, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. In 2015, PRCERT continued their expanded training to allow volunteers to participate in specialized groups/units including: the Com Ed Joint Operations Center (Com Ed JOC), an Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC) certified Search and Rescue (SAR) unit, and a Trailer Deployment Group to deploy the Citizen Corps Council utility trailer. In 2015, PRCERT provided a total of 1,142 hours of service.



Parent Patrol

In 2015, Parent Patrol Program volunteers provided 88 hours of volunteer time by working select, potential high activity weekends throughout the calendar year. In its sixth year of operation, the program continues to develop and adjust to the needs of the community while affirming its commitment to discouraging/preventing underage drinking all the while building a stronger relationship between the Park Ridge Police Department and the community it serves.

NI-Ridge Police Explorer Post 911

The Park Ridge Police Department partnered with the Niles Police Department to form a combined Law Enforcement Explorer Post. The existing post was renamed the NI-Ridge Police Explorer Post 911.

The Police Explorer program is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and teaches youth between the ages of 14 and 20 skills related to law enforcement. The Explorers do not have police powers. Explorers participated in training/meeting sessions on defensive tactics, DUI enforcement, criminology, traffic stops, juvenile law, investigation procedures, community policing, rapid deployment and traffic control.

Park Ridge Explorers have been deployed to assist police in community events such as National Night Out, Earth Day and Farmers Market, just to name a few. They also play an important role in assisting the police department with traffic control, crowd control, and presentation assistance at the Taste of Park Ridge, 3rd of July Fireworks, parades and races. In 2015, they provided a total of 811 hours of service.



Property Room

During 2014, the property room function was moved to the new building. During 2015, a complete audit of the property room and its function were completed. Staff reviewed over 4257 pieces of evidence.

Animal Commission

The Animal Commission reviewed 18 cases in 2015. After reviewing each case and interviewing the victims and owners, the Commissioners found 6 dogs to be “At Risk” and one dog to be “Dangerous.” Letters go out to the owners of each dog, advising them of the rules they must follow. The City and our 911 Center are advised of the owner’s name, address, breed and name of dog. The Commission also began posting at-risk and dangerous animals on the Police Department’s website.

Chief's Roundtable

The Chief's Roundtable continued in 2015. Four Roundtables were held. The Roundtables are open to anyone in the community to come and discuss issues or concerns.



Text-a-Tip

MCYAF sponsored this initiative between the Park Ridge Police Department and the Des Plaines Police Department. Through Text-a-Tip, people can anonymously text tips to the Department. There were 24 tips specific to Park Ridge in 2015: 5 - Illegal parking, 1 - UFO (Drone) near Uptown, 1 - request to patrol alley, 2 - underage drinking party notifications, and 15 - trespass events at Murphy Lake.



Senior Breakfast Program

This was the fourth year the Department hosted the Senior Breakfast Program at the Park Ridge Senior Center. The Department sponsors the program every third Tuesday of the month and Panera Bread and Jewel Food Store donates refreshments. The program has been a great hit with the seniors as evidenced by their attendance. Average attendance has been about 30 people per meeting. Twelve programs were held in 2015.

Citizens Police Academy

The Department held one 10-week Citizens Police Academy in 2015 with 16 graduates.



National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. The 11th annual National Night Out was held on August 4, 2015. The Park Ridge Police Department was proud to have partnered with the Park Ridge Kiwanis and honoring them for their “100 Years of Service” to the community. The event went very well and the Department was successful in heightening crime and drug prevention awareness, generating support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and sending the message to criminals that the police and community are working together and are fighting back against crime.

New this year, the Police Department submitted a report, documenting the efforts, successes and effectiveness of our community-building campaign to the National Awards Program. This program honors registered communities nationwide for participation in the National Night Out campaign. The Park Ridge Police Department was recognized for “Outstanding Participation” in the Nation’s “Night Out Against Crime.”



Donations

Throughout the year, local schools and charitable organizations often ask for donations for raffles and auctions. In 2015, the Police Department donated 11 rides to school in a police car and lunches with the Chief.

Youth Related Initiatives

The Department participated in several outreach activities with young people:

- Dodge Ball Tournament – February 2015
- Maine South Principal’s Advisory Council
- Youth in Government Program
- Story Time at the Library
- Carpenter School Career Day



Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Campaign

The Department continued to support efforts to reduce underage substance abuse to include the following:

- “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” Campaign (This campaign was done in May for Prom season and in September for Homecoming).
- “Your Action Matters”, Illinois Liquor Commission – April 2015
- MCYAF monthly meetings
- Drug Take Back Program and Save a Star Initiative (As a result of these programs, 632 pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals were collected).

Farmers Market - “Ask a Cop”

The Department continues to participate at the Farmers Market on a monthly basis from June to October.

Special Events

The Department assisted in the following special events:

- Harry O’Brien Community Spring Run/Walk
- Norwegian Day Parade
- Memorial Day Parade
- July 3rd Fireworks
- July 3rd Kiddie Parade
- Taste of Park Ridge
- Charity Classic
- Winter Fest
- National Night Out
- Field School Walk
- Roosevelt School Walk
- St. Paul Walk-a-Thon
- Concerts in the Park
- Car Shows
- Special Olympics
- Maine South Homecoming Parade
- South Park Trick-or-Treat
- Resurrection High School Walk to Pickwick Theater
- Electronic Recycling
- Trot Against Trafficking 5k
- Carpe Diem Races – Indian Scouts 5k
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
- Tricks & Treats Halloween Event
- ALGH Walk/Run 5k
- Mary Seat of Wisdom Run/Walk 5k
- Farmers Market

There were 28 requests for public appearances (i.e. safety talks, scout tours) in 2015.



Block Parties Program

The Department continued to send representatives to neighborhood block parties throughout the summer. The Department attended 66 parties.

Honor Guard

Last year the Honor Guard participated in the Park Ridge Police Memorial Service, Norwegian Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, National Night Out, the 9/11 Memorial Dedication, Maine South and Maine East Homecomings, and Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Franklin School, Maine East High School and Maine South High School.



Coffee with a Cop

In 2015, the Park Ridge Police Department continued the “Coffee with a Cop” program. This program, which was held at a local establishments in each of the respective police beats, provided an opportunity for citizens to meet with police officers in a comfortable environment and talk about any subject – crime trends, neighborhood nuisance issues, public safety management, or how to join our team of volunteers. Each event was well received by the residents. We will continue this program throughout 2016.



Disaster Preparedness

The following are examples of disaster preparedness activities for 2015:

- Met with Kiwanis and Rotary Club to discuss disaster preparedness
- Consolidated the volunteer functions, under Citizen Corp Council to streamline and improve efficiency for all volunteer groups, including CERT, Citizens Patrol, Explorers and the Police Chaplains
- Ongoing review and updating of City and Departmental Emergency Plans
- Attended mandatory NIMS and other emergency preparedness training
- Attended classes sponsored by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency
- Ongoing meetings with representatives from the Cook County Department of Public Health to plan the “Mass Dispensing Protocol” for emergency medication distribution in response to severe health threat
- Continued work with the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to complete and update the hazard mitigation plan
- Participated in large multi-day, multi-agency (police and fire) drill hosted at the NIPSTA training center in Glenview to work through working and table-top disaster drill problems
- Had multiple meetings with the Park Ridge Park District to prepare for the annual fireworks display and the annual summer carnival
- Had multiple meetings with Taste of Park Ridge organizers to plan and prepare for the 3-day street festival
- Attended monthly meetings with Lutheran General Hospital staff to discuss disaster preparedness for the hospital and community
- Met with District 64 Safety Committee at multiple meetings to assist in preparing disaster plans and go-guides for the school district
- Attended District 64 Board meetings to discuss the subject of secure school vestibules and emergency police response to violent emergencies at the elementary schools
- Monthly Police and Fire Department meetings
- Attended District 64 and District 207 Lockdowns and other emergency drills
- Participated in ComEd JOC drill
- Monthly training meetings with CERT and Citizens patrol
- Ongoing internal and external training and certification with officers on numerous disaster preparedness subjects

Training

For 2015, the Department continued to make cost-effective training a priority. We focused on NEMRT’s no-cost or minimal-cost class offerings, grant-funded trainings and in-house training as much as possible. Sworn officers and civilian personnel attended at total of 3,235 hours of training, or an approximate average of 48 hours of training per full-time employee. Of those hours, 760 are attributable to 19 officers attending the grant funded 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training, 432 hours are attributable to in-service training, and approximately 336 hours were spent training personnel on the new dispatch/RMS/CAD system. For 2016, we will continue to seek additional in-house and online training opportunities in an effort to maximize our training budget. The following list is a brief summary of some of the training received by staff this year:

- AED/CPR
- Arson Investigation
- Asset Forfeiture
- Animal Control
- Body Camera Administration
- Child Passenger Safety Seat Installation Certification
- Computer Aided Dispatch
- Cold Case Investigation
- Community Relations
- Community Service Officer
- Crime Prevention
- Crime Scene Photography
- Crisis Intervention Team
- Death Investigation
- Domestic Violence

- Elder Abuse
- Employment Law
- Field Training Officer
- Forensic Training
- Gun Crime Seminar
- Homicide Investigation
- Interviews/Interrogations
- Leadership
- Narcan Administration
- Officer Suicide Awareness & Prevention
- Problem Oriented Policing
- Other Miscellaneous Investigations, Accident Reconstruction and Evidence Collection Courses
- Police Reform Law
- Rapid Deployment
- Records Management System
- Sex Offender Registration/Restrictions
- School Resource Officer
- School Safety
- Social Media Investigations
- Supervision
- Taser
- Truck Enforcement
- Uniform Crime Reporting

Law Enforcement Special Olympics

The Department continued its commitment to the Law Enforcement Special Olympics and participated in five fundraising events – Polar Plunge, Cop-on-Top, Plane Pull, Torch Run and a “Test Your Strength” event at the Taste of Park Ridge. Our efforts generated \$15,779.00 for Special Olympics in 2015.



Traffic Activities 2015

- Traffic Training
 - Crossing guard training
 - Attended Illinois Truck Enforcement Association Conference
 - Attended a traffic training seminar at the Buffalo Grove Police Department
 - AAA Texting Simulator Training in Aurora
 - Attended large truck and bus training
- Community Partnerships
 - District 64
 - 4 traffic safety meetings with the school and district administration
 - Beat team leaders regularly met with school representatives regarding traffic concerns
 - Officers out on foot at schools and in patrol cars before and after school
 - Community service officers out at schools before and after schools
 - Coordinated the morning drop off and pick-up procedures at Franklin School.
 - Held monthly meetings where parents could voice concerns about traffic issues around Franklin School.
 - Citizen Patrollers
 - Assisted in handing out traffic safety materials
 - Assisted in traffic control when the railroad gates were stuck in the down position
 - Volunteers out at schools providing visible presence
 - Assisted in traffic direction for serious traffic accidents
 - Lutheran General Hospital
 - Worked with LGH Public Safety on hit and run crashes
 - Coordinated with LGH regarding traffic patterns around the new emergency room
 - Worked with the hospital regarding education about pedestrian crosswalks at Dempster and Luther Lane
 - Worked with the hospital to enhance the safety of guests crossing on Luther Lane south of Dempster
- Red Light Safety Camera Program
 - 4, 224 violations reviewed
 - 2, 780 violations approved
 - Monthly reports generated
 - Updated the review process with a computer upgrade to view violation videos
 - “Site Ops” was utilized for several hit and runs as well as criminal investigations by the Investigations Division
- DUI Program
 - Re-certified PBT’s tri-monthly
 - Update and certify breathalyzer
 - Track and monitor DUI data
- Hit-and-Run Investigations
 - Investigate all hit and runs the Department receives (approximately 310 in 2015)
 - Courtesy calls made to unsolvable cases.
- Education Campaigns
 - Quarterly school traffic meetings
 - Quarterly Community Strategies Newsletter
 - Local access cable channel traffic safety slides

- Distracted driving campaigns with the local schools
 - AAA distracted driving simulator was used at National Night Out
 - “Stop Means Stop” placed at various hot spots around town
 - Speed trailer and speed sentries deployed for speed analysis/data and citizen requests
 - Traffic safety materials distributed at the Taste of Park Ridge, schools, NNO, and local businesses
 - Amber warning lights were placed on top of the pedestrian crosswalk signs in Uptown and Euclid and Northwest Highway for pedestrian safety
 - Signs placed Uptown informing the public that riding bicycles and skateboards on the sidewalks is prohibited
 - Driver Education classes taught at Viking Driving School and both high schools
 - Safety blitzes conducted along with Union Pacific Railroad at both railroad stations, and education materials were passed out to commuters
 - “Children Play Here Signs” were placed on parkways to promote speed and pedestrian awareness
 - Pedestrian crossing flags placed at Summit and Prospect for safety concerns
 - Web, news stories and press releases
 - Senior citizens were advised of traffic safety, pedestrian safety and parking regulations at the Senior Breakfast
 - Hosted AARP Defensive Driving class at City Hall
- Data and Studies
 - Speed, volume, violation studies – 27 new in 2015
 - Selective Enforcement Program (monitor patrol, enter data, speak with complainants, verify if the complaints are valid, take enforcement action)
 - Crash analysis
- Engineering
 - 86 overweight permits were reviewed and issued for 2015
 - Engineering recommendations (Stop Means Stop placed at hot spot locations; LED red flashing lights placed at high volume/crash intersections on top of stop signs; a no left turn sign was placed for the traffic exiting east out of the St. Paul of the Cross School; a Bus Only Parking sign was placed on Cuttriss at Field School)
- Miscellaneous
 - \$118, 952.00 in overweight fines generated
 - Radars were re-certified, and new ones were purchased
 - Spoke with the Elmhurst Chief of Police regarding our speed monitoring devices and traffic calming programs
 - Sent out warning letters to motorists that violate traffic and parking laws that are reported by citizens who obtained the violator’s license plate numbers
 - Updated the overweight truck permit ordinance and joined Oxcart Permits. All permits are now completed online.
 - Spoke to several churches about their parishioners crossing at the proper crosswalks when arriving and leaving church
 - Purchased LED stop sign paddles for the crossing guards at Dee and Birch for Franklin School and Talcott and Hamlin for Maine South High School
 - Spoke to several residents regarding truck traffic on Touhy and Oakton, parking concerns and violations, and general traffic questions and concerns
 - Completed the Traffic Safety Challenge

Part V
Professional Standards

Professional Standards

Formal Citizen Complaints

During 2015, there were no formal citizen complaints.

Citizen Inquiries

Citizen Inquiries are investigations into an incident requested by a citizen who does not wish to file a formal complaint. These are allegations of a less serious nature. The department handled 18 of these in 2015. Of these eighteen, none were sustained.

Administrative Reviews

There were 44 Administrative Reviews handled in 2015. These investigations relate to issues raised by supervisors or other staff members regarding the conduct of department members. Examples include missed court dates, tardiness, performance issues, etc. Of these 44, 28 were sustained resulting in corrective action.

Use of Force

An analysis of the Use of Force Reports submitted for the year 2015 is as follows:

- All Use of Force incidents and techniques were within Departmental and State guidelines.
- There was no discipline or remedial training required due to excessive force.
- There were no complaints of excessive force from citizens or discovered by supervisors during their review.
- There were 14 officers involved with the 13 Use of Force incidents. Four officers were involved in two different Use of Force incidents.
- There were 17 Use of Force techniques applied. Some incidents required more than 1 Use of Force technique.
- Of the 17 Use of Force techniques applied, 9 were compliance/escort related and 7 were weapons displayed/pointed at subjects. One use of a bean bag is pending.
- Of the 13 Use of Force incidents, 13 subjects were adults and 1 subject was a juvenile.

Types of Use of Force Reports

Type of Force	2015
Display of Firearms	2
Use of Firearms	0
Baton	0
O.C. Spray	0
Compliance Technique or Escort	9
Display of Taser	4
Use of Taser	1
Other	1
Total	17

Police Pursuits

During 2015, there were no motor vehicle pursuits.

Traffic Study Data – 2014*

The following chart represents the stops for minority drivers in 2014:

Benchmark for minority drivers - 25.12%

Actual minority drivers stopped - 18.27%

The percentage of minority drivers stopped in Park Ridge is well below the established benchmark.

	Minority Drivers	Caucasian Drivers
Benchmark	25.12%	74.88%
Actual Stop	18.27%	81.73%

* Data is a year behind. 2015 data will not be available until Fall of 2016.

Formal Inspections

There were 108 formal inspections conducted in 2015.

Number	Audit Type
15-1	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-2	In-Car Video Audit
15-3	Informant Fund Audit
15-4	Court Call Audit
15-5	Prisoner Lockup Audit
15-6	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-7	Foot Patrol Audit
15-8	Monthly Evaluations
15-9	Domestic Violence Audit
15-10	10-41 Audit
15-11	In-Car Video Audit
15-12	Inspection – Internet Use
15-13	Posting Items Audit
15-14	CHRI Inquiries Audit
15-15	Ticket Control Audit
15-16	Outside Employment Audit
15-17	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-18	Church Fund
15-19	Foot Patrol Audit
15-20	Taser Audit
15-21	In-Car Video Audit
15-22	CAD Notes Audit
15-23	CHRI Inquiries Audit
15-24	Monthly Evaluations Audit
15-25	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-26	Informant Fund Audit
15-27	Domestic Violence Audit
15-28	In-Car Video Audit
15-29	Property Room Inspection
15-30	10-41 Audit
15-31	CHRI Inquiries Audit
15-32	CQH Audit
15-33	In-Car Video Audit
15-34	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-35	Prisoner Lockup Audit
15-36	Spring Formal Inspection
15-37	CHRI Inquiries Audit
15-38	Church Fund Audit
15-39	Prisoner Lockup Audit
15-40	CQH Audit
15-41	Armory Inspection
15-42	Seized Property Audit

15-43	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-44	In-Car Video Audit
15-45	Court Call Audit
15-46	Property Room Inspection
15-47	CHRI Inquiries Audit
15-48	Driving Audit – Patrol Officer
15-49	Armory Audit
15-50	Informant Fund Audit
15-51	Monthly Evaluations
15-52	In-Car Video Audit
15-53	Property Room Inspection (Unannounced)
15-54	10-41 Audit
15-55	Domestic Violence Audit
15-56	CAD Notes Audit
15-57	Ticket Control Audit
15-58	MDT Transmission Audit
15-59	CHRI Inquiries Audit
15-60	In-Car Video Audit
15-61	Prisoner Lockup Audit
15-62	Annual Radar Unit Certification
15-63	Taser Audit
15-64	ILEAP Files Inspection
15-65	Internet Use
15-66	Church Fund Audit
15-67	Property Room Inspection
15-68	Breathalyzer/Portable Breath Test Machine Certification
15-69	CQH Audit
15-70	Armory Inspection
15-71	Ticket Control Audit
15-72	In-Car Video Audit
15-73	CHRI Inquiries Audit
15-74	Annual Employee Criminal History & DL Audit
15-75	Annual Review of Purchasing Procedures
15-76	MDT Transmissions Audit
15-77	Property Room Inspection
15-78	Emergency Contacts Audit
15-79	Prisoner Lockup Audit
15-80	Taser Audit
15-81	Domestic Violence Audit
15-82	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-83	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-84	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-85	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
15-86	In-Car Video Audit
15-87	10-41 Audit
15-88	Fall Formal Inspection

15-89	In-Car Video Audit
15-90	In-Car Video Audit
15-91	Court Performance Audit
15-92	Audit Organizational Chart
15-93	LEADS Inquiry
15-94	Ticket Control Audit
15-95	Court Sick Call Audit
15-96	Case Screening Audit
15-97	EOP Report
15-98	Court Subpoena Audit
15-99	Municipal Court Performance
15-100	Property Room Inspection
15-101	Posted Materials Audit
15-102	Property Room Audit
15-103	Sex Offender Registration
15-104	Property Room Inspection – Unannounced
15-105	Annual Training Records Audit
15-106	Annual Review of Vendor Services
15-107	Citation/Warning Information Requests
15-108	Annual Performance Evaluation Review

Grievances

There were six grievances filed in 2015. Five were dropped, and one is pending in arbitration regarding discharge.

Police Involved Automobile Accidents

There were eight accidents involving City vehicles. Five accidents involved City employees who were at fault, and corrective action was taken. Three accidents were caused by other drivers. All were minor in nature.

On the Job Injuries

There were seven reports filed with five employees reporting injuries (two officers reported 2 injuries in 2015).

Specific Task Being Performed at the Time of Injury

Slipping/mis-stepping	3
Fall during training	1
Traffic collision	1
Blood pressure high	1
Cut thumb – training	<u>1</u>
Total	7

In five of the incidents, employees remained at work while there were two incidents in which officers required medical attention.

Part VI
Red Light Camera – Impact Study

**Northwest Highway & Oakton Street
Park Ridge, IL**
Crash Data Comparison & Analysis Report Conclusion
**Camera Installation Date: March 4, 2010*

	Rear-End	Angle	Turning	Other	Killed	Total
IDOT crash data 2007	5	4	6	1	0	16
IDOT crash data 2008	3	2	0	3	0	8
IDOT crash data 2009	1	1	1	4	0	7
*IDOT crash data 2010	4	1	1	1	0	7
IDOT crash data 2011	4	1	2	0	0	7
IDOT crash data 2012	4	1	0	0	0	5
IDOT crash data 2013	6	0	0	1	0	7
IDOT crash data 2014	2	0	1	0	0	3

- Other indicates the following: Pedestrian, Pedalcyclist, Fixed Object, and Sideswipe

Based upon Illinois Department of Transportation data for the time period of 2007 through 2014, installation of the Red Light Running Camera System at the westbound approach of Northwest Highway and Oakton Street in 2010 has continued to play a major role in changing driver behavior and reducing crashes. The crash data for 2014 shows a 57 percent decrease in overall crashes from the previous year, which demonstrates that as more drivers become aware of the presence of the red light camera, less accidents are occurring. Rear-End crashes are also down by 67 percent in comparison to 2013. Although there was one turning crash in 2014, angle crashes, responsible for greater personal injury and property damage, remained the same as 2013 at zero crashes.

From program inception, total overall crashes decreased in excess of 40 percent in comparison to pre-camera installation annual averages. Angle crashes have decreased by 74 percent since the red light camera was installed while turning crashes have decreased by 65 percent. Although rear-end crashes increased slightly overall post-camera installation, the trend is decreasing as noted by only 2 crashes of this type in 2014. In addition, “other”-type crashes have decreased by 85 percent since the photo enforcement program began. The severity of the accidents at Northwest Highway and Oakton Street has continued to decrease significantly, which shows that the Red Light Running Camera system is continuing to make a substantial impact regarding safety at the intersection.

Traditional police enforcement aimed at reducing Red Light Running is prohibitive due to multiple reasons: manpower requirements, danger to officers forced to chase the violator thru a busy intersection and the “good driving phenomenon” which occurs with the visible presence of traffic enforcement officers or marked police vehicles. This type of enforcement is dangerous, inconsistent and has no long-term effect on improving driver behavior. The consistent enforcement of the Red Light Camera addresses these conditions, and as the data illustrates, has continued to make a positive and measurable impact on the severity of crashes at the intersection.

Part VII
Goals 2016

Goals 2016

1. Conduct a comprehensive audit of the administrative functions of the Department
2. Evaluate the 12-hour shifts and shift coverage for the Patrol Division
3. Implement NARCAN with the patrol officers
4. Implement and evaluate the new police officer evaluation system
5. Audit the points of contact system
6. Complete the Mental Health Grant and determine the next steps
7. Implement the Records Management package for the new CAD system
8. Train all sworn staff in procedural justice
9. Monitor new provisions of the Police Reform Act
10. Complete the brick campaign for the 9/11 Memorial
11. Achieve re-accreditation for the Department