

# Buckeye Police Department

## 2014 Annual Report

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*Always Ready, Professional and Committed to the People We Serve!*

## Chief's Message

*I am pleased to present the Buckeye Police Department Annual Report for 2014. I am honored to be the Chief of Police of this vibrant, diverse and rapidly growing city, and proud to represent the dedicated men and women, both sworn and civilian, who work tirelessly to ensure your safety and quality of life. This report reflects the fantastic work done by the outstanding professionals at the Buckeye Police Department.*



*From our civilian staff to our police officers, we strive to provide the community with the best policing service possible. Their dedication to the community can be seen from the bottom to the top of the organization which is illustrated by a safe and thriving community.*

*Some great news is that overall Part 1 crimes are down, once again by fifteen percent, according to the department's Uniform Crime Report statistics. I attribute this reduction in part to our dedicated and committed personnel who continue to remain proactive and vigilant. Community engagement and crime prevention efforts have increased and are also considered a contributor to the crime reduction. The implementation of COMPSTAT has been a huge success and now woven into the fabric of the organization. The Police Department staff remains committed to Community Oriented Policing as well as quickly addressing and confronting criminal activity.*

*Believing that our strength is our people, we continue to hire and retain only the best individuals and remain dedicated to providing opportunities for their lifelong personal and professional development. Our guiding principles of Trust, Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Teamwork and Service will continue to be part of our daily interactions both internally and externally. While this report is not all inclusive of what we accomplished as an agency, it certainly gives an overview of the hard work and dedication of our many great employees.*

*Larry Hall*

Chief of Police

### Mission Statement

*“Always ready, professional and committed to the people we serve.”*

### Vision Statement

*“United in the spirit of teamwork, the Buckeye Police Department will work together with the Community to resolve problems, reduce crime and the fear of crime, and provide a safe environment for everyone.”*

### Department Values

**Trust**

**Respect**

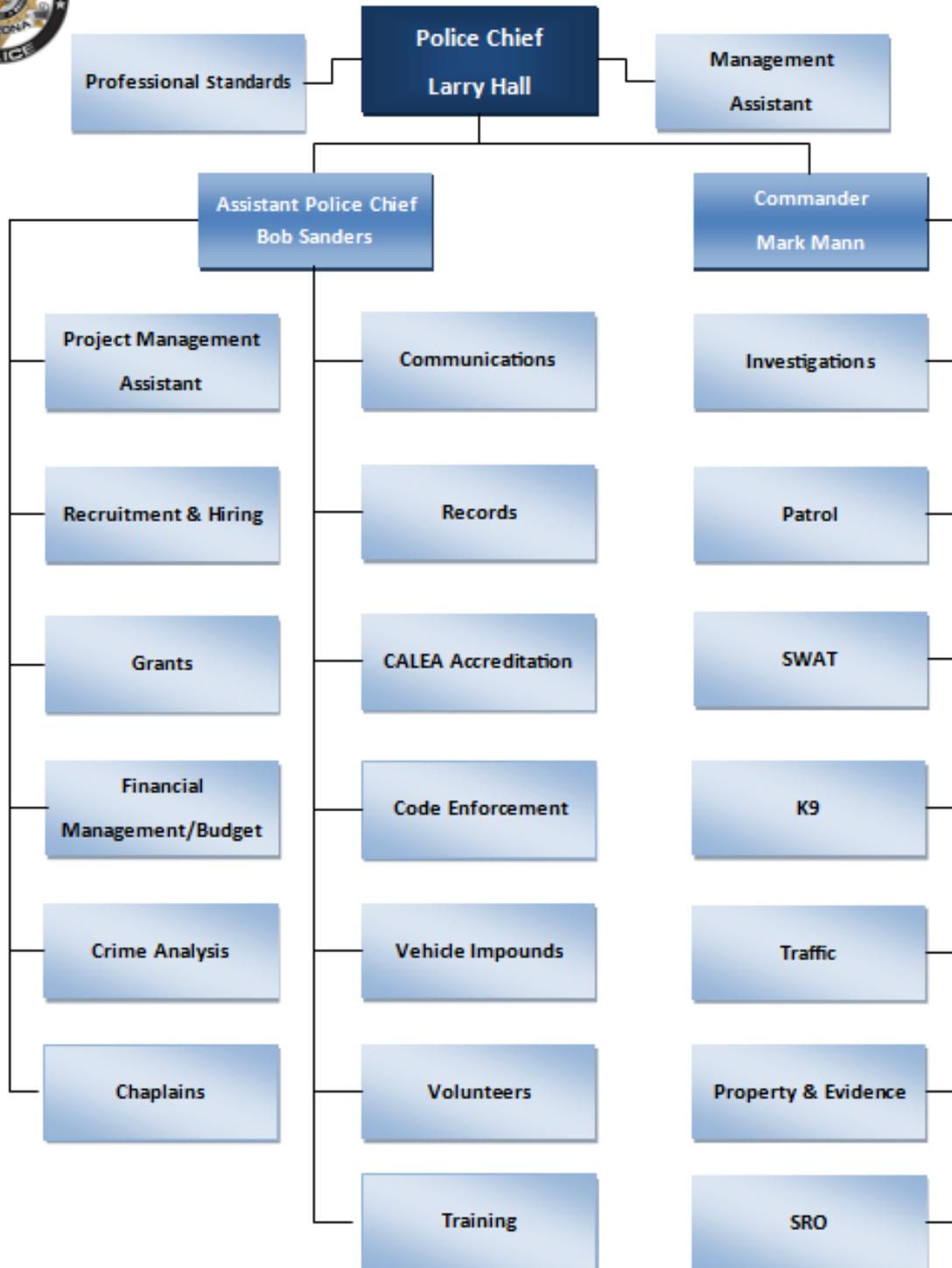
**Accountability**

**Integrity**

**Teamwork**

**Service**

## Organizational Chart



## Police Command Staff



**Larry Hall**  
Chief of Police



**Bob Sanders**  
Assistant Chief of Police



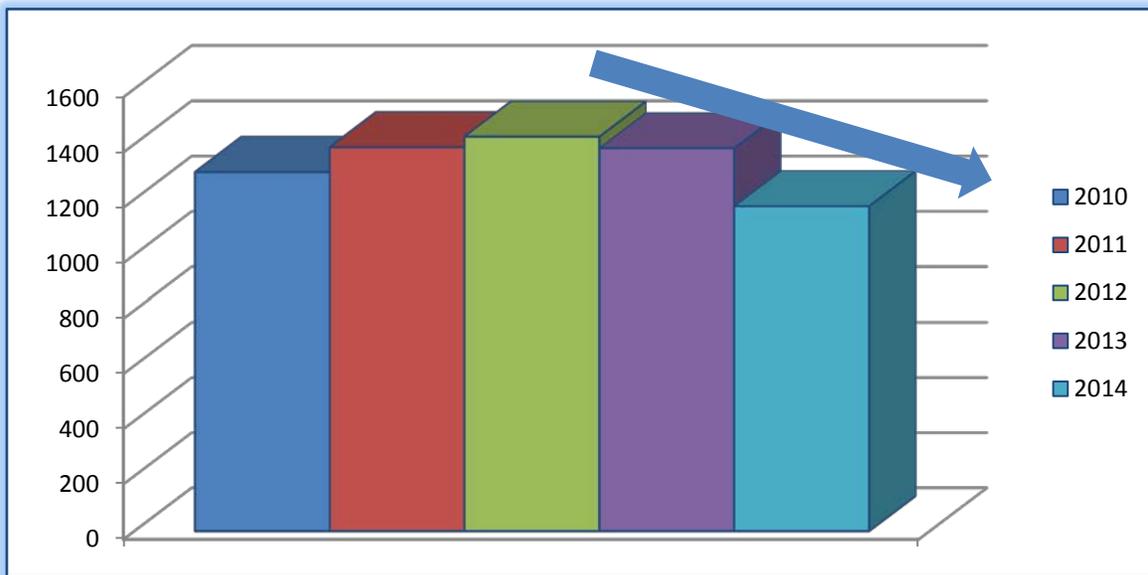
**Mark Mann**  
Commander

City of Buckeye FBI Index Crimes

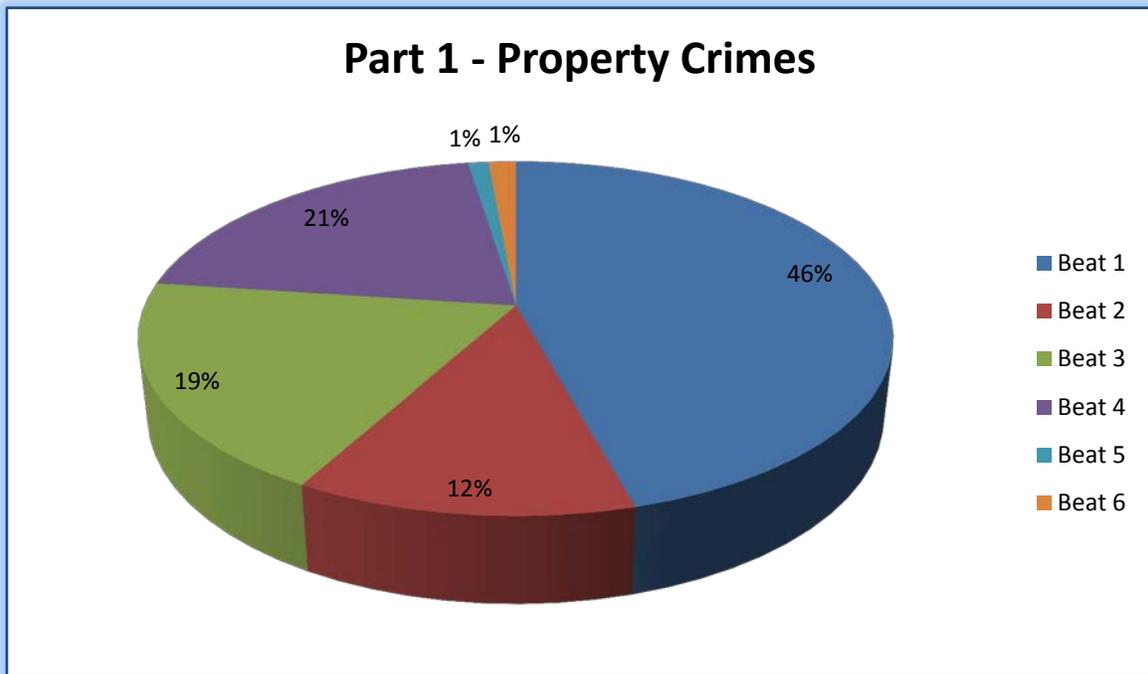
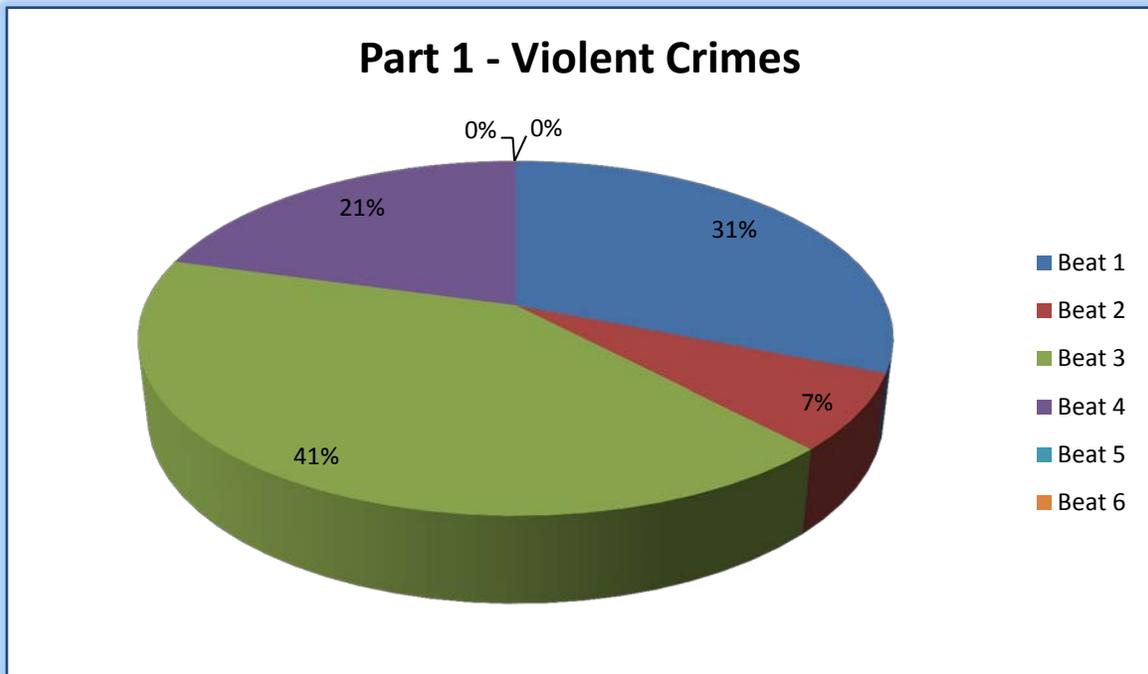
Year	Homicide	Sex Assault	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total
2010	1	0	13	29	344	815	86	11	1299
2011	0	1	11	31	397	898	46	5	1389
2012	3	1	11	39	374	924	74	1	1427
2013	1	1	17	30	334	925	69	8	1385
2014	1	4	7	17	195	878	68	5	1175

Year	Total Part 1 Crimes	% Change	Population	Crimes Per 1000	Police Officers per 1000
2010	1299		50,008	25.97	
2011	1389	7%	51,596	26.92	
2012	1427	3%	52,213	27.33	
2013	1385	-3%	55,710	24.86	1.47
2014	1177	-15%	57,500	20.47	1.53

Total Part 1 crimes decreased from 1,385 in 2013 to 1,177 in 2014. The City of Buckeye experienced a 15% decrease in Part 1 crimes.

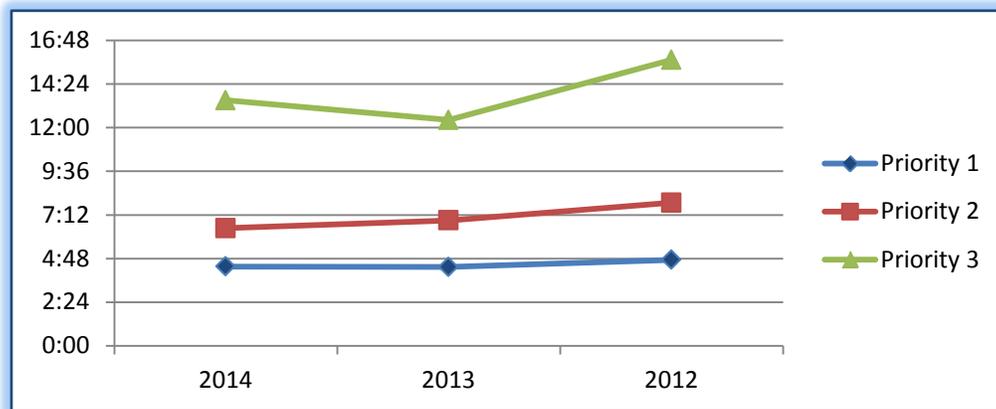
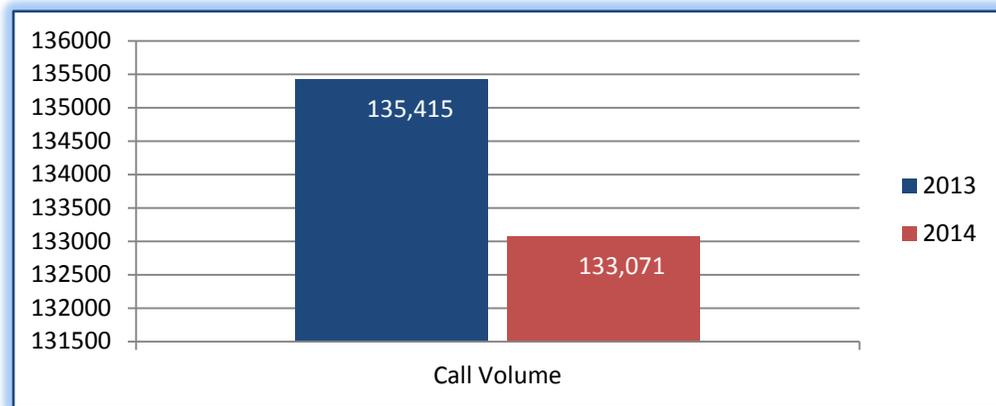


### Part 1 Crimes by Beat



## Calls for Police Services

### Communications Yearly Call Volume



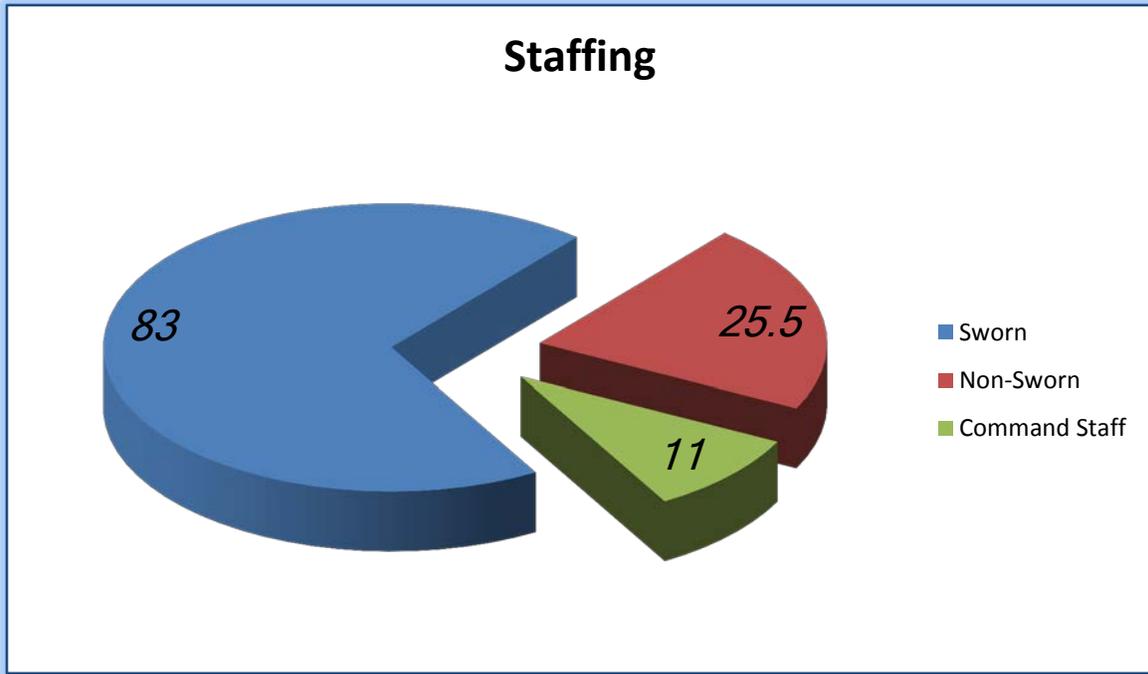
### Response Times

**Priority 1** calls are those in which there is an imminent danger to life or major damage/loss to property or an in progress or just occurred major felony. These would be of a serious nature or have a degree of immediate personal danger or harm. This includes business and residential hold up and panic alarms.

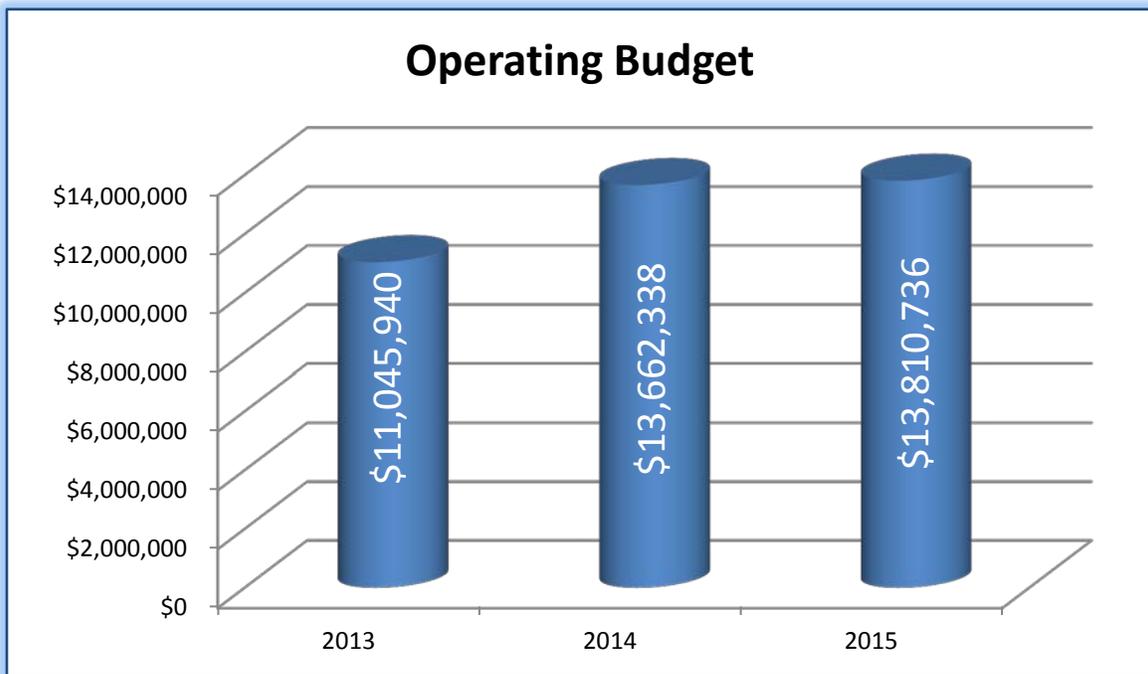
**Priority 2** calls are those in which a crime in progress might result in a threat of injury to a person, or major loss of property or immediate apprehension of a suspect. These calls are urgent but not known to be life threatening. This includes traffic accidents with injuries, traffic accidents blocking a roadway, residential panic alarms, business audible hold-up/panic alarms and business silent burglar alarms.

**Priority 3** calls are non-emergency requests for service to report a crime after the fact. This includes audible residential and business burglar alarms and silent residential burglary alarms.

## Staffing



## Operating Budget



## Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of three primary investigative units that specialize in particular areas of criminal investigation, and two critical support units responsible for crime scenes and evidence. The three foundational units of CID are the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU), Special Victim’s Unit (SVU), and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Support units consist of the Crime Scene Unit (CSU) and Property and Evidence Unit (P&E). While all members of CID can be called upon to work as one unit, when faced with large-scale and rapidly evolving investigations, each unit is generally responsible for a unique class of criminal investigations, and each group is subsequently tasked with varying responsibilities.

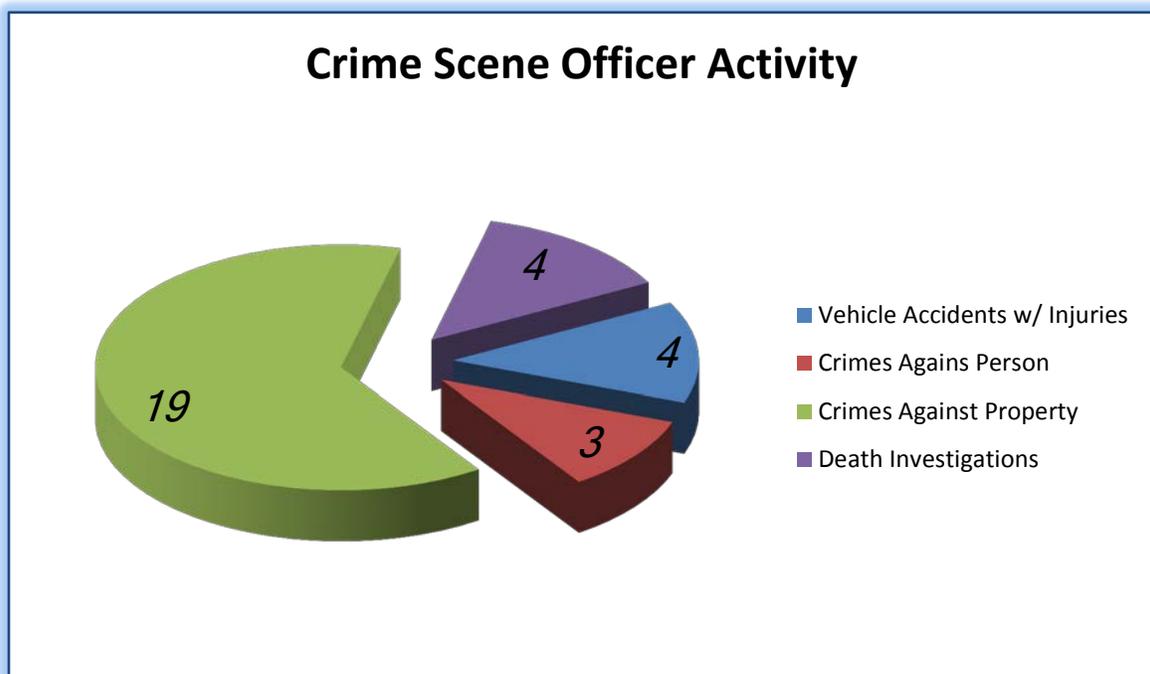
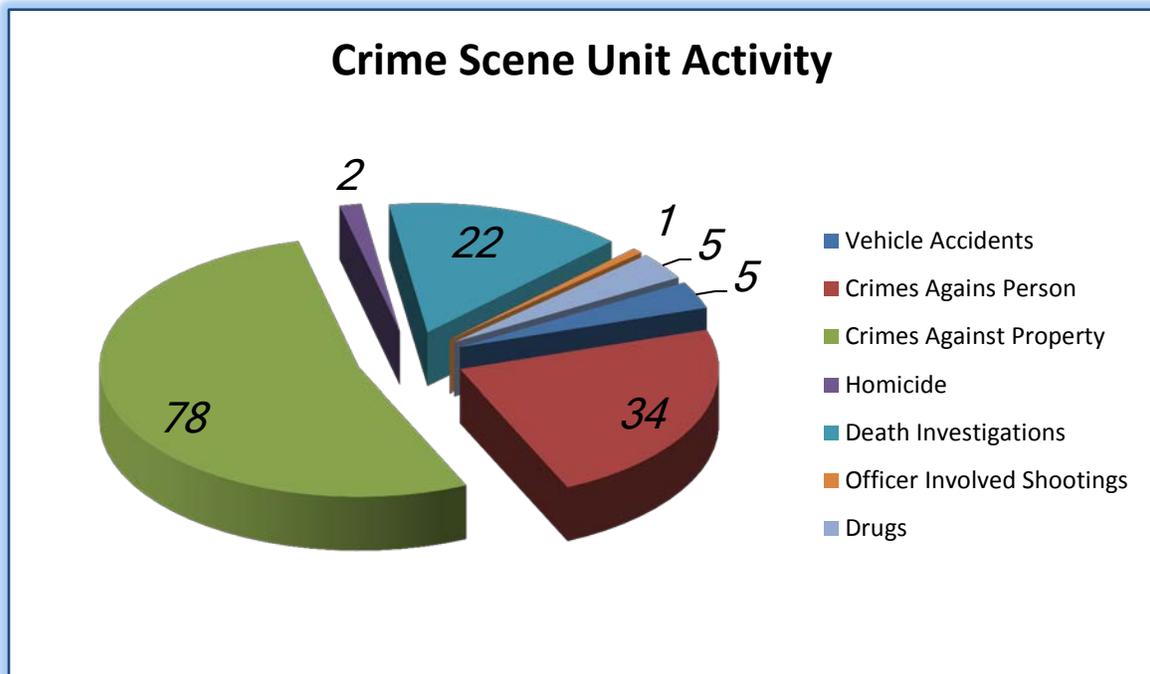
CIU is staffed by 1 Detective Sergeant and 4 Detectives. Criminal Investigations’ cases involve a variety of criminal offenses including paper/fraud crimes involving fraudulent schemes and identity theft, property crimes such as burglaries, thefts and armed robberies, as well as persons’ crimes ranging from assaults to homicides. SVU is comprised of 1 Detective Sergeant and 2 Detectives. The SVU primarily investigates criminal offenses involving sexual assaults, child abuse, and domestic violence cases. The remaining unit, SIU, consists of 1 Detective Sergeant and 2 Detectives. SIU’s primary area of investigation remains focused on Highway Interdiction and Parcel Interdiction, which can often require assistance from P&E, and even CSU.

The Crime Scene Unit frequently works hand-in-hand with CID Detectives, to ensure crime scenes are appropriately documented and processed. Currently, CSI is managed by 1 Crime Scene Manager, and does not have any other crime scene investigators assigned to the unit. However, the Crime Scene Manager has created a Crime Scene Officer (CSO) program, which consists of 6 CSO’s, one assigned to each patrol squad in the Patrol Division. The Property & Evidence unit is operated by 1 Property & Evidence Manager, and 1 part-time employee who are responsible for the management, storage, and disposition of all evidence processed in the police department.

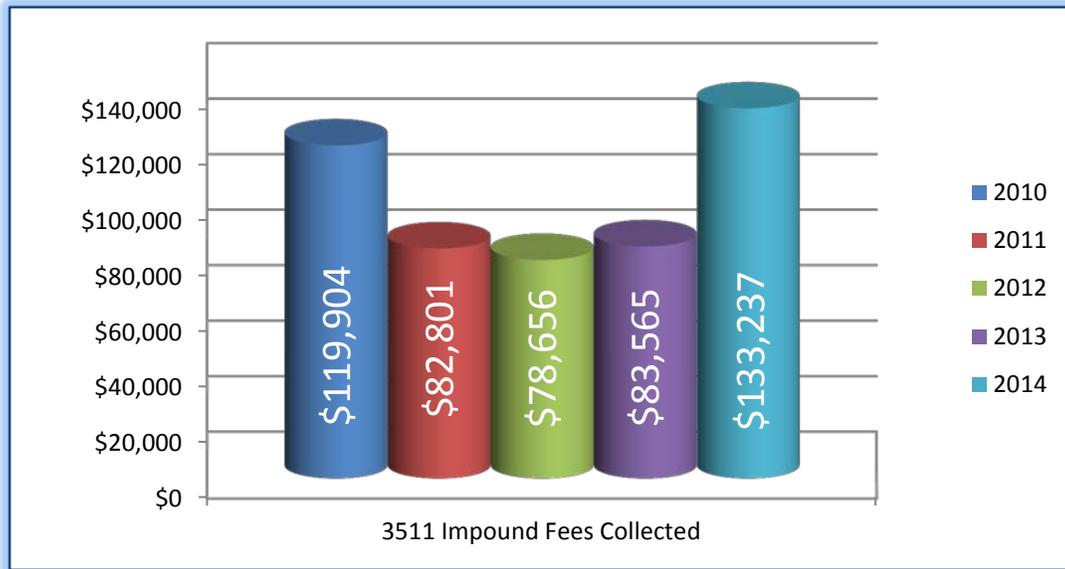
The following information will provide an in-depth depiction of activity within all units of the Criminal Investigations Division, in 2014:

	2014	2013	+/- % Change
<b>Cases Assigned</b>	1081	821	32%
<b>Pending Cases</b>	158	69	129%
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	923	749	23%
<b>Phone/Device Acquisitions</b>	42	15	180%
<b>Crime Scenes Processed</b>	147	174	-16%
<b>CSO Scenes/Assists</b>	30	N/A	Sept-Dec
<b>Search Warrants</b>	61	56	9%

Crime Scene Unit



## Vehicle Impound Program



Arizona law requires law enforcement officials to immobilize or impound a vehicle if:

- Driving without a valid license or license has been cancelled, suspended, revoked or driver has never had a valid driver's license or permit from Arizona or elsewhere.
- Driver is in violation of the state's financial responsibility (motor vehicle insurance) law.
- Driver is operating a vehicle without a functioning ignition interlock device when required.
- Driving with a blood alcohol content of .15% or higher.
- Driver is under age 21 and has any amount of alcohol in their body.

Law enforcement officials may impound a vehicle, subject to certain exceptions, if there is probable cause to arrest the driver for certain DUI offenses. The vehicle must be impounded for thirty (30) days; however, under certain circumstances, the owner may be able to get the vehicle back sooner, if the vehicle was stolen or the owner was driving the car at the time of impoundment and can prove his/her driving privilege has been reinstated. The law guarantees the owner of the impounded vehicle a post-storage hearing to contest the impoundment's validity. The vehicle owner is responsible for towing charges and storage fees. (The law caps the storage fee at \$15 per day). The vehicle owner is also liable to the law enforcement agency for administrative fees of up to \$150 (Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§28-3511-3515).

## Professional Standards Unit (PSU)



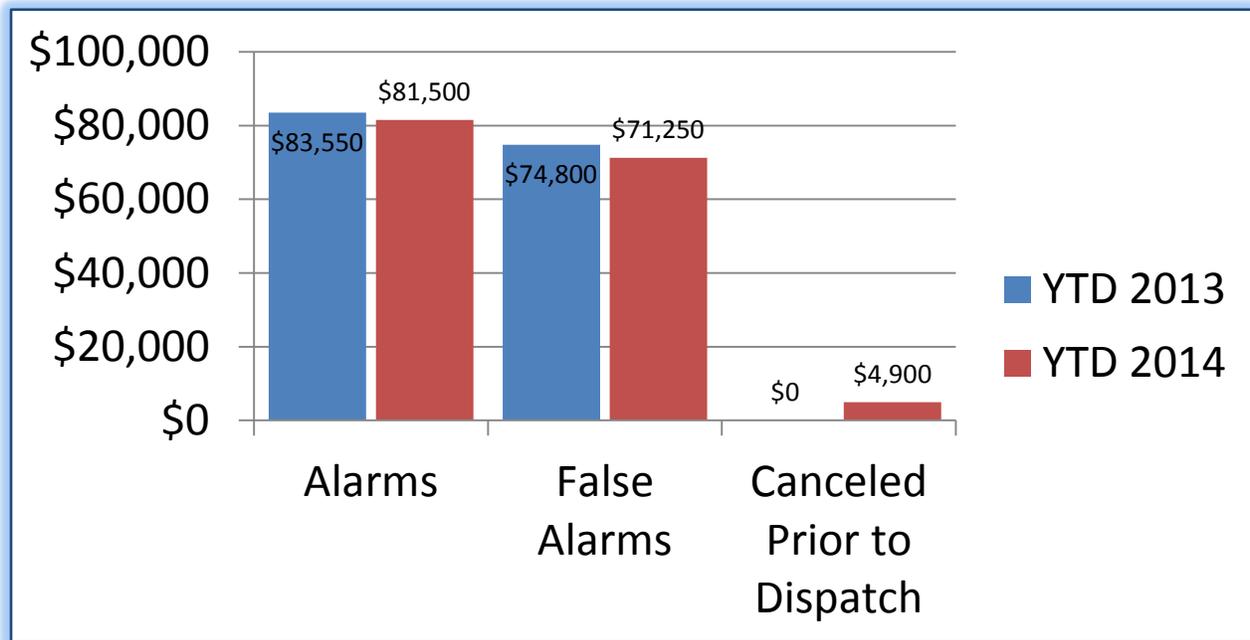
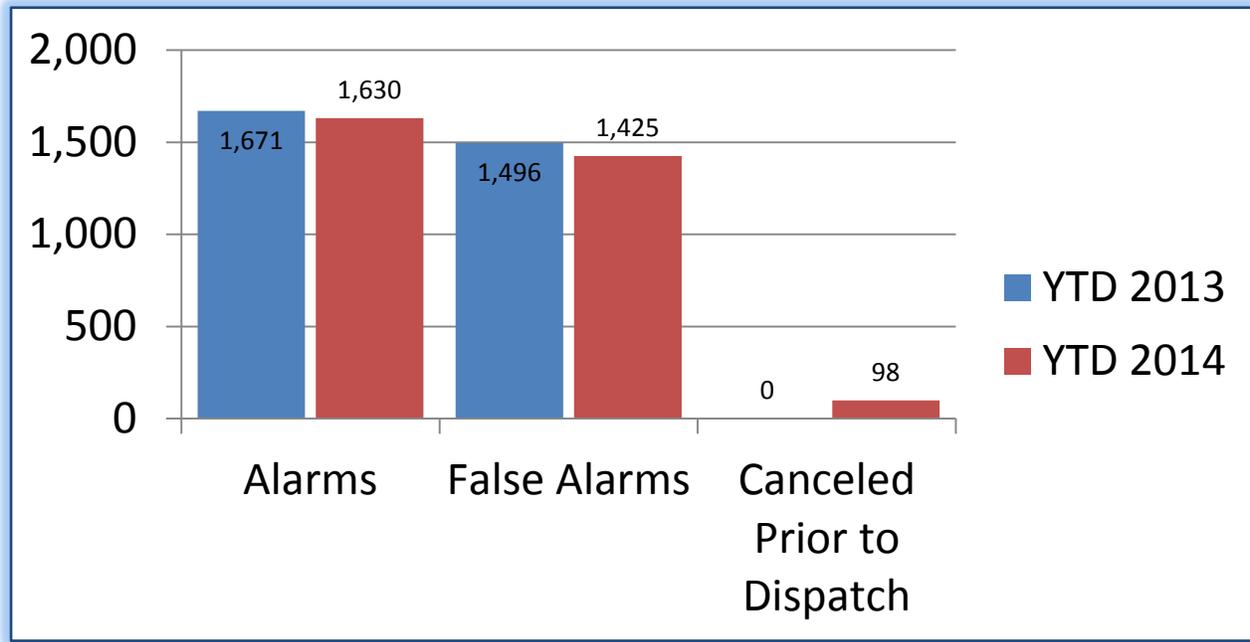
There were 38 PSU cases in 2014:

- Nine Internal Affairs cases for 2014 which resulted in two resignations and five disciplinary actions.
- Eighteen Civilian Complaints which resulted in one written reprimand and four verbal counseling.
- Twenty-one Vehicle Collisions which resulted in six documentation/training, remaining cases are still open.

## Grants

The Police Department received multiple grants in 2014 totaling \$424,715. The agencies that awarded funding to the department include: The Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice, Arizona Department of Transportation, Maricopa County Sherriff’s Office and multiple non-governmental funding sources. In addition to grant funding, multiple Memorandums of Understandings with different agencies allow the Police Department to obtain and use numerous resources to better serve the citizens within the City of Buckeye.

## False Alarm Reduction Program



Using a conservative average of \$50 per alarm call, there was a savings of \$15,150 in false alarms and 303 officer-hours, equaling a 3% reduction in false alarms.

## Volunteers/Neighborhood Involvement

### Annual GAIN event:



The GAIN event of 2014 was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Inca Elementary School. It was a success for the many residents that came out. It was well represented by organizations from the community offering services and education for everyone in Buckeye. For the 2015 GAIN event, we will be partnering with Lowe's on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting the event in the Lowe's parking lot with plans of successfully bringing more neighborhoods together to help fight crime.

**K9 Demonstration at Foot Hills Elementary:**



**Lunch With Blue:**



The Buckeye Police Department is pleased to announce the *Lunch With Blue* program. The program was implemented in 2014, to promote positive and friendly interaction between the police department and elementary school children. The children ask questions, tell stories and have some fun while enjoying their lunch with the police department.

**Citizens' Academy:**



There were two sessions of the Citizen Academy held in 2014 consisting of nine weeks each, with 22 graduates per class who work or live in the City of Buckeye. The academy includes sessions on crime prevention, code compliance, neighborhood services, criminal investigations, traffic, K-9, patrol, school resource officers and SWAT.

**Coffee With The Chief:**



**WOW Partnership:**



A Christmas with a "Cause":



The *Christmas with a "Cause"* event was a huge success with over 900 children receiving age and gender appropriate gifts. There were over 275 families that walked away with not only gifts for the kids but blankets for each child, books, games, a turkey or ham of their choice and a box of food enough for several days. There were over 160 volunteers that helped organize, prepare, display and walk the families through this shopping event. The display of presents truly had a WOW effect.

The program that has been the most successful in 2014 is a newly developed program to help the citizens of Buckeye. The *Super Heroes* program shows that anyone can be a Super Hero by giving of their time, talent and resources to help those in need. This is truly a concept that is catching on fast! It is a joint effort by a core group for the good of the community. The Buckeye Police Department, All Faith Community Services, Buckeye Family Resource Center and the Buckeye Elementary School District have joined forces to promote a better life in Buckeye by sharing information and resources to touch more children and families in need - 2015 is going to be a great year for the Buckeye community.

## Awards

### Life Saving Awards

**Officer Dena Bango**

**Officer Marina Dominquez**

**Officer Kevin Hauschild**

**Officer Matthew Misener**

**Officer Adrian Morrison**

**Officer Joshua Parsons**

**Officer James Radloff**

**Officer Christopher Surace**

**Officer Matt Weaver**

### **Supervisor of the Year**

**Sergeant James Virgadamo**

### **Detective of the Year**

**Detective Doug Dodge**

### **Officers of the Year**

**Officer Abraham Delgado, Jr.**

**Officer David Grossman**

### **Civilian of the Year**

**Don McWilliams**

### **Volunteer of the Year**

**Mike Cullen**



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