BUCKEYE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 Annual Report

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 2015. The City of Buckeye is a vibrant and diverse community with great neighborhoods and schools and residents who take an active role in their community. The City of Buckeye prides itself on being one of the safest cities and has the lowest violent crime rate in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. I am honored and privileged to serve alongside the men and women of the Buckeye Police Department, where our people are our greatest resource.

2015 was an incredibly busy year as the police department moved into the new Administration building, and the construction continued on the Sundance Crossings Police Substation. Buckeye still remains the largest municipality in the State of Arizona, spanning over six hundred square miles, so decentralization remains the key to effective service delivery. As such, construction also continued on the co-located police/fire facility in the Festival Ranch Community.

The Buckeye Police Department also continued the quest to become an internationally accredited law enforcement agency. The Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies has scheduled the Buckeye Police Departments on-site assessment in the summer of 2016. Upon successful completion of this assessment, it is anticipated that the department will receive the award in fall of 2016.

On the crime-fighting front, overall Part 1 crimes saw another three-percent reduction in 2015. Total crime reduction for the past three years currently stands at twenty-one percent while the population has grown eighteen percent in that same time period. The Buckeye Police Department remains committed to Community Oriented Policing as well as quickly addressing and confronting criminal activity.

All throughout 2015 we continued to hire and retain only the best individuals and remain dedicated to providing opportunities for their lifelong personal and professional development. The Buckeye Police Department values; 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

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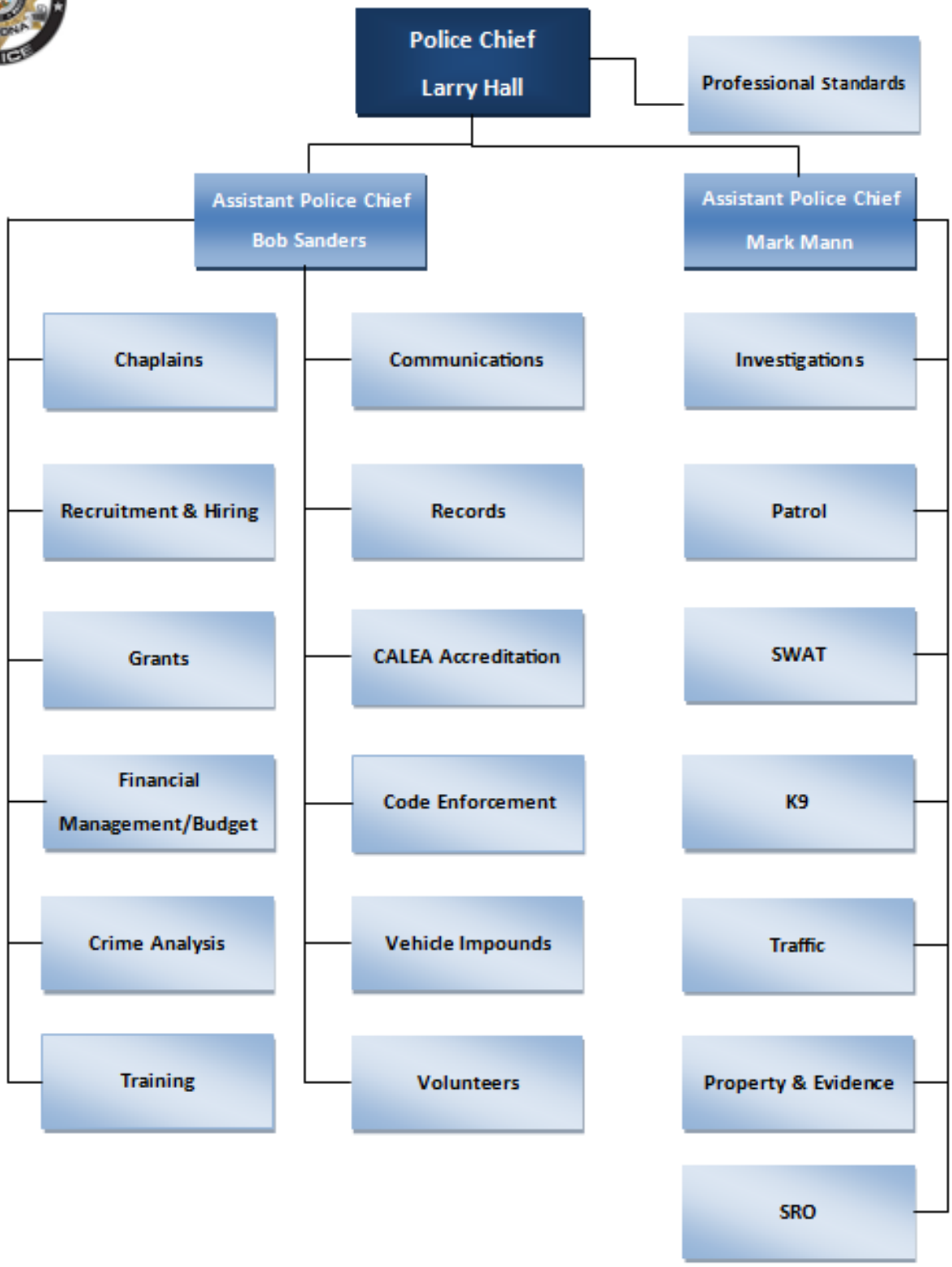
VISION STATEMENT

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.

CORE VALUES

***T**rust*
***R**espect*
***A**ccountability*
***I**ntegrity*
***T**eamwork*
***S**ervice*

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



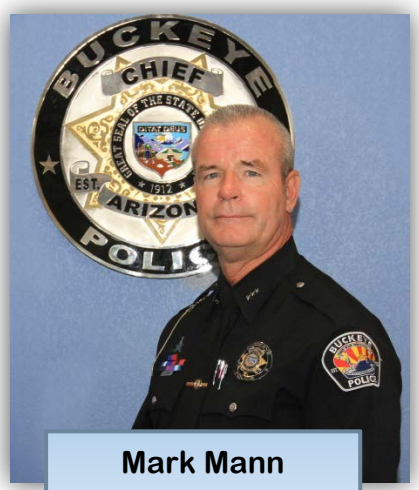
POLICE COMMAND STAFF

Larry Hall

Police Chief

Bob Sanders

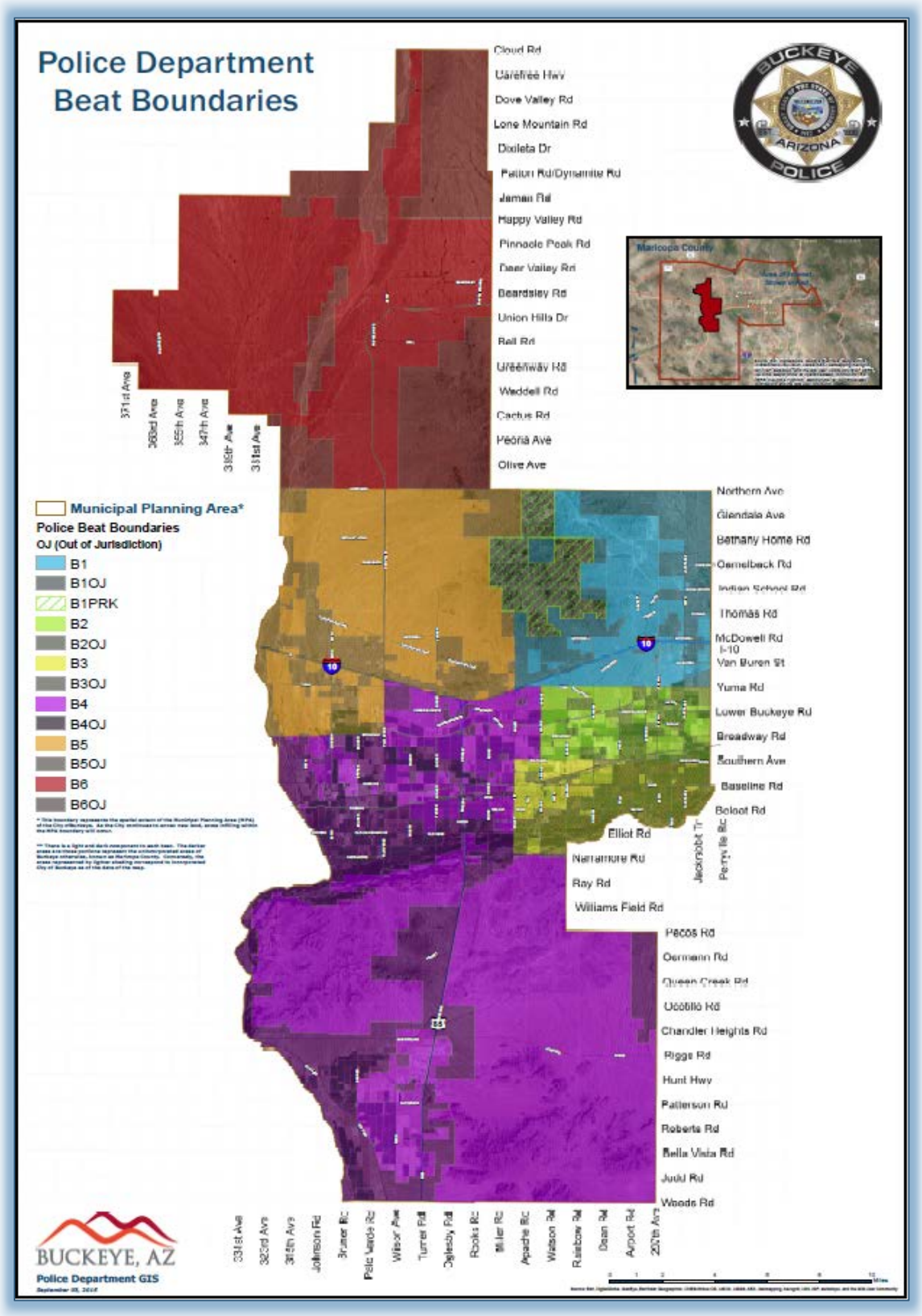
Assistant Chief



Mark Mann

Assistant Chief

BUCKEYE BEAT MAP

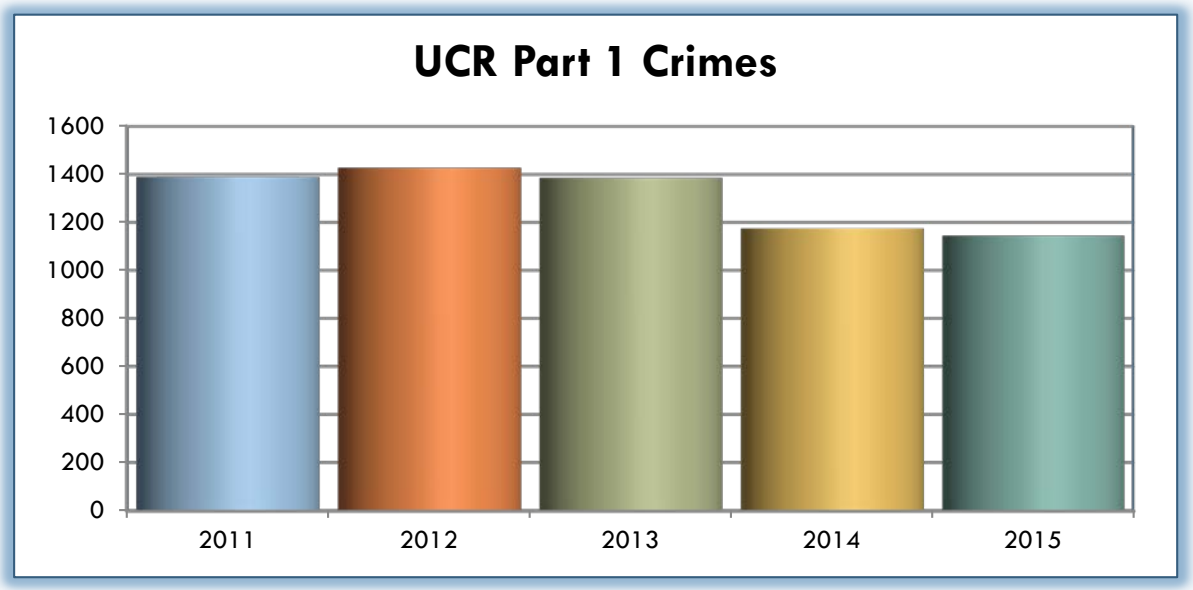


CITY OF BUCKEYE FBI INDEX CRIMES

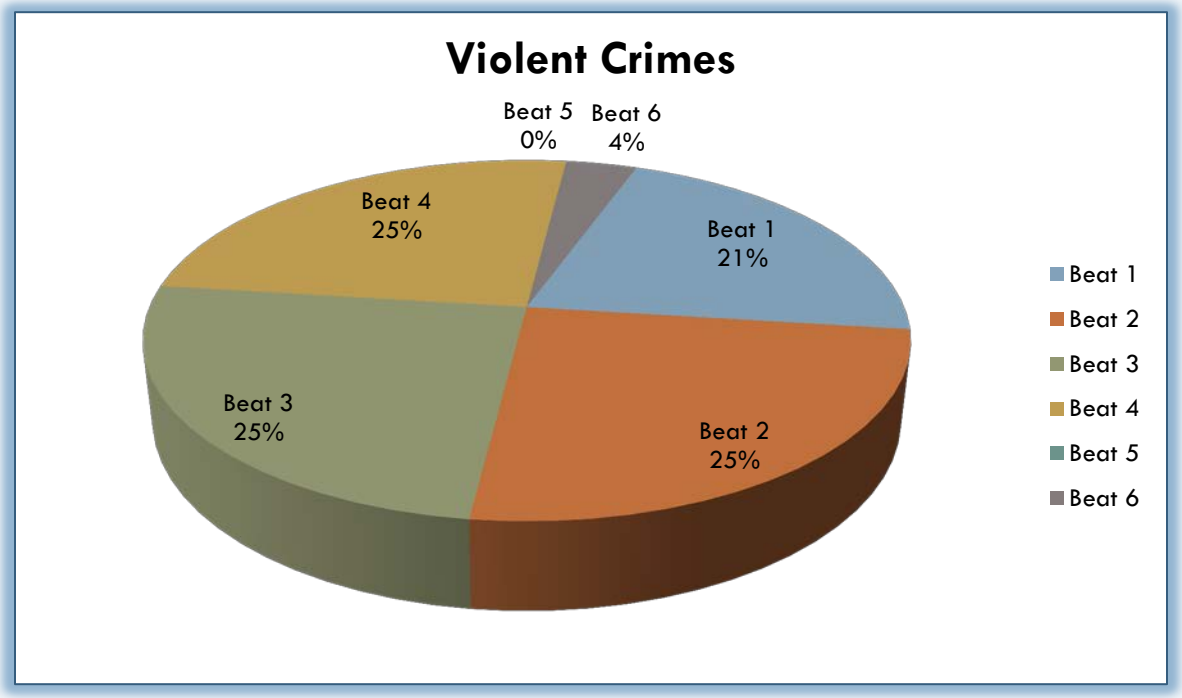
Year	Homicide	Sex Assault	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total
2011	0	1	11	31	397	898	46	5	1389
2012	3	1	11	39	374	924	74	1	1427
2013	1	1	17	30	334	925	69	8	1385
2014	1	4	7	17	195	878	68	5	1175
2015	2	1	7	18	190	855	59	1	1144

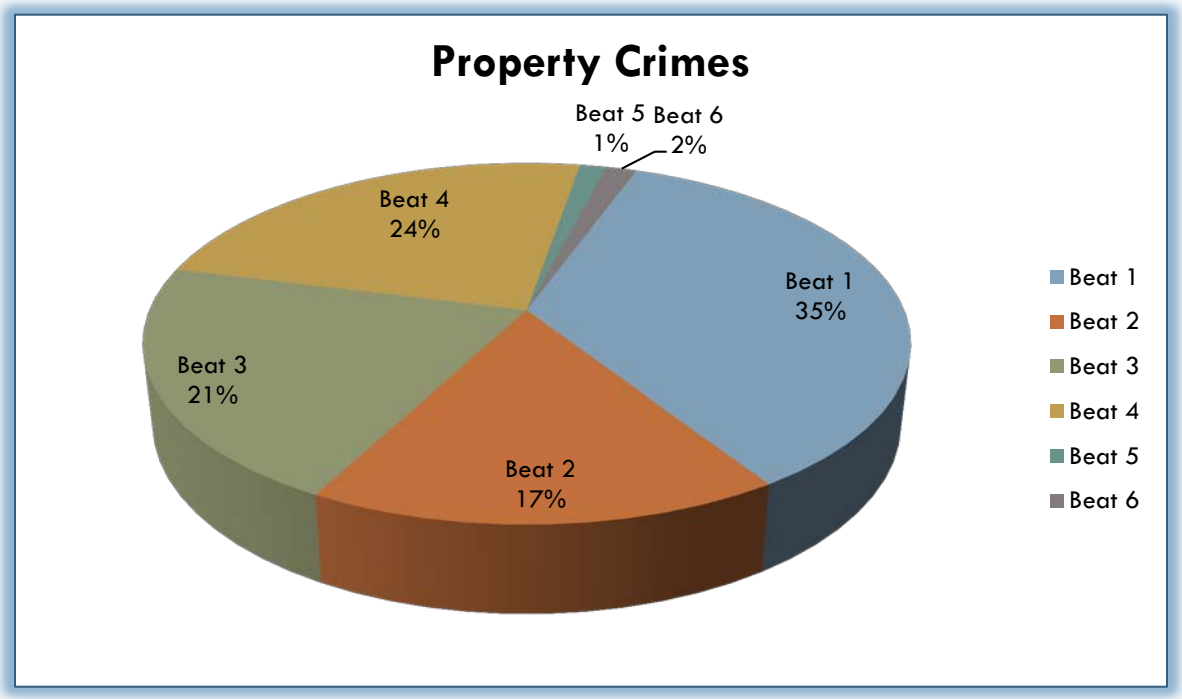
Year	Total Part 1 Crimes	% Change	Population	Crimes Per 1000	Police Officers per 1000
2011	1389	7%	51,596	26.92	
2012	1427	3%	52,213	27.33	
2013	1385	-3%	55,710	24.86	1.47
2014	1175	-15%	57,500	20.47	1.53
2015	1144	-3%	62,582	18.28	1.40

Total Part 1 crimes decreased from 1,175 in 2014 to 1,144 in 2015. The City of Buckeye experienced a **3 % decrease** in Part 1 crimes.

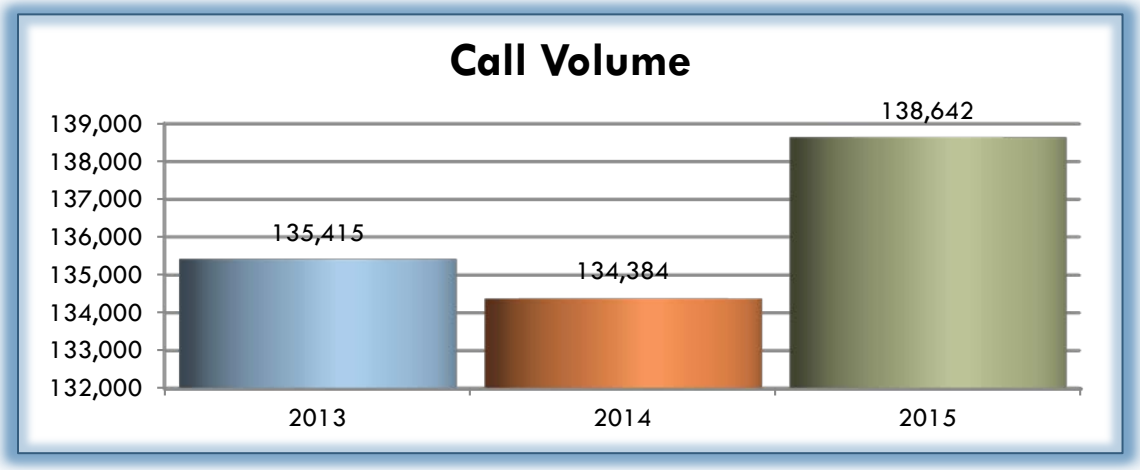


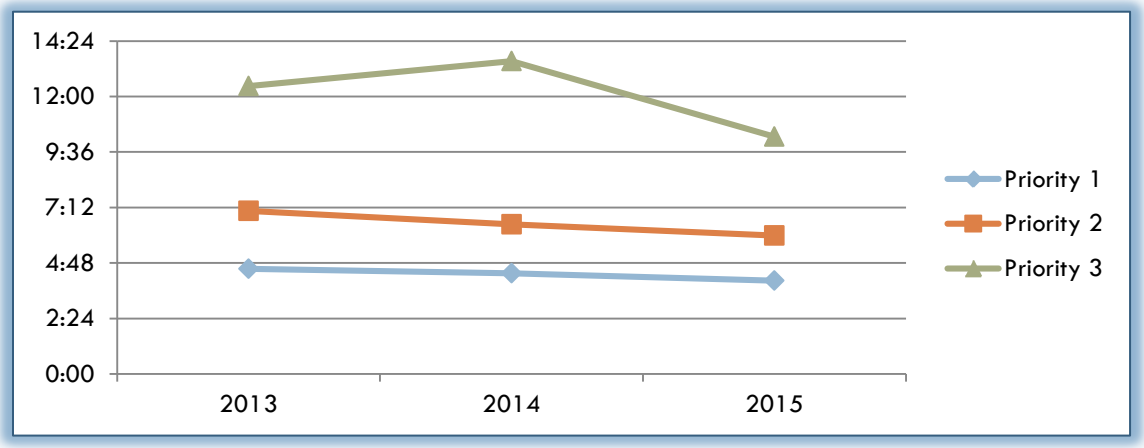
PART 1 CRIMES BY BEAT





COMMUNICATIONS YEARLY CALL VOLUME





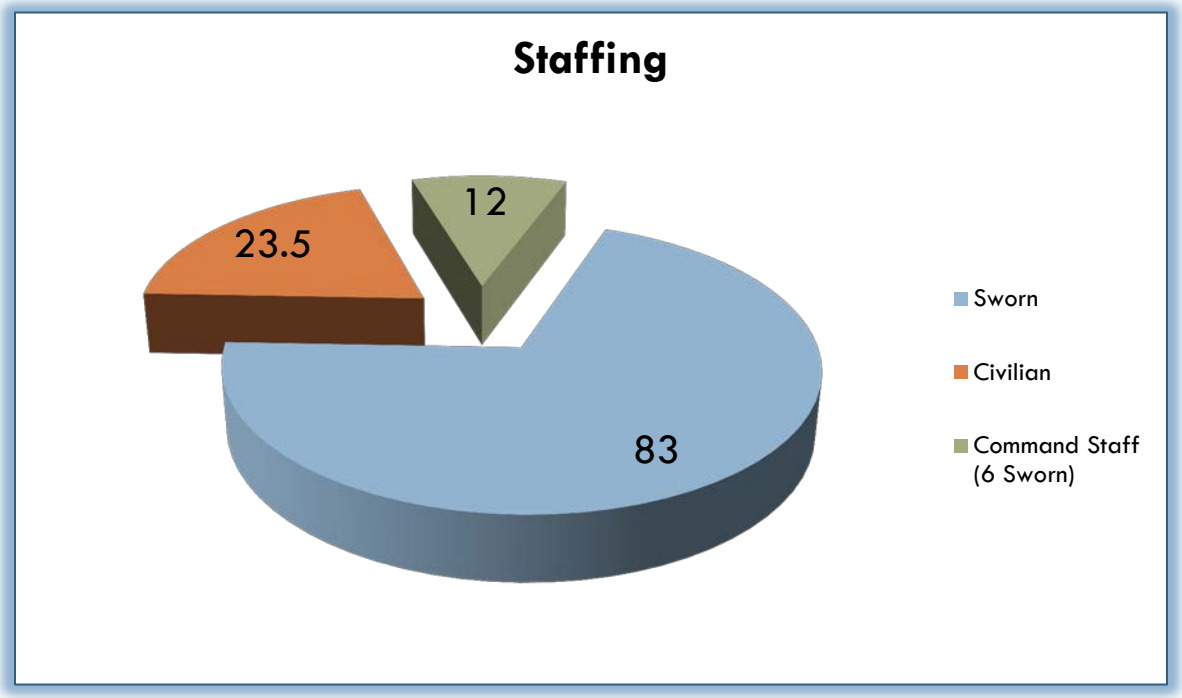
Response Times

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.

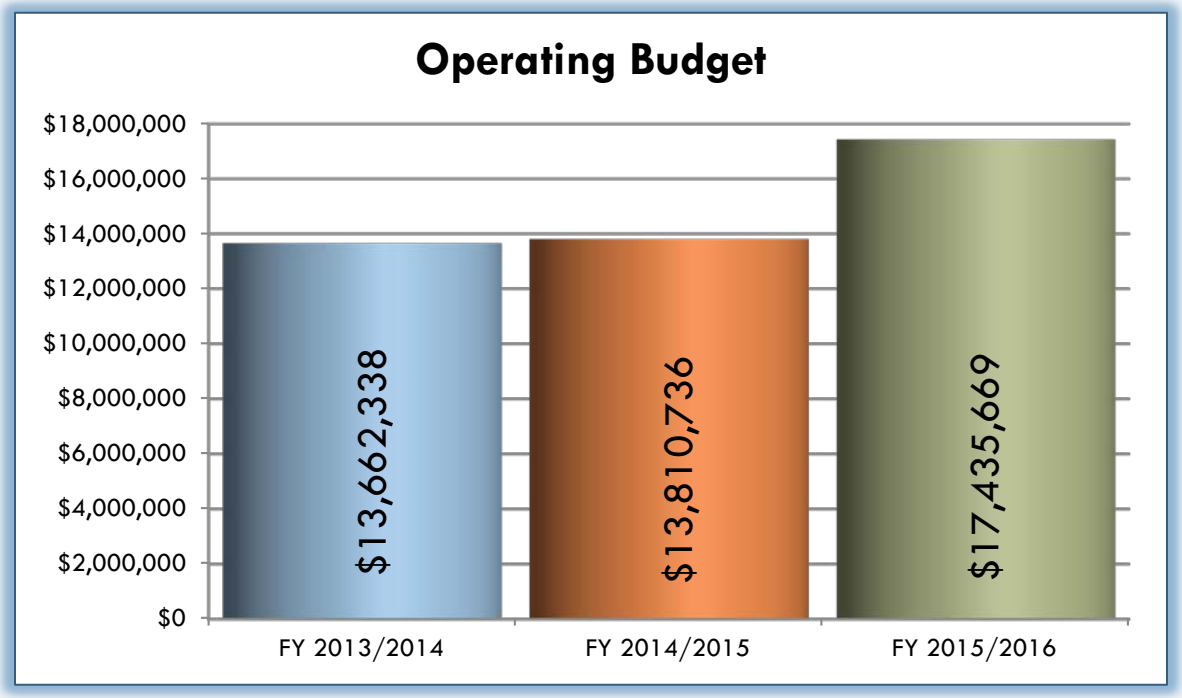
Priority 2 calls are those in which a crime in progress might result in a threat of injury to a person, or major loss of property or immediate apprehension of a suspect. These calls are urgent but not known to be life threatening. This includes traffic accidents with injuries, traffic accidents blocking 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

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of four primary investigative units that specialize in particular areas of criminal investigation, and two critical support units responsible for crime scenes and evidence. The four foundational units of CID are the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU), Special Victim's Unit (SVU), the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the Criminal Apprehension Unit (CAU). 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 one Detective Sergeant and four 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 one Detective Sergeant and two Detectives. CAU is staffed by one Detective Sergeant and three Detectives specializing on repeat offenders. SVU primarily investigates criminal offenses involving sexual assaults, child abuse, and domestic violence cases. The remaining unit, SIU, consists of one Detective Sergeant and two 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.

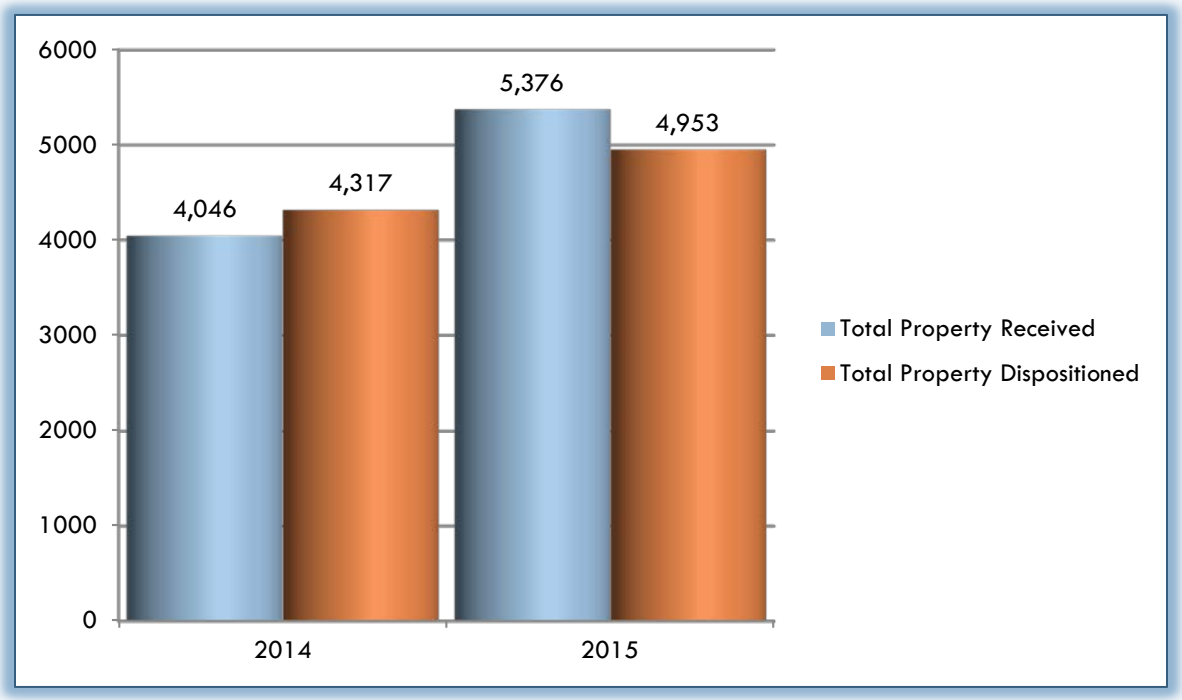
The Crime Scene Unit offers a full complement of crime scene related services to enhance the investigation and solvability of crimes. The Crime Scene Unit is comprised of one Crime Scene Manager and seven Crime Scene Officers providing crime scene services 24 hours a day, 365 days a-year. The Crime Scene Unit is trained and equipped to respond to a broad range of cases from recovered stolen vehicle to complex death investigations. In addition to crime scene processing, the Crime Scene Unit provides specialized Forensic Art services ranging from suspect composites to facial reconstructions.

The following information will provide an in-depth depiction of activity within CID in 2015:

	2015	2014	+/- % Change
Cases Assigned	915	1081	-15%
Pending Cases	395	158	150%
Cases Cleared	635	923	-31%
Phone/Device Acquisitions	106	42	152%
Crime Scenes Processed	116	147	-21%
CSO Scenes/Assists	141	30	370%
Search Warrants	59	61	-3%

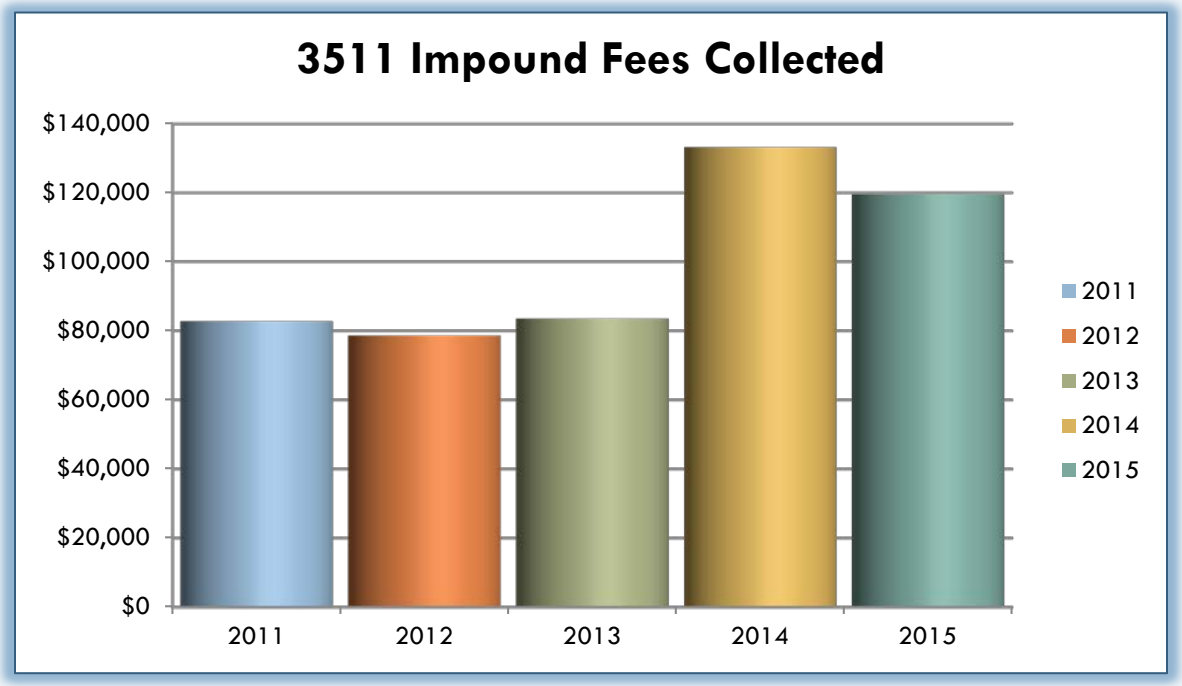
PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

Currently, Property and Evidence in managed by one full-time Crime Scene Technician and one part-time Property Custodian. Between 2014 and 2015, there was a 33% increase in property being processed, and 15% increase in the amount of items disposed.



TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit is responsible for the development, coordination and implementation of training throughout the Police Department. Training responsibilities include analysis of training effectiveness, documentation, training program enhancement, and coordinating training opportunities. In 2015, the Training Unit presented over 790 hours of training. The unit performed armorer level firearms inspections on each firearm assigned; patrol rifle inspections on all issued and personally owned rifles, and conducted respiratory fit testing for operational personnel. The unit held additional training for Firearms Instructor Course, Patrol Rifle School, held Open Range Instruction, Firearms Qualification, Firearms Remediation, and coordinated all necessary training for civilian personnel.

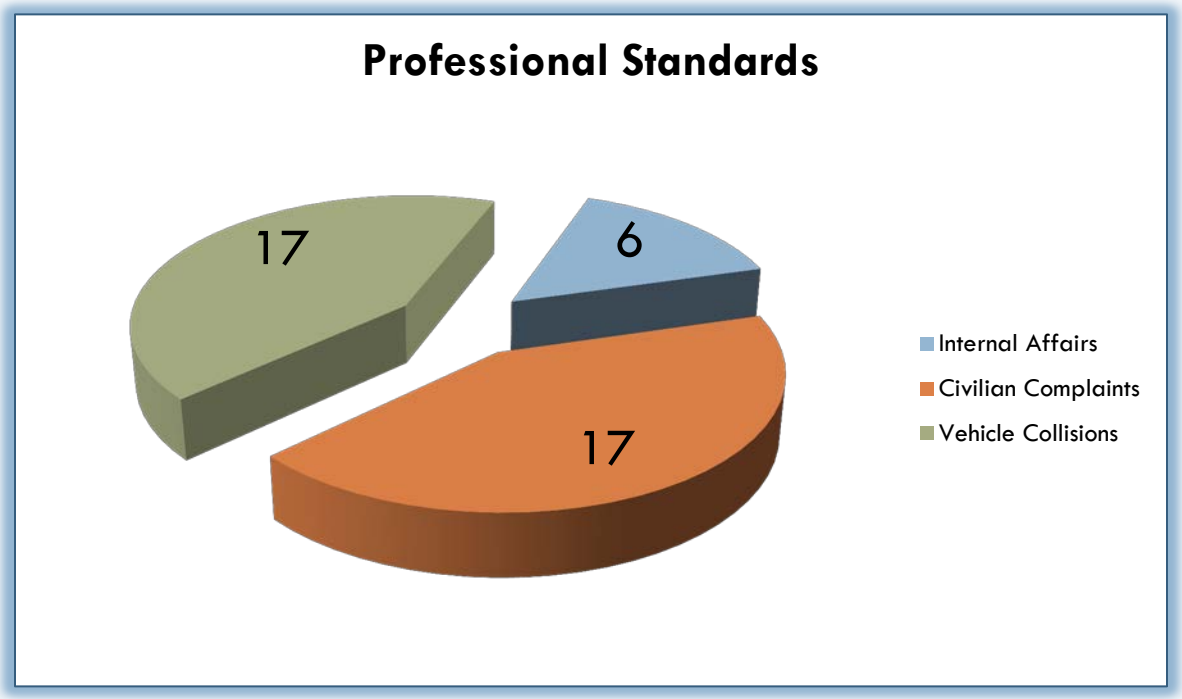


Arizona law requires law enforcement officials to immobilize or impound a vehicle if:

- 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 40 PSU cases in 2015:

- Four Internal Affairs cases for 2015, with an additional two cases that were carried over from 2014, which resulted in one resignation and one termination.
- Seventeen Civilian Complaints which resulted in two counseling memorandums and three verbal counselings.
- Seventeen Vehicle Collisions which resulted in five documentation/training, remaining cases are still open.

GRANTS

The Police Department received multiple grants in 2015 totaling $409,371. The awarding of funding to the D e partment came from multiple sources which included: The Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice, Tohono O'odham Nation, Gila River Indian Community and others. In addition to grant funding, multiple Memorandums of Understandings with different agencies allowed the Police Department to obtain and use numerous resources to better serve the citizens within the City of Buckeye.

NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

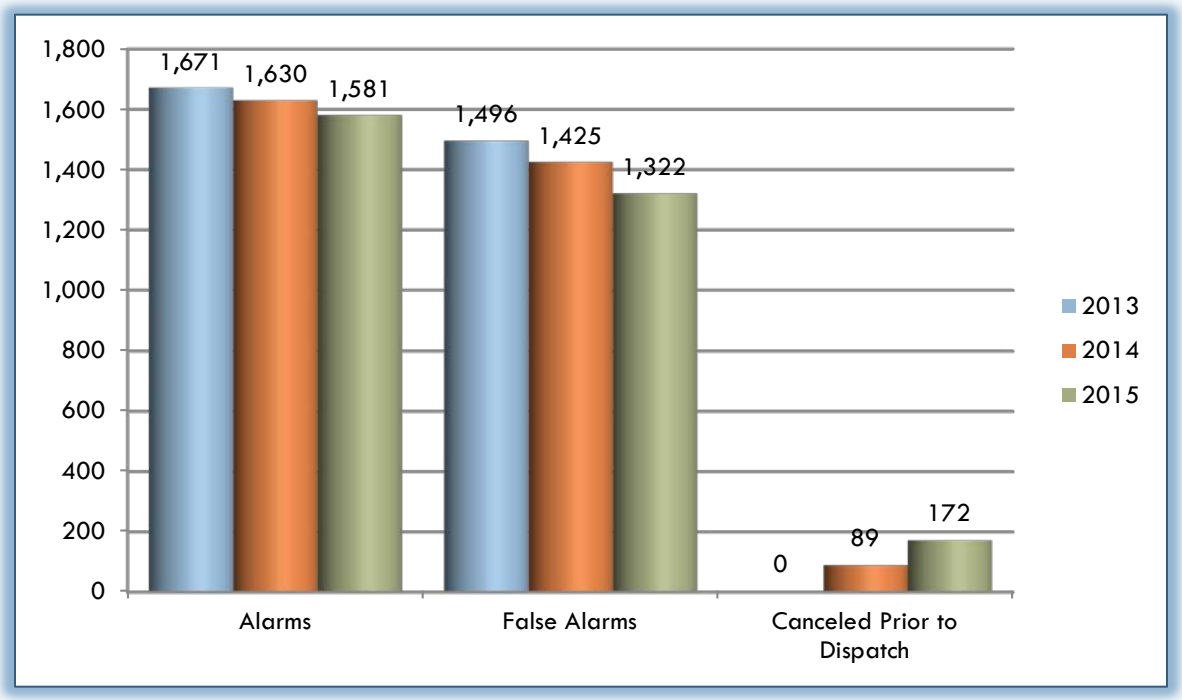
WELCOME:

Rebecca Anderson
Steven Borquez
Lamar Brown
Stewart Crewse
Andrew Fletcher
Devyn Howard
Charles Johnson
Jonathan Kacer
Ryan McElhaney
Michael Rhodes

PROMOTIONS:

Assistant Chief Mark Mann
Sergeant David Granniss

FALSE ALARM REDUCTION PROGRAM



In just two years, the False Alarm Reduction Program has seen a 12% decrease in false alarms, a 5% decrease in all alarm calls, and 261 calls were canceled prior to an officer being dispatched to the alarm location. Using a conservative average of $50 per alarm call, there was an approximate savings of $21,800 in false alarms and 436 officer/dispatcher hours, while also bringing in $87,033 in City revenue.

VOLUNTEERS/NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT

The Buckeye Police 50/50 Car or the Choose Your Ride Vehicle is a great way to get a message out. If you drink, you need to choose your ride carefully. A Taxi will cost approximately $50.00 while a DUI costs between $8,500.00 and $11,000.00. This vehicle was displayed in many events, to include being displayed at DUI Task Force events, MADD (Mothers against drunk driver dinners), schools, retailers (Walmart, Fry's and Lowe's). In 2015, the car was utilized over 25 times for events and it is sought-after for almost every event the City of Buckeye has in 2016.

Every year in October, Buckeye residents celebrate the City's Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N) event, which brings out the best in our City's citizens, neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses, City employees, and City public safety personnel. This year the event was held in the Lowe's parking lot on Watson Road, with more than anticipated attendance. In addition to the G.A.I.N. event, our Neighborhood Services Unit and our Volunteers participated in a Backpack event which supplied 55 students with backpacks and supplies, they were also able to give out $3,000 in Payless shoe gift cards, vision screenings, oral screenings and fifty student haircuts. During the Christmas event they were able to feed and clothe 275 families and provide toys for 960 children.

In addition, there were many more attended community events, which included:

- Two Citizen Academies
- Air Fair
- Parades
- Holiday Patrol
- Lunch with Blue
- Buckeye Days Carnival
- The Giving Tree
- Southwest Valley HOA Summits
- Buckeye Sci-tech Event
- PIR for Rotary Club
- Two Lowe's Events
- HOA Christmas event at Windmill Village
- Special Olympics Torch Run
- Coffee With the Chief
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Community Supporting Cops event in Glendale
- Health & School Readiness Fair
- Story Time at the Library
- Two Demo Derbies
- Opening at Skyline Park
- Annual Buckeye Marathon

VOLUNTEERS/NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT

2015 AWARDS

Life Saving Awards

Officer Luis Gastelum

Officer David Grossman

Officer Michael Rhodes

Officer Hector Vargas

Officer Brandon Griffith

Reserve Officer Brian Hawkins

Officer Randy Robichaud

Officer Jason Woliver

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Eric Glenn

Detective of the Year

Detective Kevin Rorke

Officers of the Year

Officer Tamela Skaggs

Officer Margery Dunlavey

Civilian of the Year

Marcia Story-Greco

Volunteer of the Year

Mike Harley