



BUCKEYE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Chief's Message

2017 is a year marked with many incredible accomplishments by the Buckeye Police Department and the City of Buckeye. The City of Buckeye continues to grow at a record pace issuing over 2,000 single family residential permits throughout 2017 and Buckeye still remains the largest municipality in Arizona, spanning 650 square miles in its master planned area. In an effort to maintain the current 4 ½ minute response time on priority calls, the Buckeye Police Department has made efforts to realign patrol areas in an effort to better predict and distribute calls for service.



The City of Buckeye also earned the distinction as the safest city in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area per capita. I am honored and privileged to serve alongside the men and women of the Buckeye Police Department, as well as the dedicated and committed citizens who earned this special achievement. Having a safe city will not only draw more employers and residents, but will expand retail opportunities throughout the city and region.

In an effort to continually achieve law enforcement excellence, the Buckeye Police Department maintained its standing as an agency accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies and embarked on the journey for Public Safety Communications Accreditation. Accreditation lowers risk and liability, and promotes professionalism and excellence within the organization. Only 4% of all police agencies nationally have received the CALEA accredited distinction.

The Buckeye Police Department also maintains a dedicated and committed Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) Program. Volunteers have patrolled our neighborhoods through the Citizens on Patrol Program; worked as receptionists at City Hall and the Sundance Crossings substation; assisted in the Training Unit, Property and Evidence Section and our Traffic Unit. In 2017, those volunteers donated over 16,000 hours of their time representing a \$480,000 cost savings to the city! Thank you VIPS!

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 BPD accomplished as an agency, it is a clear illustration of how important reducing crime and improving the quality of life of our residents is to us!

Larry Hall

Chief of Police

Buckeye Police Department 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.

Core Values

Trust

Respect

Accountability

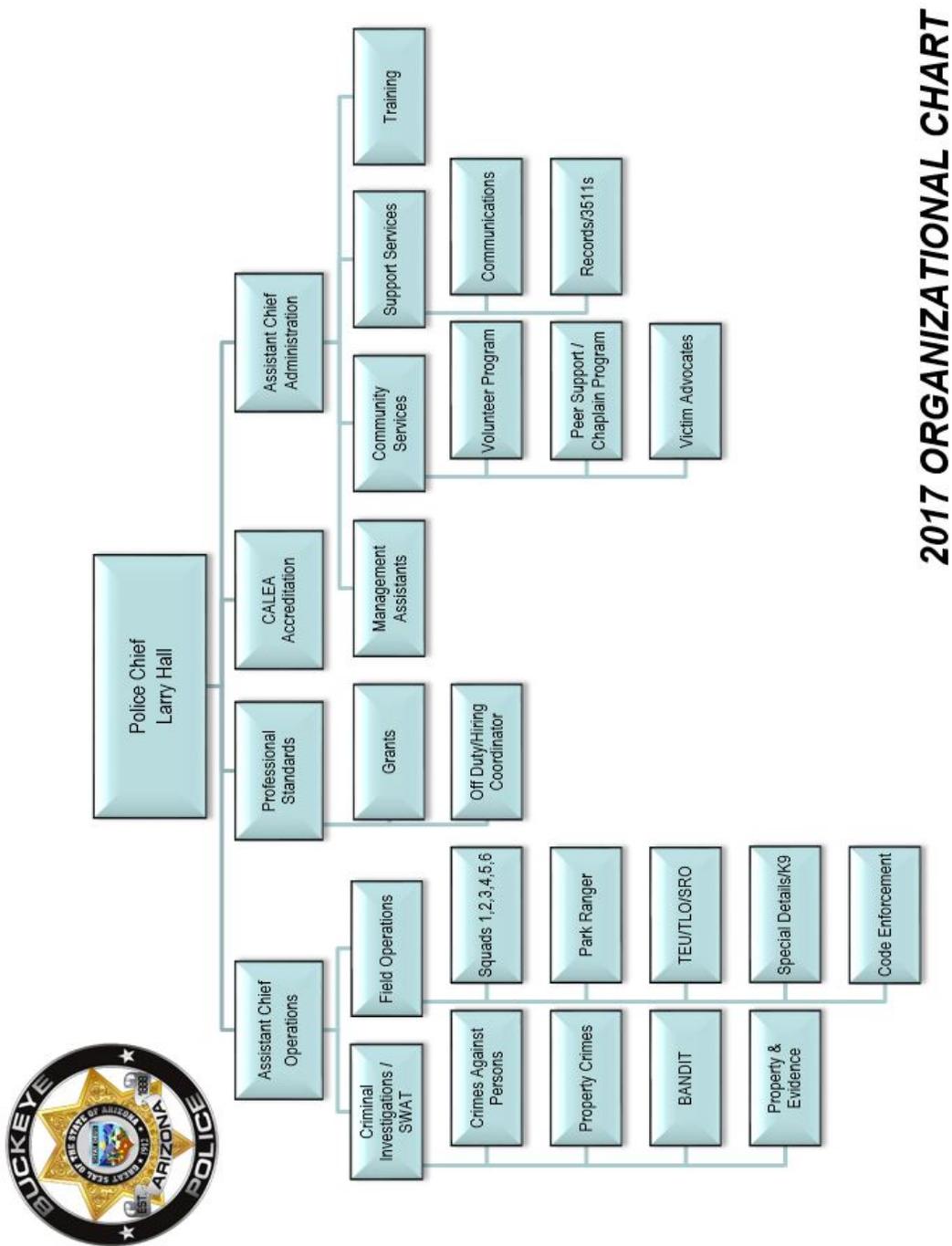
Integrity

Teamwork

Service

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Organizational Chart



2017 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

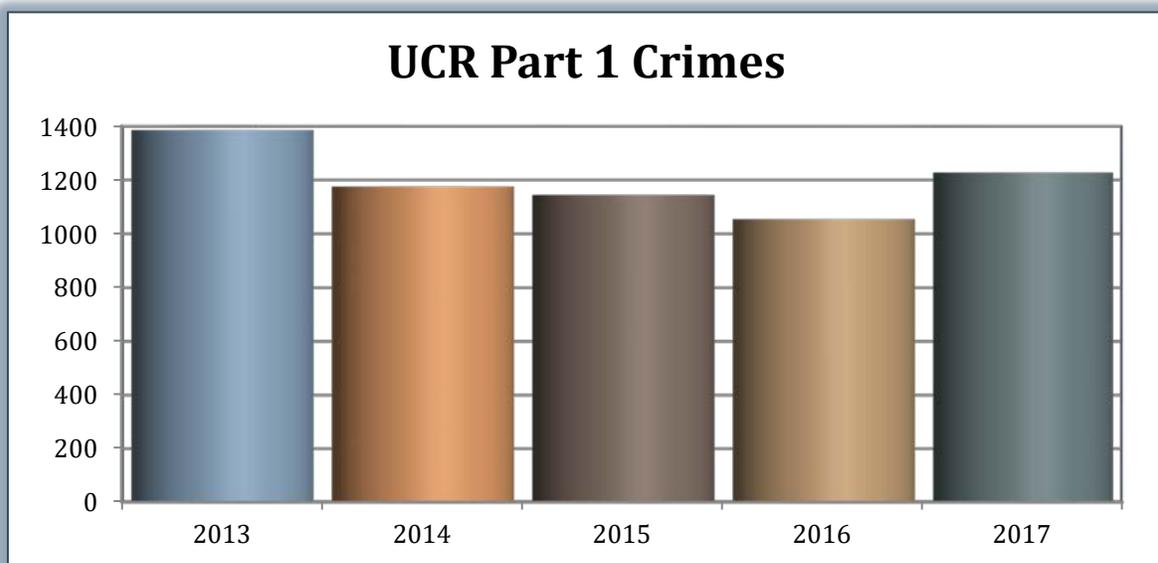
CITY OF BUCKEYE FBI INDEX CRIMES

City of Buckeye FBI Index Crimes

Year	Homicide	Sex Assault	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total
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
2016	2	2	15	15	112	835	71	2	1054
2017	4	3	15	8	149	981	64	3	1227

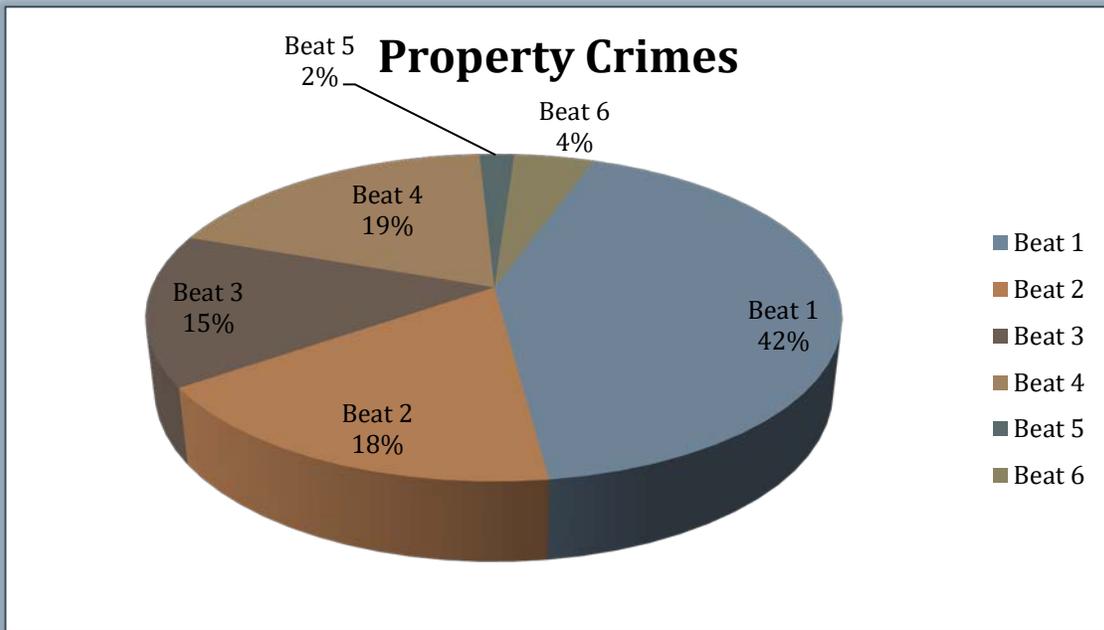
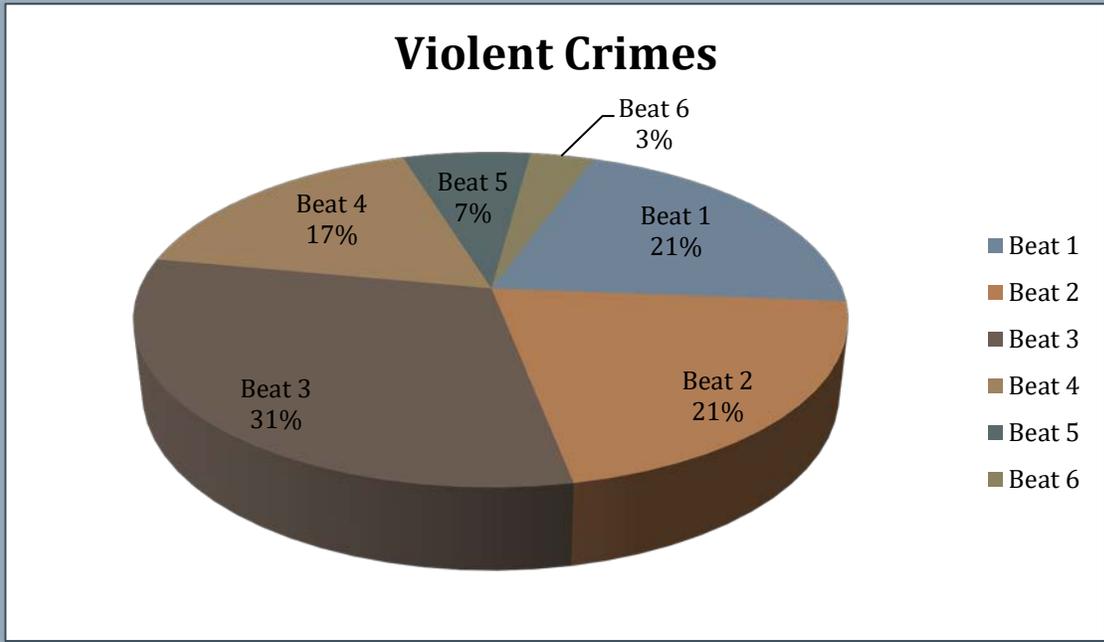
Year	Total Part 1 Crimes	% Change	Population	Crimes Per 1000	Police Officers per 1000
2013	1385	-3%	55,710	25	1.47
2014	1175	-15%	57,500	20	1.53
2015	1144	-3%	62,582	18	1.40
2016	1054	-8%	65,845	16	1.35
2017	1227	16%	70,000	18	1.27

Total Part 1 crimes increased from 1,054 in 2016 to 1,227 in 2017. The City of Buckeye experienced a 16% increase in Part 1 crimes.



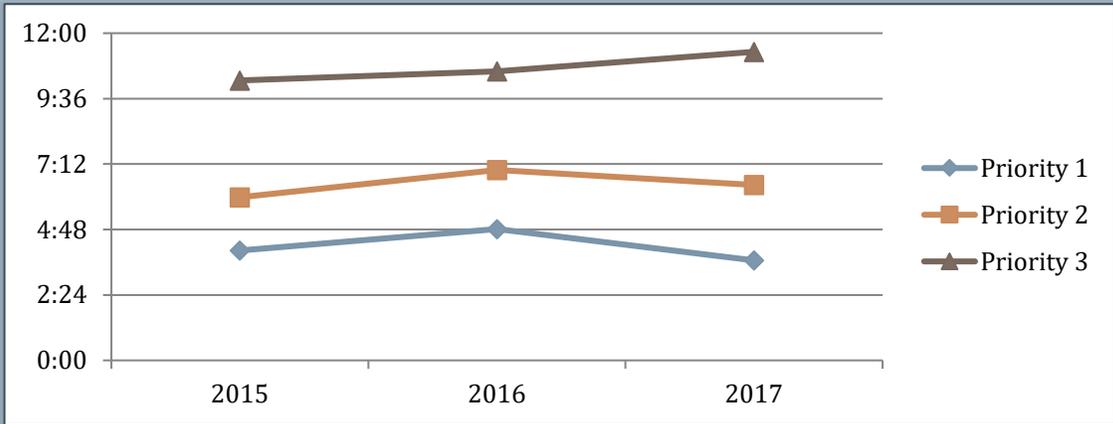
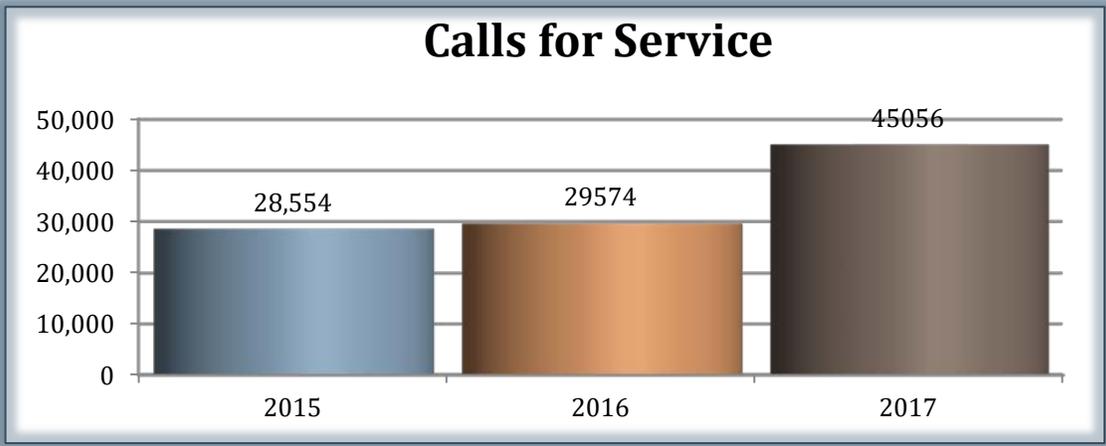
PART 1 CRIMES BY BEAT

Part 1 Crimes By Beat



CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICES

Calls for Police Services



Response Times

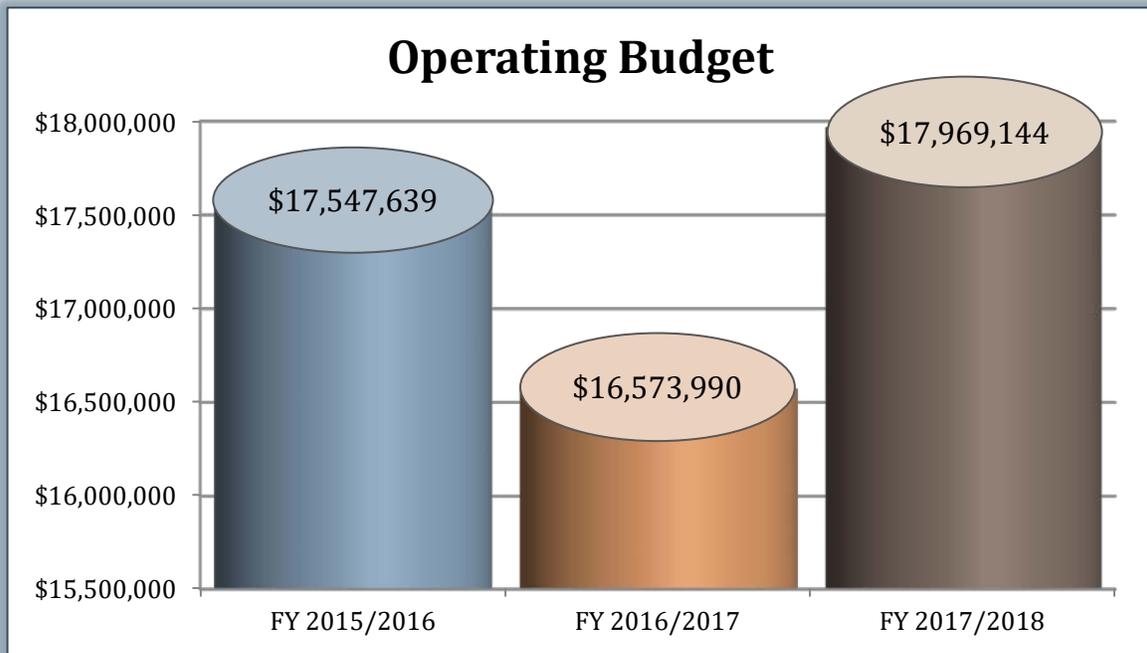
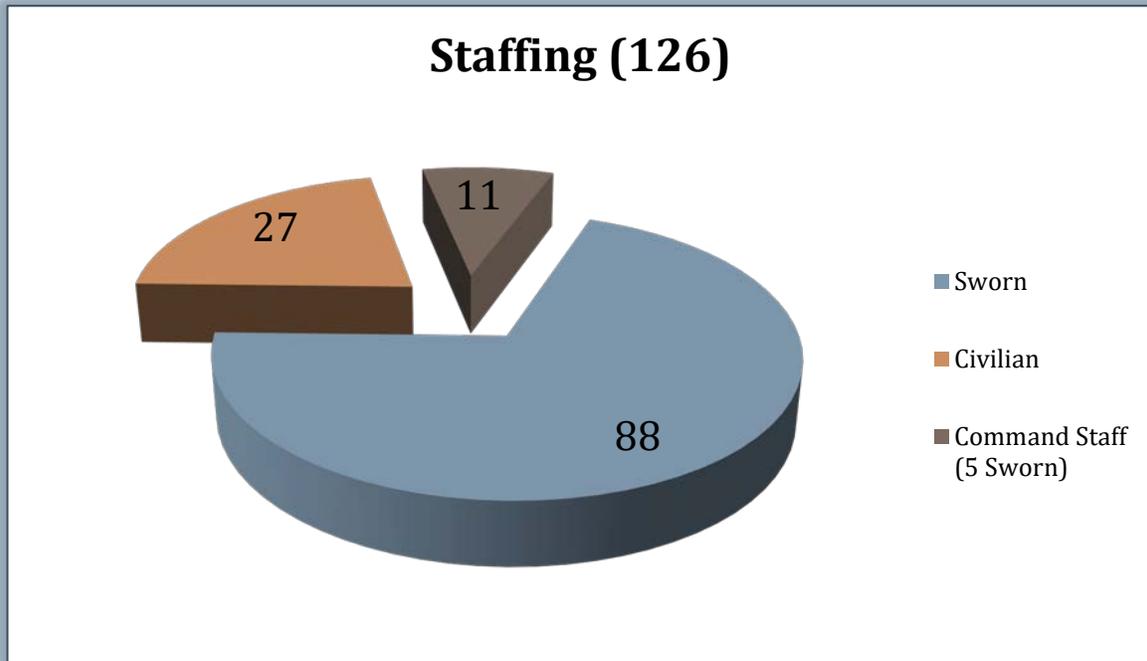
Priority 1 calls are those in which there is an imminent danger to life or major damage/loss to property or an in progress or just occurred major felony. These would be of a serious nature or have a degree of immediate personal danger or harm. This includes business and residential hold up and panic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

Staffing / Operating Budget



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Criminal Investigations

	2017	2016	+/- % Change
Cases Assigned	1307	1263	3%
Pending Cases	341	267	28%
Cases Cleared	1097	989	11%
Phone/Device Acquisitions	88	31	184%
Crime Scenes Processed	56	107	-48%
CSO Scenes/Assists	63	81	-22%
Search Warrants	36	43	-16%

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is comprised of three primary investigative units that specialize in specific areas of criminal investigations, and two critical support units responsible for crime scenes and evidence.

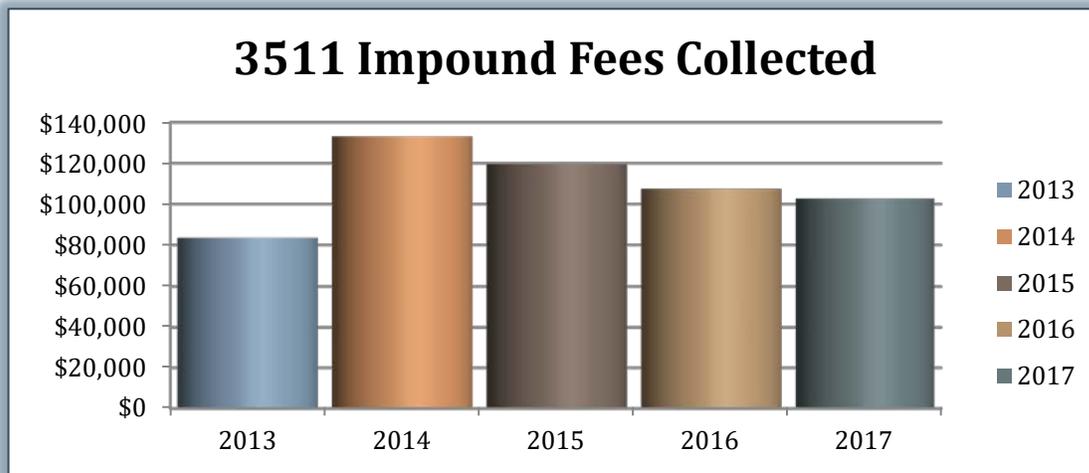
The three foundational units of CID are General Investigation (GINV), Person Crimes (PERS) and Buckeye Apprehension Narcotics-Drug Interdiction Team (BANDIT). Support units consist of the Crime Scene Unit (CSU) and Property and Evidence Unit (P&E). While all members of CID can be called upon to work as one unit when faced with a large scale and rapidly evolving investigation, each unit is generally responsible for a unique class of investigations with varying responsibilities.

- GINV is staffed by one Detective Sergeant and three Detectives and includes a variety of offenses to include paper/fraud crimes, identify theft, thefts, burglaries, criminal damage and any other miscellaneous crimes.
- PERS is staffed by one Detective Sergeant and four Detectives and includes homicide, unattended deaths, aggravated assaults, robbery, shootings, child abuse and sex crimes.
- BANDIT is staffed by one Detective Sergeant and five Detectives. This unit was formed in 2016 by combining the Special Investigations Unit (SVU) and the Criminal Apprehension Unit (CAU). The Unit investigations include Repeat Offenders, Warrant apprehensions, monitoring Registered Sex Offenders, Highway and Parcel Drug Interdiction and violent felon apprehension details.

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 six Crime Scene Officers providing crime scene services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Unit is trained and equipped to respond to a broad range of cases from recovered stolen vehicles to complex death investigations. In addition to crime scene processing, the unit provides specialized Forensic Art services ranging from suspect composites to facial reconstruction. In 2017, this unit was responsible for collecting almost 400 pounds of prescription medications there were dropped off by citizens at Police Department locations.

VEHICLE IMPOUND PROGRAM

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/CALEA

Professional Standards/CALEA



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT (PSU)

Six internal affairs investigations were conducted during 2017 alleging violations of Buckeye PD policy. Two of these investigations were the result of complaints filed by non-department civilians. Of the six investigations, one employee resigned, and two investigations were not complete at the end of 2017. There was one vehicle collision which resulted in documentation/training.

The conclusions of these investigations are as follows:

<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Count</i>
Not Sustained	0
Remedial Training	0
Sustained	3
Unfounded	0
Punitive Discipline	0
Not completed or resigned	3
TOTAL	6

BIASED-BASED CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Policy 401 (Bias Policing) requires the Police Department to investigate all allegations of bias-based profiling. All formal citizen complaints and internal investigations are tracked in IA Pro, a computer application that was adopted in 2015. An “early warning system” feature of IA Pro provides for easy detection of complaint and investigation trends that may occur. The use of body-worn cameras (BWCs) was also implemented in August, 2015. BWC camera footage is randomly audited by Supervisors and administrators. Both of these programs have increased the abilities of BPD to record complaints and applicable incidents of bias-based policing. As a result, early intervention and proactive corrective measures are possible. Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, no citizen complaints of allegations of bias-based policing issues were filed against Buckeye Police Department personnel.

GRANTS/NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

Grants/New Hires and Promotions

GRANTS

The Police Department received multiple grants in 2017 totaling \$345,969. The awarding of funding to the Department came from multiple sources which included: The Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice, 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:

- Justin Adams
- Matthew Booher
- Jonathan Calderon
- Shelby Gibson
- Heather Gonzalez
- Danté Herron
- Joseph Laudando
- Andrea Magwood
- Kathleen Walters
- Tanya Watson

PROMOTIONS:

- Lieutenant Bruce Root
- Sergeant Zachary Astrup



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER UNIT (SRO)/FALSE ALARM REDUCTION PROGRAM

School Resource Officer Unit (SRO)/False Alarm Reduction Program

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER UNIT (SRO)

The Buckeye Police Department is committed to community involvement and the safety of our students. The SRO unit is led by one Sergeant and has five School Resource Officers. These officers receive specialized training in dealing with school shootings, juvenile crimes, juvenile education and juvenile counseling. The mission of the unit is education through crime prevention and education. We are there as an extension of the school staff and provide a resource to the staff, students and parents. Our SRO's interact daily with the students by providing educational classes on law and legal matters, social media usage, sexting and bullying.

The City of Buckeye has currently three High Schools. Each one of these schools has an officer assigned to the campus. Two additional SRO's are assigned to the City's 14 elementary schools. Part of their daily duties include traffic enforcement in the school zones, to be on hand to assist with student matters, arrest serious student offenders and provide support to the school staff.

During 2016, the SRO Unit participated in the Lunch with Blue program at the Elementary Schools, the Steven Martin Toy Drive and conducted a Youth Teen Academy, during the summer which saw 30 7th and 8th Graders learning about Law Enforcement.

FALSE ALARM REDUCTION PROGRAM

Since the inception of the False Alarm Reduction Program in January 2014, the City has seen a 17% decrease in false alarms, a 9% decrease in all alarm calls, and in 2017, 228 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 \$22,800 in false alarms and 456 Officer/Dispatcher hours, while also bringing in more than \$70,000 in City revenue.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/VOLUNTEERS

Neighborhood Services/Volunteers

Neighborhood Services is a combination of existing police programs (Block Watch, Citizen on Patrol, Citizens Academy, City Hall, Buckeye Police Foundation, Victim Assistance, Police Administration Window, Motor Assistance, Bike Bots, Buckeye Cares and Chaplains as well as, giving assistance to Dispatch, Records, Property & Evidence and SWAT).

Block Watch

The Neighborhood Block Watch program is made up of individual units scattered through the City of Buckeye, with 163 active Block Watch Captains. Meetings are held each month with the Captains to provide monthly crime statistics that are disseminated throughout the community. Each Block Watch is required to hold a minimum of two meetings per year. This vital program helps in the deterrent of crime as Block Watch is neighbors looking out for neighbors and reporting any suspicious activity, people or vehicles. Our Captains are kept informed on any crimes in their area with apps on their phones, and/or emails.

Citizens on Patrol

This program continues to prove to be an asset to the Department as it involves citizens patrolling the streets of Buckeye in a marked vehicle, allowing Buckeye Police Department visibility. We currently have four vehicles that patrol the City of Buckeye; one is stationed at Festival Public Safety Building, the second is stationed at the Verrado Fire Station and the last two are stationed at the PD located at 100 N. Apache Rd. This program calls for two volunteers in one vehicle. This allows one to focus on driving and the other to be focused on the surroundings, looking for any abnormalities in the community and then reporting. This group is the eyes and ears of the Police Department. The Motor Assistance vehicle is part of the Citizen on Patrol program with specialized training. This specialized part of the program allows trained men and women to work directly with Officers in situations where the Officer can be released from a scene and the volunteer continues with traffic control and scene security.

City Hall

This is a group of 21 dedicated men and women who man the front lobby of City Hall, giving out directions and information to the public. This is a program that has been in existence since 2010 with Buckeye Police Department Volunteers. In 2017, volunteers served nearly 2,300 hours saving the city over \$55,000 in salaries. Over the last seven years this brings a savings of over \$ 350,000 for the City of Buckeye.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/VOLUNTEERS

Chaplains

The program of the Chaplaincy is a unique group of men and women who have taken on a role of support for Officers and families in need. The program is a non-denominational ministry provided by volunteer chaplains that provide support, training, crisis intervention and counseling. The purpose is to create an environment of trust, confidentiality, reliance and professionalism in which employees and the public can feel comfortable with the support a police chaplain can provide. We currently have a staff of six Chaplains, with one being on call at all times.

Citizen Academy

This program continues to grow in popularity, uniting the community with the Buckeye Police Department. They learn the functions of the Buckeye PD from first-hand experiences, training, lectures and interactive classes. We continue to conduct two, 6-week classes each year, with each class being full of new, excited citizens from the community wanting to learn and get involved with the Police Department.

Buckeye Cares

The program Buckeye Cares is one where volunteers call those that are shut-in or live alone and need someone to check on them on a weekly basis. This program is based on a three-call scenario where on a given time and day a volunteer calls the individual to check on them. If they do not answer the first time, the volunteer waits thirty minutes and tries a second time, if still no answer then after another thirty minutes a third attempt is made. If there is still no success then the volunteer goes to the person's house to ensure everything is OK. If we still cannot get an answer then the PD and Fire are called.

Buckeye Police Foundation

The Buckeye Police Foundation is a non-profit organization that became a reality in February 2016. This program was founded by private and corporate donations and provides opportunities that could otherwise not be within the reach of the Department. It is a stand-alone program with all funds coming from outside sources, thus not being a strain on the Department. It opens opportunities to the Department that can only come from non-profits and in the future will provide assistance to Officers in need, or Department needs such as victim advocacy, that cannot otherwise be budgeted.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES/VOLUNTEERS

Bike Bot

The Bike Bot program was started in 2016. Officer Rusty Star continues to be utilized for interaction with children of all ages. We track Officer Star's appearance and he continues to be a huge success with the community. Thus far Officer Star has been in front of over 16,500 people. He has done several readings at the Coyote Library, appeared at the Buckeye Air - Fair, enjoys doing Lunch with Blue and attending other events like the Veteran's Day parade. In the future Officer Star will be utilized more in the school system for educational purposes such as stranger danger, drug awareness, and personal safety.



PD Sundance Admin Window

The Sundance Admin Window project was started on March 1, 2016. This project is to save the PD from having to pay someone to sit in the front office area, and yet be able to help the public coming into the Police lobby. Since opening in March the Volunteers who man the front lobby area have save the Police Department \$70,000 dollars at the current volunteer wage. The volunteers meet and greet the public, answer question, give directions and ensure the public needs are met all while ensuring Officer Safety.

Victim Assistance

The Victim Assistance program is one that is making an impact on the community. This program is to lighten the load of the Officers while assuring the needs of the public are met. For every crime there is a victim, and this program will impact the way the Department is able to provide services to the public and meet the needs once a crime has been reported. Thanks to funding from the Buckeye Police Foundation, we have recently been able to bring on a part-time Victim Advocate, with the hopes of City support for a future full time Victim Advocate.

Volunteers in Police Services (VIP's)

All of the above programs fall under the umbrella of the Volunteers in Police Services program. This program is overseen by the Neighborhood Services Manager, who reports directly to the Assistant Chief of the Buckeye Police Department. Quarterly and annual reports are made to the Chief of Police regarding progress of each program and its feasibility, also the contributions each program makes to the PD. In 2017, the VIP's group worked more than 16,142 volunteer hours valued at \$ 389,022 dollars. Seventy-six volunteers are active in various programs falling under the VIP's umbrella.

