



# 2015



## Grove City Division of Police

Jeffrey A. Pearson  
*Chief of Police*

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# **City Administration**

## **Mayor**

Richard L. "Ike" Stage

## **City Administrator**

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## **Deputy City Administrator/Safety Director**

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# Message from the Director of Public Safety

As director of Public Safety and on behalf of Mayor Richard L. “Ike” Stage and City Administrator Charles W. Boso Jr., I want to thank the Grove City Division of Police personnel for their commitment to protect the citizens of Grove City.

In 2015, the Division initiated a reorganization to address the changing safety needs of the community. One example was the creation of the Special Operations Bureau to address the increasing connection between the abuse of narcotics and theft.

Citizen engagement and public outreach continues to increase through the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together and Police Explorer programs. The interest in our Citizens Police Academy continues to grow and we are especially proud of the academy graduates for creating our new Community Watch Volunteer program.

Our commitment to community safety remains the core mission as we continue to make our City the safest in central Ohio.

Sincerely,

William F. Vedra, Jr.



# Message from the Chief of Police

It is with great pride and privilege I am writing to you as the Chief of the Grove City Division of Police. We began 2015 as we have most years, the executive staff and agency supervisor's established annual goals and objectives; the training calendar and schedules were set; and we planned for another year of successful community events. The year soon changed to one of transition when Chief Steven Robinette announced his retirement. The Chief began his 31-year law enforcement career in 1984 and served in virtually every capacity, culminating as Chief of Police. Steve served the city, community and organization with distinction and I wish him happiness and all the best.



Chief Robinette left the organization well positioned and the team stepped up to the challenge of the transition. I am proud of the professionalism the Division displayed in continuing our mission to serve and protect the community.

Property crimes, fueled by the national heroin epidemic, consumed the majority of our attention. By the end of the year we realized an overall decrease in property crimes. We witnessed a noticeable increase in crimes against people attributed to a rise in the number of reports of domestic violence and shoplifting incidents which turned physical. These crimes will continue to be our focus as we develop strategies to address these issues.

We were also able to complete several major projects including migration to a digital radio system. The scope of this multi-year project was enormous and involved collaboration with state, county and local resources. The success of this project was possible only with the dedication and expertise of our workforce.

2016 offers several new challenges. The executive staff is committed to lead and manage the organization in the most effective and efficient manner. We are committed to improving already strong police - community relations; ensuring the community is prepared for emergencies and disasters; improving roadway safety; and making our community safe and inviting.

The Division of Police is service oriented and the men and women are dedicated to serve according to our core values of Respect, Duty, Integrity, Teamwork and Excellence. I am looking forward to the challenges of 2016 and keeping Grove City one of the best cities to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Chief Jeffrey A. Pearson



## Vision

Our **Vision** is to create a safe and secure community where families and businesses can prosper.

## Mission

Our **Mission** is to serve and protect all by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community.

## Core Values

Our **Values** are Integrity, Teamwork, Respect, Duty and Excellence. We adhere to our values in every aspect of service to the community.

**Integrity** – We adhere to the highest standards of honest, ethical and truthful behavior.

**Teamwork** – We work together within the division and with the community for the greater good. No individual or component is more valuable than the whole.

**Respect** – We treat all people with the utmost dignity, courtesy and equality.

**Duty** – We conduct ourselves as law enforcement professionals at all times knowing that we have a responsibility not just to the profession but also to the community. We conduct our business with a sense of urgency and discipline needed to accomplish the mission.

**Excellence** – We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of excellence in every facet of our service delivery. We strive to achieve the highest level of professional competency to ensure an organizational culture that facilitates unity and purpose in all our interactions with the community.



## 2015 At-a-Glance

The City of Grove City is located in southwestern Franklin County and covers approximately 16.62 square miles with 384.3 traffic lane miles. Grove City is home to 39,388 people and has 15,190 households. Grove City hosts 20 parks on more than 350 acres.

The Grove City Division of Police (GCPD) is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) with an allocated strength of 62 sworn police officers; 18 full-time, non-sworn personnel, including communication technicians; and eight part-time employees.

The Division of Police is responsible for the Police and Communications budgets. The 2015 Police budget was \$9,628,968 and the Communications budget was \$1,342,746 for a combined budget of \$10,971,714.

### 2015 Statistics at a Glance

Calls for Service:	78,673 (includes public and officer generated calls, but excludes administrative Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) entries)
Total Traffic Crashes:	831 (includes public and private property)
Injury Crashes:	180
Traffic Fatalities:	0
Crimes Against People:	682
Crimes Against Property:	1,682
Crimes Against Society:	2,137

### 2015 Major Accomplishments

- Implemented a K-9 unit – the first in more than 40 years
- Completed digital radio conversion project
- Completed building renovations to maximize space at Safety Complex
- First police agency in Franklin County to implement Narcan™ program for overdose victims
- Implemented Special Operations Bureau to address current crime trends
- Implemented a Community Watch Volunteer program
- Implemented two major software programs: one for electronic payroll and timekeeping; the other, Power DMS, for internal management control



## Police Administration



**Chief Jeffrey A. Pearson** has been with the division since September 1992. He has filled the roles of officer, sergeant, youth services sergeant, detective sergeant, lieutenant and captain prior to his appointment as chief of police. Chief Pearson has a B.S. in Public Safety Management, is a Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) and graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) and Police Executive Leadership College (PELC).



**Lieutenant Jeff Lawless** started his career with the division in January 1988. His positions included officer, sergeant, administrative sergeant, and field services lieutenant. He is currently assigned as the support service subdivision commander. Lt. Lawless oversees the operations of the Detective Bureau, Community Services Bureau and Professional Standards Bureau. Lt. Lawless is working on his B.A. in Public Safety Management and has completed SPSC and PELC.



**Lieutenant Brian Davidson** has been with the Division of Police since January 1989. He has filled the roles of officer, sergeant, youth services sergeant and detective sergeant, and is currently assigned as the field services subdivision commander. Lt. Davidson oversees all Patrol Bureau operations to include Bike Patrol, SRT and Traffic Crash. Lt. Davidson recently completed his B.S. in Business Administration and has completed SPSC and PELC.



**Communications Manager Kelley Davidson** has been with the Division of Police since March 1991. She performed the role of dispatcher before being promoted to communications supervisor and then communications manager. As the communications manager, Kelley oversees the Communication Information Center (CIC) and Records Bureau. CIC includes 911 call taking and dispatching. She has a B.S. in Communications and a M.A. in Counseling.



**Jennifer Martin** has been the chief's executive assistant for more than 18 years and acts as office manager for the Division of Police. Jennifer completed her B.A. in English in 2011 and is currently working on her Master's in Public Administration. She is on the Advisory Core for Ohio Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals (OHLEAP), a new organization for non-sworn law enforcement employees.



# Staffing

Job title	FTE Maximum Number	PTE Maximum Number	Authorized Number	End of Year Staff Level
Police Chief	1	0	1	0
Police Captain*	1	0	1	1
Police Lieutenant	2	0	2	2
Communications Manager	1	0	1	1
Communications Supervisor	1	0	1	1
Police Communications Technician	12	0	12	12
Police Executive Assistant	1	0	1	1
Account Clerk	2	0	2	2
Police Court Liaison	0	2	1	1
Records Specialist	1	0	1	1
Crime Prevention Coordinator	0	2	1	1
Property Clerk	0	2	1	1
Receptionist	0	3	2	2
Custodian	0	3	2	1
Police Sergeant	8	0	8	8
Police Officer**	50	0	50	51
Youth Services Coordinator	0	2	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>

\*Captain appointed as Interim Chief of Police in August.

\*\*Council approved division to temporarily exceed maximum number due to impending retirements.

## Personnel Staffing (as of Dec. 31, 2015)

Authorized Full Time Sworn	62
Current Full Time Sworn	62
Authorized FT Support Staff	18
Current FT Support Staff	18
Authorized PT Support Staff	8
Current PT Support Staff	7

Retirements – Chief Steven R. Robinette (August)

New hires – Police Officer Michael Cobb (December)

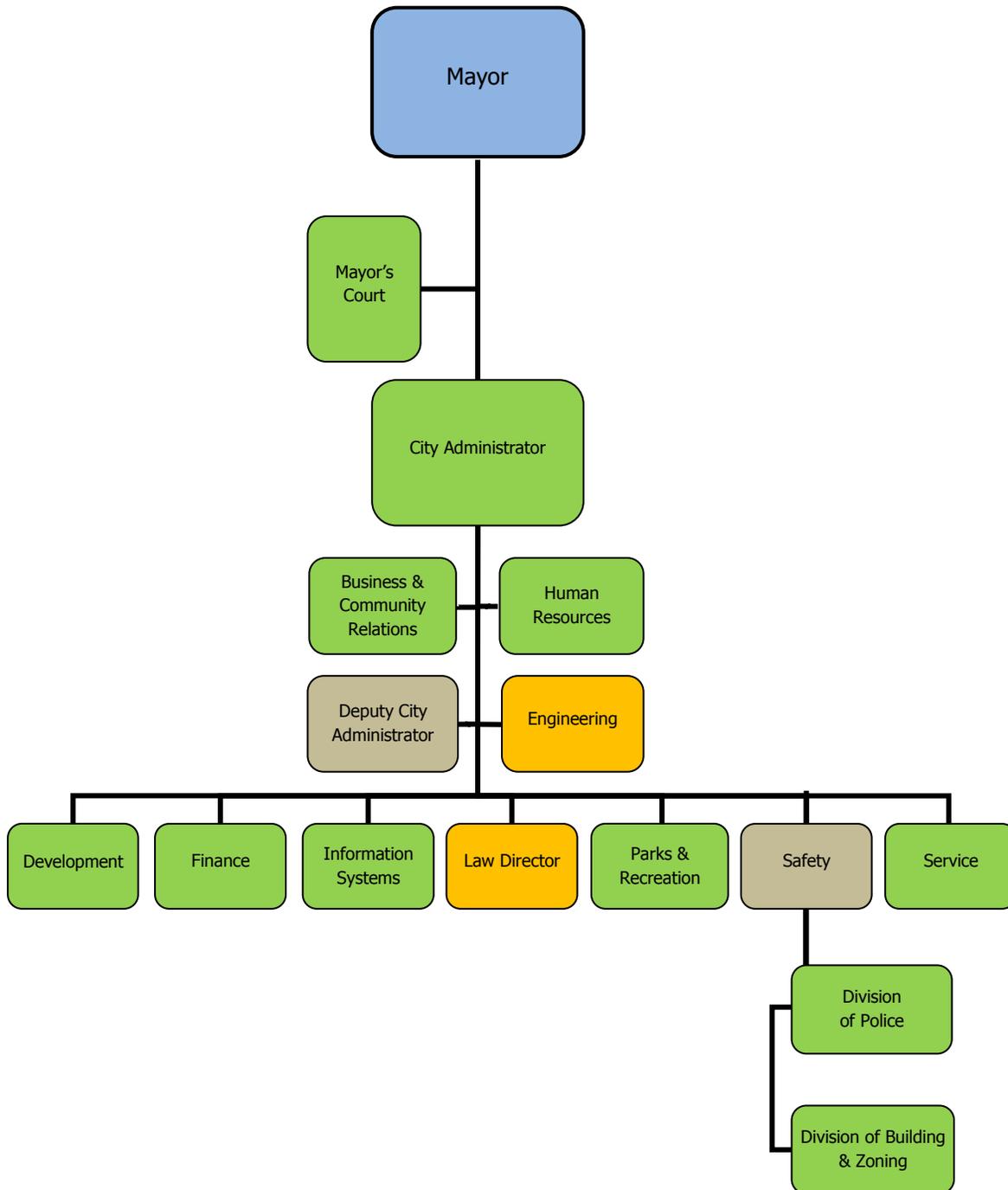
Communications Technicians Allen Horn (September) and April Fulk (September)

Custodians Draquesana Varney (February) and Zachary Angles (July)

Resignations – Custodian Zachary Angles (October)

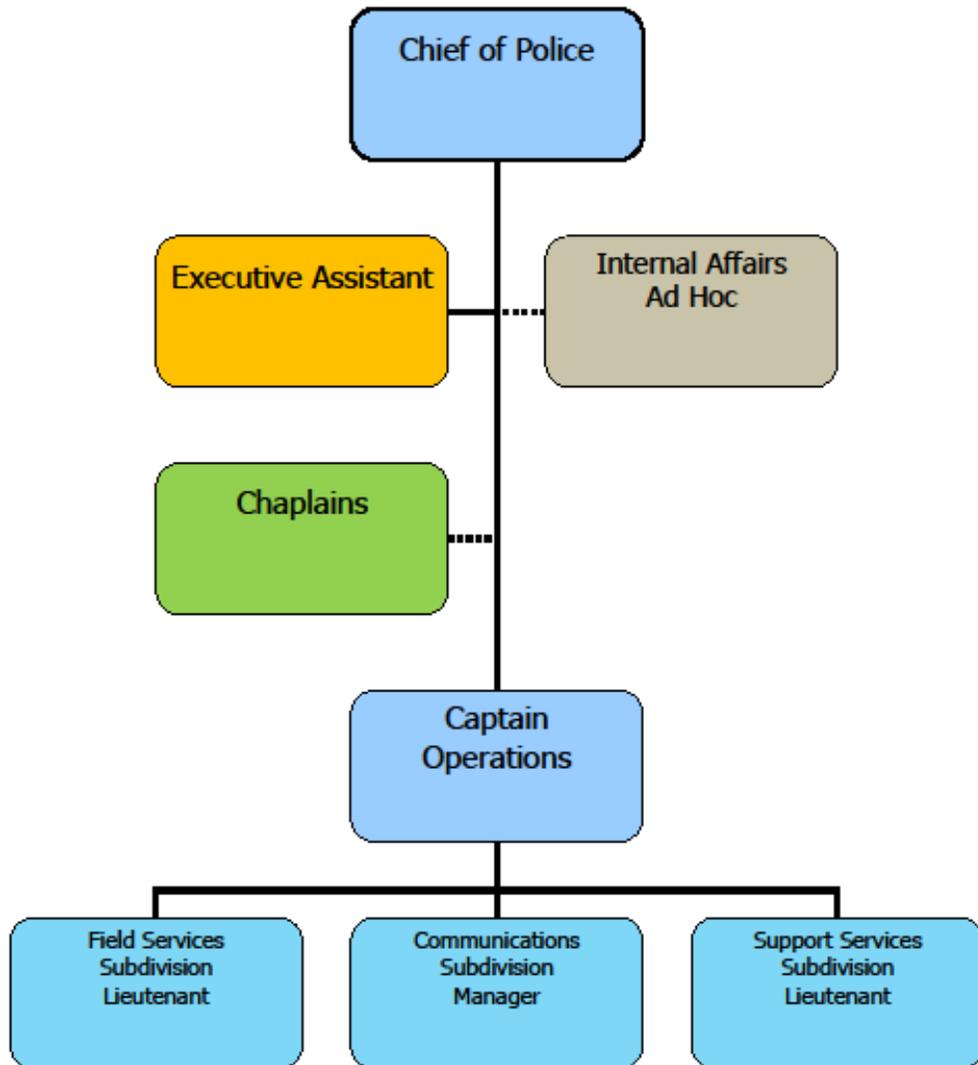


# 2015 CITY OF GROVE CITY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





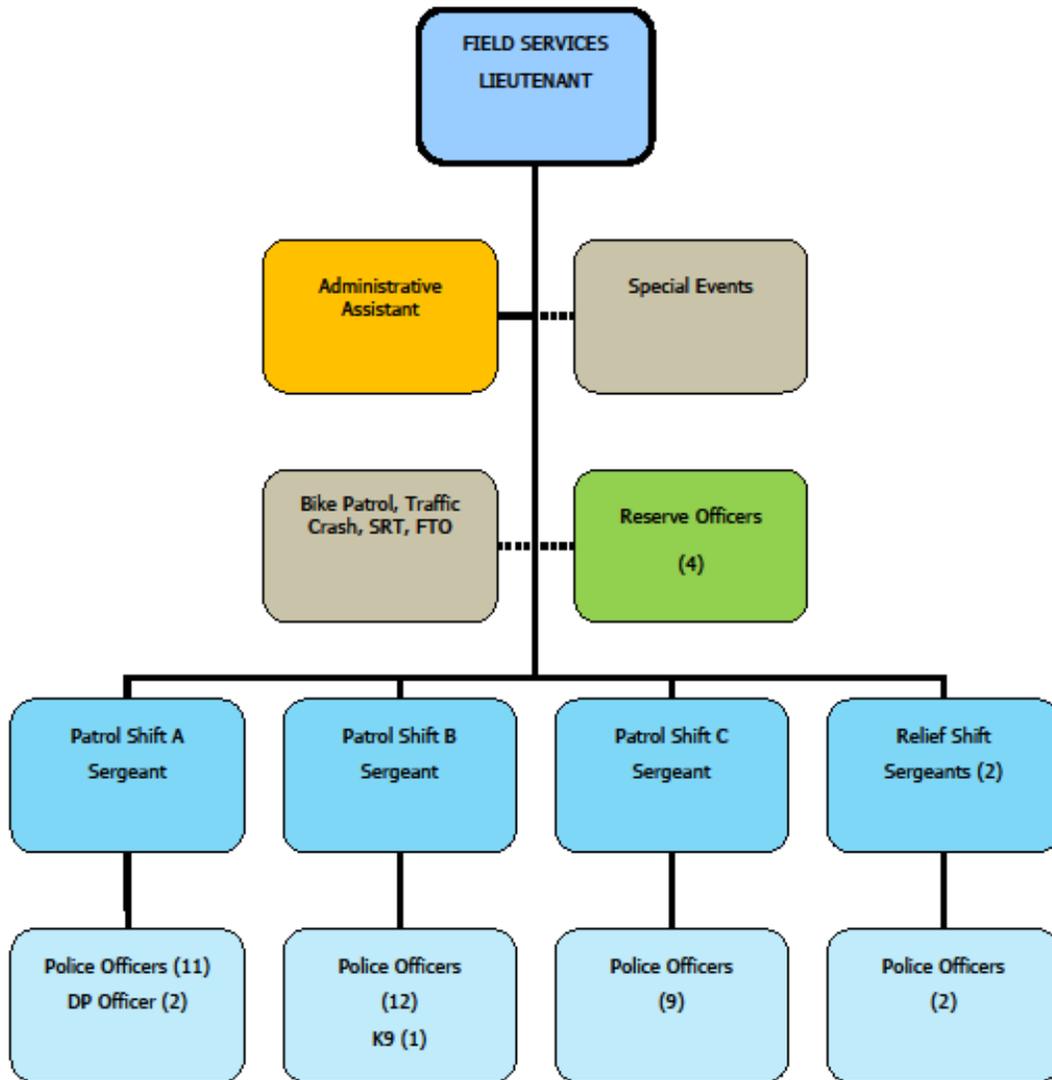
**2015 GROVE CITY DIVISION OF POLICE  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART  
ADMINISTRATION**



December 2015



**2015 GROVE CITY DIVISION OF POLICE  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART  
FIELD SERVICES SUBDIVISION**

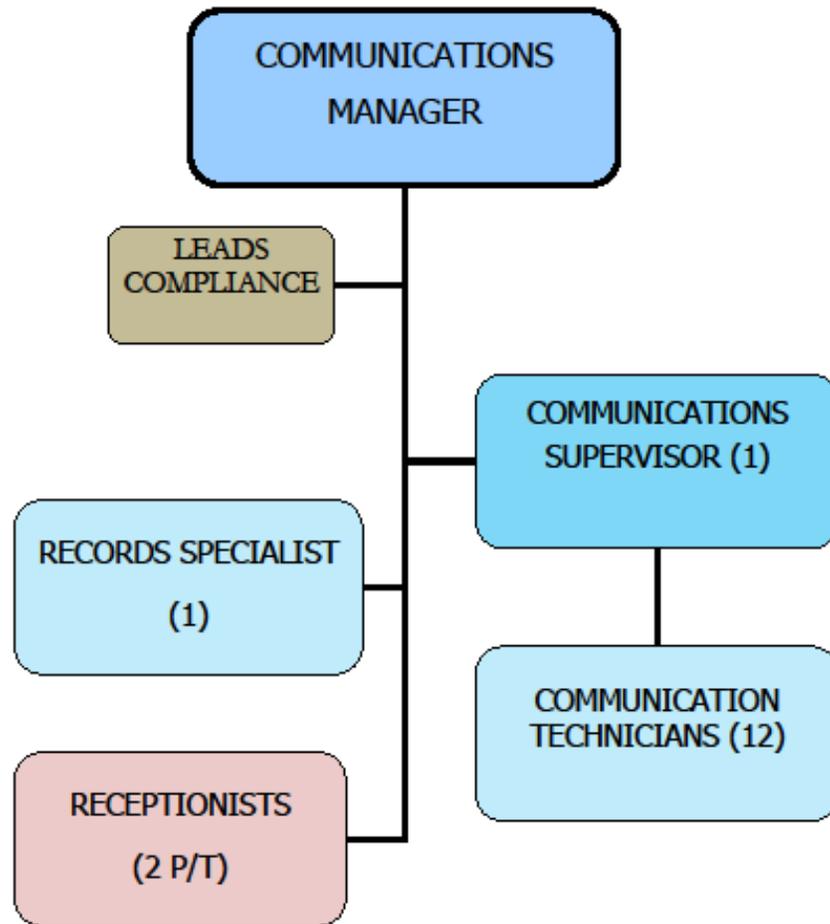


- CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
- VOLUNTEERS
- FUNCTIONS
- SUPERVISORS
- PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

December 2015



**2015 GROVE CITY DIVISION OF POLICE  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART  
COMMUNICATIONS SUBDIVISION**

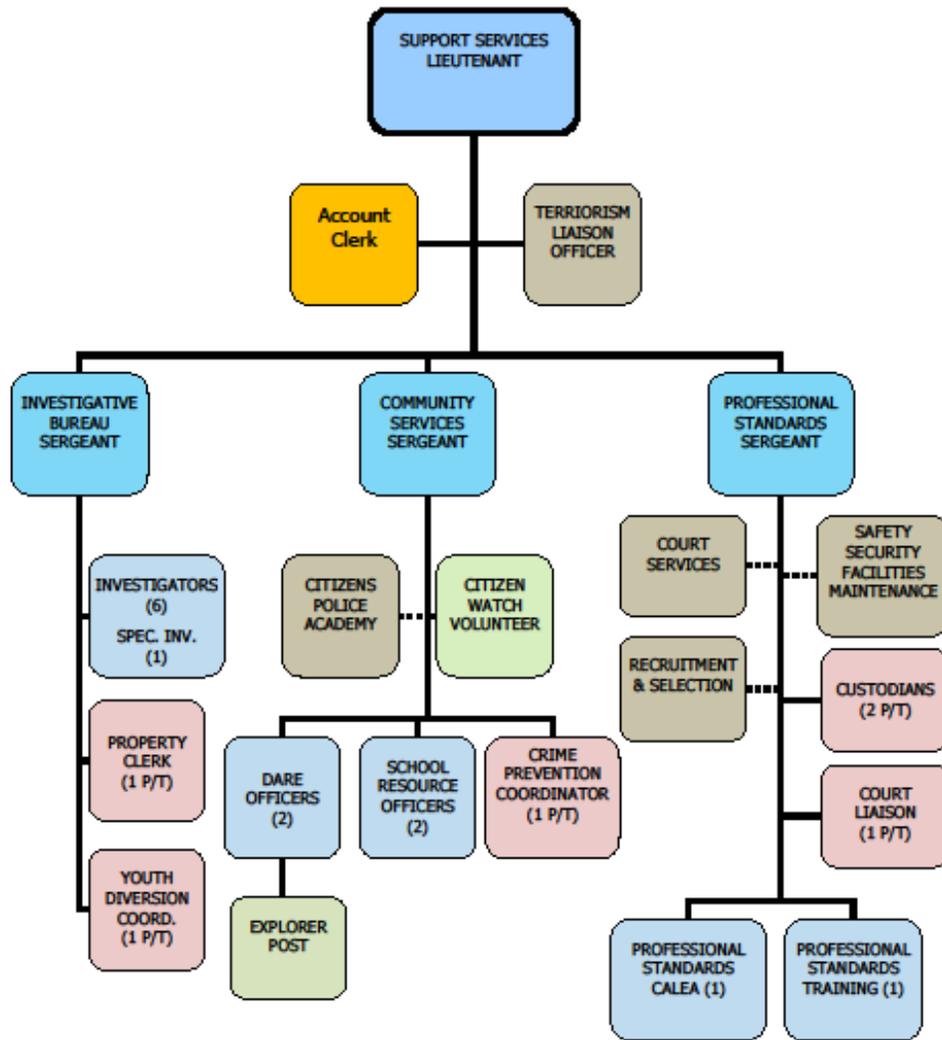


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December 2015



**2015 GROVE CITY DIVISION OF POLICE  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART  
SUPPORT SERVICES SUBDIVISION**



- CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
- VOLUNTEERS
- FUNCTIONS
- SUPERVISORS
- PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

December 2015



## Field Services Subdivision

The Field Services Subdivision is led by the field services lieutenant and supported administratively by an account clerk. Field Services is comprised of uniformed officers who are the first responders to calls for service. Considered the foundation of the agency, officers of this subdivision are tasked with preventing and deterring criminal activity while enforcing local and state laws. Specialized assignments are designed to assist the officers in accomplishing their individual goals.

**Patrol Bureau:** The Patrol Bureau is directed by the field services lieutenant and five patrol sergeants. Patrol is divided into three shifts with a fourth overlapping shift, mid-watch. Included in the Patrol Bureau is a dedicated traffic car tasked with accomplishing traffic crash reduction objectives and handling other traffic-related complaints. New to the Patrol Bureau in 2015 was the development of the directed patrol car. This dedicated officer was assigned to work in partnership with businesses to address retail theft issues and other emerging crime trends.



Officer Matt Ryan on Bike Patrol

**Bike Patrol:** The police bicycles are used to perform special patrol duties. When properly equipped, the heavy-duty mountain bikes can be used 24 hours per day for most of the year with some exceptions during extreme weather. In 2015, officers completed more than 150 bike patrol hours, working parades, special details and events. There are currently seven certified bike patrol officers.

**Strategic Response Team:** The Strategic Response Team (SRT), commonly known as SWAT, is a highly trained and skilled tactical team used to respond to critical incidents, serve arrest warrants and conduct search warrants. Special training days are designated each month to focus on tactical and firearms training. In 2015, the SRT was activated four times. There are 12 members on the team, including a team commander and team leader.



**Traffic Crash Investigations:** Traffic Crash Investigations (TCI) is comprised of a sergeant and six officers. This team investigates all serious crashes that require special investigative work. Team members attend specialized training in traffic crash re-construction, vehicle dynamics and advanced traffic crash investigation techniques. In 2015, the TCI was assigned to two accidents: one involved a 12-year old boy who was hit while riding a bicycle; the other involved a drunk driver who ran a red light and struck another vehicle. Fortunately, all parties survived.

**Reserve Officers:** Reserve officers have the same legal authority as full-time officers and support police operations primarily in the Patrol Bureau. These officers are non-paid, certified police volunteers who receive the same training as full-time officers. In 2015, the division had four reserve officers, performing approximately 640 total hours of service.

**Honor Guard:** The Honor Guard is comprised of one sergeant and eight officers to serve at special events and officer funerals. The Honor Guard represented the division at the Annual Police Memorial Service, the Memorial Day Service, Flags of Honor, the Community Parade and



Honor Guard during Arts in the Alley

## Spotlight on...GCPD

### Use of Narcan™

During the first quarter of 2015, the Grove City Division of Police, as a leading law enforcement agency in central Ohio, trained its officers to administer the lifesaving drug Naloxone (NARCAN™). On April 14, 2015, all first responding officers were equipped with individual doses of this drug used to treat opiate-based overdoses.



During the remaining seven and a half months of 2015, officers were the first to arrive on the scene of seven opiate-based overdoses. At those seven scenes, officers administered eight doses of NARCAN. This resulted in saving the life of six opiate-based overdose victims where death was imminent.



the Christmas Parade. Honor Guard officers also attended two in-the-line-of-duty funerals for fallen officers in the state of Ohio. The unit provided funeral services for retired Grove City Police Major Glenn Stoll.

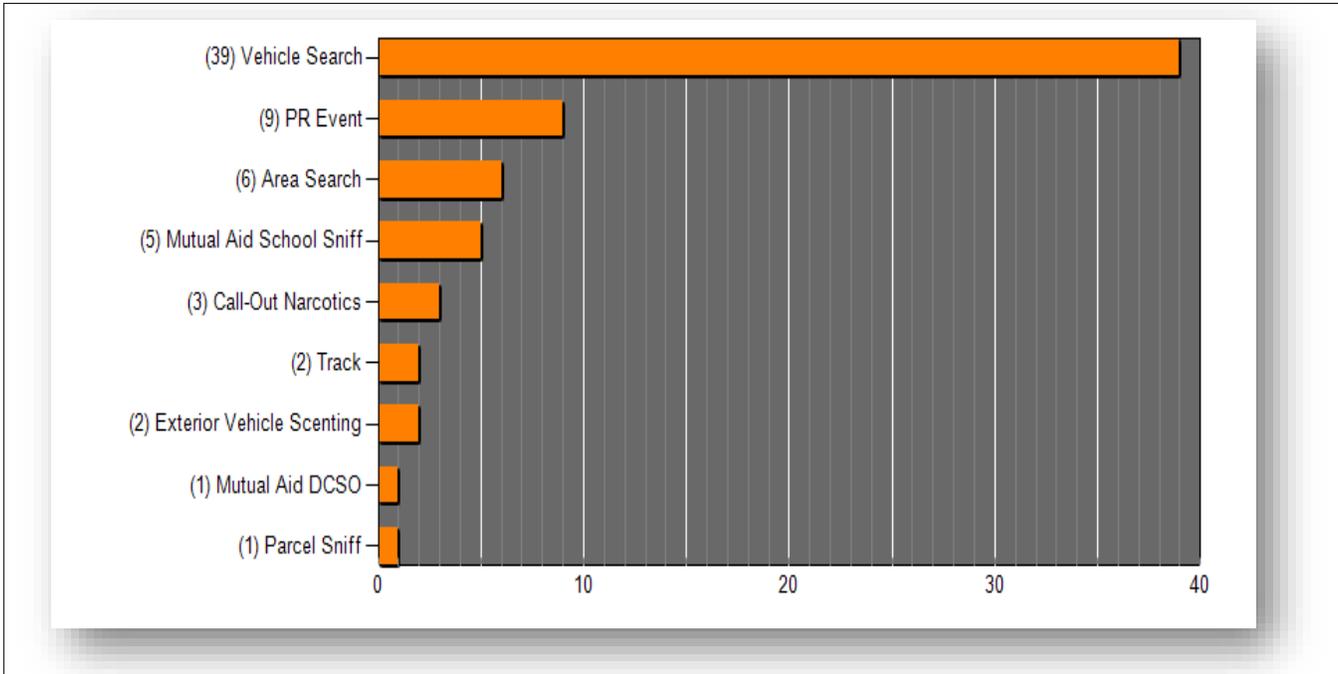
**Police Canine Team:** In July 2015, the Division of Police introduced its newest member, Police Canine Max, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois. Max is a dual purpose police canine specializing in narcotic interdiction and patrol work. His training includes narcotic detection, criminal apprehensions, tracking and building searches. Max's canine handler is Officer Brian Kitko. Officer Kitko and Max are certified by the State of Ohio as a police canine team.



*Canine Max is shown during his swearing-in ceremony in July 2015 with City Council Members, from left to right, Jeff Davis, Maria Klemack-McGraw, Mayor Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Officer Brian Kitko, Council President Ted Berry, Laura Lanese and Steve Bennett.*



# K9 Deployments



## Arrest Counts by K9 Handler

Arrest Breakdown		Total Arrests
2015	Aug	1
	Sep	6
	Oct	11
	Nov	17
	Dec	17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>



*Max showing his support of OSU*



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# Support Services Subdivision

The Support Services Subdivision is led by a lieutenant and supported administratively by a police account clerk. Support Services is comprised of the Investigative Bureau, Community Services Bureau and Professional Standards Bureau. A new bureau, the Special Operations Bureau, is planned for January 2016.

## Investigative Bureau

The Investigative Bureau is supervised by the investigative bureau sergeant. With five general investigators, one juvenile investigator, one part-time juvenile diversion coordinator and one part-time property clerk, the bureau is responsible for crime scene processing, initial investigation and photographing, fingerprinting, collecting evidence and crime analysis for serious crimes and felonies.

The bureau's property room clerk is responsible for securing and administrating more than 30,000 pieces of property. The clerk secures the property and provides it to the court. When the property is no longer needed, the clerk administers the destruction and disposal, including the drugs retrieved from the Safety Complex Drug Drop Box.

The Investigative Bureau had an average case load of 212 at the end of 2015, with a closure rate of one per day. Detectives are involved with several national task forces, including International Crimes Against Children, Stop Teenage Opportunities to Purchase, and Central Ohio Informational Network.

## Community Services Bureau

The Community Services Bureau (CSB) is comprised of four sworn police officers, one part-time civilian crime prevention coordinator and is supervised by a sergeant.

Two of the four officers are school resource officers at Grove City High School and Central Crossing High School. The other two officers teach DARE to the elementary and intermediate schools, instruct third grade seat belt programs, and conduct Child ID events. In the summer, the CSB partners with Jackson Township Fire Department for Safety Town.

The Division of Police also sponsors an Explorer Post through the Boy Scouts of America. Explorers are teens who have an interest in law enforcement as a vocation. Explorers also volunteer to assist with parade routes, participate in



frequent ride-alongs and assist in the radio room.

The crime prevention coordinator is responsible for facilitating the division's crime prevention programs with residents and businesses. The crime prevention coordinator and CSB sergeant are the voices behind our social media. One of the more popular programs, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.), is hosted by the Crime Prevention Coordinator. S.A.L.T. involves meeting with seniors to share safety information, answer questions and provide updates on current scams.



*Crime Prevention Coordinator Tom Durflinger speaking at a S.A.L.T. meeting.*

## *Spotlight on*

### *...Social Media*

In 2012, GCPD began to use social media by hosting a Facebook page. After three years of daily updates, news and announcements, we are happy to say it has been a great enhancement to our law enforcement tools. We have been able to identify and apprehend criminals by displaying their photos, provide crime prevention information, recognize the accomplishments of division personnel, announce snow emergencies allowing voluntary compliance with vehicle relocation and alert citizens to routes to avoid. Our social media presence has grown tremendously. We now have 7,629 Facebook likes (averaging 50 new each week); 1,901 Twitter followers; and 3,160 Nextdoor members following the Grove City Police.

#### **FIND US ONLINE AT:**

[Police.GroveCityOhio.gov](http://Police.GroveCityOhio.gov)

[Nextdoor.com/GroveCityPolice](http://Nextdoor.com/GroveCityPolice)

[Facebook.com/GroveCityOhioPolice](http://Facebook.com/GroveCityOhioPolice)

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## Professional Standards Bureau



The Professional Standards Bureau is supervised by a sergeant and staffed by two officers; one primarily responsible for managing the CALEA process and the other assigned to manage the training function. Every officer in the agency completes 40 hours of in-service training annually. Additionally, officers are required by the state to complete four hours of continuing professional training. The number of hours required increased to 11 in 2016. In total, agency personnel completed more than 6,000 hours of training in 2015.

The Professional Standards Bureau also manages facility maintenance with a staff of two part-time janitors.

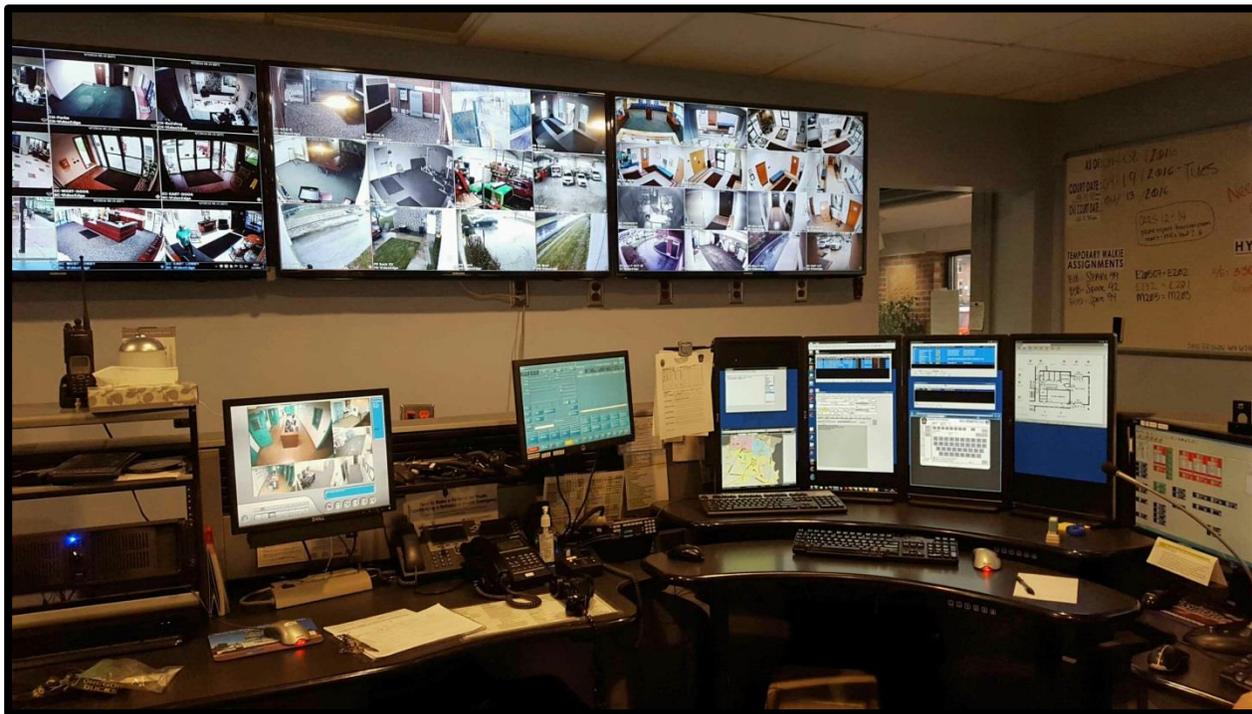
Wednesdays are court days in Grove City Mayor's Court. Professional Standards personnel manage courtroom security. As prisoners are brought in from the county jail, the officers ensure they are secure while in our courtroom. We also have a part-time employee court liaison. Many officer hours are "saved" by the liaison serving as the officer's agent.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority for law enforcement agencies. CALEA established nearly 500 benchmarks that facilitate an agency's pursuit of professional excellence. Accreditation is often referred to as the "gold standard" in public safety. Grove City was accredited and then reaccredited five times. We are currently working towards our sixth reaccreditation.

Only 10 percent of the total law enforcement agencies in the United States are accredited. The reaccreditation process is an intense and thorough way to make sure that division policies meet national standards and each division member is aware, trained and following those policies. Grove City uses a program called PowerDMS to manage the CALEA process to track all memorandums, general orders (policies and procedures), forms, contracts and officer training.



# Communications Information Center Subdivision



*Communications Information Center dispatching console and video monitors*

The Communications Information Center (CIC) provides public safety services and assistance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The CIC is led by the communications manager and includes the communications supervisor and technicians, a records specialist and two part-time receptionists.

CIC is responsible for taking emergency and non-emergency phone calls and dispatching first responders from the Grove City Division of Police, and Jackson and Pleasant Township fire departments.

CIC is a primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in Franklin County. This means the center is responsible for answering wireless 911 calls for the southwest quadrant of Franklin County. Emergency wireless 911 calls account for more than half of the calls received in the center. Communications technicians record all responder activity, call details and response time information in the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The technicians also process and maintain records such as warrants, missing person reports and reports of stolen property.

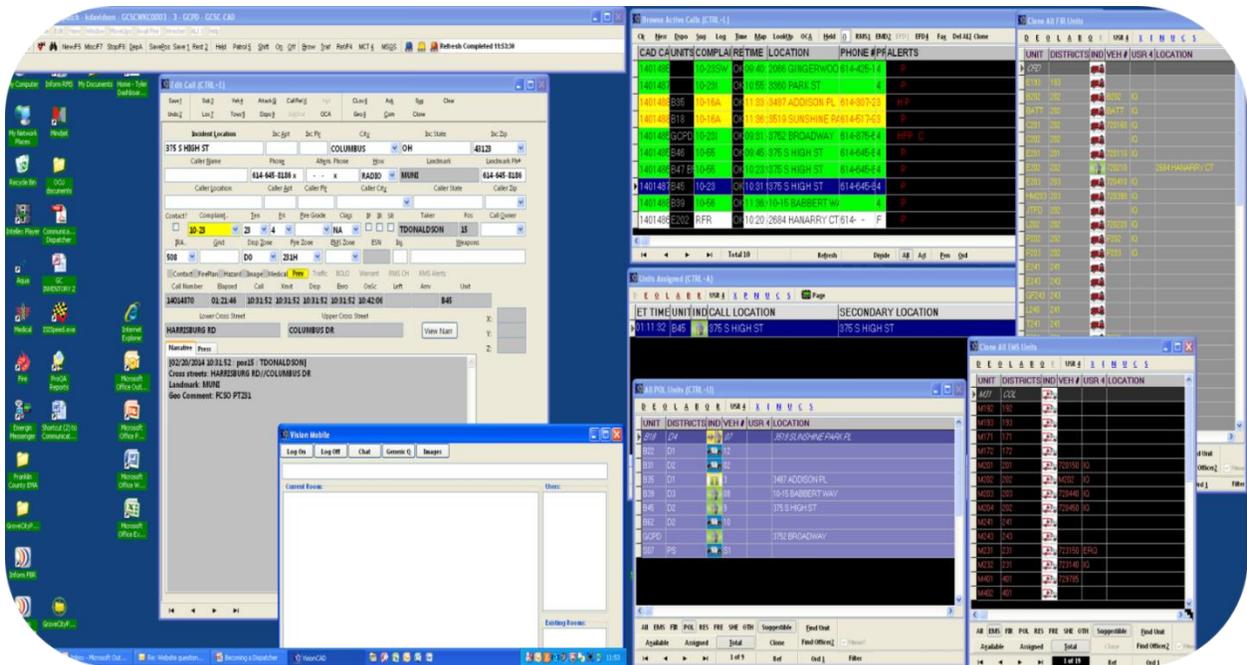


CIC staff is trained in CPR through the American Heart Association and pre-arrival instructions through the International Academy of Priority Dispatch. The CIC staff also handles clerical duties and various requests for other divisions in the City after normal business hours.

The records section is staffed by a records specialist who is responsible for managing division records and ensuring all reports and paperwork are properly filed. The records specialist also responds to all public records requests received via email, online, telephone and/or in person.

The receptionists greet citizens in the lobby of the police station, assist communications technicians with various activities and assist the records specialist with daily functions.

	Total Phone Calls	911 Calls	Police/Fire Non 911 Phone Calls	CAD Call Entries	Public Records Requests
2015	120,859	17,346	103,513	97,267	1,673
2014	117,687	10,520	107,167	104,722	2,004
2013	118,956	15,163	103,793	104,308	1,894



Typical screen view of dispatching computer software used by the communications technicians



# Community Volunteers

Volunteers are a valuable resource for the Division of Police, performing 4,911 hours of service for a divisional value of \$110,753<sup>1</sup>. Volunteer service is a positive way for members of the community to get involved and help the city while allowing the police to engage the community.

## Chaplain Program

The Chaplain Program has been a great resource for the Division of Police. Police chaplains are a resource for providing guidance and counseling to agency personnel as well as the community. The chaplains respond to critical incidents to assist agency personnel and the community in coping with tragedy. The chaplains attend specialized training and are members of the International Conference of Police Chaplains. In 2015, the division had two police chaplains on staff who completed 373 hours of service.



Chaplain Tom Danklefsen



Chaplain Jeff Broadnax

<sup>1</sup> Independent Sector, [http://independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time). The estimate uses a value of \$22.50 per hour.



## Explorers

The Division of Police has long supported the Boy Scouts of America Explorer Chapter. Explorers are boys and girls under the age of 21 interested in exploring law enforcement as a possible career choice. Explorers are trained in radio protocol of 10-codes, traffic stops, conflict management and general police and investigative procedures. In June 2015, five Explorers participated in the Explorer competition at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Explorer Academy located at Campbellsville University in Kentucky. The Explorer post had 11 members volunteering 698.5 hours of meetings, ride-alongs and special events.



*Explorers attending the 2015 Explorer Competition in Campbellsville, KY*

## Citizens Police Academy

The Grove City Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is an extension of the Grove City Division of Police Community Partnership. The program provides insight into the mission, goals, objectives and operations of the Division of Police. Understanding through training can dispel misconceptions about policing. In turn, the Division of Police becomes more aware of community needs and concerns while opening lines of communication with residents of the City of Grove City and Jackson Township. Participants are encouraged to share their ideas and experiences with police instructors and class members to improve community and police partnerships.



Upon graduation, members become eligible to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. This group of highly dedicated volunteers assists the division in many different ways including child ID events, parades, hospitality services, administrative services and just about anything else asked of them.

In 2015, our Grove City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association volunteers logged more than 2,718 hours.



*2015 Citizens Police Academy Graduates*

### **Community Watch Volunteers**

In 2015, the Division of Police instituted a Community Watch Volunteer (CWV) program comprised of members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. The purpose of the program is to have additional "eyes and ears" in the community to assist with the delivery of police services. Volunteers for the program received additional training on observation techniques, radio communication, vehicle operation, proper citizen contact and vehicle lockouts. A de-commissioned cruiser retired from patrol service was outfitted to meet the needs of the program.



The CWV is responsible for:

- supporting the mission of the Division of Police;
- being ambassadors for the City and Division of Police;
- supporting crime prevention programs; and
- being skilled observers.

In 2015, the CWV logged 1180.5 hours.



*Community Watch Volunteers with Community Watch vehicle.*

### 2015 Volunteer Value<sup>1</sup>

<b>Volunteer Program</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>	<b>Value of Time</b>
Chaplain	373.00	\$ 8,411
CPAAA	2,718.00	\$ 61,290
CWV	1,180.50	\$ 26,620
Reserve Officers	640.00	\$ 14,432
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,911.50</b>	<b>\$110,753</b>

<sup>1</sup> Independent Sector, [http://independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time). The estimate uses a value of \$22.50 per hour.

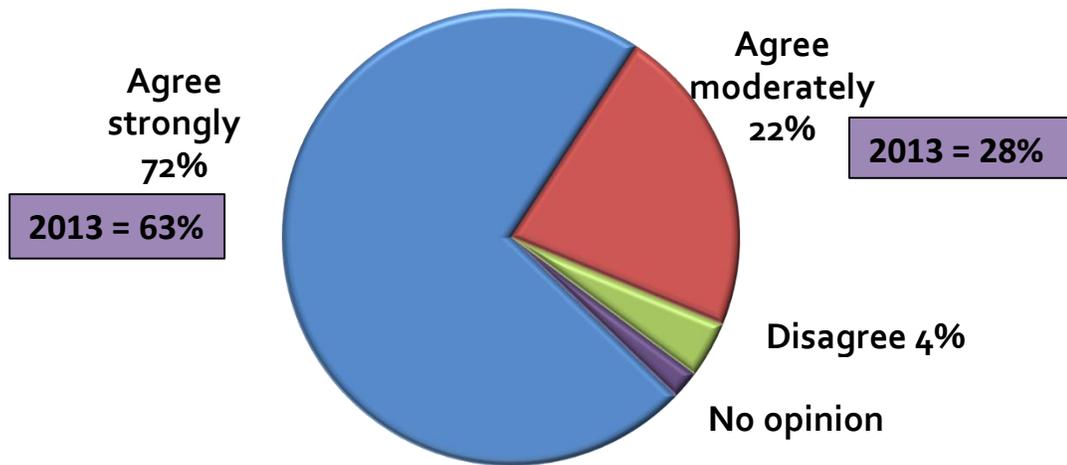


# Community Survey

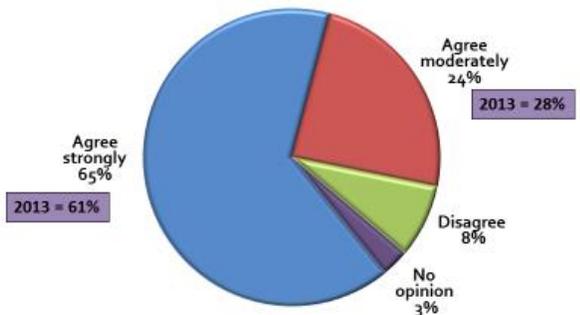
In 2015, Saperstein Associates, Inc. completed the Grove City Community Attitudes Survey, conducting randomly selected telephone interviews with 500 adult residents of Grove City, Urbancrest and Jackson Township. The Grove City Division of Police received high marks from the community.

Seven out of ten residents agreed strongly that the Grove City Division of Police does a good job keeping the community safe - up from six out of ten in 2013. A total of 94 percent of respondents agreed strongly or moderately that the Grove City Division of Police does a good job of keeping their neighborhood safe.

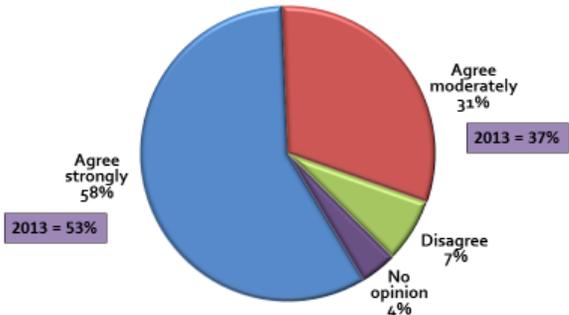
## Police Do a Good Job Keeping My Neighborhood Safe



### Police Treat Local Residents Courteously



### Police are Well-Trained, Competent Professionals



Source: Saperstein Survey 2015



# Annual Awards

Each year in April, the Division hosts the annual awards banquet to highlight and celebrate the achievements of our personnel. All employees of the Division, along with the Mayor and city department heads, city council members and GCPD volunteers, are invited to attend. Awards are presented by the executive staff.

## Officer of the Year

Officer Brandon Judd

## Civilian of the Year

CIC Manager Kelley Davidson

## Volunteer of the Year

Ms. Leslye Creek

## Blue Shield Award

Detective Nicholas Deskins

## Lifesaving Citations

Sgt. Chris Emmelhainz  
Officer Brent Hall  
Officer Paul Coleman  
Officer Joshua Smith  
Officer Mark White  
Officer John Darnell (2)  
Officer Aaron Grassel  
Officer Eric Parker (3)  
Officer Marc Petty  
Officer Thomas McCoy

## Community Service Citations

Sgt. Chris White, Officer John Darnell  
and Dispatcher Cortney Duncan  
Officer Kert Lanam  
Marsha Lawson and Quin Wells

## Distinguished Service Certificates

Sgt. Eric Scott  
Sgt. Doug Olmstead  
Officer Chris Pfeiffer  
Ms. Draquesana Varney

## Exceptional Conduct Citations

Detective Teri Ruslander  
Officer Doug Fraley  
Officer John Darnell  
Officer Paul Carmichael  
Officer Ryan Hutchinson  
Officer Brent Hall  
Officer Brittany Smith  
Officer Brandon Judd  
Records Clerk Laurie Grener  
CIC Manager Kelley Davidson  
CIC Supervisor Elizabeth Fahy  
Dispatcher Joe Asbury  
Officer Chris Eberhard (2015)  
Account Clerk Laurie Rutan (2015)  
Officer Thomas McCoy (2015)



*Communications Technician Cortney Duncan pictured with Woody Williams, a WWII Medal of Honor recipient who inspired several employees to coordinate efforts to bring the Gold Star Families Memorial to Grove City, received the Community Service Citation.*



*Marsha Lawson and Quin Wells received the Community Service Citation for organizing Cram the Cruiser Toy Drive benefiting Franklin County Children Services.*



*Sgt. Chris White and Officer John Darnell, pictured with Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams, received the Community Service Citation for bringing the Gold Star Family Memorial to Grove City.*

Help others and give something back. I guarantee you will discover that while public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring your own life.

--Arnold Schwarzenegger



*Chief Jeff Pearson, Officer of the Year Brandon Judd, Lt. Jeff Lawless, Lt. Brian Davidson and Civilian of the Year Kelley Davidson.*



# Internal Investigations

In order to maintain public trust and institutional integrity, all complaints of officer misconduct are investigated in a fair and impartial manner with the objective of determining the facts and holding ourselves accountable for our actions.

In 2015, there were eight internal affairs investigations; four complaints initiated by citizens and four initiated by agency personnel. Five of the complaints or 62.5% were sustained and the remaining concluded with no misconduct found. The chart below indicates the type of complaints investigated and outcomes.

Internal affairs investigations are concluded with one or more of the following dispositions:

- **Sustained** means that there is sufficient evidence to support the allegations.
- **Not Sustained** means that there is not sufficient evidence to support the allegations.
- **Exonerated** means that the incident occurred, but it was lawful or proper.
- **Unfounded** means that the allegation is false or not factual.
- **Police failure** implies that a flaw in policy caused the incident.

<i>2015 Internal Investigation Statistics</i>	
<b>Citizen Complaints</b>	
<b>Policy Violation</b>	2
Sustained	1
Unfounded	1
<b>Unprofessional Conduct</b>	2
Not sustained	2
<b>Internal Complaints</b>	
<b>Neglect of Duty</b>	2
Sustained	2
<b>Unsatisfactory Work Performance</b>	1
Sustained	1
<b>Improper Discharge of Firearm</b>	1
Sustained	1

“Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives the reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police.”

Sir Robert Peele



# Statistical Data



## Grove City Division of Police

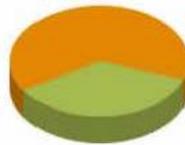
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Arrest Totals

Males 1,302  
65% of 2,018



Females 716  
35% of 2,018

Arrest Totals Breakdown

Adult Males 1,117  
55% of 2,018



Adult Females 575  
28% of 2,018

Juv. Females 141  
7% of 2,018

Juv. Males 185  
9% of 2,018

<b>Total Arrests:</b>	2018		
<b>Males</b>		<b>Females</b>	
Adult	1117	Adult	575
Juvenile	185	Juvenile	141
Total:	1302	Total:	716

### Felony Reports

#### Adult Misdemeanor Counts

Misdemeanor:	389
Misdemeanor-1:	1112
Misdemeanor-2:	70
Misdemeanor-3:	8
Misdemeanor-4:	179
Misdemeanor-M:	341
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2099</b>

#### Adult Felony Counts

Felony:	78
Felony-1:	11
Felony-2:	26
Felony-3:	11
Felony-4:	31
Felony-5:	130
<b>Total:</b>	<b>287</b>

#### Juvenile Misdemeanor Counts

Misdemeanor:	8
Misdemeanor-1:	143
Misdemeanor-2:	21
Misdemeanor-3:	88
Misdemeanor-4:	68
Misdemeanor-M:	18
<b>Total:</b>	<b>346</b>

#### Juvenile Felony Counts

Felony:	3
Felony-1:	0
Felony-2:	19
Felony-3:	0
Felony-4:	0
Felony-5:	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>34</b>

### Crimes Against People

Crime	Offenses	Counts
Aggravated Assault	10	10
Bribery	0	0



Burglary / Breaking and Entering	129	129
Credit Card / ATM Fraud	11	11
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	0	0
Forcible Fondling	8	8
Forcible Rape	14	14
Forcible Sodomy	1	1
Incest	0	0
Intimidation	35	35
Kidnaping / Abduction	5	5
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Peeping Tom	0	0
Pocket - Picking	4	4
Purse - Snatching	2	2
Robbery	28	30
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0
Simple Assault	411	431
Statutory Rape	4	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>684</b>

#### Crimes Against Property

Crime	Offenses	Counts
All Other Larceny	229	229
Arson	4	4
Bad Checks	11	11
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	283	284
Embezzlement	0	0
Extortion / Blackmail	0	0
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	46	46
Motor Vehicle Theft	35	35
Shoplifting	566	566
Stolen Property Offenses	38	38
Theft from Building	160	160
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	4	4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	274	274
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	5	5
Trespass of Real Property	35	35
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1690</b>	<b>1691</b>

#### Crimes Against Society

Crime	Offenses	Counts
All Other Violations	758	762
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	5	5
Betting / Wagering	0	0
Counterfeiting / Forgery	54	54
Curfew / Loitering / Vagrancy Violations	42	78
Disorderly Conduct	116	129
Driving Under the Influence	184	184
Drug Equipment Violations	239	239
Drug / Narcotic Violations	281	284
Drunkenness	0	0



Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0
Impersonation	181	181
Justifiable Homicide (Not a Crime)	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	55	55
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0
Pornography / Obscene Material	10	10
Prostitution	0	0
Runaway	142	142
Sports Tampering	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	15	15
Welfare Fraud	1	1
Wire Fraud	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>2139</b>

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## Grove City Division of Police 3 year Crime Rate Summary Per 1,000 Residents



Crime Category	2015 (36,459)		2014 (36,079)		2013 (35,817)		3 year average (36,118)	
	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate	Offenses	Crime rate
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>								
Thefts From Vehicles	272	7.46	349	9.67	288	8.04	<b>303.00</b>	<b>8.39</b>
Shoplifting	564	15.47	493	13.66	369	10.30	<b>475.33</b>	<b>13.16</b>
Theft from a Building	159	4.36	137	3.80	140	3.91	<b>145.33</b>	<b>4.02</b>
All Other Larceny	220	6.03	256	7.10	275	7.68	<b>250.33</b>	<b>6.93</b>
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	284	7.79	332	9.20	354	9.88	<b>323.33</b>	<b>8.95</b>
Motor Vehicle Thefts	34	0.93	42	1.16	49	1.37	<b>41.67</b>	<b>1.15</b>
Arson	4	0.11	2	0.06	5	0.14	<b>3.67</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Bad Checks	11	0.30	9	0.25	9	0.25	<b>9.67</b>	<b>0.27</b>
False Pretenses/Swindle	45	1.23	33	0.91	37	1.03	<b>38.33</b>	<b>1.06</b>
Stolen Property Offenses	38	1.04	36	1.00	25	0.70	<b>33.00</b>	<b>0.91</b>
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	4	0.11	2	0.06	0	0.00	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.06</b>
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	5	0.14	10	0.28	19	0.53	<b>11.33</b>	<b>0.31</b>
Trespass of Real Property	35	0.96	51	1.41	47	1.31	<b>44.33</b>	<b>1.23</b>
Embezzlement	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0.00	1	0.03	3	0.08	<b>1.33</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Total crimes against property</b>	<b>1675</b>	<b>45.94</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>48.59</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b>45.23</b>	<b>1682.67</b>	<b>46.59</b>
<b>Crimes Against People</b>								
Aggravated Assaults	10	0.27	5	0.14	6	0.17	<b>7.00</b>	<b>0.19</b>
**Simple Assault	431	11.82	287	7.95	214	5.97	<b>310.67</b>	<b>8.60</b>
Forcible Rape	12	0.33	19	0.53	8	0.22	<b>13.00</b>	<b>0.36</b>
Burglaries/B&E's	129	3.54	163	4.52	156	4.36	<b>149.33</b>	<b>4.13</b>
Robbery	30	0.82	18	0.50	29	0.81	<b>25.67</b>	<b>0.71</b>
Murder	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.03	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Bribery	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	11	0.30	12	0.33	16	0.45	<b>13.00</b>	<b>0.36</b>
Family Offenses/ Non Violent	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Forcible Fondling	8	0.22	5	0.14	4	0.11	<b>5.67</b>	<b>0.16</b>
Forcible Sodomy	1	0.03	0	0.00	0	0.00	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Incest	0	0.00	1	0.03	0	0.00	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Intimidation	34	0.93	30	0.83	37	1.03	<b>33.67</b>	<b>0.93</b>
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	0.14	8	0.22	1	0.03	<b>4.67</b>	<b>0.13</b>
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Peeping Tom	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



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<b>Crimes Against People</b>								
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Purse Snatching	2	0.05	1	0.03	5	0.14	2.67	0.07
Sexual Assault w/ an Object	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Statutory Rape	4	0.11	1	0.03	3	0.08	2.67	0.07
<b>Total crimes against people</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>18.68</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>15.24</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>13.46</b>	<b>571.00</b>	<b>15.81</b>

\*\* Simple Assault numbers include Domestic Violence numbers: 2015=147; 2014=121; 2013=112

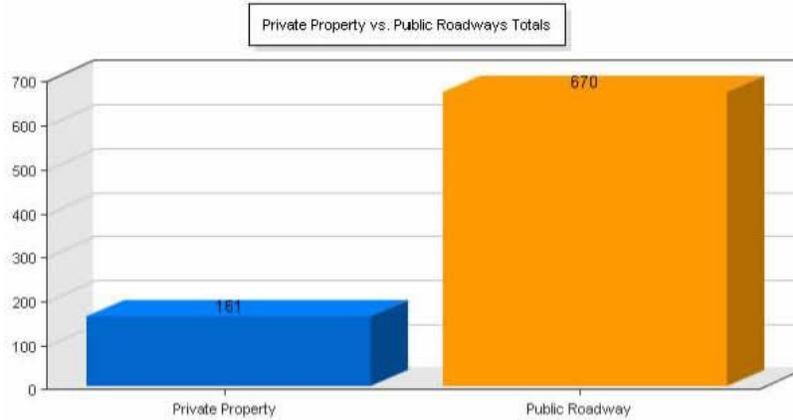
<b>Crimes Against Society</b>								
Drug/Narcotic Violations	282	7.73	164	4.55	196	5.47	214.00	5.93
Drug Equipment Violations	239	6.56	153	4.24	147	4.10	179.67	4.97
Driving Under the Influence	184	5.05	196	5.43	214	5.97	198.00	5.48
Disorderly Conduct	129	3.54	118	3.27	130	3.63	125.67	3.48
Counterfeiting/Forgery	54	1.48	63	1.75	58	1.62	58.33	1.62
Impersonation (ID Fraud)	174	4.77	113	3.13	124	3.46	137.00	3.79
Liquor Law Violations	55	1.51	66	1.83	64	1.79	61.67	1.71
All Other Violations	758	20.79	748	20.73	643	17.95	716.33	19.83
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	5	0.14	1	0.03	0	0.00	2.00	0.06
Betting/Wagering	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	78	2.14	105	2.91	64	1.79	82.33	2.28
Drunkenness	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	10	0.27	12	0.33	10	0.28	10.67	0.30
Prostitution	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.03	0.33	0.01
Runaway	142	3.89	116	3.22	109	3.04	122.33	3.39
Sports Tampering	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Weapon Law Violations	15	0.41	19	0.53	24	0.67	19.33	0.54
Welfare Fraud	1	0.03	0	0.00	1	0.03	0.67	0.02
Wire Fraud	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total crimes against Society</b>	<b>2126</b>	<b>58.31</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>51.94</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>49.84</b>	<b>1928.33</b>	<b>53.39</b>



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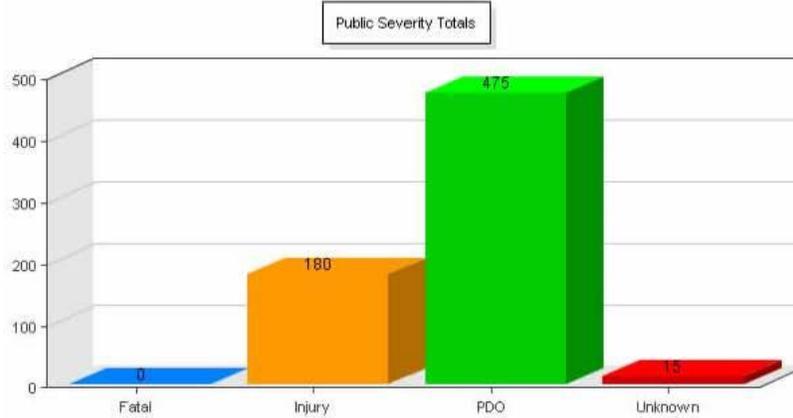
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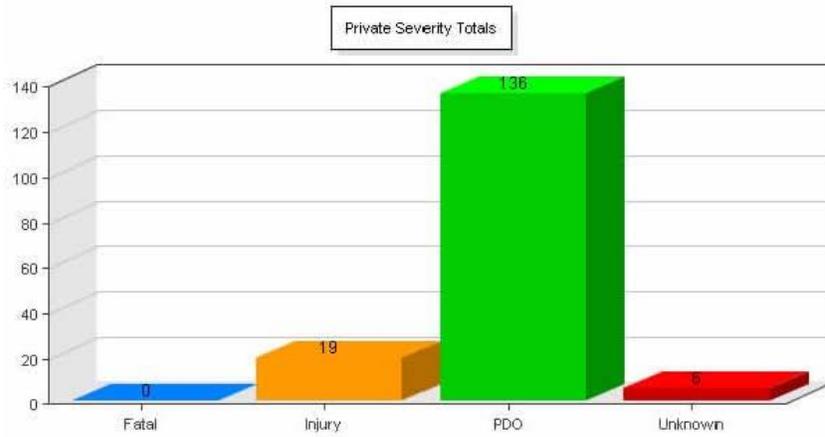
#### Public / Private Totals

Total Accidents:	831	Private Property Accidents:	161	Public Roadway Accidents:	670
		Private Property:	19.37%	Public Roadway:	80.63%



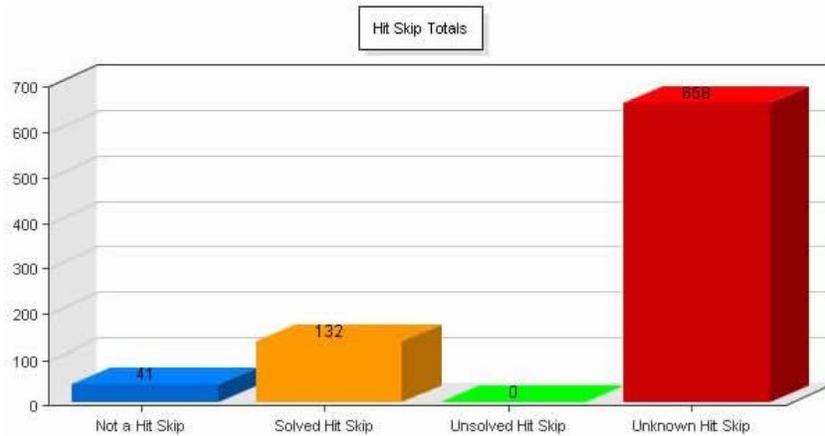
#### Public Severity Totals

Fatal Accidents:	0	Injury Accidents:	180	PDO Accidents:	475	Unknown Accidents:	15
Fatal Accidents:	0.00%	Injury Accidents:	27.48%	PDO Accidents:	72.52%	Unknown Accidents:	0.00%



**Private Severity Totals**

Fatal Accidents: 0 Injury Accidents: 19 PDO Accidents: 136 Unknown Accidents: 6  
Fatal Accidents: 0.00% Injury Accidents: 12.26% PDO Accidents: 87.74% Unknown Accidents: 0.00%



**Hit / Skip Totals**

Not a Hit Skip: 41 Solved Hit Skip: 132 Unsolved Hit Skip: 0 Unknown Hit Skip: 658  
Not a Hit Skip: 4.93% Solved: 15.88% Unsolved: 0.00% Unknown: 79.18%



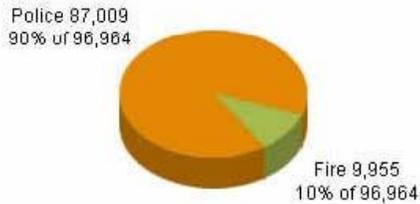
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### CAD Call Counts Summary

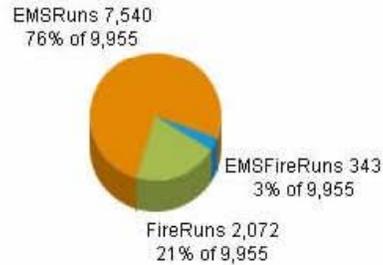
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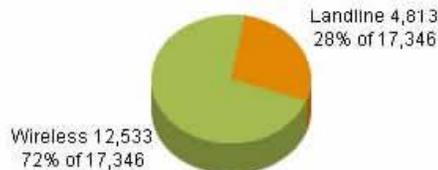


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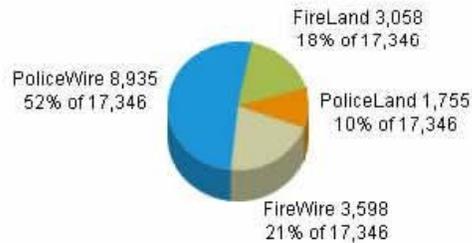


<b>Total Calls:</b>	97267	<b>EMS Calls:</b>	7540
<b>Police Calls:</b>	87009	<b>Fire Calls:</b>	2072
<b>Fire Calls:</b>	9955	<b>EMS/FIRE Calls:</b>	343

911 Call Summary



911 Call Department Summary



<b>Land Line Calls:</b>	4850	<b>Police Land Line Calls:</b>	1755
<b>Wireless Calls:</b>	12768	<b>Fire Land Line Calls:</b>	3058
<b>Wireless Trans.:</b>	2564	<b>Police Wireless Calls:</b>	8935
		<b>Fire Wireless Calls:</b>	3598

<b>Calls Initiated by Radio:</b>	56324	<b>Calls Initiated by Planned:</b>	1366
<b>Calls Initiated by Phone:</b>	20270	<b>Calls Not Specified:</b>	0
<b>Calls Initiated by Walk-In:</b>	831		