



Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT

2014



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I. Message from the Chief



Honorable Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and Citizens of Lauderdale:

This year our former chief, Richard Engstrom, passed away. Chief Engstrom spent 39 years serving our community...the most service years of any police officer in our department's history.

At its core, being a police officer is about "service." In addition, service is also at the center of our community policing efforts. Through serving people, we establish the relationships that are necessary to affect crime in our community. The word "service" has become so important to our operational goals, I have started a new motto for the police department..."Safety Through Service." Safety through service has always been at the center of our ethos, now it will be formalized into our day to day consciousness. When the police department identifies "service" as our core principle, we set up our deliverables in a way that represents the best outcomes for the people we serve. The word and motto helps us frame our point of reference and how we fit into the community, as well as solidifies our train of thought. By remembering and internalizing the word "service," we remind ourselves about our mission, about how we would like our family members to be treated, about how we need the "permission" of the people to be effective, and about how to be human while we perform a very difficult profession. Sir Robert Peel understood that the police are simply "citizens in uniform" and these uniformed citizens exercise their power with the consent of the people they serve. The consensus of the people, transparency in our organization, integrity, and accountability, as well as a strong focus on service is as important today as it was in 17th century England when these core concepts of modern policing were first developed.

"Safety Through Service" has always been our culture here at the St. Anthony Police Department. Richard Engstrom understood this concept, I am simply naming it.

It is with great honor that I present the 2014 annual report to the citizens of Lauderdale.

Respectfully,

John Ohl

Chief of Police



II. Crime Statistics

FALCON HEIGHTS - PART I AND PART II CRIMES

Part I Crimes								
	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Theft	MV Theft	Arson
2014	0	0	0	1	6	35	9	0
2013	0	0	1	1	9	24	6	0
+/-	0	0	-1	0	-3	+ 11	+ 3	0

Part II Crimes							
	Misd. Assaults	Property Damage	Forgery	DOC	Liquor	Weapons	Drugs
2014	4	11	0	4	1	0	7
2013	4	5	1	2	0	0	12
+/-	0	+6	-1	+2	+1	0	-5

Part I and II Crimes over the past five years

2010	Part I 41 Part II 76	Total 117	Overall Clearances	64%
2011	Part I 46 Part II 63	Total 109	Overall Clearances	52%
2012	Part I 53 Part II 60	Total 113	Overall Clearances	51%
2013	Part I 41 Part II 54	Total 95	Overall Clearances	65%
2014	Part I 51 Part II 57	Total 108	Overall Clearances	55%

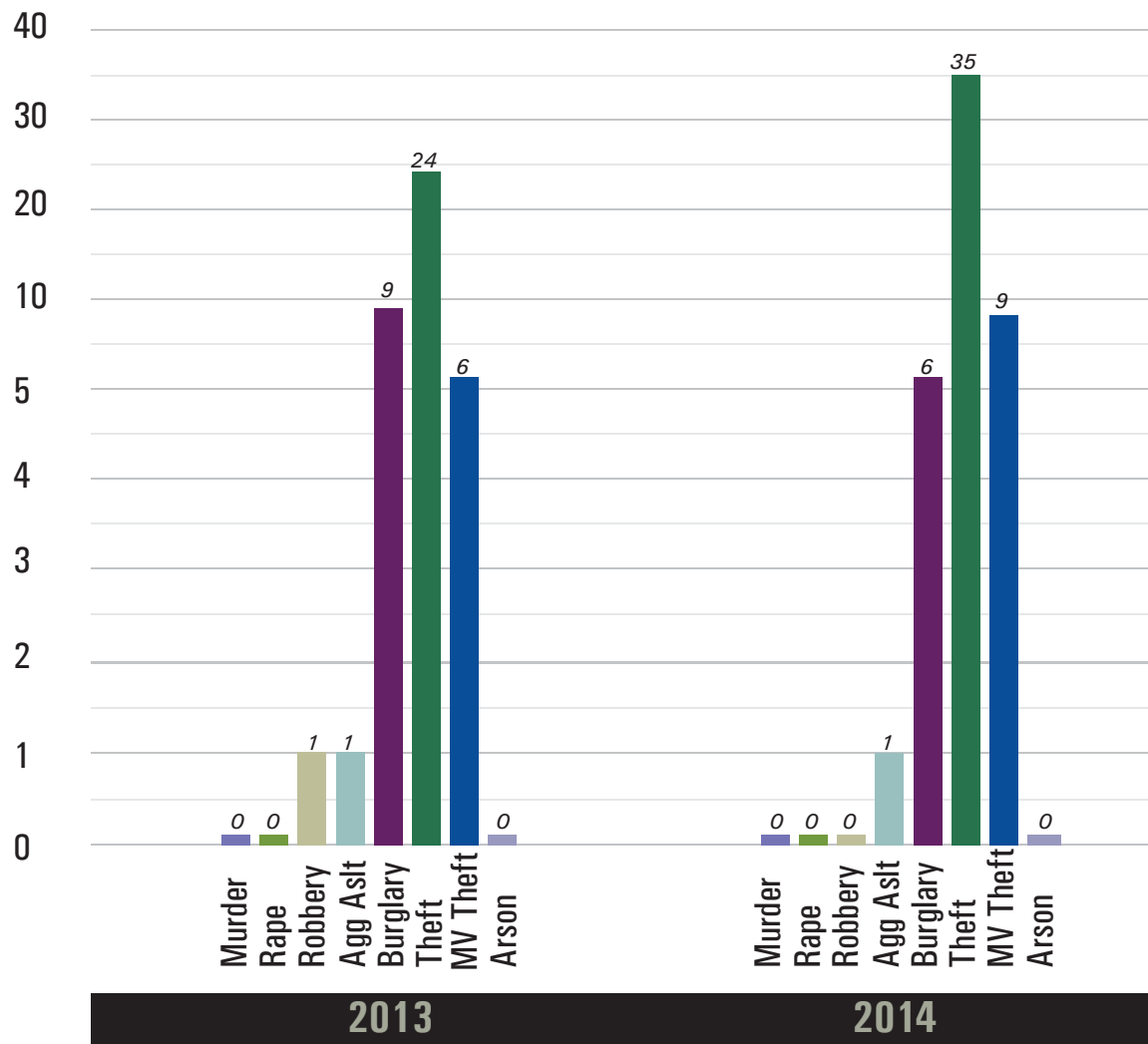
Average Part I and Part II clearance rates for Hennepin County in 2013 was 40%

Average Part I and Part II clearance rates for Ramsey County in 2013 was 33%

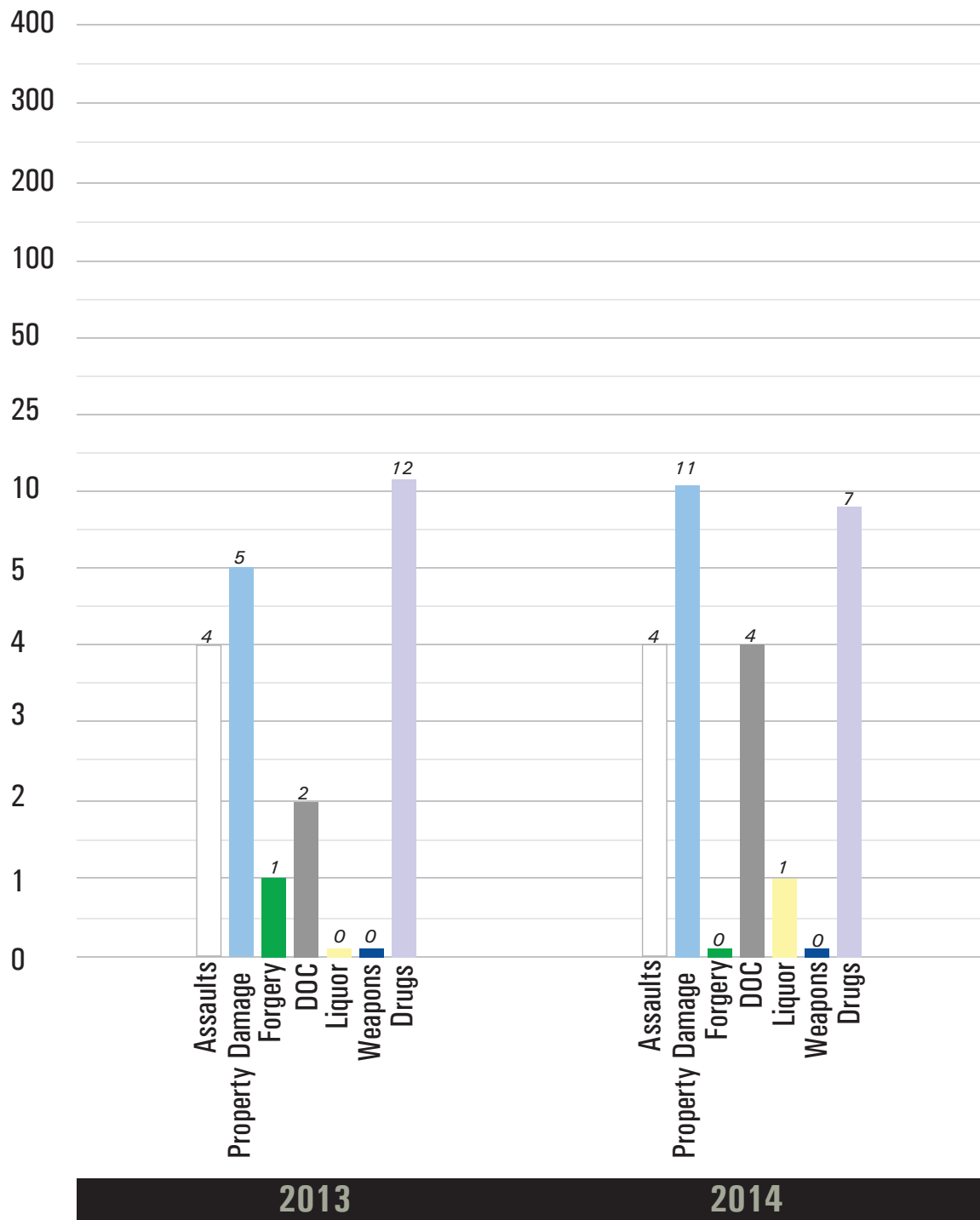
Part I Crimes increased by 10 in 2014

Part II Crimes increased by 3 in 2014

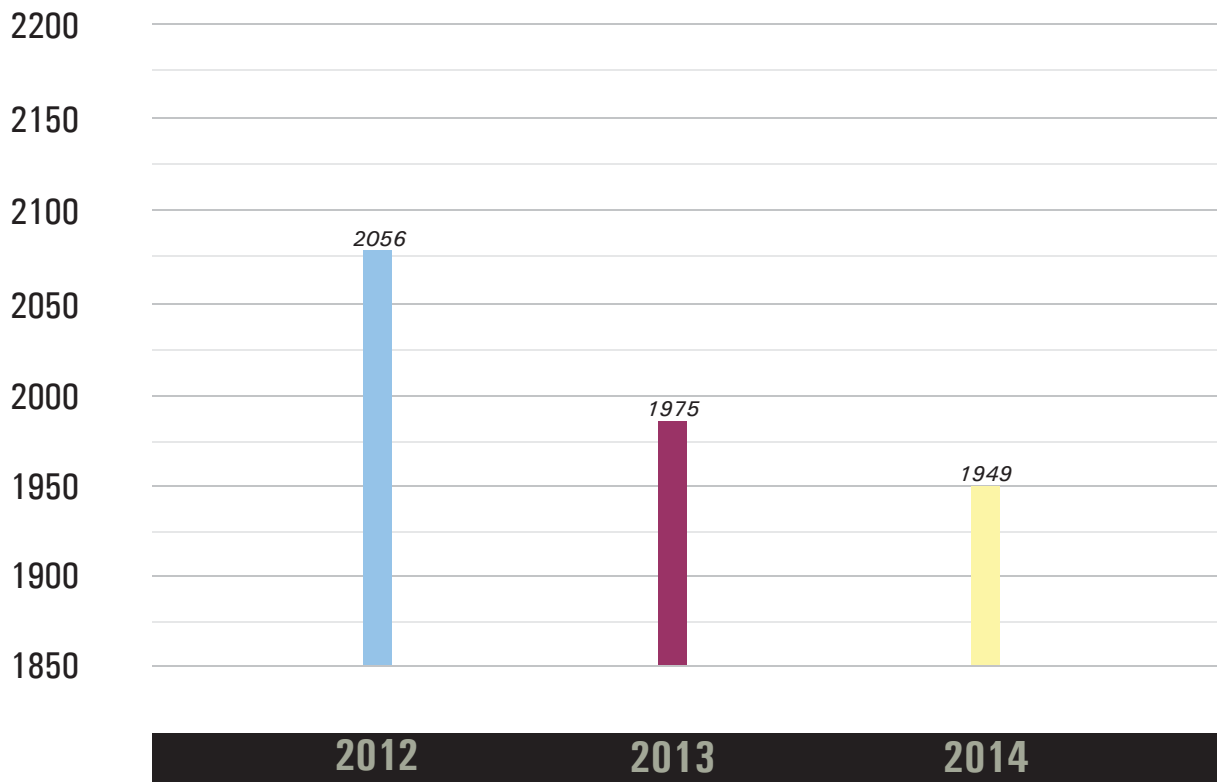
Lauderdale - Part I Crimes



Lauderdale - Part II Crimes



Other calls/incidents of interest in 2014



Total Calls for Police Service - 1,949

Domestics	12
Disturbance Calls	35
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	65
Medical	90
Juvenile Runaway	1
Juvenile Tobacco Use	1
Juvenile Curfew Violations	0
Underage Drinking Arrest	3
Disorderly Conduct	4
DWI	18
False Alarms	26
Alarms – No Report	13
Sale of Tobacco to Juvenile	0
Permits to Purchase Handgun	7



III. Patrol Review

Prepared by Sergeant Jeff Spiess

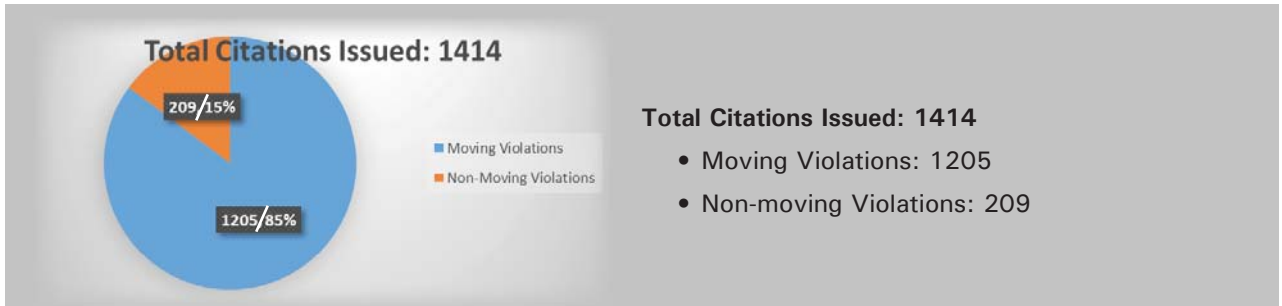
The patrol officer, at one point or another, wears nearly every hat and does nearly every job in the police department. Daily, the patrol officer does data entry and clerical work to make sure reports and citations are completed correctly. They also serve as an animal control agent, who catches runaway dogs and handles nuisance wildlife issues. They provide a safe and warm presence by tending to the sick and the victims of crime. They have an open ear for the concerns and needs of neighbors, business operators, school and government officials, and those who choose to recreate in the City. Patrol officers are the most visible to the community in which they serve and have the most impact on the relationships that are essential to a great community experience. The patrol officer receives nearly every imaginable call for service, ranging from a broken furnace in the middle of the night to an in-progress violent, felony crime. This requires that patrol officers are able to use discretion and to consciously adjust their attitude, demeanor, and emotions to best fit the situation in which they encounter. They must be fully aware of City ordinances, State and Federal laws, and the current status of case law. Patrol officers are also detectives, who conduct preliminary investigations and use their skills to often solve crimes quickly and bring offenders to justice. These comprehensive set of skills and responsibilities are what makes the job of a patrol officer sometimes difficult, but necessary, and also rewarding, for the officer and the community.



A necessary addition to the patrol unit is the role of the Community Service Officer (CSO). The CSO is a non-sworn member of the police department, who serves the community in many ways. First, the CSO is present in the community to serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for the patrol officers. He also handles calls for service that do not necessarily require the attention of a sworn police officer. These services include parking enforcement, animal control, traffic control, community events, equipment maintenance, and building the same relationships with the community that is important to all department members. The job of a CSO is demanding, requires significant attention to detail, and a strong desire to serve the department and the community. Since 2011, Andy Kukowski has reflected the attributes necessary to be a successful CSO with the St. Anthony Police Department and has exceeded expectations. In December of 2014, Andy interviewed and was ultimately appointed as a sworn police officer with this department. We look forward to having him continue his service as a valued member of our team. We also look forward to welcoming a new CSO in early 2015.

Also of note from 2014, was the resignation of Officer Ryan Baker. Officer Baker had served as a police officer with the department since 2007 and was a very valuable member of the St. Anthony family. Though a difficult decision, he elected to pursue other career aspirations. His hard work and sense of humor will be missed around the department and in the community.

Active enforcement of traffic laws is essential toward suppressing and detecting crime, reducing traffic crashes, and creating a safer community for those that live, work, and visit the City of Lauderdale. The patrol division is committed to such goals and this is evident when considering the following patrol statistics for 2014.



While statistics paint some of the picture, there are many things that they fail to reflect. As stated previously, traffic enforcement brings about safer travels and a safer community. Officers exercise discretion in their dealings with traffic violators and not every encounter ends with a citation issued. In instances where a warning is given rather than a citation, this activity would not be reflected statistically.

Even more important and equally difficult to measure is the time a patrol officer gives to the community on a daily basis. This could be anticipating a problem area and providing an extra police presence, working with community members to solve ongoing problems at their roots, or by getting out of the squad car to talk with business employees and residents to get to know them better. These activities are what is engrained in the culture of the St. Anthony Police Department and what each patrol officer values as essential to furthering the mission that is vital to creating and maintaining the wonderful community that is Lauderdale.



IV. Investigation Review

Prepared by Captain Cotroneo



Television shows like the “NCIS” series, “CSI”, “Forensic Files”, and several others, have become very popular in the past few years. The shows have entertainment value, and give a bit of a glimpse into the different sciences being used in policing today. What they also do though, is give a skewed perception on how these sciences work in real life police work.

Some of these programs lead viewers to believe that the lifting of fingerprints is possible off of any surface the suspect may have touched. In reality, there are many surfaces from which this is not possible due to their makeup. Some of these programs also show the use of facial recognition technologies, which are tied to state records systems, allowing for immediate identification of a suspect. This makes for entertaining viewing, but the real process isn’t as seamless. In reality, facial recognition technologies used by governmental agencies are not as advanced as those used by some large commercial institutions. Also, our form of government and criminal procedures don’t allow for the seamless connections between private and public systems. The access to some of these technologies is only available after getting approval from the courts (either by subpoena or warrant).

The use of DNA is the most recent tool added to the investigators’ toolkit. When first introduced into the policing world, DNA testing was only being used in serious crimes against persons. Advances in technology, have streamlined the process, allowing it to be used as a tool to solve various property crimes. There are 3 forensic labs accredited to test DNA in the State of Minnesota. They are at the BCA (Bureau of Criminal Apprehension), Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office Crime Lab and the Tri County Regional Forensic Lab at the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office. When DNA is found at a crime scene, scientists match it to a known offender’s sample in CODIS, which is the national DNA database. If a match is not made at first, the sample is re-entered multiple times in the future, continuing to check for matches with newly entered samples in the system. This process can



Officer Mark Dokken

of course stretch out the amount of time it takes to solve some crimes. A recent report revealed that a high percentage of the DNA cases being tested at each of the labs is related to a property crime.

All of the DNA evidence collected at crime scenes in Lauderdale is tested at the BCA. DNA evidence has identified suspects in a few property crimes in Lauderdale this past year.

These new technologies/sciences being used in police work are of great assistance to small agencies like ours. They allow for a higher clearance rate of crimes, and the ability to actively investigate lower level crimes before they become a major problem in the community.

Listed below is the total number of Criminal Investigations in the City of Lauderdale, for the year 2014, and what percentage of them were cleared.



Detective Tim Briski

Total Criminal Cases	108
Total Cases Cleared	60
Total Cleared by Arrest	50
Total Cleared by Other	10
CLEARANCE RATE:	55%



V. Police Education Summary

Prepared by Lieutenant Scholl



Lieutenant Scholl

We train to better ourselves, your department, and your city. In 2014 we trained over 1550 hours. Over 1000 hours of these, were Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified. Each officer is licensed in the State of Minnesota. In order to keep such a license, the POST Board places requirements for each department and officer. Your department is 100% compliant.

One requirement is a series of firearm certifications involving courses of action. According to FBI data the majority of police involved shootings are outdoors. We need to train outdoor. One of our qualifications was conducted outdoors. The officers' physical condition came into play. We ran and exercised as we faced shoot and don't shoot combat situations. We dealt with poor weather, squad positioning, movement, and split second decision making. We challenge ourselves and improve.

In 2014, your police department took part in Diversity Awareness in Law Enforcement training. We learned that racial micro aggressions are brief and occur daily through verbal, behavioral, and environmental indignities. A lot of the time it is unintentional. We worked on recognizing and correcting this behavior. Our instructor, Dr Samuel Betances, received enthusiastic reviews from this department.

Juvenile sex trafficking and exploitation are present, though often hidden, in every community. I'm saddened to inform you that it wasn't different in 2014. Your department conducted joint investigations with the Minneapolis Police Department and the FBI. We did receive in-depth training through the Ramsey County Attorney's Office, the BCA, and others. We learned how we can best respond, act, use resources, and follow-up on sex trafficking issues.

We constantly strive to cultivate good leadership qualities in our officers. Two of our street officers that are field training officers and also our department firearms and use of force instructors had the opportunity to complete a leadership program at the Minnesota BCA. The certification included attending classes over two years at the BCA ranging from handling stress in leadership roles in law enforcement to strategies for hiring new officers in today's changing law enforcement community.



Officer Dokken, Officer Sroga, and Captain Cotroneo

In a pro-active move to combat residential, summer burglaries, and peeping tom/suspicious persons, we got another officer certified in bicycle patrol. Some of their patrol comes when the majority of residents are sleeping. A bike patrol Officer can be stealthy which makes crime detection easier. A bike patrol officer can make a surprisingly large number of contacts while on night patrol.

Four of your officers also went to Crime Prevention Practitioner training. We are looking forward to implementing new techniques and building on the old in the very near future.

Minnesota Towards Zero Deaths saves lives by bringing together: education, enforcement, emergency services, engineering, and more. Two of your sergeants took part in "Towards Zero Deaths" training. They brought back creative ideas. They learned from the past. They learned about what works and what does not. New ideas for safer communities, bicycling, transportation, and life and safety enforcement will be implemented in 2015.



VI. Police Reserve Summary

Prepared by Officer Tressa Sunde



This year, the Police Reserve Program was like most others...we had a great year! This year, also like most others, we had a lot of turnover. Some may think of this as a bad thing...but I like to think of this as an ever evolving position that helps both the police department and those who commit to helping it.

After losing a few of our long term reserve officers last year, we settled into as comfortable of a pattern as could be with covering shifts and special events as they came up. As expected, our reserves stepped up to the plate and covered all of the special events and most weekends. This was all done with only **8** people. The commitment of these reserves never ceases to amaze me.

As the year went on and everyone got more time and experience under their duty belts, we again went through a hiring process. Again we asked our reserve officers to assist with this process as they will be working side by side with them. I take the hiring process very seriously, just like we do when we hire police officers. Chief Ohl has made a huge impact on me with the hiring process we use for police officers and I think it is a great way to hire our reserve officers.

In May we hired 4 new reserve officers and we did a great job if I do say so myself. Amro Abdalla, Mike Milbrandt, Ismail Turay and Scotty Gordhammer. Amro and Mike are both eligible to be hired as police officers and Ismail is a recent graduate who was also a 'mentee' for the Century College 916 program (Officer Jim South was Ismail's mentor). Scotty was a recent high school graduate and the youngest reserve we have hired.

All 4 of the new hires began an extensive field training program and were partnered with our seasoned reserves to teach them the ins and outs of what it is to be a reserve. Due to their commitment to the program, all of them successfully completed their training in a short amount of time.

In September we hired again and are very happy to have Braden McNair on the roster. Braden went to and successfully completed the Hennepin County Reserve School. This school is free of cost and provided by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office to all cities in Hennepin County. It is one night (3-4 hours) a week for 7 weeks (See attached photo from his graduation with Sgt Spiess and I there to show our support to Braden and his family).

In September Scotty stepped down due to his work schedule changing. Kyle Hopper also stepped down as he took a position with the Minnesota Department of Corrections and is now working at the Lino Lakes Prison. He made it very clear when he left that he credits his experiences with the St Anthony Reserve Program for giving him the skills he needed and the confidence it requires to do the job. Thank you for the years of service you gave and we wish you good luck! In August, Dane Lazenberry also stepped down as he was accepted into the Minnesota State Patrol LETO Program (Law Enforcement Training Opportunity). This is the first step to becoming a State Trooper. He will be following in his father's footsteps as he is a retired Lt. Colonel and was the interim Chief for the Minnesota State Patrol. Dane, we cannot thank you enough for time and energy you gave to this program!

The total amount of hours for 2014 was 2356! This is an incredible amount of hours with a very limited number of reserve officers. Each of the reserves is either going to school full-time, working full-time, or a combination of both.

The reserves are required to volunteer 150 hours per year and all who worked the entire year have achieved that. Taking into consideration 4 of the 13 reserves were hired halfway through the year, this is an incredible feat and it did not go unnoticed by myself, Sgt Spiess and the street patrol officers who truly appreciate the time and dedication given by each and every one of our reserves. This year three of our reserves went above and beyond the 150 hours requirement. We will be awarding these reserves with an Eagle Award! The Eagle award is given to those who volunteer double the amount of hours required. I am VERY proud of them and cannot thank them enough!



Officer Sunde, Reserve Officer McNair
and Sergeant Spiess

Here is a breakdown of the hours:

Abdalla – 83 (new hire)

Eichinger – 238

Gordhammer – 30 (new hire/
resigned)

Hoffman - 314

Hopper - 18 (resigned)

Lazenberry - 108 (resigned)

McNair - 95 (new hire)

Milbrandt - 72 (new hire)

Moen - 192

Nordin - 181

Olson - 525

Steffen - 49 (LOA –Leave of
absence)

Turay - 451 (new hire)

Village Fest -76

State Fair - 124

I know I say it every year, and I truly mean it... I cannot wait to see what next year will bring!



VII. East Metro SWAT/WMD Summary

Prepared by Officer Mike Huddle



Officer Mike Huddle



East Metro SWAT, a multi-agency tactical team, is comprised of sworn Police Officers from the St. Anthony, Roseville, North St. Paul, and University of Minnesota Police Departments. This past year Metro Transit Police assigned one Officer to the team. The addition of Metro Transit PD will bring new assets and capabilities to the team.

Team members attended monthly training, which included training for response to barricaded subjects, vehicle searches, hostage rescue, chemical agent and less lethal deployment. 110 hours of total training was spread throughout the year at monthly training events and 50 hours over a one-week annual training event at Camp Ripley. The team accrued 160 hours of training for 2014.

Activity for East Metro SWAT increased slightly in 2014. This increase was primarily in response to barricaded subject type calls or searches for a suspect with a gun. One of these incidents the team was deployed to was the search for high profile homicide suspect, Ty Hoffman, this past summer. The University of Minnesota PD called upon the team for assistance during the two days of rioting on and around the University Campus in the late spring of 2014 following the NCAA Men's Hockey Championship. High risk warrant service activity was relatively low in comparison to response to barricaded subject type incidents. A barricaded

subject/hostage incident in the City of St. Anthony, resulted in an Officer involved shooting in which Officers assigned to East Metro SWAT engaged a suspect armed with a rifle. This incident involved the resources and personnel from several agencies to bring the event to resolution. The partnerships and professional relationships developed by the City of St. Anthony, and the member agencies of East Metro SWAT, enabled St. Anthony Police leadership to call upon the appropriate resources, personnel, and equipment to resolve this very difficult and sensitive situation.

East metro SWAT remains committed to maintaining excellence in training and personnel standards, responsible procurement of the best equipment for the job, and establishing strong professional relationships with other agencies in order to share resources and maximize the benefits for the communities and citizens we serve.

2014 marked the tenth anniversary of the existence of the Hennepin County WMD Tactical Team. The St. Anthony Police Department has proudly been part of this unique team since the very beginning. 2014 was also noted as one the busiest in the team's history. Several visits from the President and Vice President of the United States had the team activated in support of the US Secret Service in their mission to protect the President and Vice President while they were in the Twin Cities. The team was activated in July of this past year for three days during the Major League All-Star game and the events leading up to the game.



In addition to the Presidential protection details and the MLB All-Star game, the team maintained its regular training schedule of eight hours each month and 40 hours at an annual training event at Camp Ripley, for an annual total of 128 hours of training as a team. This training includes extended hours working in protective equipment such as chemical suits, gas masks, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and heavy body armor. The team trains on a regular basis with other agencies with similar specialized missions, such as the National Guard 55th Civil Support Team (CST), the Secret Service, the FBI, and other tactical teams. The members of the Hennepin County WMD Tactical Team are from over twelve law enforcement agencies from around Hennepin County, the MN State Patrol, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, and the MSP Airport Police.



In August 2014 I resigned from my position as a member of the WMD Team. I stepped down as a member in good standing with the team in favor of other challenges and opportunities within the St. Anthony Police Department. During my time with the team I served as operator and later as a Team Leader. I was fortunate to have participated in many large multi-agency training events and operational assignments. Some of the most notable were the 2008 Republican National Convention, multiple dignitary protection details, and the 2014 MLB All-Star Game.

It is my strong belief that the St. Anthony Police Department, and the cities we serve, benefited from the training and access to resources afforded by this partnership with the WMD Team. This is a direct result of the forward thinking City and Police leadership in seeking opportunities to share training, assets, and resources for a greater reward to our Department and communities at the lowest cost to our citizens. Our strong professional relationships with the WMD Team and the partner agencies remain intact, and our Department will continue to receive the benefit of our investment in the team well into the future.



VIII. Crime Prevention Summary

Prepared by Sergeant Jon Mangseth

The prevention of crime is one of the primary goals of the St. Anthony Police Department and the Crime Prevention Unit. It is when crimes are prevented from occurring that our communities are best served. The term “crime prevention” applies to proactive efforts aimed at the elimination of criminal incidents, rather than responding to them after they have occurred. Crime Prevention is the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce the act. In other words, taking active measures to harden yourself and your property from being victimized.

Crime prevention is achieved by developing, training and equipping a strong and engaged police force, which has been a primary focus at the St. Anthony Police Department. We also focus on building active partnerships with our residents, businesses and schools, in order to effectively meet the needs of the communities we serve. Our crime prevention efforts focus on educational initiatives, seminars and positive police contacts, within our communities, in an effort to reduce the causes of crime and the conditions in which they occur. As a department, we will continue to actively focus on arresting offenders, solving problems and increasing the overall quality of life in our communities.

This report will reflect some of the many efforts we have engaged in, throughout 2014, to prevent crime and build partnerships with the communities we serve. Please be aware that this is not an all-inclusive list of activities that were conducted.



Sergeant Mangseth

In January of 2014, I wrote a proposal to Chief John Ohl outlining a plan to reorganize the Crime Prevention unit. As a result, we added four patrol officers to the unit, while losing one due to promotional advancement. Officers Mike Huddle, Jim South, Kiel Rushton and Jeronimo Yanez were selected for the unit. They join Officers Tressa Sunde, Dale Moore and I as members of the unit. The four previously mentioned Officers attended a 40 hour class and were certified as crime prevention specialists by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, in conjunction with the American Crime Prevention Institute. These Officers were selected based on their initiative, creativeness and varied backgrounds in law enforcement.

Goals for 2015 include: research and development in the areas of social media, workplace security, senior safety, bicycle safety and teenage driving safety. We will look at reformatting the original “Citizen Academy” model by creating individualized classes, instead of an eight week program. We also look to continue offering seminars and programs that focus on personal safety, property protection and crime prevention. We will continue to meet the needs of our communities by tailoring seminars on topics identified by members of our communities. We will extend our partnership with community services, in an effort to better market the programs we offer.



In **January**, the Cops versus Kids Basketball Challenge was back. The challenge took place at the St. Anthony High School gym. Six student teams each played a twenty minute game against the St. Anthony Police team. Each student team gave the police team a run for their money, with the student teams ending up with victories in all games. Most important, fun was had by all participants.

Officer Jeremy Sroga assisted a Luther Seminary student with law enforcement related questions for a school project.

Officer Moore attended the area Cub Scout Pinewood Derby race that was hosted at Faith United Church, where he competed in the celebrity race.

In **March**, Officer Joseph Kauser took time out of a patrol shift to visit Lauderdale businesses, including gas stations and convenience stores, to hand out crime alerts regarding recent crime trends.

In **April**, Sgt. Jon Mangseth attended a grand opening event at the Roseville Walmart. A \$1,500 donation was accepted, from Walmart Corporation, on behalf of the Police Department. The donation was used to support the Summer Survival Camp and the Shop with a Cop program.

Lt. Jeff Scholl and CSO Andy Kukowski met with two preschool classes from Community Services. Many questions were answered and department tours were provided.



Officers from the St. Anthony Police Department were invited to a gathering at the Middle School where they were challenged to several games of dodgeball. Officers participating included: Capt. Dominic Cotroneo, Det. Tim Briski, Sgt. Jeff Spiess, Jeremy Sroga, Jon Schlingman and Andy Kukowski.

In **April**, Det. Tim Briski and CSO Andy Kukowski attended the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association 2014 Minnesota Night to Unite "Kickoff Event" at the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The event is a recap of the previous year's event and officially starts the planning for this year's event.

In May and June Officer Jeronimo Yanez met with community members and their children to discuss and demonstrate bicycle safety.



In **May**, and for the second year in a row, Officer Jeronimo Yanez took part in the Standing of the Memorial Guard event as part of Law Enforcement Memorial Day and National Peace Officer's Day (May 15th). He participated by standing watch at the Law Enforcement Memorial Monument, in front of the Capitol.



In **June**, Sgt. Dan Diegnau and Officer Yanez met with the Citizen's for Sustainability group for a bike event. Tips were provided on bicycle safety, rider mechanics, and laws of the roadway. Officers then joined the group for a bike ride throughout the community.



Officers and family members completed the SAPD leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. SAPD Officers were passed the torch, from New Brighton Officers, at the St. Anthony City Hall and ran through St. Anthony, to Snelling Ave. at County Rd. C, where they passed the torch to members of the Roseville Police Department.



Officer Baker



On June 18th and 19th the St. Anthony Police Department with the assistance of the St. Anthony Fire Department, St. Anthony Community Services and Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation held its fourth annual Summer Survival School at Central Park. The event brought 51 incoming 4th graders from St. Anthony and Falcon Heights Elementary Schools for two days of safety education. Topics included Firearms Awareness, Internet Safety, Severe Weather Awareness, Electrical Safety, Bike Safety, 911 Dispatch, Physical Fitness Awareness and Drug Awareness and household chemical safety. The campers also had visits from the Hennepin County Crime Lab, the East Metro Swat Team, Roseville Police K-9, and the State Patrol Helicopter.



The kids had a chance to visit the fire station, operate working fire hoses, Learn CPR and dress up in fire gear. Lunches were provided by Culver's and Broadway Pizza of St. Anthony. All campers received a certificate of completion as well as a Summer Survival School T-Shirt. The police department looks forward to the 5th Annual Summer Survival School coming on June 17th and 18th 2015.

In July, Reserve Officers Eichinger and Olson attended Lauderdale Music in the Park.





Officer Christman

In **August**, nine Lauderdale neighborhood groups joined thousands across the state to celebrate MN Night to Unite. This was our 20th year of celebrating this special night in Lauderdale. We thank CUB Foods for donating pails of Kemps ice cream for the event.

Officer Mark Mosby attended Lauderdale Day in the Park. He handed out Crime Prevention literature and enjoyed an afternoon with community members.

June, July and **August** are particularly busy months for the SAPD, and the crime prevention unit, as a lot of planning goes into ensuring that events like MN Night to Unite and other summer community activities go off as planned.

In **September**, Sgt. Jon Mangseth attended a “Peace in the Park” barbeque, sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church. The event was attended by many Lauderdale residents. Squad car tours were provided.

Officer Mark Mosby attended a Touch-a-Truck event held near Salo Park. The concept behind the event is to let kids see, touch and interact with Law Enforcement emergency service vehicles and personnel.



Sgt. Dan Diegnau attended the Minnesota Special Olympics Flag Football Tournament at the St. Anthony High School. He assisted with the awards presentation.



Sergeant Diegnau

In **October**, Officers Jack Christman and Dan Johnson attended the Halloween party at City Hall. While on evening patrol, Officer Johnson handed out candy to children.



Officer South



Shop With a Cop: Officer Sunde, Chief Ohl, Detective Briski, Officer Hess, Captain Cotroneo, Officer Dokken, Officer Huddle and Officer Sroga

In December, Chief John Ohl, Capt. Dominic Cotroneo, Officers Shane Hess, Jeremy Sroga, Mark Dokken, Tressa Sunde, Mike Huddle and Detective Tim Briski welcomed children and their families to the SAPD to participate in the “Shop with a Cop” program. The participants were chosen by the school district. The families were treated to a tour of the police department. Each child was provided with a Wal Mart gift card to purchase Christmas gifts for their family.

Officer Kiel Rushton was invited to Peace Lutheran Church where he met with a local Boy Scout troop. He provided a presentation about police work, which helped members earn a merit badge.



Officer Mike Huddle met with the safety committee at Children's Home Society where he was asked to provide information regarding workplace violence, along with review of building safety protocols and procedures.



Throughout the year our crime prevention officer's create and submit informative articles that appear in our community newsletter. Sgt. Spiess, Officer Sunde and Officer South continued volunteering with the Police Mentoring Program, offered by Century College. Our Officers logged countless "Stop and Talk" COP details. Our Patrol Officers informally participated in an "I Got Caught" bicycle safety initiative that was sponsored by Dairy Queen. DQ provided coupons for free ice creams cones to SAPD Officers. Officers handed out these coupons to children "Caught" using safety equipment while riding bicycles, scooters, skate boards and other similar equipment. Our Reserve Officers and Patrol Officers attended home football games at SAHS, as well as a variety of school events and after school programs.

"I Got Caught" bicycle safety initiative

This concludes my recap of this year's events. As a shift supervisor, I am fortunate to be able to observe as our Officers shift from call to call and maintain a fresh perspective as they encounter each new challenge. The positive attitudes our Officers bring, to the varied aspects of policing our communities, is truly something to be proud of. I am proud to provide this report every year as it offers me a chance to go through and remember the many initiatives our personnel engage in each year in order to have a positive impact in our communities. The many positive contacts we engage in every year is what helps provide balance in our law enforcement careers. These positive interactions help us remain engaged, at times cope, and always help all of us remember why we have chosen this career.



Officer Rushton

IX. "In the Mailbox"

These are just a few excerpts of the many letters the police department receives from the citizens we serve.

Now being the new people on the block, as well as living in St. Paul prior to living here, I must say I didn't have high expectations for how your department would handle this. In fact, I didn't have expectations at all, crime is crime, it happens everywhere. But to see how responsive your department has been in this matter has been very very impressive to me.

Saint Anthony PD and its officers are true professionals. It feels great to know we moved to a city that has a department like this. I am utterly impressed and will gladly voice my overwhelmingly positive opinion of your department to my neighbors so they understand what fine work you are all doing.

My husband and I wanted to let you know how grateful we are for the officer's response to the recent criminal activity in our neighborhood. The officer came to our neighborhood gathering that evening and spent a long time talking with all of the adults as a group and also to individuals who had concerns.

We love our neighborhood and have always been impressed by the police presence. We are especially thankful in these days.

The three of them gave us so much consideration and respect and gave us their time and energy in helping us. The Saint Anthony Police Department has always been so good to my family in our time of need and crisis. Each one of these officers showed us compassion and really cared.

They communicated with me and answered my phone calls, and I and my family are so very thankful to each of them for all they did. The way they handled this from the beginning to the end was amazing and I will be forever grateful to all of them for their support and kindness and being here for us.

I can't say enough about them and I so wanted to let you know what an outstanding job and people they are. I and my family will be forever grateful to these fine officers and I want to thank you as well for all you do for Saint Anthony and all of the staff in the Saint Anthony Police Department.

...but I wanted to say thank you anyhow. We appreciate the work you all do and that you sweat the small stuff so it doesn't become larger. Helps keep our community nice.



Reaching into your own pocket to provide this person with some food and temporary shelter is what most would consider "above and beyond"especially when you take into consideration how many similarly situated people a police officer routinely contacts.

I'm grateful to the St. Anthony Police Department for safe guarding the neighborhood. I feel confident knowing when I make a call with a concern, the issue at hand is taken care of promptly and with understanding.

I was leaving for work shortly before 8:00, and my children (ages 3 and 1) came to the front door to wave goodbye to me. That didn't last long because they saw a police car parked across the street by the park, and immediately began waving at the officer in the car. He happened to see them waving and rolled down his window to greet them. My wife let my kids sit on our front step, and the officer carried on a conversation with my children (as best as one could with kids those ages). It probably took just two minutes out of the officer's day, but it completely thrilled my kids. I just wanted to thank him for his kindness.

As you know, YOU gave our family tremendous relief by finding the person who committed the crime and then obtained a guilty plea. I am forever grateful for your work!! I will never forget the relief you gave our family.

The response was under two minutes. As a result, the prowler was stopped and identified by your officers. Both officers were very courteous and professional and helped put our neighbor's mind at ease. We appreciate your service to the community.

I just can't say enough about how wonderful he was and he deserves all kinds of credit....he did such a nice job.

X. 2014 Accomplishments

- Reorganized the Crime Prevention Unit
- Graduated 2 more officers from the BCA Police Management Program
- Passed federal inspection of the police department
- Presented another successful Summer Survival School
- Worked with Ramsey County on the new CAD and Mobile integration to our existing RMS
- Completed department infrastructure improvements
- Developed, posted, and used our new electronic schedule
- Trained a new Threat Liaison Officer
- Updated our Field Training Manual
- Saw one new officer through probation
- eCharging for felony cases in Hennepin County

XI. 2015 Work Plan

- Reinvent Citizens Police Academy
- Expand "Workplace Violence Initiative"
- Conduct a bike safety rodeo
- Continue Summer Survival School
- Explore officer mentoring program
- Integrate the new Ramsey County CAD and Mobile and train all officers on new system
- See new police officer through training and probation
- Train new Use of Force Instructor
- Hire new CSO
- eCharge cases in Ramsey County

