



2014 WHEELING POLICE

ANNUAL REPORT



Chief William Benson
Deputy Chief Todd Wolff

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FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE
Chief William Benson



My fellow Citizens,

On behalf of all of the members of the Wheeling Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2014 Annual Report to Village Manger Jon Sfondilis and the community.

I am very proud of the men and women who work for the police department and who are committed to serving our community. Our dedicated staff continued to work in partnership with citizens, our elected officials and area law enforcement to improve the quality of life in our community by providing the highest quality police services.

Much took place in 2014. Among the highlights, was an agreement negotiated with the City of Des Plaines to provide police dispatch services for a five-year term. When the City of Des Plaines began decommissioning its own emergency communication center in 2014, both communities recognized a prime opportunity presented by the fact that their dispatch services use identical core equipment.

The consolidation of the dispatch function is an innovative step toward enhancing many facets of police communications, including better service to both communities, enhanced cooperation between agencies, reduction of redundant hardware and software, and improved long-range sustainability of the dispatch system. The agreement ensures the continuity of reliable police communications services, while reducing the corresponding financial burden on the taxpayers of both Wheeling and Des Plaines.

Additionally, there were retirements, which left our department short staffed for seven months during 2014. In police work, the hiring and training of new officers can take a substantial amount of time. I want to thank my staff and our Field Training Officers for the commitment they had during this time to maintain our core services.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the members of our community and invite you to attend one of our Citizen Police Academies to further your knowledge and understanding of the Wheeling Police Department.

Sincerely,


William Benson
Chief of Police



Dean S. Argiris
President



Kenneth R. Brady
Trustee



Mary Krueger
Trustee



Jon A. Sfondilis
Village Manager



In Memory of Robert Heer
Trustee
Nearly 20 years
as Village
Trustee
Passed Away:
Dec. 24, 2014



Ray Lang
Trustee



Elaine E. Simpson
Village Clerk



Bill Hein
Trustee



David Vogel
Trustee

VILLAGE OF WHEELING
INFORMATION

Population	37,648
Household	14,294
City Area	8.7 sq. miles
Schools	
Elementary Schools.....	5
Middle Schools	2
High School.....	1
Per Capital Income.....	\$27,362
Median Household Income	\$57,364

Data:
2010 U.S. Censuses for Population
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17/1781087.html>
<http://www.city-data.com/city/wheeling-Illinois.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/wheeling,_illinois@Schools

VILLAGE OF WHEELING
GOVERNMENT

Dean S. Argiris	President
Kenneth R. Brady	Trustee
Robert Heer (In Memory).....	Trustee
Bill Hein	Trustee
Mary Krueger	Trustee
Ray Lang	Trustee
David Vogel	Trustee

Village Manager
Jon A. Sfondilis
Assistant Village Manager/HR Director
Michael A. Crotty

Police and Fire Commission

Lou A. Kolssak.....	Chairperson
Michael J. Moran.....	Secretary
Alan W. Palicki	Member
Alfred Hembd.....	Member
Michael Murphy	Member

DIVISIONS

The Wheeling Police Department consists of three divisions:

Patrol Division

- Patrol
- Traffic
- Crime Prevention
- Community Services Officers

Investigations Division

- Criminal Investigations Unit
- Evidence
- Youth Investigations
- School Liaison Officers
- Special Operations Officers
- Crime Analysis

Support Services Division

- Communications
- Records
- Planning/Accreditation
- Training
- RMS Liaison
- Information Technology

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL LEVELS

Sworn

Chief	1
Deputy Chief	1
Commanders.....	3
Sergeants	10
Corporals	3
Police Officers.....	44

Total Actual 62

Total Authorized 68

Civilian Full-Time

Community Service Officers.....	5
Evidence/Property Officer.....	1
RMS Liaison	1
Radio Operators.....	20
Records Clerks	5
Secretaries	2

Total 34

Civilian Part-Time

Administrative Services Officer.....	1
School Crossing Guard.....	8

Total 9



Wheeling Police Department Building

Wheeling Police Department

Mission Statement

The mission of the Wheeling Police Department is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Village of Wheeling by the provision of the highest quality of police services. The department will maintain respect for human rights; will promote mutual respect and courtesy, and work to build strong, effective, mutually beneficial police/community partnerships.

Organizational Values

Partnership - We are committed to working on partnerships with the community and with each other to identify and resolve issue which impact public safety.

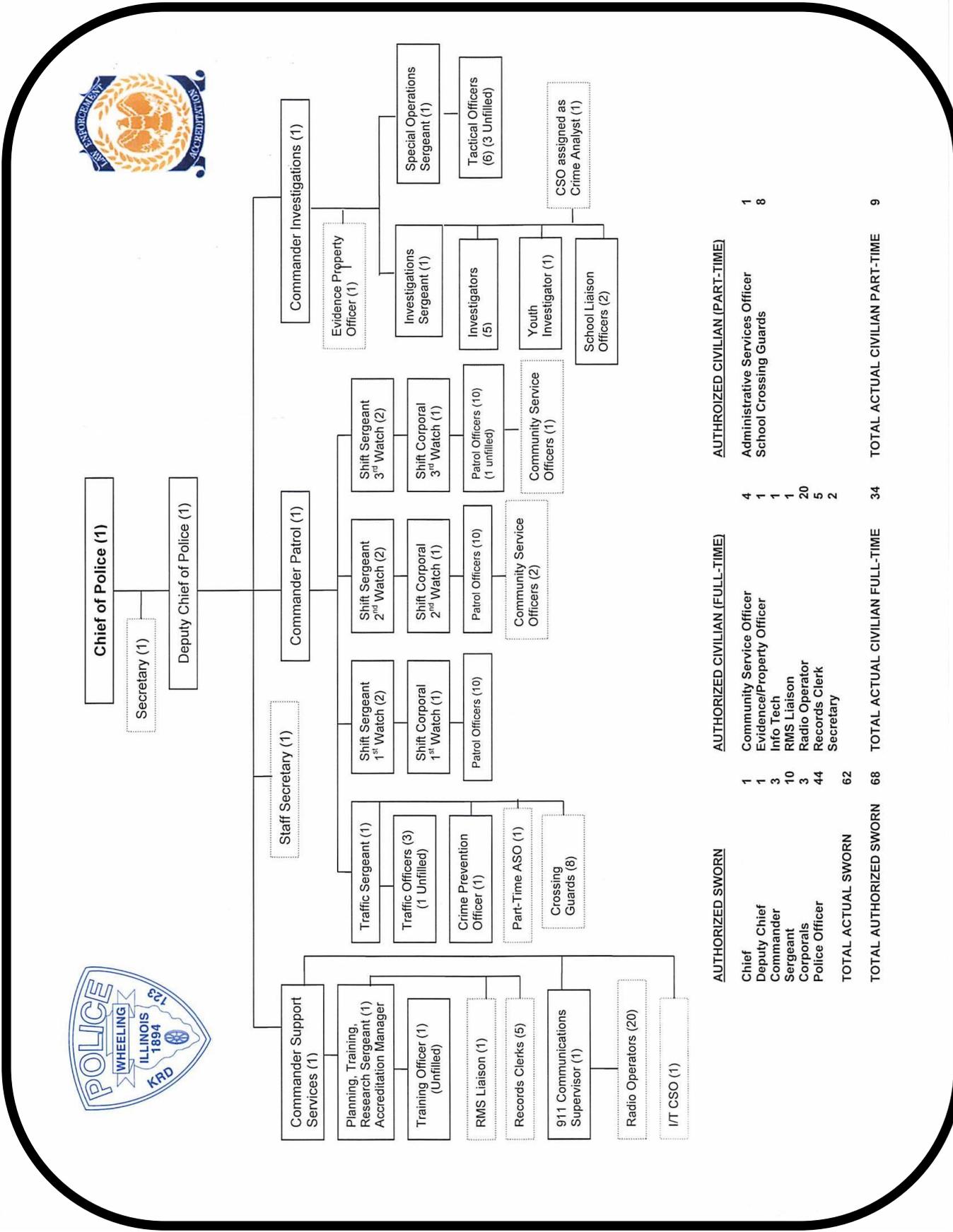
Encouragement - We encourage participation and input from all levels of our organization and all individuals and groups in the Village

Integrity - We are committed to nurturing the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

Dedication - We dedicate ourselves to professional law enforcement service through open system of communication, community partnerships, improved department management, enhanced operational procedures, and the utilization of problem solving methods and strategies.



WE SERVE - WE PROTECT - WE CARE



	AUTHORIZED SWORN	AUTHORIZED CIVILIAN (FULL-TIME)	AUTHORIZED CIVILIAN (PART-TIME)
Chief	1		
Deputy Chief	1		
Commander	3		
Sergeant	10	4	1
Corporals	3	1	8
Police Officer	44	1	
TOTAL ACTUAL SWORN	62	34	9
TOTAL AUTHORIZED SWORN	68	34	9

NOTABLE INCIDENTS



On July 21, 2014
Commander
Todd Wolff was
promoted to the
rank of Deputy
Chief.



On July 21, 2014
Sergeant Rich
Benbow was
promoted to the
rank of
Commander.



On March 17, 2014,
Officer Jim Elwart
was promoted to the
rank of Sergeant.



On July 21, 2014,
Corporal Paul Smith
was promoted to the
rank of Sergeant.

Due to promotions and retirements, Officers Joseph Kopecky, James Borchardt and Troy Musolf were assigned to the Patrol Division as Corporals on the shifts.

New Sworn-In Hires:

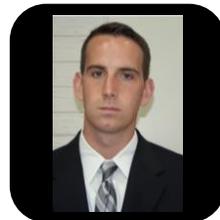
Four new officers were hired and successfully completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA).



Michael Munoz
9/22/14



Brett Potter
3/24/14



Terrence Rose
7/2/14



Katrina Smolarczyk
3/24/14

Civilian New Hires:

Meghan Marren, Radio Operator (10/20/14)
James Vonesh, Radio Operator (10/20/14)
Andrew Calin, Radio Operator (11/20/14)
Diane Constanty, Radio Operator (11/20/14)
Matthew Diamond, Radio Operator (11/20/14)
Charles Hasselmann, Radio Operator (11/20/14)

Dawn Hyken, Radio Operator (11/20/14)
Debra Mette, Radio Operator (11/20/14)
Nadine Mogan, Radio Operator (11/20/14)
Megan Novak, Radio Operator (11/20/14)
Tina Shuffelbarger, Radio Operator (11/20/14)

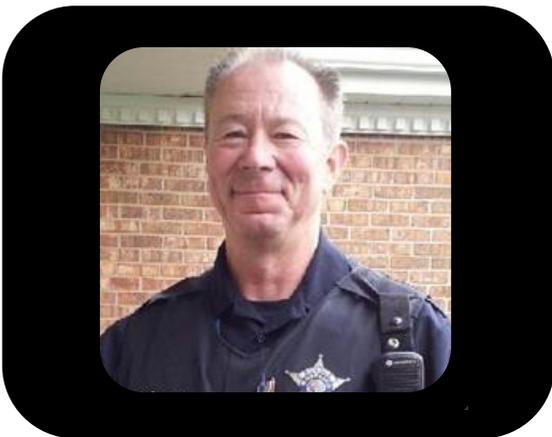
Retirements:



After 30 ½ years of service, Deputy Chief John Teevans retired from the Police Department on June 2, 2014.



After 28 years of service, Corporal Mark McInerney retired from the Police Department on July 1, 2014.



After 26 years of service, Officer Jim McCarrick retired from the Police Department on August 29, 2014.

PATROL DIVISION

Commander Terrie Wisnewski

The Patrol Division is the largest division of the Wheeling Police Department and is a 24/7 operation. The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service within the jurisdictional limits of the Village of Wheeling. Consistent with the Department's mission statement, Patrol Officers are responsible for the protection of life and property, maintaining peace, order and safety for all, conducting preliminary investigations, and enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, Traffic Laws and Village Ordinances. The Wheeling Police Department encourages Patrol Officers to act as problem solvers, and to take a proactive rather than reactive approach to interaction with the community.

The Patrol Division is staffed by three (3) Patrol shifts:

Midnights 11:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Days 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Afternoons 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

During 2014, Wheeling Police Department Personnel responded to 36,507 total calls for service involving criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous events. The Patrol Shifts are the first responders for the majority of the calls for service.

K-9 Duke is assigned to the Afternoon shift with his handler Officer Jeremy Hoffman. Duke's 2014 activity includes the following.



- 9 Traffic Stop Exterior Vehicle Searches
 - 7 for Wheeling Police Department
 - 1 for Cook County Sheriff's Department
 - 1 for the Illinois State Police
- 4 Suspicious Vehicle Searches
 - 8 Tracks
- 1 Building Searches
- 2 School Searches
- 4 Demonstrations
- 3 NIPAS MFF Callouts

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

The Dayshift and Afternoon shifts were supplemented by 3 full time Community Service Officers. Community Service Officers are responsible for parking enforcement, ordinance enforcement, traffic direction, and animal calls. Community Service officers are cross trained to fulfill the duties of Evidence Technicians or Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians.

TRAFFIC UNIT

The Wheeling Police Department Traffic and Crime Prevention Units are supervised by Sergeant Paul Hardt. Officer Dennis Bulanda and Officer Christina Parr are the two traffic officers assigned to the Traffic Unit and Officer Dorann Swanson is the Crime Prevention Officer assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit.



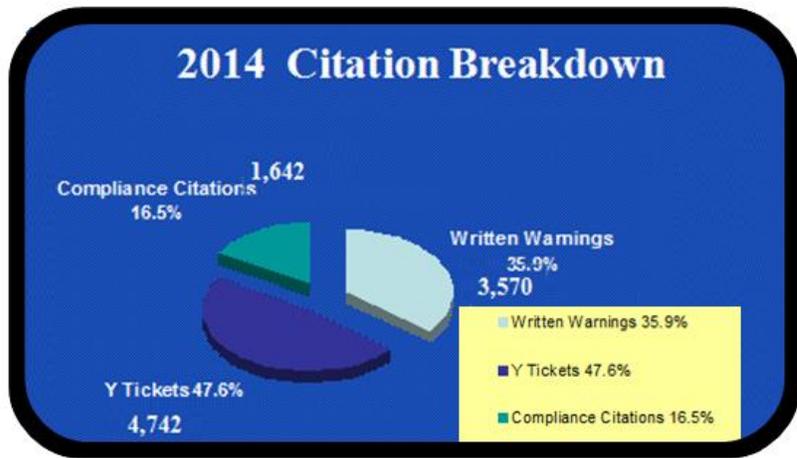
The Traffic Unit
Conducting a Seat Belt
Enforcement Zone on
Equestrian Drive at Wheeling
Road on May 16, 2014

The Traffic Unit is designed to supplement the Patrol Division by dedicating officers to full time traffic enforcement and monitoring problem areas which are tracked through crash statistics and citizen complaints. The Traffic Unit is tasked with identifying the causative factors in traffic crashes and then developing and implementing strategies to decrease the number of crashes and the injuries sustained due to those crashes. Routine traffic enforcement is the shared responsibility of the Patrol Division and the Traffic Unit. The Traffic Unit officers receive additional training in traffic crash investigation through Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety.

The Traffic Sergeant also supervises the Crash Investigation Unit which is on call 24 hours a day for serious Injury and Fatal Traffic Crash Investigations. These crashes require greater knowledge and expertise than the normal patrol officer would possess. Commander Panagakis and Sergeant Hardt are the On Call Supervisors for the Crash Investigation Unit. The unit is staffed by Sergeant James Elwart, and Officers Christina Parr Dennis Bulanda. All officers have received on 80 hours of additional training in traffic crash investigation. The Unit is also responsible for traffic safety education in numerous areas where presentations are given to both adult and student audiences. The Officers of the Traffic Unit conducted presentations in drivers' education classes at Wheeling High School, Traffic and DUI Education for the Citizens Police Academy, Operation Lifesaver Presentations on Rail Crossing Safety to both student and citizen groups, and conducted numerous Child Passenger Safety Seat inspections and presentations for parents. The Unit also conducted several traffic safety presentations at the Village Health Fair and at London and Holmes Middle School Parent Nights. The Traffic Unit also conducted educational enforcement zones where brochures and warning tickets are issued to teach the public about new laws. The Traffic Unit also assists the Crime Prevention Unit with numerous presentations and community events.

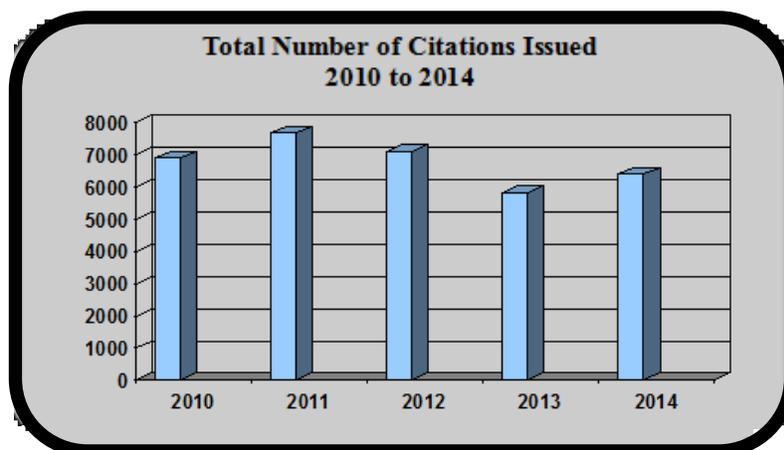
During 2014, the Traffic Unit conducted selective traffic enforcement in the Village of Wheeling and also identified “hot spots” for the Patrol Division to concentrate their traffic enforcement efforts. These areas of enforcement are based on data compiled from crash statistics, IDOT, citizen complaints and traffic studies that identify times and days when traffic activity is increased. The Traffic Division also coordinated and utilized STEP Grants, Occupant Restraint/Safety Belt Compliance Zones, Speed Enforcement Zones, School Zone Enforcement, Railroad Crossing Enforcement, DUI Interdiction and public education to target traffic safety problems. The Traffic Units goal of reducing crashes on public roadways in the Village of Wheeling contributed to the keeping the number of traffic crashes at 1045. This is an increase of 23 traffic crashes in 2014, but the number of traffic crashes in Wheeling is the 3rd lowest number of traffic crashes in over 20 years.

The Traffic Unit participated in several traffic safety campaigns sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Traffic Safety Division. The campaigns included Click it or Ticket Mobilization, Child Passenger Safety Week, National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, and the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,” campaign. The focus of traffic enforcement continues to be the “Fatal Five” Traffic Offenses that cause fatal traffic crashes and the injuries that occur as a result of those crashes. The “Fatal Five” Traffic Offenses are DUI, Speeding, Seat Belt/Child Safety Seat Violations, Improper Lane Usage and Following Too Close.



CITATIONS ISSUED

During 2014 the Wheeling Police Department issued 4,742 Traffic Citations, and 1,642 Compliance Citations for a total of 6,384 Citations. The chart below illustrates the total number of citations issued by the Wheeling Police Department during the past 5 years. It should be noted that there was an increase in overall calls for service from 34,186 in 2013 to 36,507 in 2014. That is a 6.7 % increase, in calls for service, which means less time for traffic enforcement. In spite of the increase, officers still wrote 569 more traffic citations in 2014.



DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY TOTALS

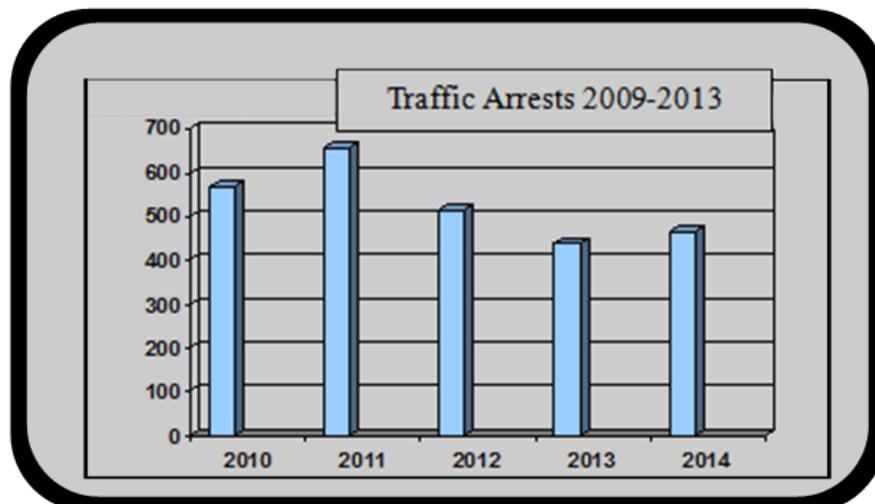
The raw numbers for Traffic Enforcement Activity Comparison for the years 2013 and 2014 are listed on the chart below. Traffic Stops, Traffic Arrests, Written Warnings, Parking Tickets and Compliance Citation categories all showed a significant increase. DUI arrests decreased from 130 to 93 and total traffic citations decreased from 4,827 to 4,742. Officers increased the amount of Compliance Citations by 64.5%, mostly through the STEP Grant Enforcement of Seat Belt and Cell Phone Violations.

ACTIVITY	2013	2014	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
DUI ARRESTS	130	93	-37	-28.5%
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	439	464	+25	+5.6%
TRAFFIC STOPS	6,819	7,545	+726	+10.6%
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	4,827	4,742	-85	-3.8%
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS	988	1,642	+654	+64.5%
WRITTEN WARNINGS	3,471	3,570	+99	+2.8%
PARKING CITATIONS	2,442	3,217	+775	+31.7%

During the year, the overall amount of Police “Calls for Service” activity increased significantly from 34,186 in 2013 to 36,507 in 2014 (a difference of 2,321 Police related calls or a 6.7% increase). There were 2,321 more calls for service. 726 of those calls for service were traffic stops, meaning that there were 1,595 more calls for service in addition to traffic stops. This means that while the patrol officer’s time is spent on other calls and activities, officers still increased the amount of traffic enforcement being conducted.

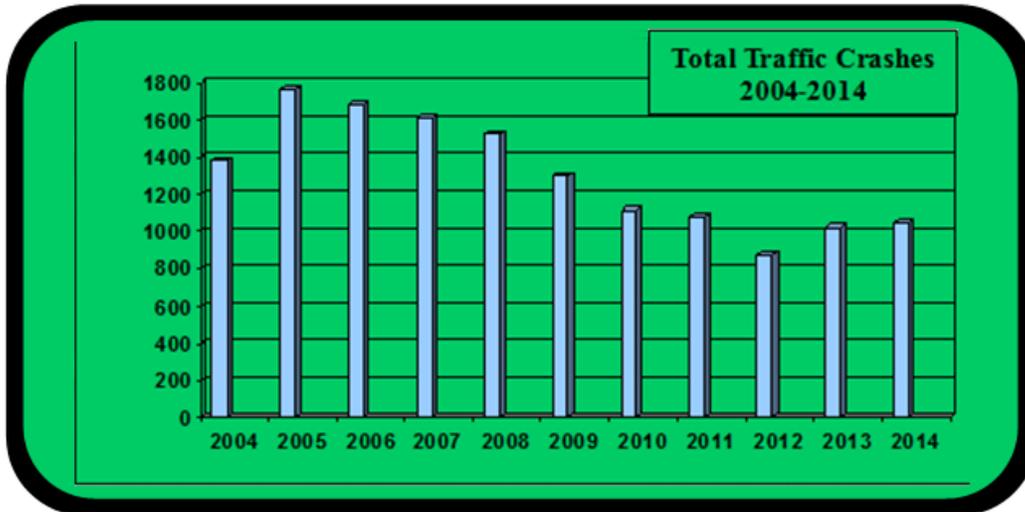
TRAFFIC ARRESTS

The total number of Traffic Arrests in the Village of Wheeling increased from 439 in 2013 to 464 in 2014, which is an increase of 5.6%. The chart below shows the 5 year trend of arrests for Driving While License Suspended, Driving While License Revoked and No Valid Driver’s License.



TRAFFIC CRASHES

The total number of Traffic Crashes in the Village of Wheeling has dropped steadily over the past 10 years with 2012 bringing the lowest number of public roadway traffic crashes in the past 20 years. 2014 saw a slight increase in traffic crashes, which mirrors the increase in traffic crashes across the State of Illinois. The Chart below illustrates the impact that Enforcement, Education and Engineering have contributed to the steady overall decline in Traffic Crashes in the Village of Wheeling.



EFFECTIVENESS

The Traffic Unit has seen that the established traffic programs are working overall, although there was a slight increase in traffic crashes, the number is still very low by comparison to the trend over the past 10 years. There were two Fatal Traffic Crashes in 2014. Injury crashes were down from 168 in 2013 to 150 in 2014, which is a decrease of 10%. Property crashes are up from 852 in 2013 to 893 in 2014, which is an increase of 4.6%. Overall, total traffic crashes are up from 1022 in 2013 to 1045 in 2014, which is an increase of 2.3%. The 1045 crashes in 2014 is still the 3rd lowest number of crashes in the last 10 years. Some of the increase in crashes in 2014 can be attributed to the harsh winter weather during the months of January and February.



The Click It or Ticket public education message on the Village Marquee that encourages public awareness of traffic safety.

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit is tasked with identifying and implementing crime prevention strategies to reduce crime within the Village of Wheeling and to increase the confidence of resident's safety. The Crime Prevention Unit disseminates valuable information to the public through numerous events and programs. Officer Dorann Swanson, the Crime Prevention Officer coordinates many of the numerous special events throughout the community.

Crime Prevention Officer Dorann Swanson speaks to a student at the 2014 Western Illinois University Law Enforcement Recruiting Fair.



Presented below is a synopsis of Crime Prevention Programs and activities during 2014.

- **Community Beat Meetings** - The Crime Prevention Unit held 10 Community Beat Meetings during 2014 to meet with residents and business owners to work to solve community problems together. Crime Information was disseminated at each meeting and there is a monthly training topic presented and discussed.
- **Security Surveys** - Security surveys and consultations were conducted at 24 residences and businesses in 2014. The surveys included house and business alarms, locking systems, lighting issues and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. The Unit routinely answers questions from residents and business owners regarding safety, crime, and public information.
- **Crime Free Multi Housing** - This program is a unique three phase certification program for rental properties of all sizes, including single family rental homes. There are eight communities participating in Crime Free Multi Housing in Wheeling. The first phase is an eight hour program taught by Officer Swanson. The second phase is where the owner puts what they have learned into practice, including running background checks on prospective tenants, utilizing the Crime Free Lease Addendum, using proper locking mechanisms, proper lighting and trimming of landscaping. The third phase involves passing an inspection and having a "Safety Social" for all the tenants. The property is then fully certified and must maintain certification through yearly evaluations and updates. This program is extremely effective in reducing criminal activity in rental properties.

- **Liaison with the Senior Center** - The Crime Prevention Unit met with Senior Citizen Groups four times in 2014 to educate them on staying safe. Several presentations were given on ruse entries and scams aimed at senior citizens.

Crime Prevention, Citizens Patrol, and Traffic Unit worked the Whiteman Fun Run and Family Event at Whiteman School.



- **Citizens Police Academy and Senior Citizens Police Academy** - This program is one of the most powerful tools in educating, informing, and involving the residents of Wheeling about the Police Department that serves their community. Residents who wish to attend must complete an application and pass a background check. Once approved, they attend the 11 week program which meets one night a week. There were 16 residents who graduated from the Citizens Police Academy and 11 residents who graduated from the Senior Citizens Police Academy in 2014.
- **Citizens Patrol Program** - This program is comprised of Wheeling residents who have graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. These volunteers donate their own time, vehicle, and gasoline as a community service to supplement the police department as extra 'eyes and ears' on patrol. They must attend one meeting/training session a month and donate a minimum of four hours of service a month. The Citizens Patrol also assists with traffic control and manpower at community events and Roadside Safety Checkpoints. In 2014, volunteers logged in over 1,250 hours assisting the police department at a value of \$80,387.50.
- **Child Identification Fingerprint Program** - This program is popular throughout the community where it is administered. Officers or Citizens Patrol Members will fingerprint each child and the card is given to the parents in case of emergency. Schools, businesses and Youth Organizations have all requested the use of this program. Over 35 Children were fingerprinted at numerous events and functions during 2014.
- **Neighborhood Watch** - This program provides active participation of Wheeling residents who volunteer to look for and report suspicious activity. Neighborhood Watch meetings include crime information passed to the residents from the Crime Prevention Unit and safety tips, along with answering general questions from the audience. Officer Swanson attended four Neighborhood Watch Meetings in 2014. Wheeling has over 16 Neighborhood Watch areas.

- **Bank Alert and School Alert Program** - This program was put in place to notify all Wheeling Banks and Schools of any criminal activity in the area that has the potential to affect them.
- **Recruiting** - The Crime Prevention Unit attended the Western Illinois University Law Enforcement Career Fair, and a Daily Herald Career Fair in 2014 to recruit quality candidates for the Wheeling Police Department.
- **Child Safety Seat Program** - Officer Swanson, is a Child Safety Seat Instructor, and trained Child Seat Technicians for the Wheeling Police Department. The Child Seat Technicians conducted 91 safety seat checks at the police station and 160 checks at events held throughout the community in 2014. Technicians were able to provide 14 child safety seats for children in need through a grant provided by Illinois Department of Transportation.



Officer Swanson demonstrates to a student how to use the Fatal Vision Goggles during Pre Prom activities at Wheeling High School.

- **Neighbor Dispute Mediation Program** - This program offers a solution to on-going neighbor disputes where there is no clear immediate solution. The mediation brings together the police department, social services, neighbors and other resources to resolve the issues that cause the problems.
- **Presentations and Special Events** - The Crime Prevention Unit hosted and attended numerous Special Events including National Night Out, Rockin' with the Cops, the Chicago Executive Airport 5K, Shop with a Cop, and the Whitman School Fun Run. The Unit also attended the Wheeling Health Fair, the District 21 Parent Night, the Lake County Law Enforcement Expo, and gave numerous tours of the police station to schools and scout troops. The Crime Prevention Unit also worked two Bike Rodeos in 2014 at Mark Twain and Booth Tarkington Elementary Schools.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Commander Richard Benbow



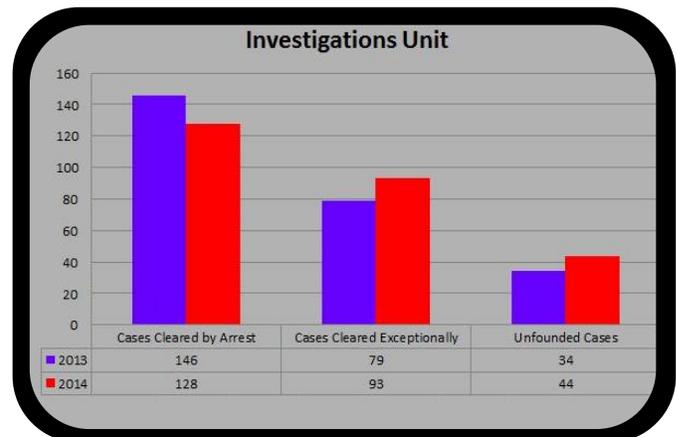
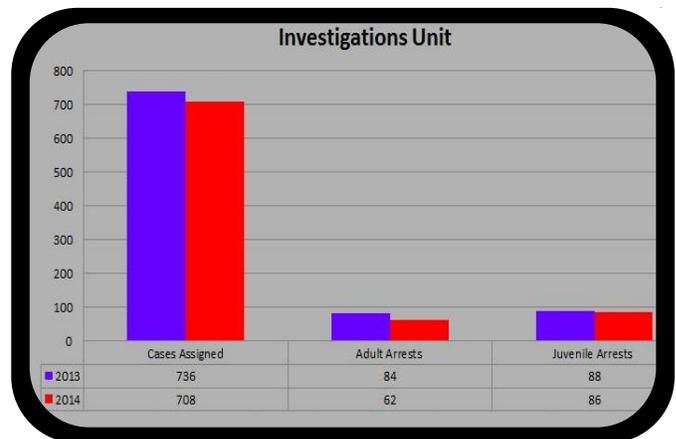
The Wheeling Police Investigations Division is responsible for the investigating of the most serious crimes that occur in the Village of Wheeling. The Investigations Division is broken down into two units, the Investigations Unit and the Special Operations Unit. Both of these units work in conjunction with each other but are assigned different tasks. The Investigations Unit investigates crimes such as burglaries, robberies, homicides, death investigations as well as financial crimes such as identity theft. They also perform background investigations of all civilian and police applicants who are being considered for employment. The Investigations Unit also is responsible for maintaining professional relationships with other local Police Departments as well as Federal Agencies. The Detectives in the Investigations Unit work on a Monday through Friday schedule. Detectives are scheduled to work the day-shift and the afternoon-shift. A Detective is scheduled to be on-call overnight during the midnight-shift and during the weekend providing coverage every day around the clock.

The Special Operations Unit is the primary unit responsible for the investigation of gang related crimes. They are responsible for gang intelligence and the maintenance of these records. The Special Operations Unit utilizes a proactive approach in efforts to combat gang crime and narcotics crime in our community.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit handled 708 cases in 2014. The Detectives in the unit are assigned cases based on ‘solvability factors’ and the seriousness of the criminal offense. The Investigations Unit is staffed by one Sergeant, four adult Detectives, one juvenile Detective, two School Resource Officers and a civilian Crime Analyst. Detective Sergeant Joseph Licari is in charge of the Investigations Unit. The Investigations Unit made 148 arrests in 2014 including 44 felony arrests. A total of 93 other cases were Exceptionally Cleared without criminal charges being brought.

The Wheeling Police Department School Resource Officer Program provides a valuable service to the community, School District 21 and School District 214. One School Resource Officer is assigned to Wheeling High School and the second School Resource Officer covers the two middle schools, Jack London Middle School and Oliver Wendell Holmes Middle School. The School Resource Officers provide a safe learning environment for students and interact with the students in a positive manner.



The Investigations Unit Crime Analyst is responsible for the dissemination of daily, weekly and monthly crime bulletins. The Crime Analyst compiles intelligence information based on crime trends and patterns and disburses this information to different units within the Wheeling Police Department to combat crime more effectively and efficiently.

MAJOR CASE HIGHLIGHTS

Detective Musolf assisted by the Special Operations Unit handled an Armed Robbery in which the victim had been robbed of money and cannabis by three offenders, one of which was armed with a handgun in a drug deal rip-off. The three offenders were identified and taken into custody. One of the three offenders made a brief oral statement before all three refused to cooperate in the investigation. All three offenders were charged with a Class X felony charge of Armed Robbery.

Detectives Kopecky and Borchardt handled a Robbery investigation in which the offender, after being driven home by a cab assaulted the cab driver. The offender punched and choked the cab driver with a seatbelt. The offender took the cab driver's money and fled the scene. The offender was identified and contact was made with him. The offender was interviewed and provided oral and written admissions. The offender was charged with a Class X felony charge of Armed Robbery.

Detective Conboy handled an incident in which an offender was wanted for a fleeing and eluding from the police in 2013. The offender ran from his vehicle and a loaded handgun was recovered from inside the vehicle. The offender was able to evade apprehension and fled to Mexico. Detective Conboy conducted a thorough investigation and obtained an Arrest Warrant for the offender. The offender's family later contacted the Wheeling Police Department as the offender wanted to surrender. The offender turned himself in at the Mexican / American border and was transported to the Illinois Department of Corrections. Detective Conboy interviewed the offender who refused to make any statements. The offender was charged with multiple felony charges including Possession of Stolen Property and Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Convicted Felon.

Detectives Kopecky and Borchardt handled a Residential Burglary investigation. The burglary scene had been processed by Evidence Technician Merrill who developed and recovered fingerprint evidence. The recovered fingerprint evidence was searched through the 'Automated Fingerprint Identification System' (A.F.I.S.) which matched the recovered fingerprint evidence with an offender. The offender refused to cooperate in the investigation and was charged with a felony charge of Residential Burglary.

The Wauconda Police Department was investigating a Home Invasion / Attempt Murder in which the victim had been shot. There were three offenders in the incident, two S.U.R. 13 Street Gang Members with ties to Wheeling and one unknown offender. Detective Oropeza was able to identify the unknown offender. Detectives Oropeza and Borchardt and Special Operations Unit Officers took the previously unknown offender into custody on behalf of the Wauconda Police Department. All three offenders were charged with multiple felony charges including Home Invasion and Attempt Murder.

Detectives Kopecky and Musolf handled a series of 11 Commercial Burglaries in Wheeling. The same offender also committed Burglaries in Palatine, Arlington Heights and numerous suburbs in DuPage County. Attempts were made to catch the offender in the act of committing a Burglary by utilizing a Tracking Device with negative results. The offender was taken into custody and refused to cooperate in

the investigation of these incidents. The offender's residence was searched and proceeds from the Alaval Jewelry store Burglary in Wheeling were located and recovered. The offender was charged with two felony charges, Burglary and Possession of Burglary Tools.

Detectives Musolf, Kopecky and Conboy handled a Residential Burglary in which a television and a purse were stolen. The stolen purse contained credit cards which were fraudulently used to make unauthorized charges. Video of three unknown offenders and their vehicle was obtained. The three offenders were and arrested. All three offenders were interviewed and provided oral and written admissions. All three offenders were charged with two felony charges, Residential Burglary and Aggravated Identity Theft.

Detectives Connolly and Borchardt handled a Child Pornography investigation in which images of Child Pornography were recovered from a computer. The offender turned himself in at the Wheeling Police Department and refused to cooperate in the investigation. The offender was charged with a felony charge of Possession of Child Pornography.

Detective Conboy and the entire Investigations Unit and Special Operation Unit investigated a Home Invasion in which two offenders broke into the victim's home while armed with a handgun. The victim was tied up and tortured for over an hour by the offenders. The offenders stole the victim's sports card collection valued at over \$200,000.00 and his B.M.W. Shortly afterwards, Detectives located the Victim's B.M.W. in a factory parking lot where the offenders had abandoned it. Surveillance video was obtained which captured one of the offenders abandoning the B.M.W. and running to a gray Chevy Equinox which left the area. Within days, some of the stolen sports cards began showing up on eBay in locations across the country. An extensive multi-state investigation was conducted and three offenders were identified. Arrest Warrants were obtained for two of the offenders. All three offenders were arrested and two of the offenders were charged with multiple felony charges including a Class X felony charge of Home Invasion.

Detective Rogers was contacted as the On-Call Detective reference four offenders that had been arrested by the Patrol Division for the investigation of multiple Car Burglaries. Stolen property taken in the Car Burglaries was recovered from the vehicle that the offenders were using. The offenders were interviewed and made incriminating statements. The investigation resulted in three of the offenders being charged with two felony charges of Burglary to Motor Vehicle.

Detective Rogers was assigned a Sexual Assault Investigation in which two juvenile girls were sexually assaulted by the same man who had befriended them and provided them with alcohol. The offender was arrested and interviewed. The offender provided oral and written admissions and was charged with two felony charges, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and Criminal Sexual Assault.

Detectives Musolf and Pinedo handled a Robbery investigation in which the victim had been walking through a parking lot when he was approached by two offenders who beat him and robbed him of his wallet. The victim's wallet contained an ATM card which was fraudulently used a short time later by one of the offenders. Surveillance video was obtained which captured one of the offenders. Detective Pinedo recognized the offender on the video. The offender was arrested but refused to cooperate in the investigation. The offender was charged with a felony charge of Robbery.

School Resource Officer Sherman handled a Drug Investigation involving a Wheeling High School student. The juvenile offender had made statements which were overheard by a faculty member regarding the sales of Ecstasy pills. The offender was interviewed and provided oral and written admissions. A

total of 84 Ecstasy pills were recovered from the offender’s residence. The offender was petitioned into juvenile court.

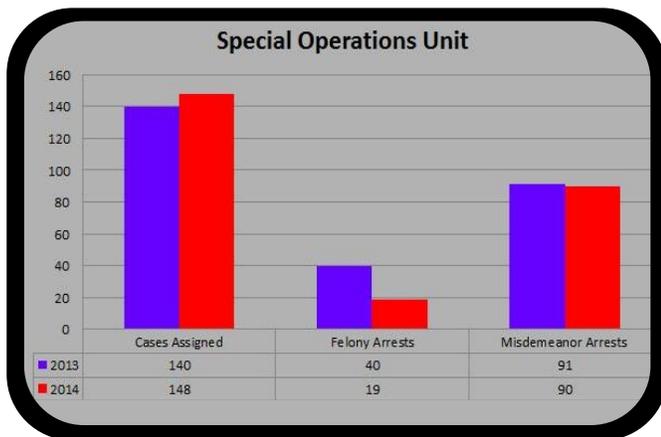
School Resource Officer Kaehler handled an incident at Walt Whitman School in which an irate and intoxicated parent was causing problems at the school. It was learned that the parent might have a shotgun in his vehicle which was parked in the school parking lot. Consent was obtained to search the vehicle and a double barrel shotgun was located in the vehicle. The offender was arrested and transported to the Wheeling Police Department. The offender provided oral admissions and was charged with two felony charges of Unlawful Use of a Weapon.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

The Special Operations Unit is comprised of one Sergeant and two Tactical Officers working in a plain clothes capacity. The unit works closely with the Investigations Unit and the Patrol Division. The primary goal of the Special Operations Unit is gang enforcement, but they also work to curtail drug activity, enforce liquor and tobacco laws, as well as state statutes and local ordinances in a proactive approach to reducing crime within the Village of Wheeling. The unit is also responsible for the collection and dissemination of gang information throughout the department, the control of confidential informants and the seizure program. The Tactical Officers maintain a liaison with other police agencies, the Cook County Sheriff’s Police Department, the Cook County

State Attorney’s Office, the Illinois State Police and federal agencies such as ICE, ATF and the DEA.



In 2014, the Special Operations Unit made 109 total arrests including 19 felony arrests. The unit handled 12 firearm related incidents, seized over 100 grams of cannabis, 4 grams of cocaine and seized \$6,206 in drug related offenses.

MAJOR CASE HIGHLIGHTS

The Special Operations Unit received a citizen complaint in regards to improper and immoral activity at a local massage parlor. A Tactical Officer was sent in to the business posing as a customer in an attempt to determine if any illegal activities were taking place. The Tactical Officer was assisted by an employee who ultimately agreed to perform an illegal act in exchange for money. The employee / offender was arrested and charged with Prostitution.

The Special Operation Unit received information from a confidential informant that a local gang member was in possession of a shotgun. The Special Operations Unit was able to determine the possible location of the shotgun, obtained consent for the search of a storage locker and located the shotgun. The shotgun

was recovered and a local gang member was arrested. The offender provided admissions to possessing the shotgun and was charged with a felony charge of Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

Multiple Retail Theft incidents were occurring in numerous towns near the Village of Wheeling. A local resident with a chemical dependency was believed to be the offender in these incidents. The Special Operations Unit worked in conjunction with numerous other police departments and conducted surveillance in the area. They observed the offender and he was taken into custody. The offender was charged by multiple police department with numerous felony charges of Retail Theft.

The Special Operations Unit handled an incident in which an offender pulled out a handgun after an argument at a party. The offender pointed the handgun at numerous people, threatening to shoot everyone. The unit conducted numerous interviews with witnesses and the offender was identified. The offender was arrested and provided admissions to pulling the handgun at the party. The offender was charged with Aggravated Assault.

The Special Operations Unit handled a Commercial Burglary investigation. Investigation into this incident revealed that the son of the former owner of the business committed the Commercial Burglary. The offender was arrested and provided oral and written admission to committing the Commercial Burglary. The offender was charged with two felony charges, Burglary and Forgery.

The Special Operation Unit received information from a confidential informant that an offender was selling cocaine from his residence in the Village of Wheeling. With the use of the confidential informant, three separate controlled purchases of cocaine were made from the residence. A search warrant was obtained and executed at the residence. Cocaine and money used to make the controlled purchases were located at the residence. The offender was located at his place of employment and arrested. The offender was charged with a felony charge of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The Special Operations Unit handled a Theft from a residence in which a handgun was stolen. Investigation into the incident revealed that the handgun was stolen during a party. Numerous interviews were conducted and the offender was identified. The stolen handgun was anonymously turned in to the Elgin Police Department. The offender, a juvenile was arrested and interviewed. The offender admitted to stealing the handgun and was petitioned into juvenile court.

The Special Operations Unit handled a Theft of Motor Vehicle in which a tow truck had been stolen. The stolen tow truck was later discovered parked and abandoned on the Canadian National Railroad tracks adjacent to the Lake Cook Road overpass. The stolen tow truck had been painted black and was in danger of being struck by a train. The vehicle was processed by Evidence Technician Burns and fingerprint evidence was developed and recovered. The recovered fingerprint evidence matched the fingerprints of a gang member from Aurora, Illinois who had ties to a local street gang. The offender was arrested and refused to cooperate in the investigation. The offender was charge with a felony charge of Criminal Damage to Property.

The Special Operations Unit responded to a call of shots fired at a townhouse complex in the Village of Wheeling. It was discovered that an unknown offender had shot at a group of people in a parked car. The car had two bullet holes in it, but the passengers were not injured. The victims were able to provide a description of the offender's vehicle and a partial name of the offender. The offender was subsequently identified as a known gang member from Palatine. The Special Operations Unit contacted the Palatine

Police Department and provided them with this information. The Palatine Police Department gang unit located the offender and arrested him after a foot chase. The handgun was recovered. The offender refused to cooperate in the investigation and was charged multiple felony charges including Attempt Murder, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a gang member.

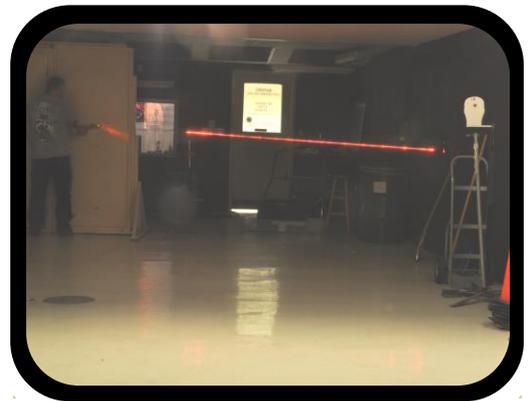
The Special Operations Unit handled a series of forced entry Residential Burglaries. Follow up investigation produced security video from a townhouse complex where two possible suspects were observed on the video. Based on the small physical stature of one of the persons captured on video, a suspect who is a known street gang member was developed. The Special Operations Unit conducted surveillances in different subdivisions most likely to be targeted by the offenders. A traffic stop was conducted on a suspicious vehicle leaving a subdivision that was being watched. The vehicle was occupied by known gang members and a dangerous knife was recovered. Further investigation revealed that the dangerous knife was stolen in one of the Residential Burglaries. The two offenders were identified and arrested. A search of their residences resulted in the recovery of stolen property taken in the Residential Burglaries. The offenders were petitioned into juvenile court.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM



The Wheeling Police Department has 18 Police Officers and three civilian Community Service Officers who are specially trained as Evidence Technicians. The Evidence Technician program is supervised by Detective Sergeant Joseph Licari and is coordinated by Detective Bernard Conboy. Evidence Technicians are responsible for documenting crime scenes by photographing or videotaping, identifying potential evidence, processing evidence, collecting or recovering the evidence as well as preserving and packaging the evidence.

Evidence Technicians initially receive 40 hours of specialized training followed by 24 hours of in-house training at the Wheeling Police Department. Evidence Technicians are constantly receiving training and refining their skills as technology increases.



In 2014, Evidence Technicians were assigned 326 cases. A total of 147 of these cases were crime scenes where Evidence Technicians processed the scenes to gather physical evidence, biological and / or fingerprint evidence in attempts to link an offender to a particular crime scene. Evidence Technicians were called upon to photograph evidence or injuries received by victims in 179 other incidents. In 28 of the crime scenes processed, Evidence Technicians were able to develop and recovered fingerprint

evidence which was sent to the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Lab. The crime lab determined that a total of 50 of these recovered fingerprints were comparable and that the fingerprint evidence could possibly be matched to the fingerprints of a victim or the offender.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN HIGHLIGHTS

Evidence Technician Merrill processed a forced entry Residential Burglary which was related to a series of 11 other Residential Burglaries. E.T. Merrill located a smoked cigarette butt in the apartment and confirmed that it did not belong to the residents. E.T. Merrill recovered the smoked cigarette butt which was sent to the crime lab. A D.N.A. standard was extracted from the smoke cigarette butt and run through C.O.D.I.S., the Combined D.N.A. Index System which resulted in a positive match of a local gang member and burglar. This case would not have been solved without the Evidence Technician work performed by E.T. Merrill.



Evidence Technician Merrill processed a forced entry Residential Burglary. E.T. Merrill developed and recovered two fingerprint lifts which were submitted to the crime lab. The crime lab determined that both of the recovered fingerprint lifts were suitable for comparison purposes. An A.F.I.S. search matched one of the recovered fingerprint lifts to an offender who was arrested and charged with Residential Burglary. This case would not have been solved without the Evidence Technician work performed by E.T. Merrill.

Evidence Technician Rodgers processed a recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle. E.T. Rodgers recovered a beverage container from the console area of the vehicle. The beverage container was processed for d.n.a. evidence and the crime lab developed a D.N.A. profile. The recovered D.N.A. profile was run through C.O.D.I.S. which resulted in a positive match of a known burglar and car thief. The offender was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass to Vehicle. This case would not have been solved without the Evidence Technician work performed by E.T. Rodgers.

Evidence Technician Kanches processed a forced entry Residential Burglary. E.T. Kanches recovered blood evidence which was sent to the crime lab. A D.N.A. standard was developed and a profile (unknown female contributor) was run through C.O.D.I.S. The same offender profile has been linked to Residential Burglaries in Elk Grove, Hoffman Estates, Dane County, Wisconsin and Winter Park, Florida. Investigation into this incident continues.



In 2012, Evidence Technician Conboy had processed an Attempt Residential Burglary. E.T. Conboy recovered blood evidence which was sent to the crime lab. A D.N.A. standard was developed and a profile was initially run through C.O.D.I.S. without a match. In 2014, the profile was again submitted to C.O.D.I.S. which resulted in a match with a known burglar

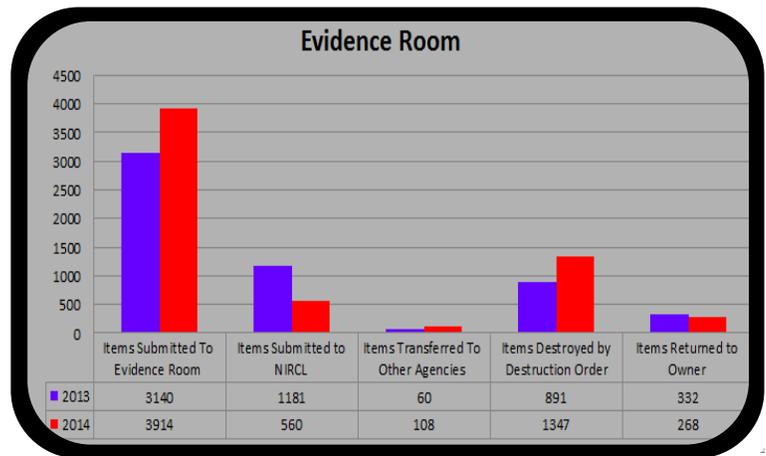
who is currently incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This case would not have been solved without the Evidence Technician work performed by E.T. Conboy.

In 2013, Evidence Technician Kaehler processed a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. E.T. Kaehler recovered blood evidence which was sent to the crime lab. A D.N.A. standard was developed and a profile was initially run through C.O.D.I.S. without a match. In 2014, the profile was again submitted to C.O.D.I.S. which resulted in a match with a known burglar who is currently incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This case would not have been solved without the Evidence Technician work performed by E.T. Kaehler.

Evidence Technician Burns processed a Burglary to Motor Vehicle. E.T. Burns developed and recovered five fingerprint lifts which were submitted to the crime lab. The crime lab determined that three of the recovered fingerprint lifts were suitable for comparison purposes. An A.F.I.S. search matched two of the recovered fingerprint lifts to an offender who was arrested and charged with Burglary to Motor Vehicle. This case would not have been solved without the Evidence Technician work performed by E.T. Burns.

EVIDENCE / PROPERTY ROOM

The Evidence Room is staffed by one civilian, Evidence / Property Officer Peter Rodgers. The position of Evidence / Property Officer is a specialist position appointed by the Chief of Police. Evidence / Property Officer Rodgers is responsible for the receipt, recording, custody, security and disposition of all lost property, evidence and contraband coming within the custody of the Wheeling Police Department. It is the policy of the Wheeling Police Department to strictly inventory all property which comes into police department control from any source to protect the integrity of the Wheeling Police Department. In 2014, a total of 3,914 different pieces of property were submitted into evidence under 1,361 different cases.



NORTH REGIONAL MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE



The North Regional Major Crimes Task Force or N.O.R.T.A.F. was formed with the purpose of bringing together highly trained and skilled Detectives and Evidence Technicians to investigate major crimes. N.O.R.T.A.F. is made up of 13 different northwest suburban police departments who band together in a mutual aid capacity for the investigation of Homicides and Non-Parental Abductions. Since its inception in 1997, N.O.R.T.A.F. has handled over 100 different major crime investigations. In 2014, there were 6 different N.O.R.T.A.F. activations.

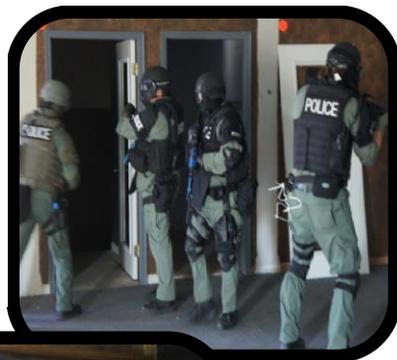
N.O.R.T.A.F. BURGLARY TASK FORCE

The success of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force led to the creation of the N.O.R.T.A.F. Burglary Task Force in 2004. The Burglary Task Force is made up of the same 13 northwest suburban police departments. The Burglary Task Force’s purpose is the investigation of burglaries which have specific patterns and / or Suspects. In 2014, there were five different N.O.R.T.A.F. Burglary Task Force activations.

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT WARRANT SERVICE TEAM



The Wheeling Police Department Warrant Service Team was formed in 1999. The function of the Warrant Service Team is to assist in different Wheeling Police Department operations when additional resources are required. The team assists in the execution of search and arrest warrants, drug enforcement operations or other missions as designated by the Chief of Police in support of law enforcement operations. The team is led by Sergeant Victor Chirio.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (N.I.P.A.S.) is a police mutual aid system made up of 93 different law enforcement agencies. N.I.P.A.S. is designed to immediately provide extra police manpower and equipment at the scene of police emergencies. This is done with an automatic and systematic response of police manpower teams to critical incidents. N.I.P.A.S. is staffed by specialized, highly trained personnel who utilize specialized equipment that no one law enforcement agency could afford to maintain. By joining together and pooling resources, the 93 law enforcement agencies making up N.I.P.A.S. have created a team of capable of handling any law enforcement emergency. Wheeling Police Department Sergeant Vic Chirio is a member of the N.I.P.A.S. Emergency Services Team and Officer Phil Kim and Canine Officer Jeremy Hoffman are members of the N.I.P.A.S. Mobile Field Force.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Commander Pete Panagakis

The Support Services Division is comprised of 31 employees working in the Communications, Information Technology, Records Management System (RMS) Liaison and Records Division. Commander Pete Panagakis, Sergeant Larry Carmody, and Radio Communication Supervisor Jeff Wieder manage the division and units.

COMMUNICATION CENTER



Our Communications Center now receives police calls for service around the clock, year round for both the Des Plaines and Wheeling Police Departments. There are four ways in which calls for service (CFS) are generated: 911 emergency calls, non-emergency calls, inter-agency radio communications, and officer self-initiated activity. Radio Dispatcher's function as both call takers and dispatchers. They field both emergency and non-emergency calls from the public requesting assistance and dispatch the first responders (police officers) to the location where they are needed. All Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/FIRE calls are re-routed to RED Center. There are roughly 100 calls for service (CFS) generated every day.

In 2014, Radio Operators received 21,553 – 911 calls for service, 85,552 – additional calls (administrative, non – emergency, etc.) and generated 36,507 CAD Calls (Wheeling only). With the addition of the Des Plaines Police Department we are anticipating these numbers to increase by 100 – 130%. Information is entered in the Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) and routed expeditiously to the dispatcher for broadcasting and assignment. In the case of an emergency or critical incident, call takers also make notifications and call out essential personnel. The Radio Operators are also responsible for all queries requested by sworn personnel such as criminal history for both Wheeling and Des Plaines Police Departments and warrants. Radio Dispatchers are also responsible for checking the status of and entering stolen articles, vehicles, missing persons, Be-On-The-Lookout (BOLO) advisories and messages.

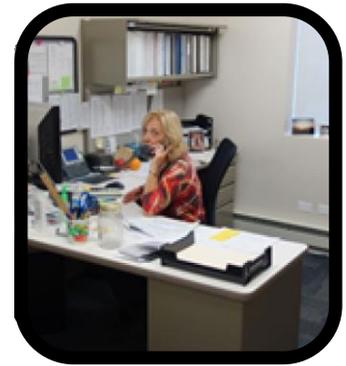
RECORDS UNIT

Sergeant Carmody supervises the Records Unit along with being the Accreditation Manager. The unit is staffed by one Supervisor and 5 - Records Clerks, 1 – Records Management System (RMS) Liaison and 2 - Volunteers.

2014 STATISTICS FOR RECORDS

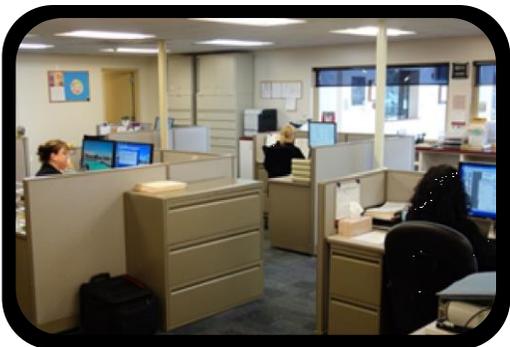
The Police Records Unit is responsible for performing a variety of detailed report preparation, record keeping, distribution and public contact duties. The Records Unit is tasked with the administration and maintenance of all department records. All criminal histories, arrest records, police reports, traffic citations, statistical data are maintained within this unit.

Crash Reports	1,200
Field Arrest Reports	1,255
Field Incident Reports.....	4,852
Citations	13,110
Subpoenas processed	738
Expungements.....	25
Freedom of Information Requests	338



*Diane Poppenga,
RMS Liaison*

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)



Records Clerks from left: Kathy Whitehead, Chris La Scola, and Kristina Maldonado

In 2014, our Department processed 338 FOIA requests. FOIA responses must directly address the details of each request and fully explain any denials, citing the appropriate sections of the Freedom of Information Act. Reviewing records for release to the public is a deliberate and thoughtful process requiring knowledge of state FOIA laws and an ability to interpret and apply those laws to each unique circumstance, while keeping in mind that all public records are presumed to be open for inspection.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR)

The Records Unit prepares a large volume of statistics to the State of Illinois. In cooperation with the National Crime Information Center, Illinois also requires each police agency to submit monthly reporting on certain crimes. This is called Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). Accurate UCR reporting takes considerable time, and is a meticulous procedure of analysis and judgment.

E-TICKETING PROGRAM

In 2014, our Department successfully transitioned into the E-Ticketing program and processed over 4,075 tickets. Tickets are printed in the squad cars and the data is electronically transferred to the Records Division. In turn, Records does a quality check and uploads the data to the Cook County Clerk's office. The ultimate goal is a paperless ticketing and information transfer system.

IYE CRASH REPORTING

Our Department completed a successful transition of traffic crash programs. The new IYE Crash Reporting System was utilized for 1,200 vehicle crashes. This transition was largely due to the State of Illinois no longer funding the pre-existing program which required multiple upgrades to continue to function properly.

TRAINING DIVISION

In keeping with the department's long term goal of providing credible up to date training designed to enhance the abilities and professional development of police personnel and ensure department compliance with all mandated Federal, State, C.A.L.E.A. and department-mandated training, the following progress occurred.

The training room was effectively utilized by hosting various training classes such as the prestigious 40 hour Force Science Institute Certification course and the Police Technical Excel and Power Point courses for public safety personnel. The following NEMRT classes were also held in the training room: 40 hour Instructor Development; 40 hour Lead Homicide Investigator; Managing and Supervising the Field Training Process; Drugged Driver Detection; Incident Command for Improved Patrol Response; Defensive Tactics; Background Investigations; Testifying at a DUI Trial; Motorcycle Gangs; Interview and Interrogations; and Criminal Law Review. Six sworn officers attended a 24 legal update course this year. This training was presented by Dale Anderson, a renowned expert in the field. Officers have also attended various NEMRT courses to improve officer safety skills and to enhance the quality of their interactions with the community. A 40 hour Child Safety Seat Instructor course was facilitated by Wheeling Police Department personnel in the training room also.

The training room was also utilized to host "in house" training including annual Taser training and qualification; and was used extensively for TriTech and Field Training of new radio personnel. The room was also used to host the Wheeling Police Citizens Police Academy. Law enforcement groups such as the Illinois Police Accreditation Coalition, the NIPAS Emergency Services Team and Field Force, and NORCOM/NORTAF utilized the training room for meetings and training. Department members have used the room to facilitate training and meetings for community groups such as the Citizen's Patrol, Crime Watch, C. A. R. E. and the Wheeling Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Police employees attended over 6,579 hours of training in 2014. Command staff averaged 85.4 hours training, sergeants 118 hours, officers 110 hours (91 hours if the 1,320 hours for basic academy training for three officers is subtracted from total training hours and manpower), CSO's 36 hours, radio dispatchers 10 hours (excluding the newly hired radio dispatchers who received TriTech training and many weeks of field training) and records clerks seven hours. This training hour figure includes all mandated annual training including topics such as hazardous material awareness recertification training, LEADS recertification, Blood Borne Pathogens, Use of Force and Taser

proficiency training. This figure does not include routine monthly training courses held on the firearms range or in roll call. AED/CPR biennial training will be held during 2015. Biennial training in defensive tactics, baton and OC training was held in 2013 and 2014, less lethal impact projectile training will be held in 2015

Great progress was made in training our evidence technicians through NEMRT courses and in house training. Evidence Technician Coordinator Investigator Conboy facilitates our in-house evidence technician training. He is also active in the NORTAF Major Crimes Task Force as an evidence technician and has been bringing back valuable information to enhance our program. Evidence Technician training attendance is tracked by Sergeant Licari to ensure all evidence technicians are trained to an optimum level relative to their evidence collection duties. Two officers were sent through the 40 hour basic NEMRT evidence technician course.

Our Warrant Service team has continued to develop into one of the elite teams in the area. Sergeant Chirio who has been an active operator for the NIPAS Emergency Services team for many years is the team coordinator. He has ensured that all team members are given quality Warrant Service team training and nine team training eight hour in service sessions were conducted during 2014.

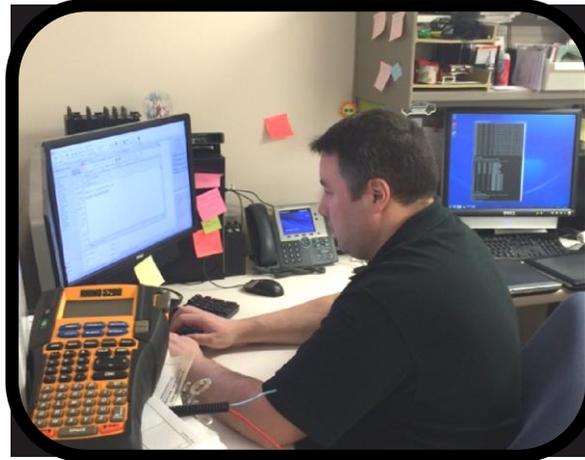
Sergeant Schaff performed the duties of field training coordinator. Sergeants Smith and Conway were added as assistant field training coordinators, and attended the Managing and Supervising the Field Training Program facilitated by Bruce Sokolove, creator of the Sokolove method of field training recruit police officers.

All specialty positions in the Investigations Division are progressing well in their career path training. Each attended various courses to enhance their job skills. Officers in the Traffic Unit received a total of approximately 372 hours of advanced traffic crash investigation and related training. After a department wide survey concerning officers impressions and suggestions for improving the roll call training program; more scenario based discussion type lesson plans are being utilized to help officers better understand how policies, procedures and legal concepts apply to practical field application.

Supervisory and Command Staff training has been extensive during 2014. Two Patrol Sergeants attended the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NWCPSS) 80 hours Supervision of Police Personnel Course. A veteran Sergeant attended the 400 hour NUCPS Police Staff and Command Course; however this course was not completed until January of 2015, so it will not be reflected in the training totals for 2014. Supervisors also attended various tactical and critical incident management courses. One Corporal attended the NEMRT 40 hour Supervision for Police course.

Overall, it was an effective year for training. Supervisors continue to be encouraged to monitor, assess and discussed training needs of officers under their command. They are the first line in ensuring training resources are utilized in an effective and efficient manner. Systems are being improved through the use of additional data bases to assist supervisors in monitoring compliance with mandated training and required recertifications. In partnership with the Command Staff and training unit, and with support from our stakeholders, officers will receive the optimum amount of training needed to enhance their professional skills.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Community Service Officer Jacek Trzebunia who serves as the Departments Information Technology Officer continues to monitor that the police department is current with constantly evolving technological trends. Trzebunia is responsible for the implementation, administration, and maintenance of all department computer systems and programs, including desktop, laptop, and Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) video camera, along with hardware and software applications. In 2014 Trzebunia assisted with 270 requests for assistance and was instrumental in the Des Plaines dispatch merger as it related to the software, equipment and interfacing.

RECRUITMENT AND INTERVIEWS

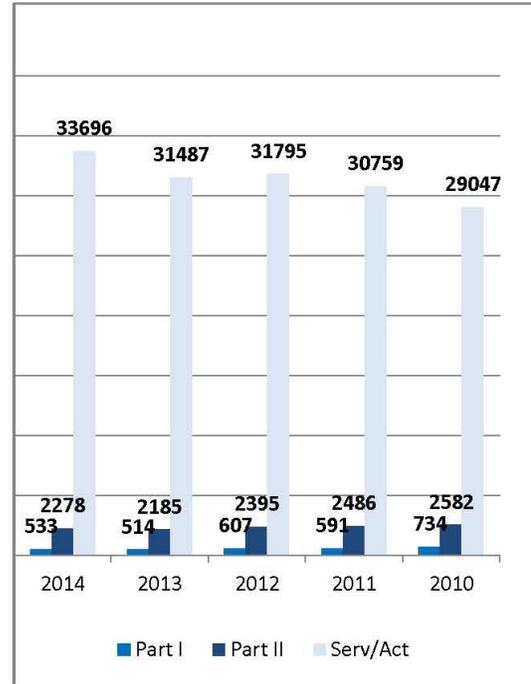
In calendar year 2014, Command Staff conducted roughly 143 police candidate interviews and 22 radio operator candidate interviews. These candidate interviews ultimately lead to the hiring of six new officers and 11 new radio operators.

Round	Date	Police	Radio
1	Jan 14 – 16	17	-
2	Feb 4 - 7	12	-
3	May 12 - 14	30	-
4	July 14-16	32	-
5	July 28 - 29	15	-
6	Sept 30 – Oct 2	37	-
1(Radio)	Aug 26 - 27	-	22
Total		143	22

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

<u>Crime Statistics</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Homicide/Attempt	0	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	10	8
Robbery	13	3
Aggravated Battery	8	9
Aggravated Assault	9	11
Burglary	100	68
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	99	62
Theft	280	331
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	17
Arson	1	4
Total Part I Crimes	533	514
Battery	265	277
Assault	4	3
Deception	222	168
Criminal Damage / Trespass	314	266
Deadly Weapons	7	14
Sex Offenses	20	20
Gambling	0	0
Offenses Involving Children	40	41
Cannabis Control Act Violation	51	48
Controlled Substance Act Violation	3	8
Drug Paraphernalia Act Violation	7	7
Liquor Control Act Violation	27	28
Motor Vehicle Offenses	753	751
Disorderly Conduct	228	230
Interference with Public Officials	2	6
Intimidation	0	0
Visitation Interference / Kidnapping	7	5
Other Offenses	328	313
Total Part II Crimes	2278	2185
Service to Other Agencies	763	1003
Public Service	12100	10385
Public Complaints	4983	5255
Lost/Found/Missing	315	294
Mental Health Calls	27	27
Suicides	2	2
Suicide Attempts	7	8
Sudden Death Investigation	40	37
Traffic & Traffic Related Activities	3929	3511
Miscellaneous Department Activities	3313	3020
Traffic Crashes	1218	1126
Traffic Stops	7545*	6819
Test Calls	18	0
Total Service Activities	33696	31487
Total	36507	34186

<u>Arrest Statistics</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
Part I Crimes	134	52	186
Part II Crimes	857	150	1007
Service Arrests	109	12	121
Total Arrests	1100	214	1314



*2014 Traffic Stop Total includes additional from roadblocks, CAD Call changes, etc
Actual Stops in CAD - 6981

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT 5 YEAR COMPARISON



<u>Report Summary</u>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Part 1 Offenses	734	591	607	514	533
Part 2 Offenses	2582	2486	2395	2184	2278
Traffic Crashes	997	1104	1042	1126	1218
Traffic Stops	9046	8939	8551	6819	7545*
Service Activities (w/o TEST calls)	19004	20716	22202	23543	25479
Total	32363	33836	34797	34186	36507

<u>Citation Summary</u>					
Traffic Citations	5885	6459	5955	4846	4740
Compliance Citations	956	1186	1393	991	1642
Parking Citations	2385	2520	2427	2443	3218
Local Ordinance	307	305	302	261	264
Crime Op	2	178	417	64	14
Written Warnings	4635	4225	3718	3476	3570
Total	14170	14873	14212	12081	13448

<u>Arrest Summary</u>					
<u>Part 1 Offenses</u>					
Adults	105	70	102	127	134
Juveniles	51	44	74	57	52
Total	156	114	176	184	186

<u>Part 2 Offenses</u>					
Adults	1161	1242	1112	967	966
Juveniles	229	197	248	172	162
Total	1390	1439	1360	1139	1128

Total Arrests 1546 1553 1536 1323 1314
(entered in RMS as of Feb. 9, 2015)

Written Reports Prepared 4971 4741 4667 4468 4829
(entered in RMS as of Feb. 9, 2015)

Report Summary from Cad Incident Summary by Offense
*2014 Traffic Stop Total above includes additional from roadblocks, CAD Call changes, etc
Actual Stops in CAD - 6981

Citation Summary from Ofc Activity Totals (for Y's, LO's, Warnings and Crime Ops),
E-ticket System for Y's and Warnings, and, RMS for Parking and Compliance Tickets

Arrest Summaries from RMS Arrest Summary by Most Serious Offense for Adults and
Juvenile Custody

Prepared By: Diane T. Poppenga
Prepared on: February 9, 2015



Department Awards & Letter of Commendations

Part 1

OFFICER	AWARD RECEIVED	
Officer Kopecky	Letter of Commendation	14-00183
Officer Musolf	Letter of Commendation	14-00183
CSO Merrill	Letter of Commendation	14-01102
Officer Palomares	Letter of Commendation	14-03557/14-03559
CSO Burns	Letter of Commendation	14-03814
Officer Ian Frey	Letter of Commendation	14-04123
Officer Jeremy Hoffman	Letter of Commendation	14-04123
Officer Preston Robertson	Life Saving Award	14-01133
Officer Richardson	Traffic Officer of the Year	
Officer Richardson	DUI Enforcement Officer of the Year	
Officer Dawson	Occupant Restraint Officer of the Year	
Officer Bulanda	Speed Enforcement Officer of the Year	
Officer Richardson	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 1st Quarter	
Officer Lee	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 2nd Quarter	
Officer Dawson	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 3rd Quarter	
Officer Komin	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 4th Quarter	
Officer Parr	Speed Enforcement Officer	
Officer Weber	Speed Enforcement Officer	
Officer Lee	Speed Enforcement Officer	
Officer Robertson	Speed Enforcement Officer	
Officer Komin	Speed Enforcement Officer	
Officer Frey	Speed Enforcement Officer	
Officer Komin	DUI Enforcement Officer	
Officer Teichen	DUI Enforcement Officer	
Officer Vore	DUI Enforcement Officer	
Officer Hoffman	DUI Enforcement Officer	



Department Awards & Letter of Commendations

Part 2

OFFICER	AWARD RECEIVED
Officer Komin	DUI Enforcement Officer
Officer Teichen	DUI Enforcement Officer
Officer Vore	DUI Enforcement Officer
Officer Hoffman	DUI Enforcement Officer
Officer Parr	Occupant Restraint Officer
Officer Bulanda	Occupant Restraint Officer
Officer Herdus	Occupant Restraint Officer
Officer Weber	Occupant Restraint Officer
Sergeant Elwart	400 DUI Arrests (Career) – IDOT DUI Achievement Award
<i>(Program discontinued in July 2014 – will be coming back in summer of 2015)</i>	
Officer Richardson	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Sergeant Elwart	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Officer Komin	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Officer Teichen	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Officer Lee	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award



MEMORANDUM

To: Chief William Benson
 From: Deputy Chief Todd Wolff
 Date: January 23, 2015
 Subject: Analysis of Administrative Reviews for 2014

Number	Complainant	Date	Disposition	Action
14-01	Official Misconduct	01/05/14	Sustained	Retired during the investigation
14-02	Incompetence	02/06/14	Sustained	5 day suspension 2 days held in abeyance
14-03	Improper Conduct	02/06/14	Sustained	Counseled
14-04	Truthfulness/Integrity	02/26/14	Sustained	4 day suspension 2 days held in abeyance
14-05	Improper Conduct	07/25/14	Sustained	5 day suspension all days held in abeyance Fitness for Duty Examination
14-06	Unsatisfactory Performance	12/18/14	Sustained	2 day suspension 1 day held in abeyance Mandatory EAP referral

Above is the annual statistical summary of internal affairs investigations conducted in 2014 pursuant to Standard Operating Procedure A-8 and CALEA Standard 52.1.5. The report is included on the Village of Wheeling Website at www.wheelingil.gov which is available to the public and all department employees.



