

WHEELING POLICE DEPARTMENT



2015

ANNUAL REPORT

James J. Dunne, Chief of Police
Todd Wolff, Deputy Chief



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FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief James J. Dunne



I am pleased to present the Wheeling Police Department's Annual Report for 2015. This report provides a summary of the many accomplishments, initiatives, and programs involving the dedicated personnel of the police department. It also includes a statistical review of reported crime, calls for service, traffic data, and traffic crash trends.

This year brought about a great deal of change. Chief William Benson retired after 29 years of dedicated service to our community. We wish Chief Benson the very best in his new endeavors. I am honored to have been appointed the Chief of Police on January 04, 2016 and I am committed to continuing a long standing tradition of excellent police service at the Wheeling Police Department.

The philosophy of open, collaborative and community oriented police work helped drive many of the objectives for 2015. Our community outreach programs continue to grow. We invite you to join us in keeping Wheeling a safe community by participating in programs like the Neighborhood Crime Watch, the Citizens Police Academy, National Night Out or any of the other programs conducted by our agency.

The department continued its leadership and development of personnel with the graduation of two additional Sergeants through the prestigious Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety 400 hour School of Police Staff and Command.

In closing, I want to thank the community, the Village President and the Board of Trustees for their continued support of the police department. The department remains committed to improving the quality of life within the Village and providing effective, efficient, and professional services to the community we serve. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

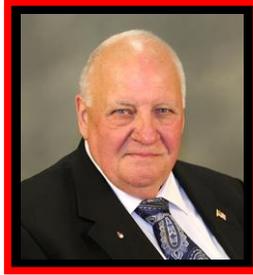
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James J. Dunne
Chief of Police





Dean S. Argiris
President



Kenneth R. Brady
Trustee



Mary Papantos
Trustee



Jon A. Sfondilis
Village Manager



Mary Krueger
Trustee



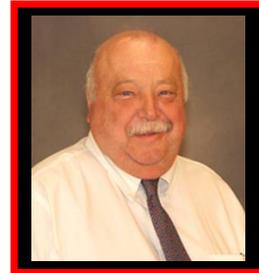
Joe Vito
Trustee



Elaine E. Simpson
Village Clerk



Ray Lang
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
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<http://www.city-data.com/city/wheeling-Illinois.html>
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VILLAGE OF WHEELING
GOVERNMENT

Dean S. ArgirisPresident
 Elaine E. SimpsonVillage Clerk
 Kenneth R. BradyTrustee
 Mary KruegerTrustee
 Ray LangTrustee
 Mary PapantosTrustee
 Joe Vito.....Trustee
 David VogelTrustee

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

Police and Fire Commission

Michael J. Moran.....Chairperson
 Alan W. PalickiSecretary
 Alfred Hembd.....Member
 Jon Kolssak.....Member
 Michael MurphyMember



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 62

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.

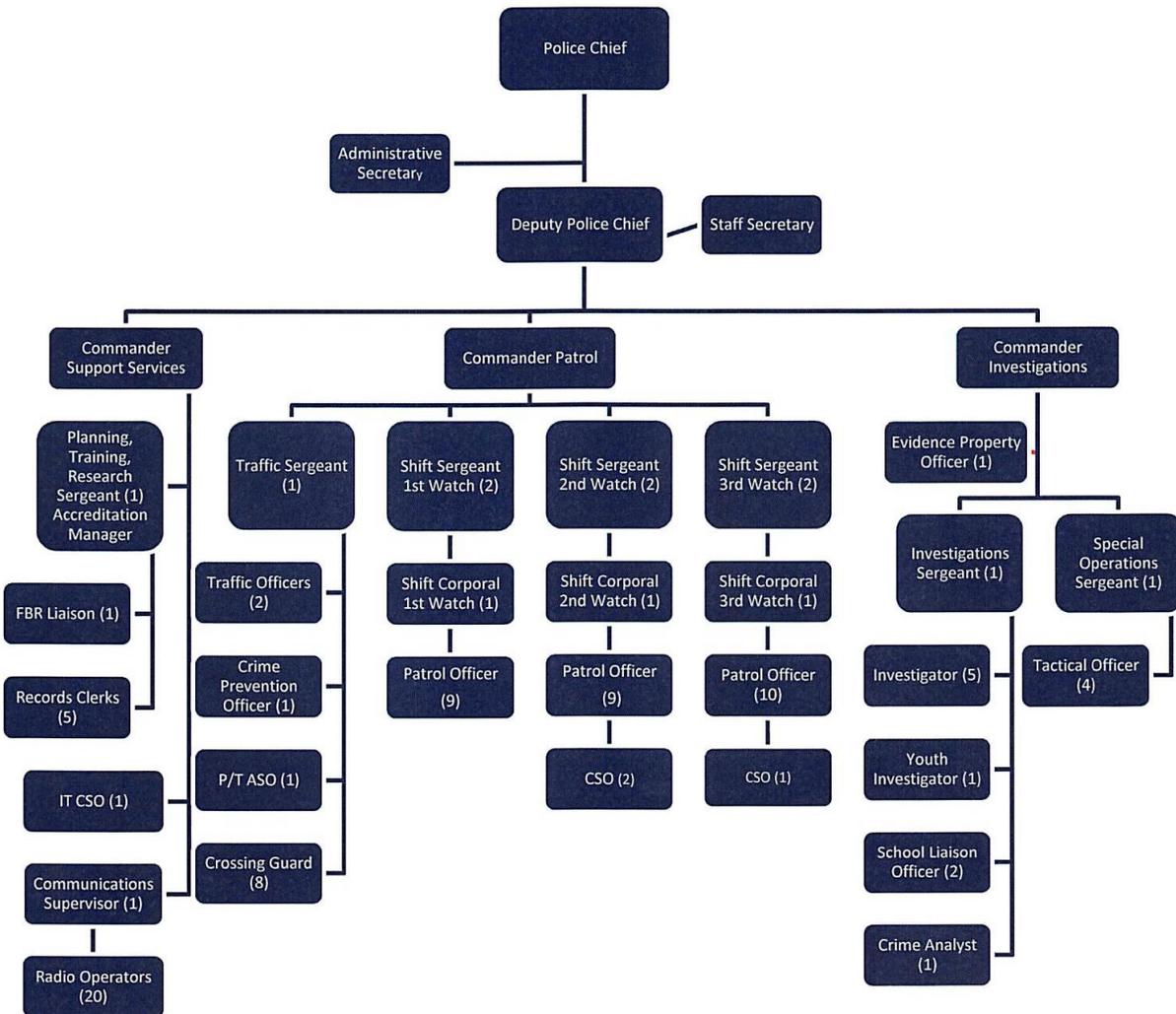
Dedication - We dedicate ourselves to professional law enforcement service through open system of communication, community partnerships, improved department management, enhanced operational procedures, and the utilization of problem solving methods and strategies.



WE SERVE - WE PROTECT - WE CARE



Wheeling Police Department





2015 EMPLOYEE ROSTER

COMMAND STAFF

James J. Dunne, *Chief of Police*
Todd Wolff, *Deputy Chief of Police*
Richard Benbow, *Commander Patrol Division*
Joseph Licari, *Commander Investigations Division*,
Peter Panagakis, *Commander Support Services Division*

Ileen Bryer, *Administrative Secretary*
Lina Colunga, *Staff Secretary*

SERGEANTS

Larry Carmody, *Planning, Training, Research Sergeant*
Vic Chirio, *Special Operations Unit Sergeant*
John Connolly, *Patrol Sergeant*
Michael Conway, *Traffic Unit Sergeant*
James Elwart, *Patrol Sergeant*

Paul Hardt, *Patrol Sergeant*
Christopher Higham, *Patrol Sergeant*
Joe Kopecky, *Patrol Sergeant*
Joseph Schaff, *Investigations Sergeant*
Paul Smith, *Patrol Sergeant*

CORPORALS

James Borchardt, *Patrol Corporal*
Troy Musolf, *Patrol Corporal*
Dorann Swanson, *Patrol Corporal*

OFFICERS

John Abbio, *Detective*
Michael Bieschke, *Tactical Officer*
John Bonk, *Patrol Officer*
Dennis Bulanda, *Traffic Officer*
Bernie Conboy, *Detective*
Lukasz Czapala, *School Resource Officer*
Joseph Dawson, *Patrol Officer*
Ian Frey, *Tactical Officer*
Richard Giltner, *Detective*
Richard Herdus, *Patrol Officer*
Jeremy Hoffman, *Patrol Officer*
Matthew Jahnke, *Patrol Officer*
Angela Kaehler, *Patrol Officer*
Douglas Kaiser, *Patrol Officer*
Christopher Kanches, *Crime Prevention*
Preston Robertson, *Patrol Officer*
Christopher Rogers, *Patrol Officer*
Terrance Rose, *Patrol Officer*
Michael Rossi, *Patrol Officer*
Adam Sherman, *Patrol Officer*
Katrina Smolarczyk, *Patrol Officer*
Andrew Teichen, *Patrol Officer*

Phil Kim, *Patrol Officer*
Steve Komin, *Patrol Officer*
Devin Ladesic, *Patrol Officer*
Scott Laverd, *Patrol Officer*
Matthew Lee, *Patrol Officer*
Bryan Martorano, *Patrol Officer*
Carl Messina, *Tactical Officer*
Michael Munoz, *Patrol Officer*
Ignacio Oropeza, *Detective*
Sandro Palomares, *Patrol Officer*
Christina Parr, *Traffic Officer*
Thomas Pinedo, *Detective*
Brett Potter, *Patrol Officer*
Rick Richardson, *Patrol Officer*
James Theberge, *Patrol Officer*
Staci Treiber, *Patrol Officer*
Stephen Truver, *Patrol Officer*
Paul Vallas, *Patrol Officer*
Brittany Vore, *School Resource Officer*
Mark Weber, *Patrol Officer*
Jeff Wieder, *911 Comm. Supervisor*



2015 EMPLOYEE ROSTER (continued)

INFORMATION TECHNICIAN

Jacek Trezbutnia, *Information Technology*

RECORDS CLERKS

Christina Lascola, *Records Clerk*

Kristina Maldonado, *Records Clerk*

Diane Poppenga, *RMS Liaison*

Maria Soto, *Records Clerk*

Shirlee Surges, *Records Clerk*

Katherine Whitehead, *Records Clerk*

COMMUNICATIONS

Javier Alanis, *Dispatcher*

Andrew Calin, *Dispatcher*

Diane Constanty, *Dispatcher-Team Leader*

Matthew Diamond, *Dispatcher*

Eugene Gamez, *Dispatcher-Team Leader*

Marcia Gerould, *Dispatcher*

Charles Hasselmann, *Dispatcher-Team Leader*

Katelyn Hernandez, *Dispatcher*

Tina Hoffman, *Dispatcher*

Dawn Hyken, *Dispatcher*

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICERS

Michael Burns, *CSO*

Andrew Merrill, *CSO*

Anthony Reyes *CSO*

Peter Rodgers, *CSO/Evidence Property Officer*

Veronica Salazar, *CSO/Crime Analyst*

VOLUNTEERS

Carole Lanciloti, *Citizen Volunteer*

Patricia Maziarka, *Citizen Volunteer*

Michael Kelly, *Dispatcher-Team Leader*

Michael Loranz, *Dispatcher*

Meghan Marren, *Dispatcher*

Debra Mette, *Dispatcher*

Nadine Morgan, *Dispatcher*

Megan Novak, *Dispatcher*

Marco Ramirez, *Dispatcher*

Tina Shuffelbarger, *Dispatcher*

Maria Vasquez, *Dispatcher*

James Vonesh, *Dispatcher*





NOTABLE INCIDENTS

	<p>On July 6, 2015 Sergeant Joseph Licari was promoted to the rank of Commander.</p>		<p>On July 6, 2015 Corporal Joseph Kopecky was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.</p>
			

Due to promotions and retirements the following officers were assigned to the Patrol Division as the Corporals on the shift:



Corporal
Troy Musolf
1/1/15



Corporal
Dorann Swanson
7/6/15

New Sworn-In and Civilian Hires:

Three new Officers were hired and successfully completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA). Officers Paul Vallas, Michael Rossi and Shane Maurer successfully completed the Field Training Program and were assigned to rotating shifts in the Patrol Division. Additionally, Ileen Bryer was hired as the new Administrative Secretary to the Chief of Police.



Officer
Michael Rossi
1/5/15



Officer
Paul Vallas
1/5/15



Officer
Shane Maurer
7/20/15



Admin.
Secretary
Ileen Bryer
8/10/15

Memorial:

			
<p>A 30th Anniversary Memorial was held on November 5, 2015 at the Wheeling Police Department in Honor of Officer Kenneth R. Dawson who was killed in the Line of Duty on November 5, 1985.</p>			



Retirements:



After 28 years of service, Corporal Ernest Ray retired from the Police Department on January 1, 2015.

Community Service Officer – October 01, 1987
 Police Officer – July 16, 1990
 Corporal – January 29, 1997
 Retired – January 01, 2015



After 28 years of service, Commander Terrie Wisnewski retired from the Police Department on June 5, 2015.

Police Officer – January 03, 1986
 Sergeant – December 4, 1989
 Commander – July 10, 2006
 Retired – June 5, 2015



After 19 years of service, Melody Bonk, retired from the Police Department on June 5, 2015.

Staff Secretary – April 8, 1996
 Administrative Secretary – June 4, 2013
 Retired – June 5, 2015



After 29 years of service, Chief William Benson, retired from the Police Department on January 4, 2016.

Police Officer – July 8, 1986
 Sergeant – October 25, 1996
 Commander – June 10, 2002
 Deputy Chief – October 23, 2006
 Chief – April 12, 2010
 Retired – January 4, 2016



PATROL DIVISION

Commander Richard Benbow

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 approach rather than reactive approach to interaction with the community.

The Patrol Division consists of three different shifts:

Midnight Shift

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

Day Shift

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

Afternoon Shift

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

In 2015, Wheeling Police Department Personnel responded to a total of 41,453 calls for service involving criminal offenses, traffic accidents, disturbances, traffic complaints, extra watches and other types of incidents. The three Patrol Shifts are the first responders for the majority of the calls for service.

K-9 PROGRAM

K-9 Duke was assigned to the Afternoon shift with his handler Officer Jeremy Hoffman. K-9 Duke was retired due to health related issues in July of 2015. In the first six months of 2015, K-9 Duke's activities include the following:



9 Traffic Stop Exterior Vehicle Searches

- 27 for Wheeling Police Department
- 6 for Buffalo Grove Police Department
- 1 for Cook County Sheriff's Department

3 Building Searches

1 Track

1 Missing Adult

1 School Search

1 Demonstration

2 NIPAS Field Force Callouts



HONOR GUARD

The Wheeling Police Department Honor Guard Unit was formed in 2007 and it has served the community with distinction. While all police officers have a dress uniform, the Wheeling Police Honor Guard has a distinctive uniform that sets it apart from other members of the department. This is to signify the commitment that its members make to fulfill the honor guard's mission.



The mission of the honor guard unit is to represent the Wheeling Police Department at community events award ceremonies, the Illinois State Police Officer's Memorial ceremony and to attend funerals for officers killed in the line of duty.



Members of the Honor Guard

- Sergeant Joseph Kopecky
- Corporal James Borchardt
- Corporal Troy Musolf
- Officer Dennis Bulanda
- Officer Phil Kim
- Officer Carl Messina
- Officer Andrew Teichen
- Officer Mark Weber



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

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

TRAFFIC UNIT/CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Wheeling Police Department Traffic and Crime Prevention Units are supervised by Sergeant Michael Conway. Officer Dennis Bulanda and Officer Christina Parr are the two Traffic Officers assigned to the Traffic Unit and Officer Christopher Kanches is the Crime Prevention Officer assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit.

Promoting seatbelt use and yellow dot program at the Law Enforcement Exposition in the Hawthorn Mall, Vernon Hills, Illinois on September 2015.



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 Conway are the On Call Supervisors for the Crash Investigation Unit. The unit is staffed by Sergeant James Elwart, Officer Christina Parr, and Officer Dennis Bulanda. All officers have received eighty 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, and conducted numerous Child Passenger Safety Seat inspections and presentations for parents. The Traffic Unit also assists the Crime Prevention Unit with numerous presentations and community events.



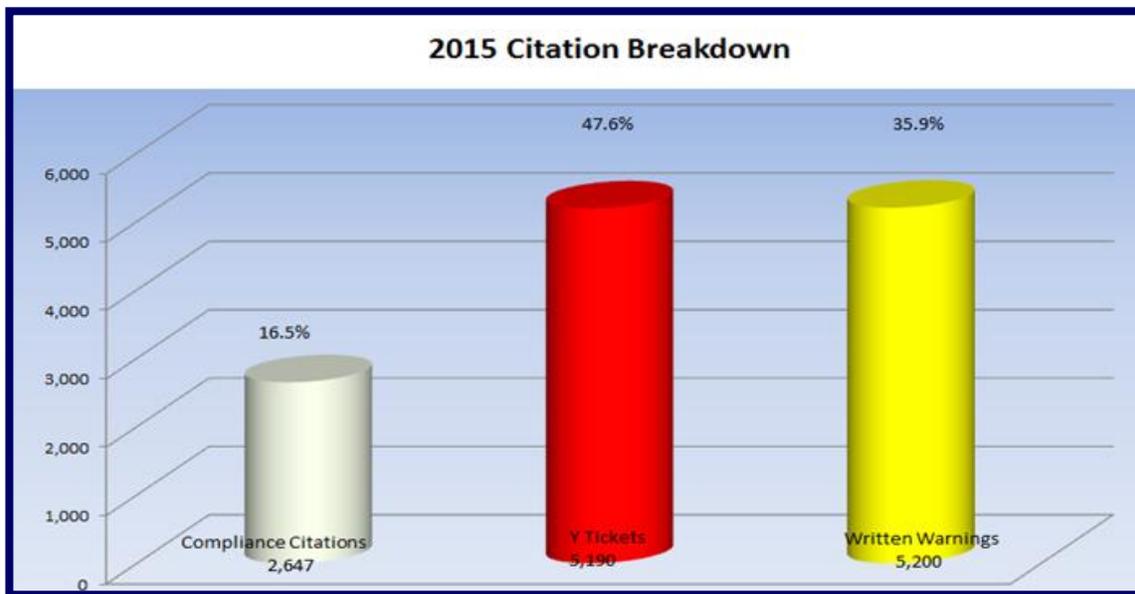
Officers Parr and Bulanda are also members of the Major Crash Assistance Team of Lake County (MCAT). The Team responds to accidents that involve fatalities or great bodily harm, emergency vehicles with serious injuries, unusual circumstances, complicated crash scenes, or those requiring technical assistance. The Wheeling members responded to ten callouts during 2015.

During 2015, the Traffic Unit conducted selective traffic enforcement in the Village of Wheeling and also identified areas 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 keeping the number of traffic crashes at 1,226. This is a decrease of 56 traffic from crashes in 2014 which were at 1,282. The Traffic Unit has also initiated the deployment of two speed shields in the village to remind drivers of their speed and to slow down.

The Traffic Unit participated in the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) which is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The STEP Campaign's were conducted during Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year's, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. The Step Grant focuses on impaired Driving, distracted driving, and seat belt compliance. The STEP Grant awarded to the Village of Wheeling was in the amount of \$50,180.00.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OVERVIEW

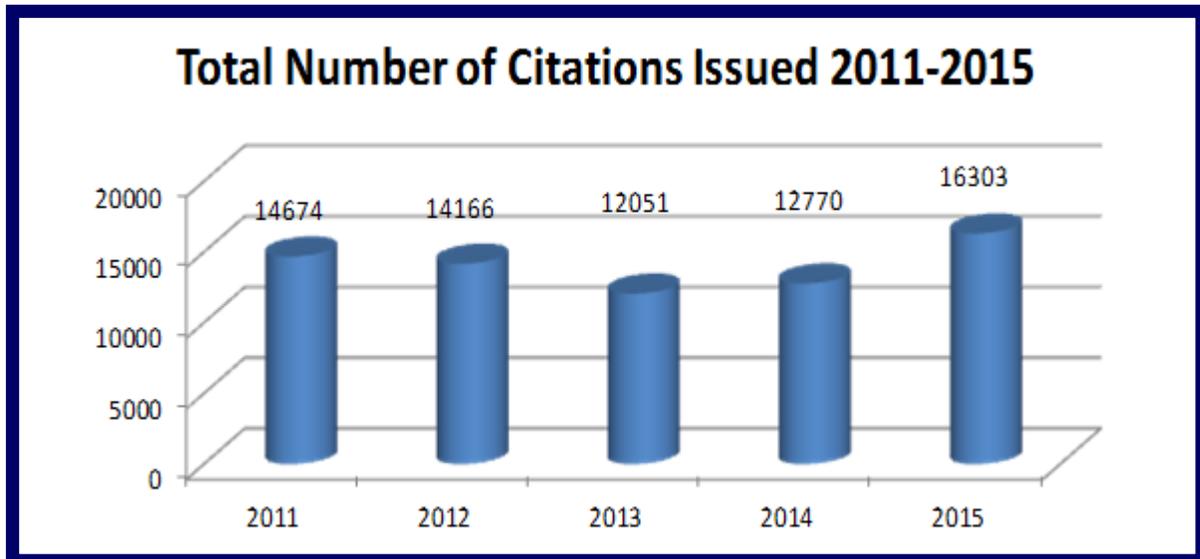
The Wheeling Police Department made 10,545 traffic enforcement related contacts during 2015 which is an increase of 39.9% from the previous year. The officers issued citations and written warnings on the traffic stops. The chart below illustrates the breakdown of the two types of Citations and Written Warnings issued during the 2015 calendar year.





CITATIONS ISSUED

During 2015 the Wheeling Police Department issued 5,190 Traffic Citations, and 2,647 Compliance Citations for a total of 7,837 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 36,507 in 2014 to 41,453 in 2015. That is a 13.5 % increase, in calls for service, which means less time for traffic enforcement. In spite of the increase, officers still wrote 448 more traffic citations in 2015.



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

During 2015, the Wheeling Police Department made 96 DUI Arrests. This represents an increase of three DUI arrests from 2014. **Officer Rick Richardson** led the Department with 12 DUI arrests and **Officer's Joseph Dawson and Officer Brett Potter** each made nine DUI arrests.





DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY TOTALS

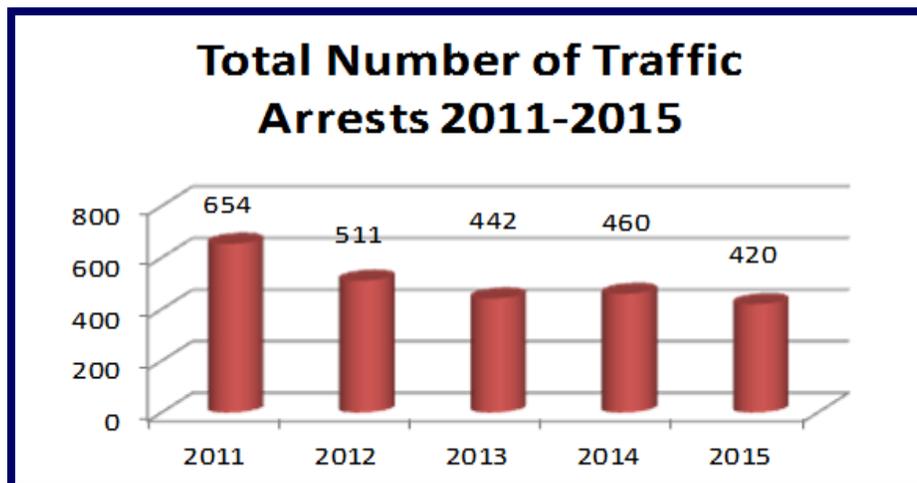
The Raw Numbers for Traffic Enforcement Activity Comparison for the years 2014 and 2015 are listed on the chart below. Traffic Stops, Written Warnings, and Compliance Citation categories all showed a significant increase. DUI arrests increased from 93 to 96 and Total Traffic Citations increased 4,742 to 5,190. Officers increased the amount of Compliance Citations by 61.5%, mostly through the STEP Grant Enforcement of Seat Belt and Cell Phone Violations.

ACTIVITY	2014	2015	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
DUI ARRESTS	93	96	+3	+3.2%
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	464	435	-29	-6.3%
TRAFFIC STOPS	7,545	10,554	+3,009	+39.9%
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	4,742	5,190	+448	+9.5%
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS	1,642	2,647	+1,009	+61.5%
WRITTEN WARNINGS	3,570	5,200	+1,884	+52.8%
PARKING CITATIONS	3,217	2,807	-410	-12.7%

During the year, the overall amount of Police “Calls for Service” activity increased significantly from 36,507 in 2014 to 41,453 in 2015 (a difference of 4,946 Police related calls or a 13.5% increase). Even though the calls for service increased, the traffic stops also increased 39.9%.

TRAFFIC ARRESTS

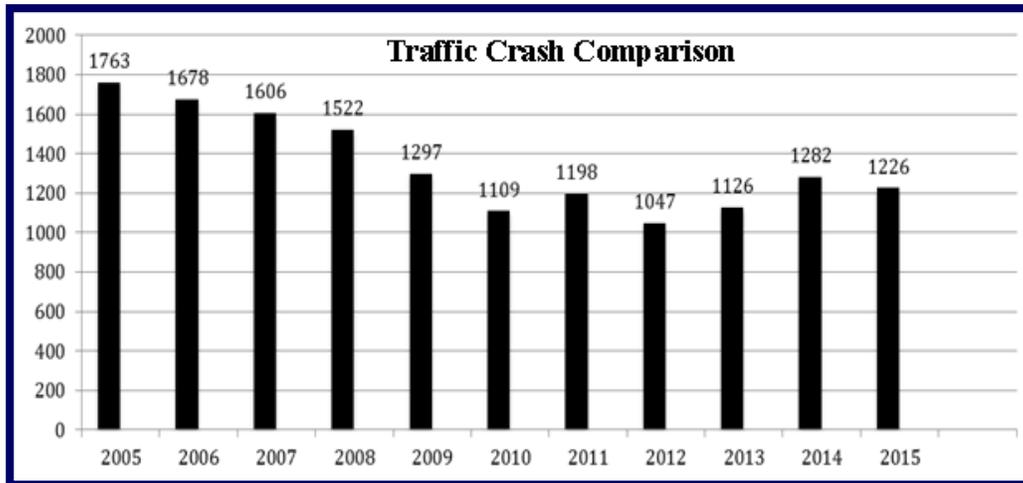
The total number of Traffic Arrests in the Village of Wheeling decreased from 464 in 2014 to 435 in 2015, which is a decrease of 6.3%.





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 with 1,047 crashes. 2015 saw a decrease in traffic crashes from 1,282 in 2014 to 1,226 in 2015. 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.



EFFECTIVENES

The Traffic Unit has seen that the established traffic programs are working overall. There was one Fatal Traffic Crashes in 2015, which is a 50% decrease from 2014 in which two fatal crashes occurred in Wheeling. Injury Crashes were down from 150 in 2014 to 131 in 2015, which is a decrease of 12.7%. Property Crashes were down from 893 in 2014 to 845 in 2015, which is a decrease of 5.4%. Overall, Total Traffic Crashes are down from 1282 in 2014 to 1,226 in 2015, which is a decrease of 4.4%. Traffic crashes have decreased 43% in the last ten years from 1,763 in 2005 to 1,226 in 2015.

Speed Shields are being utilized when speeding complaints are





CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit recognizes that a crime risk exists and is tasked with identifying and implementing crime prevention strategies to reduce the crime opportunities within the Village of Wheeling. The Crime Prevention Unit provides valuable information to the public through numerous events and educational seminars. Officer Kanches, the Crime Prevention Officer coordinates numerous special events throughout the community to demonstrate the commitment between the partnership of the police department and the residents they serve.

Crime Prevention Officer Kanches and Officer Vore speak with residents about their concerns



Presented below is a synopsis of Crime Prevention Programs and activities during 2015.

- **Community Crime Watch Meetings** - The Crime Prevention Unit held ten Community Beat Meetings during 2015 to meet with residents and business owners to work to solve community problems together. Citizens' concerns are addressed and methods to resolve these issues are discussed in a positive manner. Additionally, a different prevention topic is discussed.
- **Security Surveys** - Security surveys and consultations were conducted at residences and businesses in 2015. 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 Kanches. 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 Senior Center** - The Crime Prevention Unit met with Senior Citizen Groups six times in 2015 to educate them on staying safe.



**Crime Prevention joins
area local law
enforcement for the
annual Toys for Tots
Parade in Chicago.**

- **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 nine residents who graduated from the Citizens Police Academy.
- **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 assist with traffic control and manpower at community events and Roadside Safety Checkpoints. In 2015 volunteers logged in over 1,250 hours assisting the police department at a value of **\$82,608.98**.
- **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.
- **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. 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, in 2015 to recruit quality candidates for the Wheeling Police Department.



Sergeant Conway and Officer Vore assisting the Crime Prevention Unit on a recruiting Career Fair being held at Western Illinois University.



Investigator Abbio helping in the annual Shopping with a Cop Program in 2015.

- **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. Officer Kanches conducted three Neighbor Dispute Mediations during 2015.
- **Presentations and Special Events** - The Crime Prevention Unit hosted and attended numerous Special Events including; 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.
- **Two annual community events** - Crime Prevention participated in were Rockin with the Cops and National Night Out. Rockin with the Cops was held at the Wheeling Park District Aquatic Center for a night of family fun on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. During this kick off event music, games and fun for the whole family.

Rockin with the Cops was a wonderful opportunity for the Wheeling Police Department and Village Trustees to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie. During Rockin with the Cops over \$2000 in gift prizes gathered from sixteen Wheeling businesses were given out to our village residents during a free raffle.





National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 and designed to promote:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Together four Wheeling subdivisions stood alongside over 37.8 million people in communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide in celebrating. Wheeling residents hosted block parties, cookouts, and in turn visits from emergency personnel, our local village officials came out in an effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.



Commander Richard Benbow of the Patrol Division speaking with CALEA on sight inspectors during his visit to meet with residents at Sand Pebble during National Night.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Commander Joseph Licari



The Wheeling Police Department Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for the investigation of the most serious criminal offenses that occur in the Village of Wheeling.

The Investigations Division is composed of 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.

On a daily basis the Investigations Unit investigates crimes, combats juvenile delinquency, scenes and collects criminal intelligence. The Unit investigates such crimes as burglaries, robberies, homicides, death investigations as well as financial crimes including identity theft. They also perform background investigations of all civilian and police applicants who are being considered for employment. The investigators work in plainclothes and are able to investigate crimes that are often complex and may extend over a significant period of time and geographical area. The cases are investigated until an arrest is made or there are no longer leads to pursue. Many of the investigators have received specialized training in areas such as child abuse, homicide investigations, delinquency, crime scene processing, interview and interrogation, and cyber-crime. Detectives read all police reports generated by the department on a daily basis to correlate information as it may pertain to open investigations. The Detectives in the Investigations Unit work on a Monday through Friday schedule. Detectives are scheduled to work both 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 24/7 coverage every day.

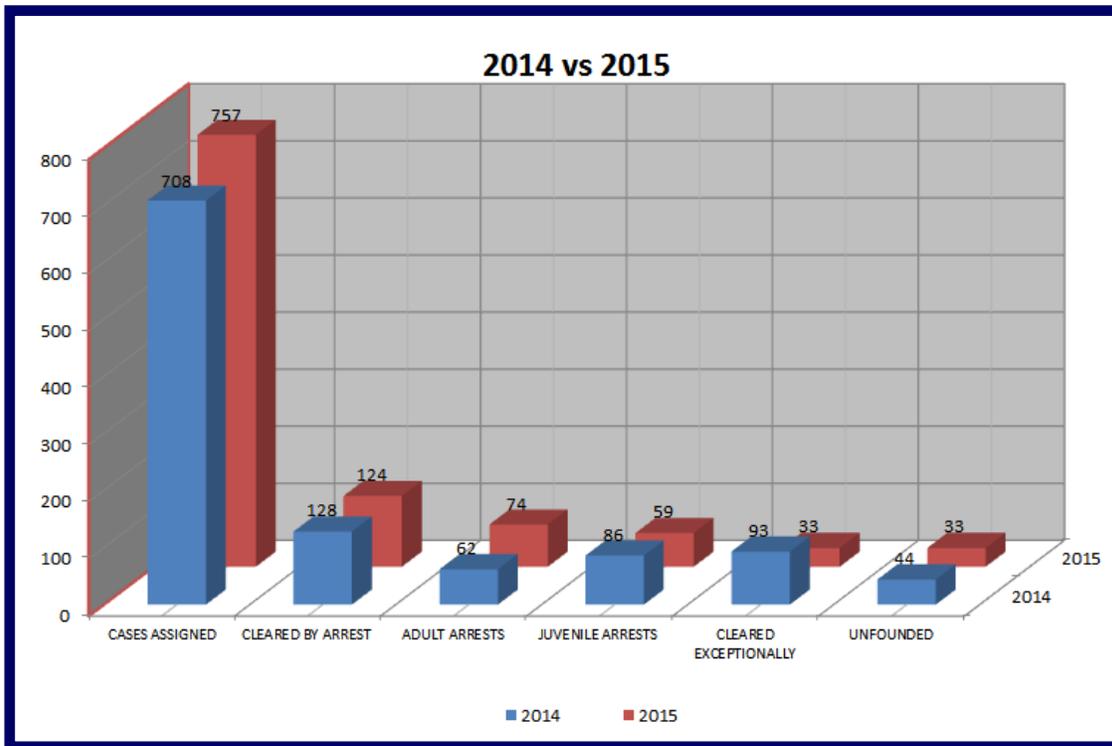
The Special Operations Unit is the primary unit responsible for the investigation of gang and drug related crimes. They are responsible for gang intelligence and the maintenance of these and informant records. The Special Operations Unit utilizes a proactive approach in efforts to combat gang crime and narcotics crime in our community. The officers in the Special Operations unit work in a plainclothes capacity and also receive special training in areas such as drug interdiction and gang enforcement. The unit is largely proactive and acts on tips from the public as well as information they generate when it comes to matters such as narcotic activity, juvenile nuisances, criminal activity and any other quality of life issue within the village.

Finally, the Investigations Division also is responsible for maintaining professional relationships with other local Police Departments as well as Federal Agencies including but not limited to the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (N.O.R.T.A.F.), the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department, the Illinois State Police (I.S.P.), the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (D.C.F.S.), the Chicago Police Department (C.P.D.), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.), United States Secret Service, United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Postal Inspectors, and other surrounding Police Agencies.



INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit handled 757 cases in 2015. The Detectives in the unit are assigned cases based on ‘solvability factors’ and the seriousness of the criminal offense. The Investigations Unit is currently staffed by one Sergeant, five adult Detectives, one juvenile Detective, two School Resource Officers and a civilian Crime Analyst. The unit operated understaffed with only five adult Detectives until October of 2015. Detective Sergeant Joseph Schaff is in charge of the Investigations Unit since his transfer into the unit in July of 2015 after. Sgt. Schaff is veteran officer of 25 years and a supervisor since 1999.



In 2015, the Investigations Unit cleared 124 cases and made 133 arrests including 39 felony arrests. A total of 33 other cases were Exceptionally Cleared without criminal charges being brought and 33 cases were closed as being unfounded.

The Wheeling Police Department School Resource Officer Program provides a valuable service to the community and School Districts 21 and 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 fosters interaction 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. Source documents for these reports included a review of Incident and Arrest reports, TRITECH INFORM four and five, Daily logs, Crystal reports, Intelligence reports (as submitted by Wheeling Police Department or received from other agencies), computer reports generated



by the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (L.E.A.D.S.), National Crime Information Center (N.C.I.C.) and those as available from the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (M.O.C.I.C.) as they apply to this department.

MAJOR CASE HIGHLIGHTS

A 23 year resident of Chicago came to Wheeling to buy a cellular telephone when he was attacked from behind by three juvenile offenders and struck in the head with a baseball bat. Detectives responded and their investigation ultimately centered on the first of the offenders who was taken into custody without incident. Ultimately the other two suspects were taken into custody as well and, after exhaustive interviews, each gave oral and written statements admitting to their role in the incident. Each juvenile was charged with one felony count of Attempt Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery.

Detectives assisted the patrol division in the investigation of the Robbery and Domestic Battery of a woman who was attacked in her vehicle by her estranged boyfriend for whom she had taken out an Order of Protection against. During the attack the victim's purse which contained her wallet, currency, and a cellphone was stolen. Detectives began the process of electronically tracking the suspect using his cellphone who eventually was located at Market Square restaurant where he was taken into custody, interviewed, and charged with Robbery, Domestic Battery and a Violation of the order of protection.

The Investigations unit assisted with an Armed Robbery and Aggravated Firearm incident on 02/10/15 when a victim of a gunshot wound entered the Walgreen's at Dundee and Schoenbeck announcing that he had been shot. An investigation was immediately commenced by members of the Investigations and Special Operations unit and seven participants were identified as having played a role in the incident. Five persons were in a vehicle driven by the original victim and two were outside the vehicle. Gunfire was exchanged between the two parties and, in addition to the original victim; one of the persons outside the car received a gunshot. It was ultimately discovered that the five persons in the car arrived in Wheeling to purchase cannabis from the two subjects that are SGD (Spanish Gangster Disciple) gang members. During the transaction, the five subjects in the car planned to rob the two sellers and, when the robbery attempt was made, gunshots were exchanged. Detectives eventually located all parties involved and charged all five occupants of the vehicle with felony counts of armed robbery with a firearm and aggravated battery with a firearm.

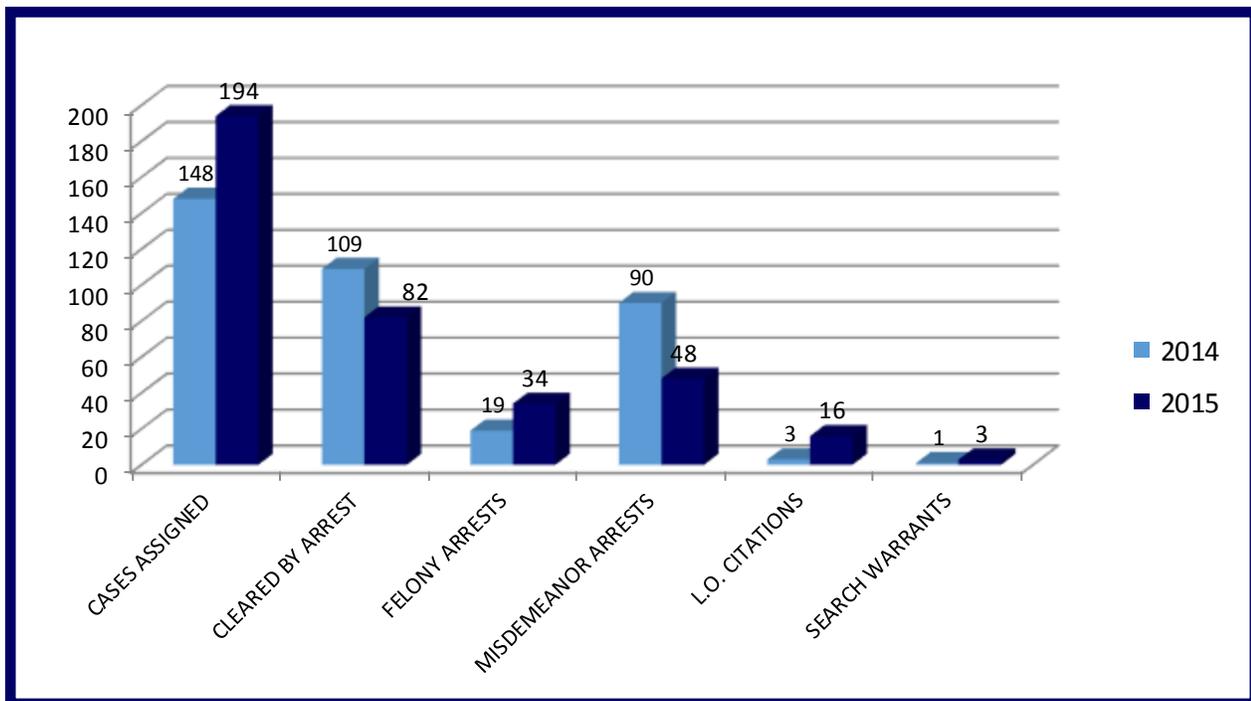
Between the dates of February and March of 2014 WPD took no less than 10 reports of residential burglaries where similar methods of operation were observed where the burglars most often took jewelry and electronics. Through investigation suspects were developed that had been pawning items taken in residential burglaries from this jurisdiction as well as jurisdictions in Lake County. In addition, jewelry pawned at several stores was identified as stolen property by the victims. A cigarette butt located at one of the residential burglaries that was collected and later submitted for DNA evidence revealed the source of the DNA was one of the suspect's. Detectives coordinated efforts with Detectives from other jurisdictions and orchestrated a plan to arrest all involved parties simultaneously. Ultimately, all parties were taken into custody at various locations throughout Lake County. In the end, in addition to recovery of stolen property, five cases were cleared by arrests and the remaining five cases were cleared exceptionally.



Detectives were assigned to investigate a theft. The victim gave the suspect \$15,000 for a house via money deposits through a realtor. When the deal for the home did not go through, they wanted their money back so the suspect sent them a check on a closed account. After multiple attempts to make contact with the suspect and a photo line up being conducted, a warrant was issued for felony theft and was eventually arrested and charged with Felony theft.

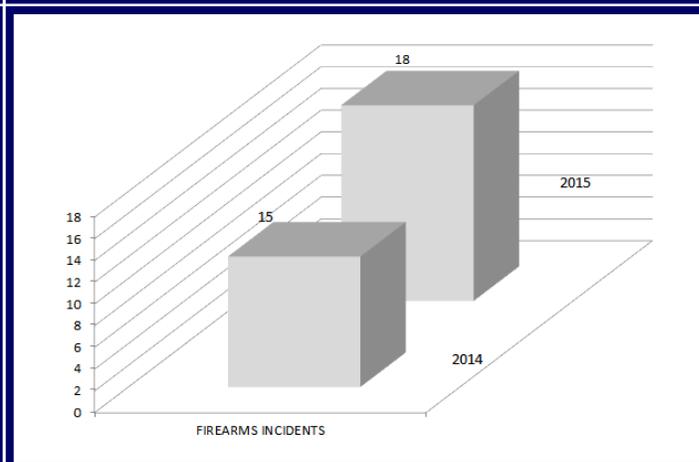
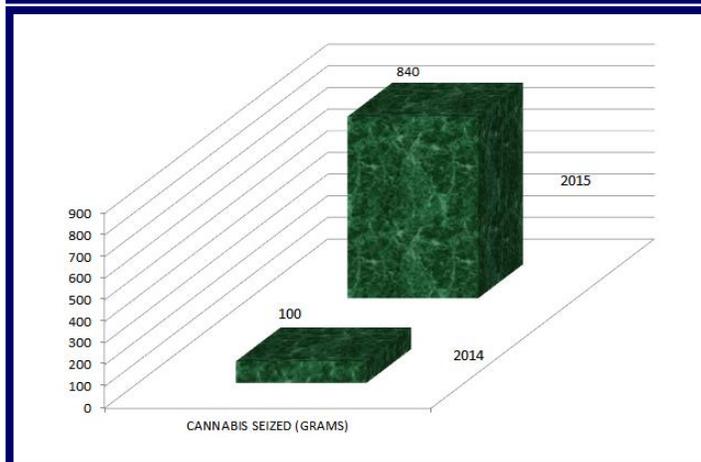
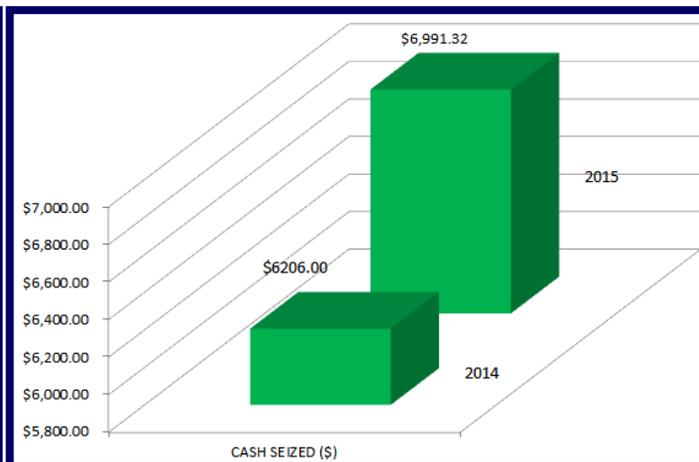
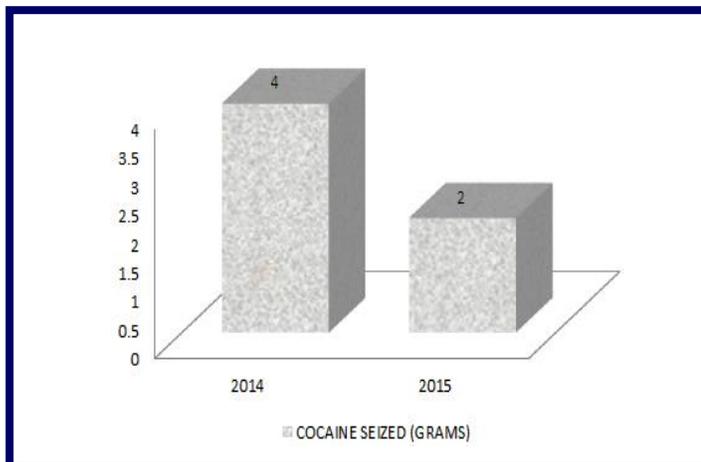
SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

The Special Operations Unit is composed of one Sergeant and three 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 2015, the Special Operations Unit investigated 194 cases and made 82 total arrests including 34 felony arrests. The unit handled 18 firearm related incidents, seized over 840 grams of cannabis, two grams of cocaine and seized \$6,991.32 USC for drug related offenses.



MAJOR CASE HIGHLIGHTS

Gang Activity and firearms related incidents remained omnipresent through 2015 showing a slight increase in reported activity. Below are some highlights from multiple investigations conducted throughout the year.

After hearing a report of a subject being shot, Special Operations members responded to the scene with members of the Patrol and Investigations Unit. At the scene was a subject that had a gunshot wound to the back and was in need of medical attention. It was discovered that two rival subjects were involved in the same altercation and both had gotten shot. Over the next few days, evidence was collected, involved parties were located and interviewed and searches were conducted. It was ultimately discovered that a total of seven people were involved in this occurrence. Five parties arrived in Wheeling in a car to purchase cannabis from two subjects that are SGD (Spanish Gangster Disciple) gang members from Wheeling. All parties involved were identified, located, and ultimately five were charged with armed robbery with a firearm and aggravated battery with a firearm.

Special Operations made contact with an SGD gang member in a Wheeling Park frequented by neighborhood youth. He was previously given a trespass warning for the park and was arrested for a violation of that warning. The gang member also possessed cannabis when searched. A consent search of his home produced more cannabis and a loaded .357 handgun.



Special Operations investigated a report of a shooting in Whippletree Village. The occupants of the home, including a Sureno 13 gang member, reported hearing loud pops and finding bullets and bullet holes in their home. The occupants were unable to provide any details as to the persons responsible.

Special Operations responded to a suspicious persons call, and located a car leaving the area. The vehicle was followed to the parking lot of Walmart where a stop was made on the vehicle. Two of the occupants jumped from the car and ran. The two subjects ran into the Cedar Run complex, while one of them could be seen carrying something wrapped in a t-shirt. When this subject reached the inside of the fence line, he dropped the shirt and item near the fence and continued running. Both subjects were located and taken into custody. The t-shirt was located and discovered wrapped inside was a loaded .357 handgun. All four subjects in the car at the time of the stop were taken to the Wheeling PD. All subjects were interviewed. Ultimately the subject who possessed the handgun was charged with Aggravated UUW. Days later, a vehicle containing three SGD gang members was stopped after being seen driving through an area occupied by another gang. Again, the vehicle was stopped and a loaded gun was located on the floor of the vehicle.

Special Operations responded to a reported robbery, where the offenders ran from the scene. The victim stated that he was confronted by three gang members who chased him, knocked him to the ground, beat him, and took his backpack. The offenders were observed near the scene by officers and ran once again. Special Operations officers were able to apprehend two of the subjects, but not the third. Both subjects located were MLD gang members. The third subject involved was identified by officers near the scene and by photo lineup. Special Operations eventually located the third offender and placed him into custody. The gang member was charged with aggravated robbery and mob action.

Again, through the use of a confidential informant, Special Operations began a drug investigation into illegal drug sales being conducted from an apartment on Wolf Rd in Wheeling. Controlled purchases of cannabis were made from the home. A search warrant was obtained and served. The home was searched, with cannabis and USC being located. The offender was taken into custody, interviewed, and charged with possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

The Wheeling Police Department has 23 Police Officers and three civilian Community Service Officers who are specially trained as Evidence Technicians. Of those 26 currently 19 are actively engaged in the program and the others are called upon if needed.



The program is supervised by Detective Sergeant Joseph Schaff 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 continuously receiving training and refining their skills as technology increases.

In 2015, Evidence Technicians were assigned 305 cases.

A total of 109 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.

In addition, Evidence Technicians were called upon to photograph evidence or injuries received by victims in 196 other incidents.

In 29 of the crime scenes processed, Evidence Technicians were able to develop and recovered 66 examples of latent fingerprint evidence which were sent to the Northeastern Illinois Regional crime lab (N.I.R.C.L) for comparison purposes.

The crime lab determined that a total of 45 of these recovered fingerprints were comparable and that the fingerprint evidence could possibly be matched to the fingerprints of a victim or the offender. Finally, a total of five of these recovered fingerprints were of Automated Fingerprint Identification System (A.F.I.S.) quality and submitted for possible identification to the database.



EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN HIGHLIGHTS

2015 was marked by a spike in pattern type Residential Burglaries. Common patterns include certain shared characteristics of the crime like the victims being of Korean decent or the suspect barricading the door upon entry. Evidence Technicians were called upon to process these scenes some of which are highlighted below.

ET Komin was called to process the scene of two residential burglaries that occurred @ 660 Prestwick Ln. in Wheeling. The crimes were linked in that the suspect left behind footwear impressions on the item he used to climb onto the balcony from outside the residence. In doing so, the suspect left a distinct Nike Swoosh footwear impression on a louver frame and a gas meter. ET Komin was able to photo document the footwear and it was compared to others that had recently occurred and it appears likely that the suspect is the same. In addition, ET Komin took casts of the footwear which was secured into evidence for later comparison. Moreover, it appears that this suspect may be responsible for multiple residential burglaries in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove where the victims were Korean American. The other commonality amongst the incidents is that the suspect blocks the entry door or locks doors that are not normally locked.



ET Kim was called upon to process the scene of a residential burglary at 511 Prestwick Ln #208. The burglary also matches the method of operation of a pattern of these recent residential burglaries in the area in which the suspect barricades the door using a chair or similar to inhibit entry by the homeowner while committing the offense. ET Kim processed the scene which included photographing the unit, casting pry marks, collection of DNA evidence. ET Kim identified and later collected latent prints on two picture frames.

Year 2015 was also marked with multiple firearm related incidents. Evidence Technicians were called upon to process these scenes some of which are highlighted below.

Evidence Technicians Teichen, Andrew Merrill, and ET Conboy assisted with a shooting incident when a victim of a gunshot wound entered the Walgreen's at Dundee and Schoenbeck announcing that he had been shot. It was learned that Gunfire was exchanged between two groups and, in addition to the original victim; a second person from the rival group received a gunshot wound. The scene of the shooting incident was quickly identified and processed for evidence. Secondary evidence work was conducted on the vehicle that received the gunshots and evidence was confiscated at the residence of one of the suspects. Further, photographs of the original gunshot victim as well as recovery of the bullet occurred in addition to photographs of the second gunshot victim. Finally, ET Conboy conducted additional evidence work on certain elements of the case which included the vehicle which yielded further evidence. Eventually all parties involved were identified and arrested. The five occupants of the vehicle were charged with armed robbery with a firearm and aggravated battery with a firearm.

ET Giltner, ET Komin, and ET Richardson processed the scene of a shooting where a male subject had been earlier shot in the groin area while standing in the area of Wille Ave. The victim was transported to the hospital and ET Giltner responded. ET Giltner photographed the victim's injuries and also performed a Gunshot Residue (GSR) test which came back negative. ET Giltner also collected the victim's clothing a returned same to WPD for additional processing. ET Komin was tasked with processing the vehicle in which the victim was located. With assistance from ET Richardson, the vehicle was tested for GSR and photographed.

ET Kanches and ET Frey. In 2015 the Cedar Run subdivision experienced incidents of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm where unknown offender(s) shot multiple 9mm rounds striking area residences. Evidence Technicians were summoned to the scene and recovered a total of 12 spent casings from one incident. The casings were collected and later sent to NIRCL for processing of latent finger prints and submission to IBIS for comparison purposes. A firearms report later received from NIRCL stated that the recovered casings from the incident was microscopically identified as having been fired from the same still not located firearm from another shooting incident in 2013.

Additionally, Evidence Technicians exhibited extraordinary skill in recovering multiple latent fingerprints, DNA samples, and other items of evidentiary value some examples of which are highlighted below.

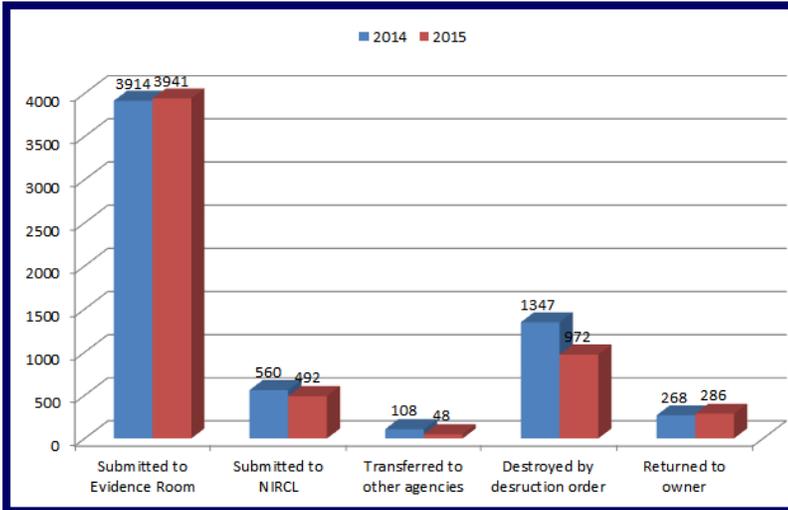
ET Teichen was called upon to process a recovered stolen motor vehicle. The vehicle, a 1994 Toyota Corolla had been in an accident and had extensive front end damage with airbag deployment. The vehicle was left abandoned in North Chicago after the accident and the occupant(s) of the vehicle had fled prior to arrival of the police. The vehicle was subsequently towed to Wheeling PD and secured pending processing. ET Teichen later processed the vehicle which included removal of the airbag that had been deployed. The airbag was later submitted to the crime lab for possible identification and extraction of



DNA. DNA was identified on the airbag and, upon submission for a CODIS search, yielded a possible match to a suspect who was later arrested.

EVIDENCE PROPERTY ROOM

The Evidence Room is staffed by one civilian, Evidence Property Officer Peter Rodgers. The position of Evidence Property Officer is a specialized 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 2015, a total of 3,941 different pieces of property were submitted into evidence under 1,392 different cases. Additionally, Items submitted to the Northern Illinois Regional Crime Lab (N.I.R.C.L.) totaled 492, Items transferred to other agencies totaled 48, Items destroyed by destruction order totaled 972, and Items returned to the owner totaled 286.



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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 composed of 13 different northwest suburban police departments who ban 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 2015, there were eight different N.O.R.T.A.F. activations. Six of the call outs were for either a full or partial activation and two were for forensics only. Detectives Oropeza and Pinedo are currently assigned to N.O.R.T.A.F. as Investigators. Detective Conboy is currently assigned to N.O.R.T.A.F. as a Forensic Specialist.

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

The successes of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force lead 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 as N.O.R.T.A.F. The Burglary Task Force’s purpose is the investigation of burglaries which have specific patterns and / or Suspects. Since its inception in 2004, the Burglary Task Force has handled over 100 different major crime investigations. In 2015, there were seven different N.O.R.T.A.F. Burglary Task Force activations with 13 arrests and 103 exceptional clearances. Detective Bieschke is currently assigned to the N.O.R.T.A.F. Burglary Task Force.



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 teams has served search warrants during tense, uncertain, rapidly evolving situa-

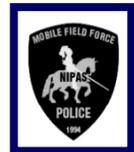


tions and apprehend violent fugitive felons that would have placed officers unnecessarily in harm's way due to their lack of advanced training that is fortunately afforded to the team. The team is currently led by Sergeant Victor Chirio. The team trains regularly on areas of use of force, breaching operations, and officer safety.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (N.I.P.A.S.) represents a joint venture of suburban municipal police departments in the Chicago metropolitan area. Fifteen police agencies created NIPAS in 1983 to ensure effective police mutual aid in times of natural disasters. From these humble beginnings, the system has grown to include law enforcement agencies of 93 cities, villages, and towns in five counties.



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 emergency.

Wheeling Police Department Sergeant Victor Chirio is a member of the N.I.P.A.S. Emergency Services Team (EST) and Officer Phil Kim is a member of the N.I.P.A.S. Mobile Field Force (MFF). 2015, the EST was called out on 15 different occasions and the MFF was placed on Stand-By 19 separate times with three full team activations.





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 Unit. Commander Pete Panagakis, Sergeant Larry Carmody, and Radio Communication Supervisor Jeff Wieder manage the division and units.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) was formed in 1979 to establish a body of standards designed to:



- Increase Law enforcement agency capabilities to prevent and control crime.
- Increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services.
- Increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system.
- Increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency.

In addition, the Commission was formed to develop an accreditation process that provides law enforcement agencies an opportunity to demonstrate voluntarily that they meet an established set of professional standards. The Commission began accrediting police agencies in 1986. Initially, accreditation was awarded to agencies for a period of five years, after which agencies must reapply and be subjected to the reassessment process. Currently this process is done every three years. The Wheeling Police Department was first accredited in November of 1990. In November 2015, the Department was reaccredited by the Commission for the eighth time for demonstrating excellence in law enforcement by the continued compliance with the Standards.

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is supervised by Sergeant Carmody along with being the Accreditation Manager. The unit is staffed by one Supervisor and five Records Clerks, one Records Management System (RMS) Liaison and two volunteers.

The 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 division.



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



2015 Statistics for Records

Crash Reports.....	1,276
Field Arrest Reports.....	4,685
Citations.....	16,302
Subpoenas processed.....	1,233
Expungements.....	29
Freedom of Information Requests.....	519

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

In 2015, our Department processed 519 Freedom of Information (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

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

Tickets are printed in the squad cars and the data is electronically transferred to the Records Unit. In turn, a quality check is completed and the ticket is uploaded to the Cook County Clerk’s Office. The ultimate goal is a paperless ticketing and information transfer system. In 2015, our department issued and or processed over 10,075 (Y’s and Warning tickets).

IYE CRASH REPORTING

In 2013, our Department completed a successful transition of traffic crash programs. Our officers were transitioned from the State of Illinois - Mobile Crash Reporting (MCR) Program over to the new IYE Crash Reporting System (Electronic Traffic Crash Report Software). This transition was largely due to the State of Illinois no longer wanting to financially fund the pre-existing program which required multiple upgrades to continue to function properly. In 2015, our department handled and or processed 1,276 reports.



Diane Poppenga, RMS Liaison



COMMUNICATION UNIT

The Communication Unit is supervised by Officer Wieder. The division is staffed by one supervisor and 20– Radio Operators. Our Communications Unit receives police calls for service 24/7 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 Operators 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. The Wheeling Police 911 Center transferred approximately 4,300 Wheeling (EMS)/FIRE calls and 7,800 Des Plaines (EMS)/FIRE calls to RED Center. There are roughly 100 calls for service (CFS).



In 2015, Wheeling Radio Operators received 62,831 - wireline calls (non-emergency/landline calls), 8,543 – 911 wireline calls, 16,546 wireless 911 calls for a total of 87,920 Wheeling calls which generated 41,554 Wheeling CAD Calls. Wheeling Radio Operators received 26,803 Des Plaines - wireline calls (non-emergency/landline calls), 27,476 – 911 wireline calls, 30,168 wireless 911 calls for a total of 84,447 Des Plaines Calls which generated 41,442 CAD Calls. Altogether the 911 center handled over 172,376 phone calls and generated 82,996 CAD calls. Information is entered into 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 Wheeling Police Department and warrants. Communications Operators are also responsible for checking the status of and entering stolen articles, vehicles, missing persons, Be-On-The-Lookout advisories, and messages.

TRAINING

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, Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and department-mandated training, this report summarizes progress made toward that goal in 2015.

The training room was effectively utilized by hosting various training classes such as the prestigious Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), an international leader committed to providing complete public safety communications expertise and professional development. APCO conducted their three-day Communications Center Supervisor training and the one day Active Shooter Incident Public Safety Communications training. The following NEMRT classes were held in the training room: Interviewing Children; Officer Wellness and Fitness; Domestic Violence/Crisis Intervention; Solving Crime Trends through Electronic Stakeouts; and Managing the Field Training Program. A Child



Safety Seat Instructor recertification course was facilitated by WPD personnel utilizing the training room. A Crime Free Multi Housing Course was also held. The room was utilized for three weeks to conduct firearms scenario training for Wheeling police officers on the Meggitt firearm scenario simulator, which was on loan from NEMRT.

The training room was also utilized to host “in house” training including annual Taser training, Defensive Tactics, CPR, 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 International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA), the NIPAS Emergency Services Team and Field Force, ILEAS and NORCOM/NORTAF utilized the training room for meetings and training. Training included a Basic Swat Course and NIPAS EST Recertification.

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. The room was also used during the Police and Children Together Camp (PACT Camp) to have positive interaction between at-risk youth and WPD personnel.

Sworn police officers attended over 4,192 hours of training, averaging 67.7 hours per officer. This was down from 6,579 hours of training in 2014, largely due to NEMRT canceling a half year of scheduled training due to no funding from the State of Illinois. The Patrol Commander has been responsive in scheduling officers to attend courses related to crisis intervention and de-escalation training of officers. The need for continued legal update training has remained a priority for the department.

All mandated annual training included topics such as hazardous material awareness recertification training, LEADS recertification, Blood Borne Pathogens, CPR, Use of Force, Taser proficiency training, biennial training in defensive tactics, baton, OC, and all less lethal impact projectile training. This does not include routine monthly training courses held on the firearms range or in roll call. It should be noted that training instructors adjusted their work hours and training was scheduled to avoid paying straight time to an officer that would be required to come in on their off-duty time.

Great progress was made in training our evidence technicians through NEMRT courses and in-house training. Evidence Technician Coordinator Detective Bernie Conboy facilitates our in-house evidence technician training and is also active in the North Regional Major Crime Task Force (NORTAF) as an Evidence Technician and has been bringing back valuable information to enhance our program. Evidence Technician training attendance is being tracked by Sergeant Schaff to ensure all evidence technicians are trained to an optimum level relative to their evidence collection duties. Three officers were retrained in-house so they could resume Evidence Technician duties after an assignment change.

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 seven team training eight-hour in-service sessions were conducted during 2015.

Due to reassignment from the Patrol Division to the Investigations Division, Sergeant Schaff’s duties as the field training coordinator were reassigned to Sergeant Elwart. Sergeant Smith is the assistant field training coordinator. Both Sergeants have 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 242 hours of advanced traffic crash investigation and related training. The new Crime Prevention officer has received approximately 96 hours of crime prevention related training, including Crime Free Multi- Housing.

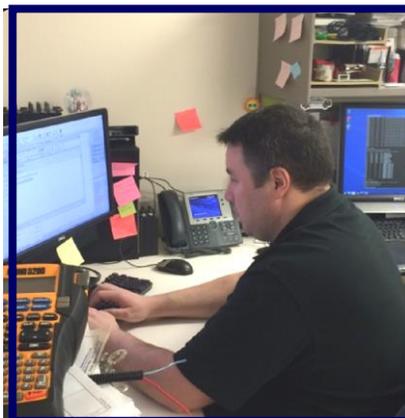
Four sworn officers attended a 24 legal update course this year. This training was presented by Dale Anderson, a renowned expert in the field. All sworn officers are receiving monthly training from Court-Smart, a Dale Anderson monthly summary of new case law and legal advice for conducting law enforcement tasks in a professional and legal manner. Officers have also attended various NEMRT courses to improve officer safety skills and to enhance the quality of their interactions with the community.

Supervisory and Command Staff training has been extensive during 2015. One Patrol Sergeant attended the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NWCPS) 80 hours Supervision of Police Personnel Course. Two Sergeants attended the 400 hour NUCPS Police Staff and Command Course; one was completed in January of 2015, so it is not included in the Sergeant training totals for 2015. Supervisors also attended various tactical and critical incident management courses. Two new Corporals 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 with additional data bases to assist supervisors in monitoring compliance with mandated training and required recertification. 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 serves as the Departments Information Technology Officer. To ensure that the police department is current with constantly evolving technological trends, Community Service Officer/Information Technology Officer 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.





Listed below you can find a summary of the projects and programs performed in 2015.

- Information Technology Trouble Tickets: WPD – 550, DPPD – 40.
- Video Exports from Security System or Coban: 43.
- Mobil Data Terminals Replacement:
 - Gathered Quotes and Information from Vendors.
 - Purchased / Installed 22 Dell Rugged MDT's.
- Complete Coban Replacement:
 - Purchased 7 Remaining Coban HD Units.
- New Hallway Copier:
 - Quotes for New Copier from Several Vendors.
 - Purchased, Configured New Ricoh MP 4502.

Listed below you will find a summary of the anticipated projects and programs for 2016.

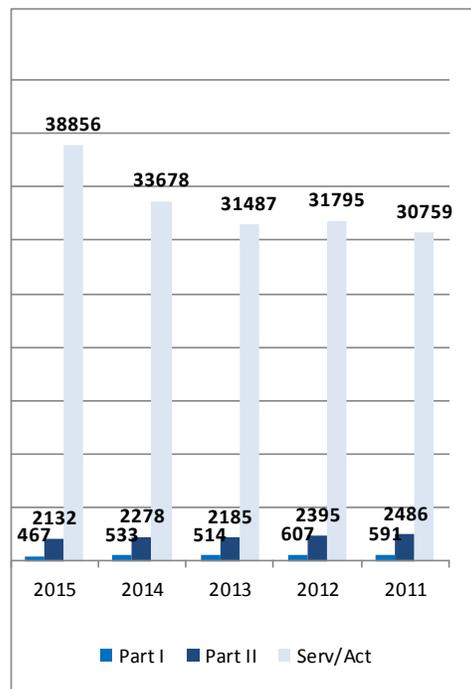
- Sharepoint Site for Our Department.
- 10 New Computer Workstations.
- Recycle Old Computer Equipment (20 Desktops, 1 Copier, Squad Lights / Sirens, 10 Old Printers / Faxes).
- Tritech Web RMS / FBR Upgrade:
 - 2017 – 2018 Implementation.
- Tritech Inform CAD / Mobile Upgrades:
 - 2016 – 2017 Implementation.



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<u>Crime Statistics</u>	2015	2014
Homicide/Attempt	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	12	10
Robbery	9	13
Aggravated Battery	11	8
Aggravated Assault	16	9
Burglary	76	100
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	67	99
Theft	267	280
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	13
Arson	0	1
Total Part I Crimes	467	533
Battery	268	265
Assault	4	4
Deception	205	222
Criminal Damage / Trespass	273	314
Deadly Weapons	12	7
Sex Offenses	15	20
Gambling	0	0
Offenses Involving Children	42	40
Cannabis Control Act Violation	79	51
Controlled Substance Act Violation	13	3
Drug Paraphernalia Act Violation	6	7
Liquor Control Act Violation	21	27
Motor Vehicle Offenses	660	753
Disorderly Conduct	229	228
Interference with Public Officials	7	2
Intimidation	1	0
Visitation Interference / Kidnapping	3	7
Other Offenses	294	328
Total Part II Crimes	2132	2278
Service to Other Agencies	726	763
Public Service	12480	12100
Public Complaints	4948	4983
Lost/Found/Missing	334	315
Mental Health Calls	74	27
Suicides	4	2
Suicide Attempts	12	7
Sudden Death Investigation	35	40
Traffic & Traffic Related Activities	4344	3929
Miscellaneous Department Activities	4023	3313
Traffic Crashes	1322	1218
Traffic Stops	10554	7545*
Total Service Activities	38856	33678
Total	41455	36489

<u>Arrest Statistics</u>	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Part I Crimes	118	33	151
Part II Crimes	835	137	972
Service Arrests	98	11	109
Total Arrests	1051	181	1232



Traffic & Related Activities

4247
+ 97 UTL & Settled at Scene

4344

Misc Dept Activities

1696
+2327 Other Serv/Act

4023

467 - Part 1
+ 2132 - Part 2

+ 38856 - Service

= 41455 - Total

2015 Traffic Stops counted separately

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



Department Awards & Letter of Commendations

Part 1

OFFICER	AWARD RECEIVED	DATE
C.S.O. Burns *352	Letter of Commendation	01/07/15
Officer Kim *147	Letter of Commendation	02/25/15
Officer Palomares *139	Letter of Commendation	02/26/15
Detective Conboy *113	Letter of Commendation	03/04/15
Detective Musolf *156	Letter of Commendation	03/04/15
Detective Oropeza *154	Letter of Commendation	03/04/15
Detective Pinedo *120	Letter of Commendation	03/04/15
Detective Rogers *152	Letter of Commendation	03/04/15
Detective Bieschke *107	Letter of Commendation	03/04/15
Detective Messina *140	Letter of Commendation	03/04/15
C.A. Salazar *355	Letter of Commendation	03/31/15
Officer Kanches *126	Letter of Commendation	03/31/15
Officer Giltner *118	Letter of Commendation	05/21/15
Officer Hoffman *124	Letter of Commendation	05/21/15
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Officer Martorano *148	Letter of Commendation	05/21/15
Officer Sherman *155	Letter of Commendation	05/21/15
Officer Kim *147	Letter of Commendation	05/21/15
Officer Herdus *128	Letter of Commendation	05/27/15
Officer Rossi *145	Letter of Commendation	05/27/15
Officer Lee *102	Letter of Commendation	06/26/15
Officer Richardson *130	Letter of Commendation	06/26/15
Officer Rossi *145	Letter of Commendation	06/26/15
Officer Czaplá *134	Letter of Commendation	06/26/15
Cpl. Borchardt *153	Letter of Commendation	06/26/15
Officer Hoffman *124	Letter of Commendation	07/10/15
Officer Frey *157	Letter of Commendation	07/10/15
Officer Messina *140	Letter of Commendation	07/10/15
Officer Dawson *146	Letter of Commendation	07/26/15
Officer Munoz *104	Letter of Commendation	07/26/15
Sergeant Kopecky *76	Letter of Commendation	07/26/15
Sergeant Hardt *72	Letter of Commendation	07/26/15
Sergeant Kopecky *76	Letter of Commendation	08/09/15
Officer Smolarczyk *116	Letter of Commendation	09/08/15
Officer Czaplá *134	Letter of Commendation	09/08/15
Officer Hoffman *124	Letter of Commendation	11/13/15
Officer Bulanda *131	Letter of Commendation	11/13/15
Officer Bulanda *131	Traffic Officer of the Year	
Officer Richardson *130	DUI Enforcement Officer of the Year	
Officer Dawson *146	Occupant Restraint Officer of the Year	
Officer Bulanda *131	Speed Enforcement Officer of the Year	



Department Awards & Letter of Commendations

Part 2

OFFICER	AWARD RECEIVED
Officer Rose *117	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 1st Quarter
Officer Parr *137	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 2nd Quarter
Officer Dawson *146	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 3rd Quarter
Officer Richardson *130	Traffic Enforcement Officer of the Quarter – 4th Quarter
Officer Parr *137	Speed Enforcement Officer
Officer Richardson *130	Speed Enforcement Officer
Officer Dawson *146	DUI Enforcement Officer
Officer Potter *138	DUI Enforcement Officer
Officer Parr *137	Occupant Restraint Officer
Officer Weber *142	Occupant Restraint Officer
Officer Richardson *130	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Officer Hoffman *124	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Officer Komin *108	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Officer Teichen *158	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award
Officer Vore *106	Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) DUI Enforcement Award



MEMORANDUM

To: Chief James Dunne

From: Deputy Chief Todd Wolff

Date: January 05, 2016

Subject: Analysis of Administrative Reviews for 2015

Number	Complainant	Date	Disposition	Action
15-01	Abuse of Sick Time	03/30/15	Not Sustained	None
15-02	Failure to Report for Duty	05/17/15	Sustained	1 day suspension
15-03	Excessive Use of Force	06/01/15	Unfounded	None
15-04	Unsatisfactory Performance	09/28/15	Sustained	2 day suspension 1 day held in abeyance

Above is the annual statistical summary of internal affairs investigations conducted in 2015 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.

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