



Jonesboro Police Department Activity summary

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New Chief

- September 4, 2014
- Rick Elliott takes over as Chief of Police



Mayor & Chief Open the new building for service

- The newly renovated Police Department building was officially opened October 2014

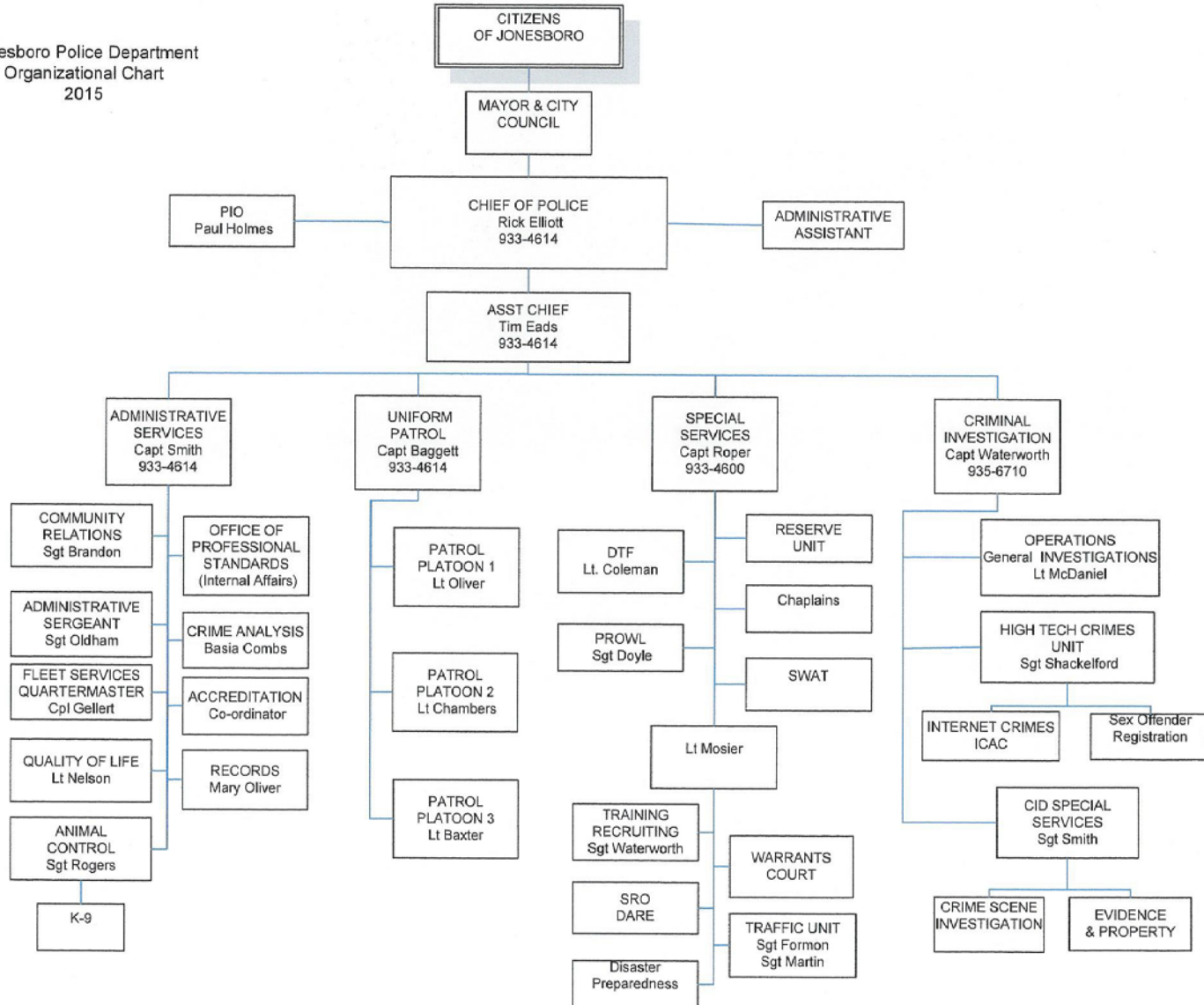




- New Public Information Officer (civilian; Paul Holmes).
- Transition to new building
- Restructure staff
 - Service Division
 - Sex Offender Registration
 - Rank restructure
- Citizen Police Academy project started development.

JPD Organizational Chart

Jonesboro Police Department
Organizational Chart
2015



Community Policing

- *“Community policing is a philosophy that promotes and supports organizational strategies to address the cause of crime, to reduce the fear of crime and social disorder through problem-solving tactics and community-police partnerships”*

- *Source: Community Oriented Policing Services Office*



- Community Oriented Policing
 - Unity in the Community – Parker Park
 - Prayer Vigils
 - Hispanic group
 - Civic Clubs
 - Churches
 - Kids Festival

The Benefits of Improved Police-Community Relations

- Police more effectively
- Find their jobs safer and easier to do
- Face less litigation and gain longer careers
- Be treated with greater respect
- Have better morale

Improved Relations Allow Community Residents to:

- Have more trust and less fear of the police
- Have a safer community
- Have less tension and conflict
- Gain greater cooperation from police
- Gain increased safety for children & seniors
- Gain quicker resolution to crime

Community Policing

- *"Unity in the Community"* was the first organized event to get the Police and the Public involved together to build better relations.
- Held at Parker Park



Community Policing

- Officers Rayonica Thomas & Jonathan Haggins at KLEK Radio Speaking on minorities in Policing
- PIO Paul Holmes, LaGanzie Kale, General Mgr. of KLEK, Sgt. Cassie Brandon, Chief Elliott
- *JPD staff participates in once a month radio talk show to continue in building relations within the community.*



“Mi amigo el Policia”

“My friend the Policeman”

- The Jonesboro Police Department along with the Hispanic Community Services Center have created a partnership in which an officer will go to the center on a regular basis to address concerns and answer questions that they may have about policing. Hispanic residents will be informed on the days that the officers will be present.
- We hope that this will help create a better working relationship with the Hispanic community and local law enforcement.
- Program to begin in February.

Jonesboro Police Department Chaplain Program

- The Police Department currently has 7 local clergymen who volunteer their time to serve as Police Chaplains



Community Policing



- *North Main Baptist Church*
- *"Kids Festival"*

- *Ofc. Rayonica Thomas showing some the kids her police unit.*



Special Olympics

- Several officers of the PD are involved in the Special Olympics Games.

Officers Brown & Jefferson placing medals on the athletes



- Chief Elliott and Officer Jefferson participating in the opening ceremonies.

A.A.M.E.N.

At-Risk American Male Education Network



- PD officers and young men from the AMEN group participate in a Drive, Chip and Putt at the Sage Meadows Golf Course
- The group is led by Rennell Woods.



- Lt. Todd Nelson conversing with group members.

Prayer Vigils



- After a weekend of two homicides the community came together and held two prayer vigils to *"Stop the Violence."*



1st Responders Day



Shop With A COP

- The annual Shop With A COP program is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police and the Rotary Club



National Night Out

- The City of Jonesboro participates in the National Night Program.
- Officers from the department gather with citizens at various locations throughout the city to build a bond with the community in which we serve.



School Kids visit the PD



Fraternal Order of Police Annual Fishing Derby

- The local Fraternal Order of Police Chapter holds an annual Fishing Derby at Craighead Forest Park.
- Over 160 participants this year



CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



- The Police Department held its first Citizen Police Academy this year. Participants in the class were exposed to the various aspects of policing throughout the 12-week course.
- The class graduated 33 citizens.

The second class session has successfully graduated 31 citizens.

The Alumni have formed an association in order to maintain contact with the Police Department.

At this point the PD will continue this program two times a year.

Note: The session starting in February 2016 class is full.

Philosophy of the Citizen Police Academy

- Who will Benefit from it?

- **EVERYONE!**

- Community

Schools

- Police

Government

- Business

Youth



What They Can Accomplish

- Improved cooperation
- Less apathy
- Reduction in crime
- Reduction in fear of crime
- Better communications
- Improved police image
- Clear understanding



NATIONAL
CRIME
PREVENTION
COUNCIL

Citizen Police Academy



- Members of the first graduating class



Citizen Police Academy 2nd Graduation Class



- “Community Outreach Coordinator”

- Sgt. Cassie Brandon



Citizen Police Academy Alumni Volunteer at Winter Wonderland



Winter Wonderland

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday
5:30pm to 8:30pm

Saturdays
1:00pm to 8:00pm



CRIME IN JONESBORO



- Every month the JPD Crime Analysis Division compiles data from each division of the Police Department, Animal Control, 911 to create one integrated report for review, allowing for a seamless flow of information for better decision making.

Summary Of The Report



- At this point crime in Jonesboro has decreased overall, down 14% from this month last year. Total crime year over year has decreased.
- Crimes against persons have increased 29% from this time last year.
- Property Crimes have decreased by 12%.
- Proactive Policing is up by 10%.

Part 1 Crimes

Count and Rates per 1,000 population

COUNT

PART 1 CRIMES	Count for 2015	Count for 2014
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	2	4
Rape	28	34
Robbery	54	62
Aggravated Assault	242	214
Burglary	628	682
Larceny-theft	2093	2731
Motor vehicle theft	87	88
Arson	9	8
TOTAL	3143	3823
Percentage Change		-17%

RATE

PART 1 CRIMES	Crime Rate 2015	Crime Rate 2014
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	0.0	0.1
Rape	0.4	0.5
Robbery	0.7	0.8
Aggravated Assault	3.3	2.9
Burglary	8.6	9.3
Larceny-theft	28.6	37.4
Motor vehicle theft	1.2	1.2
Arson	0.1	0.1

*2015 rates are a Year-to-Date number, January 1, 2015 through December 7, 2015

Part 2 Crimes

Count and Rates per 1,000 population

COUNT

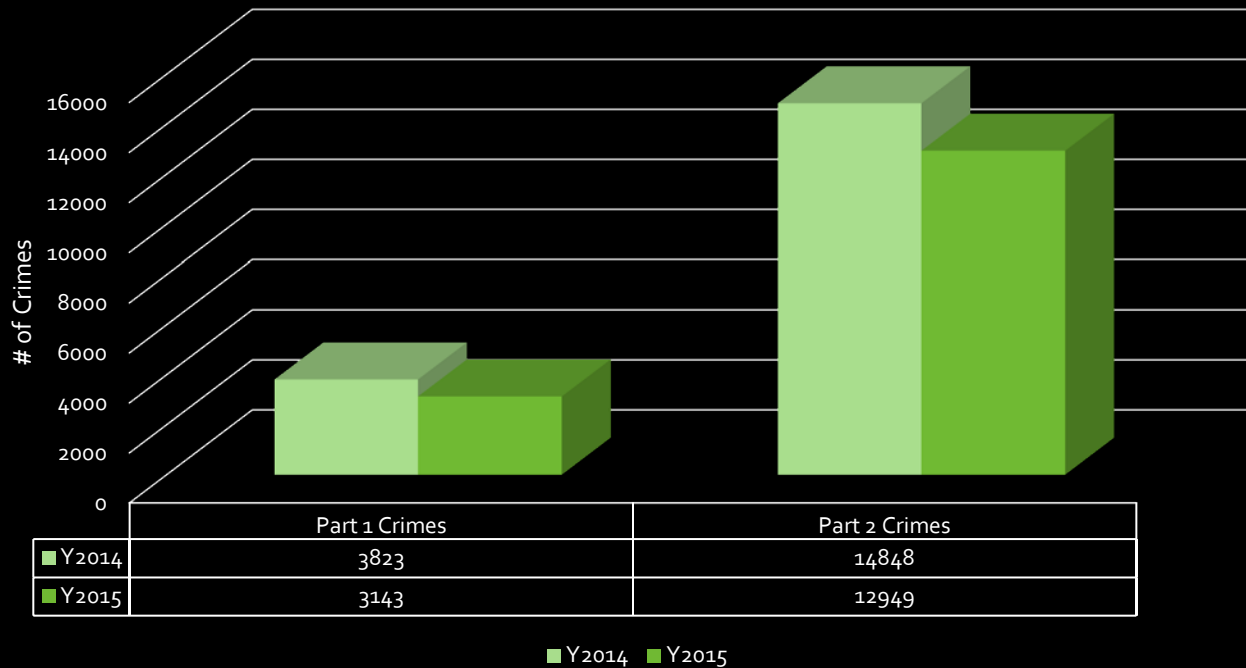
PART 2 CRIMES	Count for 2015	Count for 2014
All Other Offenses	12949	14848
Percentage Change		-12%

RATE

PART 2 CRIMES	Crime Rate 2013	Crime Rate 2014
All Other Offenses	177.5	203.5

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All Crimes

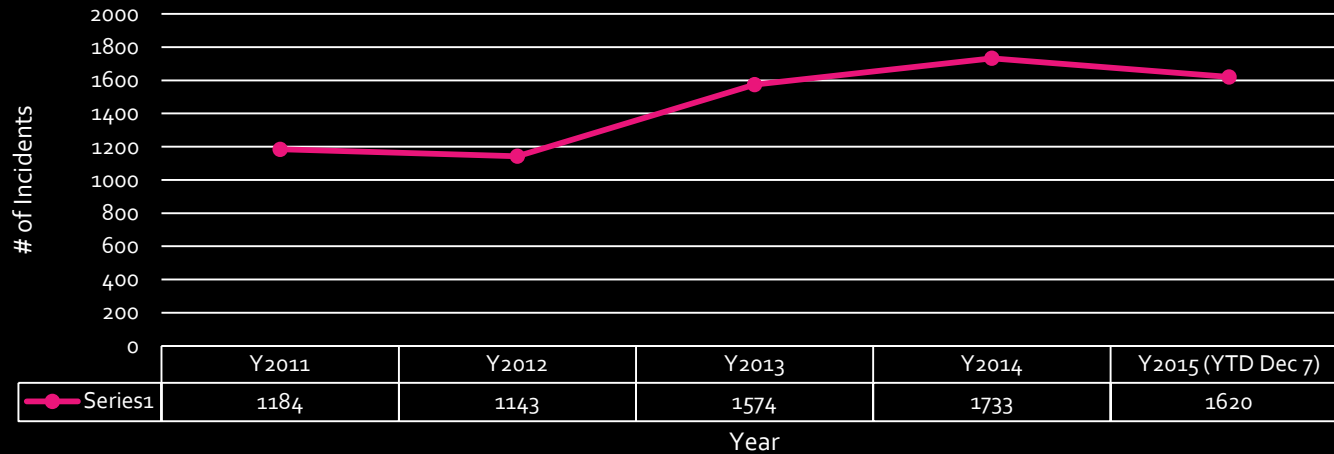


In 2015, the crime rate has decreased by -14% for Part 1 & Part 2 criminal offenses.

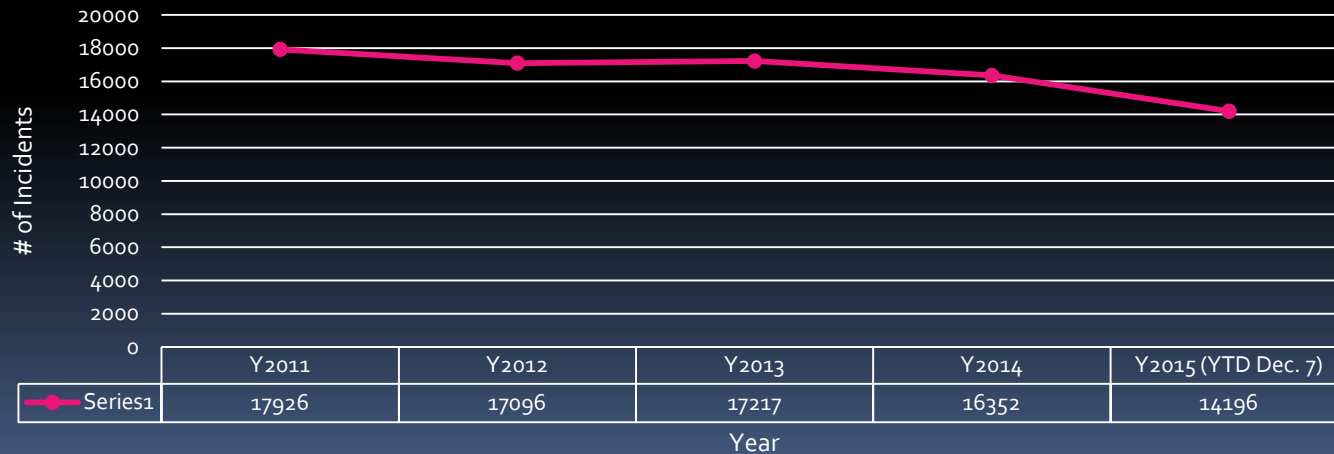
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CID

Incidents Assigned



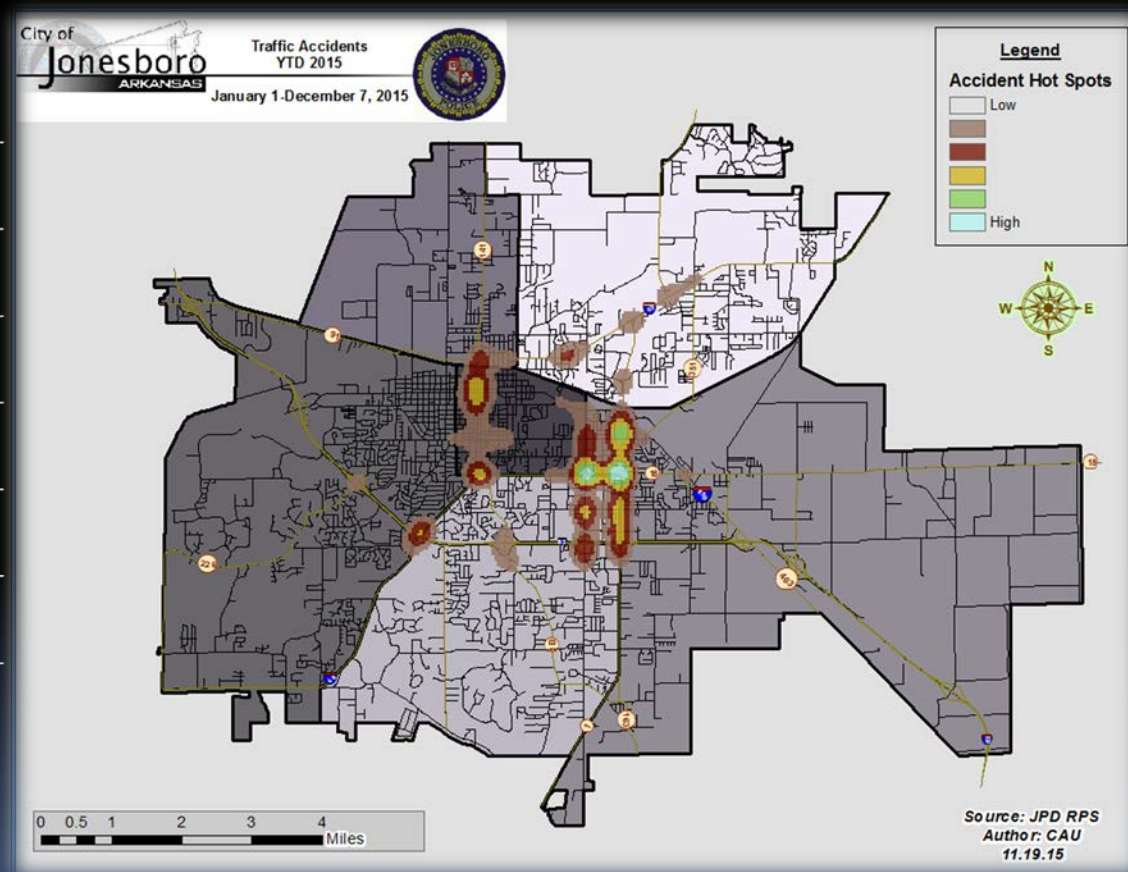
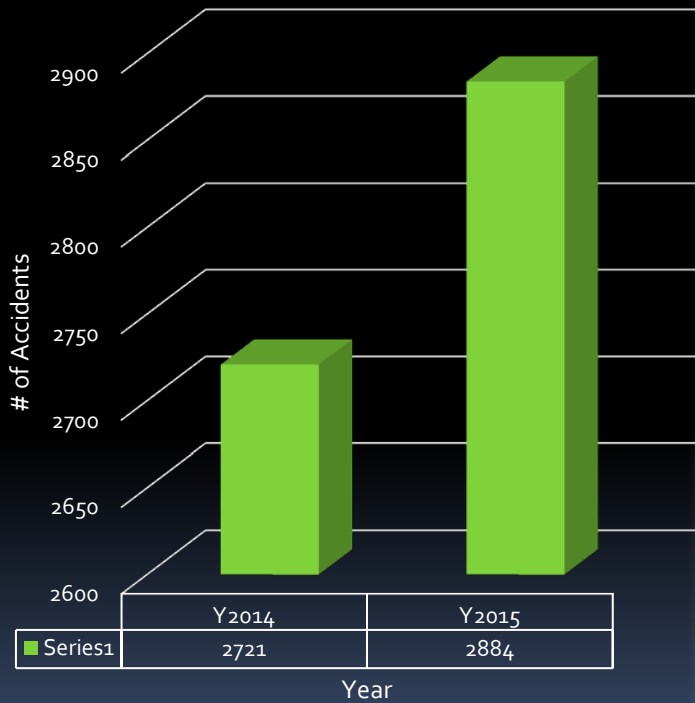
Incidents Cleared by NIBRS Code



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Uniform Division

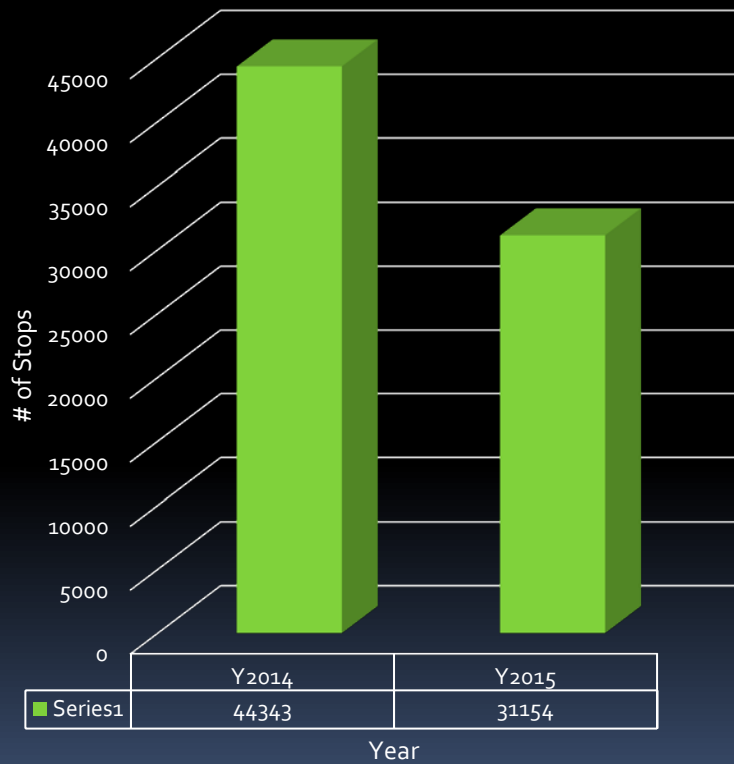
Traffic Accidents +6%



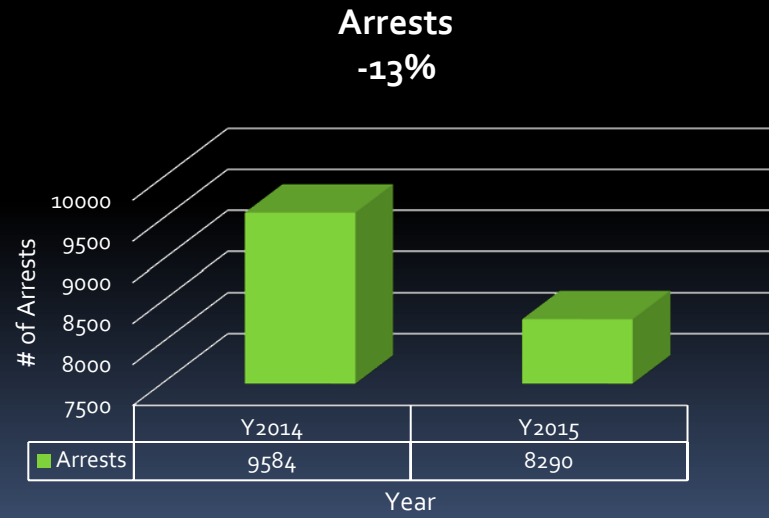
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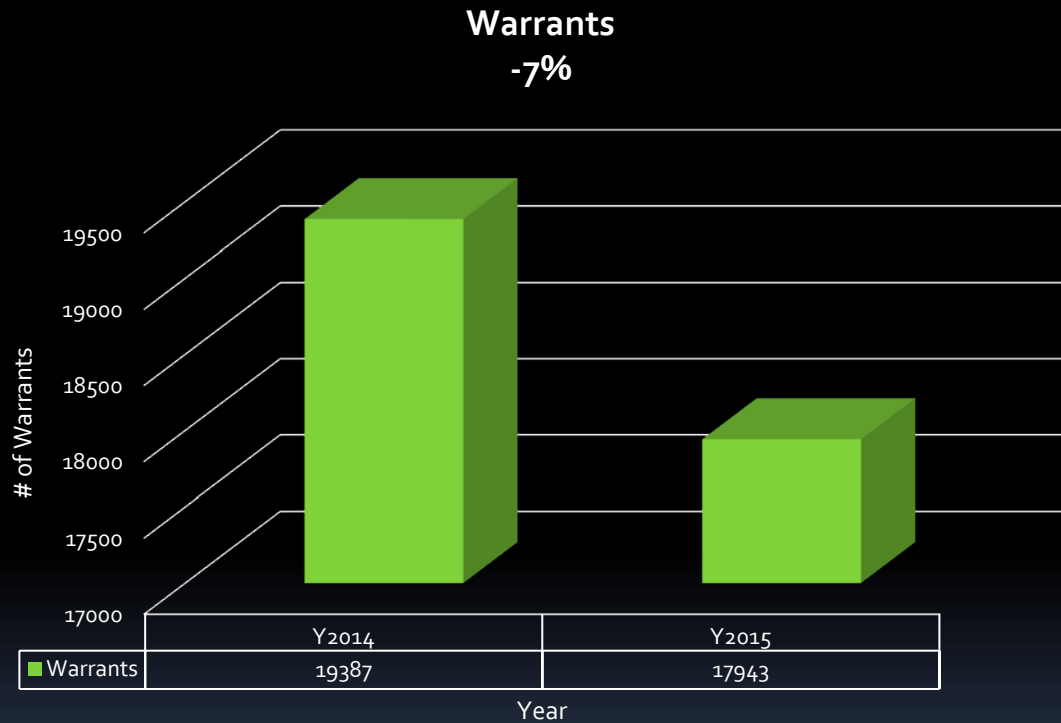
Traffic Stops
-29%



Uniform Division



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POLICE GRANTS PROCESSING



We presently have a \$37,000.00 JAG grant for equipment.

2016 Grants:

\$35,000.00 Equipment Grant.

Both Grants will be used on implementation of the Body Camera program.

BODY CAMERAS



- The Police Department has finished testing and evaluating several vendors of body worn cameras.
- A specification sheet has been put together and sent to various vendors for bid pricing.
- Next step towards implementation will be funding the project.

Firing Range

- A land deal between CWL and the city will result in a new 25 acre firing range for the Police Department.
- The facility will be built off Dan Ave. on the east side of the city shops on Lacy Dr.
- There are tentative plans to open the range to the public on non-training days.



OFFICER SUMMARY



- Authorized number: 157
- December 7, 2015: 7 new recruits started.
- Number of officers out of service at this time.
 - 3 on military assignment.
 - 15 that are presently in training.
 - 8 out on injury or FMLA
 - 3 openings.

New School Resource Officers



- The Nettleton School District has added two new SRO positions starting this fall.
- This brings the total of 3 School Resource Officers for this school district.

JPD Conducting Academy Class

- By conducting our own Academy class we will cut two months off of the time that a new officer would be in training.

State Accreditation



- The Police Department is currently undergoing a State Accreditation Program for professional standards.

ANY QUESTIONS?

