

# JOHNSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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## JOHNSON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of the Johnson City Police Department is the safeguarding of all citizens lives and property, the preservation of their constitutional rights, and to maintain a high standard of quality of life for all of Johnson City's residents and visitors. The police department will strive to develop a police service that meets unique neighborhood needs by combining law enforcement activities with progressive crime prevention strategies.



## UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

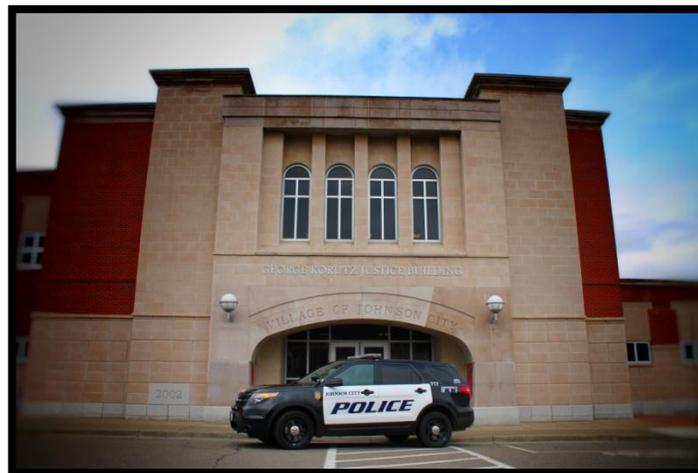
The Uniform Patrol Division functions as the primary enforcement and crime prevention branch of the Police Department. The Patrol Division is the largest branch of the Department, and serves as the backbone of all police functions.

The Patrol Division is overseen by the Captain and is comprised of 2 Lieutenants, 3 Sergeants, and 19 Patrolman. In 2017, the Patrol Division handled over 11,000 calls for service, 4,953 officer-initiated services, and made over a 1,000 arrests.

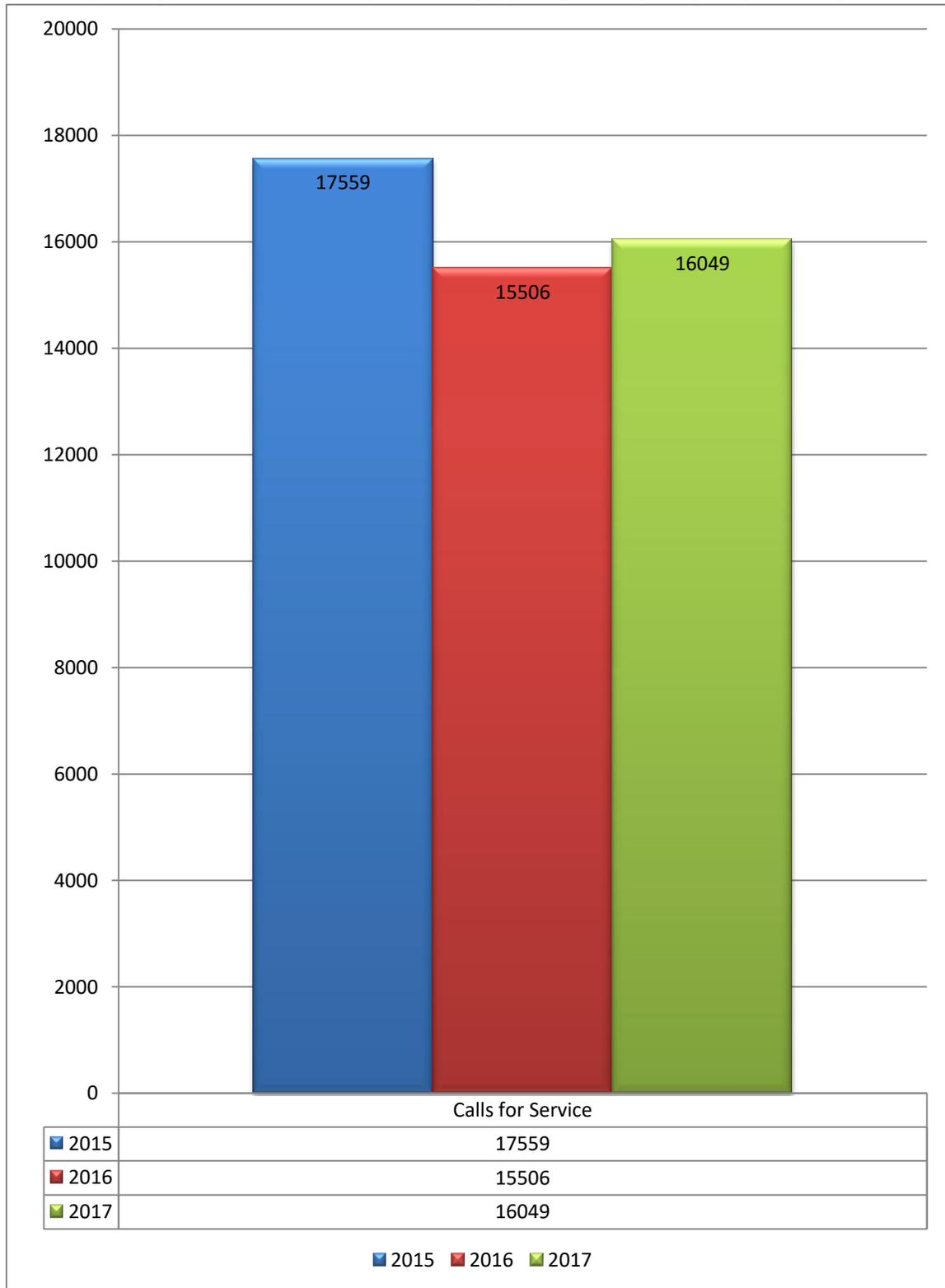
The Uniform Patrol Division is first to respond to citizens' calls for assistance, and usually first to arrive at the scene of an occurrence requiring police action. The Patrol Division is deployed 24 hours a day divided into three 8 hour shifts.

Most citizens' only contact with the police is with a member of the Patrol Division. The public's perception of the effectiveness and professionalism of the Department is largely shaped by these contacts.

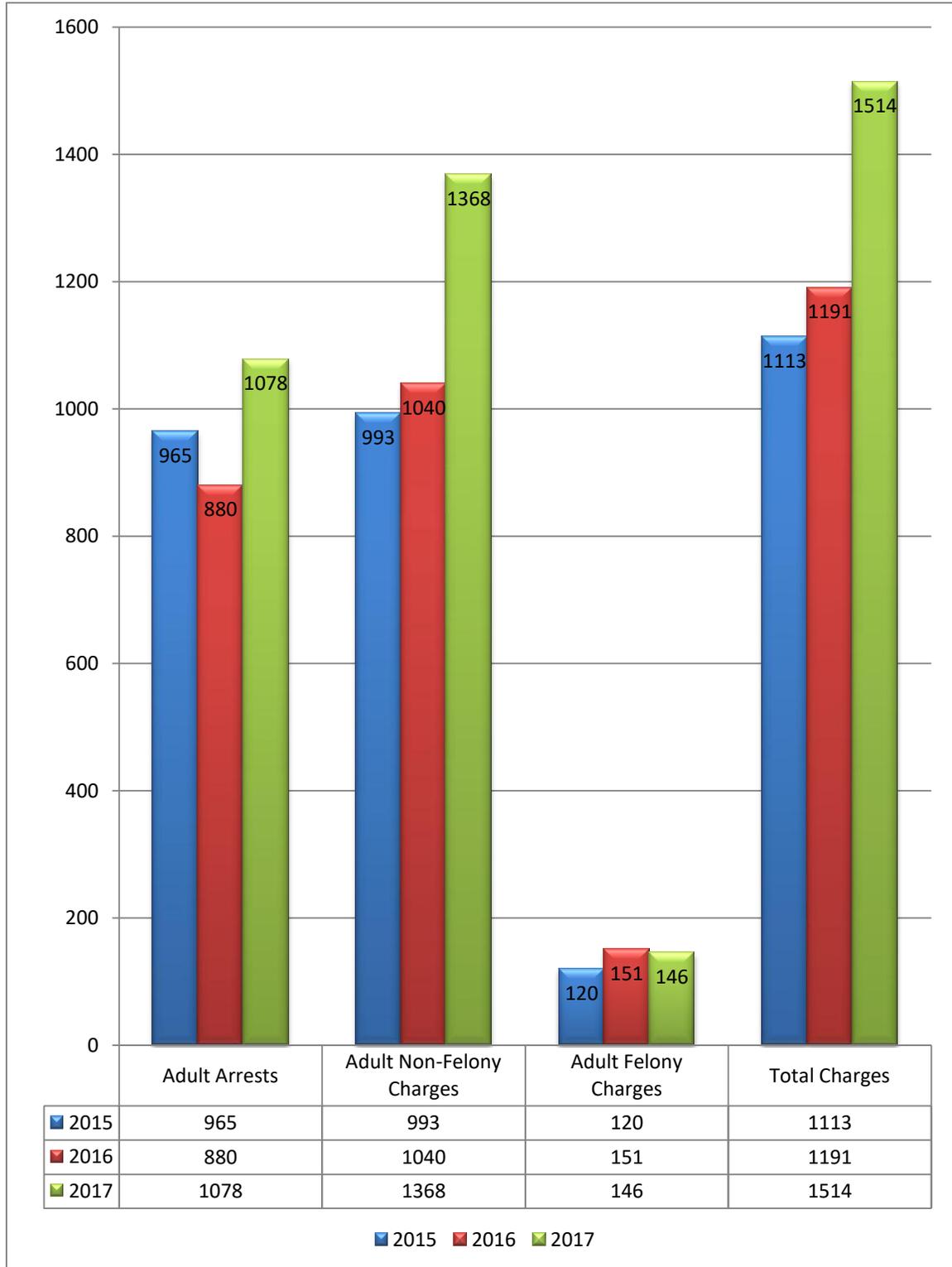
The many aspects of a patrol officer's duties include preventative patrol, response to calls for service, protecting those in need and providing neighborhoods a safe environment. The presence of uniform patrol will help deter criminal activity in a neighborhood, and help promote cooperation and communication with the residents.



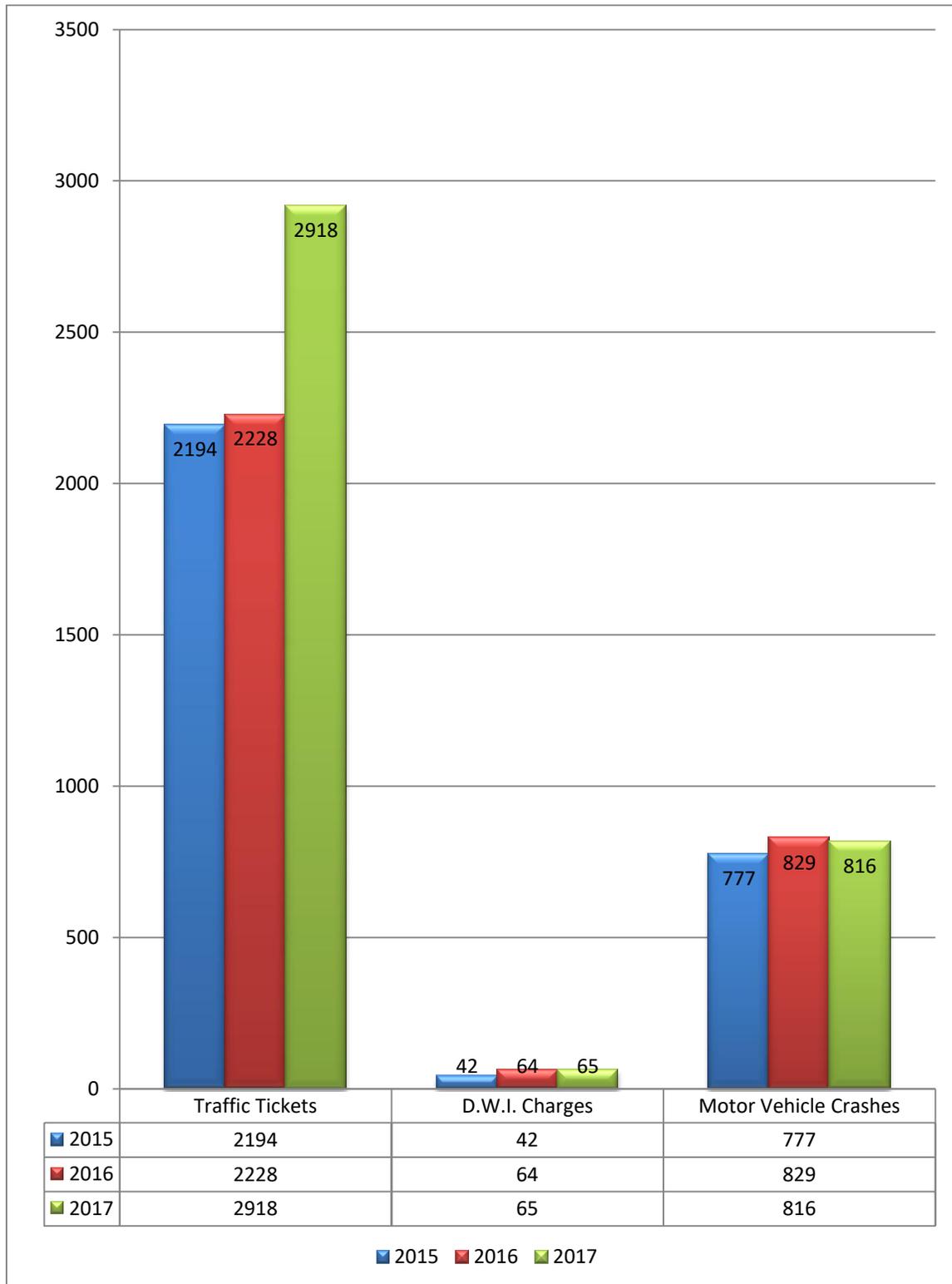
## UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION CALLS FOR SERVICE



## UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION ARRESTS & CHARGES



## PATROL DIVISION VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



## JCPD LAUNCHED BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM



The Johnson City Police Department launched the agency's first Body Worn Camera Program in 2017. The program was deployed department-wide on May 1st after a several week pilot program. Officers received training on policies and procedures along with the operation of the body-cams. The cameras are worn on the uniform shirt throughout the officer's shift.

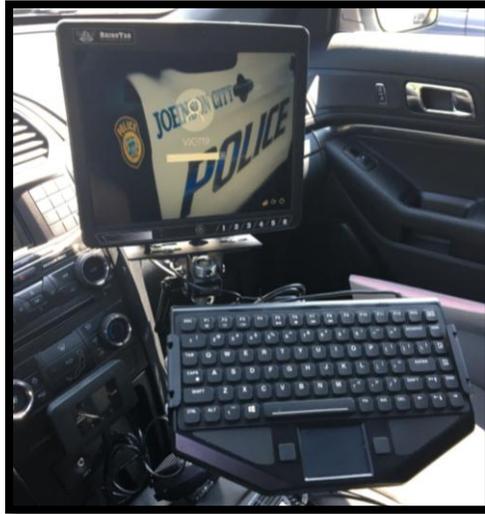
The Body Worn Camera videos can offer more transparency between the Department and our community, allows police command staff to review decisions made by officers during use of force incidents or other intense situations, can substantiate or refute claims against officers, and provide valuable evidence that is difficult to refute in court.

Body Worn Cameras are an example of new technology that has several benefits but also comes at an expense and burden that we did not have before. Not only is there an expense to purchase the camera equipment, but there is also an expense for equipment to dock, charge, and upload the videos, as well as the cost for the digital storage space to store the videos. Additional time is required of the officers to 'tag' each video and set the proper retention period for each video. This is typically done after each call or at the end of their shift. Management of the videos is also a large task. The Administrative Sergeant is responsible for ensuring all videos are tagged properly, transferring videos to the District Attorney's Office for use in court, and any public requests for videos.

Since May 2017, there were 15,983 videos, 3,228 hours of video, and 3,197 GB of video to manage and store.

We are very fortunate to have been able to purchase the Body Cameras, associated equipment and storage costs thanks to Senator Akshar securing \$50,000 in Senate public protection funds. A portion of these funds enabled us to launch the Body Camera program which may have otherwise been unfunded and impossible due to local budget constraints. Our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks to Senator Akshar!

## COMPLETED NEW IN-CAR TABLET TECHNOLOGY



In 2017, we were able to complete a project outfitting all over our patrol vehicles with new tablets designed exclusively for police applications. Computers in patrol vehicles need to be rugged and capable of withstanding the harsh environments of a patrol vehicle and have the ability to process the programs now required in Law Enforcement. Technology has evolved two-fold in Law Enforcement, requiring Departments to adapt and improve equipment to keep up. Officers are in their 'mobile office' all shift and interact with their computers with each call for service. When officers are dispatched to a call, they receive the call information on their screen. They are able to run people and registrations in the computer to check for warrants and DMV information. The officers write all their reports in the computer which get electronically sent to their supervisor for review. Once reports are approved, they are electronically sent to Records. Officers also complete Vehicle and Traffic tickets on the computer and print them in the car to issue to the motorist.

Computers have become an essential tool of a police vehicle. Without the computer, an officer cannot perform his duties.

Computers designed for police applications are an expense that the Department didn't have 10 years ago. Over time, the cost and requirements for computers increase.

We are very fortunate to have been able to purchase the remaining computers needed to completely outfit our fleet thanks to Senator Akshar securing \$50,000 in Senate public protection funds. A portion of the funds helped us acquire the computers which we would not have otherwise been able to purchase. Our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks, again, to Senator Akshar!

**JCPD AWARDED \$250,000 C.O.P.S GRANT****COPS***Community Oriented Policing Services*  
*U.S. Department of Justice*

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Johnson City Police Department was notified by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) that they had approved our agency for 2 officer positions under the 2017 COPS Hiring Program (CHP).

The estimated amount of federal funds awarded to our jurisdiction over the three-year award period is \$250,000.00. This award was granted in consideration of our COPS grant application, which received the highest composite score in NY State and was among the highest scores in the nation. As part of the grant application process, we had to demonstrate a need for more officers and propose a plan on how to use the potential officers to combat crime and improve our neighborhoods. It was this grant that led to the concept of the Community Action Team.

The awarding of this grant will allow us to hire two new officers and launch the Community Action Team into service in 2018.

## JCPD ON SOCIAL MEDIA



We joined Facebook following the 2011 flood to bring important flood recovery information to the people of Johnson City. Since then, we have expanded our Page to bring our community policing to a new level and to directly engage our followers.

In May 2015, we achieved 5,000 fans. Two years later in April 2017, we achieved 10,000 fans. This shows that our efforts have had a positive impact on many.

Facebook has been a successful tool in reaching our community and bringing important information straight to them, whether it be an alert about an incident, an event, crime prevention tips, or just to learn what's going on in the JCPD.

Facebook has also proved to be a helpful tool to catch criminals too. Several crimes have been solved over the years by our Facebook fans that provided crucial tips and information.

Thank you to all our fans! We look forward to meeting our next 10,000 fans.



## DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Johnson City Police Department's Detective Bureau is comprised of a Detective Lieutenant who oversees the Criminal Investigations Division, the Narcotics Division, the Juvenile Division, and the Evidence Division.

### **Criminal Investigations:**

The Criminal Investigation Division consists of a Detective Sergeant, three Detectives, and an administrative assistant all overseen by the Detective Lieutenant. The Division is responsible for a wide range of tasks. Detective duties include the investigation of all serious felonies including homicides, felony assaults, white collar crimes, sex crimes, and felony property crimes. The division also investigates misdemeanor crimes and offenses that require more investigative time and manpower that can be fulfilled by the Patrol Division. The Detective duties also include subpoena service, background investigations, internal investigations, warrant service, and other ancillary duties.

### **Notable 2017 Criminal Cases:**

FEBRUARY 22, 2017

#### **Home Invasion Robbery & Burglary**

Johnson City Police Detectives concluded a two-month long investigation into a burglary that took place in which forced entry was made to a residence, money was stolen, and the victim was pepper sprayed and assaulted. The suspect and victim were familiar with one another. As a result, **Dushane D. Murphy**, 17, of Fayette Street, Binghamton, NY was charged with the following:

- Burglary in the first degree, a Class B Felony.

MAY 15, 2017

### Stabbing Assault

Johnson City Police investigated an altercation that resulted in a stabbing on Grand Avenue. A male victim and his dog were stabbed with a knife, receiving minor injury. Patrol Officers detained the male suspect on the scene. Detectives concluded the investigation and charged the following:

- Samuel A. Lambert, age 47 of Johnson City NY

Charges:

- 1) Attempted Assault 1<sup>st</sup>, Class C Felony (2 counts)
- 2) Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3<sup>rd</sup>, class D Felony (2 counts)
- 3) Menacing 2<sup>nd</sup>, class A Misdemeanor (2 counts)
- 4) Overdriving, Torturing, and Injuring Animals, an unclassified Misdemeanor of the Agriculture and Markets Law

MAY 30, 2017

### Attempted Arson

On Monday, May 29, 2017 at about 4:44 PM, the Johnson City Police Department received a report of a male who attempted to set a building on fire at 197 Grand Avenue, a multi-family apartment building. The male suspect left the scene as the incident was being reported. Officers arrived and found evidence that the male suspect had used two incendiary devices commonly known as Molotov cocktails in an attempt to set the building on fire. Further investigation by Detectives determined that the incident was domestic violence related and this incident is an escalation to an unreported domestic dispute that had occurred earlier in the day in which it was alleged that the suspect damaged the victim's cell phone. Detectives charged the following:

- Belven Fajardo, age 42 of Endwell NY.

Charges:

- 1) Attempted Arson in the first degree, a class B felony
- 2) Criminal Mischief in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor

## NARCOTICS DIVISION

The Johnson City Police Department is partnered with the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force (BCSIUTF). The JCPD employs a Detective Sergeant and a Detective on the Task Force who join members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, Binghamton Police Department, and the Endicott Police Department. Together, the investigators work to combat narcotic crimes and to conduct other special investigations.

In 2017, the two Johnson City members of the SIU Task Force accounted for 77 arrests and executed 67 search warrants. (These numbers do not reflect or account for search warrants executed or people arrested within the Village by members from other agencies on the Task Force).

### Notable 2017 Narcotics Cases:

- The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force performed a vehicle stop on a vehicle in the area of State Route 201 southbound and State Route 17 westbound in the Village of Johnson City. Task Force investigators recovered 1,249 glassine envelopes of heroin and \$1,066.00 in U.S. Currency. A further search of a hotel room by investigators in the Town of Union yielded 130 glassine envelopes containing heroin, packaging material, and various controlled prescriptions. The defendant was charged with three (3) Class B Felonies and four (4) Misdemeanors.



JUNE 14, 2017

The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force and the Metro SWAT Team executed two simultaneous search warrants in the Village of Johnson City. Investigators recovered approximately 5.8 grams of heroin, 6.1 grams of crack cocaine, and packaging material at one location. as well as various items of drug paraphernalia. Investigators recovered 4.7 grams of crack cocaine, packaging materials, and a .22 cal rifle from the second location. Two defendants were charged. The Defendants were charged with two (2) Felonies, two (2) Misdemeanors.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force executed a search warrant at an Oak St address in the City of Binghamton. Upon making entry into the residence, the suspect attempted to flee out a rear door of the residence. The suspect was apprehended while trying to exit the residence and was found to be in possession of a loaded Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver. The Defendant was charged with two felonies.

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force and the Metro SWAT team executed a search warrant at a Lydia St address in the City of Binghamton. Pursuant to the search warrant, investigators recovered the following from within the apartment:

- A loaded .45 caliber pistol
- 11 ½ grams of a suspected fentanyl/heroin mixture
- 57 glassine envelopes each containing a suspected fentanyl/heroin mixture
- 15 grams of crack cocaine
- Knotted wraps and gelatin capsules of crack cocaine packaged for sale
- About \$600 in suspected drug proceeds
- Drug packaging materials and digital scales

The JCPD remains vigilant when dealing with narcotics and wants to remind residents to contact the BCSIUTF at 607-778-3941 with any information relating to narcotic activity.

## JUVENILE DIVISION

The Juvenile Division consists of Criminal Detective who, in addition to his normal duties, is also assigned to handle and investigate crimes involving suspects under the age of 16. New York State handles Juvenile Offenders and Delinquents in a different manner and with other processes than that of an adult. The Juvenile Detective has a good working knowledge of how to handle juvenile cases.

### Notable 2017 Juvenile Cases

#### MARCH 2017

- 15yo male was charged with Grand Larceny of a motor vehicle after stealing a motor vehicle from local auto repair business. The male stole the vehicle which later broke down. The male then called a tow truck to have the vehicle towed back to the auto repair business hoping that it wouldn't be discovered stolen. Detectives were able to identify the male who was later located and confessed to the crime.

#### APRIL 2017

- Five juvenile subjects, ages 11(x2), 13, and 15(x2) were arrested by patrol officers after a large disturbance on Willow Street. A group of approximately 25 subjects were observed by a patrol officer in the street, some fighting. Additional officers responded and attempted to disperse the group however the subjects failed to obey commands by the officers. Officers began arresting the primary instigators. Several subjects physically resisted arrest and caused injuries to the arresting officers. The juveniles were charged with Riot in the first degree (Felony), Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> on a police officer (Felony), Resisting Arrest (Misdemeanor), Unlawful Assembly (Misdemeanor), and Criminal Mischief (Misdemeanor).

#### JULY 2017

- A 15yo male and an 18yo female were charged felony criminal mischief after unlawfully accessing the roof of a Main Street business and poured buckets of paint over the roof causing damage to the business façade, sign, and front sidewalk.

AUGUST 2017

- A 12yo male, 13yo female, 14yo female, and a 17yo male were charged with Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> (Felony) after forcibly stealing merchandise from a convenience store. The store clerk told the subjects to leave the store after they were causing a disturbance. One of the subjects then stole cans of alcoholic beverages and fled the store. The store clerk attempted to stop the subject to retrieve the product at which times all the subjects surrounded the clerk and began punching and kicking him. The subjects fled on foot. A witness driving by checked on the clerk and then followed the subjects to alert police. One of the subjects then approached the witness' vehicle and caused damage to the vehicle. That subject was also charged with Felony Criminal Mischief.
- A 13yo male was arrested for Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> after he struck a resident in the face with a skateboard and threatened with a wooden stick with metal on the end. The resident had approached juveniles outside his home after they were causing a disturbance. The victim sought medical attention for a concussion.

OCTOBER 2017

- 15yo male arrested for Robbery with a deadly weapon after robbing a Chinese delivery driver. The victim stated while making a delivery, he was approached by a large group of subjects who struck him in the head with a large piece of wood while other subjects were punching him. The victim's wallet containing cash and credit cards were stolen. The victim received medical treatment. The 15yo male was the only subject that could be positively identified and charged.

NOVEMBER 2017

- 15yo male and a 17yo male were arrested for Robbery and Possession of a Forged Instrument after an incident with a Chinese delivery driver. The subjects had initially paid for the delivered order with a counterfeit bill. When the driver refused to accept the bill, the subjects assaulted the driver by punching him in the face and ultimately stealing the food.

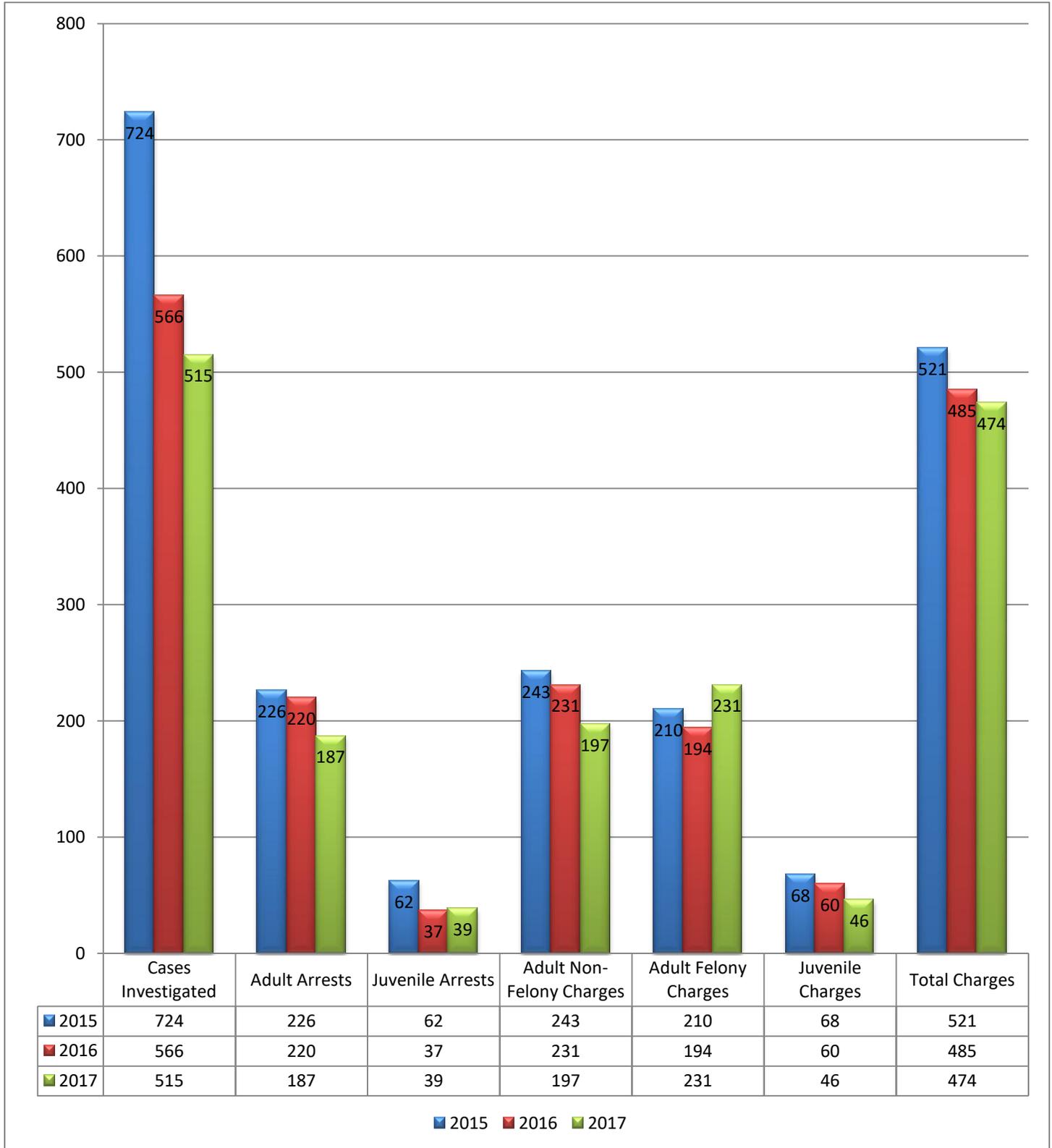
## EVIDENCE/PROPERTY DIVISION

The Evidence Division consists of a part-time Property Clerk/Evidence Technician who has primary responsibilities but is also backed up by two other members of the Detective Division who are crossed trained and able to fulfill duties in the Evidence/Property room in the absence of the Property Clerk/Evidence Technician.

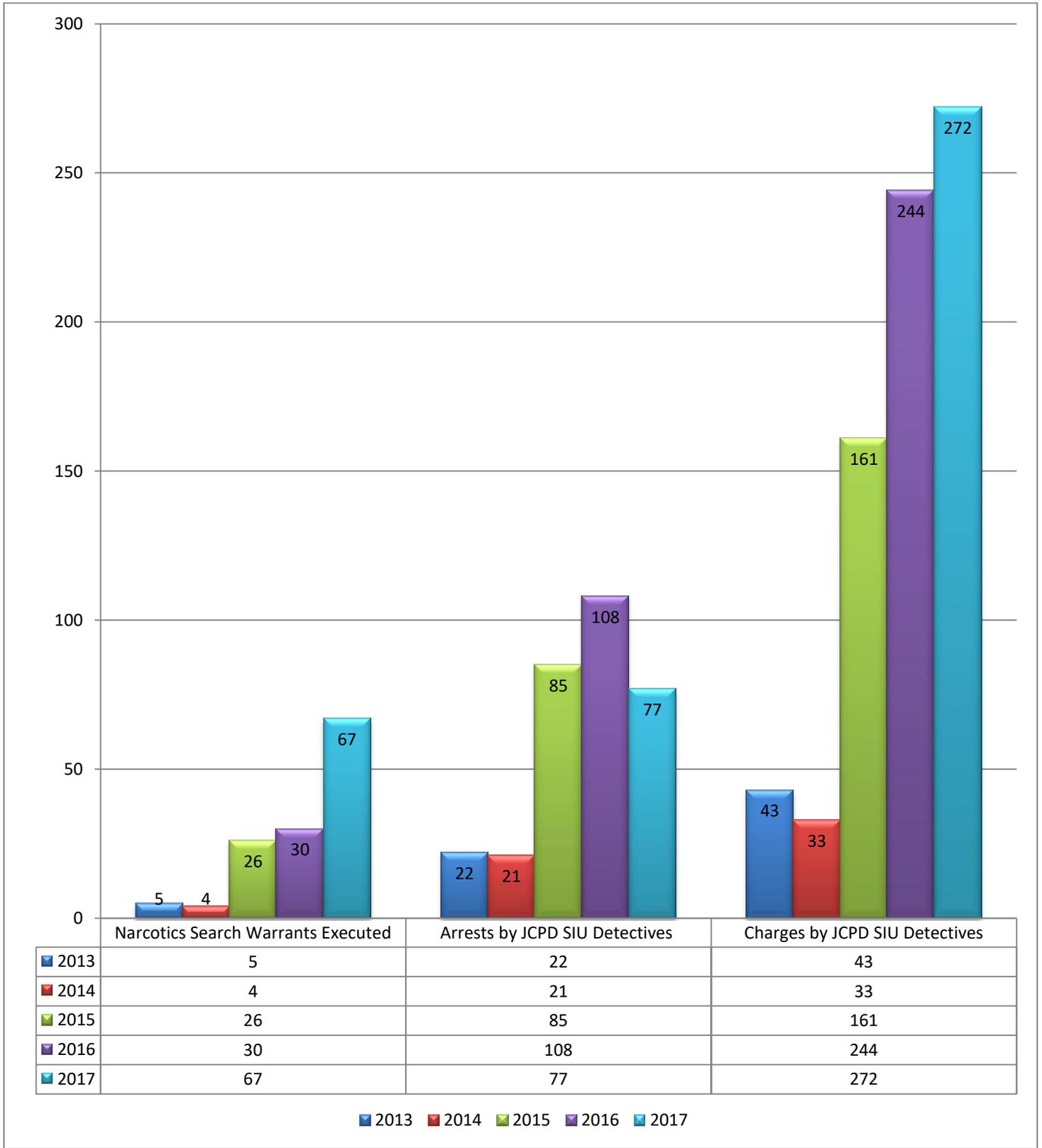
The Evidence Technician has been involved in numerous investigations which resulted in several arrests based on fingerprint and/or DNA identification.

The Evidence Technician is responsible for handling and maintaining the submission of over 2,600 items of new evidence collected by JCPD Officers in 2017. In addition to the handling of newly submitted evidence, the Evidence Technician has also reviewed thousands of items of evidence from previous years to determine if the items should be retained or disposed of properly. As a result of the extensive research, the Evidence Technician was able to return 227 items to the lawful owners, destroyed 1,239 items of illegal contraband, donated 49 unclaimed items to social programs, and auctioned 159 items of unclaimed property. This task is crucial in the ongoing maintenance of the Property Room to be able to purge evidence and property from older cases in order to free up storage space for new incoming evidence and property.

## DETECTIVE DIVISION CASES AND ARRESTS



## DETECTIVE DIVISION NARCOTICS ARRESTS



## TRAFFIC DIVISION



The Traffic Division is responsible for the posting and monitoring of traffic signs, ordering and upkeep of Radar Units, Breathalyzer and Data master, the purchasing and maintenance of all Fleet vehicles, and the ordering and replacement of emergency equipment used in Patrol Vehicles.

The traffic Division oversees special events that occur throughout the course of the year such as; the annual Holiday Parade, Memorial Day Parade, several 5K events, Field Days, and Buckle Up New York seatbelt checkpoints.

The Traffic Division also oversees the Meter Division and the Crossing Guards that are posted throughout the Village.

The Traffic Division strives to ensure the safe passage of motorists and pedestrians throughout the Village.

## SUPPORT DIVISION

### Civilian Staff

The civilian staff is responsible for maintaining Police records, employee time records, building maintenance and many other functions.

## Fleet

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Fleet Miles Traveled           | 198,558     |
| Fleet Fuel Used (gallons)      | 16,297      |
| New Vehicles Placed In-Service | 2           |
| Vehicles Taken Out-of-Service  | 1           |
| Repairs – DPW                  | 19          |
| Repairs – Dealer               | 13          |
| Repairs – Body Shop            | 0           |
| Repairs – JCPD                 | 34          |
| Repairs – Lights & Siren       | 0           |
| Repairs – Tires / Alignment    | 15          |
| Total Cost of Repairs & Tires  | \$28,259.83 |
| Fleet Vehicles Towed           | 4           |
| Scheduled Maintenance          | 36          |

## Traffic Division Supervisor

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Site Plan Reviews / Surveys Conducted | 25  |
| Support Depositions Processed         | 194 |
| DMV Driver Review Submissions         | 5   |
| License Plates Returned to DMV        | 56  |
| Licenses Returned to DMV              | 0   |
| Patrol Coverage (Hours)               | 0   |
| Monthly Cell Block Inspections        | 12  |
| Special Events / Parades              | 6   |
| Checkpoints                           | 6   |
| Schools Attended / Taught             | 1   |
| Meetings Attended                     | 12  |
| Out of Town Assignments               | 3   |
| Special Details / Assignments         | 5   |

## Parking Enforcement / Meters

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Parking Tickets       | 890         |
| Meter Money Collected | \$55,899.67 |
| Meters Repaired       | 169         |
| Meters Replaced       | 0           |
| Meters Purchased      | 0           |
| New Meters Installed  | 0           |
| Meters Eliminated     | 0           |

## Radar / Datamaster

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Purchased                            | 0  |
| Bi-Annual Calibrations – Radar       | 24 |
| Bi- Annual Calibrations – Datamaster | 2  |
| Datamaster Weekly Supervisor Test    | 49 |
| Repairs                              | 0  |

## Street Signs

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Repairs      | 109 |
| Replacements | 131 |

## Traffic Signals

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Repairs   | 4 |
| Replaced  | 0 |
| Purchased | 0 |



## METRO S.W.A.T.

The Johnson City Police Department is part of a multi-jurisdictional SWAT Team, Metro SWAY which is comprised of members of the Johnson City, Binghamton and Vestal Police Departments.

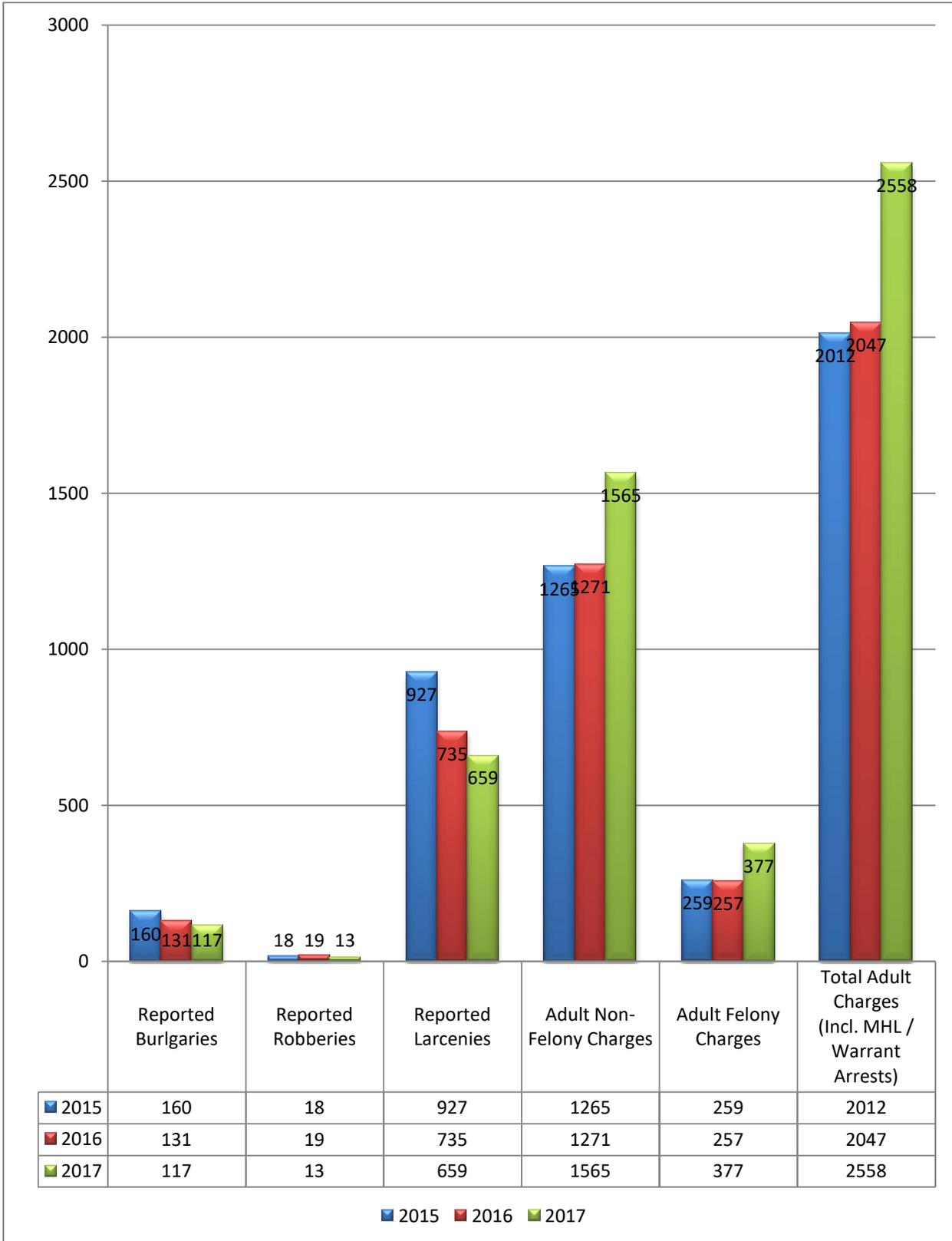
The members are highly trained and receive ongoing special training in tactics and weapons and work as a team to counter special situations. The SWAT Team has the responsibility of responding to any situation that requires specialized weapons and tactics. These situations include, but are not limited to, the following: hostage situations, barricaded suspects, violent civil unrest, and the execution of high risk search warrants. The team training involves specialized tactics to enable them to end critical situations with non-lethal force if at all possible. The team members are very dedicated and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This multi-jurisdictional SWAT team is one of only a handful of teams in New York State that is accredited by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

### 2017 Metro SWAT Activation Statistics:

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| High Risk Narcotic Search Warrants | 7         |
| High Risk Arrests / Warrants       | 2         |
| Emergency Incident Activation      | 1         |
| <b>Total Activations</b>           | <b>10</b> |

## TOTAL DEPARTMENT PROPERTY CRIMES AND ARRESTS



## TOTAL DEPARTMENT NARCOTICS DEPARTMENT CHARGES

