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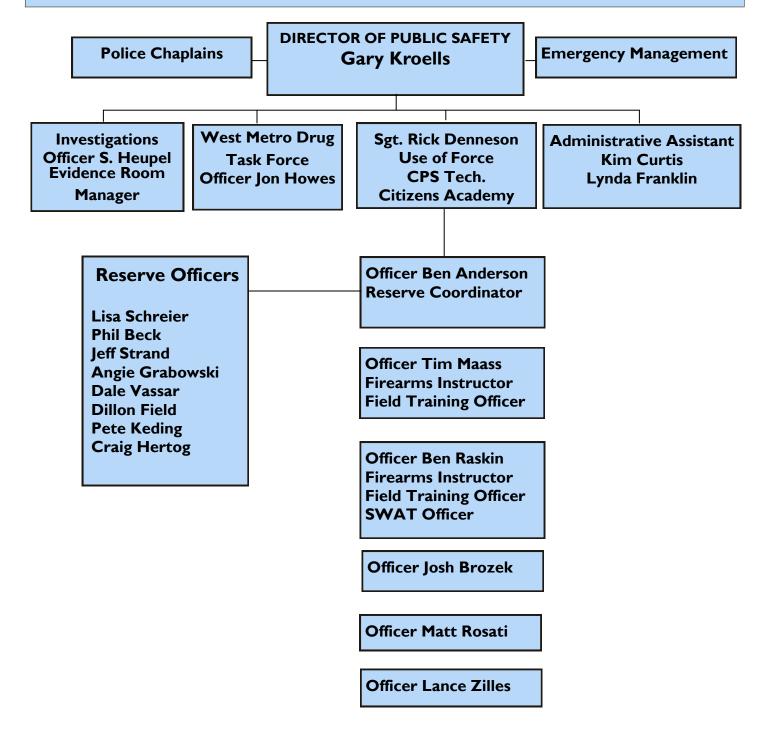
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MISSION:

To protect and serve the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence in a professional and compassionate manner.

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



The year of 2014 will be known as a year of transition for the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. A new Director of Public Safety and a Sergeant were promoted, and two police officers were hired in 2014.

On April 30, 2014, Director Ray McCoy retired after 30 years of dedicated service to the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. With his retirement, the West Hennepin Police Commission promoted Gary Kroells to become the fourth Director of Public Safety since West Hennepin Public Safety was formed in 1979.

After Sergeant Kroells was promoted to Director, Officer Rick Denneson was promoted to Sergeant, the second in command position at West Hennepin Public Safety. Matt Rosati and Lance Zilles were hired as new police officers to begin their career as a public servant to the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence.

Director Kroells and the West Hennepin Public Safety officers are committed to providing quality responsive service to the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence. West Hennepin Public Safety officers work hard to proactively prevent crime and are actively working with our citizens to make a difference. As a police force, we value the partnerships with our citizens, our communities, our schools and each other. Together we are strong and we can make a difference,.

As the new Director of Public Safety, I am continually reminded how our officers give back to their communities. The West Hennepin Public Safety Department is unique as every employee either grew up in our communities or is currently living here. Our staff are local coaches, community leaders, boy scout leaders, graduates of the Orono or Delano High Schools, and are raising their kids in our communities. As a result, they truly care about our communities, the futures of them, and each other.

You have my commitment that I will work hard to develop new ideas to manage your police department effectively and efficiently. I will continue to be fiscally responsible with your tax dollars to promote a solid budget plan for years to come.

It is my honor to present the 2014 Annual Report.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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The West Hennepin Public Safety Department has always been regarded as one of the traffic enforcement leaders in Hennepin County. Through the years, West Hennepin has not only participated, but has led programs such as the Hennepin County Traffic Advisory group, the Minnesota DWI Task Force, the West Hennepin's Chief's Challenge enforcement group, Safe & Sober/Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) and our own local prioritization of traffic enforcement.

Traffic enforcement directly prevents unnecessary injuries and deaths on our roadways. Putting our priority on violations such as speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, not using child safety seats, aggressive driving and DWI (impairment on drugs or alcohol) has made our community a safe place to work and live.

Over the past several years, the severity of crashes has decreased. Seatbelt usage has increased to 94% compliance. Statewide, the number of fatal crashes has continually declined.

Without proactive traffic enforcement, this would not be possible. Proactive traffic enforcement makes the roadways safer for all to travel on them. We are a small community and all of our families are on the roads that we patrol. We are protecting your families.



Working together with our partner communities in groups such as Safe & Sober/TZD and the West Hennepin's Chief's Challenge has allowed us to do more large traffic enforcement saturations locally with minimal costs to each department.

WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)



Officer John Howes West Metro Drug Task Force agent The West Metro Drug Task Force is a joint task force combating narcotics in western Hennepin County and the Twin Cities metro area. The West Metro Drug Task Force was established in 2003 with the cooperation of West Hennepin Public Safety, Medina Police Department, Orono Police Department and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. There are currently six agents assigned to the West Metro Drug Task Force which investigates narcotics-related criminal matters. Each member agency has at least one officer designated to the West Metro Drug Task Force. A drug task force agent conducts long-term complex investigations, drafts and executes search warrants, conducts undercover operations and assists local law enforcement with critical incidents.





West Metro Drug Task Force Agencies: West Hennepin Public Safety Medina Police Orono Police Hennepin County Sheriff's Office

WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)

2014 was a productive year for the West Metro Drug Task Force. During the year, the West Metro Drug Task Force executed 97 search warrants which resulted in 60 arrests, 38 state criminal complaints and 5 federal criminal complaints. The West Metro Drug Task Force seized 20 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 4,935 grams of amphetamine, 75.12 grams of cocaine, 2.89 grams of crack cocaine, 23 grams of heroin, 665 designer/prescription pills and 217 pounds of marijuana.

The estimated street value of the narcotics seized by the West Metro Drug Task Force in 2014 is \$3,525,412.75. The pictures below are from significant search warrants that were executed.



Pictured is approximately 10 pounds of methamphetamine seized on a 2014 search warrant.



This is approximately 60 pounds of marijuana. The investigation continued and yielded a total of approximately 180 pounds of marijuana.

USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING

At West Hennepin Public Safety, we hold a very high standard for our officers' confidence and competency in the use of their sidearm and patrol rifle. Our 2014 training consisted of five live fire shoots and one use of force shoot using the Firearms Training Simulator (F.A.T.S.).

F.A.T.S. is a computer-generated system that exposes the officer to several different "shoot" and "don't shoot" scenarios. The computer program interacts with the officer based on how the officer handles the situation. After the scenario is completed, the officer is required to justify his/her actions during the scenario. Citizen Academy participants are also provided the opportunity to use this training system.

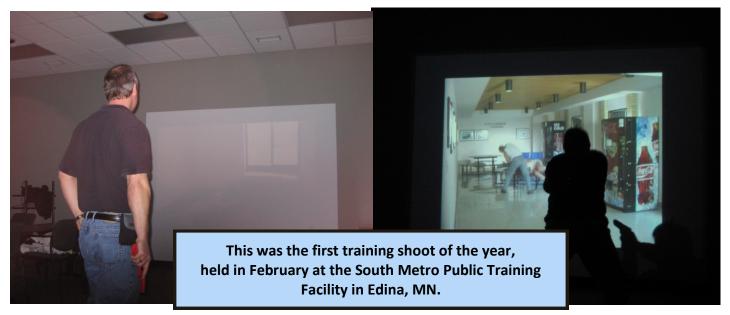


Officer Tim Maass Firearms Instructor

The five live shoots were conducted at the Delano Sportsmen's Club using the officer's sidearm and patrol rifle. Two out of the five live fire

shoots are required qualification shoots and every officer must pass both qualification shoots with a score of 80% or better. During each shoot, we train with our weapons, practicing the fundamentals of shooting and learning new skills and tactics.

Each shoot is designed to give the officer general and specific knowledge of the operation and tactical deployment of the officer's sidearm and the police rifle. During the course of each shoot, there is group involvement and individual instruction. In addition, there is ongoing discussion of department policies and procedures and state laws in regards to the use of firearms in the line of duty.



USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING



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The first qualification shoot was a daylight shoot in April. The second qualification shoot was a nighttime shoot held in December, using squad lights, flashlights, and weapon mounted lights. During the course of this shoot, the officers are exposed to many different "shoot" and "don't shoot" scenarios involving low-light situations.

The three practice shoots were held in June, August and October.

The first qualification shoot was held in April during daylight using the officers' sidearm and patrol rifle.





West Hennepin Officers are very fortunate to have access to the Delano Sportsmen's Club. The Club is very accommodating to our Department's firearms training needs and allows us to give our officers the best 'real world' training possible.

USE OF FORCE—LEGAL ASPECTS AND SIMUNITION



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The officers of West Hennepin Public Safety are continually expanding their knowledge and refreshing their skills as police officers. There are several mandated trainings that officers must complete every year. Some of those trainings include:

- Use of Force Topics
- OSHA Training
- Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure
- First Aid
- Department Policies and Procedures.

The Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board is the state licensing agency for all police officers in Minnesota. They are the governing body that determines the requirements on training and refresher training for licensed police officers in the State of Minnesota.

More and more of the training that we receive is online. For our use of force training, we use a program through the League of Minnesota Cities called "Patrol Online." This program gives our officers the required annual review of state law, federal law, court decisions and the civil and criminal consequences to officers that do not follow the law. Paired with this online program, we do hands-on training with the use of force tools that we carry such as firearms, batons, chemical spray and Tasers. Department policies and procedures are reviewed annually with each officer to utilize decision making skills to mitigate a live situation with which they may be confronted.

Several years ago, the Department purchased four training guns-often referred to as simunition guns or 'sim guns'. These are firearms that fit into the officer's holster, but will only fire a paint ball round, not a live round. They holster, draw, fire and reload just like the officers' duty weapons and can simulate as close to real firearm use as possible. They are an excellent tool that are used several times every year for training.



USE OF FORCE-TASERS

Tasers are "less lethal" weapons that reduce the likelihood of injury to officers and suspects alike. All licensed officers at West Hennepin Public Safety carry this use of force tool. West Hennepin Public Safety has kept up with the changing technology and is using the latest Tasers on the market, both the X2 and the X26P. Officers review Department polices and qualify with their Taser annually. All officers of West Hennepin Public Safety have been shot by the Taser during training scenarios to understand the best applications and its effects on the body.





LAKE MINNETONKA SWAT TEAM

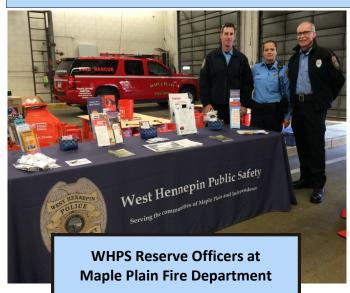


Officer Ben Raskin Current SWAT Officer West Hennepin Public Safety is a member of a multi-agency SWAT team named the Lake Minnetonka SWAT Team. It was formed in 2008 and the participating agencies are West Hennepin Public Safety, Wayzata Police Department, Orono Police Department, Minnetrista Police Department and South Lake Minnetonka Public Safety. The team consists of 18 members and West Hennepin Public Safety currently has one officer on the team. The SWAT Team trains on a regular basis learning new techniques, tools, devices and tactics to handle any and all situations. They also assist other SWAT Teams on mutual aid agreements. It has been a great opportunity for West Hennepin Public Safety to participate in such a unit that could not be funded by one police department alone.



RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

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The year 2014 was a great one for the West Hennepin Public Safety Reserves—with new reserve officers joining, great training opportunities, a recognition ceremony for two long-time reserve officers, and many hours donated to WHPS and the cities of Maple Plain and Independence.

WHPS was able to add six great new Reserve Officers in 2014. They are Angie Grabowski, Lance Zilles, Dale Vassar, Dillon Field, Pete Keding and Craig Hertog.

We are also very pleased that former Reserve Officers Matt Rosati and Lance Zilles were hired by WHPS as licensed police officers in 2014.

The Reserve Officers participated in many community event details including Night to Unite, the Maple Plain Fire Department Open House, Maple Plain Days and many running and bicycling events as well. The Reserves also hosted our beloved View Santa event. It was a tremendous success with over 1,200 pounds of food and \$850 in monetary donations collected for the Maple Plain Food Shelf. With all of these events and many other tasks and duties performed, the WHPS Reserves donated 2,043 hours of their time to our cities and WHPS in 2014.

The Reserves participated in many training opportunities in 2014, including an entire day with reserve officers from other area departments that covered traffic stop scenarios, searching vehicles, directing traffic and learning about emergency management. We also trained at our monthly meetings on self defense, radio use, using the squad computers (MDCs), and reserve responsibilities when responding to fire calls and traffic crashes.

WHPS values our reserve officers for their commitment and dedication they give to us. In November, WHPS held its first ever recognition of years of service for two active reserve officers. WHPS honored Phil Beck with a two-star "Years of Service" pin for his 11 years of service, and Lisa Schreier with a five-star pin for her 28 years of service. Each star represents 5 years of service to WHPS. This type of long-term dedicated volunteer service is rare in society and we are very thankful that they choose to serve here at WHPS.



RESERVE OFFICER RECOGNITION CEREMONY, November 17, 2014



Phil Beck was presented a two-star Years of Service pin for his 11 years and Lisa Schreier a five-star Years of Service pin for her 28 years of service.





Pictured are former and current Reserve Officers of West Hennepin Public Safety Department

VIEW SANTA – RESERVES



2014 marked the 34th consecutive year West Hennepin Public Safety Reserve Officers hosted View Santa for residents of Maple Plain and Independence. Santa and the Reserves collected over 1,200 pounds of food and

\$850 dollars were donated to the Maple Plain Area Food Shelf. West Hennepin Reserve Officers volunteered 2,043 hours in 2014.





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The Administrative and Records Division of West Hennepin Public Safety consists of two Administrative Assistants with individual responsibilities. Kim Curtis is the account manager, transcriptionist and she handles the tracking of equipment purchases. Lynda Franklin is primarily responsible for managing the Records Division. Franklin collects, processes, disseminates and maintains Department records in accordance with the Federal and State Data Practices laws and record retention requirements. Together, they perform various administrative and support services including:

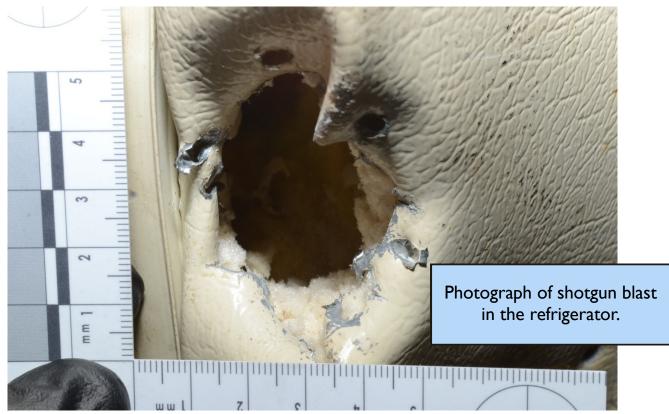
- Dispatching calls for service for West Hennepin Public Safety during business hours.
- Department bookkeeping: preparing and maintaining financial status reports, maintaining and approving banking accounts, maintaining approved investments and paying approved expenditures and payroll documentation.
- Employee training records.
- Updating suspense files for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).
- Transcription of interviews and data entry into case files.
- Preparation of case files for criminal prosecution and court records management.
- Assisting with the storage, retrieval and disposal of records, and performing local background investigation checks.
- State certified for transmitting reports to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
- Criminal History Records Management.
- Preparing and transmitting monthly crime, property and arrest reports to the BCA.
- Assisting with the applications for Permits to Purchase weapons.
- Sending weekly media reports and press releases to local newspapers.
- Records management for assets forfeiture programs.
- Compliance with OSHA reporting requirements.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT -SHOTS FIRED

Officers received information over radio of a domestic assault involving shots being fired inside a home with a 12-gauge shotgun in Maple Plain. When officers arrived, a witness ran out of the house and told officers the suspect was fighting with people inside. Officers entered the house and took the suspect in custody and secured the weapon. The investigation revealed the suspect had gotten into an argument with the victims and then took a loaded shotgun into the garage and began firing rounds into the refrigerator. The suspect refused to give up the gun and pointed the weapon at both victims. He then turned the gun towards the refrigerator and fired it again. A search warrant was executed on the home where numerous firearms, including the one used by the suspect, were taken as evidence. The suspect was



arrested and charged with two counts of Terroristic Threats (one for each victim), and Dangerous Weapons.



STOLEN VEHICLE -PURSUIT

Metro area officers received information to be on the look out for a red Ford Shelby Mustang that was stolen and wanted in connection with a burglary in Eden Prairie. A West Hennepin officer was traveling on Highway 12 when he observed a red Shelby Mustang matching the description of the stolen vehicle. The officer noted the license plates were missing and attempted to stop the vehicle. A pursuit began and the suspect vehicle was traveling at high speeds through the City of Independence and Maple Plain. The suspect vehicle continued to



Stolen vehicle valued at \$100,000

flee police and continued east on Interstate 394. The suspect vehicle exited on Plymouth Road in Minnetonka where the vehicle was blocked in by several officers from surrounding agencies. A felony stop was conducted and the suspect taken into custody. Eden Prairie Police took custody of the suspect for further investigation into their First Degree Burglary. The suspect was charged with Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle and Burglary Case.

BURGLARY

An Independence resident reported a burglary at his residence. The victim advised that a suspect had entered his garage and stolen his brand new snow blower. The victim was able to provide the serial number for the snow blower. The ensuing investigation located the stolen snow blower at a



pawn shop in Hopkins. Video surveillance from the pawn shop was collected and the suspect was identified. The suspect was located in Prior Lake and was arrested and charged with Second Degree Burglary of a Dwelling.

Our investigation learned this suspect was wanted in multiple theft cases around the metro area. This arrest cleared many unsolved theft cases in the metro area.

FELONY ASSAULT

West Hennepin Public Safety Officers responded to a report of a physical assault that had just occurred in the rural area of Independence. The female victim stated her boyfriend began to yell at her as they traveled down South Lake Sarah Road near Genaker Way. The suspect began to beat the victim inside the car and took her cell phone away preventing her from calling 911. The suspect told the victim he was going to kill her and began to drive recklessly. She told him several times she wanted to get out of the car and he refused, telling her they were both going to die.

The victim rolled down her window and began screaming for help. As they reached the intersection at South Lake Sarah Road and Lake Sarah Road, the victim was able to jump out of the vehicle. As the victim was running down the road screaming for help, the suspect tried run the victim over with his vehicle. The victim ran to a house of an Independence resident who called 911. The victim was transported to the hospital for her injuries and our investigation began. The suspect was contacted and he refused to turn himself into police. A warrant was issued and he was charged with Second Degree Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Felony Domestic Assault, and Terroristic Threats.





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Evidence collection of finger prints

THEFT IN PROGRESS

At 3:57 a.m., West Hennepin Public Safety officers responded to a theft in progress at Herc-U-Lift in Maple Plain. An employee making a delivery observed at least two people trying to steal a generator from a lift at the business. The witness provided a description of the suspect vehicle which a West Hennepin Public Safety Officer then stopped as it left the scene. The driver was taken into custody and three other suspects were arrested as they fled the area on foot.

The investigation revealed all four suspects were involved in the theft of fuel, attempted theft of the generator, and two other thefts from a Wal-Mart store near Hinckley. Three of the suspects were charged with Theft of Fuel and one was charged with Felony Possession of Burglary Tools and Theft.



STOLEN PROPERTY

West Hennepin Public Safety officers were given information that a prolific burglar/car thief who is known to frequent western Hennepin County, Carver County and Wright County had a warrant for Driving After Suspension. The next day, a West Hennepin officer on patrol observed the suspect traveling east on County Road 11. After the suspect saw the officer, he quickly pulled into a residential driveway. The officer knew the family who lives at the address and felt that the suspect would not have any reason to be stopping there. The suspect was stopped and taken into custody on the warrant.

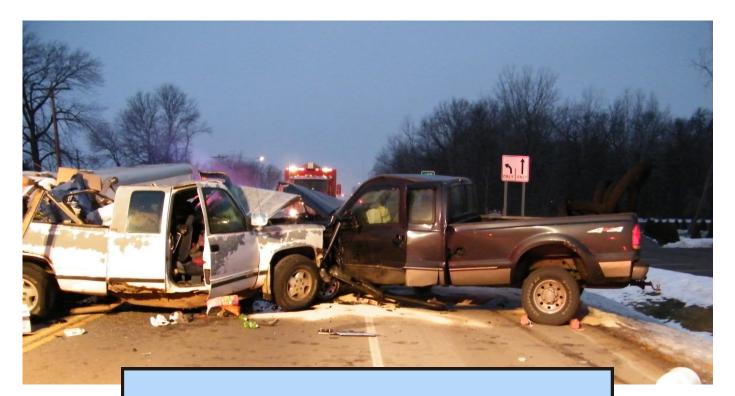
The suspect vehicle was full of suspected stolen property which included drills, a grinder, a large amount of cut up copper wiring, miscellaneous tools, and a power washer. West Hennepin Public Safety executed a search warrant for the vehicle. During the search, burglary tools and a stolen power washer were confirmed to be in the suspect vehicle. The suspect has been charged with Receiving Stolen Property and Driving After Suspension.





FATALITY CRASH

On December 9, 2014, the West Hennepin Public Safety Department was dispatched to a personal injury crash on Highway 12 near Halgren Road in Maple Plain. Two pickup trucks had collided head-on and the driver of one of the vehicles was killed. Command officers coordinated the crash scene with the Maple Plain Fire Department and surrounding police agencies to preserve the crash scene for a criminal investigation. West Hennepin Public Safety is investigating the cause of the crash in coordination with the Minnesota State Patrol who completed the crash reconstruction. The initial investigation revealed the vehicle traveling eastbound on Hwy 12 crossed over the center line and struck the other vehicle head-on. The person who crossed over the centerline died as a result of this crash. The case is still under investigation.



West Hennepin Public Safety responded to a two vehicle fatality crash in December.

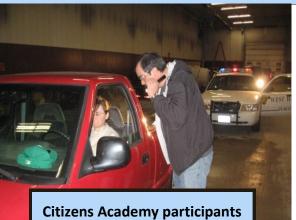
THEFT CASE

West Hennepin Public Safety responded to a theft report from AC Motors in Maple Plain. They reported the odometer from one of their vehicles had been stolen during a recent test drive. The investigation revealed the suspect test drove the vehicle and when he returned it, the gauge cluster was swapped out with an odometer with higher miles on it. This is a common scam on Chevy vehicles and many agencies around the metro area have had similar reports of theft.

The Hennepin County Crime Lab dusted the gauge cluster for fingerprints and the suspect was identified from those prints. The suspect has a lengthy criminal record and was charged with Theft, Identity Theft, and Tampering with an Odometer.



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



receive training in traffic stop enforcement

2014 marks the 15th year of the Citizens Police Academy being offered at West Hennepin Public Safety. The Citizens Police Academy is an excellent opportunity for citizens from in and around the community to get an in-depth look and understanding about West Hennepin Public Safety. Throughout the 8 week program, the participants are exposed to topics such as the department history, use of force and firearms, investigations and narcotics, traffic stops and court proceedings, DWI enforcement and K-9 use, and more.

The academy uses classroom instruction to present the information to the participants but it also allows them to

have some hands-on experience to provide a better understanding of situations that police officers face. The participants "walk in the shoes" of an officer as they make a mock traffic stop in a controlled scenario. Holding a flashlight in one hand and carrying a holstered replica firearm on their side, they make contact with a driver who has "committed an alleged violation." Citizens Academy participants typically describe what a scary feeling it is walking up on that car, even though they know that it is not for real. The situation is intense for them as they get into the role.

Typically, each year we average 12 people that sign up for this experience. Every officer of the department either leads or assists with at least one of the sessions. People are apprehensive on the first night, feeling that 8 weeks is a big commitment. By the eighth week, they all say "There



must be more! It can't be over already!" Each of the participants is asked to fill out evaluations after every week and they often rave about how well the officers know their job, what an excellent experience the academy has been for them, and how nice it is to get to know the officers of the West Hennepin Public Safety Department.

At the end of the academy, we have a graduation ceremony where each participant is given a Certificate of Participation and a West Hennepin Citizens Academy shirt. We invite the alumni from previous classes back each year to the graduation ceremony for cake and coffee.

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE



departments in Hennepin County. It is a great event for a great cause.

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY SEAT PROGRAMS—CHILD SAFETY SEAT PROGRAMS

Education is a large component of proactive law enforcement. One of the many ways that West Hennepin Public Safety Department has chosen to educate is through child passenger safety seminars.



Sgt. Rick Denneson teaching a child safety seat class in Maple Plain

West Hennepin Public Safety also provides an opportunity for anyone in the community to come to the West Hennepin Public Safety Department and have their child safety seat inspected to make sure it is installed correctly. Typically this takes about 45 minutes to give the parent some education about the child safety seat and then either teach them how to install it in their vehicle or inspect what they have already installed to make sure it is in safely and correctly. Childhood Family Education at the Discovery Center, Sgt. Rick Denneson meets with parents to teach them the principles of how child safety seats work, how to install them into their vehicles properly and why it is important to use them each and every trip.

In conjunction with the Orono Early

Sgt. Rick Denneson is a certified National Child Passenger Safety Technician and conducts several courses throughout each year.



NEW POLICE OFFICERS

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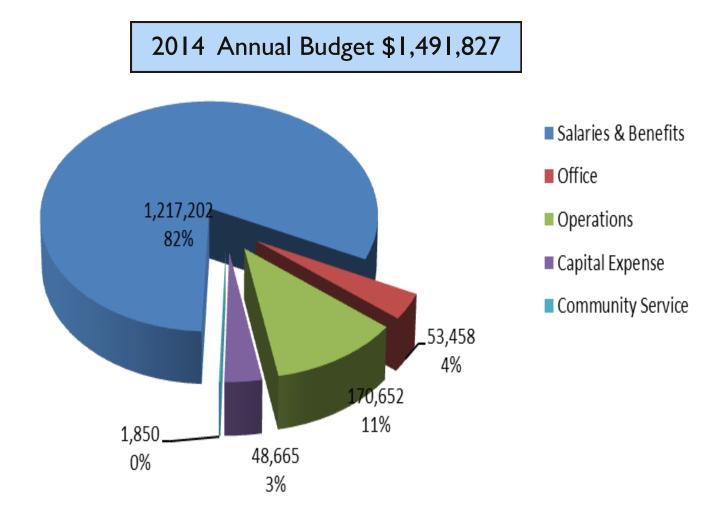






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FINANCIAL SUMMARY: 2014 BUDGET



As indicated above, 82% of the West Hennepin Public Safety Department budget is dedicated to the salaries and benefits for 10 full-time licensed police officers and two-full time administrative assistants on staff. The remaining funds are dedicated to office supplies, police department operating costs, capital expenses and community service programs.

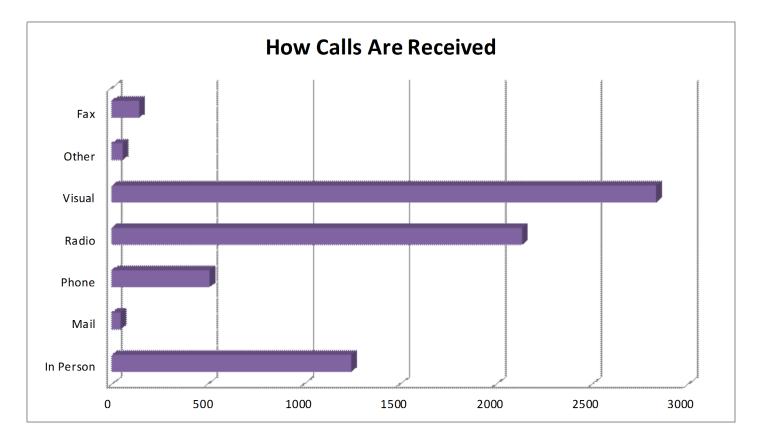


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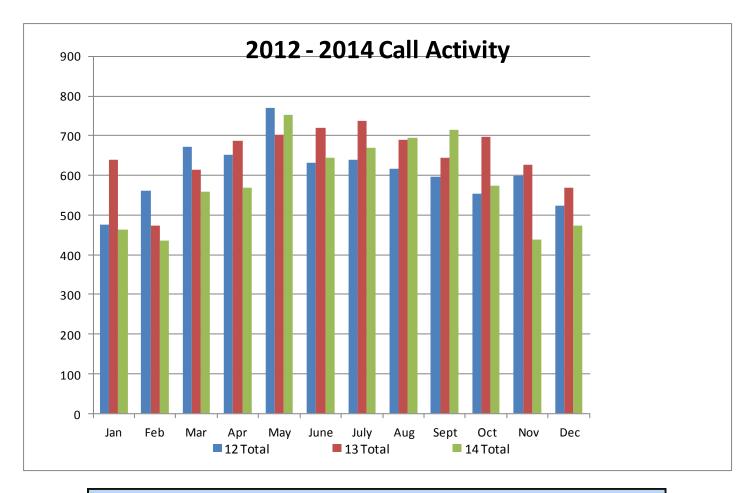
In 2014, West Hennepin Public Safety Department handled 6, 986 incident complaint reports for Maple Plain and Independence. 4,210 incidents occurred in Independence and 2,484 were reported in Maple Plain.

Incidents complaint reports include:

- 2,502 Traffic Stops and Traffic related offenses
- 167 Criminal Investigations
- 169 Property Damage Crashes
- 45 DWI Arrests
- 15 Personal Injury Crashes
- 2 Fatality Crashes



2012-2014 Call Activity Report



West Hennepin Public Safety Department call activity per month for the past three years, 2012-2014

ACTIVITY REPORT: Comparing 2013 versus 2014

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Offense	2013	2014
City Of Independence		
Criminal	109	100
Traffic	1,592	1,870
Part III	140	102
Part IV	437	401
Part V	1,745	1,737
Total City of Independence	4,023	4,210
City Of Maple Plain		
Criminal	103	67
Traffic	681	532
Part III	67	79
Part IV	250	239
Part V	2,029	1,567
Total City Of Maple Plain	3,130	2,484
Grand Total Both Cities	7,153	6,694
Agency Assists	644	292
Total ICR Reports	7,797	6,986
Mileage	125,546	134,477
How Received		
Fax	168	145
In Person	1,549	1,249
Mail	58	48
Other	26	59
Phone	480	511
Radio	2,219	2,138
Visual Total	3,297 7,797	2,836 6,986
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RETIREMENTS-RAY MCCOY



Director Ray McCoy, retired Thank you for your dedicated service. 1984-2014