



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



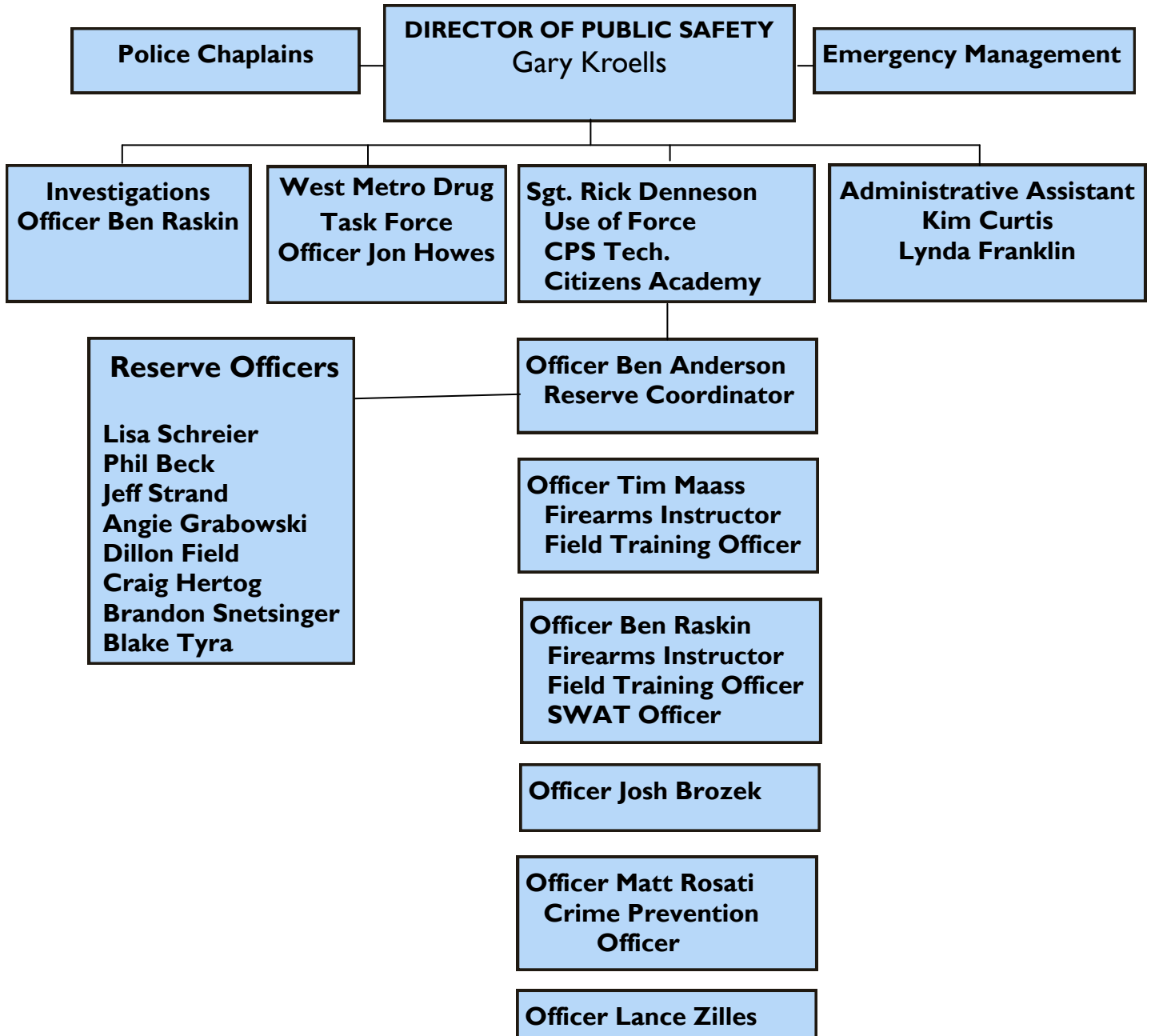
MISSION:

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



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WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Serving our Community proudly with our core values:

Honor Courage Common Sense Respect & Dignity Loyalty Fairness Trust



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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



**Director of Public Safety
Gary Kroells**

As the Chief of Police for the West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS), it is my honor to submit the *2015 Annual Report*. In 2015, WHPS handled 8,221 incident complaints—an increase of 1,235 calls for service compared to 2014. With the additional demand for police services, West Hennepin continues to find effective and efficient ways to provide proactive police services to our citizens. Our interaction with the public and our citizens is paramount in our working toward the betterment of our communities.

As I reflect on 2015, the safety of citizens along Highway 12 remains a top priority for WHPS. I am proud of the accomplishments of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition. I am amazed at the results the Coalition has achieved through MnDOT, local cities and representatives, Hennepin County, Wright County and our state representatives and senators to find alternatives to building a safer road for all. However, as I write this, I am saddened that more lives continue to be lost.

In 2016, we will continue to make Highway 12 a priority and we will continue to search for effective solutions, but I am personally asking you to join our force. How do we pull together as a community to create a safer Highway 12 and improved community? West Hennepin has adopted the 'Towards Zero Deaths' philosophy of 'How do we reduce traffic crash injuries and fatalities?' We focus on the four E's: **Education, Emergency medical services (EMS), Enforcement and Engineering** and I am asking for the fifth E—**Everyone**. Together, we can improve Highway 12, but let it begin with you. Please pay attention while driving, put your cell phone away and focus on your task at hand—and that is to drive safely to your destination. We value your life!

As you review this document, I hope you are as proud of your police department as I am. The annual report reflects the commitment our staff continues to achieve. I am proud to say that our department's most valuable asset is our team. Quality personnel enables us to provide competent, effective and caring service to our communities. Our goal is to make both Maple Plain and Independence safe and proud places to live and raise a family.

The continued support from the Maple Plain and Independence City councils and our citizens does not go unnoticed by our officers. With these on-going positive relationships, our department will strive towards providing the best quality police services to our citizens. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as the Chief of Police for West Hennepin Public Safety Department. I hope that we have improved your lives as we continue working hard for our communities in 2016.



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USE OF FORCE—TRAINING

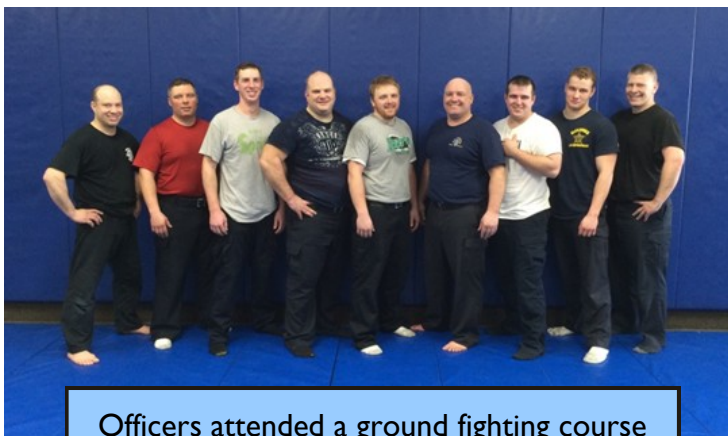


Sergeant Rick Denneson
Use of Force Instructor

Officers of West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) complete mandatory annual training that is required by several different agencies including OSHA and the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board. The POST Board is the state licensing agency that issues and renews each police officer's license in the State of Minnesota. Officers must earn a minimum number of continuing education credit hours to maintain an active license. Required training topics include first aid, firearms, use of force, hazardous materials awareness, and various annual refresher trainings. A lot of the required annual training is now available online for officers to complete while on duty.



In 2015, WHPS officers attended a variety of training courses in addition to the mandatory topics. This additional training included courses in leadership, report writing, use of force instructor, officer safety and survival, crime prevention, background investigation, advanced driver training, and traffic enforcement training.



Officers attended a ground fighting course
for law enforcement.

In addition, WHPS officers attended a use of force training with an instructor that taught the officers some ground fighting techniques. These techniques help the officers to control someone with a minimal amount of injury. They also help prepare the officers to defend themselves if they are attacked by an assailant.



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HIGHWAY 12 SAFETY COALITION



The West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS) recognizes that it takes more than just police action to make our roads safer. As a member of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition, WHPS is working with local and state partners to create solutions to improve the safety for everyone along Highway 12.

The Highway 12 Safety Coalition made significant progress in 2015:

- ◆ The completion of center line rumble strips from County Road 6 to County Line Road.
- ◆ Director Kroells and Sergeant Denneson participated in a Highway 12 safety audit in May where they spent a full day with several MnDOT engineers looking at safety issues and concerns along the Highway 12 corridor through both Hennepin County and Wright County.
- ◆ In November, we kicked off a campaign “Going 12 for 12: 12 months with zero fatalities along Highway 12.” Director Kroells serves as the chair of the coalition.
- ◆ The Coalition met with the Department of Transportation to share results of the safety audit and request support and funding for necessary changes along Highway 12.



Highway 12 Safety Audit in Maple Plain: The goal of this audit is to create a plan and implement changes to make Highway 12 safer



The Coalition has installed signs along Highway 12 to increase driver awareness



Chief Kroells accepts an award from Metro MnDOT on behalf of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition for safety improvements on Highway 12



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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT- “Going 12 for 12”

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



In 2015, we started working more closely with our Highway 12 law enforcement partners in an attempt to reduce crashes—ultimately preventing injuries and deaths. In December, we joined the Minnesota State Patrol to kick off a year-long traffic enforcement initiative named “Going 12 for 12.” The goal is to go 12 months with zero crashes with fatal injuries on Highway 12 in both Hennepin County and Wright County. The West Hennepin Public Safety Department, along with other police departments on the Highway 12 Safety Coalition’s corridor, has committed to increased enforcement to meet our “Going 12 for 12” goal. The kick-off event was held at the West Hennepin Public Safety Department on November 30, 2015.



Chief Kroells and members of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition held a press conference kicking off “Going 12 for 12”

Goals of the “Going 12 for 12” campaign:

- ◆ Increased traffic enforcement by state and local officials.
- ◆ Education to increase driver awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.
- ◆ Increased DWI enforcement.
- ◆ Social media presence to help facilitate driver education and awareness, and to create a safer Highway 12.



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WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)



Officer Jon Howes
West Metro Drug Task
Force agent

The West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF) 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 WMDTF, which investigates narcotics-related criminal matters. Each member agency has at least one officer designated to the 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**



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WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)

2015 was one of the more productive years in the recent past for the West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF). The task force had several new narcotics officers replacing former members but they maintained a high standard of narcotics investigations. During the year, the WMDTF executed 82 search warrants which resulted in 67 arrests, 56 state criminal complaints and 5 federal criminal complaints. The Task Force seized 21,359.6 grams of cocaine, 2,185.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 69.18 grams of liquid methamphetamine, 11.82 grams of heroin, 254 doses of acid, 459 pills, and 53 pounds of marijuana.

The estimated street value of the narcotics seized by the WMDTF in 2015 is upwards of \$4,000,000. The pictures below are from significant search warrants that were executed.



Pictured above is approximately \$40,000 seized as a result of a large scale marijuana growing operation. 85 marijuana plants and 4.5 pounds of packaged marijuana were seized.



Pictured above is the result of a 6 month investigation into a large scale drug trafficking organization that was operating out of Mexico to the Twin Cities. Shown above is 21 kilos of cocaine (46 pounds) with a street value between 1.5 to 2 million dollars.



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USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING



**Officer Tim Maass
Firearms Instructor**

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 2015 training consisted of four live-fire shoots and one use of force shoot using the Laser Shot Firearms Training Simulator.

Laser Shot 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 each 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.

In past years, we would travel to the South Metro Training Facility in Edina, MN in February and rent the Fire Arms Training Simulator (FATS). It was fantastic training but the logistics of travel time and scheduling were challenging. This year, we were able to connect with the Columbia Heights Police Department and they trained both of our firearms instructors on the use of their Laser Shot Firearms Training Simulator. Once our two officers were trained on the Laser Shot System, Columbia Heights PD allowed us to use the system at no charge. The system is portable so we were able to pick it up and set it up at our police department which alleviated some of the scheduling challenges and travel expenses. It also allowed us to use it for the Citizens Academy class without having to bus the students to a different location.

Along with the Laser Shot Training, we conducted four live-fire shoots at the Delano Sportsmen's Club using the officer's sidearm and patrol rifle. Two of the four 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, as well as learning new skills and tactics.



**Laser Shot Training in February 2015, held
at West Hennepin Public Safety**



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USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING

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, each shoot has on-going discussion of state laws and department policies and procedures in regards to the use of firearms in the line of duty.

The first qualification shoot was a cold and rainy 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 first qualification shoot was a cold and rainy daylight shoot in April using the officers’ sidearm and patrol rifle.

To keep our training as realistic as possible all four live-fire shoots are conducted outside—rain or shine—with the officer in full uniform!



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.



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RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM



**Officer Ben Anderson
Reserve Coordinator**

The year 2015 was an outstanding year for the West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) Reserves—with new officers joining, excellent training opportunities, and 2,966.5 hours donated to WHPS and the cities of Maple Plain and Independence!

WHPS added two new reserve officers in 2015. They are Brandon Snetsinger and Blake Tyra. We are also very pleased that former Reserve Officer Dale Vassar was hired by the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office as a licensed peace officer.

The reserve officers participated in many community events including Night to Unite, the Maple Plain Fire Department Open House, Maple Plain Days, the Carson & Barnes Circus and many running and bicycling events. In May, the Reserves hosted a Bicycle Safety Rodeo for the children of Maple Plain and Independence.

WHPS’ dedication to the Reserve Officer Program was evident with many training opportunities including handcuffing and searching prisoners, patrol strategies and response, radio usage, and certifications to use an ASP Baton, Mace and Taser. The WHPS reserve officers also attended an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) driving course taught by St. Cloud State University in April and received a live-fire firearms familiarization course at the Delano Sportsmen’s Gun Club in June.

In addition, WHPS received a \$1,000 donation from the Westonka Jaycees to help purchase bullet proof vests (body armor) for the reserves.



WHPS reserve officers at their Bike Safety Rodeo



Reserve Schreier staffing the registration table



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RESERVE OFFICERS – TRAINING



2015 was a busy year for training for the reserves.
Above: Reserves receive Taser instruction from
Sgt. Denneson



Reserve Officer Hertog preparing
to search a role player suspect



Above: Reserve Officer Strand prepares
to fire a Taser at a target

Right: Reserves Field and Hertog take
their turn



Reserve Beck practices baton strikes on
a blocker held by Reserve Field





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VIEW SANTA – RESERVES



2015 marked the 35th consecutive year the West Hennepin Public Safety Reserve Officers hosted View Santa for residents of Maple Plain and Independence. The reserves collected almost 1,200 pounds of food donations and \$200 dollars for the Maple Plain Area Food Shelf.

NOTE: West Hennepin Reserve Officers volunteered 2,966.5 hours in 2015





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LAKE MINNETONKA SWAT TEAM



Officer Ben Raskin
Current SWAT member

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.



LAKE MINNETONKA SWAT TEAM



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ADMINISTRATIVE AND RECORDS DIVISION



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dial 911**



Administrative Assistant
Kim Curtis

The Administrative and Records Division of West Hennepin Public Safety consists of two Administrative Assistants with individual responsibilities. Kim Curtis is the administrative assistant/bookkeeper, transcriptionist and recording secretary. Lynda Franklin is the administrative assistant/TAC, primarily responsible for managing the Records Division. Together, they perform various administrative and support services including:

- Assist the public on the phone and at the front window with public information requests, issuing burn permits and Permit to Purchase applications, etc.
- Department bookkeeping: payroll, accounts payables and receivables, maintaining financial status reports, bank account maintenance & reconciliation.
- Maintaining 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.
- State certified for transmitting reports to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
- Preparing and transmitting monthly crime, property and arrest reports to the BCA.
- Sending weekly media reports and press releases to local newspapers.
- Records management for assets forfeiture programs and reporting to the Office of the State Auditor.
- Compliance with OSHA reporting requirements.
- Assisting with the storage, retrieval and disposal of records, and performing local background investigation checks.
- Collect, process, disseminate and maintain Department records in accordance with Federal and State Data Practices laws and record retention requirements.
- Criminal History Records Management.



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INVESTIGATOR’S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

The West Hennepin Public Safety Department strives to provide career development for its officers and part of this process is to rotate the investigator position between experienced patrol officers every two years.

In 2015, Officer Ben Raskin took over investigations for the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. Officer Raskin was assigned this position after ten years of patrol experience and leadership.



Investigator
Ben Raskin



2015 RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE

On January 11, 2015, West Hennepin Public Safety officers responded to a suspicious activity complaint in the Lyndale Lutheran Church parking lot at approximately 10:30 PM. The officers arrived and located an unoccupied car. Through the officer’s investigation, it was learned that the car had been reported stolen in the city of Bloomington, MN.

Physical evidence was then collected and used in the investigation, which later led to the successful conviction of the suspect connected to stealing the car.



Stolen vehicle valued at \$30,000 that was recovered and returned to the owner



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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

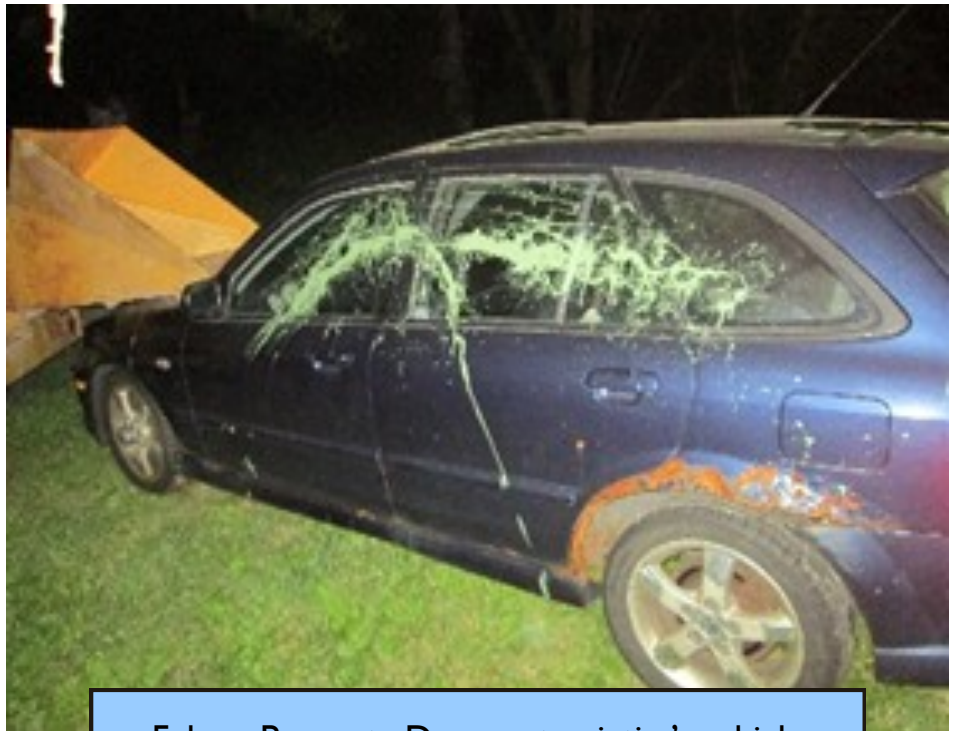
FELONY DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

On July 23, 2015, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) officers responded to a report of damage to property at an Independence residence. Officers found that the victim's vehicle had been struck by another vehicle and pushed through the yard until it hit a large wood chipper. Green paint was then poured onto the vehicle. The victim was not home at the time the felony level damage to property occurred. WHPS officers learned that the victim had been in an altercation with a female in the city of Minnetrista earlier in the day.

Later in the same evening, WHPS officers responded to a vehicle pursuit coming from the city of Minnetrista.

After the female suspect was arrested for felony fleeing a police officer, it was discovered that she had matching paint stains on her body from the earlier damage to property in the city of Independence.

An investigation showed that the suspect's vehicle also had damage that matched the damage on the victim's vehicle. The suspect was charged with multiple offenses, including felony level damage to property.



Felony Property Damage to victim's vehicle



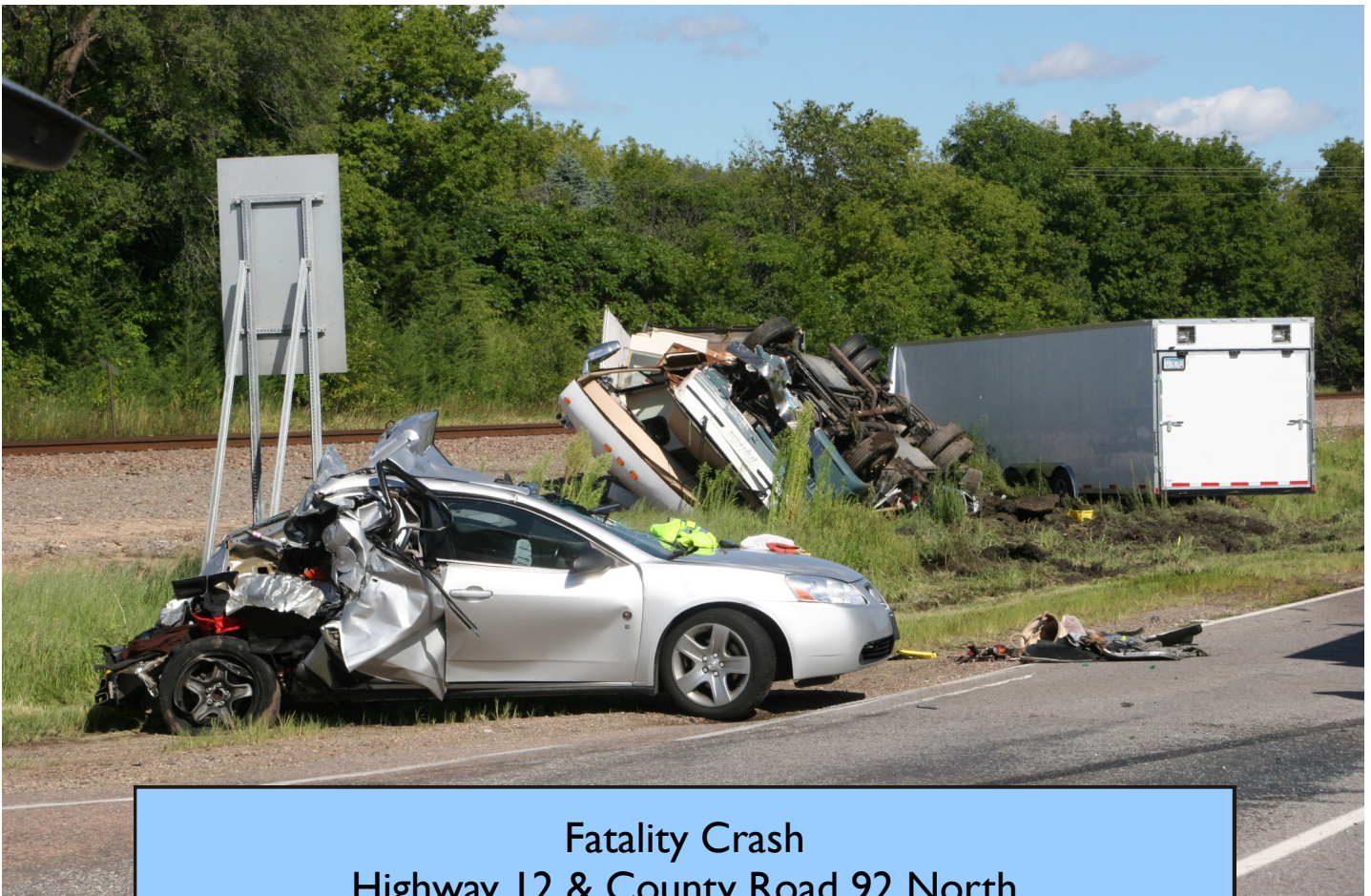
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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

FATALITY CRASH

On August 20, 2015, West Hennepin Public Safety Department officers responded to a personal injury accident involving a motor home and a passenger car at the intersection of Highway 12 and County Road 92 North.

West Hennepin Public Safety is investigating the cause of the crash in coordination with the Minnesota State Patrol. The initial investigation revealed the car was stopped eastbound Highway 12 waiting to turn left onto County Road 92 when it was rear-ended by the motor home, also travelling eastbound on Highway 12. The driver of the car died as a result of the crash. It is still under investigation.



Fatality Crash
Highway 12 & County Road 92 North
August 20, 2015



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INVESTIGATOR’S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

THEFT OF 2015 Polaris RZR



Damaged fence at Tri-K Sports

West Hennepin Public Safety Department Officers responded to Tri-K Sports in Maple Plain on November 1, 2015, for a possible burglary in progress. Officers arrived to discover the fence gate had been removed. Several ATVs and UTVs had been moved around in the lot and one Polaris RZR was stolen.

Lab processed the scene for evidence. Latent prints, DNA, and shoe impressions were located and retained for evidence. The stolen Polaris RZR was entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) stolen vehicle “hot file” database by West Hennepin Public Safety.

NCIC “hot files” help criminal justice professionals apprehend fugitives, locate missing persons, and recover stolen property.

The following day, the Mille Lacs County Sheriff’s Office contacted West Hennepin Public Safety via the NCIC system. A Mille Lacs County deputy had located the Polaris RZR stolen from Tri-K Sports.



The stolen Polaris RZR

Through a cooperative investigation between the West Hennepin Public Safety Department and the Mille Lacs County Sherriff’s Office, two suspects were identified, charged and convicted.



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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER—UPGRADE



Director Kroells training staff on the Emergency Operations Plan with the aid of new audio visual equipment in the Emergency Operations Center.

In the spring of 2015, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) and the City of Independence completed a full upgrade of the Emergency Operations Center that is located in the joint conference room adjacent to WHPS in our shared building.

In the event of a disaster or large-scale emergency in Maple Plain, Independence or a surrounding city, the Emergency Operations

Center is fully equipped and operational to manage any incidents that may threaten our citizens' safety.

To complement our Emergency Operations Center and to help provide immediate communication to our residents, the cities of Maple Plain and Independence and West Hennepin Public Safety have teamed up to purchase CODE RED, an emergency notification system for our residents, to begin operation in the spring of 2016.

West Hennepin Public Safety also handles the emergency management of both cities. Our plan is designed to ensure the protection of the public from the effects of tornados, floods, blizzards and other natural disasters affecting the cities of Maple Plain and Independence. Our goal is to protect life and property, to ensure continuity of government, to sustain survivors and to provide support to the cities, as required.





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SOCIAL MEDIA—FACEBOOK, TWITTER, CRIME ALERTS, WEBSITE



Officer Matt Rosati
Crime Prevention Officer

In 2015, Officer Matt Rosati was selected to be the West Hennepin Public Safety Department Crime Prevention Officer and he attended a Crime Prevention course taught by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

For 2015, West Hennepin Public Safety had made it a goal to become more tech-connected to our citizens. As a result, we began using our Facebook page and Twitter account to send informational messages to our communities. Items such as crime alerts, found property, lost pets, traffic issues and even some weather issues predicted to adversely affect the cities of Maple Plain and Independence were posted to help keep the citizens informed. We have seen a large

increase in our “followers” on both sites and we would encourage you, if you haven’t already, “like” us and “follow” us for updates and information from the police department.

In his role as our Crime Prevention Officer, Officer Rosati has taken on the social media side of law enforcement and has taken many steps to improve our website by adding crime alerts and using Facebook and Twitter for more timely messages to our followers.





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CRIME PREVENTION



Officer Rosati installing a “Crime Prevention Message” sign at a local park in Maple Plain. Eight signs were placed in public areas in 2015.

West Hennepin Public Safety strives to keep the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence safe and up-to-date with current trends and events. We believe that a strong relationship between law enforcement and the community can help educate citizens to help stop crimes in progress and prevent future crimes. This concept is called “crime prevention.”

Crime prevention is defined as the attempt to reduce and deter crime and criminals. It is applied specifically to efforts made by law enforcement to reduce crime, enforce the law, and maintain criminal justice. West Hennepin Public Safety believes that there are many ways to prevent crime. In 2015, we collaborated with the cities of Maple Plain and Independence to create “Crime Prevention Message” signs that were placed throughout the cities, in parks and parking lots. The signs remind visitors to avoid leaving valuables in their vehicles.

West Hennepin Public Safety patrol officers perform daily “spot checks” on local businesses, parks, schools and neighborhoods. We do this to get to know the employees and the daily routines as a proactive deterrent, and to aid in the ability to spot suspicious, “out of the ordinary” activities.

West Hennepin Public Safety utilizes social media to quickly spread information to the community to keep our citizens informed of crime alerts, law enforcement events, classes and notifications. We currently send out crime alerts and other information via our website, Twitter and Facebook.



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



Citizens Academy participants receive training in traffic stops and traffic enforcement

2015 was the sixteenth year that West Hennepin Public Safety hosted a Citizens Police Academy. It was one of the larger classes, with 14 students participating in the annual 8-week course. Participants were educated about police use of force, traffic enforcement and making traffic stops, and had a chance to meet some of the people who answer 911 calls for our cities. The class also heard about police investigations, impaired driving arrests, narcotics investigations and the history of the police department. In addition, the

class saw a demonstration by a police K-9, how a Taser works, and heard from both a Hennepin County Judge and the City Prosecuting Attorney for both Maple Plain and Independence. This course was designed to educate the public on how the police department operates and to give some insight into why officers do what they do. It also allows people the opportunity to meet and get to know the officers of the department and to get a small taste of what a police officer’s job is like.

The final session of the academy is a graduation ceremony where past attendants (“alumni”) are invited back for cake and coffee and the chance to share their own experiences in their academy class with others.



Citizens Police Academy
2015 Graduating Class



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE



Each year, the City of Independence hosts a drop off site for the Toys for Tots Program. Hundreds of toys are collected and West Hennepin Public Safety reserve officers deliver those toys to KARE 11 in Golden Valley.

West Hennepin Public Safety does more than enforce the law, we work to better lives. In 2015, our officers impacted the lives of thousands, and here are some highlights of how we made a difference in some of those lives:

- ◆ Serving as first responders to all accidents, including farm accidents, our officers are hands-on dealing with the family and friends of the victims.
- ◆ Our officers are often invited to attend school programs and to visit local schools to begin building a strong rapport with our younger residents.
- ◆ When responding to a gas leak at a community day care site, our officers made the wait fun for the children by interacting with them and showing them the police vehicles and equipment.
- ◆ Performing educational outreach and community building at the Boo Market, Maple Plain Days, the Maple Plain Fire Department Open House and other events.





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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—NIGHT TO UNITE

The West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS) has been organizing block parties for the National Night to Unite for many years now.

2015 was no exception with block parties in both Maple Plain and Independence. It takes place in early August to encourage neighbors to come together out in the street or in someone's front yard and to get to know each other, to socialize and be connected. Members from WHPS and the Maple Plain

Fire Department go to each block party to meet with the residents, pass out crime prevention information and discuss ways for neighbors to look out for each other. One of the most important messages that we can deliver to our residents is to *call 911 if you see activity in your neighborhood that doesn't seem right*, and let us check it out.



West Hennepin officers and reserves, along with Maple Plain firefighters, getting ready to visit Night to Unite Block Parties

Aerial view from Maple Plain ladder truck at a Night to Unite block party on Clayton Drive



Block party on Polo Club Road in Independence



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PIT STOP CLOSED—THE END OF AN ERA

At the end of September in 2015, we saw the closing of an iconic location in Maple Plain. It was a place that many people saw as the “hub” of information in Maple Plain and it was a place where all of the cops gathered to catch up on what was happening around the area—Olson’s Market. The owner, Greg Reedy, was a strong supporter of the community, but he always seemed to look out for our officers. With a fresh cup of coffee, a soda or hot chocolate to offer, he always welcomed our officers in to visit. There might have even been a donut or two eaten there! Over the years, there were countless times that Olson’s Market donated water, food, ice, bug repellent, sunscreen or anything else we needed to the department during emergency situations. There were times he would deliver the supplies to us knowing that we were too busy to come to get what we needed—whether it was a

weather-related emergency, a large fire, a serious car crash that lasted for hours, or some other situation where it was hot, cold, raining, or snowing. Reedy was always there to support West Hennepin Public Safety and ultimately the community. Olson’s was often referred to as our “satellite” precinct by WHPS employees. People found it easy to approach our officers there and we solved many crimes, made several arrests and helped a lot of people by being at the “hub” in Maple Plain. We will always appreciate and remember what Olson’s Market did for our police department and our communities.



Olson’s owner, Greg Reedy, having one “last cup” with West Hennepin officers.

Thank you, Greg!

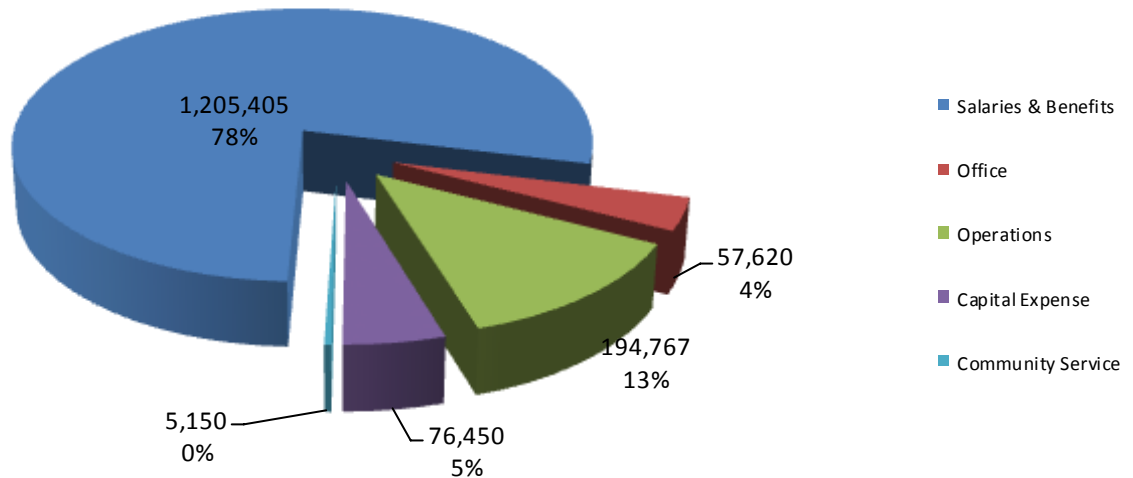


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FINANCIAL SUMMARY: 2015 BUDGET

2015 Annual Budget \$1,539,392

2015 Annual Budget Total \$1,539,392



As indicated above, 78% of the West Hennepin Public Safety Department budget is dedicated to the salaries and benefits for the ten 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.



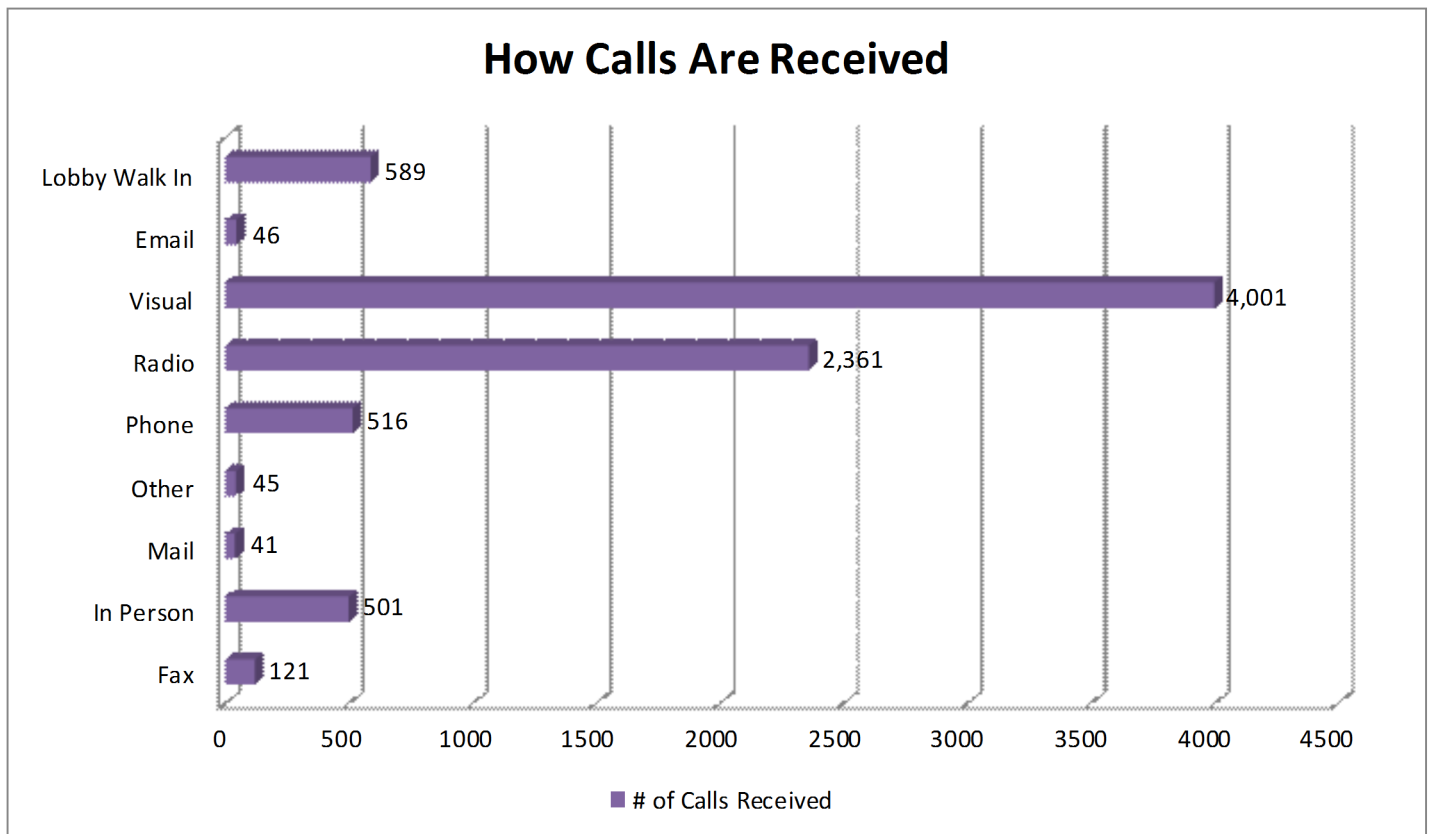
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2015 ACTIVITY REPORT

In 2015, the West Hennepin Public Safety Department handled 8,221 incident complaint reports for Independence and Maple Plain, with 4,866 incidents occurring in Independence and 2,723 occurring in Maple Plain.

Incident complaint reports include:

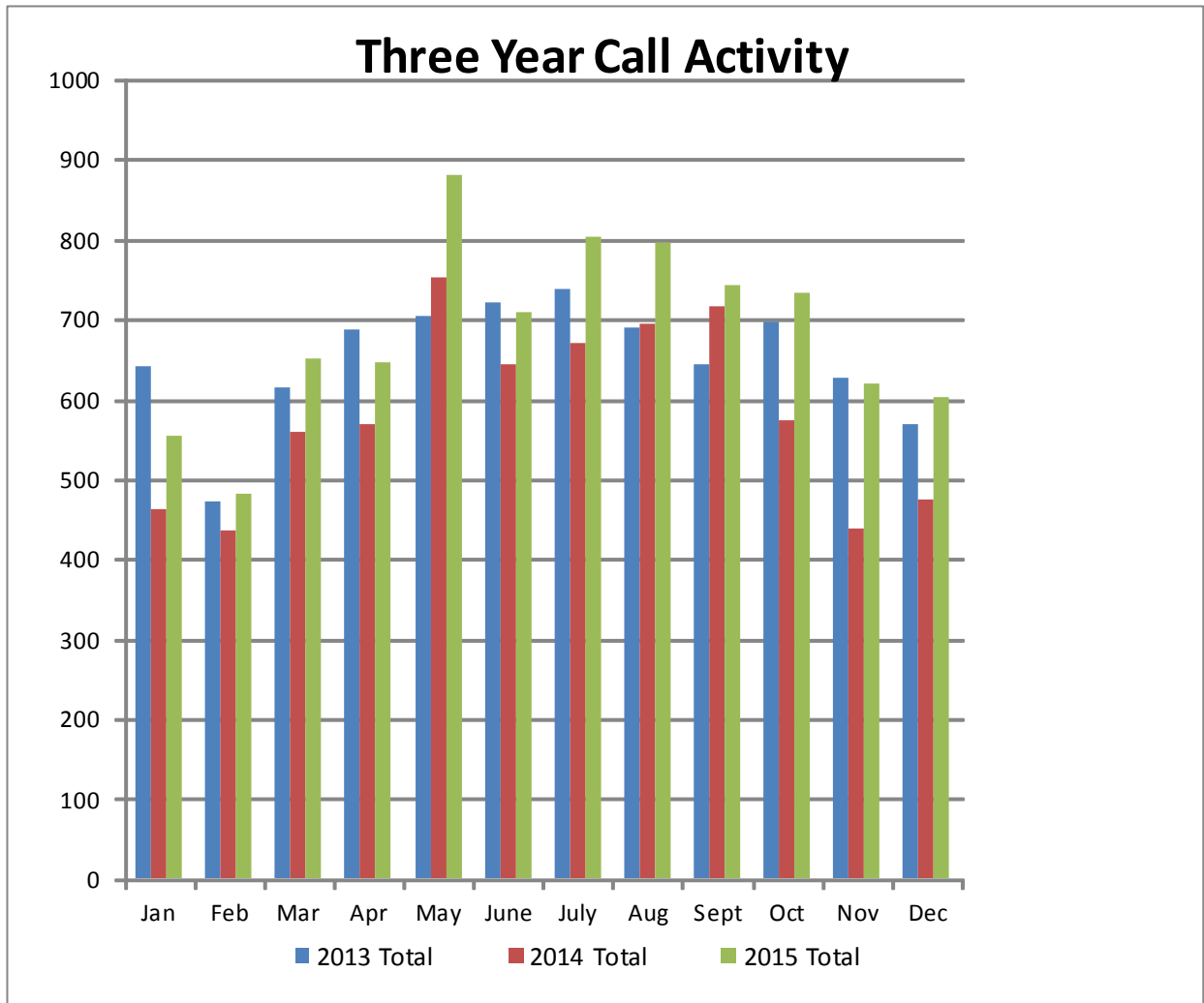
- **3,062 Traffic Stops and Traffic related offenses**
- **198 Criminal Investigations**
- **143 Property Damage Crashes**
- **52 DWI Arrests**
- **17 Personal Injury Crashes**
- **2 Fatality Crashes**





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2013-2015 Call Activity Report



West Hennepin Public Safety Department call activity per month for the past three years, 2013-2015



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ACTIVITY REPORT: Comparing 2014 versus 2015

Offense	2014	2015
City Of Independence		
Criminal	100	124
Traffic	1,870	2,310
Part III	102	129
Part IV	401	402
Part V	1,737	1,901
Total City of Independence	4,210	4,866
City Of Maple Plain		
Criminal	67	74
Traffic	532	752
Part III	79	68
Part IV	239	259
Part V	1,567	1,570
Total City Of Maple Plain	2,484	2,723
Grand Total Both Cities		
	6,694	7,589
TZD	0	247
Other ICRS	292	385
Total ICR Reports	6,986	8,221
How Received		
Fax	145	121
In Person	1,249	501
Mail	48	41
Other	59	45
Phone	511	516
Radio	2,138	2,361
Visual	2,836	4,001
Email	0	46
Lobby Walk In	0	589
Total	6,986	8,221



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**Officer Stephanie Heupel, Retired
Thank you for your dedicated service.
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