

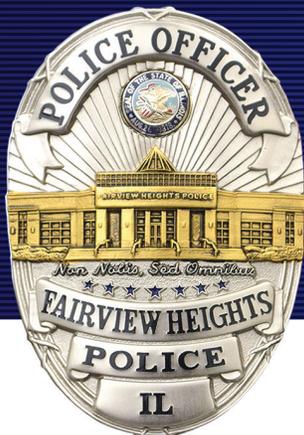
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Annual Report 2015



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Mission

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR CITIZENS AND VISITORS SAFE BY FAIRLY AND VIGOROUSLY ENFORCING LAWS, PREVENTING CRIME, AND KEEPING THE PEACE, WITH SAFETY AND SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS, VISITORS, AND FELLOW EMPLOYEES ALWAYS IN MIND.

Vision

OUR VISION IS A COMMUNITY THAT IS KNOWN AS A SAFE AND VIBRANT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE. PATROL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CORE FUNCTION OF OUR AGENCY. WE WILL CONTINUALLY WORK TO DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE NEED THE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHERS TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS.

Values

VALUES ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS AND HIGHEST PRINCIPLES THAT WE, AS POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, USE TO GUIDE OUR DAILY CONDUCT AND INTERACTION WITH OTHERS. THE CORE VALUES OF THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE:

- THAT HUMAN LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND IS TO BE PROTECTED;
- THAT THE RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN, AS ENUMERATED IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION, ARE TO BE UPHELD AND PROTECTED;
- THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT;
- THAT WE MUST BE HONEST, FAIR, PROFESSIONAL, COURTEOUS, JUST AND RESPECTFUL EVEN WHEN FACED WITH THE OPPOSITE FROM OTHERS.
- THAT OUR ORGANIZATION'S GREATEST ASSETS ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The 2015 Fairview Heights Police Department Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Bev Mattison (1947 – 2016) – an ardent and passionate supporter of FHPD, its men and women, and our mission. She will be greatly missed!



It is my pleasure to present to the Fairview Heights community your police department's 2015 annual report. Our community remains a very safe place to live, work, and visit. And, our goal is to keep it that way in 2016 and the years to come.

We continue to have a very low rate of violent crimes against persons. There was one homicide in 2015, which was a domestic issue between a father and son. There were nine (9) criminal sexual assault cases, ten (10) robberies, and 24 aggravated assault and battery cases.

In the crimes against property category, there were 654 thefts, 52 burglaries, 21 auto thefts, and 2 arsons. It is difficult to judge crime in Fairview Heights by measuring reported thefts. Most thefts involve shoplifting at a store in the City. From time to time, stores adjust their policy on which thefts they report to police.

FHPD is very proud of the partnerships and engagement we are fortunate to enjoy with the community, including our volunteers, our citizen academies, and our youth programs. We also support the YouthIn2Action mentoring group, the Violence Prevention Center, and the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters mentoring group. Please see the pages at the back of this report on all the community oriented policing programs that are a part of FHPD.

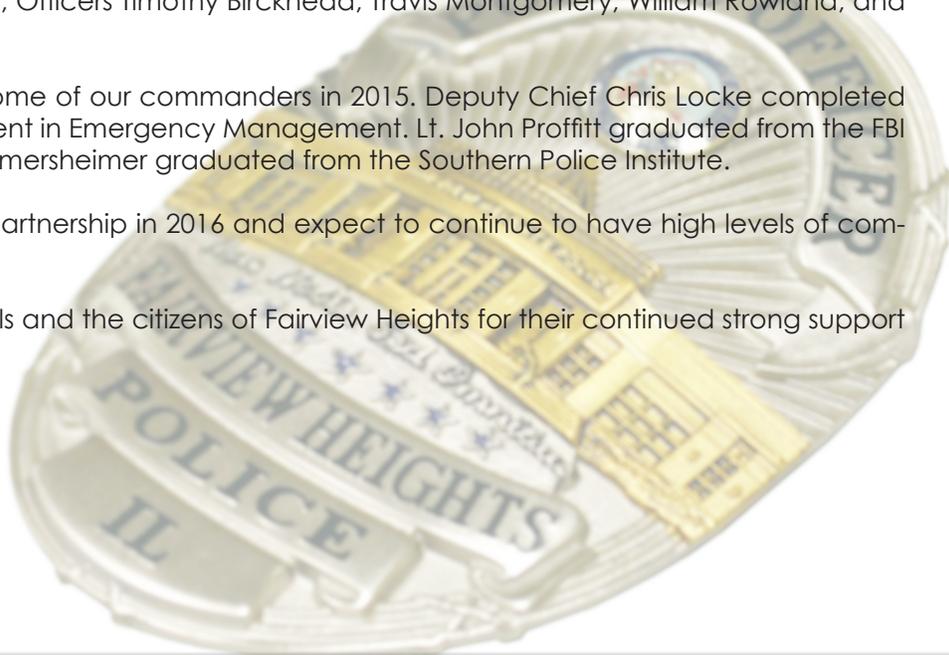
Congratulations to the 2015 Patrolman of the Year, Officer Nicholas Bullard. I also congratulate a number of FHPD employees who reached milestones in 2015: 15 years of service – CSO Tina Bangaru; 10 years of Service – Administrative Assistant Amber Hopkins, Officers Aaron Nyman, Jason Totel, and Ryan Weisenborn; and five (5) years of service – Telecommunicator Ashley Krejci, Officers Timothy Birkhead, Travis Montgomery, William Rowland, and Andrew Ward.

Finally, congratulations are in order for some of our commanders in 2015. Deputy Chief Chris Locke completed his certification in Professional Development in Emergency Management. Lt. John Proffitt graduated from the FBI National Academy, and Sgt. Wade Gummersheimer graduated from the Southern Police Institute.

We look forward to a continued strong partnership in 2016 and expect to continue to have high levels of community involvement.

Finally, we thank all of our elected officials and the citizens of Fairview Heights for their continued strong support of FHPD.

Nicholas J. Gailius, Chief of Police





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PATROL DIVISION

The core mission of the Fairview Heights Police Department is carried out by the Patrol Division officers. Every other division and unit in the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and administrators, are there to support what Patrol does day in and day out.



Our community relies on the patrol division to:

- Respond to emergency calls for help;
- Act as keepers of the peace;
- Investigate and report on crimes and incidents;
- Make arrests as needed;
- Enforce traffic laws and investigate traffic accidents;
- Patrol neighborhoods and businesses to prevent and detect crime.

The Patrol Division is made up of 28 officers, divided into 4 teams. Each team is led by a patrol sergeant. The teams work 12 hour shifts and are assigned to work together on the same shift for a full year. There is no rotation and no switching of shifts, normally.

On the day shifts, the team consists of the sergeant and seven officers. On the night shifts, the teams are a sergeant and five officers.

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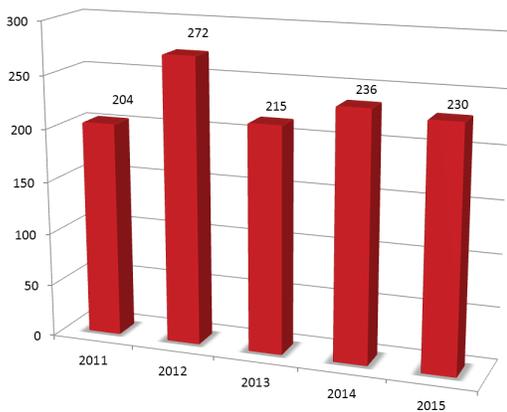
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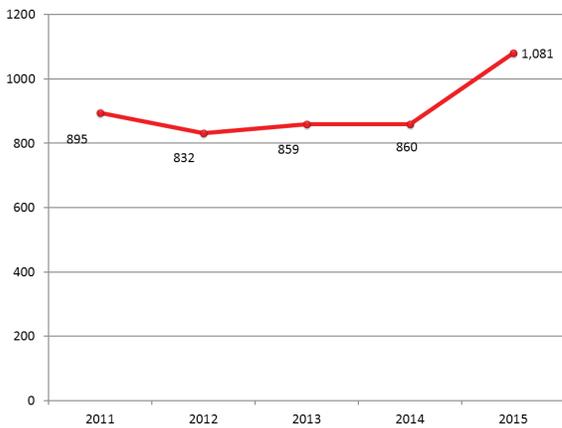
In 2015, the Fairview Heights Police Department conducted 9,397 traffic stops resulting in 7,612 traffic citations and 4,216 warnings.

One of the Fairview Heights Police Department's goals is to promote safer roadways. Below are the top 5 violations that make the roads dangerous for others:

1. Impaired Drivers
2. Excessive Speeders
3. Traffic Control Violators
4. Aggressive Driving
5. Distracted Drivers



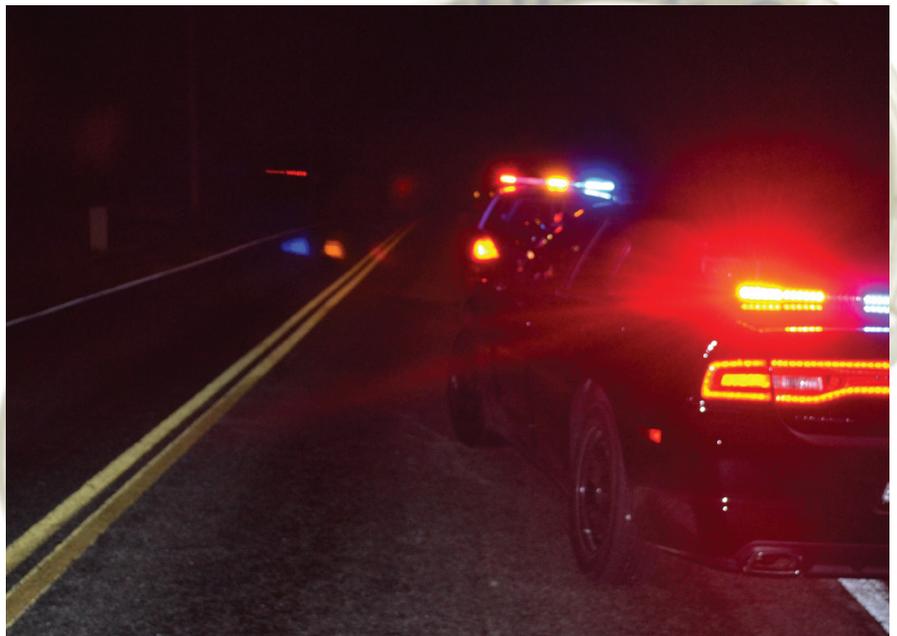
DUI Arrests



All Traffic Accidents



Traffic Stops Conducted





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T.R.A.C.E.R.

T.R.A.C.E.R (Targeting Residential and Area Concerns through Enforcement and Responsiveness) was formed in 2011 as part of the Fairview Heights Police Department's commitment to community oriented policing philosophy. The team was formed not only as an enforcement option but also to serve as our flagship to foster, improve, and promote the police/community partnership in combating crime and quality of life issues within our community.

The team, staffed by two (2) full time FHPD officers, work to combat crime, quality of life issues and traffic related problems within the city. These officers are also deputized in St. Clair County and routinely work in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies in the county and surrounding areas.

The 2015 TRACER team was comprised of Ptl. Tim Birckhead (2013 Patrolman of the Year) and Ptl. Brandon Strickland (2014 Patrolman of the Year). These officers have distinguished themselves amongst their peers for their work ethic and dedication to making the city safer.

A snapshot of some of their activity which occurred during 2015 is outlined below:

- 455 Total Vehicle Stops
- 16 DUI Arrests
- 45 Self-Initiated Felony Arrests
- 29 Arrests of Fugitives Wanted for Felonies
- 34 Self-Initiated Misdemeanor Arrests
- 35 Arrests of Fugitives Wanted for Misdemeanors
- 32 Traffic Arrests

While the arrests are impressive, the manner in which they were obtained reveals the true worth of the TRACER team. These were not random arrests or arrests by "luck". The officers spent a great deal of time identifying issues impacting our community and as their mission details, sought out the problem and addressed it.

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PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

2015 - Patrolman Nicholas Bullard

The FHPD is comprised of some of the best officers in law enforcement. Each year, the Chief has the difficult task of choosing just one to recognize for their hard work and dedication to the department, and for going above and beyond the call of duty. This year, the recipient of the FHPD Patrolman of the Year award goes to Officer Nicholas Bullard.



During the year, Patrolman Bullard was nominated for Patrolman of the Month honors on nine (9) occasions. He received the award every month he was nominated. Officer Bullard led the department in self-initiated felony arrests, misdemeanor arrests, arrests of intoxicated motorists and fugitive arrests. This is truly impressive productivity for any officer, and it reflects the level of dedication and work ethic he displays each day he puts on the uniform. It is also important to note, Officer Bullard utilized no sick leave during the entire year; yet another testament to his dedication. The results Officer Bullard achieved led to him receiving the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement (A.C.E.) award, a very coveted award amongst members of the department.

During the year, Officer Bullard had the following activity:

- 44 Felony Arrests
- 40 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 44 DUI Arrests
- 88 Traffic Related Arrests
- 398 Vehicle Stops

Officer Bullard's level of dedication, work ethic and ability to remove dangerous individuals from our midst has earned him the respect and praise of department members. The department and city wish to congratulate and offer thanks to you, Officer Bullard, for making Fairview Heights a much safer community for all. You are an invaluable asset not only to this department and city but to the law profession. Keep up the excellent work!

Patrolman of the Year Honor Roll

2014	Brandon Strickland	2007	Timothy G. Mueller	2000	Michael J. Hogue	1993	Phillip L. Wisely	1986	Richard A. Parker	1979	Stephen M. Walters
2013	Timothy B. Birkhead	2006	David J. Kitley	1999	C.J. Beyersdorfer III	1992	Michael A. Orighiosso	1985	Phillip L. Wisely	1978	Daniel J. Perry
2012	Nicholas K. Bullard	2005	Wade A. Gummersheimer	1998	Jeffery F. Blair	1991	Jeffery F. Blair	1984	Robert C. Barth	1977	James C. Dauphin
2011	Gregory J. Hosp	2004	Neal R. Rohlfing	1997	Michael J. Hogue	1990	Nicholas J. Gailius	1983	Michael A. Orighiosso	1976	Scott E. Penny
2010	Ryan N. Weisenborn	2003	Neal R. Rohlfing	1996	Michael J. Hogue	1989	Nicholas J. Gailius	1982	Dean H. Belt	1975	Edward M. Pitra
2009	Neal R. Rohlfing	2002	Stacy J. McElroy	1995	Thomas M. Diamond	1988	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1981	Logan T. Harris	1974	Robert L. Lewallen
2008	Joshua R. Hubbard	2001	James B. Arendell	1994	Gregory D. Chance	1987	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1980	Kenneth E. Burge		& Edward M. Pitra



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PATROLMEN OF THE MONTH

The following is a list of officers who received Patrolman of the Month for each month respectively in 2015. These officers put forth extraordinary effort in the deterrence of crime in the city and should be commended for their exceptional service and performance.

January	Nicholas Bullard	July	Nicholas Bullard
February	Nicholas Bullard	August	Nicholas Bullard
March	Zachary Adrian	September	Ryan Teschendorf
April	Nicholas Bullard	October	Nicholas Bullard
May	Nicholas Bullard	November	Nicholas Bullard
June	Timothy Mueller	December	Nicholas Bullard

A.C.E. AWARDS

The Fairview Heights patrol officers are recognized for their self initiated felony criminal arrests through the A.C.E (Aggressive Criminal Enforcement) award program and encourages the patrol officers to look beyond the routine traffic stop or pedestrian check for hidden criminal behavior. An example would be; an officer stops a motorist for speeding. While the officer is speaking to the driver, he notices some peculiarities with the driver's behavior, conditions of the vehicle and perhaps with a passenger's behavior. The officer becomes suspicious that something is "not right" and instead of merely issuing a speeding citation and allowing the driver to leave, he engages the driver and passenger in more conversation or conducts more computer checks. Through further investigation he has reason to request the occupants to exit the vehicle and when they do he observes a loaded handgun on the driver's side floorboard. This would lead to a felony charge for Unlawful Use of a Weapon against the driver.

Officers are awarded one point for each self-initiated felony criminal arrest they make. An officer needs to accrue eight points to qualify for an A.C.E. award. Each summer, officers who qualify for A.C.E. are recognized at the Fire Fighters and Municipal Law Enforcement (F.A.M.L.E.) appreciation picnic where they are presented with a recognition pin to wear on their uniform.

2015 A.C.E. Award Recipients

Nicholas Bullard	Zachary Adrian	Todd Husky	Tim Mueller
Drew Rutter	Jason Totel	Ryan Teschendorf	Trevor Winters

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AWARDS

Lifesaving Award

Awarded to a member of the Department who performs a lifesaving measure in the line of duty, which, through prompt and alert action, results in saving a life.



Awarded to the following:

Ptl. Timothy Birkhead
Ptl. Martin Gordon
Ptl. William Rowland
Ptl. Brandon Strickland

Chief's Commendation

Awarded to members of the Department who have demonstrated exceptional performance, innovative solutions, or unique programs in an effort to advance superior police services and departmental goals.



Awarded to the following:

Civilian Police Aide, Michelle Werner





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SUMMARY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 HANG-UP/STATUS	1,360	LOST DRIVERS LICENSE/REG PLATES	12
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1,081	LOST PROPERTY	24
AMBULANCE CALL	1,299	MENTAL CASE	50
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	280	MISSING PERSONS	28
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	482	MOTORIST ASSIST	371
ATT SUICIDE/SUICIDCAL SUBJECTS	53	NEIGHBORHOOD DISTURBANCE	12
BURNING COMPLAINT	46	PUBLIC COMPLAINT	6
CIVIL MATTER	76	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES/CIRCUMSTANCES	544
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	272	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	185
FALSE ALARM	1,226	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	240
FIRE CALL	514	THREATS/ TELEPHONE THREATS	22
FOUND PROPERTY	113	TRAFFIC CONTROL/ASSIST	64
HARRASSING/ NUISANCE/ OBSCENE CALLS	48	UNWANTED SUBJECT/ CUSTOMER DISPUTE	289
INFORMATION	491	VANDALISM/PROPERTY DAMAGE	78
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	159		

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

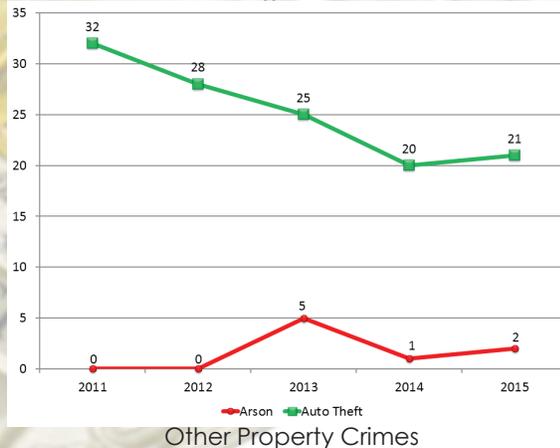
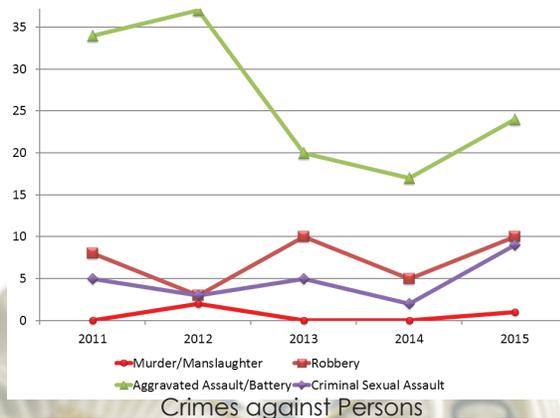
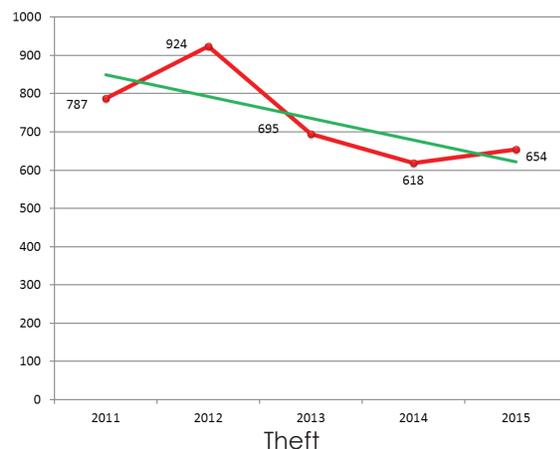
The Criminal Investigations Unit is currently comprised of a unit supervisor (sergeant), four detectives, a juvenile detective, a Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI) undercover narcotics officer, and a federal DEA Drug Task Force Officer. In 2014, funding was allocated to reinstate the School Resource Officer position for District 110 (Grant and Illini). We now have two officers dedicated to our schools, which began at the beginning of the 2015 school year.

The detectives conduct follow up investigations of reported criminal activity and crime reports taken by the patrol division. They follow leads to include interviewing of witnesses, victims, and suspects. Upon completion of their investigation, the case is presented to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for warrant application.

The Juvenile Detective primarily focuses on juvenile crime, complaints, abuse and neglect, and mentoring. This detective is also part of the YouthIn2Action program. The Juvenile Detective is also a member of the St. Clair County Juvenile Justice Committee which sets policies for handling juvenile cases within St. Clair County.

The detectives also work special details and are members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis, the Illinois Attorney General's Child Death Task Force, and the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.

Detectives assigned to the outside drug units conduct investigations within the city and surrounding areas.





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USE OF FORCE

The region and entire country has been impacted in a very negative way by law enforcement use of force issues. The perceptions of improper uses of force do not always coincide with facts, however.

The men and women of the Fairview Heights Police Department are policing in very difficult times. However, we are expected to perform duties in an effective and professional manner. These expectations are certainly required when our officers are confronted by someone who uses force against them and the reaction to the situation.

The FHPD utilizes an internal software program which documents uses of force. The program requires four levels of review and also ensures the men and women of the department are in compliance with the policies and procedures of the department. Uses of force which transcends a pre-designated threshold prompt notification through an early intervention notification system. This does not equate to improper use of force but does provide an additional safeguard.

The men and women of the department are policing in a time in history which has seen a great deal of violence against officers. The program is also an important tool to show, in a factual format, the level of resistance and violence our officers face day in and day out.

During 2015, our officers had twenty-four (24) encounters of resistance to which they had to utilize force to maintain control, protect themselves and/or others and make an arrest utilizing the least amount of force necessary.

Response to Resistance	Number of Reportable Incidents (Total: 24)
Firearms Displayed/NO Discharges	9
Escorts/Restraint Utilizing Hands/Body Weight Only	5
Take Downs to Ground	4
Taser deployed	3
Body Strikes	3

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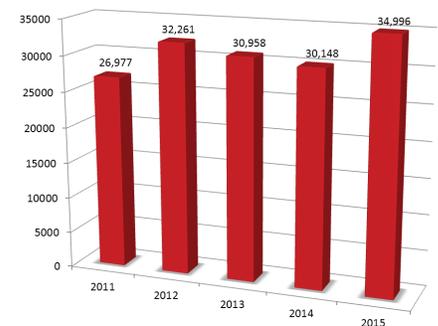
SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

COMMUNICATIONS

The Fairview Heights Police Department Communications Center is comprised of four full-time and four part-time Telecommunicators. This 24-hour operation requires them to answer both non-emergency and emergency calls to include 911 as well as deal with the day-to-day radio traffic. When calls are received, they must evaluate and disseminate them to the proper resource, be it fire, police or EMS. The Telecommunicators not only provide support to the police department, but also dispatch for three fire departments who provide services to our community.



In 2014, the communications center was updated and remodeled. This has resulted in a state of the art communications center to provide the best possible service to our residents and also those who visit our city.



Total Communications Received

RECORDS

The Records Division consists of 1 full-time records clerk and a full time Community Service Officer (CSO) who functions as a records clerk as well as fulfilling other duties. They are assisted by Civilian Police Aides. After a report is initially taken, it is the responsibility of the records unit to process and maintain the reports. The reports are electronically stored in our computer system which allows the clerks to disseminate them to the frequent requests by the general public, the court system, insurance companies and other police agencies.



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CRIME FREE MULT-HOUSING

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMH) is operated through the police department and was created to develop a working partnership between our community, the police department, and the owner/managers of residential rental property. This partnership helps keep our community safe, secure, and as crime-free as possible.

As of December 31, 2015, 823 residential property licenses had been issued. These licenses represent a total of 1,814 individual rental units.

54 residential properties were identified as possible new rentals in 2015. The owners of these properties were sent letters of notification regarding the RR license ordinance and CFMH program.

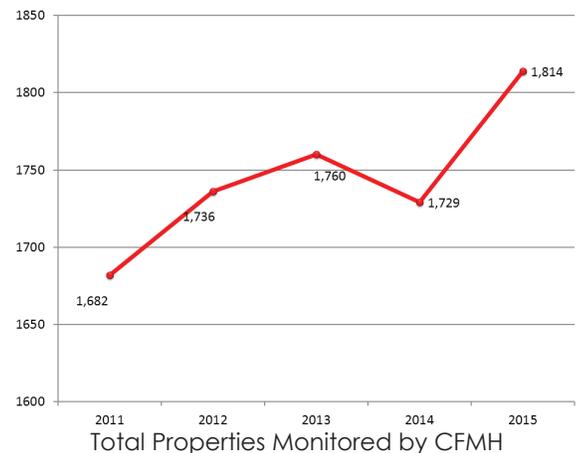
11 city code violations were discovered at rental properties in 2015. The CFMH Coordinator and the Land Use Department have worked cooperatively to notify the owners/managers of rental property violation(s) to bring properties into compliance.

During 2015, 5 property owner/manager training seminars were conducted.

The owners and managers of rental properties continue to be contacted on a daily basis of calls for police service at their property(s). Notifications are made by telephone, in person, and/or by an incident reporting form developed for this purpose. 108 notifications were made in 2015. The CFMH Coordinator also notifies owners/managers of registered sex offenders, parolees, and persons to be released from the Illinois Department of Corrections that may be or will be occupying their property. 5 of these notifications were made in 2015.

In 2015, there were 12 known evictions and 3 known non-renewal of lease due to criminal or nuisance related police calls at rental properties.

As a result of these partnership efforts, there has been a significant decrease, and in most cases, an elimination of crime or nuisance related calls for police service at these rental units.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER AGENCY (E.S.D.A)

The Fairview Heights Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (FH - E.S.D.A.) was established in 1988. The city department is unique due to being recognized as an accredited emergency management agency through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (I.E.M.A.). Few municipalities in the state have attained the accreditation. Most E.S.D.A. or emergency management agencies are at the county level of government.

Accreditation allows the city to request resources and assistance directly from the State of Illinois should a disaster strike the city. The agency is responsible for coordinating responses to incidents. The coordination may be between various city departments; or the city and state and/or federal agencies.

The department prepares for, responds to, mitigates and aids in the recovery efforts regarding all natural and manmade emergencies and disasters. Much of the focus of the department revolves around preparedness.

State of the art outdoor warning sirens were purchased and installed which greatly improved the coverage area for the devices and also replaced an outdated and increasingly costly old inventory of sirens.

The city improved the coverage of CodeRed, our community notification system, by entering into an agreement with its parent company for unlimited use which allows the city to have much greater ability to send more detailed messages/broadcasts to our residents. This service is available to all city residents at no charge. The service is utilized to warn residents of severe weather, ongoing criminal activity which may pose a threat, road closures and a myriad of other topics. Residents can sign up for the service by visiting the FHPD or city of Fairview Heights web site. If interested please visit <http://www.cofh.org/> then go to E.S.D.A. and CodeRed or the Police Department site at <http://codered.fhpd.org>.

The department is very involved in exercises which simulate real world events and assisting agencies with Emergency Operations Plans. Members have participated in various exercises and are in the planning stages of future exercises. These exercises strengthen the response capabilities of first responders and in-turn ensure a safer community for all.

Capt. Chris Locke currently fulfills the role of E.S.D.A. Coordinator and Lt. C.J. Beyersdorfer as the Assistant Coordinator. They can be reached at 489-2154 or 489-2155.





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RETIREES



Canine Demi
Served our city for 7.5 years.
She is now happily retired and
living with her handler, Officer
Jeff Blair

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

Fairview Heights Police have a number of activities and initiatives that go beyond the provision of basic police patrol and investigations. These programs enhance the delivery of services by providing greater interaction with various segments of the community and by participating in regional law enforcement efforts that have a manpower multiplier effect for our department. The following is an inventory of those programs:

Police Youth Academy – The Police Youth Academy is an innovative program that was first introduced in Fairview Heights in 1974. It has run every year since. The program is a 2 week day program held during the summer for children 12 to 15 years old. It exposes youth to facets of law enforcement, team building, leadership, and community service.

Senior Citizens' Academy – The Senior Citizens' Academy celebrated its 20th year in 2012. This program meets one afternoon a week over six weeks to provide seniors with crime and safety information pertinent to their needs and interests. This is a very popular program, with many seniors coming many years consecutively.

Citizens' Police Academy – The first FH Citizens' Police Academy was held in 2012. The citizens met one night per week for 10 weeks to learn more about policing in Fairview Heights. Activities include crime scene processing, police and county jail tours, drug enforcement, canine demonstrations, and shooting at the Police range.

Safety Town – The Police Department, in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Department, started Safety Town in 2008. This program is presented during the summer each year. Children aged 5 to 7 years old are given lessons in stranger, traffic, fire, pedestrian, and bicycle safety in a small “town” built for the children by Parks staff.

Citizen Ride-Along Program – FHPD offers any interested citizen the opportunity to ride along and interact with FH police officers on duty. This unique opportunity allows citizens to get an “up close” look at what policing is really like.

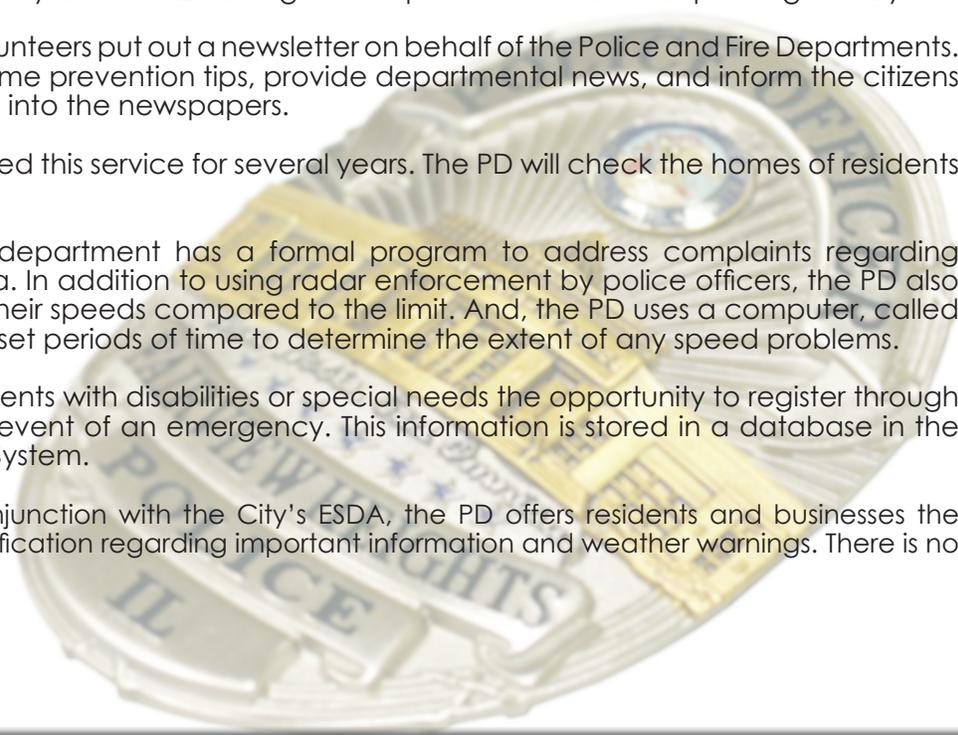
CUFF Newsletter – Twice each year, two volunteers put out a newsletter on behalf of the Police and Fire Departments. This medium allows us to communicate crime prevention tips, provide departmental news, and inform the citizens of minor happenings that may not make it into the newspapers.

Vacation House Checks – The PD has offered this service for several years. The PD will check the homes of residents while they are out of town on vacation.

Speed Monitoring & Enforcement – The department has a formal program to address complaints regarding speeding, especially in the residential area. In addition to using radar enforcement by police officers, the PD also uses a speed trailer to inform motorists of their speeds compared to the limit. And, the PD uses a computer, called Stealth Stat, which records speed data of set periods of time to determine the extent of any speed problems.

Premise Alert Program – The PD offers residents with disabilities or special needs the opportunity to register through the PD to provide vital information in the event of an emergency. This information is stored in a database in the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch System.

Code Red Community Notification – In conjunction with the City's ESDA, the PD offers residents and businesses the opportunity to sign up to receive phone notification regarding important information and weather warnings. There is no charge to the residents for this service.





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DARE/ SRO Program – The PD provides DARE training to 5th graders at the public and parochial schools in the community. This program has been in effect for over 25 years. The PD also has an officer assigned as a School Resource Officer to the Pontiac – William Holliday School District. The cost for that police officer is shared between the PD and the District.

Crime-Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Program – Fairview Heights was one of the first cities in the Metro-east to have a CFMH program. This program provides training to landlords and rental property managers in preventing crime on their premises. In addition to training, a CFMH Coordinator is assigned to work closely with the landlords, keeping them informed of problems on their properties and working with the landlords to abate the problems.

Canine Unit – The FHPD has two canine teams. These canines are trained for police service, including suspect or article tracking and narcotics detection.

Greater St. Louis Area Major Case Squad (MCS) – Several investigators with FHPD are also members of MCS. MCS is called on unsolved homicides occurring in the area. The MCS concept allows a small department to have over a dozen investigators on a homicide case almost immediately after a homicide is discovered. The solve rate of the MCS is extremely high – well above the national average for clearance of homicides.

Child Death and Serious Injury Investigation Task Force (CDITF) – The CDITF was founded in Southern Illinois through the Illinois Attorney General's office. The concept is similar to that of the MCS, except it specifically deals with children deaths and serious injuries. This task force is the first of its kind in the State and is planned as a model for future expansion. We have several investigators for this Task Force.

DEA Task Force – One FH Police officer is assigned to the Fairview Heights office of the DEA Task Force. This Task Force targets high level drug trafficking organizations that operate in the Metro-east.

Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI) – One FH Police officer is assigned to MEGSI as an undercover narcotics officer. MEGSI focuses on the street level and mid-level drug dealers in the Metro-east.

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm Systems (ILEAS) – ILEAS is the mutual aid mechanism in place for Illinois law enforcement agencies to assist each other during emergencies. In addition to this basic level of mutual aid, FH officers serve on the regional Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) – Special Response Team (SRT). The WMD-SRT also serves as a regional SWAT team, as most communities in this area do not have the resources to support their own teams.

ILEAS Mobile Field Force (MFF). The MFF is designed to deal with civil unrest and to protect the Strategic National Stockpile of drugs and medicines in times of an emergency. MFF members have also been used for large scale event in Illinois and out of state, including the Chicago NATO and G8 Summits, the Republican National Convention in Minnesota, the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh, and the response to Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey.

Honor Guard – FHPD has several members who serve as an honor guard. These officers, who all volunteer their time for the Honor Guard, are used in official ceremonies inside and outside the community and to represent the PD in special events, including funerals.

FHPD Volunteer Program – The program started in August of this year with a solid group of 16 volunteers. Already, the volunteers have worked over 306 hours, assisting with various activities and programs within the police department!

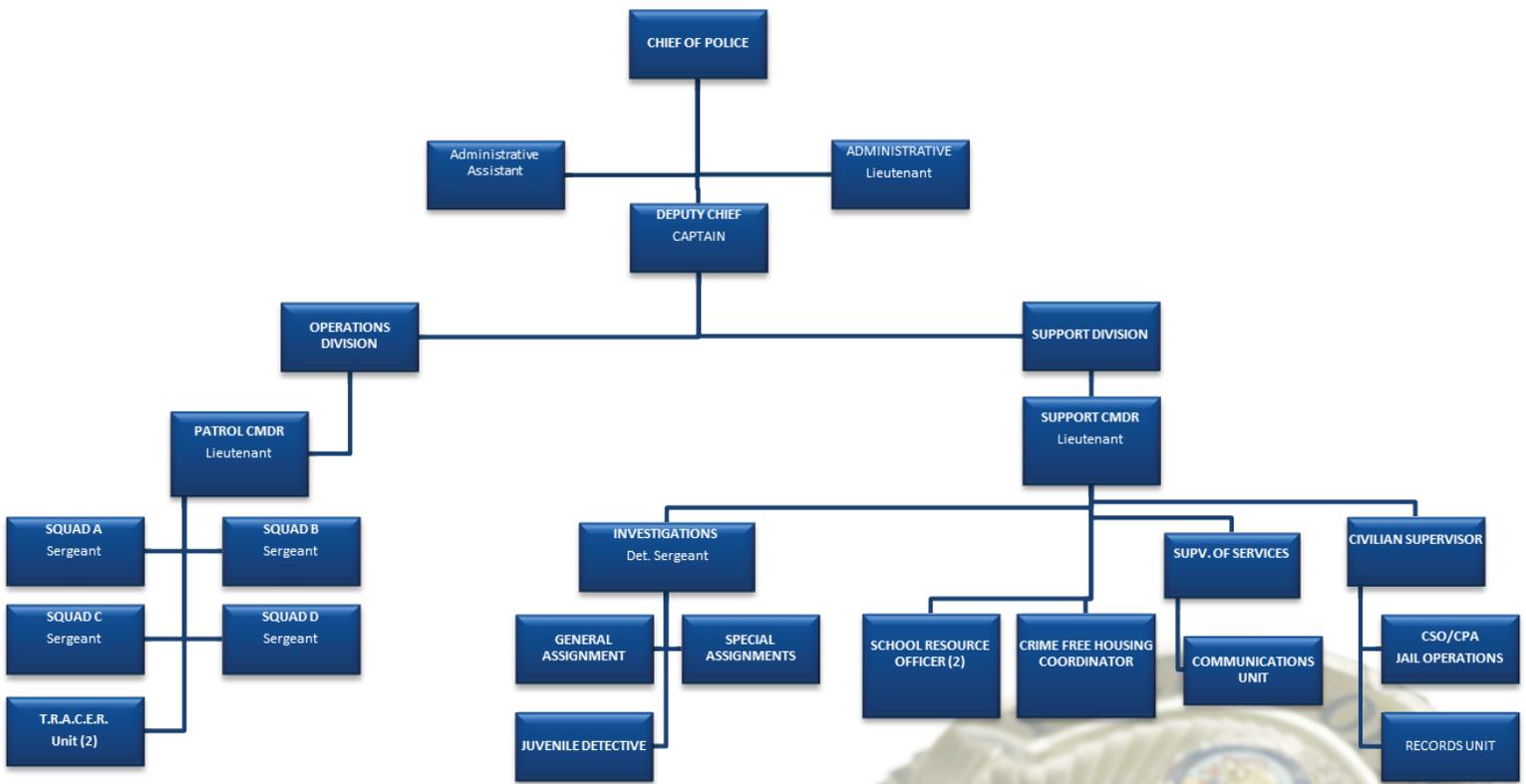
R.A.D. Training – Short for Rape Aggression Defense System, this class is offered free to women over the ages of 14. The training focuses on education and awareness and empowers women to say NO, defend themselves, and prepare for "real world" encounters.

YouthIn2Action – This organization was formed by men and women in the community to mentor youth, especially young men in their formative years. This group provides youth with positive role models and offers guidance in all areas of life.

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