

Willowbrook Police Department



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LETTER TO THE VILLAGE MAYOR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS

On behalf of the Men and Women of the Willowbrook Police Department I am privileged to present the 2014 Annual Report. This report details some of the department's accomplishments and illustrates the continuing connections we build with our community and businesses. The report will provide a quantitative snapshot of the services and achievements during 2014.

I would like to acknowledge all the officers and staff with my sincerest appreciation for providing outstanding service and attention to our residents and those requiring police assistance. The teamwork and compassion exhibited were recognized through citizen letters, phone calls and public acknowledgements. I regularly received comments throughout the year from our businesses and during village events praising our officers on their kindness and personal attention.

The Willowbrook Police Department is a nationally recognized accredited law enforcement agency. The police department received its 7th National Re-Accreditation Certification in November in Albuquerque, New Mexico by C.A.L.E.A. (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agency). The department received a Gold Standard Advanced Re-Accreditation.

The successes and accomplishments that are made by our officers and staff would not be possible without the continued support and direction by Mayor Frank Trilla, Village Administrator Tim Halik and our Board of Trustees. They truly have been the foundation that allows us to build such a strong and safe community.

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MISSION & VALUES

We Value Our Community

We will work in partnership with our community to ensure that the Village of Willowbrook continues to be a safe and pleasant place to live and work.

We Value Service to Our Citizens

We will serve to reassure our citizens of their personal safety and the safety of their property, to provide an exceptional level of assistance, and to otherwise positively enhance the overall quality-of-life within the Village.

We will work to resolve the concerns of our citizens the first time, every time.

We Value Our Commitment to Improvement

We will continually review our work product to ensure that our level of service is of unmatched quality and constantly seek new and innovative methods of improvement.

We Value Our Employees

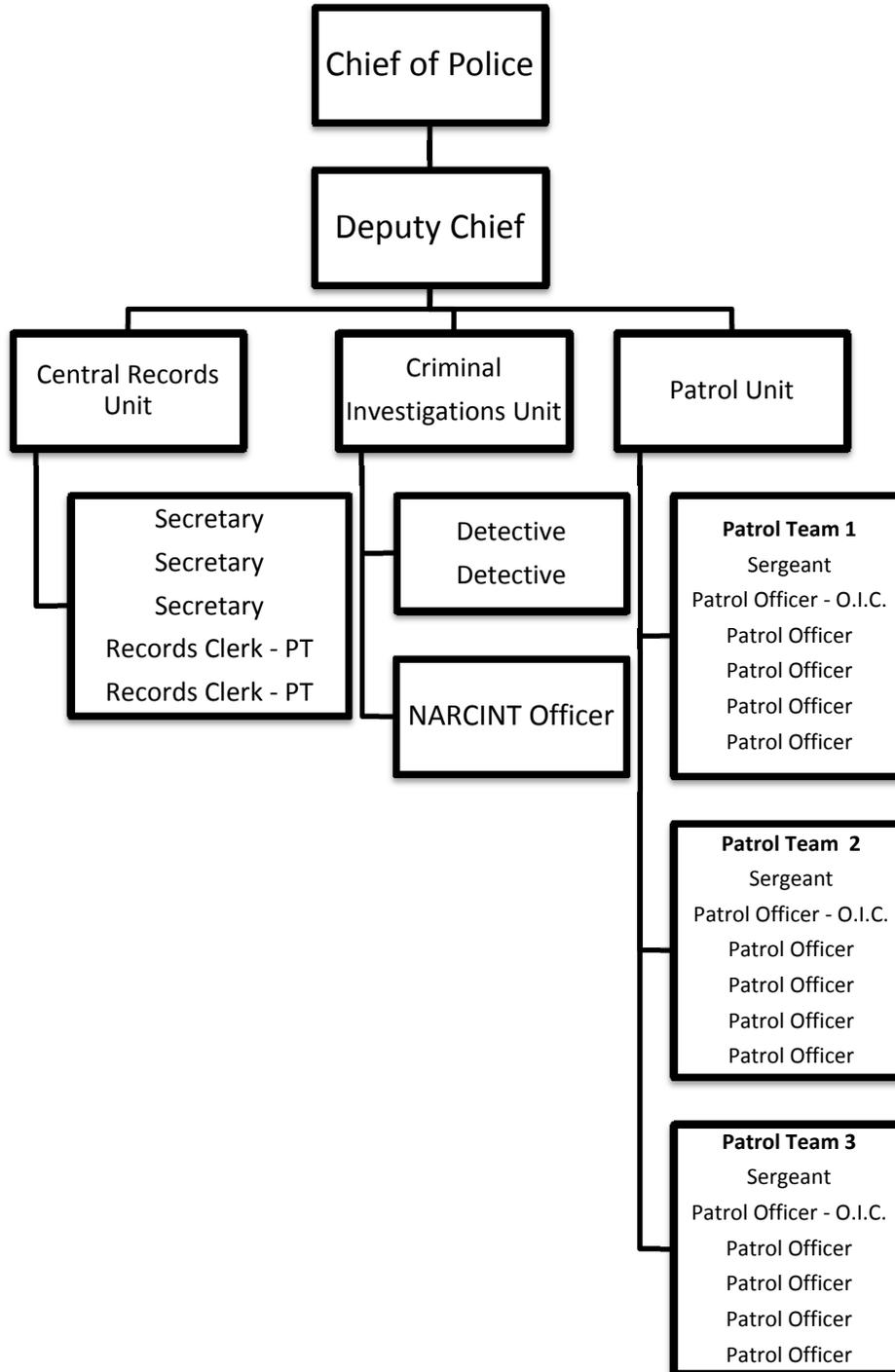
We will, in order to engage in the process of continual and innovative improvement, strive to maximize the professional skills and potential of each employee through the development and retention of our members and by affording education, training, and unique, advanced career opportunities.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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WELCOMING NEW OFFICERS TO THE WILLOWBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Christine Danan was hired July 1st, 2014

Officer James Martino was hired September 24th, 2014

Officer Eric Babczak was hired September 24th, 2014

Officer Dylan Trainor successfully completed his 18 month probationary period in October and has been assigned to the afternoon shift.

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YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT

25 – 29 Years	Officer Andrew Pelliccioni	1985
	Officer Mark Long	1985
	Sergeant Arthur Svehla	1986
	Support Services Deborah Hahn	1986
	Chief Mark Shelton	1987
	Officer David Gaddis	1987
	Officer Theodore Kolodziej	1988
20 - 24 Years	Deputy Chief Mark Altobella	1990
	Officer Scott Eisenbeis	1990
	Officer John Skiba	1991
	Officer John Handzik	1993
	Officer Daniel Polfliet	1994
15 - 19 Years	Detective Timothy Kobler	1995
	Officer Robert Schaller	1995
	Sergeant Christopher Drake	1997
10 - 14 Years	Officer Darren Biggs	2001
	Officer Jose Chavez-Jimenez	2001
	Sergeant Michelle Strugala	2001
5 - 9 Years	Support Services Laurie Schmitz	2006
	Detective Lauren Kaspar	2007
	Support Services Lori Rinella	2008
	Officer Nicholas Volek	2008
1 - 4 Years	Support Services Bernadette Goers	2012
	Officer Dylan Trainor	2013
	Officer Jose Lopez	2013
Less Than 1-Year	Officer Christine Danan	2014
	Officer James Martino	2014
	Officer Eric Babczak	2014

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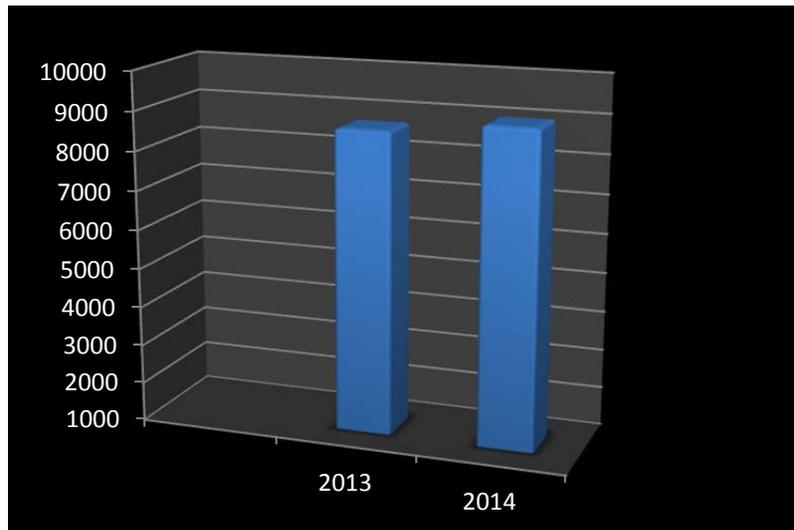
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TOTAL DISPATCH NUMBERS GENERATED BY SOUTHWEST CENTRAL DISPATCH

2013 = 8713

2014 = 9015



The total dispatch numbers do not reflect the total number of officer involvement activities.

Officers are able to make status changes utilizing their in-car computer. By using the in-car computers officers keep the radio traffic to a minimum and change their daily status activities without having dispatch numbers created which allow dispatchers to stay vigilant with other radio traffic. The officers' police vehicle is their office while on patrol.



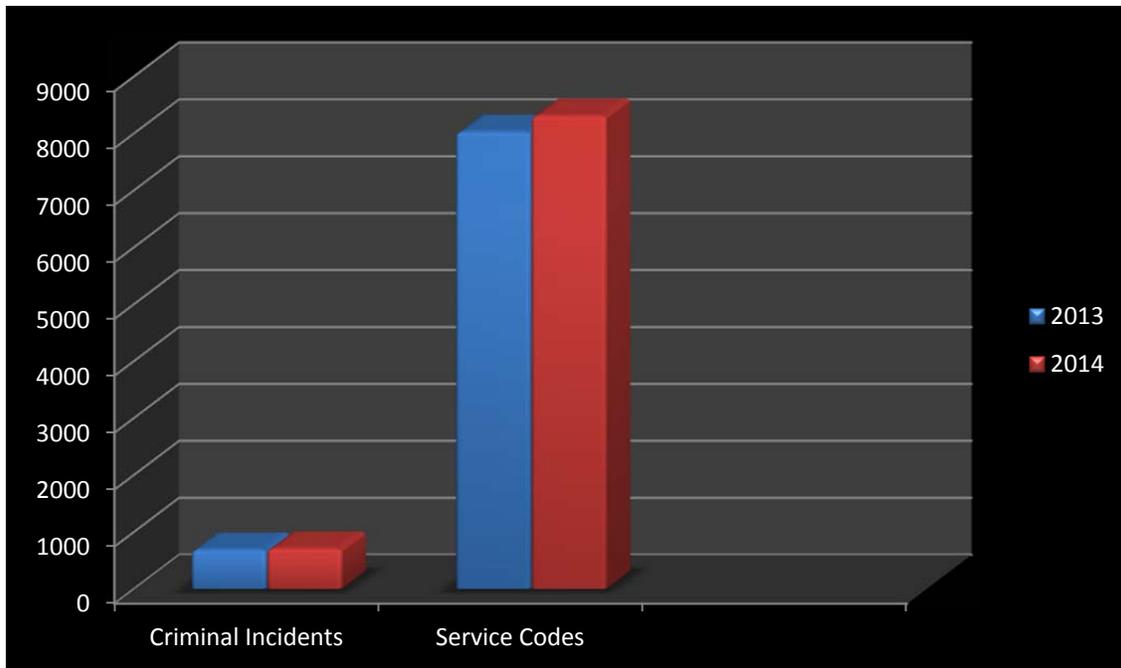
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INCIDENT CODE SUMMARY

Year:	2013	2014
Criminal Incidents:	687	705
Service Codes:	8,026	8,310
Total Incidents:	8,713	9,015



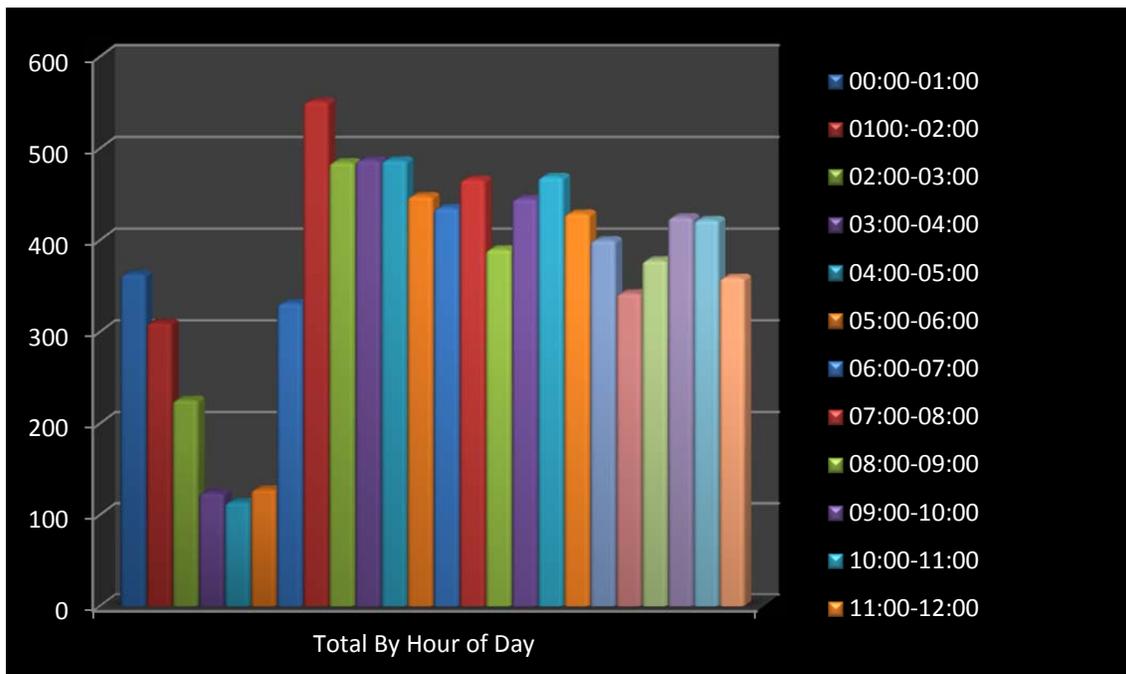
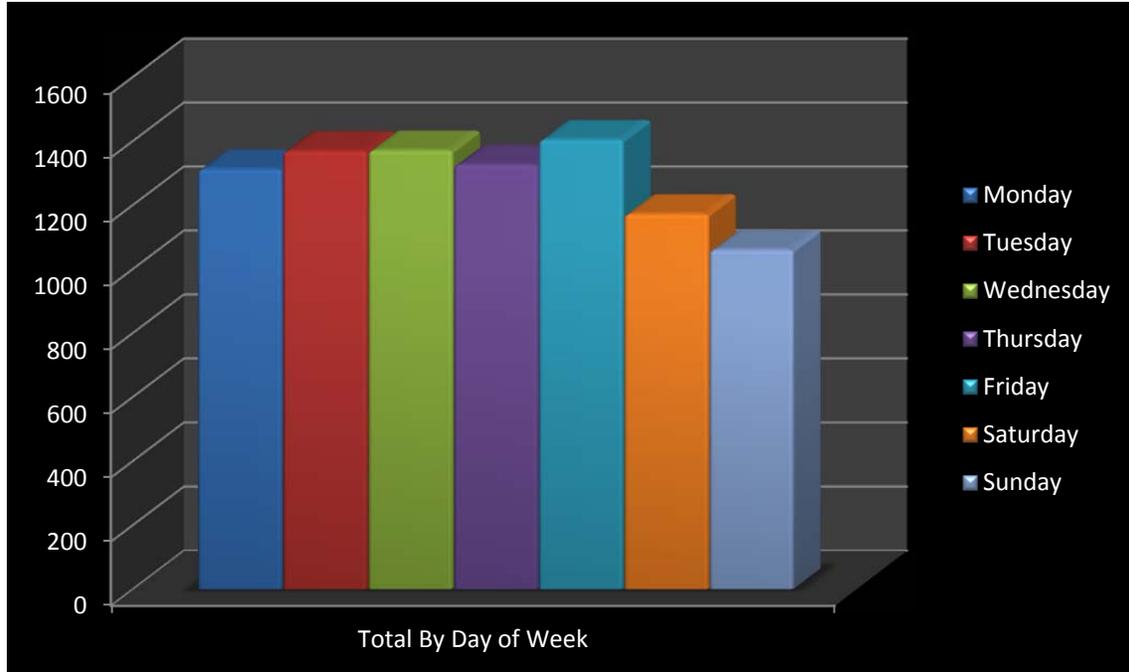
Daily, police officers patrol throughout the community keeping a vigilant watch and are attentive to the individual business areas. Each officer remains aggressively proactive for any suspicious activity, while still developing positive relationships with our residents.

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SERVICE DISTRIBUTION



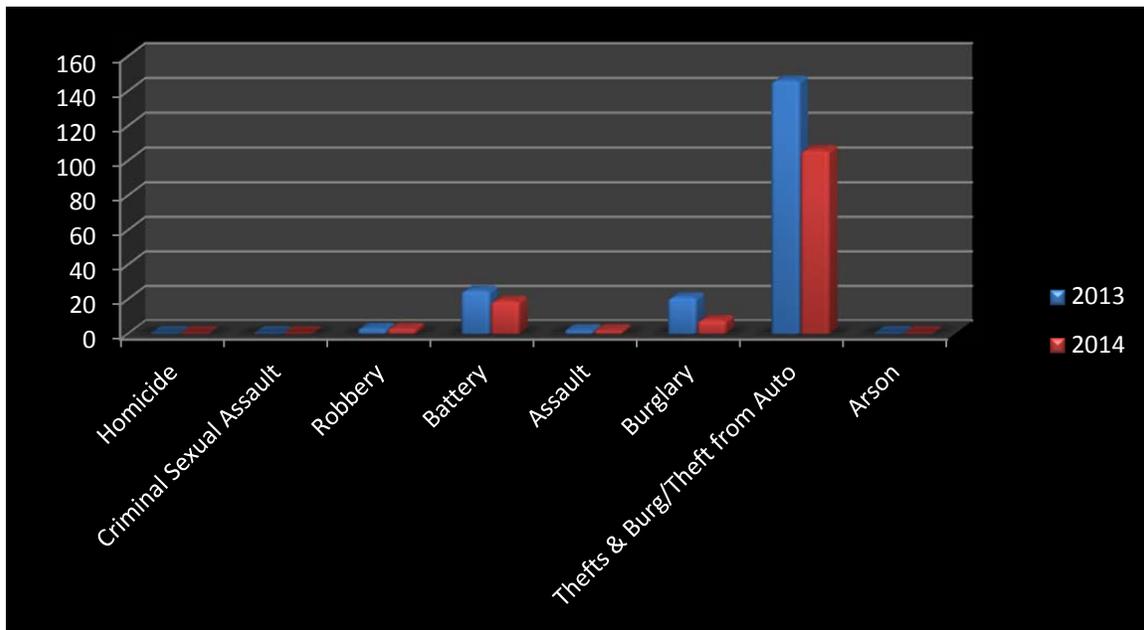
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INDEX CRIME COMPARISON

Year:	2013	2014
Homicide	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0
Robbery	3	3
Battery	25	19
Assault	2	2
Burglary	21	8
Thefts & Burg/Theft from Auto	146	106
Arson	0	0
Total	197	138



Detectives were assigned 142 total cases for further follow-up investigations.



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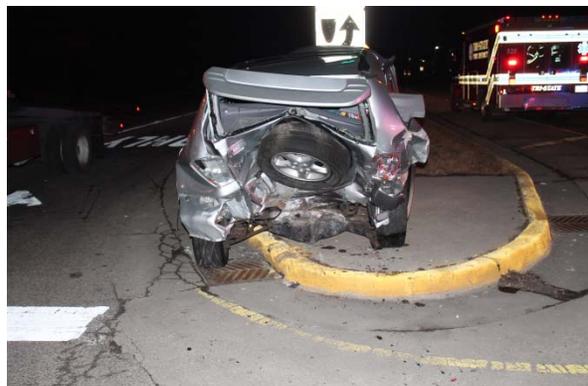
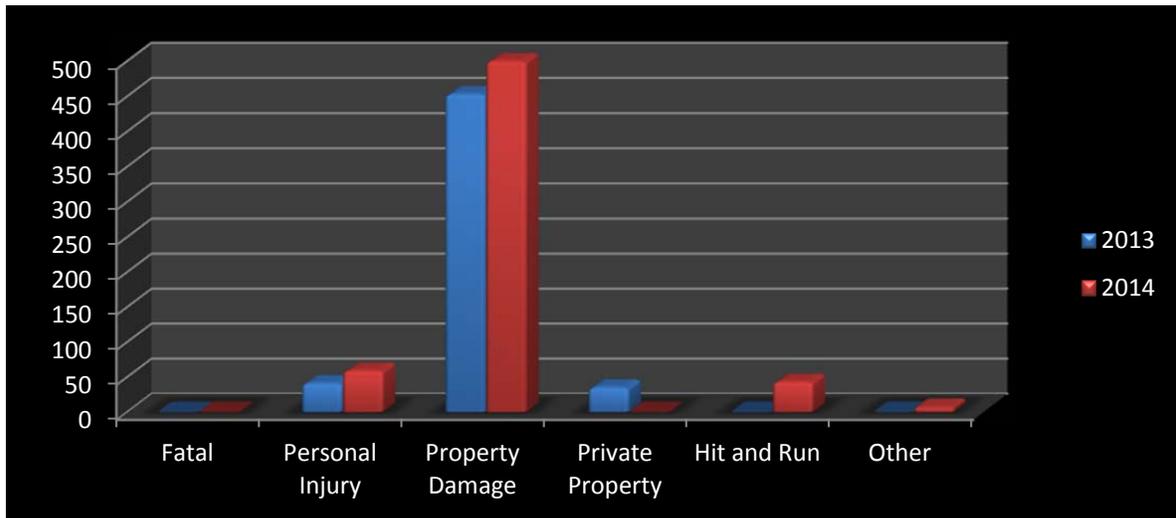


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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

YEAR	2013
Fatal	0
Personal Injury	41
Property Damage	453
Private Property	35
Total	529

YEAR:	2014
Fatal	0
Personal Injury	59
Property Damage	546
Hit and Run	43
Other	7
Total	655



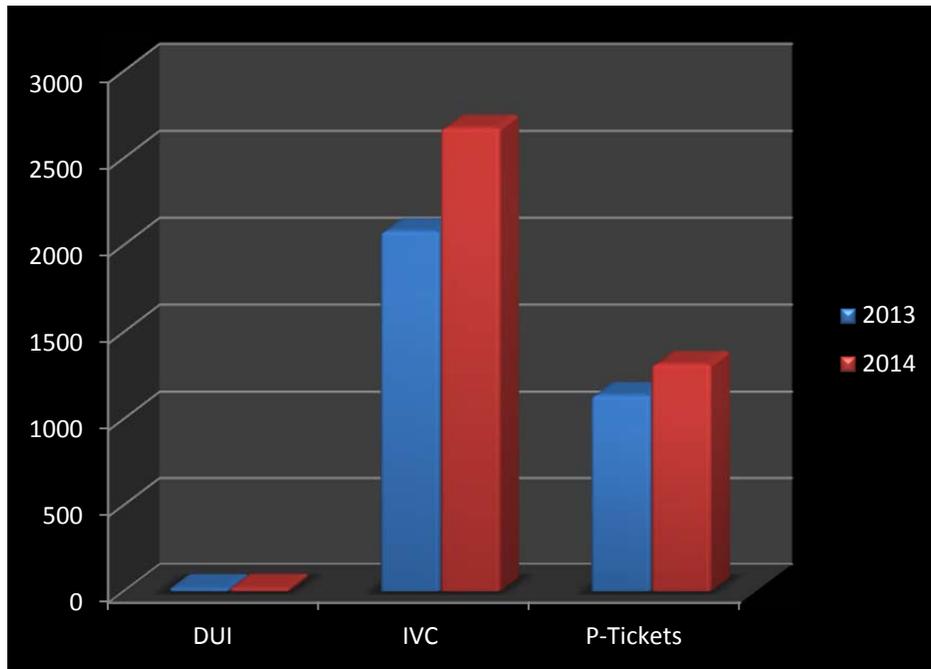
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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

YEAR:	2013	2014
DUI Arrest	18	20
IVC Traffic Citations	2079	2674
Compliance/Parking/Ordinance Tickets	1136	1315



Officers who are trained to review red light camera violations logged 130 hours in 2014.

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NARCAN TRAINING

This year the Willowbrook Police Department along with other DuPage County Police Agencies trained and equipped each officer with Narcan (NALOXONE). This drug reverses the effects of a potential fatal heroin overdose. By equipping each officer with Narcan, lives will be saved. In fact, in October 2014, Officer Biggs administered Narcan to a heroin overdose victim which reversed the heroin affects and saved the individual's life. This life was one of over (30) lives in DuPage County which have been saved since the Narcan program was initiated. The Willowbrook Police Department was recognized with an accommodation by the DuPage Narcan Program Director. On October 1st, 2014, Officer Darren Biggs received a life-saving award by the police department for administering the Narcan antidote to an individual who was experiencing a heroin overdose. His actions saved the person's life.



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TRAINING

Ongoing and continued specialized training are a priority with the police department. Officers received over (400) hours of in-house service training which included Law Review, Range Training, Less Than Lethal Training, Hazardous Materials, Bloodborne Pathogens Training and other various applicable specialties.

Individual officers also received over 146 hours of training through NEMRT (Northeast Multi-Regional Training) our Statewide mobile training unit for which we are members. Some of the specialized training attended by officers included Field Training Officer, Officer in Charge, Investigations, Evidence Training, Use of Force and numerous other law enforcement related fields. The new recruit officers received over (400) hours each in training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy.



EQUIPMENT

Two new marked, black and white, SUV squads were purchased and are fully equipped for patrol purposes. The fleet is gradually changing over to all SUV's. The department also purchased upgraded Tasers going from the X26 Model to the X26P Model. The X26P is a less lethal option for the officers to deploy. New training was required and was completed by all officers.



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TASK FORCE INITIATIVE

In August the police department became a member of NARCINT (Narcotics and Currency Interdiction). This task force is under the direction of the Illinois State Police. A Willowbrook officer was assigned to this task force. Enforcement of illegal activity involving narcotics, dangerous drugs and money laundering is the primary focus. By joining with other respective authorities this joint exercise provides a most effective protection for public safety.

CANINE

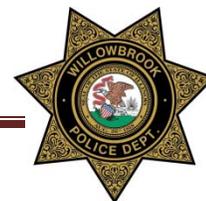
Officer Gaddis continued with his K-9 partner Icha and conducted over (229) hours of training. He was an active participant in (83) K-9 calls. Involvement included (11) positive indications for narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Also, K-9 Icha tracked (7) offenders for various criminal acts who were taken into custody. On (5) separate tracks, K-9 Icha forced the offenders from their location and they were later located. K-9 Icha assisted NARCINT (8) times. K-9 Icha was involved with (16) drug searches and (4) offender tracks in Willowbrook and assisted surrounding towns with (17) drug searches and (13) offender tracks. K-9 Icha conducted (37) premise checks in Willowbrook upon officer request or self-initiated.

K-9 Icha continued to be a great asset to the department and assisting other surrounding departments. Icha's presence adds another dimension to all incidents she is involved with and acts as partner to all officers she interacts and works with.

K-9 Icha assisted local schools with locker searches and participated in several public demonstrations including Touch a Truck, Hinsdale Police Department's Open House, Tri-State Fire Department's Open House and Pleasantview Fire Department's Open House.



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INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION

As an accredited law enforcement agency, the Willowbrook Police Department annually releases the department's Internal Affairs Investigations summary for the prior year. During 2014 there were no officer complaints.

2013 Allegations	Sustained	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Exonerated	Suspended	Total
Conduct Unbecoming	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rudeness	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unintentional Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0

2014 Allegations	Sustained	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Exonerated	Suspended	Total
Conduct Unbecoming	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rudeness	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unintentional Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sustained The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation made in the complaint.

Unsubstantiated The investigation was unable to discover sufficient evidence or clearly prove the allegation made in the complaint.

Unfounded The investigation found that the allegation did not occur or failed to involve department personnel.

Exonerated The allegation did occur, but the acts were justified, lawful and proper.

Suspended The investigation failed to reveal, after all known leads have been exhausted, the identity of or the involvement of a department member, in any part of the allegation; but there still remains a possibility that with new evidence, the allegation can be substantiated.

Policy Failure The investigation revealed the acts did occur; however the employee was acting in accordance with established department policy.

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POLICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our involvement in numerous activities with our residents was a great success. We participated, once again, with Special Olympics “Cop On Top” Dunkin Donuts fundraiser in May. Chief Shelton heckled and made much fun of Dunkin Donuts patrons, while standing on the rooftop of the Dunkin Donuts building, urging them to donate to such a great cause. Some patrons threw tasty treats to him and the event was able to raise over \$700.00.

Officers assisted with numerous station tours involving schools, Boy Scouts and Girl Scout Troops. The kids interacted with the officers, had the thrill of activating the lights and sirens on the parked squad car and left with a goodie bag.

K-9 Icha and officers assisted with the Park District’s annual “Touch A Truck” event which was held in the old Dominicks parking lot. The event was attended by hundreds of individuals who stopped by to see all the various professional vehicles.

Office staff personnel assisted with the Tri-State Fire Department and the Hinsdale Police and Fire Department Open House events. Support Service Secretaries Lori Rinella, Laurie Schmitz and Debbie Hahn are fantastic representatives for the department each year at these events.



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SENIOR WILLOWBROOK ADULTS CONNECTED

Once again, the annual Willowbrook Police senior citizen bingo event was a great success. Over (150) seniors attended. All enjoyed many spirited bingo events, crime prevention information on current scams and fraudulent activities that criminals seem to target seniors on. Everyone leaves with a prize, thanks to our many donations and police sponsored items. Each year the number of attendees seems to grow. The information exchanged and the police relationships with our seniors is invaluable. The Chief of Police has more fun than anyone!

