

*Hinckley Police Department
2015 Annual Report*



*Chief Tim Kalavsky
March 21, 2016*

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Foreword from the Chief

To the Township Trustees, Citizens, Businesses and Guests of Hinckley Township:

On behalf of the men and women of the Hinckley Police Department, I present our annual report for the calendar year of 2015. This report provides a general overview of the many aspects of department operations, and covers not only crime, traffic, and other related statistics, but gives the reader a general understanding of the diverse community services provided by our department.

Along with maintaining the safety of our citizens and members of our business community, we strive to provide them with outstanding customer service. We endeavor to maintain a close connection with the community through the endorsement of the community-policing philosophy and integration of initiatives such as Neighborhood Watch groups.

As vigilant public servants, members of the Hinckley Police Department remain committed to the highest standards of public safety and service to the Township. The culture of the police department remains a friendly and approachable organization with a reputation of going above and beyond what is expected, whether it involves providing service or protection to the community or mutual aid to surrounding jurisdictions. All members are trained and mentored into this culture, which strives to remain an interconnected part of the community. All members are expected to carry on this proud tradition of excellence.

Each component of the department is described in more detail throughout the following pages; who we are, how we function, our various responsibilities and what we have accomplished reflect the pride in what we do. Rest assured that we will continue to work hard to provide outstanding customer service and quality of life for all who live, work, or visit our community.

Special Thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Lisa Chmielewski, for the time and effort spent putting this annual report together.

Tim Kalavsky
Chief of Police

Mission and Vision

Your Police Department, in the interest of providing a safe environment for all and to enhance the quality of life in this community, pledges to serve and protect the life and property of the people of Hinckley Township. Our goal is to prevent crime, to preserve the public peace, and uphold those guarantees set down in the Constitution of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Ohio and local resolutions of Hinckley Township.

This mission grows from our vision of the relationship between the People of Hinckley Township and the Hinckley Township Police.

Your Police Department strives to remain a vital and responsive member of the community. The Hinckley Township Police have a commitment to training and professionalism and receive their direction and authority from the public trust. This continuing partnership will allow us to change, grow and develop together. With compassion, respect and understanding of your needs, we will be guided by justice, both now and tomorrow.

Department Personnel

Chief of Police

503 Tim Kalavsky Appointed: April 15, 2009

Administrative Assistant

545 Lisa R. Chmielewski Appointed: April 16, 2010

Investigations Division

509 Detective Joseph L. Szabo Appointed: June 16, 2014

Uniform Patrol Division

Full Time

506 Sergeant John F. Huff Appointed: February 25, 1993
507 Sergeant Daniel Huff Appointed: March 25, 1991
508 Sergeant Bruce E. Linville Jr. Appointed: February 20, 1996
509 Detective Joseph L. Szabo Appointed: June 16, 2014
511 Patrolman Michael A. Schroll Appointed: January 8, 2007
512 Patrolman. David W. Stepka Appointed: May 12, 2008
515 Patrolman Christopher A. Salveter Appointed: September 29, 2008
518 Patrolman Jeffrey W. Kinney Appointed: January 29, 2013
520 Patrolman James M. Ascherl Appointed: July 28, 2014

Part Time

519 Patrolman David P. Bailey Appointed: May 23, 2011
516 Patrolman Michael J. Long Appointed: June 29, 2015
521 Patrolman James A. Goff Appointed: January 1, 2015

Communications Center

541 Kumhee Agostin Appointed: August 22, 2006
542 Tracie Tsai Appointed: June 17, 2010
544 Kristie M. Ohlin Appointed: March 28, 2012

HINCKLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
2016
ORGANIZATION CHART

Chief of Police
Tim Kalavsky

Administrative
Assistant
Lisa. Chmielewski

Uniform Patrol
Division

Investigations
Division

Communications

Sergeant
Bruce Linville

Sergeant
Dan Huff

Part-Time
Detective
Joe Szabo

Dispatcher
Kumhee Agostin

Patrolman
David Stepka

Sergeant
John Huff

Part-Time
Dispatcher
Tracie Tsai

Patrolman
Christopher
Salveter

Patrolman
Michael Schroll

Part-Time
Dispatcher
Kristie Ohlin

Patrolman
James Ascherl

Patrolman
Jeffrey Kinney

Part-Time
Patrolman
David Bailey

Part-Time
Patrolman
Michael Long

Part-Time
Patrolman
James Goff

Vacant

Uniform Patrol Division

The Hinckley Police Department's Uniform Patrol Division is responsible for all patrol activities performed by sworn personnel. These activities include, but are not limited to, responding to calls for service, patrol duties, crime prevention, investigating criminal and traffic complaints, directed patrol, and traffic enforcement.

The fully uniformed police officer driving a marked police car is usually the first image a person pictures when thinking of law enforcement. This same image is almost always the first impression and contact a member of the community has with the Hinckley Police Department. The Uniform Patrol Division prides itself with proudly carrying this torch of responsibility.

In 2015, the Hinckley Police Department responded to 5316 calls for service. The types of calls can range from a resident seeking advice in a simple matter, an officer entering a smoke-filled house and carrying occupants to safety, to more in depth investigations which include fatal traffic crashes, and felony violations of the law. Every time a police officer handles a call, the officer is committed to providing the best service with confidence and pride.

Our officers work 28 (twenty-eight) day work periods, which happens to be one of the systems approved by the State Wage and Hour Department. Officers assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division work 12-hour shifts rotating between 6am-6pm and 6pm-6am every two months. Each shift is supervised by a Sergeant who is directly responsible for oversight of personnel under their respective command.

Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is responsible for the investigation of multiple and major crimes including homicide, criminal sexual assault, robbery, arson, burglary, identity theft, computer crimes, and drug violations.

The primary responsibility of a detective is to support patrol officers with incidents that require additional resources. Many of these incidents involve crimes; however, detectives also provide referral services to both victims of crime and juveniles in need of intervention measures. Detectives work closely with patrol officers during evidence collection. They are also responsible for sending completed reports to the appropriate prosecutor for the filing of criminal charges, while maintaining a professional relationship with the prosecutor throughout the court process. Additionally, member(s) of this division work to establish and maintain cooperative relationships throughout the criminal justice community, with other federal, state and local agencies in order to bring about a successful conclusion to on-going investigations.

Unlike what you see on television, our Investigations Division (more commonly referred to as a detective bureau) is typically there to guide officers in their initial investigations and to interview both suspects and victims. All reports taken in the field are subsequently reviewed and approved. Guidance is then given to the officers along with any support or assistance they may require. The primary reporting officer has always been encouraged to complete basic investigations to the extent possible.

The Investigations Division is also charged with investigating complaints of misconduct against members of the police department. Investigative results are subsequently forwarded to the Chief of Police for review and final disposition.

Traffic Safety Enforcement

The officers assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division have the ultimate responsibility of making the roadways of Hinckley Township safer for the motoring public. They accomplish this by influencing three main areas of traffic incidents: Education, Engineering, and Enforcement.

Education

- Conducting traffic stops and informing the driving public of the various traffic laws. This is accomplished through the issuance of traffic citations, written warnings, and giving verbal warnings.
- Participation in various state supported traffic enforcement initiatives such as "Click it or Ticket", the Safety Belt Usage Law, "Look Out for Motorcycles" awareness campaign, and Illegal use of Cell phones while driving (i.e. texting).
- Distribution of safety awareness pamphlets and other sources of material. Posting safety messages on the Township website, Facebook Page and cable access channel.

Engineering

- The Hinckley Police Department works closely with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the County Engineering Department, as well as the Township Service Department to increase traffic safety by conducting traffic studies to include: traffic flow, excessive speeding and other traffic-related complaints.
- Whenever a traffic complaint or concern is received by the Hinckley Police Department, an officer is assigned the complaint and subsequently follows a standard set of steps in response to the complaint. First, the complainant is educated regarding the current law and what the police department can do to address the complaint. Next, the speed trailer can be deployed to verify the complaint. Once verified, enforcement details are established until such time that the complaint appears to have been mitigated or eliminated. Lastly, when the complaint or concern is beyond being solved by education and enforcement, the department can request assistance from the County Engineer in rectifying the problem.

Enforcement

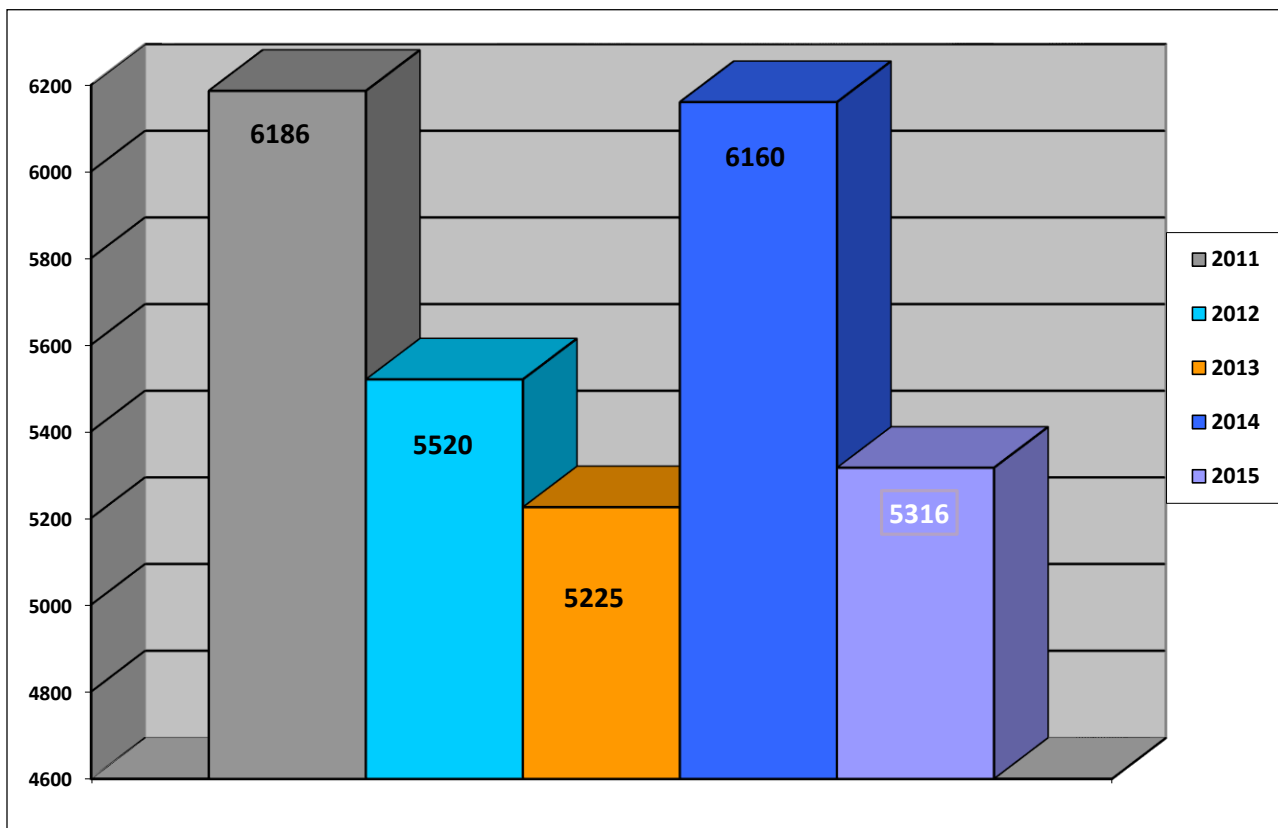
- The Hinckley Police Department responds to all complaints, whether they are in person, over the phone, or via e-mail. Officers are tasked with enforcing the various traffic laws of the state and typically respond to the majority of complaints by increased enforcement in the area of concern. Through the use of more proactive methods of enforcement (i.e. speed trailer, directed patrols, etc.) we have made progress in slowing the motoring public resulting in safer neighborhoods, school zones, and the community in general.
- During the year, officers conducted 1529 traffic stops resulting in the issuance of 562 traffic citations, 109 written warnings, and 1123 verbal warnings. Of those, 30 were citations issued for violations of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Officers are also tasked with enforcement of violations of the township parking resolution. A total of 79 parking citations were issued for all parking violations in 2015.

Calls for Service

A call for service is an event occurring in or near Hinckley Township to which a Hinckley police officer must respond to evaluate or take action, or an event that comes to the attention of the police department, or is initiated by the police department that requires formal documentation (i.e. criminal complaint, request for assistance, case report, supplemental report, summons, crash report, etc.). The number of calls for service numbered 5316 for 2015 which equates to approximately an 8.6% call decrease over 2014. The chart below represents numerical values for calls for service during the past five years.

The average response time of an officer to a call for service was 4.2 minutes in 2015. This response time is exceptional given the fact that our Township is nearly 27 square miles of Township Roads and State Routes, with a population of approximately 7500 residents.

Total Calls For Service



2015 Calls For Service

Accident – Injury	27	Littering	4
Accident – No Injury	152	Lock-out Home	3
Accident – Private Property	17	Lock-out Vehicle	109
Accident Hit-Skip	4	Lost Property	4
Accidental Property Damage	1	Loud Noise	32
Alarm- Auto	1	Menacing	2
Alarm- Carbon Monoxide	6	Mental	9
Alarm- Medical	9	Missing Person	22
Alarm Test	1	Neighbor Trouble	15
Alarms- Fire	26	Odors	26
Alarms- Police Related	394	Open Burning	25
Animal- Miscellaneous	73	Open Door/ Window	12
Assault	19	Parking Violation	79
Attempted Breaking & Entering	1	Peace Officer	17
Attempted Burglary	1	Pedestrian Violation	1
Bicycle Violation	1	Pedestrian/ Animal on Freeway	1
Breaking & Entering	9	Prisoner Processing/Release	27
Burglary	4	Prowler	3
Business Check	32	Pursuit	1
Child Abuse	1	Reckless Operation	29
Civil Matter	22	Recovered Property	1
Court	27	Registration Check	3
Criminal Damage	19	Robbery- Free Text	1
Criminal Mischief	5	Sex Offense	2
Detail Administrative	11	Shots Fired	20
Detail- Non Traffic	12	Snow/ Ice Complaints	3
Dirt Bikes	13	Soliciting	13
Disabled Motor Vehicle	148	Squad Call	294
Disabled Motor Vehicle	1	Squad Call-Trans to Hospital	17
Disorderly Conduct	2	Suicide	1
Disturbance	25	Suspicious Person(s)	68
Domestic / Court Orders	5	Suspicious Vehicle	134
Domestic Dispute	26	Theft - Free Text	50
Domestic Violence	17	Theft from Auto	1
Drug Abuse	1	Theft Motor Vehicle	1
DUI / Alcohol	34	Traffic Altercation	4
Dumping	12	Traffic Details/ Complaint	67
Escort	2	Traffic Offence-OVI TASK	28
Fireworks	19	Traffic Speed Complaint	1
Follow-up Investigations	228	Traffic Stop	1497
Foot Patrol	2	Transport by Police	16
Forgery	24	Transport to County Jail	9
Found Property	21	Trespassing	32
Harassment	35	Unruly Juvenile	8
Hot Rodding	2	Vacation Check	7
Identify Theft	23	Vandalism	9
Immobilization	6	Vehicle Maintenance/ Wash	110
Indecent Exposure	1	Warrant	11
Juveniles	12	Water Problem	6
		TOTAL : 5316	

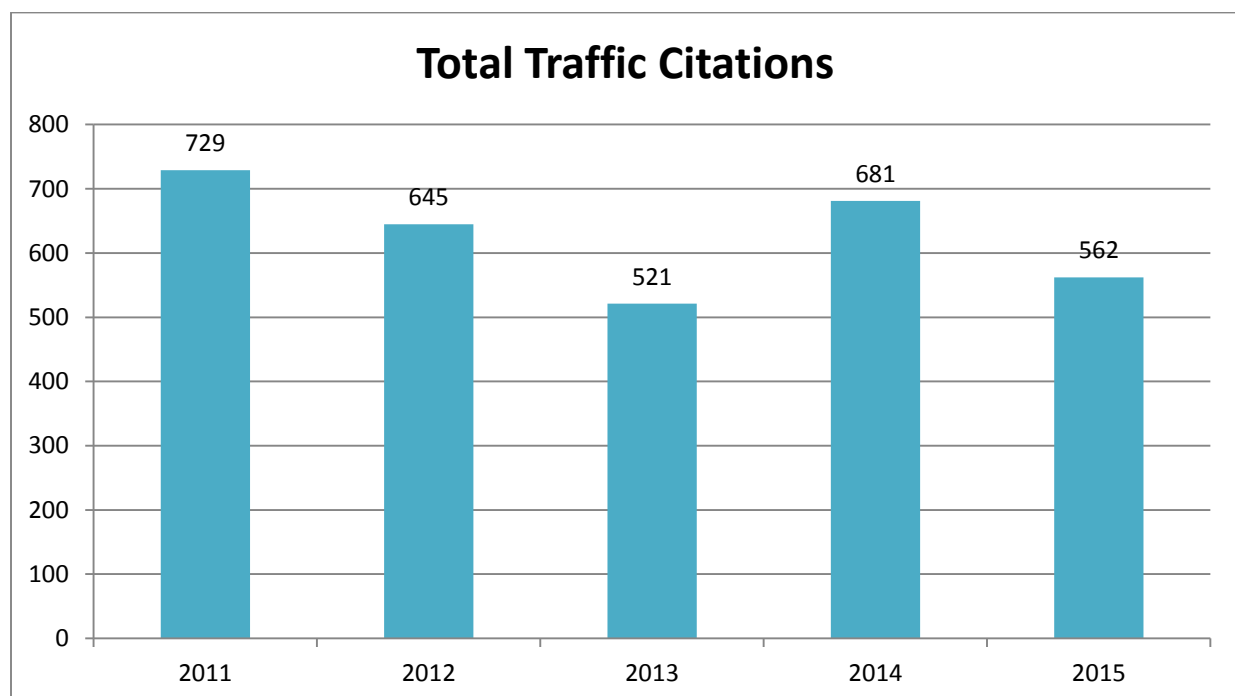
Traffic Enforcement Statistics

Most people have experienced the “oh no” feeling after seeing a police car in the rear view mirror. Instinctively, most people will apply their brakes, even if they were not speeding. Personal physical reactions and experiences can influence perceptions of traffic enforcement efforts, and often prevent people from realizing its true benefit.

Traffic enforcement is the most recognizable and universal police function. Marked police cars are easy to see and most motorists have been stopped for a traffic violation. Because of the punitive consequences attached to traffic enforcement, many do not have an appreciation for the positive benefits. Additionally, “myths” can result from misconceptions about the goals and motivations of traffic enforcement.

“Do your part to support Traffic Enforcement”

When you see a police officer stopping a motorist, remember that the law enforcement officer may be doing more than writing a traffic citation. State Law now requires motorists to slow down and change lanes if possible when approaching an officer stopped on the road. The officer may be apprehending a wanted person, perhaps a murderer, or removing weapons or drugs from your community. Traffic enforcement can and does contribute to the quality of life in your community. Communities can realize the benefits of traffic enforcement and highway safety efforts; roads and neighborhoods will be safer and police agencies will have more time to effectively police their communities. The Hinckley Police Department continues to increase traffic enforcement efforts to ensure public safety.



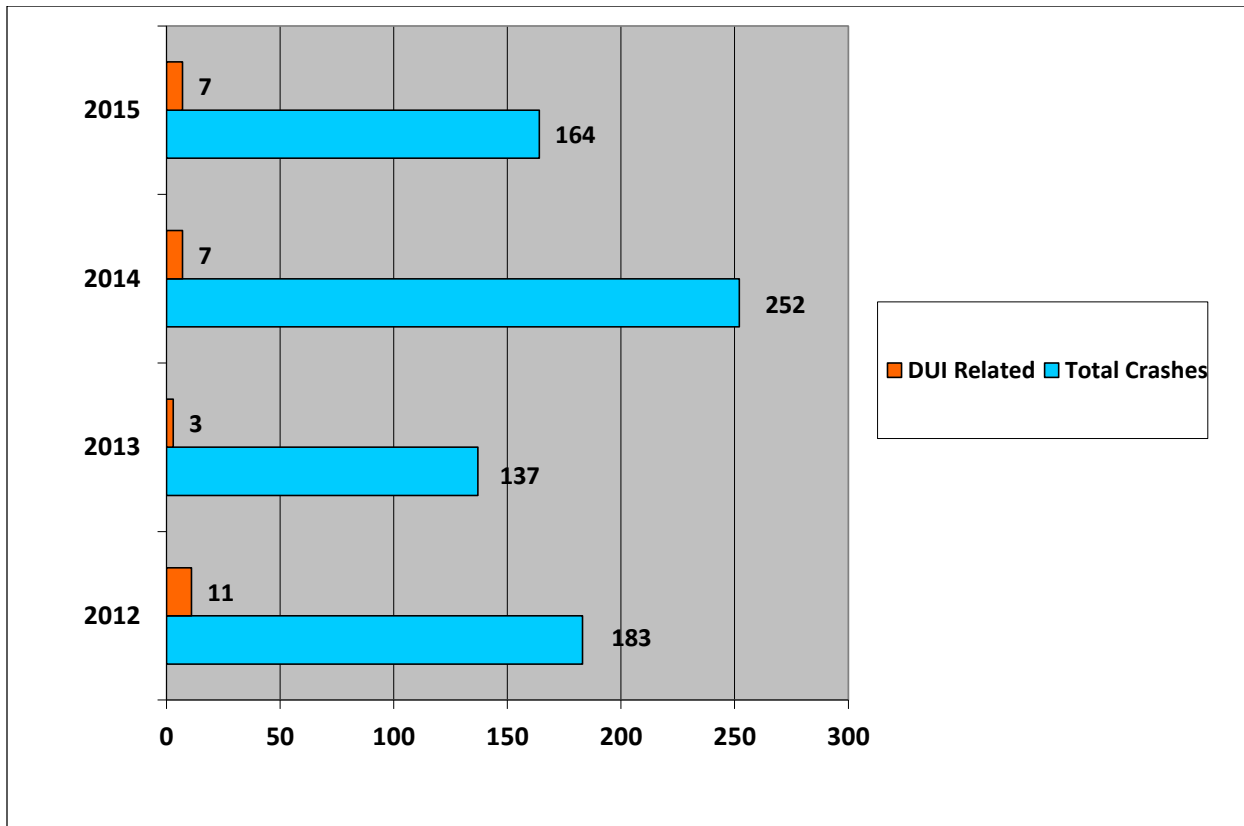
Traffic Crash Statistics

It is the Hinckley Police Department's policy that a police officer will respond to all known or reported motor vehicle traffic accidents. Officers investigate and prepare crash reports for any traffic accident occurring on public thoroughfares (i.e. state or county highways, streets, township roads, etc.) or on private property open to the public (i.e. parking lots, schools, etc.).

Police officers in the Hinckley Police Department receive basic as well as advanced training in the investigation of traffic crashes. The department has an accident Reconstructionist on staff for more serious and complex crashes. Traffic Crash Reconstructionists focus on analyzing and interpreting information that has already been collected at lower levels of investigation in order to determine how a crash likely occurred.

Traffic Crashes

The Hinckley Police Department responded to a total of 164 traffic crashes during 2015. Of the crashes, seven were DUI-related.

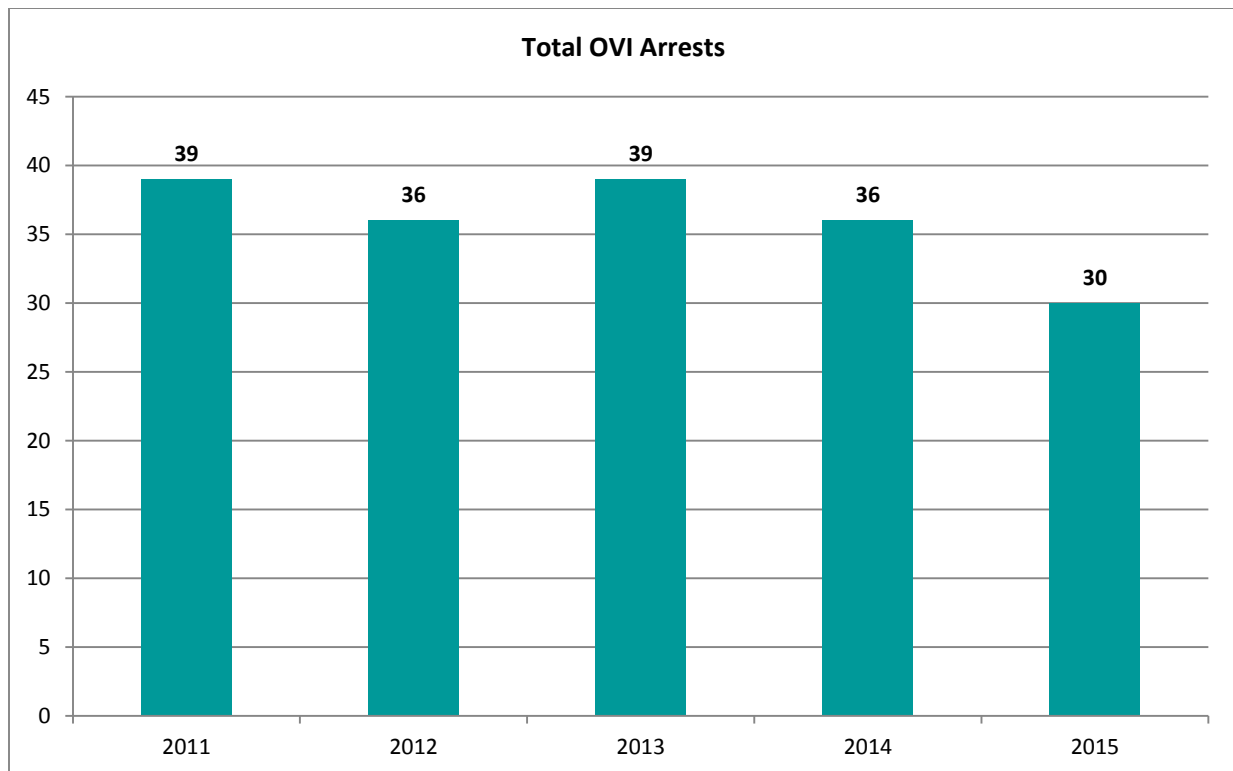


Alcohol & Impaired Driving Enforcement

Impaired driving, which means driving while your ability is affected by alcohol or drugs, is a crime under the Ohio Revised Code. If convicted, you can lose your license to drive, be fined, or spend time in jail. Your vehicle does not even have to be moving; you can be charged if you are impaired behind the wheel, even if you have not started to drive.

Driving while intoxicated is dangerous and drivers with high blood alcohol content are at greatly increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries, and vehicular deaths. Every single injury and death associated with drunk or impaired driving is totally preventable. Although the proportion of alcohol-related crashes has dropped dramatically in recent decades, there are still far too many such preventable accidents. Unfortunately, in spite of great progress, alcohol-impaired driving remains a serious national and local problem that tragically affects many victims annually.

The Hinckley Police Department remains committed to the enforcement of Ohio's drunken driving statutes. To that end, we support this cause through participation in Medina County's Safe Communities Coalition OVI Task Force. In summary, we made 30 alcohol-related arrests, seven of which resulted in traffic crashes.

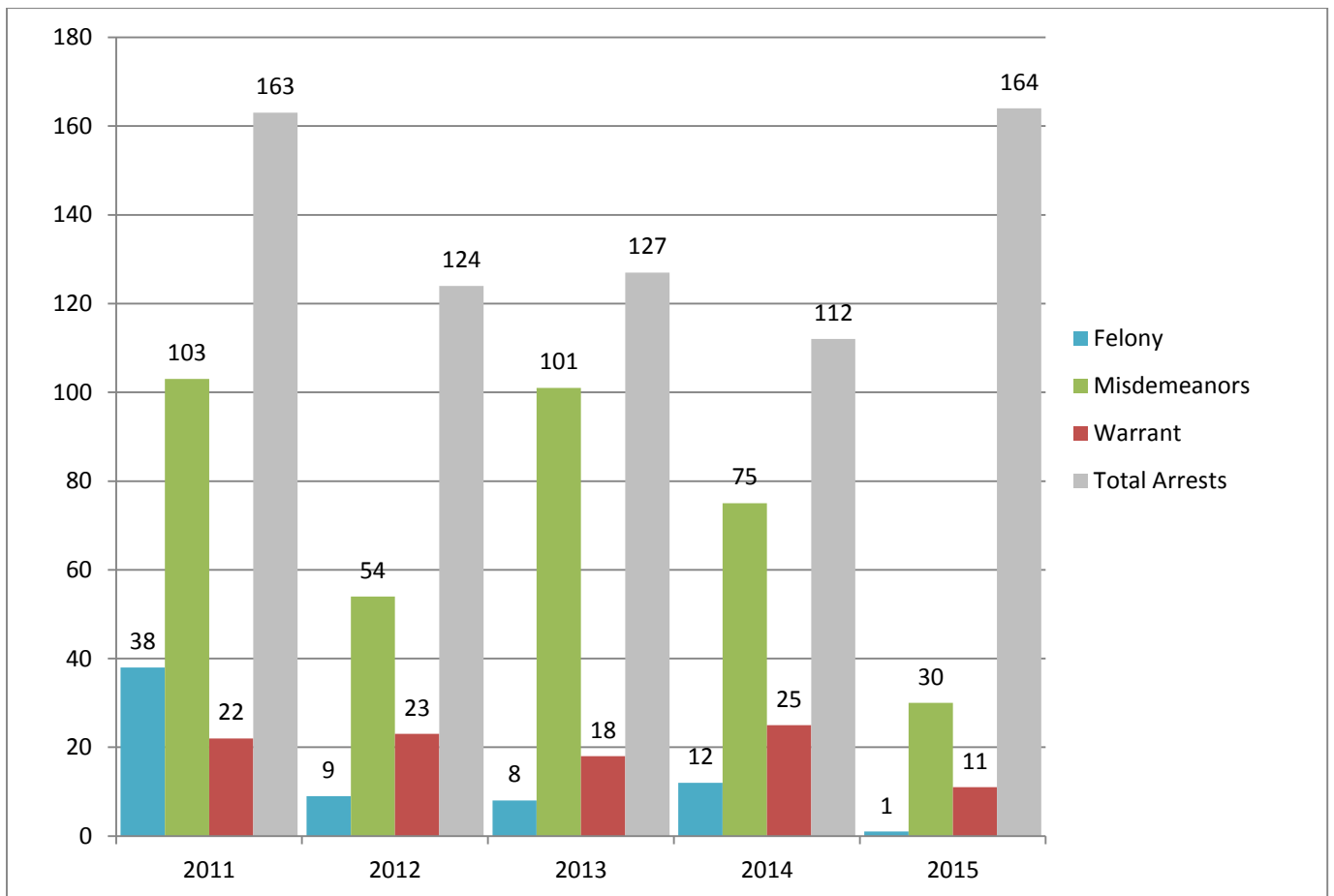


Physical Arrests

During 2015, officers of the Hinckley Police Department made a combined total of 164 physical arrests. This represents an increase of 52 total arrests over the previous year.

Physical arrests are broken down into three major categories: felony, misdemeanor, and warrant arrests. Included in this statistical report are arrests for violations of the criminal and traffic codes of the State of Ohio, such as domestic violence, burglary, OVI/impaired driving, resisting arrest, and many other felony and misdemeanor violations.

2015 Physical Arrests

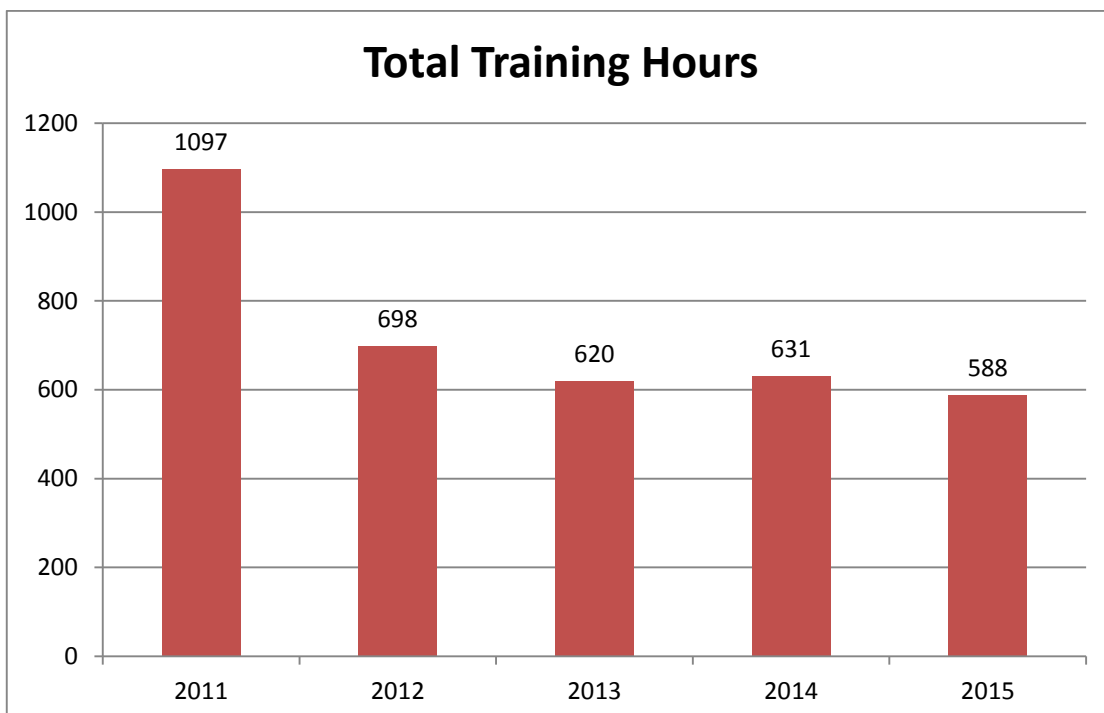


Training

Training is an ongoing process. We attempt to provide our employees with the highest achievable quality of criminal justice training. This is accomplished through the identification and development of training programs for each officer by various supervisory staff members that focus on the employees' strengths as well as weaknesses.

Officers of the Hinckley Police Department attend classes in a variety of settings including off-site, in-house, and via the internet. The opportunity for officers to train in an on-line setting is a winning proposition for all involved. Normally, when an officer requires in-service training or instructional updates and recertification they normally have to travel to other venues, such as the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy. This puts an increased strain on manpower and resources. Now, with on-line training the officer is still in town and available to answer calls for service. He/she can merely come into the office and benefit from this type of training at their own pace.

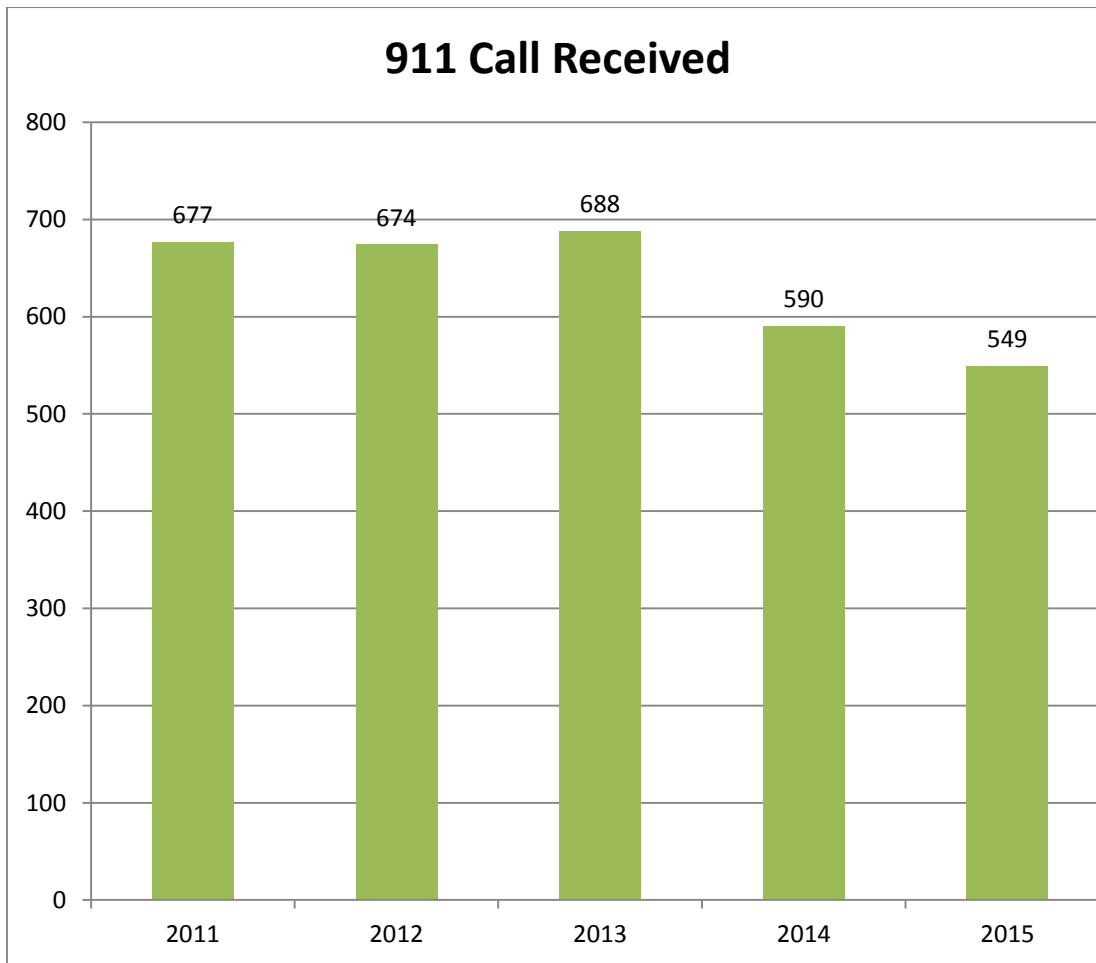
In 2015, officers attended 588 hours of training, including topics such as Emergency Response Driving, Drug Recognition Expert, Impact Weapons Instructor, Evidence Collection, Defensive Tactics Control, and CIT Training. Officers are continuing to utilize webinars and on-line training offered through different Law Enforcement sources such as OHLEG (Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway).



Communications-911

When a citizen needs the assistance of the Hinckley Police Department, they call 911 or the non-emergency line and their call is answered by a dispatcher. The Hinckley Police Department provides dispatch services typically from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday and 4:00 pm until 12:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday as scheduling permits. The Brunswick Division of Police is under contract to provide dispatch services outside of these hours.

In 2015, members of the Hinckley Police Department's Communications Center handled **549** E-911 emergency calls. The Hinckley Police Department took **267** of those calls and Brunswick Police Department received **282** of the E-911 emergency calls.



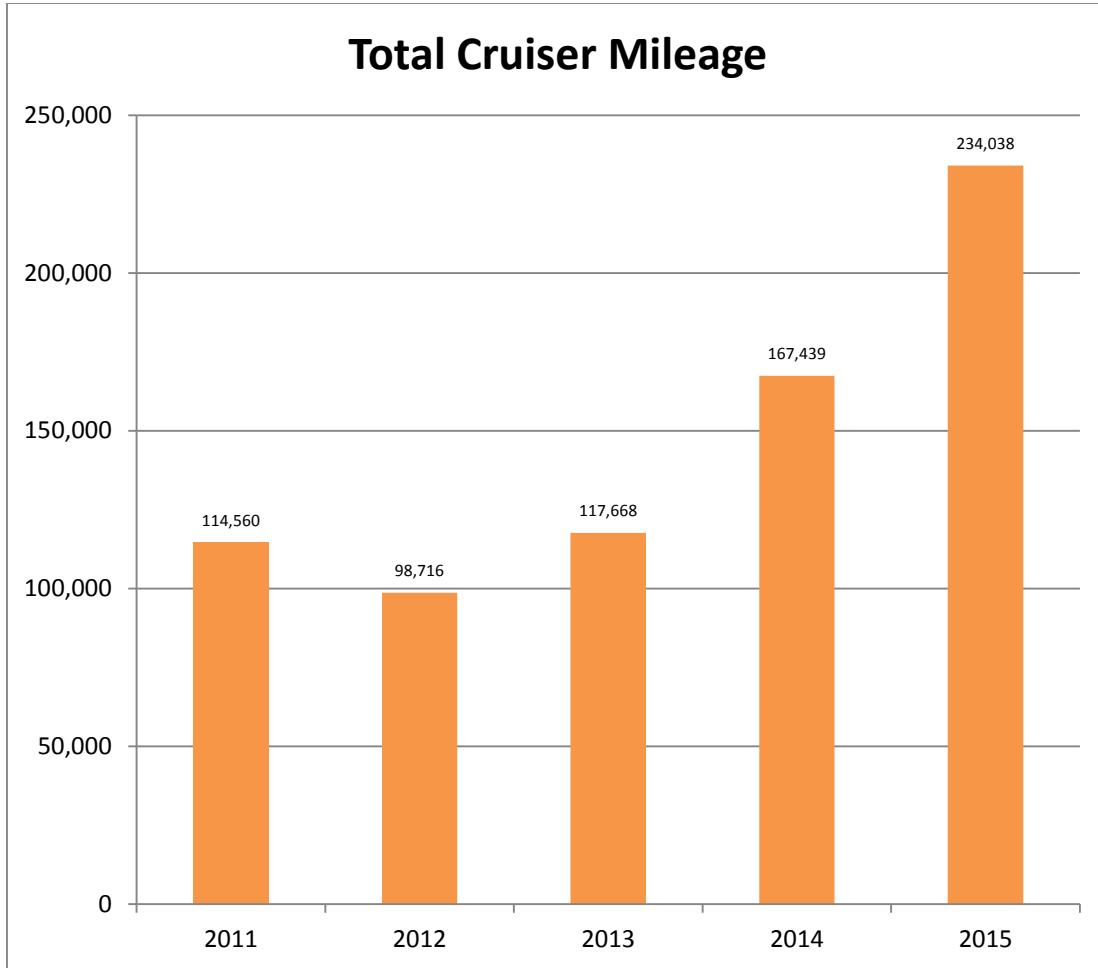
Fleet Management Vehicle Inventory

For 2015, the Hinckley Police Department had the following vehicles available for its use:

HINCKLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE INVENTORY						
UNIT #	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VIN #	MILEAGE	DESIGNATION
10	2012	DODGE	CHARGER	2C3CDXAT7CH282385	90,370	PATROL DUTY
11	2012	DODGE	CHARGER	2C3CDXAT9CH282386	83,588	PATROL DUTY
12	2015	FORD	EXPLORER POLICE INTERCEPTOR	1FM5K8AT9FGB12962	36,550	PATROL DUTY
40	2007	CHEVY	UPLANDER	1GNDV23W07D205696	28,278	DETECTIVE
41	2005	FORD	EXPEDITION	1FMPU16505LA93664	54,633	SUPPORT
42	2008	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71V08X180446	121,000	SUPPORT
44	2010	FORD	EXPEDITION	1FMJU1G52AEB45282	58,027	SUPPORT
81	2010	FORD	FUSION	3FAHP0HG1AR265419	103,570	CHIEF OF POLICE
83	2015	FORD	EXPLORER POLICE INTERCEPTOR	1FM5K8AT0FGB12963	36,483	SUPERVISOR

- The total Annual Mileage for the 2015 Fleet was 234,038 miles.
- A 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor (VIN #2FABP7BVAX121483) was sold to the Village of Coal Grove Police Department.

Annual Mileage



2015 In Review

In 2015 the Hinckley Police Department identified and subsequently upgraded equipment and instituted operational initiatives that will enable us to be more efficient on the road as well as in the workplace.

Equipment acquisitions/upgrades include the following:

- Utilizing various grant funding opportunities, the Police Department completed a major overhaul of the Police Department's public safety radio communications system with the final phase of the project which consisted of the replacement of UHF and VHF mobile radios in the patrol cars.
- In the area of technology enhancements, we replaced two desktop computers/monitors with upgraded software in the Patrol Office.

Operational initiatives:

- In 2015, the Hinckley Police Department welcomed two new part-time police officers to our staff, James Goff and Michael Long. Both officers are currently employed as full-time police officers with other local law enforcement agencies.
- We are excited to announce that the Hinckley Police Department now has a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) on staff. Ptl. Jeffrey W. Kinney participated in 152 hours of training in 2015 on his way to achieving his certification. This state-funded program is a traffic safety program that focuses on the detection, apprehension, and adjudication of drug-impaired drivers. A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is a police officer highly trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. The certification process is very rigorous and demanding and consists of an evaluation process, classroom instruction and testing, and field certification. Currently, there are less than 100 certified DRE's in the state of Ohio.

Grant Opportunities:

- Received grant funding through the Ohio Criminal Justice Services, JAG-LE (Justice Assistance Grant – Law Enforcement) Program in the amount of \$5,000.00 which was used towards the replacement of UHF and VHF mobile radios for our patrol cars.
- Received grant-funding in the amount of \$2,929.24 from the Bureau of Justice, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program.

Budget Summary

The total expenditures for the Hinckley Township Police Department's 2015 fiscal year were \$1,245,528.18. Personnel and Medical costs continue to dominate the annual budget accounting for 80% of the overall police budget, followed by Contracted Services (4.7%) and Operating Supplies (4%).

We continue to seek out grant funding opportunities when available. Grant funding, when awarded, can assist in offsetting costs typically associated with major equipment purchases.

2015 Police Department Budget

