

Owensboro Police Department



Community First



2015 Annual Report





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A Message From Your Chief of Police



Owensboro Police Department

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Chief of Police

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January 1, 2016

I am very pleased to present the 2015 Owensboro Police Department Annual Report. I want to express my appreciation to the men and women of the Owensboro Police Department who continuously provide quality service to the citizens of Owensboro. Their professionalism and commitment to excellence is something to be revered by all. I also want to extend my gratitude to the citizens of Owensboro for their show of support toward our agency.

Nearly every police department across the nation is facing budgetary challenges; the Owensboro Police Department is no different. Our staff continues to analyze our current practices to ensure we are conducting business in the most efficient and effective manner possible. We have an obligation to ensure that our officers are equipped with the best technology and equipment to allow a safe performance of their duties. We pride ourselves in being fiscally responsible without sacrificing services.

As law enforcement professionals, we have a vested interest in the safety and security of our community. We will aggressively suppress crime in a fair and just manner. Our goal is to revive the concept that every member of our organization is a community stakeholder. We will embrace our role as stakeholders by becoming true leaders. We will provide quality service to all, while continuing to embrace the fact that we are community owned and operated.

When it comes to the care and service to our community, we have a standard of excellence – there is no compromise!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Art Ealum Jr.", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Colonel Art Ealum Jr., Chief of Police



VISION STATEMENT

The Owensboro Police Department will perpetuate a strong work ethic that fosters pride in ourselves and in our department. We will serve as a model agency by integrating the newest technology while providing police services. Our values will be reflected in our decisions. We shall consider our responsibilities and obligations in every action we take. We shall be attentive to the needs of our community by being interactive, courteous and responsive. We shall endeavor to do without being asked and do more than would be asked.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Owensboro Police Department is to work in a true partnership with the community, to enhance the quality of life in our city, while maintaining order and protecting the people we serve by reducing incidences of crime, doing so with professionalism, honor and integrity.

CORE VALUES

Integrity

We are committed to using candor, honesty, and ethical behavior with each other and with those we serve.

Public Service

We deliver to the public, high quality service, which is fair, courteous, responsive and efficient. We recognize the need to involve the community in creating a secure and safe environment.

Competence

We maintain high standards of training and expertise and keep abreast of new trends and standards in the field of law enforcement.

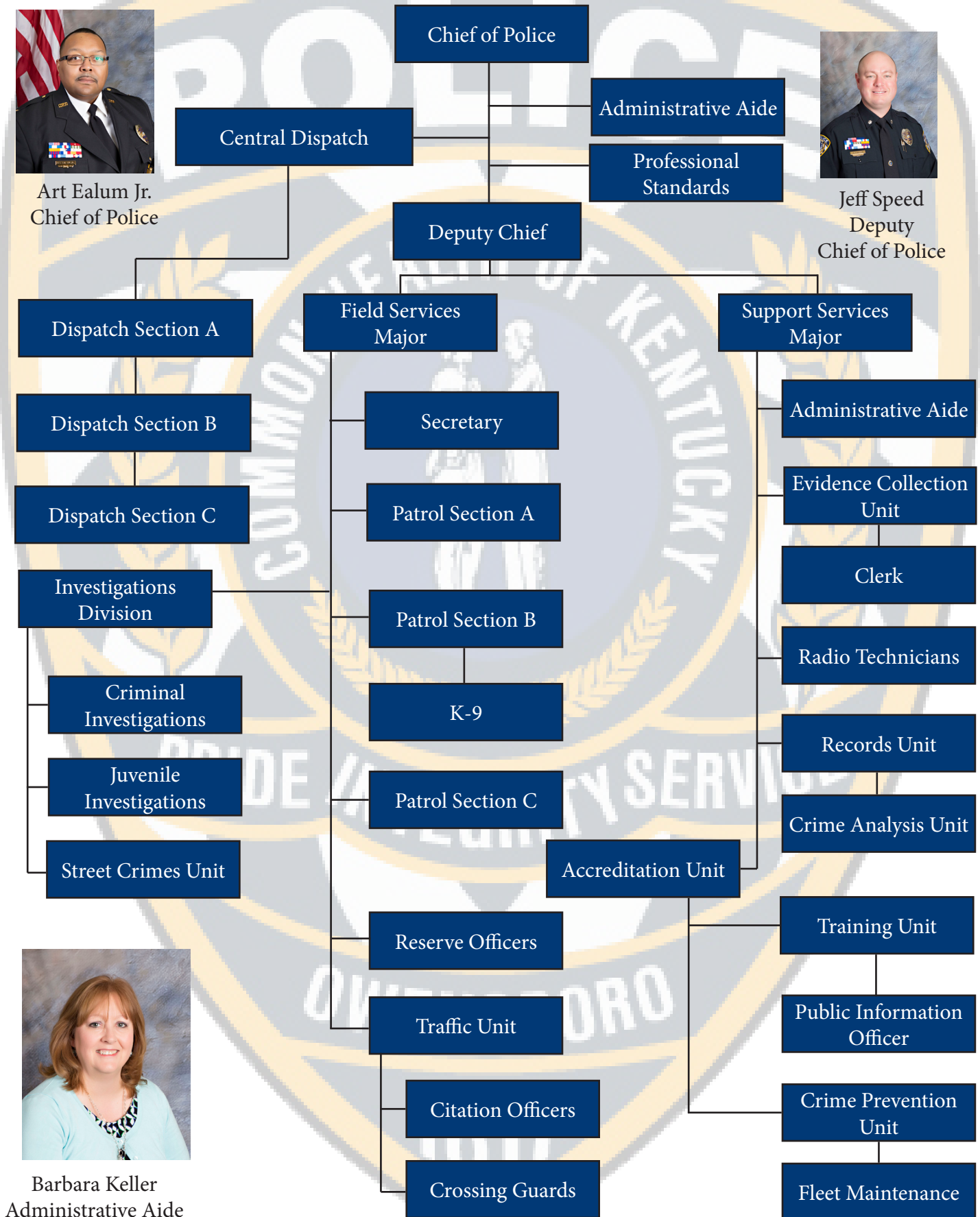
Responsibility and Accountability

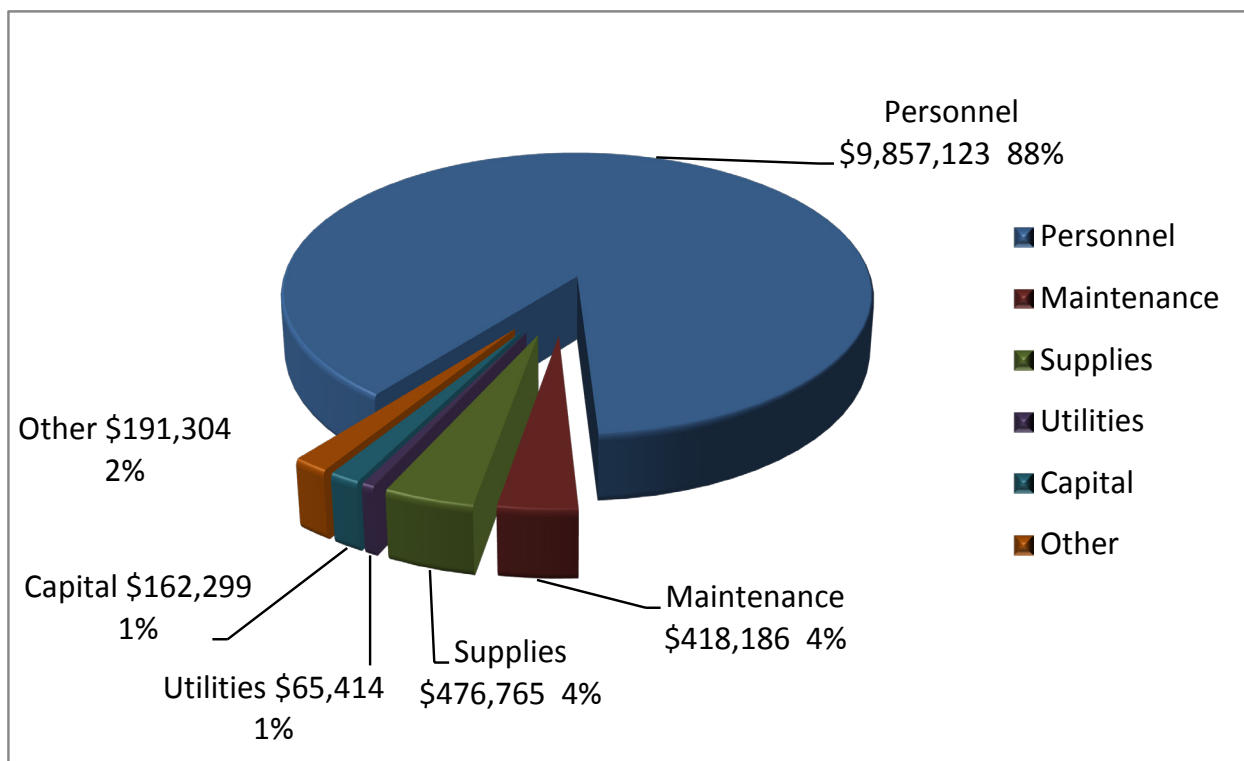
We make effective use of our resources and provide a spirit of open communication within our community. We are responsible for our actions. We admit our mistakes and strive to earn the trust and support of our community.

Respect for Co-workers

We maintain a workplace environment based on mutual respect, which reflects an appreciation of the unique qualities of each individual who contributes to the overall good of the team.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2015





Budget Total by Division					
Administration	Investigations	Patrol	Radio	Support Services	Total
\$1,575,375	\$1,654,029	\$6,203,369	\$161,733	\$1,576,585	\$11,171,091
Central Dispatch			\$2,180,258		

BUDGET 2015-2016

DEMOGRAPHICS

Sworn Officers Total Years of Service by Rank									
Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Detective	Reserve	Total
0-4	0	0	0	0	0	27	1	2	30
5-9	0	0	0	0	3	19	3	3	28
10-14	0	0	0	1	6	12	7	0	26
15-19	0	0	0	4	4	10	0	0	18
20+	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	7
Total	1	1	2	6	15	68	11	5	109

Sworn Officer by Age									
Years	Chief	Lt. Colonel	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Detective	Reserve	Total
21-24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13
30-34	0	0	0	0	3	16	3	0	22
35-39	0	0	0	1	5	13	4	0	23
40-44	0	0	0	3	3	10	3	0	19
45-49	1	1	1	2	2	6	0	1	14
50+	0	0	1	0	2	9	1	4	17
Total	1	1	2	6	15	68	11	5	109



Sworn Officers by Gender and Race				
Gender	Caucasian	African American	Hispanic	Total
Male	99	4	1	104
Female	4	1	0	5
Total	103	5	1	109

Civilian Members by Gender and Race			
Gender	Caucasian	African American	Total
Male	14	0	14
Female	29	3	32
Total	43	3	46



Civilian Years of Service	
Years	# of Employees
0-4	11
5-9	15
10-14	7
15-19	5
20-24	0
25-29	1
30+	1
Part time	6
Total	46

Civilian Members by Age	
Age	# of Employees
19-24	3
25-29	7
30-34	4
35-39	6
40-44	7
45-49	5
50-54	7
55+	7
Total	46



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

Administrative Division



Lieutenant
Chris Castlen

The primary function of the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) is to investigate all citizen complaints against police personnel and, as directed, complaints originating from within the police department itself. The PSU is responsible for investigating allegations of criminal conduct, misconduct as defined by Kentucky Revised Statute 95.450, and violations of rules and regulations as adopted by the Owensboro City Commission. In 2015, the PSU conducted a total of 24 administrative investigations. There were 12 external complaints (complaints originating from the public) and 12 internal complaints (complaints originating from within the department).

2015 Final Case Disposition

Unfounded	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Sustained	Closed without Findings	Total
0%	29.2%	20.8%	50%	0%	100%
0	7	5	12	0	24

The 24 complaints resulted in 21 administrative violations by officers stemming from 12 sustained PSU investigations. A PSU investigation is sustained when sufficient evidence exists to prove part of, or the entire complaint allegation. Administrative violations are greater than the number of sustained complaints due to some complaints involving multiple police personnel or multiple violations of policy by officers.

Administrative Violation Allegations

Abuse of Position	8	Intervention	1
Discourtesy	4	Neglect of Duty	2
False Statement	1	Obedience to Rules, Regulations of Law	4
Harassment	1	Unbecoming Conduct	5
Improper Vehicle Operation	7	Unsatisfactory Performance	5
Improper Use of Force	4		
		Total	42

PSU Administrative Investigations	
Years	# of Investigations
2015	24
2014	26
2013	30
2012	19
2011	28
2010	34
2009	35
Total	196

The Owensboro Police Department responded to 37,275 calls for service, conducted 664 follow-up investigations and conducted 11,281 traffic stops in 2015. The traceable contacts by officers of the Owensboro Police Department with citizens of the community totaled 53,118. From that, there were a total of 94 Use of Force reports filed by officers during 2015 where force was used to affect the arrest and detention of 105 individuals. This translates to police officers utilizing force to affect an arrest in .19% of all police contacts with citizens or 1 use of force incident for every 506 contacts with citizens. From the total reported Use of Force incidents, there were 17 incidents where the suspect was injured, and 3 incidents where the officer was injured.



Use of Force Reports by Race/Ethnicity/Gender	
Caucasian	69.52%
African American	26.67%
Hispanic	3.81%
Asian	0%
Male	87.62%
Female	12.38%

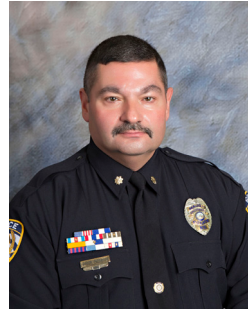


Patrol Sections

Field Services Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any police department and all other divisions are in support of the efforts initiated in the patrol function. The Patrol Division consists of a Division Commander, a Secretary, three patrol shifts, a Traffic Unit, and the K-9 Unit. As the primary service delivery component for the Owensboro Police Department, the Patrol Division responded to calls for service from community members, engaged in proactive policing and provided traffic enforcement as a part of the normal duty day. The Patrol Division provides twenty-four hour service to approximately 58,374 city residents covering 19 square miles and often times they go beyond what is expected of them.

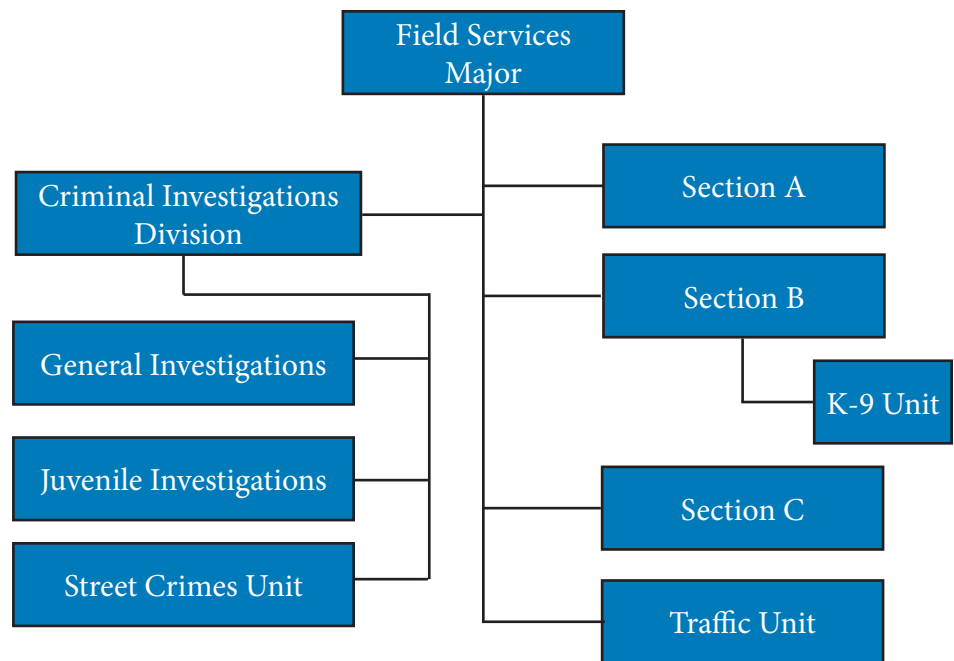
In 2015, patrol officers responded to 37,275 calls for service and conducted 11,281 traffic stops. The men and women of the Patrol Division have embraced the motto, "Pride, Integrity, Service" which embodies the professionalism, dedication, and spirit of all members of the Owensboro Police Department. These officers are committed to ensuring Owensboro remains a safe place to live, work and play.



Major
Brock Peterson



Susan Lester
Secretary



Thirteen Owensboro area schools have been adopted as part of the Owensboro Police Department Adopt-A-School program, which is a proactive partnership with schools to provide enhanced safety for the community's children. Patrol officers are assigned to schools within the particular officer's patrol sector. The officers make random visits to his/her assigned schools several times each week to ensure the officer is periodically seen by students and staff. This program will strengthen community relationships between the Owensboro Police Department and students and staff. The assigned officers also learn the schools' layouts and lockdown procedures to ensure better responses by law enforcement in the event of an emergency. After school hours, officers are responsible for checking the security of buildings located on school property.

Adopt-A-School		
Patrol Section	Visits	Minutes
A	1,288	25,385
B	1,622	20,394
C	4,154	44,502
Total	7,064	90,281

The primary function of the Traffic Unit is the strict enforcement of traffic laws. Other responsibilities include planning and traffic control for special events and providing escort service for funerals and dignitaries. The Traffic Unit also manages a Federal Highway Safety Grant. The Traffic Unit is staffed with one supervisor, two sworn officers, one civilian citation officer and five school crossing guards.



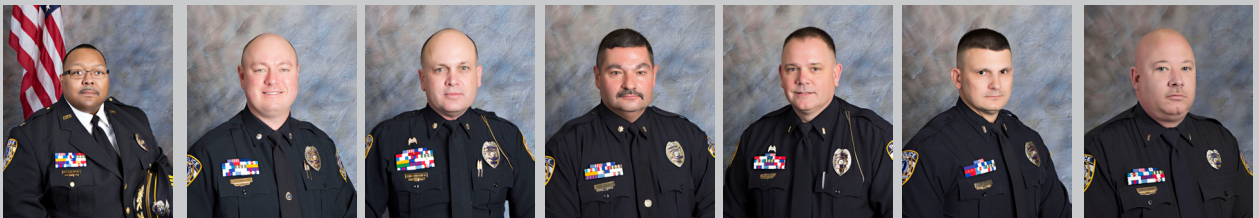
Traffic officers also attempt to deter accidents through proactive enforcement techniques such as police radar, selective enforcement and state mobilizations. These actions help to reduce the number of accidents that may result in injury or death. Based on the concerns of residents, statistical data, or the officers' personal knowledge of an area, traffic officers will monitor target locations and issue citations in an effort to reduce traffic accidents. The overall traffic enforcement of the Owensboro Police Department has been enhanced by the efforts of the officers assigned to the Traffic Unit during their regular duty hours. In 2015, officers assigned to the Traffic Unit responded to 2,012 calls for service and charged a total of 273 law violations. These violations included, citations for speeding, reckless driving, no motor vehicle insurance, failure to wear seat belt, various criminal arrests, and a large number of city ordinance violations.

In addition to the daily traffic enforcement, officers working under the Federal Highway Safety Grant charged a total of 4,478 law violations. This includes 18 arrests for impaired driving, 1,282 citations for failure to wear seat belt, 91 citations for no child restraint in use, 618 for speeding and 2,369 citations issued for various other violations.



Traffic Unit

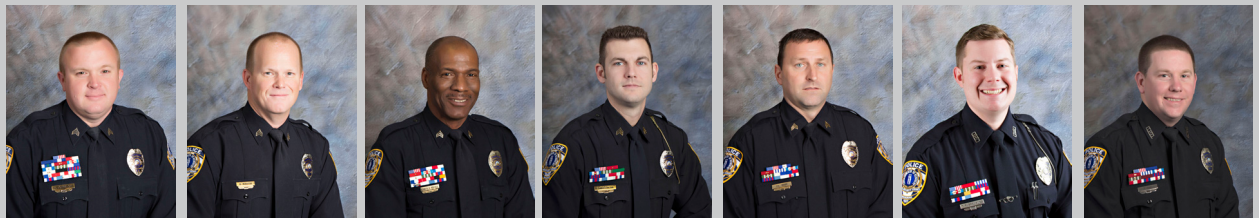
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SGT. J. WINKLER
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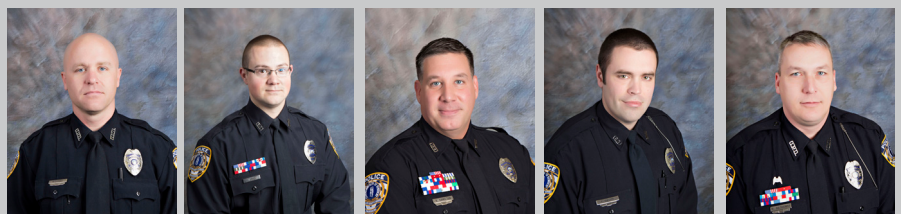
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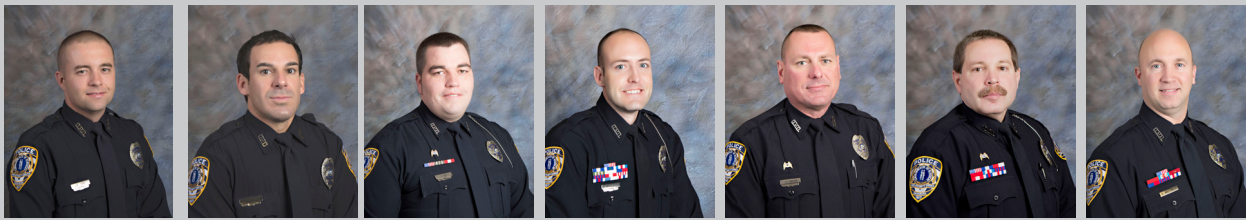


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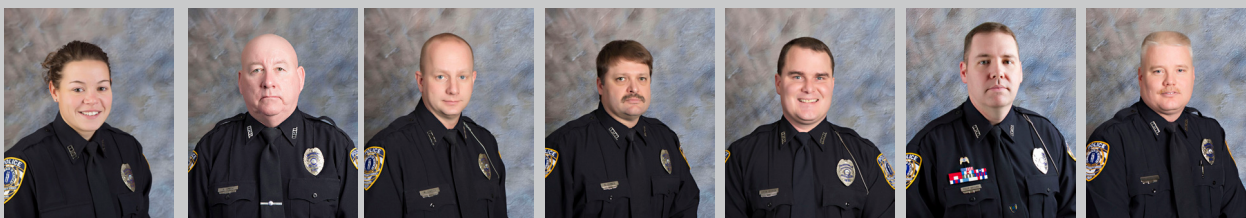
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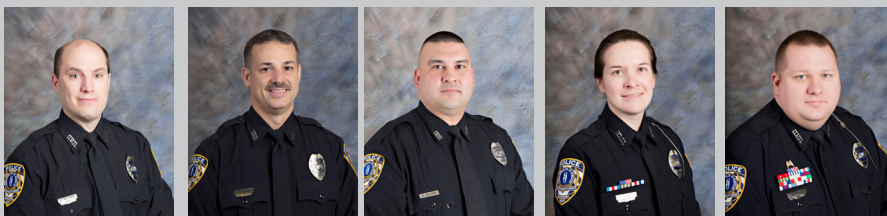
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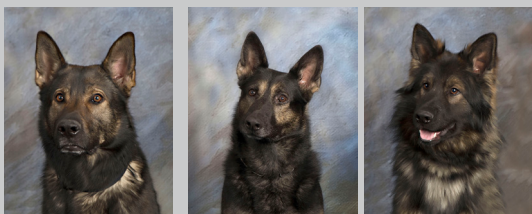
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Crime Statistics

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) contains official data on crime that is reported to law enforcement agencies across the country who then provide the data to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). Part I of the UCR focuses on index crimes which include murder, robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. The following chart depicts data collected by the Owensboro Police Department Crime Analysis Unit and the totals represent the department arrests as a whole. The Owensboro Police Department reported the subsequent information to the FBI for the year of 2015. The preceding years are listed for comparison purposes.

Part I Crimes							
Category	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	Average
Criminal Homicide	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
Forcible Rape	24	18	34	19	35	28	26
Robbery	50	43	46	43	32	26	40
Assault (Aggravated)	76	77	61	77	84	45	70
Burglary	334	390	364	448	499	367	400
Larceny (Theft)	1756	1767	1536	1877	1780	1822	1756
Arson	8	7	8	7	4	12	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	115	110	110	111	83	81	102

Selected Part II Crimes	
Charges	
Assault (Simple)	804
Forgery & Counterfeiting	80
Stolen Property (receiving, possessing)	112
Vandalism	780
Weapons (carrying, possessing)	71
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	1
Sex Offenses (except rape)	94
Drug Abuse Violations	1926
Gambling	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	291
Driving Under the Influence	419
Liquor Laws	33
Drunkenness	374
Disorderly Conduct	245
Runaway	14
Fraud	148
Total	5392



The Owensboro Police Department **Honor Guard** has the mission of honoring those law enforcement officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their respective communities. Our Honor Guard Unit also represents the Owensboro Police Department at various public and private events, funerals for active and retired officers of the Owensboro Police Department, community parades and celebrations, presentation and postings of the Nation's colors at public and private ceremonies and meetings. The Honor Guard Unit is comprised of twelve police officers from various ranks within the Owensboro Police Department.



The Owensboro Police Department **Hazardous Device Unit (HDU)** was called into service 4 times in 2015. Members of the three man unit responded to incidents when requested by law enforcement agencies throughout Western Kentucky. The HDU is trained in the safe handling and response to any suspected explosive device.

There comes a time when law enforcement officers need specialized help. The department utilizes the **Emergency Response Team (ERT)** when the situation calls for advanced or specialized techniques to be used. The team consists of specially trained police officers whose goal is to safely resolve dangerous incidents while placing emphasis on the safety of the public, other officers, or the suspect. The team also assists other departments with the protection of dignitaries ranging from the President of the United States, to the governor, lieutenant governor and others.



The Owensboro Police Department **Bicycle Unit** serves to be a visible deterrent to crime and to provide a safer environment for our community. Bicycle officers are often present at various special events such as the Owensboro Barbecue Festival, the annual Air Show, community parades, and numerous other outdoor activities within the city. The bicycle unit also performs demonstrations for children such as bicycle rodeos at special functions. The bicycle unit strives to interact with children and our community in an effort to enhance safety and increase education. All bicycle officers have completed an intense 40 hour training program and are equipped with safety equipment and reflective gear.

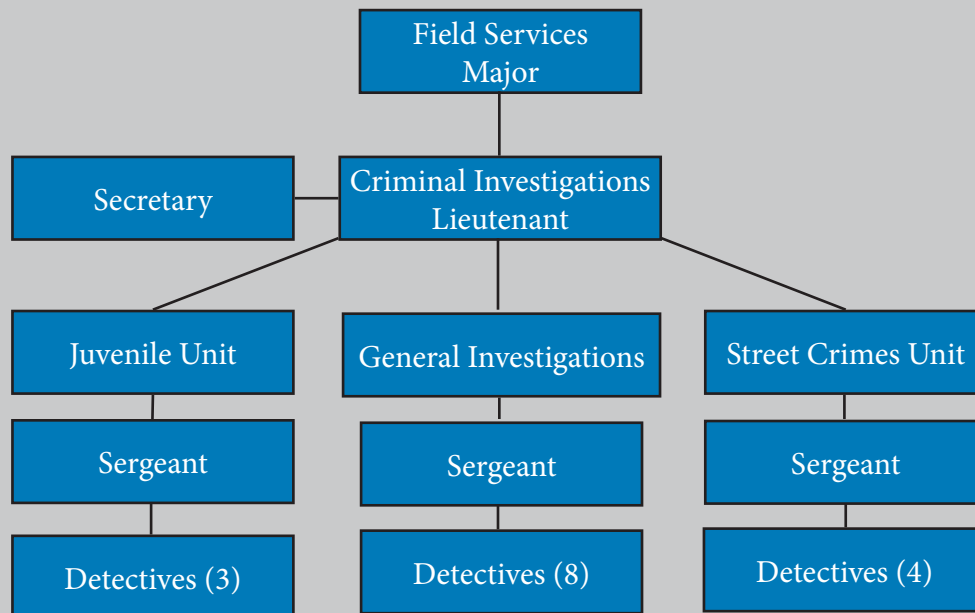
The **Accident Reconstruction Unit** is comprised of officers who have completed at least 250 hours of specialized training in collision investigation. The unit is called upon to investigate accidents that result in serious physical injury, felony criminal charges, and/or death. Utilizing complex mathematical formulas, roadway evidence, and witness statements, these investigators can often determine vehicle speed, causation, and prevention methods for accidents on the streets of Owensboro. The unit is often requested to assist neighboring agencies as well. With the help of modern technology, the officers can create scaled diagrams and animations that can be helpful in recreating the accident for court purposes.

Criminal Investigations

Field Services Division



Lieutenant
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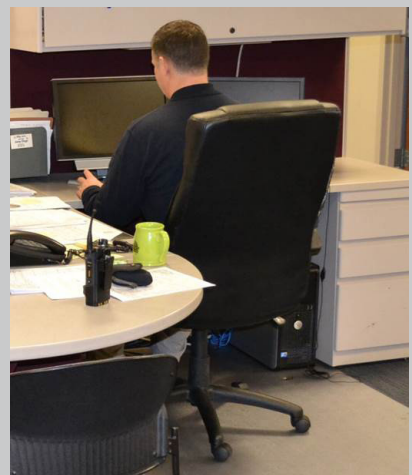
The Criminal Investigations Division is composed of a division supervisor who oversees the General Investigation Unit, the Juvenile Unit, and the Street Crimes Unit. The Division has three sergeants and fifteen detectives.

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for self-initiated and follow-up investigations of assigned cases. These cases are usually serious incidents such as, but not limited to, homicides, death investigations, robberies, sexual assaults, serious physical assaults, and other felony cases that demand unique investigative knowledge, additional time demands, and may require travel outside the local area.

Case Management includes conducting thorough criminal investigations, interviewing witnesses and suspects, identifying and arresting offenders, and aiding in the successful prosecution of defendants. Investigators also procure and execute search warrants leading to the seizure of contraband and other evidence of criminal activity.

The General Investigations Division is responsible for conducting investigations of crimes against persons or crimes against property and preparing cases for prosecution. This division investigates Part I Crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson). During 2015, there were 848 cases investigated involving Part I Crimes.

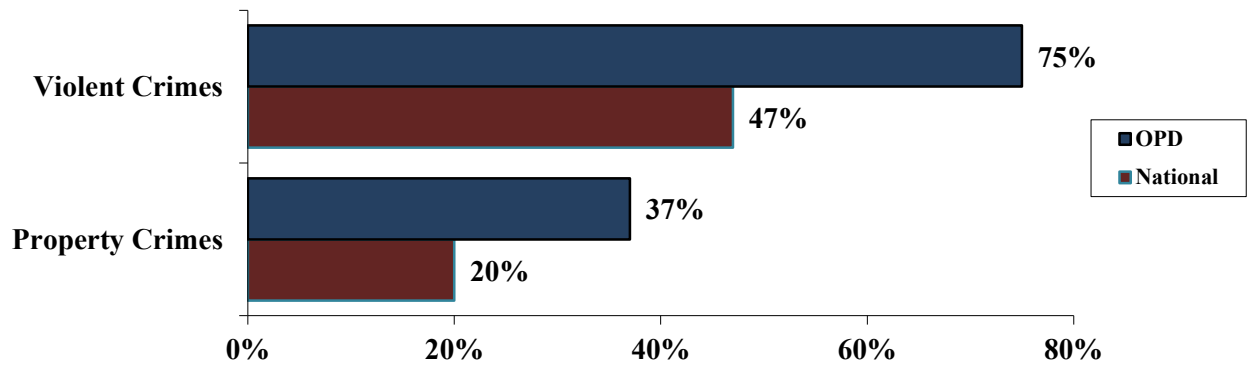
The charted information on the following page was obtained from cases investigated by the General Investigations Division and represents a large portion of the overall cases handled by the Owensboro Police Department. A case is considered cleared when it meets the Uniform Crime Reporting National Guidelines of either Cleared By Arrest or Exceptionally Cleared (exceptionally cleared has several criteria including prosecution being declined or victim refuses to cooperate with investigator).



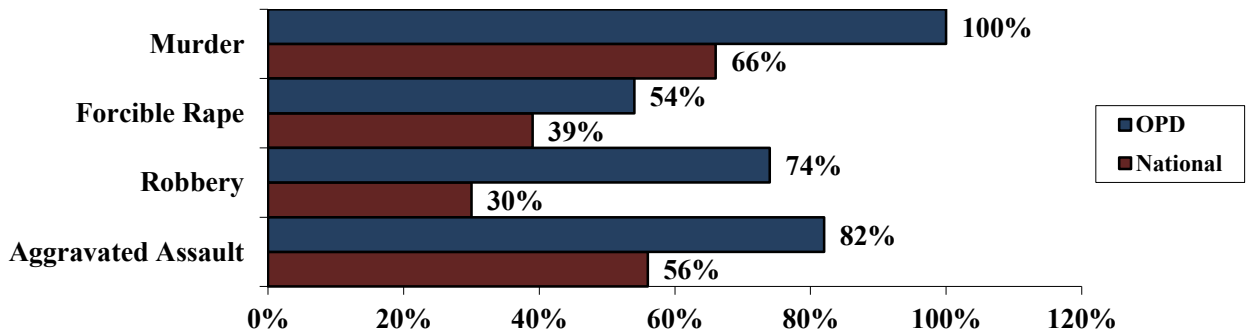
General Investigations

Part I Crime Statistics

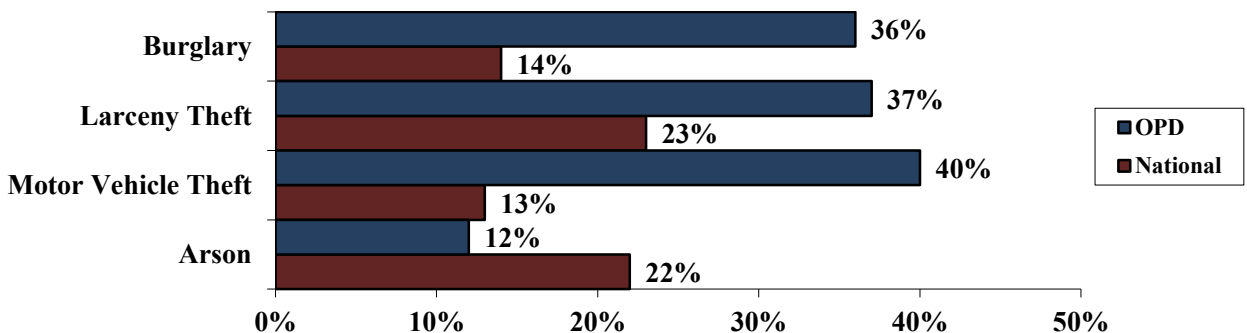
Clearance Figures Percent Comparison of Crimes Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means



Violent Crimes



Property Crimes



Street Crimes Unit

Field Services Division

The Street Crimes Unit is a major asset to the Owensboro Police Department. The Street Crimes Unit is a tactical narcotics/vice unit that is responsible for conducting covert drug operations and providing targeted law enforcement to special situations such as gambling, prostitution, or gang activity.

The unit is staffed by one sergeant and four detectives who often work in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies in the region combating illegal drugs. The totals shown here are a fraction of all drugs confiscated by the Owensboro Police Department during 2015.

The Street Crimes Unit also assisted Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky State Police, Henderson County Sheriff's Office and several other agencies in the investigation of numerous cases and meth labs. The SCU assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Drug Enforcement Agency on numerous cases with many still ongoing. The SCU conducted approximately 22 informational and educational presentations in our community this past year.

- The large reduction in meth labs this past year is greatly due to the controls on pseudoephedrine and the large import of Mexican made Methamphetamine.
- The cash listed only accounts for cash directly related to cases and seizures done by the Owensboro Police Department. Cash does not account for other investigations conducted in other jurisdictions stemming from Owensboro Police Department information or assistance where the Owensboro Police Department may also obtain forfeitures from.

Street Crimes Unit Seizures				
Item	2015	2014	2013	2012
Arrest	455	418	310	333
Charges	938	840	840	917
Meth Labs	10	16	28	38
Vehicles Seized	13	28	22	33
Cash Seized	\$130,715.00	\$261,722.00	\$83,813.00	\$141,209.00
Guns Seized	35	20	16	34
Marijuana	30.34 lbs	119.40 lbs	35.21	22.61
Cocaine & Meth	10.41 lbs	> 1/2 lbs	2.68	8.76
Heroin	1.48 oz	<1 oz	2 oz	>1 oz



Criminal Investigations

Field Services Division

The Juvenile Unit is a specialized unit within the Criminal Investigations Division. All officers assigned to the Juvenile Unit receive specific expert training relating to juvenile offenders and victims of abuse. The Juvenile Unit is charged with the task of investigating all juvenile related complaints and processing all associated juvenile documents filed for both criminal and juvenile status offenses. The Juvenile Unit is also responsible for the maintenance and storage of juvenile records for the Owensboro Police Department. The Juvenile Unit is staffed by one supervisor and three investigators.

The total number of Part I Crimes listed in the chart below are included in the overall number of Part I Crimes reported to the FBI by the Owensboro Police Department for the listed year.

Part I Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)				
Category	2015	2014	Net Chg.	% Chg.
Aggravated Assault	8	9	-1	-11%
Murder	0	0	0	0%
Rape	2	1	1	100%
Robbery	10	11	-1	-9%
Arson	0	3	-3	-100%
Auto Theft	8	4	4	100%
Burglary	47	19	28	147%
Theft (except Auto)	101	120	-19	-16%
Total	176	167	9	5%



Juvenile Unit



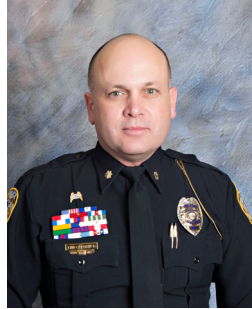
Offender by Sex			
Sex	2015	2014	Net Chg.
Male	469	496	-27
Female	170	245	-75

Other Areas of Interest			
Area	2015	2014	Net Chg.
Field Interviews	27	76	-49
Missing Persons	118	72	46
Abuse/Neglect	83	84	-1

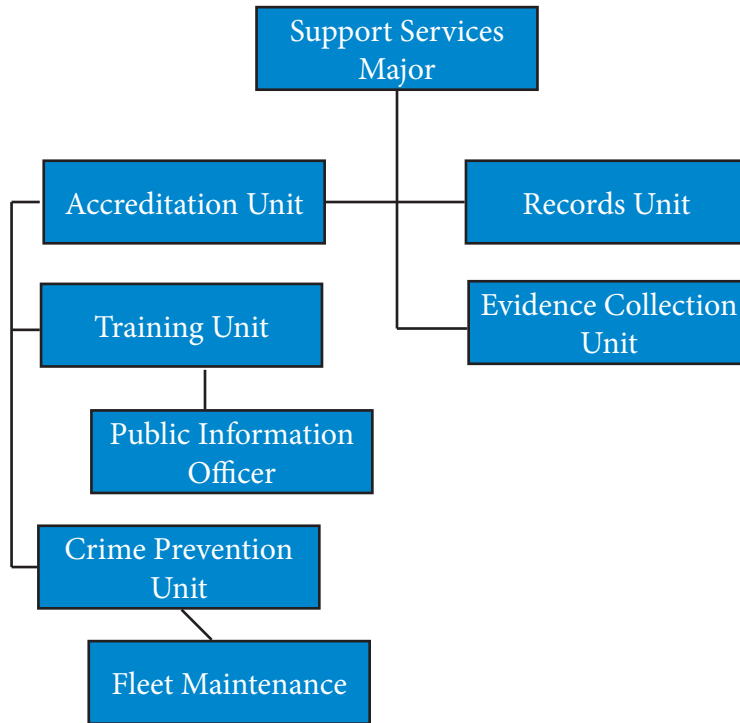


Selected Part II Crimes (Juvenile Offenders)				
Category	2015	2014	Net Chg.	% Chg.
Assault (Misdemeanor)	105	95	10	11%
Domestic Violence	25	18	7	39%
Disorderly Conduct	88	59	29	49%
Drunkenness	3	7	-4	-57%
DUI	1	2	-1	-50%
Forgery/Fraud	6	2	4	200%
Habitual Runaways	15	9	6	67%
Narcotics	75	79	-4	-5%
Receiving Stolen Property	25	30	-5	-17%
Sex Offenses (except rape)	18	10	8	80%
Vandalism	88	59	29	49%
Weapons	4	6	-2	-33%
All Other Offenses	164	198	-34	-17%
Total	617	574	43	7%

Support Services Division



Major
Tim Clothier (Ret.)



Jo Hall
Secretary



John Blincoe
Fleet Maintenance

The Support Services Division provides services that support the Field Services functions of the Owensboro Police Department. The Support Services Division is commanded by Major Tim Clothier. The division consists of six units including: Accreditation, Crime Prevention, Evidence Collection, Public Information, Records, and Training.



Crime Prevention Unit

Support Services Division



Crime prevention is achieved through education and awareness. The Crime Prevention Unit function is to provide crime prevention awareness to the citizens of our community. The Crime Prevention Unit provides a wide range of educational programs, such as drug and alcohol awareness, theft and robbery prevention, vandalism and burglary prevention, and personal safety techniques. All programs are focused on a dual concept of eliminating and/or minimizing criminal opportunities while encouraging citizens to share safety responsibilities throughout our community.

The Crime Prevention Unit has one supervisor and three officers assigned to the unit who are specially trained in the area of crime prevention. These officers are primarily school-based; however, they still provide services to the community throughout the year. During 2015, CPU officers made over 50 public speaking engagements, gave over 15 guided tours of the police department, conducted the annual Citizen's Police Academy, D.A.R.E. Golf Scramble, and hosted many others programs offered by the Owensboro Police Department.

Programs

Bicycle Recovery
Business/Residential Security Surveys
Camp K.O.P.S.
Character Counts!
Child Identification Program
Citizen's Academy
Citizen's Academy Alumni Association
D.A.R.E. Program
Juvenile Diversion Program

L.A.W. School
Neighborhood Watch
Police Awareness Day
Police Explorer Post 766
Public Speaking
School Resource Officer Program
Security House Check
Student Intern Program
Vehicle Identification Program



Evidence Collection Unit

Support Services Division

Evidence Collection Unit		
Category	2015	2014
Callouts	39	63
Property Items	7,641	7,689
ECU Cases	2,728	2,949
Total Items Sent to Lab	967	744



J. McKindles
Clerk

Opened ECU Cases

An open ECU case consists of anything that involves evidence which was collected in a case that is still considered open due to several factors such as: an arrest has not been made or an arrest has been made, but not adjudicated in the judicial system. During 2015, the ECU handled 7,641 total property items.



Drug Cases

The ECU processed 817 drug cases in 2015. ECU Technicians are responsible for verifying the drug, weighing, and typing the lab report that is sent to the state crime lab in Madisonville, KY.



Latent Fingerprint Program

In 2011, the Evidence Collection Unit contracted with Sam Durrett to serve as an in-house Certified Latent Print Examiner. In 2014, Ofc. Jim Parham obtained certification as a Latent Print Examiner and Ofc. Ken Bennett is in training to become certified in 2016. In 2015, Mr. Durrett, Ofc. Parham, and Ofc. Bennett worked 208 fingerprint cases which significantly reduced the time investigators had to wait for results.

Digital Forensics Examiner

Mrs. Cheryl Purdy is a certified digital forensics examiner and instructor at the Owensboro Community and Technical College. Through a cooperative effort between the Owensboro Police Department and the College, Mrs. Purdy works 4 hours per work week conducting forensic analysis of computers and cell phones seized in criminal investigations.



Explorer Post 766

Support Services Division

The purpose of the Law Enforcement Explorer Post 766 of the Owensboro Police Department is to educate high school and college students between the ages of 14 to 20 who are interested in a career in the field of law enforcement. In practical exercises based on police situations, the students learn what the dedicated professionals that serve and protect our community do on a daily basis. The Explorers also utilize their knowledge in structured competitions held on a regional and local level, allowing a unique networking opportunity. Our Explorers were a tremendous asset in 2015. Members were called upon repeatedly to assist with department operations such as Police Awareness Day, International Barbeque Festival, Owensboro Air Show, National Night Out, Operation Santa, Goodfellows, and many more.



Sgt. K. Delgadillo



Sgt. J. Foster



A. Cain



C. Lewis



T. Lewis



D. Melton



K. Nall

Records Unit

Support Services Division

# Documents Entered		
Document Type	2015	2014
Accident Reports	3,531	2,982
Uniform Citations	10,988	11,094
Offense Reports	4,759	4,761
Total	19,278	18,837



J. Greenland

The Records Unit staff is comprised of a Records Manager and three clerk-typists. Mr. Jim Greenland is the Records Manager. Currently the three clerk-typists are Karen Yocum, Sandra Meadows, and Kim Quinn.

The Records Unit handles all reports generated by the Owensboro Police Department and is the depository for all original police reports. These include citations, offense reports, vehicular accident reports, tow-in reports, and all additional reports completed by patrol and investigative officers.

These reports are processed, indexed, and archived for permanent storage. The unit is also responsible for entering, updating, validating, and cancellation of all reported statistical and criminal history information provided to city, state, and federal criminal history record information databases.

The Records Unit's mission is to maintain accurate records of arrests, reported crimes, traffic related incidents and to ensure the security and integrity of records in accordance with statutes, policies, and regulations.

The Records Unit not only maintains the aforementioned records, it also provides a timely response to the public and judicial system by supplying copies of requested accident reports and/or incident reports.

The Records Unit is also responsible for researching and applying for various grants. These grants greatly assist the department with funds that benefit our community.



S. Meadows



K. Quinn



K. Yocum

Grant Awards			
Grant Type	Grant Awarded	Matched Contribution	Total Grant Amount
Highway Safety	\$33,500.00	\$0.00	\$33,500.00
Homeland Security	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	\$23,000.00
Taser	\$17,140.00	\$0.00	\$17,140.00
Total	\$73,640.00	\$0.00	\$73,640.00

Training Unit / Public Information Officer

Support Services Division

The **Training Unit** of the Owensboro Police Department strived to provide the best possible training for our agency, while being fiscally responsible, during the year 2015. The Training Unit in conjunction with the Department of Criminal Justice Training scheduled eight in-service classes hosted at the Owensboro Police Department. Seven officers completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training held in Owensboro with three OPD officers instructing. Crisis Intervention Team training is a collaboration between law enforcement, mental health providers, and consumer advocacy groups. This course is designed to provide better response in dealing with mental illness. In addition, the Training Unit distributed updates and/or training on different subjects throughout the year. The delivery methods used include dissemination during roll call sessions, guest speakers, online courses, video presentations, and the use of printed materials. Various topics were covered, such as: Legal Updates, Domestic Violence, Missing Persons, Vehicle Pursuits and the Safe Baby Act.

Specialized Training					
Type of Training					
	Emergency Response Team	Hazardous Device Unit	Crisis Negotiations Unit	Defensive Tactics	Accident Reconstruction Unit
Officers	16	3	10	4	6
Hours	3,072	576	160	180	32



Ofc. M. Hathaway
Public Information

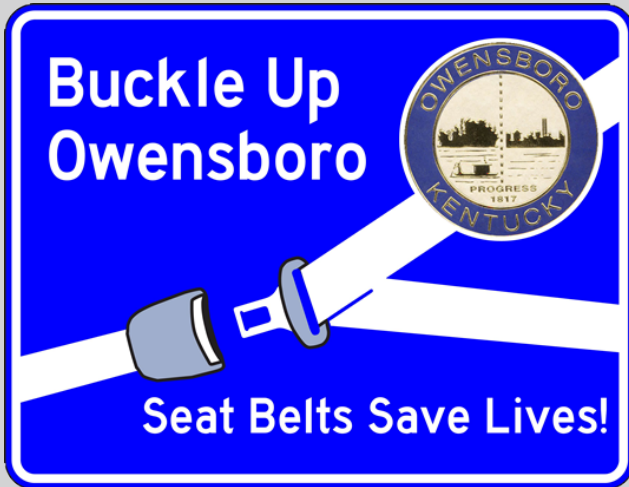
Training Schedule						
Type of Training						
	In-service Total	Held at OPD	DOCJT Richmond	Other Locations	Online	Recertifications
Officers	99	50	39	24	75	72
Classes	52	9	34	10	12	10
Hours	4,607	1,848	2,975	808	528	496

Telecommunications			
	In-service Training	Academy	Recertifications
Telecommunicators	26	1	1
Classes	18	1	1
Hours	616	205	72

Range - Firearms Qualifications		
	Day	Day/Night
Officers	97	69
Hours	776	552

The **Public Information Officer (PIO)** is responsible for the collection and distribution of information to the public. This officer coordinates contacts between divisions of the Owensboro Police Department and media representatives by arranging interviews and news conferences. The PIO uses tools such as the OPD website, Facebook, and Twitter to broadcast material that may impact the safety or be of general interest to the public. In 2015, approximately 70 press releases were disseminated on topics such as: missing persons, robberies, road conditions, arsons, bomb threats, and numerous accidents. Included in these releases were special event announcements pertaining to Run from the Cops 5k, Buckle Up Campaign, Operation Santa, and Coffee with a Cop. The PIO is committed to informing the community and maintaining a positive relationship between the Police Department and media outlets.

Buckle Up Owensboro Campaign



On October 15, 2015, the Owensboro Police Department launched its new community-wide traffic safety campaign, *"Buckle Up Owensboro: Seat Belts Save Lives!"*. The Owensboro Police Department is partnering with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in a first-of-its-kind, national pilot program to create a sustained seat belt enforcement campaign which goes beyond the traditional education and enforcement model. Our goal is to create a "seat belt community" to serve as a role model for other counties, cities and states nationwide.





A key component of the new campaign is the formation of a Buckle Up Owensboro Seat Belt Coalition consisting of local schools, businesses and other organizations. Coalition members will help shape campaign elements, reach out to students of all ages, local businesses, and religious organizations among others to share educational materials, host events and assist with media outreach to create a long-lasting seat belt community here in Owensboro.





P. Nave
Director



K. Basham
Lead



N. Byers
Lead



A. Renfrow
Lead



S. Turner
Lead



B. Booker
Section A



T. Harrington
Section A



A. Luttrell
Section A



B. Neal
Section A



S. Payne
Section A



D. Taylor
Section A



J. Allen
Section B



N. Conway
Section B



C. Clark
Section B



N. Keelin
Section B



M. Matthews
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L. Warren
Section B



A. Williams
Section B



S. Adamic
Section C



J. Bennett
Section C



A. McPherson
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S. Tooley
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E. Wimsatt
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D. Dailey



S. Frazier



A. Hines



J. Pierce



B. Smith



R. Jackson
Radio Tech



J. Maske
Radio Tech

Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch

Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch

The Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch receives thousands of calls for service from the public and other agencies. Some are routine or non-emergency calls while other calls may be matters of life and death. The Telecommunicators working in this unit provide emergency responders with the critical information necessary to make a safe and knowledgeable approach to the situation.

Telecommunicators must also maintain certification to operate the Law Information Network of Kentucky (LINK) terminal to communicate, query, enter, and retrieve information from local and national agencies through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Call Volume		
Call Type	# of Calls 2015	# of Calls 2014
Non-emergency Calls (incoming)	89,931	107,675
9-1-1 Cellular Phone Calls	58,429	61,171
9-1-1 Landline Phone Calls	10,311	10,014
VoIP (Incoming)	115	104
Total	158,786	178,964

Communication Transactions		
Transaction	2015	2014
LINK/NCIC	359,517	401,637
Warrants Served	3,607	3,606
Total	363,124	405,243



T. Harrington
Dispatcher of the Year

Computer Aided Dispatch	
Calls Dispatched To	# Count
Owensboro Police Department	53,118
Daviess County Sheriff's Office	15,951
Hancock County Sheriff's Office	68
Henderson County Sheriff's Office	70
McLean County Sheriff's Office	79
Ohio County Sheriff's Office	215
Spencer County (IN) Sheriff's Office	317
Kentucky State Police	2,427
Owensboro Fire Department	9,414
Daviess County Fire Department	6,385
Yellow Ambulance Service	11,036
Other Services	1,407
Non-Dispatched Calls	40,270
Total	140,757

Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the first point of contact for the thousands of people who call for police services each year. These employees play a key role in the delivery of police services each day through their call taking. Telecommunicators are highly skilled, well trained professionals. They must follow all policies and procedures set forth by the City of Owensboro while adhering to state and federal regulations. Unfortunately, a large volume of phone calls received by the telecommunicators are accidental in nature that are caused by children playing with the telephone or by citizens pressing the wrong keys on landline telephones or cellular phones. Such unintended 9-1-1 calls can ultimately interfere with first responders being dispatched to true emergencies, as it takes several minutes to confirm these 9-1-1 calls are unintended calls.

New Officers



New Hires	Effective Date
Donald Hayes	08/24/2015
Mark Lusk	08/24/2015
Casey Peach	08/24/2015



Lateral Transfer	Effective Date
Timothy Hatfield	02/23/2015
Larry Jones	02/23/2015
Steven Casey	06/01/2015
Adam Cottrell	06/01/2015

Rank	Effective Date
Sergeant	
Christopher Burns	10/30/2015
Tristan Russelburg	10/30/2015
Brandon Sims	10/30/2015



2015 Promotions



Explorers



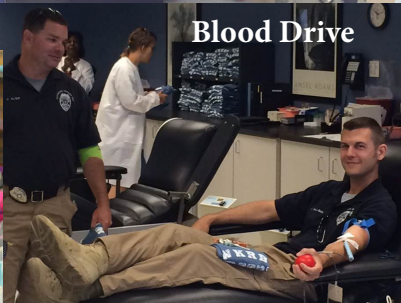
Blood Drive



Run from the Cops 5K



Shop with a Cop



Seatbelt Coalition



Golf Scramble



Operation Santa

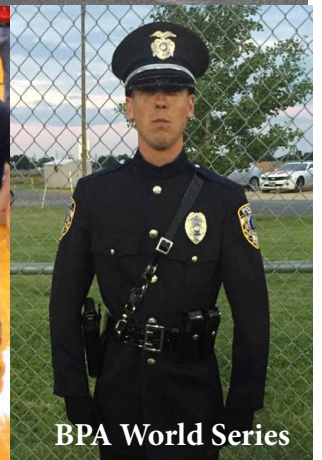


Police Awareness Day

2015 in Pictures



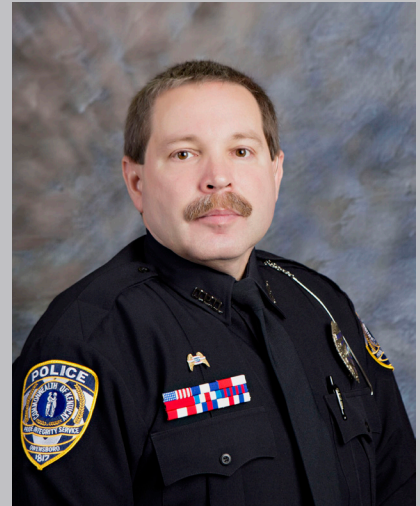
Goodfellows Party



BPA World Series

2015 Awards Banquet

The Officer of the Year for 2015 was presented to Officer Mike Matthews. He has been with the Owensboro Police Department since 2009. Officer Matthews exhibits a high degree of dedication and professionalism. Officer Matthews' strong work ethic is noticed by his fellow officers and the public alike. His diligence and persistence leads to a high number of arrests, yet he maintains great rapport with everyone he encounters due to his calm demeanor and fair treatment of everyone.



The Detective of the Year for 2015 was presented to Detective Jason McKinney. He has been with the Owensboro Police Department since 2003. Detective McKinney was the lead investigator on 175 cases in 2014 and seized over 54 pounds of marijuana with a street value approaching \$100,000. Detective McKinney sits on the Daviess County Drug Court Board. Detective McKinney is always willing to help fellow officers do what is needed to protect the citizens of Owensboro-Daviess County.

The Telecommunicator of the Year for 2015 was presented to Tammie Harrington. She has been with the Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch since 2001. She always maintains a calm demeanor and has a smile on her face, no matter the situation. She always has the "team" in mind and will always bring solutions to her concerns. Her dedication to her duties is an asset to the Owensboro-Daviess County Central Dispatch Center and the citizens of this community.



CHIEF'S AWARD - Awarded by Chief of Police for an exceptionally high degree of dedication and professionalism by the officer that shows a continuing commitment to the department and sets worthwhile standards for fellow officers to follow.

Officer Jim Parham
 Officer Sean Schlachter
 Officer Jeff Jackson
 Detective Heath Stokes
 Detective Michael Nichols
 Detective Jason McKinney
 Detective Nicholas Wellman
 Sergeant Jeff Roby



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD - Awarded for a highly unusual accomplishment by the officer under highly adverse conditions and with some degree of hazard to life and limb of the officer where death or injury to a third party is prevented.

Officer Matthew Ralph



EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD - Awarded for a highly credible accomplishment by an officer that brings public acclaim to themselves, their department, or the police profession as a result of their training, devotion, or service to the public.

Telecommunicator Barbara Neal
 Telecommunicator Jessica Pierce
 Cheryl Purdy
 Officer Chris Burns
 Officer Jeremy Henry
 Officer Gary Mattingly and Artus
 Officer Jason Lee
 Officer Eric Flory
 Officer Mike Roby
 Officer Kris Collins
 Officer Steve Martin
 Detective Art Maglinger
 Detective Bryan Velotta
 Sergeant Adam Johnston
 Sergeant Steve Wechtenhiser
 Lieutenant Chris Castlen
 Lieutenant Chris Brown

LIFE SAVING AWARD - Awarded for the act of saving/prolonging a human life by the officer through the prompt and alert action of the officer, or with some degree of hazard to the life or well-being of the officer.

Officer Benjamin Fleury
 Officer Michael Sanner
 Officer Hunter Hinton (2)
 Officer Matthew Ralph
 Officer Lucas Hardy
 Officer Alex Simmons
 Officer Shaun Schroader



HONORABLE SERVICE AWARD - Awarded for a credible act in the line of duty by an officer that meets some, but not all, of the requirements for other medals, or for an act that shows initiative, innovation, and accomplishment by the officer.

Telecommunicator Laura Warren
Telecommunicator Angel Williams
Sergeant Brad Youngman
Officer Troy Couch
Officer Chris Burns
Officer Chris Green
Officer Michael Hathaway
Officer Sean Schlachter



EXPLORER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD- Acknowledges 100 hours of community service, including crowd control, parking service, community events, etc.

Explorer Alexis Cain
Explorer Karina Delgadillo
Explorer Josh Roberson



EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT - Given to department personnel who achieve 65 or more college credit hours, an associate's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

Officer Benjamin Fleury
Officer Shaun Schroeder
Officer Kelsey Skaggs
Officer Shartez McHenry
Officer Christopher Hodge
Officer Caleb Payne



EXPLORER TENURE AWARD- Awarded to those Explorers who complete one year of satisfactory service to the post.

Explorer Corey Vance
Explorer Dustin Melton
Explorer Alexis Cain
Explorer Tristan Lewis
Explorer Christian Lewis

EXPLORER OF THE YEAR AWARD - Awarded based on dependability, attitude, attendance, and contributions to the post, department, and community.

Explorer Jesse Rhinerson

CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD - Awarded for the performance of an outstanding act of service by a civilian, for saving a human life, or substantially aiding a police officer in his or her duty.

Patty Taft



2015 Awards Banquet



UNIT COMMENDATION - Awarded to any division, section, unit, or group of individuals that performs a commendable act in the line of duty.

Telecommunicator Neal Ann Keelin
 Telecommunicator Jamie Allen
 Telecommunicator Marissa Matthews
 Telecommunicator Angel Williams
 Telecommunicator Nathan Conway
 Telecommunicator Courtney Clark
 Telecommunicator Laura Warren
 Officer Chris Burns
 Officer James Green (2)
 Officer Aaron Hamilton
 Officer Michael O'Herron
 Officer Hunter Hinton
 Officer Bernie Ferguson
 Officer Chris Watkins
 Officer Sal Castro
 Officer Joseph Jones
 Officer Jeff Jackson (4)
 Officer Benjamin Fleury (2)
 Officer Troy Couch (3)
 Officer Nathan Godeke
 Officer Aron Contratto (2)
 Officer Eric Flory (2)
 Officer Andrew Boggess
 Officer Michael Sanner
 Officer Steve Martin
 Officer Kris Collins
 Officer Jason Lee (2)
 Officer Chris Hayes
 Officer Mike Matthews

Officer Jeff Payne
 Officer Matthew Ralph (2)
 Officer Justin Richardson (2)
 Officer Gary Mattingly (2)
 Officer Lucas Hardy
 Officer Allen Schrecker (4)
 Officer Cody Cliff
 Detective Heath Stokes (2)
 Detective Bryan Velotta (3)
 Detective Jason McKinney (3)
 Detective Art Maglinger (2)
 Detective Todd Wilkerson
 Detective Nicholas Wellman (2)
 Detective Michael Nichols (2)
 Detective Jason Goddard
 Detective Courtney Yerington
 Detective Michael Staples
 Sergeant Lorhn Frazier (2)
 Sergeant Jeff Roby (2)
 Sergeant Randall Foster (2)
 Sergeant Adam Johnston
 Sergeant Jason Winkler
 Sergeant Steve Wechtenhiser (3)
 Sergeant Mike Walker
 Sergeant Brad Youngman (2)
 Lieutenant Brooke Borregard
 Lieutenant Chris Castlen
 Lieutenant Chris Brown

2015 Community Awards and Accomplishments

Officer Benjamin Fleury was awarded the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Award. The presentation ceremony was held in Louisville, Kentucky. Officer Fleury has been with the Owensboro Police Department since 2013. Fleury's enforcement efforts produced 115 DUI arrests in 2015. Officer Fleury not only had the highest enforcement rate within the Owensboro Police Department, but was also the overall recipient for Division II in the state.



Sgt. Steve Wechtenhiser and Ofc. Josh Alsip were among 7 officers to graduate from the National Polygraph Academy hosted in Little Rock, Arkansas. The National Polygraph Academy provides an intensive 400 hour training program focused on forensic detection of deception procedures and related disciplines. During the ten week course, students are afforded the opportunity to develop and refine the knowledge and skills necessary for successful administration of polygraph examinations.

Officer Aaron Hamilton received the 2015 Governor's Occupant Protection Enforcement Award. His outstanding commitment to the enforcement of seatbelt, child restraint, and booster seat laws are in keeping with the focus of the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. During the past year, Officer Hamilton issued 506 seatbelt and child restraint citations as well as 16 booster seat citations. His actions have undoubtedly saved lives, while bringing credit to himself and the Owensboro Police Department.





Lieutenant David Powell was among 20 candidates to graduate from Class XVII of the Department of Criminal Justice Training's Criminal Justice Executive Development Course. (CJED). The five week program is an advanced leadership course for criminal justice professionals. The purpose of the course is to provide students from small and medium size agencies with academic background, leadership skills and management techniques required for the future. Lieutenant David Powell has been with the Owensboro Police Department since 2001.



Chief Art Ealum was recognized on June 20, 2015 by the local NAACP for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the Owensboro community.

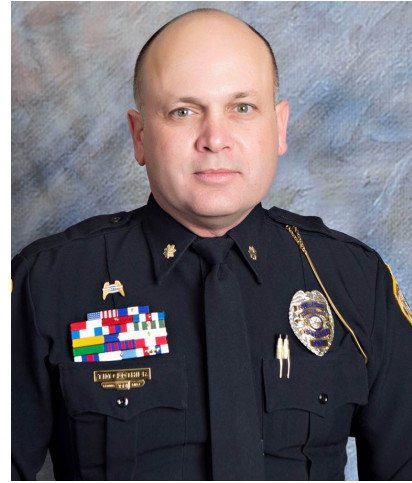
The Owensboro Police Department was well represented during the Kentucky Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) awards ceremony held in Louisville, KY. CIT is specialized training provided to officers to better enable them to respond to calls for service involving those with mental illness. Sgt. Steve Wechtenhiser was awarded the Officer of the Year award for the River Valley Behavioral Health region and Lt. Chris Castlen was awarded the CIT Award of Excellence.



Retirements



Officer Anthony Meadows
27 Years of Service



Major Timothy Clothier
24 Years of Service



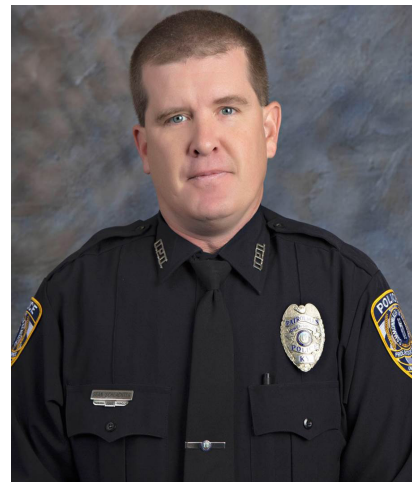
Sergeant Michael Walker
22 Years of Service



Sergeant Kenneth McKenzie
30 Years of Service



Lelia Taylor
38 Years of Service



Officer Sean Schlachter
19 Years of Service

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