

STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT

2017

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STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

May 3, 2018

Mayor Tim Swadley
Stoughton City Council Alders
Commissioners, Stoughton Police and Fire Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present you with the Stoughton Police Department's 2017 Annual Report. The annual report is intended to provide you information on the police department's activities for 2017. We hope you find it informative.

The department continues to change and evolve as we modify ourselves to meet the growing demands of the City. We have seen continual growth in the length of time that calls are taking. Overall, total incidents have remained steady. However, we have seen continued upticks in the amount of investigatory time need to complete tasks. Our PM patrol staff continues to basically run call to call. Day shift is seeing a steady increase as well. The demands on officer time continues with often to many tasks to complete during a shift.

In 2018, we intend to complete a work study to help us identify our challenges and needs as we go forward. This study will hopefully identify areas that we can shift resources to meet the needs. Also, we will likely see that we need to fill the vacant third investigator position as a means of keeping up with the more complicated cases. We have not filled this position to-date due to challenges with staffing patrol but the need and work load of our current two Detectives will likely force this move. The City's decision to hire a new officer in 2018 and the creation of the civilian Community Service Officer (CSO) will help immensely.

On behalf of the men and women of the department, please accept our appreciation for the continued support and direction you have provided to the Police Department during the past year. As our mission statement reflects, we continually strive to provide the best possible service to our community. Your support and direction is essential for us to succeed in that mission.

As always, if there is any addition information you want or questions regarding our Annual Report or department activities, please contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

Gregory W. Leck
Chief of Police



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

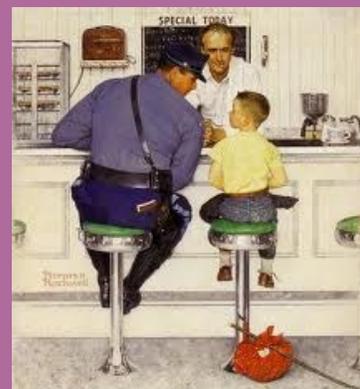
MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Stoughton Police Department to protect and enhance the quality of life by providing law enforcement services in a fair, conscientious, and professional manner.

VISION STATEMENT

The Stoughton Police Department has adopted the following vision to provide an environment that results in:

- Reduction of crime and/or fear of crime
- Improved public confidence
- Enhanced customer service
- Maximum efficiency
- Personal and professional growth for employees



POLICING VALUES

The Stoughton Police Department is committed to the following values statement:

- Maintain service as our primary goal, while vigorously pursuing those who commit crimes.
- Ensure that community responsiveness and the prevention of crime shall always be the hallmark of our department.
- Strive to maintain the highest levels of integrity and professionalism in all our members and activities.
- Provide courteous police service with respect for the rights and dignity of all the people we serve.
- Involve the community in all policing activities that directly affect the quality of community life.
- Structure police service in a manner as to reinforce the strengths of the city's neighborhoods.
- Encourage public input regarding the development of policies that directly affect the quality of neighborhood life.
- Manage our resources carefully and effectively.
- Seek the input of employees into matters that affect job satisfaction and effectiveness.
- Remain committed to a shared and open relationship of involvement with all segments of our community.

STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



The Stoughton Police Department constantly works towards achieving the department's mission to "enhance the quality of life". Our actions are guided by the core values of sensitivity, honesty, accessibility, ethics, and accountability.

The Stoughton Police Department provides full 24 hour a day public protection service to the community. The department serves approximately 12,611 residents, patrolling 4.92 square miles, 3000 acres, and 57 miles of streets.

The Department has 22 full-time sworn staff, which consists of the Chief, two Lieutenants, three Patrol Sergeants, two Detectives, fourteen Patrol Officers, and one K-9. The department has one Office Manager, five full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers.

The department utilizes five marked squads, two unmarked squads, three unmarked vehicles, an NEV parking/utility vehicle, and four police bikes. All squads are equipped with Mobile Data Computers, video cameras, and each officer is assigned a personal portable radio. The department utilizes five radar units and two laser units, and a speed board for traffic monitoring and enforcement.



Night vision goggles and a thermal imaging camera assist with low light searches and investigations. Four infrared trail cameras help monitor high theft and drug trafficking areas. Two pole cameras are also available for remote viewing of major events and problem areas.

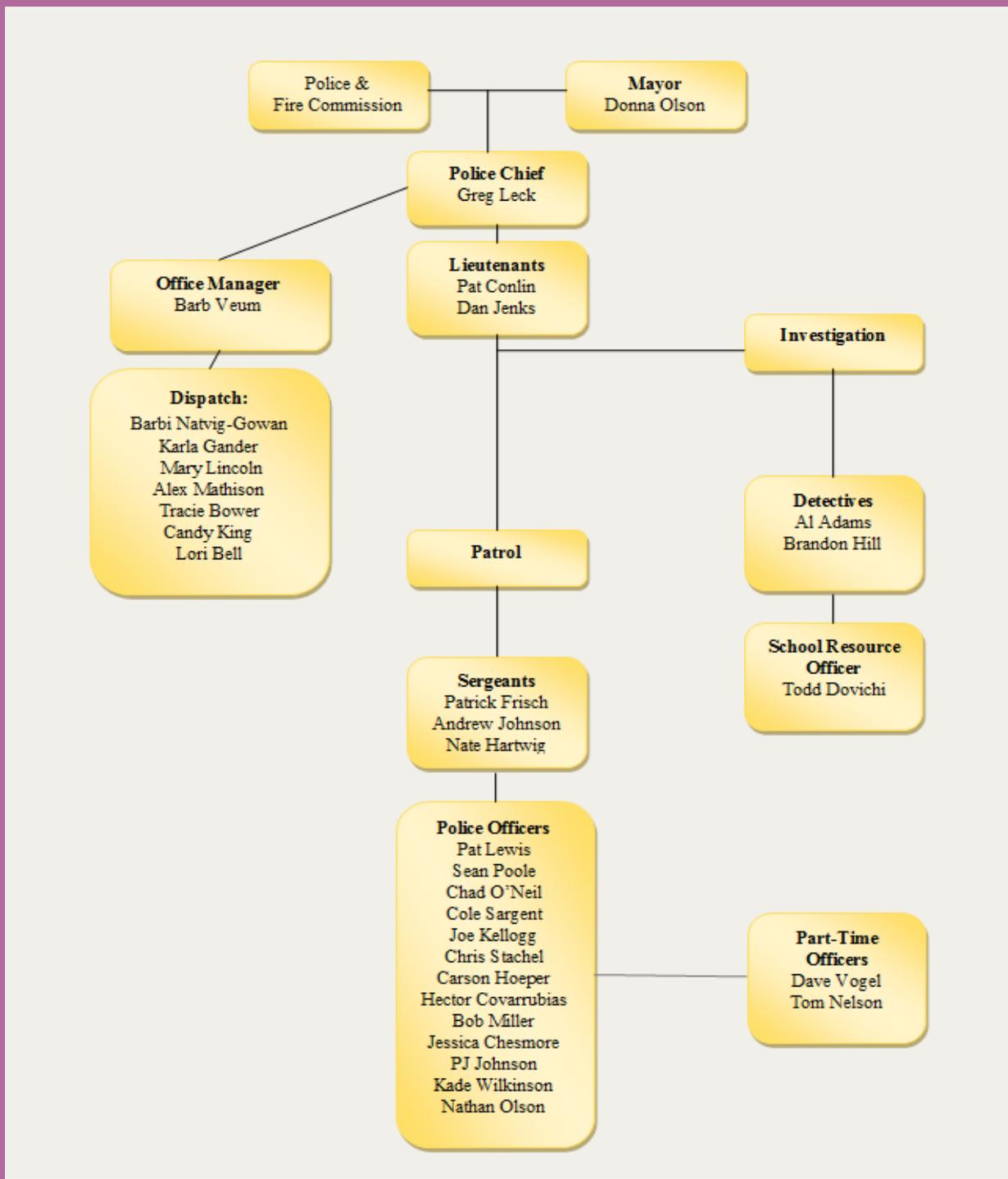
Each officer is issued a Glock 40 cal. sidearm and the patrol cars have AR-15 rifles. Department equipment is updated on a regular basis and is generally in excellent condition. Each squad is equipped with video recording and VieVue recording devices are used by patrol officers. Officers are Narcan trained as well.

We currently have 6 trained bike officers who perform high visibility patrol during Syttende Mai and Fair week. Also out during the summer when manpower permits to patrol the trails, neighborhoods, and downtown.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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PATROL SERVICES

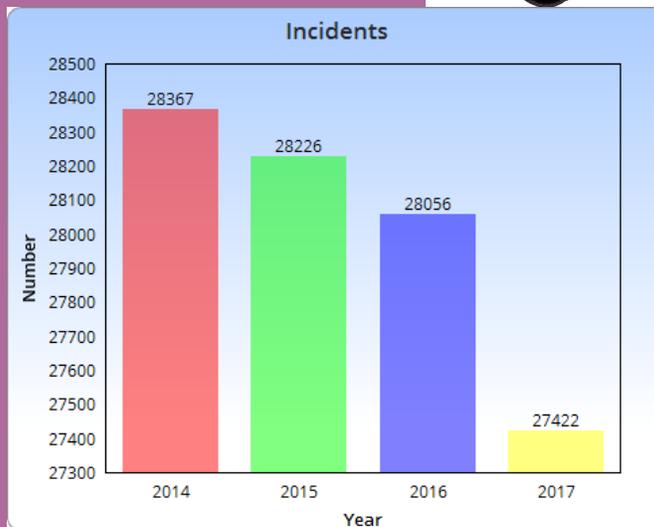


The Patrol Services Division is the most visible part of the police department. This division provides quality policing services to the community twenty-four hours a day using three shifts plus two overlapping power shifts.

The patrol officers respond to all calls for service which include: investigating criminal offenses and motor vehicle accidents, conducting traffic enforcement, community policing, and preventative patrol. The officers of the Stoughton Police Department are committed to providing efficient and effective police services to the residents of Stoughton and all who work in, visit, or travel through our beautiful City.

Officers use community based policing strategies, which include community partnerships and problem-solving techniques to assist in our goals. Officers utilize squad cars, bicycles, and foot-patrol to monitor the City.

Patrol officers are expected to handle a wide variety of calls from barking dogs to burglaries. In 2017, the Stoughton Police Department handled 27422 incidents. This was down slightly by 634 incidents from 2016.



	2017																		
	SEX ASSA	DC	OWI	DRUG	DOMEST	INTOX	DISTURB	ROBBERY	BURGLARY	BATTERY	THEFT	FRAUD	VANDAL	ACCIDENT	EMS	ALARM	911	SUSP ACT	
JAN	1	21	4	2	11	1	14	0	5	5	8	5	6	23	131	13	47	39	
FEB	0	15	1	5	5	3	40	0	1	4	9	4	6	17	109	15	45	34	
MARCH	2	18	5	6	8	3	35	0	2	2	19	3	5	21	106	11	52	45	
APRIL	0	19	12	3	10	2	30	0	3	2	30	4	6	30	86	6	62	32	
MAY	2	19	4	9	10	10	49	1	1	3	33	8	5	33	58	6	62	62	
JUNE	2	22	9	8	10	5	33	0	3	9	58	11	3	19	57	14	70	58	
JULY	0	23	6	4	9	3	66	2	5	3	26	11	8	23	63	9	74	62	
AUG	0	45	4	8	9	3	36	1	2	3	24	7	10	19	118	15	62	46	
SEPT	0	25	4	8	10	4	46	0	2	2	34	3	9	28	55	9	59	47	
OCT	0	16	5	4	8	2	39	1	0	2	18	5	13	30	52	13	48	53	
NOV	0	20	4	6	5	2	32	0	2	2	17	4	5	16	51	13	36	55	
DEC	0	22	5	4	9	1	24	0	1	2	15	2	5	22	51	13	30	26	
Total:	7	265	63	67	104	39	444	5	27	39	291	67	81	281	937	137	647	559	4060
2016	6	172	64	59	135	47	437	5	22	30	186	64	79	271	1143	92	788	413	4013
Change	1	93	-1	8	-31	-8	7	0	5	9	105	3	2	10	-206	45	-141	146	47
%	16.67%	54.07%	-1.56%	13.56%	-22.96%	-17.02%	1.60%	0.00%	22.73%	30.00%	56.45%	4.69%	2.53%	3.69%	-18.02%	48.91%	-17.89%	35.35%	1.17%



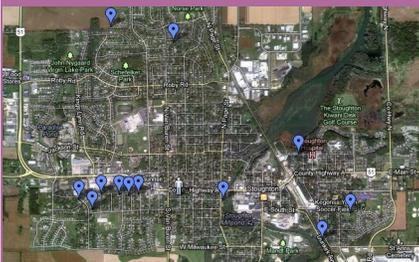
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



The two detectives working in the Investigative Services Division are Allen Adams, and Brandon Hill. Both are long time members of the department and are responsible for follow-up investigations of crimes requiring a particular expertise or that present geographic or time obstacles. A detective may continue working on cases that are years in duration.

During major case investigations, the detectives may team to complete case related tasks. The detectives provide community groups with educational presentations on a variety of topics related to law enforcement.

Detective Adams is a certified Digital Forensic Analyst and received his training from Madison College. He has received the Certified Logical Operator and Certified Physical Analyst certifications from Cellebrite and the department continues to upgrade its forensic computer equipment. The department's digital forensics lab is one of four available to Dane County agencies. This equipment is instrumental in the successful prosecution, child porn, exposure, and fraud cases.



In recent years, the division has stepped up its use of technology in combating criminal activity in Stoughton through the use of online social sites, camera technology, and other surveillance techniques. Computer mapping assists the detectives in criminal analysis, allowing the targeting of problem areas in the city and adjustment of department manpower to service the affected areas.

Both detectives are evidence technicians, trained in the best practices of evidence location and preservation. The detectives are responsible for tracking, storing and safe keeping all evidence and found property collected by the Department. In addition, detectives meet often with court officials and prepare legal documents to obtain evidence of crimes. Stoughton detectives drafted and executed 41 search warrants and subpoenas in 2017 decreasing slightly from a five year high of 47 in 2016. Warrants for electronic devices continues to drive these numbers along with renewed drug abatement and support of other local agencies.



Emphasis has also been placed on nuisance abatement techniques where landlords are informed of nuisance activities on their property and encouraged to hold their tenants accountable for their actions. Repeated violations of City ordinances are not tolerated and are prosecuted if the problem continues on the property.





2017 CASES OF INTEREST

Homicide:



Ted Bruno, 49, is charged with first-degree intentional homicide for the stabbing death of Kim M. Gaida, 46, at Gaida's home on Felland Street on Nov. 27. Bruno told police he began renting a room in Gaida's home on Nov. 1. According to the complaint, Bruno told police that Gaida, in a fit of rage, stabbed him first in the kitchen. Bruno said

he grabbed a knife and met Gaida near the front door where he used his left hand to pin Gaida's right hand, which was holding the knife, against the wall. He then stabbed Gaida numerous times.

Robbery:

Two men identified by police as Kenny Furdge and Jayvon Flemming robbed Home Savings Bank, 400 W. Main St., in Stoughton. Their faces were covered during the robbery and they brandished handguns, police said. Police spotted their car on Highway 51 as they drove from Stoughton, and after a pursuit that reached speeds of 120 mph, the car crashed on Coho

Street in Madison. The two jumped out of the car and ran but were arrested near Fish Hatchery Road. Inside the car, police found four Home Savings Bank bags filled with cash, along with white gloves and two 9mm handguns.





TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

In 2017 the Stoughton Police Department made a total of 63 arrests for operating while intoxicated (OWI) related offenses. 13 of the arrests were as a result of traffic crashes and 5 of those were injury crashes. There will be more impaired driving enforcement actions in 2017.

Again in 2018 the Bureau of Transportation Safety, (BOTS) awarded The Stoughton Police Department grants for Seatbelt enforcement and OWI enforcement. These grants pay for additional officers to work the streets and primarily enforce seatbelt and OWI violations. Each month the police department will be putting additional officers on the street to enforce the traffic law especially seatbelt and impaired driving laws.

The Stoughton Police Department remains a committed member of the Dane County Traffic Safety Commission and someone attends the traffic safety commission at the quarterly meetings The Stoughton Police Department will remain an active member of the Traffic Safety Commission.

In 2018 the department will continue to carry on its' commitment to traffic safety enforcement. This will include seatbelt enforcement grants as well as the OWI grant enforcement periods. Additionally, the police department will conduct pedestrian safety enforcement and education actions throughout the city supplementing the traffic enforcement that officers provide daily.

Always wear a seatbelt and drive safe and sober,

Sergeant Patrick Frisch



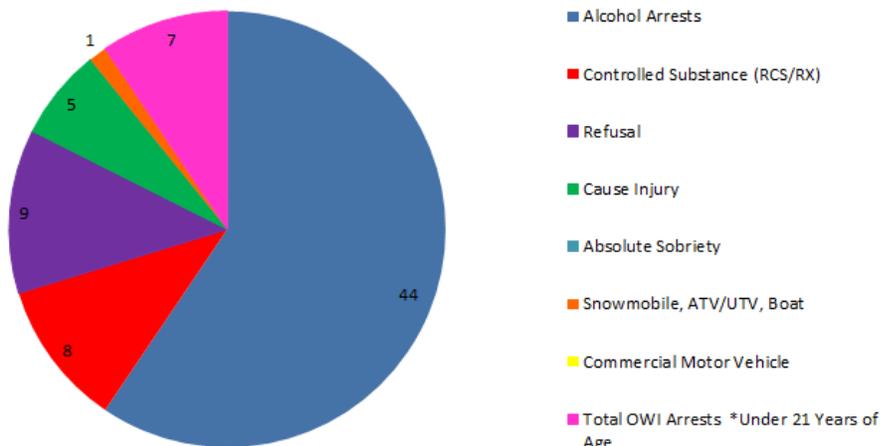


TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



2017 OWI's by Substance

Alcohol Arrests	44
Controlled Substance (RCS/RX)	8
Refusal	9
Cause Injury	5
Absolute Sobriety	0
Snowmobile, ATV/UTV, Boat	1
Commercial Motor Vehicle	0
Total OWI Arrests *Under 21 Years of Age	7



5 Year Comparison of OWI Offense Number Charged

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Highest Offense	7 th	6 th	6 th	6 th	6 th
Offense Numbers					
1 st offense	34	34	45	44	52
2 nd offense	12	12	16	16	11
3 rd offense	8	5	8	5	9
4 th offense mis.	-	6	5	2	2
4 th offense fel.	2	-	-	-	2
5 th offense	3	1	4	2	0
6 th offense	1	1	1	1	1
7 th offense	1	1	1	1	1





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach programs give Stoughton Police Officers a chance to interact with the public in a positive manner and to provide important information. The Department has several ways of accomplishing using community policing through programming and the use of technology that allow for that positive interaction.

Honor Guard:

The Stoughton Police Department Honor Guard was created as a ceremonial unit to honor and support fallen members of Law Enforcement, both active and retired, and to pay respects to the nation's colors. The Honor Guard consists of five members who train on a regular basis which consists of Posting/Presenting the Colors, Rifle Salute, and Casket Detail. They were involved in several events during 2017 Attended Det Jason Weiland Funeral (Everest Metro PD), Trooper Anthony Borostowski Funeral (WSP), presented the Colors at the WI Realtors Association in Milwaukee for Peter Sveum, participated in the Paul Kraby Memorial and Annual Awards Banquet, and attended Mayor Helen Johnson's (retired) funeral.



Honors Night and Paul Kraby Memorial:



Descendants of Officer Kraby's line of duty death at least in the past 40 years attended. Sgt. Hartwig and Lt. Jenks have also been communicating with relatives of Officer Kraby and look forward to making his end of watch date an annual memorial band wearing week with an awards banquet included.

In 2017, we held the third annual Paul Kraby Memorial with the assistance of the American Legion Post 59. Several city officials and family members attended to honor his death on September 30, 1934. the department also held the second Annual Awards Banquet at Christ Lutheran Church with approximately 140 attendees. WI Assistant Attorney General David Perlman was the guest speaker and Chief Gerald Trieloff (retired) was the honorary officer of the year. Active officers were recognized for their outstanding service to the community. Stoughton Resident Gregory Standard was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award for his involvement in subduing a violent criminal.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Med Drop:

In 2012, the Stoughton Wellness Coalition sponsored the Medication Disposal Program by installing a permanent and secure drug disposal site in front of the Stoughton Police Department. This provides 24/7 access to the public in disposing of their unused or unwanted medications (liquid, pills, gel, patches, aerosols). Please leave all medications in their original containers and use a marker to cross off any personal information. For further information contact Det. Hill.



Shop With a Cop:

Local families experiencing economic hardships can't always provide their children with their own celebration of Christmas. The Shop With a Cop program joins these underprivileged children with local police officers, providing the children with money to shop for Christmas presents. If you would like to participate or make a donation, please contact

Officer Chris Stachel.



Gun Safety Locks:

You may be proficient at loading, aiming and shooting your firearm, but are your safety precautions on target? Project Child Safe disseminates firearm safety kits (which include a gun lock and safety education brochure) through law enforcement agencies across the country. For a free gun safety lock and brochure, stop by the Stoughton Police Department front lobby.

Skate With a Cop:



2017 continued the event of "Skate with a Cop". This event was set up and organized by Officer Paul Johnson. The event features Stoughton Police Officers in uniform and in plain clothes ice skating with members of the community. This event allows police officers and the community to interact in a fun and relaxed type environment. The goal is to hold this event in February and November of each

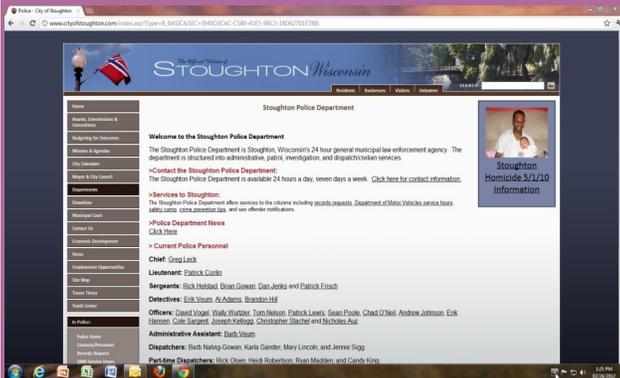
year and expand the event to include door prizes and special guest. This event has free admission and skate rentals made possible by generous donations by local businesses.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Internet and Social Media:



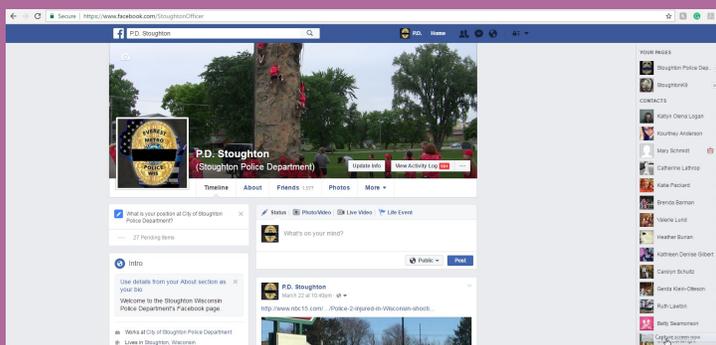
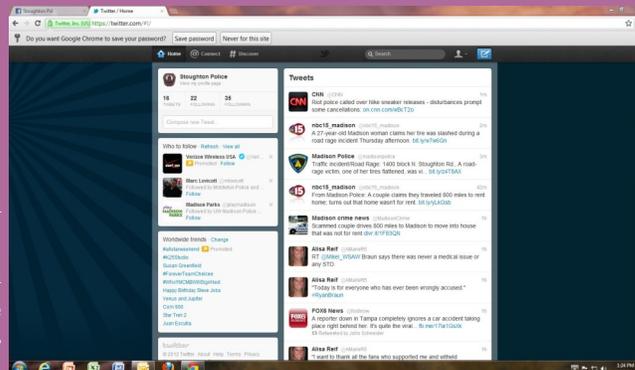
The Stoughton Police Department always looks for ways to better communicate with our community and provide services in a more efficient way. Part of that process is to have a presence in cyberspace.

The Stoughton Police Department posts on the City of Stoughton website at www.cityofstoughton.com.

This website contains contact information, records request forms, vehicle registration information, Safety Camp updates, Briarpatch brochures, and much more.



You can now follow Stoughton Police Department on Twitter. Tweeting helps get information out to the community about the Department, what is happening in regards to crime in the City, tips, lost children, etc. We can also receive information about incidents in other communities. Start following us today.



Become a friend of P.D. Stoughton (<https://www.facebook.com/StoughtonOfficer>)

on Facebook. Facebook allows the police department to take advantage of the picture sharing feature to help solve crimes. The department has released photos and videos on Facebook to help return found property and identify suspects. The page also allows us to share other information with the community such as upcoming events, recent training, and scam information. The P.D. Stoughton page now has over 1921 friends and grows every day.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

School Resource Officer:

The Stoughton Police Department and the Stoughton Area School District continue to work together to fund the School Resource Officer position. Officer Dovichi continues to work closely with school staff and students to enhance understanding of police work, provide security presence and resources to the school, and deals with the day to day calls for police service within the district.

Citizens Academy:

Our 3rd annual Citizen Police Academy took place in the fall of 2017. We had 13 people attend our Citizen Police Academy. The students participated in firearm and emergency vehicle operation training as well as scenario based training and many other discussion topics. During the defense and arrest tactic training several students took the opportunity to be Tazed. We had a great group of people from all segments of our community. One student had been hired by the Stoughton Police Department as a Community Service Officer and another student has received a career offer from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and others are volunteering to assist us with traffic control during Syttende Mai. The applications for the 2018 Stoughton Police Department Citizen Academy are available at the Stoughton Police Department or by email to Sergeant Patrick Frisch at pfrisch@ci.stoughton.wi.us.



K-9 Unit:

The K9 team assisted in multiple searches and tracks for suspects. The 2nd annual dog swim fund raiser was successful. Along with monthly training, Ole completed recertification through Southern Police K9 Inc and also participated in the WI Law Enforcement Canine Handlers Association conference.

Coffee with a Cop:



Coffee with a Cop...what is it? It's a simple concept. Police and community members come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. Be a part of Wisconsin's First Coffee with a Cop in the city where "the coffee break started." If you are interested in participating, look for our monthly announcements on our Facebook page .



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Program, which started in 1972, takes a proactive approach to prevent crime. Its community-oriented endeavor provides a unique infrastructure that brings together local officials, law enforcement, and citizens for the protection of their communities. If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Group or a Business Watch Group, please contact Sgt. Nathan Hartwig.



Cascade Falls

In 2013, after several residents of the Cascade Falls apartments (1215 & 1233 Jackson St.) complained to management about nuisance issues and petty crimes happening on the property, management approached the police department with the tenants concerns. An invitation for an informational meeting on Stoughton Police Department letterhead was drafted and given to each tenant. The meeting was attended by the Cascade Falls management staff, maintenance staff, and approximately 12 tenants. A power point presentation on basic crime prevention was given, and the attendees asked questions and voiced their concerns about issues on the property. The residents were concerned over non-residents loitering on the property, vandalism, thefts from autos, and alleged drug use/dealing by some tenants. The group wished to start a community crime watch and were given advice on what to report and when. The group was advised to call the police department at the time of the violation and to report the information to property management as well. The residents requested extra patrols of the property, especially the parking lot.

A second letter was created and given to each apartment, telling the tenants that the crime watch was being started and that any and all suspicious behavior would be reported to the police. Management also took the advice of the police department and posted permanent no trespassing/loitering signs at the main and rear entrances of the property.

North Page Street

The group that was meeting on N Page St has dissolved as the main concern for that neighborhood moved.

Since the creation of these watch groups, the neighborhoods have improved and there are far fewer calls for service to these areas.





GRANTS



Digital Forensics Lab:

The department received grants from the Bryant Foundation to maintain the department's Digital Forensics Lab. Funds helped maintain the Cellebrite UFED Touch forensic machine and Encase 7 software licenses as well as provide replacement parts for the forensic desktop computers. This machine and software allow for forensic acquisition of digital devices from computers to modern cell phones, tablets, and GPS devices. The Stoughton Police Department is one of four departments in Dane County with the ability to access small devices in this way which allows immediate access to evidence. In the past it would take weeks to acquire such evidence slowing investigations. Dane County and the State of Wisconsin are providing less support each year for digital forensics due to budget constraints.

K-9 Unit:

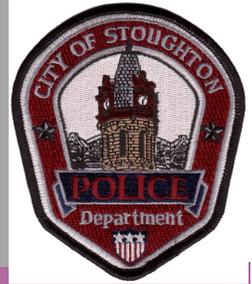


Funds were also given for new squad equipment for the K-9 Unit. These funds will help provide a new squad cage for Ole as we transition from the old Crown Victoria squad to a new Explorer version.

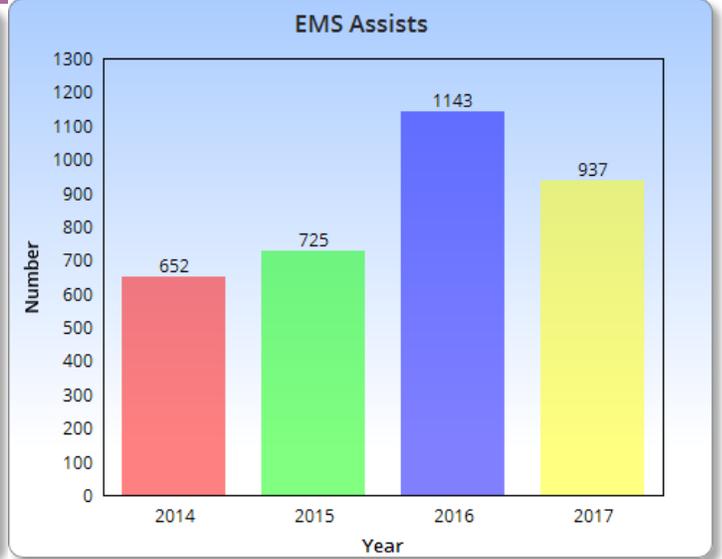
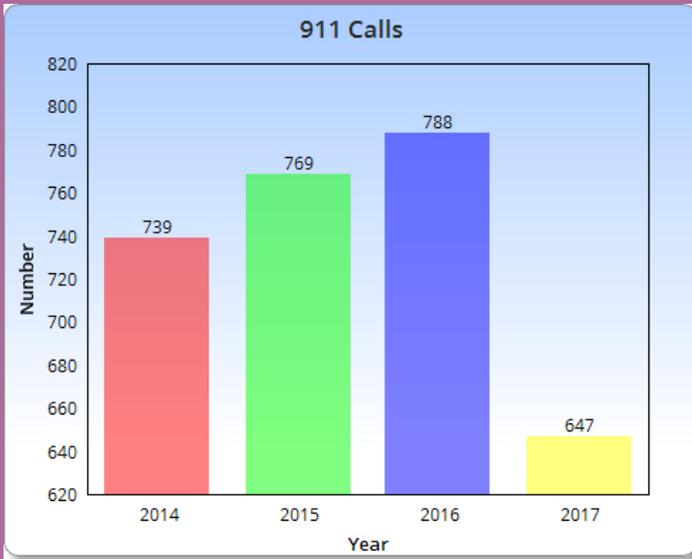
Pedestrian Safety:

Bryant funds helped purchase two new pedestrian crossing signs to help ensure pedestrian visibility in high traffic areas of the City.

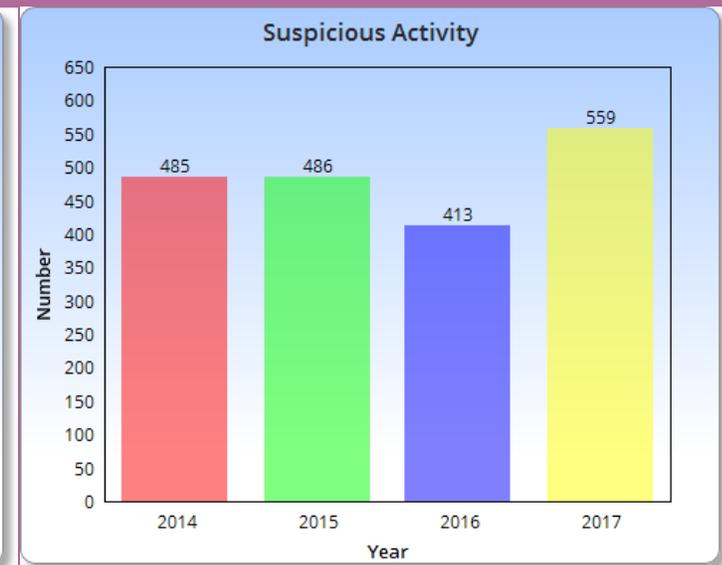
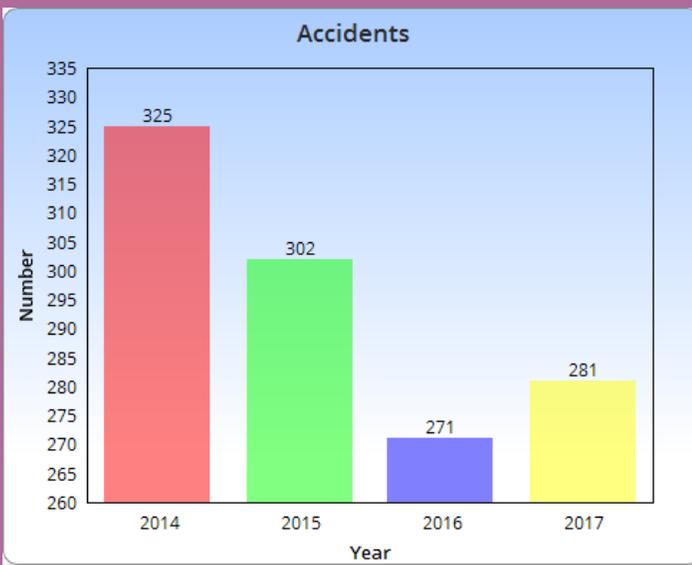


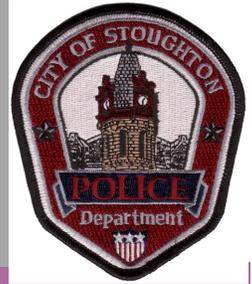


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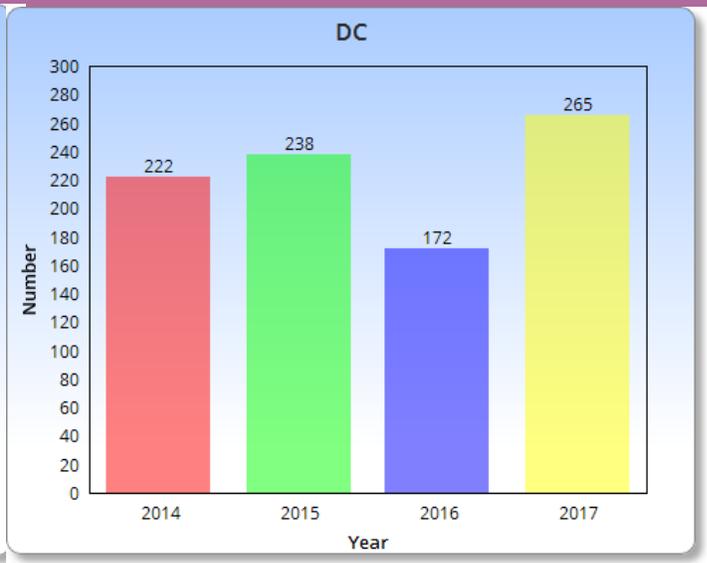
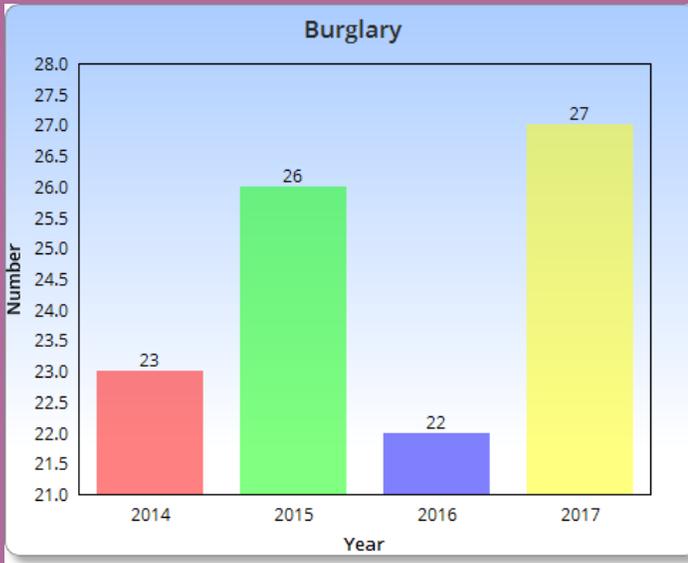


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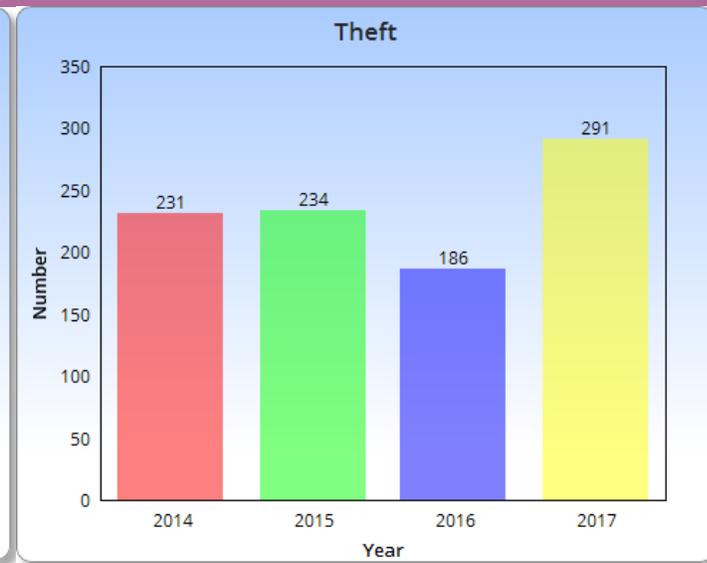
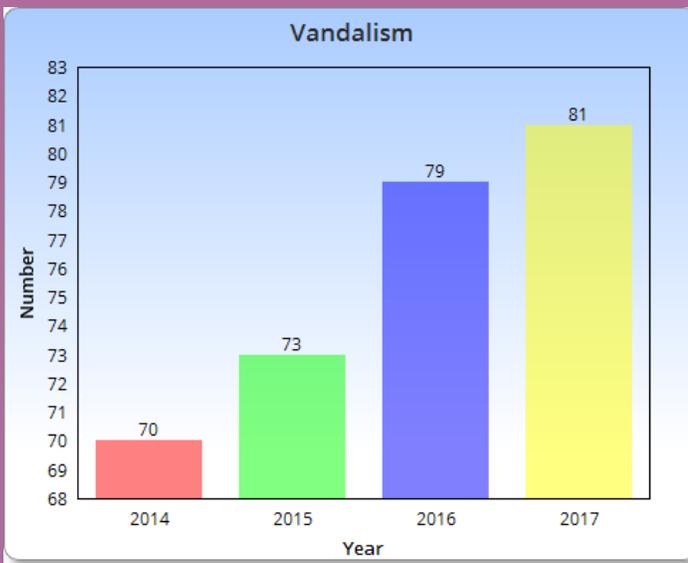


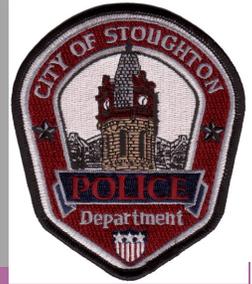


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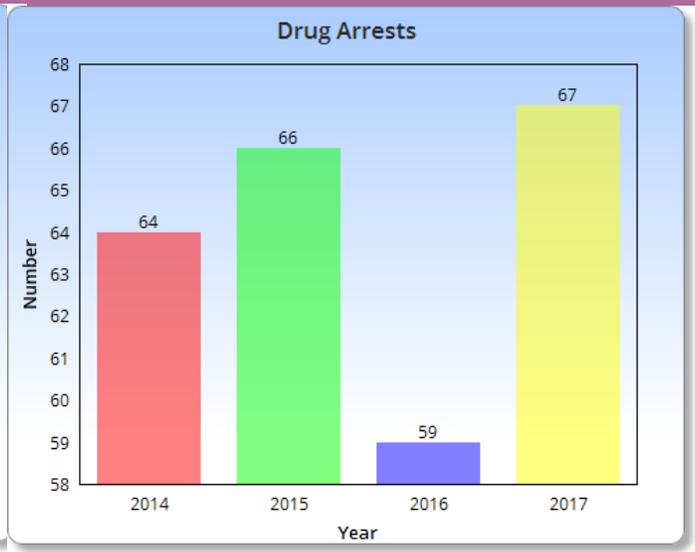
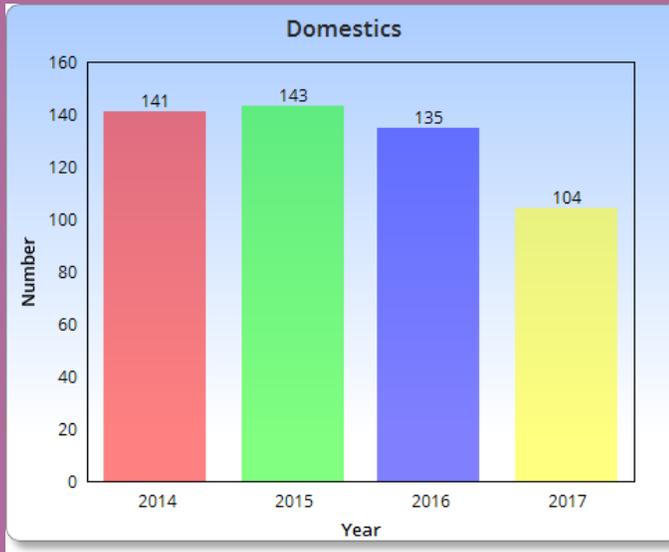


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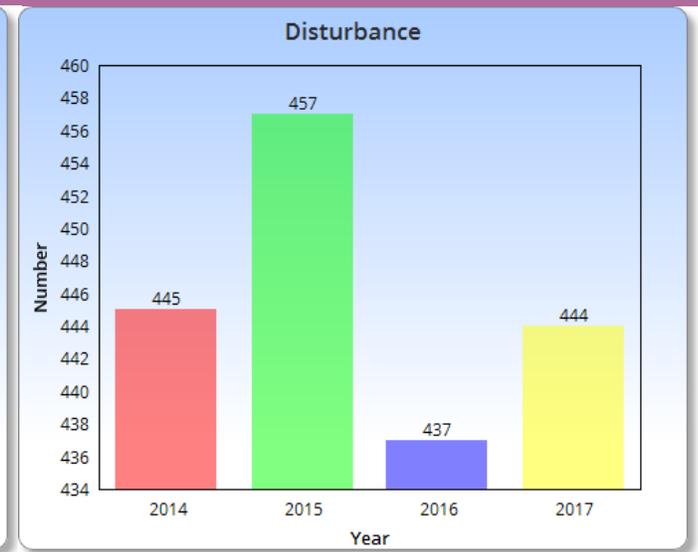
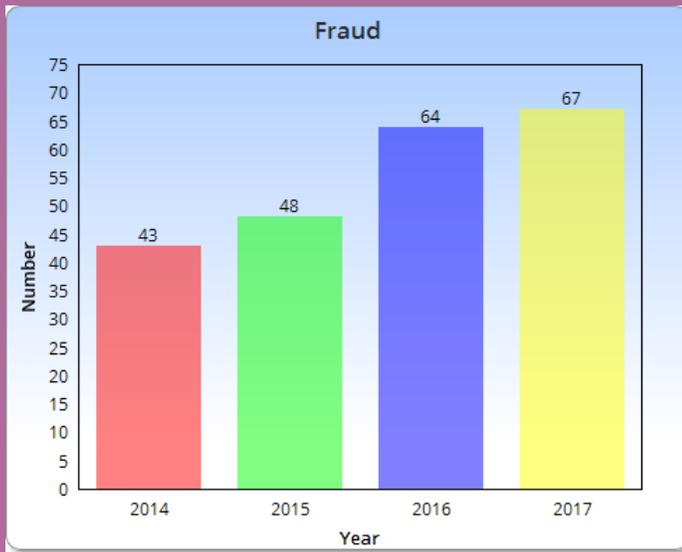




DATA CHARTS



NUMBER OF INCIDENTS COMPARED BY YEAR





GOALS FOR 2017

2018 Short Term Goals

Present the proposed Police Garage Facility plans to appropriate committees
Research and develop new pedestrian safety improvements and initiatives to increase pedestrian safety throughout the city.

Work with the Stoughton Area School District to develop and initiate improvements plans and training as part of the WI Safe Schools Initiative.

Complete an analysis of workloads and staffing levels to determine current and future patrol and investigative needs.

Increase training and improve policies directed at how we handle Mental Health and Drug Abuse incidents to reflect a need to focus on treatment instead of incarceration.

Complete the update of the department's policy and procedures manual.

Long Term Goals

Complete formal department wide strategic planning process

Conducting analysis of department activities to determine future staffing needs based on crime trends, workloads, and population & business increases.

Continue to research new methods of policing to ensure that the department is using current best practices for the delivery of services.

Continue to evaluate current facilities and to determine future needs.

