

Year End Report

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

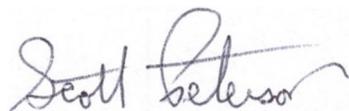
2014 was another year of progress for the Windom Police Department. We began using a new records management system and our agency was again visible in the community providing education and being involved in community-policing related activities.

The Windom Police Department, along with the Cottonwood County Sheriff's Office and the Mountain Lake Police Department, partnered together to acquire new records management software. Zuercher Technologies of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was selected to provide the new system. The software allows for more information sharing and allows our officers to do more work in the car. Panasonic Tough Pads were also acquired in this project giving us state-of-the-art technology in our patrol vehicles. This software also provides our department with a more effective and efficient evidence management system that speeds up the process of logging in evidence.

Officers Louis Norell and Cory Hillesheim, along with Deputy Justin Derickson of the Cottonwood County Sheriff's Office, gave multiple Active-Shooter presentations to different employers and organizations in Windom in 2014. It is a priority of the Windom Police Department to provide this type training to members of this community and we will continue this in 2015. School Resource Officer Dana Wallace organized an "Every 15 Minutes" presentation that was given to the High School students in the spring to demonstrate the effects of a drunken driving incident. All Windom Emergency Services agencies were on display during this presentation. It was a proud day to be in Windom.

The following pages will provide further detail into what the past year was like for our agency. I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their continued support. Also, I would like to thank Record Clerk Deb Nesseth and Officer Dana Wallace for their assistance in creating this report.

Sincerely,



Scott Peterson, Chief of Police



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Notable Events

- Traffic Stop leads to \$20,000 in stolen merchandise
- Police Chase ends in roll-over and DUI
- Lowest # of adult arrests in 5 years
- Highest # of traffic citations and warnings in 5 years

Park Security Cameras

In 2014, the Police Department looked at different security camera systems offered by different vendors in an effort to potentially have the city install cameras in some of the parks and other strategic locations around Windom. The Police Department arranged for a tour of the City of Mankato's system in Mankato MN and attended a tour with other city officials. Following this tour, arrangements were made for WW Communications out of Mankato, MN to give a presentation to the Windom City Council. The City of Windom has now budgeted for security cameras to be installed and plans are for cameras to be in-

stalled in 2015. It is hopeful that the installation of these cameras will make our parks less prone to vandalism, and aid in the prosecution of crimes that may take place in the parks.

Asst. Chief Kevin Patterson



Zuecher Records Management

NOTABLE CASES

On May 15th, 2014 I was advised by dispatch of an alarm going off at Peterson jewelry. Once in the area, I noticed a van leaving the area. I conducted a traffic stop which I noticed had several Verizon box's in the vehicle, after some investigation I arrested the female driver. When confronted the male passenger and advised he was under arrest, the male took off running on foot. With the help of a K-9, the male was arrested. Value of recovered items was over \$20,000

Officer Cory Hillesheim

2014 brought a major change to the department as we implemented a new records management system. The new system was custom designed to fit the needs of the Windom Police Department, Cottonwood County Sheriff's Office, and the Mt. Lake Police Dept. It makes information sharing much faster and efficient, and enables officers to access the system from their patrol vehicles.

Tough pad computers were added to all 3 of the Windom Patrol Cars and officers are experiencing the benefits of this new system. Officers can do almost everything from their squad car without going through the dispatch center. This new system also allows us to share case files with attorneys and the court system much more efficiently. In 2015, we look to continue to update this system as it has the capability to do even more.



Asst. Chief Kevin Patterson

Community Active Shooter Training— A.L.I.C.E.

In an effort to create a safer community, the Windom Police Department continues to train and prepare officers for Active Shooter incidents. In expansion to past trainings, Officers were sent to new trainings that were focused on Officers training community members.



The first training was provided by the A.L.I.C.E Training Institute in a Train-the-Trainer format, which certifies the attendants to bring the training back to their businesses, schools, or places of worship. The A.L.I.C.E program is a contemporary kind of training that is seeing nationwide recognition in the last several years implementing the new recommendations of the 3 outs: Get Out, Hide Out, and Fight Out. For more than a decade now, schools, businesses, etc., have designed their Active Shooter procedures after the “Lockdown” only response. Studying actual Active Shooter incidents, the Lockdown only response has shown to be inadequate. Looking at just the last 14 years, comparing the three massacres at Columbine, Virginia Tech, and Newtown, the casualties have actually increased with a Lockdown only response. The people immediately affected by an Active Shooter need the knowledge and ability to increase their chances of survivability, rather than hoping the police arrive

before the shooter finds them, which is exactly what the A.L.I.C.E. program was designed to do.



The second program officers participated in was an FBI training on Pre-Attack Indicators of Active Shooters. The FBI summarized years of their studies on active shooters and common tendencies they have had. With this information, the goal is an attempt to identify and stop threats before it ever turns into an actual Active Shooter incident.

Coupling these trainings, the Windom Police Department has partnered with the Cottonwood County Sheriff’s Office for an intuitive program that goes into the community to share with Schools, Businesses, and Places of Worship on how to increase their chances of survivability. So far, 200+ people have been fully trained, including the entire staff at the Windom Area Hospital and the Red Rock Ridge/Alternative Learning Center Schools.

The majority, if not all of schools in Minnesota still implement the standard Lockdown only response. The City of Windom and the Windom Police Department has been seen as a cornerstone in the region for providing this unique program and is paving the way for an awakening on how to create a safer environment for the community and for our children in the schools.

Officer Louis Norell

NOTABLE CASES

On a June night, I was on patrol with Asst. Chief Patterson in Kastle Kingdom park. A car traveling on Lakeview at a high rate of speed ran the stop sign at 12th St. before turning and heading out of town. We attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle but it increased its speed and took off. The driver was swerving and traveling at speeds up to 100 MPH. At one point the driver forced an oncoming vehicle onto the shoulder. When the driver got about 4 miles out of town he lost control, slid into a field and rolled the car. As soon as the car came to a rest on its side, the driver emerged from a window and took off running. I was able to catch up to him after about 100 yards and he was taken into custody. The driver's blood alcohol content was 0.14. The driver was charged with fleeing in a motor vehicle, giving a false name and DWI.

~Officer Jon Beck



3rd Annual Citizen's Police Academy

This year's Citizen's Police Academy graduated 12 new citizens who are now partners with the police department. We continue to improve and upgrade the academy each year. New to this year's academy included expanded role play scenarios that challenged citizens to understand the use-of-force options and the split second decision making officers need to protect their lives or others.



Department Recognition



Josh Partlow
2014 MN Dept of Public Safety DUI All-Star

Donna Marcy
2014 Faces of Hope Honoree
2014 Mayors Medal of Honor

From the Records Department

We have had an eventful year with Police Records this year. We went "Live" with a new Zuecher Records Management system on October 14th, 2014.

I spent a lot of the summer working with Records configuration so our old data would merge into the new system. This system has more capability, not only in Records, but in CAD & Mapping, Jail, Civil, Property Evidence and Personnel features. It has given the Patrol Officers much more capability and can be tailored to fit the needs of different groups of users at the Law Enforcement Center.

Our officers can do so much more right from their cars since they have Mobile units. They can create Calls for Service, Incident Reports, create and fill out forms, use a signature pad to have the documents signed

right away when needed, like a Run-away Report, Theft Report, Property Release, etc., along with running their State queries for driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. As safety is a priority, the CAD system has allowed dispatchers to closely monitor officer activity at the Law Enforcement Center.

This system will continue to offer enhancements and updates, along with online training or assistance through their support staff.

We will continue to learn more about the system and what it has to offer in 2015 and for years to come.

Records Clerk—Debra Nesseth



2014		2013
254	Total Arrests	290
590	Criminal Cases	558
2077	Total Calls For Service	1814
138	Accidents	113
15	Injuries	13
257	Traffic Citations	269
33	DUI's	36
898	Citations + Written Warnings	685

Every 15 Minutes

In April, Windom Police Department partnered with all of the local emergency services and Windom Schools to put on the Every 15 Minutes program for the first time in Windom.

This intense program challenged students and the community to think about drinking, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions, the impact on those who drive after drinking, the innocent victims and their friends and families.

Officer Dana Wallace



By the numbers...

- **9 months of planning**
- **114 Student, Staff, Volunteers and Emergency Workers**
- **10 Agencies Involved**
- **20 Corporate Sponsors**
- **~\$8000 in donations**
- **Nearly 2,000 Views on YouTube**



Teachers preach to us to buckle up, never drink and drive or text and drive, but I don't think it hit us until we saw what can really happen. ~Senior



My best friends screams pierced my ears and I realized that nothing would be the same if they were gone, if he was gone."
~Junior—Living Dead Student

Dear Mom and Dad,

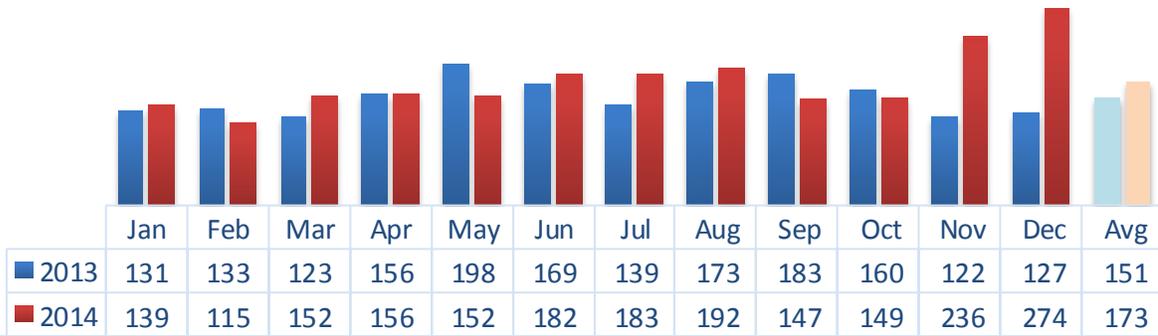
Today I died and this is what I never got the chance to tell you....

Department Activities

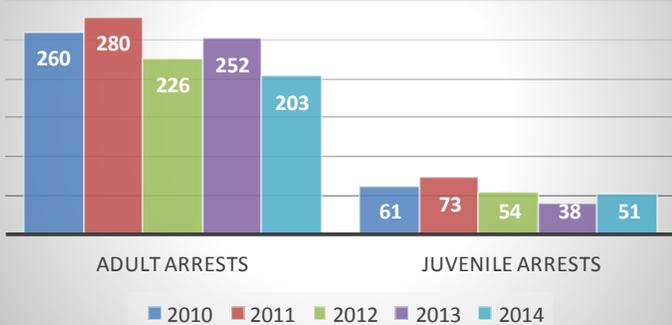


Total Calls for Service

Calls that officers respond to and make a report on
*New reporting software installed Nov 2014



5 Year Arrest Totals

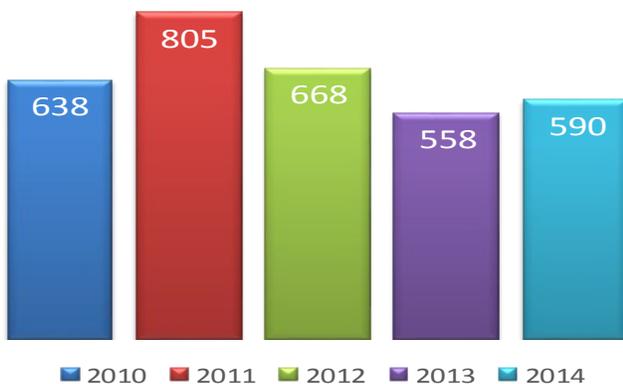


Other Police Activity—Misc. activity that the officers have made reports on.

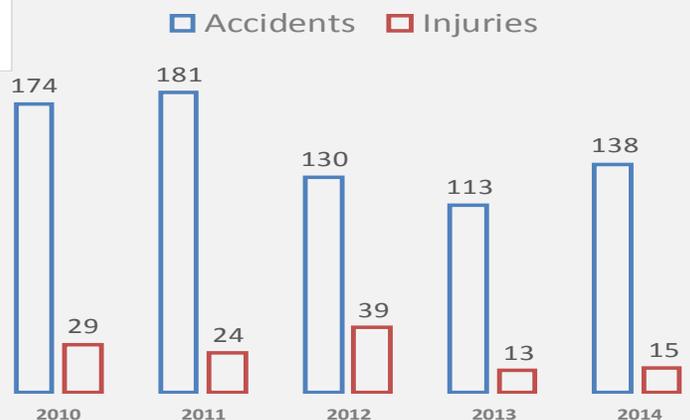
	2014	2013
Ambulance Assists	228	212
Assist Other Agency	75	53
Concern for Welfare	85	89
Dogs/Cats Impounded	41	39
Disturbances	83	78
*Domestic Disturbances	18	22
Funeral Escorts	40	35
False Alarms	46	60
Lost/Found/Recovered Property	35	46
Mental (Inc. Suicidal, etc)	17	17
Miscellaneous (Includes Informational Calls, Exchange of Information with other Depts, etc)	215	227
Missing, Lost or Runaways	6	7
Prowlers, Suspicious Persons/Activity Window Peepers, etc.	105	113
Public Assists/Misc. Public	157	161
Traffic- Hit and Run Accidents	36	23
Vacation Home Requests	16	15

*The Domestic Disturbances totals above don't reflect some of the more serious domestics, resulting in assaults and possibly other charges

Criminal Cases



5-year Accident Comparison



2014 Total Criminal Cases and Arrest

Criminal Cases	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests	
1			Alarm -Tamper with a Fire Alarm
60	35	3	Assaults (All Degrees) & Terroristic Threats
18	12		Burglary (All degrees)
35	9		Check Fraud, Check Forgery, Dishonored Checks, Thefts by Checks, Theft by Swindle, Computer Crime, Counterfeit, Identity Theft, Fraudulent use of Debit Card, Prescription Forgery, etc.
32	11		Crimes against the Administration of Justice (Including Obstructing Legal Process, False name to Officer, Falsely Reporting a Crime, Release Order Violation, Sex Offender - Fail to Change Address, Probation Violation, etc.)
3			Crimes against the Family (Inc. Abuse of Vulnerable Adults and Child Abuse/Neglect)
55	4		Criminal Damage to Property (All Degrees)
3			Cruelty to Animals/Dangerous Dog
14	9	2	Disorderly Conduct
23	16	4	Drug Related Offense (including Possession Small Amt. of Marijuana, 1st Degree - Manufacture Meth, 5th Deg - Sale of Marijuana, Poss. Paraphernalia)
3	3		Escape - Fleeing/Fugitive from Justice
3		2	Fires-Unlawful Burning
1			Kidnapping-Deprive of Custodial Rights/False Imprisonment
51	44	10	Liquor Violations (Inc. DUI's (Msd, GM, Felony) Minor Consumption, Underage Drink & Drive, Open Bottle, Minor in Possession, Purchase Sell, Barter & Furnish Under 21, etc.)
1	1		Murder - Attempted (unborn child)
1		4	Obscenity - Jumping off dock naked
	1		Possession/Receiving Stolen Property
19		9	Runaway/Incorrigible Juv/Curfew/Truancy
6	3	2	Sex Offense (Criminal Sexual Conduct - All Degrees)
2			Stolen Property - Receiving/Possession
5	3	1	Tampering/Entering Vehicle/Driver without Consent
40	8		Theft (All Degrees) + Shoplifting
2			Theft of Bikes
1			Recovered Bikes
4	1		Theft of Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle (<i>note: One was an unfounded report</i>)
1			Recovered Motorcycle
2			Theft (Shoplifting)
1		2	Theft of Mail
2		2	Tobacco Violations
87	41	9	Traffic - Misd/Gross Misd Traffic Violations and Hit and Run
99	2		Other: Disturbing the Peace, Harassing Communications/Harassment, Interference with 911 call, Stalking, Criminal Defamation, Trespass and Disruptive Intoxication
14		1	Property Offenses, Disturbing the peace, Trespass and Disruptive Intoxication
1			Weapons- Discharging, Dangerous Weapon on School Property, Transport Uncased Firearm and Carry Rifle in Public Place
590	203	51	2014 Totals

Traffic Enforcement

Accidents

	2013	2014
Total Accidents	113	138
Persons Injured	13	15
Fatalities	0	0

Citations

	2013	2014
Moving Tickets	269	257
Non-Moving Tickets	7	4
Moving Warnings	329	555
Non-Moving Tickets	17	16
Repair Tickets	63	66

Driving Under Influence

	2013	2014
Misdemeanor	12	19
Gross Misd/Felony	24	14
Underage Drink/Drive	0	5