



ANNUAL REPORT
2014

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Chief of Police
Kevin P. Brunelle



Chief's Message

On behalf of all of the men and women of the Winter Springs Police Department, I am pleased to share our 2014 Annual Report. The police department remains committed to working cooperatively with our community as a team to make this city the safest in Central Florida.

2014 was a year of continued successes and accomplishments for the department and community we serve. During the year, we were able to maintain a level of safety and security which is unparalleled in our area. Through our continued partnership with our residential and business community, we will continue to be leaders and innovators for policing into 2015 and beyond.

The mission of the Winter Springs Police Department is to continue to deliver public safety services to our community with utmost professionalism, ethics, and integrity using new and innovative programs designed to enhance our community.

Our personnel are committed to the mission and goals of the department and we value community participation and trust. To that end, the members of the Winter Springs Police Department will continue to work outside of conventional policing methods to bring you, our customer, quality services when you need us. Please do not hesitate to call on me at any time I can assist.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin P. Brunelle'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin P. Brunelle
Chief of Police



COMMAND STAFF



Capt. James Wilkins
Operations Bureau



Capt. Michael Noland
Admin. Services Bureau



Capt. Chris Deisler
Support Services Bureau



Capt. Kevin Presley
Investigations Bureau

Police Officer's Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...
law enforcement.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

As taken from FBI.gov., The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, **Part I** and **Part II** crimes. Each month, participating law enforcement agencies submit information on the number of **Part I** offenses that become known to them; those offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means; and the age, sex, and race of persons arrested for each of the offenses.

The UCR Program collects data about **Part I** offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the Nation. The program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. The **Part I** offenses are:

Homicide—a.) Murder and non-negligent manslaughter: the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, and accidental deaths are excluded. The program classifies justifiable homicides separately and limits the definition to: (1) the killing of a felon by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty; or (2) the killing of a felon, during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen. b.) Manslaughter by negligence: the killing of another person through gross negligence. Deaths of persons due to their own negligence, accidental deaths not resulting from gross negligence, and traffic fatalities are not included in the category Manslaughter by Negligence.

Forcible rape—The carnal knowledge of a victim forcibly and against their will. Rapes by force and attempts or assaults to rape, regardless of the age of the victim, are included. Statutory offenses are excluded.

Robbery—The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault—An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Simple assaults are excluded.

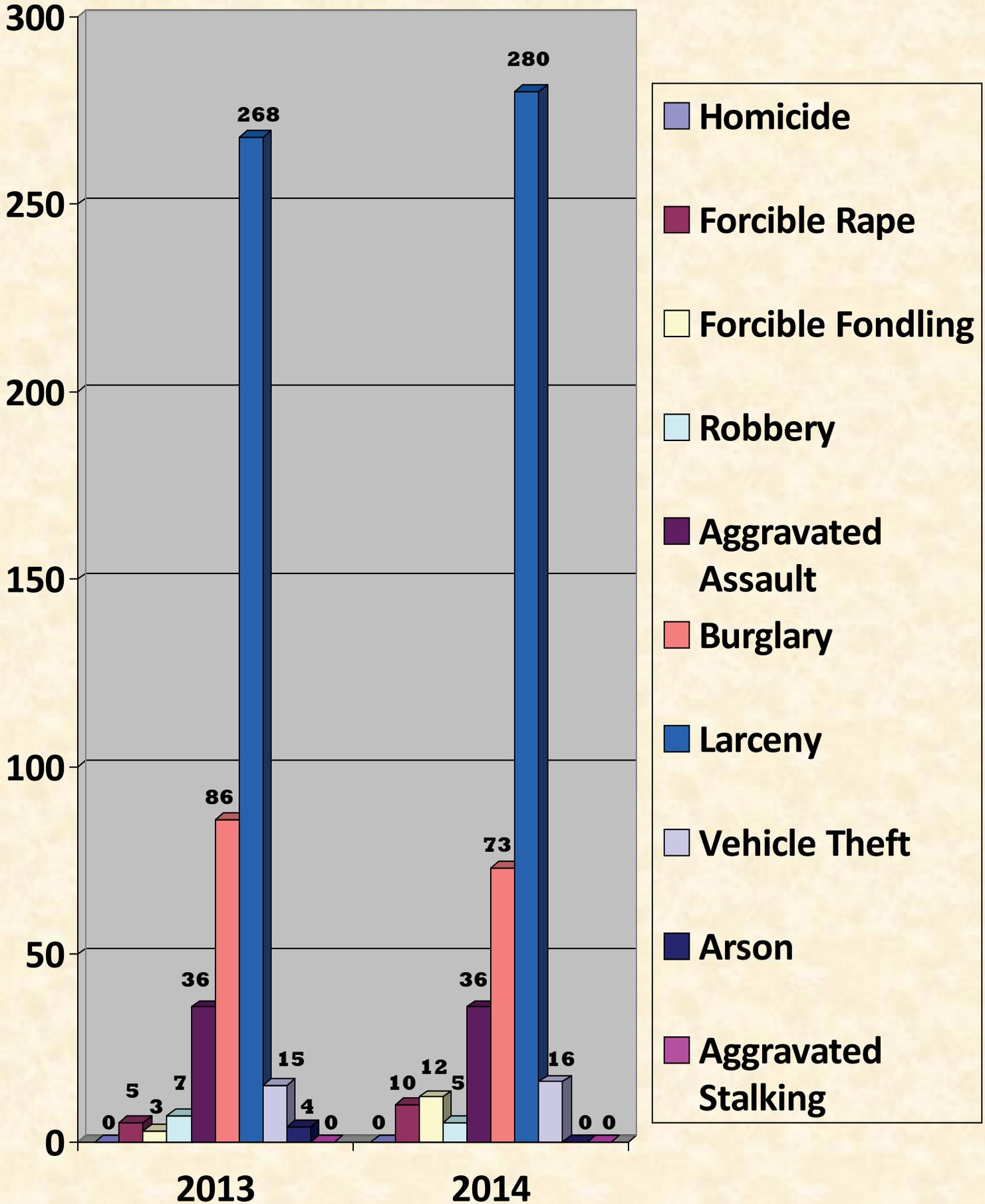
Burglary —The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Attempted forcible entry is included.

Larceny/Theft (except motor vehicle theft)—The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, check fraud, etc., are excluded.

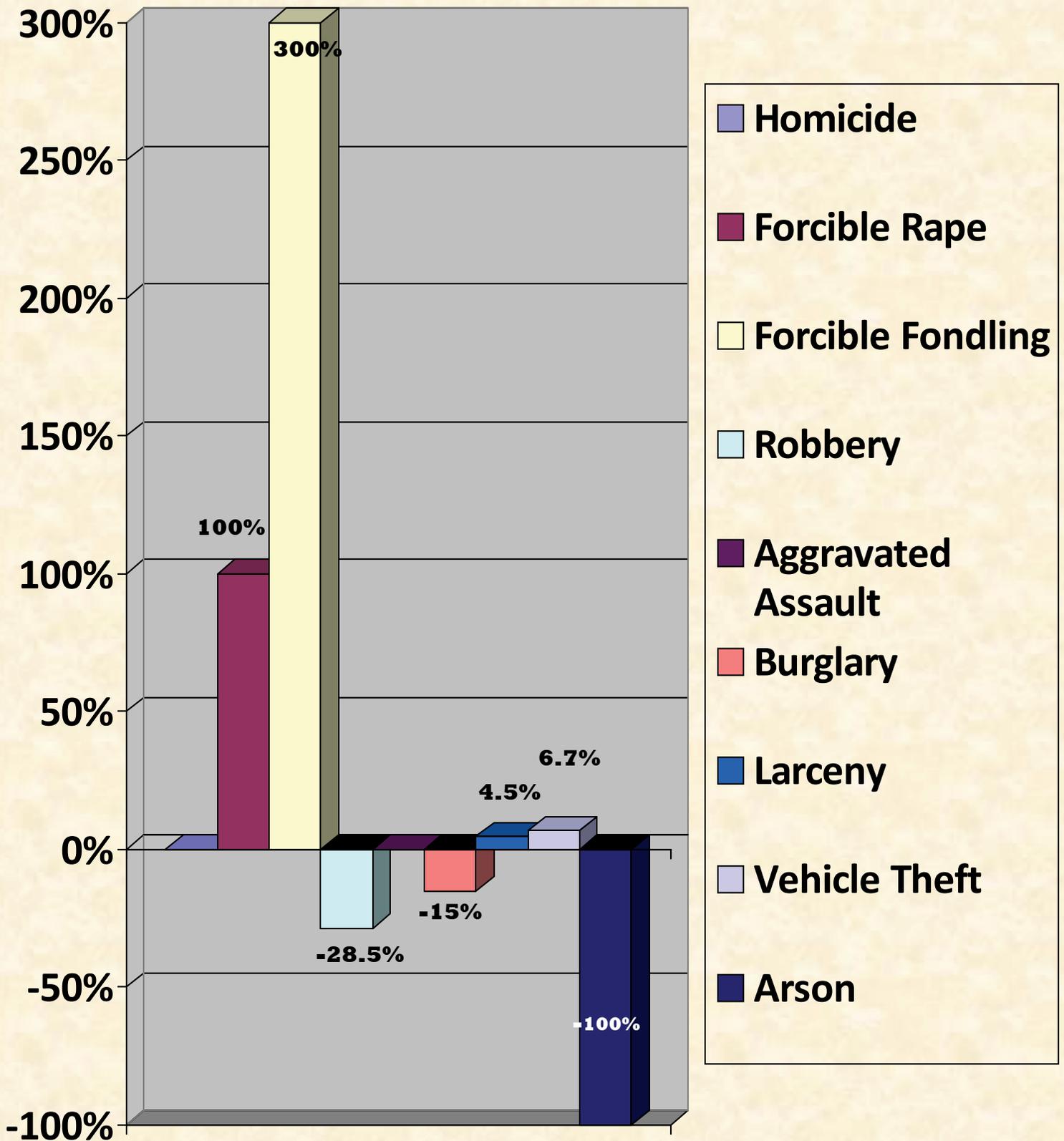
Motor vehicle theft—The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on land surface and not on rails. Motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment are specifically excluded from this category.

Arson—Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

CRIME COMPARISON 2013-2014



2014 CRIME TRENDS



Note: large variances to crime trend percentages can be caused by small variations in total offenses. (Example: there was an increase of Forcible Fondling cases amounting to a 300% increase but the two year total differs by nine cases.)

CRIME TRENDS AND PREVENTION

Crime trends in the City of Winter Springs remain the lowest in Seminole County, however, our biggest challenge remains removing those crimes of opportunity. During 2014, the police department experienced an increase in Larceny. Of the fifty-six reported larcenies from a motor vehicle, forty-one of those were from unlocked vehicles. Keeping vehicles locked and safeguarding property would allow larceny totals to drop. Help us meet that goal!

“LOCK IT OR LOSE IT” PROGRAM

The Winter Springs Police Department needs the help of our residents and business owners to reduce thefts from vehicles and crimes of opportunity. Remember the best prevention is to always lock your vehicle and store valuables that absolutely must be left in your vehicle out of the sight of potential burglars. Let's partner together to keep the thieves out of our city! Don't be a victim. Stay safe.

PRACTICE T-L-C

Take your valuables out

Lock your vehicle

Close all windows and points of entry (sunroof/moonroof)

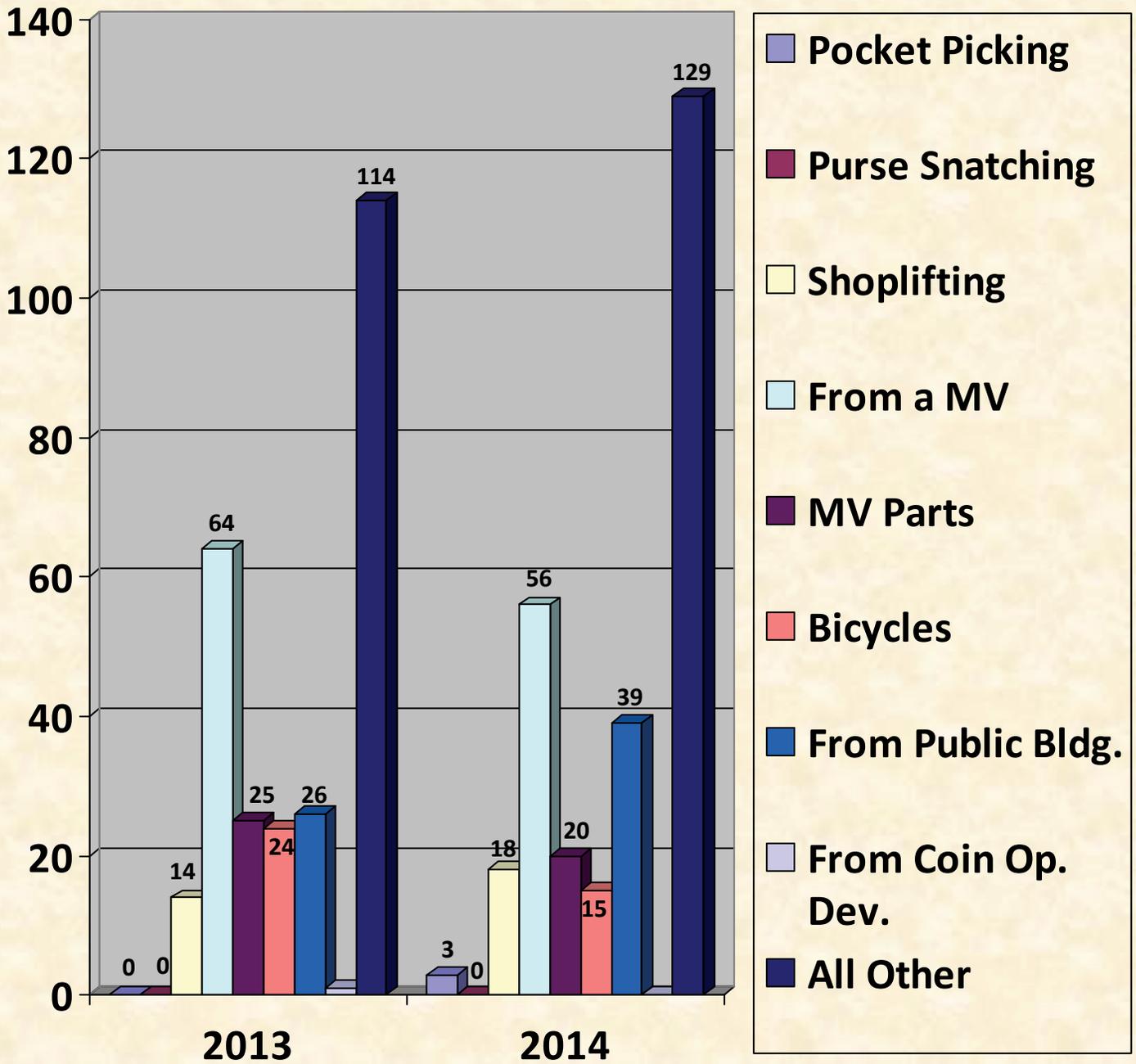
Nearly 90% of all of the thefts reported from motor vehicles result from an unlocked door!



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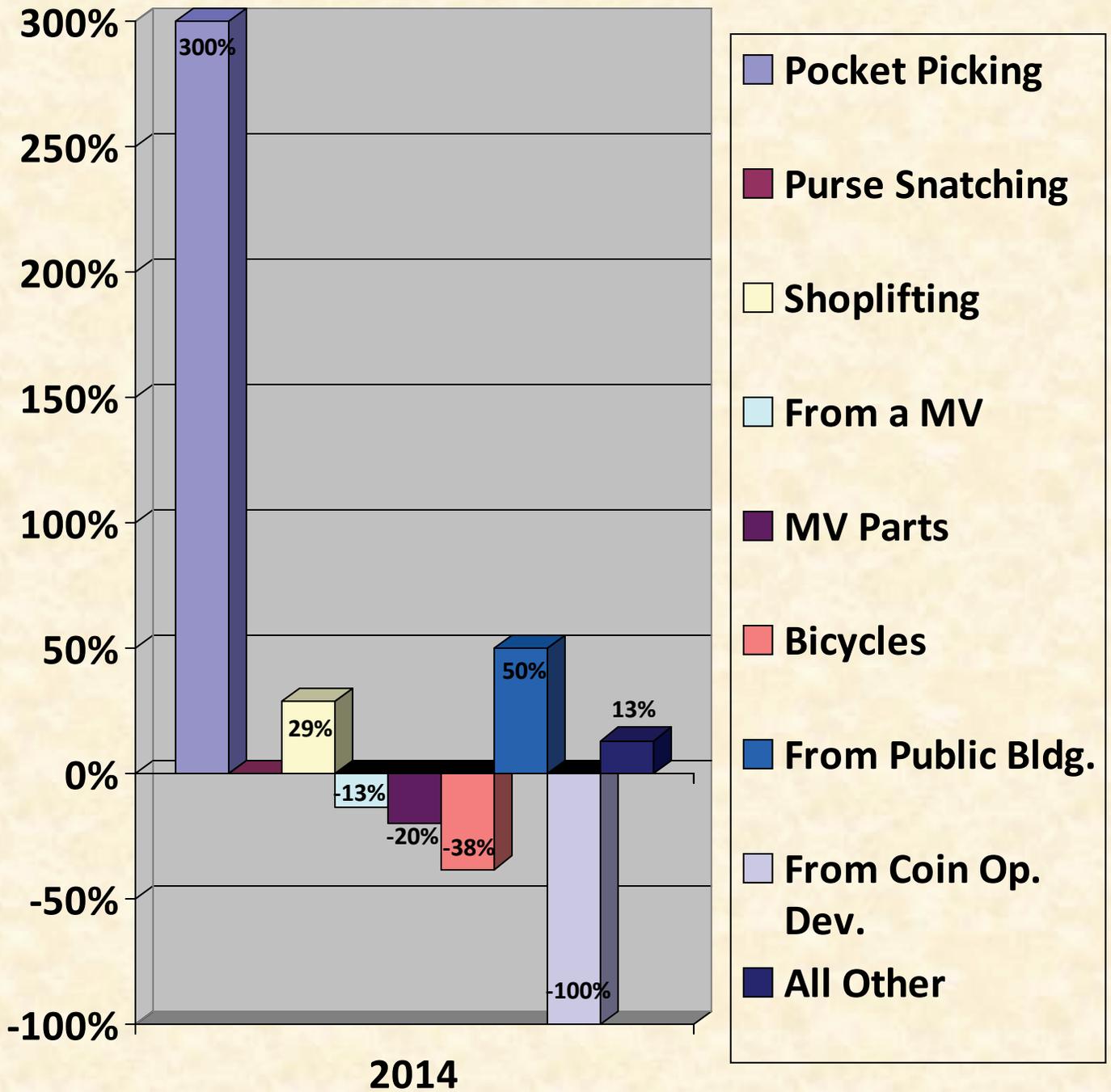
CRIME TRENDS AND PREVENTION

Larceny Totals



CRIME TRENDS AND PREVENTION

Larceny Trends



OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau of the Police Department has several components encompassing the Patrol Division, Operations Support Division, K-9, School Resource Officers, Reserve Officers, Training, Community Services, and our civilian volunteer programs which include the Citizens On Patrol and Volunteers In Policing programs.

The Patrol Division has four squads of officers who are responsible for the maintenance of order and the enforcement of laws and ordinances within the city limits. Patrol officers handle calls for service, provide guidance and direction to citizens and visitors to the city, enforce traffic laws, and conduct proactive residential and commercial patrols to deter crime. Patrol officers also work in conjunction with members of all of the other bureaus and divisions to more efficiently handle problems they or the public encounter. Officers assigned to Patrol are the most visible to the public, as they work in marked police vehicles and can be seen at all hours of the day.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT DIVISION

The Operations Support Division is composed of officers who conduct high-visibility enforcement of the traffic laws of the State of Florida. The primary function of these officers is to gain voluntary compliance to traffic laws through education programs and community awareness programs, as well as enforcement. Maintaining safe roadways is a primary concern of our residents and the police department is committed to that effort.

School Resource Officers (SRO) are responsible for the day to day management of police services within the school campuses they are assigned and assisting the school administrative staff as required. Officers assigned to a school handle criminal and other types of cases, internal complaints, and refer students for services. There are two SROs in the police department servicing Winter Springs High School and Indian Trails Middle School.

TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division assesses and schedules training for all of the department's members and tracks mandatory training requirements, as well as additional job-related training classes. The Training Division implements and disseminates updates to case law and legal guidelines to help our sworn officers perform their job functions.

SWAT

During 2014, the operators of the SWAT team conducted 29 operations, including rural search operations, search warrant services, security details and vehicle takedowns. The team spent over 147 hours training for any instance requiring their specialized service.

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Investigations Bureau has four units, membership in task forces, a crime analyst, and is responsible for follow up investigations of most complex criminal cases, as well as those pertaining to missing persons. Members assigned to the Technical Services and Property & Evidence Divisions are also assigned to the Investigations Bureau.

The Persons Crime Unit is responsible for major violent crimes to include Homicide, Sexual Battery, Robbery and Child Abuse. The Property Crimes Unit is responsible for investigating various crimes of larceny to include Burglary, Stolen Vehicle cases, and Economic crimes.

STREET CRIMES UNIT

The Street Crimes Unit is a component of the Investigations Bureau. This component uses officers operating in a covert capacity whose function is to identify and prosecute criminals involved in illegal drug trade, organized crimes, and to prosecute offenders involved with other illegal acts which serve to detract from the quality of life we desire to provide our community. These investigators assist all other divisions of the department where they are needed to provide an enhanced level of service to our community.

TASK FORCE INVESTIGATORS

The Investigations Bureau presently has a member assigned to the DEA Pill Task Force, a member assigned to the DEA HIDTA Task Force, and a member in the City-County Investigative Bureau (CCIB). These investigators are assigned to investigate illegal drug activity and the associated criminal elements that stem from them. The Winter Springs Police Department also has a member assigned to investigate cybercrimes perpetrated against our children as part of the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force and has become locally recognized for the level of service provided by our investigative team to identify these child predators and recover forensic digital evidence.

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU STATISTICS

Month	Felony Cases	Misdemeanor Cases	Misc. Cases	Missing Persons	Property Recovered	Capias Requests	Arrests
January	42	8	1	9	\$11,800.00	2	10
February	29	3	2	3	\$11,310.00	4	8
March	28	1	2	9	\$16,726.00	3	3
April	26	0	6	8	\$1,651.00	7	3
May	29	2	3	9	\$7,401.40	1	3
June	34	1	1	7	\$6,000.00	7	3
July	24	2	4	5	\$0.00	3	11
August	28	1	6	2	\$1,400.00	3	11
September	34	1	3	5	\$1,400.00	3	0
October	31	1	3	4	\$0.00	4	6
November	35	1	0	5	\$0.00	0	13
December	28	6	1	4	\$1,284.00	0	13
TOTAL	368	27	32	70	\$58,972.40	37	84

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

The Support Services Bureau includes the divisions of Code Enforcement, Communications, and Information Services. Personnel assigned to this bureau are dedicated to providing quality service to the members of the community we serve and by also working in conjunction with other city departments to achieve a common goal.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Members of the Code Enforcement Division are primarily tasked with the identification of violations of city codes and attempting to gain voluntary compliance with those codes. While there are several options available to the code enforcement officer, the most successful and desirable one is that of voluntary cooperation by property owners to comply with those codes. Members of this division also respond to daily calls for service from residents who report suspected violations of code.

The goal of code enforcement is one of working together with the community to keep unkempt, unsightly areas from negatively impacting the property values of the city and preserve the sense of community that makes Winter Springs the desirable area it is. Using the philosophy of education in place of enforcement where applicable, we have seen a very positive result. In 2014, there were over 4,300 code violation cases handled by agency personnel.

INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

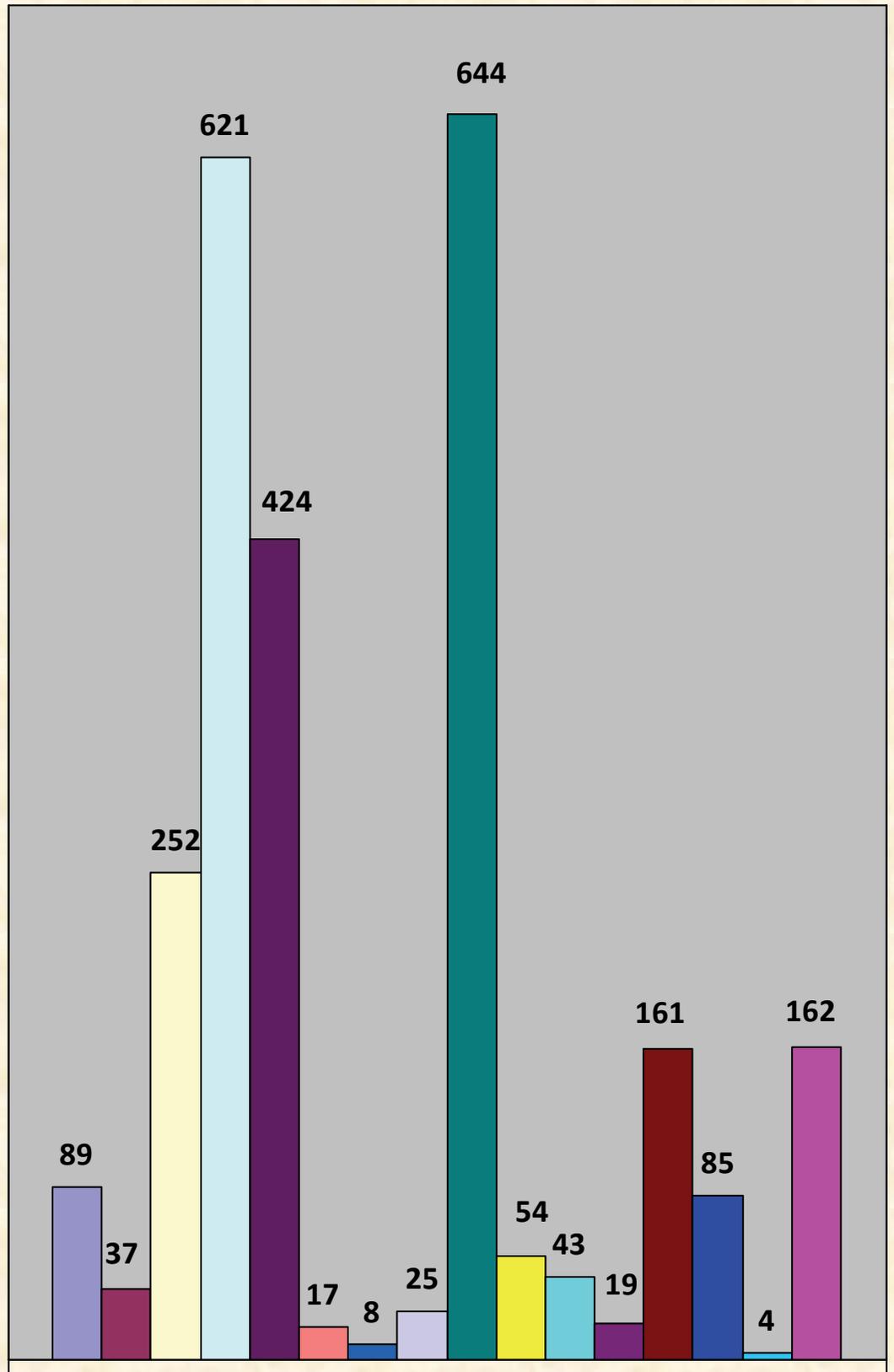
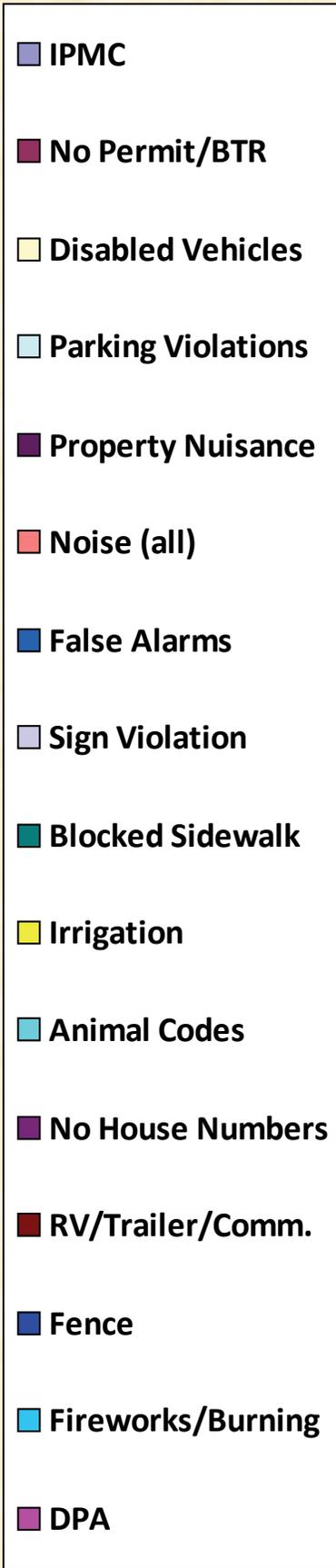
The Information Services Division is responsible for the framework and maintenance of crucial data connections with our secure criminal justice information services network. In addition, these personnel maintain all of the mobile and desktop computers, wireless communications services, in-car video camera network, city phone system and data transfer lines, internal communications, and storage server maintenance. These professionals are a critical piece of our service network to the community and are ready to help at a moment's notice during any time of day.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Winter Springs Police Department strives to meet the needs of our community. We are pleased to continue to serve our citizens and businesses with our own Communications Center staffed by the finest, highly trained personnel who are there as the first line of service to our community residents, visitors, and others who require our service.

Operating our own Communications Center is crucial to the overall mission of the agency since we believe no one understands our community like our own employees. Annually, the personnel assigned to the Communications Center handle approximately 50,000 regular business phone calls and over 4,000 emergency 9-1-1 calls from people who need assistance with various police-related matters. The members of the Communications Center work closely with our police officers and civilian staff to form a team that comes together and continues to provide the highest level of service possible.

Code Violation Cases- 2014



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Administrative Services Bureau is responsible for the maintenance of the police department facility, our vehicle fleet, and administrative documents pertaining to the operation of the police department, the Records Division, and the communications radio equipment. Additionally, the function of Accreditation falls under the command of the Administrative Services Bureau Commander.

RECORDS

The Records Division is responsible for the efficient management and processing of all of the department's paper form reports, preparation of State Attorney information, traffic citations and warnings, crash reports, and proper destruction of obsolete data and information. These personnel also tend to requests for services from guests to our department in need of a report, information, or other service such as fingerprinting or a traffic citation compliance.

ACCREDITATION

The Accreditation Section is responsible for the maintenance of related files and information, compiling reports relevant to the department's accreditation, and making requests for information from bureau commanders, division lieutenants, and other department personnel who keep material that show compliance with required standards. There are many benefits to maintaining an accredited agency. These benefits enhance the very community we serve and help to further the community's confidence in their police department. Some of the benefits of a successful accreditation program are:

- Nationwide recognition of professional excellence
- A method of executing daily agency operations under a professional format
- Continued planning, programming, and development
- Better community understanding and support
- State of the art impartial guidelines for evaluation and change
- Proactive management feedback on policies and procedures
- Better coordination with various components of the criminal justice system
- Pride, satisfaction, and confidence in the agency
- Reduced risk and liability exposure
- Increased community advocacy

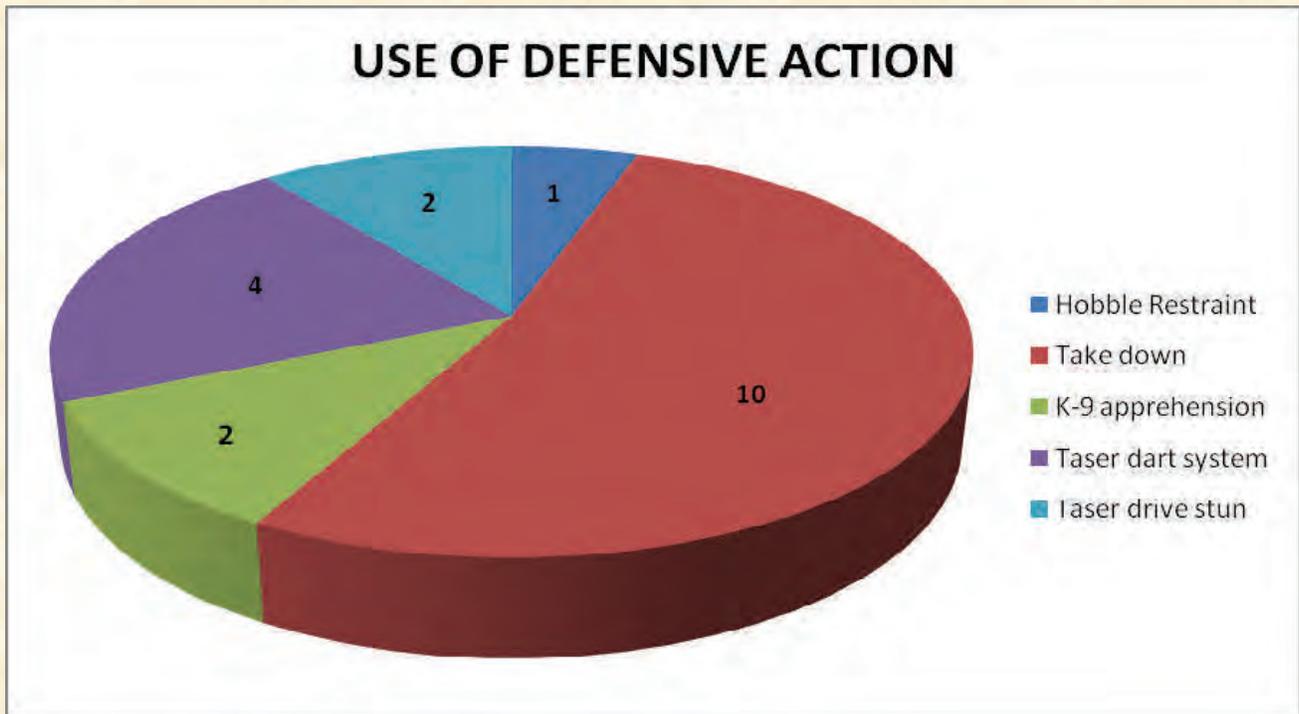
The Winter Springs Police Department has been accredited through the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) since 2003 and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2005. The Winter Springs Police Department is proud to be the only municipal agency in Seminole County to have dual accreditation through these prestigious agencies.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit helps maintain the trust of our community by assisting the staff with monitoring professional accountability and compliance by our members to state law, departmental policies, and our agency core values. This trust is critical to the success of our police department and is a vital tool used to fight crime and reduce fear in the community. The Internal Affairs Unit thoroughly investigates complaints of officer misconduct, review of policy and procedures, and the proper use of defensive action by our personnel.

USE OF DEFENSIVE ACTION SUMMARY

During 2014, officers found themselves in nineteen situations which required them to respond with defensive action. These cases are thoroughly reviewed and all applications were found to be in compliance with department policies.



AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

In 2014, many department members received various awards and recognition for their outstanding service and dedication to their profession through service with the Winter Springs Police Department.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Winter Springs Police Department operates under the “one team, one mission” philosophy in our day-to-day operations. Each of the recipients Officer of the Month award are each presented department award ribbons for their service. For their exceptional commitment to professional service during the course of their duty, we recognize the following personnel as Officers of the Month for 2014.

January- Cpl. Dan Williams

February- Cpl. Russell Tew

March- Ofc. Desireé Piperno

April- Sgt. Clark Schneider

May- Cpl. Garfield Armogan

June- Ofc. A.J. Wilkins

July- Cpl. Garfield Armogan

August- Ofc. Shaun Ward

September- Cpl. Terry Neisler

October- Ofc. Rob Rotunno

November- Cpl. Michelle Angeloff

December- Ofc. Kyle Wilkins

OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Ofc. Desireé Piperno

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Based on nominations from her peers and for her selfless dedication to her duties with the Winter Springs Police Department, the 2014 Civilian Employee of the Year award was presented to Mandy Minnetto. Be it serving as the full-time assistant to the chief of police, the daily supervision of the Records Division, or with assisting personnel with one of the many computer systems we use, Mandy's work ethic and willingness to help wherever someone can use a hand serves as testament to her values and sense of pride she takes to make our agency the best it can be. She is to be commended and congratulated on her award.



MARK A. MESSEGUER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Officer Mark A. Messeguer was a Winter Springs Police Officer from 1995 until his unexpected and untimely death in 1997 at the age of 31. Mark was extremely proud to be a member of the police department and spent most of his time on patrol getting to know the residents and local business owners in his assigned patrol zone. What made Officer Messeguer unique was the fact that he was an early local “pioneer” of the community-policing philosophies that we have molded our agency ideals and policies around long before community-based policing was as widely known as it is today.

The Mark A. Messeguer Community Service Award was created in his memory and designed to honor those members of the department whose contributions to the City of Winter Springs have been instrumental and above the normal call of their duty. This award truly symbolizes special commitment and dedication to the Winter Springs Police Department, the city as a whole, and is awarded to members who are truly worthy of receiving it. For 2014, the Winter Springs Police Department presented the Mark Messeguer Community Service Award to **Cpl. Justin Cavanagh**.



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The Winter Springs Police Department is home to CrossFit 300 North, a city department-wide fitness program implemented by law enforcement personnel using strength and conditioning elements set forth by CrossFit Incorporated. CrossFit 300 North is successfully instructing personnel on numerous days each week, and has a base of approximately 30 athletes benefiting from the program using CrossFit trained, certificate holding coaches. It has grown exponentially with continued interest from established athletes and new participants completing a five-course skill development program in order to join daily workouts.

In October 2013, the program was recognized by CrossFit Incorporated as an affiliate, therefore permitted to use the CrossFit name and benefits of belonging to this community. CrossFit 300 North is one of few non-profit law enforcement affiliates in the State of Florida and is proud to offer coaching to its committed athletes for the purpose of their personal well-being and reflecting that within their duties in serving the City of Winter Springs. CrossFit 300 North operates under the standards of "Dedication, Fitness, Community".

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Mayor and City Commission



**Cade Resnick– Seat Four
Pamela Carroll– Seat Three
Charles A. Lacey– Mayor
Joanne Krebs– Seat Five
Kevin Cannon– Seat Two
Jean Hovey– Seat One**

**City Manager
Kevin L. Smith**