

POLICE DEPARTMENT MID-YEAR REPORT

July 23, 2015

For the mid-year report I like to try and give council an idea of where police activity has been focused and things pending for the rest of the year.

For those activities which we normally report on everything appears consistent with prior years. The numbers for mid-year will not evenly reflect half of the previous year totals due to some predictable activities; property crimes trend higher in the spring and alcohol/disorderly type offense typically have two spikes once in the spring and again in the fall. Granted due to our relative low numbers one crime spree could drastically affect the curve. Overall we are busy but typically consistent.

You will notice a reduction in the parking tickets. This was addressed in the earlier monthly report that the parking position was unfilled from January till July of this year. Since the program was not consistent for several month we have been issuing warning to get everyone back into moving vehicles and parking properly. Tickets should be starting by the end of July.

Reports Taken	2013	2014	2015(Jan-Jun)
Alcohol violations	33	48	17
Assaults	44	69	30
Burglaries	25	10	15
Controlled Substances	32	20	15
Criminal Mischief	105	86	35
Public Disorder/Peace	175	186	80
DUI	30	61	36
FTA	22	79	56
Harassment	87	70	32
Thefts	191	168	86
Trespass	24	34	10
Animal - Complaints	342	350	157
Animal – Vicious	24	28	16
Bicycle, Warnings	111	51	18
Bicycle, Tickets	13	58	13
Moving Violations, Warnings	594	870	482
Moving Violations, Tickets	153	200	105
Parking Violations, Warnings	84	91	42
Parking Violations, Tickets	534	354	17

The other comparison on how the year is progressing is to compare year to date activities.

	Last Year	This Year
Reports	1193	1251
Arrests	211	276
Citations	1025	881

The Law Enforcement Advocate Program is continuing to develop and grow in 2015. The police department organized the current program in 2013 to meet statutory requirements that law enforcement has to work with and provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes against persons. January 2015 saw the addition of a part time person, Kari, who is on call to respond to scenes to meet with victims, conducts personal visits and works with other victim support groups in the county. The program still utilizes the records department for mail contact and consistent phone and walk-in contacts during business hours. Funding is received from VALE and the other three law enforcement agencies in the County. We entered into a written protocol agreement for domestic violence and sexual assault cases with the District Attorney and Project Hope this year. The VALE grant is due for 2016 by July 29, 2015 so work on projecting expenses 3 months before we even start our budget process has begun.

2015 Activity through June

	GPD	GSO	CBMO	MTCB
Domestic Related cases	18	5	4	8
Sex Offenses	4	5	1	2
Other Victim Crimes	14	5	2	3
Non-Criminal Cases	1	3	0	0

Training continues to be an ongoing process in the police department some of which I have been including in the monthly reports. The most significant changes affecting training for 2015 is in mandatory training. The state historically had a policy of encouraging 40 hours of annual training. Effective in 2015 the state has established a mandatory 20 hours of annual training consisting of 12 hours of perishable skills (arrest control, firearms, driving) and 8 hours of other. The training standard is set by the department and can be instructed locally but if not completed the department is prevented from obtaining POST funding until rectified. In addition several bills were passed this year requiring mandatory training for community relations, anti-bias, and situational de-escalation. POST was tasked with developing or identifying a training program by January 1, 2016 with all current officers being trained by July 1, 2016. The new classes also have a 1 year and two year renewal requirement and if not completed the officers certification will be suspended till completed. The amount and type of training is not a concern as the department requires 40 hours of training per year. If council has any questions on the amount and types of training offered or available to officers please contact me.

Reviewing and adopting the Lexipol policy program is continuing. Lexipol provides the research and basic policy frame work but it still has to be adjusted to our particular situation. Part of the review is also separating policy from procedure as our current manual combines both into one document. The good news for 2015 was that full funding was received through POST for Lexipol. I have been advised that funding in 2016 may not be available or will be at a reduced level. POST has been discussing options with Lexipol as several agencies in Colorado subscribe to Lexipol, so I hope to know more by budget time. The plan is to have enough policy updated in August to start the daily training module and get officers the value of daily policy review and application testing.

The summer has been busy as you probably noticed if you have spent any time driving downtown. There are still events happening that we will be planning for like the car show, art in the park, night of lights, return of WSCU and startup of the public schools in August. Now that marijuana ordinances are through the first round work can begin on nuisance codes and alcohol.

If, you have any questions, please contact me, my office phone is 641-8250.
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