

FAIRBANKS POLICE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Partnership with our Community





About the cover...

This year's cover features FPD's team of officers that directly supported security operations during the 2014 Arctic Winter Games. Pictured from left are Officer Andrew Adams, Officer Stewart Lewis, Deputy Chief Brad Johnson, Lieutenant Eric Jewkes, Sergeant Scott McCumby, Officer Eric Hoffman, Sergeant Kurt Lockwood and Sergeant Jeromey Lindhag. Throughout the games, officers were a welcome and popular presence at sport and lodging venues, sporting distinctive uniforms and vehicle graphics making them readily identifiable. Athletes, coaches and staff from all nine contingents representing five countries heaped praise upon them and the manner in which security was provided, saying it was the best they'd ever encountered at the Arctic Winter Games.



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REPORT FROM THE CHIEF

I am honored to have been appointed as your Chief of Police effective November 24, 2014 to succeed Chief Laren Zager who retired on July 1, 2014. Chief Zager's five (5) year tenure with our agency was characterized by innovation and creativity, of which most noteworthy included: 1. the formation of the very successful *Downtown Task Force* to eradicate street drinkers/inebriates; 2. the creation of the *Data Management Team* taking basic records maintenance a step further aimed at providing data/crime analysis; 3. developed and supported partnerships aimed at prevailing community issues, most recently through an elder abuse grant in partnership with the Fairbanks Native Association; and 4. developed a strong support of the *Housing First* project.

This year has been one with numerous noteworthy achievements that included: 1. the department's highly acclaimed law enforcement and security support of the Arctic Winter Games; and 2. renovation to the second floor of the police department to provide additional space for staff and storage.

The Arctic Winter Games is the world's largest northern multi-sport and cultural event. These Games include participation from Alaska; the Canadian Provinces Yukon, Northwest Territories, Northern Alberta, Nunavut, Nunavik, and Quebec; Yamal, Russia; and the Sapmi people of Scandinavia. The Arctic Winter Games held in Fairbanks in 2014 marked the first time our community had hosted the games since 1986. Fairbanks played host to over 2000 athletes and a total of nearly 5,000 participants, coaches, staff, family members, and spectators from nine participating contingents representing seven circumpolar countries. By the time the games concluded and the contingents were on their way home, there had not been a single incident of victimization or serious misconduct involving any member of a Games contingent. In fact, the Chefs de Mission (leaders of each contingent) had substantial praise for all facets of security and stated it was the best they'd ever encountered in the Games long history.

Regarding the departmental renovation, funding was provided by an *Alaska Capital Fund Grant* that resulted in the most needed addition of three (3) offices and three (3) storage rooms.

Mayor Eberhart has clearly set the following three (3) goals for our city: 1. enhancing diversity within city departments; 2. increasing transparency within our municipal operations; and 3. fostering communications between the city and those we serve. My four (4) visions for our department align superbly with the Mayor's and include: 1) developing a sense of mutual trust between our agency (Police Officers) and the community; 2) insuring that the community is clearly aware and perceives that departmental employees are held accountable for their actions; 3) a positive partnership continues to be developed between the department and the community we serve; and finally, 4) Officers engage in problem-solving to prevent and control crime and reduce citizens' fear of crime within their assigned areas of responsibility.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Aragon".

Randall Aragon
Chief of Police





CITY OF FAIRBANKS



The City of Fairbanks is located in the heart of Alaska's Interior on the banks of the Chena River in the Tanana Valley. The town was originally founded in the early 1900's as a trading post serving stern-wheeler riverboats and early gold prospectors. The City has a population of 30,970 residents, and serves as the seat of government for the Fairbanks North Star Borough, which comprises a total population of 96,888. The Golden Heart City, as it is known to most, is 64.8 degrees North Latitude and 147.7 degrees West Longitude.

The City is governed by Mayor John Eberhart and six members of the Fairbanks City Council. Current Council members include Jerry Cleworth, Bernard Gatewood, Jim Matherly, David Pruhs, Renee Staley, and Perry Walley. The Council meets twice a month to discuss matters of City business.



Fairbanks serves as the regional service and supply center for Interior Alaska, with an economy that is heavily supported by mining, tourism, the University of Alaska, and the military. Fairbanks also lies in the heart of traditional Athabascan country, serving as a transportation and service hub for numerous outlying villages. The City of Fairbanks is the home of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, the traditional tribal consortium of forty-two Interior Alaska villages. Many of the events and attractions in Fairbanks are heavily influenced through Alaska Native culture, art, and design.

In 2014, Fairbanks hosted the Arctic Winter Games, a high profile circumpolar sport competition for northern and arctic athletes. Fairbanks is home of the Yukon Quest, World Ice Art Championships, Tanana Valley State Fair and Golden Days Celebration. Fairbanks also hosts the Open North American Sled Dog Races, the Midnight Sun Run, the Equinox marathon, the World Eskimo and Indian Olympics, the Festival of Native Arts, the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival and numerous athletic, cultural, and community events. The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Statewide convention is now scheduled to be held in Fairbanks on a rotational basis with Anchorage.





MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to serve the public with integrity, wisdom, courage, and compassion; working in partnership with the community to make Fairbanks a great place to live, work and visit.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Fairbanks Police Department is to achieve a level of performance and service that consistently surpasses community expectations. We recognize that our employees are our greatest asset. In order to provide the best possible service to the citizenry we serve, we will continuously strive to increase our knowledge and capabilities through a coordinated strategy integrating leadership, education, and technology.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

Partnership

We are committed to working in partnership with the community and each other to identify and resolve issues which impact public safety

Respect

We are committed to respecting individual rights, human dignity, and value of all members of the community and the department.

Integrity

We are committed to nurturing the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

Dedication

We are committed to providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement service to the community with the goal of enhancing the quality of life in Fairbanks.

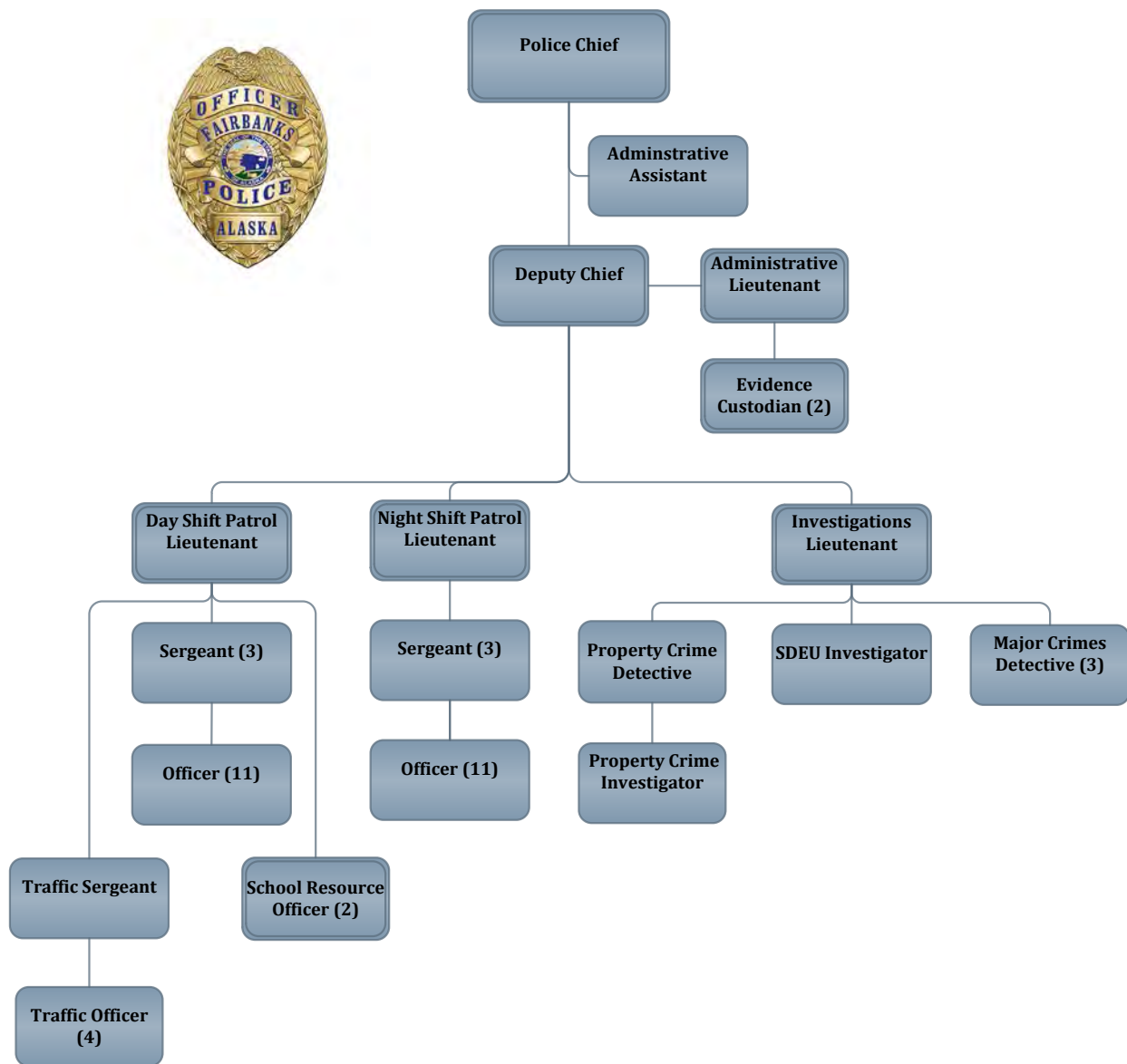
Empowerment

We are committed to empowering our members and community to resolve problems by creating an environment that encourages solutions and addresses the needs of the community.



Organization Chart

Fairbanks Police Department 2014





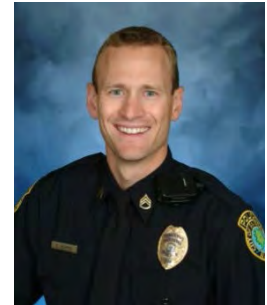
ADMINISTRATION AND COMMAND STAFF



Chief of Police
Randall Aragon



Deputy Chief
Brad Johnson



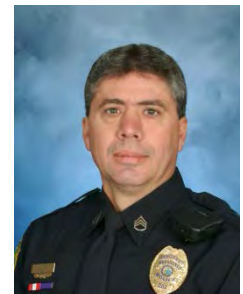
Admin Lieutenant
Eric Jewkes



Patrol Lieutenant
Matt Soden



Patrol Lieutenant
Dan Welborn



Investigations
Lieutenant
Jim Geier



Admin Assistant
Yumi McCulloch



Admin Clerk
Teal Soden



Fairbanks Police Department Employees

(As of 12/31/14)

ADMINISTRATION

Police Chief Randall Aragon
Deputy Chief Brad Johnson
Lieutenant Eric Jewkes
Admin Assistant Yumi McCulloch
Admin Clerk Teal Soden
Evidence Patty Yamamoto
Evidence Cindy Learned

INVESTIGATIONS

Lieutenant	Jim Geier	Detective	Peyton Merideth
Detective	Scott Adams	Detective	Chris Nolan
Detective	Alana Malloy	Investigator	Avery Thompson
		Investigator	Kevin Mepsted

PATROL

Lieutenant	Matt Soden	Officer	Eric Hoffman
Lieutenant	Dan Welborn	Officer	Phil James
Sergeant	Bruce Barnett	Officer	Robert Johnson
Sergeant	Greg Foster	Officer	Max Lambert
Sergeant	Jeromey Lindhag	Officer	Anthony Laska
Sergeant	Kurt Lockwood	Officer	Stewart Lewis
Sergeant	Scott McCumby	Officer	John Merrion
Sergeant	Robert Thompson	Officer	James O'Malley
Sergeant	Gary Yamamoto	Officer	B.C. Rigdon
Officer	Andrew Adams	Officer	Cory Rupe
Officer	Dennis Benn	Officer	Dustin Stonecipher
Officer	Allen Brandt	Officer	Rick Sweet
Officer	Ron Dupee	Officer	Ben Wages
Officer	Dave Elzey	Officer	Doug Welborn
Officer	Russell Fett	Officer	Alex Wells
Officer	Jim Gibson	Officer	Nathan Werner
Officer	Robert Hall		



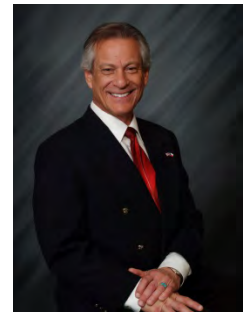
Movers and Shakers



Chief Laren Zager
Retired June 2014
Distinguished Service Medal



Officer Dave Duncan
Resigned October 2014
Police Medal



Chief Randall Aragon
Hired November 2014



Officer Ace Adams
Cert. of Achievement



Sergeant Greg Foster
Meritorious Service Medal



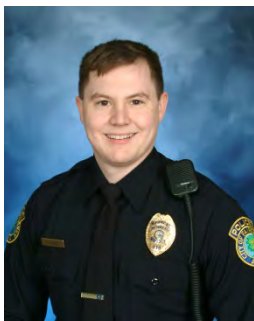
Officer Eric Hoffman
Certificate of Achievement



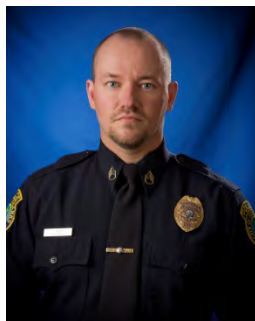
Lieutenant Eric Jewkes
Meritorious Service Medal



Deputy Chief Brad Johnson
Police Medal



Officer Stewart Lewis
Meritorious Service Medal
Cert. of Achievement



Sergeant Jeromey Lindhag
Meritorious Service Medal (2)
Cert. of Achievement



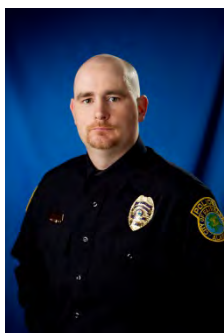
Sergeant Kurt Lockwood
Cert. of Achievement
Assigned Traffic Unit
Supervisor



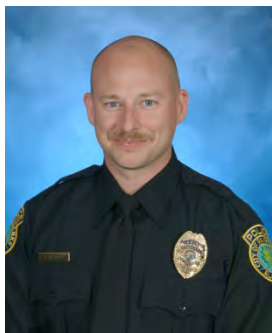
Sergeant Scott McCumby
Cert. of Achievement



Yumi McCulloch
Meritorious Service Medal



Officer Kevin Mepsted
Assigned to Statewide Drug
Enforcement Unit



Officer John Merrion
Assigned to Tactical Police Team



Officer Nate Werner
Assigned School
Resource Officer (SRO)

Not Pictured:

- Alison Berka Letter of Commendation
- Cindy Learned Certificate of Achievement
- Corinne Scannell Certificate of Achievement
- Lorna Illingworth Citizen Service Medal
- Martha Jewkes Certificate of Achievement



Chief Laren Zager Retires



Chief Zager retired in June 2014 after a distinguished career in law enforcement with several Alaska police departments, serving for the last five years as Fairbanks' Chief of Police. The following is excerpted from Chief Zager's Distinguished Service Medal, presented by the City upon his retirement:

Chief Zager's five year tenure as Chief was characterized by innovation and creativity, as he developed new programs and initiatives to deliver the best public safety service to the community. These included the Doyon officer program to recruit and fund local Native American applicants, part-time and optional 12-hour shift scheduling to improve employee retention, formation of the very successful Downtown Task Force to eradicate street drinkers/inebriates, and the implementation of non-sworn Public Safety Assistants to lessen the administrative workload on commissioned officers.

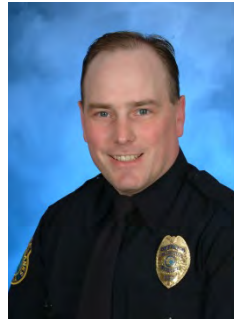
Chief Zager also filled the long standing absence of a functional records section in the police department through the creation of the Data Management Team, taking basic records maintenance a step further aimed at providing data/crime analysis. He developed and supported partnerships aimed at prevailing community issues, most recently through an elder abuse grant in partnership with the Fairbanks Native Association and strong support of the Housing First project.

Chief Zager's outstanding service to the citizens of this community reflects great credit upon him, the Fairbanks Police Department, and the City of Fairbanks.

We wish Laren and Mary a healthy and happy retirement in Florida and thank the Chief for his dedicated service to our community.



2014 Eagle Award

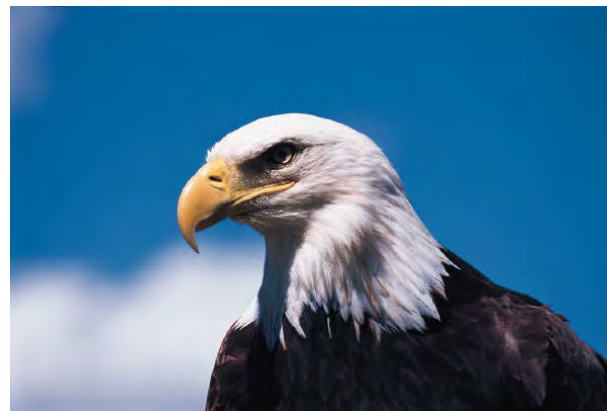


Officer Kurt Allen

*Deputy Chief's
Officer of Excellence*



Officer Doug Welborn



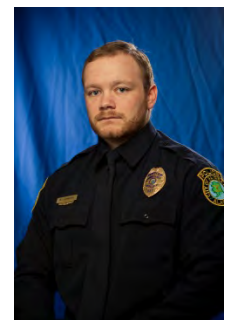
Officer Eric Hoffman

Eagle Award

*For Exceptionally Meritorious Service
and Achievement during 2014*



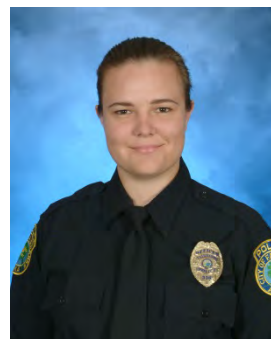
Officer BC Rigdon



Officer Robert Johnson



Officer Kevin Mepsted



Detective Alana Malloy



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Fairbanks
Emergency
Communications
Center

Every year, members of the Fairbanks Police Department Employees Association (FPDEA) recognize one commissioned and one civilian employee they believe best exemplify the work ethic and values of our organizations: the Fairbanks Police Department and the Fairbanks Emergency Communications Center.

For 2014, co-workers chose Officer Rick Sweet and Data Management Team Lead Corrinne Scannell, Commissioned and Civilian Employees of the Year.



***Rick Sweet,
4 years service***



***Corinne Scannell,
3 years service.***



2014 Department Metrics

Every month the Fairbanks Police Department quantifies all reported crimes from our computerized database, reporting these crimes to the Federal government through the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) system. The UCR breaks down reported crime into several major categories. UCR “Part One” crimes include serious crimes such as Murder, Rape, Robbery and Burglary.

Overall, 2014 again reflected a slight drop in total crime. The 2014 Crime Index (total Part 1 UCR) was below the five year average and was the lowest during the five year period with the exception of 2011. Fairbanks experienced a higher than average number of murders in 2014, which were double the five year average with four. Other reportable crimes were slightly up or slightly down overall, with the exception of Robberies which saw a 34% increase and Arson with a 71% decrease. Burglaries rose 12% while Thefts dropped 11% compared to the five year average.

The crime rate per 100,000 population stands at 4,598 for 2014, compared to 3,343* for the State of Alaska overall. Fairbanks violent crime rate was lower than the state average, while the property crime rate was substantially higher.

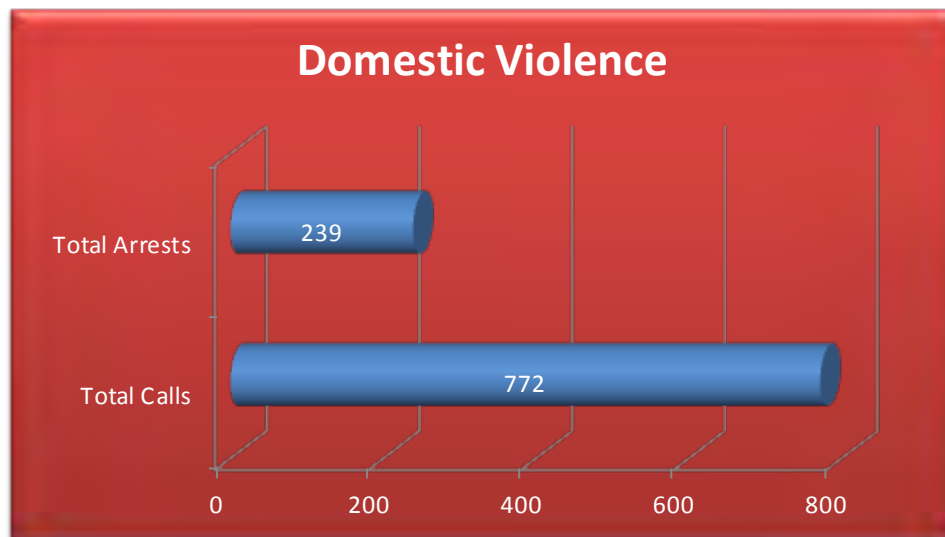
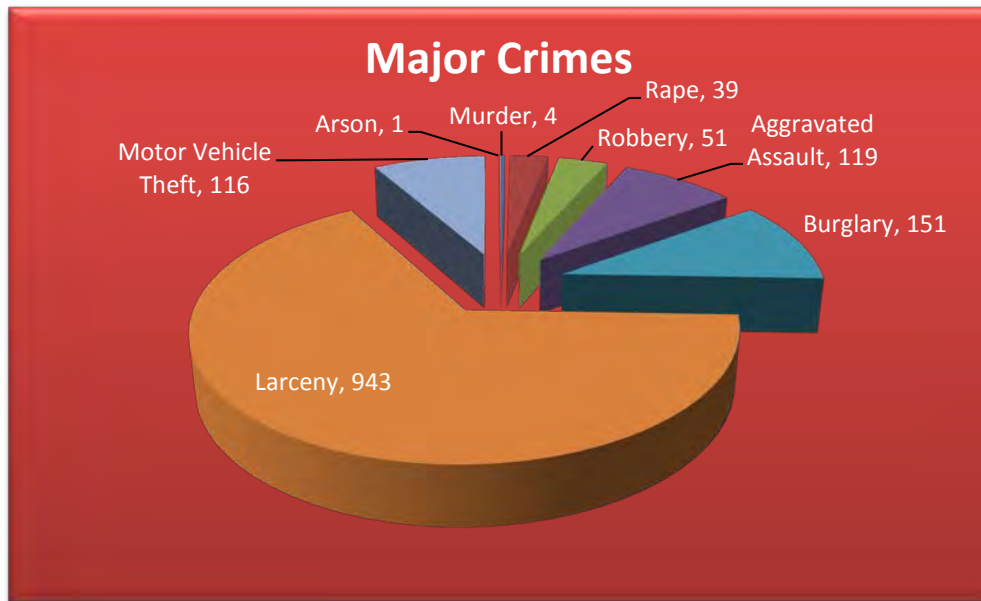
FPD officers made a total of 265 arrests for impaired driving related offenses (DUI/Refusal) in 2014.

UCR January-December	Offense 2010	Offense 2011	Offense 2012	Offense 2013	Offense 5 Year Avg.	Offense 2014	% +/-
Murder	1	2	4	0	2	4	100%
Rape	70	17	29	34	38	39	3%
Robbery	33	33	37	37	38	51	34%
Aggravated Assault	181	107	101	127	127	119	-6%
Burglary	149	130	130	116	135	151	12%
Theft	1,117	1,026	1,137	1,050	1,055	943	-11%
Motor Vehicle Theft	101	76	112	104	102	116	14%
Arson	4	4	3	5	3	1	-71%
Crime Index	1,656	1,395	1,553	1,473	1,500	1,424	
2014	Fairbanks			Alaska			
Rate per 100,000	4,598			3,343 (2013 data)			
Calls For Service	28,787						
Population Estimate	30,970						
Officers per 1,000 pop.	1.5						
DUI	265						

*2014 crime rate data was not available at the time of publication, so 2013 figures were used for State of Alaska comparison purposes.



2014 Department Metrics





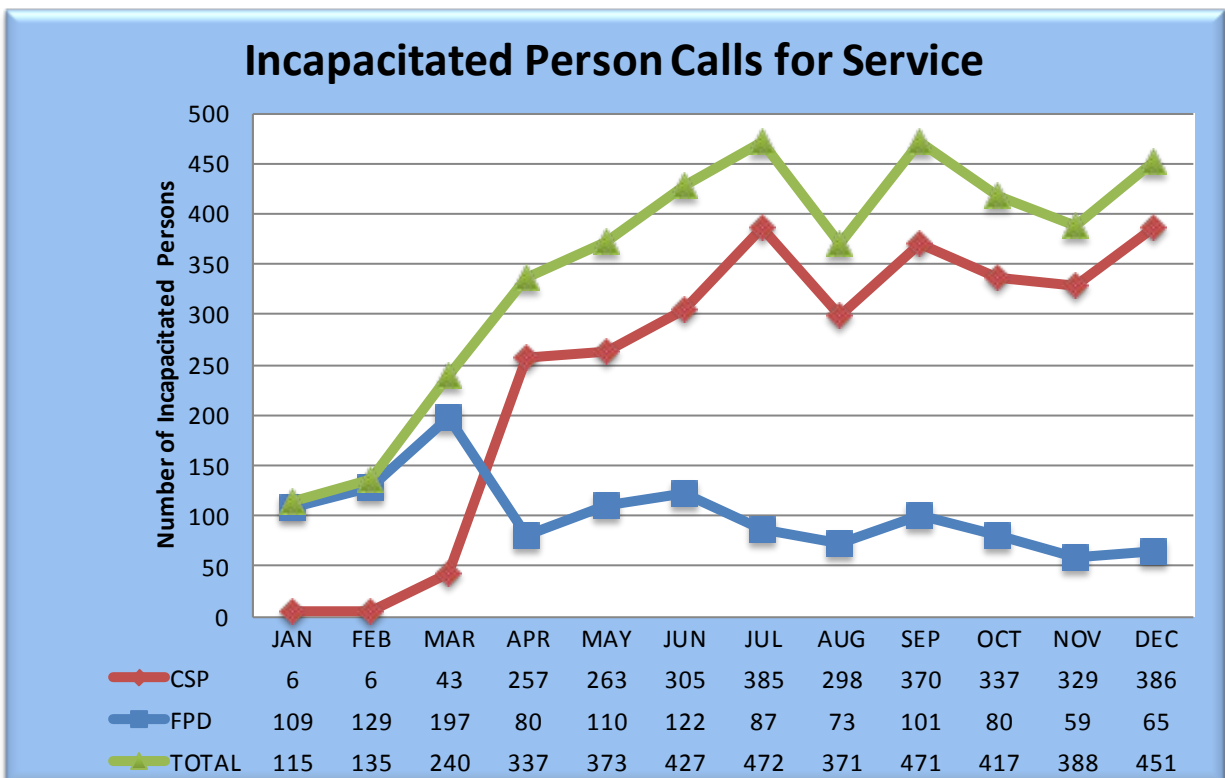
2014 Department Metrics

Incapacitated Persons

Alaska Statute Title 47 grants authority to and requires Alaska’s cities to protect publicly inebriated or incapacitated people. Faced with a half-million dollar community cost to merely furnish protective custody and transportation to this vulnerable population, in April 2014 Mayor Eberhart and the City Council decided that additional funding for the CSP was a rational exercise of the city’s authority under Title 47.



With an additional \$75,000 from the city and \$25,000 from the Borough, the CSP expanded service from a relatively small downtown footprint to city-wide service. The newly expanded service adds 1.5 more Ambassadors, for a total of 4.5 Ambassadors, and a second van was brought back into service. The hours of operation were also expanded to 18 hours/day, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., seven days/week. The impact of this expansion in both area and hours of operation can be seen in the graph below, as the majority of calls for service shifted significantly from FPD to CSP.



NOTE: CSP data was not accurately tracked in the department’s records system prior to April 2014. CSP’s CFS were substantially higher than reflected during those months.

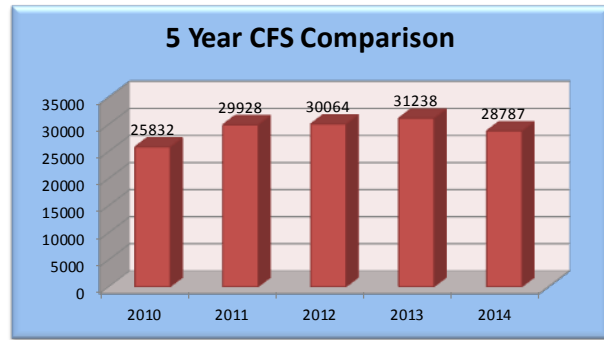
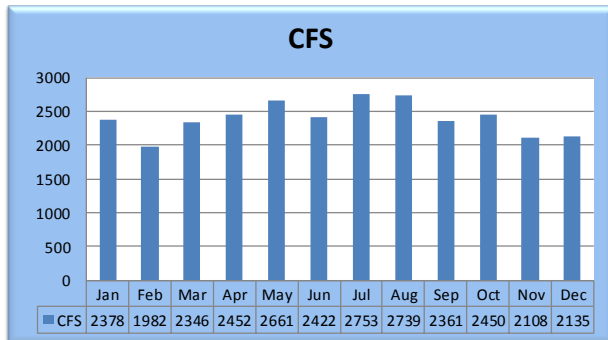


PATROL OVERVIEW

As with any full service police department, our patrol division is by far the largest (38 officers assigned) and serves as the backbone of our organization. Most everything we do supports the daily mission of the men and women of the patrol division and their crucial role in delivering public safety services to the community.



In 2014, the Fairbanks Police Department documented **28,787** calls for service (slightly below the five year average of 29,169) or **80** calls for service daily on the average. From those calls, **2,137** people were arrested or charged with crimes (representing an average of **5.9 people per day**) in **1,889** cases. The types of crimes and incidents reported to police continue to vary widely, making patrol demanding yet rewarding at the same time.



The Patrol Division is staffed by two lieutenants, six sergeants and 24 patrol officers split among the shifts. Officers work overlapping, ten-hour shifts: four days on duty followed by three days off. The Patrol Division also includes a sergeant and three officers assigned to the Traffic Unit, and one officer assigned as the Canine Officer. Twelve officers are designated as Field Training Officers.

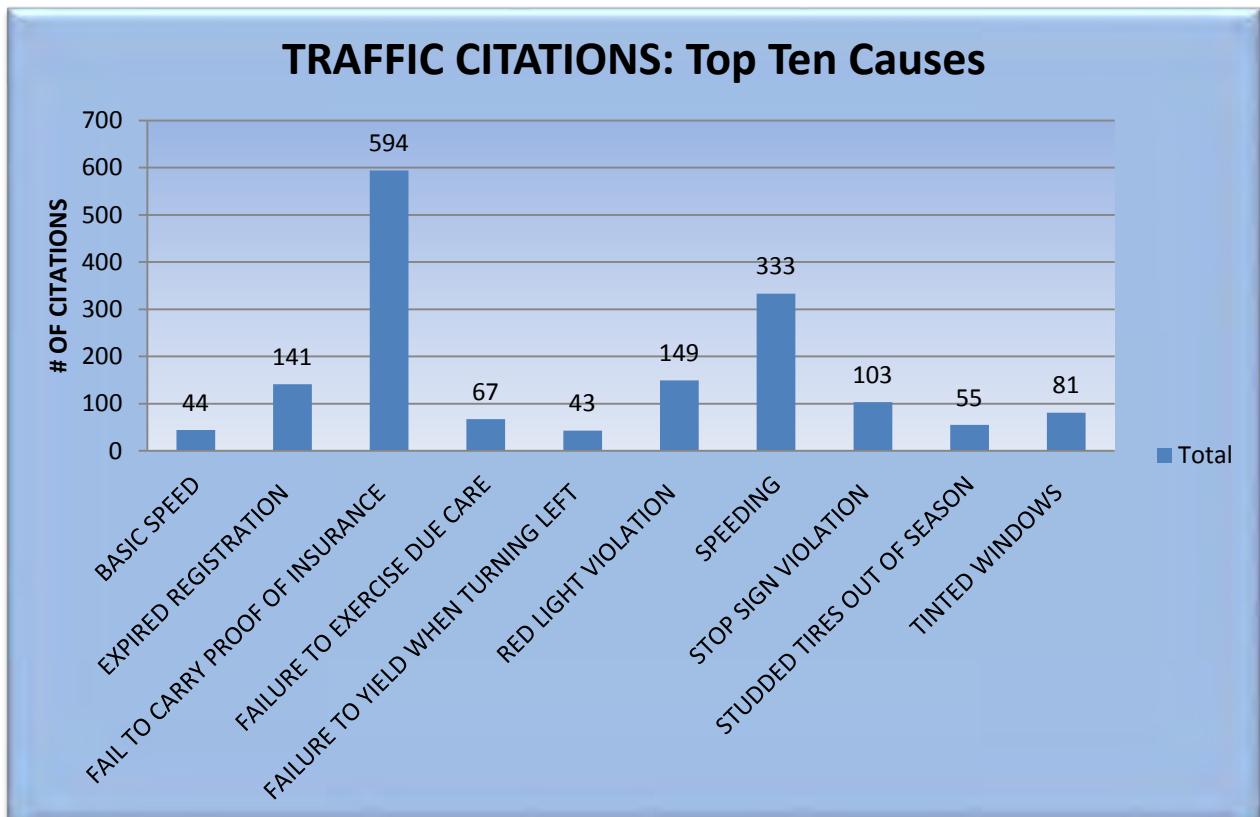


During the summer tourist season, two officers are assigned to foot/bicycle patrol in the downtown area. Officers are also routinely assigned additional duties for special events such as the Open North America sled dog races, the Midnight Sun Festival, the Midnight Sun Run, Golden Days Street Fair and Parade, HOG Rally, Labor Day Parade and Youth Safety Day.

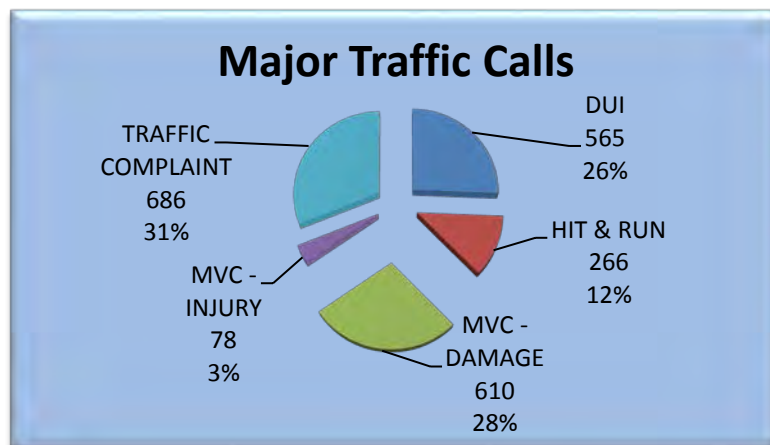


TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT & HIGHWAY SAFETY

During 2014, the Fairbanks Police Department issued 2,297 traffic citations for 136 different violations. The most common violation in 2014 was for failure to carry/provide proof of insurance with 594 citations issued. The top ten violations for 2014 were:

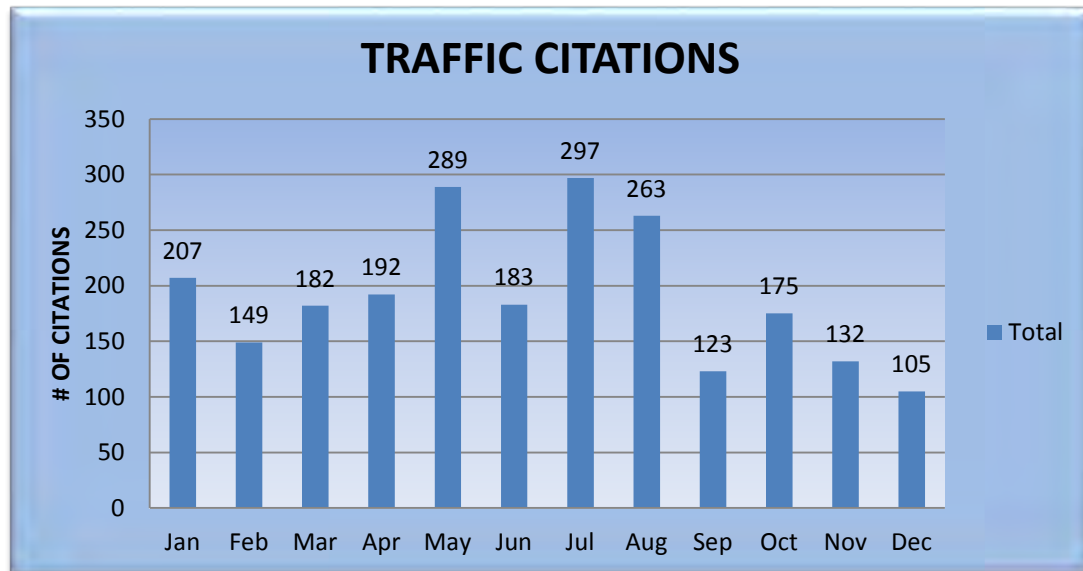


Additionally, FPD handled another 2,332 traffic related calls. These calls included (127) Auto Thefts, (565) DUI reports of which (260) resulted in arrests, (32) Reckless driving complaints, and numerous other general traffic complaints. FPD also responded to 954 traffic collisions that included (610) damage only, (78) injury, and (266) “hit and run” reports.

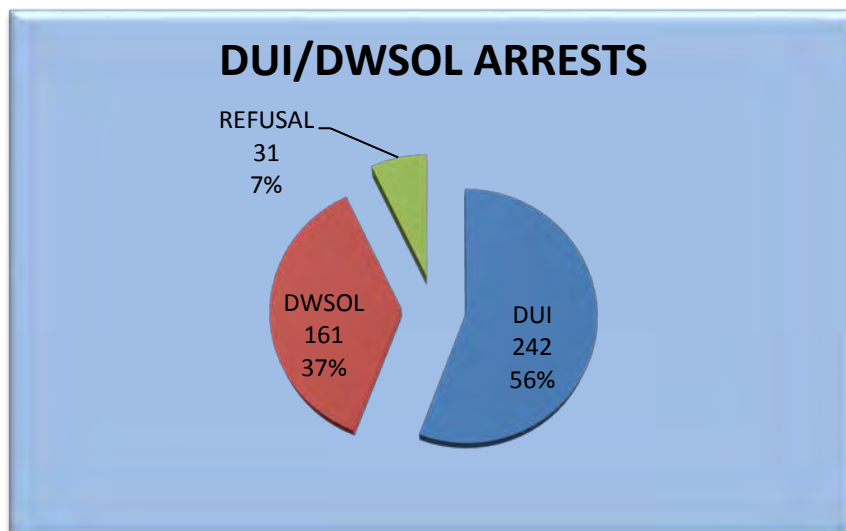




The Fairbanks Police Department continued to staff a dedicated Traffic Enforcement Unit in 2014, with funding assistance from the Alaska Highway Safety Office (AHSO) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). This unit consisted of a sergeant and four officers, two of which were assigned exclusively to impaired driving enforcement.



In addition to general and impaired driving enforcement efforts, traffic officers also provided public appearances and engaged in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) in partnership with the Alaska Department of Transportation. During 2014 the Traffic Unit accounted for 1,113 of FPD's 2,297 citations, and 164 of the 265 DUI arrests. The presence of these dedicated traffic units allowed officers assigned to general patrol to focus their efforts on other areas while the traffic unit handled a majority of the traffic related offenses.





INVESTIGATIONS

FPD Investigations comprises both a Major Crime and Property Crime section. The unit has more than 100 years of law enforcement experience and is led by Lt. Jim Geier. The Investigations Unit works together as a team for major incidents, such as homicide, robbery, sexual assault, child abuse cases, felony assaults, and other serious crimes-against persons. The Property Crimes Unit addresses mostly felony level property crimes.



Major Crime Investigations



The Major Crimes unit has three full-time detectives, Chris Nolan, Peyton Merideth and Scott Adams. They respond to incidents which would necessitate a substantial commitment of resources for prolonged periods of time; or a crime which requires the application of complex or unusual investigative techniques. For this reason, detectives are rotated to cover all weekends in case they are needed to be called out.

Preliminary investigations include collection and preservation of evidence, photography, crime scene sketches and interviewing of witnesses, victims and suspects. Normally, preliminary investigations are pursued by patrol only to the point where a temporary discontinuance of the process would not hamper or jeopardize the outcome of cases. Detectives also conduct preliminary investigations; however, they will follow-up on a majority of initial reports which can span over periods of time due to extensive follow-ups and further investigation needed.

Property Crime Investigations



The Property Crime Unit continues to nicely compliment the department by investigating those cases that would otherwise not be looked into due



to lack of resources. The unit is staffed by Detective Alana Malloy and Investigator Avery Thompson, who continue to prove their value by the case work they do. Cases investigated are mainly for Theft, Fraud, Burglary, Forgery, Counterfeits, Bad Checks, and Criminal Mischief at a felony level. They also continue to investigate cases that are submitted through the Retail Theft Program. This program is intended to provide alternative reporting methods to major retail stores in Fairbanks to lessen the impact of shoplifting on the patrol division. It enables participating stores to inform the Fairbanks Police Department of detainments for investigation of misdemeanor theft (shoplifting) and/or criminal trespass incidents via a written report form.



2014 Highlights

During 2014, detectives conducted background investigations for newly hired personnel, dispatchers, and other agencies requesting assistance. Detective Nolan does all polygraph examinations for these backgrounds as well as criminal cases.



FPD Investigations continued to be affiliated with the Alaska Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Detective Merideth conducted about 7 forensic computer exams for child pornography cases. He also conducted 9 other forensic computer examinations during the year for patrol, investigations, the statewide drug unit and other agencies. Like polygraph exams, these exams also are time consuming, but have tremendous results for cases worked. Additionally, he taught an Internet Safety Class to approximately 300 students at Randy Smith Middle School. Detective Merideth continues to teach forensic investigation classes to students at West Valley and Lathrop High Schools.

Investigator Thompson is the department's leader in mobile forensics, which is the ability to extract and examine evidence from cellphones. As with computers, this can be a time intensive operation. In 2014, almost 1,000 successful extractions and examinations were conducted on cellphones. These examinations were conducted for a number of cases ranging from thefts to drugs to homicide investigations. Detectives Adams, Merideth, Malloy, and Investigator Thompson teach a number of basic police related topics at the Tanana Valley Community College Police Academy.

Following is a partial listing of some of the more notable investigations that occurred during 2014:

- Geraghty Avenue fire that was determined to be an arson and double homicide. The 17 year old suspect killed one woman and then in an attempt to cover up the crime burned down the structure. This resulted in a second



death and the displacement of people from 16 other apartments, to include the loss of over \$1,000,000 in property.

- A home invasion robbery where two suspects forced their way into a Wedgewood apartment. A shooting resulted with one of the suspects and one of the occupants getting shot. An adult and a juvenile (later waived to adult status) were both charged with multiple counts of Assault, Robbery & Burglary in the 1st degrees.



- Conducted a drug buy and subsequent search warrant of a residence that resulted in the seizure of over ½ pound of cocaine and \$15,000 cash.



- A husband reported that his wife committed suicide, however, he was later charged with her murder.
- On Christmas Eve, two sisters were drinking, became involved in an altercation that resulted in one shooting the other and was subsequently charged with her murder.

- FPD Investigations assisted the US Marshalls Fugitive Task Force in apprehending fugitive JT Chambers and charging the woman that allowed him to hide at her residence with hindering prosecution.



- In late fall the FPD Investigations Unit was authorized to begin casework into the drug aspect of property crimes as property crimes were spiraling out of control. The working theory was that drug use drives individuals to commit property crimes. This operation was expected to take several weeks to identify viable targets, but it rapidly escalated. Within a couple weeks, suspects were identified and actively targeted. This operation resulted in a number of informants that not only identified and developed good cases which recovered stolen property; many good drug cases were made as well.

The 3 month operation resulted in the referral of 38 felony charges; the seizure of stolen property to include the recovery by means of conducting control purchases for the property; over \$85,000 in narcotic seizures (street value); and approximately \$25,000 in civil seizures. Additional information and intelligence was collected during these investigations that assisted in a number of cases amongst local agencies and even resulted in the seizure of stolen plastic explosives (C4).



Training

The challenging and changing nature of police work requires officers to train continually throughout their careers. In 2014, the Fairbanks Police Department's officers and staff attended an estimated **2,362 hours of training**. These hours are in addition to in-house reviews of policy and procedure, firearms qualifications, and shift briefing training. The department utilizes a combination of funding sources to include department training funds, Alaska Police Standards Council training assistance, and state and federal grants.

Department training covers a wide range of topics reflecting the complexity of police work. Some of the highlights include: Managing Critical Incidents; Emergency Vehicle Operations Courses (EVOC); a variety of management and leadership courses; traffic collision investigation; data driven policing methods; on-going K-9 certification; and specialized training in major crimes investigations.



An Emergency Vehicle Operators Course student driving a Fairbanks Police car negotiates the high-speed skills course at Fort Wainwright's airfield south taxiway.

Tactical Police Team



The Tactical Police Team (TPT) is comprised of officers who have volunteered for this additional assignment and receive specialized training. Officers interested in this duty must go through a competitive selection process, commit to training and fitness standards, and are expected to respond in an instant when needed. The team has members from the Fairbanks Police Department, one officer from the North Pole Police Department, a full TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medicine) component, crisis negotiators, and a technical specialist.



FPD's Tactical Police Team

The mission of the TPT is to support the department, and any other requesting agency, with a specialized response to critical incidents. These include hostage situations, barricaded subjects, sniper situations, high risk apprehension and/or warrant service, dignitary protection and special assignments. Active shooter events continue to be a concern in our nation and community. The members of the tactical team serve as instructors for local law enforcement and community members on how to best respond to these events.

As in other all other aspects of our department operations, the Fairbanks Tactical Team maintain a close and positive working relationship with the local Alaska State Troopers Special Emergency Reaction Team (SERT).

Tactical Police Team



FPD conducts Active Shooter Training for other local agencies.



The Tactical Police Team's application and capabilities came into public view during an armed standoff in September. The incident involved an armed man who had fled from police and, after having his tires deflated, stopped in the Just-a-Store parking lot. After securing the safe release of his passenger (his girlfriend), negotiators and team members spent the next 10 hours convincing the man to surrender. During these tense negotiations, the suspect had made both suicidal threats and threats toward law enforcement to attempt "suicide by cop". The safe resolution of this incident was a positive display of the team's capabilities, professionalism and inter-agency cooperation.



Alaska State Troopers responded with their special response vehicle, providing crucial support during the incident.



Fairbanks Interagency Drug Unit

The Fairbanks Police Department currently assigns one investigator to the Alaska Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) in Fairbanks. The Investigator serves alongside members from other State and Federal law enforcement agencies.

The SDEU is tasked with conducting investigations into illicit drug and bootleg alcohol sales throughout the northern portion of the state. Because drug and alcohol use fuels so many associated crimes, SDEU is often involved in the investigations of homicides and other serious crimes. The area of responsibility for this Unit stretches from Boundary/Tok on the Richardson Highway, and from Cantwell on the Parks Highway, all the way to the North Slope Borough.

For the calendar year 2014, within the Fairbanks SDEU enforcement area, 247 drug investigations were conducted. Of those investigations 89 were actual cases with the remaining 158 being drug related logs. Out of the 89 drug cases, 95 suspects were charged with drug crimes. SDEU served 14 search warrants and dismantled 1 Meth labs. SDEU also conducts Drug Awareness classes for law enforcement, social workers and school teachers & students. Last year SDEU conducted 7 drug training presentations.

Drug Seized	Quantity
Marijuana Plants	300
Hash	4.5 grams
Cocaine	284.58 grams
Crack	0 grams
Methamphetamine	77.65 grams
Heroin	110.61 grams
Prescription Medication (pills)	43
Ecstasy (pills)	16
Alcohol	72.6 liters
Processed Marijuana	4951.94 grams

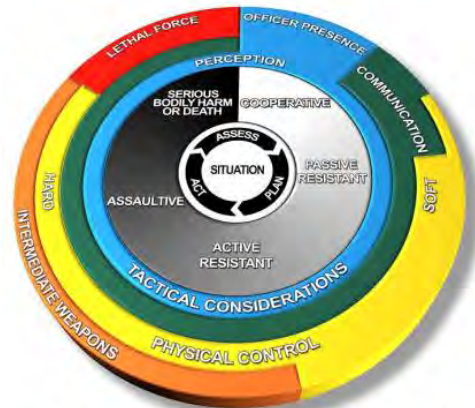


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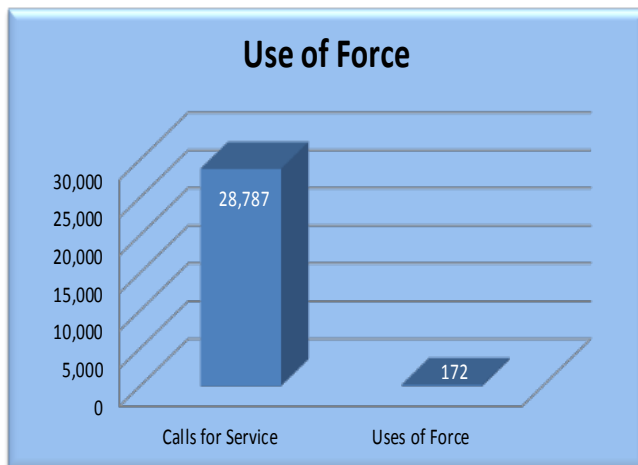


Use of force by the police has been a common topic for news stories over the past years. The rapid growth of personally carried devices capable of recording video, both by the public and police, provide a plethora of images to stream on our news channels. In reality, very few interactions between police and the public involve any type of force, including those instances in which a person is arrested.

A common national standard to defining use of force is, “the amount of effort required by police to compel compliance by an unwilling subject”. The Fairbanks Police Department considers an instance to be a use of force case if an officer uses force above the level of normal handcuffing. The first method of tracking these cases is through the officers’ incident report. Each use of force incident is noted on the report and can be found through a simple records search. That incident report is reviewed by the shift supervisor and flagged for further review by the command staff.



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.



In 2014, 172 cases were initially marked as use of force incidents. During this same year the Fairbanks Police Department logged nearly 30,000 calls for service. Some of these calls may not involve direct contact with a person and some involved multiple officers interacting with large numbers of people. As a ratio, this shows that incidents marked as use of force incidents account for .6% of calls for service.

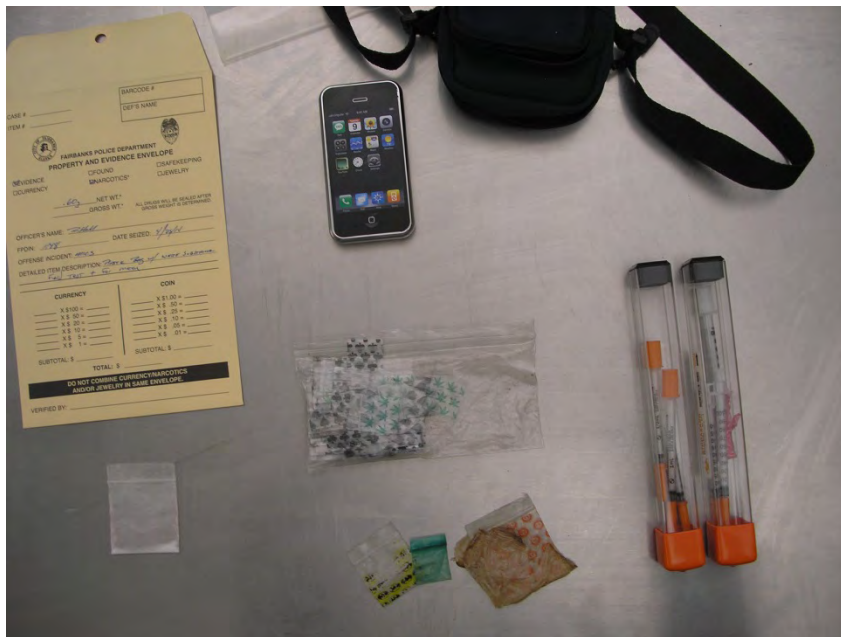


EVIDENCE



The Fairbanks Police Department has two International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE) certified Evidence Technicians: Patty Yamamoto and Cindy Learned. They are responsible for accepting, storing, tracking, destroying, arranging for testing, and releasing every piece of physical evidence brought in by the department. In 2014 well over 3,000 items of property were brought into the evidence room. With such a large number of items coming in, the work to have those items released, returned, or destroyed is always on the forefront. As one would imagine, our evidence area is the largest and most secure area within the building.

In addition to processing a large number of physical evidence items, our evidence custodians are also responsible for managing and distributing digital evidence seized by officers. As technology moves more toward a digital format, this workload increases every year. Providing this information for civil and criminal trials is a significant part of daily operations.





ARCTIC WINTER GAMES



The Arctic Winter Games is the world’s largest northern multi-sport and cultural event. These Games include participation from Alaska; the Canadian Provinces Yukon, Northwest Territories, Northern Alberta, Nunavut, Nunavik, and Quebec; Yamal, Russia; and the Sapmi people of Scandinavia.

The Arctic Winter Games combine athletic competition, cultural exchange and social interaction between northern contingents. Athletic competition features sports that enjoy worldwide popularity alongside the ones more closely associated with winter climates. The arctic sports are activities which evolved among the people of the circumpolar region. Cultural participation embraces a significant role for performing and visual artists by highlighting talents from the host region and participating regions. Setting individual goals, winning Ulus, breaking records and earning standing ovations are always a thrill; but in the end, it is the participating cultural exchanges and social interaction that make the Arctic Winter Games so special.



The Arctic Winter Games held in Fairbanks in 2014 marked the first time our community had hosted the games since 1986 (www.awg2014.org for more information). Fairbanks played host to over 2000 athletes and a total of nearly 5,000 participants, coaches, staff, family members and spectators from nine participating contingents representing seven circumpolar countries. The Fairbanks Police Department coordinated all security services for the games, culminating an extensive three year planning process. Security was provided through substantial interagency cooperation and participation, along with nearly 500 security volunteers. Alongside our volunteers, we had a cadre of employees assigned exclusively to the Games:



- Security Chair: Deputy Chief Brad Johnson
- Operations Chief: Lieutenant Eric Jewkes
- Planning Chief: Yumi McCulloch
- Operations Center: Corrine Scannell
- Security Teams: Sergeant Jeromey Lindhag Officer Stewart Lewis
Sergeant Kurt Lockwood Officer Andrew Adams
Sergeant Scott McCumby Officer Eric Hoffman



ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

Special thanks also goes to VIP Executive Director Lorna Illingworth, who volunteered hundreds of hours as the Security Co-Chair responsible for all venues comprising the Athletes Village, providing lodging for the thousands of athletes and contingent staff.



By the time the games concluded and the contingents were on their way home, there had not been a single incident of victimization or serious misconduct involving any member of a Games contingent. In fact, the Chefs de Mission (leaders of each contingent) had substantial praise for all facets of security and stated it was the best they'd ever encountered in the Games long history. Everyone involved was extremely proud of our participation and officers commented that it was one of the best and most rewarding experiences of their careers.

We would also like to thank the following partners, without whom our success would not have been possible:

- Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
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- US Department of Homeland Security
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 - Office of Infrastructure Protection, Computer Aided Visualization Tool (CBAT)
 - Transportation Safety Administration
 - Office of Emergency Communications
- State of Alaska, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Operations
- Alaska State Troopers
- North Pole Police Department
- University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department
- Fairbanks International Airport Police and Fire
- Volunteers in Policing and Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1



OPERATION G.L.O.W.

Local, state and federal police agencies once again teamed up in the Fairbanks area this Halloween to hand out glow sticks to youngsters. The popular FPD project, dubbed Operation GLOW (Guiding Little Ones on their Way), now in its eighth year, is intended to keep young Trick-or-Treaters safe by handing out various colored glow sticks attached to custom made lanyards. The lanyards show the names and logos of the participating agencies, including the Alaska State Troopers, Fairbanks Police, North Pole Police, Fort Wainwright Police and Alaska Railroad. The idea is to increase the visibility of small ones for motorists and others.

Volunteer officers and employees were present in the following area neighborhoods:

- Riverview
- Doyon Estates
- Aurora
- Wedgewood
- Palace Circle/Antoinette
- Shannon Park
- Hamilton Acres
- Island Homes
- Ringstad Park
- S. Fairbanks
- West Park





SHOP WITH A COP



Once again this year, Sergeant Scott McCumby coordinated and delivered FPD’s Shop with a Cop program benefitting disadvantaged children in the Fairbanks area. This is the fifth year local kids, nominated by school counselors, were able to ride to Fred Meyer in a police car and use a \$100 gift card to buy gifts for their families.

Each police officer teamed up with a child and became their helper for the evening. The children are all elementary school age, up to sixth grade. After shopping, the children and their officer wrapped all of their purchases for Christmas giving and each family received a boxed Christmas dinner to take home for the holiday.



This year, officers participated from the Fairbanks Police Department, Alaska State Troopers, University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department, Fairbanks International Airport Police and North Pole Police Department.



The special holiday program was made possible by the Langston Family Foundation, Fred Meyer, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the counseling department of Lathrop High School, Odom Corporation, Mt. McKinley Animal Hospital and North Pole Coffee Roasting Company.





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