

# ***Fairfield Police Department Annual Report 2014***



***Town of Fairfield, Connecticut***

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**This annual report is intended to provide a brief overview of the Fairfield Police Department, the Town of Fairfield and the activities of the department during 2014.**



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## Message from Chief Gary MacNamara



*Gary MacNamara  
Chief of Police*

On behalf of myself and all the men and women of the Fairfield Police Department I once again am proud to share this annual report. This document provides an overview of our performance, programs, happenings and events within the organization, as we continue to Make Fairfield Safer.

This past year we responded to over 44,000 calls for service, representing only a portion of the activity Fairfield Police Officers engaged in this year. These calls for service represent times officers responded to residents calls for assistance, calls when officers arrested subjects for crimes observed, investigations conducted, motor vehicle stops, as well as assists for other agencies.

Our greatest asset remains our men and women who serve the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This past year we saw four of our veteran officers retire, we welcomed eight new officers to the force, and promoted four officers to higher ranks and responsibilities.

In 2015 we look to provide the level of service and dedication the community expects. Continue to develop our school safety initiatives, our police/community relationships and look at more efficient and effective ways to provide our services.

The work we do for the Fairfield Community would not be successful without our community partners, who support and work with us, as well as the dedication and commitment of all the members of this organization. Thank you all for working every day to keep Fairfield the community it is.

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Gary MacNamara

# Town of Fairfield



The Town of Fairfield is located in Southwestern Connecticut on the coast of Long Island Sound, approximately 60 miles from New York City. The town was settled in 1639 and covers an area of 30.6 square miles. Fairfield has a population of 59,625 residents with both rural and business areas. Fairfield also hosts two universities, has an active beach area with two marinas and 5 public beaches.

Fairfield operates under a Representative Town Meeting form of government with members elected by the residents of the voting districts of the town. The administration of town

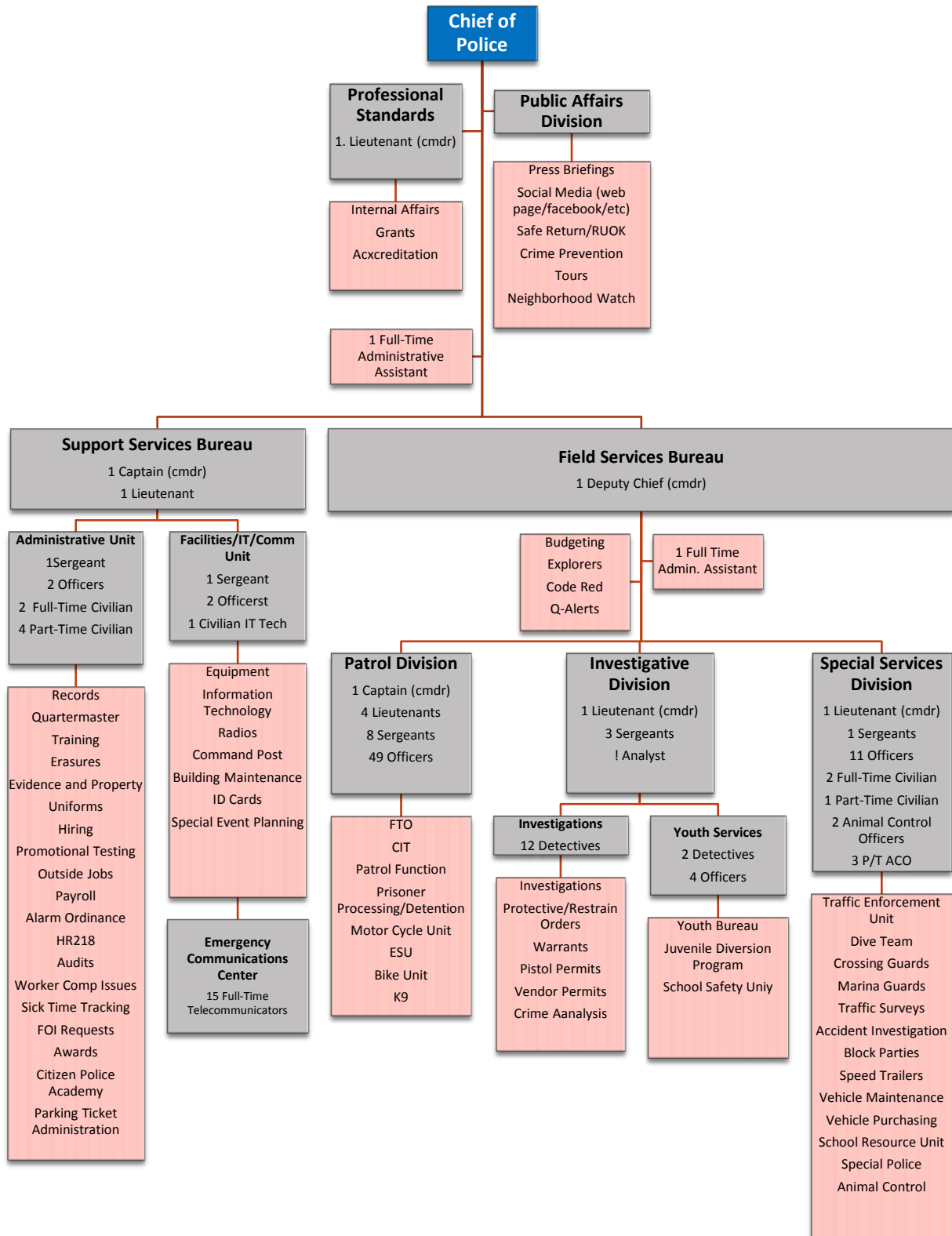
affairs lies with the three member Board of Selectmen. The First Selectman is the town's chief administrative officer and highest elected official.



The Town of Fairfield celebrated its 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. There were numerous events that included a food drive and 375<sup>th</sup> Gala.



## Fairfield Police Department – Table of Organization





## Department Overview

### Demographics:

Population: 59,625  
 Sworn Officers: 108  
 Calls Per Year: 44,959  
 Public schools: 17
 

- 2 High Schools

 Private Schools: 10
 

- 2 High Schools

 Universities: 2  
 Square Miles Covered: 30.6

### Programs

Are You OK  
 Motorcycle Unit  
 Citizen Police Academy  
 Crisis Intervention Team  
 Emergency Response Team  
 Crisis Negotiators  
 Bike Unit  
 School Safety Unit

### Staffing

Chief – 1  
 Deputy Chief – 1  
 Captains – 2  
 Lieutenants – 8  
 Sergeants – 13  
 Detectives – 14  
 Officers – 68  
 Special Officers – 72  
 Crossing Guards – 18  
 Marina Guards – 7  
 Telecommunicators – 14  
 Civilians - 15

### Divisions

Patrol  
 Bike Unit  
 Emergency Services Unit  
 Field Training Officers  
 Crisis Intervention Team

Investigative Division  
 Youth Bureau  
 Burglary Squad  
 School Safety Unit

Special Services Division  
 Traffic Enforcement  
 Crash Investigation  
 Special Police  
 School Crossing Guards  
 Vehicle Maintenance  
 Animal Control  
 Marina Guards  
 Dive Team  
 Marine Unit

Support Services Bureau  
 Records and Property  
 Training  
 Administrative Functions  
 Information Technology  
 Special Events Coordination  
 Emergency Communications

Professional Standards  
 Internal Affairs  
 Grants  
 Policy

Public Affairs  
 Social Media

**Mission: Making Fairfield Safer**

## Fairfield Board of Police Commissioners

Norma Peterson - Chairperson

Donald Kleber Secretary

Samuel Lazinger

Arthur Hersh

Charlene Lebo

Walter Flynn

Susan Barrett

As required by the Charter of the Town of Fairfield (section 10.5), the Police Department is overseen by a Police Commission. Members of the Police Commission are appointed by the Fairfield Board of Selectmen and each member has a term of five (5) years.

Some of the powers and duties of the Police Commission are:

- They have general management supervision of the Police Department and of all property and equipment used by or in connection with the operation of the department;
- They make rules and regulations consistent with the General Statutes and the Charter for the governance of the Police Department and its personnel, and may prescribe penalties for violations of its rules and regulations;
- Subject to provisions of the Charter regarding appointment of the Chief of Police, have sole power to appoint and promote to all positions in the Police Department, which appointments and promotions shall be made on the basis of merit;
- determine the qualifications for each rank and grade in the Police Department
- within the appropriations made for that purpose determine the number of officers and other employees of the police department and of the several ranks and grades and their compensation.

The Police Commission may also appoint an acting Chief of Police during the absence or disability of the Chief of Police. They may also appoint Special Police Officers.

Commission meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Fairfield Police Department. The meeting starts at 4:30pm.



## New Officers

During 2014 the Fairfield Police Department hired four new police officers.



### **Richard Peck – 2/12/2014**

Prior to joining the Fairfield Police Department Officer Richard Peck worked as a community service officer for the Nantucket Police Department and was a member of a police explorer post in northwestern Connecticut for many years. Officer Peck completed his training in December and is now assigned to the patrol division.



### **Kristen Curran – 4/1/2014**

Officer Curran was a student at Fairfield University prior to joining the Fairfield Police Department last April. She has several members of her family who are in the law enforcement profession and emergency services. She completed her training in December and is now assigned to the patrol division.



### **Chanse Wilkie – 10/14/2014**

Chanse Wilkie lived in Brooklyn, NY until the age of 9 when he, along with his mother and sister, moved to Stratford, CT. Chanse attended Bunnell High School where he excelled in football and track & field. He graduated in 2009 in the top half of his class with a 3.5 GPA. After high school he continued his education at Housatonic Community College where he graduated with honors in 2012, earning his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Chanse chose to go after his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice at Sacred Heart University. He also chose to continue his athletic career by being a strong member of the Sacred Heart Track & Field team. Chanse graduated from Sacred Heart in May of 2014.



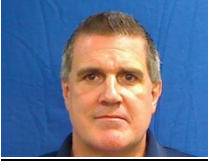
### **Thomas Thresher – 10/14/2014**

Thomas Thresher lives and grew up in Wilton, CT where he played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse for Wilton High School before graduating in 2005. Tom enlisted in the Army in 2005 and gained a scholarship through the ROTC program at the University of South Carolina. After graduating the University of South Carolina in 2009, Tom was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant into the United States Army. Tom served as a proud member of the 10th Mountain Division, and in 2013, deployed to Afghanistan as member of an eight-man advisory team embedded with the Afghan National Army. After achieving the rank of Captain, Tom transferred off of active duty and into the Army Reserves to pursue a career in law enforcement.



### **Jon Chlebowski – 10/14/2014**

Jon Chlebowski was born and raised in Bridgeport, Jon Chlebowski attended and graduated from Notre Dame HS and then Quinnipiac University with a Bachelor's degree in Legal Studies with the intentions of going into law enforcement. After years of working in sales, the service industry and a short stint in facilities at a hedge fund, Jon found his way into law enforcement when he became a Public Safety Officer at Fairfield University in 2011. Jon is married with three children and resides in Fairfield.

**Retired Officers 2014****Officer Timothy Stalling**

Retired: 2/1/2014

**Detective William Young**

Retired: 2/1/2014

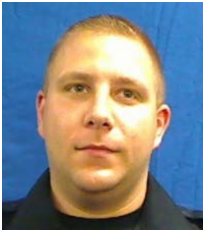
**Sergeant Suzanne Lussier**

Retired: 7/23/2014

**Officer Grant Dalling**

Retired: 8/10/2014

## Promotions 2014



### **Officer Mike Paris was promoted to Sergeant**

Sgt. Paris grew up in the City of Bridgeport his father is a Sergeant in the Bridgeport Police Department. He attended private schools in Fairfield, graduating from Notre Dame Fairfield in 2001. In November of 2001, Sgt. Paris was hired as a full time telecommunicator for the Fairfield Police Department's Emergency Communications Center where he was employed for five years until he was hired as a Police Officer. He is a field training officer for the department and serves on the department's honor guard unit. Sgt. Paris was recently assigned to the Connecticut State Police Urban Violence Task Force and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force where I worked in an undercover capacity. He is Vice-President of the Fairfield Police Union (C.O.P.S Local 550) and an active board member with St. Nicholas Church in Bridgeport.



### **Detective Edward Nook was promoted to Sergeant**

Sgt. Nook was born and raised in Long Island NY. He Graduated from the University of Connecticut where he received a degree in Sociology. Sgt. Nook was hired by Fairfield PD in 1999 and has been a member of the bicycle and motorcycle units. He was a ten year member of our Emergency Services Unit, and a Field Training Officer for new recruits. Sgt. Nook was promoted to the rank of detective in 2000.



### **Officer Anthony Vaspasiano was promoted to Detective**

Det. Vaspasiano is a 13 year veteran of the Fairfield Police Department. After growing up in East Haven and graduating from East Haven High School in 1995 Det. Vaspasiano went on to Salve Regina University graduating in 1999 with a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice. For the past 8 years he has been a member of the dive team and an alternate on the marine unit. Det. Vaspasiano was once a member of the Eagle 1 search and rescue program where he became certified in helicopter search and rescue diving .As one of the founding members of the departments Crisis Intervention Team Program Det. Vaspasiano has received specialized training in recognizing and assisting people and families struggling with mental illness, addiction, and suicide risk. Det. Vaspasiano received the department's lifesaving medal which was awarded after he rescued a person trapped in a vehicle that was being overcome by floodwaters. Since February of this year, Det. Vaspasiano has been working in temporary position in the detective bureau, primarily focusing on burglaries.



### **Officer George Buckmir was promoted to Detective**

Detective George Buckmir began his Law Enforcement career in 1999, when he graduated the first Regional Police Academy in Bridgeport.. During his patrol years, he was selected to serve as a Police Bicycle officer. In 2003, Detective Buckmir was selected to serve as the Fairfield Police DARE Officer. Among his accomplishments, Detective Buckmir has served as a Field training Officer (FTO), Crisis Intervention Team Officer (CIT), School Safety Officer and has received numerous letters of merit from his supervisors, educators and the general public. Further, In 2009 Detective Buckmir was nominated as a finalist for the Bridgeport Hospital Fairfield County Hero of the Year Award, for his involvement in the rescue of a seventeen year old male in a hazardous material incident on Black Rock Tpk. Detective Buckmir is a lifelong Fairfield County resident.

## The Year in Review

### JANUARY 2014

- On January 28, 2014, at 0902hrs, this department received a report that an unknown male had committed a sexual violation on a northbound train, victimizing a female passenger. The train was approaching the Fairfield station. Sgt. Felix Esposito arrived moments later, and immediately radioed a full description and direction of travel. A perimeter was set up, as more information was gathered, and shared, from the scene. Sgt. Chris Ioli observed a male, matching the basic description, on the Unquowa Road bridge. He was detained pending arrival of MTA police, and a one-on-one identification. The male located and detained by Sgt. Ioli was positively identified by four (4) independent witnesses and was placed under arrest by MTA police. Integral to this investigation was Sgt. Esposito's order to the MTA crew that the involved train was not to leave. This allowed for the preservation of evidence, as well as the discovery of witnesses.
- On 1/10/14 Officer Mark Letsch was detailed to investigate a hit and run accident involving a fire hydrant on Jennie Lane. Officer Letsch gathered detailed information and relayed it to Officer Ben Krygier who was assisting with the investigation. Officer Krygier's determination led to locating the vehicle and operator nearly 45 minutes later. The suspect was charged with Evading Responsibility and later made restitution to the Hydraulic Company.
- On 1/20/14 Officers Mike Paris, Pete Stansfield, and Jordan Nadeau responded to the report of an unresponsive person in the road on Black Rock Turnpike. Officer Paris arrived first and relieved an unidentified male who had started CPR. Officer Stansfield and Officer Nadeau arrived and controlled the scene and investigated the circumstances, allowing Officer Paris to focus on victim care. Officer Paris attached an AED unit and administered a shock as advised. The victim was transported to ST Vincent's Hospital where a normal cardiac rhythm was restored. Their quick response and teamwork led to a positive outcome of this ambulance call.

### FEBRUARY 2014

- On the evening shift of 2/26/2014, Officer Matt Riendeau conducted a self initiated traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of a convicted felon (drug sales), and the seizure of his vehicle. During the investigation, assisted by Officer Mike Paris, the officers observed suspicious activity that indicated that they had interrupted an illegal drug transaction. They obtained admissions and a sworn statement regarding the sale. The suspect was arrested

for Sale of a Controlled Substance, and Sale of a Controlled Substance Within 1500 feet of a Daycare Facility.

- Richard Peck was sworn in as a new police officer with the department.

### MARCH 2014

- On the evening shift of 3/3/14, Officer Bill Koukoulas was dispatched to a report of subjects cutting wires from utility poles. After the reported location had been cleared by responding officers, Officer Koukoulas continued to search the area. His persistence resulted in the apprehension of two suspects in the act of cutting copper ground wires from utility poles. A total of 17 poles had been targeted. The suspects were arrested for 17 counts of larceny and several other charges.

### APRIL 2014

- The Fairfield Police participated in a program sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that collected potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The Fairfield Police collected 86.2 pounds of prescription drugs.
- The Fairfield Police assisted with the Fairfield 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Food Drive held at Ludlowe High School. Over 600 volunteers helped collect several thousand pounds of food that was distributed to Operation Hope, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Merton House and A Project from the Heart.



- Kristen Curran was sworn in as a new police officer with the department.

### MAY 2014

- On 5/6/2014 Amy Hanninen sent a letter to commend Officer Robert Chaisson for his efforts when her car was struck in a hit and run accident. The offender was identified and made restitution. Hanninen stated that she appreciated Officer Chaisson's "dedication and Professionalism".
- On the evening shift of 5/17/14, Officer Mike Paris and Officer Mike Clark were detailed to a reported larceny at 891 Fairfield Beach Road. It was determined that three contractors had

been at the home while the homeowners were away. Officer Paris and Officer Clark contacted the contractors and requested that they return to the scene. The officers quickly determined a suspect through their interviews of all three contractors. The officers developed probable cause through evidence located at the scene and on the offender. The suspect was subsequently arrested for the attempted larceny of over \$40,000 worth of jewelry. At headquarters Officer Clark obtained a full confession from the accused. From beginning to end both Officer Paris and Officer Clark displayed outstanding teamwork and professionalism in handling this investigation.

- On the day shift of 5/27/14, K9 Officer Kevin Wells and Ruger were detailed to assist the Bridgeport Police Department in locating a person who had been missing for two hours. They conducted a track from the missing subject's home to a heavily wooded area ¼ of a mile away. The suspect was located in the woods, the victim of an apparent suicide.
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## JUNE 2014

- On the midnight shift on 6/21/2014, Officers Anthony Renaldi, John McGrath, Jordan Nadeau, and Jeremy Zdru responded to a report of a suspicious male in the area of Round Hill Road and Lawrence Road. Through observations, interviews, and a thorough investigation, the officers solved multiple car break-ins and recovered stolen items.
- The State Police reported a pursuit of a stolen vehicle northbound on I-95. Sergeant Seth Jenkins coordinated patrols to cover all Fairfield I-95 exits ramps. Due to this coverage Officer Jeremy Zdru and Officer Ed Terifay were able to deploy spike strips. The proper deployment of the spike strips immediately reduced the speed of the pursuit and the



likelihood of injury to others. Sgt Jenkins stayed with the pursuit through Fairfield due to the nature of the offense and the potential for local assistance at the termination point. The vehicle, continuing at relatively slow speeds, finally came to a stop in Bridgeport. The operator fled on foot and was captured a short distance away.

- On 6/18/2014 Sergeant Hector Irizarry received information about a male subject conducting drug sales in Fairfield. Sergeant Irizarry relayed the information to all shift personnel. Within 24 hours Officer Matt Riendeau located the vehicle and conducted a motor vehicle stop when the subject committed a moving violation. The subject had no identification and gave Officer Riendeau a false name which revealed no license information and no criminal history. Officer Riendeau, with the assistance of Officer Mike Paris and Bridgeport Sergeant J. Amato, took photos of the suspect and his tattoos. They were able to positively identify the suspect who was found to be a convicted felon with active warrant for Escape from Custody. Officer Riendeau's continued proactive police work resulted in the capture of a wanted person who was believed to be continuing his criminal activity in Fairfield.

- June 30, 2014. Several officers were promoted at a ceremony held at the Fairfield Senior Center. Officer Mike Paris was promoted to Sergeant, Detective Edward Nook was promoted to sergeant, Officer Anthony Vaspasiano was promoted to detective and Officer George Buckmir was promoted to Detective.



## JULY 2014

- On 7/10/14, Officer Anthony Renaldi conducted a traffic stop. Upon approaching the vehicle, Officer Renaldi smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Officer Renaldi also observed three GPS devices and a flashlight inside the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle Officer Renaldi discovered a credit card that didn't belong to any of the occupants and about four grams of marijuana. A further search revealed a total of eight GPS units, three laptop computers, two tower type computers, flashlights, backpacks, jewelry, I-pods, an Airsoft rifle and other electronics. The GPS units showed home addresses in the town of Trumbull where there have been a rash of motor vehicle break-ins. With the assistance of Officer John Moran and Officer Chris Mastronardi, Officer Renaldi was able to provide the Trumbull Police Department and other area departments with evidence

regarding thefts in their towns. With the assistance of Officer Keith Perham, 33 items of evidence were seized, identified, documented, and tagged at headquarters. Because of their efforts thousands of dollars worth of stolen property will eventually be returned to the rightful owners.

- On the evening shift of 7/16/14, Officer Tiffanie Bennett, while off duty, observed a subject walking on the Post Rd. near Kings La. Officer Bennett recognized the male as the suspect from a flyer developed from video surveillance by Officer John McGrath, regarding bicycle thefts at the train station. Contact was made with the suspect and he was found to be in possession of bolt cutters and other tools. He was positively identified and was found to have an extensive criminal record. A warrant for his arrest is pending. Officer McGrath's commitment and dedication and Officer Bennett's continued ability to be observant while off duty, led to the identification of a suspected bicycle thief.
- On 7/26/14, at around 1200 hours, we received a report from a woman visiting from out of state that her 50-year-old son, who suffered from illness-induced dementia/memory loss, had driven to a local Starbucks, but had not returned. Although the missing man had a cell phone in his possession, attempts by the detective bureau to locate the man by "pinging" it were unsuccessful. As a result, he was entered into NCIC as an endangered missing person. By early the next morning, the man had not been located and his whereabouts and condition were still unknown.

Officer Tiffany Bennett, who had been working at the time of the original call but was not assigned to the investigation, made note of the man's description and vehicle. At 0730 hours the next morning, while driving on North Benson Road on her way to work, Officer Bennett observed a car matching the missing man's heading in the opposite direction. She was able to turn around, catch up to the car, and call ECC requesting assistance. Responding officers were able to stop the car and confirm that the driver was the missing man. The man told officers that he was lost, did not know where he was, and had been driving around "all night". As a direct result of Officer Bennett's actions, the man was reunited with his family members, who were overcome with emotion upon his safe return. Officer Bennett's ability to remember critical information concerning ongoing police investigations, to the point of being able to take action even while off-duty, is particularly noteworthy. Her dedication to duty and concern for others is clearly reflected in her actions.

## AUGUST 2014

- In April of 2014, Fairfield Police began to investigate the illegal distribution of narcotic pain medication. During the course of this four month investigation Fairfield Detectives revealed a large scale (high quality) Anabolic Steroid and Human Growth Hormone manufacturing and distribution network, in conjunction with the illegal distribution of narcotic pain medications. Detectives discovered structured sums of money were being wired overseas in

exchange for raw materials that form the base compound for anabolic steroids. That material, slightly compounded and heated is then bottled in liquid form or encapsulated in powdered form for injectable and oral consumption. Fairfield Police discovered these steroids and the illegally obtained pain medications were being distributed in Fairfield and the Greater Bridgeport area.

Police conducted months of surveillance, extensive intelligence analysis, executed nearly a dozen search and seizure warrants, collaborated with multiple local and federal law enforcement agencies establishing this drug sale enterprise with its distribution network and those directly involved in the manufacture, sale and purchase of these illegal drugs.



On August 6, 2014, Fairfield Police along with agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration and Westchester County Police were conducting surveillance on a resident of Bridgeport who police suspected of transporting large sums prescription pills obtained illegally from a supplier in Westchester County to Fairfield County for distribution. Investigators watched as the subject proceeded to meet his supplier at a pre-arranged spot where Westchester County Police and Federal agents were staged. Subsequent to the deal of oxycodone pills the subject and his supplier were both arrested on narcotics charges in New York.

The arrest in New York triggered Connecticut Law Enforcement agencies to execute three simultaneous search and seizure warrants at the homes of the suspected heads of this organization. Law Enforcement personnel from Fairfield, Derby and Trumbull Police Departments as well as Agents from the DEA and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) were involved in this investigation.

During the execution of the search warrants police seized large amounts of steroids, Human Growth hormone, paraphernalia, capsule presses, cash and numerous firearms. Additionally, several hundred capsules containing an unknown substance were found and will be submitted for chemical analysis. Subsequent to the search warrant, several subjects were arrested by Fairfield Police and were charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Operating a Drug Factory.

- On the evening shift of 8/26/14, K-9 Officer Kevin Wells was assigned to assist with a reported burglary attempt on Mill Plain Rd. A description of a possible suspect vehicle had been furnished, but patrols were unable to locate it at that time. After clearing from the call Officer Wells continued look for the vehicle and eventually located a matching vehicle on Black Rock Tnpk. Upon stopping the vehicle, K-9 Ruger alerted to the presence of marijuana inside the car. A further search, with the assistance of other officers and the Detective Bureau led to the discovery of items stolen from a second burglary on Black Rock Tnpk. Two

occupants including one juvenile were arrested. With the assistance of the Youth Bureau a confession was obtained. In the confession, the suspect admitted their involvement in the Mill Plain Rd incident, the Black Rock Tpke burglary, and a third burglary attempt on Sturges Hwy.

- While assigned to the day shift on 8/27/14, Officer Matt Riendeau observed a subject who is a convicted felon and known to our department, operating a vehicle on Melville Drive. An NCIC check revealed that there were two active felony arrest warrants for the subject. One of the warrants stemmed from a burglary that Officer Riendeau investigated one year earlier. When the suspect saw Officer Riendeau he sped to a house and ran inside. Officer Riendeau secured the perimeter and waited for assistance. The suspect was ultimately found hiding inside and was taken into custody. It was learned that the suspect was out of state for over a year and was only planning a short stay.
- On the morning of 8/17/14, we responded to the report of a possible assault at the Best Western Hotel. On arrival, patrols spoke with a female assault victim who spoke very little English. She was unable to provide much information on her ex-boyfriend who had assaulted her, which made the task of finding him difficult. Officer Tiffany Bennett was the backup officer on this call and worked diligently trying to locate him. Over the following two days she used department resources and was finally able to locate the suspect and get us in contact with him. The case was turned over to Det. Kerry Dalling and an arrest warrant was secured. The suspect was arrested on 9/4/14. An outstanding effort by Officer Bennett led to the quick resolution of this case.

## SEPTEMBER 2014

- On 9/20/14, patrols responded to a report of a burglary to an occupied home on Mason St. A description of the suspect was supplied by the complainant and was given to the responding officers. Officer Tiffany Bennett was one of the assisting officers. After a quick search she apprehended the suspect, still in possession of stolen property, on Maplewood Avenue in Bridgeport. The suspect, who is a convicted felon and known burglar, was positively identified by a witness and was placed under arrest.
- On 9/23/14 Officer Chris Mastronardi and Officer Chris Rubis were dispatched to a report of fraudulent/stolen ATM cards being used at the Stratfield Road People's Bank ATM machine. With a quick response the officers apprehended the two suspects who were still attempting to draw money out of the machine, while concealing their identity with hooded sweatshirts and gloves. It was determined that the suspects were responsible for "skimming" 67 ATM cards in New Jersey, and were responsible for installing a device on the ATM. In addition to the capture of the two suspects, the officer's quick and covert response also prevented more victims from having money stolen from their accounts.

- On 9/26/14 Detectives Pete Koval and Alex Fucci along with Officers Chris Rubis, Tiffany Bennett, Nicole Gerosa, Franck DeAngelis, Mike Stahl, and William Burke were dispatched to the Brooklawn area on a report of subjects breaking into cars. The vehicles included ones owned by Fairfield firefighters that were parked behind Station 3. The firefighters were reported to be in foot pursuit of the subjects. Detectives Koval and Fucci had been assigned to burglary surveillance in the area and observed one of the subjects running. With the assistance of Officer Rubis and Officer Gerosa that suspect was apprehended a few blocks away. Shortly thereafter Officer Tiffany Bennett heard the sound of debris crunching near a residence on Jackman Ave and a second subject was apprehended hiding in some shrubs. The stolen property was recovered and the suspects were placed under arrest. Both suspects have lengthy arrest records including robbery and burglary.

## OCTOBER 2014

- As a result of a cooperative investigation with several local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, a suspect plead guilty to mail fraud and bank fraud in connection with a stolen check scheme that resulted in a loss of more than \$120,000 to several financial institutions and individual victims. The suspect faces up to 30 years imprisonment and fines of up to \$1 million.

- The Fairfield Police assisted Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) in the planning and conducting of the first Fairfield Walk Like MADD. This event is designed to raise the public's awareness of the problem of drunk driving. 29 teams (279 total participants) raised \$51,279.58 for MADD.



- On 10/3/14 Officer Anthony Renaldi observed four subjects walking in the middle of the road on Old Field Road. The subjects ran when Officer Renaldi approached them. After a foot pursuit Officer Renaldi caught one of the suspects. A second suspect was found with the assistance of a K-9 from the Norwalk Police Department. Officer Renaldi discovered that the subjects had driven to the area in a Volvo SUV, which they stole from Windsor Road, and had been involved in numerous thefts from motor vehicles. Numerous stolen items were recovered in the vehicle. After extensive follow up and identification the items were returned to the owners. A confession was obtained from one of the suspects and more arrests are pending.

- Three new members of the department were sworn in. Pictured right are Chief MacNamara, Officer Chlebowski, Officer Thresher, Officer Wilkie and First Selectman Tetreau.



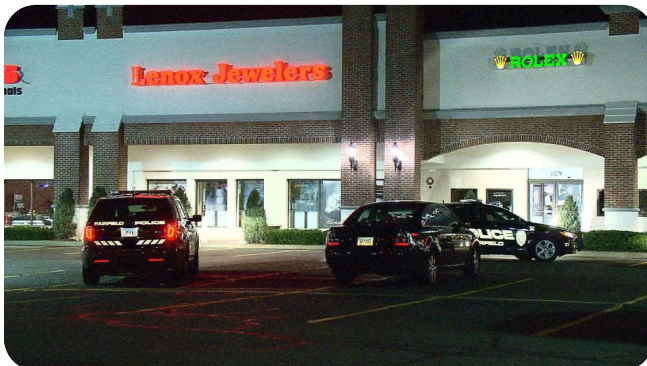
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## NOVEMBER 2014

- The Bridgeport Police requested a narcotics K-9 at a traffic stop in their town. Officer Kevin Wells responded with K-9 Ruger. The Bridgeport officer had smelled a strong odor of fresh marijuana emanating from the vehicle but was unable to locate any contraband. K-9 Ruger conducted an air scent search of the exterior of the vehicle and indicated on the exterior left side of the trunk. Ruger further alerted and indicated on the wheel well area in the trunk. Officer Wells removed the wheel well lining and saw a large bag of suspected marijuana. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana (Felony).
- Officers responded to a robbery at Pequot Liquor Store, 3430 Post Rd. A witness provided registration information for a vehicle that did not match the description of the suspect vehicle. Dispatch was asked to run various combinations of the given plate number but were unable to find a vehicle match. Officer John McGrath took it upon himself to use his vehicle MDT and try different plate combinations and was able to find a vehicle similar to the one described. This information was provided to other officers and detectives, and they responded to an address in Bridgeport. At that location further information was gathered that strongly linked the vehicle that Officer McGrath had discovered to the robbery. Further investigation by the Detective Bureau resulted in the identification of three suspects for the Pequot Liquor robbery and has linked them to two additional robberies in Fairfield and others in Bridgeport.
- Officer Kevin Wells and K-9 Ruger were detailed to assist the CT State Police at an accident scene on I-95. A vehicle had crashed and the operator had fled on foot. Several patrols responded and quickly set up a perimeter confining the suspect to a small area. Officer Wells and Ruger began a track and ultimately flushed the suspect out into the open, where he was located by Officer Scott Sudora and was taken into custody.

## DECEMBER 2014

- As a result of a cooperative investigation with several local, state and federal law enforcement agencies three men plead guilty and admitted participation in a violent kidnapping and jewelry store robbery that occurred in Fairfield in April of 2013. They face a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years on robbery charges and mandatory consecutive term of imprisonment



of at least seven years on firearms charges. Each also faces a restitution order of approximately \$3 million. Two other individuals have been charged and are awaiting trial.

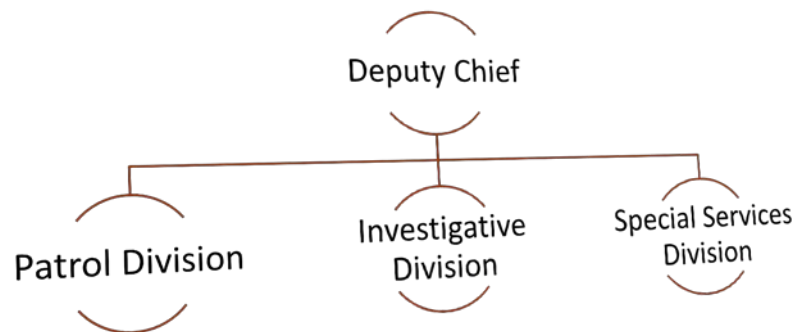
- Members of the Fairfield Police Department attended the funerals of the two New York City officers killed in the line of duty. Officers wanted to show their support for the fallen officers, their department and their families.



## Field Services Bureau



**Deputy Chief Christopher Lyddy**  
**Field Services Bureau Commander**



The Field Services Bureau manages the following divisions within the Fairfield Police Department:

- Patrol
- Investigative
- Special Services

In addition, the Field Services Bureau is responsible for:

- Police Budget
- Emergency Services Unit
- Critical Incident Response
- Specialized Task Forces
- Police Explorers

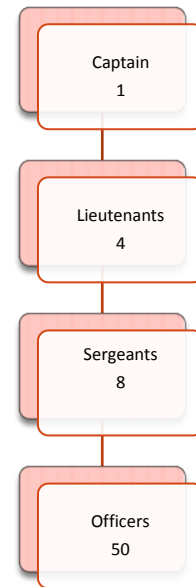




## Patrol Division



**Captain Joshua Zabin**  
**Patrol Division Commander**



The Uniform Patrol Division is responsible for the daily protection of residents and visitors. The majority of incidents and requests for service received by the Fairfield Police Department are handled by the Uniform Patrol division. The patrol division is the largest unit within the Fairfield Police Department. The officers are divided up among three patrol shifts Midnights/ Days /Evenings.

In 2013 the Uniform Patrol Division implemented a Community Policing strategy often termed "Team Policing." The main concept is that every officer in the Uniform Division belongs to a squad and the squads are responsible for various areas of the Town. Each of three patrol shifts are led by a Lieutenant who has two sergeants, each sergeant has a squad of officers.

Some of the benefits of Team Policing come from the officers truly getting to know their area better and feeling a sense of ownership of that area. They are more aware of "the little things" as well as the bigger problems.

The actions and services performed by the members of the Uniform Division are also the most recognizable, visible and scrutinized within the agency. Patrol officers enforce traffic and other criminal laws while patrolling the town. In addition they are the first responders for various incidents occurring within the town, conduct preliminary investigations and develop positive community relations.

Over time, they learn what areas of law enforcement they are most interested in and focus on those areas. Some may choose drug enforcement while others look toward traffic enforcement or DUI, for example. Patrol officers who show an interest and aptitude in these specialty areas can apply for reassignment to Specialized Units when positions become available.

The Uniform Patrol Division has officers that comprise the Crisis Intervention Team. These specially trained officers are out on routine patrol and can respond to incidents involving mental health crisis. They attempt to resolve the incident peacefully, and further engage with proactive follow up to recommend mental health services.

In 2014, Uniform Patrol responded to approximately 29,000 calls for service ranging from accidents, minor thefts and medical calls to Bank robberies in progress. Officers also performed 8,987 location checks throughout the town in 2014.

The Patrol Division is part of the Field Services Bureau and is the largest division in the Fairfield Police Department. It consists of the uniformed officers assigned to patrol duties. Officers staff this division 24 hours a day / 7 days a week and perform a wide range of patrol duties and community policing programs including:

- Patrol Function:
  - Responding to calls for service: criminal complaints, motor vehicle accidents, recovery of stolen property, public assistance calls, calls for medical assistance and other incidents requiring a police response
  - Preventive Patrol: Preventing incidents before they occur.
- Field Training: The training of new officers after they complete the Connecticut Police Academy and until they have met the standards to be certified as law enforcement officers.
- Prisoner Control: The patrol division is responsible for monitoring all prisoners being held by the department until they are turned over to court.
- School Resource Officers: The Fairfield Police Department assigns officers to each of the Town's two high schools during the school year.



## Canine Officers



The canine unit was formed to assist patrol and other functions. The Fairfield Canine unit is composed of Officer Kevin Wells and Ruger. They have assisted in numerous drug investigations, searches for lost or wanted individuals and other specialized functions. Ruger is a certified Narcotic Detection and Patrol Tactical canine.

Officer Wells is an experienced officer who went through an extensive selection process. He then had to complete a nine week training program with Ruger in order to be certified to act as a patrol dog handler. He is currently a member of the following associations:

- Renbar Kennels Certificate of Achievement
- National Police Canine Association
- North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA)
- Connecticut Police Work Dog Association (CPWDA)

Activity - 2014	Amount	Change from 2013
Narcotic Searches	33	6%
Arrests resulting from Narcotic searches	58	76%
Tracking Suspects	29	7%
Tracking Missing Persons	7	75%
Burglar Alarms	32	0%
Miscl Responses (disturbances, building searches, etc)	34	10%
Mutual Aid to other Communities	32	129%
Community Events	8	-47%

## Emergency Services Unit

The Fairfield Police Department has officers assigned to an Emergency Services Unit. These officers receive extensive training in several areas such as:

- building searches
- hostage negotiations
- use of several different types of weapons and tactics
- other necessary skills

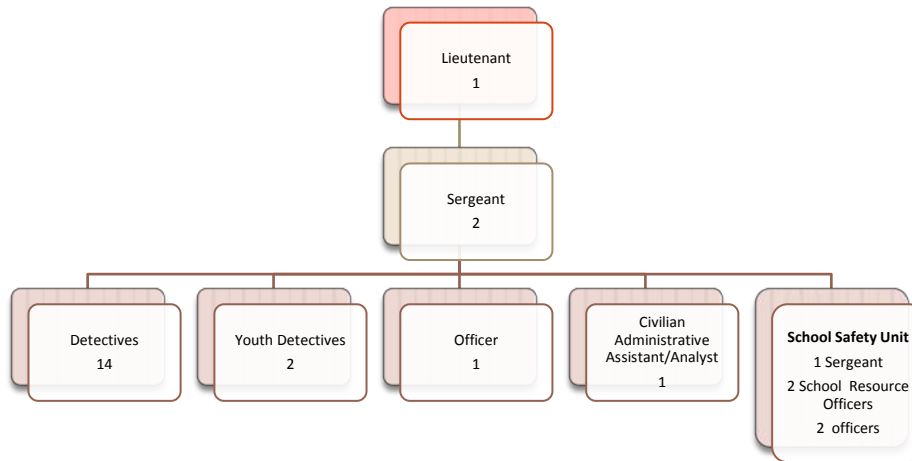


### **Downtown Business Out Reach Project**

Members of the Patrol Division instituted a business outreach project in its continued effort to Make Fairfield Safer. Officers canvassed downtown businesses to introduce themselves and share contact information which in turn created a communication network that updates businesses monthly on trending crime, safety precautions and situational awareness. The communication network can also update businesses on important safety issues. The officers responsible for the creation and development of the project were Sergeant Ed Greene, Officer Medvegy, Officer Braham, Officer Newkirchen and Officer Steinke. This community policing project was developed in an effort to maintain a safe and thriving Downtown area.

## Investigative Division

### Lieutenant Michael Gagner Division Commander



The Fairfield Police Department Investigative Division is responsible for conducting criminal investigations for a wide assortment of offenses, including but not limited to:

- Burglaries
- Larcenies
- Robberies
- Sexual Assaults
- Missing Persons
- Narcotic Violations
- Child Abuse
- Homicides
- Financial and Identity Thefts
- Other in depth or long term investigations



Detectives work with members of the Fairfield Police Department, other municipal and State of Connecticut law enforcement agencies as well as Federal agencies, such as FBI, DEA and Secret Service. Detectives are trained in advanced crime scene processing, interviewing, criminal investigations, etc.

<b>Investigative Division Cases 2014</b>		Change from 2013
<b>Referred Cases</b>	315	-5%
<b>Investigative Division Generated Cases</b>	300	-35%
<b>Total Cases Investigated</b>	615	-22%

The Fairfield Police Department Investigative Unit has a Youth Bureau that handles crimes against or involving juveniles. Two detectives are assigned to the Youth Bureau on a permanent basis and receive extra training in the areas of youth crime and neglect. The detectives work closely with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and other local and State agencies. Information concerning juveniles is confidential.

<b>Youth Bureau Cases 2014</b>		Change from 2013
<b>Referred Cases</b>	33	-49%
<b>Youth Bureau Generated Cases</b>	55	-19%
<b>Total Youth Bureau Cases Investigated</b>	88	-34%

### Pistol Permit Applications

	2014	Change from 2013
<b>Received</b>	204	-44%
<b>Approved</b>	148	-57%
<b>Denied</b>	2	-60%
<b>In-Process</b>	54	260%
<b>Projected Revenue</b>	\$12,950	-46%

### School Safety Unit

Effective 09/01/2013, the Fairfield Police Department established a School Safety Unit (SSU), staffed by one Sergeant, two School Resource Officers, and two D.A.R.E. Officers.

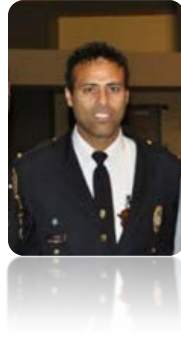
The broad mission of the School Safety Unit is to increase the actual level, as well as the perceived level of safety and security throughout the Fairfield Public School System. Services performed by the School Safety Unit also extend to the private schools in the town of Fairfield. Components of the SSU's approach to improve school safety and security include 1) site visits to assess infrastructure needs, 2) safety awareness training for school staff, and 3) increased and improved communication between the Police Department and Board of Education.



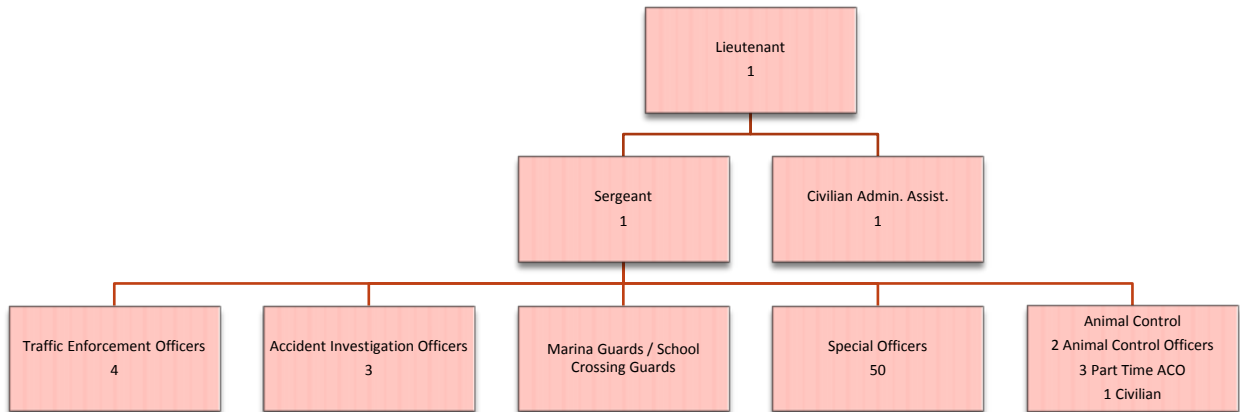
<b>School Safety Unit - Activity 2014</b>	<b>2014</b>
Initial Investigations	175
Follow-Up Investigations	107
Presentations	70
School Site Checks	301
General Assistance Provided	59
Lockdown drills	34
General Collaborations/Notifications	189
Security Site Assessments	4
Juvenile Arrests	12
Adult Arrests	4
Files Being tracked	39
<b>Total School Safety Unit Activity</b>	<b>994</b>

Due to the fact this unit was not established until the end of 2013, there are no annual comparisons available for this report.

## Special Services Division



**Lieutenant James Perez**  
**Division Commander**



The Special Services Division is responsible for:

- Traffic Enforcement
- Traffic Crash Investigation
- Animal Control
- Marine Division
- Dive Team
- School Crossing Guards
- Traffic Surveys
- Code Enforcement
- Vehicle Maintenance



## Traffic Enforcement Unit / Accident Investigation Unit

The Traffic Enforcement Unit was created to address the growing citizen concerns about traffic related issues and reckless driving. Officers act on complaints as well as conduct studies of high accident areas where enforcement may reduce the number and severity of motor vehicle accidents. The goal of this unit is to reduce accidents, increase roadway safety, increase driver compliance with motor vehicle laws and answer citizen complaints. The Traffic Enforcement Unit uses a multitude of techniques to accomplish their goal.

The Traffic Crash Investigation Unit is part of the Special Services Division and consists of officers who receive extensive training in all aspects of accident investigation and accident reconstruction. Officers from this unit investigate all fatal or potentially fatal accidents within the Town of Fairfield, as well as less serious accidents. Although regular patrol officers also investigate motor vehicle accidents, whenever available accident investigators will be assigned the investigation.

### Traffic Enforcement / Accident Investigation Unit Activity Report 2014

Activity	2014	Change from 2013
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated</b>	1287	11%
<b>Infractions</b>	2287	-10%
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	204	50%
<b>Warnings</b>	2007	-14%
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>	31	-34%
<b>Traffic stops</b>	3796	-7%

## Marine Unit

The Marine Unit is responsible for patrolling Long Island Sound and the waters of Fairfield including such hazards as Penfield Reef, Sunken Island and The Cows. To accomplish their assignment, the Marine Unit is seasonally staffed by 3 full time officers. The Marine Unit main office is located at South Benson Marina where the units two boats, a 33' Safeboat Defender Class and a 19' Boston Whaler Justice are berthed.

The Marine Unit is available to respond 24 hours a day. Contact the Fairfield Police Department at 203-254-4800.



Marine unit officers respond to numerous types of calls on the water. They handle emergency calls such as boaters in distress, sinking vessels or vessel fires. They routinely search for missing boats or persons around the shoreline. Marine officers also enforce all State and Local boating laws and regulations as well as perform safety inspections of vessels within their area of responsibility.



The Fairfield Police Department Marine Unit works closely with the United States Coast Guard and other local police marine units. Recently we have been requested to assist the U.S. Coast Guard with homeland security measures

### **2014 Summary**

Activity	Amount	Change from 2013
Incidents	116	40%
Vessels Towed	8	14%
Written Warnings	28	-64%
Arrests	3	-25%
Safety Inspections	9	-63%
Hours Underway	310	-11%

### **Animal Control**

Fairfield Animal Control is a Division of the Fairfield Police Department that enforces all State Laws and Town Ordinance related to animals. It is the responsibility of the Animal Control Division to investigate roaming dogs, animal bites, cruelty to animals, barking nuisance, unreasonable tethering or confining of a dog, town defecation ordinance, leash law, valid rabies vaccination, dog licensure and rabies related wildlife complaints that present an eminent danger to the public.



### **2014 Summary**

Activity	2014	Change from 2013
Animals Impounded	291	-12%
Dogs/Cat bite investigations	52	-13%
Dogs/cats sold as pets	96	-25%
Dogs redeemed by owners	174	-6%
Infractions issued	27	-34%

In addition several Rabies clinics were conducted and other public education programs completed

### **Dive Team**

The Fairfield Police Dive Team strives to be prepared for any underwater emergency or investigation in, but not limited to, the waters of Fairfield and Long Island Sound. The Dive Team strives to maintain a training program that targets the interests of public safety, diver safety, and thorough underwater investigation. The Dive Team strives to be an example to the public on issues of drowning prevention.



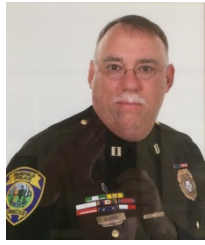
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The Fairfield Police Dive Team is staffed by 4 Police Officers. The Dive Team is available 24 hours a day. The divers are trained to various levels of certification. All of the members are trained in Ice Diving, due to the areas cold winter climate. The Dive Team is capable of SCUBA (Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) or SAS (Surface Air Supply) diving.

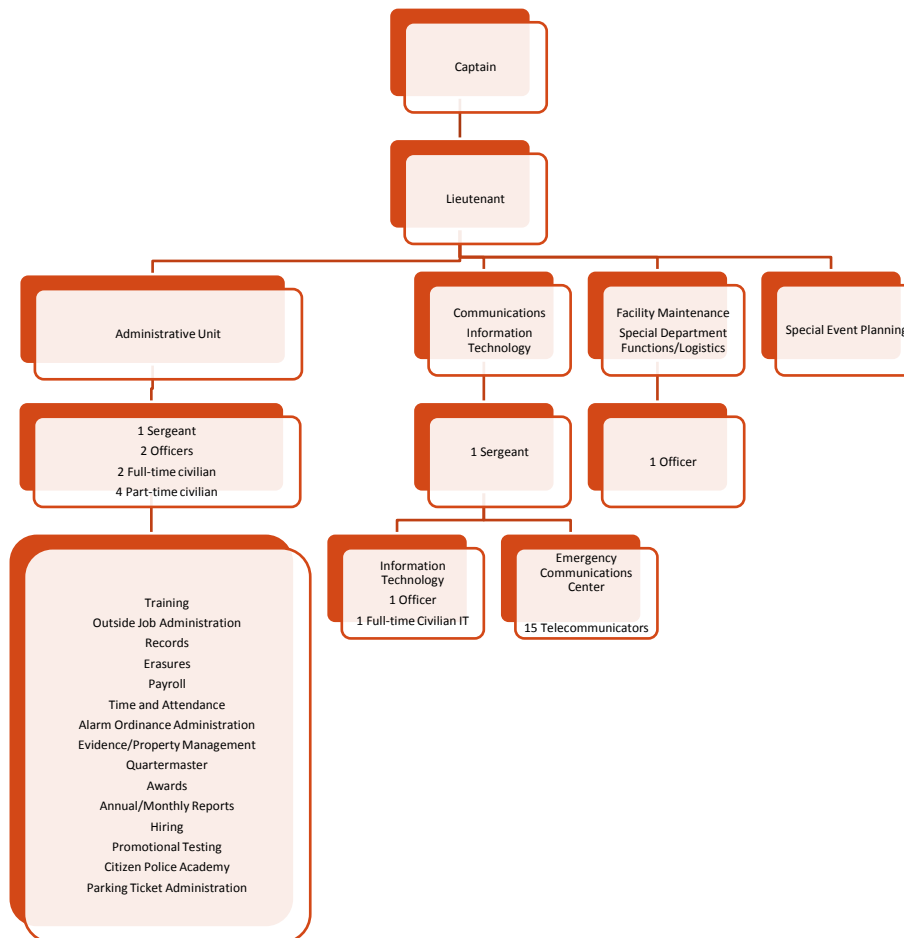
### **2014 Summary**

- Assisted with 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks set-up and barge placement
- Conducted training covering all potential emergency diving conditions

## Support Services Bureau



**Captain Donald Smith**  
**Bureau Commander**



### 2014 Summary

- Added civilian IT technician to assist with public safety computer systems.
- Initiated project to equip administrators and other key personnel with iPads that can be used for incident management and increase situational awareness during events.
- Developed a facility emergency plan
- Initiated upgrades to mobile data terminals in patrol vehicles

- Conducted promotional testing
- Initiated electronic evidence and property accounting
- Developed procedures for responding to possible Ebola patients
- Coordinated all mandated training programs

## Training

During 2014 officers of the Fairfield Police Department attended numerous training programs including: Hostage Negotiation, Traffic Crash Investigation, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, Child Abuse Investigations, Critical Incident Management, Active Shooter Response, Marine Law Enforcement, Records Retention and Freedom of Information, Leadership Training, Legal Updates, Employment Law, Trends in College Drinking, High Visibility Traffic Enforcement and other pertinent topics.

All officers are also required to attend recertification training annually. This training covers numerous topics mandated by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

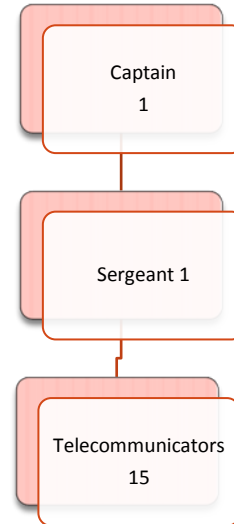


## Emergency Communications Center

The Fairfield Emergency Communications Center is responsible for receiving all 911 emergency calls, as well as non-emergency Police and Fire calls. The communications center employs 15 full-time telecommunicators and handles approximately 250,000 phone calls per year. They are trained in emergency police and fire dispatching, emergency medical dispatching and the handling of routine calls for both police and fire departments.

The Emergency Communications Center operates under the supervision of both the Fairfield Police and Fairfield Fire Departments. It is located in the Fairfield Police Department headquarters. Communications are computerized and work off of multiple radio towers.

The Fairfield Police Department has several radio frequencies that can be utilized during both normal and emergency situations. The police vehicles are also equipped with mobile data terminals that allow officers to access law enforcement computer and information networks as well as send confidential information car to car and to other police departments.



### 2014 Summary:

- Initiated quarterly drills for ECC relocation in the event of an emergency.
- Initiated the installation of a new Fire Department receiver site in the North Benson Road area to increase coverage.
- Increased battery back-up system that will power ECC in the event of a power failure.
- Hired new telecommunicator.

## Professional Standards

### Lieutenant Christopher Tursi Division Commander



The Professional Standards Division of the Fairfield Police Department is responsible for the following functions:

- Internal Affairs
- Policy Writing
- Grant Writing
- Chief's Advisory Committee
- 1033 (government surplus equipment) Program Administrator

### 2014 Summary

- Policy and Procedures Manual updated.
- Assisted the Town with FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Sandy and Sandy Hook Incident Response.

Grants Obtained	Amount	Information
DUI Grants	\$206,600	18% increase from 2013

## Public Affairs

The Public Affairs Bureau is responsible for the following functions:

- Public Information
- Bank Information
- Security Surveys
- Neighborhood Watch
- PAL
- Community Programs

### 2014 Summary

- Prepared and disseminated important public information during major incidents.
- Worked with schools on improving school safety by assisting with security surveys and making recommendations on improvements.
- Conducted numerous youth tours of the police facility
- Conducted crime prevention talks and meetings

## Explorer Post

The Explorer program is an official program of the Fairfield Police Department, designed by the Boy Scouts of America to expose young men and women (ages 12-21) to the vast career choices available in Law Enforcement today. Many of our alumni have continued to successfully achieve positions in local law Enforcement, state police departments, as well as federal appointments with law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Explorers learn in both the classroom and field environment, including actual "hands-on" field experience. Weekly meeting presentations include training on police duties, forensic science, self-defense, investigation, and even firearms and weaponry. The Police Explorers serve the department and community in a variety of Community Policing Endeavors.



### Post Advisors

Deputy Chief Christopher Lyddy

Sergeant Gregory Gunter

Officer Kevin Wells



### 2014 Summary

- Assisted at numerous community events
- Conducted a "Shred day" where residents can bring sensitive documents to be shredded. This helps reduce identity theft.
- Conducted weekly training sessions and meetings.
- Explorers attended the week long cadet police academy conducted at the University of Hartford
- Explorers attended the annual cadet stations day at the Connecticut Police Academy.
- Continued the U-TEXT-UR-NEXT program which is a program to reduce distracted driving

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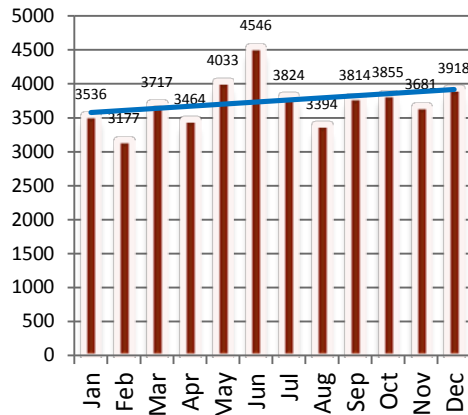


## Year End Statistics - 2014

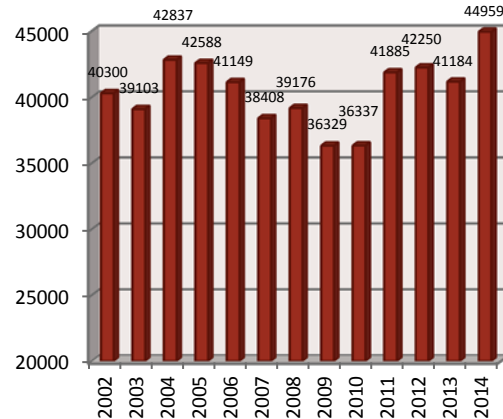
### Calls for Service

**Total Calls for Service: 44,959**

Incidents - Monthly Summary - 2014



Incidents - Yearly Comparison



### General Calls for Service

Call Type	2014	Change From 2013	Call Type	2014	Change From 2013
911 Hang Up	153	22%	Medical Alarms	9	-25%
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	131	-4%	Psychiatric Calls	42	-13%
Alarms	3222	4%	Missing Persons	42	-18%
Animal Complaints	1273	-11%	Narcotic Violations	165	-5%
Assaults	81	14%	Noise Complaints	329	-10%
Assistance	1721	4%	Parking Complaints	784	-24%
Bank Escorts	424	-8%	Pistol Permit Applications	204	-40%
Bomb Threats	3	300%	Reckless Driver	330	-3%
Breach of Peace	655	6%	Recovered Property	208	2%
Burglary	197	18%	Road Hazard	412	14%
Business/Location Checks	8987	86%	Robbery	9	-44%
Cancelled Alarms	667	-4%	Sex Violation	10	-23%
Community Events	99	50%	Shoplifter	189	-17%
Door Open	61	-15%	Stolen Vehicles	25	-24%
Drowning	0	0%	Suicide	3	-40%
EMS	4413	-5%	Suicide Attempts/Threats	74	19%
Funeral Escorts	191	2%	Suspicious Person / Vehicle	856	-15%
Harassment	270	5%	Theft from Motor Vehicle	302	-8%
Intoxicated Subject	64	-11%	Traffic Stops	8368	2%
Investigations	2402	0%	Trespasser	103	-11%
Larceny	434	4%	Vandalism	248	-18%
MVA	2604	0%			

## Criminal Activity Summary

<b>Larceny</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	36	38	41	33	65	72	96	76	102	62	61	56	738	-1%

Arrests	31	18	30	23	28	20	34	31	31	35	25	22	328	-11%
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\*includes theft from motor vehicles

<b>MV Theft</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	7	0	4	4	2	0	2	2	0	1	1	3	26	-24%

Arrests	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	-33%
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<b>Burglary</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	7	6	9	16	18	30	17	20	22	16	20	16	197	18%

Arrests	1	2	2	7	3	2	12	13	13	8	3	5	71	13%
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<b>Assault</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	7	7	8	7	6	4	2	10	7	11	6	7	82	15%

Arrests	6	9	8	5	8	3	4	10	7	10	7	8	85	-7%
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<b>Robbery</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	9	-44%

Arrests	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	9	-40%
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<b>Sex Viol.</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	11	-15%

Arrests														
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<b>Murder</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%

Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
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<b>Arson</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	100%

Arrests	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%
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<b>Vandalism</b>	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Change
Incidents	18	11	22	18	17	32	24	22	17	31	18	19	249	-18%

Arrests	1	4	3	1	2	0	4	2	1	3	2	1	24	-33%
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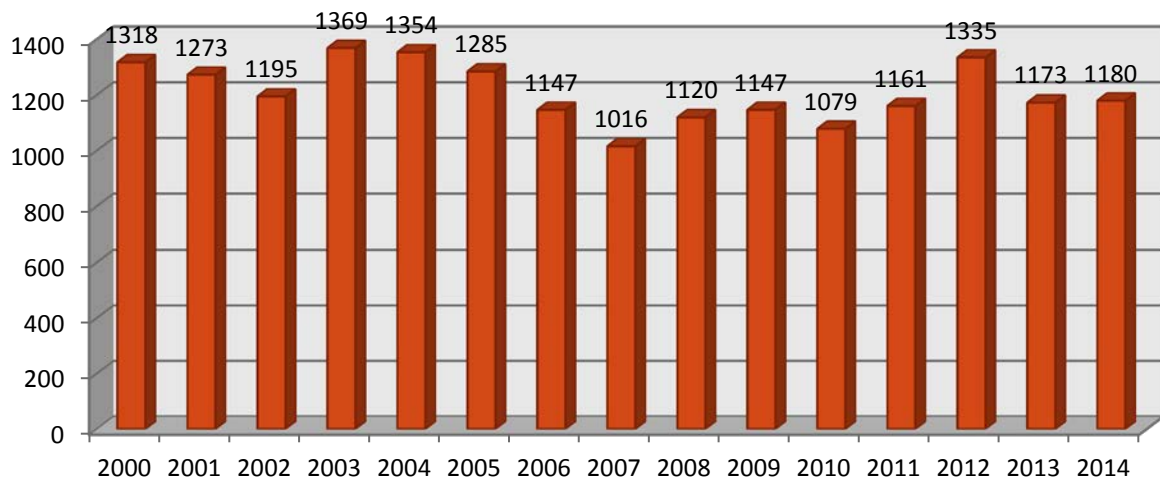
## Uniform Crime Report Data – Annual Comparison

The following shows a comparison of the reported Uniform Crime Report Index Crime data reported for the years shown. It should be noted that UCR data is sometimes classified crimes different than standard classifications used by the Fairfield Police Department. As a result some numbers may show slightly different values than reported in other areas of this document.

	Murders	Forcible Rapes	Robberies	Aggravated Assaults	Burglaries	Thefts	Auto Thefts	Arson	Total
<b>2000</b>	0	1	20	2	202	937	152	4	<b>1318</b>
<b>2001</b>	0	1	12	11	227	930	91	1	<b>1273</b>
<b>2002</b>	0	3	13	7	205	887	75	5	<b>1195</b>
<b>2003</b>	0	5	13	23	221	992	113	2	<b>1369</b>
<b>2004</b>	0	7	15	22	178	1,055	74	3	<b>1354</b>
<b>2005</b>	2	4	4	27	202	952	92	2	<b>1285</b>
<b>2006</b>	1	3	11	21	167	871	72	1	<b>1147</b>
<b>2007</b>	0	2	14	17	174	753	56	0	<b>1016</b>
<b>2008</b>	2	5	12	20	152	881	48	0	<b>1120</b>
<b>2009</b>	0	2	9	26	218	838	54	0	<b>1147</b>
<b>2010</b>	0	2	15	18	118	849	77	0	<b>1079</b>
<b>2011</b>	0	1	9	14	194	885	52	6	<b>1161</b>
<b>2012</b>	0	2	13	18	231	1,000	70	1	<b>1335</b>
<b>2013</b>	0	4	16	7	173	936	36	1	<b>1173</b>
<b>2014</b>	0	4	9	17	194	925	29	2	<b>1180</b>

Note: The numbers for 2014 are preliminary

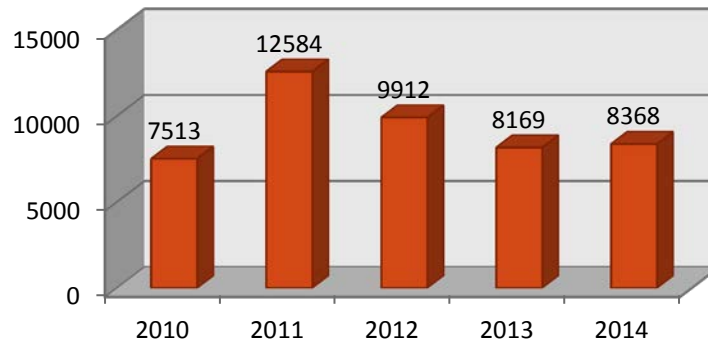
### UCR Index Crimes - Annual Comparison



## Motor Vehicle Activity Summary

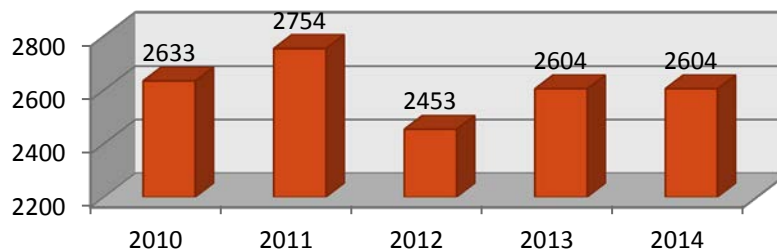
Motor Vehicle Enforcement Activity	Total 2014	% Change from 2013
No Action	204	4%
Verbal Warnings	4,263	-1%
Written Warnings	112	-50%
Infractions	3,177	3%
Misdemeanors	566	65%
UAR Arrests	46	142%
<b>Total MV Contacts</b>	<b>8,363</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>DUI Arrests</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>43%</b>

### Motor Vehicle Contacts - Annual Comparison



Motor Vehicle Accidents	Total 2014	% Change from 2013
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2,293	-3%
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	311	23%
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>0%</b>

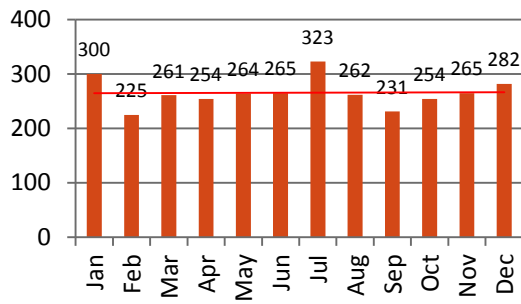
### Motor Vehicle Accidents - Annual Comparison



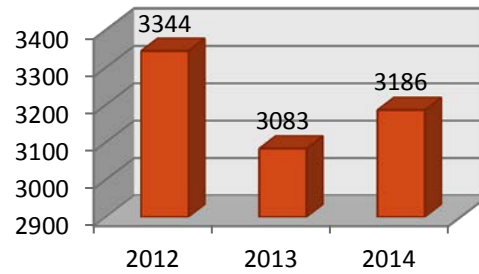
## Alarm Response Summary

Total Alarms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Change
	300	225	261	254	264	265	323	262	231	254	265	282	<b>3,186</b>	<b>3%</b>

Alarms 2014 - Monthly Comparison

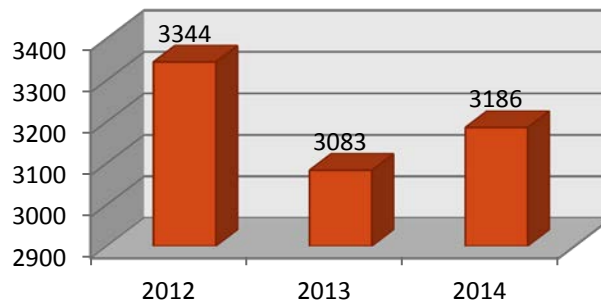


Alarm Responses - Annual Comparison



False Alarms	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Change
	300	225	261	254	263	264	321	262	231	254	264	281	<b>3,180</b>	<b>3%</b>

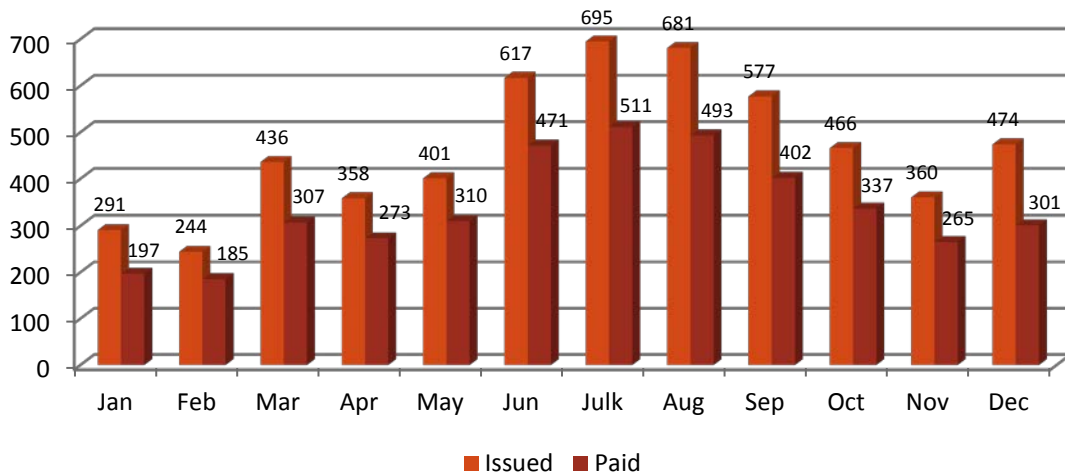
False Alarm Responses - Annual Comparison



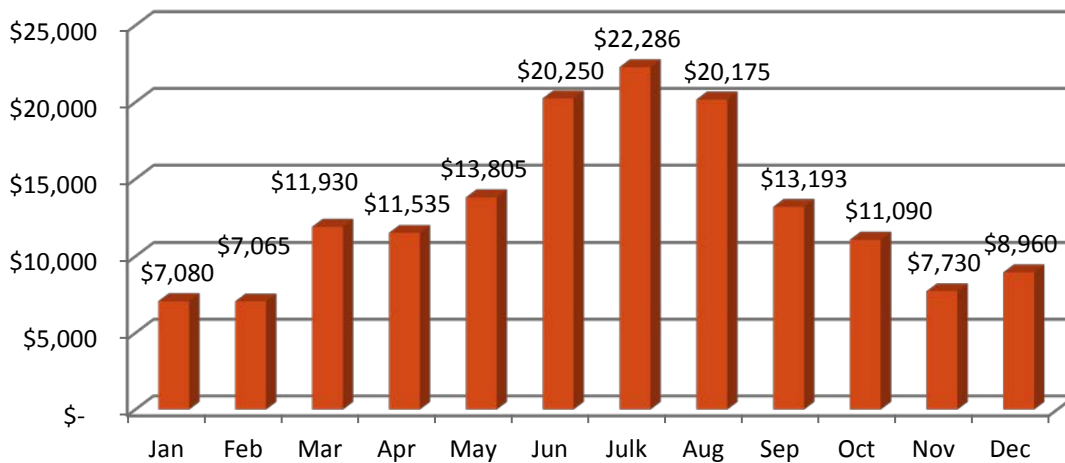
## Parking Tag Summary 2014

	2014	Percent Change from 2013
<b>Parking Tags Issued</b>	5,600	2%
<b>Fees Collected</b>	\$155,099	-7%

### Parking Ticket Monthly Breakdown - 2014



### Parking Ticket Revenue Received - 2014

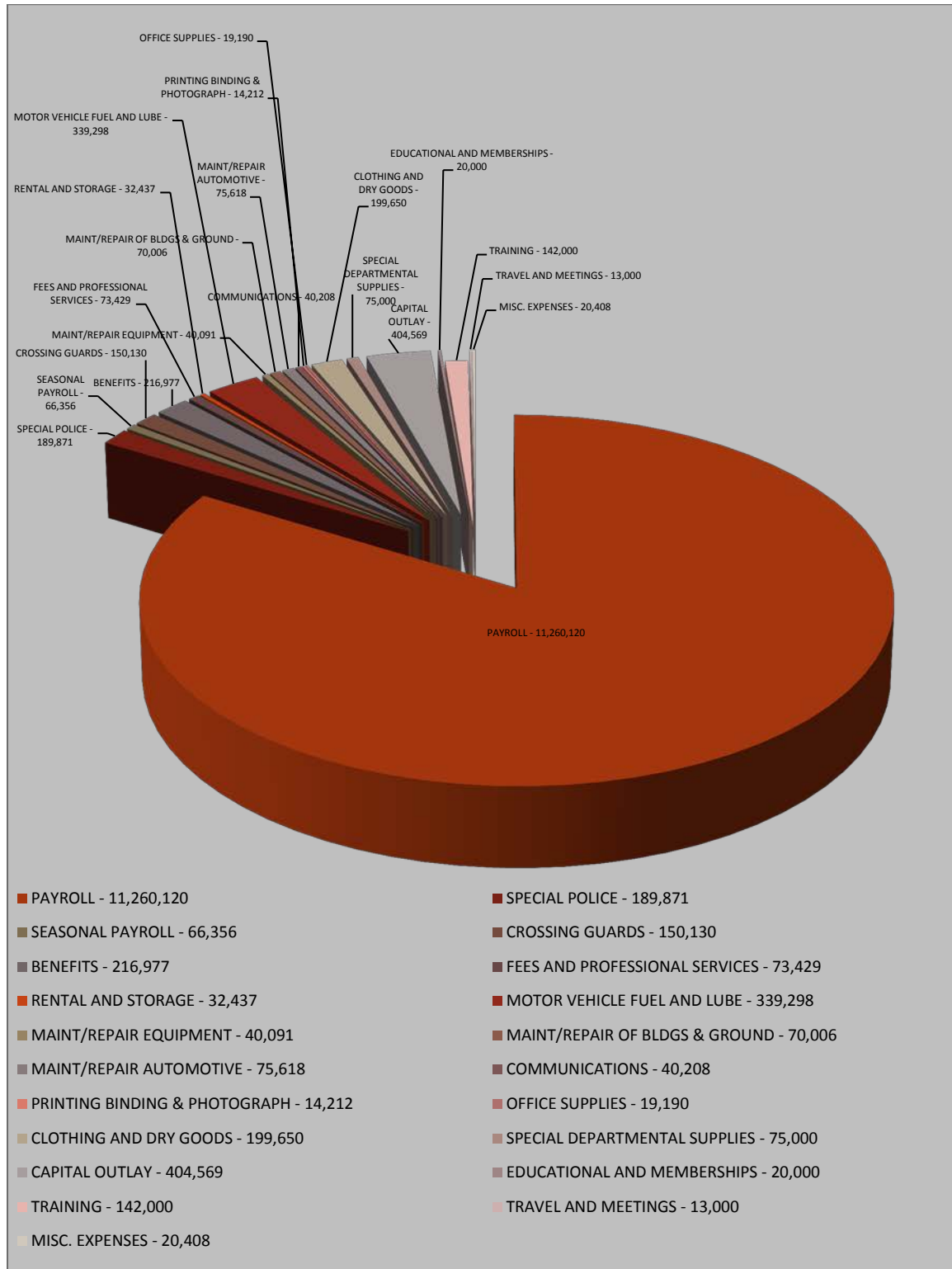


**Fees Collected:**

Type	Fiscal 2013-2014	Percent Change from 2012-2013
<b>Photostat Fees</b>	\$6,184.00	37%
<b>Received from State for motor vehicle infractions issued</b>	\$100,134.00	2%
<b>State 911 Grant</b>	\$133,233.00	**
<b>Police Licenses</b>	\$23,948	**

\*\* These categories were not reported in the previous annual report

## Budget Summary 2014-2015



Total Operating Expenses: **\$13,438,568**



## Fairfield Police Awards 2014

Below is the list of officers and staff who were recognized at the October 22, 2014 Public Safety Awards Ceremony. This ceremony recognizes members of our department who performed actions that met specific criteria for recognition as detailed below between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

### Distinguished Service Medal



**Distinguished Service Medal:** Awarded in recognition of an exceptional accomplishment. This can be awarded for the following:

The recipient made a significant and major contribution to the development of programs, policies or procedures, which had a substantial impact on the department, community, or profession.

The recipient successfully conducted a long-term investigation or solved a neighborhood problem that had a tremendous impact on the community. During the course of the long-term assignment, their performance must be of an exceptional nature.

Self-initiated investigation that resulted in a felony arrest.

A highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life or limb which meets some but not all of the criteria for the other awards.

Sergeant Michael Paris  
Officer Paul Medvegy  
Officer Michael Stahl

### Unit Citation Medal



A unit is defined as two or more members, police and/or civilian, working together. The Unit Citation Medal may be awarded to a unit that distinguished itself and brings credit to the law enforcement profession by highly credible and unusual acts in the performance of police or community service, for diligent and sustained effort in the performance of duties well above that which is normally expected, or for an outstanding performance in relation to a single investigation, operation, or incident.

DC Christopher Lyddy	Officer Micheal Clark
Lieutenant Chris Tursi	Officer Jason Kline
Lieutenant Michael Gagner	Officer Paul Medvegy
Sergeant Frederick Hine	Officer Thomas Steinke
Sergeant Edward Greene	Officer James Pauciello
Sergeant Edward Kovac	Officer John Tyler
Sergeant Michael Paris (2)	Officer Jennifer Victoria
Detective George Buckmir	Officer Kevin Wells
Detective Jason Takacs	Officer Frank DiMarco
Detective Peter Koval	Sergeant Hector Irizarry
Officer Michael Guilfoyle	Officer Ryan Mignone
Officer William Koukoulas	Officer Keith Perham

## Chief's Recognition Medal



**Chief's Recognition Medal:** The Chief's Recognition Medal is awarded by the Chief of Police for the following:

In appreciation and recognition for continued dedication and loyalty to the law enforcement profession and for consistent high quality performance as a professional police officer. It reflects a consistent, above-average effort with emphasis on leadership, and high level of example demonstrated by the officer.

To an officer who performed with true dedication and noteworthy achievement in management coordination of a program or staff function; efficiency and effectiveness must be apparent.

To an officer who performs particularly noteworthy act or service with determined and intelligent performance that does not meet the criteria for other awards.

Awarded to an employee who received a minimum of five Supervisor Recognition Reports within the past fiscal year.

Sergeant Hector Irizarry  
Sergeant Michael Paris (2)  
Officer Peter Stansfield  
Officer Jordan Nadeau  
Officer Matthew Riendeau  
Officer Michael Clark

## Years of Service



Detective Daniel Hallama	40 Years
Lieutenant Thomas Mrozek	35 Years
Special Officer Kathleen Buzel	35 Years
Special Officer Robert Massafra	35 Years
Officer James Chueka	25 Years

## Years of Service

Lieutenant Keith Broderick	20 Years
Sergeant Edward Greene	20 Years
Officer Brian Lersner	20 Years
Maureen Janda	20 Years
Maria Biegel	20 Years

Lieutenant Christopher Tursi	15 Years
Sergeant Daniel VanDerheyden	15 Years
Sergeant Edward Nook	15 Years
Sergeant Hector Irizarry	15 Years
Detective Jason Takacs	15 Years
Detective Stephen Rilling	15 Years
Detective George Buckmir	15 Years
Officer Benjamin Krygier	15 Years
Officer Matthew Panilaitis	15 Years
Officer Kevin Wells	15 Years
Special Officer Paul Dolson	15 Years
Special Officer William Gatto	15 Years

Sergeant Felix Esposito	10 Years
Officer Keith Perham	10 Years
Officer Michael Guilfoyle	10 Years
TC David Bensey	10 Years
TC Martha Kuczo	10 Years
Special Officer Patricia Champney	10 Years
Special Officer Chris Ruge	10 Years
Special Officer Thom Quesinberry	10 Years

Officer Michael Komm	5 Years
TC Devin Mulligan	5 Years
Special Officer Anthony Pizighelli	5 Years
Special Officer Michael Grosso	5 Years
Special Officer Carl Waldo	5 Years
William Hine	5 Years

**Note: A number following the name designates additional awards of the same type**

TC = Telecommunicator  
ACO = Animal Control Officer

### Supervisor Recognition

Supervisors often recognize noteworthy police work performed by officers during the year. Although their actions may not have met the criteria for an award, they are nonetheless significant contributions to the police department's effectiveness at making Fairfield safer.

POLICE		POLICE	
Sergeant Felix Esposito	1	Officer Christopher Mastronardi	1
Sergeant Christopher Ioli	1	Officer Michael Mazzocchi	1
Sergeant Hector Irizarry	1	Officer John McGrath	2
Sergeant Seth Jenkins	1	Officer Ryan Mignone	1
Sergeant Edward Kovac	1	Officer Jordan Nadeau	2
Sergeant Edward Weihe	1	Officer Lance Newkirchen	1
Officer Tiffanie Bennett	1	Officer Keith Perham	2
Officer Robert Chaisson	1	Officer Anthony Renaldi	3
Officer Michael Clark	2	Officer Charles Ricco	1
Officer Michael Guilfoyle	2	Officer Christopher Rubis	1
Officer Michael Komm	1	Officer Michael Stahl	2
Officer William Koukoulas	2	Officer Edward Terifay	1
Officer Benjamin Krygier	4	Officer Kevin Wells	1
Officer Mark Letsch	2	Officer Jeremy Zdru	2
		K-9 Ruger	1

### Fairfield Public Safety Awards

2014



## Goals and Objectives for 2015

The Fairfield Police Department continually strives to improve the level of service we provide to the community and citizens of Fairfield. As a result we develop goals and objectives that will help us meet our mission of Making Fairfield Safer. Some of these goals are outlined below:

Continue to enhance our school safety initiatives.

Increase our response efficiency through continued utilization of new technology

Continue to improve our preparedness to respond to critical incidents through training, collaboration, and a Unified approach with other stakeholders.

Continue to improve Police and Community collaborations with a continued focus on Crime Prevention, Neighborhood and Business Watch programs, and Social Media presence.

Increase training for officers in critical areas.

Implement programs to allow improved access to our programs by citizens.

Improve traffic safety through development of traffic programs, education and enforcement

## Conclusion

The Fairfield Police Department is a service oriented agency that is continuing to research new and more efficient ways to provide police services to the Town of Fairfield. Its officers and staff are dedicated to the following core values:

**PROFESSIONALISM**  
**HONOR**  
**EXCELLENCE**

As we move into 2015 we will continue to work toward our mission of

**MAKING FAIRFIELD SAFER!**

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