

# WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## Introduction



Chief James E. Carmody

To Our Citizens;

For any one of us who have been through a historic, traumatic or life-changing event, remembering those events seems to come with a special clarity that sometimes defies understanding. Historic events such as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, our first landing on the moon, the destruction of the Berlin Wall or the tragedy of the terrorist attacks on the twin towers in New York City, the Pentagon or in a farmers field in Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001 will first elicit a flashback to where we were at that exact moment when anyone of these events occurred. Or, on a more personal note, we remember the events that immediately affect the victim of a crime, or a traffic crash. In 2014, there are two dates that will forever be burned into our psyche; July 6 and July 16.

Over a period of just ten days, the Wyoming Department of Public Safety was tested as it had never been tested before. At 10:20 PM, on a quiet Sunday evening the peace of one of Wyoming's southernmost neighborhoods was suddenly ripped away by an EF-1 tornado (just shy of an EF-2 by a few miles-per-hour) that came crashing through the dark, without warning. Although the injuries were few and minor, the damage to more than one hundred homes and one of Wyoming's most beautiful parks was devastating.

Within minutes, fire fighters and police officers converged on the area and began a search and rescue operation that would last until early morning. The fire service set up a nearby command post and began to coordinate the numerous other fire departments that came to our assistance. Throughout the night, fire fighters and police officers climbed through, over and under the debris looking for victims and assuring the safety of many of the residents. All while groping in the dark through downed power-lines, broken glass, metal debris, uprooted trees, and badly damaged trees whose torn tree-limbs had yet to complete the journey to the ground. These brave men and women did what they do best; they answered the call without hesitation or reservation, and risked their lives for people they have never met before. As the City of Wyoming's fire, police and public works crews continued to work around the clock to clean up the wreckage left by mother-nature, your public safety members were faced with another disaster just a short ten days later. Only this time it was the evilness of a deranged individual that would shock our senses and destroy the lives of three families.

When officers found the body of Charles Oppenheer on July 16, 2014 they knew immediately that this case was going to try their experience, their skills and certainly their patience in order to bring the person to justice who committed this horrific act. With little information to go on, patrol officers, detectives and forensic technicians joined together to bring this case to justice, and they succeeded in just over 30 hours. Unfortunately, the suspect in the case took his own life, but not before taking the life of Brooke Slocum and the life of her unborn baby girl. Although the case was closed with the death of the suspect Brady Oestrike, the torment of the victims' families and the vivid memories left in the minds of the officers who worked those cases will live for the remainder of their lives.

## Introduction

But in all this darkness, one very bright shining light appeared both during and after these two life changing events, and that "light" was the comfort and support offered by so many of you, our citizens whom we serve every day. Throughout the summer and into the fall, we took in hundreds of messages of support and compassion, the offer of your thoughts and prayers and the occasional kind word on the street, again from people we have never met before. The effort was incredible and the effect was indescribable. In those two events, the heart of Wyoming beat loudly and with compassion.

Every year we offer you our annual report to let you know how we have done in serving all of you. And, you will see once again, that our crime rates continue to remain well below the State and National averages, and we continue to work hard in reaching out to you every day. But this year I want to thank all of you for your kindness and compassion during these trying times. There are those in the public safety profession who believe that the people we serve may at times take our efforts for granted. Well, that may be a gate that swings both ways.

Quite possibly, we might just as easily take all of you for granted. Although we do our jobs without the expectation of recognition, when we do get recognized it seems to make a difficult job that much easier to do. But your genuine kindness and the concerns voiced for the welfare of our officers and firefighters was overwhelming. And for that, I thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,



Chief JAMES E. CARMODY  
Director of Police and Fire Services  
Wyoming Department of Public Safety



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# **SECTION I**



# **WHO WE ARE**

## Vision, Mission and Value Statements



### OUR VISION

We recognize the value of establishing and maintaining community partnerships. From our professional staff and sworn members, to the many citizen and business groups who assist us in the fulfillment of our mission, we remain committed to the further enhancement of these partnerships. We will continually strive to develop the skills of our members, and to efficiently and effectively manage our resources to deliver the highest level of police service to the citizens of Wyoming.

### OUR VALUES

HONOR—COURAGE—DUTY—TRUST

### OUR MISSION

The **DUTY** of the Wyoming Police Department is to serve the people of our community with dignity, respect, fairness and compassion. We serve with **COURAGE** to protect life and property and maintain law and order. We will uphold the **TRUST** placed in us to safeguard constitutional guarantees and will do so with **HONOR** worthy of those who have served before us.

## Year-End Sworn and Civilian Seniority 2014 Annual Summary

**COMMAND & SUPERVISORY OFFICERS****CHIEF**

James E. Carmody

**CAPTAINS**

1. Kim Koster
2. Kip Snyder

**LIEUTENANTS**

1. Scott Beckman
2. Scott Gardner
3. Jim Maguffee
4. Kirt Zuiderveen
5. Joe Steffes

**SERGEANTS**

1. Kurt Robinson
2. John McCaw
3. Corey Walendzik
4. Mark Easterly
5. Dave Hunt
6. Tim Pols
7. Eric Wiler
8. Brian Look
9. Dan Mahoney
10. Julie Waters
11. Dave Mawby
12. Jeff Bylsma

**SWORN BY SENIORITY**

GARDNER, Scott  
DOORBOS, Mark  
ROBINSON, Kurt  
THOMPSON, David  
MAWBY, H. David  
LOPEZ, Jesse  
BECKMAN, Scott  
KAMSTRA, Russell  
MCKINNON, Margaret  
HUDENKO, Brian  
PENA, Paul  
MORALES, Carmen  
WHITCOMB, Jillaine  
WALENDZIK, Corey  
SNYDER, Kip  
RELLINGER, Stephen  
HOLMAN, Marc  
STEFFES, Joseph  
BYLSMA, Jeffrey  
VERHAGE, D.J.  
GRUNEWALD, Eric  
MOORE, Michael  
KOSTER, Kimberly  
MCCAW, John  
BARTONE, Adam  
HUNT, David  
ZUIDERVEEN, Kirt  
MAHONEY, Dan

CHO, Alvin  
KEEN, Pamela  
MCGINNIS, Shad  
RITTENGER, Scott  
HOLMBERG, Devon  
ROOKS, Matthew  
FERGUSON, Dennis  
WALKER, Charles  
CASTER, Jason  
DOLL, Ron  
LOOK, Brian  
MAGUFFEE, James  
EASTERLY, Mark  
CAMMENGA, David  
SMIT, Douglas  
VELDMAN, Mitchel  
POLLS, Timothy  
DURIAN, Ben  
HARTUNIEWICZ, Frank  
WILER, Eric  
DEBOER, Christopher  
ROBINSON, Robert  
SILVIS, Ryan  
DUFFY, Gregory  
WALTER, Jeremy  
SWIERCZ, Philip  
AUNGST, Robert  
CLORE, Rachel  
ALLEN, Rory  
CARMODY, James  
STAMAN, Erich  
WATERS, Julie  
SHELLENBARGER, Blair  
EAGAN, Ross  
CLARK, Margo  
MEREDITH, Robert  
HOLMBERG, Dwayne  
SUTTON, Sarah  
COOK, Dustin  
VLIETSTRA, Dan  
TOONSTRA, Eric  
GREEN, Kresten  
JACOB, Anthony  
DUIMSTRA, Kelli  
LYNN, Chad  
TOONSTRA, Steve  
LINDER, Mark  
PATTERSON, Ryan  
HECKSEL, Ben  
KROSCHER, April  
ARMSTRONG, Anastasia  
PITTMAN, Dennis  
MARKCINI, Jacob  
MURDOCK, Jason  
MCCONAHA-SCHULTZ, Kesha  
WEEMHOFF, Nicholas  
FREEMAN, Aaron  
KOELLER, Andrew  
EBY, Jennifer

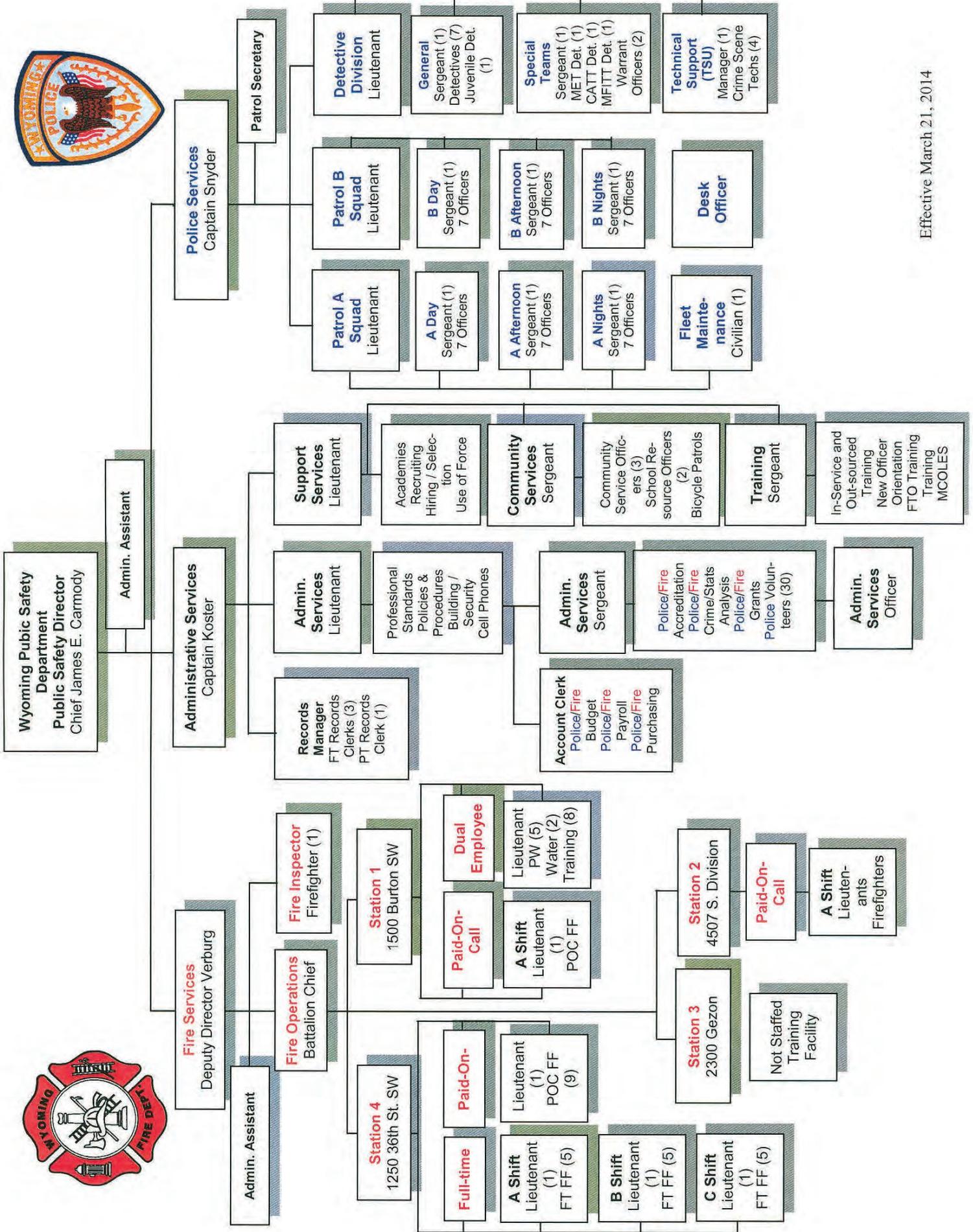
**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL****GENERAL**

ZAAGMAN, Milton  
ROBINSON, Cynthia  
LOOMIS, Sandra  
PEASE, Julie  
ASIALA, Paula  
BRITTAIN, Wendy  
MASULA, Todd  
GARTHE, Christine  
DILLEY, Anthony  
CARMODY, Julia  
MRAIHI, Christine  
BRIDGEWATER, Shavonne  
KALINOWSKI, Iris

**ADMINISTRATION**

VISSER, Deborah  
MACICAK, Betsy  
WESSELDYK, Terra

<b>2014 Year-end Staffing Levels</b> <b>86 Sworn</b> <b>15 Civilian</b>
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# Sworn & Civilian Staffing

## 2014 Annual Summary

### Staffing Data

#### Sworn Personnel

The Nation's cities collectively had a rate of 2.3 sworn law enforcement officers per 1,000 inhabitants in 2013. Cities with populations of 50,000 to 99,999 reported a rate of 1.6 sworn per 1,000 inhabitants.

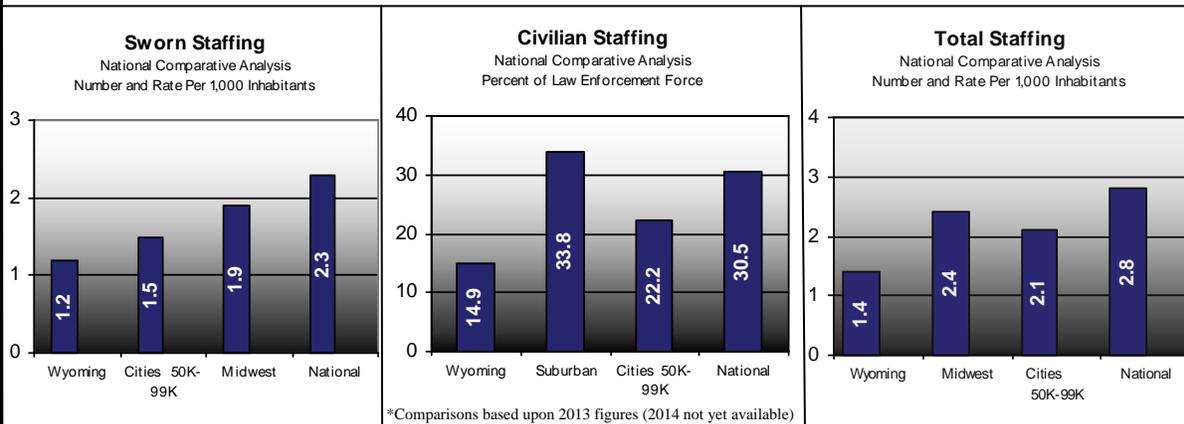
In the Midwest region, the collective rate in 2013 was 1.9 sworn officers per 1,000 inhabitants. For those cities in the Midwest where the size of the population is similar to Wyoming (50,000-999,999), the rate was 1.5. In 2014, the Wyoming Police Department was staffed at the rate of 1.2 officers per 1,000 inhabitants.

#### Civilian Personnel

Civilian employees comprised 30.5 percent of the Nation's law enforcement workforce in 2013. Cities with similar population to Wyoming reported 22.2 percent of their workforce are civilian, while suburban areas reported 33.8 percent. In 2014, the WYPD reported that 14.9 percent of the workforce are civilian employees.

#### Total Personnel

In 2013, the Nation's rate of full-time law enforcement employees (civilian and sworn) per 1,000 inhabitants was 2.8. Cities with a population between 50,000 and 99,999 averaged 2.1 employees. In 2014, the WYPD reported 1.4 law enforcement employees per 1,000 inhabitants.



### Personnel Changes:

#### New Hires in 2014:



**Nicholas Weemhoff**  
Patrol Officer



**Aaron Freeman**  
Patrol Officer



**Andrew Koeller**  
Patrol Officer



**Jennifer Eby**  
Patrol Officer



**Ron Doll**  
Patrol Officer



**Dave Thompson**  
Patrol Officer



**Deb Visser**  
Chief's Secretary

#### Retirements in 2014:



## Awards, Commendations, and Internal Investigations 2014 Annual Summary

The Wyoming Department of Public Safety recognizes its members who distinguish themselves by performing service(s) over and above what is normally expected in similar circumstances. The Department has an Awards Board that consists of a broad representation of the department that is tasked with reviewing any requests for awards submitted by personnel of the agency. The award board determines the award(s) to be issued, as well as the manner in which those awards will be presented to the recipients.

**Life Saving Award**

Sgt. Corey Walenzik  
Ofc. Dan Vlietstra  
Ofc. Kresten Green  
Ofc. Jeremy Walter  
Ofc. Doug Smit  
FF Lacey Koens  
FF Michelle Kelly  
Lt. Dennis VanTassel  
EO Brian Ilbrink  
FF Daniel Royce  
FF Brad Dornbos  
FF Eric Campbell  
EO Scott Vredevoogd

**Certificate of Merit**

Lt. Kirt Zuiderveen

**Achievement Award**

Ofc. Ross Eagan  
Ofc. Rory Allen  
FF Kyle Visser  
FF Dan Deppe

**Outstanding Administrative Service Award**

Ofc. Erich Staman  
Det. DJ VerHage  
Lt. Kirt Zuiderveen  
Ofc. Adam Bartone  
Sgt. Mark Easterly  
Ofc. Pam Keen  
Sgt. Corey Walenzik

**Unit Commendation**

Police Investigative Unit  
Police Forensic Support Unit  
Police TACT Unit  
Police Community Service Unit  
Police Firearm Range Unit  
Police Records Unit  
Fire Services

**FTO Appointment**

Ofc. Jeremy Walter

**Master Patrol Officer**

Ofc. Jeremy Walter

**Individual Commendation Awards**

Ofc. Dustin Cook  
Ofc. Ben Hecksel  
Ofc. April Kroschel  
Ofc. Ross Eagan  
Ofc. David Cammenga  
Ofc. Anastasia Armstrong  
Ofc. Robert Aungst  
Sgt. Eric Wiler  
Ofc. Sarah Sutton  
Ofc. Steve Toonstra  
Ofc. Erich Staman  
Ofc. Anthony Jacob  
Sgt. Brian Look  
Paula Asiala

**Challenge Coins**

Ofc. Dennis Pittman  
Ofc. Jacob Marckini  
Ofc. Kesha McConaha-Schultz  
Ofc. Jason Murdock

**Chief's Award of Excellence**

Lt. Kirt Zuiderveen

**Civilian of the Year**

Terra Wesseldyk

**Officer of the Year**

Ofc. Jason Caster

**Firefighter of the Year**

EO Brian Ilbrink

<b>Members of the Awards Board</b>	
Lt. James Maguffee	Ofc. Jason Caster
Sgt. Jeff Bylsma	Ofc. Carmen Morales
Sgt. Dan Mahoney	Sandy Loomis



**Officer of the Year**  
Jason Caster



**Civilian of the Year**  
Terra Wesseldyk



**Firefighter of the Year**  
Brian Ilbrink

**SUMMARY OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR 2014**

The information shown below is a breakdown of investigations based on citizen complaints and other internal inquiries completed by Command Officers for the year 2014.

Total Citizen Complaints Investigated:	8
Total Internal Affairs Investigations:	16
Finding upon completed investigation:	
Not Sustained	1
Exonerated	3
Unfounded	10
Sustained	10



# **SECTION II**



# **OUR COMMUNITY**

## Wyoming at a Glance



### Community Profile

The City of Wyoming is hardly your typical city. Rather than spreading out from an original point of settlement, this community grew from the outside in. And today its downtown is a three-and-a-half mile stretch of five-lane 28th Street, one of Michigan's busiest roadways.

Though commercial establishments are scattered throughout Wyoming today, the greatest concentration is along 28th Street. Wyoming City Hall is there, too-- across the busy street from Rogers Plaza, the first shopping mall in Kent County.

Early in its first year as a city, Wyoming officials sifted through contest entries and selected a motto-- 'City of Vision and Progress.' It has proven to be an appropriate choice. The city appears to have had 20/20 vision and continues to make great progress.

Wyoming's population continues to grow. Today, Wyoming is Michigan's 16th largest community with west Michigan's third largest industrial tax base. The City has grown to 74,100 strong with a diverse cultural base, four school districts, a balance of older and modern homes, retail variety and an abundance of parkland. All this takes place in a region that is proud, independent, and growing while still competitive.

#### Population by Gender

Gender	Percent
Male	49.3%
Female	50.7%

#### Population by Race

Race	Percent
White (Non-Hispanic)	75.8%
Black or African American	7.2%
Asian	2.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.6%
Other	9.6%
Two or more races	3.8%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	19.4%

#### Largest Employers

#	Employer	# of Employees
1	Metro Health Hospital	2,383
2	Gordon Food Service	1,669
3	Consumers Energy	1,493
4	United Parcel Service	1,037
5	Michigan Turkey Producers	643
6	Benteler	601
7	Delphi	550
8	Wyoming Public Schools	483
9	Undercar	436
10	Country Fresh	388

For more information, visit [www.wyomingmi.gov](http://www.wyomingmi.gov).

# City Council, Leadership & Guiding Principles



Jack A. Poll  
Mayor



Sam Bolt  
Councilmember-at-Large



Dan Burrill  
Councilmember-at-Large



Kent Vanderwood  
Councilmember-at-Large



William A. VerHulst  
1st Ward Councilmember  
Mayor Protem



Richard K. Pastoor  
2nd Ward Councilmember



Joanne M. Voorhees  
3rd Ward Councilmember



Curtis Holt  
City Manger



Heidi Isakson  
Deputy City Manager

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### **Providing Optimum Customer Service**

The City will provide a high level of customer service, utilizing a qualified and enthusiastic staff.

### **High Quality Infrastructure Standards**

The City will utilize high quality standards in designing, constructing and maintaining infrastructure.

### **Community Aesthetics**

The City's image will be a pleasant, comfortable and visually stimulating place in which to live, work, and visit.

### **Stewardship Of Resources**

The City will optimally utilize its natural and human resources.

### **Financial Stability**

The City will meet the community's needs for services and facilities using sound financial management.

### **City Council Meetings**

1st & 3rd Mondays of the month  
7:00 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers

### **Council Work Session**

2nd Monday of the month  
7:00 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers



# **SECTION III**



# **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU**

## Administrative Services Bureau Annual Summary

### Administrative/Support Services



**Capt. Koster    Lt. Gardner    Lt. Beckman    Deb Visser    Julie Pease**



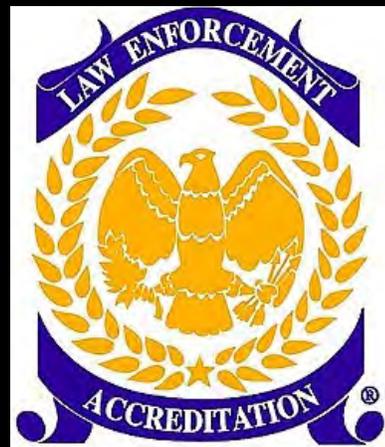
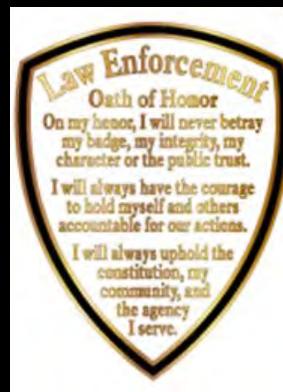
The Administrative Services Bureau is comprised of one Captain, two Lieutenants, three Sergeants, six Officers, one Secretary, one Account Clerk, and 28 retired senior volunteers. The specialized services and the responsibilities of the Bureau include:

**Responsibilities:**

- Budget
- CALEA
- Personnel
- MCOLES Certification
- Payroll Reporting
- Building & Grounds Services
- Travel & Training
- Policy & Procedures
- Department Technology
- Public Information Office
- Annual Report
- Internal Affairs

**Administrative Services Bureau:**

- Support Services Division
  - Community Services Unit
  - Training Unit
- Administrative Services Division
  - Accident Investigation Unit
  - Crime Analysis Unit
  - Records Management Unit
  - Retired Senior Volunteer Unit



### Staffing Data

<b>Chief:</b>	James E. Carmody
<b>Bureau Commander:</b>	Capt. Kim Koster
<b>Administration:</b>	Lt. Scott Gardner Sgt. Mark Easterly
<b>Support Services:</b>	Lt. Scott Beckman Sgt. Brian Look Sgt. Tim Pols
<b>Secretary:</b>	Deb Visser
<b>Account Clerk:</b>	Julie Pease
<b>Crime Analyst:</b>	Ofc. Margo Clark

## Community Services Unit Annual Summary

### Community Services Unit



Sgt. Tim Pols is the supervisor of the Community Services Unit (CSU). In addition to working closely with members of our community, this unit is responsible for:

- Our **Neighborhood Watch Program** encourages people in our community to have ownership of the neighborhoods by becoming more aware of their neighbors and report

suspicious activity to the police. This program also encourages collaboration among neighbors to actively address community issues and concerns. CSU held the 1st city-wide neighborhood watch meeting in October 2014 at Grand Rapids First church.

- **National Night Out** is a nationwide crime prevention program that encourages people to get out and meet their neighbors. The unit coordinates with other area police agencies and our Neighborhood Watch Groups to arrange public displays of police equipment, neighborhood block parties, parades and other gatherings for the event.
- The **Metro High School Police Academy** was formed in June of 1996 as a cooperative effort between Wyoming, Kentwood and Grandville Police Departments. It now includes the departments of Walker, Rockford, East Grand Rapids, the Kent County Sheriff's Department. Students from over 29 different schools attend. The academy offers the students with 48 hours of instruction based on the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Basic Police Training Curriculum.
- **Coffee with a Cop** is a program in which police and the community come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues and build relationships. CSU held three Coffee with a Cop events in 2014.
- The **New Americans Academy** is a collaborative effort with Bethany Christian Services as a way to bring in people new to the United States, covering topics through interpreters related to the role and function of government. 27 graduates were from Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, and Thailand.

CSU also conducted the triennial city-wide survey in 2014.



Shop with a Cop at Walmart (August)



New Americans Academy



Shop with a Cop (December)



Ofc. Jason Caster  
North of 28th St



Ofc. Ben Durian  
East of Clyde Park Ave



Ofc. Kelli Duimstra  
South of 28th St, West  
of Clyde Park Ave



Metro High School Police Academy

## School Liaison Unit Annual Summary

### School Resource Activities

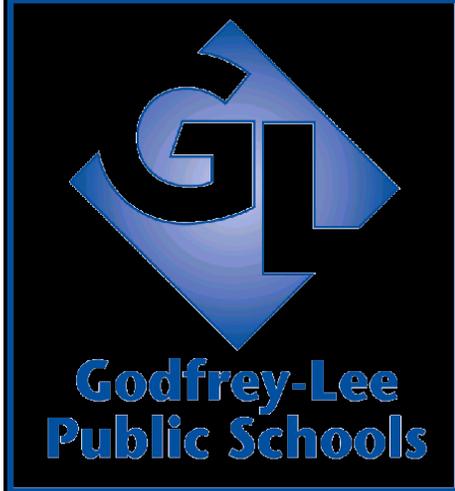


Sgt. Tim Pols is the supervisor of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The School Resource Officer program is a nationally accepted program involving the placement of a law enforcement officer within the educational environment.

The Wyoming Department of Public Safety has found that this long-standing partnership with the schools is very beneficial to the students and faculty. The mission of the unit is for the School Resource Officer to be a resource for students, parents, teachers and administrative staff regarding law issues. The SRO also serves as a link to other service agencies which provide preventive and counseling services within the school district. Working hand in hand with the principal in each school, the SRO assists with finding solutions to problems affecting school-aged children.

One of the primary goals of the program is to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff. To assist in this goal, this unit:

- Develops relationships with students and staff while participating in the education of students on topics such as: drug and alcohol use, violence prevention, internet and personal safety, etc.
- Conducts site security operations and reviews.
- Works closely with the Patrol Division as they conduct daily school walk-throughs.
- Works closely with the Detective Division to follow up on or assist in investigations involving students.



Ofc. Chris DeBoer  
Godfrey-Lee



Ofc. Rory Allen  
Wyoming Public  
Schools



# Training Unit Annual Summary

## Training Summary



The Wyoming Department of Public Safety's Training Unit, led by Sgt. Look, utilizes many different delivery methods to improve upon our knowledge, skills and abilities. These methods include: Field training, In-service training sessions, West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium classes, Roll Call sessions, and vendor-provided training.



## Training Methods

### Our Commitment to Training

During the 2014 calendar year, 11,122 hours of training was documented for the 85 sworn officers employed by our agency. Although we are currently at our peak sworn level, there are three officers currently in our Field Training Program in various phases of training. Based on these numbers, 85 sworn personnel averaged 131 hours of training for 2014. Monthly scheduled training for the Tactical Team, K-9 Team, Crisis Negotiator, Honor Guard, and range time are not captured in the final tally of hours. The Wyoming Department of Public Safety prides itself on the quality of training provided to officers.

### West Michigan Criminal Justice Training Consortium (WMCJTC)

Our partnership with WMCJTC provides an economic method of training our employees. WMCJTC sponsored courses attended in 2014 included topics such as:

Legal Update                                      Police Precision Driving  
Range Officer Training      Armorers School for Department Weapons

### Mandatory and In-Service Training

The training unit delivers the mandatory weapons qualifications, OHSA and CALEA mandated trainings, special unit in-service training and other specialty courses. A training matrix was developed to help insure that all of the mandatory topics are covered. With our own staff instructors, we conducted in-house training on numerous topics in 2014, including:

ASP expandable batons      Cell Phone Technology in Investigations  
Defensive Tactics              SFST refresher              Taser Instruction  
Motorcycle Refresher              Active Shooter              CPL/Open Carry Issue  
Weapons Platform Qualification and Scenario Based Training

### Vendor-provided training

Training that cannot be obtained through the previously described methods is often procured through outside vendors with expertise in topics such as:

Autism Awareness	Arson Crime Scene Search
Dewolf FTO & Supervisor	2 the Rescue-Career Survival
Cell Phone Investigations	FOIA
Background Investigations	Legal Update (department-wide)
Use of Force	Taser recertification
New Officer training	Firearms qualification
CPR	Handling Mentally Disturbed Persons
Photoshop for Forensics	Incident Command/Disaster Training
Several professional development trainings (Range, CSU, K9, TACT, and Investigative Services)	



### In 2014, our training facilities hosted the following groups:

- Kent County Area Chief's of Police
- GRCC Police Academy Class
- Metro High School Police Academy
- New American Academy
- Area Gang Investigators
- Metro Cruise Planning Team
- Metro Honor Guard Group
- Neighborhood Watch Groups
- Incident Management Team
- Finance and Bank Investigators Grp.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Cub Scout / Boy Scout Troops
- Wyoming Community Youth Coalition
- Kent County Probation Officers
- Adobe Photoshop for Law Enforcement



## Accident Investigation Unit Annual Summary

### Accident Investigators

It has been another busy year for our Crash Investigation Team. 2014 saw seven fatal crashes occur within the City. Through our investigations we found that there were no commonalities within the crashes. The team also assisted the Grandville Police Department with a fatal truck / motorcycle crash that occurred within their city.

Detective David Thompson retired from the Department during this year and his experience and expertise will be missed on the team. Our officers are becoming more familiar with the utilization of the Total Station for scene measurement and the CAD program that we utilize for our scene scaled drawing. Our officers attended more specific traffic crash training this year as it relates to Vision / Night Visibility and Lighting Requirements. We also attended training



specific to pedestrian crashes. We continue to attend the Michigan Association of Traffic Accident Investigators spring and fall conferences.



We would like to especially thank our Forensic Science Unit who continues to assist with scene measurement, photographs and evidence collection.

## Crime Analysis Unit Annual Summary

### Crime Analysis Unit

The Crime Analysis Unit is a new addition to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety. The unit is the responsibility of Administrative Officer Margo Clark.

In addition to other functions, the Administrative Officer:

- Analyzes crash data to assist with directed patrols
- Analyzes crime statistics and trends for distribution in Crime Analysis Bulletins
- Summarizes significant incidents and police reports for distribution in a Weekly Bulletin
- Shares information on Project I.G.N.I.T.E. - a data-sharing website
- Works with REGIS in developing a WDPS crime mapping program
- Assists with grant writing
- Assists with press releases
- Develops a Monthly Summary to be presented to City Council
- Works in cooperation with other area department Crime Analysts



The WDPS bulletins are created weekly and distributed to our employees as well as members of Grandville, Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Lowell, and Walker Police Departments, Kent County and Ottawa County Sheriff Departments and East Grand Rapids DPS. This bulletin has helped agencies develop leads and identify suspects in trending crimes.



## Records Management Annual Summary

### Records Management



The Records Management Unit is comprised of one Office Manager, Betsy Macicak, and five full-time civilian personnel. The specialized services and responsibilities of the unit includes:

**Responsibilities:**

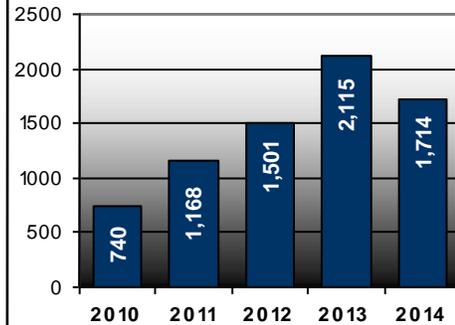
- Case Data Correction & Merging
- Data Entry
- Statistical Requests
- MICR Reporting
- Document Imaging/Storage/Distribution
- Staff Customer Service Window
- Process Requests for Report Copies, Information
- Local Background Checks
- Patrol Payroll
- OWI Cost Recovery
- Alarm Billing

**Specialized Services:**

- Freedom of Information Act Requests
- Firearms Purchase Permits and Registrations
- Sex Offender Registration

**Gun Registrations**

License to Purchase  
Five Year Trend



**Records Stats**

	2013	2014
Incidents (CFS)	40,958	36,666
Case Reports	7,886	7,337
Crash Reports	2,118	2,348
SOR+	390	388
FOIA Processed	223	250



### Staffing Data

**Office Manager:**  
Betsy Macicak

**Office Specialists:**  
Paula Asiala  
Cindy Robinson  
Christine Garthe  
Shavonne Bridgewater  
Christine Mraihi



Paula Asiala



Cindy Robinson



Christine Garthe



Shavonne Bridgewater



Christine Mraihi

## Retired Senior Volunteer Program Annual Summary

### Volunteer Activities

Sgt. Mark Easterly is the coordinator of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, which began 2014 with 28 volunteers performing a variety of services for the Department and the citizens of the City of Wyoming. On average, these volunteers performed almost 412 hours of service a month. Total volunteer hours for the year were 4,919. This equates to an in-kind value of \$108,857 for the City of Wyoming. Their donated hours included:

Criminal Intelligence Unit	Public Relation Activities
Food Bank Deliveries	Area School Service
Pawn Shop Reports	You Are Not Alone Visits
Patrol Services Assistance	Fleet Services Assistance
Administrative Services Assistance	Warrant Audits

#### Hours Served by TASK

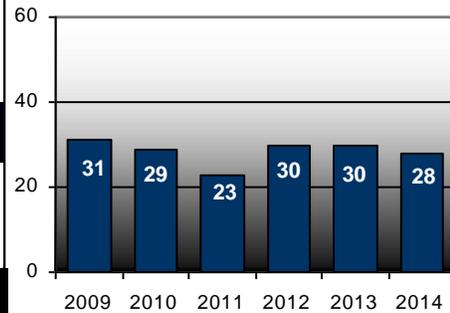
Child Fingerprint Identification	806
Abandoned Bicycles Picked Up	12
Fire Lane Citations Issued	70
Fire Lane Warnings	572
Handicapped Parking Citations Issued	600
Handicapped Parking Warnings Issued	811
Vacation House Checks	741
Vacant House Checks for Inspections	604
City Weed Inspections	300
New Parking Violations	62
Scanning Project (in hours)	135



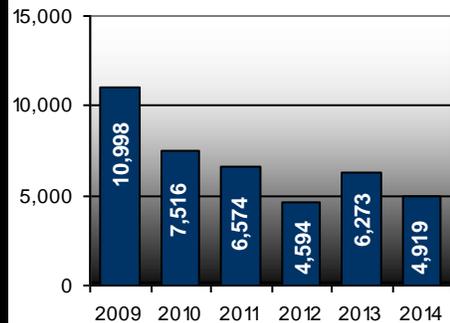
### Staffing Data

**RSVP Coordinator:** Sgt. Mark Easterly  
**Volunteers:** 28

**Volunteers**  
2009 - 2014



**Volunteer Hours**  
2009 - 2014



# **SECTION IV**



# **POLICE SERVICES**

# **BUREAU**

## Police Services Bureau Annual Summary

### Police Services Bureau



Capt. K. Snyder



Lt. K. Zuiderveen



Lt. J. Maguffee



Field Services is comprised of one Captain, two Lieutenants, six Sergeants, forty-four uniformed Officers, and one civilian. The specialized services and the responsibilities of the division include:

**Responsibilities:**

- Respond to Calls for Service
- School Walk-Thru Program
- Business and Property Checks
- Conduct Initial Investigations
- Traffic Safety and Enforcement
- Enforce Laws and City Ordinances
- Preserve the Peace
- Build Partnerships
- Protect Life and Property
- Crime Prevention
- Community Service

**Police Services Bureau:**

- Patrol Services Division
  - K-9 Unit
  - Tactical Arrest and Confrontation Team
  - Crisis Negotiation Team
  - Motorcycle Unit
  - Honor Guard
- Investigative Services Division
  - Forensic Science Unit
  - MET
  - CATT
  - MFITT



### Staffing Data

<b>Director:</b>	James E. Carmody	
<b>Bureau Commander:</b>	Capt. Kip Snyder	
<b>Squad Commanders:</b>	Lt. Kirt Zuiderveen Lt. James Maguffee	
<b>Patrol Supervision:</b>	Sgt. Kurt Robinson Sgt. Corey Walenzik Sgt. Eric Wiler	Sgt. Dave Hunt Sgt. Dave Mawby Sgt. Jeff Bylsma

## Patrol Services Division Annual Summary



Lt. K. Zuiderveen



Lt. J. Maguffee



Wyoming Department of Public Safety's Patrol Services Division is comprised of two Squad Commanders, Lt. Zuiderveen and Lt. Maguffee. The Squad Commanders each supervise three Sergeants who have seven Officers on their squads. Officers work ten hour shifts on days, afternoons, or nights.

### PATROL INITIATIVES:

#### Day patrol:

- Officers took part in the "Every School Every Day" initiative, an effort to have a uniformed police presence at every school in our jurisdiction every day school is in session. In this effort, patrol officers conducted approximately 2,023 school safety checks in 2014.

#### Afternoon patrol:

- Officers went to every business in the city and asked the owner to complete an updated contact person/alarm information sheet. The sheets were turned over to dispatch for entry. 3,849 business contacts were made in 2014.

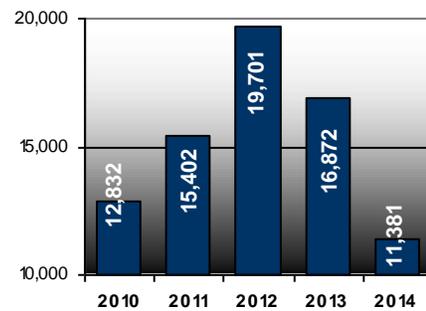
#### Night patrol:

- Officers conducted property checks of each business in the city. Each business in Wyoming was checked twice in 2014, and a total of 5,116 property checks were conducted.

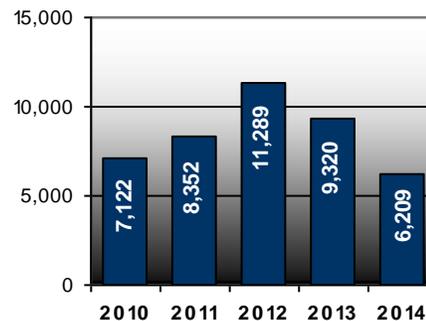
### WELLNESS PROGRAM INITIATED:

In 2014, a Wellness Program was initiated for Police personnel in order to encourage employees to maintain a fit and healthy lifestyle. A voluntary Physical Standards Assessment was held on October 16th and 30th, and 27 officers participated in the inaugural assessment. The program's participation is expected to continue to grow and the Fitness Room numbers reflect our officers' commitment to wellness.

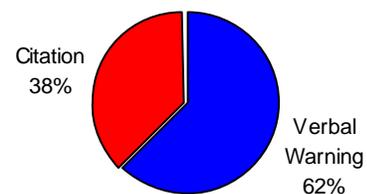
**Traffic Stops**  
Five Year Trend



**Traffic Citations Issued**  
Five Year Trend



**Traffic Stops**  
Citation Issued vs. Verbal Warning



# K-9 UNIT

## Annual Summary

### K-9 Unit



Sgt. Jeff Bylsma is commander of the K-9 Unit. The K-9 Unit is an enhanced support function for the Patrol Division and other departmental functions. The K-9 Unit's primary functions are to respond to calls of incidents with armed or dangerous suspects, in-progress felonies, tracking missing persons or suspects, building

searches, searches for articles or evidence (including narcotics), and public demonstrations. The unit is comprised of four handlers and four dogs. During 2014, the unit responded to 181 calls for service. The Wyoming Animal Hospital continues to be a valuable partner and their fundraising efforts with the 2nd annual Wyoming 5-0 5K event raised funds to purchase our newest K-9 Jett.



### Unit Data

#### Tracks/Searches:

Tracks	60	Narcotic Sniffs	68
Building Searches	12	Arrests	14
Evidence Searches	11	Public Events	30

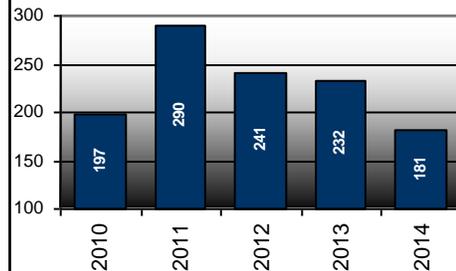
#### Agency Assists:

WYPD	84	GRPD	53
Kentwood PD	11	Kent Co.	13
Grandville PD	8	U.S. Postal Service	0
M.E.T.	5	Michigan State Police	2

There were 31 incidents in which a K9 team located evidence and/or a controlled substance.

### K-9 Activations

2010-2014



### Staffing Data

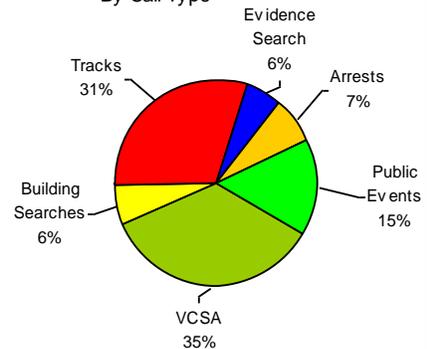
**Unit Commander:** Sgt. Bylsma

#### K-9 Teams:

Officer / K-9	Activations	Arrests
Ofc. Rob Aungst / Chico	30	3
Ofc. Robinson / Arras	47	5
Ofc. Eric Toonstra / Dutch	45	2
Ofc. Kresten Green / Azar	48	4

### K9 Activity

By Call Type



## Tactical Arrest and Confrontation Team Annual Summary

### T.A.C.T. Data

2014 marked the fortieth anniversary of T.A.C.T. To celebrate the team's history, a challenge coin was minted and distributed to current and former team members. In December of 2013, TACT implemented the Warrant Service Risk Assessment Matrix. The Matrix is based on facts and circumstance stated in the affidavit for the warrant, criminal history of suspect, targeted location, the details learned during the target scout, and any intelligence gained from definitive information gathered during the investigation. Based on the known information, the Tactical Commander/Leader can serve the warrant service or defer the service to the requesting Unit. TACT was requested 24 times in 2014 making it the second most requested year in the past ten years. Of the 24 requests, 15 met the Matrix standard to activate the team. Six were related to narcotic investigations and the remaining nine were related to high risk warrant services. The nine requests that did not meet the Matrix were turned over to the requesting Unit. The 24 requests for TACT exceeded previous year's activations (18.2 for a ten year average and 17.6 for our five year average).

#### Staffing:

- Detectives Pena, Duffy, Thompson and Swiercz left the team and positions were filled by Officers Hecksel, Jacob, Pittman, and Toonstra

#### Equipment:

- Sgt. Wiler continues to acquire equipment utilizing the Military 1033 program. To date, Sgt. Wiler has acquired nearly \$205,000 worth of equipment costing the City of Wyoming just under \$2,300 in shipping costs. We were awarded two robots through Region 6 funding.

#### Training:

- The team reached out to other units to explore joint training opportunities: full scale exercise with Kentwood SRT/CNT, combined training with WYPD CNT, open field air search with WYPD K9, instruction to ARM-SRT medics
- TACT members facilitated training to members of the department on topics such as: annual gas mask fit testing, use of force, less lethal force options, defensive tactics, in-custody deaths, firearms, building searches, assisting with training newly hired officers

### Crisis Negotiations Team Data

Team Leader: Sgt. Tim Pols  
Asst. Leader: Sgt. Julie Waters

Det. Mike Moore	Det. Rob Meredith
Ofc. Rory Allen	Ofc. Mark Linder
GVPD Sgt. Renee Veldman	

#### Staffing:

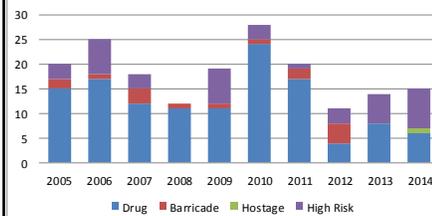
- Ofc. Ron Doll retired in 2014 and was replaced by Ofc. Mark Linder

#### Training:

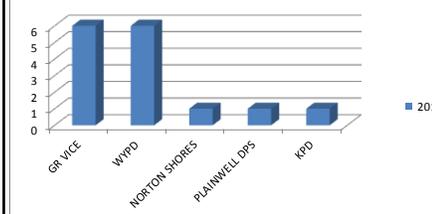
- Full scale exercise with Kentwood SRT/CNT, two combined training exercises with TACT, Dr. LaBerteaux training on emotionally disturbed persons, MI Association of Crisis Negotiators Conference, and National CNT Conference



10 Year Activations by Type



Requesting Agency



### T.A.C.T. Staffing Data

Commander Lt. Kirt Zuiderveen  
Team Leader Sgt. Eric Wiler

Ofc. Chris DeBoer	Ofc. Jeremy Walter
Ofc. Matt Rooks	Det. Blair Shellenbarger
Det. Jesse Lopez	Ofc. Devon Holmberg
Ofc. Ryan Silvis	Ofc. Dwayne Holmberg
Ofc. Tony Jacob	Ofc. Dennis Pittman
Ofc. Ross Eagan	Ofc. Steve Toonstra
Ofc. Ben Hecksel	



## Motorcycle Unit

### Annual Summary

### Motorcycle Unit



The Wyoming Police Motor Unit is made up of 3 Harley Davidson motorcycles and six trained riders who earned their 'motor wings' after two weeks of intensive training through Northwestern University and Harley-Davidson Corp. The unit is staffed as a support unit, by full time sworn police officers who spend most of their work hours in other uniformed assignments.

The crew is led by Sgt. Tim Pols and enjoys having Officer Chuck Walker as our own in-house instructor-trainer. In 2014, the motors were used to control traffic and provide security at public events, as public relations tools at community events, conduct enforcement patrols and provided critical traffic support for motorcades in the region.



## Honor Guard

### Annual Summary

### Honor Guard

The Wyoming Police Honor Guard is made up of 15 trained Wyoming Police Officers led by Lt. James Maguffee. Like the motors, this unit is a support unit with all the members spending only a portion of their work time dedicated to this role. The unit represented our City and agency 25 times in 2014. Events for which they were deployed included police retirement ceremonies, new police hires, the Department's annual awards ceremony, local and regional NLEOM events, Veterans Day observations, and various community events.

We continued our deep involvement in the Kent Metro Honor Guard, a collaborative team of Honor Guards from around metro Grand Rapids. Of the many and varied ways in which this unit supports and represents our agency, the most important occurs when a Michigan police officer falls in the line of duty. In 2014, our personnel represented our agency at services honoring the sacrifice of fallen Ingham County Sheriff Deputy Grant Whitaker.



# Investigative Services Division

## Annual Summary

### Investigative Services Division



The Investigative Services Division Commander is Lt. Joe Steffes. The unit is comprised of three Sergeants, ten Detectives, two uniformed officers, and one civilian.

The specialized services and the responsibilities of the Investigative Division include:

Responsibilities Include:

- Follow-up Investigation of All Case Types
- Liquor Inspections / Complaints
- Obtain Warrants for Felony, High Misd. Arrests and Search Warrants

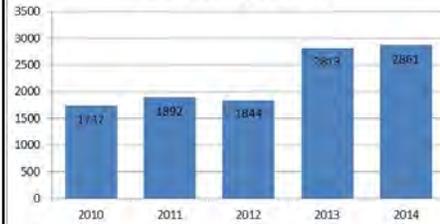
Specialized Services:

- Warrant Office
- Combined Auto Theft Team
- Metro Narcotics Enforcement Team
- Metro Fraud and Identity Theft Team



**Sandy Loomis**  
Secretary

**Total Cases Assigned**



**Metropolitan Enforcement Team**

One Detective is assigned to the Metropolitan Enforcement Team (MET), which is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force that investigates narcotics traffickers within Kent County. The detective's wages and benefits are covered by state grant funding.

**Annual Statistics:**

Total cases assigned	<b>2861</b>
Closed by arrest/petition	910
Warrant in LEIN	186
Open cases	189
Combined with WYPD case(s)	25
Combined with other agency's case(s)	15
Victim refused or no prosecution sought	432
Warrant or petition denied	298
No suspects or leads	379
Police procedures complete	193
Turned over to other agency	26
Petition requested	148
Unfounded	59
Not assigned	1



**Combined Auto Theft Team (CATT)**

One detective is assigned to the Combined Auto Theft Team, which is comprised of officers from the Wyoming, Kentwood and Grand Rapids Police Departments.

**Metro Fraud and Identity Theft Team (MFITT)**

One detective is assigned to the Metro Fraud and Identity Theft Team which is comprised of officers from the Wyoming, Kentwood and Grand Rapids Police Departments.

### Staffing Data

**Detective Bureau Supervision:** Sgt. D. Mahoney, Sgt. J. Waters, Sgt. J. McCaw



Sgt. D. Mahoney Sgt. J. McCaw Sgt. J. Waters Det. M. Moore Det. G. Duffy Det. D. VerHage Det. S. Rittenger



Det. P. Swiercz Det. P. Pena Det. R. Meredith Det. J. Whitcomb

**Warrant Unit**



M. McKinnon



A. Cho

Officers Margaret McKinnon and Al Cho are assigned to the Warrant Unit.

Arrests	461
Prisoners-booked	274
Prisoners-processed	624
Prisoner-transported	466
Warrants obtained	237
Warrants received-new	311
Warrants served-bench	51
Warrants served-felony	39
Warrants served-misdemeanor	140

## Forensic Science Unit

### Annual Summary

### Forensic Science Unit



The Forensic Science Unit (FSU) is under the direction of unit supervisor Terra Wesseldyk. In 2014, FSU added a new specialty to better serve our community. Now, along with continuing our other forensic services, we offer Controlled Substance analysis. This year we analyzed drugs in 243 cases and hope to increase that in the coming year.

FSU is comprised of one supervisor and four civilian crime scene technicians.

#### FSU Activities include:

##### Crime Scene Investigation

- Photography
- Latent Fingerprint
- Accident Investigation
- Trace Evidence Recovery
- Measurements and Sketching
- Bloodstain Pattern Interpretation
- Footwear and Tire Track Impression Recovery

##### Laboratory Analysis

- Latent Fingerprint
- Comparison Analysis
- Forensic Light Source
- Conventional and Chemical Processing
- Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)

##### Additional Specialties

- Public Relations
- Prisoner Processing
- Property Management
- Forensic Video Analysis
- Data Master Maintenance
- Computer Composite Facial Reconstruction
- Photographic Documentation of assault Victim Injuries

### Staffing Data

**Unit Supervisor:** Terra Wesseldyk

#### Crime Scene Technicians:



Wendy Brittain

Anthony Dilley

Todd Masula

Julia Carmody



#### Latent Print Unit Activity

Cases received for comparison	137
Latent fingerprints examined	3,769
Cases submitted with suspect ID's	45
Cases with positive print comparisons	82

#### AFIS Activity

Prints entered into AFIS	149
AFIS hits	63
Hit rate	42%

#### Unit Activity

Calls for Service	1,150
Crime Scenes	397
Vehicles Processed	84
Property Rec'd/Released/Destroyed	8,910

#### Unit Accomplishments

Crime Scene Technicians Wendy Brittain, Todd Masula and Anthony Dilley assisted Grandville with a CSC, Assault, Home Invasion that occurred in their City. A suspect was developed and a search warrant was completed in Grand Rapids. Their meticulous scene processing and subsequent courtroom testimony helped lead to the trial and conviction of a violent serial offender.

In 2014, this Unit processed a homicide scene unlike any we have encountered before. It required an incredible amount of teamwork and multiple hours of labor under extreme circumstances. They collected and logged over 400 items of evidence. Although they were unable to take this case to the courtroom due to the suspect's death, they honored the victims with their diligence and professionalism.

Terra Wesseldyk and Wendy Brittain assisted Det. Jill Whitcomb with a cold case homicide from 25 years ago. Utilizing blood enhancement techniques, they were able to locate, photograph and collect trace amounts of blood that corroborated witness statements. This evidence was sent to a DNA lab where further testing could be completed.

# **SECTION V**

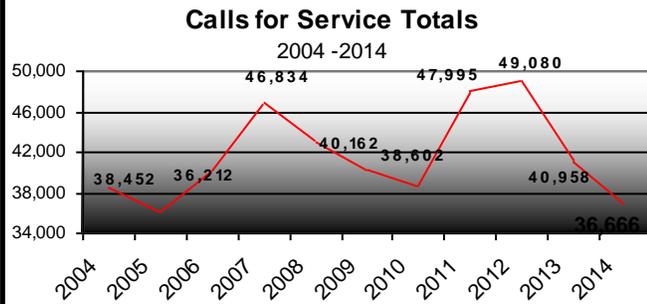


# **OFFENSE DATA**

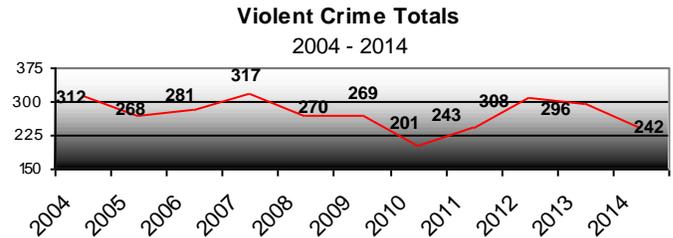


## 2004-2014 Trend Analysis Executive Summary

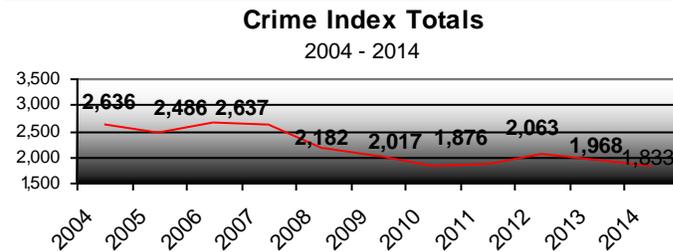
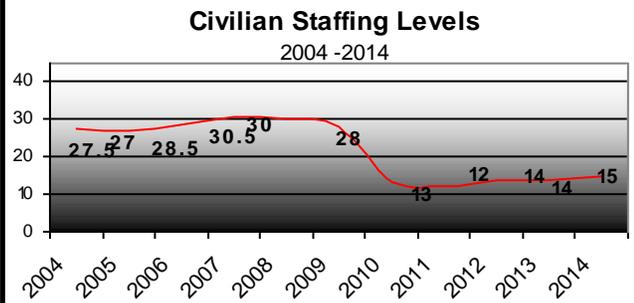
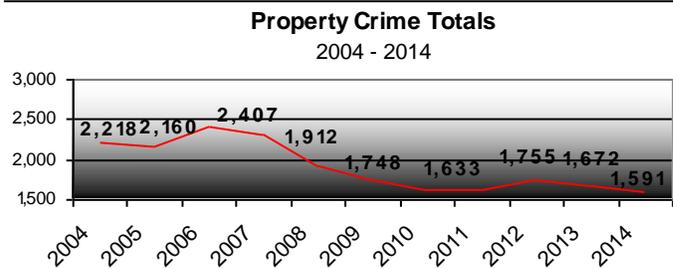
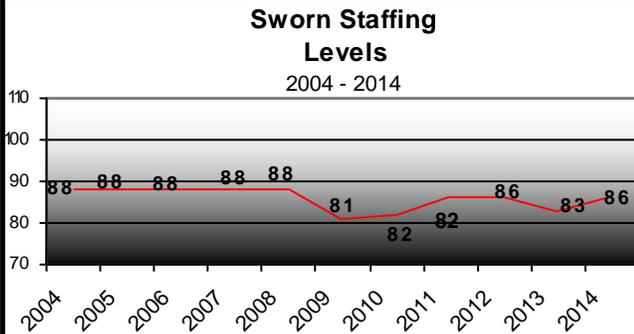
### CALLS FOR SERVICE



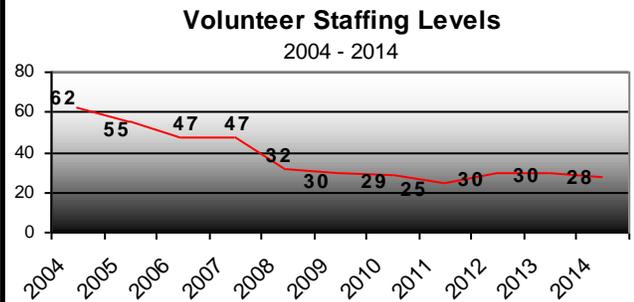
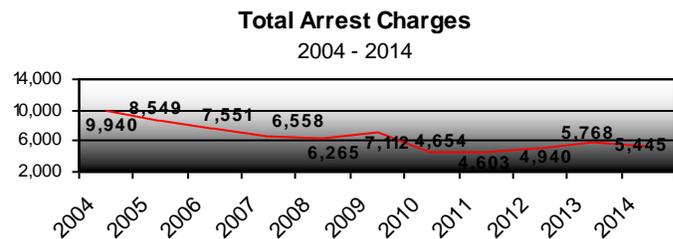
### UCR CRIME REPORTING DATA



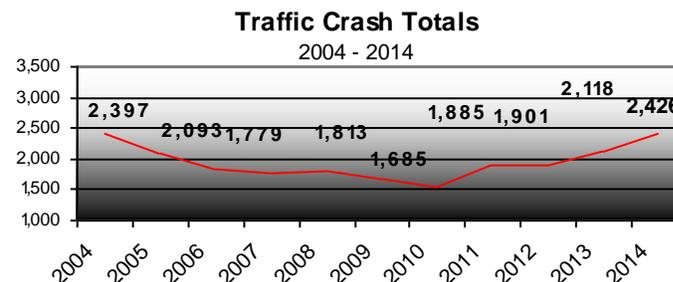
### STAFFING



### ARREST DATA



### TRAFFIC CRASH DATA



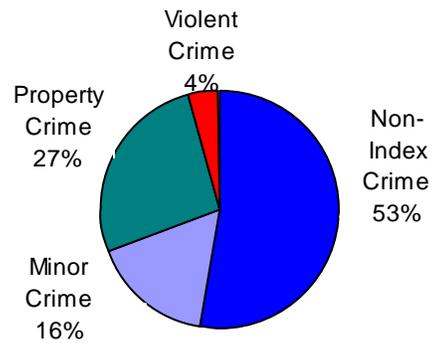
## Uniform Crime Index, Total Crime Index Offenses 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

### Crime Index Defined

The Crime Index is composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. The offenses included are the violent crimes of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, CSC, robbery, and aggravated assault and the property crimes of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

### Violent and Property Crimes

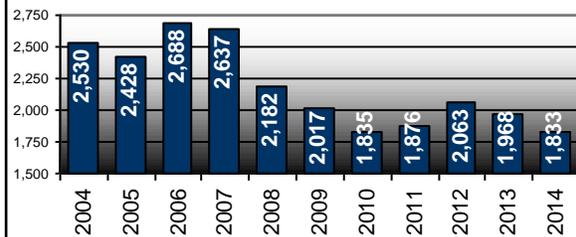
**Total Index Crime Reported**  
Offense Distribution



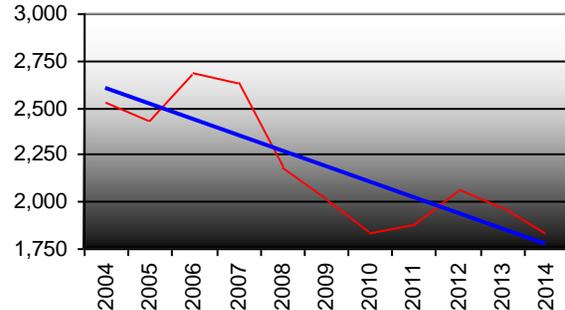
### Crime Index Offense Data

- In 2014, 1,833 crime index offenses were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety. This reflects a 6.9 percent decrease from 2013.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the City of Wyoming rate for crime index offenses was 2,473.7 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- In 2013, figures released by the FBI showed a 4.4 percent decrease in violent crime from 2012. Property crimes decreased 4.1 percent which marked 2013 as the 11th straight year that a collective decline in these offenses has occurred.
- *Although not available upon publication of this report, preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI indicate a decrease in Crime Index Offenses reported nationwide during the first six months of 2014.*

**Crime Index Totals**  
2004 - 2014



**Crime Index Totals**  
Ten Year Trend



## Violent Crime

### 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

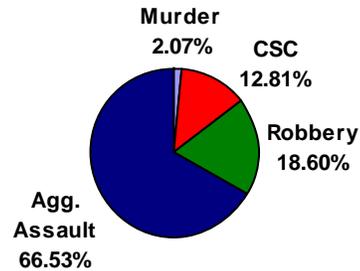
#### Violent Crime Defined

Violent Crime is composed of four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, CSC, robbery, and aggravated assault. All violent crimes involve force or threat of force.

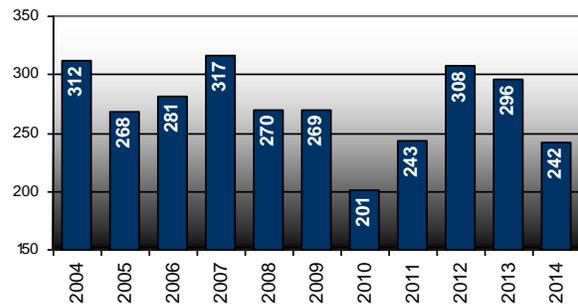
#### Violent Crime Offense Data

- During 2014, 242 violent crimes were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety. Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted violent crime rate for the City of Wyoming in 2014 was 326.6 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average rate for violent crime offenses for cities with a population of 50K to 99K was 346.2 per 100,000 inhabitants. *[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 4.6 decrease during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest violent crime rate in 2013 was 333.4 per 100,000 inhabitants, while U.S. rate was 367.9 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- Assaults that do not involve the use of a firearm, knife or other dangerous weapon and in which the victim did not sustain any serious injuries are reported as Simple Assaults and are not included in violent crime statistics. In 2014, there were 998 simple assault cases reported to the Wyoming Police. This represents a 2% increase over 2013.

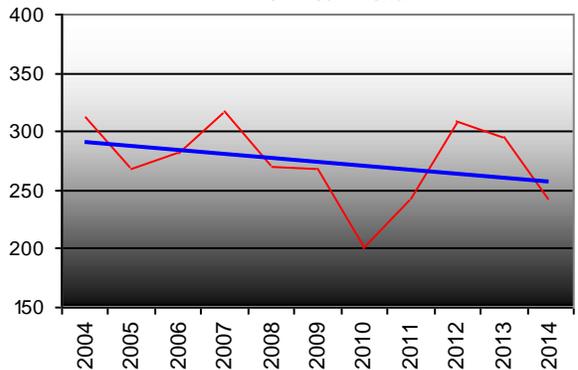
**Violent Crime Reported**  
Offense Distribution



**Violent Crime Totals**  
2004 - 2014



**Violent Crime Totals**  
Ten Year Trend



# Homicide

## 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

### Homicide Defined

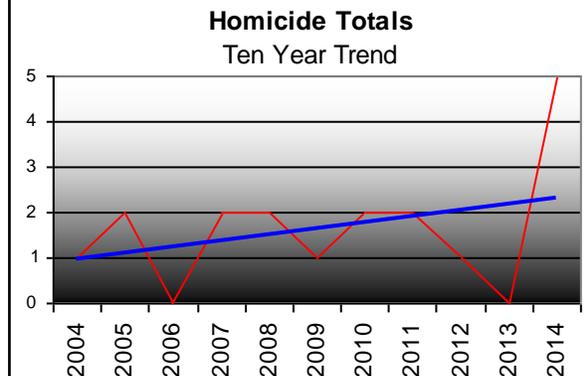
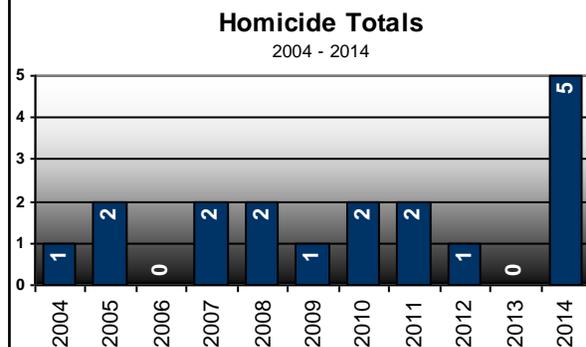
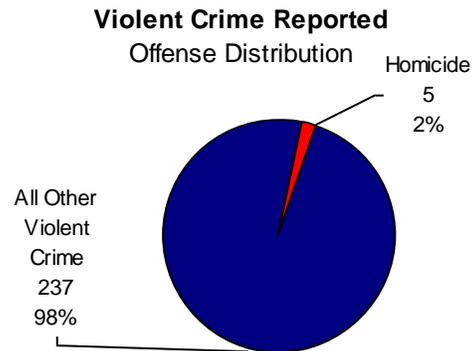
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, as defined in the Uniform Reporting Program, is the willful non-negligent killing of one human being by another.

### Homicide Offense Data

- During 2014, five offenses of homicide were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted homicide rate for the City of Wyoming was 6.7 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average of homicides for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 3.6. *[Although not available upon publication of this report, preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI indicate a 6.0 percent decrease in homicide offenses reported nationwide during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest homicide rate was 4.5 per 100,000 inhabitants. The U.S. homicide rate was also 4.5 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants.

*“No greater honor will ever be bestowed upon detectives or a more profound duty imposed upon them than when they are entrusted with the investigation of the death of a human being.”*

*-Excerpt from WYPD Detective Code*



## Criminal Sexual Conduct

### 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

#### CSC Defined

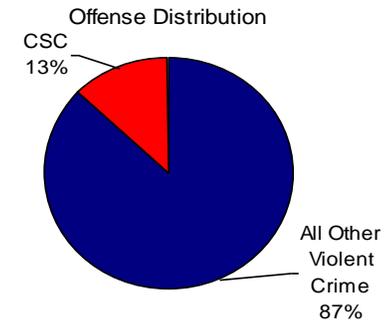
Criminal Sexual Conduct, is defined as the carnal knowledge of a person forcibly and against their will. Assaults or attempts to commit CSC by force or threat of force are also included; however, CSC (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded.

#### CSC Offense Data

- In 2014, 31 offenses of CSC were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted CSC rate for the City of Wyoming was 41.8 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The number of CSC offenses reported in 2014 increased by three percent from 2013.
- The 2013 national average of CSC for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 40.4. *[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 10.1 percent decrease in CSC offenses during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest CSC rate for 2013 was 39.9 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the U.S. CSC rate fell to 34.4 per 100,000 inhabitants.

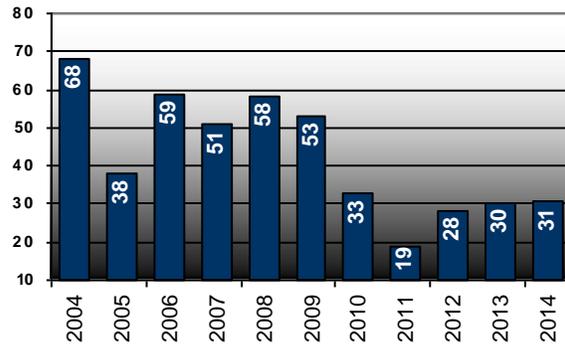
*“In 2014, the number of reported CSC’s increased three percent from the 2013 total.”*

#### Violent Crime Reported



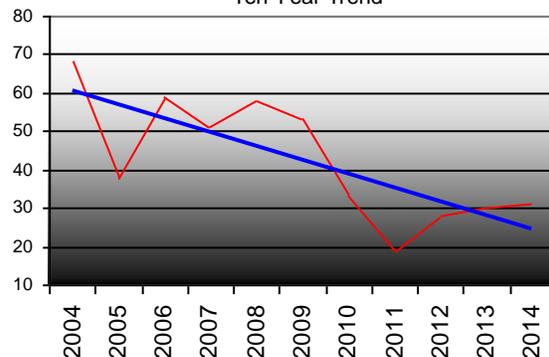
#### CSC Totals

2004 - 2014



#### CSC Totals

Ten Year Trend



## Robbery

### 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

#### Robbery Defined

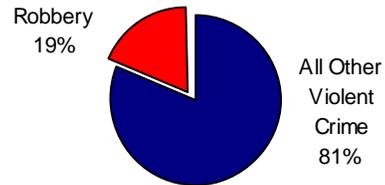
Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

#### Robbery Offense Data

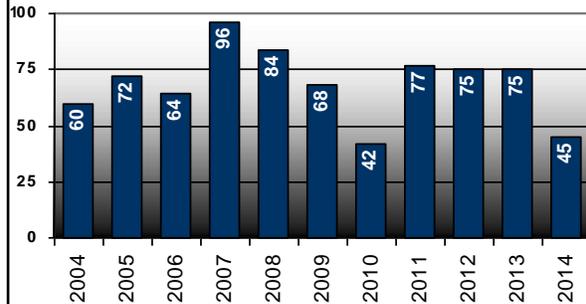
- In 2014, 45 offenses of robbery were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety. Compared to 2013, the number of robberies decreased by 40 percent.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted robbery rate for the City of Wyoming was 60.7 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average of robbery for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 102.6.  
*[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 10.3 percent decrease in robbery offenses during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest robbery rate for 2013 was 99.1 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the U.S. robbery rate was 109.1 per 100,000 inhabitants.

*“In 2014, the number of reported robberies decreased by 40 percent.”*

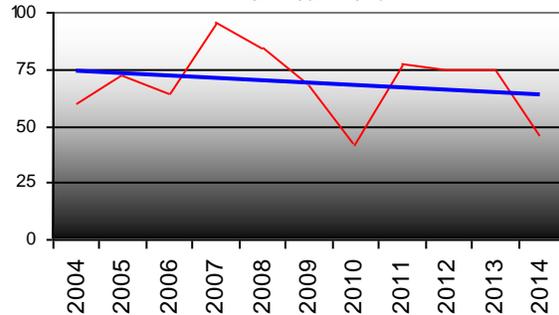
**Violent Crime Reported**  
Offense Distribution



**Robbery Totals**  
2004 - 2014



**Robbery Totals**  
Ten Year Trend



## Aggravated Assault 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

### Aggravated Assault Defined

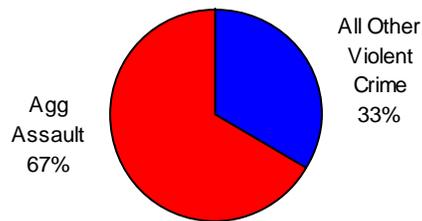
Aggravated assault is the unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

### Aggravated Assault Offense Data

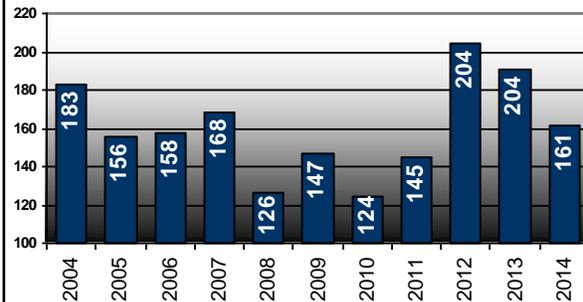
- During 2014, 161 offenses of aggravated assault were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted aggravated assault rate for the City of Wyoming was 217.3 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average of aggravated assaults for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 210.4. *[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 1.6 percent decrease in aggravated assault offenses during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest aggravated assault rate was 201.0 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the U.S. aggravated assault rate was 229.1 per 100,000 inhabitants.

*"In 2014, the number of reported aggravated assaults decreased 16 percent from the 2013 total."*

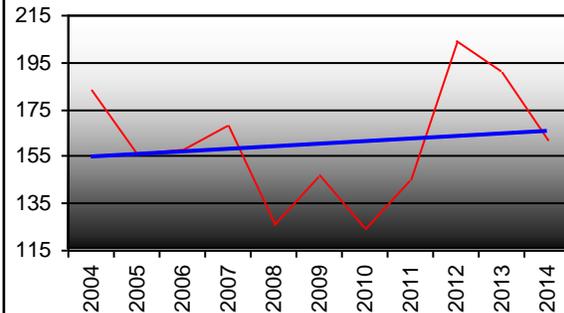
**Violent Crime Reported**  
Offense Distribution



**Aggravated Assault Totals**  
2004 - 2014



**Aggravated Assault Totals**  
Ten Year Trend

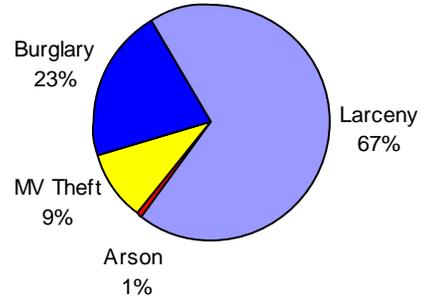


## UCR Property Crime Index 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

### Property Crime Defined

Property Crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money and property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. Arson is included since it involves the destruction of property; its victims maybe subjected to force.

**Property Crime Reported**  
Offense Distribution

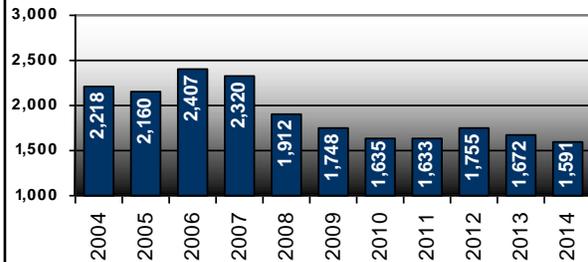


### Property Crime Offense Data

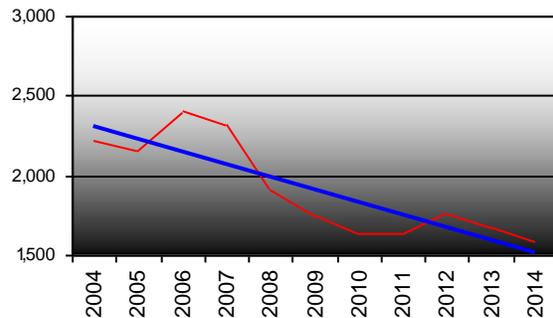
- During 2014, 1,591 property crimes were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted property crime rate for the City of Wyoming was 2,147.1 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average of property crimes for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 2,900.3. *[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 7.5 percent decrease in property crime during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest property crime rate was 2,560.4 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the U.S. property crime rate was 2,730.7 per 100,000 inhabitants.

*“Larceny accounted for 67 percent of property crimes reported to the Wyoming Police in 2014.”*

**Property Crime Totals**  
2004 - 2014



**Property Crime Totals**  
Ten Year Trend





# Arson

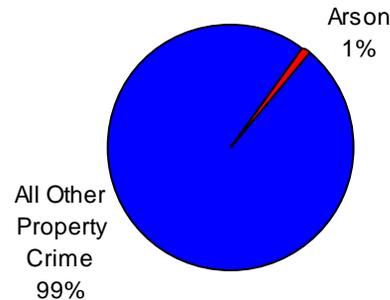
## 10 Year Trend 2004-2014



### Arson Defined

Arson is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program as any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc. Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons. Fires of suspicious or unknown origins are excluded.

**Property Crime Reported**  
Offense Distribution

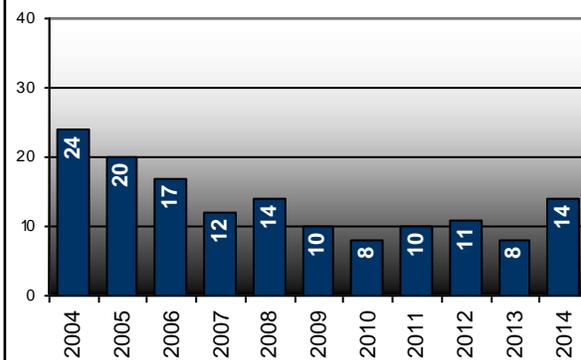


### Arson Offense Data

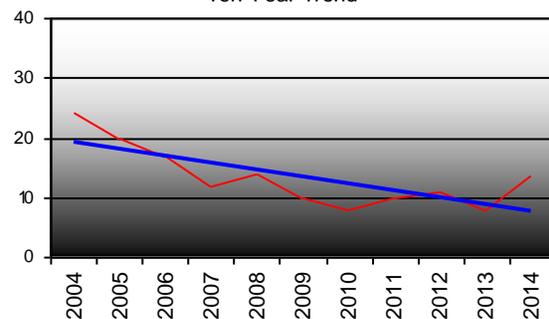
- During 2014, 14 cases of arson were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted arson rate for the City of Wyoming was 18.9 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average arson rate for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 14.5 per 100,000 inhabitants. *[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a decrease of 6.5 percent in arson offenses during the first six months of 2014.]*

*"In 2014, the number of reported arsons increased by six from the 2013 total."*

**Arson Totals**  
2004 - 2014



**Arson Totals**  
Ten Year Trend



## Burglary

### 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

#### Burglary Defined

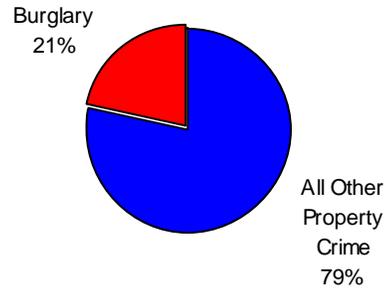
The Uniform Crime Reporting Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense of burglary. Burglary for this Program is categorized into three sub-classifications: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry.

#### Burglary Offense Data

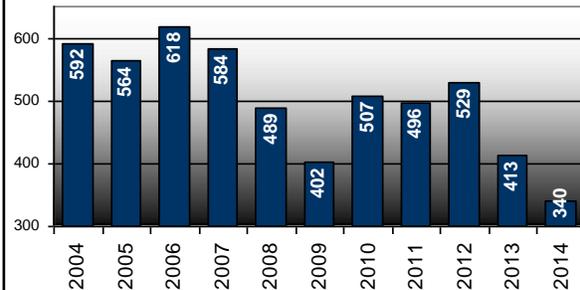
- During 2014, 340 burglaries were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted burglary rate for the City of Wyoming was 458.8 per 100,000.
- The 2013 national average of burglaries for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 599.1.  
*[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 14 percent decrease in burglary offenses during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest burglary crime rate was 564.4 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the U.S. burglary crime rate was 610.0 per 100,000 inhabitants.

*"In 2014, the number of reported burglaries decreased 18 percent from the 2013 total."*

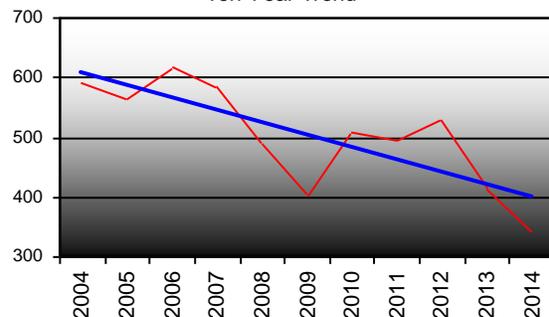
**Property Crime Reported**  
Offense Distribution



**Burglary Tools**  
2004 - 2014



**Burglary Totals**  
Ten Year Trend

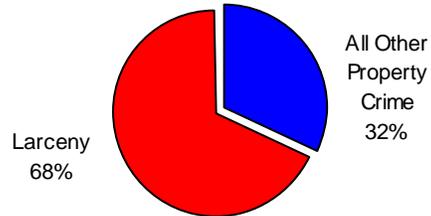


## Larceny 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

### Larceny Defined

The Uniform Crime Report defines Larceny-theft as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. It includes crimes such as shoplifting, purse-snatching, thefts from motor vehicles, bicycle thefts, etc.

**Property Crime Reported  
Offense Distribution**

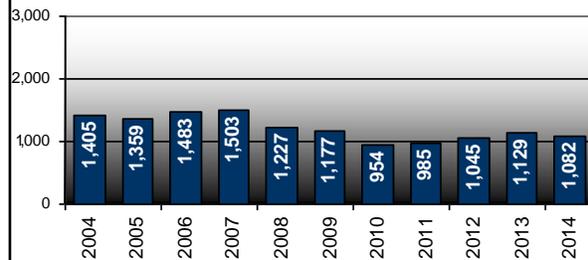


### Larceny Offense Data

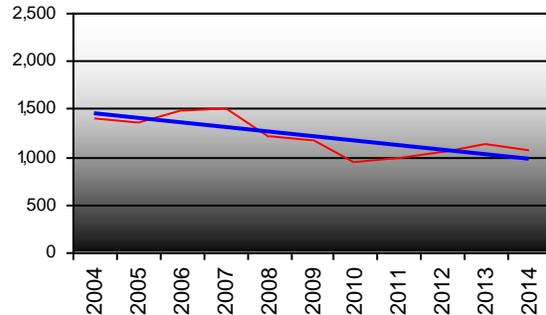
- During 2014, 1,082 larcenies were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted larceny rate for the City of Wyoming was 1,460.2 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average of larcenies for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 2,073.8.  
*[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 5.6 percent decrease in larceny offenses during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest larceny rate was 1,802.5 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the U.S. larceny rate was 1,899.4 per 100,000 inhabitants.

*“In 2014, the number of reported larcenies decreased four percent from the 2013 total.”*

**Larceny Totals  
2004 - 2014**



**Larceny Totals  
Ten Year Trend**



# Motor Vehicle Theft

## 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

### Motor Vehicle Theft Defined

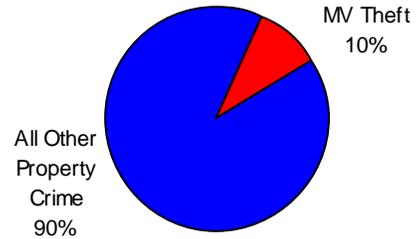
Defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, this offense category includes the stealing of automobiles, buses, trucks, snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters, etc. The definition excludes the taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by those persons having lawful access.

### Motor Veh. Theft Offense Data

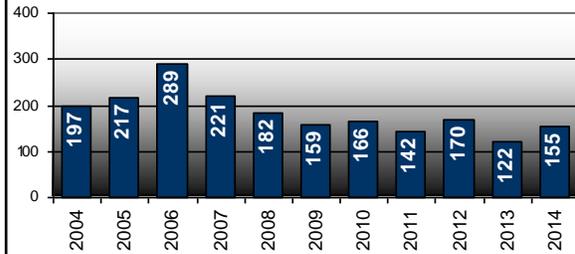
- During 2014, 155 motor vehicle thefts were reported to the Wyoming Department of Public Safety.
- Based upon a population of 74,100, the adjusted motor vehicle theft rate for the City of Wyoming was 209.2 per 100,000 inhabitants.
- The 2013 national average of motor vehicle theft for cities with a population between 50K to 99K was 227.4. *[Preliminary numbers obtained from the FBI show a 5.7 percent decrease in motor vehicle theft offenses during the first six months of 2014.]*
- Geographically, the Midwest motor vehicle theft rate was 190.4 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the U.S. rate was 221.3 per 100,000 inhabitants.

*"In 2014, the number of reported motor vehicle thefts increased 27 percent from the 2012 total."*

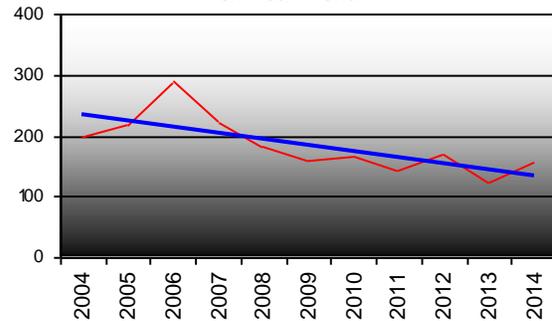
**Motor Vehicle Reported**  
Offense Distribution



**Motor Vehicle Theft Totals**  
2004 - 2014



**Motor Vehicle Theft Totals**  
Ten Year Trend



## Non-Index Offense Analysis

### 2014 Annual Summary

Offense Reported	Definition	2014	2013	% Change
Negligent Manslaughter	Deaths determined by police investigation to be primarily caused by gross negligence (except motor vehicle accidents).	0	0	None
Non-Aggravated Assault	An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another, where no weapon is present and no severe injury occurs.	998	974	2%
Forgery & Counterfeiting	The making, altering, uttering, or possessing with intent to defraud, anything false in the semblance of that which is true.	36	33	9%
Fraud	The fraudulent conversion and obtaining money or property by false pretense.	288	233	147%
Embezzlement	The illegal taking, misapplying, or misappropriating of money, or other things of value which have been entrusted to ones care, custody or control.	42	17	24%
Stolen Property	The buying, receiving, or possessing personal property of another which has been criminally taken.	35	32	9%
Vandalism	The willful or malicious destruction of public or private property.	441	557	-21%
Weapons Offenses	The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sell, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, or other deadly weapon.	17	28	-39%
Prostitution & Vice	The illegal activities related to engaging in normal or deviate, heterosexual or homosexual acts for profit or gain.	4	1	300%
Sex Offenses	The illegal acts done for sexual stimulation or gratification, or involving display or exposure of sexual organs. Rape and prostitution not included.	102	71	44%
Narcotic Laws	The unlawful possession, use, sale, growing, manufacturing, and making of illegal drugs.	532	671	-21%
Gambling	Unlawful engaging in playing, operating, and assisting in operating a game of chance for money or some other stake.	1	0	None
Offenses Against Family & Children	Any non-violent offenses by a member of a family which threatens the unity of the family, the physical or economic welfare or morals or members of the family.	73	43	70%
Driving Under the Influence	The driving or operating of any vehicle while under the influence of liquor or drugs.	223	265	-16%
Liquor Laws	Unlawfully acquiring, manufacturing, transporting, or selling intoxicating alcoholic liquor.	121	182	-34%
Disorderly Conduct	Offense which disturbs the peace and tranquility of the community in general.	171	194	-12%
Other Minor Offenses	All other criminal activity (including drunkenness, vagrancy, curfew, loitering and runaways.)	949	988	-4%
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,866</b>	<b>6,257</b>	<b>-6%</b>

# **SECTION VI**



# **OFFENDER DATA**

## Juvenile vs. Adult Arrest Charges Data

### 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

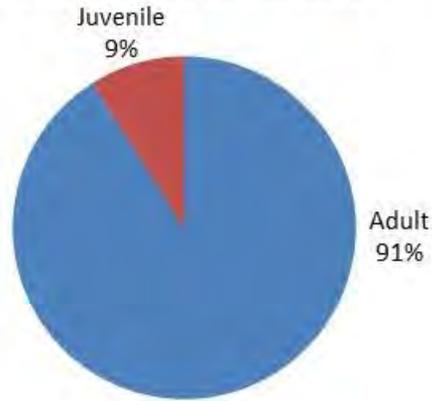
#### Juvenile & Adult Defined

Under Michigan law, the definition of a juvenile is a person who is under 17 years of age, and an adult is someone who is seventeen years of age and older.

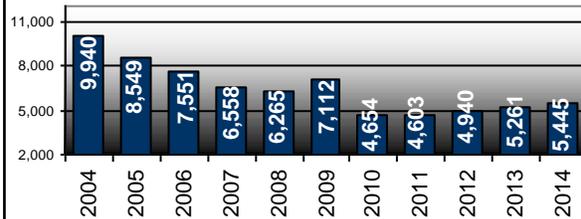
#### Arrest Charges Data

- In 2014, 480 arrest charges were to juveniles, while 4,965 arrest charges were to adults.
- During 2014, the total juvenile arrest charges decreased by five percent, while the adult arrest charges decreased six percent from 2013 levels.
- The total 2014 juvenile and adult arrest charges decreased by six percent from the 2013 totals.
- Of those arrest charges, 91 percent were adults and nine percent were juveniles.
- Seventy-two percent of the juvenile arrests were to Wyoming residents, while 28 percent were non-resident.
- Forty-eight percent of the adult arrest charges were to Wyoming residents, while 52 percent were non-residents.

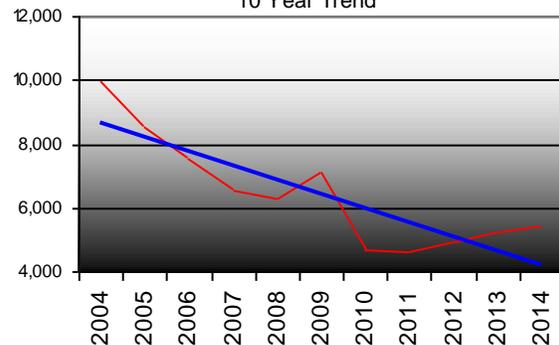
#### Juvenile vs. Adult Arrest Charges Distribution



#### Total Arrest Charges 2004-2014



#### Total Arrest Charges 10 Year Trend



# **SECTION VII**



# **TRAFFIC DATA**

## Traffic Crash Summary

### 10 Year Trend 2004-2014

#### Traffic Crash Data

- During 2014, 2,426 traffic crashes were reported in the City of Wyoming.
- Approximately 80% (1,931) of all crashes were limited to property damage to the motor vehicles, while 20% (488) involved a personal injury.
- In 2014, most crashes occurred during the month of January and February and the least during the month of April.
- In 2014, most crashes occurred on Friday, while the least crashes occurred on Sunday.
- The majority of crashes occurred between 3:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. The least number of crashes occurred between 3:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.
- In 2014, there were seven fatalities resulting from a crash within the city limits of Wyoming.
- Four percent of all crashes in Wyoming involved alcohol or drugs in 2014.

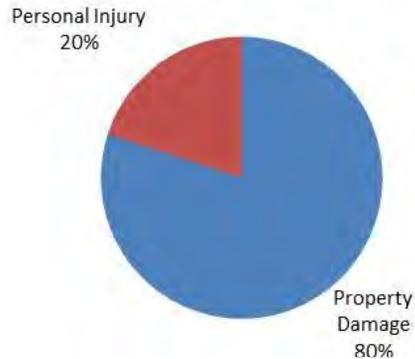
#### 2013 Michigan Traffic Crash Facts\*

- There were a total of 289,061 crashes in Michigan resulting in 951 fatalities and 71,031 persons injured.
- 284 (29.9%) of the 951 fatalities in Michigan involved alcohol.
- 3.4% of Michigan's accidents (9,828) involved a driver who had been drinking.
- According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, approximately three out of five accidental deaths for teenagers and young adults (ages 15-24) are due to motor vehicle crashes.

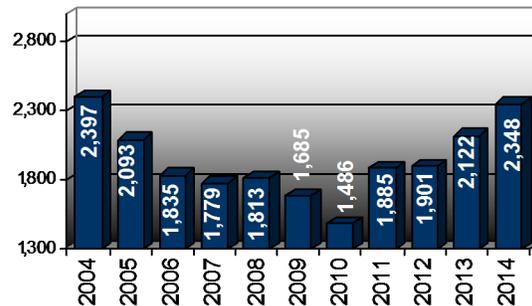
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\*The most up-to-date Michigan crash data available is 2013.

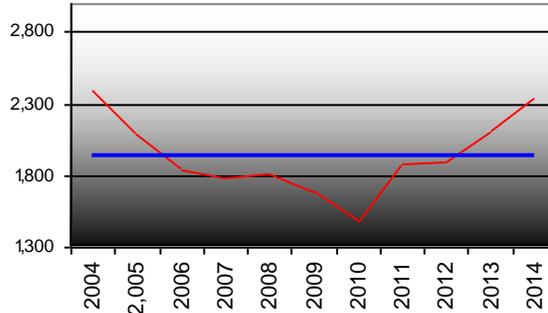
**Traffic Crash  
Percent Distribution**



**Total Traffic Accidents  
2004-2014**



**Traffic Crash Totals  
Ten Year Trend**



# **SECTION VIII**



## **FIRE SERVICES**

## **BUREAU**

## Fire Stations

### Annual Summary

#### Station No. 1: 1500 Burton St SW



A crew of four Paid-on-call firefighters operate from this station along with nine Public Works firefighters. The district roughly encompasses areas of the City north of 28th Street. This station responds throughout the City as needed.

#### Station No. 2: 4507 S. Division Ave



A crew of five Paid-on-call firefighters operate from this station. Station 2's district roughly encompasses the City east of US-131 from north to south city limits. They also respond throughout the City as needed.

#### Station No. 3: 2300 Gezon Pkwy SW



The station houses the center for training. A crew of eight Paid-on-call firefighters staff Station 3. This district is roughly south of 44th Street from the West city limits to US-131. Again, when needed, Station 3 personnel respond throughout the City.

#### Station No. 4: 1250 36th St SW



Station 4 houses the full-time firefighters along with seven Paid-on-call firefighters. Station 4's district is basically the center of the City from 28th Street on the north to 44th Street on the south. The full-time staff respond throughout the city from this central location.

## Apparatus and Equipment

### Annual Summary

Currently, our fleet consists of seven apparatus which includes three Quints, one platform and three engines. We also have special response vehicles such as hazardous incident unit and two medical squad units.

The career personnel respond to all fire, medical, and extrications with this 2013 rescue pumper. This apparatus carries just over 600 gallons of water with the ability of injecting Class A foam into the hose-lines via a 40 gallon tank. It has a 2000 gallon per minute pump. This unit provides more maneuverability than the Quint it replaced.



The department's platform truck is fully-equipped with a 100' extending ladder with a work platform at its tip, a large supply of hose, a pump capable of producing 2,000 gallons of water per minute and the ability to transport an assortment of firefighting tools.

In 2014, the Fire Services Division took delivery of a HME Quick Response Vehicle, otherwise known as a QRV. This will take the place of the Expedition Medical Squad as the first response medical unit. The QRV is equipped to handle all medical incidents as well as fire-related incidents. The apparatus has a 400 gallon water tank, a 1500 GPM pump and a 20 gallon Class A foam tank. This unit will frequently be operating out of Station 1 in the north part of the City.



The medical squad is currently a Ford Expedition which has been outfitted to carry medical supplies and equipment. It will continue to be used as a primary medical response unit and will be staffed by career personnel.

The Division also has a hazardous materials response trailer and a Special Incident Response (S.I.R.), unit which contains air support equipment and a command center with computer equipment.

## Fire Suppression Division Annual Summary

### Personnel

The Wyoming Fire Department combines full-time and paid-on-call firefighting staff, covering an area of 26 square miles responding from four stations. The full-time employees are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are three shifts of seven personnel that work a 24-hour shift, on a rotating basis, beginning at 7:00 a.m. In 2014, two twelve hour shifts were added that provide an additional firefighter from 7:00 a.m. unit 7:00 p.m. Additional full-time staff includes a Battalion Chief who handles administrative duties as well as incident response. All career personnel are State Certified as Firefighter II and Hazardous Materials Responders.

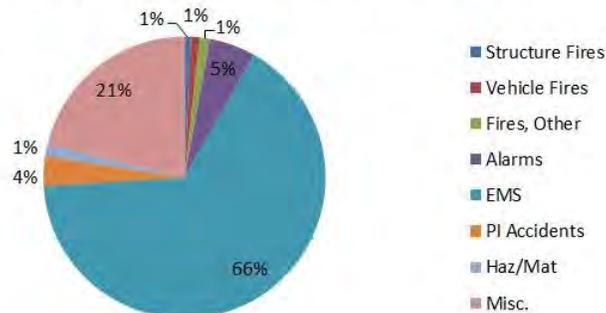
The full-time personnel handle approximately 80% of all alarms with Engine 77, Squad 73 and Medic 87 responding from the Division's Central Fire Station (Station No. 4). The career personnel respond to all calls for service that are received by the Department. The Department also has two non-suppression full-time personnel who conduct the daily fire inspection, plans review, code enforcement and prevention duties.

Paid-on-call personnel respond to their respective fire stations from their home, place of employment, church, etc. Each Firefighter is assigned a portable radio and receive-only pager that enables Fire Dispatch to notify the appropriate personnel of an emergency call. When notified, they respond to their assigned station. In 2014, we began a Firefighter I & II training academy. There are sixteen recruits in the academy of which five are current city employee's entering our Dual Trained (DTE) program.

In 2014, the Wyoming Fire Department responded to a total of 5,544 calls for service. Of those calls, 1,687 were non-medical related which included 40 structure fires, 55 vehicle fires and 63 other fires.

According to 2011 statistics, a Michigan fire department responds to a fire every 23 seconds with an actual structure fire being reported every 65 seconds. Developing effective ways to prevent and reduce fire loss requires a continuing examination of the magnitude and characteristics of the fire problem - where and when fires occur; what causes them; and who the victims are. We feel it is important that we analyze this data as we continually evaluate the direction in which the Fire Department will offer services in the future.

**2014 Fire Department Calls for Service**



## Specialty Teams and Emergency Medical Response

### Annual Summary

### Specialty Teams

#### Hazardous Materials Team

This team is comprised of nine highly trained individuals that can respond to chemical emergencies, including terrorism. Wyoming personnel are in the beginning stages of a cooperative response with the neighboring cities of Grandville and Kentwood.



#### Honor Guard Team

This team consists of ten individuals who serve as ambassadors for the Department. These team members volunteer their time on weekends and evenings to represent the Wyoming Fire Department at funerals and other official gatherings as well as numerous practice sessions in between.



### Emergency Medical Response

All of the Department's full-time personnel are medically trained to a minimum level of Medical First Responder (MFR). The Medical Squad responds with at least two personnel to various medical calls within the City of Wyoming. This response may be made by one of three vehicles, which are fully equipped with medical supplies and equipment that may be required at the scene. Engine 77 and 79 are outfitted with rescue equipment to respond to an accident where a driver is trapped in a vehicle and may require extrication.

The Department responded to 3,851 medical/rescue related calls in 2014.



## **Fire Prevention Division and Fire Safety Education**

### **Annual Summary**

#### **Fire Prevention Division**

The Wyoming Fire Department is currently staffed with two full-time employees in the fire prevention division, who provide for fire prevention, inspection, plans review and building code enforcement.

Fire investigation is the process of determining the origin and cause of the fire and whether the fire was accidental or intentional. All fires have the cause determined by our Department personnel with the more serious or complex causes determined by our certified investigation staff. During 2014, the number of fire investigations completed by this staff totaled 26.

Plan review is the process of reviewing all commercial/industrial construction, while in the blueprint stage, before construction actually begins. By researching the codes and standards, we are able to make new construction more fire safe. In 2014, 248 plan reviews were completed.

Fire code inspections are completed at commercial and industrial occupancies by the Department's Fire Prevention Division on a routine basis to help ensure the safety of those living, working and shopping in the City of Wyoming. During 2014, 512 fire code inspections were completed. Our Department also contracted with the State of Michigan to inspect all Fireworks vendors in the City of Wyoming.

#### **Fire Safety Education**

Safety education is an area that is shared by all members of the Department, being coordinated through the Administration Office. We fervently believe that proactive initiatives in fire/safety education have reduced the overall number of emergency responses during the past year. Our personnel are committed to actively seeking every available opportunity to teach fire safety to people of all ages.

During the past year, nearly 50 programs were conducted with just under 2,000 individuals in attendance, through both school programs and fire station tours. Department personnel also attended nearly 25 community events, including block parties and parades, which served thousands. In addition to these programs, the Department also trained numerous citizens through CPR and fire extinguisher classes.

In addition to school programs, the Department organizes a week-long program for children known as the 'Wyoming Safe City' program. This annual endeavor consists of educational activities in many areas of safety and is by far our most popular event. The existence of this program is largely due to the support of Amerikam, a local Wyoming business.

A Fire Expo was held in late May at Fire Station 3. The expo highlighted the Department's various capabilities and also served as a recruiting tool. This proved beneficial as several individuals are currently in the Department's recruit school.

Fire Stations 1, 2 and 4 also hosted Open Houses during National Fire Prevention Week in October. Hundreds of community residents were in attendance, receiving station tours, fire safety goodie bags and the opportunity to meet Department personnel.

## Training Division Annual Summary

Firefighter training skills are perhaps the most vital link in the overall safety of our personnel and our citizens, as well as effectively reducing fire damage once a fire occurs. Training has always been high on our priority list and will continue to be in the future.

The Department's Training Grounds are located at Fire Station 3 on Gezon at Byron Center Ave. It includes a classroom area, locker rooms and a kitchen, which allows full day training sessions. The paved training ground allows for a variety of training activity including configuration for annual driver's training.



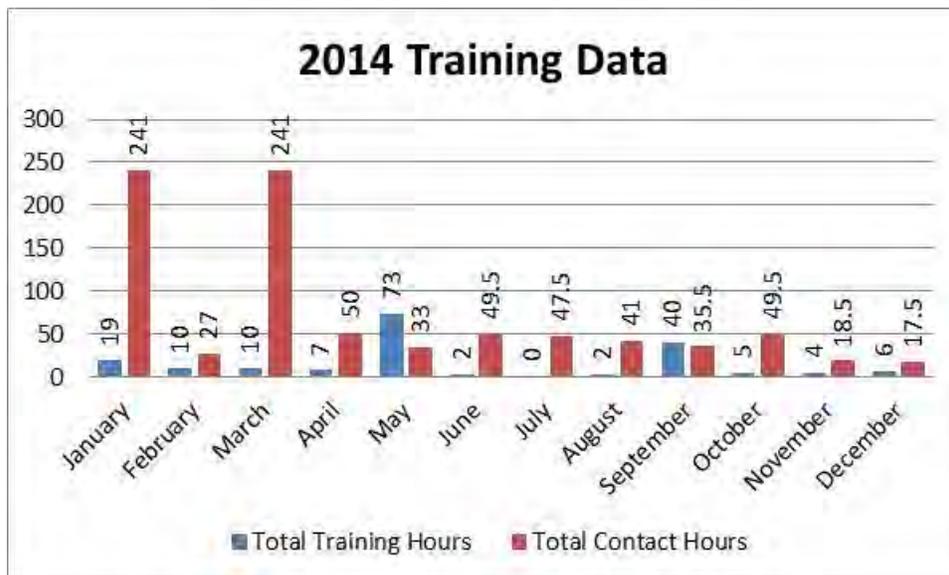
The site also contains the Fire Services training building that has a 'burn room' which is able to be set on fire using propane gas jets controlled by the instructor. This room may be set up to simulate a residential or industrial environment by adjusting movable partitions. Plans are underway to add additional training props such as an SCBA confidence course.

All of our personnel receive training for Incident Management, MIOSHA required subjects and continually attend educational seminars. In addition to attending training, our Department has nine certified Training Instructors that routinely provide training to Department personnel as well as other agencies. These instructors have expertise in a variety of areas such as Fire Suppression, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue and Officer Development.



The department started a Firefighter I & II training academy in October 2014 with a completion date of May 2015. In all, the recruits will have attended 256 total hours of training over 32 weeks including 16 all day practical hands on sessions.

With the continual changes in the fire environment we face, it is imperative that Fire Division Personnel keep our skills updated and sharp so we can continue providing the best fire protection possible for the people we serve.



## Emergency Management and Conclusion

### Annual Summary

### Emergency Management

Emergency Management continues to be a part of the Wyoming Fire Department's operation. The term "Emergency Management" has become a more recognizable term within the United States in the past couple of years. Emergency Management, typically, is the existing resource of governmental units prepared to operate together under a pre-planned response to emergencies greater than any one Department can handle. Under the direction of the Fire Chief, our Emergency Management organization involves all City Departments. Major roles involve Fire, Police and Public Works, with additional support services being provided by the remaining City Departments.

In July 2014, the City of Wyoming experienced a rare event having a strong F1 tornado touchdown in the neighborhoods south of 54th Street between Clay and Division Avenue. As calls began to come in to the 911 Dispatch Center, Wyoming Fire Services Units were dispatched. Several area departments also were requested and responded as a mutual aid response. Kent County Emergency Management dispatched their communications vehicle to provide onsite/area dispatching and call taking.

### Conclusion

Wyoming can be justifiably proud of the Fire Department personnel as well as the services that are provided, all with the highest degree of integrity and professionalism. As we continue to face new challenges in the future, we value the support of the citizens as well as our City officials and endeavor to maintain our well earned partnerships with all whom we serve.

