

City of Grosse Pointe



2015 Public Safety Annual Report



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City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety

February 27, 2016

Dear Mr. Dame,

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2015. The report details crime statistics and activities of the Department throughout the year. Department members continue to display dedication and commitment to the City and its residents in tracking and deterring criminals and promoting the safety of the community through aggressive law enforcement and fire prevention procedures.

Serious crimes, known as Index crimes, increased 2% in 2015. The actual number of index crimes reported to the Department was 106 which increased from the 103 reported in 2014.

Non index crimes increased in 2015. The number of non-index crimes reported to the Department was 150 in 2015, which was an increase from 130 in 2014. Non- index crimes are the less serious category of offenses. 16 out of the 20 in this increase category were related to drug or alcohol offenses such as Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) or Operating Under the Influence of Drugs (OUID).

Total adult arrests for the year were 132, which is a 50% increase. There were also 34 juveniles detained for various offenses, which was a significant decrease from 2014. Our officers responded to 5200 calls for service in 2015 involving criminal and non-criminal related runs, which reflects a 1.5% increase.

The Department Detective Bureau prides themselves on aggressive case investigation and prosecution of the criminal element. The City has a close working relationship with area Departments and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. The City's Public Safety Department is proud of the exceptionally high clearance rate for Index offenses. This clearance rate is a result of dedicated work by the patrol officers and the Detective Bureau.

In 2015 the firefighting activity total decreased five percent from the totals from 2014. We reported to the State of Michigan 324 responses. Those responses include: dwelling, fires, smoke investigations, fire alarms, utility hazards, fuel spills, ambulance runs and car fires. The City Fire Inspector had a busy year in working with the various developments in the city, several new businesses, as well an increased annual fire inspection program.

In 2009, the City entered into an agreement with Beaumont Transportation to handle all of our Ambulance runs. Our City now has both basic life support medics (EMT) and advanced life support units available for responding to calls. In 2015, there were 197 requests made for an ambulance with an average response time of 3 minutes, 40 seconds. This was a 16% decrease in calls for service.

In 2015, our car seat inspection officer was recertified through the National Child Passenger Safety Program. Since the inception of this program Officer Joseph Adams has inspected over 650 car seats. Residents from all of the Pointes have taken advantage of this free program.

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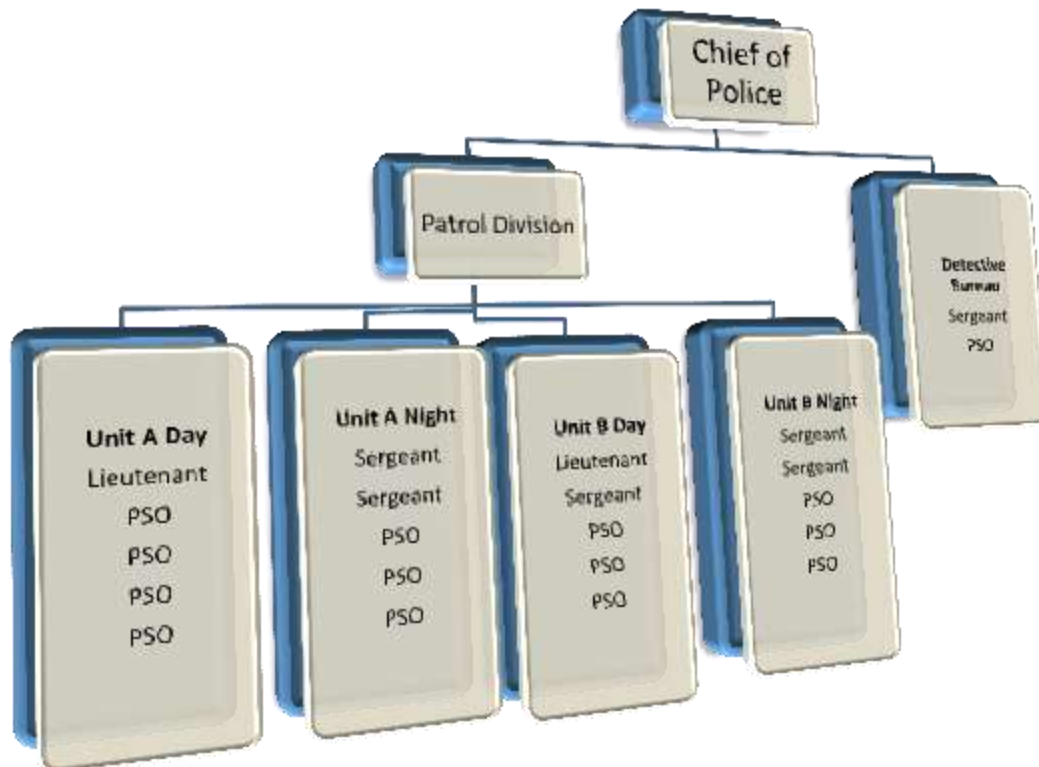
The most significant item to report this year is the unprecedented transition that occurred in 2015. The department lost through retirements, one PSO and four senior command officers. We want to thank each one of them for their efforts to the community during their careers. These retirements have allowed the department to promote six individuals that have prepared themselves for the new responsibilities through hard work and testing requirements. The department has also hired four new officers to date to replace those that have been promoted. I believe that the new command staff and patrol officers will continue to make the citizens proud of their department.

In closing, I am thankful for the support given to the Department in the past year. I would also like to thank all the members of the Department for their commitment to the citizens and visitors of our community. The entire Department is committed to provide as safe and crime free community for our citizens to live in as possible.

Stephen T. Poloni

Stephen T. Poloni
Chief of Police
Director of Public Safety

Public Safety Organizational Chart 2015



PSO (Public Safety Officer)

City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety

Department Personnel Roster

Name	Rank	Date Promoted	Date Appointed
Stephen Poloni	Chief	N/A	11/14/11
Edward Tujaka	Lieutenant	Retired	06/30/86
Michael Seidel	Lieutenant	Retired	08/11/86
Anthony Railling (r)	Sergeant	Retired	06/22/93
Ronald Wieczorek	Sergeant	Retired	09/20/87
Alan Gwyn	Sergeant	01/25/07	03/12/97
John Alcorn	Sergeant	01/25/07	02/22/01
Ronald Sandzik	Sergeant	04/18/07	06/25/93
Michael Almeranti	Sergeant	09/11/07	07/10/01
Christopher Lee	Det./Sgt.	07/14/15	08/20/07
Edward Pelyak	PSO		06/15/87
William Craft	PSO		04/06/88
Lisa Monticciolo	PSO		03/08/96
Daniel Eckert	PSO		02/20/00
Eduard Shrader (r)	PSO	Retired	07/06/00
Gregory Burks	PSO		07/25/00
Joseph Adams	PSO		09/04/00
Jean Pierre Cormier	PSO		11/04/02
Matthew Wallis	PSO		11/22/02
Justin Strohmeyer	PSO		05/26/05
Christopher Cotzias	PSO		06/08/05
Thomas Martindale	PSO		08/20/07
Joshua Ina	PSO		12/15/14
Michael Hergott	PSO		08/24/15
Andrew Prueter	PSO		11/09/15

Personnel

The City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety employed a total of 23 employees during 2015. Of the 23 employees, all are sworn officers.

Proactive preventative patrol is the primary function of the department and 90% of the sworn personnel are dedicated to patrol functions. The Detective Bureau has 8% of the sworn staff and the administration is comprised of 2% of the staff. All personnel share in providing basic law enforcement service as needed. The Detective Bureau routinely conducts preventative patrol and responds to calls for service.

Patrol Division

The patrol division of the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety is comprised of 4 shifts. Primarily these shifts have two supervisors and three uniformed patrol officers. The patrol shifts are responsible for the protection of life and property and the enforcement of laws and ordinances.

The patrol division is equipped with the latest technology including in car computers, digital video cameras and state of the art emergency equipment. The patrol division responds to calls for service, traffic enforcement, field investigations and duties or special assignments in specific areas of the city.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Grosse Pointe City Detective Bureau prides itself on aggressive case investigation and prosecution of the criminal element. Throughout the years the City has developed a close working relationship with area Departments, the Michigan State Police and Federal agencies. The Detectives ability to interact with the City, County and Federal Prosecutors when cases are presented in court is essential.

The Detective Bureau is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, interviewing, surveillance, crime scene and evidence processing, and arresting subjects in conjunction with ongoing investigations. The City's Public Safety Department is proud of the exceptional high clearance rate of Index offenses. This reflects directly on the outstanding work of both the Uniform division as well as the Detective Bureau. Detectives worked closely with our residents and merchants in closing numerous frauds, identity theft and embezzlement cases, involving search warrants and surveillance operations.

In June 2015, the Detective Bureau investigated a rash of bike larcenies from The Village. Through a surveillance operation, a suspect was apprehended and led Detectives to a house where the bikes were being sold. Several of the bikes were recovered, along with narcotics and firearm ammunition. Both the bike thief and buyer were arrested and charged.

In August 2015, the Detective Bureau investigated an attempted Home Invasion, where blood was recovered from the scene. A DNA match from the evidence led to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect.

In September 2015, the Detective Bureau investigated a fraud ring involving a home healthcare worker. The investigation identified more than \$30,000 in loss and led to the suspects being charged with multiple felonies.

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In October 2015, the Detective Bureau investigated an embezzlement case where an employee was responsible for the theft of approximately \$50,000 in cash and goods. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged.

In December 2015, the Detective Bureau handled a bank robbery case. The suspects were identified and charged.

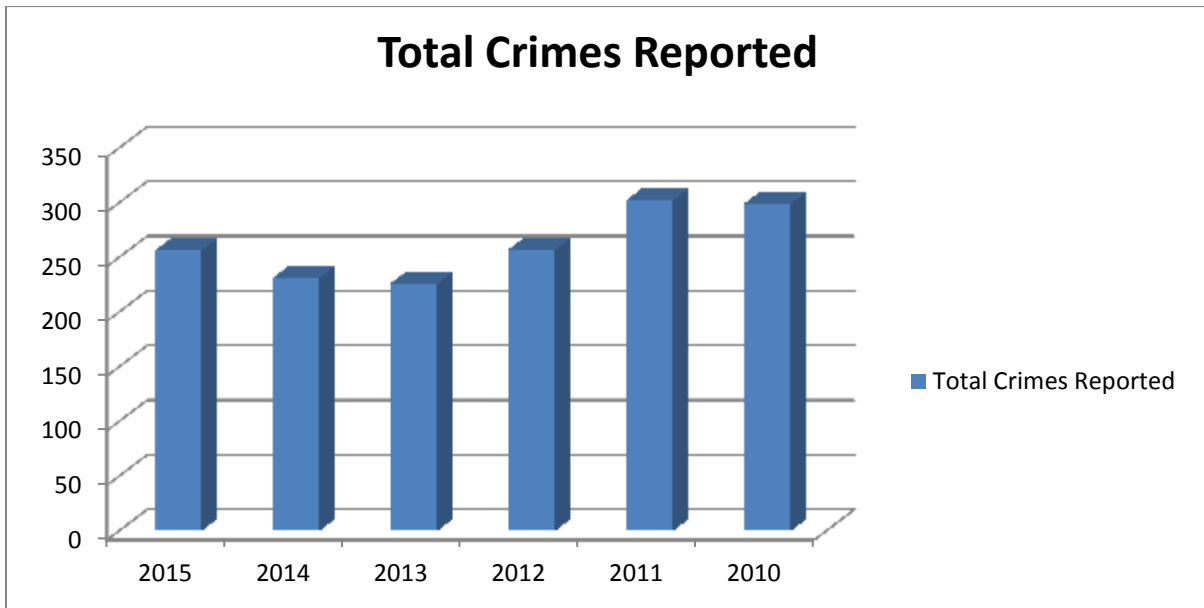
Also in 2015, the Detective Bureau handled seven Operating While Intoxicated repeat offenders which led to vehicle forfeitures and enhanced penalties.

In 2015, the Detective Bureau prepared several additional warrant requests that were sent to the Wayne County Prosecutors Office. Those requests resulted in 37 Misdemeanor and 16 Felony charges.

Non-criminal investigations also play a large role in the day-to-day operations of the Detective Bureau. In 2015, the Detectives were tasked with background investigations for liquor licenses, code enforcement, handgun registration, and newly hired employees.

In closing, the Grosse Pointe City Detective Bureau is extremely fortunate to work with officers, dispatchers and civilian employees who consistently display a professional attitude. We stand together to promote the safety of our community.

*City of Grosse Pointe
UCR Crime Comparison
Total Reported Crimes*



	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Index Crimes	106	103	96	109	118	121
Non Index Crimes	150	130	130	148	184	178
Totals	256	231	226	257	302	299

2015 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

COMPARISON REPORT

INDEX OFFENSES	2015	2014	2013	2012
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sexual Offenses	0	0	0	1
Armed Robbery	2	0	1	1
Unarmed Robbery	0	0	0	0
Felonious Assault	4	4	4	3
Arson	0	0	0	1
Burglary/Home Invasion	13	13	11	20
Larceny	85	78	70	79
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	8	10	4

*Index crimes are the eight crimes the FBI combines to produce its annual crime index. These offenses include willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, burglary and aggravated assault, larceny over \$50, motor vehicle theft, and arson. In this chart, the robbery classification is broken down into unarmed and armed robbery for these statistical purposes.

2015 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

Non Index Crime

COMPARISON REPORT

Non Index Offenses	2015	2014	2013	2012
Other Sexual Offenses	0	0	0	1
Non Aggravated Assault	9	10	8	12
Intimidation/Stalking	7	3	14	10
Motor Vehicle Fraud	0	0	0	0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	3	1	2	3
Fraud	32	27	37	33
Embezzlement/Bribery	2	2	1	1
Stolen Property	2	2	1	5
Malicious Destruction of Property	20	31	12	15
Narcotics/VCSA	17	7	10	19
Family Offenses	0	0	2	1

Part 1 of 2 Non Index crime comparisons.

2015 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

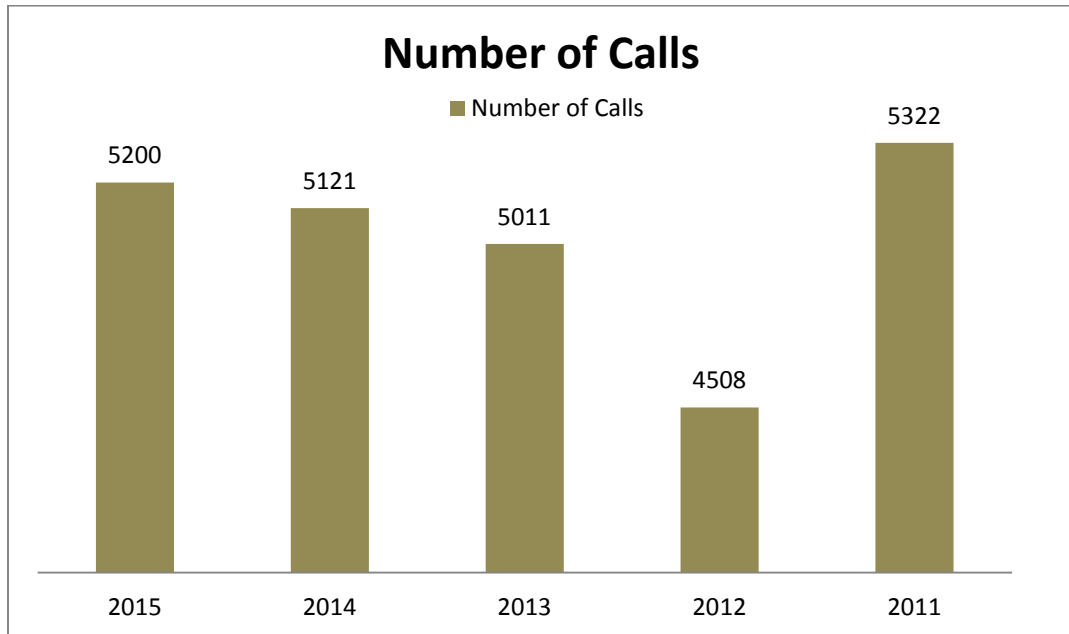
Non Index Crime

COMPARISON REPORT

Non Index Offenses	2015	2014	2013	2012
Liquor Violations	5	3	4	7
Obstructing Police	2	4	4	6
Obstructing Justice	2	3	1	0
Weapons Violations	4	3	2	1
Disorderly Conduct/Vagrancy	4	0	2	2
Operating While Intoxicated	37	31	26	28
Health/Safety	2	0	2	4
Trespassing	2	3	1	0
Antitrust Law Violations	0	0	0	0
Runaway Juveniles	0	0	0	0

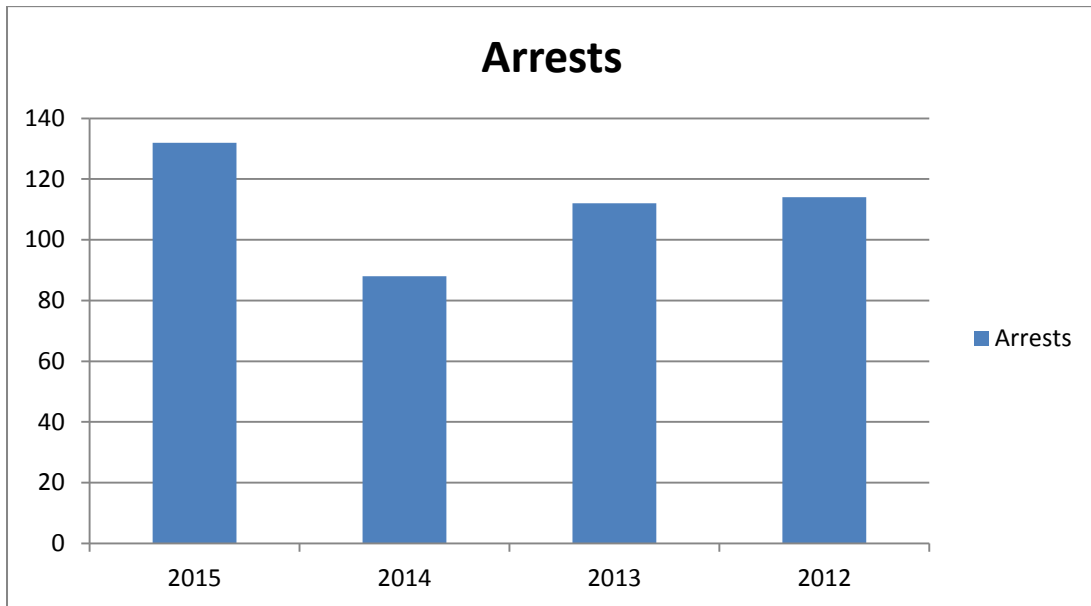
Part 2 of 2 Non Index crime comparisons.

Calls for Service



These Calls for Service include a response by the police or an incident that has been discovered by patrol units. The chart indicates an increase in police related response.

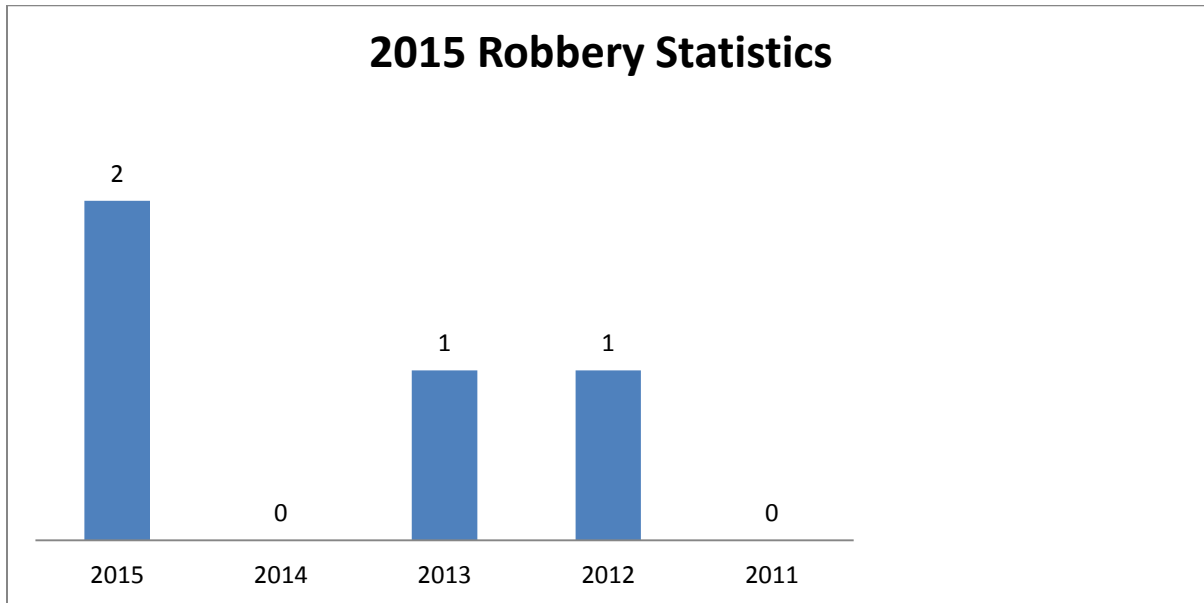
4 Year Arrest Statistics



Total Arrests

- 2015 (132)
- 2014 (88)
- 2013 (112)
- 2012 (114)

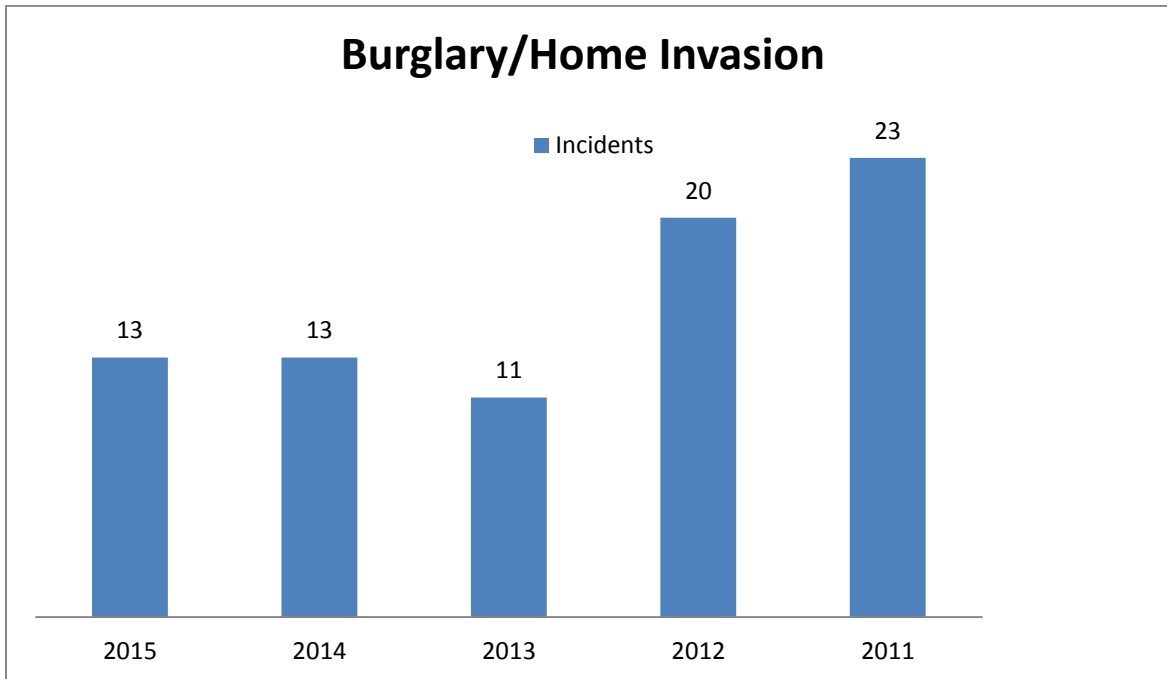
5 Year Robbery Statistics



The Robbery Statistics reported include both Armed and Unarmed Robbery.

In 2015, the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety responded to two incidents of Robbery.

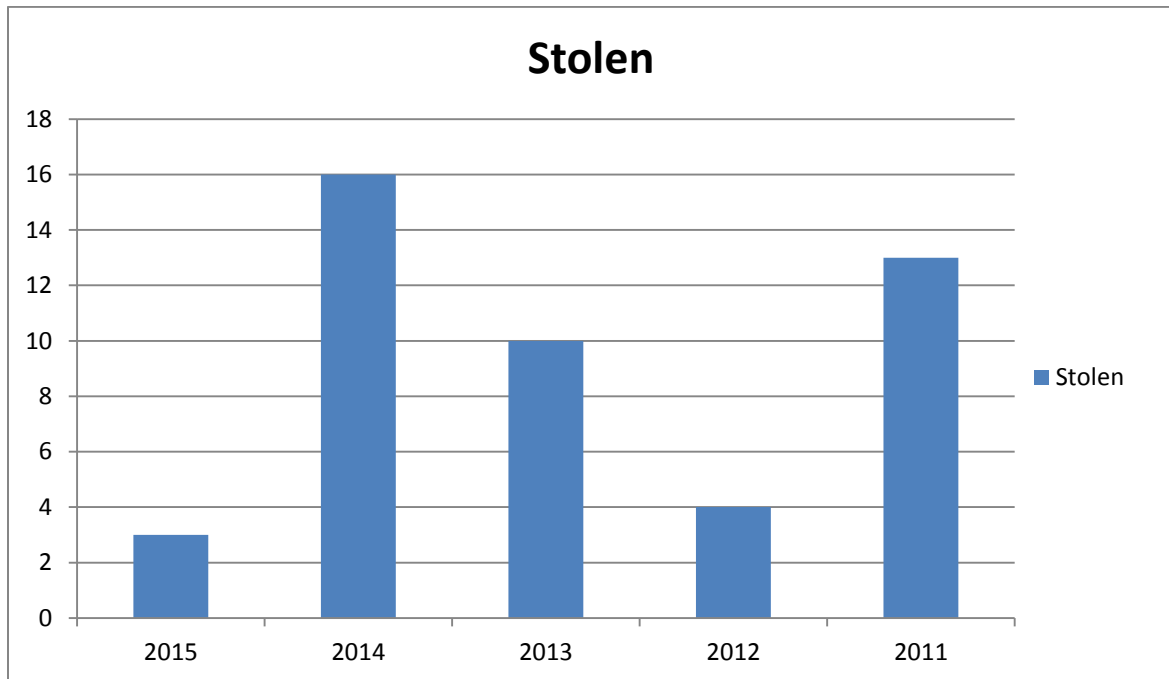
5 Year Burglary/Home Invasion Statistics



In 2015, the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety responded to 13 incidents.

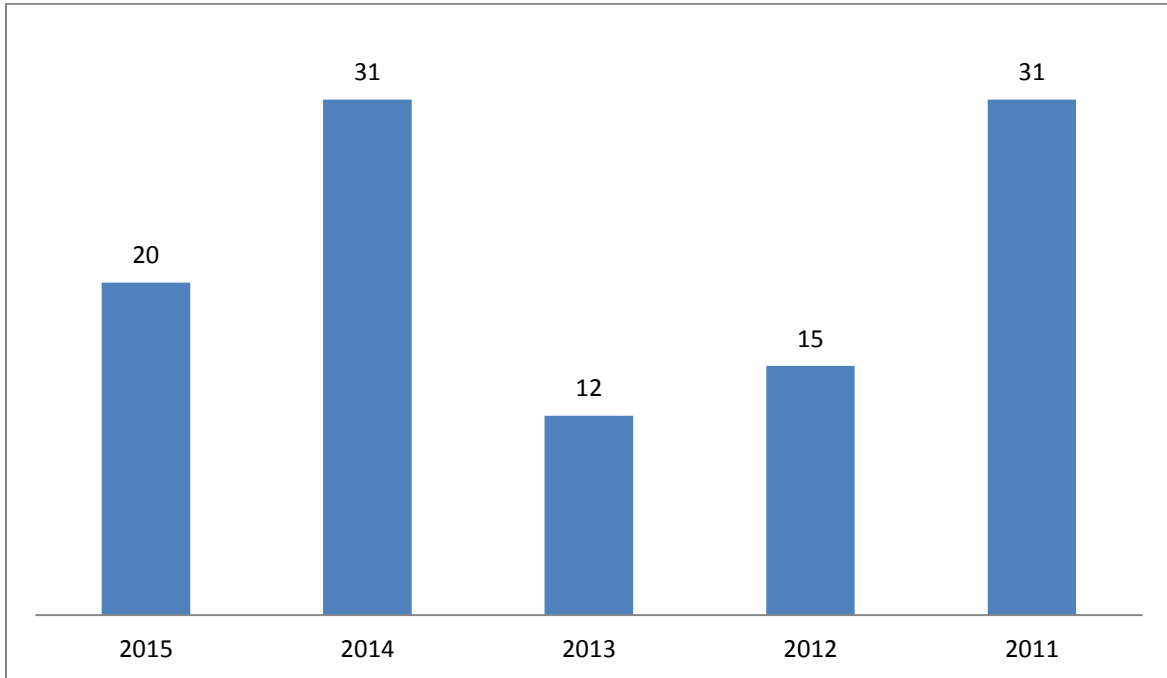
These incidents involve the breaking and entering of residential structures and commercial buildings.

5 Year Motor Vehicle Thefts



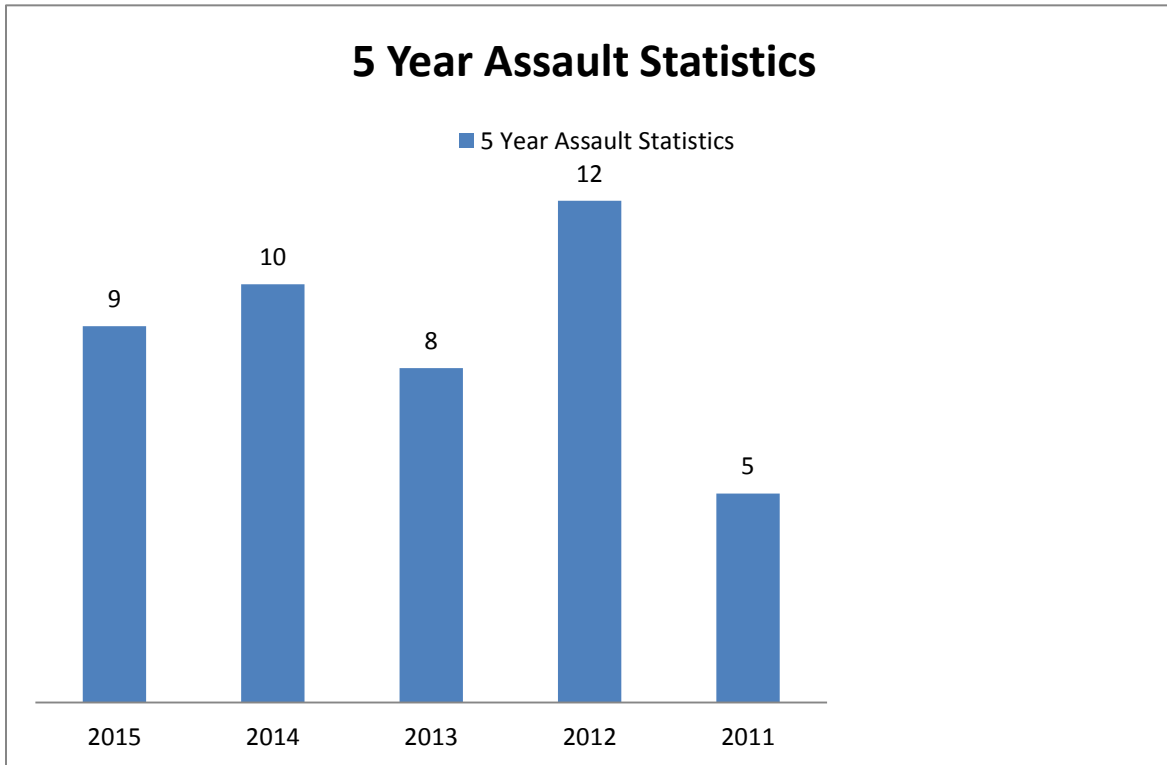
In 2015, three vehicles were classified as motor vehicle theft. This signifies a dramatic drop in this type of crime compared to previous years.

5 Year Malicious Destruction of Property Statistics



In 2015, the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety responded to 20 incidents of Malicious Destruction of Property. As shown, this indicates a decrease from the 2014 statistics.

5 Year Assault Statistics



In 2015, the City of Grosse Pointe Department of Public Safety responded to nine incidents of Simple Assault.

Traffic/Motor Vehicle Violations

One of the primary responsibilities of the uniform division of the Public Safety Department is the enforcement of the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code. The goal of enforcing the Traffic Code is to reduce personal injury accidents, property damage and pedestrian accidents.

The department utilizes fully marked and semi marked patrol vehicles which are equipped with traffic radar on a daily basis. The violations issued by officers are broken down into three categories: moving/non-moving, alcohol related and parking violations. The most prevalent violation written is for speeding. Hazardous violations are issued for speeding, stop sign, signal lights and other moving violations. Non-Moving violations are issued for equipment violations, proof of insurance or improper plates.

The City of Grosse Pointe deploys a separate parking enforcement unit whose violations are not shown below.

Moving/Non Moving Violations	1117
Alcohol Related	35
Parking Violations	415

Total Vehicle Violations.....1567

Total Non-Vehicle Violations.....35

Total 2015 Violations.....1602 Violations

2015 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Motor vehicle accidents are separated into 5 categories: Hit and Run Accidents, Property Damage Accidents, Personal Injury Accidents, Private Property Accidents and All Other Accidents.

Hit and Run accidents include a vehicle accident where one party leaves the scene and does not report the incident to police. The Property Damage accidents include motor vehicle accidents where property is damage and no injury is reported. A Personal Injury Accident includes a motor vehicle accident where some type of injury is reported. The final category is Private Property Accident and includes motor vehicle accidents that occur on property that is off the main roadway such as parking lots or alleys.

	2015	2014	2013	2012
Hit/Run Accidents	13	21	9	5
Property Damage Accidents	113	93	98	122
Accidents with injury	21	8	19	9
Private Property Accidents	45	37	56	48
All Other Accidents	21	6	4	3

2015 Total Motor Vehicle Accidents.....179

Grosse Pointe City Youth Bureau

2015 Statistics

Dear Chief Poloni,

The following information is regarding the verified calls for service and reports pertaining to juvenile contacts the public safety department had in 2015.

In 2015 we responded to fifty verified offenses involving juveniles, this is down from sixty-one in 2014 and sixty-seven in 2013.

Once again family trouble and malicious mischief calls led the calls responded to by officers. This has been the trend over the last five years.

The family trouble calls showed a reduction by one and malicious mischief was reduced by six verified calls.

With that being said it is important to note that officers responded to one report of a strong armed robbery involving a juvenile suspect. This incident has been the first robbery of any type committed by a juvenile in the last three years.

It should be pointed out that both our contacts involving minor in possession and VSCA have gone up. This has been a result of officers making contacts with multiple juveniles within the same vehicle, ultimately resulting in a similar criminal charge. These cases were reviewed and sent to our juvenile diversion program resulting in a very high successful completion rate.

Youth Bureau (Continued)

Of our three confirmed larceny cases involving juveniles, these cases all have been the work of one juvenile the department was able to identify, interview, and charge with the three separate larcenies he had committed.

Like 2014 I have sent a large number of our juvenile cases for diversion. Since starting our juvenile program with Steve Johnson and Class A Training Center I am pleased to say this program has had the highest successful completion rate of any juvenile program before it.

In years prior I have pointed out that the breakdown of these statistics cannot fully identify the efforts that officers have put in to ensure a positive outcome to any call that we answer involving a juvenile.

As always I have continued to enjoy my role as the department's juvenile officer.

Sergeant Christopher Cotzias

Youth Officer

Juvenile Related Offenses

2015 Comparison

Juvenile Offense	2015	2014	2013
RA/RNA	1	0	0
Assault including PO	1	4	0
CSC	1	0	0
UDAA	0	2	3
Family Trouble	16	17	15
Minor in Possession	4	3	0
Retail Fraud	0	0	1
Malicious Mischief	11	17	40
Truancy	0	1	1
Open House Party	0	2	1
Totals	34	61	67

Car Seat Inspections

In 2008, the department began car seat inspections. Officer Joseph Adams is certified as a car seat technician through Safe Kids USA. Officer Adams has continued his education in this field due to the evolving technology being produced in today's society.

Since the program inception, our officers have checked over 650 car seats. This program is a free service provided by our department and has serviced residents from the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and other neighboring county residents.

A flyer was produced by our department concerning this service and was placed at Beaumont Hospital for the new born packets given out in the maternity ward. The department believes this service has a great impact on the safety of the children in our community.

2015 Firefighting Response

Dwelling- Single/Multiple	5
Miscellaneous Buildings	0
Outside Fires	3
Mutual Aid Fire Response	17
Smoke Investigations	23
Fire Alarms	36
Wires Down	21
Natural Gas Leak	13
Carbon Monoxide Detection	6
Fuel Spill/Hazmat	2
Ambulance Runs	197
Car Fires	1
Total:	324

2015 Fire Loss Overview



In 2015 the Grosse Pointe City Department of Public Safety had a \$125,000 fire loss for the year.

**City of Grosse Pointe
Beaumont Medical Transportation Service, Inc.
2015 Annual Report**

Operational Performance:

Beaumont Medical Transportation Service, Inc. (BMTS) received 197 emergency requests for service with 144 transports (53 cancelled calls). BMTS' average response time for the 2015 annual period was three (3) minutes and forty (40) seconds (3:40) for all emergency calls. BMTS was on scene within eight (8) minutes for 94% of the time for emergency responses in 2015.

Sixteen (16) Mutual Aid emergency responses were handled by BMTS affiliate companies DMCare Express, Community EMS and Healthlink Medical Transportation with an average response time of six (6) minutes and eighteen (18) seconds (6:18). The dedicated BMTS 24/7 Advanced Life support (ALS) unit in the city, stationed at Beaumont Grosse Pointe contributed to additional coverage for community above and beyond the Basic Life Support (BLS) coverage concurrently in place. This unit has been provided a police radio from the department to help increase response times and having the same crews cover the city has help foster better inter-agency relations with City of Grosse Pointe Police Officers.

Community Service:

Beaumont Medical Transportation, Inc. was involved with various community services within the City of Grosse Pointe in 2015. BMTS participated in community health fairs in conjunction with Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, including the "bring your kid to work day," where over 100 children were given the opportunity to look inside the ambulance and received 911 educational coloring books (age appropriate). Flu shot clinics were provided for City of Grosse Pointe employees and citizens of Grosse Pointe. BMTS remains willing to participate in community activities as they become available.

Quality Assurance Program:

Beaumont Medical Transportation Service, Inc. has continued to use prospective, concurrent and retrospective methods to assess the quality of patient care and to identify performance deficiencies. Our Quality Assurance (QA) team continues to monitor performance indicators such as standard-of-care compliance and protocol adherence. Each call from the City of Grosse Pointe goes through a CQI process to make sure the highest quality of care is continued to be provided. If patient care or documentation concerns are identified, we respond with a remediation process facilitated by our Training and Education Department and Medical Director, Dr. Dean Dalbec. BMTS also continues to be licensed to operate within the Detroit East Medical Control Authority (DEMCA).

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Communications Center:

Dispatch Services for Beaumont Medical Transportation Service, Inc., provided by the Parastar Communications Center, implemented significant technological improvements with vehicle location status and resources allocation (response) using the Zoll Navigator and Zoll Dispatch Pro software. Parastar Communications Center is one of only 140 dispatch centers internationally that has achieved Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE) accreditation through the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch (NAEMD).

Changes in 2015:

Beaumont Medical Transportation Service, Inc. (BMTS) is actively seeking licensure to operate within Macomb County and expects to achieve this approval in 2015 in order to be able to propose emergency services to contiguous Grosse Pointe geographic service areas.

Summary:

Beaumont Medical Transportation Service, Inc. (BMTS) continues to be proud to service the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe. In 2015, BMTS met or exceeded the agreed upon criteria for 911 ambulance coverage. When service issues did arise the management staff was directly involved with city officials to resolve and mitigate these issues. BMTS considers itself a leader in technology by utilizing our integrated AVL (automated vehicle locator), CAD (computer aided dispatch), DriveCam and electronic field data collection system. Our fleet has expanded to 21 ambulances to better service all of our clients and patients. Beaumont Medical Transportation Service is committed to provide the best possible service to the citizens of the City of Grosse Pointe and is always ready to assist in any way possible. BMTS remains one of only 163 ambulance services in the entire country to have achieved (and maintains) accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS).

Department Awards

The Awards Board is composed of five members, with at least one member of each level of the department and meets whenever awards applications occur. The Public Safety Departments awards are:

POLICE MEDAL OF HONOR - For extraordinary heroism by an officer who knowingly ignores the imminent threat to his/her personal safety.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL - for exceptionally meritorious conduct involving great risk and danger to the officer's personal safety, but less than required for the MEDAL OF HONOR.

CITATION - For outstanding performance, involving personal risk to the officer that prevents a serious crime or the perpetrator is apprehended; for outstanding actions of a nature which bring unusual credit to the department and its members or contributions to law enforcement through the success of difficult programs, projects or situations.

MERIT - outstanding performance under unusual difficult conditions, but need not involve exposure to physical danger or meritorious actions which would not be eligible for a higher award.

LIFESAVING - For officers who are directly responsible for the saving of a human life.

COMMENDATION - For individual or units who perform outstanding services in a specific task or in the performance of general duties over an extended period of time.

2015 AWARDS

Officer of the Year

D/Sgt. Christopher Lee

Lifesaving Award

Lt. John Alcorn

Sgt. Ronald Sandzik

Sgt. Joseph Adams

PSO Thomas Martindale

MADD Award

Sgt. Jean-Pierre Cormier