

# KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

### MISSION STATEMENT

**THE MISSION OF THE KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO PRESERVE THE PEACE, PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, PREVENT CRIME, APPREHEND CRIMINALS, RECOVER LOST AND STOLEN PROPERTY, AND ENFORCE LAWS FAIRLY AND IMPARTIALLY.**

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## STATISTICS AND NUMBERS

It should be noted that the statistics reflected herein were accurate at the time of compilation. However, the totals are continually changing as cases are solved, cleared, unfounded, etc. Other offenses that have gone unreported are sometimes uncovered in the course of an investigation. We continue to pursue these incidents and add to the records as they develop.



# **CITY OF KINGSPORT**



## **MAYOR**

*John Clark*

## **VICE MAYOR**

*Mike McIntire*

## **ALDERMEN**

*Tom Segelhorst Tommy Olterman Tom Parham*

*Darrell Duncan Colette George*

## **CITY MANAGER**

*Jeff Fleming*

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

*David Quillin*

## **DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE**

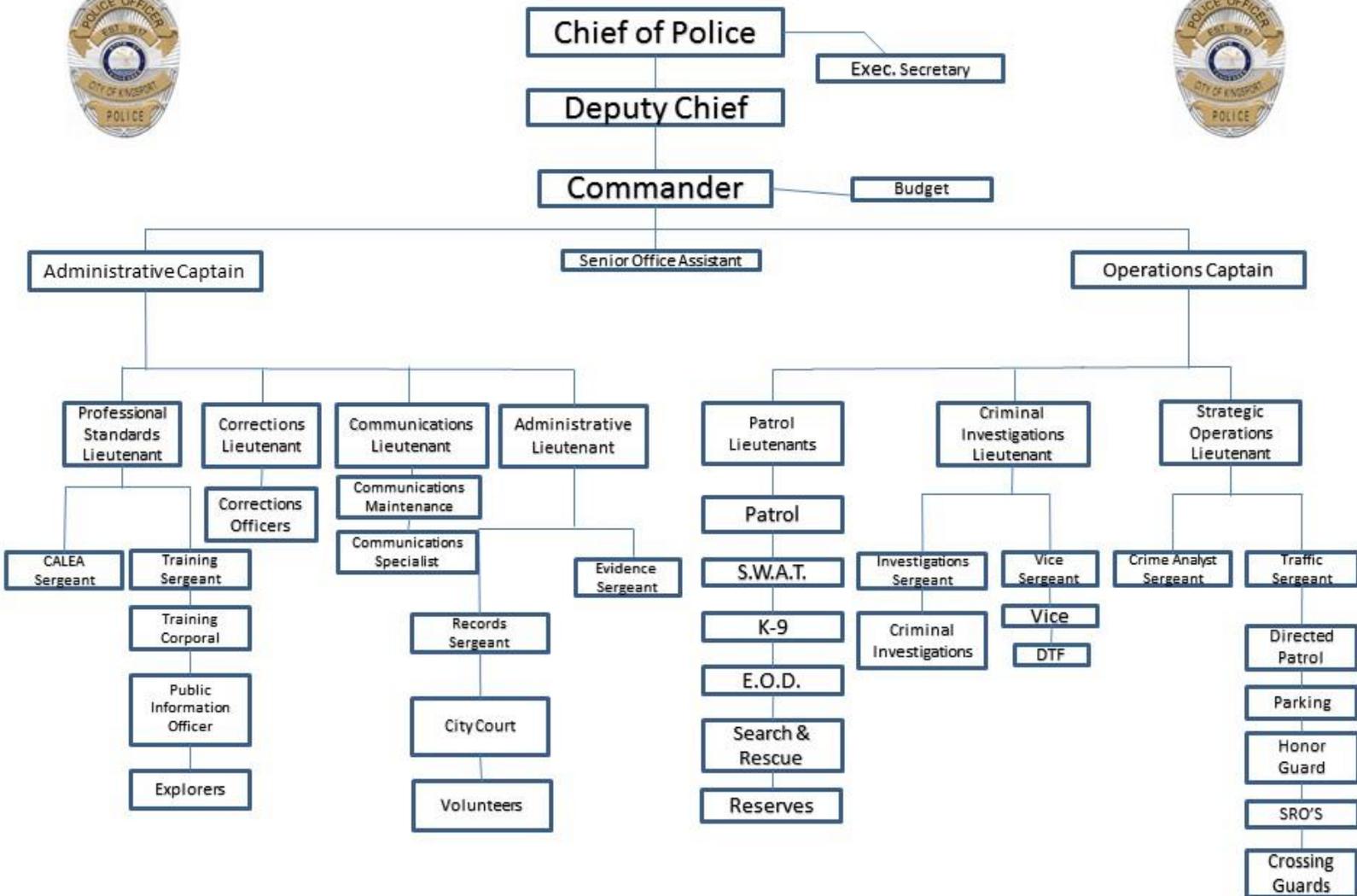
*Dale Phipps*

## **COMMANDER**

*Jason Bellamy*

# KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART Effective Date: 12/30/2016

# INTRODUCTION



**Kingsport Police Department, ca. 1950**

In 1822 the town of Christianville and the town of Rossville combined to form the incorporated town of Kingsport. The second oldest town in Sullivan County, Kingsport was considered the largest and most influential city in the county. Almost 100 years elapsed before Kingsport officially became a city in March 1917. Until that time, all law enforcement was performed by constables and the Sheriff of Sullivan County.

Upon being notified that the City had been chartered, the new governing body appointed George Barger as Chief of Police and three additional officers, W.P. Flora, A.R. Hagy, and Sam Barger, to serve and protect the City of Kingsport. Sullivan County Deputies W.W. Leedy and S.P. Devault were also still assigned to patrol the city.

The City of Kingsport has had 14 Police Chiefs since its charter, the current being Chief David Quillin. Currently the Kingsport Police Department employs 119 sworn officers, eight corrections officers, 22 communications personnel, 1 city court clerk, 4 records clerks, and 16 civilians. Additionally, the department and city benefit from the volunteer services of 3 reserve officers and 5 civilian volunteers. The department serves a population of slightly over 53,000 citizens. The city encompasses 53.28 square miles, the majority of which is inside of Sullivan County, with the westernmost edge in Hawkins County. Officers patrol 498.83 miles of streets, which include 25.53 miles of interstates.

The Kingsport Police Department also operates the city's 911 Communications Center. The department is unique in that it is one of the few remaining municipal police departments in the state that operate an in-house city jail. In 1989 the police department moved into the current Justice Center. Shortly after this move, the department was able to achieve a significant goal by obtaining national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Kingsport Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in the East Tennessee region, as well as being only the third agency in the entire State of Tennessee, to achieve this honor.



# OPERATIONS BUREAU

**-Patrol Division**

**-Honor Guard**

**-Directed Patrol**

**-Bomb Squad**

**-School Crossing Guards**

**-Crime Analysis**

**-Criminal Investigation Division**

**-Corrections**

**-S.W.A.T.**

**-Vice**

**-Reserve Officers**

**-School Resource Officers**

**-Traffic Enforcement Unit**

**-K-9**

**-Parking Enforcement**

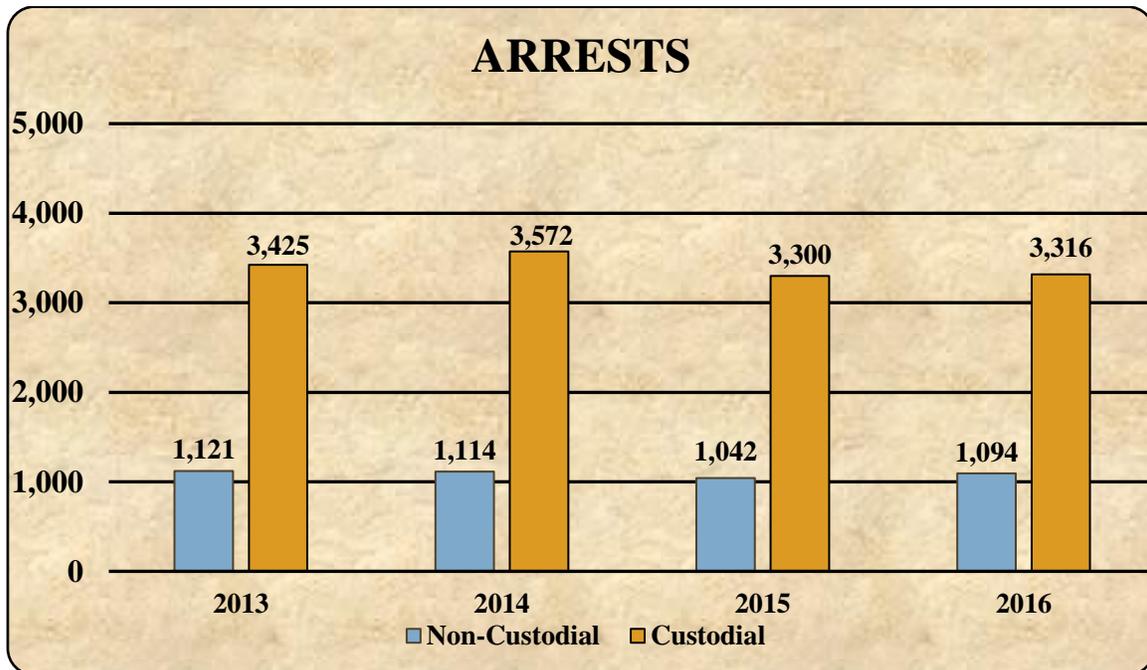
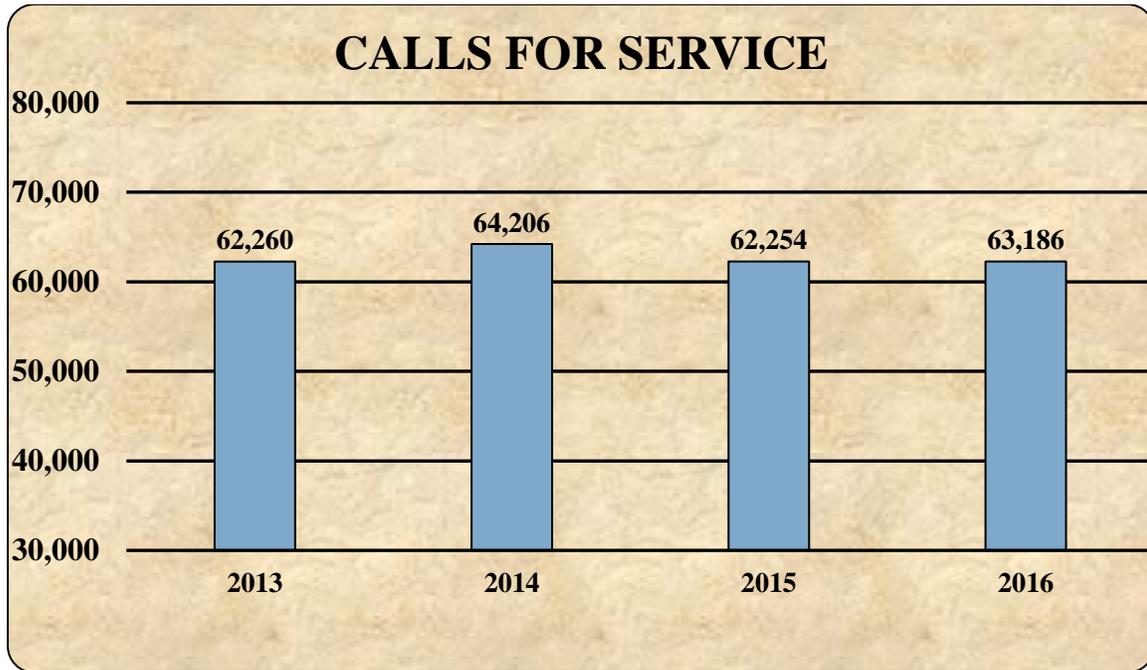
**-Search and Rescue**

## Patrol Division



As the backbone of the police department, the Patrol Division is divided into four rotating platoons. These four platoons are responsible for responding to citizens' complaints, handling calls for service, initiating police investigations, and enforcing traffic laws. With additional specialized units supplementing the Patrol Division, the Kingsport Police Department answered 63,186 calls in 2016 compared to 62,254 in 2015. This is an increase of 932 calls, or 1.5%. As a result of these calls and investigations, 4,410 adults and juveniles were either arrested or issued a misdemeanor citation in lieu of arrest.

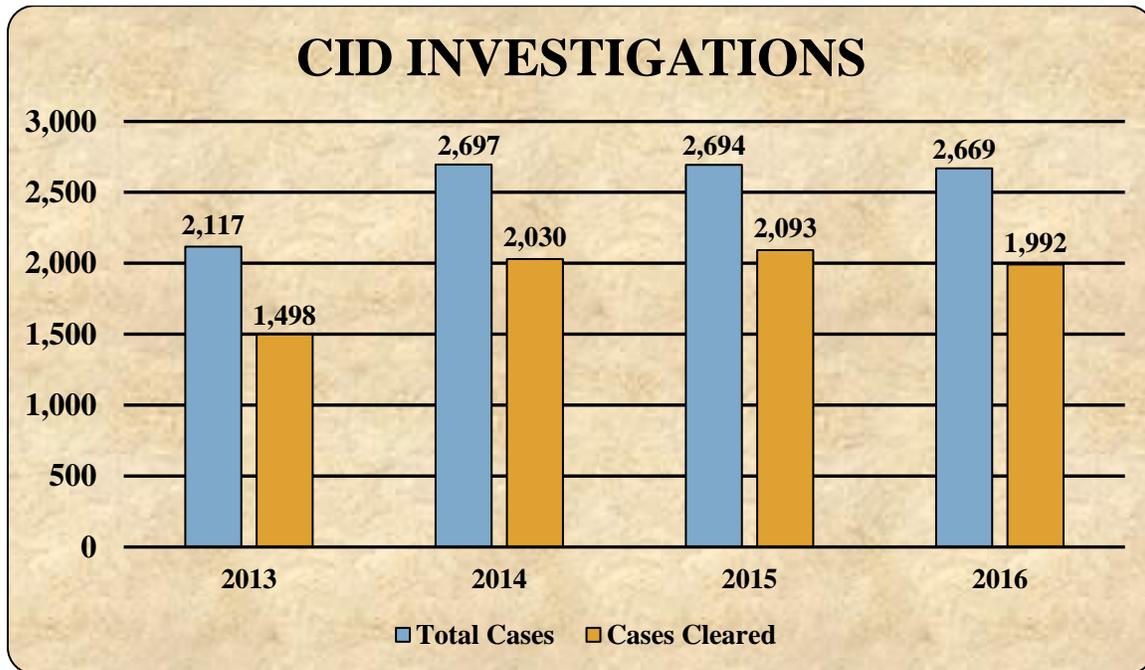
# PATROL STATISTICS



\*These numbers combine adult and juvenile arrests.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.) is responsible for investigating all major crimes in Kingsport. The detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 2,669 cases in 2016. Of these, 1,992 were cleared, for a clearance rate of 75%.



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Kingsport Police Department continues to maintain an excellent working relationship with the Kingsport City Schools. Two officers are dedicated to Dobyms-Bennett High School while one officer each is assigned to John Sevier Middle School and Ross N. Robinson Middle School. For the year 2016 the SROs at Dobyms-Bennett investigated 120 incidents, while the SROs at John Sevier and Robinson investigated 56 and 19 incidents respectively.

While budgeting has not allowed the assignment of individual officers to the rest of the city schools, officers conducted 2,463 school "walk-thrus" at all city schools in 2016, to include the Palmer Center and St. Dominic Catholic School. This averages out to approximately 14 school walk-thrus per school day.

## **HONOR GUARD**



The Honor Guard proudly represents the police department at parades, local gatherings, and the funerals of fallen police officers, while displaying the flags of the United States, the State of Tennessee and the Kingsport Police Department. The team consists of sworn officers who train monthly in order to perform their duties in a professional manner.

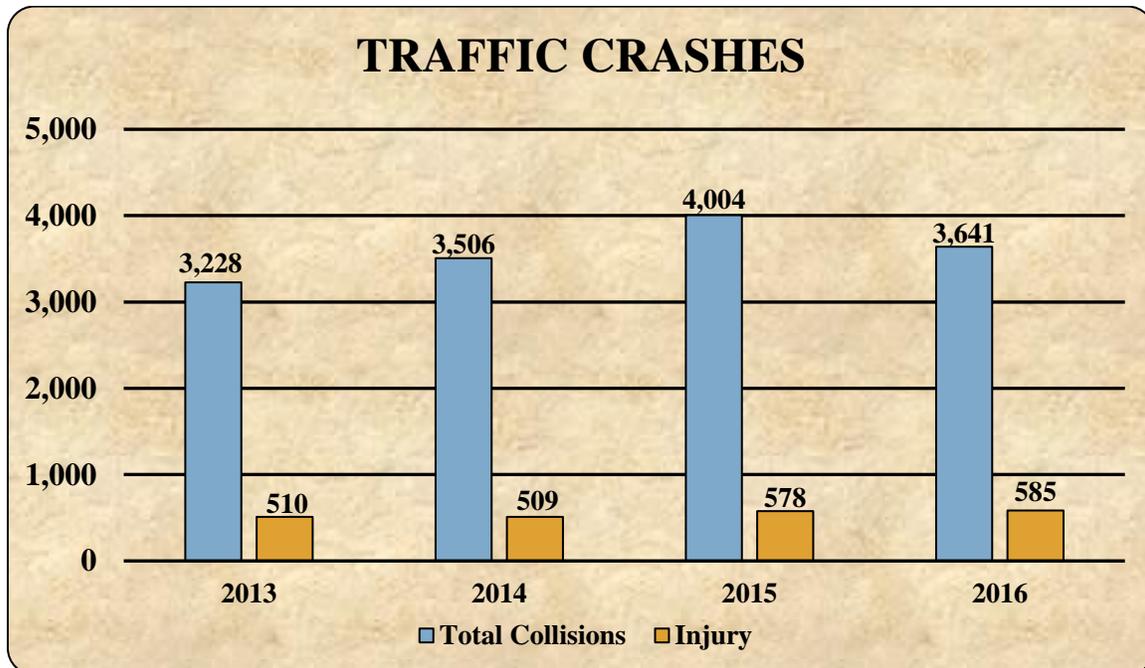
## **CORRECTIONS**

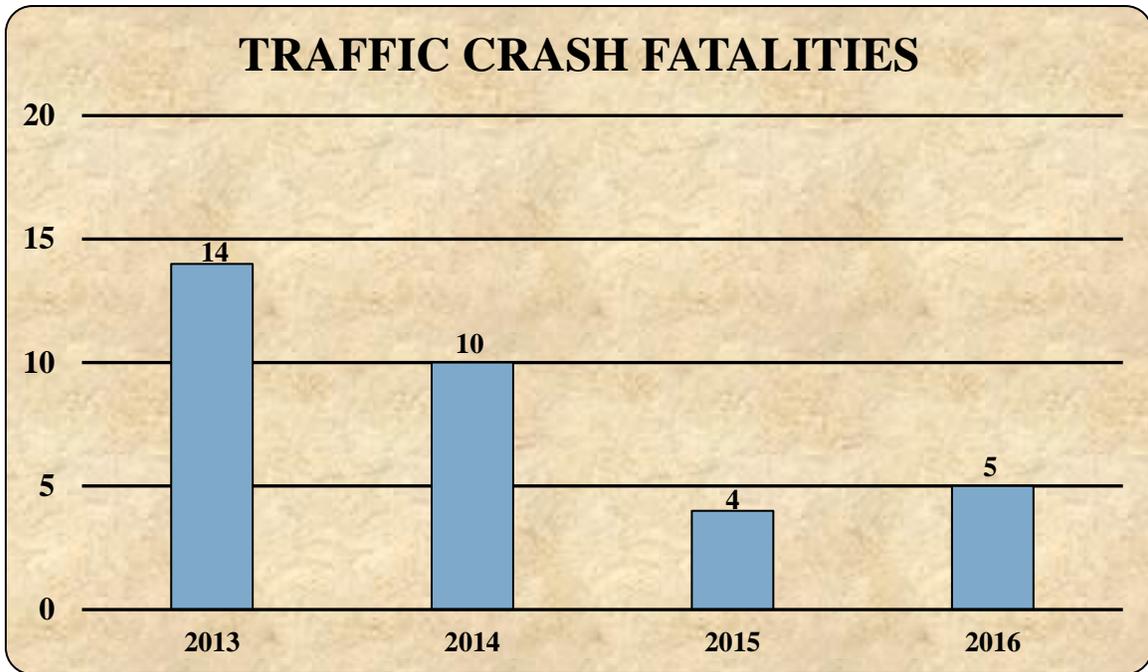
The Kingsport City Jail is classified as a Type II facility by the State of Tennessee, meaning that prisoners are held for 72 hours or less. Correctional Officers are responsible for booking and processing persons arrested by police personnel. Once the prisoner is brought into the jail, the Correctional Officer begins the booking process, which includes a thorough search of the prisoner, securing the prisoner's property, a detailed medical screening, fingerprinting and photographing the prisoner, and securing them in a cell. Once incarcerated, Correctional Officers are responsible for the constant monitoring of the prisoners until they are released or transferred to another holding facility. In 2016, the Kingsport City Jail processed 2,247 physical arrests on 4,875 charges and processed 170 subjects that were issued Misdemeanor Citations. Jail staff also served over 2,800 meals to prisoners that were incarcerated in our jail. The Kingsport City Jail is a state certified holding facility, falling under the rules and regulations of the Tennessee Corrections Institute. Our jail is inspected annually by a Detention Facilities Specialist from the Tennessee Corrections Institute, ensuring that our facility and staff are meeting the criteria mandated by the state.

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

There were 3,641\* traffic crashes investigated by members of the Traffic Unit and Patrol Division in 2016. Of those crashes, there were five fatal crashes, resulting in the deaths of five people, and 585 personal injury crashes that resulted in the injury or potential injury to 865 occupants or pedestrians. The total number of crashes decreased compared to 2015, while personal injury crashes and fatal crashes increased ever so slightly. One of the most common ways the Kingsport Police Department attempts to reduce traffic crashes is through diligent traffic enforcement and D.U.I. and seatbelt checkpoints. There were 11,104 citations issued in 2016 (this number includes violations of city ordinance as well as state law), with 71% of those being warning citations. Members of the department also participated in five D.U.I. checkpoints and one seatbelt checkpoint throughout the year. Additionally, as part of a Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant, officers of the department conducted 80 saturation patrols on designated roadways within the city. The focus of these saturation patrols is traffic safety and the reduction of crashes and fatalities through traffic law enforcement.

\*2014, 2015 & 2016 figures include minor collisions where damage was \$400 or less.





### **DIRECTED PATROL**

The Directed Patrol Unit is comprised of a group of officers that are utilized to target what the police department considers “hot spots” of criminal activity. Members of this unit handle everything from juvenile vandalism to serious drug complaints. The Directed Patrol Unit also has the ability to roam from zone to zone due to not being assigned to a specific area. Another benefit is being able to spend more time in different communities to address problems and concerns the residents may perceive. In addition, the officer can help them figure out a solution for the problem.



## **SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (S.W.A.T.)**

Commonly referred to as the “S.W.A.T. team”, 13 members make up this unit, including one medic. Additionally, there are two highly trained hostage negotiators on 24-hour callout that provide a valuable resource to the team. The S.W.A.T. team is activated only under the most extraordinary of circumstances, where the team’s specialized training, weapons, and tactics can be utilized. The S.W.A.T. team was activated six times in 2016.



## **K-9**

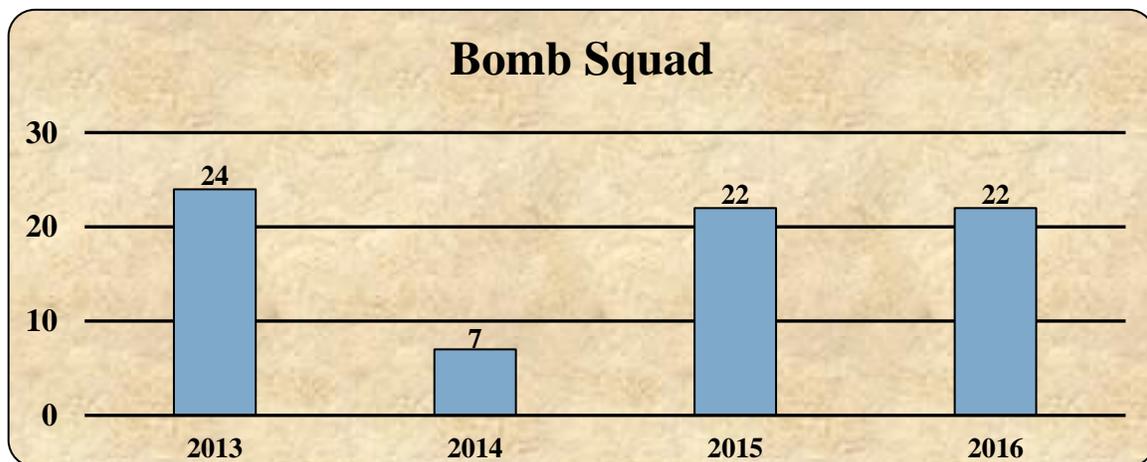


## K-9

The Kingsport Police Department utilizes four canines within its Patrol Division. Three of the canines are Belgian Malinois and one is a German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix. Each of the dogs are dual trained, meaning they are used for tracking, building searches, area searches and apprehensions as part of their first job. They may also be used in the detection of narcotics or explosives as part of their second job. For the year 2016 the K-9 teams were utilized 258 times. These dogs are highly motivated and require motivated handlers. During weekly training, these handlers ensure that the dogs are ready for annual competition trials in order to maintain their certifications as well as to stay abreast of changes in law and tactics. At the end of 2016 K-9 Axyl retired and his partner returned to Patrol. They will be replaced by a new team in 2017.

## BOMB SQUAD

In 2016, the Bomb Squad responded to 22 calls and safely disposed of various explosives. Due to current events, the Bomb Squad also responds to calls of suspicious packages. They are often utilized for mutual aid in assisting other jurisdictions prior to major events. In 2016 the Bomb Squad participated in 7 security details at public venues. Additionally, there were 6 classes taught by members of this unit.



## VICE

The VICE unit handles a number of investigations, including illegal drug sales and surveillance, prescription drug fraud, prostitution, underage alcohol sales, and gambling, among others. The VICE unit spent numerous hours this past year involved in a multi-agency investigation into a main drug supplier to the East Tennessee region. The Vice unit maintains an excellent working relationship with neighboring agencies, the District Attorney's Office, as well as Federal and State agencies, such as ATF, TBI, Homeland Security and the DEA.

In 2016, the Vice unit seized over \$106,681 in currency, 25 vehicles valued at an estimated \$94,000, and 103 weapons were seized. The drugs seized by the VICE unit had an estimated street value of over \$501,438.

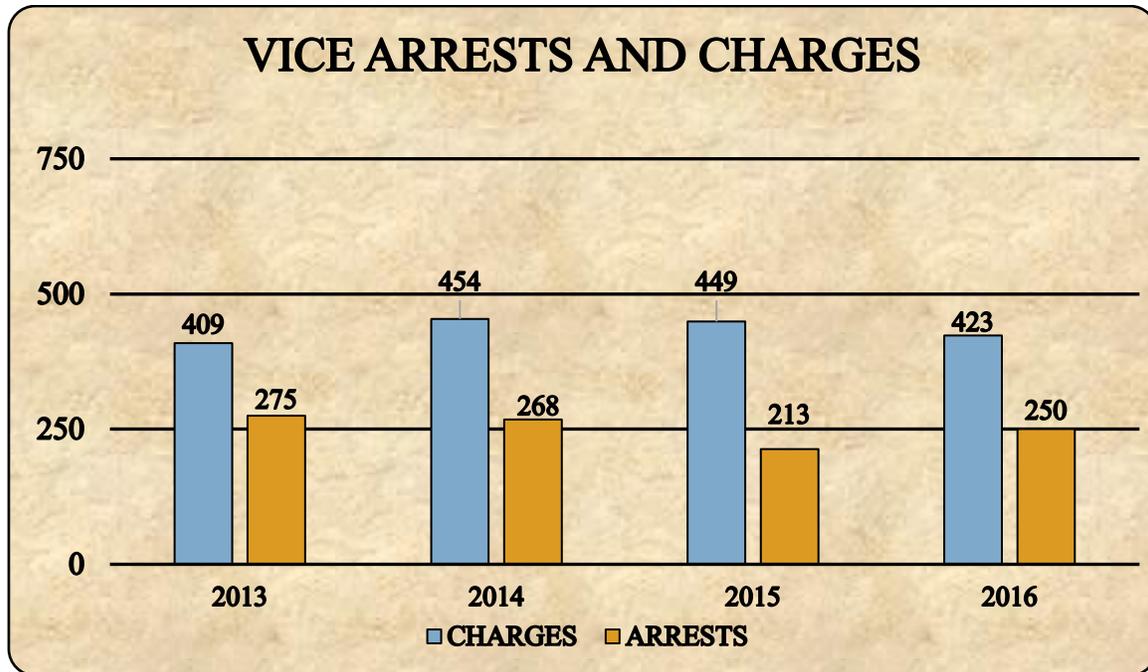
Additionally, there were 334 felony drug charges and 66 misdemeanor charges made for 2016.

## HOURS WORKED

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>SURVEILLANCE</b>	359	604	467	512
<b>ALCOHOL INVESTIGATION</b>	131	89	29	59.5
<b>COURT TIME</b>	454	392	283	173
<b>TRAINING</b>	321	208	152	411.5
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	1,345	1,293	931	1,156

## ACTIVITIES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>PAPERS SERVED</b>	70	62	23	66
<b>DRUG BUYS</b>	84	98	110	95
<b>AGENCY ASSISTS</b>	224	199	192	251
<b>BEER INSPECTIONS</b>	49	131	92	78
<b>BEER APPLICATIONS</b>	39	29	57	41
<b>SEARCH WARRANTS</b>	14	3	7	12



### **PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

The Parking Enforcement Officer, along with our citizen volunteers, issued 1,155 citations for illegal parking. These were issued for violations of the various parking ordinances to include handicapped parking violations.

### **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

There are 7 School Crossing Guard positions allocated to the police department to work at nine different schools. They are responsible for monitoring elementary and middle school students at selected school crosswalk intersections near these schools.

### **RESERVE OFFICERS**

The police department continues to benefit from the valuable volunteer services of three Reserve Officers. These officers are used as partner officers for full-time police officers and assist at community events, as well as road races and parades. Kingsport's Reserve Officers are required to meet the same standards of training as full-time police officers.

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

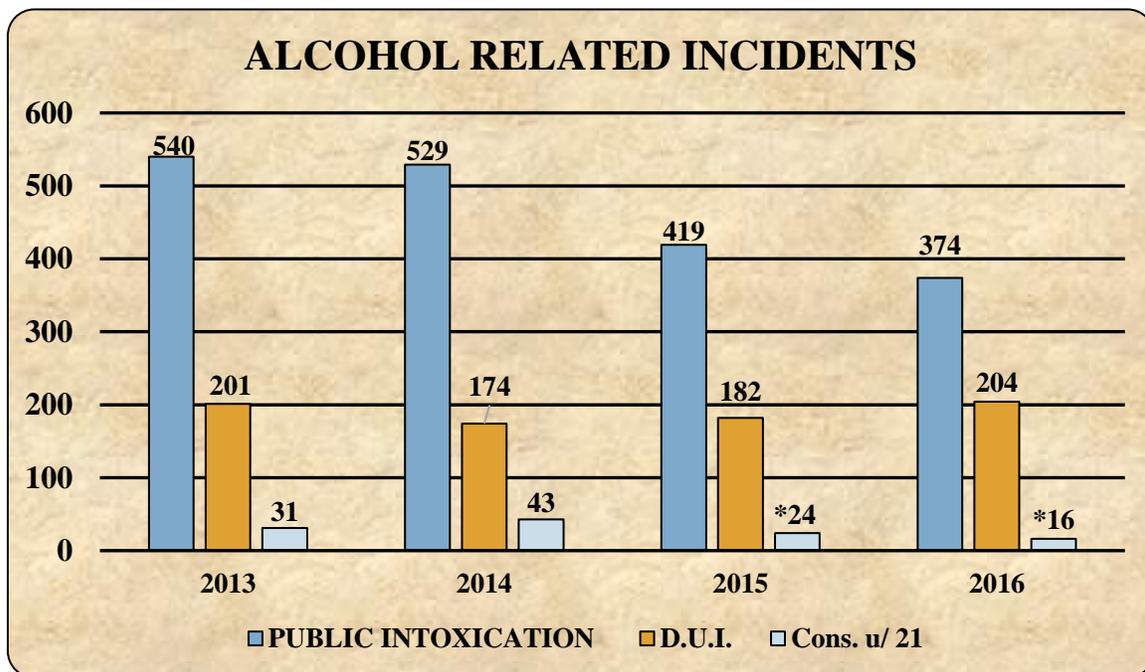
The department's Search and Rescue team is composed of 6 members selected from sworn police officers. Team members train monthly in visual tracking, local trail familiarization, and compass-assisted/GPS land navigation. All have attended and completed a TEMA (Tennessee Emergency Management Agency) certified visual man-tracking school. Along with the map, compass, and GPS, the team also utilizes thermal imaging devices and four-

wheel drive ATV's to accomplish missions and training. The team also trains with bloodhounds provided by Operations Captain Mike Roark. The Search and Rescue team responds mostly to calls of lost persons, but is also utilized to assist in searching for evidence in fields and wooded areas. The team was activated one time in 2016.

## CRIME ANALYSIS

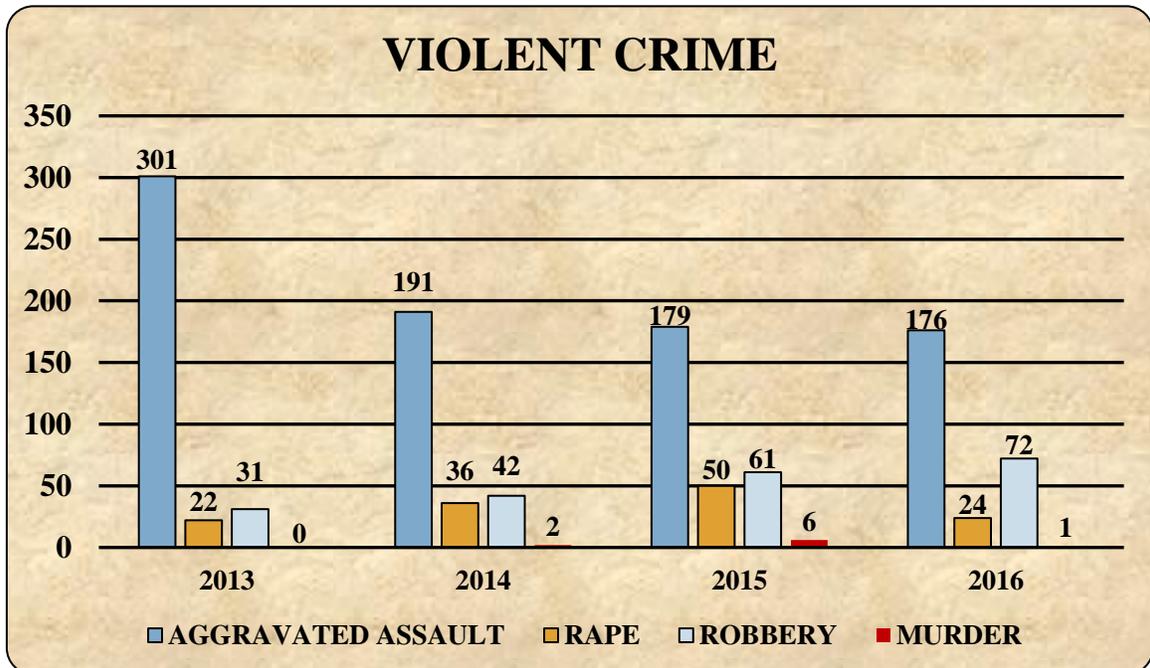
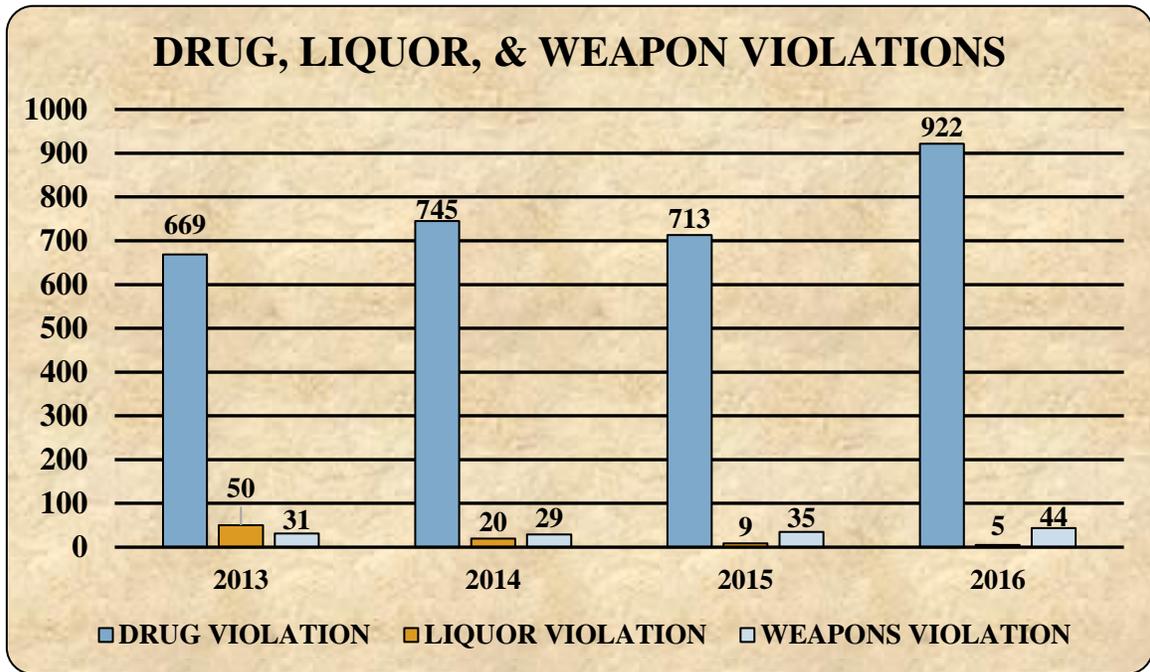
Crime analysis is an important part of detecting current and developing trends in criminal activity. When patterns are detected, the information can be pushed out to the appropriate division or unit for action. This task requires constant monitoring of data and reports as they come in to see if the resources that have been deployed are being effective. This is crucial when blended with the Compstat (Computerized Statistics) program for police supervision. The Crime Analyst is able to provide supervisors the most current information so decisions and adjustments can be made regarding manpower and resources.

## STATISTICS

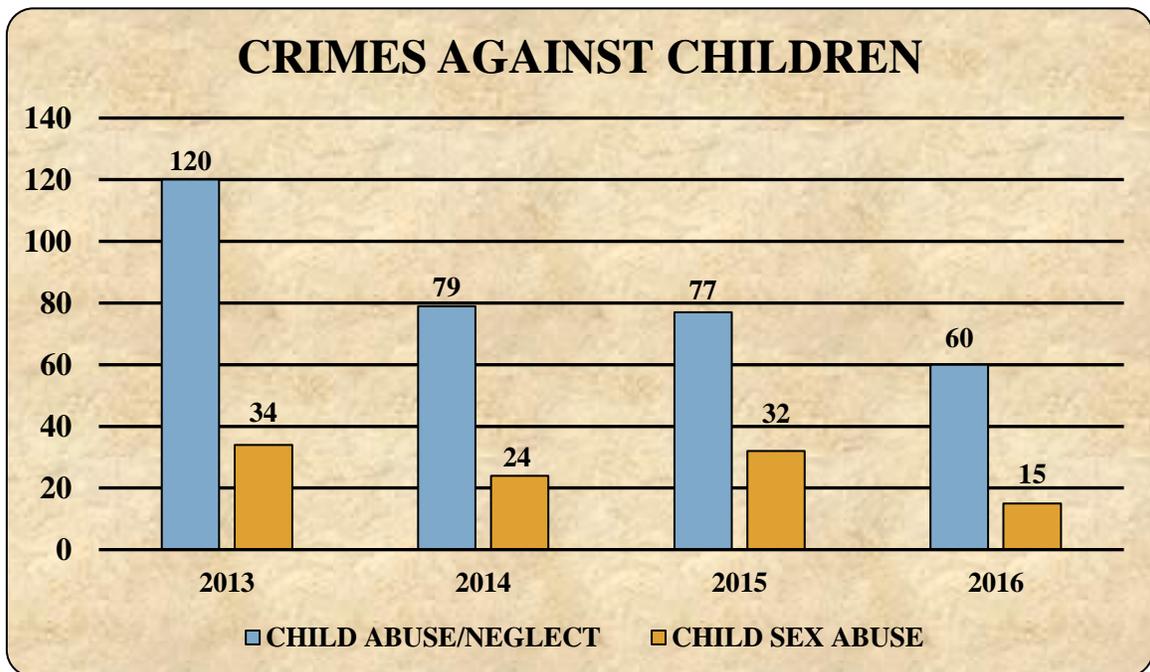
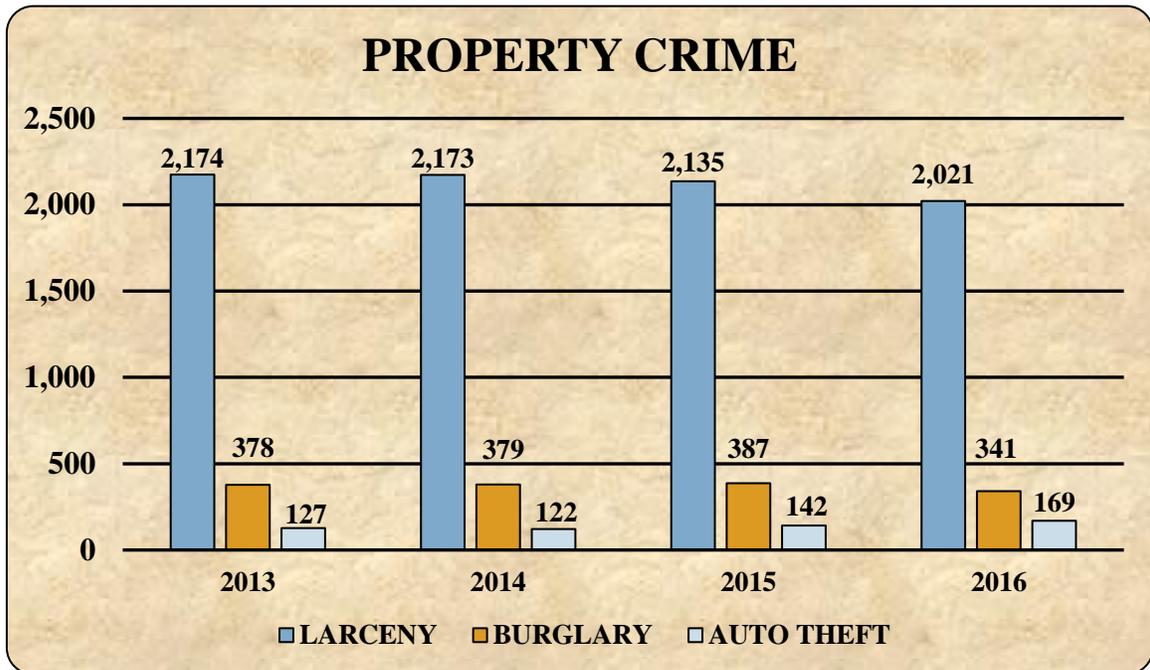


\*Cons. u/ 21 figures contain all u/21 alcohol related offenses.

# STATISTICS



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU**

It is the responsibility of the Administrative Bureau to provide technical support to all components within the organization of the Kingsport Police Department for orderly and efficient day-to-day functions.

**-Records Division**

**-City Court Collections**

**-Evidence, Property, and Storage Unit**

**-Central Dispatch**

**-Citizens' Academy**

**-TIBRS Reporting**

**-Red Light Traffic Enforcement System**

**-Professional Standards Unit**

**-Volunteer Services**

### **RECORDS DIVISION**

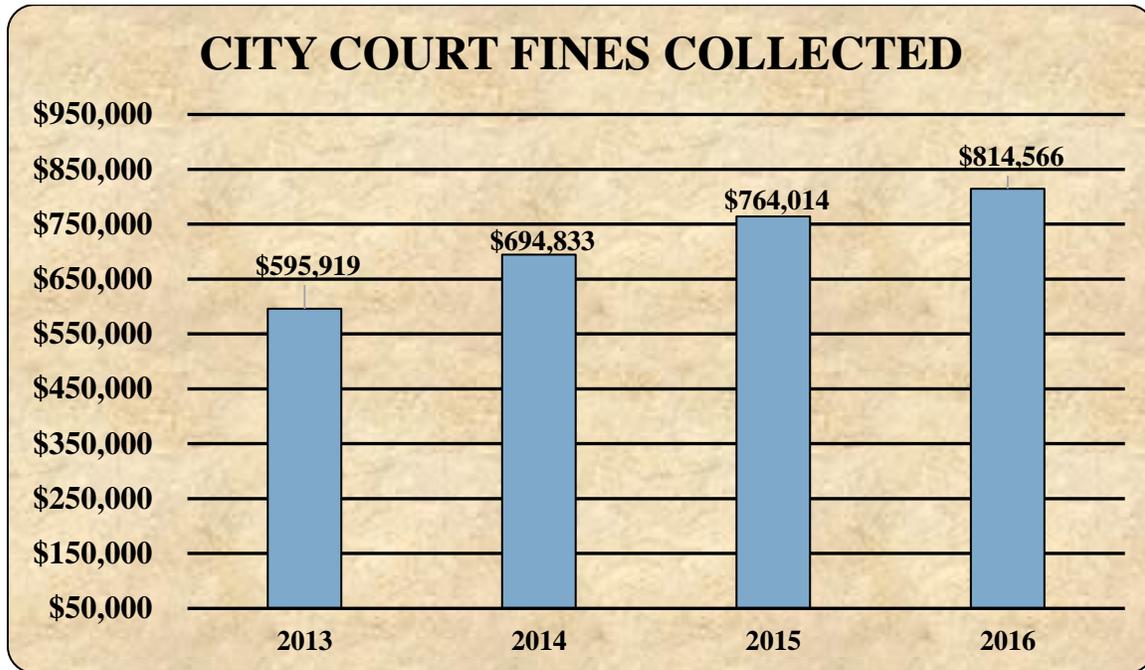
In addition to personnel in the Records Division being the first interaction many citizens have at the police department, this division is also the central repository for nearly all police department generated paperwork. This includes handwritten handicapped parking citations as well as closed major crime investigations. The Records Division is staffed by three full time Records Clerks, one part time Records Clerk, one full time Court Clerk, and one full time Receptionist. These clerks continue to ensure reporting accuracy of TIBRS data via validation checks of electronic reports submitted by officers. Additionally, they collect fines for city ordinance and Red Light Camera violations, fulfill citizen's requests for police reports, track all court subpoenas for departmental personnel, and assist patrol officers and detectives when requested.

### **TIBRS REPORTING**

The Kingsport Police Department reported 6,402 Group A offenses to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in 2016, which is 247 more than 2015 (6,155). In 2016 3,203 cases were cleared, resulting in a 50% clearance rate that remains consistent with the clearance rate of 2015. For additional information on crime statistics, contact the T.B.I. at [www.tennesseecrimeonline.com](http://www.tennesseecrimeonline.com).

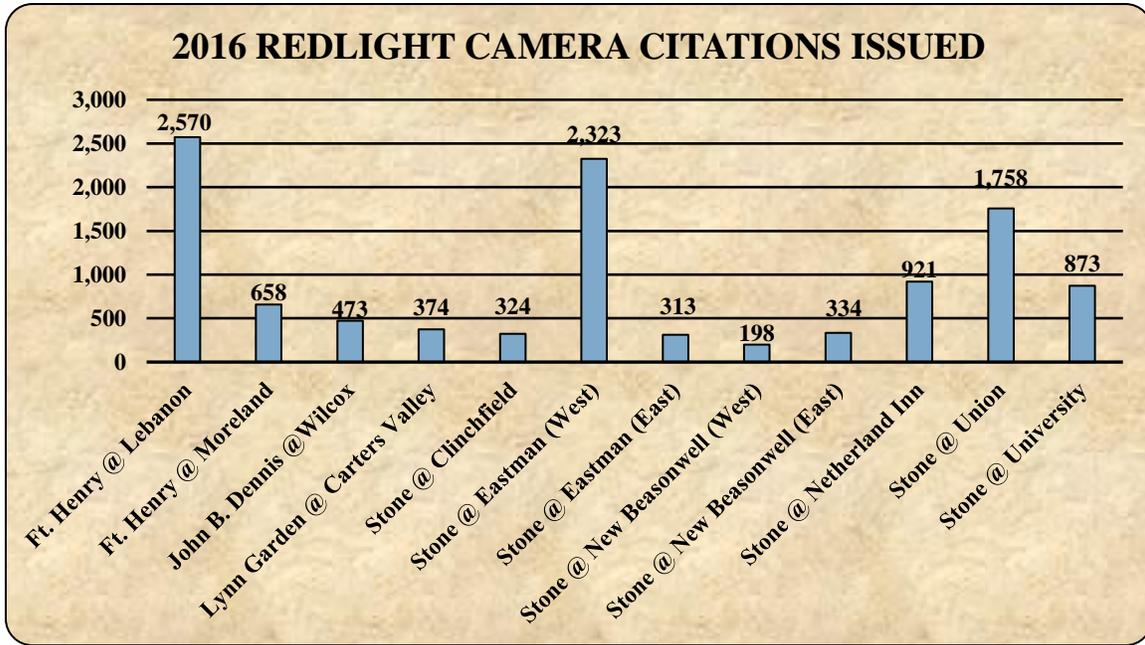
## CITY COURT COLLECTIONS

For 2016, the City Court clerks collected a total of \$814,566.33. These monies were paid to satisfy various traffic fines, Redflex camera enforcement citations, parking fines, and code enforcement fines.



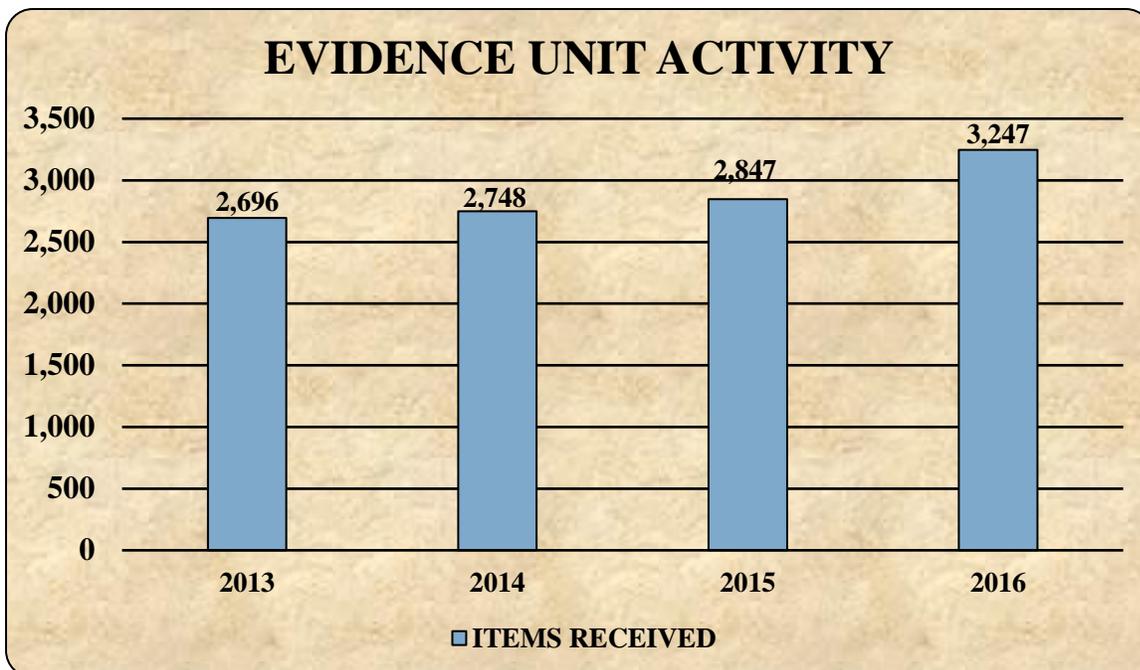
## RED LIGHT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM

The Kingsport Police Department continues to utilize our Red Light Traffic Enforcement System to capture violations at various intersections across the city. The Red Light Traffic Enforcement System is located at twelve intersections where past data has shown a trend of serious crashes. For the year 2016, red light cameras captured 28,010 potential violations. However, factors such as license plate obstruction, sun glare, weather, or the issuing state tag not being identified, eliminated 13,981 citations from consideration. The result was that 14,029 citations were issued to motorists for violations.



## EVIDENCE, PROPERTY, AND STORAGE UNIT

The Evidence/Property Unit is responsible for all items and property that come into the possession of the Kingsport Police Department. The numbers charted below represent items submitted by officers of the Kingsport Police Department.



## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT**

The Kingsport Police Department Professional Standards Unit is an integrated unit that encompasses internal affairs investigations, background investigations, accreditation, training, community relations and recruitment. Each element of the Professional Standards Unit works toward the common goal of maintaining a high level of professionalism within the Kingsport Police Department that reflects on the community it serves.

- During 2016, the Kingsport Police Department Professional Standards Unit conducted (3) three Internal Affairs Investigations. All the investigations were unfounded. The Professional Standards Unit also conducted (39) thirty-nine employment background investigations during 2016.
- The Kingsport Police Department completed a three year re-accreditation cycle in December of 2016. The Kingsport Police Department has been accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A.) since 1992. The Kingsport Police Department has been awarded re-accreditation in 1997, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, and 2014. The Kingsport Police Department is currently being considered for a 7<sup>th</sup> re-accreditation award in March of 2017.
- The training mission of the Professional Standards Unit is one of the most critical functions of the Kingsport Police Department. The primary role of the officers assigned to this duty is to ensure that all personnel receive the training needed to complete the tasks of their assigned job assignment and/or rank. Officers of the Kingsport Police Department received over 21,122 hours of training during 2016.
- In 2016, there were a total 549 applicants that applied for the position of police officer. Of that number, 231 applicants participated in the written test. There were 83 applicants that passed the written test and moved forward to the physical agility portion of the testing. 68 applicants passed the physical agility testing and moved on to the oral board phase of testing. For the year of 2016, 10 police officers were hired.

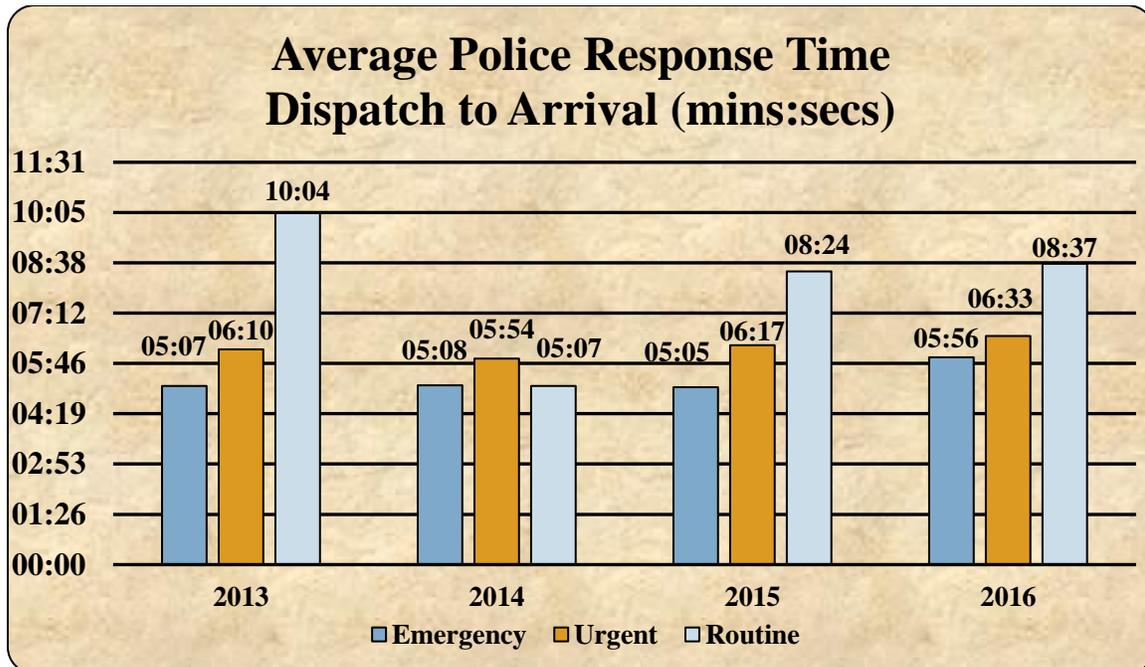
- The Kingsport Police Department’s Public Information Officer is responsible for maintaining the department’s positive image as perceived by the community it serves by effectively building trust and strong working relationships with private businesses and industry, other government entities, citizens, and the media. During 2016, the P.I.O. issued over 200 official news releases that were circulated to traditional media outlets and the general public via e-mail and social media. News releases were disseminated on a variety of issues to include wanted suspects, major arrests, serious motor vehicle collisions, missing persons, significant accomplishments, etc. These news releases resulted in the P.I.O. conducting dozens of interviews throughout the year. The P.I.O. continues to work with the Operations Bureau to assist the Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions with soliciting help from the public in closing unsolved cases. The P.I.O. was also responsible for maintaining the department’s website (nearly 50,000 visitors), blog (241 subscribers), FaceBook page (6,951 fans), Twitter feed (907 followers), and YouTube channel (339 subscribers). The P.I.O. also conducted over 100 separate face-to-face public safety education and crime prevention oriented programs reaching thousands of individual citizens. These programs were on a variety of topics to include child safety, scam and identity theft prevention, neighborhood watch, church security, substance abuse prevention, traffic safety, etc.



## CENTRAL DISPATCH

In 2016, Kingsport Central Dispatch handled 209,542 phone calls. Of those, 36,283 were 9-1-1, while 173,259 were non-emergency; 63,069 calls were police department related; 8,990 were fire department related; and 14,367 were EMS or KLSC related.

Dispatchers also made 141,076 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) entries into the system to document their activities. This is an average of 386 entries per day.



## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Volunteer Services Program continues to contribute to the department through:

1. Handicapped Parking Enforcement
2. Administrative Services
3. Traffic Control Services
4. Public Relations Assistance
5. Special Events

During 2016, volunteers logged over 500 hours of work with the department and issued 346 handicapped parking violations.

## CITIZENS' ACADEMY



The Citizens' Academy has been a successful outreach and educational program for the police department since 1993. To date, the police department has held 36 academies with a total of 605 graduates. The department did not hold an academy in 2016 due to a personnel shortage and the amount of hours required to successfully complete a class. Over the years the graduates of the Citizens' Academy classes have included city officials, including the current City Manager, and BMA members, representatives from the business community and civic groups, members of the clergy, individuals interested in a career in law enforcement, and those members of the public that just want a better understanding of the challenges that Police Officers face on a daily basis. With the resolution of personnel shortages, the police department looks forward to continuing the Citizens' Academy in 2017 and into the future.

## **KINGSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2015/2016**

The Kingsport Police Department was approved for a budget of \$11,609,500 for the fiscal year of 2015/ 2016. The monies approved for this budget were divided amongst eight categories. These categories and funds are:

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>% of Change</b>
<b>PATROL</b>	\$5,839,476	\$5,639,356	\$5,867,200	3.88%
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$1,406,005	\$1,750,994	\$1,736,200	-0.85%
<b>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS</b>	\$1,668,270	\$1,646,521	\$1,636,700	-0.60%
<b>CENTRAL DISPATCH</b>	\$1,117,170	\$1,143,571	\$1,175,800	2.74%
<b>TRAINING</b>	\$316,146	\$300,958	\$347,000	13.27%
<b>JAIL</b>	\$313,823	\$384,979	\$435,800	11.66%
<b>COMMUNICATIONS MAINTENANCE</b>	\$265,491	\$272,300	\$399,200	31.79%
<b>TRAFFIC SCHOOL</b>	\$8,798	\$9,722	\$11,600	16.19%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,935,179</b>	<b>\$11,148,401</b>	<b>\$11,609,500</b>	<b>3.97%</b>

## SUMMARY OF BUDGETED POSITIONS

<u>Budgeted Position for 15/16</u>	<u>Sworn Position</u>	<u>Non-Sworn Position</u>
Administration	10	24
Jail	1	8
Training	3	0
Criminal Investigation Division	20	1
Patrol Division	84	0
Animal Control	0	0
Central Dispatch	1	20
Communication Maintenance	0	3
Totals	119	56

# RECOGNITION 2016



## PROMOTIONS

Lieutenant **Randall Gore** to Captain  
Sergeant **Steve Hammonds** to Lieutenant  
Sergeant **Tom Wayt** to Lieutenant  
Corporal **Darrell Johnson** to Sergeant  
Corporal **Randy Murray** to Sergeant  
Patrolman **Mike Burnette** to Corporal  
Patrolman **Seth Brumfield** to Corporal  
Patrolman **Dusty Jackson** to Corporal  
Patrolman **Justin McConnell** to Corporal  
Patrolman **Noah Tidwell** to Corporal  
Correctional Officer **Lucas Hensley** to Police Officer

## RETIREMENTS

Captain **Jenny Castle**  
Lieutenant **Jerry Mowell**  
Corporal **Kevin Kelly**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

ALL CITY EMERGENCIAS AND TDD	911
Central Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	246-9111
Central Dispatch-FAX	224-2594
General Police Information	229-9300
Police Administration	229-9344
Police Administration-FAX	224-2786
Police Chief	229-9423
Deputy Chief of Police	229-9469
Commander	229-9437
Watch Commander	229-9438
Criminal Investigation Division	229-9429
Patrol Division	229-9436
Training Division	229-9339
VICE	224-9434
Jail	229-9435
Records/Tickets	229-9427
Records/Tickets-FAX	229-9495
Public Information Officer/Community Relations	229-9433
Communications Manager	229-9358
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