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With 2015 now in the history books, it is my pleasure as the Chief of Police to submit the 2015 Annual Report.

2015 was a year of advances in technology and systems we use to fulfill our mission. The final preparations were made for a replacement CAD/Mobil/RMS system. This is a fully integrated system which will tie Dispatch, officers in the field, and the Records Division together by allowing the transfer of all incident related data seamlessly. Also, the Police Department researched and recommended specifications for a replacement video system for the squad cars which will allow for the addition of body cameras in the future. This project took many hours of research and analysis and culminated with two sergeants attending the International Chiefs of Police Conference during the fall in order to compare the available products in a matter of days.

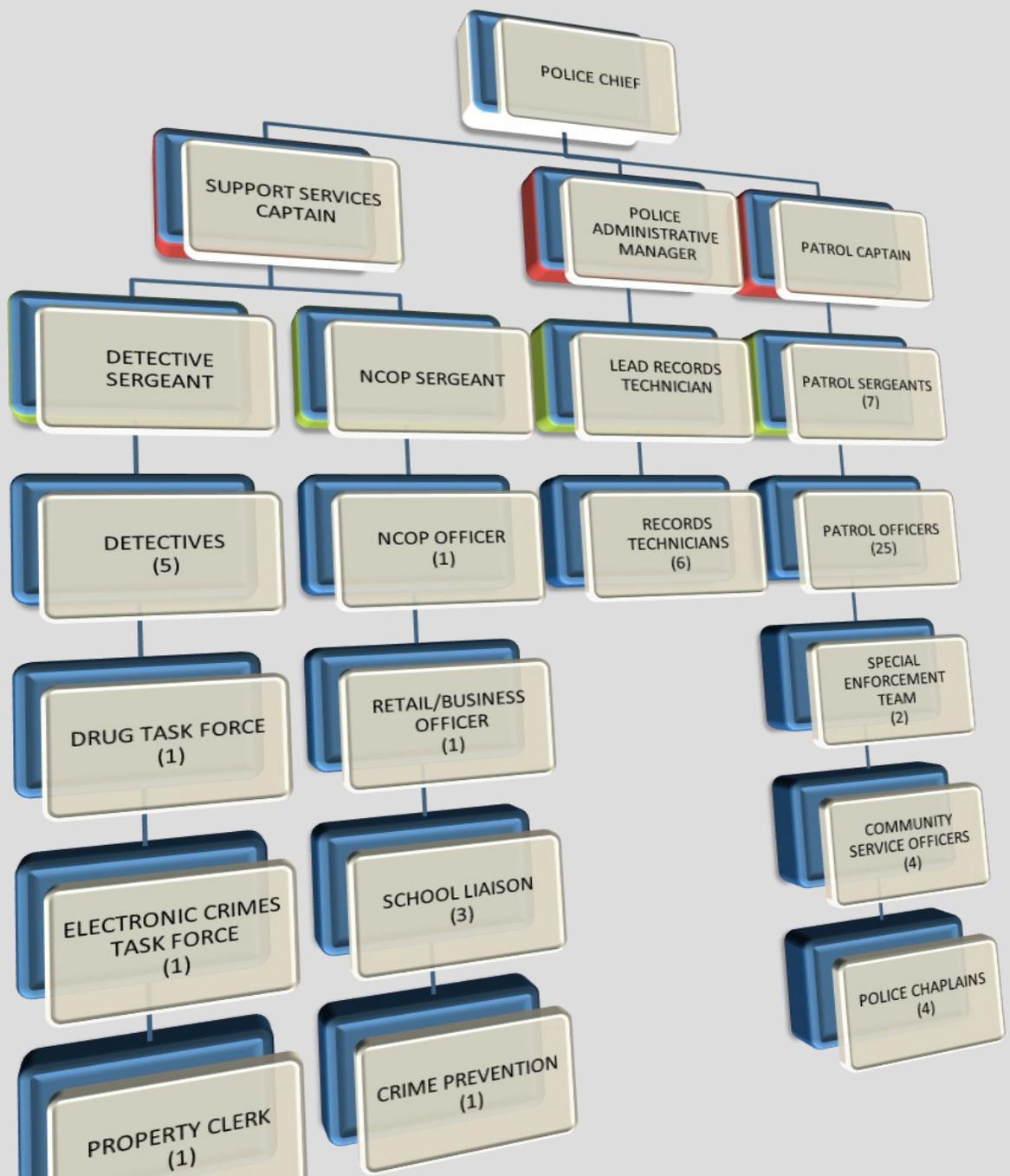
2015 also offered many challenging incidents for the men and women of the AVPD, but once again they answered the call to duty and fulfilled their mission remarkably well. Some of those incidents are mentioned in the pages of this report.

As your Chief, I pledge to provide the highest level of police service possible and to continuously improve our operation whenever possible.

The members of the Apple Valley Police Department give sincere thanks to the City Council and the citizens of Apple Valley for their unwavering support!

Jon Rechtzigel

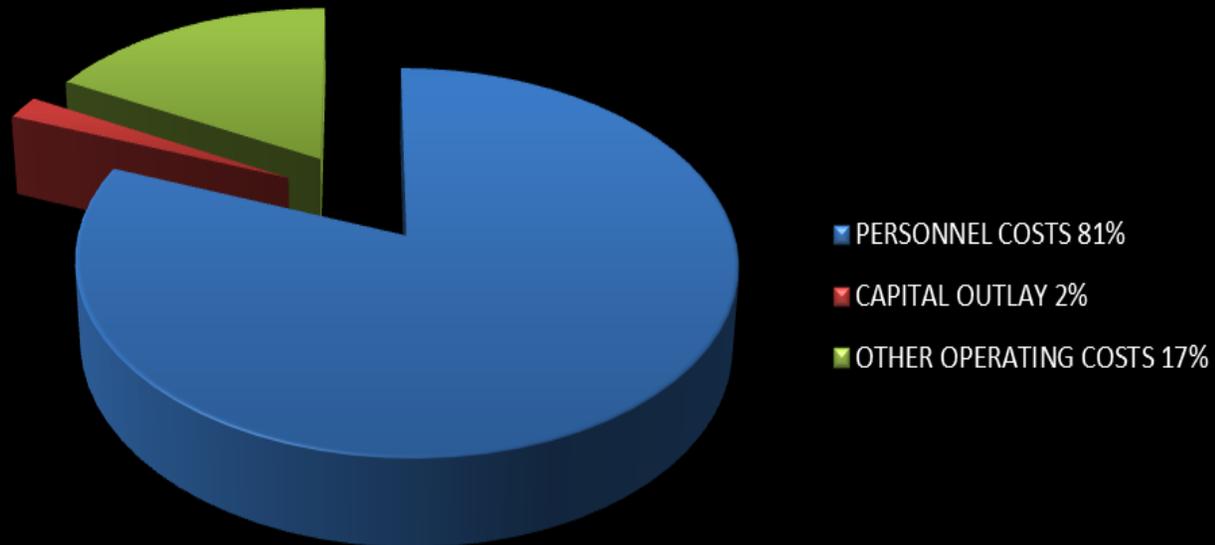
Organizational Chart



2015 Adopted Budget \$8,527,780 (Including Animal Control & Civil Defense)

2015 BUDGET
PERSONNEL COSTS – 81%
CAPITAL OUTLAY – 2%
OTHER OPERATING COSTS – 17%

2015 BUDGET





Greetings from the patrol division of the Apple Valley Police Department. I am honored to have assumed command of this division in July 2015. The patrol division is the face of our Police Department and is made up of dedicated men and women who respond to emergencies throughout the city on a daily basis. The division provides service to the community of Apple Valley twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year, in every conceivable type of weather without delay or hesitation. If a community member has an interaction with a police officer in Apple Valley, it is highly likely it will be with a member of the Patrol Division. Our staff responded to over 35,000 calls for service in 2015. The men and women assigned to the patrol division are augmented with additional uniformed officers including a K-9 team, the Special Enforcement Team, and Community Service Officers.

Officers working patrol in the Apple Valley Police Department not only respond to calls for service, but do so much more. They conduct criminal investigations, enforce traffic laws, investigate traffic crashes, conduct community outreach speeches, and assist paramedics and fire personnel on structure fires or medical emergencies. When a recurring problem is discovered, whether it be criminal, community safety or quality of life, patrol officers work with each other as well as their supervisors to develop plans for an effective response to that problem. Officers are assigned to a beat within the city to provide faster response times and we have found the beat method encourages community policing to take place on a daily basis. The Patrol Division is made up of many talented individuals who think outside of the box to work with our community to make it a better place to live, work, and play.

2015 proved to be a difficult and challenging year for police departments all across our nation. Despite these challenging conditions there are countless examples of how Apple Valley Police Officers went above and beyond the call of duty to provide excellent service to their community. Operation “Thank-a-Cop” was created by a local business owner who wanted community members to have a way to show their support for police officers. The Police Department assisted several local families during the holiday season through our annual “Shop with a Cop” program and there are several stories of Patrol Officers using their own money to provide help to someone in need of assistance. These are the stories that separate our Patrol Officers from officers anywhere else in Minnesota.

The men and women of the Apple Valley Police Department’s Patrol Division continually thank the members of the community for their support. Through good times and bad, our goal is to meet our mission of protecting our community and improving quality of life through service, education, and enforcement.



The Dakota County Multi-Agency Assistance Group (DCMAAG) is a tactical team comprised of 33 licensed police officers from 10 of the 12 police agencies of Dakota County. DCMAAG also has a crisis negotiations team (CNT) comprised of 10 licensed police officers. Two tactical paramedics from Health East are also assigned to the DCMAAG team. The DCMAAG team has a service area of approximately 550 square miles and a population of approximately 275,000 residents.

In 2015, DCMAAG had 15 full-team activations for various situations. These include High risk warrant service and vehicle take downs. Barricaded suicidal and criminal subjects comprised the remainder of activations. The armored Bearcat vehicle responded 11 times to various cities in Dakota County for tactical assistance. The vehicle was also used for mutual aid in other cities and counties outside of Dakota County.

Our department contributes seven police officers to the team. Five are assigned to the tactical operations section and two are assigned to the CNT section. These officers receive specialized training in their assigned section.



2015 was a busy year for our K9 team Zach and Duke. During the year, Duke was deployed 67 times in Apple Valley and throughout Dakota County for various calls within his training scope (narcotics, tracking, searches, apprehension). Of those deployments for 2015, the highest number came between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. Both participated in the PD1 K9 Trials held in Cloquet, MN last summer and did an outstanding job for their first time out.

Zach and Duke participated in various demos with other canines, to include an appearance last fall at the Dakota County Fairgrounds. The dogs demonstrated their skills and agility apprehending fleeing subjects as well as their highly developed sense of smell locating hidden narcotics.

Duke also received a brand new K9 vest last year donated by a resident of Apple Valley and facilitated through an organization called Vested in K9s. We are very grateful for this contribution made to our K9 program and appreciate that our citizens value our canine partners with such high regard as well.



The Dakota County Special Operations Team (DCSOT) is a cooperative effort of public safety agencies in Dakota County, Minnesota. The team was developed after the 9-1-1 terrorism attack.

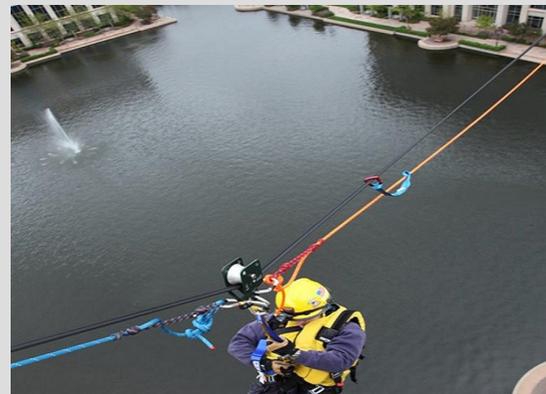
The DCSOT is currently operational with a focus on incidents involving Hazardous Materials, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Technical Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue and SWAT Operations.

The team consists of 36 members from police, fire and EMS agencies within the county. Team members operate as highly skilled rescuers, while ensuring crime scene preservation and the tactical safety and rescue of those involved in the incident. The DCSOT is available to assist agencies within Dakota County with incidents that require additional resources or specialized skills. Sean McKnight of the Apple Valley Police Department is the Team Commander.

The DCSOT is also part of the Minnesota Structural Collapse Team, Minnesota Task Force One (MN-TF1). Together with Minneapolis, St. Paul, Edina and Rochester Fire Departments, MN-TF1 responds with specialized equipment and trained personnel to assist with Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and Structural Collapse Incidents throughout Minnesota.

Partial List of DCSOT Incident Responses for 2015

<i>Eagan – Meth Lab Evaluation/Evidence Collection</i>
<i>Burnsville– Structure Fire/Meth Lab</i>
<i>Rosemount– Chemical Inhalation/Chlorine Accident</i>
<i>Hastings-Hazmat Call/Ammonia Dumping</i>
<i>Rosemount-Rescue Cutting</i>
<i>Apple Valley-Suicidal Person/Chemical Suicide</i>
<i>Lakeville– Trench Rescue</i>
<i>Vermillion TWP-Ammonia Tank Leak</i>



The Special Enforcement Team (SET) is a proactive traffic unit dedicated to enforce motor vehicle laws. In 2015, SET was staffed by Sergeant Adam Tschida, Officer Kurt Schultz, and Officer David Engel. With the aid of our citizens, SET identifies areas of traffic concerns within various neighborhoods and aggressively patrols those areas in an effort to reduce speeding or other inappropriate driving conduct. In 2015, SET issued 746 traffic citations. While working to keep our City's streets safe, the SET officers conducted a total of 1,200 traffic stops.

SET is also responsible for conducting alcohol and tobacco compliance audits on local businesses that sell these products within the City of Apple Valley. These audits are conducted several times throughout the year. In 2015, a total of 253 individual checks were completed. During these checks, underage volunteers assist SET officers by entering a businesses and attempt to purchase alcohol and tobacco. When the underage volunteer is allowed to purchase alcohol or tobacco, the witnessing SET officer takes immediate enforcement action which can result in criminal and civil consequences.

SET is also responsible for monitoring Registered Predatory Offenders and individuals who are in the Dakota County Drug Court program. The SET officers personally meet with these offenders numerous times a year to ensure they are in compliance with the law and abiding by the Drug Court rules. The in-person meetings with the Registered Predatory Offenders allow the SET officers to verify their residence, place of employment, vehicles, and other registration information. When an offender becomes non-compliant with his or her registration, SET pursues criminal charges which can result in an arrest of the offender. In 2015, SET conducted approximately 220 compliance checks. Throughout the calendar year, a total of four offenders were found to be non-compliant and were ultimately taken into custody for those violations.



Patrol Division

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Community Service Officers (CSOs) are non-sworn, uniformed employees whose duties and responsibilities do not require the attention of a licensed police officer. CSO's are full-time college students enrolled in a law enforcement program who work part-time for the police department. Their duties include assisting stranded motorists, investigating animal health and nuisance issues, traffic direction, fingerprinting, transporting evidence and assisting with vehicle lock-outs.



Sean Marben



Brian Booth



Patrol Division

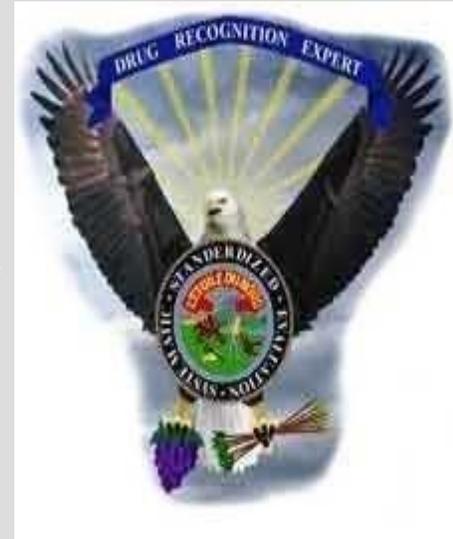
DRE PROGRAM

Since 2005, the Apple Valley Police Department has been an active member of the Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE) Program. Currently in the State of Minnesota, there are 92 agencies and 197 Officers dedicated to this program. Currently the Apple Valley Police Department has one Officer that is a certified drug recognition expert; Officer Joel Horazuk (2008). In 2015 Officer Justin Drogseth went through the training and is currently in the certification process to become a DRE.

The certification process for becoming a DRE is very intense and typically lasts four to six weeks. Once certified, DRE's must complete a minimum of two evaluations in front of an instructor each year as well as take part in an annual in-service training.

DRE's are officers who use their specialized training to detect impairment in drivers when alcohol has been ruled out. The primary use of a DRE is traffic related but often times DRE's are used on medicals, crisis complaints etc. when drug impairment is suspected. Whether a DRE is conducting an evaluation of their own, assisting another officer or agency the same systematic twelve step process is performed. At the end of the evaluation, the DRE determines which of the seven drug categories is causing the impairment. Often more than one category may be present.

In 2015 Officer Horazuk conducted four evaluations on suspected drug impaired drivers. Of the four evaluations conducted, three were for outside agencies. Officer Drogseth conducted one evaluation on a suspected drug impaired driver. DRE's are a valuable asset to the Apple Valley Police Department as well as the surrounding agencies in promoting DWI enforcement .



EXPLORERS

Over the past 26 years, the Apple Valley Police Department has been preparing young men and women for careers in law enforcement. Since 1989 the Apple Valley Police Department has sponsored a Law Enforcement Explorer Program.

Participants in this program meet weekly with members of the Apple Valley Police Department, discussing a variety of topics and acquiring the skills necessary to be successful in law enforcement. Some of these topics include: traffic stops, bomb threat response, crime scene investigation, and hostage negotiation.

In addition to learning skills relative to Law Enforcement the explorers also serve the citizens of Apple Valley and Dakota County by assisting with a variety of community events such as the 4th of July parade and fireworks, the Dakota County fair and other public engagements. Throughout 2015 the explorers of Apple Valley completed a total of 220 hours of community service.

2015 was a challenging year for the explorer program. At the beginning of the year the program was down to one active member. This number increased to 11 after recruitment had taken place. Five of these members attended the state conference in April of 2015 and although they did not win any awards, they learned a lot and will be better prepared for 2016.

Our Post is currently comprised of 14 dedicated and hardworking individuals. They are eager to learn and proud to be a part of the Apple Valley Police Department.



Support Services Division

CAPTAIN JOHN BERMEL



Welcome to the Support Services pages of our annual report. My name is John Bermel and I serve as the Captain of the Support Services Division. It is an honor to be part of this professional and dedicated team of men and women who are committed to your safety and welfare.

The men and women of the Support Services Division work behind the scenes, giving special attention and support to activity initiated by patrol officers. Our division processes police reports and prepares statistical data relating to the work of department personnel.

Sometimes specialized skills or problem-solving strategies are needed to handle complex cases or quality of life issues. In those instances, the Support Services Division provides those resources.

Sworn officers and civilian employees serve in the Support Services Division in three units: The Detective Unit, Records Unit, and Neighborhood Collaboration Officer Program which includes the school resource officer program, retail crime program, crime prevention program and multi-housing officer program.

The employees in the Support Services Division are committed to the philosophy of quality, capable policing, and outstanding customer service. Earning your trust is paramount to all we do!



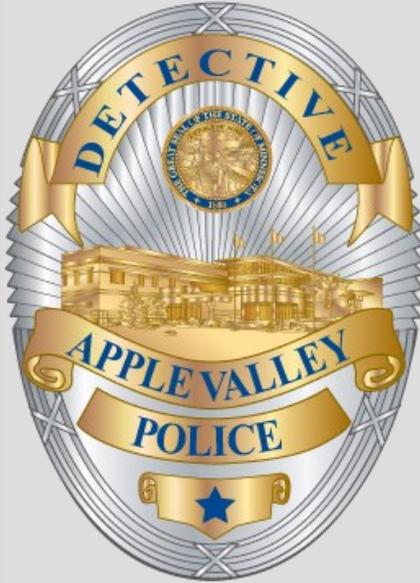
The Records Unit consists of five full-time and one part-time Records Technicians, a Lead Records Technician, and a Police Administrative Manager.

Records Technicians are accountable for a multitude of tasks. Some of these tasks include; data entry in the Records Management System, referral of cases to our city and county attorneys' offices for prosecution, transcription of audio statements, processing requests from the public for information, processing hand gun applications and compiling and reporting departmental statistics.

The Records Unit processed nearly 3400 requests for information in 2015.



Front row-Left to Right-Police Administrator Manager Steph Mellesmoen, Terry McNulty, Alice House, and Lori Hudyma
Back row-Left to Right-Mandy Barnes, Barb Gevik, Bev Grove, and Missy Nelson



The Detective Unit's primary responsibility is to follow up on crimes committed where the suspect is unknown or difficult to locate. They also take primary lead in many of the major case investigations such as homicides, arson, robbery, burglary and criminal sexual conduct. Detectives conduct interviews, collect evidence, process legal requests, execute search warrants and conduct follow-up on cases to ensure criminal charges are sought.

In 2015, the Detective Unit was staffed by Sergeant James Gummert, Detectives' Tommie Booth, Brian Bone, Sean McKnight, and Mike Tietz. Detective Alan Spillers was assigned to the Dakota County Drug Task Force. Denis Schweitzer managed the police department's property and evidence room.

In January of 2015 Detective Shane Klokonos joined the unit and was assigned to the Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force. Detective Klokonos had worked as a patrol officer and field training officer prior to his assignment. In June of 2015, Detective Tara Becker, joined the unit. Detective Becker had worked as a patrol officer and field training officer prior to her assignment.

2015 was an extremely busy year as the unit saw a 20% increase in case volume from 2014. The year started off with the detective unit investigating a murder/suicide, and continued with several serious assaults that were reported throughout the year.

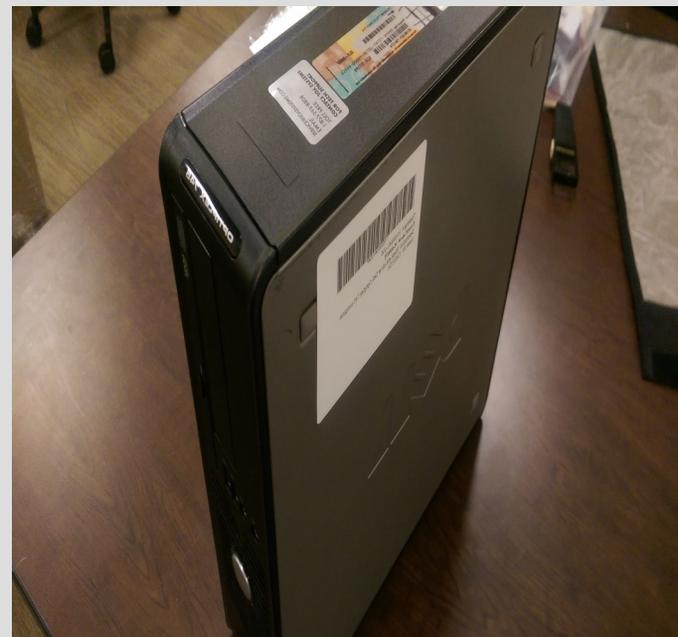
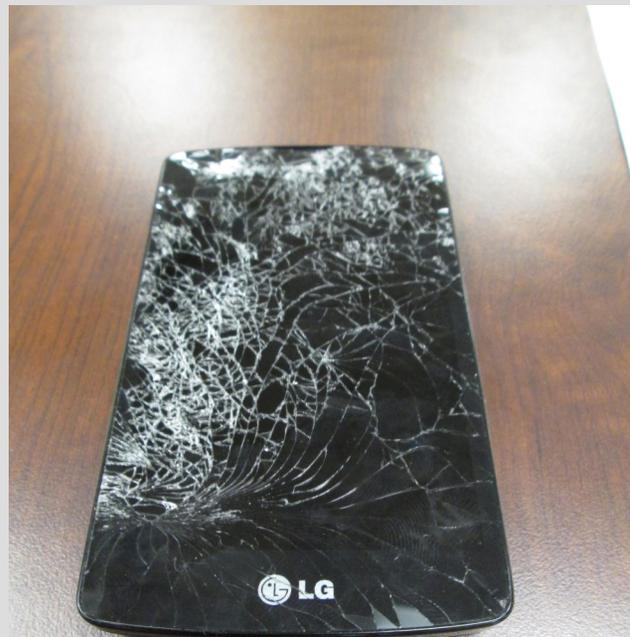
Listed below are several categories of investigations conducted by the unit out of the 613 total cases investigated in 2015.

INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION
ASSAULTS – 31
BACKGROUNDS – 115
BURGLARY – 25
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT – 42
FINANCIAL FRAUD – 47

In 2015, the Apple Valley Police Department entered into an agreement that created the Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force (DCECTF). The DCECTF is a multi-agency task force operating under a joint powers agreement within Dakota County. The goals of the DCECTF are to improve electronic forensics turnaround time, conduct proactive investigations in the County, diminish investigative redundancy, and provide broader expertise. Detective Shane Klokonos was assigned to the DCECTF in January of 2015.

The formation of the DCECTF paid immediate dividends in January as the DCECTF was instrumental in forensically examining almost 30 terabytes of data for a murder/suicide investigation in January. Throughout the remainder of the year the members of the DCECTF participated in numerous investigations in Apple Valley to include: child pornography, stalking, domestic abuse, and criminal sexual conduct investigations. The DCECTF has been a tremendous success. The above mentioned goals have been exceeded, and the DCECTF has been a key resource for the departments investigations.

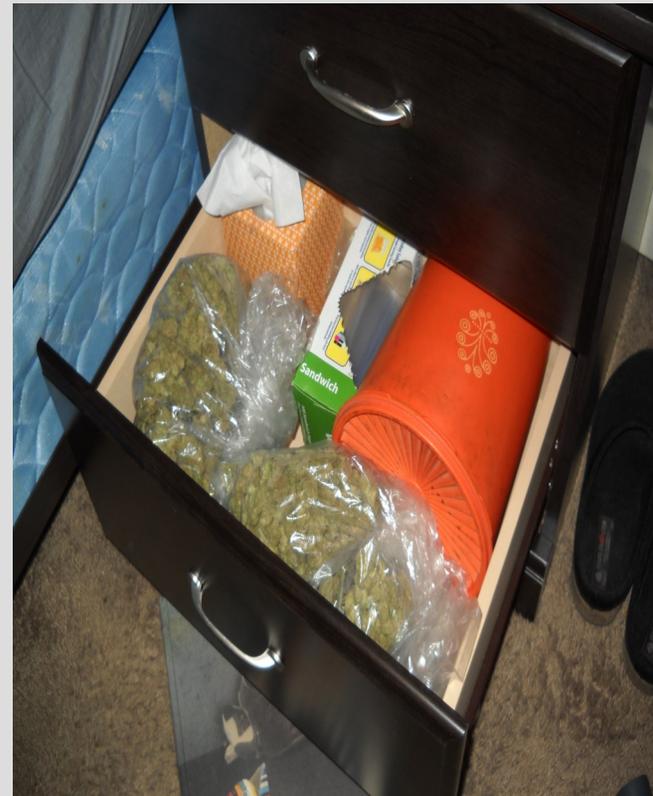
The items pictured below are a sample of some of the items forensically examined by the DCECTF in 2015.



Support Services Division

DAKOTA COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE (DCDTF)

The Dakota County Drug Task Force (DCDTF) is a group of dedicated agents who are assigned to investigate narcotics, weapons, and violent crimes. Each of the member agencies contributes at least one agent. Each agent is a highly trained member of the team. Most have several years of patrol, investigative, and tactical experience before their assignment. In addition, each agent attends a two week narcotics investigation school sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Beyond basic training, agents hone their skills during in-house training conducted by senior Drug Task Force agents. Detective Alan Spillers is currently assigned to the DCDTF.



Above are pictures of some of the over \$30,000 in cash and over 2800 grams of

RETAIL CRIME UNIT

The Apple Valley Police Department has dedicated an officer to take on issues that arise within the business community. The position of Retail Crime Officer, which is currently held by Officer Krista Erickson, has been in existence for over a decade, and is utilized not only in dealing with criminal activity, but also in promoting crime prevention and various educational needs specific to the business community. Aside from responding to calls involving criminal activity, Officer Erickson acts as a liaison to the business community through facets such as the local non-profit organization of Business Watch, and the recently created Twin Cities Organized Retail Crime Association (TCORCA).

TCORCA was established in 2014 by members of law enforcement in the Twin Cities Metro area. This was after there was an identified need to organize information sharing in a secure setting between law enforcement and retail entities. This organization is now fully operational, with Apple Valley Police Department as an active member. This organization has truly been a great asset in assisting with identifying crime groups/persons impacting Apple Valley and other communities. Tools of the organization have allowed for greater identification and prosecution of those involved in criminal activity.

Business Watch was created several years ago by a group of representatives from Apple Valley's business community. The purpose of the group is to promote relationships in the business community similar to that of a neighborhood watch group, which is working to reduce crime in a neighborhood setting. This is accomplished by monthly meetings and by hosting trainings to meet hot topics affecting the business community. In addition to this partnership, the Business Watch group continues to participate in promoting crime prevention at events such as Night to Unite (formerly known to many as National Night Out) in August.



Other duties performed by Officer Erickson include conducting premise surveys, preparing and executing emergency plans (including, but not limited to circumstances such as lock-downs, medicals, robberies), and alcohol server training. Often times businesses will approach the police department to partner on various causes or special needs identified in the community. This past December was again no exception, when the businesses of Walmart and Target invited the Apple Valley Police Department to participate in a "Shop with a Cop" event. With the help of donors such as the Apple Valley American Legion, Target, and Walmart, families who were identified in the community as experiencing a financial burden were invited out to shop, wrap gifts, and enjoy snacks with employees and police officers at both Target and Walmart. We are grateful for this partnership and the willingness of these businesses to give back to the community. This special event was truly appreciated by all who participated!

NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATION OFFICER PROJECT

Officer Valerie Holes and Crime Prevention Specialist Pam Walter make up the core of the NCOP Unit. Their mission is to be a relational and educational presence in our community and immediately address crime and quality of life issues at their root. In short, they are called upon to solve problems in our neighborhoods and multi-housing complexes. Beyond problem solving, the NCOP Unit conducts community outreach activities each year.

Residential Rental Property

The City of Apple Valley is home to 37 apartment/townhome communities and over 1,500 residential rental properties. For our multi-housing apartment/townhome communities, the Apple Valley Police Department promotes the Crime Free Multi Housing program. The program's aim is to educate landlords and tenants about responsible renting to keep their properties free of illegal activity. As part of the program, the police department holds monthly manager/owner coalition meetings. Meetings feature topics pertinent to owning and managing rental properties.

Complexes active in the program also receive incident summaries of activity on their property emailed directly to the property owners or managers. By sharing this information, management is more aware of what is happening on the property and better able to deal with issues in a timely manner.

In addition to meetings and incident summaries, the Multi Housing program provides one-on-one contact with Multi Housing Officer Valerie Holes. Officer Holes visits with local multi housing properties to work with owners and managers on issues such as drug activity, chronic noise issues, and crisis situations on their property. This partnership helps reduce illegal activity in our multi housing communities and build lasting, positive relationships with managers and owners. The city also requires all residential rental property to be registered. This gives the Apple Valley Police Department property owner information so that issues with rental properties can be discussed and resolved with the owner if necessary. Registrations are handled online and there are no fees associated with the registration.



Teen Police Academy

In 2015 the Apple Valley Police Department conducted its 11th annual Teen Police Academy for 17 interested students. The academy is a seven week course aimed at giving high school students an inside look at the police department. The students learned about the Dakota Communications Center (dispatch), Dakota County Drug Task Force, K9 unit, crime scene investigation, DWI enforcement and even got to participate in a shoot-don't shoot scenario with simunitions weapons. Everyone enjoyed the hands on experience processing evidence and doing crime scene investigation as well! The Teen Academy is taught by Apple Valley Officers and offers a good experience for kids who are considering a career in Law Enforcement or anyone interested in learning more about how their police department works for them.



Night to Unite

Night to Unite is an annual Crime Prevention event that takes place the first Tuesday of every August. Night to Unite encourages law enforcement and communities to come together and strengthen neighborhoods by getting to know one another and creating safe communities. August 4, 2015 was the 7th annual Night to Unite celebration and was another big success in Apple Valley. The day started out with the annual Apple Valley Business Watch picnic at a new location, Kelley Park. Over 200 people enjoyed lunch from various food truck vendors.

The evening culminated with 101 registered neighborhood gatherings with 15 of those being neighborhoods new to Night to Unite! The Police Department, Fire Department, City Council and other city staff members were out in force visiting with citizens to discuss neighborhood issues or just socialize.



Watchdog Walkers

The Apple Valley Police Department kicked off a new program in 2015 called Watchdog Walkers. The program is aimed at taking advantage of the hundreds of walkers, dogs or no dogs, who are out regularly in our community all days of the week in all weather conditions. Watchdog Walkers is a crime awareness program that encourages dog walkers and walkers of all kinds to assist the Apple Valley Police Department as extra “eyes and ears” of the community by watching for and reporting suspicious activity.

We kicked off the program with a community event in Kelley Park in August. Everyone in attendance received a free reflective Watchdog Walker dog tag and tip card on how to report suspicious activity. Apple Valley dog licenses were also available for purchase at the event. Additionally, Palomino Pet Hospital was on hand offering reduced fee veterinary services. Organizations such as Dogday Getaway, Hugable Mugs and READ Therapy Dogs had tables set up sharing information on services they provide. We look forward to providing this event annually for years to come.



Citizens Academy / Advanced Citizens Academy

The Police Department conducted its annual Citizens Academy in April of 2015 with 19 participants. The Academy was very well received by all in attendance. Topics covered included investigations, Drug Task Force, DWI enforcement, traffic stops, retail crime and K9. In addition, the academy offered a chance to go to the firing range to learn about the weapons officers use, and to test their own skills as they got a chance to shoot the weapons. Participants were also allowed to sign up for a ride along shift with an officer during the nine week course. This allows participants an opportunity to meet our officers and see what they encounter when responding to calls for service.

The Citizens Academy continues to be a successful program giving residents of or those who work in Apple Valley an inside look at the operations of a successful municipal law enforcement agency.



Coffee with the Cops

In an effort to reach out to the citizens that it serves, the Apple Valley Police Department hosted several community chats called Coffee with the Cops. These events are hosted by local businesses/ housing communities, and are advertised to the public offering citizens an opportunity to talk with representatives from the Apple Valley Police Department about concerns, issues or to just say hi.

Coffee with the Cops occurs monthly, rotating between businesses and multi housing communities. Local businesses advertise the event by displaying flyers and the Police Department utilizes social media such as Facebook and Twitter to get the word out. These events allow our Officers an opportunity to meet local residents in a relaxed atmosphere and help to promote citizen/police relations.



Child Passenger Safety Program

The Apple Valley Child Passenger Safety Program continues to flourish by providing car seat checks to residents of Apple Valley and partnering with other agencies in Dakota County to provide child passenger training and continuing education.

In 2015 the Crime Prevention Specialist Pam Walter conducted 54 seat checks for local residents. We also participated in the Dakota County Child Passenger Safety Initiative by assisting with several booster seat checkup events to ensure parents are providing the safest transportation options for kids who have outgrown their car seats.

Residents of Apple Valley who wish to have their car seat installation checked free of charge can call Pam Walter at 953-2706 or email to pwalter@cityofapplevalley.org to set up an appointment.



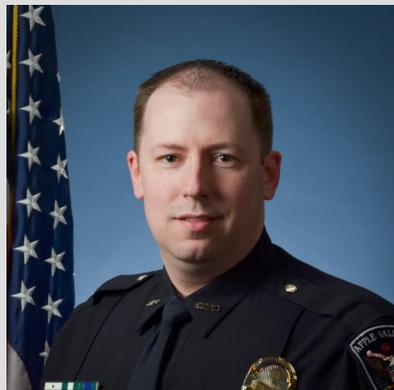
The Apple Valley Police Department partners with Independent School District 196 to assign three School Resource Officers (SROs) to Apple Valley high schools and middle schools to work closely with school district staff during the school year. This cost sharing partnership allows SROs to be in the school buildings to handle a variety of youth related issues that include investigation of criminal offenses, addressing unruly conduct, and educating students and staff on public safety and criminal justice issues through presentations.

The presence of a SRO in school district buildings also provides school staff with a personal contact who understands the school environment and on-going public safety issues. The SROs are not just involved in the day-to-day student activities; they also spend time with the students at dances, extracurricular events and prom. This presence has a positive impact on students by building relationships and approachability.

In 2015, Officer Brian Plantz served as the SRO at Eastview High School, Officer Michael Eliason served at Apple Valley High School, and Officer Josh Gerving served at Apple Valley's three middle schools.

2015 School Resource Officer Calls for Service

Apple Valley High School	213
Eastview High School	217
Scott Highlands Middle School	61
Falcon Ridge Middle School	82
Valley Middle School	71
School of Environmental Studies	30
Alternative Learning Center	34





ISD 196 Teacher Police Academy

The Apple Valley Police Department, along with the Eagan, and Rosemount Police Departments conducted the first ever ISD196 Teacher Police Academy. Twenty-three teachers and administrators from ISD196 completed the four week academy. The teachers learned about police procedures, search and seizure, building searches, use of force, drugs, traffic stops, electronic investigations, and many more topics. The teachers received a certificate of completion along with continuing education credits.

Since 1997, the Apple Valley Police Department Chaplains have been a valuable resource in assisting with difficult and sensitive situations. These include families in crisis and death notifications. The volunteer Chaplains are available 24 hours a day to help officers. They remain with family members as long as necessary, freeing up officers to tend to other duties. Chaplains are a significant presence at the police department through regular chaplain meetings, attendance at department meetings, ongoing training and ride-alongs with officers. The department's Chaplains are also active in the Midwest Chaplains Association.

2015 Police Chaplains

Pastor Bill Gould | Apple Valley Baptist Church, Apple Valley

Pastor Steve Swanson | Faith in Christ Fellowship, Eagan

Pastor Chuck Tindell (retired) | Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley

Pastor Ty Willems | Christ Church, Apple Valley





In 2015, the Apple Valley Police Department continued its partnership with 360 Communities, a non-profit organization that provides domestic and sexual assault advocacy and shelter services to victims.

The Apple Valley Police Department takes domestic and sexual assault very seriously, recognizing the devastating effects this type of crime has on victims and their families. We are appreciative of the dedication of 360 Communities in partnering with us to serve victims capably and compassionately. In December of 2015, Stacie Burke replaced Emily Defenbaugh as the Outreach Advocate working out of the police department.

In an effort to enhance our service to victims of domestic abuse, the Assault Review Team was created in January of 2015. Team goals include; successful prosecution of offenders, protection of victims from further assault, and successful identification of suspects that have a propensity for violence with a high risk to reoffend. Detectives McKnight, Bone, Becker, along with Officers Weber, Horazuk, and Schultz comprise the six member team.



Employee Recognition



Our department is staffed by extremely dedicated police officers and civilian employees. The individuals mentioned in the following pages have exemplified what it means to be a member of the Apple Valley Police Department

Officer of the Year: Brian Bone



Detective Brian Bone has shown exceptional service to the citizens as well as the Police Department of Apple Valley in 2015. Detective Bone investigated numerous cases of domestic assaults, fraud, burglary and theft cases, as well as a murder suicide case. Detective Bone has shown great professionalism in the areas of domestic assaults and harassment issues by helping victims obtain orders for protection and ensuring their safety in court proceedings.

Detective Bone has also volunteered on many occasions throughout the year giving his personal time selflessly for various events. Because of Detective Bone's level of professionalism and continued contribution to this Department, as well as the citizens of Apple Valley, he is awarded Officer of the Year for 2015.

Employee of the Year: Denis Schweitzer



In 2015, Denis Schweitzer demonstrated professionalism within the department through hard work and dedication. Denis goes far beyond managing the property room by logging and storing valuable evidence. He also maintains the equipment used on a daily basis and ensures it is in good working condition.

Denis also manages the police property for the annual city auction, fulfills requests from officers, attorney's and citizens for various evidence requests and videos used in court. Denis maintains a positive attitude and is quick to



Medal of Valor



Sergeant Jeff Smith



In September of 2015, officers received a call of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Ellice Trail. Sgt. Smith, and Officers Parker, Neumann and Christianson responded to the area. Sgt. Smith arrived and located an unoccupied vehicle off the roadway. Sgt. Smith searched the area and found a male armed with a knife. Officers Parker, Neumann and Christianson arrived and observed a female lying near the male with multiple stab wounds.

Officers gave commands to the female and the male at which time the female responded. The male did not respond to officers commands and less than lethal was deployed. Officers disarmed the male and treated both of them for traumatic injuries. Officers actions clearly saved the life of the



Medal of Commendation



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Department Award of Merit



Pictured Left to Right-Detectives Klokonos, Tietz, Booth, Bone, McKnight, and Gummert.

In January of 2015, investigators assisted officers on a report of a family found deceased in their home. During the following hours, months and days, investigators assisted in processing the crime scene, following up with family members, friends, neighbors, and many others. All of this was handled with professionalism and in an empathetic manner. Forensic examination of the computer data retrieved from the home lasted several months and proved very beneficial in capturing some of the events leading up to the discovery of the family. Throughout the prolonged investigation, attention to detail, dedication, and thoroughness allowed the affected families to obtain answers leading up to the event. Sergeant Gummert, and Investigators Bone, Klokonos, McKnight, Tietz,



Department Award of Merit



Detective Tara Becker



On July 28th, 2015, Detective Becker became involved with a multi-jurisdictional burglary ring. The burglaries were generally involving new construction where large appliances and HVAC systems were stolen. Detective Becker conducted numerous search warrants in different cities and was able to recover over \$300,000.00 worth of property. The investigation spanned over several months and Detective Becker worked tirelessly determining where each item seized came from. Detective Becker is awarded the Department Award of Merit for her dedication and determination in this case.



Department Award of Merit



Officer Tara Becker



Officer John Broughten



In January of 2015, officers were dispatched to a call of a deceased family found in their residence. Initial officers secured the scene and found the house was not secure, with a dog running loose in the house with the deceased family in an advanced state of decomposition. Officers Becker and Broughten aided with securing the area and took great care in preserving the scene in photographing the exterior scene, including foot tracks and foot prints in the snow, as well as comparison photos of footwear worn by responding officers and neighbors and mail that had accumulated in the mailbox. Officers Broughten and Becker also interviewed neighbors and gathered intelligence prior to investigators response, which aided in a successful investigation. Their attention to detail and thoroughness exhibited after encountering a gruesome scene was exemplary and should be commended. For this Officers Broughten and Becker are awarded the Department Award of Merit.



Department Award of Merit



Pictured Left to Right– Officers Thelen, Criger, Sgt. Virden, Officers M. Smith, and Neumann

On May 25th, 2015, officers responded to the MVTA ramp on Cedar Avenue and 155th Street on a report of a suicidal male with a rope tied around his neck on the top level of the parking deck. Upon arrival officers attempted to make contact with the male but he scaled down a level to flee from officers. Officers Criger, Thelen, and Sergeant Virden made contact with the male. The male refused to communicate with officers and informed them he was going to jump. At that time, the officers put themselves at risk and grabbed the male who was on the other side of a safety barrier. After a brief struggle, the male was pulled over the safety barrier and the rope was cut from his neck. Officers were then able to secure the male who was transported to a



Department Award of Merit



Sergeant Greg Dahlstrom



Sergeant Adam Keeler



In January of 2015, officers were dispatched to a call of a deceased family found in their residence. Initial officers secured the scene and found the house was not secure, with a dog running loose in the house. Sergeant Dahlstrom and Sergeant Keeler searched the house, confirming that there was a deceased family in the home, in an advanced state of decomposition. They encountered a crime scene that was unlike anything they had seen before. Sergeant Dahlstrom and Sergeant Keeler were able to not only search and secure the residence but detail the layout of the house, along with numerous items of concern for assisting investigators. Their recall and attention to detail exhibited after encountering such a gruesome and complex scene was exemplary and should be commended. For this, Sergeant's Keeler and Dahlstrom are awarded the Department Award of Merit.



Department Award of Merit



Officer Dan Schyma



On July 19th, 2015, the Apple Valley Police Department received a report of an intoxicated male who was threatening to kill himself and had access to knives. Officers learned that the male had informed others he would fight to the death and had cuts on his wrists. Upon arrival at the residence, Officers observed a male at the front door who was bleeding from the wrists and refused to walk outside. Officers attempted dialogue with the male but he refused commands and would not leave the threshold of the doorway.

Officer Schyma was able to move along the front of the residence, just out of sight of the suicidal male. Officer Schyma quickly grabbed him, and pulled him outside where other officers assisted in detaining the male. Officer Schyma's quick thinking and decisive action saved time in getting

Employee Recognition



Life Saving Award



Pictured Left to Right– Officers DeJonker, Thelen, and Westendorf

On May 24th, 2015, officers responded to Kohl's department store on a report of a female employee who had stopped breathing. Officers made contact with the female in a breakroom, in the back of the store. Officers began CPR and rescue breathing on the unresponsive patient. Officers also utilized the AED a number of times until medics arrived. The female eventually regained a pulse and began breathing on her own before being transported to the hospital. Due to the officers life saving actions, the female survived. Officers DeJonker, Thelen, and Westendorf were selected to receive the award.



Life Saving Award



Pictured Left to Right-Officer Thelen, Sgt. J. Smith, Officers Engel, M. Smith, Hooper, and Criger

On June 21st , 2015, officers responded to 6021 134th Street, on a report that a male had called 911 and stated he had killed his mother. Officers arrived and the male was detained without incident. Officers located a female victim covered in blood with several puncture wounds near the throat area and skull. Officers began life saving efforts on the female until medics arrived. Officers then proceeded to secure the scene and began investigating the incident. The quick response and medical attention that these officers provided were a direct result of a full recovery from the victim. Due to



Life Saving Award



Pictured Left to Right-Officers Curtis, Gibbs, and Neumann

On March 15th, 2015, Officers Gibbs, Neumann and Curtis were dispatched to Gateway Path, on a report of thirty five year-old female who was unresponsive and not breathing. Upon arrival officers determined the female did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Officers began CPR and rescue breathing. The female began breathing on her own and medics transported her to the hospital where she recovered from an undiagnosed heart condition. The actions of the officers at the scene resulted in the female making a full recovery and returning to her family. Due to their actions these officers are awarded the Life Saving Award.



Life Saving Award



**Officer Kasey
DeJonker**



**Officer Ross
Westendorf**



**Officer Nic
Wolf**



On July 15th, 2015, Officers were dispatched to Heart Beat Studios, 7661 145th Street, on a report of an individual who had stopped breathing. Upon arrival, officers located a female who was unresponsive. Officers began rescue measures including CPR and rescue breathing. Officers also used an AED and were able to regain a pulse on the patient who was transported to the hospital. Due to the officers medical aid, the female made a full recovery. Because of their rescue efforts, these officers are awarded the Life Saving Award.



Officer Anthony Parker

On April 24th, 2015, Officer Anthony Parker joined the Apple Valley Police Department. Prior to joining the Apple Valley Police Department, Officer Parker was employed by the Fort Worth, TX Police Department as a patrol officer. Officer Parker received his bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University.



Officer Ross Westendorf

On April 24th, 2015, Officer Ross Westendorf joined the Apple Valley Police Department. Prior to joining the Apple Valley Police Department, Officer Westendorf was employed by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Deputy. Officer Westendorf received his bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University.



Officer Wil Hooper

On April 24, 2015, Officer Wil Hooper joined the Apple Valley Police Department. Prior to joining the Apple Valley Police Department, Officer Hooper worked as a security supervisor for G4S Secure Solutions. Officer Hooper received his bachelor's degree from Concordia College.



Officer David Fry

On December 30, 2015, Officer David Fry joined the Apple Valley Police Department. Prior to joining the Apple Valley Police Department, Officer Fry worked as a deputy for the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office. Officer Fry received his bachelor's degree from Winona State University.

CAPTAIN/SERGEANTS



Captain Nicholas Francis

On July 25th, 2015, Sergeant Nicholas Francis was promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Francis joined the Apple Valley Police Department in 2000. During his time with the Apple Valley Police Department, Captain Francis served as a DRE, and a patrol officer.



Sergeant David Virden

On January 10th, 2015, Officer David Virden was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Virden joined the Apple Valley Police Department in 2008. During his time with the Apple Valley Police Department, Sergeant Virden served as a patrol officer and a school resource officer.



Sergeant Adam Keeler

On July 25th, 2015, Officer Adam Keeler was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Keeler joined the Apple Valley Police Department in 2006. During his time with the Apple Valley Police Department, Sergeant Keeler has served as a field training officer, MAAG team member, active shooter instructor, and a use of force instructor.



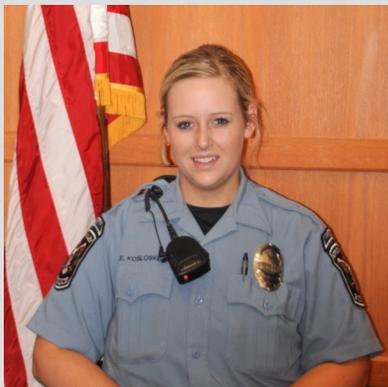
Sergeant JoEllen Gordon

On January 30th, 2015, Sergeant JoEllen Gordon retired from the Apple Valley Police Department with over 25 years of service. During her time with the department, Sergeant Gordon served as a dispatcher, patrol officer, investigator, and retail crime officer. Sergeant Gordon also managed the department's AED program as well as the child passenger safety program.



CSO Wittney Dorn

In December of 2015, Community Service Officer Wittney Dorn resigned from the Apple Valley Police Department after nearly three years of service. Officer Dorn left to become a police officer with the Plymouth Police Department.

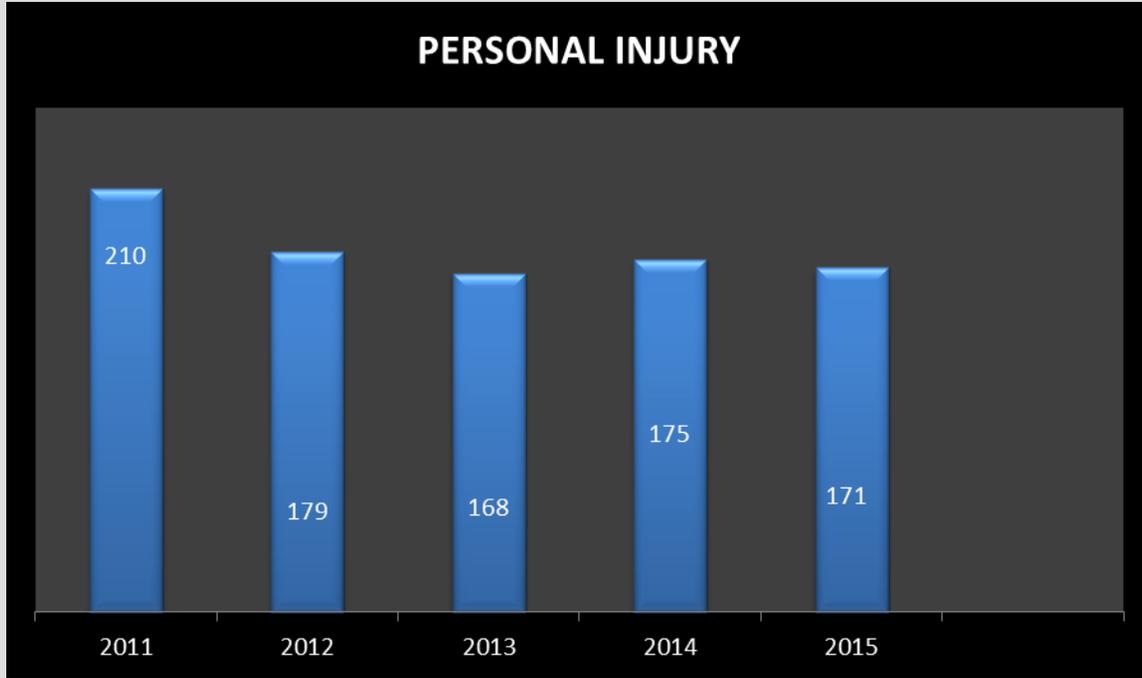


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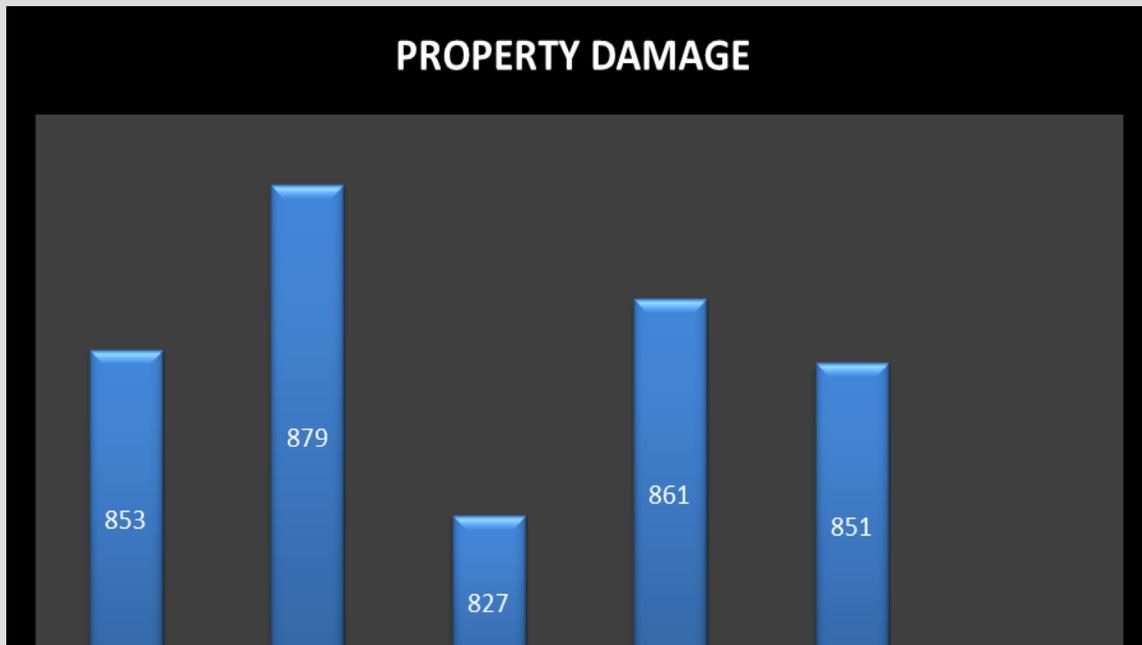
In November of 2015, Community Service Officer Megan Kosloske resigned from the Apple Valley Police Department after nearly three years of service. Officer Kosloske left to become a police officer with the Elk River Police Department.

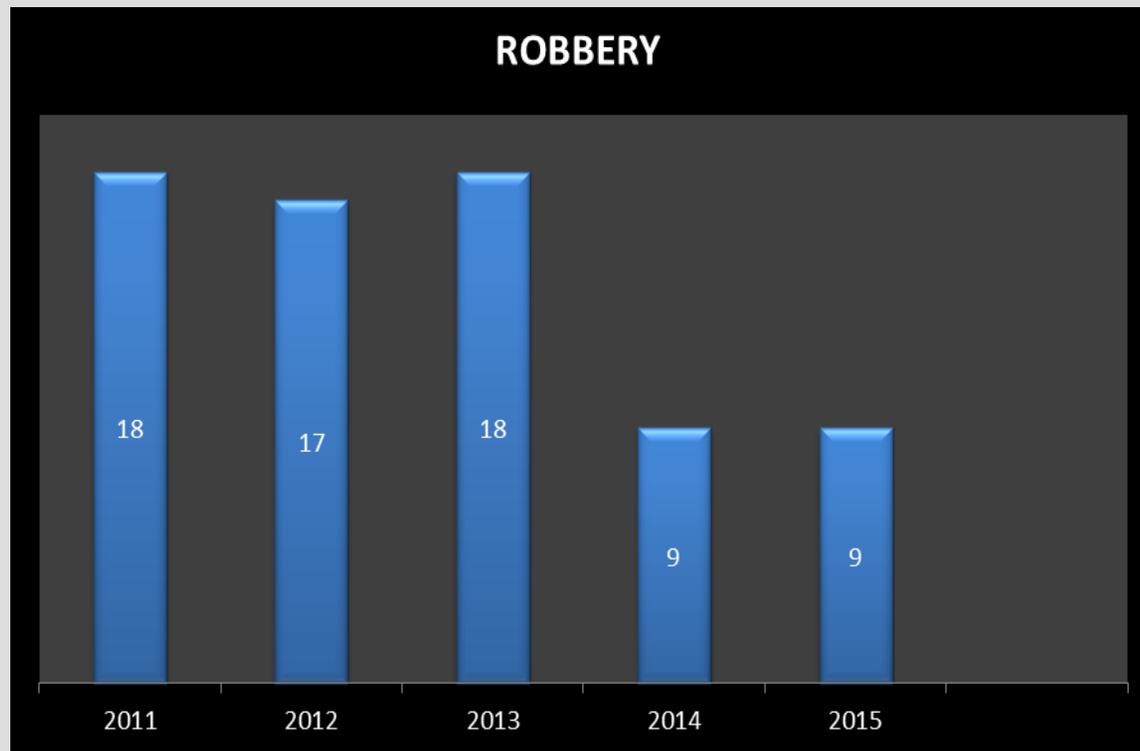
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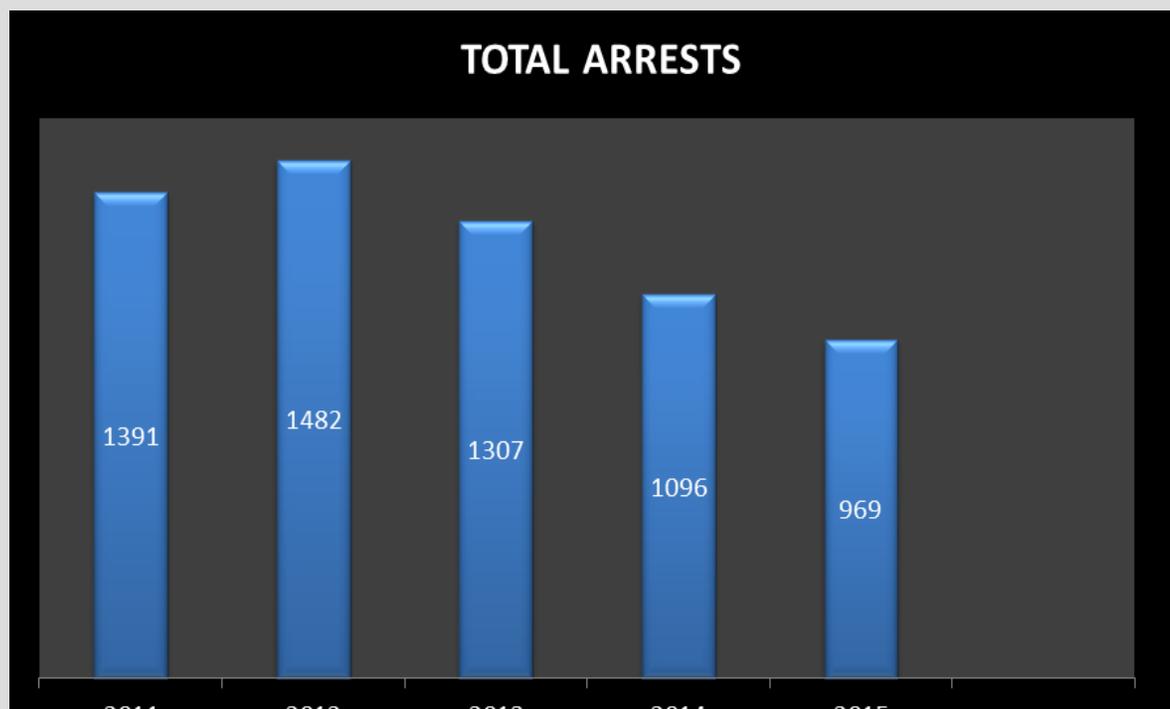
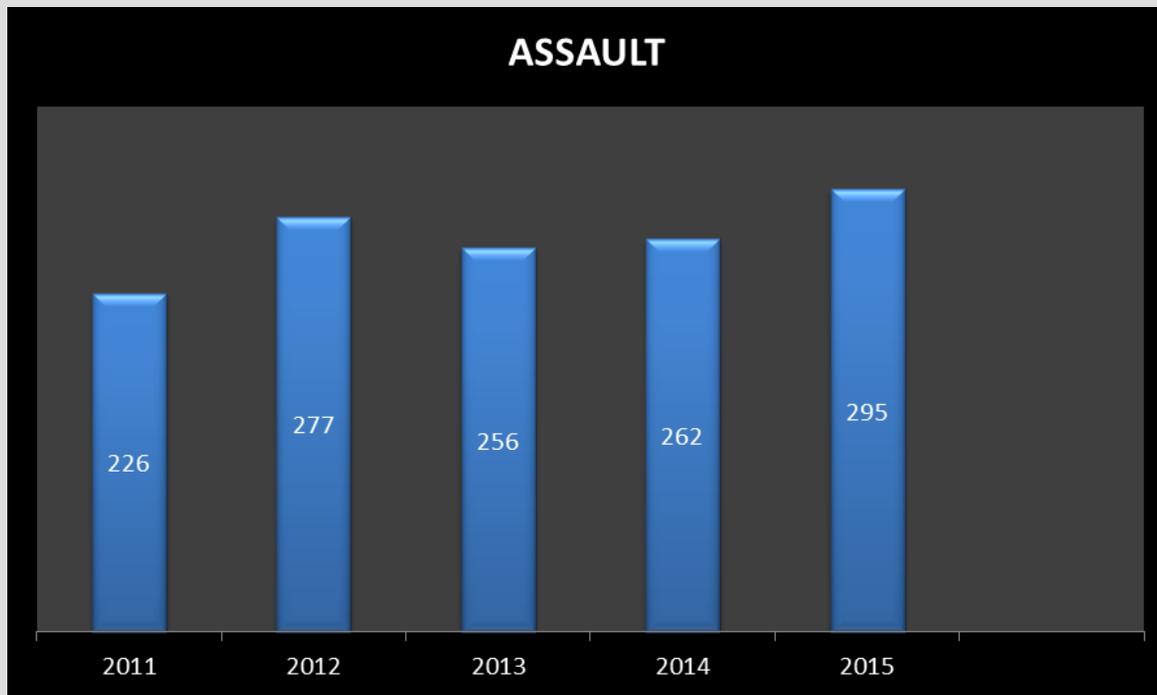
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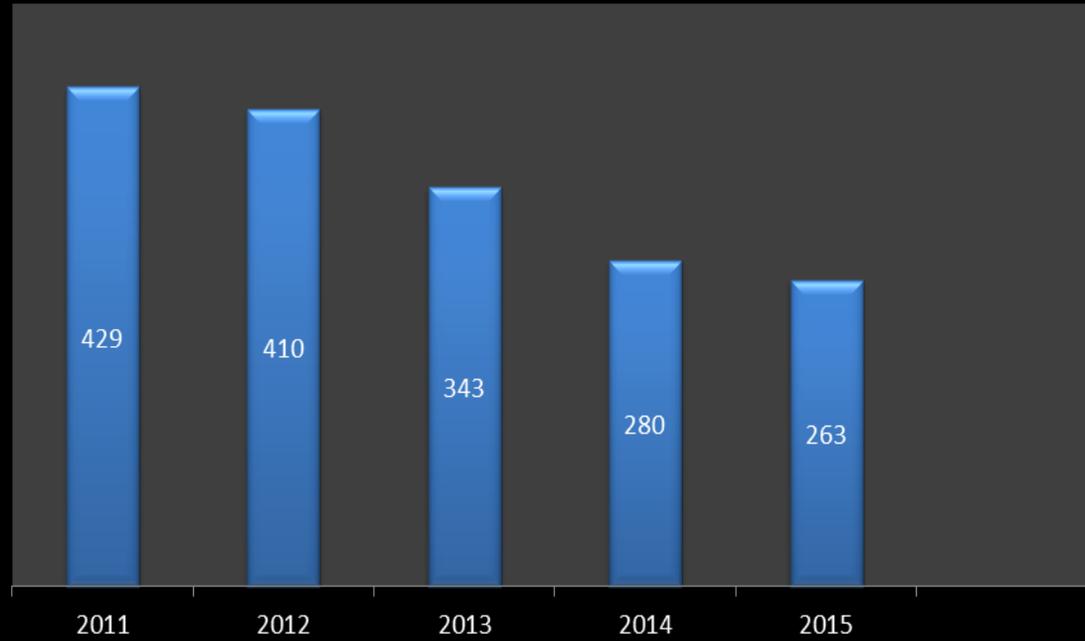
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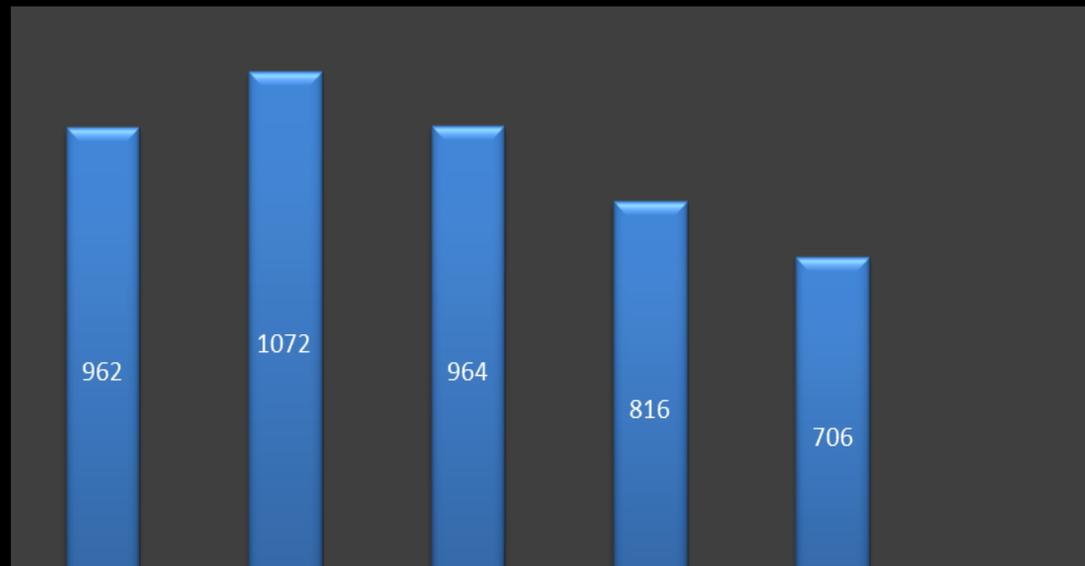


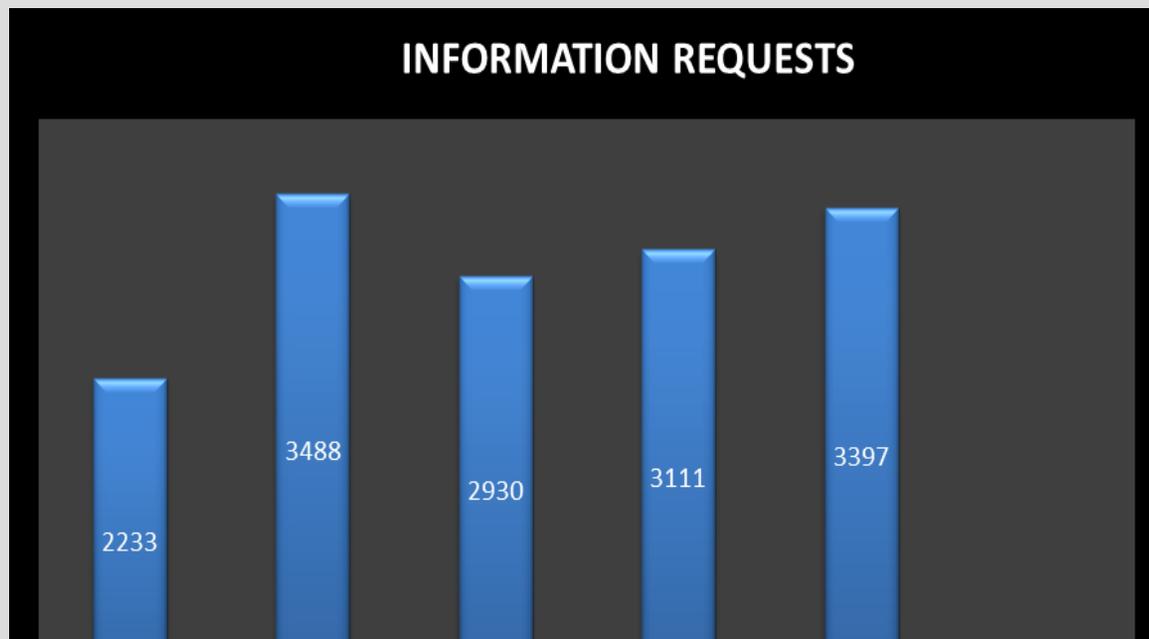
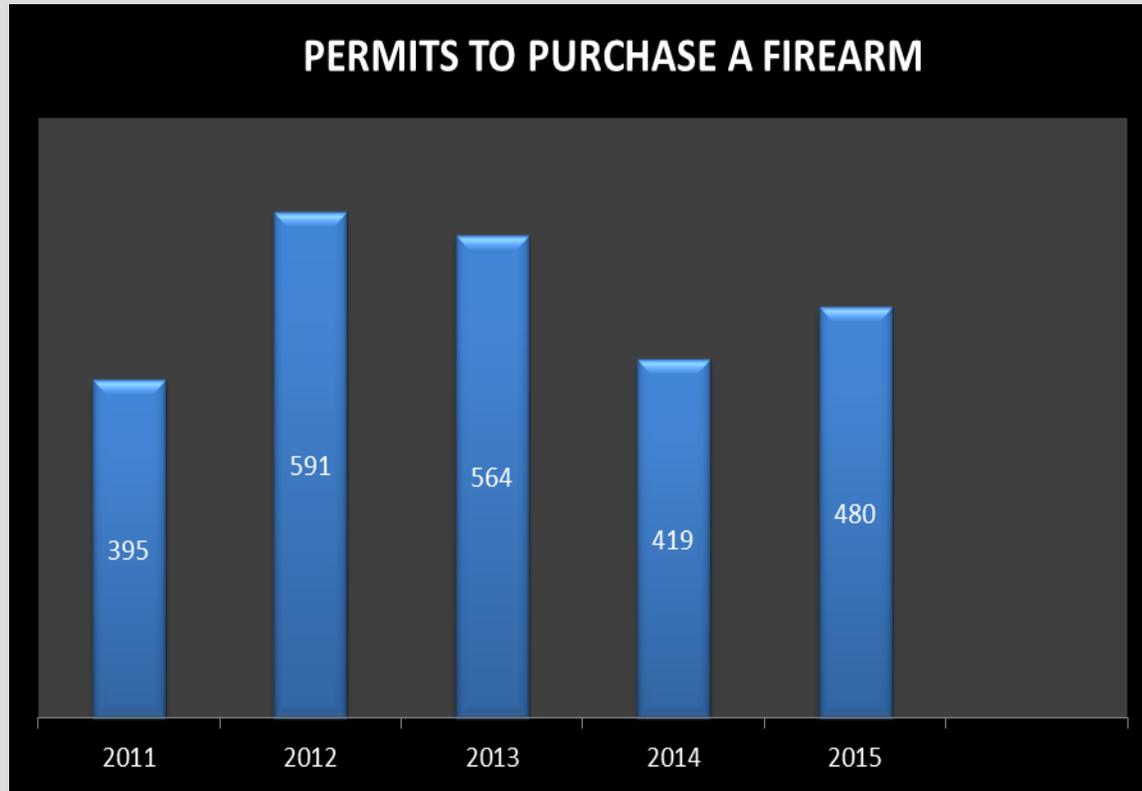


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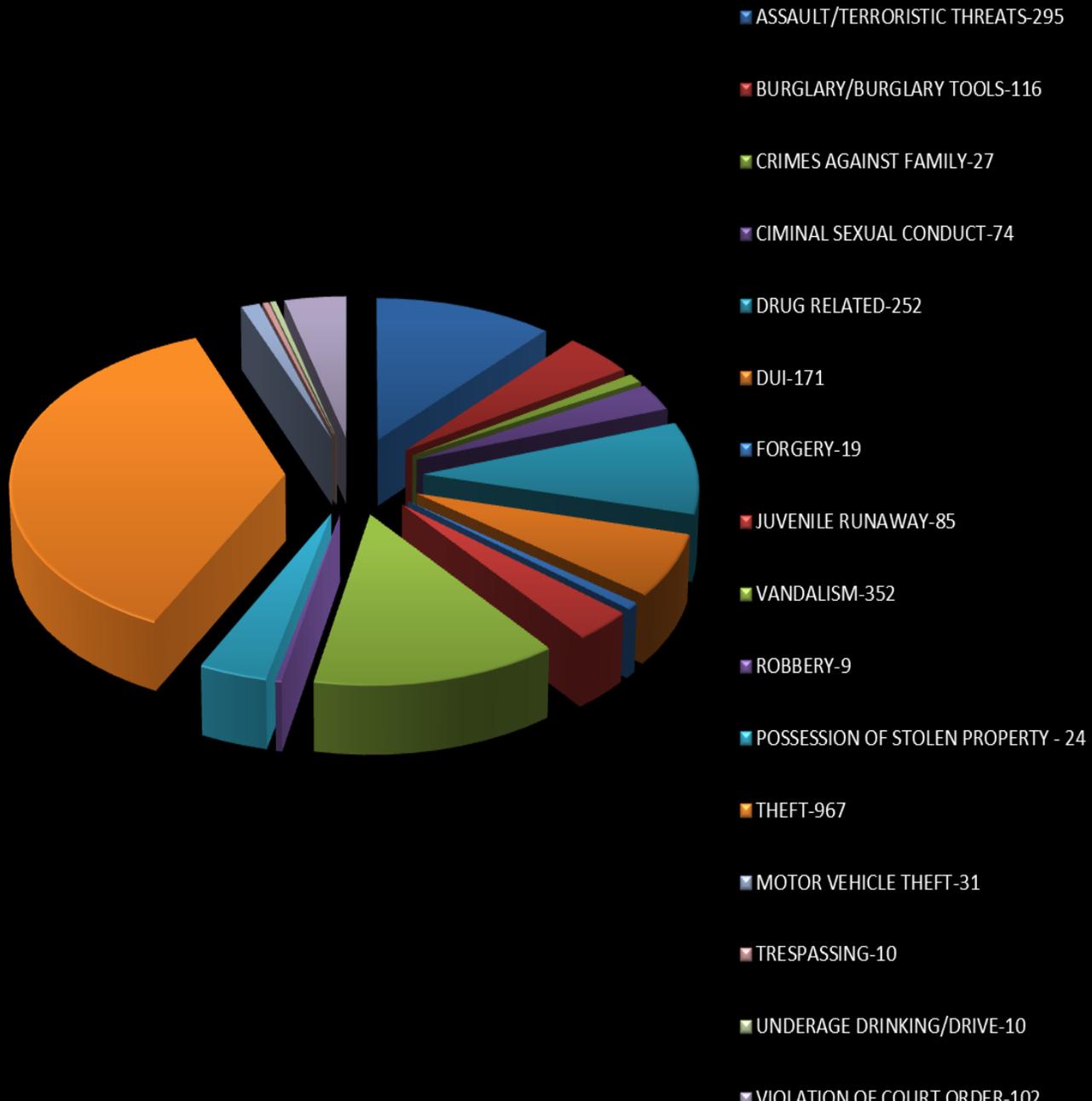


ADULTS CHARGED





SELECTED CRIMES REPORTED



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