

2014

ANNUAL REPORT



WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 16, 2015

Honorable John R. Dennis
Mayor, City of West Lafayette, Indiana

Mayor Dennis,

Attached to this letter is the Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of West Lafayette for the calendar year of 2014. This report, compiled by our Records Division, follows the guidelines established by the United States Department of Justice.

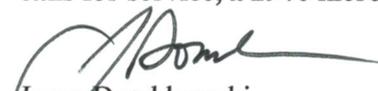
In early 2014, West Lafayette nearly doubled in size via annexation of Purdue University and areas to the west to include the new US 231 corridor. As expected, calls for service increased in 2014. The department received **27,887 calls for service**, an increase of 755 (3%) compared to 2013. This was the second consecutive year that the WLPD responded to more than 25,000 calls for service. Calls for service in 2014 increased 11% compared to the recent five-year average and **police calls for service have increased 66% overall since 2007.**

The number of criminal arrests decreased 15% in 2014 (1,446) compared to 2013 (1,701) and juvenile arrests decreased 33% (37) compared to 2013 (55). **Total alcohol arrests decreased 13% in 2014** (402) from 2013 (463), with Minor in Possession of Alcohol arrests down 29% and Public Intoxication arrests down 11% in 2014. The WLPD's alcohol awareness and education program that was launched in 2008 has contributed to the steady decrease in alcohol arrests. **Since 2007, total alcohol arrests have decreased 57%.**

Public safety is priority one for the WLPD. For the fifth consecutive year, the City of West Lafayette again had no homicides in 2014 and there were again no arsons in 2014. Other FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) offenses for 2014 include **rape down 67%** (2), **aggravated assaults down 12%** (22), **burglary down 51%** (44), and **larceny down 33%** (286). The most current five-year FBI UCR statistics confirm that West Lafayette has one of the lowest combined rates of violent crime and property crime of any of the Big Ten university cities.

Traffic enforcement remains a priority for the WLPD with a continued focus on school zone safety. Officers made **11,537 traffic stops in 2014**, an increase of 2%, including 1,729 stops in our school zones. Officers issued **1,551 traffic citations, an increase of 23%**. While traffic crashes increased 5% overall in 2014, **alcohol related crashes decreased 22%** in 2014 after decreasing by 11% in 2013. There was one fatal vehicle crash in West Lafayette in 2014.

The Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) and uniformed police officers continue to work closely together to address quality of life issues in our neighborhoods. The NRT focused on code enforcement, parking violations and animal control issues while responding to a **record of 3,114 calls for service, a 29% increase** over 2013 (2,410).


Jason Dombkowski
Chief of Police

2014 POLICE ROSTER

Chief of Police	Jason L. Dombkowski	January 24, 1994
Deputy Chief	Christopher J. Leroux	January 1, 1987
Capt. of Special Services	Daniel D. Marvin	September 7, 1985
Capt. Special Assignment	Michael D. Francis	December 14, 1985
Capt. of Patrol	Gary L. Sparger	June 3, 1989
*Capt. Special Assignment	John T. Walker, Jr.	November 29, 1993
*Lt. of Patrol	Scott M. Fohr	June 13, 1987
Lt. of Patrol	William J. Gallagher	January 3, 1995
Lt. of Detectives	Troy W. Harris	March 9, 1998
Lt. of Patrol	David A. VanVactor	August 12, 1996
Lt. of Patrol	John D. Watson	January 29, 2003
*Lt. of Patrol	David E. Lord	October 20, 2000
Sgt. of Detectives	Matthew S. Coddington	January 1, 1985
Sgt. of Patrol	Kevin A. Flynn	January 3, 1995
Sgt. of Training	Cynthia A. Marion	April 20, 1991
Sgt. of Patrol	Jason H. Philhower	March 18, 1996
Sgt. of Patrol	Arthur A. Choate	November 20, 2000
*Sgt. of Patrol	Jonathan M. Eager	June 27, 2005
Officer 1 st Class	Nancee L. Hetrick	June 5, 1981
Officer 1 st Class	Janet A. Shepherd	March 13, 1982
Officer 1 st Class	Michael R. Max	April 26, 1986
Officer 1 st Class	Mark A. Ridge	May 14, 1988

Officer 1 st Class	Marsha A. Miller	May 28, 1988
*Officer 1 st Class	Mark A. Gosney	November 12, 1988
Officer 1 st Class	Kevin J. Coomey	January 1, 1990
Officer 1 st Class	Jeffrey J. Dunscomb	April 20, 1991
Detective	Fredrick N. Townsend	February 13, 1995
Officer 1 st Class	Gary C. Ward	March 23, 1998
Officer 1 st Class	Jeff A. Kirby	September 14, 1998
Officer 1 st Class	William J. Dearing	October 4, 1999
*Officer 1 st Class	Donald E. Hartman	January 2, 2001
Officer 1 st Class	Adam S. Ferguson	January 29, 2001
Officer 1 st Class	David S. Smith	September 4, 2001
Officer 1 st Class	Jeffrey D. Decker	January 28, 2002
Officer 1 st Class	Marcus D. Slifer	July 15, 2002
Officer 1 st Class	Stason L. Wiete	September 15, 2003
Officer 1 st Class	Michael L. Brewer	June 7, 2004
Officer 1 st Class	Donald S. Greenwood	November 8, 2004
Officer 1 st Class	Chad E. Kendricks	August 22, 2005
Officer 1 st Class	James M. Spray	November 20, 2006
Detective	Troy M. Greene	November 20, 2006
Officer 1 st Class	Jonathan T. Morgan	September 4, 2007
Officer 1 st Class	Adam S. Miller	January 7, 2008
Officer 1 st Class	Nathaniel E. Biddle	October 11, 2010
Detective	Jeffery M. Spicer	June 20, 2011

Officer 1 st Class	Aron M. Thompson	May 10, 2012
Officer 1 st Class	Brandon J. Bonnell	September 17, 2012
*Prob. Police Officer	Jordan D. Glick	September 22, 2014
*Prob. Police Officer	Elizabeth Romstant	October 29, 2014
*Prob. Police Officer	Octavio Gaeta	October 29, 2014
Patrol Dispatcher	David R. Stoike	April 30, 2001
Patrol Dispatcher	Kimberly A. Hines	December 20, 2003
Patrol Dispatcher	Jason A. Timmons	February 21, 2004
*Patrol Dispatcher	Tiffany L. Williard	May 21, 2004
*Patrol Dispatcher	Jordan D. Glick	February 15, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher	David H. Payne	May 10, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher	Nathaniel J. Foster	October 10, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher	Christopher J. Cassidy	December 29, 2012
Patrol Dispatcher	Wendy A. Jenkinson	December 29, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher	Jamie B. Hamilton	May 29, 2014
*Patrol Dispatcher	Anna K. Saylor	July 8, 2014
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Amanda L. Dearing	November 3, 2008
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Robert G. Batta	October 4, 2010
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Katharine J. Williams	October 4, 2010
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Kristin M. Johnsen	January 17, 2011
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Joseph A. Potts	April 18, 2012
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	James C. Miller	January 15, 2013
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Samuel P. Smith	October 15, 2013

*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Shawn M. Newman	May 20,2014
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Dale S. Hood	October 29,2014
*Comms Center Supervisor	Scott M. Fohr	November 3, 2014
Code Enforce Supervisor	Rick L. Walker	July 31, 2009
ACO/Court Bailiff	John H. King	September 4, 2001
Code Enforce Officer	Jeffrey P. Ray	February 22, 2011
*Parking Control Officer	Edward L. Smith	May 30, 2000
Parking Control Officer	Jerry D. Burk	January 17, 2001
*Parking Control Officer	Mark A. Gosney	August 29, 2014
Parking Control Officer/PT	Larry G. Grant	March 11, 2009
*Parking Control Officer/PT	Jesse L. Medrano	March 30, 2009
Maintenance Technician	Jeffrey D. Martin	June 16, 1997
Office Manager	Tamara K. Holder	May 15, 1979
Systems Manager	Vickie J. Denson	February 22, 1988
Records Clerk	Kathryn A. McCorkle	January 2, 2001
Janitorial Services/PT	Wilma J. Mills	March 16, 1994
*Crossing Guard	Martha Mugge	April 1975
Crossing Guard	Letitia Sietsma	November 1994
Crossing Guard	Kathryn Mauch	August 1995
Crossing Guard	Kathy Jones	August 1999
Crossing Guard	Vicki Burch	February 1999
Crossing Guard	Debra Foster	January 2008
Crossing Guard	Kimberly Ridge	August 2010

Crossing Guard	Lisa Sinha	April 2012
*Crossing Guard	Jeanette Bennett	August 12, 2014
Department Chaplin	Bill Murdock	October 2003
Department Chaplin	Will Miller	October 2003
*Department Chaplin	Reggie Alderman	February 2014
Department Volunteer	Wayne Merriman	July 2007

Total strength of the Department as of December 31, 2014:	46 Officers 36 Civilians
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Appointments:

Jordan D. Glick	September 22, 2014	Police Officer
Elizabeth Romstant	October 29, 2014	Police Officer
Octavio Gaeta	October 29, 2014	Police Officer
Jamie B. Hamilton	May 29, 2014	Patrol Dispatcher
Anna K. Saylor	July 8, 2014	Patrol Dispatcher
Shawn M. Newman	May 20, 2014	Patrol Dispatcher/PT
Dale S. Hood	October 29, 2014	Patrol Dispatcher/PT
Scott M. Fohr	November 3, 2014	Comms Supervisor
Mark A. Gosney	August 29, 2014	Parking Control Ofc
Jeanette Bennett	August 12, 2014	Crossing Guard
Reggie Alderman	February 2014	Chaplin

Resigned:

Donald E. Hartman	September 1, 2014
Katharine J. Williams	March 10, 2014
Kristin M. Johnsen	March 10, 2014
James C. Miller	March 10, 2014
Tiffany L. Williard	March 16, 2014
Christopher J. Cassidy	May 20, 2014
Joseph A. Potts	July 17, 2014
Jordan D. Glick	September 18, 2014
Jesse L. Medrano	January 31, 2014
Martha Mugge	August 6, 2014

Retired:

John T. Walker, Jr.	March 3, 2014
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Mark A. Gosney
Scott M. Fohr
Edward L. Smith

July 25, 2014
September 15, 2014
June 20, 2014

Promotions:

David E. Lord

September 15, 2014

Sgt. of Patrol to Lt. of
Patrol

Jonathan M. Eager

September 15, 2014

Detective to Sgt. of
Patrol

*Denotes appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements and promotions

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

	2013	2014	Percentage
Calls for Service	27132	27887	3% Up
Cases Investigated	4839	4738	2% Down
 UCR Part 1 Offenses:			
Homicide	0	0	No Change
Rape	6	2	67% Down
Robbery	6	8	33% Up
Aggravated Assaults	25	22	12% Down
Burglary	90	44	51% Down
Arson	0	0	No Change
Auto Theft	17	19	12% Up
Larceny	430	286	33% Down
 Auto Crashes:			
Total	1167	1225	5% Up
Property Damage	692	726	5% Up
Personal Injury	157	165	5% Up
Fatal Crashes	1	1	No Change
 Arrests:			
Criminal	1701	1446	15% Down
Juvenile	55	37	33% Down
 Alcohol Arrests:			
Operating While Intoxicated	178	165	7% Down
Public Intoxication	190	170	11% Down
Minor In Possession of Alcohol	95	67	29% Down
Total Alcohol Arrests	463	402	13% Down

	2013	2014	Percentage
UCR Property			
Property Stolen	\$480798	\$535043	11% Up
Property Recovered	\$108943	\$96221	12% Down
Detective/Narcotic Division			
Cases Worked	218	167	23% Down
Cases Cleared/Closed	210	162	
Traffic Enforcement			
Citations	1266	1551	23% Up
Warnings	10009	9986	1% Down
Total:	11275	11537	2% Up
Noise Ordinance Enforcement			
Arrests	81	35	55% Down
Warnings	184	189	1% Up
Total:	265	224	15% Down
Total Parking Tickets	18223	15116	17% Down
Total Parking Fines Collected	\$707170	\$585150	17% Down

**CASES REPORTED
2014**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Major Cases Investigated	Aggravated Assaults	22
	Arson	0
	Burglary/Business	2
	Burglary/Residence	42
	Homicide/Manslaughter	0
	Homicide/Murder	0
	Kidnapping	0
	Larceny	286
	Other Assaults	80
	Murder/Attempted	0
	Rape/Attempted	0
	Rape/By Force	2
	Robbery	8
	Vehicle Theft	19
	Total Major Cases:	461
Other Cases Reported	24 Hour Ordinance	36
	Accidents/All Reported	1225
	Accidents/Misc	15
	Accumulation of Garbage	4
	Alarms	296
	Assist Other Agency	42
	Bomb Threats	1
	City Noise Ord Violation	199
	City/County Ord & State Statute	164
	Contempt of Court	4
	Conversion/Unauthorized Control	1
	Cruelty to Animals	4
	Damaged Property	45
	Death/Other than Homicide	14
	Demented/Mental	12
	Department Information	246
	Depositing Rubbish/Trash	16
	Disorderly Conduct	3
	Disturbance/Arguments/Fights	34
	Dog/Other Animals	34
	Domestic Disturbance	87
	Doors/Window Unlocked	3
	Driving While Suspended	161
	Drug Abuse Violations	158
	Drunkeness/Public Intoxication	103
	Embezzlement	1
	False Informing/Reporting	10

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
Other Cases Reported	Fire/Non-arson	8
	Forgery/Counterfeiting	7
	Fraud	92
	Fugitive/WOW Other Agency	2
	Grass Height	25
	Harassment	38
	Ill/Injured Person	65
	Indecent/Public Exposure	1
	Junk Vehicle Violation	1
	Liquor Law Violations	16
	Misc Traffic Violation	38
	Missing/Lost Person	4
	Offense Against Family/Child	17
	Operating While Intoxicated	149
	Parking/Private Property	49
	Property Found	82
	Property Lost	9
	Reckless Driving	1
	Resisting Law Enforcement	20
	Runaway	11
	Sex Offenses	5
	Soliciting	2
	Stolen Property/Rec/Poss	3
	Suicide/Attempts/Threats of	47
	Suspicious Incident/Persons	71
	Telephone Harassment	7
	Threats/Intimidation	38
	Tobacco Law Violation	2
	Tow-Ins	9
	Trespass	151
	Vagrancy	1
	Vandalism/Graffiti	7
	Vandalism/Mischief	173
	Weapon Violation	3
	Well Being Check	10
	Wheel Lock	137
	WL Ordinance Violations	58
	Total Other Cases:	4277
	Total Cases:	4738

**CRIMINAL ARRESTS
2014**

Assisting a Criminal	2
Attempted Theft	1
Auto Theft	4
Battery	27
Carry a Handgun w/o a License	4
Child Exploitation	1
Conspiracy to Commit Deal	4
Contributing Delinquency Minor/Alcohol	1
Counterfeiting	1
Criminal Confinement	4
Criminal Conversion	10
Criminal Mischief	6
Criminal Reckless with Weapon	2
Criminal Recklessness with Vehicle	1
Cruelty to Animals	1
Dealing in Cocaine	3
Dealing Controlled Substance	2
Dealing Marijuana	14
Dealing Methamphetamine	14
Dealing in Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	1
Disorderly Conduct	24

Domestic Battery	13
Driving While Suspended	137
Escape	1
False Informing	19
Forgery	4
Fraud	1
Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor	1
Habitual Traffic Violator	18
Impersonation of Law Enforcement	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Interfere with Reporting a Crime	1
Intimidation	7
Invasion of Privacy	2
Leaving the Scene/Crash	33
Maintaining Common Nuisance	16
Minor In Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	67
Neglect of a Dependent	1
Never Receiving a License	80
Obstruction of Justice	1
Obtaining Legend Drugs by Fraud	1
Operating without Financial Responsibility	8
Operating While Intoxicated	165
Parole Violation	1

Petition to Revoke Probation	2
Possession of Chemical Reagents	18
Possession of Child Pornography	1
Possession of Cocaine	4
Possession of Controlled Substance	22
Possession of Legend Drugs	3
Possession of Marijuana	81
Possession of Paraphernalia	46
Possession of Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	16
Possession of Methamphetamine	13
Public Intoxication	170
Receiving Stolen Property	5
Reckless Driving	3
Refuse to Identify Self	1
Residential Entry	10
Resisting Law Enforcement	43
Robbery	3
Speed Contest	2
Theft	58
Trespass	29
Unlawful Entry of a Motor Vehicle	1
Unlawful Possession of a Firearm	1
Unlawful Possession of Syringe	10

Unlawful Use of a License	1
Violation of Restricted License	1
Visiting Common Nuisance	4
Wanted on Warrant	192
Total	1446

**JUVENILE ARRESTS
2014**

Battery	2
Disorderly Conduct	2
False Informing	2
Intimidation	1
Leaving Home without Permission	2
Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	9
Possession of Marijuana	3
Public Intoxication	3
Operating a Vehicle with .02% BAC	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Resisting Law Enforcement	2
Theft	6
Unauthorized Entry of Vehicle	1
Visiting Common Nuisance/Liquor	2
Total	37

2014 Grant Activity

OPO Grant: 405.5 total hours worked

DUI Grant: 176.5 total hours worked

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 582

OPO GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 388

Arrests: 18 (11 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic Violations: 734

DUI GRANT ACTIVITY

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 0

Arrests: 28 (23 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic Violations: 182

WLPD conducted one sobriety check point during the year.

Total DUI arrests for WLPD during 2014: 165



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2014 Traffic Division Report

In 2014, the Police Department investigated a total of 1,225 automobile crashes, which resulted in an increase from the year 2013 by a total of 58 crashes or 5%. Personal injury crashes increased slightly in 2014 as we investigated 165 crashes, which was an increase of nine crashes or 6%. The department investigated 25 alcohol related crashes during the year, which is a decrease of seven crashes or 22% from the previous year. This is the second year we have seen a decrease in this area. The department investigated one fatal crash during the year. A historical look indicates that in 2013 the department investigated the fewest crashes in a ten year period. Although we experienced an increase in total crashes for 2014, we still remained below the ten year average for this category.

The department participated in the Operation Pull Over Awareness Program, which is funded by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving. Officers worked a total of 582 hours of extra patrol focusing enforcement in the area of intoxicated drivers and seatbelt awareness. While working these extra hours, officers made 916 traffic stops that resulted in 34 arrests for motorists found to be operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. As a department in 2013, a total of 165 arrests were made for Operating While Intoxicated, which is a decrease of 13 arrests or 7% from 2013. The department conducted one sobriety Checkpoint during the year that was a joint operation with other area departments.

The department continued its enforcement efforts in the school zones throughout the city during the year. This increased effort resulted in 1,193 traffic stops being conducted for violations related to school zone safety. The department also worked with Purdue University Police Department to increase education and awareness of bicycle and pedestrian safety in the Northwestern Ave. Corridor.

In 2015, the department will continue to focus on school zone safety and safe routes to school. We will partner with Purdue University Police Department to work on traffic safety issues in the campus area, while staying visible in the many construction areas within the city. We will continue to be responsive to neighborhood traffic issues and respond to complaints accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Leroux
Deputy Chief

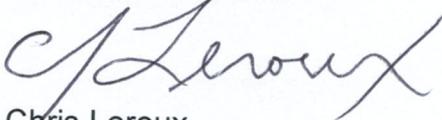
TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

YEAR END REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014

CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2013 & 2014 (Year to Date Figures)

	2013	2014	UP	DOWN	%
TOTAL	1167	1225	58		5%
PD UNDER 1,000.00	170	191	21		12%
PROPERTY DAMAGE	692	726	34		5%
PERSONAL INJURY	156	165	9		6%
PERSONS INJURED	191	217	26		14%
FATALITY	1	1	0		0%
PERSONS KILLED	1	1	0		0%
ALCOHOL RELATED	32	25	0	7	22%

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Leroux
Deputy Chief

NOTE: Ten Hit & Run crashes have been included in the Total Crashes.
(A total of one hundred forty-two Hit & Run crashes year to date)

CRASH SUMMARY

2005 TO 2014

Crash Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	10 yr Average
Total	1,383	1,363	1,322	1,343	1,195	1,226	1,207	1,246	1,167	1,225	1,267
PD Under \$1,000	267	245	259	246	223	239	218	198	170	191	225
Property Damage	762	759	705	753	642	678	671	726	692	726	711
Personal Injury	159	167	156	158	148	154	135	157	156	165	155
Person Injured	196	215	199	195	176	193	164	193	191	217	193
Fatality	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.8
Person Killed	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.8
Alcohol Related	51	43	47	33	33	43	37	36	32	25	38
Hit & Run Crashes	194	190	200	186	181	155	188	165	147	142	174

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Neighborhood Resource Team Summary

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	(% Change from 2013)
Parking Tickets Issued	18,003	14,925	-17.00%
Parking Ticket Revenue	\$707,170.00	\$585,150.25	-17.20%
Animal Control Complaints	273	205	-24.90%
Animals to Shelter	52	48	-7.6%
Total Calls for Service	2410	3114	29.20%

Comments:

Parking ticket decline is attributable to weather conditions in 1st qtr of 2014, increased compliance and reduction in enforceable areas due to construction.



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Neighborhood Resource Team 2014

	Code Enforcement Complaints	Parking Tickets Issued	Revenue	Animal Control Complaints	Shelter
January	547	211	\$20,490.00	17	5
February	232	881	\$17,990.00	7	2
March	195	1289	\$53,150.00	15	11
April	136	1680	\$57,490.00	18	1
May	318	633	\$49,290.00	15	0
June	378	741	\$26,470.00	21	5
July	315	767	\$29,720.00	22	1
August	277	1101	\$34,510.00	15	1
September	276	2334	\$68,305.00	25	4
October	177	1990	\$90,075.25	20	6
November	135	1529	\$57,490.00	16	11
December	128	1769	\$80,170.00	14	1
Total	3114	14925	\$585,150.25	205	48