

**2015**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**WEST LAFAYETTE**

**POLICE**

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# WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 15, 2016

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 2015. This report, compiled by our Records Division, follows the guidelines established by the United States Department of Justice.

In 2015, West Lafayette completed its first full calendar year of annexation to include Purdue University and the US 231 corridor. The department received **28,333 calls for service, an increase of 446 (2%)** over the previous year. This was the third consecutive year the WLPD responded to more than 27,000 calls for service and the first year the department topped 28,000 calls for service. Calls for service increased 7% in 2015 compared to the recent five-year average and **police calls for service have increased 60% overall since 2008.**

The number of **criminal arrests increased 9%** in 2015 (1,574) compared to 2014 (1,446) and juvenile arrests increased 11% (41) compared to 2014 (37). While criminal and juvenile arrests increased, **total alcohol arrests decreased 27%** in 2015 (292), which is the lowest number of alcohol arrests the department has recorded in decades. Minor in Possession of Alcohol arrests were down 34% and Public Intoxication arrests were down 41% over the previous year. **Since 2007, total alcohol arrests have decreased 69%.** The WLPD's alcohol awareness and education programs coupled with the efforts of the Campus Community Bar Retail Coalition, the Purdue Student Wellness Office and the Drug-Free Coalition of Tippecanoe County have collectively contributed to this steady decrease in alcohol arrests.

Public safety is priority one for the WLPD. In 2015, the City of West Lafayette again had **no homicides for the sixth consecutive year and no arsons for the fifth consecutive year.** Other FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) violent offences for 2015 include an increase in rape incidents from 2 to 6 (200%), an increase in robbery from 8 to 16 (100%) and a decrease in aggravated assaults down 14% (19). UCR property crime offences include burglary up 55% (68), auto theft down 5% (18) and larceny up 81% (517). The WLPD investigated over 5,000 cases for the first time in 2015 (5,046), up 7% over the previous year. The most current five-year FBI UCR statistics confirm that West Lafayette continues to have one of the lowest combined rates of violent crime and property crime of any of the Big Ten university cities.

Increased traffic safety remained a priority in 2015. The department launched its first ever full-time Traffic Unit at the start of the 2015 school year consisting of two officers primarily on motorcycle patrol. Officers made **11,931 traffic stops in 2015**, an increase of 3%, including 1,486 stops in our school zones. While traffic crashes increased 3% overall, alcohol related crashes decreased 2% in 2015 after decreasing by 22% and 11% in 2014 and 2013, respectively. There were no fatal vehicle crashes in the city in 2015.

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 responded to 2,582 calls for service in 2015 and issued 16,042 parking tickets, up 8% over last year. The increase in tickets contributed to an **11% increase in city parking ticket revenue for 2015**. The NRT will implement digital license plate reader technology for parking enforcement operations in the first quarter of 2016. This technology will significantly improve the efficiency of parking enforcement operations for the city.

In closing, technology and progressive police operations continue to increase efficiency, communications, and accountability for the department. A combined Public Safety Emergency Dispatch Center for both the City of West Lafayette and Purdue University opened on the Purdue campus in August 2015. This year long project was a joint effort that has significantly improved police, fire and EMS communications for the entire West Lafayette Community. Additionally, the WLPD was one of the first police agencies in our state to implement a body-worn camera (BWC) program for all patrol officers in September 2014. After completing the first full year of the BWC program in 2015, I am pleased to report that documented use of force incidents have decreased by two-thirds (66%) since 2013. The department recorded 29 use of force incidents in 2013, 20 incidents in 2014 and 10 incidents in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dombkowski", with a large, stylized initial "D" that loops around the start of the name.

Jason Dombkowski  
Chief of Police

## 2015 POLICE ROSTER

Chief of Police	Jason L. Dombkowski	January 24, 1994
*Deputy Chief	Troy W. Harris	March 9, 1998
*Deputy Chief	Christopher J. Leroux	January 1, 1987
*Capt. of Special Services	Daniel D. Marvin	September 7, 1985
Capt. of Special Services	Michael D. Francis	December 14, 1985
Capt. of Patrol	Gary L. Sparger	June 3, 1989
*Capt. of Detectives	David A. VanVactor	August 12, 1996
Lt. of Patrol	William J. Gallagher	January 3, 1995
Lt. of Patrol	John D. Watson	January 29, 2003
Lt. of Patrol	David E. Lord	October 30, 2000
*Lt. of Patrol	Kevin A. Flynn	January 3, 1995
*Lt. of Patrol	Arthur A. Choate	November 20, 2000
Sgt. of Detectives	Matthew S. Coddington	January 1, 1985
*Sgt. of Training	Cynthia A. Marion	April 20, 1991
Sgt. of Patrol	Jason H. Philhower	March 18, 1996
Sgt. of Patrol	Jonathan M. Eager	June 27, 2005
*Sgt. of Patrol	Troy M. Greene	November 20, 2006
*Sgt. of Patrol	Stason L. Wiete	September 15, 2003
*Sgt. of Patrol	Michael L. Brewer	June 7, 2004
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Nancee L. Hetrick	June 5, 1981
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Janet A. Shepherd	March 13, 1982
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Michael R. Max	April 26, 1986

Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Mark A. Ridge	May 14, 1988
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Marsha A. Miller	May 28, 1988
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Kevin J. Coomey	January 1, 1990
Detective	Jeffrey J. Dunscomb	April 20, 1991
Detective	Fredrick N. Townsend	February 13, 1995
Detective	Gary C. Ward	March 23, 1998
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Jeff A. Kirby	September 14, 1998
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	William J. Dearing	October 4, 1999
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Adam S. Ferguson	January 29, 2001
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	David S. Smith	September 4, 2001
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Jeffrey D. Decker	January 28, 2002
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Marcus D. Slifer	July 15, 2002
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Donald S. Greenwood	November 8, 2004
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chad E. Kendricks	August 22, 2005
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	James M. Spray	November 20, 2006
Detective	Jonathan T. Morgan	September 4, 2007
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Adam S. Miller	January 7, 2008
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Nathaniel E. Biddle	October 11, 2010
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Jeffery M. Spicer	June 20, 2011
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Aron M. Thompson	May 10, 2012
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Brandon J. Bonnell	September 17, 2012
Officer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Jordan D. Glick	September 22, 2014
Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Elizabeth T. Romstadt	October 29, 2014

Officer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Octavio D. Gaeta	October 29, 2014
*Prob. Police Officer	Uriah H. Crawford	June 22, 2015
*Prob. Police Officer	Quentin A. Phelps	June 22, 2015
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	David H. Payne	May 10, 2011
Patrol Dispatcher	Nathaniel J. Foster	October 10, 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	Samuel P. Smith	October 15, 2013
Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Shawn M. Newman	May 20, 2014
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Dale S. Hood	October 29, 2014
*Patrol Dispatcher/PT	Tyler M. Henderson	November 30, 2015
Comm 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	Jerry D. Burk	January 17, 2001
Parking Control Officer	Mark A. Gosney	August 29, 2014



Tyler M. Henderson                      November 30, 2015    Patrol Dispatcher/PT

Resigned:

Robert G. Batta                      May 28, 2015  
Dale S. Hood                              December 20, 2015

Retired:

Cynthia A. Marion                      July 1, 2015  
Daniel D. Marvin                         September 14, 2015  
Christopher J. Leroux                    November 13 2015

Promotions:

Troy M. Greene	June 22, 2015	Detective to Sgt. of Patrol
Troy W. Harris	August 7, 2015	Lt. of Detectives to Captain of Detectives
Troy W. Harris	November 17, 2015	Captain of Detectives to Deputy Chief
David A. VanVactor	December 15, 2015	Lt. of Patrol to Captain of Detectives
Kevin A. Flynn	December 15, 2015	Sgt. of Patrol to Lt. of Patrol
Arthur A. Choate	December 15, 2015	Sgt. of Patrol to Lt. of Patrol
Stason L. Wiete	December 15, 2015	Police Officer to Sgt. of Patrol
Michael L. Brewer	December 15, 2015	Police Officer to Sgt. of Patrol

\*Denotes appointments, resignations, terminations, retirements and promotions

## WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

	2014	2015	Percentage
<b>Calls for Service</b>	27887	28333	2% Up
<b>Cases Investigated</b>	4738	5046	7% Up

### UCR Part 1 Offenses:

Homicide	0	0	No Change
Rape	2	6	200% Up
Robbery	8	16	100% Up
Aggravated Assaults	22	19	14% Down
Burglary	44	68	55% Up
Arson	0	0	No Change
Auto Theft	19	18	5% Down
Larceny	286	517	81% Up

### Auto Crashes:

Total	1225	1261	3% Up
Property Damage	726	792	9% Up
Personal Injury	165	149	10% Down
Fatal Crashes	1	0	100% Down

### Arrests:

Criminal	1446	1574	9% Up
Juvenile	37	41	11% Up

### Alcohol Arrests:

Operating While Intoxicated	165	148	10% Down
Public Intoxication	170	100	41% Down
Minor In Possession of Alcohol	67	44	34% Down
<b>Total Alcohol Arrests</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>27% Down</b>

	2014	2015	Percentage
<b>UCR Property</b>			
Property Stolen	\$535043	\$520453	3% Down
Property Recovered	\$96221	\$206747	115% Up
<b>Detective/Narcotic Division</b>			
Cases Worked	167	211	26% Up
Cases Cleared/Closed	162	198	
<b>Traffic Enforcement</b>			
Citations	1551	1525	2% Down
Warnings	9986	10406	4% Up
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11537</b>	<b>11931</b>	<b>3% Up</b>
<b>Noise Ordinance Enforcement</b>			
Arrests	35	44	26% Up
Warnings	189	179	5% Down
<b>Total:</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>1% Down</b>
<b>Total Parking Tickets</b>	15116	16184	7% Up
<b>Total Parking Fines Collected</b>	\$585150	\$646604	11% Up

**CASES REPORTED  
2015**

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
<b>Major Cases Investigated</b>	Aggravated Assaults	19
	Arson	0
	Burglary/Business	10
	Burglary/Residence	58
	Homicide/Manslaughter	0
	Homicide/Murder	0
	Kidnapping	0
	Larceny	517
	Other Assaults	95
	Murder/Attempted	0
	Rape/Attempted	0
	Rape/By Force	6
	Robbery	16
	Vehicle Theft	18
	<b>Total Major Cases:</b>	<b>739</b>
<b>Other Cases Reported</b>	24 Hour Ordinance	46
	Accidents/All Reported	1261
	Accidents/Misc	5
	Accumulation of Garbage	2
	Alarms	350
	Assist Other Agency	56
	Bomb Threats	1
	Canine Deployment	6
	City Noise Ord Violation	203
	City/County Ord & State Statute	204
	Contempt of Court	6
	Conversion/Unauthorized Control	1
	Cruelty to Animals	1
	Damaged Property	38
	Death/Other than Homicide	16
	Demented/Mental	8
	Department Information	244
	Depositing Rubbish/Trash	5
	Disturbance/Arguments/Fights	37
	Dog/Other Animals	16
	Domestic Disturbance	112
	Driving While Suspended	191
	Drug Abuse Violations	146
	Drunkeness/Public Intoxication	68

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	
Other Cases Reported	False Informing/Reporting	3	
	Fire/Non-arson	3	
	Forgery/Counterfeiting	12	
	Fraud	145	
	Fugitive/WOW Other Agency	3	
	Grass Height	3	
	Harassment	30	
	Ill/Injured Person	34	
	Indecent/Public Exposure	4	
	Liquor Law Violations	8	
	Medical Problem	1	
	Misc Traffic Violation	24	
	Missing/Lost Person	5	
	Offense Against Family/Child	19	
	Operating While Intoxicated	112	
	Parking/Private Property	58	
	Property Found	103	
	Property Lost	7	
	Prowler	1	
	Reckless Driving	4	
	Residential Entry	18	
	Resisting Law Enforcement	8	
	Runaway	6	
	Sex Offenses	11	
	Soliciting	3	
	Suicide/Attempts/Threats of	46	
	Suspicious Incident/Persons	88	
	Threats/Intimidation	22	
	Tow-Ins	11	
	Trespass	165	
	Unwanted Guest	1	
	Vagrancy	1	
	Vandalism/Graffiti	3	
	Vandalism/Mischief	152	
	Weapon Violation	2	
	Well Being Check	8	
	Wheel Lock	150	
	WL Ordinance Violations	10	
		<b>Total Other Cases:</b>	<b>4307</b>
		<b>Total Cases:</b>	<b>5046</b>

**CRIMINAL ARRESTS  
2015**

Attempted Armed Robbery	1
Attempted Theft	2
Auto Theft	6
Battery	29
Body Attachment	3
Burglary	6
Carry a Handgun w/o a License	6
Child Molesting	1
Contributing Delinquency Minor/Alcohol	2
Criminal Confinement	8
Criminal Conversion	33
Criminal Mischief	9
Criminal Reckless with Weapon	1
Criminal Recklessness with Vehicle	2
Cruelty to Animals	1
Dealing in Cocaine	2
Dealing Controlled Substance	3
Dealing Marijuana	6
Dealing Methamphetamine	9
Disorderly Conduct	13
Domestic Battery	15

Driving While Suspended	152
False Informing	11
Forgery	2
Fraud	6
Glue Sniffing	1
Habitual Substance Offender	2
Habitual Traffic Violator	21
Identity Deception	2
Impersonation of Law Enforcement	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Interfere with Reporting a Crime	1
Intimidation	2
Invasion of Privacy	2
Leaving the Scene/Crash	34
Maintaining Common Nuisance	11
Minor In Tavern	1
Minor In Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	41
Neglect of a Dependent	1
Never Receiving a License	83
Obstructing Traffic	1
Obstruction of Justice	1
Obtaining Legend Drugs by Fraud	1
Operating without Financial Responsibility	11

Operating While Intoxicated	148
Perjury – False Statement	1
Parole Violation	1
Petition to Revoke Probation	1
Possession of Chemical Reagents	11
Possession of Cocaine	4
Possession of Controlled Substance	28
Possession of Legend Drugs	2
Possession of Marijuana	83
Possession of Paraphernalia	63
Possession of Salvia/Synthetic Cannabinoid	19
Possession of Methamphetamine	10
Public Intoxication	99
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Reckless Driving	5
Refuse to Identify Self	1
Residential Entry	18
Resisting Law Enforcement	34
Robbery	9
Speed Contest	1
Theft	200
Trespass	49
Unlawful Entry of a Motor Vehicle	3

Unlawful Possession of a Firearm	1
Unlawful Possession of Syringe	9
Visiting Common Nuisance	3
Voyeurism	2
Wanted on Warrant	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>1574</b>

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**JUVENILE ARRESTS  
2015**

Auto Theft	1
Battery	1
Criminal Recklessness – Armed w/ Deadly Weapon	1
Disobedience – Disobey Command of Parent/Guardian	1
Driving While Suspended	3
Escape	1
False Informing	1
Forgery	1
Fraud	1
Leaving the Scene/Crash	1
Minor in Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	3
Never Receiving a License	1
Pointing a Firearm	1
Possession of Paraphernalia	1
Public Intoxication	1
Robbery	1
Theft	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>



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## 2015 Traffic Report

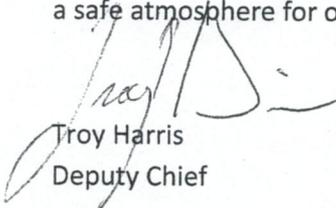
In 2015, the West Lafayette Police Department investigated a total of 1,261 automobile crashes, which resulted in an increase from 2014 of 36 total crashes or 3%. Property damage crashes saw the largest increase as we recorded 69 more crashes for an 8% increase. Personal Injury crashes decreased from 165 in 2014 to 149 in 2015, a decrease of 10%. The department investigated 27 alcohol related crashes during the year which is a decrease of 2, or 8%, from the previous year. There were 0 fatal crashes during the year.

In August of 2015 the West Lafayette Police Department launched its first ever full time traffic enforcement unit. The Traffic Unit is comprised of (1) Sergeant and (1) patrolman primarily assigned to motorcycle patrol to focus solely on traffic related issues. Some of the areas of concentration are school zone enforcement, construction zones, traffic crashes, community related traffic concerns, and special events.

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 505 hours of extra patrol focusing enforcement in the area of intoxicated drivers and seatbelt awareness. While working these extra hours, officers made 815 traffic stops that resulted in 21 arrests for motorists found to be operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. As a department in 2015, a total of 148 arrests were made for Operating While Intoxicated, which is a decrease of 17 from 2014. The department participated 1 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 1,486 traffic stops for violations related to school zone safety. The department also worked to increase education and awareness of bicycle safety issues in the Village Throughout the summer.

2016 will bring about many challenges as numerous construction and road improvement projects have been planned. It is our goal to focus on traffic safety issues and provide safe travel corridors throughout the city for our motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrian alike. We will also work cooperatively with Purdue University to provide a safe atmosphere for our student population.

  
Troy Harris  
Deputy Chief

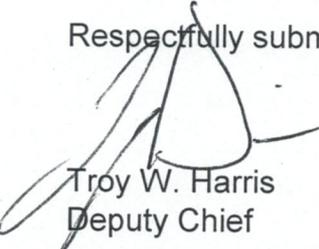
# TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

## YEAR END REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015

### CRASH COMPARISON FOR 2014 & 2015 (Year to Date Figures)

	2014	2015	UP	DOWN	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	1225	1261	36		3%
<b>PD UNDER 1,000.00</b>	191	168		23	12%
<b>PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>	726	792	66		9%
<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	165	149		16	10%
<b>PERSONS INJURED</b>	217	206		11	5%
<b>FATALITY</b>	1	0		1	0%
<b>PERSONS KILLED</b>	1	0		1	0%
<b>ALCOHOL RELATED</b>	25	27	2		8%

Respectfully submitted,



Troy W. Harris  
Deputy Chief

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

## 2015 Grant Activity

OPO Grant: 366 total hours worked

DUI Grant: 139 total hours worked

TOTAL HOURS WORKED: 505

### **OPO GRANT ACTIVITY**

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 375

Arrests: 19 (7 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic Violations: 689

### **DUI GRANT ACTIVITY**

Seatbelt Tickets Issued: 0

Arrests: 15 (14 of these for DUI)

Total Traffic Violations: 126

WLPD conducted one sobriety check point during the year.

Total DUI arrests for WLPD during 2015: 148



*Neighborhood Resource Team year-year comparison*

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	(Change from 2014)
Parking Tickets Issued	14,925	16,042	7.50%
Parking Ticket Revenue	\$585,150.25	\$646,564.00	10.50%
Animal Control Complaints	205	226	10.20%
Animals to Shelter	48	51	0.6%
Total Calls for Service	3,114	2,582	-17.00%



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***Neighborhood Resource Team 2015***

	Code Enforcement Complaints	Parking Tickets Issued	Revenue	Animal Control Complaints	Shelter
January	221	1003	\$46,140.00	5	0
February	340	1240	\$51,990.00	11	3
March	202	1386	\$60,161.00	16	3
April	214	2136	\$69,463.00	20	7
May	356	856	\$57,875.00	20	1
June	202	1197	\$42,425.00	23	6
July	184	875	\$39,960.00	24	6
August	239	1537	\$44,085.00	21	3
September	198	1803	\$61,995.00	25	9
October	172	1470	\$61,835.00	32	4
November	150	1215	\$51,210.00	15	5
December	104	1324	\$59,425.00	14	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2582</b>	<b>16042</b>	<b>\$646,564.00</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>51</b>