

LAWRENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2014

Message from Chief Tarik Khatib

I am pleased to present the Lawrence, Kansas Police Department's 2014 Annual Report and appreciate your time and interest in us. This year was a particularly challenging year for the Lawrence Police Department as we had many things going on at once.

In an effort to utilize the best data to assist with the decision making process, as well as to provide the best information to you, the Department partnered with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office to make several improvements. This included the implementation of a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system as well as a new Records Management System (RMS). The new systems will enable us to better manage resources as well as be able to provide more robust statistical information to you. Department personnel spent a large amount of their training time this year learning the new system(s).

Speaking of resources, the Department examined when calls for service were occurring and reorganized the Patrol Division staffing to better match the call load. This included the first full-year implementation of the team-based structure – coupling the same set of officers with a supervisor to more effectively address problems and community concerns.

The Investigative Division was very busy as well. During 2014, there were six homicide investigations. This was an unusually high number and was not attributed to any particular crime trend. Detectives met the challenge and solved all the cases.

Lastly, the Department made its case for the need in regards to a new combined police facility. Over 100 presentations and meetings were provided and attended. This culminated with a November vote asking the community to increase the sales tax to fund the facility. Unfortunately the bond did not pass, but we remain hopeful the Department will receive the much needed facility in the future.

I am proud of the men and women of the Lawrence Police Department and we will continue to serve you in the best way possible.

Patrol Division

❑ Patrol Division completed its first full year of Team Based Deployment. The Team Based Deployment consists of four shifts. Each shift is 10 hours in length.

Days:	0640-1700 hours
Early Swings:	1040-2110 hours
Late Swings:	1640-0310 hours
Midnights:	2040-0710 hours

Each shift consists of two teams, A and B team. These teams work four days a week. One team works Sunday through Wednesday, with the other team working Wednesday through Saturday. The overlap of personnel on Wednesdays allows the Department to conduct training and still maintain coverage throughout the city.

Within each team, officers are assigned to quads.

A Quad:	Northwest area of the city
B Quad:	Southwest area of the city
C Quad:	Southeast area of the city
D Quad:	Northeast area of the city

Even though officers are assigned to a specific quad, they are still available to assist where needed throughout the city.

Patrol Division

❑ Every criminal report written by the Lawrence Police Department has at least one Kansas Statute violation. If there is more than one offense listed, the officer enters the most serious as the first offense on the report. All Kansas Statutes that are reported to the FBI, by the KBI, are given a UCR Classification Code. Not all Kansas Statutes have UCR Classifications.

The following table does not include all crimes – only the FBI (UCR) Categories.

UCR Classification	2014 Total	UCR Classification	2014 Total
Homicide	6	Rape	62
Robbery	45	Aggravated Assault/Battery	193
Arson	15	Burglary	416
Larceny/Theft	2572	Domestic Battery	613
Counterfeiting/Forgery	180	Disorderly Conduct	176
Drug Abuse Violations	413	Fraud	509
OUI	503	Runaway	134
Sex Offenses	90	Simple Assault/Battery	1064
Stolen Property Offenses	30	Vandalism	882
Weapon Offenses	27	All Other Offenses	1168

Investigations Division

❑ The Investigative Division implemented an evening shift for the detectives. Here is a breakdown of the shifts:

Days:	Monday-Friday	0800 to 1700 hours
Evenings:	Tuesday-Friday	1300 to 2400 hours

❑ Six Homicide Investigations were conducted in 2014:

- January 17, 2014 – Harold M. Sasko was found dead in his home. His roommate had been missing for several days and was later found in Florida. She was extradited to Lawrence to face first-degree murder charges.
- March 10, 2014 – Patrick Roberts died after being shot inside his residence after two men allegedly kicked in his door and attempted to rob him. The suspects were charged with first-degree murder and aggravated battery.
- May 11, 2014 – Charles T. Brockman was shot on Mother’s Day at an apartment complex during a family barbecue. After reviewing the case, the Douglas County District Attorney did not file charges against the shooter.
- July 26, 2014 – Christine Kaplan’s body was discovered inside her home. The suspect was later located in Topeka after allegedly breaking into a home and stealing a jar of change. The suspect can’t be charged in the Lawrence homicide until the case in Topeka is complete.
- September 12, 2014 – Vance “Van” Moulton was found dead in his apartment. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of first degree murder after admitting to helping Moulton commit suicide.
- November 9, 2014 - Justina Altamirano Mosso’s body was discovered inside an apartment after a family member reported her missing. The suspect was located in Washington County, Mississippi and arrested on suspicion of first-degree murder.

Community Services Division

The Community Services Division consists of three units:

- Training
- School Resource Officers
- Neighborhood Resource Officers

☐ Training

- Organized training for Department personnel to meet the mandatory 40 hours per officer of continuing education required by the State of Kansas.
- Handled arrangements for officers to attend specialized training hosted by other agencies. These courses provide the officers with a variety of knowledge to help with their day-to-day duties and special assignments.
- The Department hosted three seminars that were open to law enforcement agencies across the country. Several hundred law enforcement personnel attended these seminars.
- January 3, 2014 to March 7, 2014: online applications were taken for the 35th Basic Recruit Academy. Written and physical agility tests were conducted on three consecutive Saturdays starting February 22nd. Individuals passing the written test were scheduled for oral interviews to be held on the Monday and Tuesday immediately following their written test. Individuals were chosen from the Oral Interview process to proceed to an interview with the Chief of Police. Once the Chief's interviews concluded, applicants were selected and conditional offers were given. After extensive background investigations, seven individuals were selected to attend the academy.

Community Services Division

- The 35th Basic Recruit Academy was held June 22, 2014 through November 13, 2014. The academy consisted of seven Lawrence Police Department Recruits and two Douglas County Sheriff's Officers. These individuals participated in 24 weeks of intense training, in order to become certified Kansas Police Officers.
- From February 11, 2014 through March 13, 2014, 30 people participated in the 21st Citizens' Academy. These individuals spent Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:00-9:00pm, learning about the Department and what it's like to be a police officer. A variety of topics were covered, including hands-on training in areas such as evidence retrieval, officer safety and car stops. Many of these scenarios allowed citizens to actively participate by playing the role of police officer.

☐ Neighborhood Resource Officers

Description	Total	Description	Total
Neighborhood Association Meetings	15	Citizen Contacts/Inquiries	816
Graffiti Reports Forwarded to Code Enforcement	38	Special Projects	488
Site Plans Reviewed	51	Fairs (Info/Health/Safety)	5
Public Presentations	41	Security Surveys	5
Security at City Commission Meetings	46	Warning Letters Distributed	29
Solicitor License Applicant Background Checks	32	Referrals from Code Enforcement	26

Community Services Division

❑ School Resource Officers

There are four School Resource Officers assigned to the Lawrence Public Schools. Two are located at Free State High School and two at Lawrence High School. Their primary assignments are at the high schools, but they respond to other schools as needed.

The tables below provide a snap shot of the activities encountered from January through May and August through December, 2014.

Number of Incidents Involving Students	Total
Person Crimes	117
Property Crimes	127
Non-Criminal Incidents	1707
Alcohol/Drug	148

Number of Arrests	50
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Number of Students Involved in Incidents	Total
Person Crimes	264
Property Crimes	213
Non-Criminal Incidents	1929

- The 2014 Police Camp was held June 5-7 at Free State High School. Thirty-eight kids, between 8 to 12 years of age participated in the camp. The program included a wide range of activities that incorporated teamwork, physical fitness and general police information. The camp concluded with a graduation ceremony and pizza party luncheon for the campers and their families.

Information Technology Division

❑ Information Services Unit

In 2014, the Information Services Unit was instrumental in the roll-out of the new Spillman (RMS). Spillman provides comprehensive public safety software for police departments, sheriff's offices, communications centers and fire departments. They specialize in integrated Computer Aided Dispatch, Record Management Systems, Mobile Data & Field Reporting, Mapping & GIS, Crime Analysis & CompStat, JMS, Data Sharing, and Personnel & Resources software. This roll-out included all of the above entities in Lawrence and Douglas County.

❑ Office of Professional Accountability

Complaint	Total
Sustained	2
Exonerated	4
Unfounded	5
Not Sustained	2
Dismissed	3
Pending	1

Promotions

- ❑ July 14, 2014 – Amy Rhoads was promoted to Sergeant



- ❑ September 19, 2014 – Mark Unruh was promoted to Sergeant



Retirements

- ❑ **May 30, 2014 – Sergeant Randy Roberts retired after 23 years of service**



- ❑ **December 12, 2014 – Officer Tony Garcia retired after 33 years of service**



Awards

- ❑ April 27, 2014 – Officer Tina Shambaugh - Fraternal Order of Eagles Reverence for Law Award



- ❑ November 13, 2014 – Commendation Awards



Detective Jamie Lawson



Officer Jonathan Gardner

Awards

☐ November 13, 2014 – Life Saving Awards



Sergeant Mark Unruh



Officer Jay Bialek



Officer Bill Bradford



Officer Nathan Haig



Officer Peter Kerby



Officer Justin Rhoads



Officer Sheri Stites



Officer Adam Welch

35th Basic Recruit Academy





KU Bike Rodeo



Ballard Breakfast and Holiday Shopping



Trunk or Treat



Community Outreach



Boys & Girls Club Birthday Beat



21st Citizens' Academy



Community Outreach



Hawks, Cops & Kids



Lawrence Police Blue Santa



Valor Golf Tournament



Police Camp





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