

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Marshalltown Police Department  
Chief Michael W. Tupper

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Marshalltown Police Department in partnership with the community will work to enhance public safety to reduce the fear and incident of crime and to serve the citizens of Marshalltown with respect and dignity and to do so with honor and integrity.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

- A culturally diversified department of sufficient strength to be responsive to the needs of the community incorporating community policing concepts and functioning in a proactive rather than a reactive manner.
- A department whose employees are happy with their jobs working in a community that is safe and secure due to a positive police influence.
- A department with adequate equipment to perform their duties.
- A department committed to crime prevention.
- A department whose employees treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- A department not only professionally trained but a model for professionalism.

# Chief's Message

Dear Citizens of Marshalltown,

We are pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report, which details the activities and accomplishments of the Marshalltown Police Department. I hope this report thoroughly explains the efforts the police department makes to deliver quality and professional police services in Marshalltown.

The Marshalltown Police Department serves a community of approximately 27,500 residents. The department consists of an authorized strength of forty-three sworn police officers and seventeen civilian employees. The department is supported in its duties by a group of citizen volunteers and a growing reserve police unit. The police will work in the fiscal year 2016-2017 with one less police officer as a result of budget challenges.

The MPD is responsible for the preservation of human life, public peace, protection of the rights of persons and property, prevention of crime, and the enforcement of all federal, state and local laws within the boundaries of the City of Marshalltown. The department also operates an emergency communications center for all public safety services in Marshall County.

In 2015, the Marshalltown Police Department responded to over 12,000 calls for service and filed over 3,300 police reports. In 2015, the MPD made over 1,970 arrests, issued just over 1,300 traffic citations and made over 3,800 traffic stops. The Marshall County E911 Center answered over 16,000 911 telephone calls and over 63,000 non-emergency telephone calls.

Toward the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015, violent crime concerns were a topic of discussion in Marshalltown. Marshalltown continues to be a safe community in which to live and work. Violent crime is not a significant problem in Marshalltown and our community saw a leveling out of these types of calls as the calendar year 2015 wrapped up and remains relatively rare in our community. The police department is always concerned when violent crime occurs. We continue to closely monitor these issues and are committed to working with the community to solve these problems. These issues require partnerships between the police department, community members and community organizations as we all have a shared obligation for the policing of our community. The members of the police department embrace the tremendous public support and the daily opportunities we have to serve the public and address community concerns. Community outreach efforts in 2015 and a commitment to community policing have helped us overcome the problems we faced during late 2014 and early 2015.

As a result of community discussions regarding crime in Marshalltown and Marshall County, a devoted group of community advocates united and implemented a Crime Stoppers program for Marshall County. The Marshall County Crime Stoppers program went live in September of 2015 and has already led to over 60 tips and 2 arrests. This program has received exemplary community support and will be a tremendous asset for public safety agencies in Marshall County moving forward for many years to come.

In 2015, the police department continued crime prevention efforts. Code enforcement, nuisance abatement and quality of life issues are important to our community and are priorities for our police staff. A sworn police officer was assigned to these duties in 2015.

# Chief's Message

This has led to enhanced investigative efficiencies and effectiveness. Working in partnership with City Hall, the police department will be assisting with a new dangerous and dilapidated building program in 2016. The City has identified ten properties which are in extreme and dangerous conditions of disrepair. It is still early in the process but the goal of this program is improve the image of our community and to address dangerous buildings.

The police department building continues to be a topic of discussion in our community. The current police building lacks the safety and technology infrastructure necessary to provide 21<sup>st</sup> Century law enforcement services. Our police building no longer meets the needs of our staff or community. Basement flooding, roof leaks, structural deficiencies, work space needs, a lack of security and confidential spaces are all significant problems in our police building. Our ability to provide quality police service is diminished due to the poor condition of the police building. These critically important problems need to be addressed so our department can provide the modern police services our community expects.

A bond referendum election was held on May 5, 2015, regarding a police building project proposal. The community overwhelmingly voted down the original police building proposal. Consequently, the Marshalltown City Council is investigating new options involving both police and fire building projects. Mayor James L. Lowrance has appointed a new Police & Fire Building Advisory Committee. Work continues on these critically important public safety building projects. It is possible a second bond referendum election will be held later in 2016. If this election is held, it will require 60% of the voters to vote yes to pass the bond referendum. The council and advisory committee continue to investigate potential building sites. Proposed building designs and potential project costs have not yet been examined. The public will continue to have opportunities to voice opinions and participate in the process.

In 2015 the police department kicked off the *Coffee with a Cop* program, an initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. *Coffee with a Cop* provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the police department's work in Marshalltown neighborhoods. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. *Coffee with a Cop* breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction. We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring up concerns, or simply get to know our officers. These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships. We look forward to this program growing in 2016.

In 2016, the police department will continue to investigate body worn camera technology. We anticipate a body worn camera program will be implemented sometime during 2016. Funding is still being sought. Initially, the department will have to start small since we will not be able to afford to equip all police officers with this equipment. Ultimately the police department needs to purchase 40 camera systems. Questions still remain about how the video data collected by these cameras will be stored. Data storage is the most expensive part of this project and will become a significant on-going expense once this program is implemented.

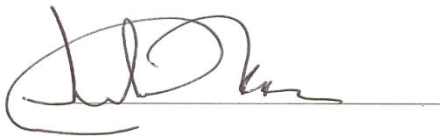
# Chief's Message

In 2015, the Marshall County E911 Communications Center switched from an 8-hour work schedule to a 12-hour work schedule. The new schedule was initially experimented with and was ultimately fully implemented at the request of E911 staff. During the first 6 months of 2016, the Marshalltown Police Department will be conducting a trial 12-hour shift for uniform patrol officers. We will be evaluating the overall effectiveness of this work schedule as it is imperative that it not only work for department staff but also meets the needs of the community we are serving. We will not implement this new work schedule permanently if we are not able to provide a high level of professional and quality service to the citizens of Marshalltown.

The men and women working in the police department continue to embrace the philosophy and goals of the Marshalltown City Council. We deliver service to our community with pride and professionalism, recognizing we are always ambassadors of the city. Despite budget challenges and ever changing technology needs, we understand our objective remains to serve the residents and guests of our community in a superior manner. Average is not acceptable and we recognize this high standard of professionalism is an expectation of our customers. We are privileged to deliver law enforcement services for the City of Marshalltown.

I am very proud of the Marshalltown Police Department and the great group of employees serving our community. I have asked our staff members to serve the community with *Passion & Compassion*. We will continue to open up and maintain lines of communication with all citizens and will work to address and solve problems. Marshalltown is an outstanding community and the employees of the Marshalltown Police Department will partner with the community throughout the coming year to make Marshalltown the best that it can be.

Best Regards,



Michael W. Tupper  
Chief of Police



# Personnel

## ADMINISTRATION

Michael W. Tupper, Chief of Police

Alicia Hunter, Administrative Assistant

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

### 11:00 PM-7:00 AM

Lt Ryan Goecke

Sgt Richard Lang

Sgt Kiel Stevenson,  
K9 Raji

Of. Casee Veren

Of. David Danielson

Of. Ramon Maxey

Of. Jerad Hoyt

Of. Paul Heitman

Of. Stephen Sheets

### 7:00 AM-3:00 PM

Lt Ronald Ohrt

Sgt Tricia Thein

Sgt Tom Watson,  
K9 Jordy

Of. Rodney Whitmore

Of. Rick Stamp

Of. David Powell

Of. Vern Jefferson

Of. Ryan Dehl

Of. Justin Allen

### 3:00 PM-11:00 PM

Lt Christopher Roush

Sgt Todd Tuttle

Sgt Melinda Ruopp

Of. Dawn Brooke

Of. Andrew Cole

Of. Juan Tejada

Of. AJ Accola

Of. Eric Siemens

Of. Dane Bowermaster

Of. Stephanie Deutmeyer

### RESERVE UNIT

Lt Aaron Polley

Of. Todd Frye

Of. Chris Mayer

# Personnel

## SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Michael Hanken  
Captain

Randy Kessler  
Detective

Brian Siegert  
Detective

Sadie Weekley  
Detective

Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force  
Officer

Bradley Mauseth  
Community Outreach Officer

Kraig Lageschulte  
School Resource Officer

Cortney Watson  
Crime Scene Technician

Code Enforcement  
Officer

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Christopher Jones  
Captain

Rick Bellile  
Training Sergeant

Anne Davis  
Records Supervisor

Rhonda Allen  
Records Clerk

Sarah Lewis  
Records Clerk/Parking

### MARSHALL COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER

Teresa Lang, Supervisor

Kathy Kroeger, Operator

Vicky Otto, Operator

Angie Duffy, Operator

Haley Nichols, Operator

Tamra Bowman, Operator

Daniel McCready, Operator

Stacy Roads, Lead Operator

Allie Erickson, Operator

Jessica Airey, Operator

Tiffany Eibs, Operator

Casandra Andrade, Operator

Caitlin Nemechek, Operator

Vacancy, Operator

# Personnel

## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Officer Paul Heitman



## NEW EMPLOYEES

Caitlin Nemechek, Dispatcher

Logan Wolf, Officer

Tanner Hunt, Officer

Katherine Hermsen, Officer

Wyatt Shelangoski, Officer

Christopher Mayer, Reserve

## RETIREMENTS

Vicky Otto, Dispatcher

Over 32 years of service

## EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

Lt Ronald Ohrt	30 yrs of service
Officer Rick Stamp	25 yrs of service
Sgt Rick Bellile	25 yrs of service
Sgt Melinda Ruopp	20 yrs of service
Lt Christopher Roush	15 yrs of service
Tamra Bowman, dispatcher	10 yrs of service
Sgt Kiel Stevenson	10 yrs of service
Officer Bradley Mauseth	10 yrs of service
Officer Eric Siemens	5 yrs of service

# Special Services

## CAPTAIN MICHAEL HANKEN

The Special Services Division is staffed by officers and civilian personnel who are dedicated to providing essential and specialized services that supplement and support the other divisions of the department, as well as the community in which we serve. The division is made up of the following segments, Investigations, Crime Scene and Property Management, Community Outreach, School Resource and Code Enforcement-Nuisance Abatement.

The officers and civilian staff assigned to the division work very closely with our partners in local, state and federal law enforcement on all types of investigations. These collaborative efforts have lead to the successful resolution of several high profile cases that have impacted our community. Several high profile criminal investigations took place within days of each other in 2015. These investigations required many long hours of intensive investigation.

### INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Weekley, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Investigator, coordinated 121 Sex Offender Registry Checks this last year. All but 5 persons required to be on the registry were found to be in compliance and living where they were registered. The five who were found not to be in compliance faced additional criminal charges.

The investigator assigned to the Mid Iowa Drug Task Force worked 39, time and labor intensive cases within Marshalltown this last year, in addition to numerous other narcotics cases in the jurisdictions of Marshall, Grundy, Hardin and Tama Counties.

Detective Kessler continues his work with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. On February 19, 2015, John Vivian Sims of Marshalltown, the suspect in a child pornography case, was sentenced to 210 months or 17.5 years in Federal Prison on charges of Transportation of Child Pornography.

The Drug Drop-Off Box, located in the Police Department lobby, has been very successful in it's second year collecting a total of 378.26 lbs of prescription drugs. The Drug Drop Off Box is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, for the collecting and safe disposal of unwanted prescription drugs.

MPD SEIZURES	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cocaine	4 grams	5.6 grams	20 grams	2 grams
Methamphetamine	75.5 grams	77 grams	159 grams	881 grams
Marijuana	296 grams	352 grams	1081 grams	443 grams
Prescription	215 pills	195 pills	318 pills	611 pills

(Stats do not contain MIDTF Seizures)

# *Special Services*

## **SIGNIFICANT CASES**

### **Attempted Murder Investigation 01/04/15**

On January 4, staff responded to the Flamingo Motel to investigate the shooting of a female occupant. The female victim was taken by ambulance to Central Iowa Health Care, then transported to Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. A suspect was identified as Jean Carlos Martinez-Velazquez, of Marshalltown, and was arrested after questioning and charged with Attempted, Murder, Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) with the Intent to Deliver, and Aggravated Domestic Assault.

On June 9, 2015, Martinez-Velazquez was sentenced in Marshall County District Court to 41 years in prison after pleading guilty to Willful Injury, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Firearm as a Felon, and Domestic Abuse Causing Injury.

### **Homicide Investigation 01/17/15**

On January 17, MPD personnel and agents with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation began an investigation into the shooting death of Dedrikk Fisher. Fisher was found shot in the chest on the front porch at 1203 W Church St in Marshalltown. Fisher was transported to Central Iowa Health Care by ambulance where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Jose Enrique Morales as identified as being the person responsible for Fisher's death. Morales evaded arrest for several days and was finally arrested without incident 4 days later on January 21. Morales was found hiding in an apartment at 402 Plaza Heights Rd in Marshalltown. Morales was arrested and charged with First Degree Murder and Going Armed with Intent. On April 10, 2015 Morales was found guilty of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Murder by a Webster County Jury. On May 26, 2015 Morales was sentenced to 50 yrs in prison in Marshall County District Court.

Two others were arrested on January 21 for their part in assisting Morales after the homicide. Bethany Brant, of Marshalltown, was charged with Accessory After the Fact and Neglect of a Dependant Person. On April 6, Brant plead guilty to both charges in Marshall County District Court and was sentenced to 2 yrs in prison. Francisco Padilla-Galvez, of Nevada, Iowa, was charged with Accessory After the Fact. On March 30, Padilla-Galvez plead guilty in Marshall County District Court and was sentenced to 2 yrs in prison.

### **Kidnapping/Sexual Assault Suspect Apprehended After Foot Pursuit**

On August 16, at 12:26 am the MPD began an investigation into the sexual assault of a juvenile female who was with her family attending a reception at the Impala Ballroom. At the time of the incident all that was known of the suspect was that he was a Hispanic male with a thin beard wearing a cowboy hat, pink shirt and jeans.

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As the investigation progressed, Detective Siegert was able to locate and identify a possible suspect. Evidence gathered at the time of the assault was submitted to the DCI lab to be compared with evidence collected during a search warrant of the suspect and his home that was conducted on Sept 10, 2015.

On Friday, October 16, the MPD received confirmation from the DCI lab that the DNA sample taken from the suspect matched evidence collected from the victim's clothing. Marshalltown detectives began searching for the suspect, identified as Victor Manuel Angel-Garcia. On October 23, with the assistance of the DCI, Angel-Garcia was spotted by agents in a vehicle on Vance Ave. Angel-Garcia stopped his vehicle and fled on foot. Additional officers with the MPD, K9 team, and Deputies from the Marshall and Tama County Sheriff's Offices responded to assist. At 4:22 pm Angel-Garcia was located hiding in a ditch to the west of Vine & Twinkle Hill Rd and taken into custody without incident. Victor Manuel Angel-Garcia, 25 yrs old of Marshalltown, was arrested and charged with Kidnapping 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Sexual Abuse 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Harassment 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Angel-Garcia is currently being held in the Marshall County Jail awaiting trial on \$100,000.00 cash bond.

## 2014 CASE RESOLUTION



### **Jiffy and Kum & Go Convenience Store Armed Robberies 12/16/14 & 12/20/14**

On 12/16/14 the Jiffy Convenience Store at 111 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave was robbed by a male armed with a large knife. On 12/20/14 the Kum & Go Convenience Store was robbed by a male suspect who was again armed with a large knife. Cash and other items were taken in both robberies.

On 04/15/15, Devante Hines & Cedano Thomas were sentenced in Marshall County District Court after pleading guilty in these two robberies. Devante Hines plead guilty to 2 counts of Robbery 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and 2 counts of Going Armed w/ Intent and was sentenced to prison for 10 & 5 yrs respectively. Cedano Thomas plead guilty to 1 count of Conspiracy to Commit a Forceable Felony, 2 counts of Accessory After the Fact, 1 count of Theft 4<sup>th</sup> and was sentenced to prison for 10 yrs, 2 yrs & 1 yr. respectively. Sadie Baxter plead guilty to Conspiracy to Commit a Forceable Felony, Accessory After the Fact and Theft 4<sup>th</sup> and received a deferred sentence and a fine.

### **Homicide Investigation 08/22/14**

On 08/20/14 paramedics with MMSC and the Marshalltown Fire Department responded to 907 S 11th Ave in Marshalltown for an unresponsive child. The child, Jossilyn Starn was initially taken to MMSC by ambulance and then by Air Ambulance to Blank Children's Hospital in DSM. On 08/22/14 Jossilyn Starn died at Blank Children's Hospital from injuries she received. The investigation into Starn's death, lead to the arrest of her mother's boyfriend Branden Michael Collins.

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Collins was charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, Child Endangerment, Possession, of a Schedule I Controlled Substance & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On 10/09/15 Collins plead guilty in Marshall County District Court to an amended charge of, Child Endangerment Causing Death. Collins was sentenced to 50 yrs in prison.

## Homicide Investigation 12/06/14

On 12/06/14 the MPD discovered a deceased, adult male, identified as Adam Paul Garrent, age 32 of Tama, at a private residence located at 3202 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Marshalltown. An autopsy was performed at the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner and the manner of death was certified as a Homicide.

On 12/11/14 James Robert Head, age 18, of Marshalltown was arrested on charges of Murder 1<sup>st</sup> degree and Conspiracy to Commit a Forcible Felony. On 11/16/15 Head plead guilty in Marshall County District Court to Robbery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Voluntary Manslaughter. On 01/22/16 Head was sentenced to 45 years in prison in Marshall County District Court.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement-Nuisance Abatement Officer left employment with the city in January of this year. As a result of her departure her duties were absorbed by other members of the Special Services Division who responded to complaints called into the department by concerned members of the community.

During 2015, 181 cases of tall grass and weeds, trash and junk were investigated and brought into compliance. As always it is the goal of the Code Enforcement-Nuisance Abatement office to work with community members to obtain voluntary compliance in resolving these issues.

During the latter part of 2015 the city began working on the Dangerous & Dilapidated Housing Project. The Code Enforcement-Nuisance Abatement office provided a list of 10 properties that met the requirements for this program. These properties were submitted to City Officials for their consideration. Work on this project will continue into 2016.



# Special Services

Community Outreach Officer Brad Mauseth received the Citizen of the Year Award by the Marshalltown Elks Club on June 18, 2015 for his volunteer work with kids. Officer Mauseth in addition to his other duties, teaches the Friday Evening Diversion program that is designed to work with first time juvenile offenders on ways to correct inappropriate behaviors as well as teaching them coping skills so that they can make better decisions in their lives.



Officer Kraig Lageschulte is the School Resource Officer for the department and is assigned to work out of the Marshalltown High School. This last year was a busy year for Officer Lageschulte as noted in his end of the year report. Officer Lageschulte also conducted summer student academies for students at Lenihan and Miller schools as well as the Sea Cadet program that were once again well received by all who took part in the programs.

## SRO MHS CONTACTS

Disorderly/Assault	42	Number of Reports	41
Gang/Hate	0	Total Arrests	40
Drugs	14	Problem Solving Contacts	130
Alcohol	2	Parking Lot Checks	64
Theft	44	Parent Contacts	197
Harassment	36	Training & Presentation Hrs	78
Tobacco	4	Emergency Response	9
Criminal Mischief	19	Mental Health Contact	27
Accidents/Traffic	6	Office Referrals	222
Weapons	3	Other Student Contacts	337
Trespass	20	PD Assists	102

# Administrative Services

## CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER JONES

The Administrative Service Division is comprised of a team of dedicated professionals who provide essential support for the everyday operation of the department. The major components of the division include the Training Sergeant, the records section, Marshalltown Police Citizen Volunteer program, grants, internal affairs and the Marshall County Communication Center.

During 2015, the department continued to utilize grant funds to enhance our effectiveness and efficiency. The department received \$9,652 from the Department of Justice for the purchase of police body-worn cameras. In addition to this grant funding, our agency receives funding to offset the salaries of our Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective, our Domestic Violence Detective and a School Resource Officer assigned full-time to the Marshalltown High School. The Office of Justice programs continues its long history of providing our agency, as well as agencies across the country, with funding for bulletproof vests. Because of this, every officer is issued a vest and is required to wear it. In 2015 we continued to partner with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau on enforcement efforts.

Each spring, the department holds a Citizen Police Academy, which is designed to familiarize participants with department operations. Many academy graduates go on to become members of the Marshalltown Police Citizen Volunteers. In 2015, the Citizen Academy was made up of 35 community members from varied backgrounds. During the ten-week program the participants learned about several programs and divisions within the department such as the K9 Unit, precision driving, weapons, crime scene processing & evidence, traffic stops, building searches and many more. Class instruction consists of lecture, hands-on, or question and answer sessions about department operations.



# Administrative Services

## TRAINING REPORT

The Training Sergeant is responsible for managing and providing training to all department employees. The department has a group of well-trained instructors who teach a variety of topics to department employees to maintain, update and expand employee's knowledge and skills.

In 2015 employees participated in 2,253 hours of in-house and outside training. In addition, one new officers graduated from ILEA with 560 hours of training. Our agency also began an online training program with the help of the Police One Academy, that provides monthly customized training that meets current agency needs, such as, off-duty safety, hazardous material awareness, preparing for challenging situations and report writing techniques.

### MPD Hosted Training:

- Human Trafficking
- Homicide Investigation
- Crisis Negotiations II
- Physical Conflict Resolutions
- Drug Recognition Expert Recert
- LE Admin Professionals Conference
- Iowa State Police Association Conference

### Departmental Training:

- Firearms, Patrol Rifle
- TASER
- Defensive Tactics
- Mental Health
- Human Trafficking
- Ketch All Pole

### Outside Agency Training (Employee)

- Active Shooter/Crisis Management
- K-9 Certifications
- Arson/Fire Fighter
- Butane Honey Oil Investigation
- Mindset Boot Camp
- Internal Affairs
- Street Survival
- Disorder Control Training
- Female Enforcers
- Iowa IAI Crime Scene Instructor
- Iowa Valley Leadership
- Interview/Interrogation
- Challenges of Modern Police Supervision
- Basic Peer Support
- ARIDE
- Why Teens Kill
- Iowa Sex Crimes
- Tactical Medicine for Patrol & High Response Teams
- Animal Investigation for Patrol
- FBI Instructor Development

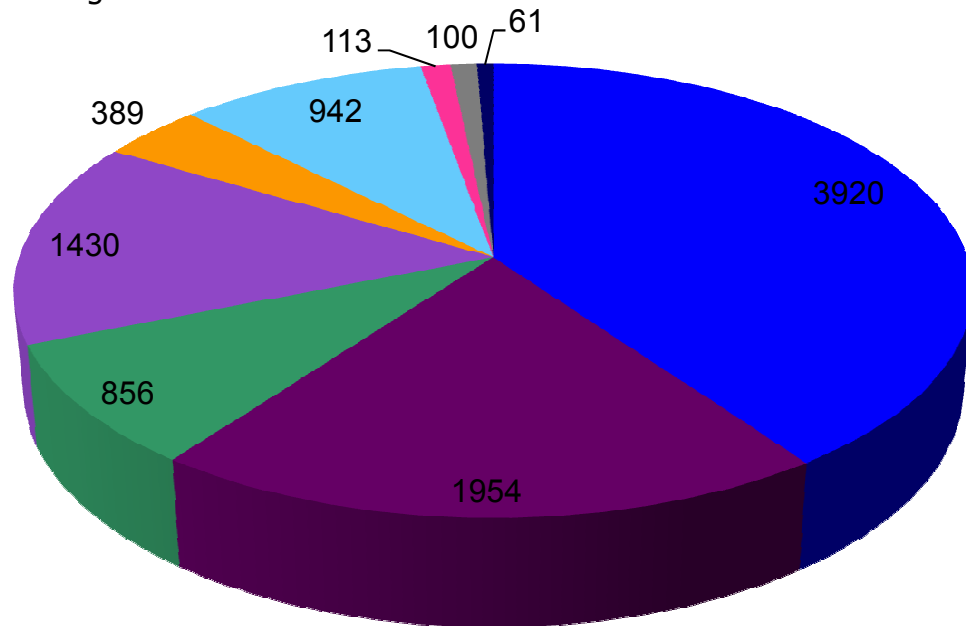


In 2015 100 child seat inspections were completed & 42 new seats were installed. The car seats were purchased through donations given by Al Hoop in memory of his wife, Donna Hoop, who advocated for child safety.

# Administrative Services

## PUBLIC RECORDS

The records section serves as the official repository for all criminal records and documents of the department. The records section is responsible for data entry, maintaining all police reports, arrest records and statistics. This section is also the point of contact for citizens and other agencies requesting records under Iowa's open records laws. Records personnel provide quality customer service to all citizens and visitors seeking information or assistance.



- Reports Processed
- UCR-Class A
- UCR-Class B
- Traffic Cites Processed
- Accidents Processed
- Mug & Print Files
- Fingerprints-Employment
- Records Checks
- Bike Licenses

### PARKING STATISTICS

Police Officers	1120 citations
Enforcement Officer	1885 citations
Scoff	1 tows
48 hr Overtime	8 tows
Snow Ordinance	16 tows

# Administrative Services

## POLICE CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

In 2015, the Marshalltown Police Citizen Volunteer group graciously gave over 771 hours of their time, knowledge, talent, and services to the department in excess of \$15,000. The MPCV program creates valuable ties between the citizens of Marshalltown and their police department. Below are some of the tasks and events the MPCV's assisted with.



### Administrative Services:

- Citizen's Academy BBQ
- Kid's at the Park Day
- New officer testing
- CBD flower watering
- Central Iowa Fair
- Child Safety Seat event
- Healthy Family Fair
- Property disposition
- Surplus auction
- Code Enforcement entry
- Records data entry
- Monthly volunteer & reserve time entry



**MARSHALLTOWN  
POLICE  
CITIZEN  
VOLUNTEER**

### Field Services:

- Setup of command trailer
- Oktoberfest car show
- Oktoberfest runs & parade
- Maintenance of 66 squad car
- Police Citizen Academy Training
- Walk in Your Shoes event
- Bike Path Monitoring

## MARSHALL COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS

**641 - 753 - 1234**



**[www.marshallcountycs.com](http://www.marshallcountycs.com)**

On September 1, the MPD joined forces with the newly established Marshall County Crime Stoppers Program to launch a telephone, text and online service to solicit anonymous crime tips from the general public. Within the remaining months of 2015, Marshall County Crime Stoppers was able to solicit over 44 tips regarding potential criminal activity ranging from Theft, Warranted Persons, Drug Information and incidents of Child Welfare.

Due to the programs overwhelmingly positive community reception Marshall County Crime Stoppers quickly gained the full support of all area law enforcement agencies and has been an extremely valuable tool for the Marshalltown Police Department in obtaining timely information on a variety of public safety concerns. More information on the program is available on their website at [www.marshallcountycs.com](http://www.marshallcountycs.com).

# Administrative Services

## DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM

In 2014-2015, the MPD partnered with SATUCI with the Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant to perform alcohol compliance checks, increased patrols & enforcement for underage parties, .02 violations/OWI contacts, underage consumption, monitor for minors in bars, & assist merchants with identifying fake ID's.

CONTACTS	2013	2014	2015
Overtime Hours	560	527	424
Alcohol & Drug	202	266	118
Other Misdemeanor	43	56	39
Moving Violation	84	60	91
ID Check	275	376	247
Police Checks	595	647	688
Public Info Events	9	4	2

Officers conducted 133 compliance checks on 4 separate dates resulting in 11 citations for selling alcohol to persons under legal age. We also had several officers go through training with the ABD office and conducted numerous checks at bars to ensure proper labeling of mixing, permits and licenses. This was our 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of our grant partnership with SATUCI. The MPD has enjoyed working with SATUCI over the past 5 years in an effort to keep alcohol away from minors.

## GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

- The 2014-2015 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Program was a success in reaching its goals and educating the motoring public through 204 hours of overtime enforcement & education.
- The seat belt average was up this year with 94.7% usage.
- There were 14 public information releases issued.



Iowa Department of Public Safety  
GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

CONTACT	OBJECTIVE	ACHIEVED
Impaired Driving	35	38
Occupant Restraint	115	91
Moving/Speed	200	545

Nearly all the objectives were met during the year. Educating the motoring public and citizen's of this community continue to be our top priority with this grant. We held 5 multi-agency projects, 2 of them being car seat safety events, which were very well attended. We were able to obtain a new Lidar and 2 new PBT's to assist with OWI enforcement. The partnership between GTSB and the MPD will continue in 2015-2016 to provide traffic safety for Marshall County motorists to change driving behavior to help keep the roads and highways safe for all.

# Administrative Services

## MARSHALL COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Marshalltown/Marshall County E911 Communications Center is committed to serving as the critical link between the citizens of our county and responding public safety agencies. We strive to efficiently collect and disseminate the information needed to protect life, property and the environment, thereby making our county a safer place in which to live, work and visit. Our primary goal is to dispatch the appropriate police, fire, ambulance, and rescue services with the least possible delay. We strive to provide consistent quality service with a constant regard to the safety of the public and the agencies we serve.

The E911 Communications Center located at the Marshalltown Police Department is the primary dispatch center for all of Marshall County. In addition to processing thousands of 911 and administrative calls each year the Communications Center maintains all active warrants and protective orders in our county. Currently active are 1,271 arrest warrants and 1,104 orders of protection. Last year alone the center processed 1,711 new warrants and over 329 new protection orders. In addition to these responsibilities we communicate on over 14 radio talk groups to 30 emergency response agencies in our county alone.

### CALL STATISTICS

MONTH	911	ADMIN
January	1231	5137
February	1129	4341
March	1308	5207
April	1204	5521
May	1354	5659
June	1475	5069
July	1520	5654
August	1501	5512
September	1415	5716
October	1327	5409
November	1288	4768
December	1281	5074
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,033</b>	<b>63,067</b>

The Communications Center maintains thirteen full time positions including eleven operators, one lead operator and one supervisor. The operators switched to a twelve hour shift schedule after a six month trial period. One dispatcher retired in the fall after serving over thirty-two years in our center.



# Administrative Services

## SWAT - SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS



The Marshalltown Police Department SWAT team has continued to grow and evolve over time. Two new team members were added at the end of this year to fill vacant positions. The SWAT team currently has 12 tactical operators and 1 sniper/observer team. The SWAT team works in conjunction with the department's Negotiation Team which consists of 4 negotiators.



The use of seized assets from MPD officers and the Mid Iowa Drug Task Force have allowed the SWAT team to maintain a high level of modern police and tactical training as well as equipment.

Tactical operators are required to attend one 12-hour training day per month and one 40-hour week of training annually. Individual team members often attend additional specialized training, which they can pass on to the rest of the team. The SWAT team continued efforts to train in conjunction with the Marshalltown Fire Department and Marshalltown Area Paramedic Service for citizen and officer rescue incidents.



In 2015 the SWAT team was activated 9 times to handle a variety of situations. The 9 deployments included high risk warrant service and surveillance operations. These incidents resulted in the seizure of drugs, firearms and stolen property and the arrests of multiple individuals. The individuals arrested were charged with crimes including possession of controlled substances with intent to deliver, possession of firearms by a felon, theft 1<sup>st</sup> and child endangerment.

# Operations Division

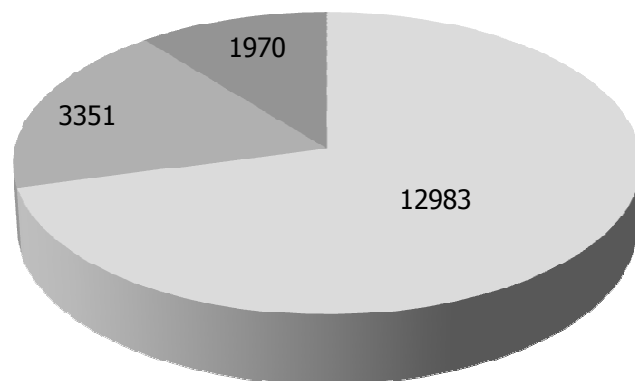
## CAPTAIN BRIAN BATTERSON

The Operations Division, the largest of the three department divisions, is commanded by Captain Brian Batterson, who reports to the Chief of Police. Captain Batterson is responsible for the overall management and administration of uniform patrol, including the Reserve Police Officer Unit. The primary goal of the Operations Division is the prevention of crime and disorder by adhering to community policing principles, which have been adopted by the Marshalltown Police Department.

The Operations Division is organized into three patrol shifts, 7:00 am-3:00 pm, 3:00 pm-11:00 pm, and 11:00 pm-7:00 am. Each shift is commanded by a Lieutenant who reports directly to the Operations Captain. The three patrol shifts consist of a lieutenant, two sergeants approximately six patrol officers. The Operations Division primary responsibility is to protect life and property through a timely response to calls for service, preventative patrol, crime prevention, investigation of crimes and vehicular crashes, traffic direction and control, and apprehension of offenders. In addition to providing these services, officers work to strengthen relations between the community and their police department, which allows the public an opportunity to have a say in how their community is policed.

During the first six months of 2016, the Operations Division will be conducting a trial run of 12 hour work days instead of the standard 8 hour work day. The compressed work week trial run provides advantages to the department as well as the individual officer, but the overall evaluation of the trial will center on whether we can provide the same, or enhanced, quality service to the public.

During 2015, the Operations Division responded to 12,983 public-initiated calls for service, which required the presence of a police officer to investigate a complaint. Those calls for service resulted in 3351 incident reports and 1970 arrests.

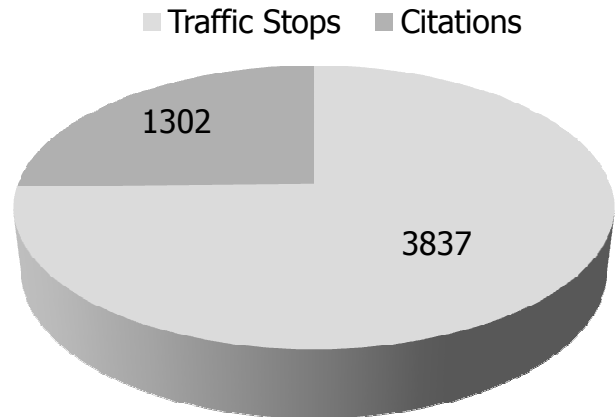


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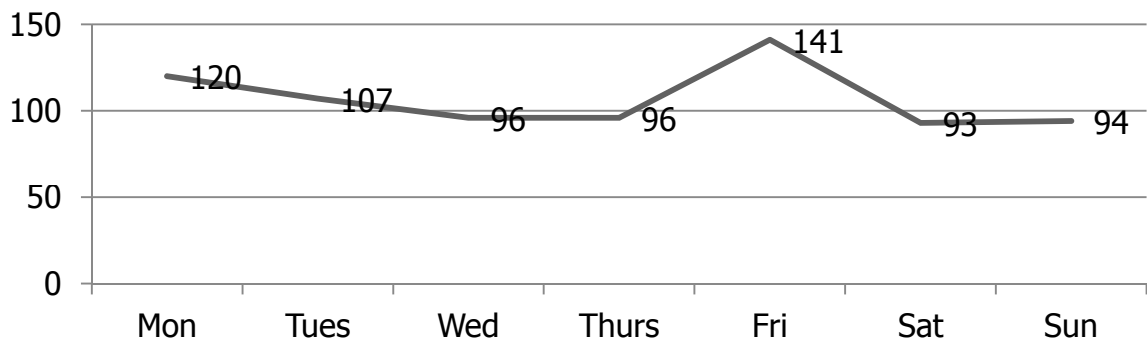
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## STATISTICS

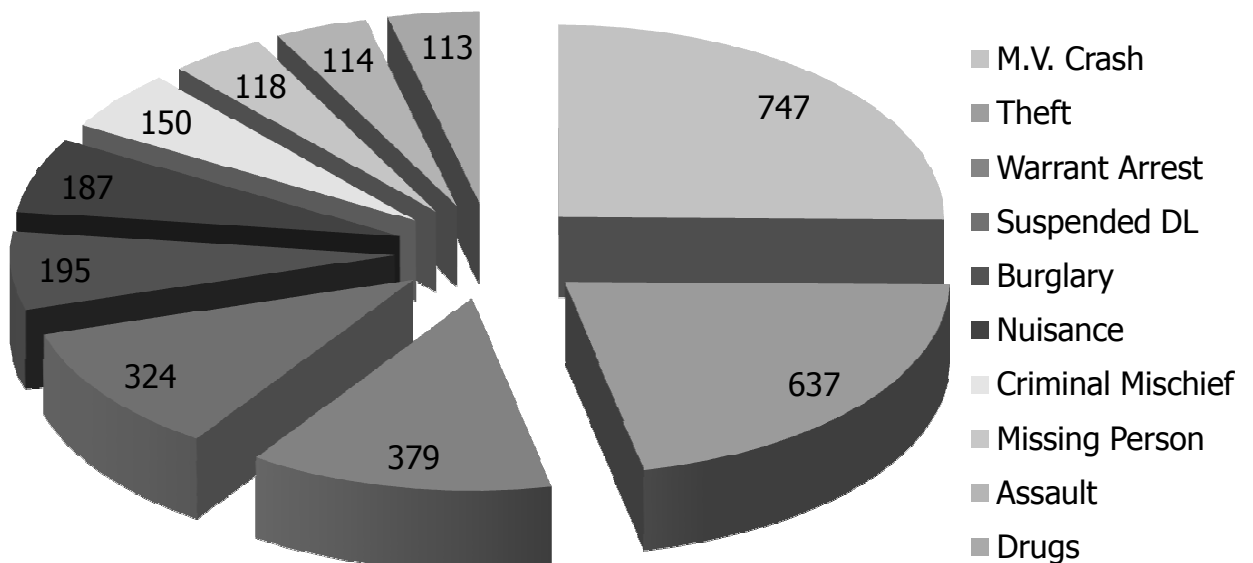
In an effort to educate the motoring public and make our roadways safer, the Operations Division completed 3878 traffic stops in 2015 resulting in 1302 traffic citations. Although we did stop nearly 4000 cars, the city still experienced 747 motor vehicle crashes.



## CRASHES



In 2015, the Operations Division remained busy responding to calls for service, but for the most part the majority of the top ten crimes reported in Marshalltown are non-violent property type crimes.



# Operations Division

## USE OF FORCE

Circumstances do arise when officers need to use force to effectively bring an incident under control while protecting the lives of the officer or another. Use of force levels vary from verbal direction, physical re-direction, empty hand control, intermediate weapons to lethal force.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Use of Force Incidents	66	64	65	69	60
TASER Deploy	10	11	17	12	11
Assault on Officer	17	11	25	15	7

After extensive department training, TASER usage began in late 2009. Before allowing TASER usage officers were required to attend TASER certification, Excited Delirium training and Verbal Judo training. Training was provided by department instructors who had previously received certification from TASER, Verbal Judo and the Institute for the Prevention of In-Custody Deaths (IPICD). New officers receive TASER and Verbal Judo training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

## MARSHALLTOWN POLICE RESERVES

In 2015 the department started with two Reserve Officers. In November one new reserve became State certified. We have an additional three candidates working on their module training.

This year the Marshalltown Police Department Reserve Police Officer program contributed 260.25 hours of work to the community at no cost. The Reserve Officers worked 14 community events as well as providing patrol functions while riding with a certified officer. The Reserve Officer program has been an integral, and vitally important, part of the Marshalltown Police Department for decades and we hope to continue the program for many more years into the future.

# Operations Division

## 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM Shift with Lt Ronald Ohrt

The year 2015 saw the Day Shift staffed with law enforcement experience ranging from eleven to thirty years of service. The Day Shift is tasked with many responsibilities to included vehicle maintenance, computer technician, scheduling, case management, K-9 team, tobacco compliance checks, verbal judo instruction, advanced accident investigation, defensive tactics instruction, police vehicle operation instruction, bicycle patrol, crisis negotiation, and SWAT.

Calls for service dominated the daily workload, many involving individuals experiencing emergency mental healthcare needs which take an inordinate amount of staff time. Also, several calls for service started out as single citizen complaints, but quickly morphed into multiagency investigations; leading to multiple search warrants, arrests, and removal of children and animals. Cases like these left staff with limited time for officer initiated activities such as traffic and parking enforcement. When available, officers spent extra time patrolling the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue & East Nevada Street area for continued traffic complaints. Personnel continued contacts with school officials, staff, and students to educate and cultivate relationships in the neighborhoods.

Several times throughout the year staff presented to civic groups and organizations, and participated in community events. Officer Dehl and

Officer Stamp taught at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA).

Sergeant Thein developed a special needs questionnaire that allowed citizens to voluntarily submit information concerning loved ones with special needs. The information from the questionnaire allows officers to access specific information to better serve individuals with special needs when the two groups come into contact. The form is available on the City of Marshalltown's website on the Police Department page.

Officer Whitmore began a pilot program spending additional time at Lenihan Intermediate School and B.R. Miller Middle School. Although not a full-time position, the program is similar to the School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Marshalltown High School. The goal of the program is to research the need for a SRO at the other two schools, while also attempting different methods to meet the staff and student's needs at the two schools.

The Day Shift team continues to demonstrate the ability to respond to the universal needs of our community with a high degree of professionalism. Officers continue to look for means of meeting the expanding needs of our community with our limited resources, while maintaining the sense of safety our citizens expect.

# Operations Division

## K-9 UNIT

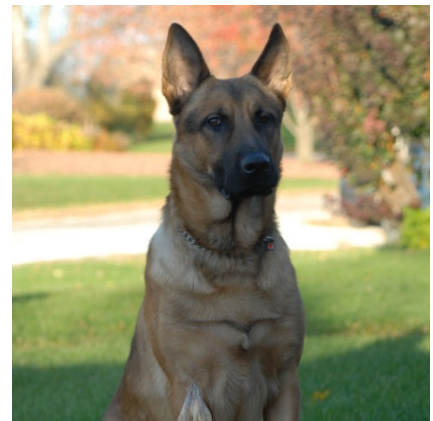
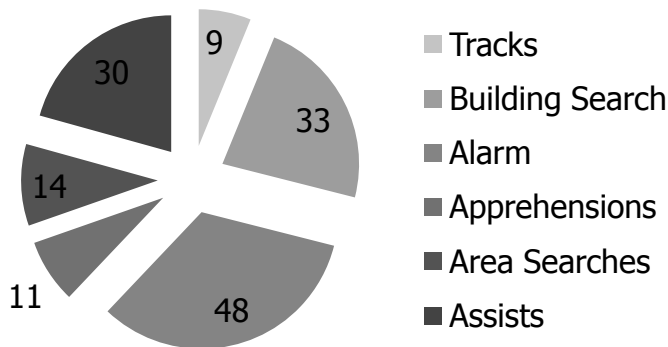
The MPD K-9 Unit consists of two dual purpose, K-9's. K-9 Raji, handled by Sgt Kiel Stevenson and K-9 Jordy, handled by Sgt Thomas Watson. Both dogs were acquired from the St. Paul Police Department K-9 Training Center. They are both German Shepherd, Belgium Malinois crosses.

Both dogs are trained in patrol skills, which includes everything from obedience to evidence recovery, tracking and handler protection. They are also both trained in narcotic detection, with the ability to locate and alert to illegal narcotics ranging from marijuana to methamphetamines to cocaine and heroin.

For the year 2015, the two K-9 units completed 41 total narcotic searches, resulting in the seizure of over 200 grams of Ice, nearly 200 grams of marijuana and dozens of seizures of drug related paraphernalia.

Both dogs maintain certifications through the United States Police Canine Association in Patrol work, Narcotic Detection and Tracking. Both dogs have received awards during these certification events. In addition, the unit logged over 1100 hours of training in 2015 to maintain their high level of skill.

### K-9 Patrol Use



*K-9 Jordy*

Seized (grams)	2012	2013	2014	2015
ICE/Meth	154	9,338	113.7	200
Marijuana	3,980	271	2714	200
Paraphernalia	11	26	43	12
Money	\$6,389	\$85,310	\$3,475	\$0

# Operations Division

## 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM Shift

2015 was a busy year for the 3-11 shift. Generally, the shift is made up of younger officers, which makes it the ideal place to shape and mold the next generation of police officers. It has been my experience that repetition is the best way to learn any task and the 3-11 shift is high on repetition. The following percentages represent the work load for the 3-11 shift. While the 3-11 shift only takes up 33% of the 24-hour day, it clearly has the highest work load.

Activity	Total %
Calls for service	46%
Incident reports	45%
Arrests	51%

The amount of downtime on the shift is limited, however, the 3-11 shift managed to find time to better the department and the community in several different ways. The following is only a sampling of the good work the 3-11 shift does on a yearly basis.

Officer Cole is a very active Drug Recognition Expert and instructor with the state. He helps instruct classes all over Iowa and conducts training as necessary with the department and citizen's academy. This year he also went on local radio to raise awareness of the effects of drinking on driving.

Officer Tejada is a bilingual member of the department and a certified child car seat inspector. He participated in 2 child seat inspection events to



inspect child safety seats, distribute new seats as needed, educate the public and develop a rapport with the community.



Officer Accola setup the first Coffee with a Cop event for our department. The event, which is becoming more popular around the nation, is an opportunity for police to interact with the public in a positive setting. The feedback was very positive and we look forward to events like this in the future.

Sgt. Ruopp is the supervisor in charge of the MPD K-9 program. She helps train the current K-9 officers and their partners on a bi-weekly basis. Our K9 unit training program is top notch by evidence of one or more other agencies training with our officers on a regular basis.

Many officers also spent much of their downtime following up leads on active arrest warrants, which is another reason they lead the department in arrests.

The 3-11 shift was also very active in conducting business checks around the community. These business checks can vary from getting a coffee at a convenience store to a walk through at the public library or local business. These checks help build relationships and are a positive part of any officer's day.

# Operations Division

## 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift with Lt Ryan Goecke

The year 2015 saw the Night Shift staffed with law enforcement experience ranging from three to thirty years of service. Shift officers have been trained in specialized fields including K9 Officer, Drug Recognition Experts, Sobriety Test Instructors, Driving Instructors, Firearms Instructors, SWAT Members, and Field Training Officers. Night Shift FTO's trained 2 new officers in 2015. Officers balanced a busy work schedule with staying current with updated training.

The 11-7 Shift responded to or initiated 7,036 incidents, ranging from 911 Calls, Traffic Stops, Arrest Incidents, OWI Enforcements, Drug Arrests, Domestic Violence Calls, Officer Initiated Activity, Business and Liquor License Establishment Checks, and Public Events.

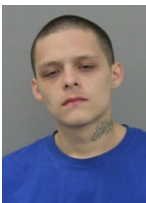
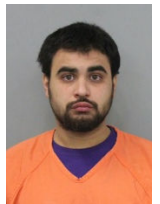
ACTIVITY	7-3	3-11	11-7
Officer Initiated	10%	32%	58%
CFS	32%	45%	23%
Traffic Stops	17%	40%	43%

The Night Shift has the fewest calls for service among the three shifts, receiving 23% of the department CFS. Therefore, officers must be proficient at self-initiated activities in identifying and enforcing laws and ordinances. The 11-7 Shift did this in 2015, conducting 58% of Officer Initiated Activity and 43% of Traffic Stops.



2015 started where 2014 ended, busy with high profile incidents. Some notable calls for service on the Night Shift included a call to the Flamingo Motel on January 4, 2015 for a medical issue. Officers arrived to find a female had been shot. Jean Carlos Martinez-Velazquez was charged with Domestic Abuse, Attempted Murder, and Intent to Deliver Narcotics.

One of the most gruesome incidents even the most seasoned officers have witnessed in their careers occurred on January 14. Officers were dispatched to a domestic incident at 106 1/2 N 4<sup>th</sup> St. Simultaneously the Marshalltown Fire Department was called to the same area for a report of a house fire. Arriving officers were horrified to witness two female victims running from the apartment still on fire. Esperidion De Los Santos was arrested and charged with Arson, Attempted Murder, Domestic Abuse, and Willful Injury.



Just after shift change on January 17 officers were dispatched to 1203 W Church St for a report of a male victim of a gunshot wound. The suspect fled the scene and a lengthy search ensued for the next few days until the arrest of Jose Enrique Morales. He was charged with Going Armed with Intent and First Degree Murder. Several friends and relatives assisted Morales in evading capture, some of whom were arrested as an Accessory to a Felony.

Steven Thomas Marson was named in numerous reports throughout 2015, on each shift. On August 18 a subject reported to the Night Shift that he was shot at by Marson. Warrants were issued for numerous felonies as a result. On September 8 Night Shift Officers located Marson at the Super 8 and were attempting to take him into custody for several outstanding warrants when he brandished a large machete toward officers and refused orders to disarm. Night Shift Officers were able to take him into custody.



The calls for service did not end after these incidents and the officers of the 11-7 Shift, continued to provide professional service to the citizens of our city. In addition, our officers participated in many community events outside of their normal assignments throughout the year. Officers of the Night Shift are ready to do their part to maintain a safe Marshalltown in 2016.



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