

Village of South Charleston Police Department



Year End Report 2014

Statement of Intent

We, the South Charleston Police Department, serve an ever expanding, continuously changing community. Our community is culturally diversified as to race, education, religion, and social economic background, requiring a variety of departmental approaches to community problems. Our police department is deeply concerned for its citizens both collectively and individually. We realize that alternatives to arrest, depending on individual circumstances, are often beneficial.

Our department will maintain an atmosphere of professionalism through extensive officer training, updated operational policy, and open communication with its citizenry.

We strive to maintain an environment in which officers may perform their duties with acceptance, understanding, and approval of the public. The willing participation of all people is desired and encouraged, as well as essential to departmental operations and communications.

The department will avoid secrecy in its operations, always maintaining openness in matters of public interest, preserving the rights of people while realizing certain situations necessitate confidentiality. It is our mission to serve people in a manner befitting human dignity, ever mindful of our legal and moral responsibilities. We assume a leadership role by offering direction in community affairs, by advocating a high degree of personal security, and by unbiased enforcement of the law.

We strive to handle each encounter based on its own merits, thus minimizing the risk of misunderstanding and restriction of individual freedoms.

Personnel

The department began the year with one full time police officer, seven part time police officers, and four auxiliary police officers. Chief Brian Redish was the full time officers, while Officer Ken Larson, Officer Michael Evans, Officer Robert Durham, Officer Morgan Eckler, Officer Matthew Randolph, Officer Robert Repik, Officer Gregory Marlow were part time officers. Officer John Siders, Officer Devin Olinger, Officer Dustin Stamper and Tomeko Jackson were auxiliary officers. The department began the year with a total of eleven sworn police officers.

The department ended the year with one full time police officer, five part time police officers, and five auxiliary police officers. Brian Redish was the only full time officers. Officer Ken Larson, Sgt Robert Durham, Officer Matthew Randolph, Sgt Robert Repik, and Matthew Mitchell were part time officers. Officer Adam Fischer, Steven Dunkin, Chad Duncan, and Alicia Ellis were auxiliary officers. The department added a department Chaplin with the hiring of Bruce Sigman, who is Pastor at Grace Community Church in South Solon and a retired Captain of the Springfield Police Department. The department ended the year with a total of eleven sworn police officers. Some of our changes in staff were officers going to larger departments. We lost Officer Eckler and Officer Tim Kim, who worked for us a short period of time to the Sheriff's Office, Officer Olinger to Madison County, Officer Jackson took a position with London Police Department.

There were two promotions this year. Officer Robert Repik was moved to the position of training Sergeant. The second promotion was Officer Robert Durham in September to Patrol Sergeant. These moves were made to help alleviate some of my duties as Chief, so I can focus on administrative duties.

Auxiliary

Auxiliary officers donated almost 2000 hours to the department for the year. Auxiliary officers helped by working details such as Trick or Treat, Christmas in the Village and multiple school functions. They also assist with the Kids Club when needed. Auxiliary officers trained with other police officers, provided security for Mayor's Court, and Council Meetings, while assisting the department with other duties as needed. Auxiliary officers are not compensated and work for experience and training rather than financial gain.

Patrol Vehicles and Mileage

The department's patrol vehicles were in good shape in 2014. We changed the light bar on the Ford, when we decommissioned the Dodge. The old light bar was obsolete and was becoming a safety hazard during daylight hours. The Ford began the year with 137,770 miles and ended the year with 139,889 miles. The 2014 Chevy Tahoe had minor maintenance throughout the year which was routine. The brakes and tires were the biggest expenses to the Tahoe this year. We placed approximately 34,100 miles on the Chevy this year. We averaged approximately 99 miles a day on the vehicle.

New Equipment

We took occupancy of our new office in February, which consisted of some new furniture. The office makes us easy access to the public and has provided more space. We purchased a storage drawer for the Tahoe to store and hide equipment. We updated some weapons equipment.

Grants



In October, the department renewed its contract with the Clark County Combined Health District. The department was awarded grant money to fund its participation in the Clark County OVI Task Force. The task force was created to deter and apprehend impaired drivers by implementing sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout Clark County. 2015 will be the last year of the grant due to the decline of alcohol related deaths in Clark County. In addition to the South Charleston Police Department, other agencies that participate in the task force include the Clark County Sheriff's Office, the Springfield Police Division, the Enon Police Department, the Tremont City Police Department, the German Township Police Department, and the Clark County Combined Health District. On average, the South Charleston Police Department has extra officer on duty three or four times per month patrolling for impaired drivers.



Training

We continued the year with our extensive training program. The fire department renewed our first aid training and Trupoint trained the department on Anhydrous Ammonia. Nisa Blackwell from Project Women gave us and update on Domestic Violence protocols. The prosecutor's office gave an update on OVI. Several officer's went to drug classes, A Ride and active shooter classes. We have been working hard on keeping the department personnel up to date on Active Shooter. Sgt Repik qualified the department on weapons and former Chief Smith conducted our use of force update that is required by PEP.



Participation

The department participated in many community events and parades throughout the year including the Memorial Day parade and services conducted by the American Legion Post 176, the Homecoming parade lead by Southeastern High School, Christmas in the Village guided by the South Charleston Community Club, and the annual Trick or Treat festivities. The department

also participated in the “Click it or Tick It” and “Drive Sober or get Pulled Over” campaigns. The Department is becoming active in the community and hopes to stay that way. In 2014 we held several events form the Kids Club. The Kids Club generates its funds form Community Days and Donations. In 2014 we held at pool party in August, a Halloween Party after Trick or Treat.



**Above; August Pool Party 2014
Left: 2014 Christmas Party**



2014 Community Day Champs! The American Leigon

Hours Worked

The department logged almost a total of 10,500 hours of service. These hours include motor vehicle patrol, foot patrol, court, special assignments, and training.

Services

Officers served 36 arrest warrants, completed 54 vehicle lock outs, assisted with 264 Fire/EMS runs, executed 15 welfare checks, responded to 35 alarms, and performed 82 calls of back up to other agencies.

Reports

The department responded to 2011 calls for service and completed 334 reports in 2014. The department opened 116 “criminal” case investigations and handled 16 crash reports.

Enforcement

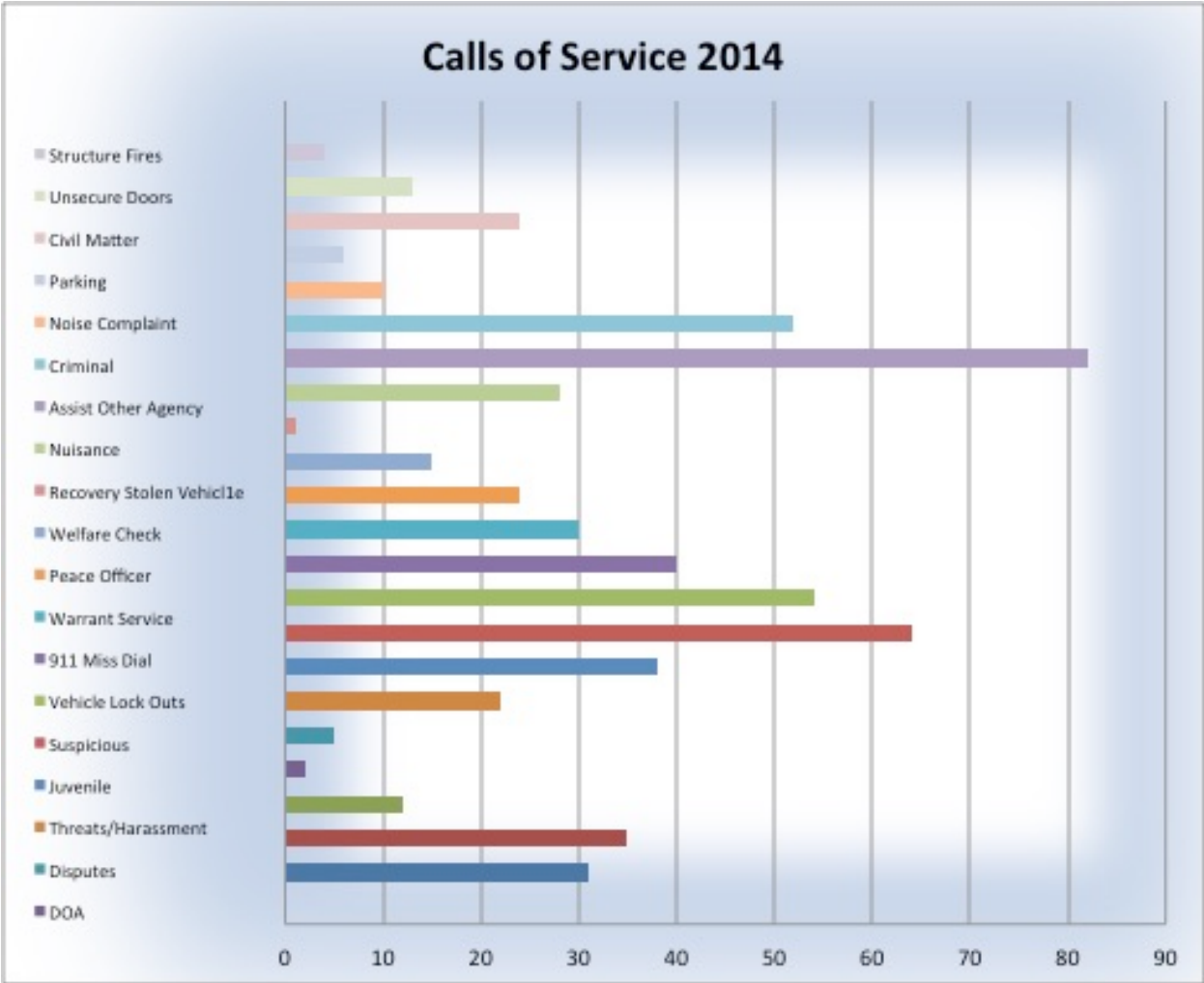
The department wrote a total of 299 traffic citations in 2014. The department issued a total of 549 traffic charges. Of the 549 traffic charges, 65 were for speeding, 302 were for driving under suspension or driving without a valid license, 41 were for driving on illegal license plates, 7 were for operating a vehicle under the influence and 12 were for failure to obey a traffic control device. The remaining 74 charges would be for offenses such as driving left of center, following too close, equipment, reckless operation, seat belt, etc. The department averaged issuing 0.81 traffic citations per day. The average speeding citation was written for 15 mph over the posted speed limit.

The department conducted a total of 942 traffic stops. The average was 2.58 stops per day. Of the total stops made, 643 resulted in the violator being issued a courtesy warning.

The department handled 25 crash investigations for the year. 14 crashes resulted only in property damage and 2 crashes resulted in personal injury. On average, there was a crash in South Charleston every 14 days.

There were 50 criminal arrests made in 2014. A total of 70 criminal charges were filed. These 70 charges were both felony or misdemeanor.

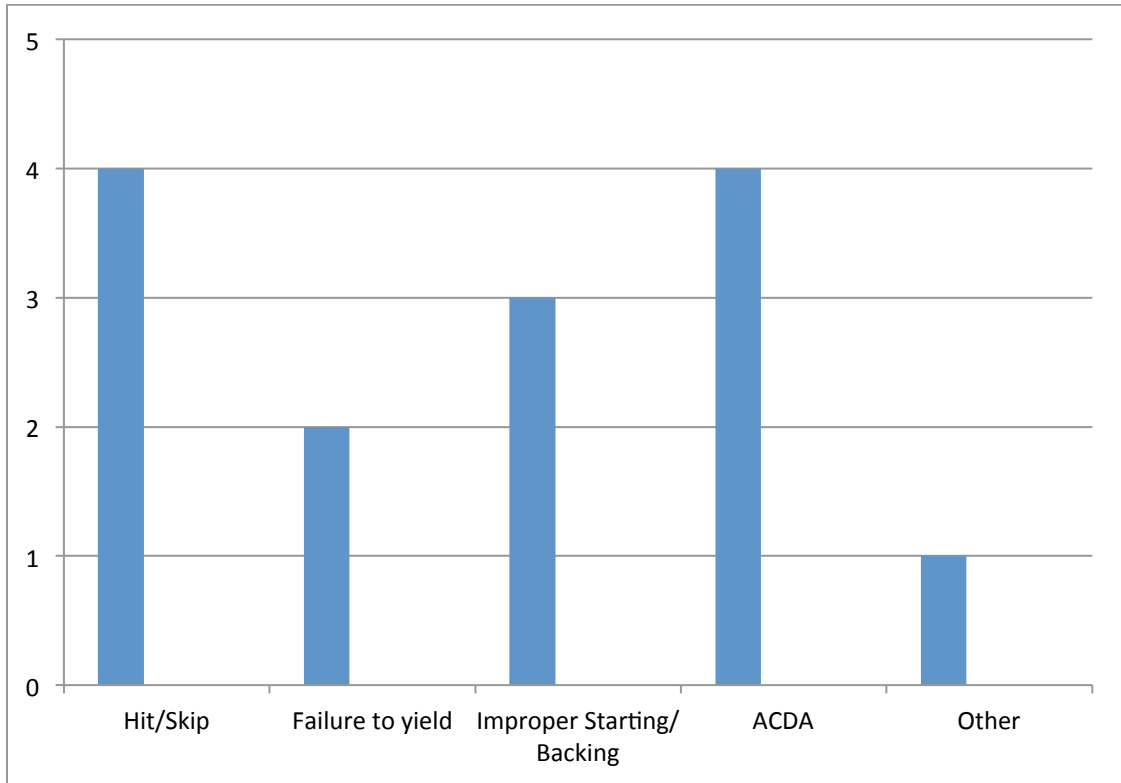




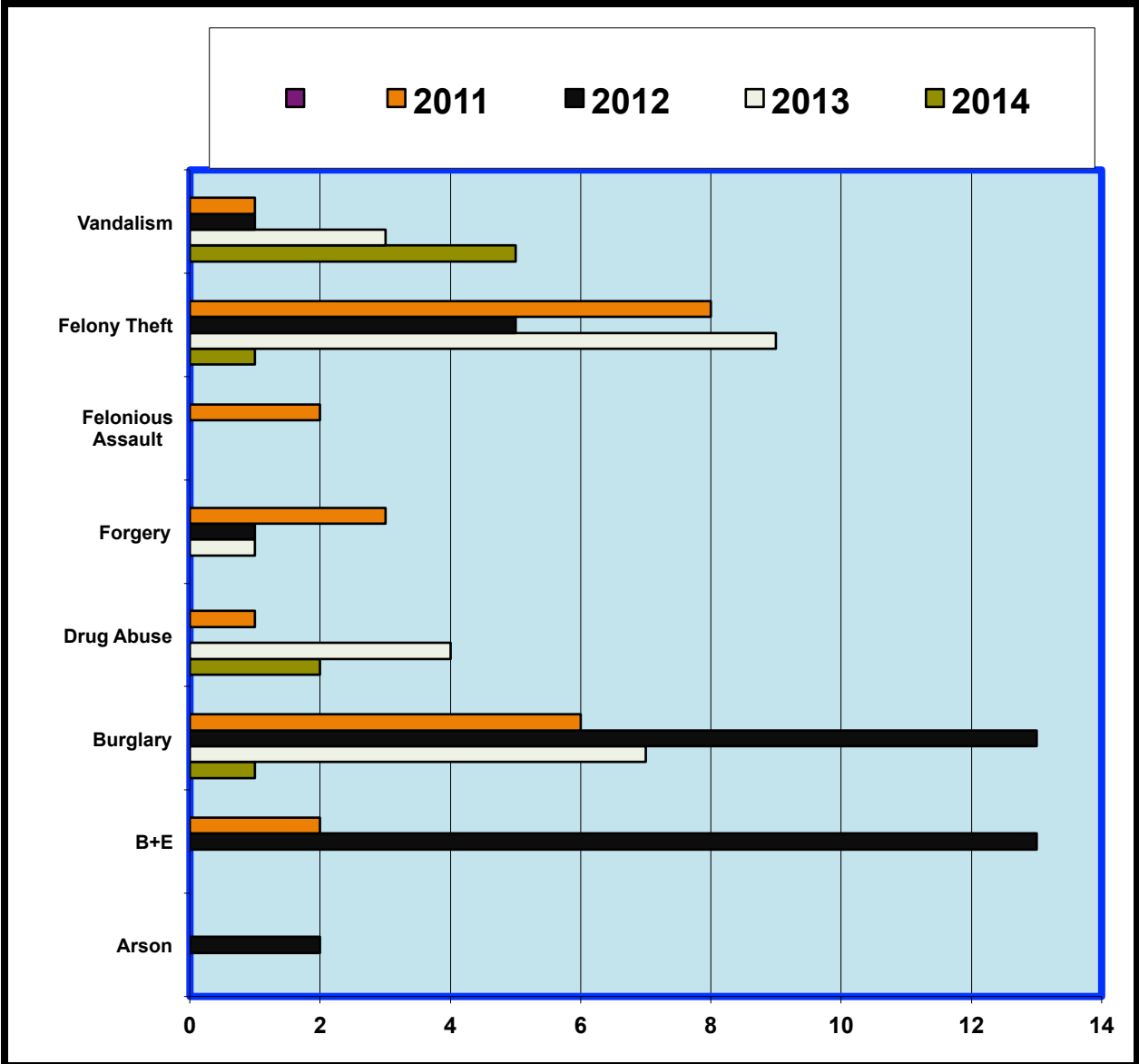
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Follow Up	126
Special Detail	184
Misc. / Other	136

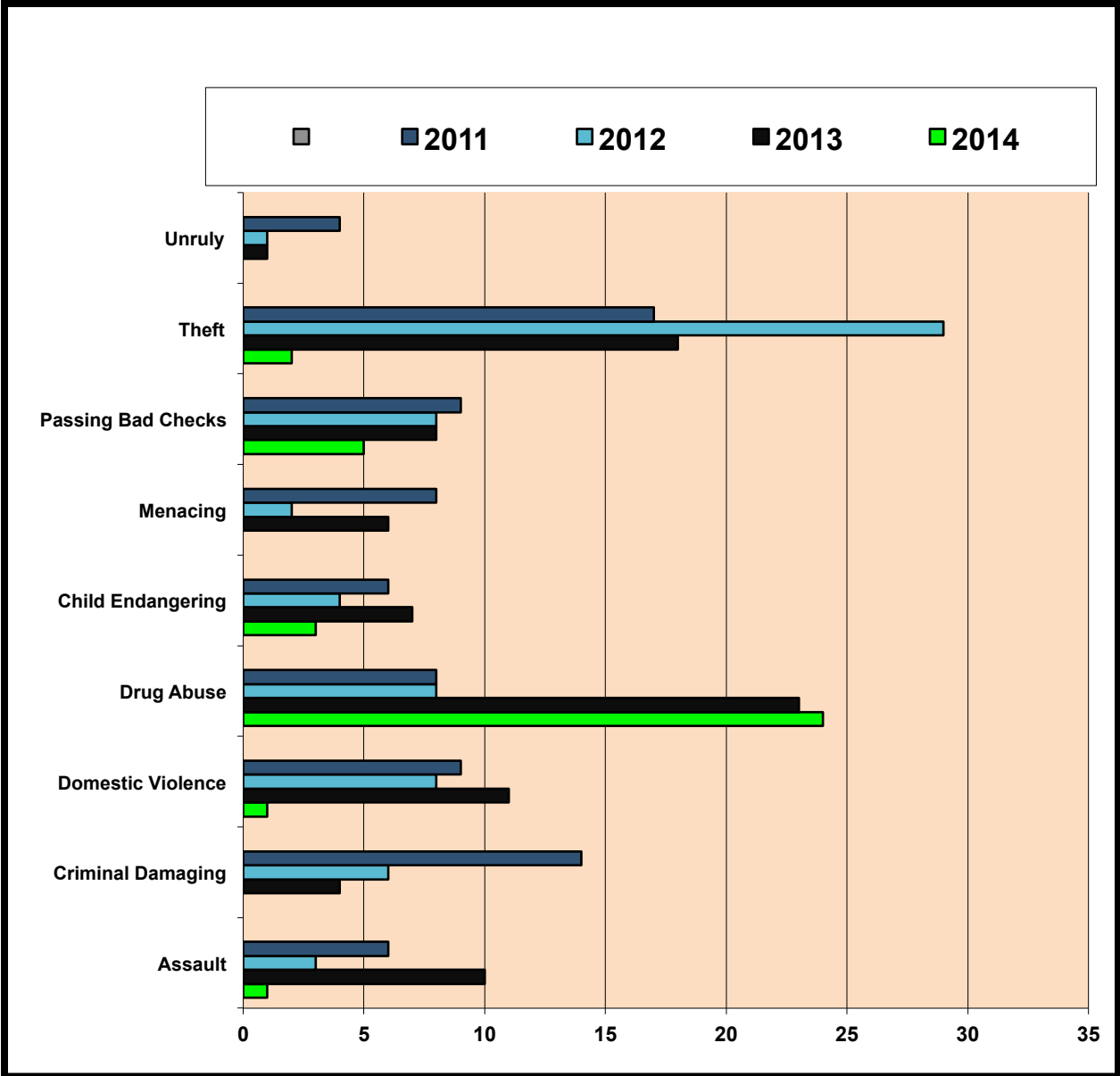
CRASHES 2014



In the year 2014 we handled 25 crashes. Of the 25 crashes, 0 were injury crashes. There were 16 crash reports taken on public roadways and 9 crash reports taken on private property. There were 4 hit and skip crashes, 0 crashes involving three or more vehicles, and 1 crash involving an animal.

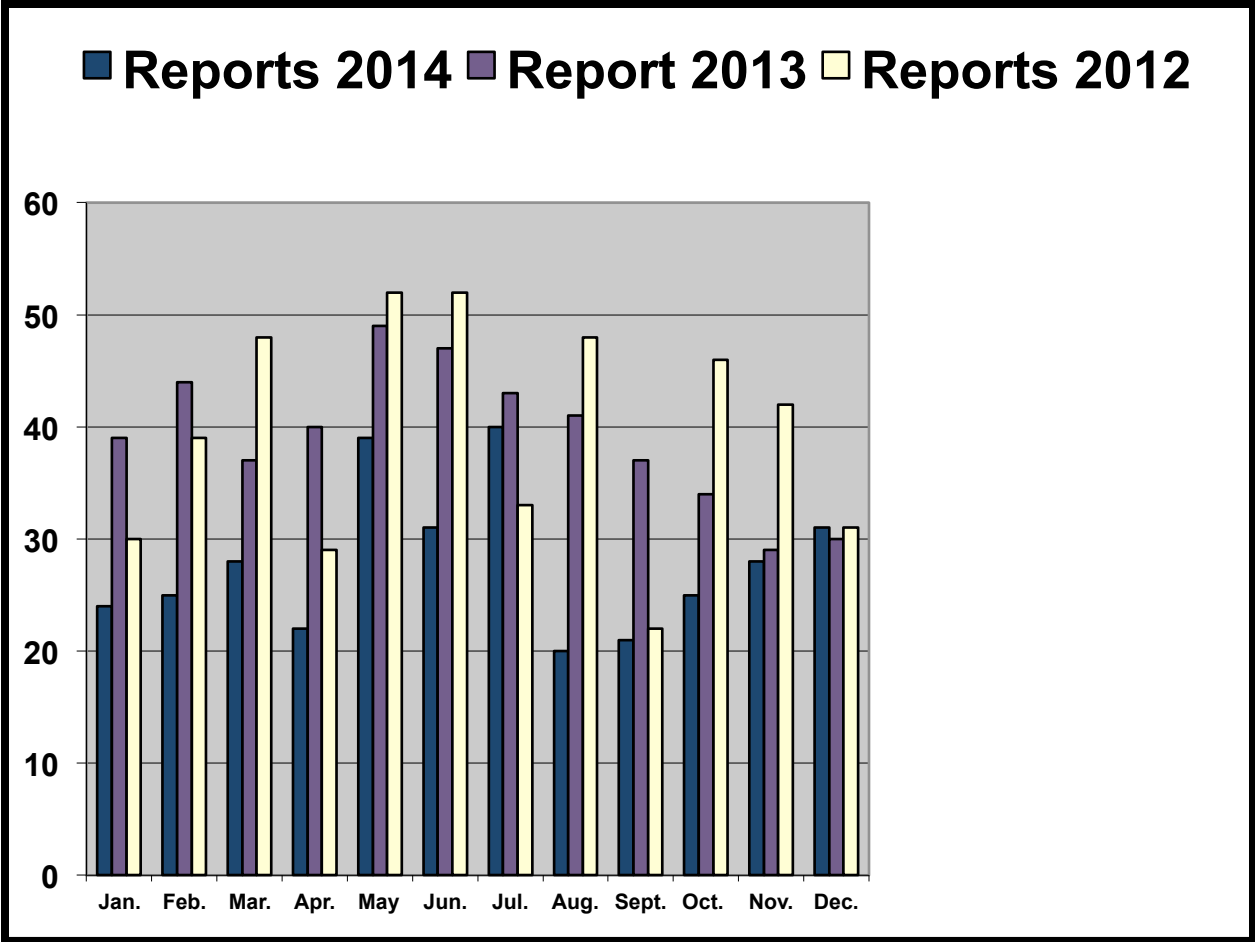


Felony Crime
 Yearly Comparison
 Most Frequent Offenses



Misdemeanor Crime
 Yearly Comparison
 Most Frequent Offenses

*** There were also 19 Charges for Drug Paraphernalia**

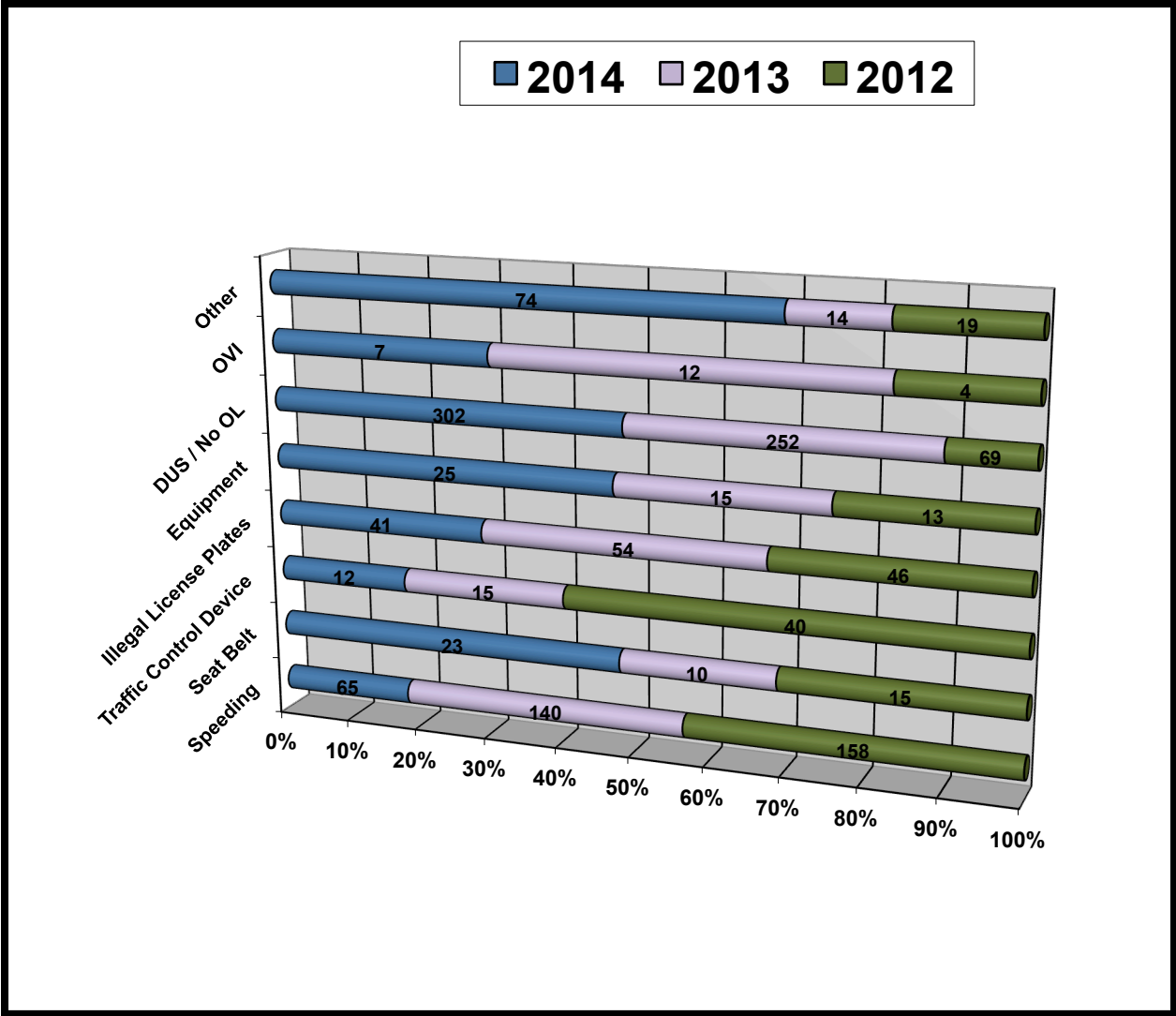


Totals

2014 = 334

2013 = 470

2012 = 477



Traffic Stops 2104

Totals 2014

Traffic Stops	942
Persons Cited	299
Persons Warned	643
Charges Issued	549

The fastest speed violations were recorded as follows: 41mph in a 20mph zone, 73 mph in a 35mph zone, 61 mph in a 45mph zone, and 71 mph in a 50mph zone. The average speed citation was written for **15 MPH** over the posted speed limit.