

# Herndon

HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 2015 Annual Report

*Maggie A. DeBoard*  
*Chief of Police*



*Cover Story:*

*Officer Jay Choi captured Reilly, a runaway dog turned fugitive, well known for escaping the security of his backyard to roam freely around Herndon at large. Although Reilly is a master of evasion, Officer Choi was able to detain Reilly, even after his encounter with a local skunk, and return him safely to his family.*

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April 28, 2016

On behalf of the Herndon Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report highlighting the department's accomplishments, specialized activities, and statistical crime data. We hope you find the report useful.

The Herndon Police Department is committed to providing quality law enforcement services to the Town of Herndon and recognizes the importance of involving citizens in its efforts to prevent and report crime in order to provide the most effective response. Our goal is to promptly respond to calls, investigate all incidents and enforce the law. However, public safety is a shared responsibility and through active community partnerships we can initiate problem solving strategies to address crime and other neighborhood issues that affect everyday life.

The Herndon Police Department is staffed by highly trained officers and civilians who are committed to integrity and professionalism, meeting stringent training requirements and professional standards. We demonstrate these values by maintaining national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

We consider it an honor to serve the Herndon community and will continue to work diligently to ensure the safety of our citizens and promote a police/community relationship built on trust, transparency, and mutual respect.

Please visit us at our website, [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov), (Public Safety), Facebook – Herndon Police Department, and on Twitter @herndonpolice for current information and ongoing activities of the department.

*Maggie*  
**Colonel Maggie A. DeBoard**  
**Chief of Police**



## HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Core Purpose:

To preserve the public peace and protect the rights of individuals.

### Mission Statement:

To enrich the quality of life and promote a sense of community by providing law enforcement and related services in partnership with the law abiding public.

### Vision:

Understanding the challenges of enriching the quality of life and promoting a sense of community in a diverse society, the Herndon Police Department provides all citizens within the Town of Herndon the highest level of quality law enforcement service without regard to race, culture, religion, national origin, age, gender, or disability.

### Citizen Input:

**We value your input. If you would like to report a community issue or any action concerning the Herndon Police Department or its employees, contact us at (703) 435-6846 or visit us in person. You may also contact us by mail or email ([herndon.police@herndon-va.gov](mailto:herndon.police@herndon-va.gov)). A member of the Herndon Police Department will contact you concerning your report.**

## AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Award

In 2015, the Herndon Police Department was recognized for its outstanding efforts in traffic safety and was **awarded first place** in the annual Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge. The annual competition is sponsored by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and is designed to encourage and promote traffic safety and enforcement programs throughout Virginia with an emphasis on impaired driving, speeding, aggressive driving, and seat belt and passenger safety enforcement. In its award-winning

submission, the department highlighted its participation in traffic safety campaigns to target speeding, impaired driving and improve seat belt usage.

### Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award

Herndon Police Officers Calo and Finley were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) on May 1, 2015 for their **outstanding enforcement efforts against drunk driving and underage drinking**. The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety ceremony was hosted by MADD and the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program.



### WRAP Award

The Herndon Police Department was recognized for its efforts in **combating drunk driving in our community**. Officer Eliezer Calo received an award at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) award ceremony along with 12 other officers from around the region for outstanding efforts over the past year.



## World Police and Fire Games

The Herndon Police Department Motor Team placed third in the team slow ride for the Mid-Atlantic rodeo competition and received a bronze medal in the World Police and Fire games.



## Task Force Partnerships

Task force partnerships allow the department to effectively pursue special investigations which are time consuming and require additional expertise or resources. The department continues its partnership with the multi-jurisdictional **Northern Virginia Gang Task Force** to investigate gang crime, **Fairfax County Police Vice/Narcotics Unit**, to facilitate narcotics investigations, and also with the Virginia State Police on the **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)** Task Force to conduct investigations and identify and apprehend offenders of child victims of internet-based crimes.

## Safe Trade Zone

The Department established a "Safe Trade Zone" in the parking lot of the police station for **use by the public as a meeting place to complete online transactions**. The area is well lit and monitored by security cameras. A sign has been placed outside to identify this designated area.



## COMMUNITY POLICING

The Department recognizes the **importance of crime prevention, community involvement and outreach and proactive community policing teams as critical components of its community policing program**. The community policing program promotes police/citizen partnerships and supports interactive problem-solving strategies to address crime and citizens' concerns. Community policing augments traditional law enforcement services by building effective partnerships with citizens to work together towards the common goal of making Herndon a safe place to live and work.

### **Crime Prevention**

The **Herndon Police Department offers a range of programs and activities to educate and inform citizens about crime prevention**. The Crime Prevention Officer works closely with all department members to ascertain local crime concerns in order to offer education and prevention strategies to citizens, community groups, businesses and neighborhoods. The Crime Prevention Officer is involved with citizens and community groups through Neighborhood, Business and Fleet Watches, National Night Out, and other community-sponsored events and activities which promote public safety. Contact SPO Denise Randles, Crime Prevention Officer, at 703-435-6800, ext. 2343 with questions or concerns about crime prevention.

### **Certified Crime Prevention Community**

The Herndon Police Department is dedicated to its community and crime prevention efforts and meets the standards to be designated as a Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC) by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The **CCPC certification consists of a defined set of rigorous standards related to community safety** that must be met which fosters the development of community safety initiatives at the local level. The department went through recertification in April 2016.

### **Neighborhood/Business/Fleet Watch Programs**

Citizens who want to work with law enforcement to keep an "eye and ear" on their communities make up the Neighborhood, Business and Fleet Watch programs. **Watch programs are an important part of crime prevention** and the department provides watch coordinators with a monthly report of crime activities, crime prevention tips and special crime alerts. In 2015, there were 20 active neighborhood watches, nine active business watches and two active fleet watch programs in the town. Watch programs are active partners with police.



### **National Night Out**

The Herndon Police Department participates in the National Night Out program each year to highlight its **commitment to crime prevention and community partnerships** in the Town of Herndon. In 2015, 13 neighborhoods participated in National Night Out activities by hosting barbeques, providing activities for kids, and organizing other community events. National Night Out is held the first Tuesday in August every year.



### **Citizens' Police Academy**

The Herndon Police Department held its inaugural Citizens' Police Academy in 1994, and continues the program each year by offering a Citizens, Youth, or Senior Police Academy. **Each academy is specifically designed to provide the participants with a better understanding of the department's operations through an informative class and hands-on activities.** The Department held a Youth Police Academy in 2015. For information about the upcoming Youth or Citizens' Police Academy, please contact Senior Police Officer Denise Randles at 703-435-6800, ext. 2343.

### **Drug Take Back Program**

The Herndon Police Department hosted a National Drug Take Back Initiative in 2015. The event provides an opportunity for the department to **educate the public about the potential abuse of medications and offers a safe and responsible venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted or unused prescription drugs.** The event resulted in the collection of 186 pounds of prescription drugs.



### **Coffee with a Cop**

"Coffee with a Cop" provides a unique opportunity for community members to meet a police officer and ask specific questions to **learn more about the ways the department addresses issues and endeavors to make an impact in the community.** The Chief of Police hosted a "Coffee with a Cop" breakfast at Amphora's Restaurant as an outreach to allow for one-on-one interaction in a relaxed environment. Attorney General Mark Herring attended the event.



### **Chief's Advisory Council**

The Chief of Police established an advisory council comprised of citizens to assist the Herndon Police by **providing input on community policing programs, promoting crime prevention efforts and supporting the department in other community liaison activities and initiatives**. The council meets quarterly.

### **Community Policing Teams**

In January 2016, the community policing districts underwent a review and reclassification. To better balance the district boundaries and more effectively deploy personnel and resources, the department reduced its community policing districts from five districts (Bruin, Center, Golf Course, Haley Smith and Runnymede) to four. **The new district names are now Dranesville, Dulles, Metro, and Worldgate**. A team leader and officers are assigned to each district as part of a Community Action Team to proactively patrol the district, monitor crime and activity of the district, address concerns or specific issues of residents and businesses within the district, and act as a point of reference to facilitate other services of the town that could be accessed to resolve a particular issue.

**Community Policing Team Leaders, as indicated below, can be reached at the police non-emergency number: 703-435-6846.**

#### **Dranesville District Team Leader**

Sergeant Farby

#### **Dulles District Team Leader**

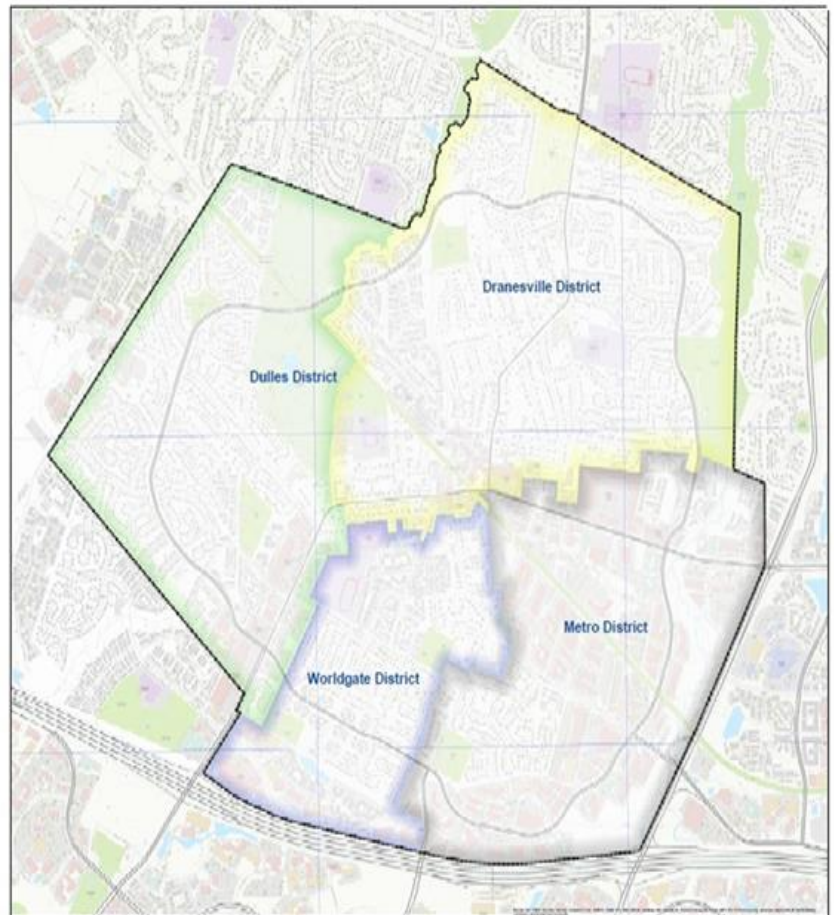
Sergeant Tacci

#### **Metro District Team Leader**

Sergeant Williams

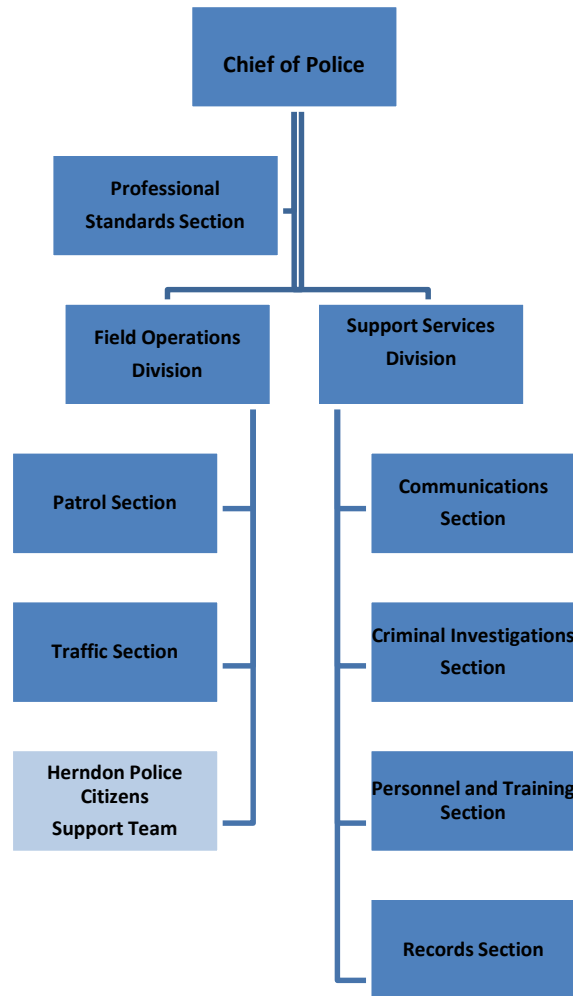
#### **Worldgate District Team Leader**

Sergeant Merritt



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## Organizational Chart



### 2015 Demographics

Town Population: 23,666  
 Jurisdiction size: 4.28 square miles  
 Officer/Citizen ratio: 1:430

Total HPD regular employees: 71  
 Total current sworn officers: 55  
 Total current civilian employees: 16  
 New Hires: 8; Separations: 7

2015 Internal Affairs Investigations			
Investigations	External	Internal	Total
Total Investigations	3	20	<b>23*</b>
Sustained	1	10	<b>11</b>
*(3 cases are still under investigation)			

# TOWN OF HERNDON ACTIVITY

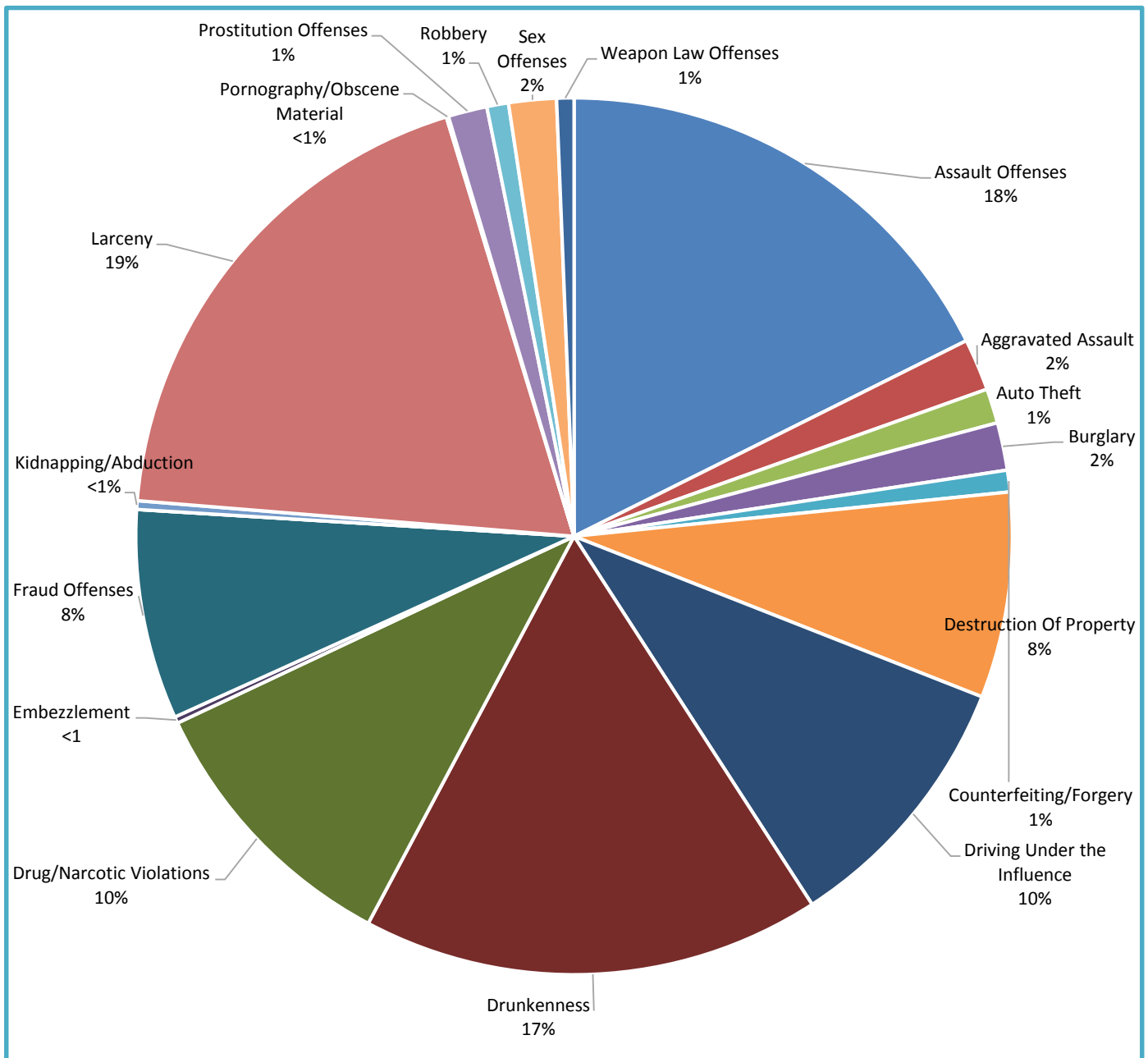
## Statistical Summary

The chart below compares offense data on major categories of crime in the Town of Herndon between 2014 and 2015. Overall, crime reported in the town as compared to 2014 is down by 11 percent. Statistical increases were seen in reports of weapon offenses, counterfeiting/forgery, and sex offenses, but based on actual incidents, the increases were relatively minor. Based on the prevalence of offenses in categories such as drunkenness, larcenies, and assaults; a slight increase was seen in simple assaults. Drunkenness and larceny offenses resulted in minor decreases but continue as key categories of activity each year.

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>%Change</b>
Assault Offenses	210	221	11	5.24%
Aggravated Assault	26	24	-2	-7.69%
Auto Theft	11	16	5	45.45%
Burglary	31	22	-9	-29.03%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	10	6	150.00%
Destruction Of Property	116	95	-21	-18.10%
Driving Under the Influence	118	124	6	5.08%
Drunkenness	297	212	-85	-28.62%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	130	128	-2	-1.54%
Embezzlement	6	3	-3	-50.00%
Fraud Offenses	121	97	-24	-19.83%
Homicide	0	0	0	No Change
Kidnapping/Abduction	6	4	-2	-33.33%
Larceny	277	238	-39	-14.08%
Pornography/Obscene Material	4	1	-3	-75.00%
Prostitution Offenses	23	18	-5	-21.74%
Robbery	16	10	-6	-37.50%
Sex Offenses	15	22	7	46.67%
Weapon Law Offenses	2	8	6	300.00%
	<b>1,413</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>-160</b>	<b>-11.32%</b>

## 2015 Activity at a Glance

Crime activity in Herndon during 2015 is depicted graphically below to demonstrate the major categories of crime as a percentage of total crime in the town. Larcenies, assault offenses (non-aggravated), and drunkenness were the most prevalent categories of offenses in 2015. Larceny offenses include shoplifting, thefts from buildings, persons, or vehicles, reports of credit and debit card fraud and other miscellaneous larcenies. Assault offenses included non-aggravated attacks with limited injuries; 41 percent of these cases were domestic, meaning the offender and the victim were related. Drunkenness offenses largely include public drunkenness arrests.





## Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Section investigates criminal cases that include murder, sexual assault, aggravated assault, robbery, fraud/identity theft, auto theft, embezzlement, child abuse and missing person cases. The top categories of investigations in 2015 were:

1. Sex Offense
2. Larceny
3. Fraud
4. Felony Assaults
5. Runaways
6. Burglary

The Criminal Investigations Section is led by a sergeant. Cases are assigned to three criminal detectives and three special assignment detectives. The special assignment detectives work in specialized investigations in conjunction with task forces: Northern Virginia Gang Task Force, Fairfax County Police Vice/Narcotics Unit, and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

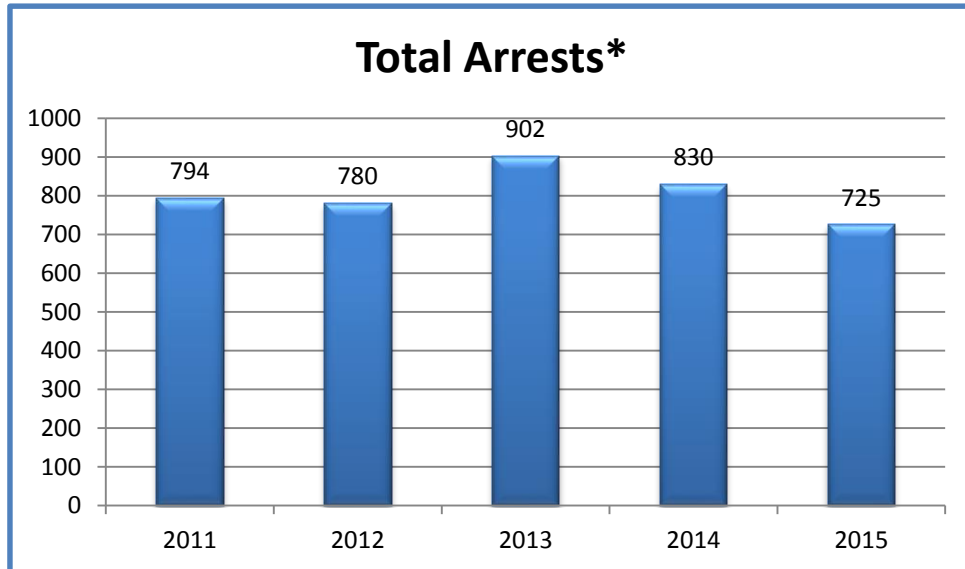
In 2015, the Criminal Investigations Section added 296 new cases for investigation in addition to their ongoing caseload.

As cyber-crime continues to grow and investigations become more complex due to technology, the department is fortunate to have a Computer Forensics detective. The Computer Forensics detective participates with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force but also conducts computer forensic investigations for routine crimes such as robberies, fraud, runaways, along with conducting presentations to the public about cyber-safety. These investigations are highly specialized, time-consuming, and require a great deal of training and expertise. In 2015, the Computer Forensics detective was assigned or assisted with 132 cases involving the recovery of digital forensic evidence on various electronic devices and platforms.

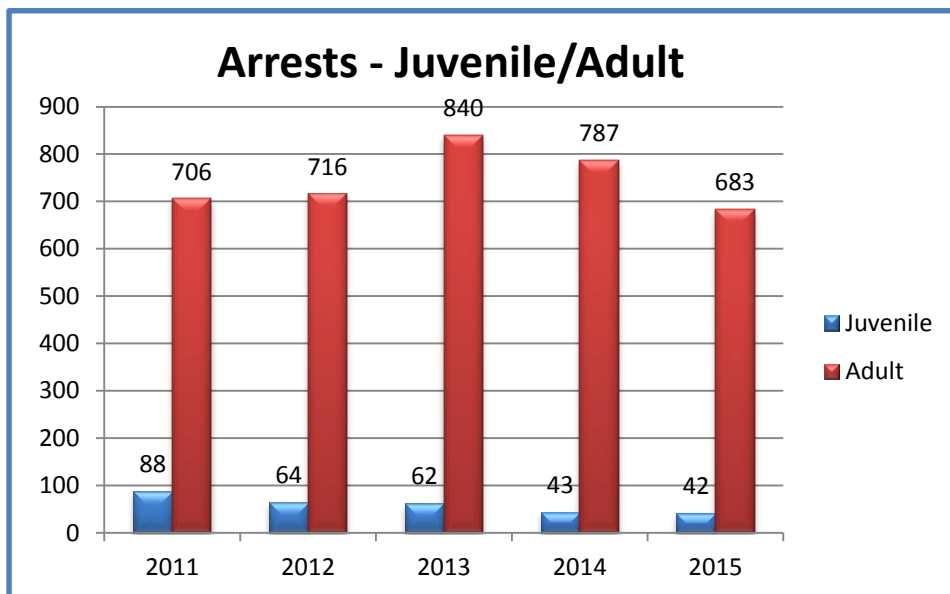


## Arrests

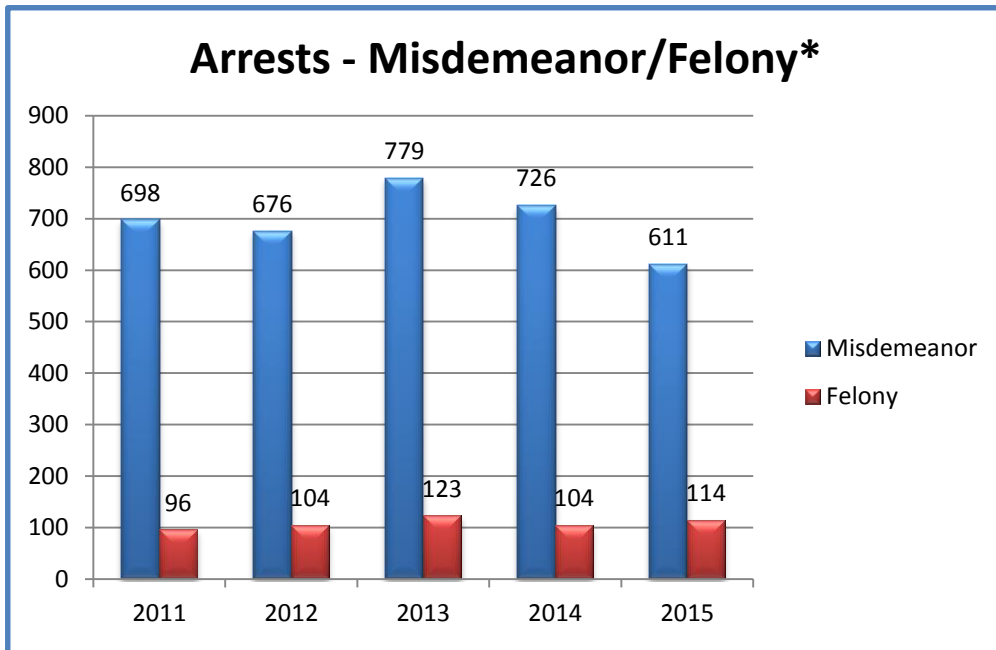
The following graphs provide a breakdown of total arrests, juvenile versus adult arrests, misdemeanor versus felony arrests, and total warrants served, over the past five years. Total arrests were down by 13 percent from 2014. This decrease was reflected in a reduction in both misdemeanor and felony arrests.



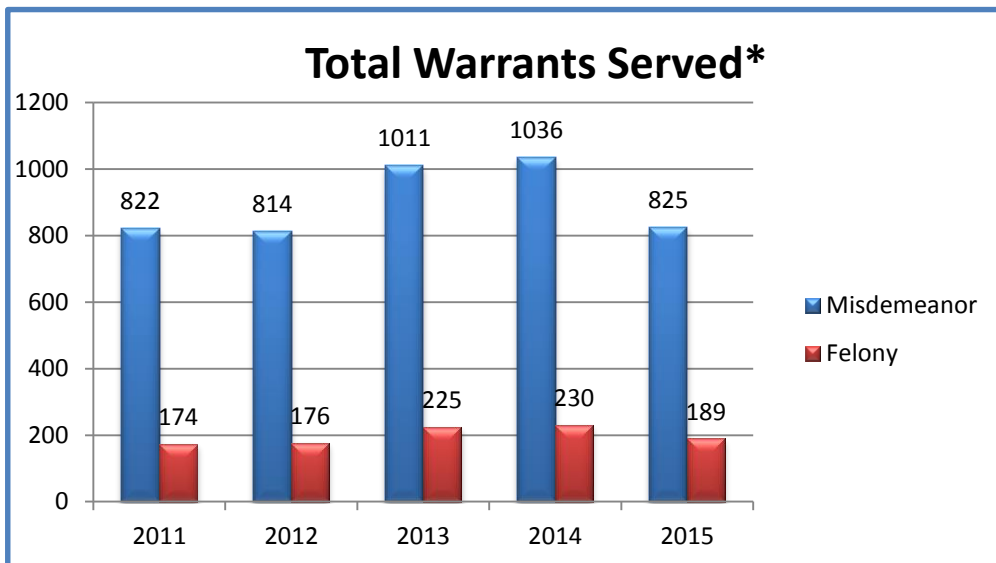
\*Total number of people arrested.



## Arrests, Warrants Served



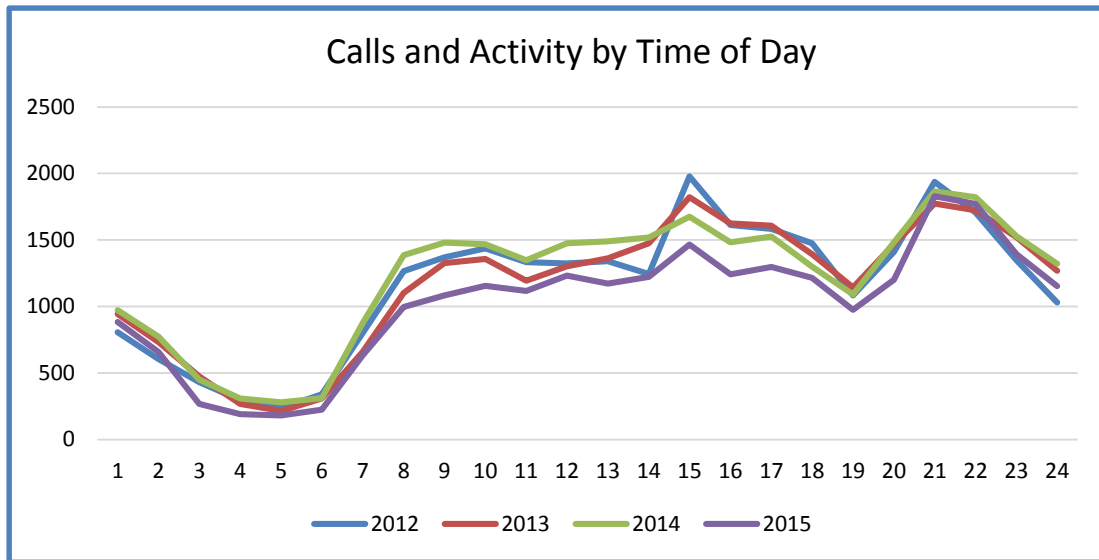
\*In cases where a person is arrested on both felony and misdemeanor warrants, only the most serious (felony) is reported in this chart.



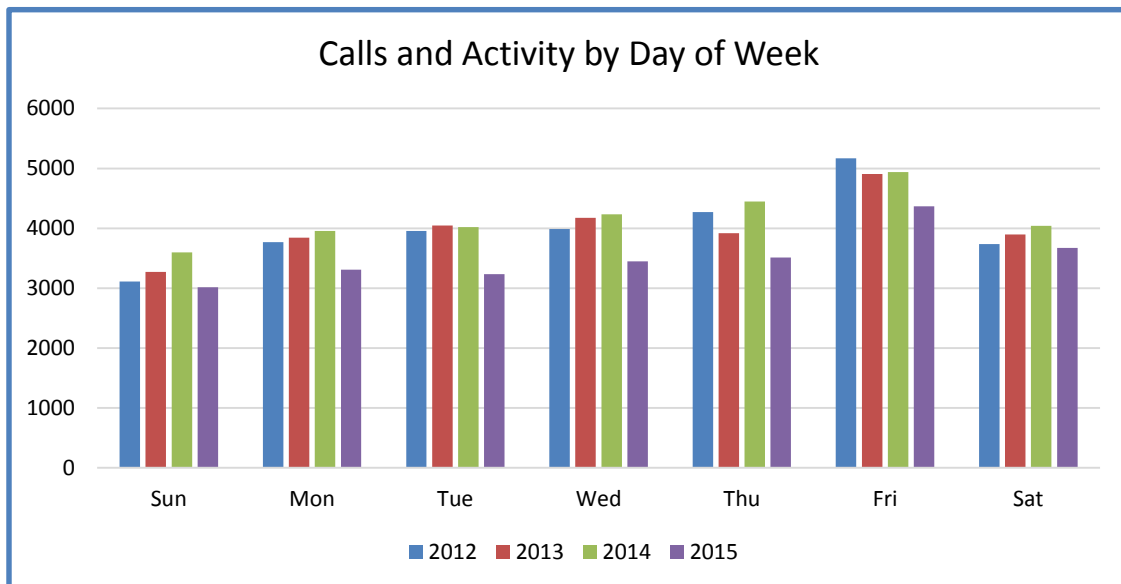
\*May include multiple warrants served on each individual arrested.

## Calls for Service and Police Activity

The charts below illustrate all calls for service and police activity, including response to calls and self-initiated activity. Total calls for service indicate the same general trend as previous years. Calls are highest during the evening rush hour and late night hours. A noticeable decline in calls can be seen this year during the evening rush hour period. High call volume (traffic complaints, accidents, vehicle stops) associated with the intersection of Herndon Parkway/Sterling Road resulted in a reduction of 56 percent at this location between the hours of 3pm – 7pm between 2014 and 2015 due to upgrades completed to the intersection in late 2014.

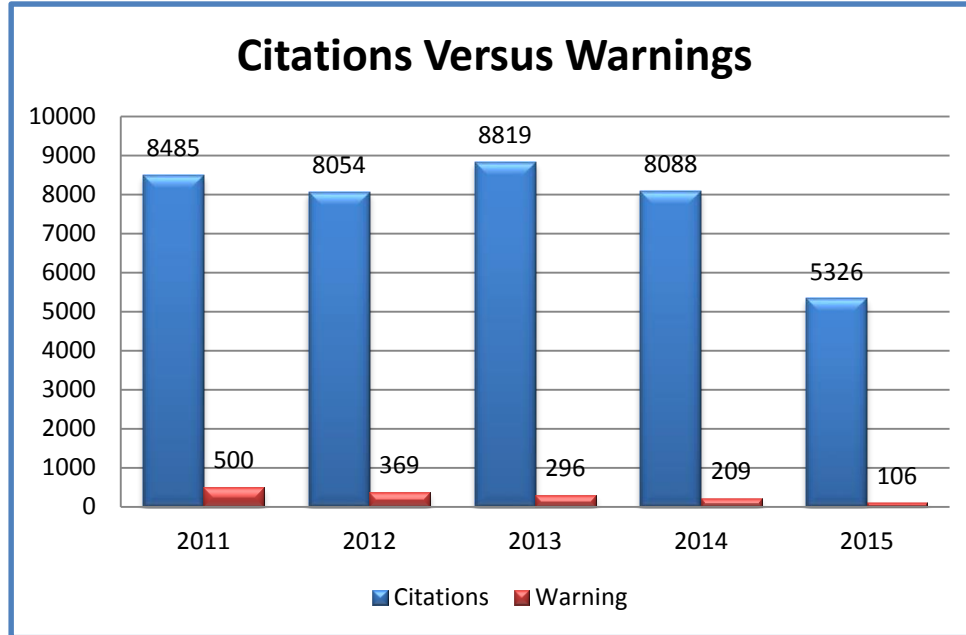


A slight reduction in calls for service was seen on Saturday, and the largest reduction resulted on Thursday. Friday continues to be the day with the highest number of calls for service.



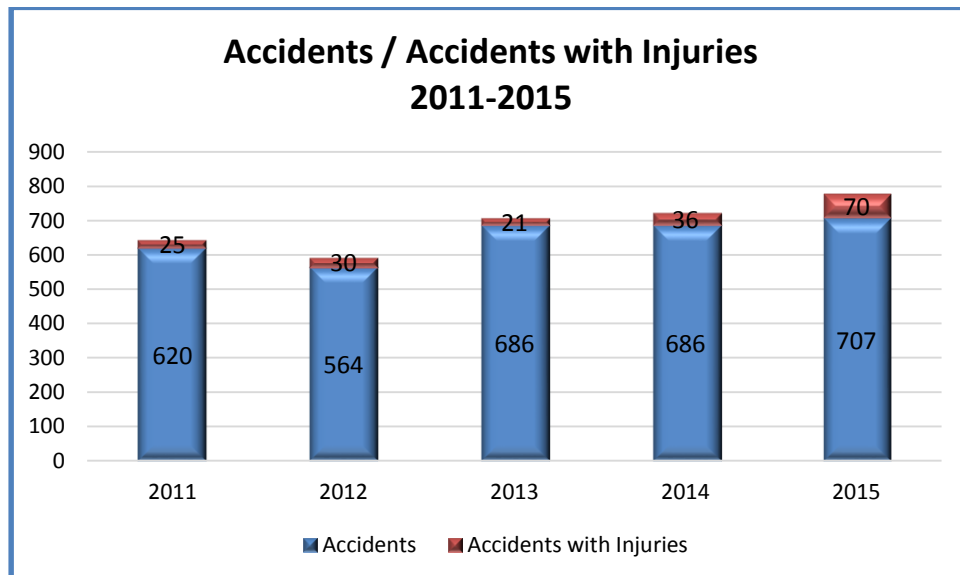


## Traffic Activity



Citations declined 34 percent from 2014 largely attributable to personnel shortages and training mandates.

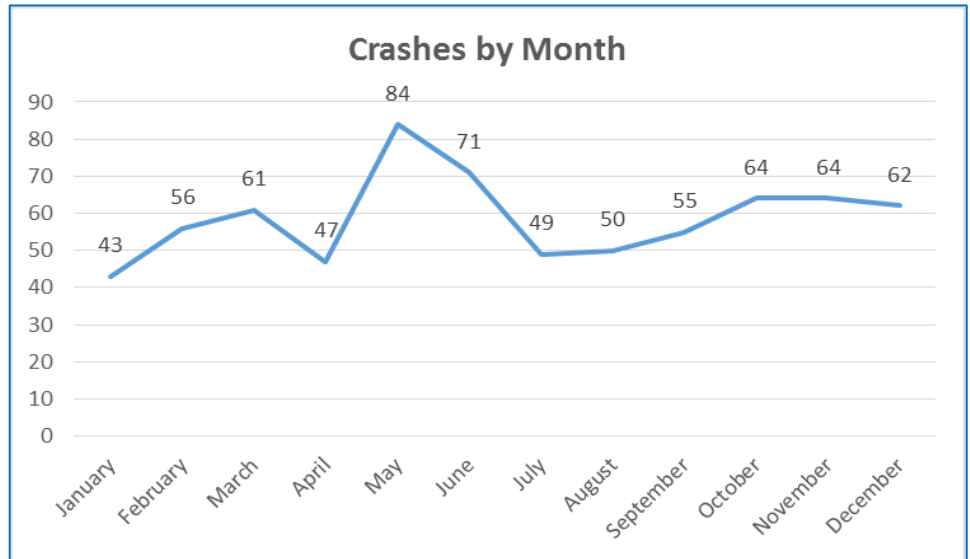
## Accidents



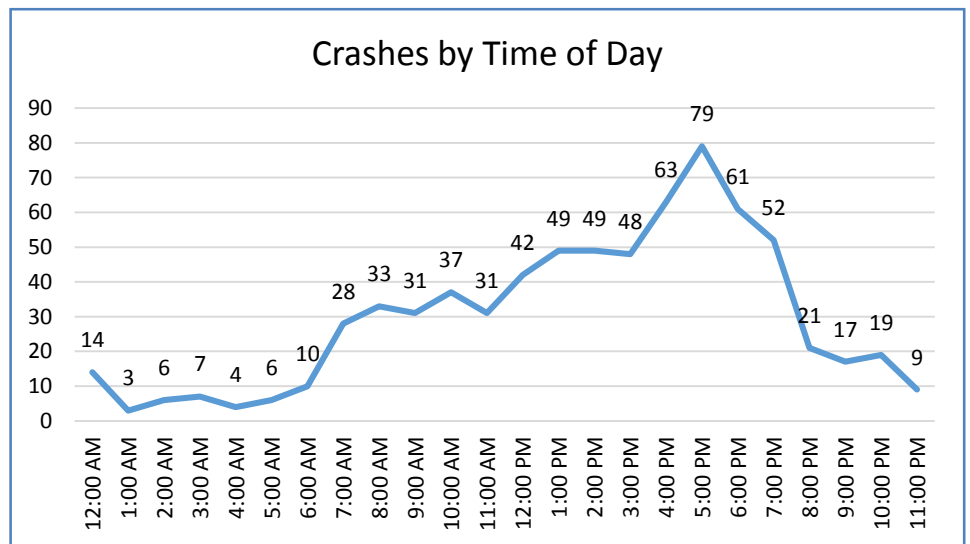
Traffic accidents in 2015 increased 3 percent over 2014 and were up moderately from the four-year accident average (2011-2014) of 639. Accidents with injuries nearly doubled from 2014 to 2015. *Failure to yield the right of way* was the predominant violation in accidents, and accounted for 15 percent of total accidents.

## Accident Analysis

The greatest number of crashes in 2015 occurred in the months of May (84) and June (71).

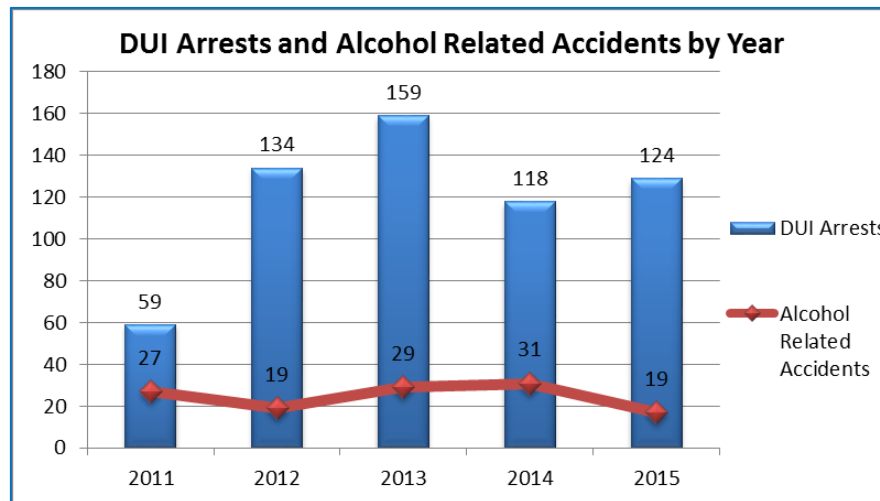


The highest number of crashes (142) occurred between 4:00PM and 6:00PM with the second highest (113) between 6:00PM and 8:00PM. These two time frames represent 36 percent of the total crashes for 2015. These consistent timeframe statistics appear to correlate to increased traffic in the Town during the late afternoon and evening rush hours.



<b>2015</b>	
<b>HIGH ACCIDENT LOCATIONS</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Elden Street/Herndon Pkwy South	55
Elden Street/Laurel Way	28
Alabama Drive/Elden Street	27
Herndon Pkwy/Spring Street	23
Elden Street/Monroe Street	22
Herndon Pkwy/Sterling Road	21

## DUI Arrests and Alcohol Related Accidents



The detection and arrest of the impaired driver continues to be a top priority for the department. There were 124 DUI arrests made by the department for driving while intoxicated during 2015; a 5 percent increase from the 118 arrests in 2014. By contrast, there were 19 alcohol-related crashes in 2015 as compared to 31 in 2014. Alcohol-related accidents decreased by 38 percent. While it is gratifying to note the positive results in decreased alcohol-related accidents, statistics confirm that alcohol/drug impaired driving remains a valid concern in our jurisdiction and enforcement efforts to deter drinking and driving continues to have a considerable focus.

The department takes proactive measures to address impaired driving and continues to seek ways to reduce associated accidents. These measures include:

### **Traffic Analysis**

The department prepares an annual traffic analysis to review traffic enforcement activities, traffic concerns and complaints, and other issues to determine the effectiveness of its safety programs and initiatives and identify ways to strategically use resources to increase traffic safety in Herndon.

### **Selective Enforcement**

Certain factors, prevalent locations of frequent enforcement activity, and reports or complaints of traffic problems are considered each month in order to formulate a plan to direct enforcement efforts towards identified problems or specific violations. These monthly enforcement efforts provide proactive resources to address violations and promote traffic safety throughout Herndon.

### **Campaigns and Initiatives**

Proactive DUI saturation patrols, DUI checkpoints, national safety campaigns and local initiatives contribute to the department's efforts to curb drunk driving. The department supplements these activities with individual initiatives to educate community members and local restaurants and bars about the dangers of drunk driving and collaborates with the Virginia Alcohol and Beverage Control Board to target businesses that may be selling to underage consumers.

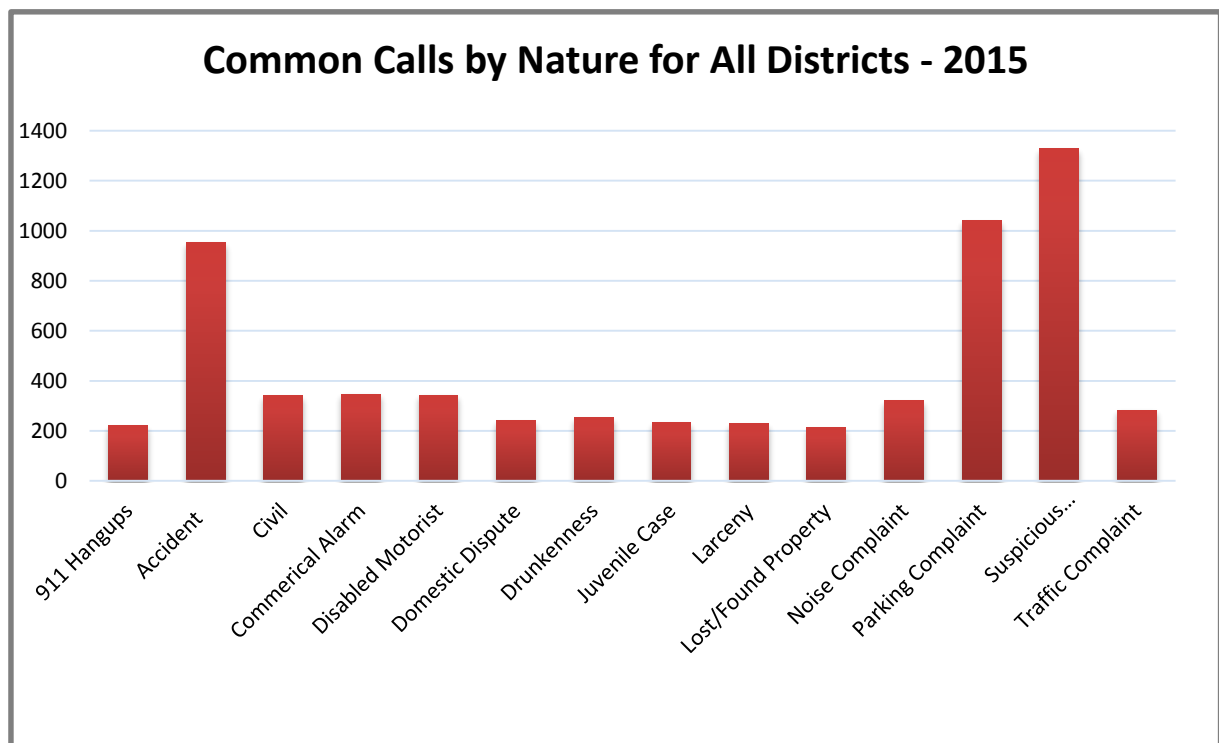




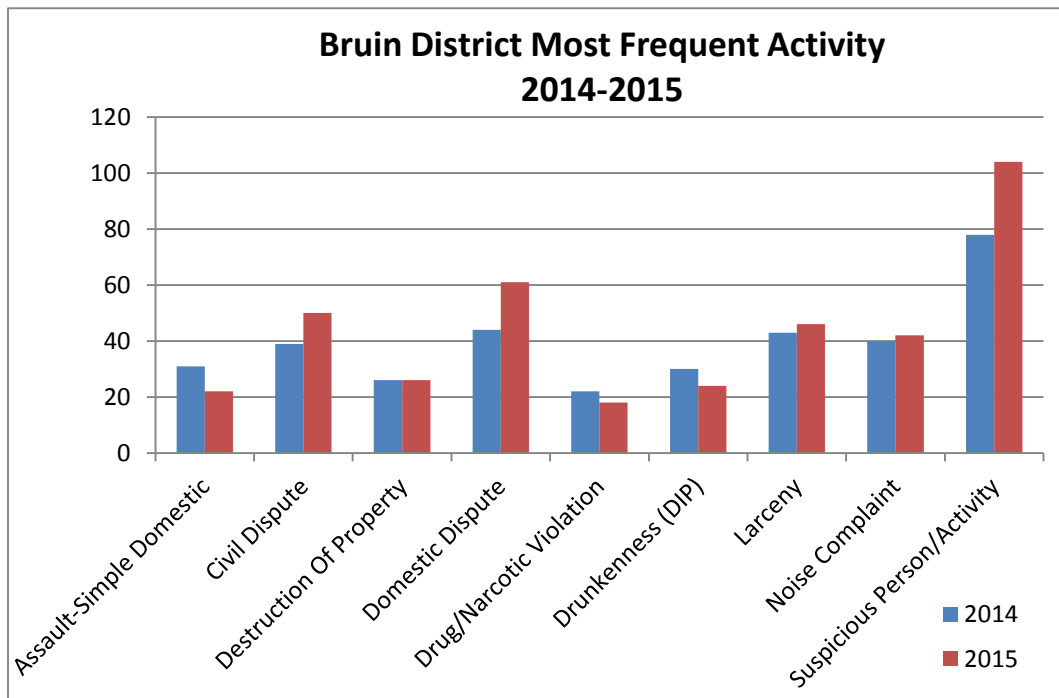
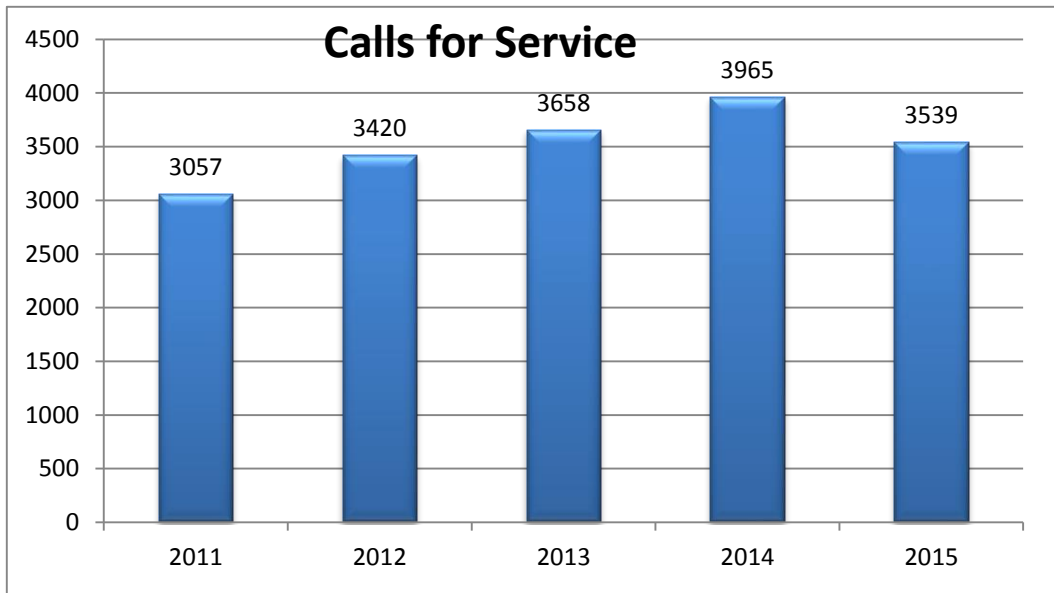
## INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY POLICING DISTRICT DATA

All calls for service are geographically allocated to a community policing district so that community policing team members are able to stay abreast of their district's activities. Calls for service data in the following graphs have been adjusted to exclude certain activities (cancelled calls, officer self-initiated calls, location and status calls, and other routine administrative call activities) in order to appropriately reflect incoming emergency and non-emergency calls. The individual district charts reflect calls for service by district and by nature of the call for 2015.

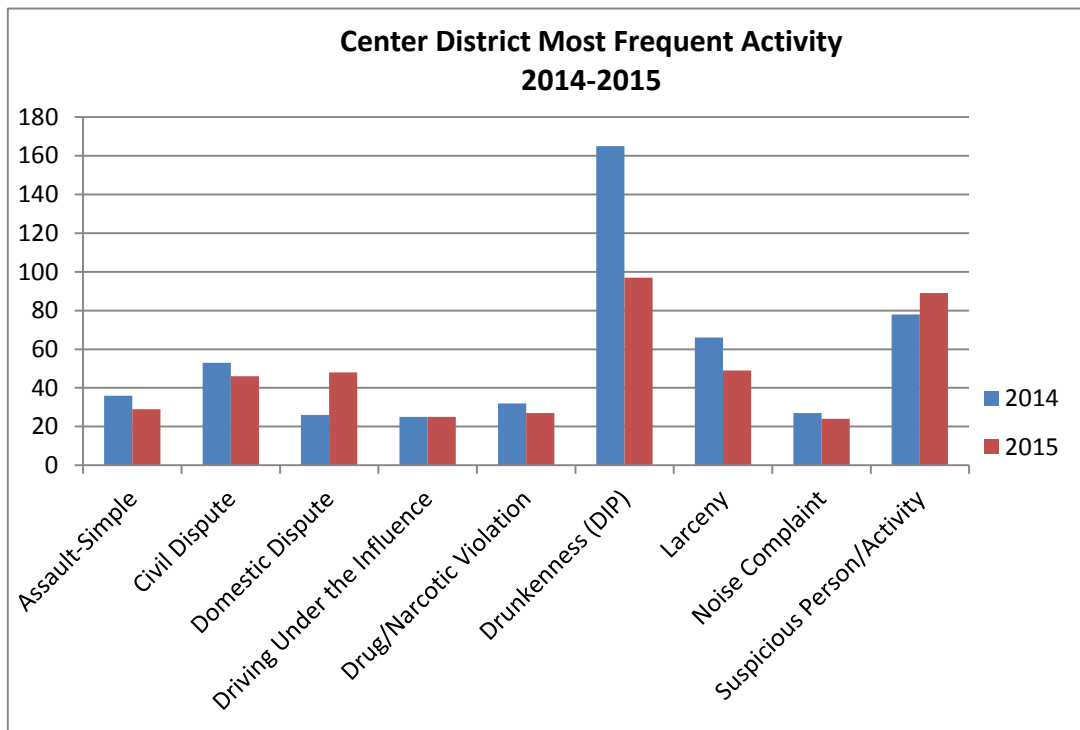
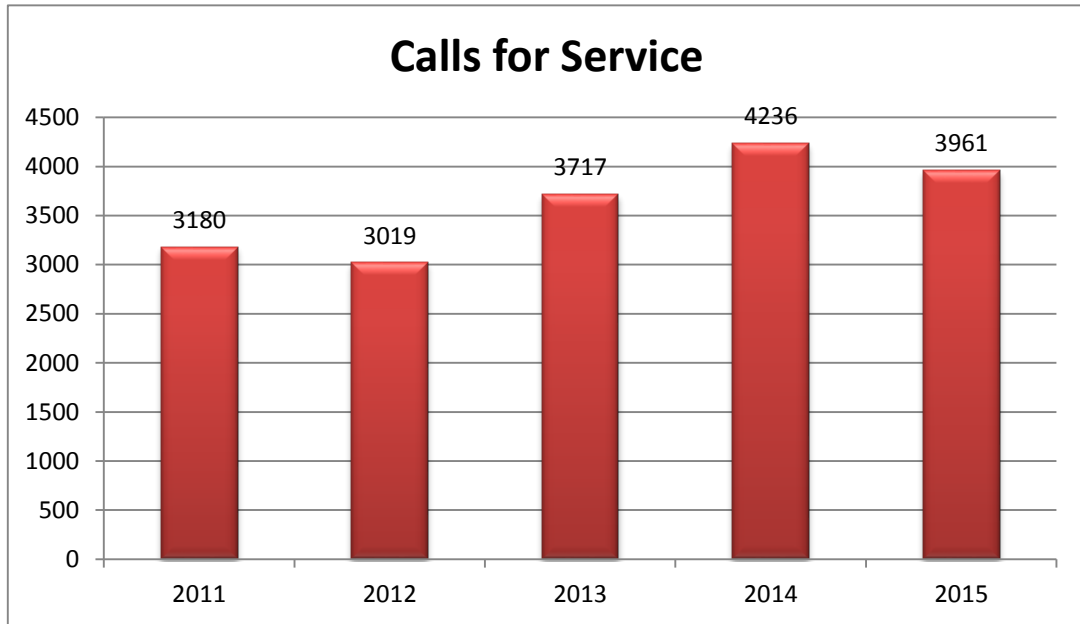
The following district data is represented under the five district format; the new districts will be reflected in the next annual report.



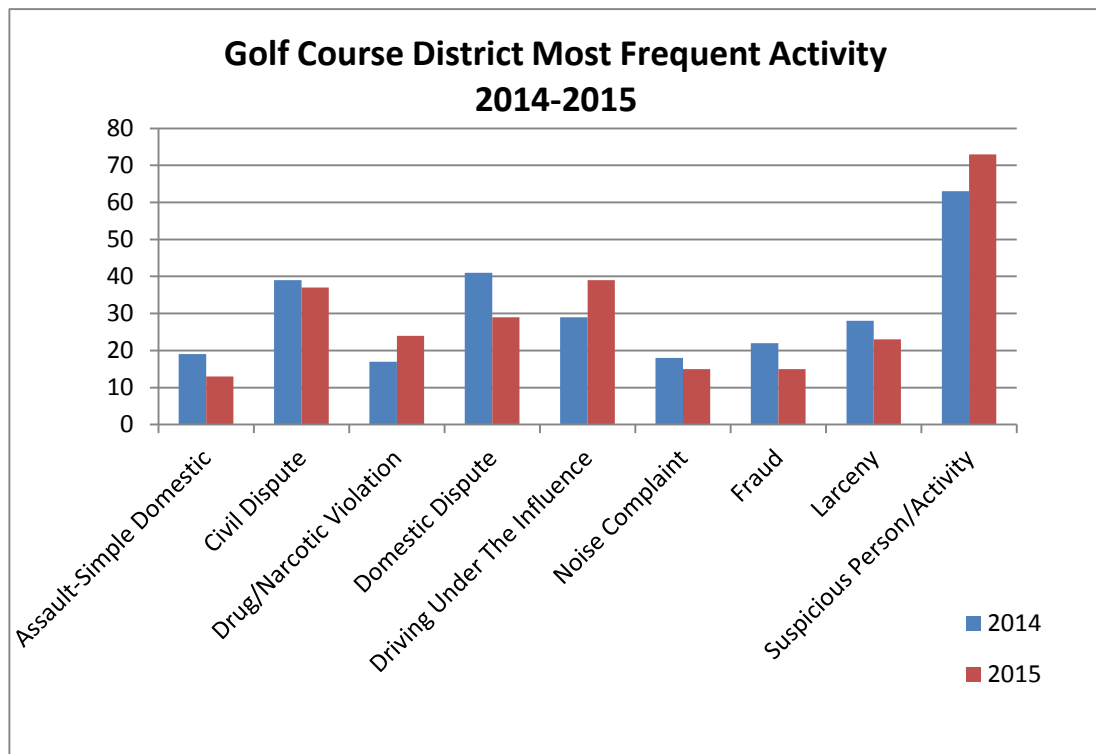
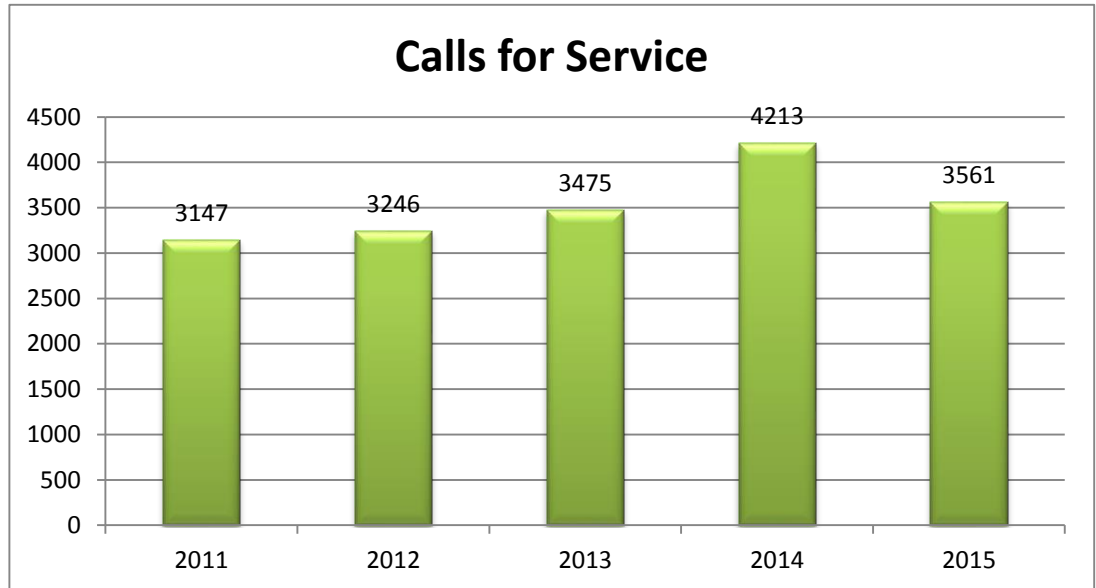
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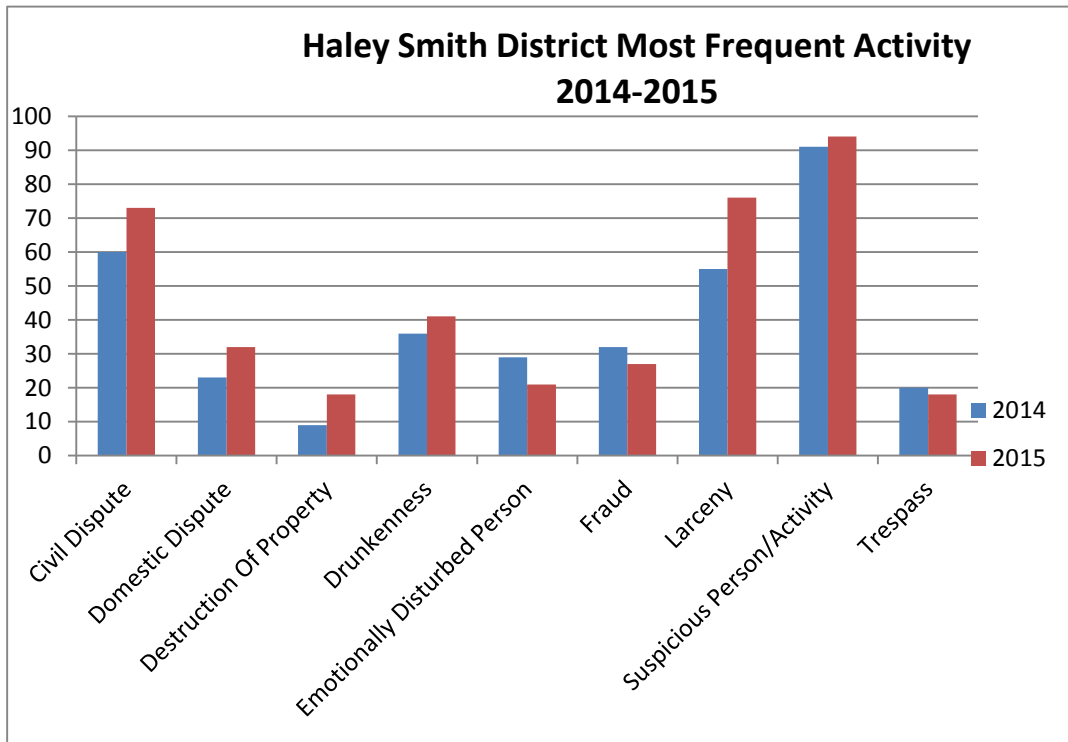
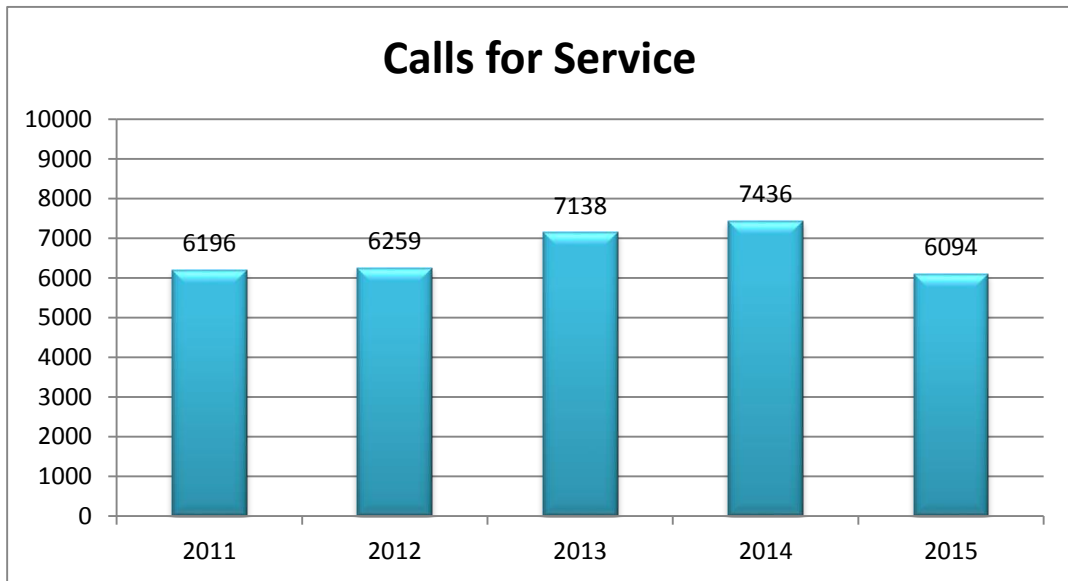
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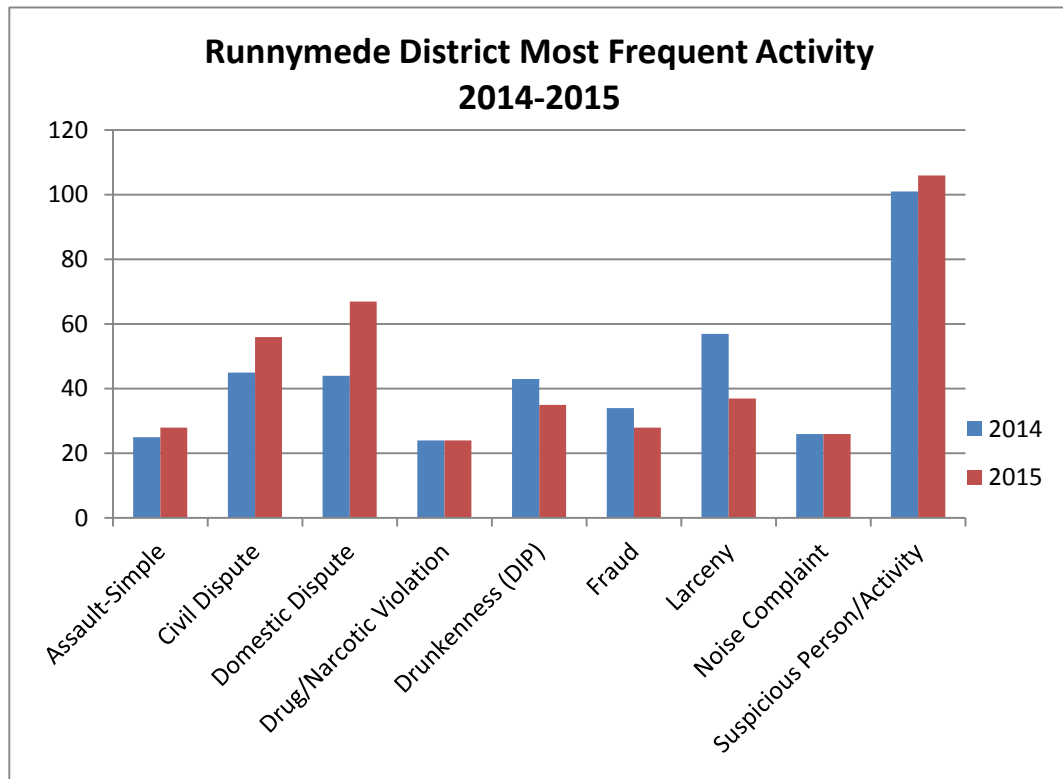
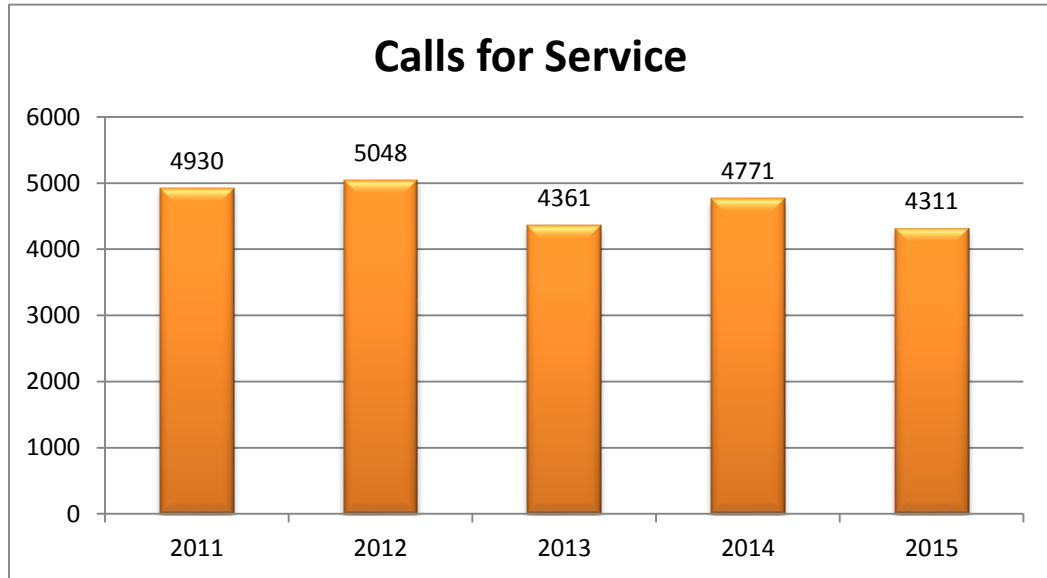
## Golf Course District (Reclassified to Dulles District)



## Haley Smith District (Reclassified to Metro District)



## Runnymede District (Reclassified to Dranesville District)





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