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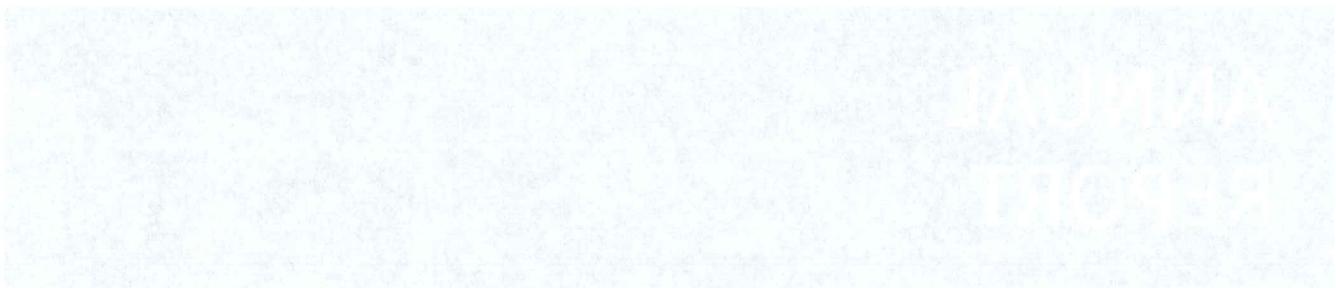
Granite Falls Police Department is striving to improve the quality of life by providing a safe and secure environment.

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The mission of the Granite Falls Police Department is to improve the quality of life of all citizens by providing a safe and secure environment. To enforce the laws of the United States, state and local government and preserve the peace, while protecting the rights of all and applying the highest standard of professionalism, integrity and accountability in partnership with the entire community.

Core Values

Integrity: We value ethical conduct, public trust, and commit ourselves to personal and professional excellence. We are uncompromising in our commitment to truth, honesty, and respect in all relationships. We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and inactions, and are open and honest in our dealings with each other. We have the courage to do what is right and to stand against what is wrong.

Respect: We accept diversity with tolerance & understanding. Listen with patience, value opinions and provide feedback. We value life and safety. We are committed to serve and treat all human beings with the utmost sensitivity, compassion, and concern.

Dedication: We are dedicated to the organization, each other, our families, and the citizens we serve. We are dedicated to working in partnerships with the community and each other to reduce crime, enhance customer service, and improve quality of life. We are dedicated to our core values and to upholding our oath of office.

On behalf of the men and women of the Granite Falls Police Department, it is my pleasure to present our 2013 Annual Report. This report illustrates our continued desire to provide quality service to the citizens and guests of the Town of Granite Falls.

I would like to thank the men and women of this department for helping to make Granite Falls a safer and more secure environment. Their dedication and perseverance help make this town a wonderful place to call home. I would also like to thank the Mayor, the Town Council, and the Town Manager for the work they do in making sound decisions for the greater good of our community. As always, I would like to thank each department head and employees of their respective departments for the cooperation and willingness to help each other and to help those in need. This combined effort often allows us to provide an even better service to the citizens and those passing through our town.

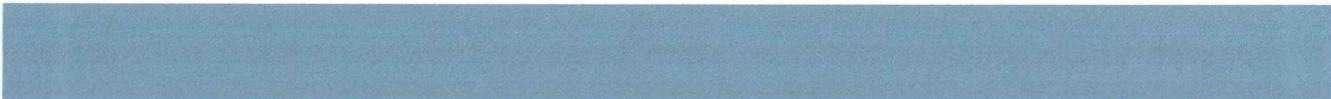
Thank you for taking the time to review our 2013 Annual Report.

Respectfully,

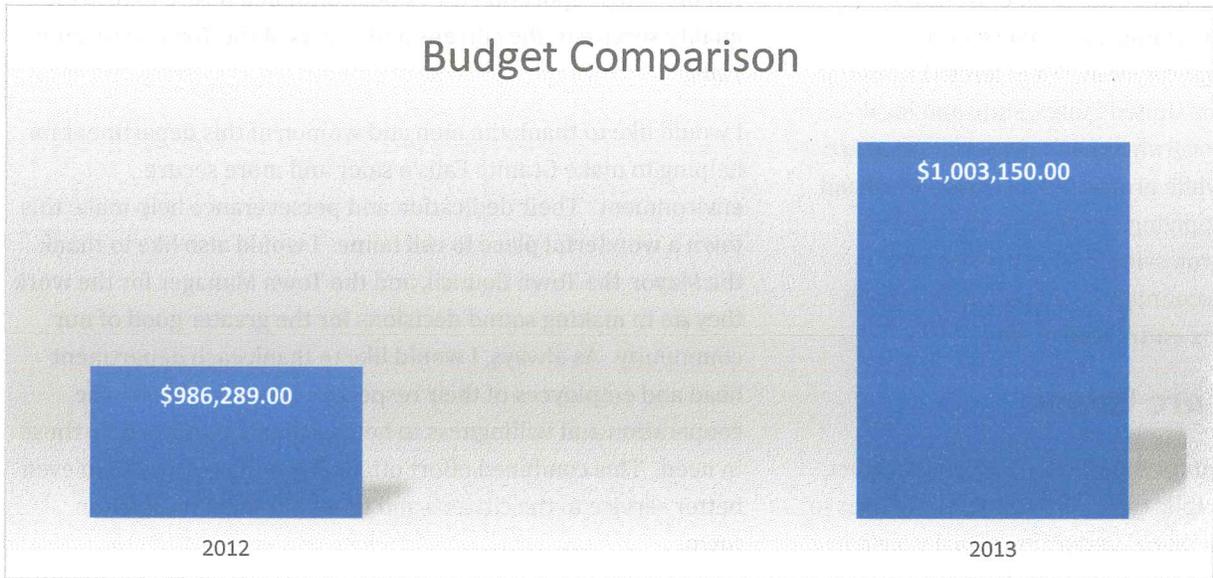
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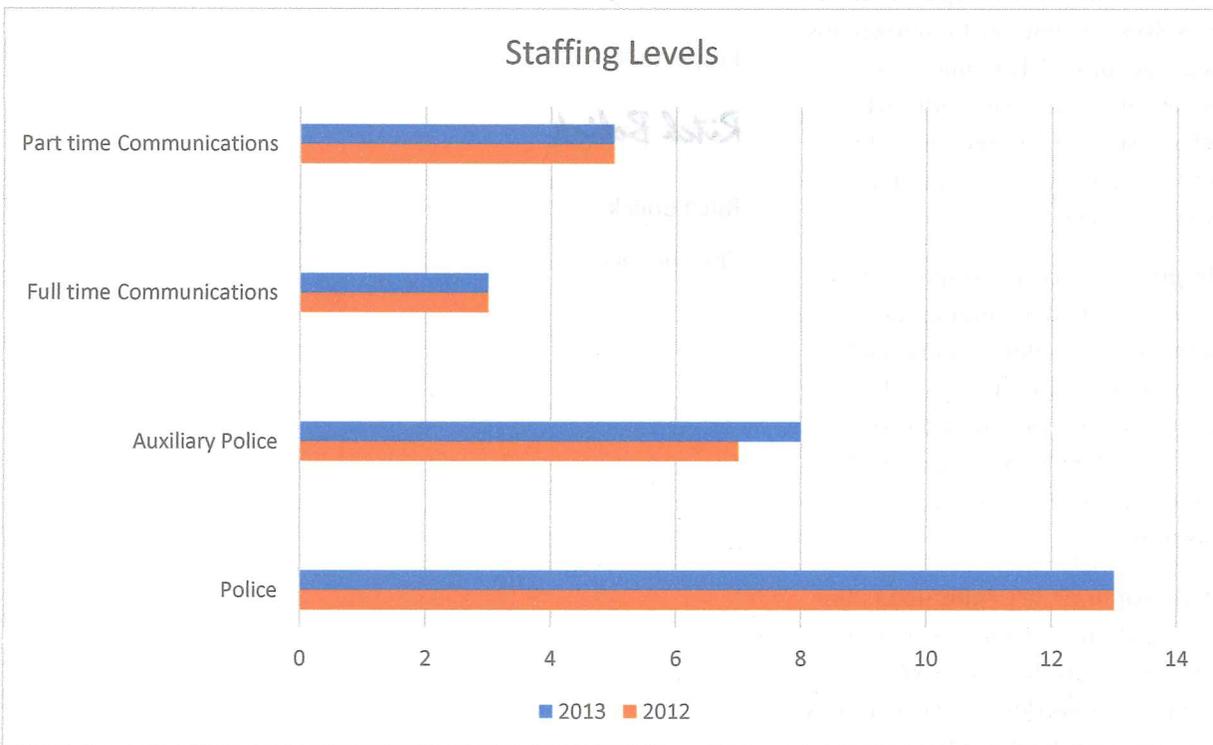
Chief of Police



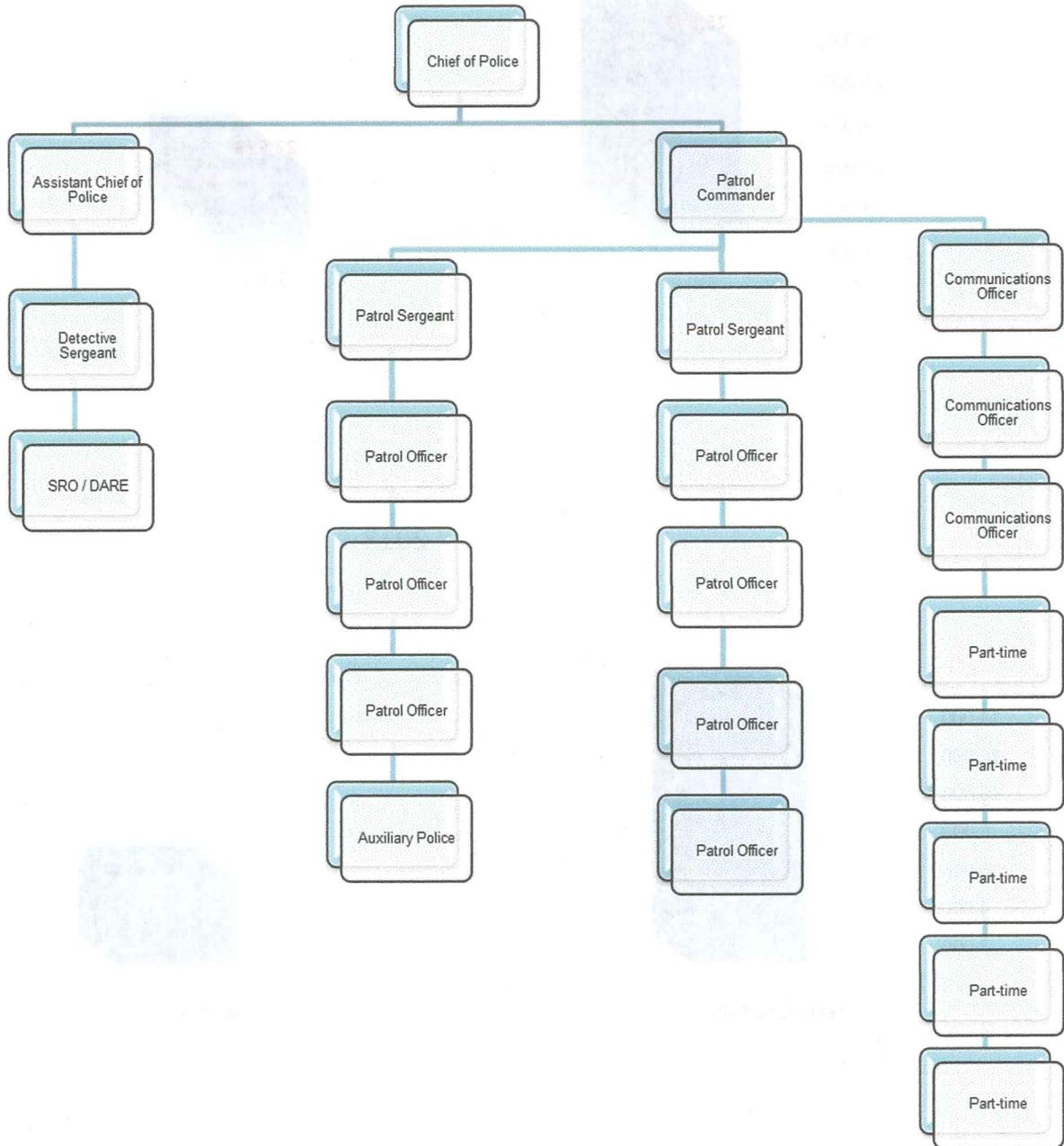
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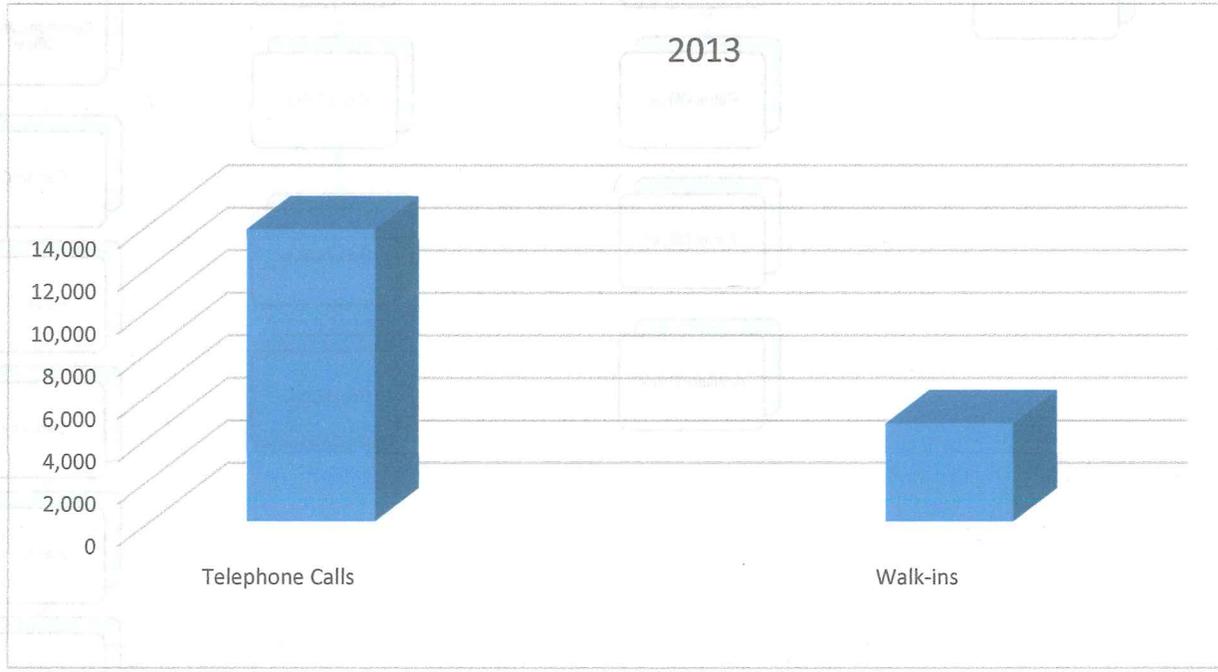
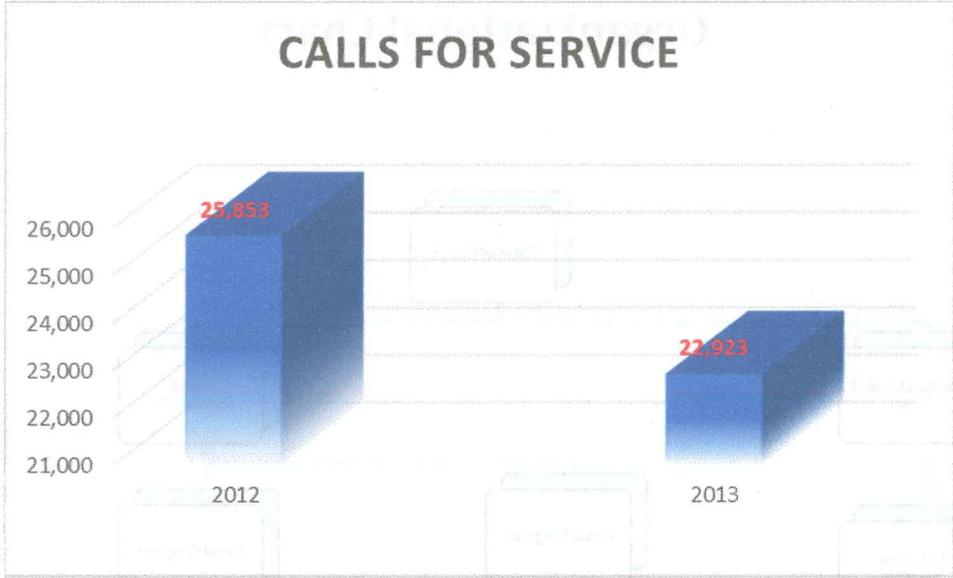


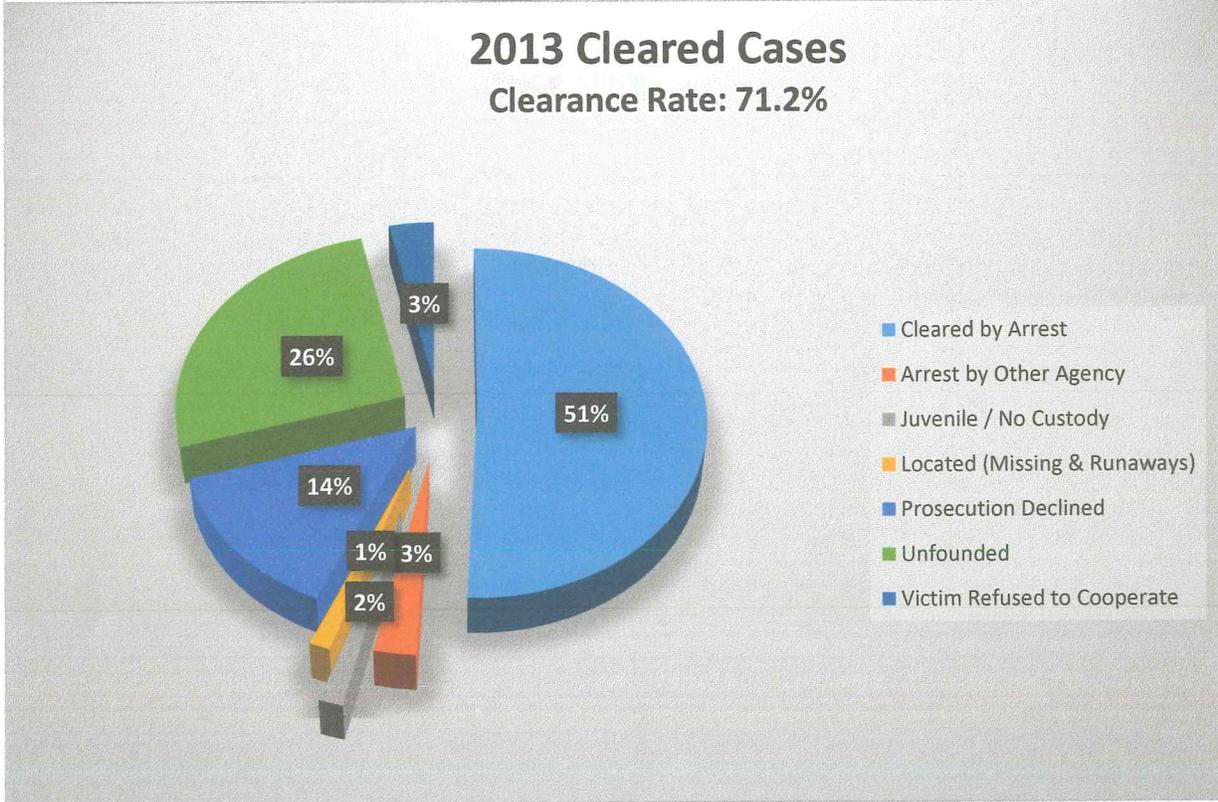
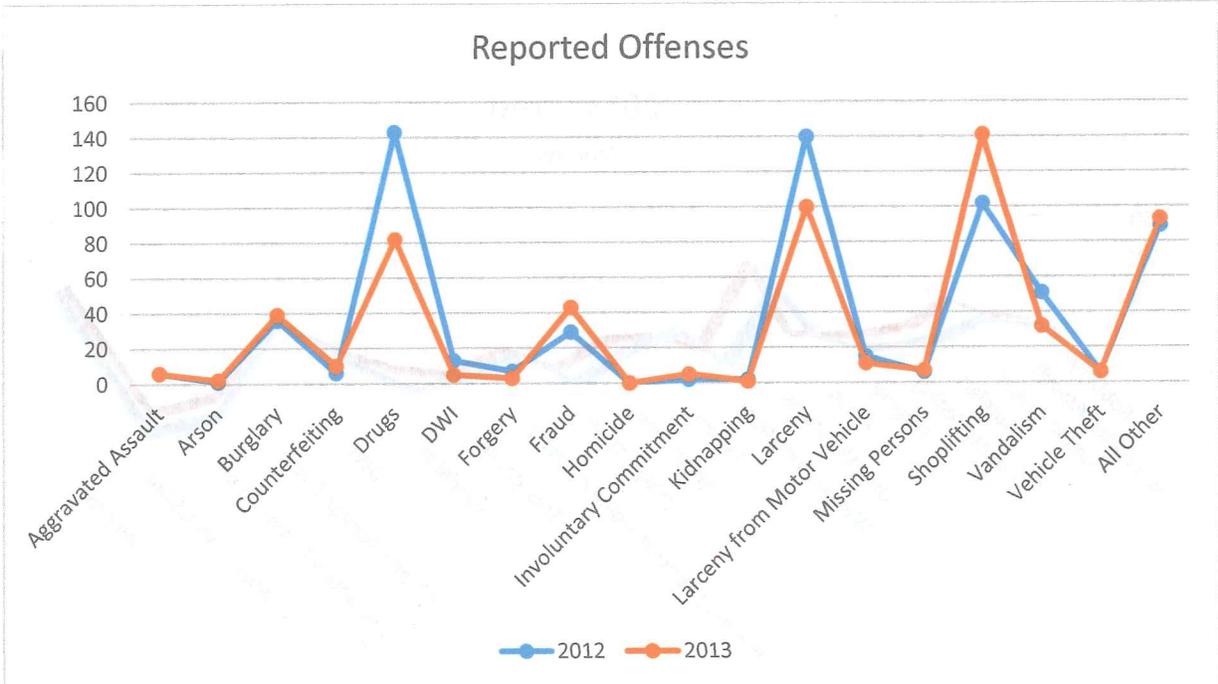
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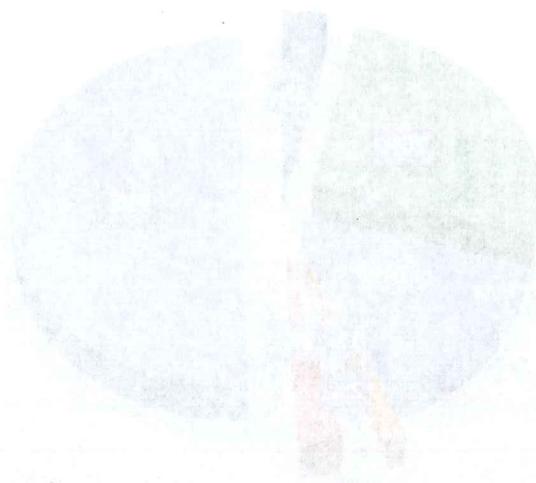
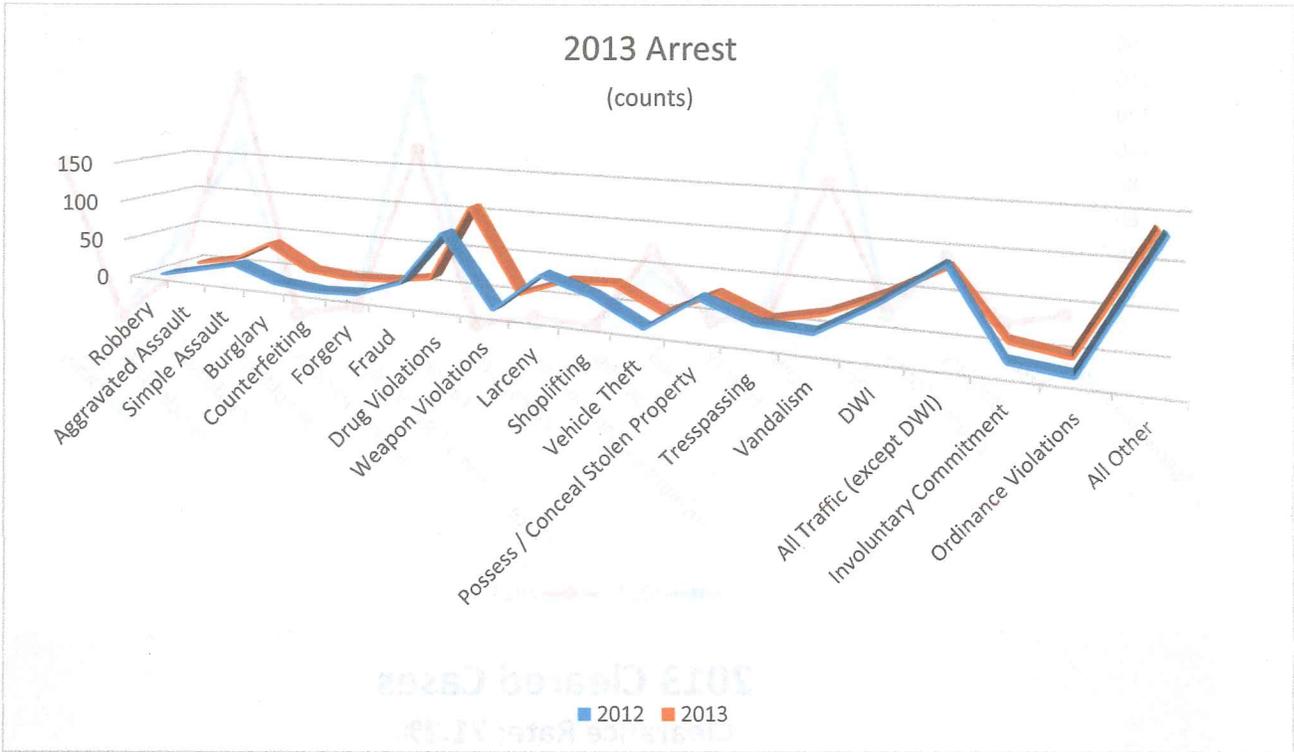
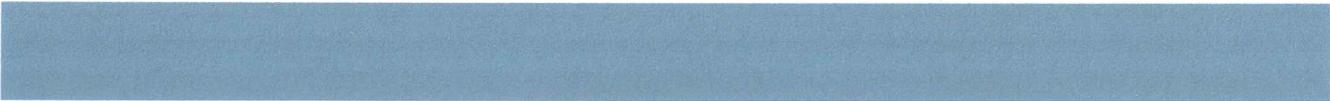


Organizational Chart











Awards and Associations

2013 Officer of the Year

Ricky Lail

2013 Communications Officer of the Year

Paulette Lingerfelt

North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police

North Carolina Police Executives Association

North Carolina Homicide Investigators Association

North Carolina DARE Officers Association

North Carolina Tactical Officers Association

North Carolina Criminal Information Exchange

National Domestic Preparedness Coalition

Robin's Nest Child Advocacy Center Partner

Call Type	2012	2013
Accidents Reported	246	304
Animal Complaints	111	120
Assist Stranded Motorists	283	237
Check the Welfare	97	95
Business Checks	2,970	3,387
Special Checks	3,911	2,906
Residence Checks	357	120
Misdemeanor Arrests	375	327
Misdemeanor Offenses Charged	624	514
Felony Arrests	46	56
Felony Offenses Charged	69	95
Criminal Papers Served	346	350
Civil Papers Served	75	128
Reports Taken	741	708
Citations Issued	960	797
Citation Charges	1,350	1,105
Warning Citations	707	699
Verbal Warnings	157	189
Alarms Answered	390	401
Prowler	31	32
Suspicious Person / Vehicle	1,124	947
Open door / window	38	26
Breaking and Entering	65	64
Domestic Disputes	172	155

Civil Disturbance	152	154
Fight in Progress	27	37
School Crossings	544	506
Fingerprinting	129	40
Juvenile Problem	97	61
Keys in Vehicle	194	208
Funeral Escorts		35
Mutual Aid - Caldwell County Sheriff's Office	103	68
Hudson Police	1	0
Lenoir Police	0	1
Rhodhiss Police	7	0
Other Agency	10	17
Ordinance Violation - Loud Music	87	37
Alcohol Violation	5	4
Discharge Firearm	25	25
Skateboarding	5	3
All Other	47	26
Electric Department After Hours Call Out	39	36
Water Department After Hours Call Out	37	50

Investigative Division

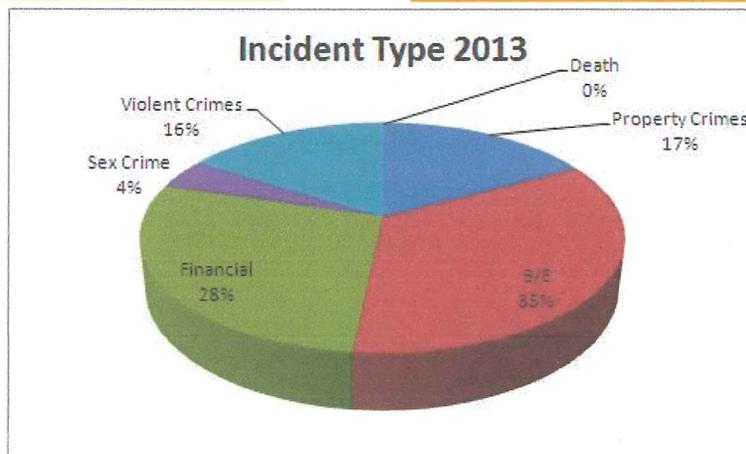
The Criminal Investigative Division (CID) consists of two (2) investigators and a School Resource Officer. CID is responsible for all investigations conducted by the Granite Falls Police Department. The investigations range from the typical criminal investigation, serious and fatal traffic investigations, death investigations, arson investigations, child abuse investigations, employee background investigations, professional standards investigations, and all other investigations ordered by the chief of police. The two investigators work closely with the patrol officers of the department to ensure that every incident reported is followed up with after the initial reporting process. CID is also responsible for evidence integrity.

From January 1st, 2013 to December 31st, 2013 the Criminal Investigations Division investigated 127 of the most serious incidents from the 708 reported to the Granite Falls Police Department. Of those cases investigated 46% have been closed by arrest or unfounded while 11% are pending prosecution by the District Attorney's Office, giving this division a positive clearance rate of 57% for 2013. Five investigations are still active from 2013, and one investigation is still active from 2009 (Myers Homicide).

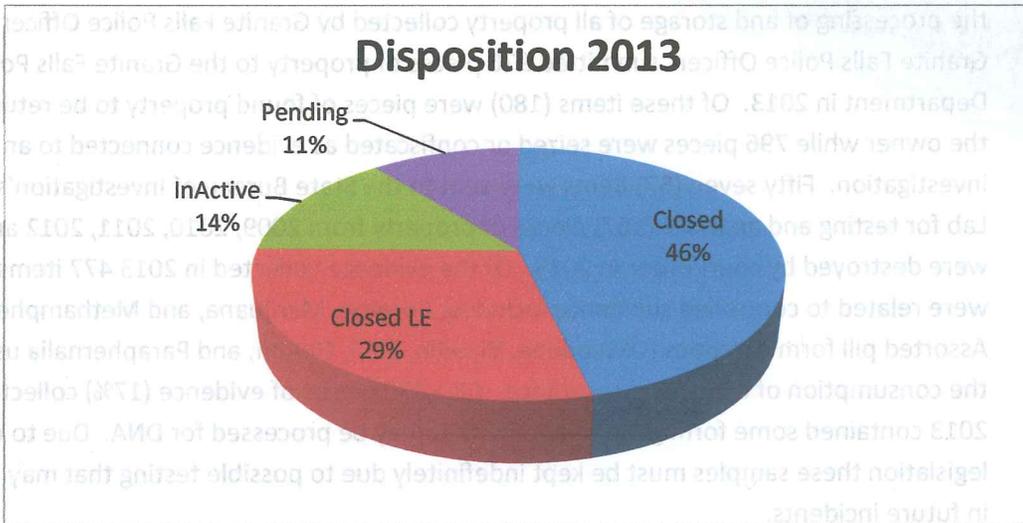
Investigative Trends

During 2013 this division concentrated more on the investigation of breaking and entering's, violent crimes, and sex crimes, while allowing patrol officers to investigate the majority of property crime and financial crime incidents with the assistance of this division. This caused an increase in the number of incident closed by arrest for breaking and entering and violent crimes for 2013. Many patrol officers enjoyed this opportunity to investigate property and financial crimes.

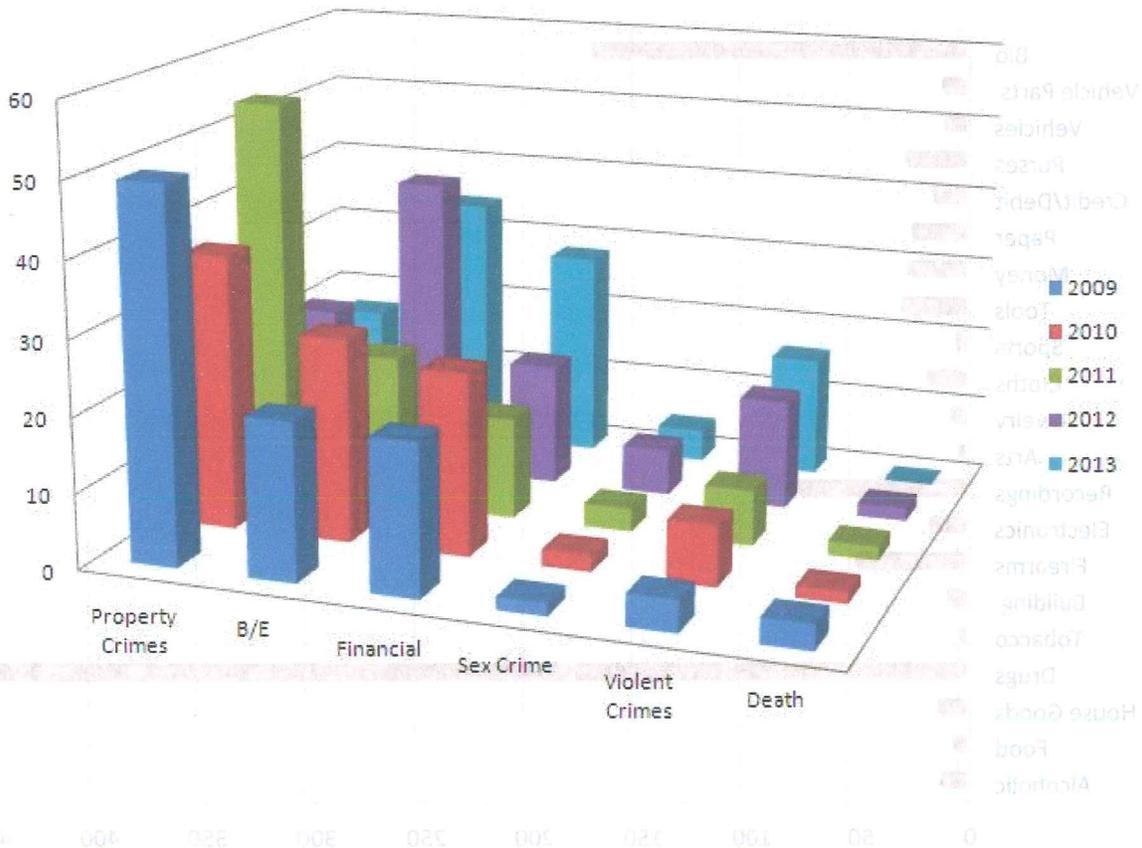
The Criminal Investigative Division has also successfully followed through with the District Attorney's Office for the prosecution of twenty (35) defendants in the state court system for the 2013 year. A total of 48.5 years sentence in the North Carolina Department of Corrections have been handed down from cases generated and or investigated by this division.



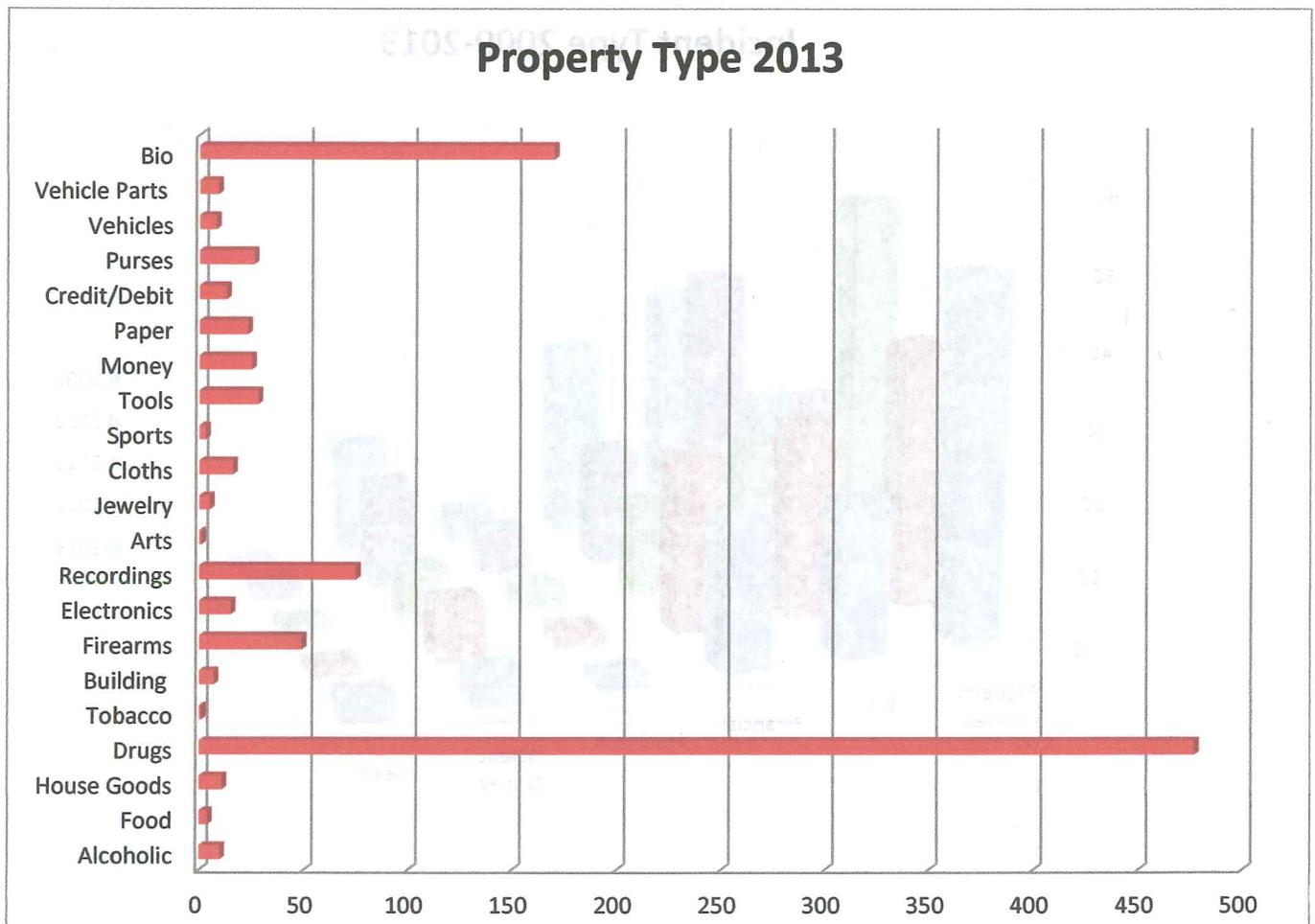
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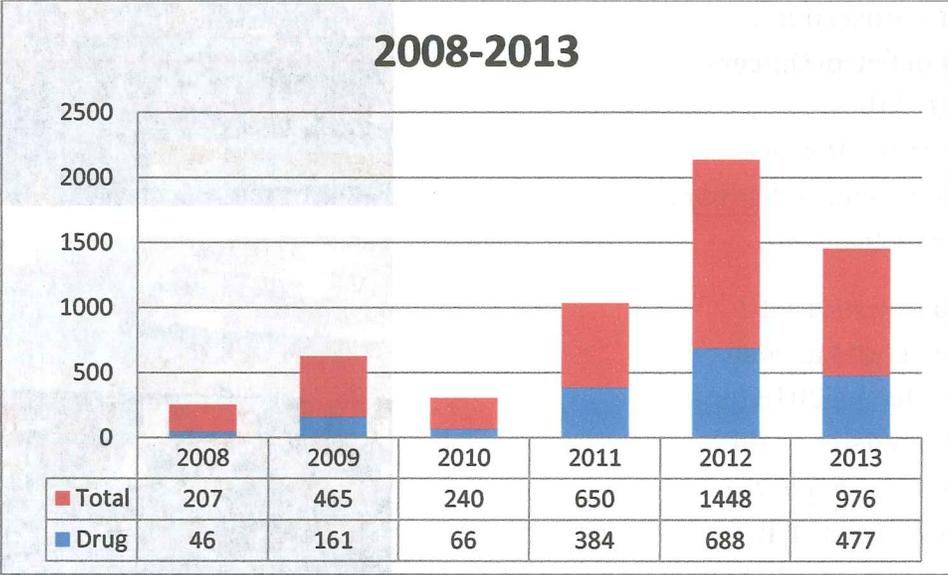
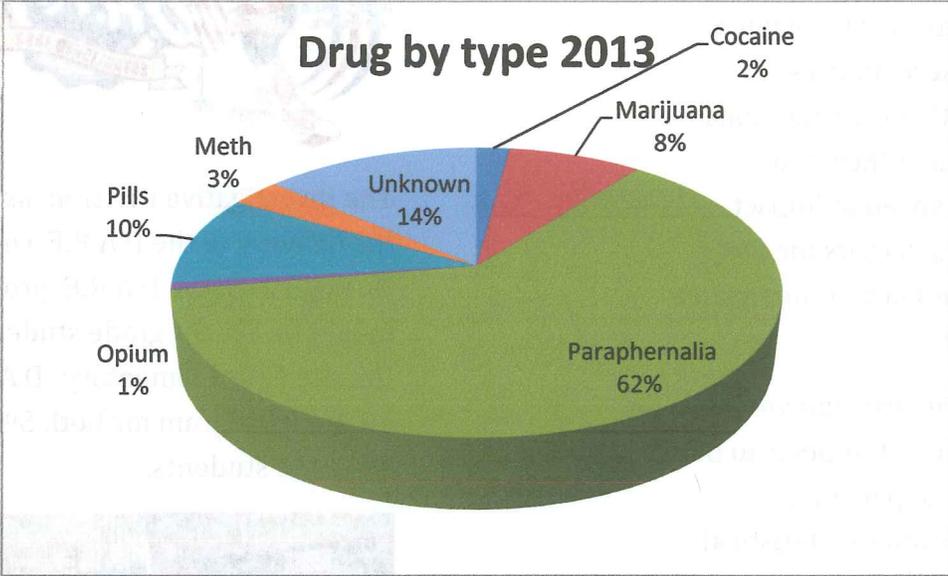


Incident Type 2009-2013



Other duties of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Granite Falls Police Department are the processing of and storage of all property collected by Granite Falls Police Officers. In 2013 Granite Falls Police Officers submitted 976 pieces of property to the Granite Falls Police Department in 2013. Of these items (180) were pieces of found property to be returned to the owner while 796 pieces were seized or confiscated as evidence connected to an on-going investigation. Fifty seven (57) items were sent to the State Bureau of Investigation's Crime Lab for testing and analysis. (167) pieces of property from 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 were destroyed by court order in 2013. Of the evidence collected in 2013 477 items or (49%) were related to controlled substance including Cocaine, Marijuana, and Methamphetamines, Assorted pill form narcotics (Oxycodone, Vicodin, Etc.), Opium, and Paraphernalia used for the consumption of controlled substance. Also 170 pieces of evidence (17%) collected in 2013 contained some form genetic sample that may be processed for DNA. Due to new state legislation these samples must be kept indefinitely due to possible testing that may be done in future incidents.





This division was also responsible for the investigation and reconstruction of (5) vehicle crashes where injuries occurred. Our investigations assisted road officers to determine speed at impact, contributing factors for the incident, and determining fault in the crash.

This division also approved 258 traffic crash reports to be sent to the Department of Transportation for statistical analysis.

The Investigative Division approved 46 prosecution summaries of Patrol Officers and submitted those summaries to the District Attorney's office for indictment for felony investigations.

This division supervised 1 intern from South Caldwell High School during 2013 for a total of 260 hours of credit. This division also supervised an intern from Lees McRae College for a total of 120 hours. This allowed each intern to gain an overview of experience in patrol, investigation, and administration law enforcement roles.



The Investigative Division also oversees the delivery of the D.A.R.E. curriculum. During 2013, the D.A.R.E. program was taught to 125 5th grade students at Granite Falls Elementary. D.A.R.E. is a 10 week program for both 5th grade and 7th grade students.





In 2013 Sgt. Crosby assumed the role of assistant team leader for the Caldwell County Multi-Jurisdiction Special Weapons and Tactics Team. This position involves operation planning and training documentation. The Caldwell County SWAT team was activated eleven times in 2013 for eight (8) high risk search warrants, two (2) barricade subjects, and one (1) woodland man-hunt.



PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is divided into two 12 hour shifts each day, led by a Patrol Sergeant who is responsible for the supervision, evaluation, and discipline of the patrol personnel. The Patrol Sergeants report to the Patrol Commander. The Sergeants are the first line supervisors of the patrol officers on their respective shifts. In addition to supervising and instructing the patrol officers, the Patrol Sergeants also respond to the same calls for service as the patrol officers.

The uniformed Patrol Officers are the backbone of the entire department. It is their job to provide all aspects of police services to the community including taking calls for service and complaints, conducting criminal investigations, providing traffic enforcement and accident investigations, as well as patrolling the community to protect life and property and preserving peace and order.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Aside from their daily activities the officers of the Granite Falls Police Department participated in a number of special events that occur throughout the year in the Town of Granite Falls. Some of those events were:

Art in the Park

Merchant's Festival

Light up Granite Falls

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Christmas Parade

ASU Football Game Security

TRAINING

The Granite Falls Police Department continues to strive to obtain the highest degree of professionalism and to meet or exceed all requirements set out by the Town of Granite Falls, the State of North Carolina, and the Federal Government of the United States. The Granite Falls Police Department is determined to improve the service to the people of this community by providing training for our officers in many specialized areas. During 2013, officers attended training in the following areas:

Chemical Analyses of Breath (Intoximeter), Field Training Officer, Crisis Intervention Team Training, NIMS IS-0700, NIMS IS-00704, Hazard Communication – The New GHS System, NIMS IS-0059, All Hazards Liaison Officer Training, Western North Carolina SAR Exercise, Mass Shooting Planning & Response for Public Safety, Quake 2.0 The Aftershock, NIMS ICS 100-400 Train the Trainer, Surviving the First Three Seconds, The Bulletproof Mind, Rapid Deployment Instructor Training, Property and Evidence Room Management, Evidence Collection and Packaging, Laws Governing Concealed Handgun and Use of Deadly Force, Solo Active Shooter Response Conditioning for LEO/SRO, SWAT in-service training, DARE instructor certification, Child Abuse Symposium, Testifying to Forensic Interviews.

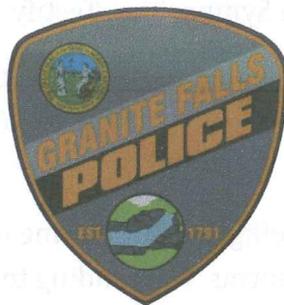
During 2013 our officers also participated in the mandated training that is required by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission. These areas of instruction included:

Legal Update, Law Enforcement Intelligence, Operating in Low-Light Conditions, Below 100: Officer Readiness, Combat Firearms, Responding to Individuals with Mental Illness, Rapid Response and Deployment, Juvenile Minority Sensitivity Training, Firearms Qualification, Domestic Violence: The Children are watching.

Lt. Bates was awarded his Bachelor's Degree from Lee's McRae College in May of 2013. He and Chief Bolick are currently enrolled and taking graduate courses working toward their Masters of Criminal Justice degrees.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I want to thank the men and women of the Granite Falls Police Department for their continued dedication and commitment to the profession and to the community they serve. The hard work of these men and women is often overlooked or soon forgotten until the next tragic event happens. I am proud of the accomplishments of the Granite Falls Police Department and I am proud to work for the Town of Granite Falls. Thank you again for taking the time to read our report but always remember that the writing on this paper, the statistics, and the charts and graphs will never be able to accurately demonstrate the amount of hard work and heart that these men and women put into being a part of the Granite Falls Police Department.



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