



ANNUAL REPORT

2015

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

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.

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.

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 2015 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.

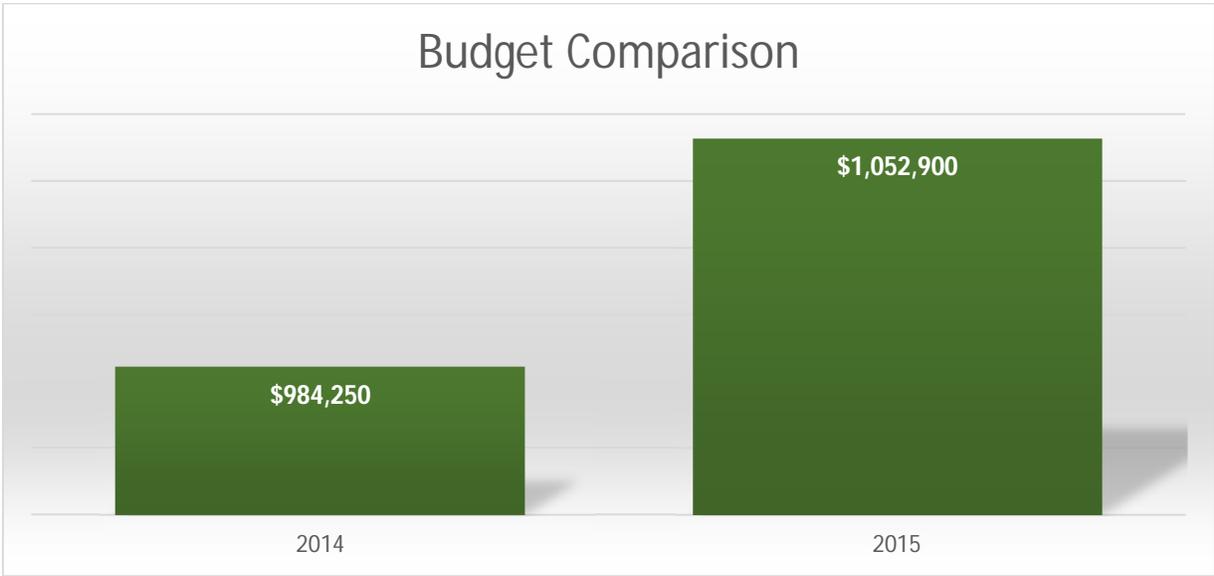
In the upcoming year, we must continue to explore and develop strategies to prevent or reduce crime. The men and women of this department will remain dedicated to this endeavor and will continue to form community partnerships to help reach that goal.

Thank you for taking the time to review our 2015 Annual Report.

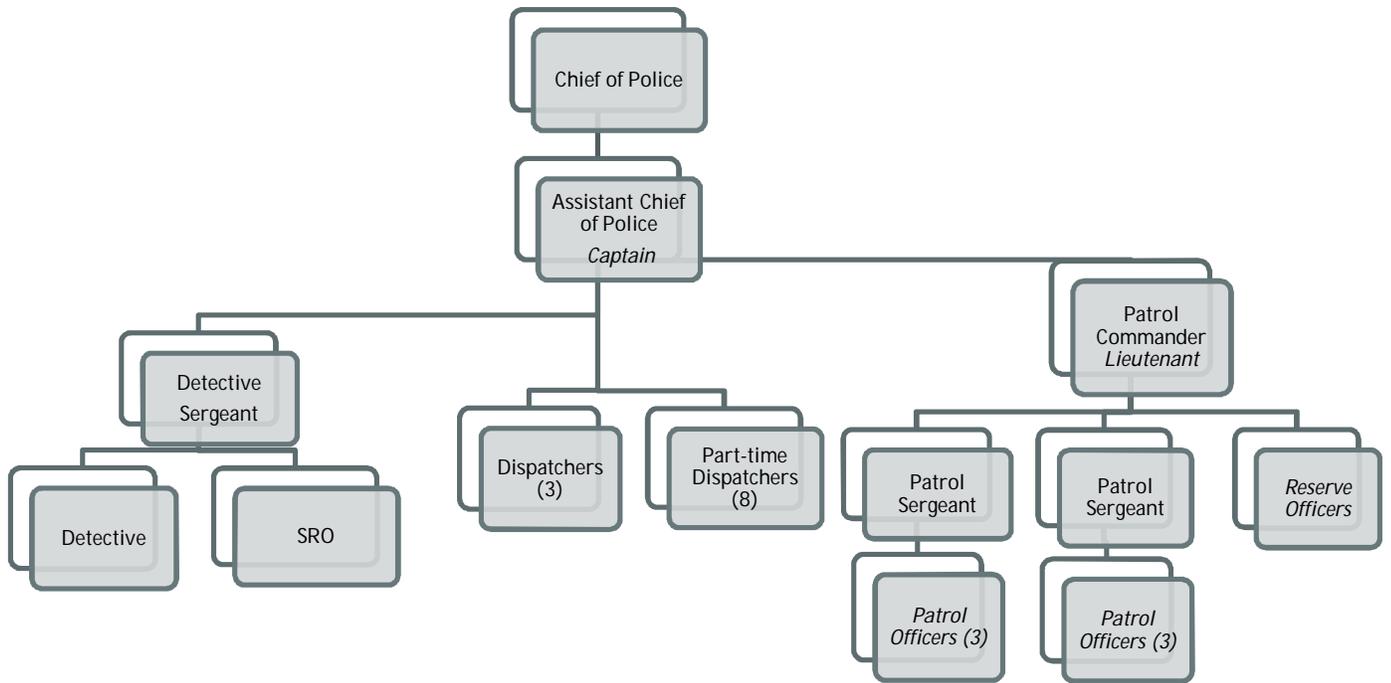
Respectfully,

Ritch Bolick

Ritch Bolick
Chief of Police



Organizational Chart



Crime Reduction Initiatives

Governor's Highway Safety Program

Throughout the year, the department conducts and participates in the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program campaigns such as "Booze it & Lose It", and "No Need to Speed."



Neighborhood Watch Program



Neighborhood watch groups assist law enforcement by encouraging residents to report crimes, heightening environmental awareness and improving inner-community relationships. Residents interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program should contact the Police Department.

Trespass Agreement Program

These agreements allow officers to contact property owners when someone is located on their property. Property owners interested in signing a trespass agreement are encouraged to contact the Police Department.



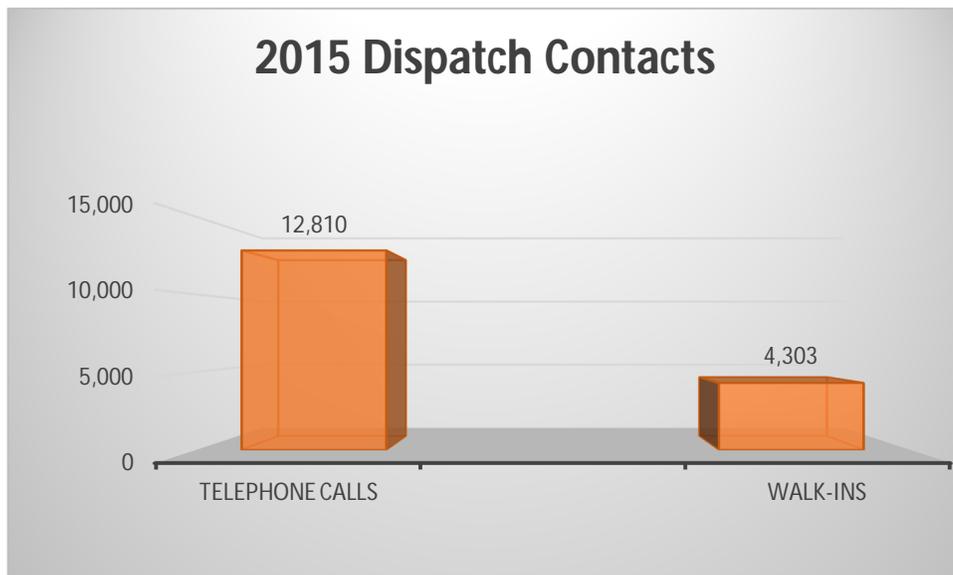
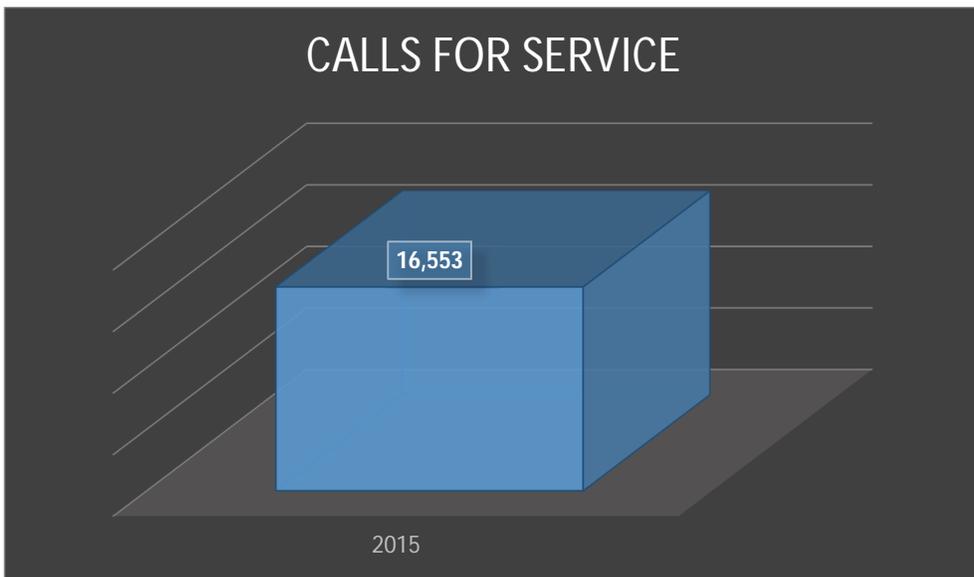
School Resource Officer / DARE Program



The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents and the community to offer law enforcement presence in Granite Falls Middle School to help reduce crime, drug abuse, violence and provide a safe school environment.

The DARE Program is offered at both Granite Falls Elementary School and Granite Falls Middle School. This program is an international substance abuse prevention education program that seeks to prevent use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs and violent behavior.

In April of 2015 we were able to purchase a new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) module as an addition to our software system. The reporting function of this program allows us to analyze our calls for service and our officers' activities. We are now able to remove auxillary call statuses from the report (such as time out at court or at the department completing reports).



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CFS By Department - Select Department By Date

For Granite Falls Police Department 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

Granite Falls Police Department	Count Per Type	Percent De
ALARM BUSINESS	203	1.20%
ALARM HOLD UP	7	0.04%
ALARM RESIDENTIAL	132	0.72%
ALCOHOL VIOLATION	1	0.01%
ANIMAL COMPLAINT ALL OTHER	19	0.13%
ANIMAL COMPLAINT CAT	3	0.02%
ANIMAL COMPLAINT DOG	84	0.53%
ARSON	1	0.01%
ASSAULT	32	0.22%
ASSIST DSS	7	0.06%
ASSIST EMS	61	0.39%
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	40	0.27%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	156	0.88%
ASSIST RESIDENT	138	1.02%
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	130	0.77%
BOMB THREAT	1	0.01%
BREAKING ENTERING	55	0.34%
BREAKING ENTERING LARCENY	35	0.22%
BUSINESS CHECK	3989	24.47%
CARELESS AND RECKLESS DRIVING	157	0.81%
CHECKPOINT COMPLIANCE	9	0.07%
CHECKPOINT OTHER AGENCY	3	0.02%
CHILD ABUSE	7	0.04%
CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTE	36	0.22%
CHILD EXCHANGE	14	0.09%
CHILD NEGLECT	7	0.04%
CIVIL DISTURBANCE	140	1.15%
COMMUNICATING THREATS	32	0.24%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION	32	0.18%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	46	0.28%
DEAD ANIMAL	6	0.05%
DEATH INVESTIGATION	5	0.04%
DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	43	0.30%
DIRECT TRAFFIC	624	3.20%
DISABLED MOTORIST	96	0.12%
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	138	0.81%
DRAG RACING	8	0.06%
DRIVE THROUGH	3575	23.00%
EMERGENCY MESSAGE	4	0.03%
ESCORT	26	0.14%
ESCORT BUSINESS	258	1.43%
ESCORT FUNERAL	42	0.21%
FIGHT	21	0.12%
FINGERPRINTING	10	0.07%
FOLLOW UP	1281	7.84%
FORENSIC INTERVIEW GFPO	21	0.14%
FORENSIC INTRVIEW OTHR AGENCY	3	0.02%
FRAUD COUNTERFEIT	15	0.07%
FRAUD FALSE PRETENSES	15	0.11%
FRAUD IDENTITY THEFT	25	0.09%
GUNSHOT	7	0.05%
HARASSING PHONE CALLS	8	0.03%
HIT AND RUN PD	61	0.39%
HIT AND RUN PI	2	0.02%
IMPROPERY PARKED VEHICLE	22	0.11%
INCOMPLETE 911	108	0.71%
INTOXICATED DRIVER	73	0.38%
INTOXICATED PERSON	37	0.21%
JUVENILE DELINQUENT	3	0.02%
JUVENILE PROBLEM	119	0.53%
JUVENILE RUNAWAY	10	0.07%
KEYS IN VEHICLE	205	1.09%

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LARCENY	147	0.84%		
LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE	18	0.12%		
LITTERING	1	0.01%		
LIVESTOCK IN ROADWAY	6	0.02%		
LOST PROPERTY	15	0.11%		
LOST/STOLEN TAG	2	0.02%		
MAN WITH GUN	2	0.01%		
MENTAL PATIENT	29	0.21%		
MISSING PERSON	17	0.08%		
MUTUAL AID ALL OTHER AGENCIES	8	0.05%		
MUTUAL AID BURKE CO SO	2	0.02%		
MUTUAL AID CALDWELL CO SO	65	0.37%		
MUTUAL AID HICKORY POLICE	1	0.01%		
MUTUAL AID HUDSON POLICE	1	0.01%		
MUTUAL AID RHODISS POLICE	1	0.01%		
MVC PD	274	1.57%		
MVC PI	58	0.33%		
No Call Type	41	0.34%		
OBTAIN PROPERTY	22	0.17%		
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	79	0.60%		
ORDINANCE VIOLATION ALL OTHER	39	0.25%		
ORDINANCE VIOLATION BICYCLES	4	0.02%		
ORDINANCE VIOLATION DISCHARGING FIREARMS	10	0.05%		
ORDINANCE VIOLATION LOUD MUSIC	46	0.26%		
ORDINANCE VIOLATION SKATEBOARDING	7	0.05%		
OVERDOSE	7	0.04%		
PANIC ALARM	5	0.04%		
PROPERTY FOUND OR RECOVERED	71	0.39%		
PROWLER	14	0.09%		
PUBLIC WORKS AFTER HOURS	12	0.02%		
ROAD RAGE	13	0.09%		
ROBBERY	1	0.01%		
SCHOOL WALK THROUGH	127	0.62%		
SEARCH WARRANT	2	0.01%		
SEXUAL ASSAULT JUVENILE	5	0.03%		
SHOPLIFTING	168	1.02%		
SMOKE REPORT	5	0.03%		
STABBING	1	0.01%		
STRANDED MOTORIST	244	1.34%		
SUBPOENA SERVICE	29	0.21%		
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	485	3.12%		
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	539	3.11%		
TAMPERING WITH UTILITY METER	4	0.02%		
TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROBLEMS	6	0.05%		
TRESPASSING	48	0.36%		
UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR VEHICLE	7	0.06%		
VANDALISM	7	0.06%		
VEHICLE STOP	1109	5.78%		
WARRANT SERVICE	178	1.31%		
WELFARE CHECK	118	0.67%		
WORTHLESS CHECK	5	0.04%		
Total Records For Granite Falls Police Department	Total Records	16553	Dept Calls/Total C	100.00%

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 investigating accidents, as well as patrolling the community to protect life and property and preserving peace and order.

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 and in other jurisdictions. Some of those events were:

Art in the Park

Merchant's Festival

Light up Granite Falls – Tree Decorating Contest

Tree Lighting Ceremony – Festival on the Square

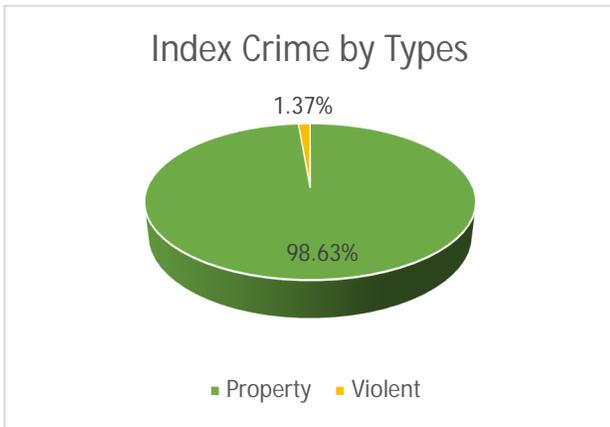
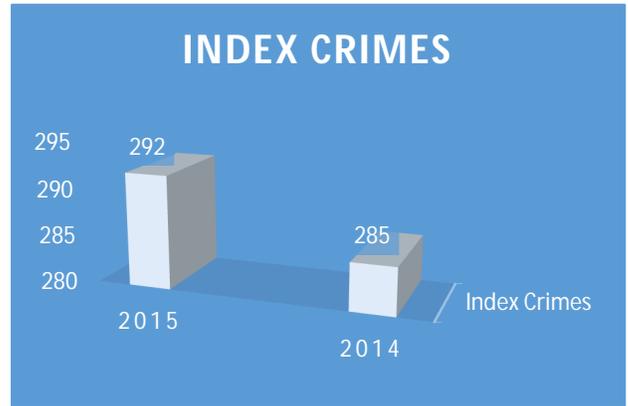
Christmas Parade

NC Governor's Highway Safety Program Checkpoints and Saturation Patrol

ASU Football Game Security

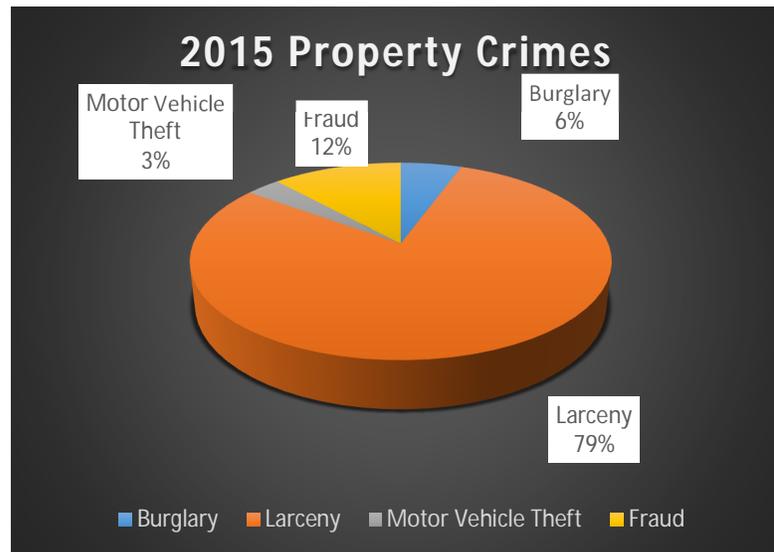
Index Crimes

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects information on the following crimes reported to law enforcement authorities: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor-vehicle theft and arson. Law enforcement agencies report arrest data for 21 additional crime categories.

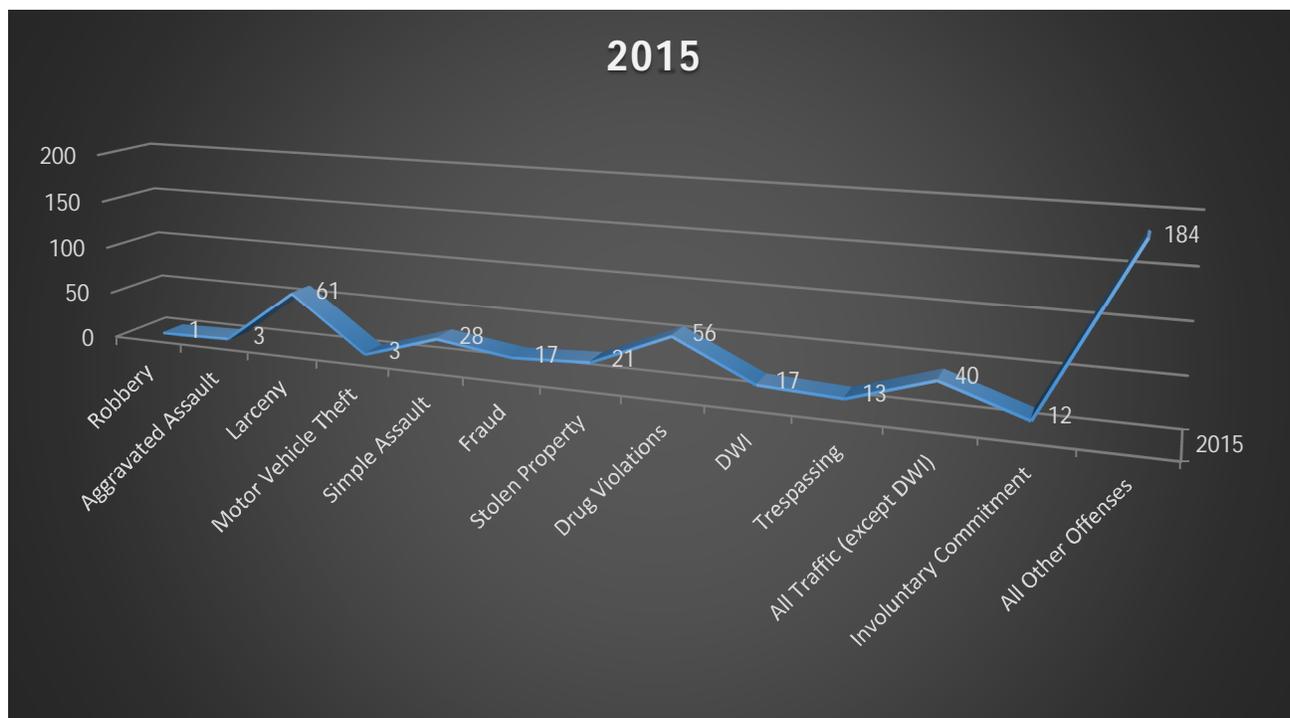


Violent vs. Property Crime

In 2015, Violent Crimes in total decreased by 33% with decreases in every category except for aggravated assault. The majority of crimes reported in 2015 were property-related, with a concentration of larceny offenses.

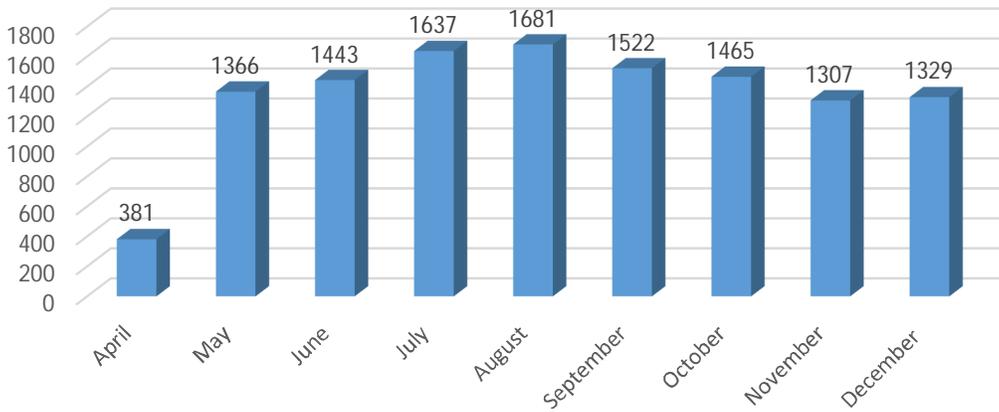


Arrests



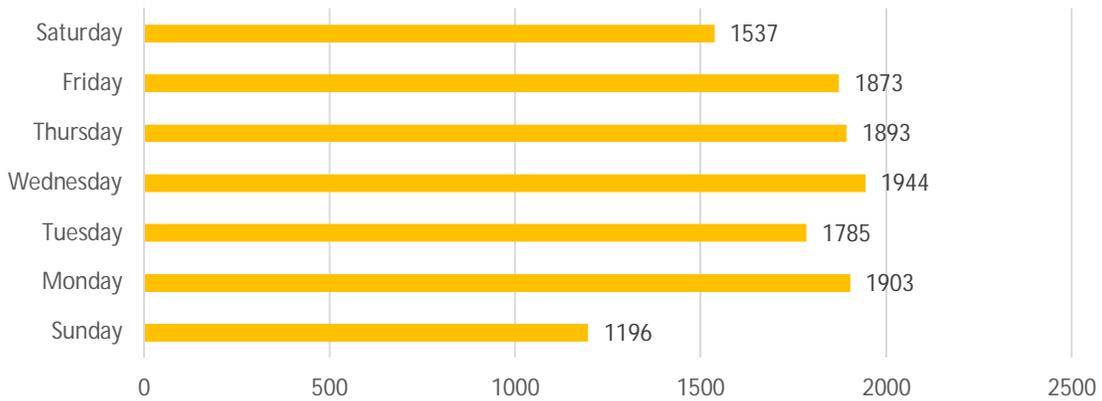
There were a total of 456 arrests in 2015. Of those arrests, 368 were misdemeanor offenses and 88 were felony.

Calls for Service by Month

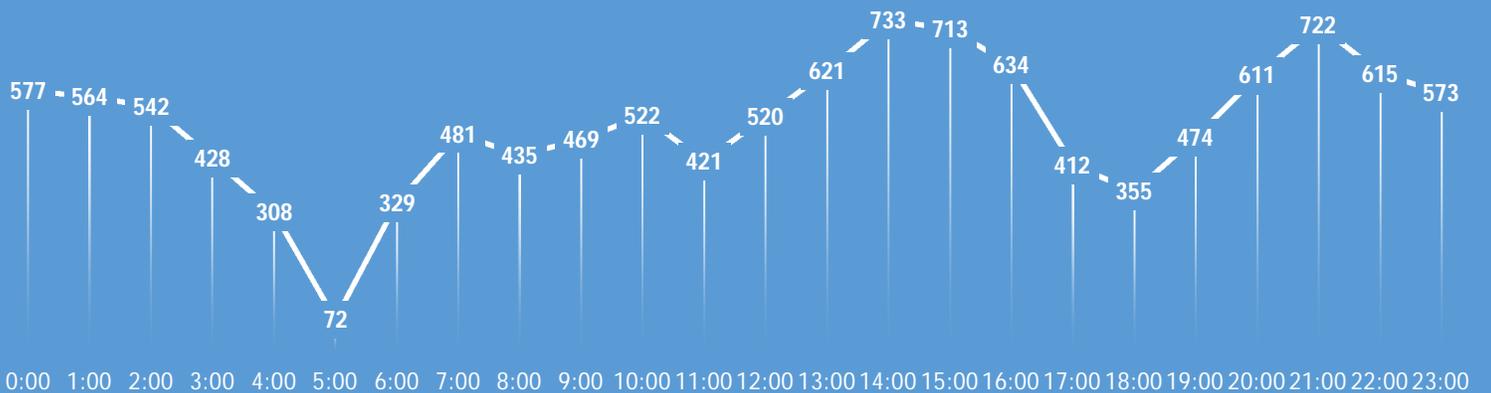


*Graphs illustrate calls from April 22, 2015 to December 31, 2015 due to date CAD came online

Calls for Service by Day



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY HOUR



Support Services

The Support Services Division provides services necessary to sustain the Patrol Division while working diligently in various areas of assignment. The division is comprised of sworn and non-sworn personnel who perform duties including investigating criminal acts, assisting patrol with answering calls for service, providing police communications, maintaining records, providing GFMS a school resource officer, providing specialized investigations at the request of the Police Chief as well as delivering clerical support for the department. Support Services consists of Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.), the School Resource Officer (S.R.O.), Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.), Property and Evidence, Communications Center, Division of Criminal Information Network (DCIN) accountability, Records Management and Internal Affairs.

Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.)

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 to specialty areas such as Juvenile Crimes, Major Crimes, Robbery, Burglary/B&E and Fraud/Forgery. In 2015 CID investigators were assigned 163 of the 616 reports filed with the department. Since the assignment of a second investigator to the CID, the Patrol Division no longer receives follow up assignments on any cases other than self-initiated cases. This benefit allows Patrol Officers more time on patrol and the ability to be more proactive toward preventing crime. The CID ended 2015 with a positive clearance rate of 64%. This is an 8% increase from 2014. These numbers reflect the hard work and dedication of Sergeant Morrison and Detective Ferguson.

School Resource Officer (S.R.O.)

The School Resource Officer program places a law enforcement officer in the school full-time to provide programs and services to students and staff. The overall goals of the program are to maintain a safe and secure learning environment on the school campus, influence the development of positive attitudes of youth towards the law enforcement community and to reduce juvenile crime through the use of intervention strategies, proactive policing and networking. When school is out for an extended period of time, the SRO is temporarily assigned to the patrol division to further support the patrol officers with additional manpower. Officer Hicks serves as the SRO for Granite Falls Middle School.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

The Support Services Division strives to deliver the D.A.R.E. message to all 5th grade students at Granite Falls Elementary School and all 7th grade students at Granite Falls Middle School. The elementary school program is instructed by Captain T.J. Bates and Sergeant Joey Morrison. The 5th graders completing the core ten (10) week program are invited to participate in a D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony. The middle school program is instructed by S.R.O. Hicks. Although this program has been formatted for older students, it still reinforces the same basic message regarding peer pressure, drugs and making the right decisions. The middle school program consists of ten (10) weekly lessons. These lessons will educate and prepare students for any dangerous situations they may face in high school.

Property and Evidence Management

The Property & Evidence Section is a warehousing operation that tracks, stores and preserves evidence collected at crime scenes by investigators or patrol officers in the field. Sergeant Morrison serves as the Evidence Custodian in addition to his investigative duties. Sergeant Morrison processed 504 items of evidence for storage in 2015. Duties of the Evidence Custodian include the proper handling of property with responsibilities to log, classify, store, dispense, destroy, release to owners, prepare evidence for court presentation and/or for destruction or auction. Of the evidence collected in 2015, 32% were drug/paraphernalia items, 10% were weapons, and 7% were a type of digital evidence.

Communications Unit

Communications personnel receive and process all emergency (excluding 911) and non-emergency telephone calls for service, dispatch officers to calls and track the progress of the calls using the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Communications personnel constantly update the status of officers in the field and update officer safety status. They handle requests from Patrol Units and Support Services units and coordinate emergency and non-emergency information with other law enforcement agencies. Communications personnel are cross-trained in police dispatch, non-emergency telephone operations, emergency telephone operations and records processing. They are also responsible for after-hours calls for the Electric, Water and Public Works Departments.



Records

Personnel in Records Management perform a wide variety of duties including receiving and processing all police reports, citations, warrants, public records requests and other related documents. Records Management Personnel provide information and assistance to citizens who come into the police department and also handle phone requests. The Support Services Division complied with ninety-seven (97) public records requests in 2015. This number is in addition to motor vehicle crash reports.

Internal Affairs

Although the Granite Falls Police Department does not have a unit specifically designated to investigate complaints against police officers, all complaints made against department personnel are investigated by a command level officer. On average, the Granite Falls Police Department receives a relatively low number of complaints which we believe is evidence of the professionalism of our officers. Though we pride ourselves in the conduct of our employees, we also realize there are occasions when complaints may arise. If any person feels that he or she has a legitimate complaint about the conduct of any employee of the Granite Falls Police Department, they are encouraged to contact the department. All complaints are thoroughly investigated and the Chief of Police personally reviews each complaint investigation. The Granite Falls Police Department is committed to maintaining the highest level of conduct from its employees and strives to provide excellent service to the community we serve.



Awards and Associations

2015 Officer of the Year

Craig Malton

2015 Communications Officer of the Year

Dale McJunkin

North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police

North Carolina Police Executives Association

North Carolina Homicide Investigators Association

North Carolina DARE Officers Association

North Carolina Criminal Information Exchange

Robin's Nest Child Advocacy Center Partner

FBI National Academy Associates

International Association of Chiefs of Police

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 2015, officers attended training in the following areas:

FBI National Academy, Child Abuse and Neglect Symposium, CAD/RMS Training, CJLEADS Certification, Intoximeter Certification, Surviving the First 3 Seconds, Crisis Intervention Team Training, NHTSA/SFST Refresher, Documenting Force, Advanced Field Training Officer, Sovereign Citizen, Traffic Stops/Criminal Interdiction and General Instructor Certification. These training courses accounted for 877 contact hours of instruction.

During 2015 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 are required in order for Officers to maintain their certification and include:

Legal Update, Juvenile Minority Sensitivity Training, Active Shooter Overview, Emotional Survival, Policy Review, Law Enforcement Intelligence, Missing and Abducted Children, Firearms training and Qualification and Domestic Violence: Teen Dating. These mandated training courses accounted for 580 contact hours of instruction. The total training contact hours for the department in 2015 was 1457.

In addition to the above training in 2015 Sergeant Lail earned his Law Enforcement Intermediate Certificate from North Carolina Training and Standards and Captain Bates earned his Master of Justice Administration Degree from Methodist University.

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, the charts and the 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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