



*FORT ATKINSON  
POLICE DEPARTMENT*

*ANNUAL REPORT*



2015



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# *A Quick Review of 2015*

- **Operations:**

- Calls for Service decreased 9% from 10,799 in 2014 to 10,178 in 2015. Calls with reports also decreased by 8% from 2,912 in 2014 to 2,366 in 2015. This fall is contributed to an increase in reactive complaints which negatively impacted proactive enforcement activities to include traffic enforcement initiatives.
- Nuisance Abatement was a focus in 2015. We set a goal to address 100 properties that were a visual blight on neighborhoods in our community. Officers were able to address and work with owners at 94 properties in 2015.

- **Personnel Changes:**

- Summer Intern: Marisela Aguilera, a Criminal Justice student from Madison College joined our team over the summer as an intern. Marisela is a Fort resident and a graduate of Fort HS. Marisela was a great asset to our agency and has since been added to our list of available Spanish translators.
- New Employee: Lisa Schmidt, Dispatcher - joined the agency in January 2015. Lisa is a Fort Atkinson Resident and a Graduate of Fort High School. Lisa has been a quick study and has integrated into the agency very quickly.
- New Part Time Employee: Matthew Bender, Dispatcher – joined the agency in January 2015. Matt is a full time dispatch supervisor with Rock Co. Matt joins us on his off days picking up shifts to help fill schedule vacancies.

- **Training:**

- Employees of the department attended a wide range of training to include topics related to Patrol Operations, Tactics, Investigations and Legal Updates. All department personnel have met the training requirements set forth by Wisconsin Training & Standards. A few key courses obtained by officers include:

9 Officers certified in Crisis Intervention, 1 officer certified as a Drug Recognition Expert, 1 Officer certified as a Crime Scene Evidence Technician, 2 officers certified as Threat Liaison Officers.

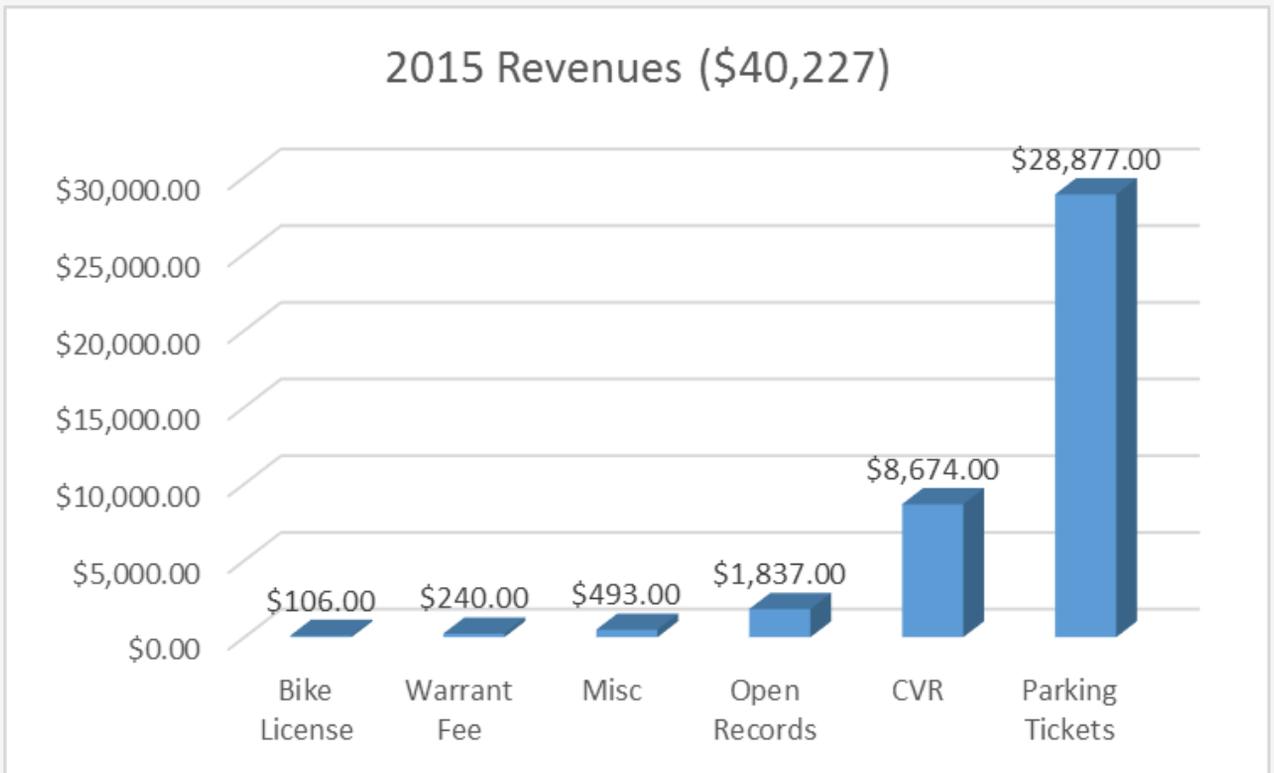
- **A Few Highlights of Services Offered:**

- Prescription Drug Drop Off resulted in the proper collection and disposal of over 400 pounds of prescription medications in 2015.

- **Grants:**

- Awarded the 2015 BOTS "Click it or Ticket" grant (\$4000)
- SCRTAC Grant: Training & Equipment grant for Tourniquets. (\$700)
- 3 Different Training Grants: Drug Recognition Expert Training Grant, WI Crime Lab Evidence Technician School Training Grant, NAMI's Crisis Intervention Team Certification. (\$7000)
- US Department of Justice Ballistic Vest Grant: Match Grant that pays for half the purchase price of ballistic vests for our officers. 4 officers received vests in 2015. (Approx.: \$2400)

# Revenues for 2015



**Bike Licenses:** We sold 106 licenses in 2015. This is 9 less licenses then we sold in 2014.

**Warrant Fee:** In 2015 our agency implemented a warrant handling fee of \$20.00. Anytime our agency helps clear another agencies warrant through arrest, the wanted person pays a \$20.00 handling fee for that service.

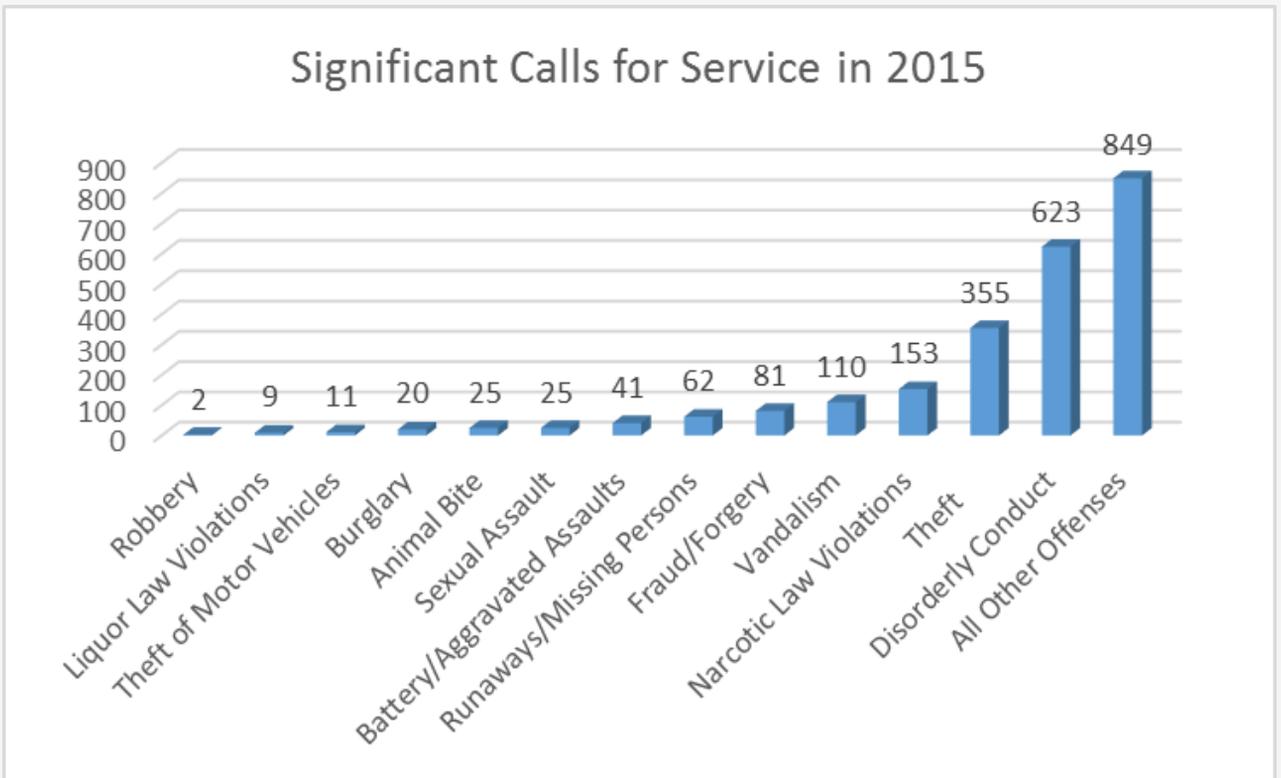
**Misc. Revenues:** This may include court ordered restitution to our agency or sale of abandoned properties to name a few.

**Open Records:** Revenue generated to recoup costs associated with releasing open records. This may include copies of reports, pictures or video.

**CVR:** DMV related transactions. Renewal of registration plates and titles at our remote DMV authorized site.

**Parking Tickets:** Payments received from issued parking tickets generated from our community.

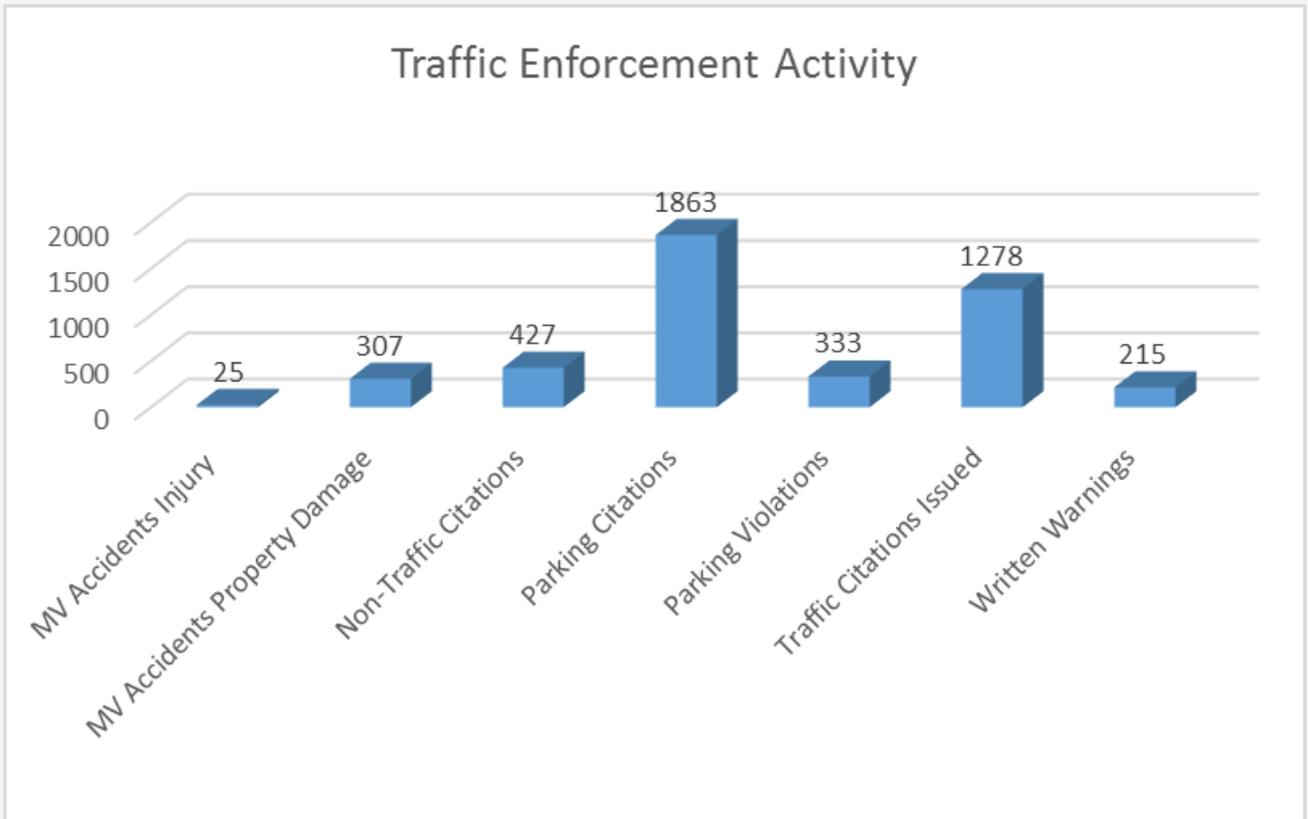
# 2015 Cases with Reports (10178)



Separate from traffic related activity, Officers were busy addressing and responding to offenses that include Narcotic Violations (153), Disorderly Conduct (623), Theft Complaints (355) and the listed category above “All Other Offenses” (849) which is a combination of the many other situations officers deal with to include emergency detentions, death investigations, medical calls, Nuisance Complaints (94) and aiding outside agencies to name a few.

Note: The above graph and numbers do not reflect every case handled or report an officer completed. In 2015 the Fort Atkinson Police Department logged 10,178 case numbers. Within these cases Fort Atkinson Police Officers documented and wrote initial reports, investigative follow-up reports and supplemental reports to primary officer reports. These reports are added into the department records keeping system and result in a significant amount of officer on-duty time. So although 10,178 case numbers were generated in 2015, officers actually wrote 2,366 written reports. With our below average officers per capita, this is a significant amount of output and case load per officer.

# Traffic Enforcement Activity in 2015

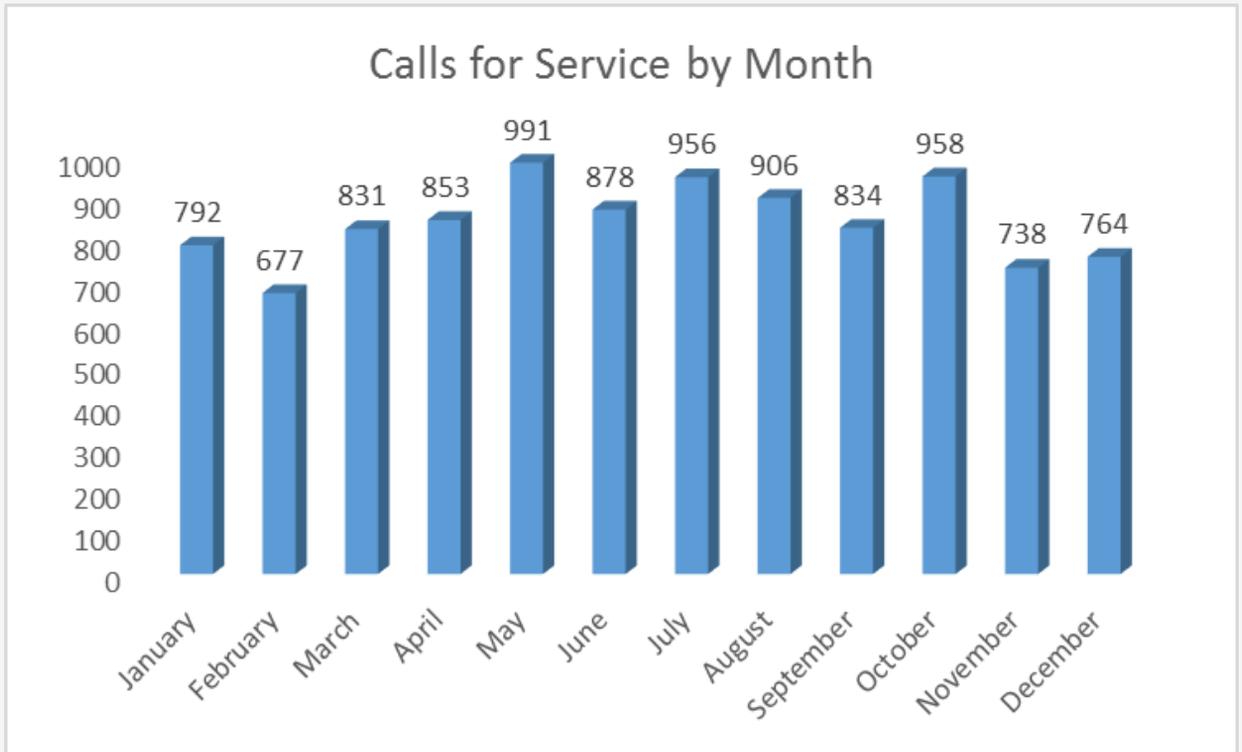


The total Traffic Enforcement Activities for 2015 was 4448. That is a 9% reduction in traffic enforcement related activities compared to 2014 where we had 5034. This reduction of 586 cases can be a result of various factors with reduced time to dedicate toward proactive policing being a major contributor. Responding to emergency calls for service take precedence over many proactive policing initiatives to include traffic enforcement.

Traffic Contacts and Arrests make up a large portion of officer activity in our community. Often-times proactive traffic enforcement has a residual impact on nuisance crimes and property crimes through preventive contacts and presence deterrence. Traffic enforcement and the visibility in the community helps keep our community a safer place for people to live, work and visit.

Note: In the above graph, Parking Violations refer to complaints by citizens regarding issues related to parking that officers helped mediate or address. Parking Citations are actual citations issued to vehicles related to violations of the City's parking ordinances.

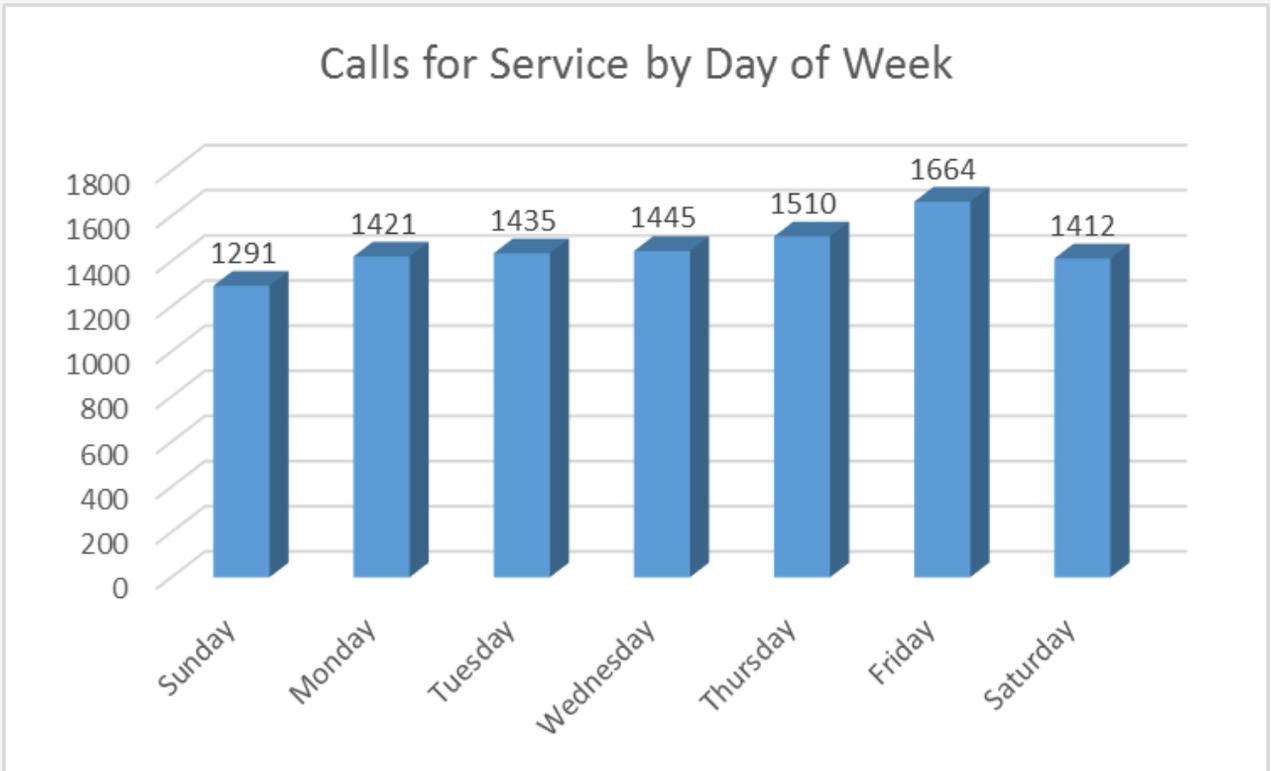
# 2015 Services by Month



“Calls for Service” and “Reports Taken” totals are not the same. The reason for this is that not every call for service results in a written report or generation of a case number. Services such as school safety checks, bar checks, field interviews, community policing activities, vacation home checks and parking citations are all services provided but not captured through the dispatched calls for service records.

A services distribution by month does not indicate any significant trends. The busy months continue to be in the spring and summer months when people are most active. Late winter and early spring months continue to see lower calls for service. This is a trend consistent with other agencies in the Mid-West.

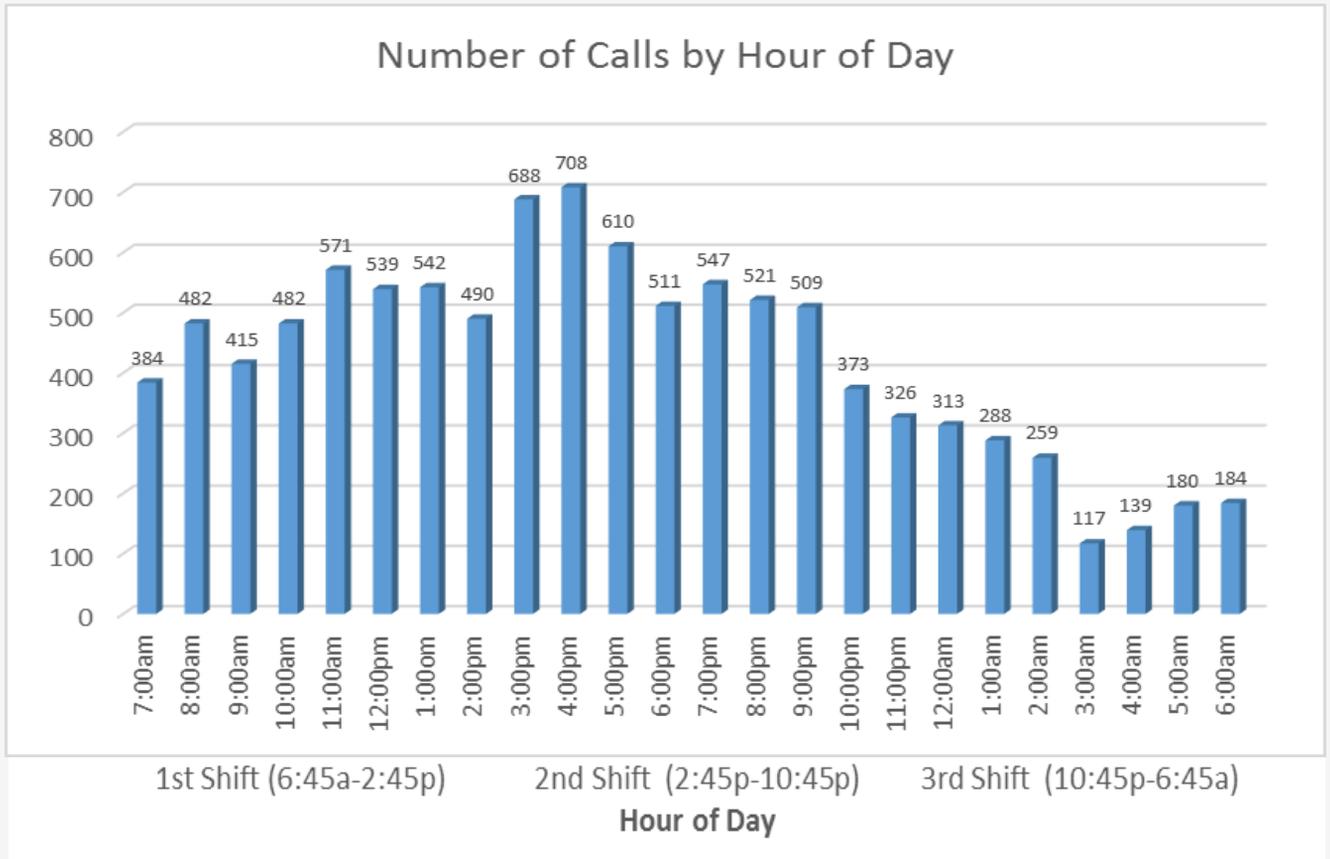
# *Days of Week Comparison*



The bar graph above shows the distribution of calls for service by the day of week for the entire year. The busiest day of the week is Friday with 1664 calls for service. The least busy day of the week are Sundays with only 1291 calls for service through the year.

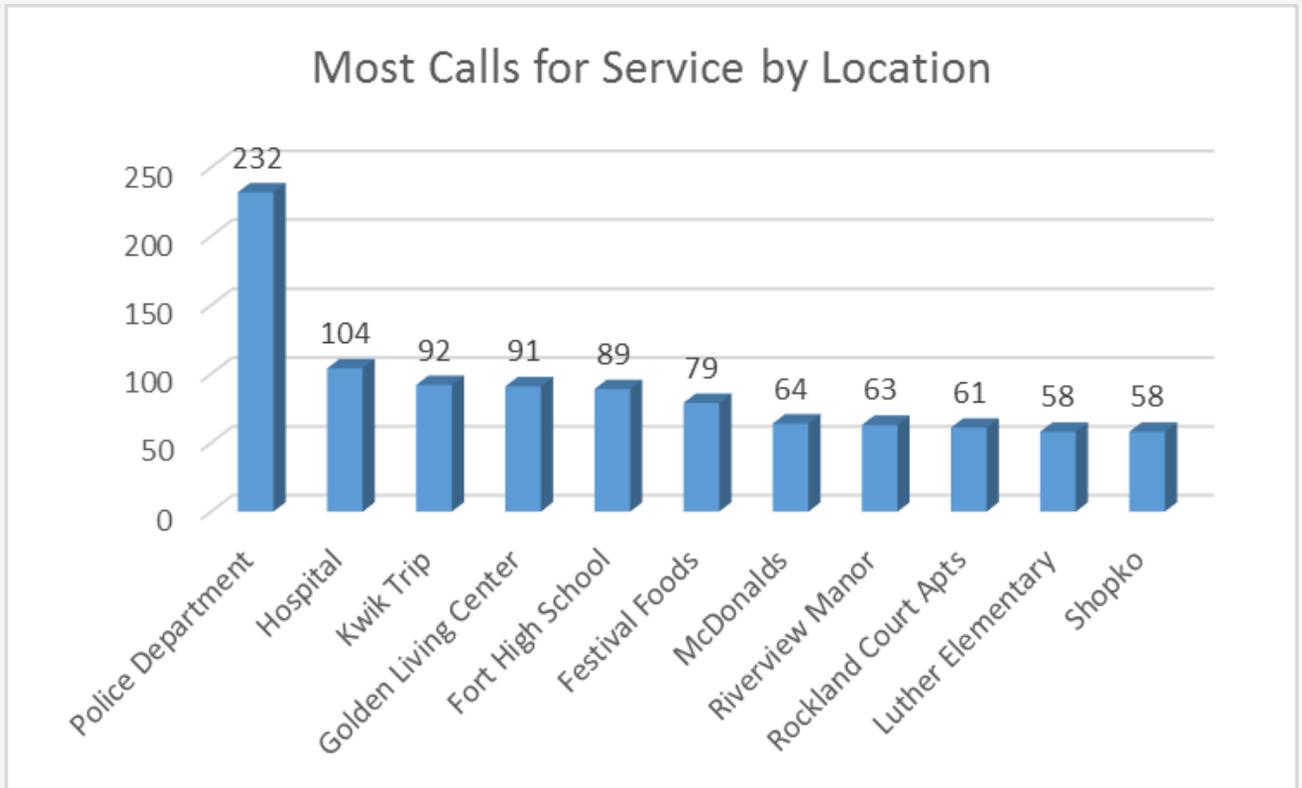
The significance of this chart is that it allows the department to focus on days of the week where more visibility and presence is needed based on past call volume and needs. This will help focus resources on traditionally busier days of the week.

# Dispatched Calls for Service by Time of Day and Shift (10,178)



Dispatched calls for service decreased 9% from 2014 to 2015. The peak times were from 3-9 PM where we saw 4094 calls for service and 11AM -1 PM where we saw 1652 calls for service. The Afternoon Shift saw the greatest volume of calls with 4467, which represents 44% of the total calls for service during 2015. First shift has shown an increase of calls for service bringing in 3905 calls or 38% of the total calls for service in 2015. The distribution of calls for service validates our distribution of police officers with the AM and PM overlap shifts. The AM overlap shift works from 10:45 AM to 6:45 PM and the PM overlap shift works from 6:45pm PM to 2:45 AM. This overlap provides the greatest amount of coverage at the needed times.

# Top 11 Calls for Service by Location



The “Calls for Service by Location” chart above lists the 11 locations that Fort Atkinson Police Officers were dispatched to most often in 2015. Below is a description of each location:

- 101 S. Water Street WI: Police Department (Walk-In Complaints)
- 611 Sherman Avenue East: Fort Memorial Hospital
- 1565 Madison Avenue: Kwik Trip
- 430 Wilcox Street: Golden Living Center
- 925 Lexington Boulevard: Fort Atkinson High School
- 328 Washington Street: Festival Foods
- 225 North Main Street: McDonald’s Restaurant
- 217 S. Water Street East : Riverview Manor
- 915 South Main Street: Rockland Court Apartments
- 205 Park Street: Luther Elementary School
- 1425 Janesville Avenue: Shopko

# Community Outreach Programs & Initiatives

## FORT FLEET WATCH



THIS CITY EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATES WITH  
LAW ENFORCEMENT



## Community Policing Team



Since 2014 the Police Department has been working to build a stronger involvement in the community. The overall goal is to build relationships in our community so we can work together to reduce crime. We want to empower citizens to stand up and stand beside law enforcement to help reduce crime in Fort Atkinson. In 2015 the agency was able to capitalize on relation building in the community by being more involved.

Our current programs and initiatives include the below programs:

- DARE
- Read with an Officer
- Fort Fleet Watch
- Oops! Card Initiative
- Run, Hide, Fight
- If You SEE Something SAY Something
- Coffee with the Cops
- Packer Cards Program

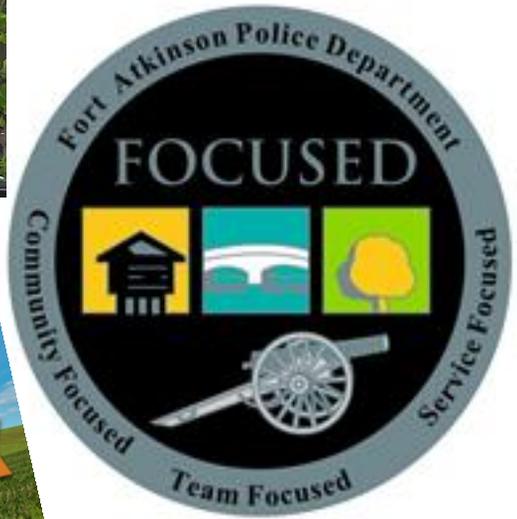


REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE  
CALL: 920-563-7777 EMERGENCY: 911  
TIP LINE: 920-563-7793



## *2016 and Beyond...*

- We will continue to proactively enforce our new Chronic Nuisance Ordinance to reduce calls for service at locations that drain community resources in Fort Atkinson.
- We will continue to support and market Crime Stoppers so our citizens can anonymously and effectively report crimes which will allow citizens to help the Police Department prevent, address, and solve crimes in Fort Atkinson.
- We will continue to expand on our efforts to address illegal drugs in our community through enforcement and education.
- We will continue to increase our participation with the Jefferson County Drug Task Force by providing personnel, equipment, and resources as they become available.
- We will continue to pursue alternate means of funding to include grants, multi-jurisdictional opportunities, and collaborative efforts with community stakeholders.
- We will continue to proactively implement Crime Prevention initiatives and Community Policing Programs to ensure our city is safe and its citizens are prepared to help law enforcement prevent crime and improve the quality of life in Fort Atkinson.
- We will continue a proactive stance and help abate public nuisances within the city in an effort to assist city officials in their mission to maintain a beautiful City.
- We will continue to maintain a high ethical standard in our service to the community and will publically renew our Law Enforcement Oath of Honor to remind us of our obligations as police officers for the City of Fort Atkinson.



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