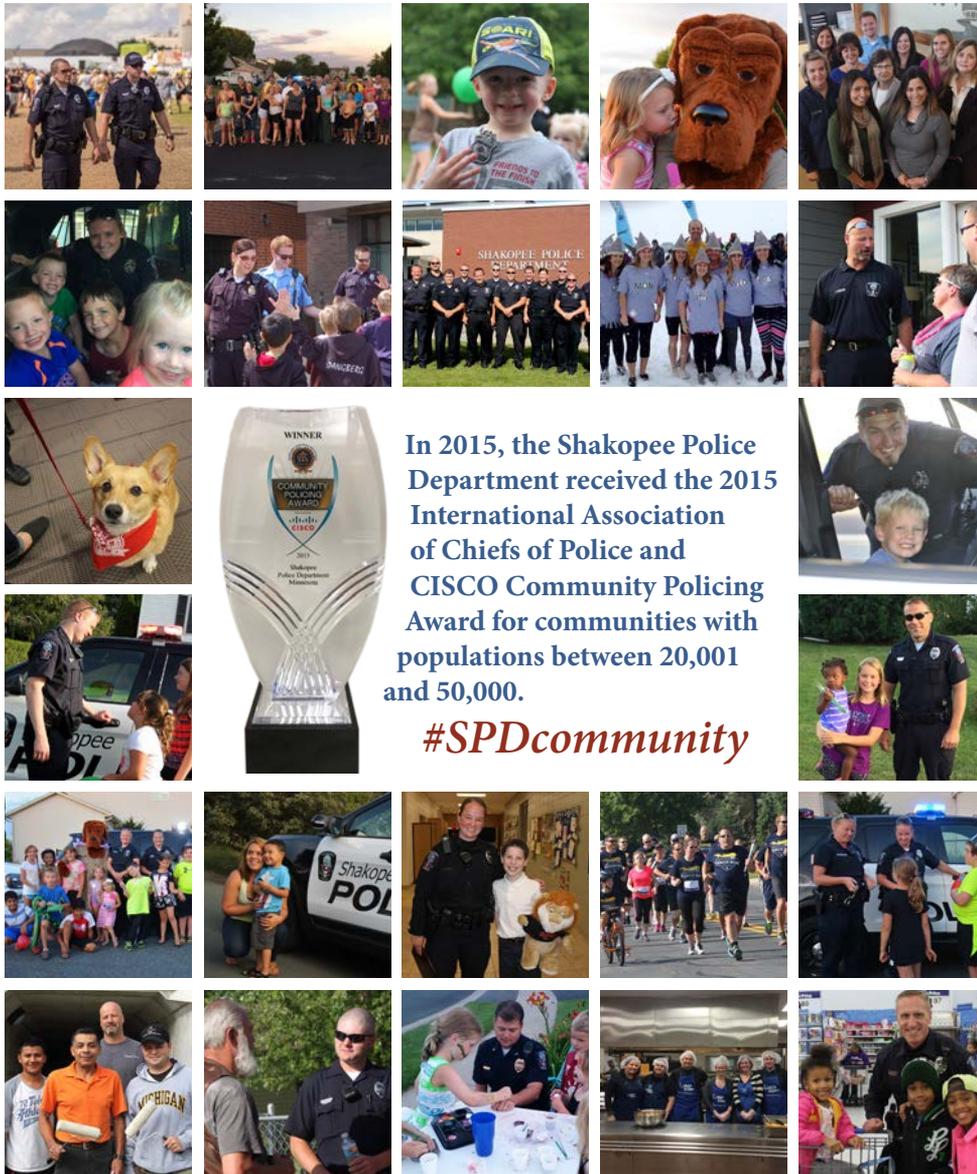


Shakopee Police Department 2015 Annual Report



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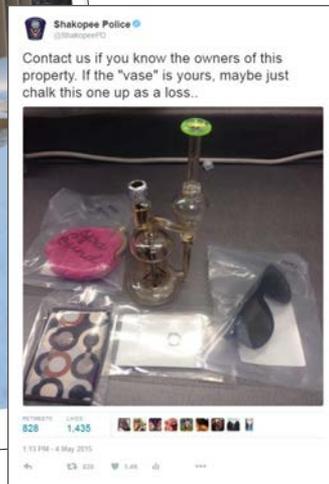
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3,594

Twitter Followers

3,485

Facebook Likes



WATCH OUR VIDEO

Learn more about the Shakopee Police Department as officers speak to their mission to serve residents with integrity and professionalism each and every day at www.youtube.com/user/CityofShakopeeMN



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Message from the Chief



“Our goal continues to be to not just meet your expectations of us, but to exceed them. We remain committed as ever to the community policing philosophy and providing excellent customer service.”

Jeff Tate
Police Chief

Dear residents,

2015 was another great year for Shakopee and the Shakopee Police Department. While I always enjoy talking about our police department, I am particularly excited to present this annual report to you for a number of reasons. First, we have had more than our share of headlines in the last year. These higher profile events may lead some of you to wonder what’s going on in Shakopee? Are we still a safe community? The answer is simple: We remain a very safe community and I believe this report will reflect that. 2015 was the third lowest crime rate in the city’s history.

The next reason we are so excited about this report has to do with several notable accomplishments. We were so honored to receive the International Association of Chiefs of Police/Cisco Excellence in Community Policing Award for communities serving populations 20,000-50,000 people. This prestigious national award was definitely a high point of the 2015 year. We are so proud of it and remain committed to community policing moving forward.

The community policing award was not the only national award our department received last year. Our social media outreach was recognized nationally as well. The hard work of our staff is paying off and there are several positive trends in our data, such as the large decrease in graffiti. I don’t believe that’s pure coincidence. Our Team-up Against Graffiti (TAG) initiative has been very successful, and we look forward to continuing those efforts in 2016.

While we accomplished much this past year, we understand the demands on our profession. Our goal continues to be to not just meet your expectations of us, but to exceed them. We remain committed as ever to the community policing philosophy and providing excellent customer service.

Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report. We greatly appreciate your continued support and I encourage all of you to participate in one of our future community outreach initiatives.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tate, Shakopee Police Chief

About the Department

The following pages consist of annual statistics, activities, crime reports and other initiatives for the year Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2015.

DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED STRENGTH As of Dec. 31, 2015

48 Sworn Officers **11** Civilian Staff

1 Police Chief

2 Captains

7 Sergeants

3 School Resource Officers

3 Investigators

1 Tribal Liaison

1 Drug Task Force Agent

1 Records Supervisor

2 Records Technicians

2 Records Specialists

1 Administrative Assistant

1 Receptionist

1 Crime Prevention Specialist

1 Community Service Officer

1 Evidence Technician

1 Victim & Community Services Coordinator

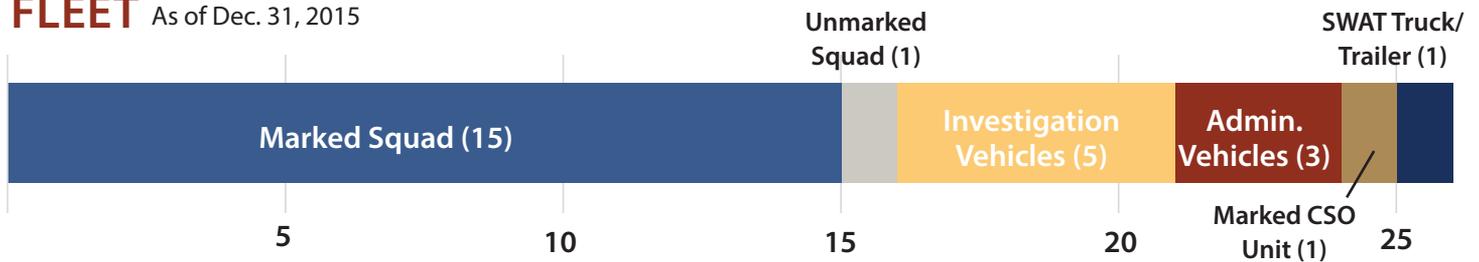


New Shakopee Police Officer Andrew Erickson receives his badge from his father during his swearing-in ceremony.



New Shakopee Police Officer Nicholas Bengston is sworn into service by City Clerk Lori Hensen.

FLEET As of Dec. 31, 2015



2015 BUDGET

\$7,216,226

Department's total budget in 2015

33%

Portion of City's general fund budget dedicated to police services

\$21

How much average household pays in taxes per month for police services

IACP Award

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) awarded the Shakopee Police Department its 2015 IACP and Cisco Community Policing Award for communities with populations between 20,001 and 50,000.

The prestigious award honors departments worldwide dedicated to preventing and lowering crime rates by forging partnerships with their communities.

“We are extremely honored to be recognized by the IACP for this national honor,” said Shakopee Police Chief Jeff Tate. “None of this would have been possible if not for our talented staff and the partnerships they’ve formed in the community. I truly feel their efforts in our community outreach initiatives make a difference.”

Tate acknowledged former Police Chief Dan Hughes’ role in building a department that puts community-oriented policing at the forefront. The Department has numerous partnerships with local government entities, businesses, schools, community organizations, neighborhood associations, and more.



From left: Vice President of State/Local Government & Education for the Western United States; Kim Majerus, Shakopee Capt. Chris Dellwo; Shakopee Sgt. Angela Trutnau; Shakopee Police Chief Jeff Tate and IACP Board Member Kent Barker.

“I love hearing all of the positive feedback from the community, and our staff deserves to be recognized for its efforts. The community itself has a large role in this award as well,” Tate said. “The continued support we receive from the community and elected officials makes our job easier.”

“None of this would have been possible if not for our talented staff and the partnerships they’ve formed in the community. I truly feel their efforts in our community outreach initiatives make a difference.”

Jeff Tate
Police Chief

“While deeply honored by this award, we also know we cannot be content either. We must continue to build on our community partnerships to help identify and solve the issues facing Shakopee,” Tate said.

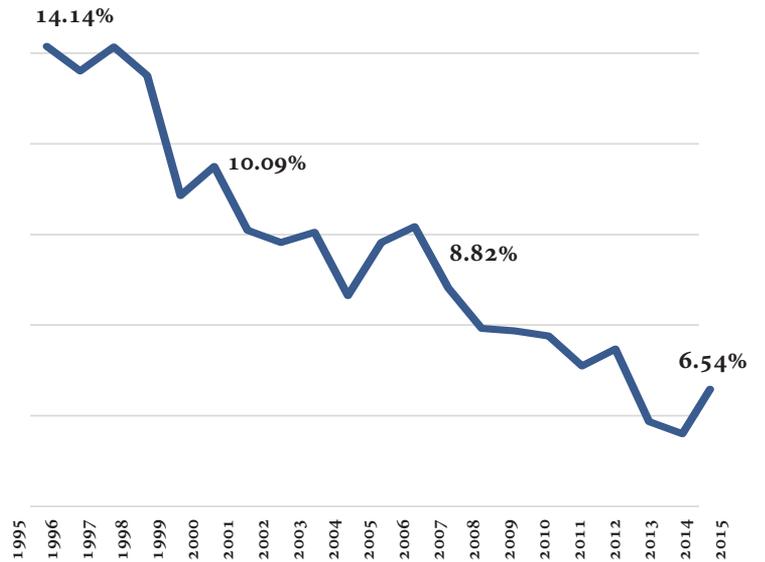
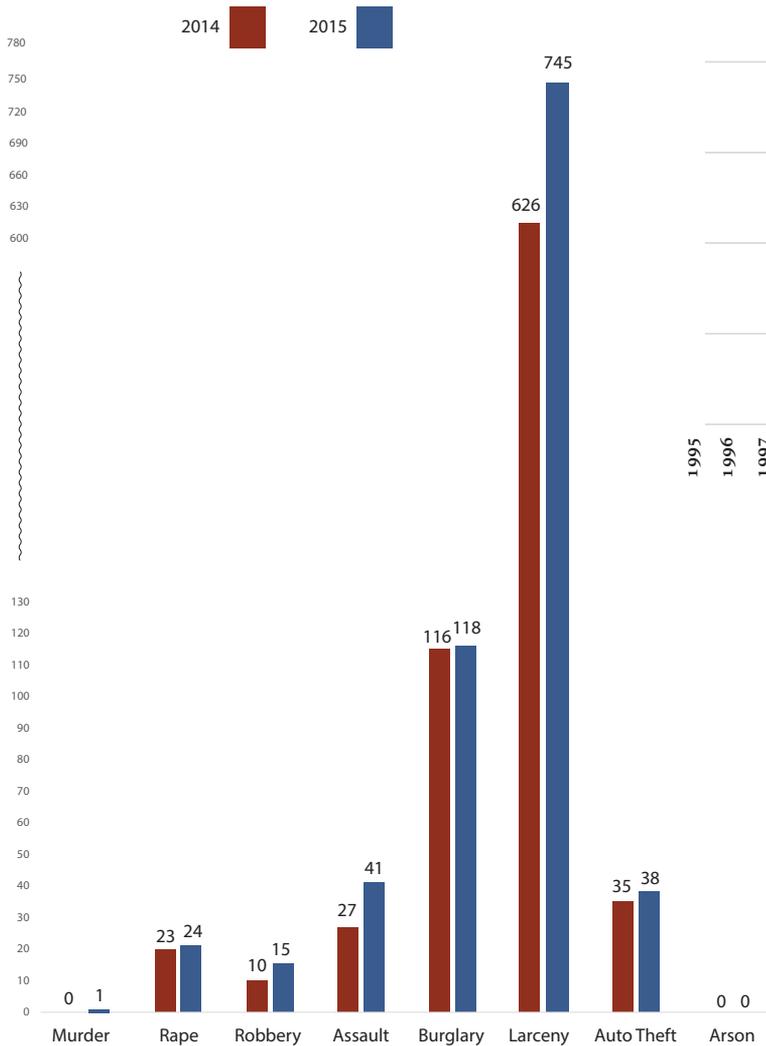
The Shakopee Police Department was recognized at the IACP Annual Conference Oct. 24-27 in Chicago.

2015 Crime Statistics

Shakopee Crime Rate (per 100,000 people)

PART I CRIMES

The FBI classifies the following crimes as Part I.



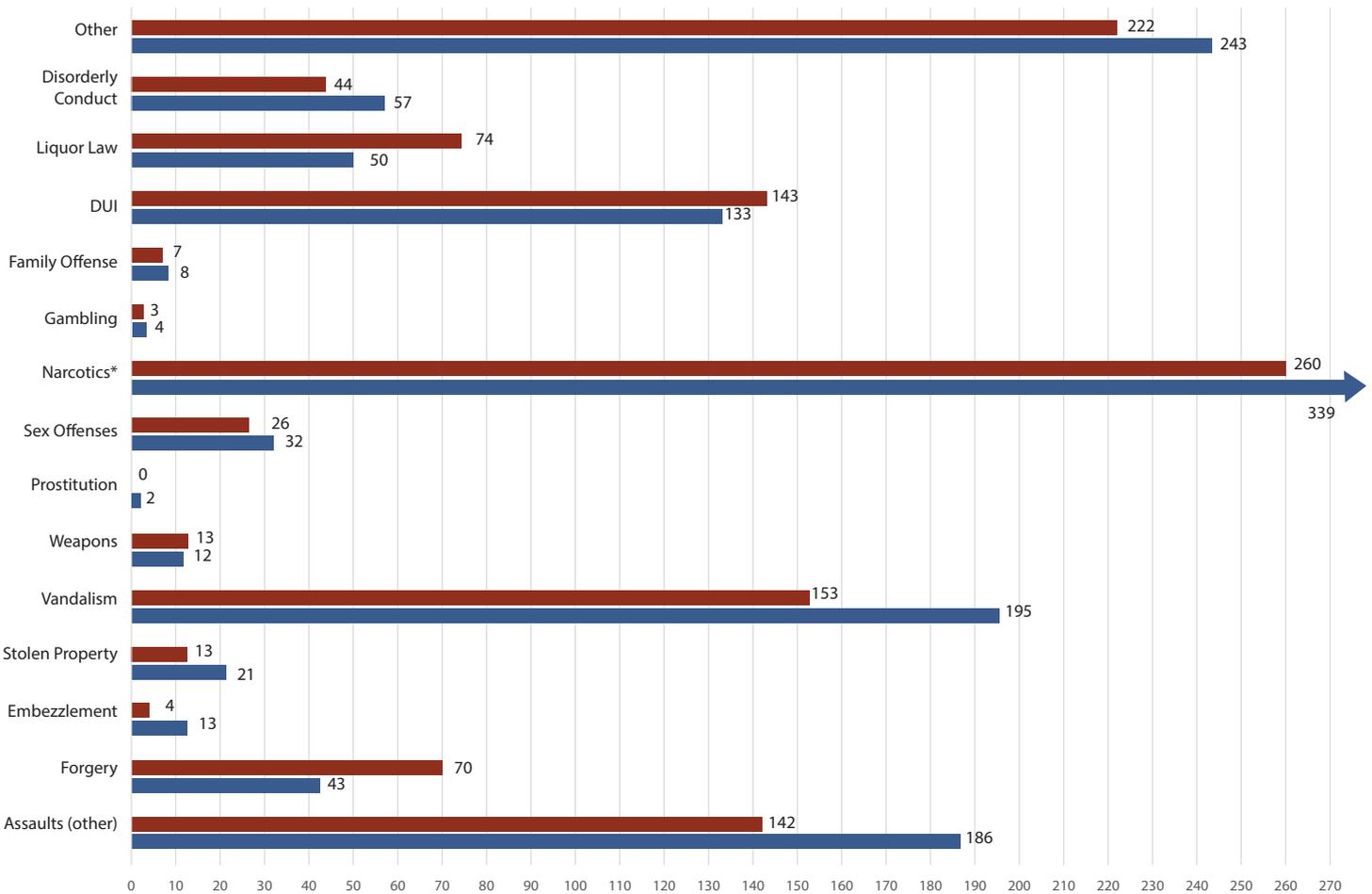
2015 TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE

1. Highway 169 Bypass (969)
2. Shakopee Police Department (310)
3. Canterbury Park (251)
4. Walmart (241)
5. Arizona's/America's Best Value (191)
6. Valleyfair (174)
7. Target (154)
8. Cub Foods (140)
9. St Francis Medical Center (136)
10. Huntington Park Apts & Garden Lane Apts (117 Each)

PART II CRIMES

The FBI classifies the following crimes as Part II.

2014 VS. 2015 COMPARISON		
	2014	2015
Calls for Service	17,847	19,357
Non-Warrant Arrests	1,524	1,721
Warrant Arrests	289	400
Citations (not including DWI)	4,922	6,327
Minors/Underage Consumption Arrests	164	96
Graffiti	27	8



Patrol

By Sgt. Angela Trutnau

The patrol division of the Shakopee Police Department is the most visible division of the police department. Most contact that people have with law enforcement starts with a patrol officer, and for many it is the only contact they will have.

The patrol division will respond to initial calls for service, take reports on crimes that have occurred, enforce traffic law, patrol neighborhoods and work to deter crime through their patrols and presence. They also follow up on crime reports by speaking with suspects, reviewing surveillance video, tracking stolen property, requesting subpoenas and utilizing information databases.



Our officers patrol during special events, such as concerts. This photo was taken at Warped Tour at Canterbury Park.

Our patrol officers are very well trained in many areas, including crime scene processing, DWI detection and enforcement, hostage rescue, fraud investigation, mental health crisis, first aid and CPR. They work closely with businesses on shoplifting and credit card fraud, which is often connected to other types of crime.



Officers wore red noses on patrol during Red Nose Day, a national fundraiser for various charities.

There are 29 officers assigned to patrol year round. During the summer months, the four school resource officers work with patrol, and two patrol officers' work in street crimes. The street crimes unit focuses on geographic areas that have been identified as needing attention based on reoccurring incidents. In 2015, five

new patrol officers completed field training and started patrol on their own. There are seven sergeants and one captain assigned to patrol division.

CITATIONS		
	2014	2015
Total Citations Issued	4,058	5,510
Seatbelt Citations	198	173
Child Safety Restraint Citations	5	10
Snowbird Citations	601	394

TOTAL DWI ARRESTS (ADULT & JUVENILE)						
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
317	283	185	174	135	172	171

Training

By Capt. Craig Robson

The dynamic nature of law enforcement requires continual training and education to ensure high quality service from professional service providers. The Shakopee Police Department recognizes its most important asset is its human resource. Therefore, the department is committed to provide training and continuing education for its employees to ensure quality service to the public. The department conducts officer training through a variety of mediums:

FIELD TRAINING

The field training process is the proving ground for newly hired officers. It is a 16-week training program where new recruits must display a demonstrated ability to perform specific job functions. The field training process is akin to an apprenticeship and is accomplished in-house.

ROLL-CALL TRAINING

Roll-call training is offered just prior to or after an officer's tour of duty. Roll-call training is short in duration and is a valuable means of keeping officers updated on procedural changes.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

In-service training is a periodic refresher offered by the department. It is usually designed to train specific job functions or re-qualify and re-test specific skills. The Police Department relies on in-service training to accomplish Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Board learning objectives and meet the on-going education mandates of the P.O.S.T. Board. In most cases, instructors for in-service training are those trained by the department to a certified "instructor" level.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Specialized training is offered to enhance skills, knowledge and abilities beyond recruit or in-service level of training. Specialized training may address supervisory, management or executive development training, and it may also include technical job-specific subjects (homicide investigation, crime scene processing, etc...). Specialized training has been offered at all levels of rank within the department. It is assigned based on departmental need, availability of budgeted funds and staffing considerations. Requests for specialized training are reviewed and must be unanimously approved by the scheduling sergeant, training coordinator and the services division captain.

ADVANCED TRAINING

Advanced training is often held outside the agency and designed to impart higher level supervisory and management skills to participants. Examples of advanced training programs are those provided by the FBI National Academy, the Southern Police Institute and the Northwestern University Traffic Institute. Participants for advanced training have must receive the nomination of the police chief and their nomination is forwarded to the city administrator.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing education is offered through the city's tuition reimbursement program. Full-time employees are eligible for tuition reimbursement of up to \$3,000 per calendar year.



Tri-City Tactical Team conducts SWAT training each month.

Investigations

By Sgt. John Buetow

The Police Department Investigations Unit is comprised of four investigators, a sergeant and an evidence room technician. The unit is responsible for all levels of investigations from theft to homicide. It works closely with several law enforcement agencies both on the state and federal level. Members receive specialized training to prepare them for their role in investigations. The detective sergeant is also responsible for overseeing the Crime Scene Unit. All detectives and some patrol officers are members of this team. They are responsible for processing, gathering evidence at crime scenes and presenting the evidence at court.

Our evidence room is run by a civilian, Liz Carlson, who is responsible for all incoming and outgoing evidence. All evidence entered or removed is electronically scanned and recorded. The room is also video recorded.

In 2015 our crime prevention specialist started assisting the investigations department with some crime analysis work. Crime analysis allows us to use our resources more effectively and has improved our communication within the department and with surrounding agencies.

Highlights from 2015 include the successful arrest (and later conviction) of a suspect in a homicide, conviction of a repeated armed robbery suspect and the arrest of a suspect in a \$300,000 credit card fraud case.

CASE CLEARANCE RATES				
	2014	2013	2012	2011
Shakopee Police Department	54%	48%	49%	49%
Average for Minnesota Urban Communities	45%	45%	46%	45%

Note: 2015 statistics are not available.

SWAT

By Sgt. Fred Radde

Tri-City Tactical Team (TCTT) is a multi-jurisdictional special weapons and tactics (SWAT) unit that responds to critical incidents in Scott and Carver counties. Comprised of Scott and Carver Sheriff's offices and Prior Lake, Savage and Shakopee police departments, the team has 26 deputies and officers, as well as a tactical paramedic from Allina Medical Services. In 2015, Shakopee Police Department had six officers assigned as tactical operators and one officer on the crisis negotiations team.

Sgts. Radde and Nordtvedt and Officers Englin, Chadderdon, Carlson, Goerish and Goette served on the tactical team, attending monthly training and specialized training for individual assignments. Team operators receive training in many specialty areas, including hostage rescue tactics, high-risk warrant service, slow and deliberate searching techniques, distraction device/chemical munitions deployment, firearms training and qualifications, wooded area/open field search tactics, breaching/ballistic shield operations, VIP/dignitary protection tactics, Coast Guard Marine patrol techniques, tactical scouting and reconnaissance. The Tri-City Tactical Team also trains with South Metro Tactical Teams (Richfield, Bloomington, MSP Airport, Burnsville and Eagan police departments) and attends an annual four-day training conference at Camp Ripley. Last year's conference focused on counter-terrorism tactics, hostage rescue tactics, tactical trauma care and scenario-based training. In 2015, Shakopee's six tactical operators went through a total of 1,107 training hours.

Officer Schmidt is a member of the crisis negotiation team. This team trains with the tactical team twice a year for joint scenario-based training. Members of the crisis negotiation team also train on a monthly basis to develop and practice their skills. In 2015, Officer Schmidt dedicated 56 hours to team training.

The Tri-City Tactical Team had several team activations in 2015, including serving high-risk warrants, incidents with barricaded suspects, crowd control and assisting the U.S. Marshals Service with fugitive recovery.

Drug Task Force

By Det. Mike Santos

The Shakopee Police Department provides an officer to work on the South Metro Drug Task Force, which includes officers from the following agencies: Scott County Sheriff's Office, Carver County Sheriff's Office, McLeod County Sheriff's Office and Hutchinson Police Department.

The South Metro Drug Task Force serves Scott County, Carver County and McLeod County, as well as a small portion of Hennepin County. Its mission is to provide a comprehensive and multi-jurisdictional effort to reduce felony level drug trafficking through the coordination of the law enforcement agencies that make up the Governing Board.

The Southwest Metro Drug Task Force in cooperation with local law enforcement and with the support of local communities once again experienced another successful year. These participating agencies have made a commitment to their community in deterring drugs to decrease the exposure to their citizens.

During 2015, four of the five task force agents began their assignment. Our overall productivity remained consistently high with 2015 nearly mirroring 2014. In 2015, the task force investigated a total of 272 cases, conducted 84 search warrants and participated in 114 drug-related arrests and 36 non-drug-related arrests.

As in the past, the four main drug threats in our service area have been cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana. Our service saw a slight increase of heroin. In 2015, we seized/purchased a total of 178.85 grams of heroin, up from 154.2 grams in 2014. We are very aware of the national attention heroin had received in the media. The task force numbers parallel the state task force reporting numbers, which informs us the volume of heroin is not nearly as concerning as its lethality. Because of this, we have taken special interest and directed our attention on working heroin cases. In the past few years a majority of our heroin investigations involved the daily user who goes to Minneapolis or a western suburb to purchase heroin. The user then returns to our service area and sells part of his/her heroin to supply his/her habit. We are now seeing sellers moving into our service area with larger amounts of heroin to sell. We will be focusing on the sales of heroin during 2016.

Tribal Liaison

By Det. Nicki Marquardt

The Shakopee Police Department continues its partnership with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) with an officer serving as the tribal liaison. This officer works with the staff and residents of the SMSC on a regular basis. The partnership has helped build a strong relationship between the Community and the Police Department.

The tribal liaison keeps in regular contact with SMSC staff regarding upcoming events in the Community and at Mystic Lake Casino. The liaison attends the SMSC community events such as the annual three-day Wacipi (Pow Wow) and the yearly Night to Unite party. In addition to participating in Community events, the liaison also works closely with their Human Service and Conservation departments. This partnership helps ensure the safety of Community members and their family.



Detective Marquardt, tribal liaison, at the SCMC annual Wacipi Pow Wow.

Records Unit

By Tammy Helgeson, Records Supervisor

The records unit at the Shakopee Police Department is a part of the support services division and essentially provides support functions to both patrol and investigations, as well as serves the general public. The records unit is staffed with a records supervisor, two records specialists, two records technicians and a receptionist. The records unit is also assisted by a community service officer and often times interns and volunteers.

The records unit is a very busy department with diverse responsibilities. We are often the first point of contact for citizens and provide outstanding customer service to the general public whether it is in person, phone or via email communications. However, most of our work is behind the scenes. We ensure accurate processing, maintaining and dissemination of police records that include confidential and sensitive data, as well as entering and maintaining stolen property and missing persons records into a state database searchable by law enforcement agencies nationwide. We complete case submissions and referrals to the Scott County Attorney's Office for consideration of filing criminal complaints, provide monthly and annual statistics, as well as respond to frequent requests for statistics, provide information electronically for monthly crime reporting that results in our annual FBI Crime Statistics and provide essential services to investigations and patrol such as running criminal histories. We also troubleshoot basic software and hardware problems and work with technical staff on more complicated issues to minimize downtime. In short, the records unit ensures that the department records and written products are complete, accurate and of the highest quality.

GUN PERMITS	
2014	2015
294	372



Code Enforcement

By Bryan Hughes, Former CSO

2015 was another busy year for code enforcement. The community service officer (CSO) is a civilian position within the Police Department who responds to calls not requiring a sworn officer. Some duties include ordinance violations, parking complaints, employee background checks and animal bites.

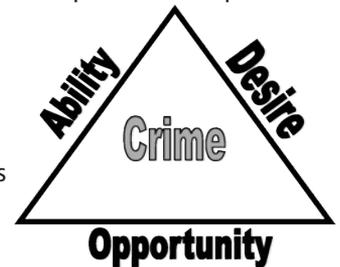
In 2015, the community service officer responded to 783 calls for service. 211 written warnings were issued for various ordinance violations. Of those, 32 home owners were issued citations for being noncompliant with city code. The community service officer responded to 58 animal complaints, 24 dog bites and took 119 reports of lost or found property. In addition to this, the CSO conducted 114 background checks for various licensees and employment opportunities throughout the year.

Community Policing

By Janna Wood, Crime Prevention Specialist

Community policing is at the core of what makes a great police department. It is the mission of the Shakopee Police Department to provide services with integrity and professionalism, protect citizens through enforcement of the law and work in partnership with our community to enhance the quality of life in the City of Shakopee.

Crime occurs when three things happen at the same time: An offender has the ability, desire and opportunity to commit a crime. This concept is called the Crime Triangle. Community policing aims to educate and empower citizens to remove the opportunity. For example, locking car doors can remove the opportunity for a theft from a vehicle to occur.



The department strives to work with the community to heighten awareness, reduce crime and build relationships. Working with the community allows us to hear and respond to community concerns, which helps us to do our job better. We'd like to thank Shakopee Crime Prevention Inc. (SCPI) for its continued support and contributions toward Shakopee Police's community policing efforts.

The department is very involved within the community. Some of the highlights of 2015 include:

LATE WINTER

January 7: Car Seat Safety Clinic

Police hosted a car seat safety clinic in which community members could learn how to properly install and use child restraints.

January 20: Scams Awareness Seminar

Scams Awareness was taught during an hour-long seminar. The seminar identified common scams in Shakopee and provided tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

February 11: Crime Free Multi-Housing Phase I

Training class for rental owners or managers in Shakopee. Training teaches people in the rental business how to actively manage their property and how to minimize crime.

February 21: Polar Plunge

Shakopee Police Department raised over \$3000 for the Special Olympics and eight people jumped into the icy waters on the Police Department's team.



Polar Plunge participants jump into the icy waters of Prior Lake to support Special Olympics.



March 12: Dog Walker Watch

Dog Walker Watch is a nationwide program that trains individuals, especially those who walk their dogs, to effectively observe and report criminal activity. The program increases the number of neighbors who serve as an extra eyes and ears for the police department.



Shakopee officers greet first-graders at the annual Celebrate Reading event at the high school.

SPRING

March 24: Squad Car Story Time

Officer Moonen was a special guest host at the Shakopee Library Early Literacy Class where she read a few safety-themed books and then gave a tour of her squad car.

April 16: Coffee With a Cop

Community members were invited to have a cup of coffee with a police officer and ask questions in an informal setting. This event was also hosted in Spanish.

April 22: Celebrate Reading

Shakopee Police assisted with the Shakopee Rotary Celebrate Reading event. All of the first-graders in Shakopee were transported to Shakopee High School where they listen to a storyteller and received a free book and backpack.

April 30: Highway Clean Up

Shakopee Police Department staff volunteered their time to clean up their adopted highway.

May 4: Mock Car Crash

Shakopee Police Department and other emergency personnel services staged a mock car crash in front of the high school to warn students of the dangers of drinking and driving.



Shakopee police officers joined the Shakopee Fire Department for a mock car crash demonstration at Shakopee High School.

MAY 7: CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Eighteen community members attended the six-week citizen police academy course. Through practical application, participants gained perspective on the many challenges faced by law enforcement officers.



May 18: Annual Child ID Kit Giveaway

In honor of National Missing Children's Day, the Shakopee Police Department handed out free child ID kits. This was its third year providing this service.

May 30: Distracted Driving Event

Shakopee Police Department attended St. Francis' Distracted Driving Expo and provided information to attendees about drugged driving and warning signs of potential drug use.

SUMMER



Torch Run participants from Special Olympics, Shakopee Police, City of Shakopee staff and the community gather before the 2015 Torch Run.

June 19: Torch Run

Shakopee hosted its 12th annual Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. This 4-mile run helps to raise money as well as awareness for the Special Olympics and its summer games.

June 20: TAG Initiative

Members of Project Latino and Shakopee Police Department worked to paint the Lewis Street Tunnel with an anti-graffiti coating.



JULY 1: HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA PARADE

Sgt. Trutanu led the Happy Birthday America Parade. Sgt. Trutanu was a participant in the parade 35 years prior!

Volunteers protect the downtown Holmes Avenue tunnel with anti-graffiti paint.

July 17: Tweet-A-Long

Community members were invited to follow along as the Shakopee crime prevention specialist rode with an officer and tweeted out calls. Followers could also ask questions.



Shakopee police officers participate in the annual Night to Unite event.

August 4: Night to Unite

More than 100 neighborhoods hosted Night to Unite parties in 2015. Residents are encouraged to spend the evening outside with neighbors to talk about different neighborhood concerns. The Police Department along with the Fire Department and City Council visited the numerous parties.

FALL/EARLY WINTER

September 4: Coloring Contest

Winners from the Police Department's annual coloring contest were taken on a tour of the police department and then driven to Dairy Queen in a squad car where they enjoyed an ice cream treat with the officer.

September 24: Advanced Citizen Police Academy

Past citizen police academy graduates attended a four-week advanced class that provided further insight into the inner workings of a police department. Participants attended seminars from the medical examiner, crime scene technicians, Scott County K9 unit and more.

October 23: Loaves and Fishes

Shakopee Police provided, cooked and served a warm meal at Loaves and Fishes, a nonprofit meal program that serves free meals Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Church of St. Mark.

November 10: Safe at Home on my Own

Shakopee Police Department partnered with Shakopee Community Education to visit the Safe at Home on my Own class, which helps prepare youth to safely take care of themselves when they are home alone.

November 19: Personal Safety

Community members was taught tips and tools that can be used to protect oneself. USA Karate also partnered and demonstrated basic self-defense maneuvers.



Officer Tucci helps local kids find Christmas gifts for family and friends at the annual Shop With a Cop event.



Above: A coloring contest winner and friend go for ice cream with Officer Predovich.

Below: Police Department staff serve meals at Loaves and Fishes.



December 12: Drinking and Driving Awareness

Officers visited Shakopee High School during lunch period to show teens the dangers of drinking and driving. Students were able to try on interactive goggles that simulate the visual effects of drinking.

December 10: Shop With a Cop

Shakopee Police Department partnered with RiverSouth and Shakopee Crime Prevention Inc. to take 10 families shopping for holiday gifts and then enjoyed a pizza party with the children. This event also included a winter clothing drive.

Crime Free Multi-Housing

By Janna Wood, Crime Prevention Specialist

MANAGEMENT BENEFITS

- A stable, more satisfied resident base
- Increased demand for rental units with a reputation for active management
- Lower maintenance and repair costs
- Increased property values
- Improved personal safety for tenants, managers, and owners
- More time for routine management and less time on crisis control
- More appreciative neighbors

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Tried and true crime prevention methods
- Proven drop in calls for service by up to 67 percent
- Improved quality of life for the community at large
- Teaches property managers and residents how to work with police and neighbors to keep drugs and other illegal activity out of rental property
- A community oriented policing approach to crime prevention

In 2013, the Shakopee City Council adopted a new ordinance aimed at ensuring rental owners and managers take reasonable steps to ensure tenants and neighboring property owners have safe, sanitary and nuisance-free places to live. A large part of this ordinance includes the national Crime Free Multi-Housing program.



Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) is a program designed to make multi-family dwellings safe and desirable places to live. CFMH is pro-property manager, pro-resident and anti-crime. The program uses a unique three-phase approach that ensures resident-friendly techniques will be applied to maintain crime prevention goals. These include:

Phase I: Management Training

Phase II: Security Assessment

Phase III: Resident Training/Crime Watch

The City of Shakopee requires all rental properties to complete Phase I training within one year of becoming a rental property. In 2015, Shakopee hosted two Phase I classes and certified more than 60 owners/managers. We also are very proud that one property chose to complete all three phases and become a fully certified CFMH property this year.

Victim & Community Services

By Barbara Hedstrom, Victim and Community Services Coordinator

In May 2015, the City of Shakopee created a new civilian position at the Shakopee Police Department to help assist victims of crime and to provide outreach activities in the Shakopee community. The victim and community services coordinator assists crime victims by contacting them by phone, letter and through distribution of the crime victim information cards to educate them about their rights, criminal and civil court processes and referrals to resources and programs. Some examples of victim assistance services provided in 2015 include:

- Follow up with stolen bike victim to get serial number and assist with bike recovery
- Assist domestic violence victim in obtaining finances to move to a safe location
- Provide information to identify theft victim who was able to recover seized bank account
- Assist victim of stolen cell phone to obtain information on status of federal prosecution
- Do safety planning for woman whose adult son has become violent with her
- Follow up with businesses who have lost money from financial card fraud or check forgery
- Provide resources to a mother regarding visitation between her sons and their abusive father
- Follow up with victims of stolen motor vehicles regarding status of investigations
- Follow up with burglary victims to get serial numbers to create watch lists of stolen property
- Advise out-of-state visitor who was used as a shield during an assault of her rights and resources
- Discuss options for victims of stolen credit card data including providing identity theft information and resource pamphlet



Barbara Hedstrom was hired in 2015 as the first Shakopee Victim and Community Services Coordinator.

By working with other victim services agencies and organizations, such as the Scott County Attorney's Victim Witness Program, Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women, Sexual Violence Center, Scott County Health and Human Services and others, the coordinator helps crime victims and their families identify needs and strives to help them address those needs.

The victim and community services coordinator also assists the investigations unit to confirm and clarify information in case files and serves as a resource to officers. The coordinator manages the department's sex offender database and pawn records reporting system and partners with the department's crime prevention specialist and Shakopee police officers in community policing events including the Special Olympics Torch Run, Citizens Police Academy, Shop with a Cop, investigators meetings, Child Abduction Response Team and more.

The coordinator participates in many Shakopee area boards, meetings and organizations such as Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH), Shakopee Community Assistance, the Main Street Steering Committee and more. Some special community services projects in 2015 included:

- Responding to hoarding complaints with fire department and public health
- Volunteer and paint coordination for anti-graffiti painting efforts throughout the city including the Holmes Street Tunnel mural and Lewis Street Bridge walking/biking path
- Coordination with the Scott County's Choose Not To Use Task Force and Take It To The Box
- Coordinate toy drive for women and children who were victims of domestic violence

In 2015, the victim and community services coordinator had more than 210 contacts with crime victims, gave presentations to more than 70 people, attended 19 community meetings or events and had almost 100 contacts with other victim service providers or criminal justice agencies on behalf to Shakopee victims or residents.

In the Schools

DARE

By Jamie Pearson, DARE Officer

Shakopee Police Department proudly partners with the schools in Shakopee, and we are dedicated to the youth in our community. To demonstrate our dedication we teach DARE in the schools. During this portion of the school year Shakopee DARE officers are present in the school to partner with school officials, teachers, parents and students to enhance the learning experience, promote responsible behavior, and to help solve problems. This connection helps students to see the police officer as not only an enforcer, but also as a helper with an interest in them making good life choices. The partnership that the DARE program promotes provides for familiarity, trust and opens communication lines that are vital to solving community issues and promoting a great city in which to live, learn and work.

During the 10 weeks the officers are in the classroom, the students are led in discussions on the dangers of alcohol and tobacco. Discussions also include topics on decision making, choosing good friends, being a good citizen, avoiding and getting out of risky situations, peer pressure, personal pressure and signs of stress. Each student was taught how to use the Dare Decision Making Model to evaluate difficult situations they may encounter. The students were taught five different resistance strategies so they know how to say "NO". Each student wrote a one page DARE essay to demonstrate the important things that they learned from the DARE officer in their classroom. Each student makes a commitment to stay drug free. Each graduate got a certificate which demonstrates they will make safe and responsible choices.



DARE Officer Jamie Pearson with one of the graduating classes from Shakopee Area Catholic School (SACS).

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

By Jaclyn Yzermans, School Resource Officer

In 2015, the Shakopee Police Department and Shakopee School District continued their partnership in order to provide safety and security for the Shakopee Public Schools. This year, they increased the number of school resource officers (SRO) to four.

SROs work regular school day hours during the school calendar year. When the school year is complete, the SROs go back to patrol duties. SROs periodically check in with the schools throughout the summer to ensure we are still in communication with the school officials.

School resource officers have a vast number of roles during the school day. Their main role is the safety and prevention of any critical incident or criminal act at the schools or involving students. In reality, the majority of the day is spent partnering with school administrators, teachers, parents and students to help resolve issues, build positive relationships and provide a safe learning environment. SROs present on a multitude of topics, including but not limited to: drug and alcohol awareness, internet safety, bullying and constitutional law, domestic assault, theft and child safety. Presentations are provided for all age ranges beginning at the preschool level through 12th grade, along with parent groups at the Central Family Learning Center and PTO groups.

At the end of the day, the most important role of an SRO is to build relationships with students. It is imperative the student(s) understands the SRO is there as a resource for them during their years as a student as well as after they graduate. An SROs goal is to build a solid foundation that will carry on throughout their life as active positive member in the community.

Recognition

“..I know it was probably one of the least eventful and nuisance like cases of the day if not the week; I just want to say thank you to the officer for arriving to the scene so fast and explaining my process... it may not seem like much considering you folks deal with much more dangerous and nutty caes in a day to day basis but it was truly great having someone take the time to help me! thank you thank you thank you!!! From the bottom of my heart!!”



Top: Sgt. Fred Radde received the 2015 Officer of the Year Award

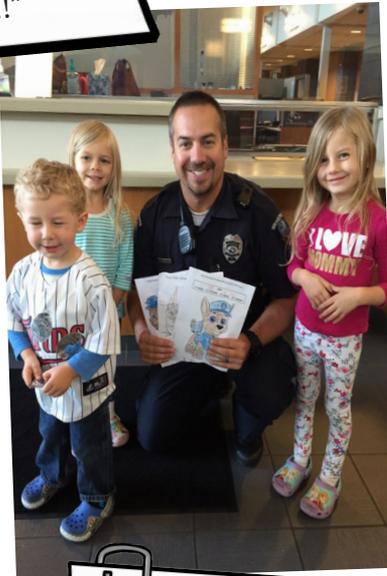


Right: CPS Janna Wood accepted the Excellence in Social Media for a small agency award, presented by Connected Cops.

Officer Mitch Mullenbach accepts some homemade cards brought in by some young community members.



Sgt. Josh Davis received the 2015 MADD's DWI all-star award.



“Thank you for keeping my family and city safe. Thank you for being a lifesaver. :)”
-Alli :) (Age 12)

“.. Thank you for protecting our city. Thank you for coming to our house in the middle of the night when our alarm went off. You help make us feel safe.”

ADDITIONAL AWARDS:

- IACP Community Policing Award (see page 5)
- Prior Lake Polar Plunge top-contributing Law Enforcement Agency Team.
- Government in Social Media Best Campaign Runner-Up.
- Outstanding contribution towards Special Olympics.

In Memoriam



In memory of Sue Sichmeller, Shakopee Crime Prevention Inc. member, who dedicated more than 20 years toward making Shakopee a safer, nicer place to live.

Your selflessness and compassion will always be remembered.