

ANNUAL REPORT 2015



**Stevens Point
Police Department**

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*“Innovative Policing
through Partnerships
with the Community”*



Martin E. Skibba, Chief of Police

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Mayor Michael Wiza
Stevens Point Police and Fire Commission
Stevens Point Common Council

The men and women of the Stevens Point Police Department, who strive daily to keep our community safe and free from crime, are pleased to submit the 2015 Annual Report. This report is a compilation of individual reports chronicling the police department's efforts, each a testament to the hard work and dedication of all Police Department employees.

Along with the efforts and services provided, the Stevens Point Police Department also experienced extensive changes in 2015, with the retirement of three veteran sworn personnel, Sergeant Tim Davy, Officer Scott Ironside, and Chief of Police Kevin Ruder while Assistant Chief Martin Skibba was promoted to the Chief of Police position. With the internal promotion to Chief, the position of Assistant Chief, Sergeant and Corporal will take place early in 2016. Additionally, in 2015 the rank of Corporal was re-established into the police department's supervisory structure, facilitating officer development while also helping the department to better lead its personnel.

As the Stevens Point Police Department moves into 2016, major projects include the continued discussion and possible resolve of department space and associated needs and mental health issues within society. Regarding space needs, it is understood addressing the identified needs and preparing for the future; the department will be better able to provide the professional service our community deserves and has historically received. While addressing mental health-related issues, the police department continues to foster partnerships, better equipping our personnel and providing the needed resources.

I would like to personally thank the Police and Fire Commission, Mayor Wescott and Wiza, and the Common Council for their advice and support. We look forward to a successful year together in 2016 with continued organizational growth and improvement.

Respectfully submitted:

Martin E. Skibba
Chief of Police

Stevens Point Police Department Strategic Direction



The Mission of the Stevens Point Police Department is:

- * to work professionally as a team,
- * to promote public safety,
- * and to enhance the quality of life in our community, through innovative policing and community partnerships.

Long Term Objectives

1 Preserve Public Safety

Improve on quality of life issues for the citizens of our community.

2 Improve Community Awareness

Provide the community access with accurate and timely information on Department services and activities conducted. Ensure that the public perception of police activities reflect reality.

3 Reduce Crime

Develop a comprehensive community based initiative to reduce crime.

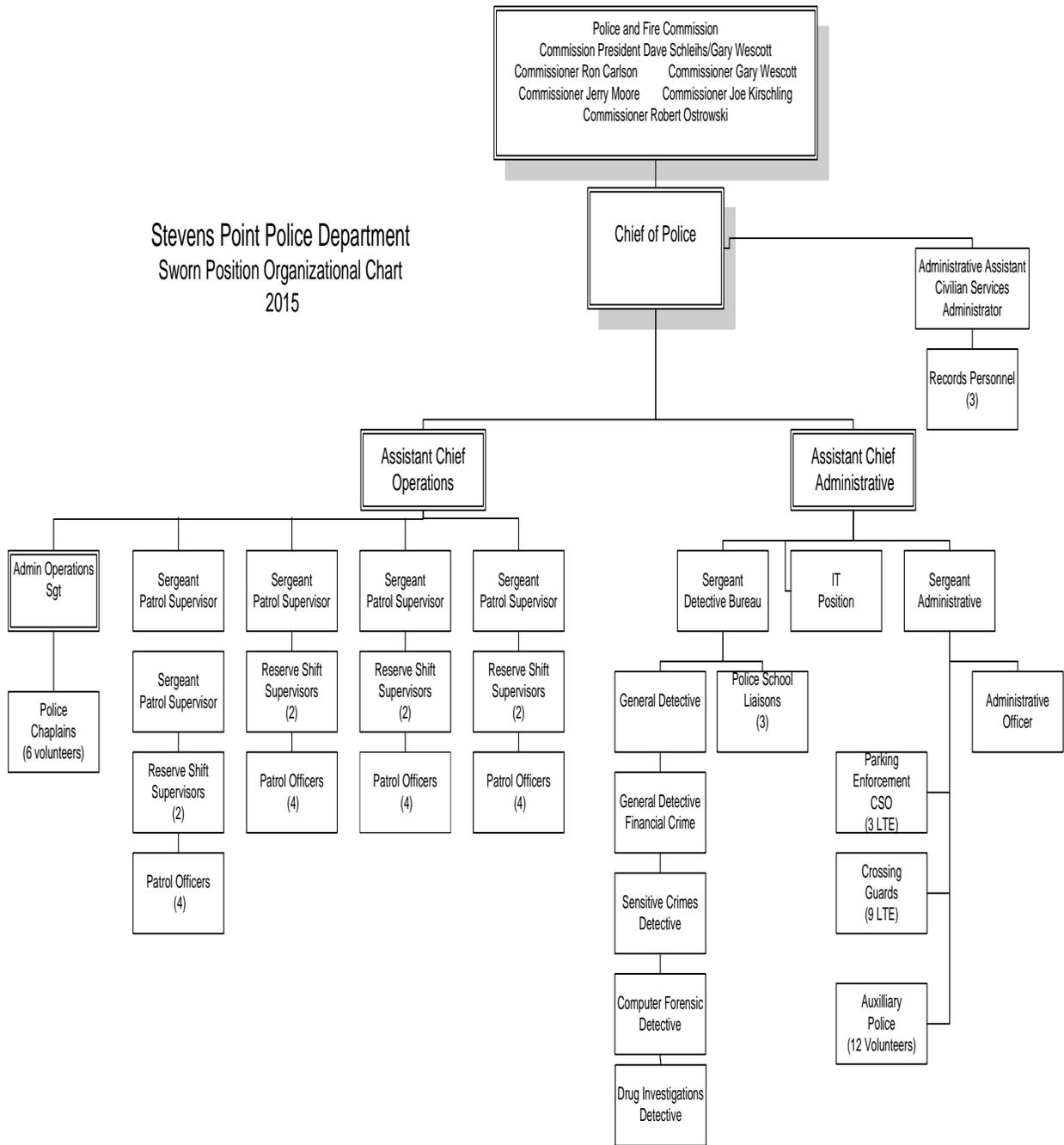
4 Promote Traffic Safety

Collaborate to identify, prioritize and implement a traffic safety plan.

#5 Develop and Manage Financial Resources

Locate Financial sources and properly plan and manage them to allow ongoing support for the achievement of identified strategic objectives.

Stevens Point Police Department
Sworn Position Organizational Chart
2015



2015 Staff



*Kevin
Ruder*

*Martin
Skibba*

*Thomas
Zenner*

*E. Joseph
Gruber*

*Paul
Piotrowski*

*Daniel
Wheeler*

*Michael
Retzki*



*Tony
Babl*

*Timothy
Davy*

*Gregory
Bean*

*Michael
Rottier*

*Scott
Ironsides*

*Gary
Anderson*

*Patrick
Stanislawski*



*Anthony
Zblewski*

*Michael
Bink*

*Michael
Radsek*

*Dana
Williams*

*Alan
Raasoch*

*Joseph
Quisler*

*John
Moss*



*Robert
Kussow*

*Dana
Krzvowski*

*John
Lawrvnk*

*Trina
James*

*Benjamin
Uitenbroek*

*Theodore
Wanta*

2015 Staff



*Joseph
Kramer*

*Kent
Lepak*

*Steven
Spath*

*Matthew
Drossel*

*Aaron
Yenter*

*Kristina
Ahrens*

*Aimee
Kontos*



*Jeremy
Mueller*

*Joseph
Johnson*

*Blake
Hansen*

*Tino
Starke*

*Brian
Brooks*

*Justin
Klein*

*Andrew
Poeschel*



*Michael
Long*

*Robert
Roser*

*Austin
Lee*

*Kris
Marchel*

*Jodi
Monty*

*Rebecca
Page*

*Gino
Bulak*



*Mallori
Piotrowski*

*Erik
Schultz*

*Lee Ann
Spoon*

*Candy
Tork*

*Tiffany
Kimball*

*Stacey
Fredrickson*

*Edward
Eggleston*

2015 Staff

SWORN	
<i>Chief</i>	1
<i>Assistant Chiefs</i>	2
<i>Sergeants</i>	8
<i>Detectives</i>	5
<i>Police School Liaisons</i>	3
<i>Patrol Officers</i>	25
<i>* Total Sworn Staff *</i>	44

CIVILIAN	
<i>Records Bureau Supervisor</i>	1
<i>IT Manager</i>	1
<i>Records</i>	3
<i>Parking</i>	3
<i>School Crossing Guards</i>	8
<i>Auxiliary Police</i>	17
<i>Chaplains</i>	6
<i>* Total Civilian Staff *</i>	39

New Employees

Officer Austin Lee was hired on May 18, 2015. Officer Lee received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in May 2013. He was previously employed as a Police Officer for UWSP Protective Services.

Officer Kris Marchel was hired on May 18, 2015. Officer Marchel received an Associate degree in Applied Science Criminal Justice in May of 2015. He was previously employed in the private sector and is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Community Service Officer Mallori Piotrowski was hired July 30, 2015. Mallori is a 2013 graduate of Stevens Point Area Senior High School. She received an Associate degree in Applied Science Criminal Justice in May of 2015.

Community Service Officer Erik Schultz was hired on October 5, 2015. Eric is a 2014 graduate of Stevens Point Area Senior High School and is currently attending Mid-State Technical College.

Operations Services Report 2015

In 2015 the Officers of the Patrol Division continued their strong efforts to meet the needs of our community. Those efforts were overseen by an exceptional supervisory staff which expanded with the creation of four new Corporal rank positions. Patrol also added four Lead Officer positions to supplement the supervisory rank on patrol.

The Corporal and Lead Officer positions replace what was previously identified as Reserve Shift Supervisors. As the Reserve Shift Supervisor was temporary in nature, the modification allows patrol a permanent rank structure to assist the Shift Sergeant with day-to-day supervision and duties.

During 2015 the Department responded to 21,891 calls for service (See attached complaint report). This was a 5.5 % increase in calls for service when compared to 2014 (copy of 2014 attached for comparison). Of these calls, 10,692 generated case number assignment. Some notable comparisons include a moderate decrease in crash complaints and property crime, a minor increase in assaults and disturbances, and a significant increase in welfare checks and extra patrol requests.

Calls for extra patrol efforts increased by 52% in 2015. These calls for service are complaint driven and involve repeated concerns such as traffic matters and noise/ordinance violations within residential areas. To address this significant increase, the Department is developing a vetting process on traffic concerns to establish if or when to deploy officers in the most effective manner.

In 2015, patrol was tasked with maintaining efficient traffic enforcement, with an emphasis on operating while under the influence/Impaired Driving. The Department partnered with the Portage County Sheriff's Office to secure funds for a State Grant on alcohol related traffic enforcement.

In 2015 officers made a total of 161 arrests for Operating while under the influence (OWI). This was a 12% increase from 2014 (142). The Department also increased training for officers involving a raised awareness on drug impaired driving.

Patrol continues to see an increase in calls for service related to mental health concerns. The Department has placed a priority on all officers to attend Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and in 2014 Lead Officer Kristi Ahrens was identified as the Department's Crisis Liaison Officer. A new report category has been added to the 2015 Annual Report highlighting Officer Ahren's work within the Crisis Intervention spectrum.

Officers completed a total of 86 Emergency Commitments in 2015, which was a 36% increase from 2014 (55). The primary causes for emergency commitments in the past year were identified as:

Suicidal	-	36
Overdose	-	22
Alcohol	-	15
Danger to Others	-	3
Unable to Care for Self	-	4
Other	-	6

Emergency Commitments identifies only a fraction of the calls for service involving mental health concerns. Calls involving welfare checks increased this past year to 1,317 calls for service, compared to 955 in 2014.

Although not all welfare checks are exclusively mental health issues, a majority of calls related to welfare checks involve mental health concerns. However, we also see other calls for service, such as disturbances, where mental health concerns are involved but incident is identified by primary call for service. This does create some variance with reporting a definitive count when related to calls for service.

As our Crisis Liaison Officer continues to develop partnerships within the Mental Health and Aging spectrum, our Veteran Liaison Officer, Officer Mike Bink, continues his work involving our Community's Military Veterans. Officer Bink provides patrol a valuable resource through his collaboration with the Portage County Veteran's Office and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

As we enter 2016, we will continue to build and strengthen relationships within the community and apply lessons learned during the previous year to ensure the citizens of the City of Stevens Point have a well trained police force that serves and protects our community.

Assistant Chief Tom Zenner
Operations Division

2014 - Number of Calls Report by Department - Complaint

Jurisdiction: SPPD First Date: 01/01/2014 Last Date: 12/31/2014

<i>Complaint</i>		<i>Number</i>
27/29	LICENSE STATUS/WANTS	32
28	VEHICLE (CAR, BOAT,	247
ALARM	ALARMS, EXCEPT FIRE ALARMS	270
AMBULANCE	AMBULANCE REQUEST, MEDIC	139
ANIMAL	DEER DISPOSAL/TAG, LOST/FOUND	166
ARREST, MISC	BAIL JUMP, INJUNCTIONS, OTHER	161
ASSAULT/ROB	CRIME AGAINST PERSONS	147
ASSIST OTHER	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY WITH A	163
ATL	ATL WANTED, MISSING, OR	24
CIVIL MATTER	CHILD CUSTODY, OFFICER	179
COMUN CONACT	COMMUNITY CONTACT F/K/A COCO	2227
CRASH	VEHICLE CRASH OF ANY KIND,	1040
DISTURBANCE	DOMESTIC	226
DISTURBANCE	FIGHTS/DISORDERLY	415
DISTURBANCE	FIGHTS/DISORDERLY	208
DNR PATROL	CONTACT W/BOAT, SNOWMOBILE,	1
DOMESTIC DIS	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE - VERBAL	38
DRIVING COMP	OWI/RECKLESS/SPEEDING	340
EXTRA PATROL	OPEN DOOR, REQUEST MORE	687
FALLS	FALLS OF ANY TYPE	2
FIRE	FIRE OF ANY KIND, BURNING	82
FRAUD	IDENTITY THEFT, SCAM, PHONY	164
HAZARD	DEBRIS/ANIMAL/TREE/WIRES IN	320
HEART PROB	FORM - HEART ATTACK/ANGINA	8
INFO ONLY	LOG SIMPLY FOR INFORMATIONAL	143
INVEIGATION	INVESTIGATION NOT ACTIVE BY	1162
LOSS/DAMAGE	LOST MISSING DAMAGED MAILBOX	32
MED TRANSPORT	MED UNIT TRANSPORT CALLED TO	1
MISC	INFREQUENT CALLS FOR SERVICE,	821
MISSING PERSON	MISSING/ENDANGERED ADULT,	94
MOTORIST ASSIST	ASSIST MOTORIST AND	586
NOISE COMPLAINT	LOUD MUSIC, FIREWORKS, NOISE	342
PAPER SERVICE	SERVICE OF CIVIL PAPERS,	70
PARKING COMP	PARKING COMPLAINTS	470
PI	LOST/FOUND ITEM, PROPERTY	318
PROP CRIME	THEFT, VANDALISM, BURGLARY,	1004
SPECIAL DUTY	SPECIAL DUTIES, FAIRS, PICNICS	270
SUSPICIOUS	SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE	955
THREAT/HARAS	MESSAGES THROUGH ANY MEDIUM,	339
TRAFFIC STOP	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, NON-OWI	5368
TRAFFIC STOP	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, NON-OWI	92
TRAIN COMPLAINT	RAILROAD CROSSING OR TRAIN	11
TRESPASSING	ENTERING THE PROPERTY OF	54
TRIP	MOVEMENT OF INMATE/CH. 51	28
WARRANT	WARRANT OR CAPIAS SERVICE OR	200
WEATHER/TEST	PAGER/SIREN TESTS, WATCHES &	3
WELFARE CHECK	CHECK WELFARE (NOT ATL),	1073
Group Total:		20722

2015 - Number of Calls Report by Department - Complaint

Jurisdiction: SPPD First Date: 01/01/2015 Last Date: 12/31/2015

<i>Complaint</i>		<i>Number</i>
27/29	LICENSE STATUS/WANTS	44
28	VEHICLE (CAR, BOAT,	282
ALARM	ALARMS, EXCEPT FIRE ALARMS	282
AMBULANCE	AMBULANCE REQUEST, MEDIC	177
ANIMAL	DEER DISPOSAL/TAG, LOST/FOUND	195
ARREST, MISC	BAIL JUMP, INJUNCTIONS, OTHER	187
ASSAULT/ROB	CRIME AGAINST PERSONS	149
ASSIST OTHER	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY WITH A	213
ATL	ATL WANTED, MISSING, OR	23
CIVIL MATTER	CHILD CUSTODY, OFFICER	245
COMUN CONTACT	COMMUNITY CONTACT F/K/A COCO	1985
CRASH	VEHICLE CRASH OF ANY KIND,	902
DISTURBANCE	FIGHTS/DISORDERLY	894
DNR PATROL	CONTACT W/BOAT, SNOWMOBILE,	1
DRIVING COMP	OWI/RECKLESS/SPEEDING	420
EXTRA PATROL	OPEN DOOR, REQUEST MORE	1430
FALLS	FALLS OF ANY TYPE	7
FIRE	FIRE OF ANY KIND, BURNING	90
FRAUD	IDENTITY THEFT, SCAM, PHONY	181
HAZARD	DEBRIS/ANIMAL/TREE/WIRES IN	302
HEART PROB	FORM - HEART ATTACK/ANGINA	4
INFO ONLY	LOG SIMPLY FOR INFORMATIONAL	120
INVESTIGATION	INVESTIGATION NOT ACTIVE BY	1336
JAIL MATTERS	NON-TRIP JAIL ACTIVITIES,	2
LOSS/DAMAGE	LOST MISSING DAMAGED MAILBOX	32
MED TRANSPORT	MED UNIT TRANSPORT CALLED TO	1
MISC	INFREQUENT CALLS FOR SERVICE,	797
MISSING PERSON	MISSING/ENDANGERED ADULT,	79
MOTORIST ASSIST	ASSIST MOTORIST AND	441
NOISE COMPLAINT	LOUD MUSIC, FIREWORKS, NOISE	355
PAPER SERVOCE	SERVICE OF CIVIL PAPERS,	34
PARKING CPLNT	PARKING COMPLAINTS	400
PI	LOST/FOUND ITEM, PROPERTY	267
PROP CRIME	THEFT, VANDALISM, BURGLARY,	857
SPECIAL DUTY	SPECIAL DUTIES, FAIRS, PICNICS	311
STROKE	STROKE PROBLEMS	2
SUSPICIOUS	SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE	1072
THREAT/HARAS	THREATS THROUGH ANY MEDIUM,	373
TRAFFIC STOP	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, NON-OWI	5692
TRAIN COMPLT	RAILROAD CROSSING OR TRAIN	15
TRESPASSING	ENTERING THE PROPERTY OF	61
TRIP	MOVEMENT OF INMATE/CH. 51	37
WARRANT	WARRANT OR CAPIAS SERVICE	274
WELFARE CHECK	CHECK WELFARE (NOT ATL),	1317
Group Total		21891

Chaplain Program Report

The Chaplains program started in 2002 continues to provide comfort and compassion to individuals within our community in times of life altering tragedy. The Stevens Point Police Department's Police Chaplain Program currently has six volunteer Chaplains, with the recent return of former Police Chaplain Reverend Susan Gilbert Zenecka. Additionally, Robert Terrell, Pastor Doug Schneider, Pastor David Guerrero, Pastor David Ficken, and Pastor Matthew J. Mallek continue to participate and volunteer their time to the program.

A projected change for 2016 for the program is the inclusion of the Portage County Sheriff's Office and the Plover Police Department. Both agencies will be incorporating this program into their respective agencies to better provide for their community members in time of need.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sergeant Daniel Wheeler

Mental Health Report

The Mental Health Liaison position was active for a full year in 2015, since the position was created in the fall of 2014. The Department has expanded to include a liaison on each patrol shift.

As this position grew in 2015, contacts were made with other agencies within the Community forming a network of support. Already working with Portage County Health and Human Services, Community Care Connections of Wisconsin, and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the Mental Health Liaison established relationships with Justice Works, Lincoln Center (ADRC), ROCC Point, Midstate Independent Living Consultants (MILC), CAP Services Mental Health Navigation Coordinator and Homeless Services, and Probation and Parole. These connections have assisted the Department and Community in a positive manner, by connecting citizens with services earlier.

The Police Department sent five officers to Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) with funding provided by NAMI. The Mental Health Liaison Officer received additional training in Juvenile Mental Health, Hoarding and at the Suicide Convention.

As a representative for the Department on the Suicide Prevention/Mental Health Awareness of Portage County Coalition, this Coalition, through sponsors and fundraising, brought to the Community two speakers. Portage County Junior Highs, High Schools and Community as a whole, were given the opportunity to see John Halligan's presentation on "Bullying Technology and Youth Depression." In addition, the Coalition arranged for Randy Kaye "Beyond the Voices from Chaos to Hope" who presented to the Community and at UWSP.

In the spring, the Mental Health Liaison assisted the Suicide Coalition in printing poster advertisements for the City Buses to promote the "HOPELINE" which is for texting. Thank you to Transit Department.

In the fall, the Stevens Point Police Department was awarded the “Providing Hope Award” at the Walk for Hope who is coordinated by the Suicide Prevention/Mental Health Awareness of Portage County Coalition. The award was given “For Your Commitment to Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Services.”

In November and December, the Mental Health Liaison coordinated meetings and presented with the ADRC, PCHHS, and the Fire Department, at Edgewater Manor and Briggs Street High-rise, to inform residents of services and attempt to establish a Neighborhood Watch in the complex. During that meeting, folders, which were created by the Police Department, were distributed. The folders are also being used to assist patrol officer in providing individuals with resources in the community as well.

It is difficult to calculate the number of times police services have been used in mental health circumstances, especially after a person has been connected with services. However, in looking at the past year, approximately 20 citizens in need of assistance who were not connected to any agency but had police contact were connected with services because of that contact. The services ranged from PCHHS making an evaluation, getting a doctor’s appointment and information, a caseworker or worker assistance through CCCW, PCHHS or MILC, receiving services through or at the ADRC, CAP Services for permanent housing, and transportation to another area.

There are numerous citizens that have crisis plans established through PCHHS. With the assistance of dispatch, this information is now available for officers at the time officers are dealing with the individual. This is essential in staying consistent with their plan.

Lastly, the Mental Health Liaison has received a handful of phone calls from citizens/family members who have heard about the Mental Health Liaison position and were seeking advice on how to handle a particular issue and/or who to contact. This has also lead to working closely with other law enforcement agencies in Portage and Wood County.

Officer Kristi Ahrens
Crisis Intervention Specialist

Property Report

The role of Property Room Management deals with processing the evidence and property inventoried by officers into the Police Department’s evidence room. In addition, logs of the items that are inventoried, returned to the owner, destroyed, turned into the Police Department’s Records Bureau, or converted to department use are maintained by this position.

In 2014 the Stevens Point Police Department began using a TriTech bar coding system for its evidence management. The first goal for 2015 was to place all property currently in inventory that preceded the implementation of the TriTech system, and convert it into the TriTech system.

The project of converting everything in inventory into the TriTech system wasn’t completed until early November of 2015. Once every item in inventory was transferred to the Bar Coding system, the second goal was to ensure that every item in inventory had a Bar Code label on it. This wasn’t completed until late December of 2015.

The third goal for the year was to place every item in inventory on to the Bar Coding calendar which can be set to bring the item up for a status review. This is significant, as without the status review system, it would be impossible to know when an item(s) could be removed from inventory. This project was completed the first week of January 2016.

Number of new items inventoried into Management System in 2015.....879
 Number of old items updated into Management System in 2015..... 778
 Number of items removed from inventory in 2015..... 625

The management of the Property Room also includes maintaining the prescription drug drop off receptacle. The receptacle is emptied weekly and usually fills up a 33 gallon tote (and occasionally 2 totes). The contents of the receptacle are then sorted into pills and non pills. The non pills include liquids, creams, patches and ointments.

In 2015 the United States Department of Justice took over the funding and disposal of the pharmaceuticals from the Department of Drug Enforcement. This change did not impact the Department’s handling of the pharmaceuticals but it did keep the cost of collection, handling and disposal at the federal level.

Non narcotics including liquids, creams, patches and ointments are taken to the material handling facility in Plover for destruction, while the pills collected are forwarded to an EPA licensed incinerator located in the state of Iowa.

In July of 2015 the Portage County Sheriff’s Office installed a prescription drop off box in their lobby which did impact the collection amount generated by the drop off box in the lobby of the Police Department. 2015 saw two prescription drug collections held at Lincoln Center as well as a prescription drug collection held at St. Michael’s Hospital. Below is a summary of the prescription drug collections as well as prescription drug disposals.

Department Prescription Collection Box

01/01/15 – 07/03/15	640.39 lbs.
07/10/15 – 12/31/15 (PTSO installed their own collection box on 7-10-15)	<u>443.22 lbs.</u>
Total from collection box	1,083.61 lbs.

Miscellaneous Collections

Lincoln Center Prescription Drug Collections (2 pick-ups)	274.64 lbs.
St. Michael’s Prescription Drug Collection	<u>47.19 lbs.</u>
Total from Miscellaneous Collections	321.83 lbs.

2015 Totals

Total from all Collections in 2015	1,405.44 lbs.
DOJ Statewide collection from agencies	534.00 lbs.
Non Pill / Non Narcotics Destroyed by Material Recovery Facility	474.00 lbs.

Sergeant Daniel E. Wheeler
 Property Officer

Training Report

The Stevens Point Police Department has made a commitment to the officers to ensure they are properly prepared to meet the challenges of their job as well as making a commitment to the citizens of Stevens Point, ensuring they continue to receive the highest level of service. During 2015 training remained a priority for the Stevens Point Police Department with a total of \$ 21,624.15 being spent on 4,144 hours of training. The following is a summary of these training hours.

Firearms:	356
In-service:	918
Instructor:	404
Investigation Bureau:	196
Miscellaneous:	682
Negotiators:	250
School Liaison:	120
SWAT:	1218

The Stevens Point Police Department maintains its commitment to its officer's proficiency in critical, high liability areas as in the use and appropriate handling of firearms. Officers attend a number of Department sponsored firearms training sessions each year, instructed by departments own State certified instructors. Additionally, 14 of these officers serve on the SWAT team where they receive further training in the use of firearms and special tactics.

Sergeant Daniel E. Wheeler
Training Coordinator

Administrative Division Report 2015

The Administrative Division of the Police Department continued its goal of increased customer service and improving the quality of life for our community members. This year was marked as a year of transition and collaboration with the retirement of Chief Ruder, creating organizational changes within the division as well as working partnerships with surrounding agencies.

Community Resource

Sergeant Paul Piotrowski took over as the Community Resource Sergeant, a role he had previously been assigned, making this an easy transition. Sergeant Piotrowski continued to be very active, attending community meetings and coordinating the many annual special events in our community.

This year the Departments Face book page was resurrected and used as a resource to keep the public informed of area events, safety tips and crime trends. Additionally, the Police Department also resumed the School Safety Cadet recognition program which had been stopped several years ago due to budget restraints.

Auxiliary Police

Our Police Auxiliary Police Unit grew to 17 volunteers, who were utilized at 38 separate events in the city and accumulated more than 600 hours of volunteer time between them this year.

Community Service Officers

The Community Service Unit consists of three part-time officers who are primarily responsible for parking enforcement. 6694 parking citations were issued, 174 civilians were fingerprinted and 56 abandoned bicycles were collected. Parking ticket processing was transferred to the Community Service Unit, allowing records bureau personnel to perform other duties.

Investigation Bureau

The Detectives in our Investigation Bureau collectively worked over 400 new cases this year, mostly referrals from the patrol division although a noticeable amount of referrals from Portage County Health and Humans Services. As crime has no borders, many of these cases extended into neighboring jurisdictions increasing the need for collaboration with Plover PD and Portage County Sheriff detectives as well as State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies.

Sensitive Crimes

The Child abuse and sexual assault investigator held one of the larger case loads this year handling referrals from Human Services and other sensitive crime assignments. Assistance was needed from other investigators to keep up with the cases.

Computer Forensics

The Computer forensic investigation position recently completed its second year and was successful in not only our agency collecting digital evidence, but also assisted Plover Police Department, the State Patrol as well as the Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI). Numerous search warrants regarding computer crimes were drafted and executed.

Cell phone imaging has become a very essential tool in retrieving information relating to all crimes. This year over 141 cell phones or tablet type devices were imaged.

Narcotic Enforcement

This was another active year for the Stevens Point Drug Unit with 19 drug search warrants served resulting in 32 people being charged with 29 felony charges and 50 misdemeanor charges. Drugs seized included marijuana, marijuana oil, cocaine, ecstasy, psilocybin mushrooms, heroin, methamphetamine and prescription medications. Approximately \$26,000 in cash was seized during warrants.

Property Crimes

Thefts and burglaries continue to be an issue in Stevens Point. Detectives helped investigate a multi jurisdictional burglary ring involving 35 burglaries to businesses throughout the state. Also, area wide retail theft rings was common this year and motivation for these thefts continues to be for money to purchase drugs.

Access to Pawn shop data bases and online selling sites has been very successful in solving these crimes. One very large embezzlement case was investigated with losses of over \$224,000 to a local business.

Police School Liaison Officers

A new Police Liaison Officer, Joe Kramer, was assigned to SPASH in January. The focus this year was on security and safety for all the district schools. Recently, intercom cameras and a fob access system were installed at entrances to the schools as well as security film on the windows. A new WAVE alert system was installed to more rapidly notify Law Enforcement of an emergency.

Police School Liaison Officers also trained each school on A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lock down, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) which is a new response to a dangerous intruder in the schools.

SWAT

The team was called out 8 times in 2015. Four of these incidents involved out of jurisdiction mutual aid requests.

A formal S.O.P. was developed to solidify the understanding of team procedures. The team continued to train monthly focusing on tactical readiness, firearm proficiency and team movement discipline. Training included annual physical fitness and firearm accuracy testing. In February the team trained with the FBI SWAT team leader learning a variation of room entry and clearing techniques.

In August the team collaborated with the Plover Police Department to add 4 new SWAT operators and 1 negotiator from their department.

Courts

Into our second year of Municipal Court and it is working out very well. Our Court officer documented 86 total Emergency Detentions, 18 which required transport. 297 Warrants were handled with the majority being from Circuit Court. 9 warrants issued by the municipal court and well as numerous juvenile capiases.

Fleet

Eight new SUV vehicles and two new unmarked sedans were purchased this year for patrol use. A new Community Service Officer vehicle, Chevrolet Colorado Truck, was obtained to replace the Honda Civic. This vehicle will be better suited to the CSO duties and provide safer winter driving.

Records Bureau

With efficiency and the environment in mind, our Records Bureau implemented the use of an E-Referral interface with our Records Management System which provides an interface to the District Attorney System and will help eliminate the use of paper copies being provided to the District Attorney's office.

There were slightly more reports (3,666) processed in 2015 as well as an increase in TRACs citations (4,271) this year over last year.

Public Safety IT

Our IT specialist continued to update equipment and software as needed at the Police and Fire Departments. A city wide IT manager was hired this year to assist the Public Safety IT with the technology related demands.

The Administrative Division successfully completed its goal of providing needed support for our Department and administering justice for our citizens. The amount of collaboration and mutual aid with other agencies only proves the high level of professionalism and quality of services the Stevens Point Police Department provides.

Assistant Chief Tony Babl
Administrative Division

Community Resource Report

Community Resource

The reactivation of the Stevens Point Police Department Face book page and adding and updating posts and pictures contained on that page were the major development within the Community Resource Office this year. In addition, the Department also resumed some role in rewarding our youth who participate in the Safety Cadet Program in our schools, coordinating a YMCA fun night for all cadets and organizing a one day reward trip to the Wisconsin Dells for 10 Cadets from each of seven schools.

Special Events

The Community Resource Sergeant continued to be responsible for helping to plan and coordinate traffic control and a multitude of special events within the City of Stevens Point. These events include six annual parades, as well as the many walking, biking and running competitions/fundraisers that Stevens Point groups host during the year. These events draw thousands of people to our community. The largest of these runs has 2000 people participate with the bulk of the events occurring between March and the first weekend in December.

Adult Crossing Guards

The Adult Crossing Guards man the nine most congested school crossing intersections in the city and the persons who staff them continue to a great job in ensuring that our children get to and from school safely.

Presentations

Many safety presentations were again provided to the community this year ranging from weekly grade school talks to monthly "Ask Law Enforcement" discussions at the Lincoln Center and other senior centers in Portage County. Additional requests for officers to speak with Girl/Boy Scouts and other community groups are coordinated through the office and resulted in another 60 presentations to youth and community service groups.

Media Release

As the representative for Portage County Crime Stoppers, a dozen episodes were filmed looking for tips. Sex offender release notifications also originate from this office. As the primary contact for media, several interviews were done for both radio and print sources, and a live broadcast highlighting Senior Citizen Safety were accomplished.

Community Engagement

The Community Resource Officer also represents the Stevens Point Police Department on numerous community boards to include the Family Crisis Center Advisory Board, The County's I-Team, Crime Stoppers Board, TRIAD and the Portage County Alliance for Youth . These contacts allow the department to update various groups within the community of new trends in crime and its prevention, and to hear from a variety of different individuals on a regular basis as to what they are observing and emerging needs within the community.

Background Checks

Civilian and city employee background investigations were handled by this office. In 2015 background were completed for 521 bartender applications, 131 licensed establishment agents, 7 direct sellers, 4 food venders, 3 pawn brokers and 23 taxi drivers. Also, 120 City employees requiring background checks were completed.

Recognition Dinner

In December, the Police Department once again held a recognition dinner to thank our many volunteers including the Auxiliary Police unit and Chaplain Program. This dinner also recognized 8 citizen Recognition Coin recipients for their acts of unselfishness in life-saving or significant crime solving events.

Community Service Officers

The Department has three part-time Community Service Officers (CSO) who are primarily responsible for both day and night time parking enforcement and parking meter maintenance and collections, but they also perform the civilian fingerprinting and the collecting, inventorying and disposing of abandoned bicycles, duties sworn officers previously accomplished, allowing officers to spend more time on their primary duties.

In 2015, 6,694 parking tickets were issued, 56 abandon bicycles were picked up and inventoried and 174 civilian fingerprints were taken by our CSOs.

The Community Resource Sergeant supervises the CSOs and also coordinates all parking issues within the city and evaluates parking complaints and appeals.

Auxiliary Police

Our Police Auxiliary Police Unit grew to 17 volunteers who were utilized at 38 separate events in the City including parades, running events, Riverfront Rendezvous as well as assisting with our officer's scenario training and meetings. Together, they accumulated more than 600 hours of volunteer time between them this year.

Sergeant Paul Piotrowski
Community Resource

Computer Forensic Report

The computer forensics position at the Stevens Point Police Department just completed its second year since it was created. During the year, forensic equipment was used to assist not only the Stevens Point Police Department with collecting digital evidence, but also Plover Police Department and the State Patrol. The Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations was also assisted with numerous search warrants regarding computer crimes.

The computer forensic investigation position has also assisted with sensitive crimes cases and the increase of cases that our department has received from Portage County Health and Human Services. There were a total of 94 cases that were assigned throughout the year. Of these cases, there were 16 cases that were specific to internet/computer crimes and six cases that came from Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

Over the course of the year this investigative equipment was used on 141 cell phones or tablet type devices and 19 computers related items (hard drives, USB devices, SD cards).

Cell phones are used more frequently than ever, and frequently contain information relating to crimes that we are investigating. Having the ability to utilize specialized equipment on cell phones and extract that information has proved to be invaluable to investigations.

Detective Dana Williams
Computer Forensics Investigator

Court Report

The role of the Court position includes maintaining logs for Emergency Detention, Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) arrests, warrants entries, and criminal referrals. The position prepares citations for initial appearances, reviewing them for accuracy, as well as taking care of court and discovery requests for the City Attorney and court requests for the District Attorney's office.

2015 was the first full year of the Stevens Point/Plover Joint Municipal Court. Officers issued a total of 3,988 citations through the year. These citations included both traffic and non traffic offenses written to both juveniles and adults.

Speeding on City Highway was once again the most commonly written offense for traffic violations, followed by Operating Motor Vehicle without Proof of Insurance, and Operating after Suspension.

Officers made 161 OWI arrests in 2015 with the largest number, 116, being for first offense. There were 18 second offense, 18 third offenses, 5 fourth offenses, and 3 being fifth or subsequent. The blood alcohol concentrations ranged from .076 to .38, with the majority being in the .15-.20 range.

Underage Drinking-Possession or Consumption was the most common non traffic adult ordinance citation issued followed by Disorderly Conduct.

For juvenile offenses, Disorderly Conduct was the most common.

The position conducted Alcohol Compliance checks at various taverns, stores, restaurants, and convenience stores with the help of Mid State Technical College students. A total of 51 locations were checked with 10 in violation.

The number of Request for Charges made to the District Attorney's office in 2015 through the court officer position was down with the introduction of E-referral. Although there were fewer, the position still handled 308 Requests for Charges. With certain charges developed into warrants, 297 new warrants came through the office during the year with several of them being generated by the municipal court.

The position also deals with mental health commitments with 86 Emergency Detentions done with 68 being treated at St. Michael's Hospital, 8 at Winnebago Mental Health, 2 at St. Joseph's in Marshfield, 1 at Norwood Mental Health, and 3 at St. Elizabeth's in the Fox Valley.

Officer Patrick Stanislawski
Court Administrator

Drug Unit Report

2015 was another active year for the Stevens Point Drug Unit with 19 drug search warrants served resulting in 32 people being charged with 29 felony charges and 50 misdemeanor charges. Many of these investigations resulted in seizures of cash; approximately \$26,000 in cash was seized during the year. Drugs seized during these search warrants included marijuana, marijuana oil, cocaine, ecstasy, psilocybin mushrooms, heroin, methamphetamine and prescription medications.

The Stevens Point Drug Unit continued to work as part of the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force in 2015. During the year the drug unit assisted with numerous cases in Portage County and the other counties that make up the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force. The Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force continues to focus on heroin, which is negatively affecting our communities. Drug officers from Stevens Point, Plover Police Department and Portage County Sheriff's Office worked closely this year putting together a federal conspiracy case for the distribution of heroin in the Central Wisconsin area. At this time, eight individuals have been federally indicted for distribution of heroin.

Marijuana is still one of the most common drugs seen in the community. Other common drugs that are being seen in the community are cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, and methamphetamine, LSD, heroin and prescription medications. Prescription medication abuse is still a common problem in the community and continues to be a gateway to heroin use.

Heroin is becoming an increasing problem in Central Wisconsin and in the City of Stevens Point. Heroin has a negative impact on our community through increased property crimes and increased medical treatment. The Stevens Point Detective Bureau investigated one reported heroin overdose during 2015 which did not result in death. One individual was charged with distribution of heroin as a result of this investigation. The number of reported heroin overdoses has decreased although heroin use in our area continues to increase. This decrease is most likely due to Narcan being issued to drug users for emergency purposes, eliminating the need to contact emergency services.

Detective Michael Schultz
Drug Officer

Fleet Report

The Police Department purchased 10 new patrol vehicles in 2015. Working with local vendors, the vehicles were purchased through Scaffidi Motors, with Low Voltage doing the conversions of aftermarket equipment. With the help of Bushman Electric and Sign, the vehicle graphics were completed. Additionally, the vehicles are All Wheel Drive to better handle Wisconsin's inclement weather. All 10 vehicles are equipped with computers and dash cameras.

Two of the vehicles purchased are unmarked and are used through the year during special details and during assignments when a marked vehicle may not be as practical. The Community Resource vehicle was also updated in 2015 with a Chevrolet Colorado. The vehicle will provide service for parking enforcement, picking up abandoned bicycles/large evidence, and utilized for special events such as parades.

The Police Department continued working closely with the Streets Department, receiving great service to provide needed maintenance and routine service on the fleet in 2015. The Police Department fleet used 28,481.4 gallons of fuel in 2015. 99.3 gallons of diesel fuel were used along with 28,382.1 gallons of unleaded gasoline.

Officer Patrick Stanislawski
Fleet Maintenance

Investigation Bureau Report

Equipment

The Police Department purchased several pieces of equipment in 2015. Most of the purchased equipment is for surveillance and evidence collection. A new camera for crime scene documentation and two outdoor cameras to be used in burglary and vandalism problem areas along with two pair of binoculars were purchased for detective use.

The Detective Bureau is continually reviewing equipment to assist in solving crimes and purchasing appropriate equipment when needed.

Cases

Detectives collectively worked over 402 new cases in 2015. Most cases are referred from the Patrol Division. Many cases this year also extended into neighboring jurisdictions. Clearance rates were high on solvable cases due to the efforts and dedication of our detectives and officers.

Detectives included Anthony Zblewski as Sensitive Crimes Detective; Mike Schultz in Narcotic Enforcement; John Lawrynk focusing on property crimes but assisting in many of the drug investigations and Kent Lepak investigating property and financial crimes. Dana Williams is assigned to computer forensics but also assists with other investigations.

Sixty search warrants were written and executed as well as 31 subpoenas for phone and other records. Approximately 62 pieces of evidence were submitted to the crime laboratory for analysis.

Sensitive Crimes

One Investigation Bureau Detective is assigned to primarily work sensitive crimes. Most of the cases are referrals from Portage County Human Services. Detectives assist four Human Service investigators with cases from suspected child abuse/neglect to unfit living conditions.

Detectives also investigate sexual assault cases, both juvenile and adult cases.

Our Sensitive Crimes Officer had 90 calls for service in 2015. Many of these were cleared by arrest or referrals. Many more were cleared by offering services or advice to help resolve issues that did not rise to the level as being criminal.

Detectives investigated several cases in 2015 with substantial injury or neglect to underage children. Investigations are very time consuming and require multiple resources to ensure the safety and security of the children neglected.

Property Crimes

Detectives worked several burglaries to business complaints in January and February of 2015. After an extensive multi jurisdictional investigation it was determined that that two males from the Green Bay area were responsible for over 35 burglaries to businesses across the state to include Little Caesars, Point Supply and The Little White Inn. The two men admitted to the burglaries and were charged with the crimes.

The police department had two suspicious commercial fires in 2015. Both businesses had substantial damage from the fires. Detectives and the Stevens Point Fire Department Investigators collected evidence and surveillance video and noticed inconsistencies in the employee story on how the fire started. Detectives interviewed the employee and obtained a confession on the fire that was intentionally set. An arson fire at the Vetter building was also cleared by an arrest of two juveniles who also admitted to starting the fire.

Wal-Mart and Target were targeted by a retail theft ring. Both stores had multiple thefts from six suspects that were identified with surveillance video. The six suspects were from the Wausau area and were stealing to support a drug habit. All six were charged in eleven different theft cases.

Thefts and burglaries continue to be a problem. Many of the thefts are drug related and involve suspects that have some sort of involvement with the people they steal from. They seek money or items that can be pawned at local pawn shops for cash in return. Detectives utilized on-line data bases for pawn type businesses to help locate stolen property and solve many of these cases.

Detectives worked an employee embezzlement case for a local business. The business reported losses of over \$224,000 dollars. This was a result of misuse of credit cards, forgery and theft. Search warrants were served and evidence and property were recovered from the suspect home. Charges were requested.

Two home burglaries from 2012 were cleared. Detectives lifted a print from the scene and submitted it to the crime lab. The crime lab processed it and identified a match. The suspect admitted to the burglaries and charges were filed.

Other Cases

Detectives are cross trained to assist in a wide range of Investigation and continue to work numerous other active cases. Vandalism or damage to property has continued to be a problem as most are difficult to solve because of their senseless nature. We have been utilizing trail cameras in problem areas to try and identify suspects.

Identity theft/ Fraud complaints have been increasing. Most of these cases are credit card fraud or fraudulent use of credit cards. These cases are difficult to solve as they are commonly from out of state transactions.

Death Investigations

We investigated four unnatural deaths in 2015. None of the deaths were suspicious.

Detective Sergeant Joe Gruber
Investigation Bureau

Records Bureau Report

The Stevens Point Police Department implemented the use of an E-Referral interface in the Tri Tech Records Management System. The e-Referral option provides an interface to the third party Wisconsin District Attorney PROTECT System and will help eliminate the use of paper copies being provided to the District Attorney's office.

There were 3,666 reports processed in 2015. This number does not include criminal traffic supplements from previous year's reports that were completed in 2015. There were 772 adult arrests, which include criminal arrests, probation holds and warrant arrests, but this does not include criminal traffic. There were also 138 juvenile arrests, which includes juvenile referrals, juvenile apprehensions and juvenile custodies.

There were 4,271 citations issued to include traffic and non-traffic citations. Additionally, there were 3,888 warnings and 546 accident reports.

2015 saw a transfer in certain clerical duties with parking ticket processing transferred to the community service officer position. The shift in duties allowed the Records Bureau personnel to continue to provide quality customer service to the community while not increasing staffing. Other requests for service include parking ticket payment/questions, bicycle licenses, open records requests, finger printing and requests to speak with an officer.

Lee Ann Spoon
Records Bureau Supervisor

SWAT Annual Report

SWAT Deployments

The Stevens Point SWAT / Negotiator Team were deployed for eight separate incidents in 2015. Of these, four of the incidents occurred in Stevens Point while the other four were to assist agencies outside of Stevens Point through a mutual aid response. Two narcotic search warrants necessitated the use of SWAT while the other incidents involved armed suicidal subjects or the apprehension of dangerous persons.

No injuries were reported and all incidents ended peacefully.

01-08-2015	Drug Search Warrant- Stevens Point
06-03-2015	Assist Apprehension of Homicide Suspect-Bancroft
07-06-2015	Drug Search Warrant- Plover
07-10-2015	Wood Clearing for Armed Fugitive – Heffron WI
07-23-2015	Negotiators for Armed Suicidal / Homicidal Subject- Plover
08-09-2015	Armed Suicidal Subject- Stevens Point
09-12-2015	Apprehend Armed Burglary Suspects- Stevens Point
12-07-2015	Apprehend Dangerous Fugitive – Stevens Point

Training

The team continued to train monthly focusing on tactical readiness, firearm proficiency and team movement discipline. Training included annual physical fitness and Firearm accuracy testing. In February we trained with FBI SWAT team leaders, learning variations of room entry and clearing techniques. Several trainings utilized the vacant former Mid State Tech building as well as vacant homes and UWSP dorms. Team site surveys were completed at the Verso Mill, Spectra Print and Worzalla Publishing.

A Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Manual was created focusing on selection and training of SWAT members as well as equipment inventories and call out procedures.

Addition of Plover Officers

This year a collaborative effort with Plover Police Department added five of their officers onto our SWAT team, with four on the tactical team and one on the negotiations team. This welcome addition increases the number of staff available to respond to necessitated tactical situations with more efficient and consistent service to the Stevens Point and Plover communities.

Assistant Chief Tony Babl
SWAT Team Commander