



2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Des Peres Public Safety Department

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2015 Public Safety Commission



From left to right are: Commissioner Bob Ashcraft, Commission Chairman Larry Beermann, Commissioner Joanne Sullivan and Commissioner Jerry Lund. (Alderman Kathleen Gmelich, who was the aldermanic representative, was not available at the time of the group photo.)

2015 Des Peres Public Safety Department Command Staff



In the front row, from left to right: Captain Sean Quinn (Fire Services), Chief Keith Krumm (Director) and Captain Charles Milano (Police Services). In the back row, from left to right: Lt. John Preuss (Shift Commander), Lt. Robert Willoughby (Shift Commander), Lt. Ernest Brockman (Shift Commander), Lt. Eric Hall (Support Services.) and Lt. Dale Fiala (Detective Division).

At the beginning of December, 2015, Captain Charles Milano retired after thirty-one years of service. Captain Sean Quinn assumed the command position of Police Services. Lieutenant Eric Hall was promoted to Captain and assumed the command position of Fire Services. Sergeant Vicki Servers was promoted to Lieutenant and is a Shift Commander.

Letter of Introduction

Chief Keith Krumm

The men and women of the Des Peres Public Safety Department welcome this opportunity to bring you information we believe will provide valuable insight into the services we provide and the operational capabilities of our agency. Our department has always been a responsive and caring organization, constantly striving to make Des Peres the safest community for all who live here, work here or for those who are just visiting or passing through.

The staff of the Des Peres Department of Public Safety is honored to present the 2015 Annual Report. This report reflects our continuing journey toward improving our services to the community, and reflects the opportunities, the challenges, and the accomplishments of the professional membership of the organization.

The Department of Public Safety is staffed with a dedicated, highly trained and talented group of employees. The members of the Des Peres Department of Public Safety value honesty and integrity, and strive to create a partnership with the community. This bond is the primary goal of the public safety administration, so that, the needs of the community are more effectively met. Community partnership allows law enforcement and fire and emergency medical services to be successful as they strive to prevent crime, increase safety, provide emergency services and improve the overall quality of life for its residents, businesses and community visitors. Additionally, we must be constantly aware that all of the 2015 accomplishments are the direct result of the initiative and efforts of the professional employees performing the work, as well as the financial and expressive support we receive from our city leaders and community.

I encourage you to contact us if we can be of any service to you.

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Section I
Department Mission, Overview and
Personnel/Charity Recognitions



Mission Statement

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety is committed to protecting the Life, Health, Property, and Environment by providing the community with quality Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services.

To achieve this mission, we commit ourselves to the following:

Continued education, both formal and informal; share with the community, which we serve, our knowledge and expertise; educate our community in matters of Public Safety.

In working aggressively, to provide effective police patrol and follow-up investigations; to assist in the prevention of hazardous conditions which may lead to fire or other life-threatening emergencies and to assure the best pre-hospital medical care possible.

To respond promptly to all calls for service in a professional and safe manner; to keep our actions above reproach and maintain a high ethical standard.

To provide these services, the department recognizes that each member is a vital part of the organization and should be provided with training and necessary equipment to perform his/her job effectively. Each member recognizes that he/she is accountable to others in the organization.

Department Overview

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety was originally formed in 1958 as a paid fire department with three paid members and twenty-seven volunteer firefighters. At that time, the city had a town marshal and decided to study the feasibility and possibility of combining the two functions of fire and police services.

In 1962, the present department was formed with about five members, and since then, the department has operated under the fully-integrated public safety configuration, whereby, most of its members are cross-trained as certified firefighters, certified police officers and licensed emergency medical technicians or paramedics.

Currently, the Des Peres Department of Public Safety is comprised of forty-three full-time officers and eight full-time and three part-time civilian support staff. Most of the department officers work a 24-hour shift similar to many fire departments in St. Louis County. However, during the 24-hour shift, eight hours are assigned to performing the functions of police officers. The department's communications division is comprised of five full-time and three part-time dispatchers who handle all calls for Police and the initial calls for Fire and Emergency Medical Services. In December, 2011, the city contracted to have all emergency fire and medical calls transferred to/handled by Central County E-911 Dispatch Center.

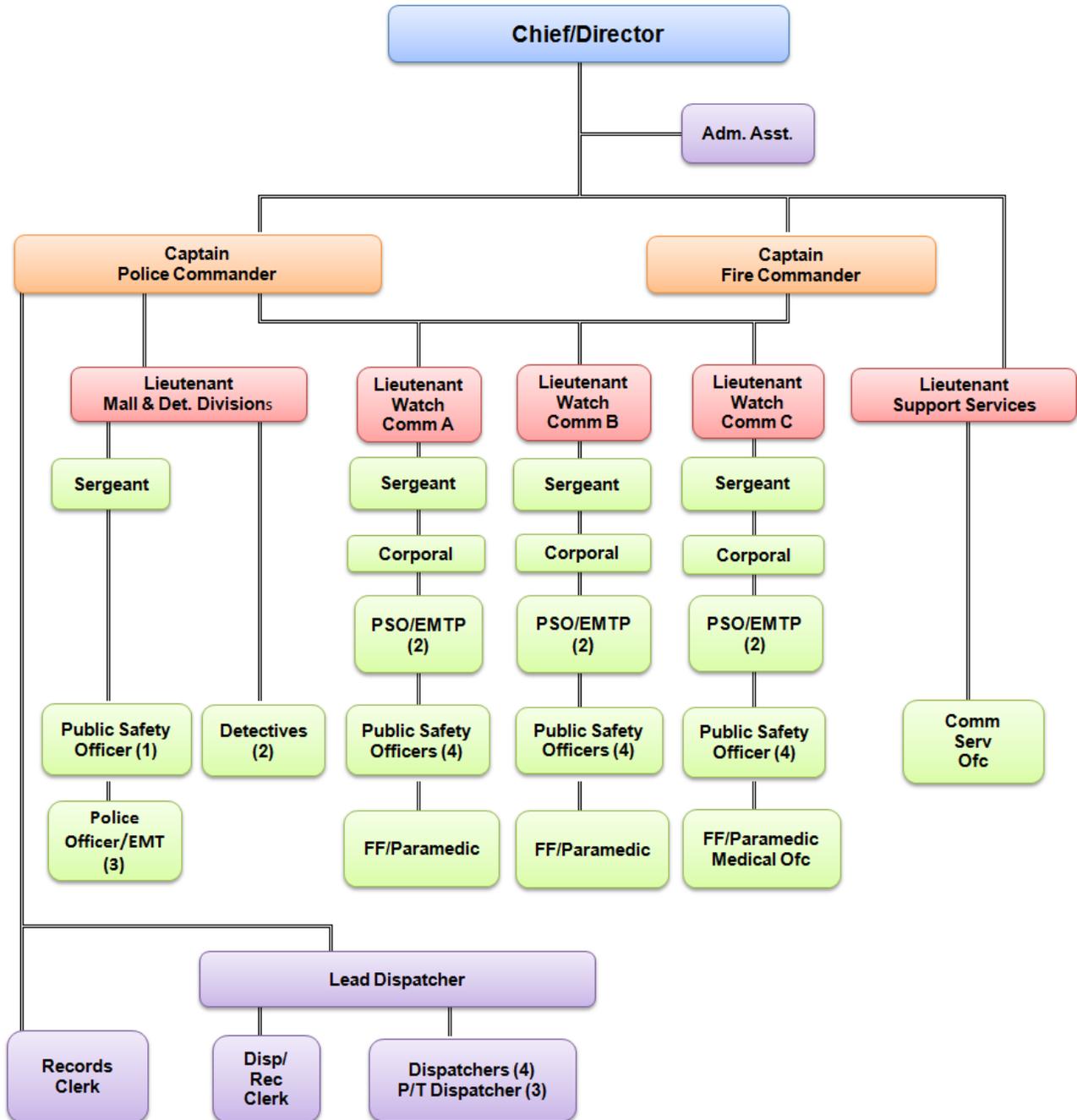
The cross-training of our officers has benefited the community on many occasions and in many incidences. It takes a unique individual to perform all three tasks that are required, along with the enormous amount of necessary training.

The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using their Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). ISO then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria.

The City of Des Peres enjoys an ISO Public Protection Class rating of 4. Of Missouri's 1,784 communities rated by ISO there are 262 communities with a Class 4 or better rating. Des Peres is in the upper 15% of Missouri communities.

In 2015, the department completed the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation Certification Program. The certification program outlines standards and best practices that departments must adhere to in both policy and documentation. The department's on-site assessment by members of the Missouri Police Chief Association's committee occurred on October 28th and 29th, and we received preliminary approval. The department was officially awarded certification on February 26, 2016.

2015 Organizational Chart



2015 Roster (to December 4, 2015)

Chief Keith L. Krumm, Director

Capt. Charles Milano (retired
12/4/2015)
Commander of Police Service

Capt. Sean Quinn
Commander of Fire & EMS

A-Shift

Lt. Robert Willoughby
Sgt. Vicki Severs
Cpl. Mark Franey
PSO James Crupper
PSO Brett Zolla
PSO Blake Simmons
PSO Sarah Kipfer
PSO/EMTP Kurt Roettering
PSO/EMTP William Maull
FF/EMTP David Williams
(PSO Darryl Relerford)

B-Shift

Lt. John Preuss
Sgt. Daniel O'Connor
Cpl. Brian Felgate
PSO Todd Baker
PSO Terry Schmeiderer
PSO Joseph Lohmeyer
PSO Greg Van Mierlo
PSO/EMTP Harold Kellerman
PSO/EMTP John Appelbaum
FF/EMTP Karen Callahan

C-Shift

Lt. Ernest Brockman
Sgt. Daniel Milberg
Cpl. Daniel Jenkerson
PSO Jim Zuniga
PSO Micheal Clayborne
PSO Robert Evans
PSO/EMTP Antwan Boyd
PSO/EMTP Kristopher Ogolini
PSO/EMTP Andrew Cradic
FF/EMTP/Med. Ofc Gavin Schweiss

Detective Bureau & West Co. Shopping Center Patrol

Lt. Dale Fiala
Det. Trent Koppel
Det. Marshall Broughton

Sgt. Robert Mainini
PSO Ryan Kellenberger
PO Nathaniel Jaeger
PO William Matthews
PO Christopher Povich
PO Robert Wadsack

Support Services

Lt. Eric Hall
PSO/Com. Serv. Brandon Elzinga
Lead Disp. Jennifer Metz
Disp. Anna White
Disp. Debbie Gardner
Disp. Shirley Frentzel
Disp. Michael Wilson
Disp/Clerk Carey Combs
P/T Disp. Jaime Borgers
P/T Disp. Carmolisa Wilson
P/T Disp. Lauren Hamilton

Adm. Asst. Debbie Tough
Records Clerk Ann Birtley

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& took over in January, 2016)
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Highlights from 2015

In 2015, the department underwent a transition due to new employees, promotions and the retirements of two long-term employees. Captain Charles Milano, the Commander of Police Services and having served the department for thirty-one years, retired on December 4th. PSO Darryl Relerford, who was hired in December, 1989, retired as of January 1, 2016. The department wishes both these officers a happy and healthy retirement, and best wishes in future endeavors.

During 2015, the department welcomed three new officers: Police Officer William Matthews, Police Officer Christopher Povich and Police Officer Robert Wadsack. Officer Matthews is a four-year veteran from the St. Louis County Police Department and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Officer Povich is three-year veteran of the Town and Country and St. Louis County Police Departments. Officer Wadsack is a four-year veteran of the St. Louis County Police Department and has a Bachelor's Degree. These new officers are assigned to the West County Center Detail.

The department also welcomed two new part-time dispatchers, Carmolisa Wilson and Lauren Hamilton.

In addition, the department announced the following promotions and transfers:

- Captain Sean Quinn was transferred from the position of Fire & EMS Commander to the Police Operations Commander.
- Lieutenant Eric Hall was promoted to the rank of Captain and transferred to the position of Fire & EMS Commander.
- Lieutenant Robert Willoughby was transferred to the position of Support Service Commander.
- Sergeant Vicki Severs was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned as Shift Commander for A-Shift.
- Corporal Mark Franey was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to A-Shift.
- PSO/Acting Corporal Brian Felgate was promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to A-Shift.
- PSO/Paramedic John Appelbaum was promoted to the rank of Corporal and assigned to B-Shift.

The City supported the department in numerous capital improvement projects in 2015: the purchases of a new fleet of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA), a SCBA Fill Station and firefighter turnout/ protective gear, as well as funding for a new roof and carpet for the public safety building.

The City of Des Peres and the department continue to support the National Night Out event, now known as St. Louis Night Out Against Crime, and which is designed to create a working relationship among the city officials, department members and the community. The department looks forward to continuing this effort into the future and supporting the residents in preventing crime in their neighborhoods. In 2015, the department and city officials visited a total of twelve neighborhood parties.

The department completed the certification program through the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. This program is voluntary and was developed for police departments to adhere to modern policing standards and State of Missouri specific standards. The department must complete a portfolio for each certification standard and include a proof statement for three years. The department requested the certification for 2012, 2013 and 2014. The on-site evaluation was conducted by the Missouri Police Chiefs Assessment team on October 28th and 29th, and the department was awarded the certification on February 26, 2016.

Captain Charles Milano Retires



Effective December 4th, Captain Charles Milano retired after thirty-one years of service with the City of Des Peres. For the past fifteen years, Capt. Milano performed as Commander of Police Services at the Des Peres Public Safety Department. He was a member of The Major Case Squad for twenty-six years, worked over sixty cases and served as a Deputy Commander for the last eleven years. He is also a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy (2007), served as President of the Law Enforcement Officials and was a member of the International Homicide Investigators, as well as a member of the Professional Investigators Council.

On November 16th, the City sponsored a retirement event in which family, friends, city officials and city administrative personnel, department coworkers and command staff of other departments attended. In the above photo Chief Keith Krumm presented Captain Milano with his retirement badge. All joined in celebrating his outstanding career and professional achievements, and extended best (and envious) wishes to him and his wife, Cindy, during their new lives in the State of Florida. Thank you, Captain Milano!

P.S.O. Darryl Relerford Retires



On October 26th, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen presented Officer Darryl Relerford with a Proclamation, recognizing his twenty-six years of service with the Department of Public Safety, as well as the City's appreciation. Officer Relerford retired as of January 1, 2016. In the photo at left are Mayor Rick Lahr, Public Safety Officer Darryl Relerford and Chief Keith Krumm (who presented Darryl with his department badge and a plaque).



Shift coworkers and some of the department members who attended the city's and department's recognition of Public Safety Officer Darryl Relerford pose for a group photo. We all extend our very best wishes to Darryl for many years of a relaxing and fulfilling retirement.

2015 Supervisory & Command Promotions



It has been a busy and progressive year for the Department of Public Safety: two officers retired; three new officers were hired and assigned to the mall; two were assigned to new positions (Captain Sean Quinn transferred to Commander of Police Operations and Lt. Robert Willoughby was re-assigned to Support Lieutenant); and five were promoted to a higher rank (pictured above) and include (left to right) Corporal John Appelbaum, Captain Eric Hall (assumed the position of Commander of Fire and EMS), Lieutenant Vicki Severs, Corporal Brian Felgate and Sergeant Mark Franey. The department is proud to have such an amazing group of individuals that all strive to make Des Peres an excellent place to live, work, and visit.

Public Safety Officer of the Year

The department wishes to express congratulations to the 2015 Officer of the Year, Public Safety Officer Greg Van Mierlo. Officer Van Mierlo has been with the department since May, 2013, after serving ten years with St. Louis County Police Department. While he was at St. Louis County Police Department, he was assigned to South County Mall, which made his transition to Des Peres almost seamless, as he was initially assigned to West County Mall. Upon completion of his Emergency Medical Technician licensure and graduation from the St. Louis County Fire Academy, Officer Van Mierlo was transferred to work the 24-hour shift assignment. Greg serves as a Field Training Officer and he is also a certified Firearms Instructor. Officer Van Mierlo is described as a "role model" for other employees and has a deep commitment to the department, training and being a team-player in assisting his co-workers any way possible and, always with a positive/motivating attitude. Great job, Officer Van Mierlo!!





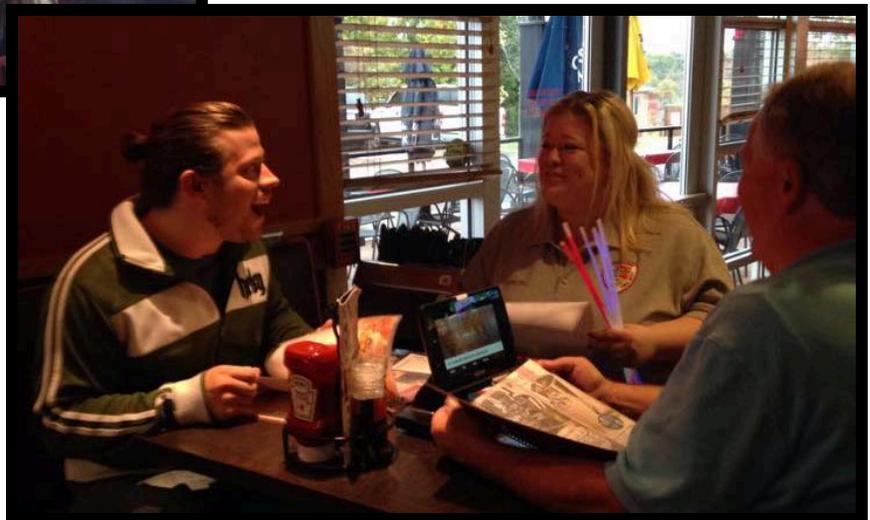
TIP-A-COP

The Des Peres Annual Tip-A-Cop event was again hosted at the Red Robin restaurant on October 24th. Department members volunteer to wait tables, with their tips going to the Special Olympics. The 2015 department volunteers were Chief Krumm, Lt. Eric Hall, Lt. Dale Fiala, Cpl. Mark Franey, Community Service Officer Brandon Elzinga, Officer Kurt Roettering, Officer Robert Wadsack, and Dispatcher Shirley Frentzel.



Cpl. Franey (to the left) explains some of the benefits that the Special Olympics of Missouri provides to their athletes. Below, Dispatcher Frentzel is taking the lunch order from enthusiastic supporters.

Our special thanks to the Red Robin staff for making this year's event a huge success!! As a result of everyone's dedication to the cause and hard work, \$2,111 was raised for The Special Olympics. This is \$611 more than last year, and the customer-base was lighter than last year. GREAT JOB!!



Accolades to PSO Clayborne and Businesses in Des Peres



On August 15th, a six-year old girl was involved in an auto accident that tragically left her paralyzed. Officer Micheal Clayborne saw Makenzie's story on Facebook and, after contacting her mother, he began visiting her at Ranken Jordan Children's Hospital. Then, on November 11th, Officer Clayborne treated Makenzie to a special day, just for her (and her family). It was a day of touring the Public Safety Department where she held a real fire hose and rode in the fire truck on a special call to service.

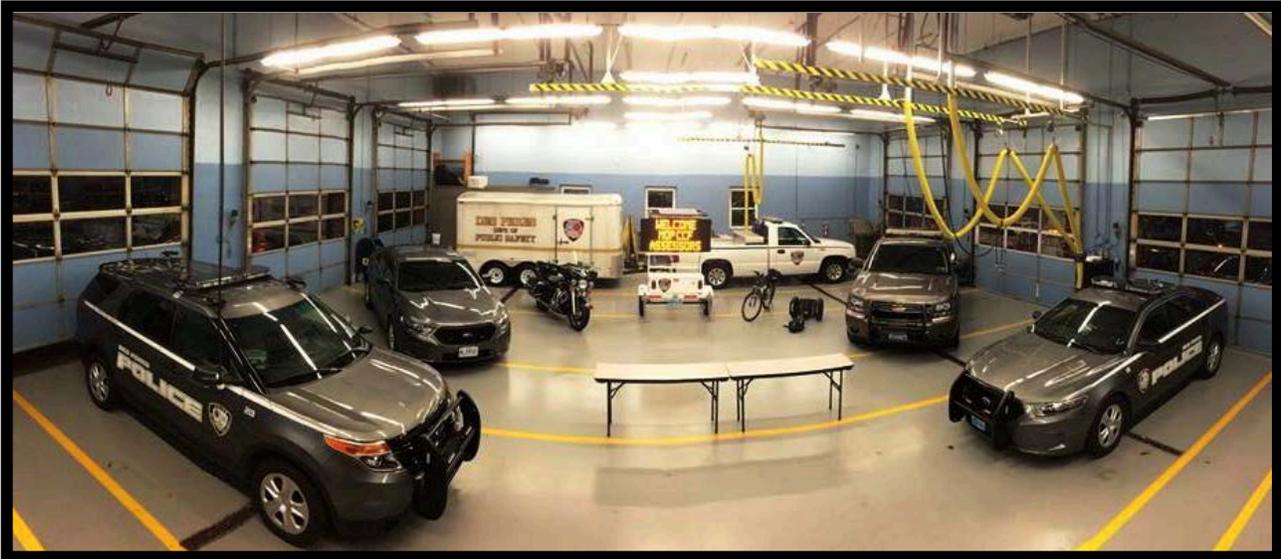
The generous folks at Sweet and Sassy picked her up in their pink limousine and treated her to a makeover and shopping at West County Shopping Center. Bravo also generously treated the family to lunch, followed by Wehrenberg Theatre treating them to The Peanuts Movie.



"...I want to do something special for the little girl to know that there are people in this world that care about tragic things that happen," Officer Clayborne said when interviewed by Fox News.

In the photo to the left are Officer Clayborne in the gray shirt and Mackenzie in the light green sweater.

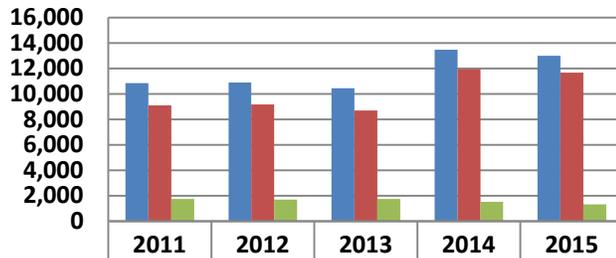
Section II Police Operations



The Des Peres Department of Public Safety was proud to welcome the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation Assessment Team for our two-day, on-site assessment to become a state certified agency.



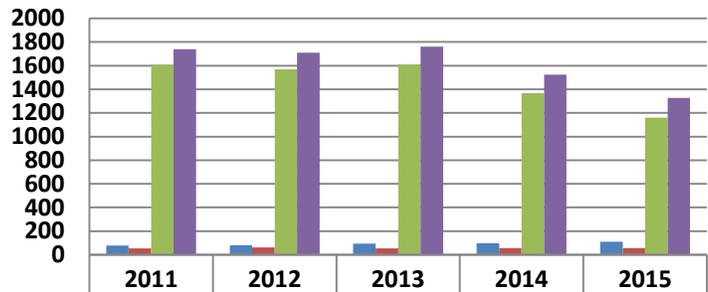
An incident from late May that shows the types of calls the department receives. Here, Community Service Officer Elzinga, who does fill-in on patrol to supplement manpower requirements, assists a resident in removing a snake.



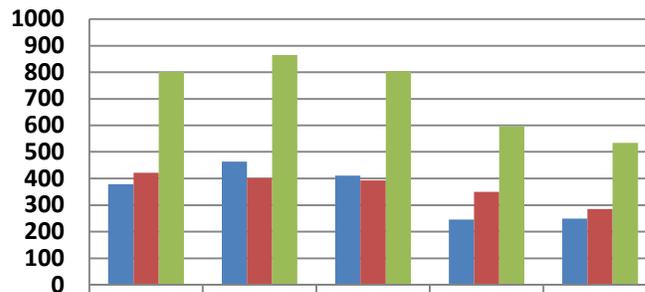
Incidents City-Wide and West County Center

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Incidents	10,850	10,893	10,451	13,479	13,011
Incidents City-Wide (not including West Co. Center)	9,111	9,183	8,691	11,956	11,683
Incidents at West County Center	1,739	1,710	1,760	1,523	1,328

West County Center Calls for Service



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
EMS Calls	78	81	95	98	110
Fire Calls	53	61	55	57	57
Police Calls	1,608	1,568	1,610	1,368	1,161
Total Incidents	1,739	1,710	1,760	1,523	1,328



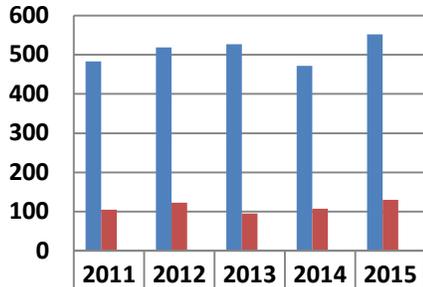
Arrest Summary City-Wide and West County

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Arrests City-Wide (not including West County Center)	379	464	411	246	249
Arrests West Co. Center	422	401	393	350	285
Total Arrests	801	865	804	596	534

Part I & II Crime Statistics

Part I Crimes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Homicide/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter/Negligence	0	0	0	0	0
Rape/Sodomy	0	3	0	0	1
Robbery	1	5	3	5	4
Aggravated Assault	6	5	2	0	12
Other Assault	39	35	17	29	25
Burglary	34	26	21	10	18
All Larceny Reports (excluding motor vehicle theft)	439	430	485	354	367
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	1	5	5	5
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Part II Crimes					
Worthless Document/Fraud	51	61	85	159	227
Vandalism	56	44	34	33	21
Offense Reports	369	359	319	274	239
Non-Criminal Reports	113	119	106	115	67
Supplementary Reports	1,410	1,520	1,613	1,357	1,270
Custodial/Summons Arrests	801	863	804	596	534
Juvenile F-11	127	129	122	82	53
Total CAD Incidents	10,850	10,893	10,451	13,479	13,011

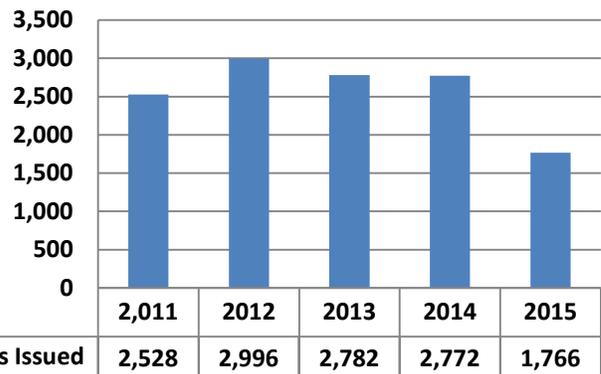
(CAD – Computer-Aided Dispatch or calls for service)



Traffic Accident Summary

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Accidents	483	519	527	472	552
Injury Accidents	105	123	95	107	130
Fatal Accidents	1	0	1	0	0

Traffic Citations Issued



Detective Bureau & Case Assignment

The Detective Bureau's primary function is to investigate crimes within the City of Des Peres. The Bureau currently consists of: Lieutenant Dale Fiala, Detective Trent Koppel and Detective Marshall Broughton. In addition, Lt. Fiala is responsible for supervising police operations at West County Shopping Center.

The Detective Bureau performs the following:

- Interviewing of potential witnesses or suspects;
- Conduct follow-up investigations;
- Assists other departments throughout the region as a member of The Major Case Squad;
- Assists the Community Service Officer with safety presentations and the Citizens Police Academy;
- Maintain integrity of evidence associated with incidents and crimes;
- Provide security for Des Peres Municipal Court and City Government meetings;
- Assists Patrol with fugitive prisoner transports;
- Conducts plain-clothes details at West County Shopping Center during the Christmas shopping season;
- Assists Patrol and Fire/EMS operations as needed.

The following is a summary of significant cases investigated by the Detective Bureau in 2015:

Fraud Reports

The department received and investigated 109 individual Tax Fraud Reports. This multijurisdictional investigation headed by the Internal Revenue Service (I.R.S.) lead investigators to the source of the fraud thought to be located in Russia. No known arrests have been made at this time.

Forgery – West County Mall

A female Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) used multiple credit devices that belonged to her clients to go shopping at the West County Center. The total amount of loss was over \$3,000. The suspect did not confess to the detective until multiple still-shot photographs were presented to her, which showed her during the commission of her crime. Arrest warrants were later obtained.

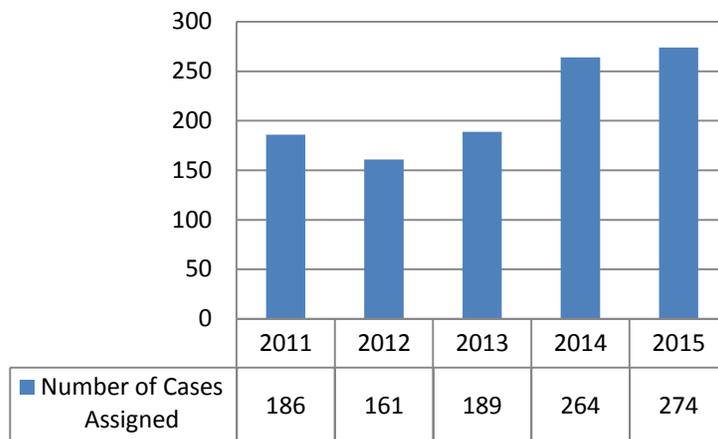
Robbery, First Degree with a Firearm – 711 Store

A description of the suspect was given out over the 911 communication system at which time a neighboring department assisted in the detention of the suspect. The suspect admitted his involvement to the detective and warrants soon followed. All money taken was returned to the store owner.

Theft of a Firearm – Ridgefield Drive

Five suspects were found to be involved with breaking into multiple vehicles while trespassing onto six different residential properties within the city limits of Des Peres to commit the crime of theft. One of the six vehicles contained a firearm which the suspects stole. That same firearm was later recovered and returned to the rightful owner after a search warrant was applied for and served on a home in the City of Kirkwood.

Detective Bureau Case Assignments 2011-2015



Section III

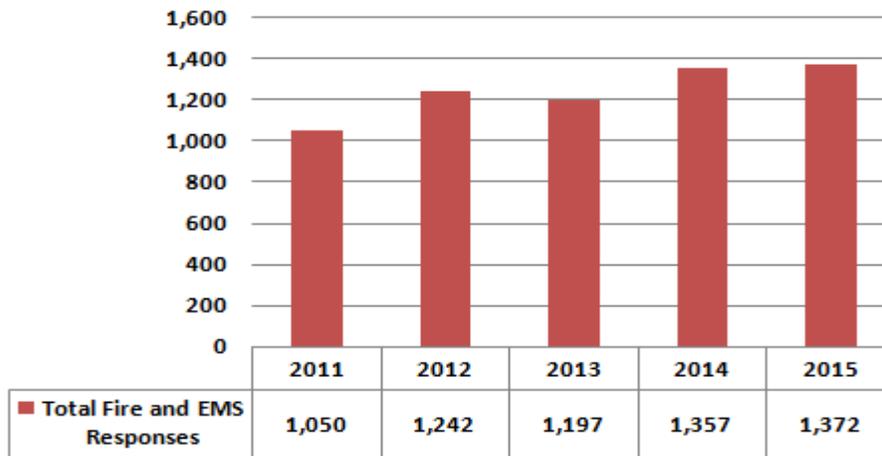
Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Fire and Rescue Pumper 2814

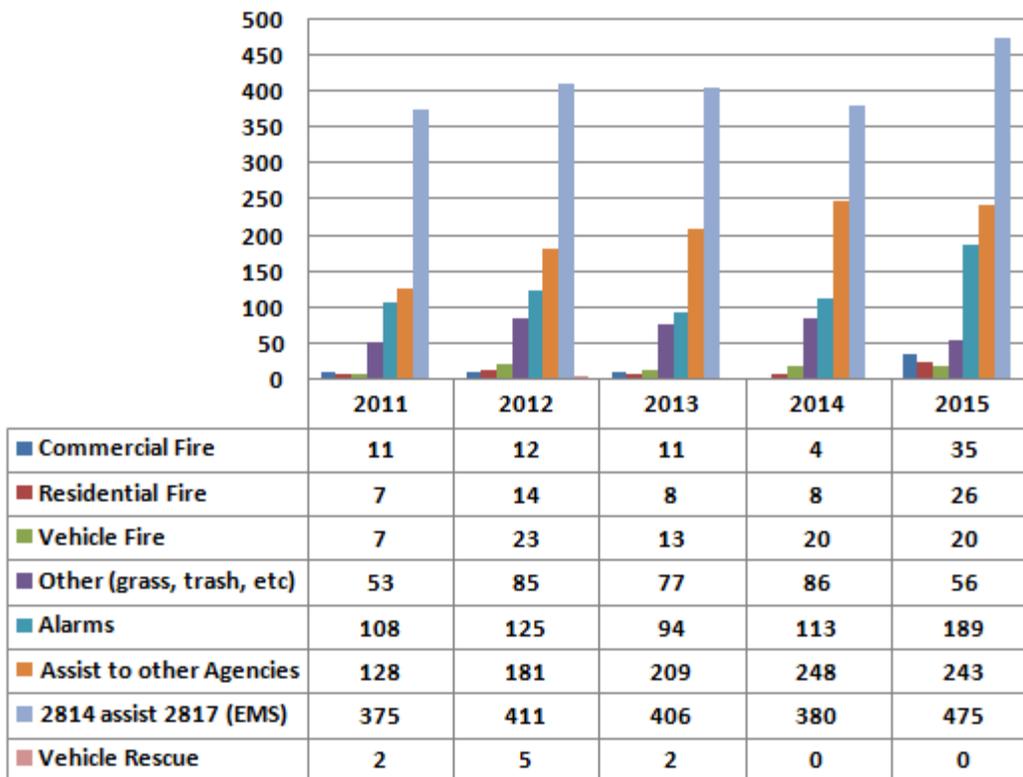
Advanced Life Support Ambulance 2817



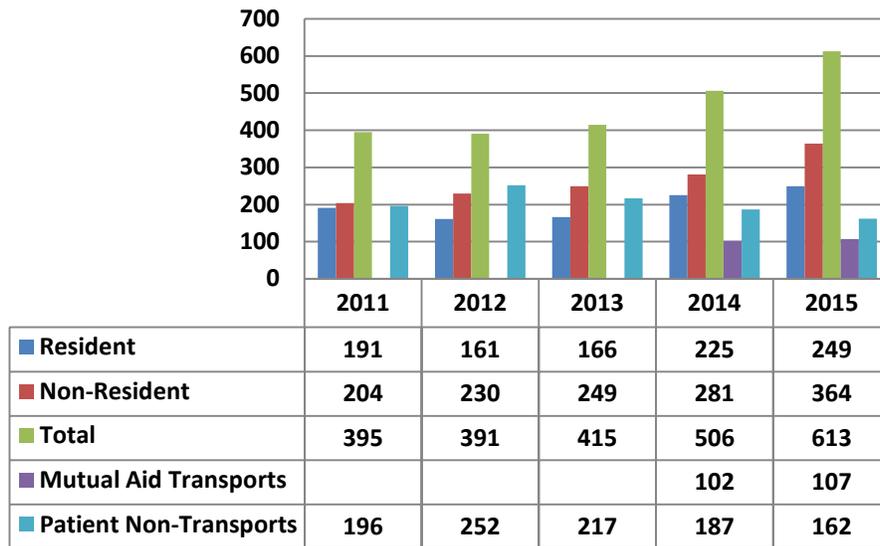
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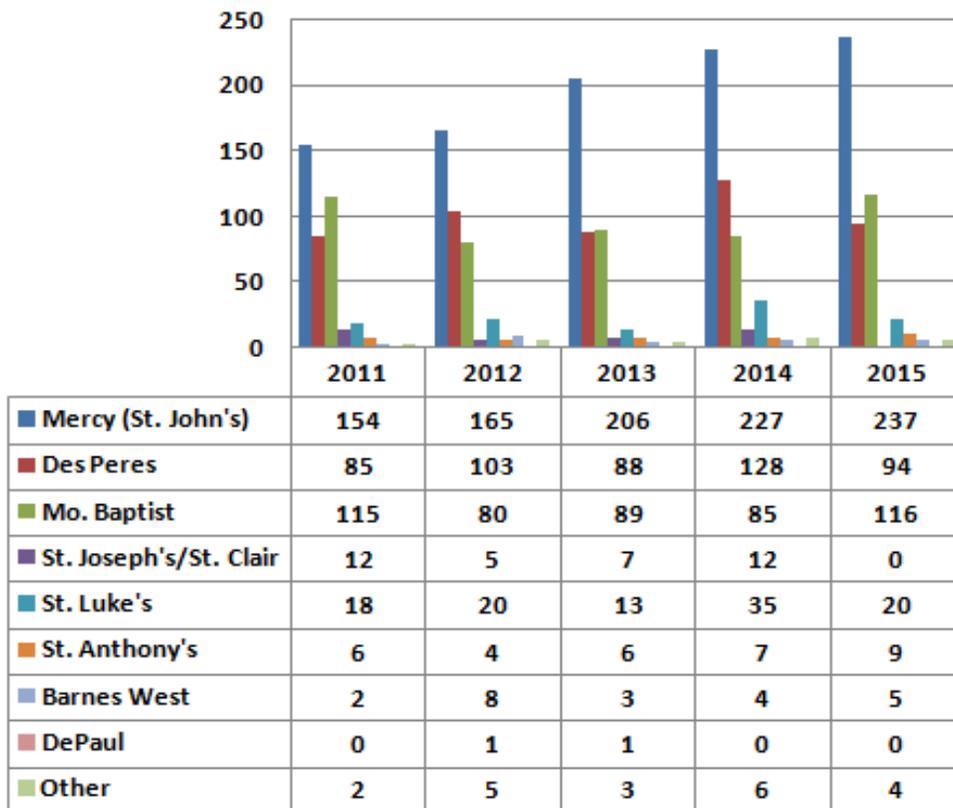
Fire Response Summary



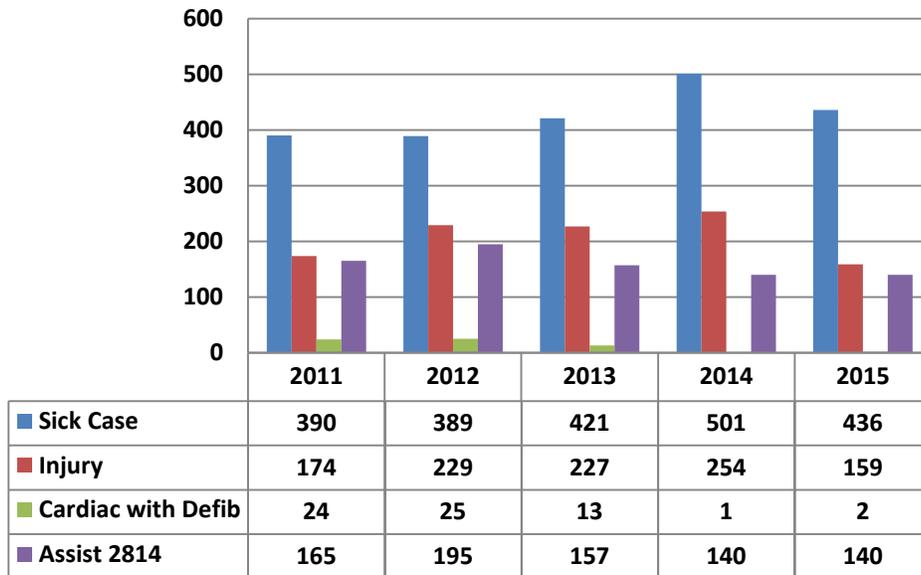
EMS Patient Transport Summary



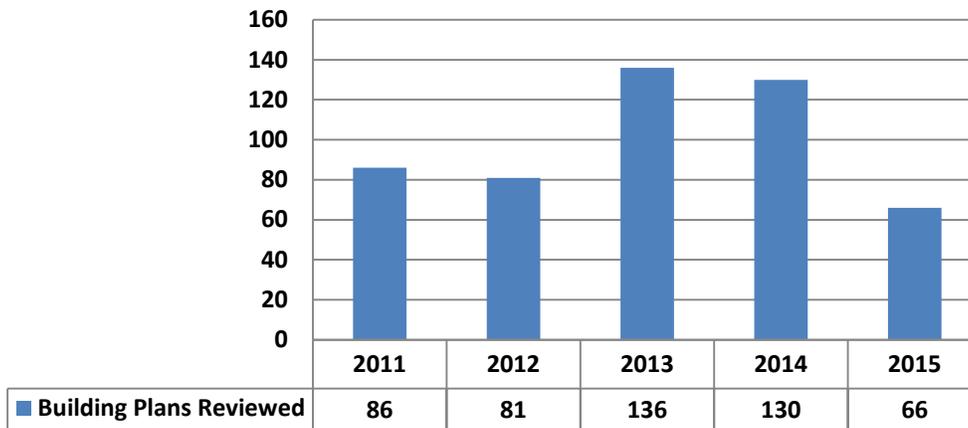
Patient Destination Summary



EMS Response Summary



Building Plans Reviewed

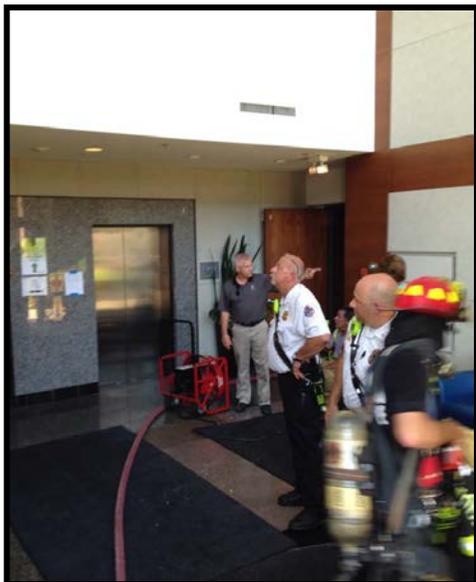


Mutual Aid Responses

What is mutual aid? Basically, it is an agreement among emergency responders (fire and emergency medical services) to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries. In the St. Louis County area, wherein, there are several municipalities, this cooperative emergency management/assistance is generally on a continuing basis for not only disasters or multiple-alarm fire responses, but also 1st alarm responses or when a department may need another company to respond because its unit(s) is already handling another call. Such mutual aid assistance enhances manpower and equipment resources available in handling emergency calls/disasters.



On January 16th, the department responded to a residential 1st alarm in the 1100 block of Bopp Road. Mutual Aid responders included units from Kirkwood, Frontenac, Ladue, Fenton, and West County Fire. In addition, Valley Park crew and equipment moved into our engine house to cover the City on any other calls that might have come in and until the Des Peres crew was back in service.



On July 13th, the department and mutual aid companies responded to a 1st Commercial Fire Alarm, in which there was a fire in a mechanical room. The swift response enabled rapid extinguishment with only minor damage.



Annual Fire Hydrant Inspections



In these photos, A-Shift members Firefighter/Paramedic David Williams (to the left) and Public Safety Officers Blake Simmons and Sarah Kipfer (below) perform fire hydrant inspections.

Our crews check the area hydrants on an annual basis to verify their location, functionality and condition.



Any and all issues located during these inspections are reported to Missouri American Water for repair and interim water supply plans are devised to ensure complete coverage.

**Section IV
Community Services**

Neighborhood Watch

St. Louis Night Out Against Crime

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

School Resource Officer

C.E.R.T

Community Services Division

In 2015, Community Service Officer Brandon Elzinga continued the mission of the department to offer the community professional and accessible programs and services in the areas of public information, crime prevention programs and safety education.

The department continued to launch the new Modified School Resource Officer Program with St. Clement's School in 2015. This new program has been very popular as CSO Elzinga visits the schools on average once a week to meet with the students of varying age groups. These meetings usually include safety classes on social media, internet safety and personal safety awareness. The most important objective of this program is that it has opened up an increased level of communication for both the students and parents with the department. CSO Elzinga has also brought other officers from our department to the school to introduce them to students and faculty, and to participate in the program. A highlight for the officers has been to eat lunch with the students and join them at recess.

The program will be monitored and adapted during this trial period with the intentions of incorporating this program at St. Paul's Lutheran School in the near future.

Highlights of the Community Service Officer activities for 2015 include:

- Continuation of the St. Louis Night Out Against Crime (formerly National Night Out) Program. This program has been very popular in the Des Peres community;
- Continued management of the Nixle Program which is the department's means of reporting relevant crime and crime prevention information to residents;
- Maintenance and updates of the department section on the city website;
- Attended subdivision meetings, working as a point-of-public contact for the department;
- Des Peres continued to partner with Town and County, Frontenac, Creve Coeur and Olivette to host the West County Citizens Police Academy, and Officer Elzinga was active in planning and organizing the Des Peres' contribution to the academy session.

In addition, CSO Elzinga supports the department in many other areas, including filling in for staffing shortages, Information Technology functions, serves as the department Field Training Officer, assists the Detective Bureau with case assignment and follow-up investigations and handles all equipment purchases related to new vehicle purchases.

Public Relations Tours



Throughout the year, pre-school, grade school children and youth groups, such as Cub Scout troops, tour the facility. To the left in the department's roll call room, Community Service Officer Elzinga explains how public safety officers perform police, firefighting and emergency medical services.

PSO Micheal Clayborne explains some elements of the fire pumper.



PSO Clayborne and PSO/Paramedic Cradic pose with one of the youth groups in front of the primary (and BIG) fire pumper. Tours are best when made by appointment; however, if you are interested in a tour and personnel is available, drop by and we will try to accommodate.

On this September 11th, and in remembrance of those who were lost in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the department was honored to be visited by Central Christian School students. We thank these second graders and all who remember and support the law enforcement and the fire and emergency medical service professionals who dedicated their lives to rescue and save lives.



Public Relations Events



In March, the department participated in Diebergs' Easter event. Left to right, PSO Brett Zolla, Sergeant Vicki Severs and FF/Paramedic David Williams are pictured with the guest of honor. (Any guess who the guy with the big smile and ears is?)

The City's Annual Monster Machine Event was held May 2nd, and the department's primary fire pumper and ambulance were on display (pictured below), along with a possible future firefighter candidate.



In June, Harwood Subdivision held its annual Neighborhood Popsicle Parade in which the department's crew participated – and thoroughly enjoyed the refreshing popsicles. Oh, and to the right, maybe a future police officer.





During July 4th, the crews and fire, ambulance and police units participated in a number of neighborhood parades – our thanks to all the residents who greeted and interacted with the department members!



In June, B-Shift (below) gave a presentation of the ambulance and fire pumper to youths of the Aqua Camp held at The Lodge.



To the left PSO Greg Van Mierlo and Firefighter/ Paramedic Karen Callahan explain emergency medical situations and how important it is to call 9-1-1 when someone may need their assistance.

To the right, Lt. John Preuss and PSO Terry Schneiderer explain some of the equipment maintained on the fire pumper.



St. Louis Night Out Against Crime

October 6, 2015, was the St. Louis Night Out Against Crime event. This program promotes crime prevention by public safety officers interacting with residents, encouraging resident proactive involvement by notifying the police of any suspicious activities or persons, and the Community Service Officer notifying them of any crime in their neighborhood.



In the above photo, Corporal Franey talks to a group of younger residents. Officers made appearances and visited with the residents at twelve residential block parties participating in this year's event. Public Safety Commissioner Bob Ashcraft also participated.



In the center photo, Chief Krumm (in the white shirt) and Officer Schneiderer converse with residents.

Since the Des Peres Public Safety Department provides all three services of police, firefighting and EMS, it is also an opportunity for the fire and EMS equipment and personnel to also meet-and-greet with our great residents. To the right is a group photo of more young residents with Cpl. Franey, Officer Wadsack and Det. Koppel. In addition to the plastic pink or red helmets, mock police badge stickers, color changing cups, glow sticks and necklaces were handed out to kids and parents.





To the left are Officer Roettering, with the department's motorcycle, and Officer Kellerman.

To the right, Detective Lt. Fiala (in the white shirt) converses with residents.



When the sun sets, the light show provided by the fire pumper and the ambulance can be very impressive.

Please join us next year. It is a great opportunity to meet department members, as well as neighbors whom you may seldom see. The greatest asset in crime prevention is the involvement of residents who are watchful, protective of their and their neighbor's property and who report any unusual activity or person in the area.

C.E.R.T. Training

Community Emergency Response Team training is conducted in cooperation with Creve Coeur and Town and Country Police Departments, Des Peres Public Safety Department, as well as the West County and Creve Coeur Fire Protection Districts. This program is designed to encourage citizens and communities to be diligent in their awareness of neighborhood activity and to become more involved in emergency preparedness. Following a major disaster, first responders, such as police, firefighters, paramedics and even public utility providers may not be able to meet the demands for public service and, therefore, individual neighbors may have to rely on each other for immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs. The program's eight topics include: Basic Disaster Preparedness; Basic First-Aid and Medical Training; Fire Suppression; Search and Rescue; Weapons of Mass Destruction; Terrorism Awareness; Instruction of Team Organization and Disaster Psychology.

This six-week training course (October 14th-November 21st) offered a "mock" disaster drill held on the Saturday of the sixth week. Students learned about personal and family disaster preparedness, small fire extinguishment, basic first-aid, patient triage, cribbing and shoring, and light search and rescue.



Photo of the 2015 graduating class. Community Service Officer Brandon Elzinga is second on the left, top row.



Program civilians participate in the practical session held on November 21st.

Section V Specialized Training

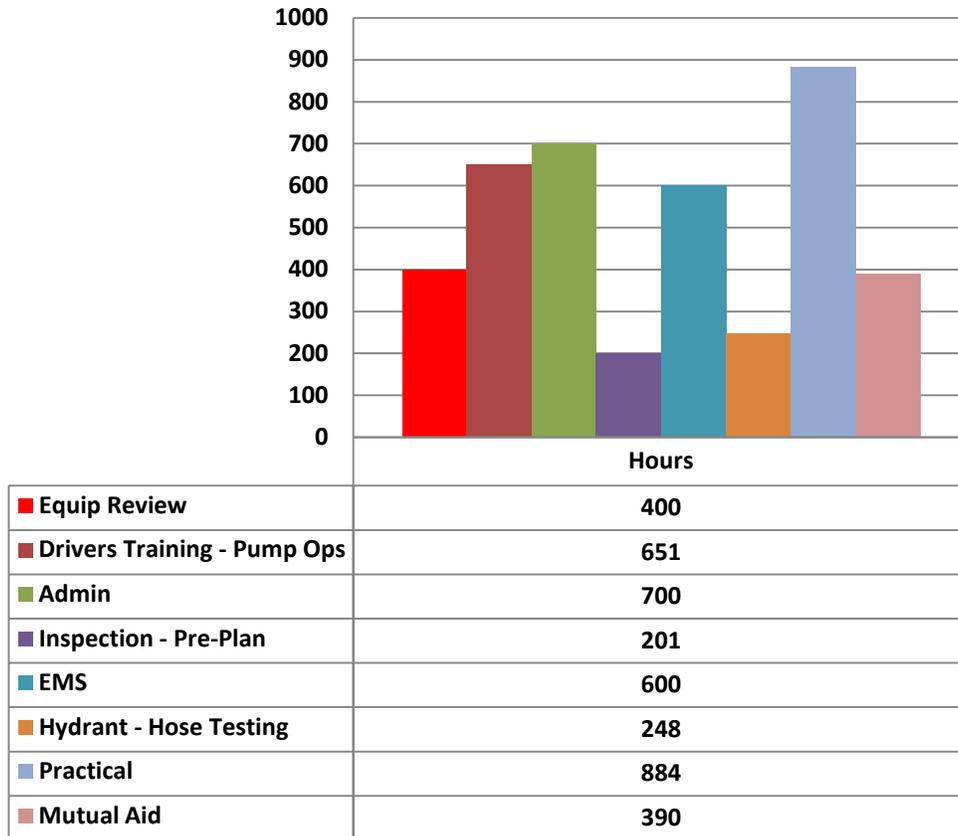


Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Graduate

Congratulations to Captain Quinn for completing the F.B.I. National Academy Training. The F.B.I. National Academy is the premier police leadership academy in the world and is attended by police commanders from the United States and around the world. This ten-week training format includes undergraduate or graduate courses in the following areas: behavioral science, forensic science, terrorism, leadership development, communications, and health and fitness. Captain Quinn assumed the duties of Police Operations Commander in December, following the retirement of Captain Charles Milano. Above, Captain Quinn is pictured with his wife, Lisa, after the graduation ceremony.

2015 Training Summary

Fire & EMS Training Summary



The in-house training hours totaled 4,074. This does not include an additional 1,300 training hours on such topics as firearms training, outside courses and seminars, online police and legal continuing education, and emergency medical updates.

Mutual Aid Training



In March, Mutual Aid Ladder Training was conducted at the West County training facility. In this scenario, Des Peres firefighters utilized an aerial ladder to access the roof line. A ground ladder was then used to access the roof over the parapet wall.



In September, crews from Des Peres and Frontenac participated in mock multi-casualty and rescue incident training. Our thanks to McNamara Towing for supplying the vehicles and its lot for conducting this training.



Basic Engineering Training & Near-Drowning Drill

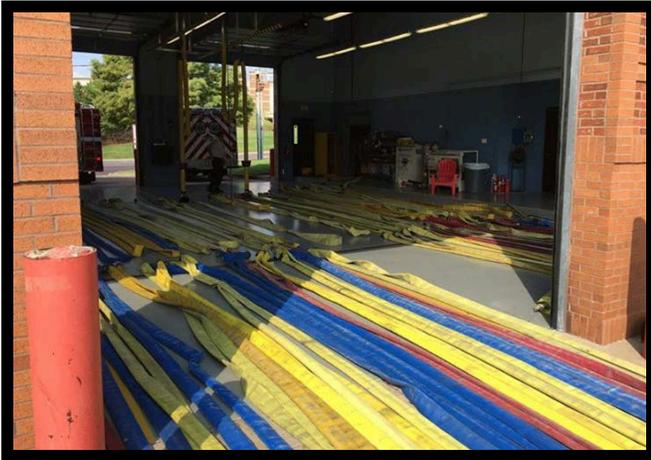


Basic Engineering Review includes how the Fire Pump and Compressed Air Foam (CAF) System works. They review the pump components, the air compressor and the foam injector system. They also discuss what pressure to pump water to get the proper nozzle pressure. Pictured left are (right to left): PSO Sarah Kipfer, PSO Blake Simmons, FF/Paramedic David Williams and Lt. Robert Willoughby (nearest to the pumper).



On June 2nd, Near-Drowning Rescue Training was conducted with lifeguard/pool employees at The Lodge. As Community Officer Brandon Elzinga explained on the City's Facebook, "NEAR DROWNING... is the biological effect on the body after the body allows water to enter the air passage and change the homeostasis that existed before entering the water... It is a medical emergency until cleared by a doctor. It is not that you almost drowned." In the photo above, Firefighter/ Paramedic Karen Callahan is instructing, while PSO Joe Lohmeyer, Cpl. Mark Franey, PSO/ Paramedic Kurt Roettering, PSO/ Paramedic John Appelbaum, PSO Todd Baker and Lt. John Preuss are in attendance to offer assistance later in the session.

Hose Testing & Hose Evolution Training



In September, A-Shift took full advantage of the beautiful weather (photo to the left) to complete fire hose testing. The Department of Public Safety annually tests each section of fire hose to guarantee that it is safe and reliable for first responders and to adhere to mandated requirements set forth by the NFPA. (National Fire Protection Association).



On November 3rd, the crew participated in hose evolution training (in photos above and below). Hose evolutions are team operations, and it is essential that every firefighter be thoroughly trained in his/her proper performance. Hose evolution training is a simulated fire response in which hose lines are pulled from the pumper as if entering a structure. The training includes reviewing tactics and strategies, including pump operations and proper line placement and advancement.

