

# Reedsburg Police Department

## Annual Report



2015

Timothy M. Becker  
Chief of Police

# Mission Statement & Strategic Goals

## Mission

The Reedsburg Police Department will provide the highest level of service through the enforcement of laws and the protection of life, property and the constitutional rights of all. We will make a positive impact by meeting the present and future needs of the public through a continued partnership with our community.

## Strategic Goals

The following goals are established to support the mission:

- É The Department will seek maximum efficiency in its goal of effectively addressing its basic mission
- É The Department will ensure a focused response for identifiable community problems. Emphasis will be to solve problems through education, cooperation, and enforcement of the law
- É The Department recognizes that its personnel are the most valuable resource and a conscious effort will be made to fully develop this resource through training and mentoring
- É As a means of ensuring that the Department is administered and operates effectively and efficiently, "state of the art" methods and resources will be deployed. This strategic goal will rely on compliance with the published accreditation standards of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG)

\*The Mission and Goals are reviewed annually to provide the most up-to-date, comprehensive service, insuring community satisfaction.



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# Sworn Police Staff

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Primary Assignment</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Lieutenant Darrin Frye	A Shift Commander	115
Sergeant Patrick Cummings	Detective Bureau Commander	128
Sergeant Andrew Foesch	B Shift Commander	126
Sergeant Mark Eberle	C Shift Commander	137
Sergeant Richard Wolf	B/C Relief Shift Commander	129
Detective Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau	127
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
Officer Scott Peterson	Patrol	112
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Karl	School Resource Officer	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jesse Spears	Patrol	136
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140
Officer Joshua Hoege	Patrol	142
Officer Jon Schmitz	Patrol	143
Officer Joshua Benson	Patrol	144
Officer Amanda Georgeson	Patrol	145
(Vacant)	Patrol	146



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# Civilian Police Staff

## Communication Center:

Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Diane Fry	Civilian Support Specialist	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dori Helm	Operator	522
Missy Honer	Operator	527
Sandy Milewski	Operator	531
Dan Meinhardt	Operator	532

## Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
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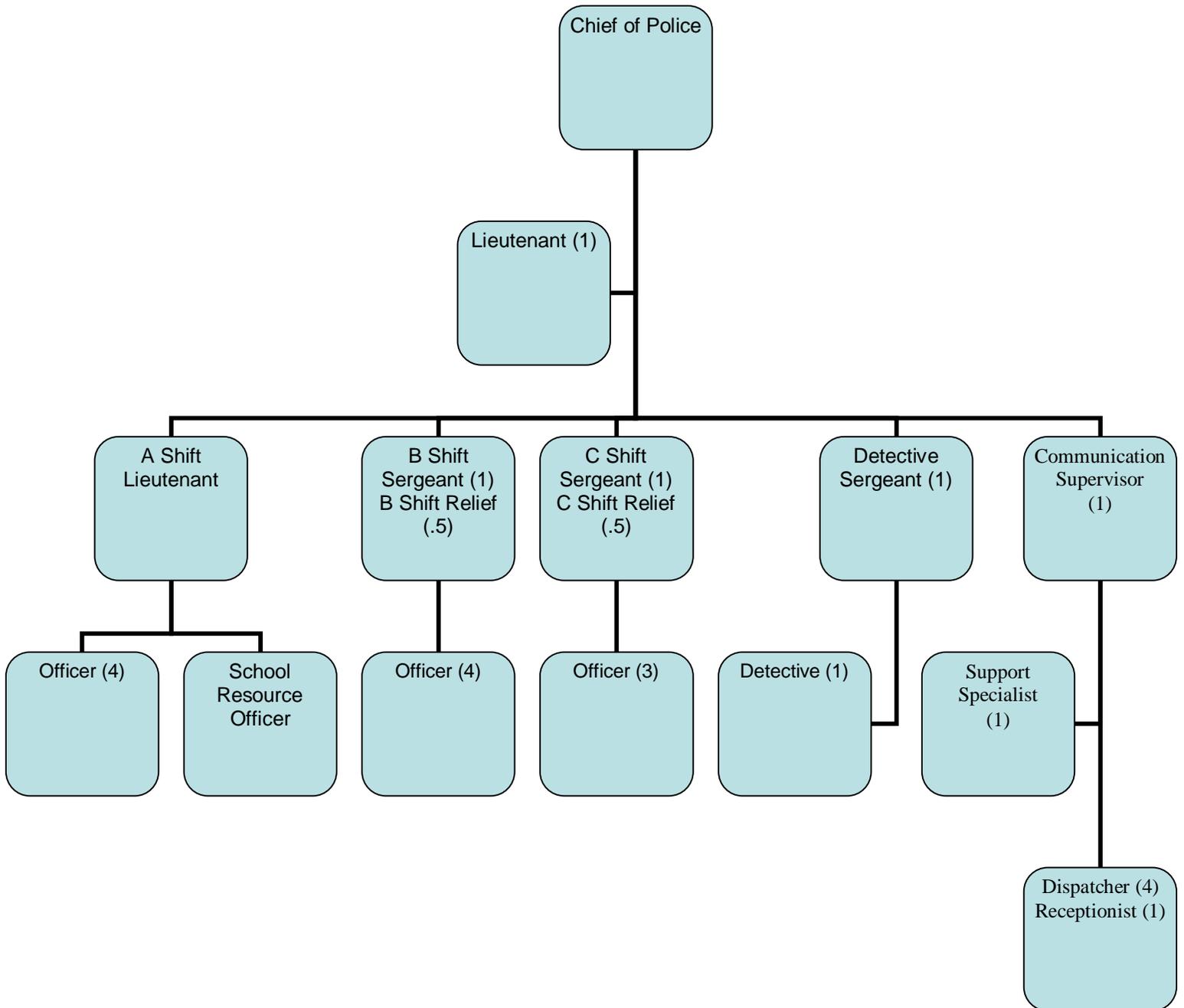


Officer Josh Hoega & K9 Xena



Halloween 2014 in City Park

# Organization Chart



# A Message from the Chief

Honorable David G. Estes,  
Mayor of the City of Reedsburg  
Members of the Common Council,



On behalf of the men and women of the Reedsburg Police Department, it is an honor to submit to you the 2015 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2015 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

The Police Department has continued to receive a high demand for services, logging 15,371 calls for service. Even though the Department maintained a steady call-load we were short officers for much of the year. Two experienced officers left the RPD and were replaced during 2015. We were short-staffed for much of the summer months as these new officers completed their field training.

The City is now in the midst of a heroin/opiate epidemic which is being realized County-wide. We have two detectives and two officers assigned part-time to the Sauk County Drug Task Force to help stem the insurgence of illegal drugs into our community. In addition to several search warrants and drug arrests, there was an armed robbery attempt at the Reedsburg Hospital Emergency Room. This robbery attempted was narcotics/opiates centered. The suspect was found and convicted. Detectives also arrested a large-scale heroin dealer who was in possession of \$5,000 worth of heroin and \$10,000 in cash.

After an extensive internal evaluation the Police Department was granted accredited status by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. We were one of only 25 law enforcement agencies in the State of Wisconsin to be fully evaluated and granted this status!

I would like to thank the Mayor, the Common Council, and the Police and Fire Commission for their support and I am pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

*Timothy M. Becker*  
Chief of Police

# The Year in Review

This is a sampling of the issues faced by the Reedsburg Police Department in 2015:

- Criminal Clearance Rate at 75%.
- Calls for Service remained high at 15371.
- Total activity decreased 5%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 1%.
- Traffic complaints/citations increased 3%.
- Traffic Accidents increased 5%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 66 drunk drivers in 2015.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual and physical assaults.
- Arrested one of the largest heroin dealers in Sauk County.

# Patrol Calls by Shift

## A ó Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Lt. Darrin Frye. Lt. Frye oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 5,563 calls for service.

## B ó Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Both Sgt. Andy Foesch & Sgt. Rich Wolf command the B-Shift. Sgts. Foesch & Wolf are responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 6,692 calls for service.

## C-Shift:



Sgt. Mark Eberle & Sgt Wolf command the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. Sgt. Wolf performs functions such as IT, Vehicle Maintenance and evidence tech duties. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgts. Eberle & Wolf supervise the patrol officers assigned to his shift. C-Shift responded to 3,116 calls for service.

# Detective Bureau

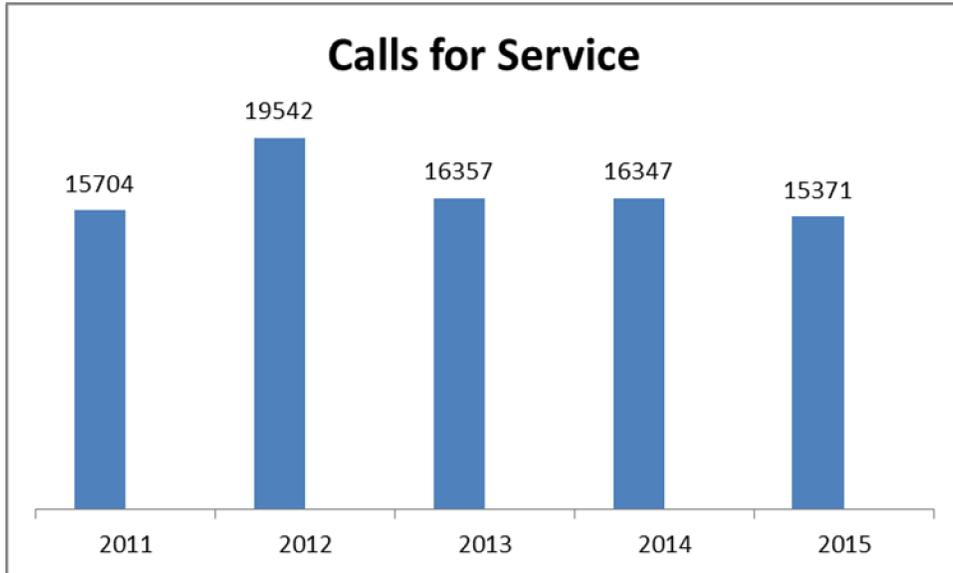
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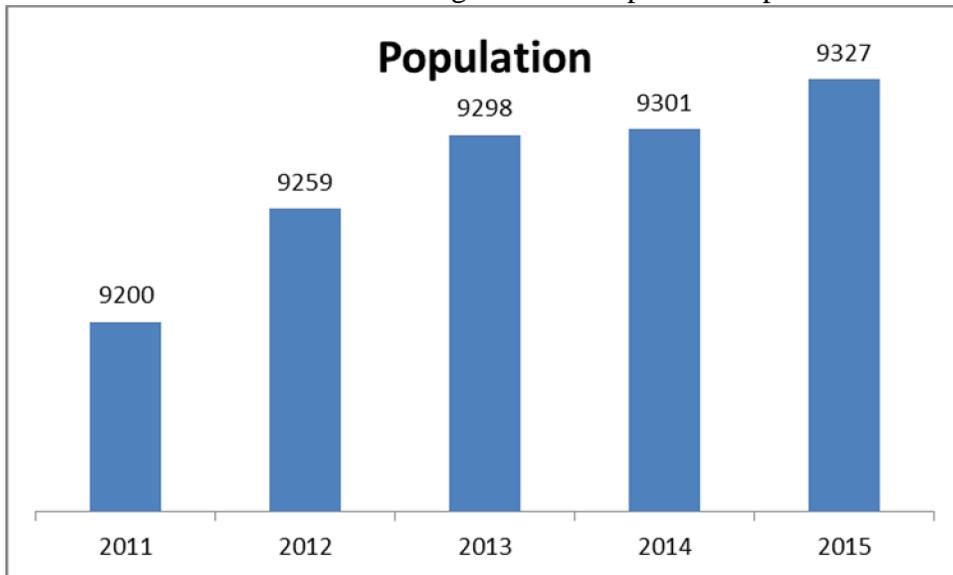
Sgt. Patrick Cummings commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Sgt. Cummings and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2015, the Detective Bureau was assigned 402 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations. Both Sgt. Cummings and Detective Stelter are active members of the Sauk County Drug Task Force.



# Calls for Service<sup>1</sup>



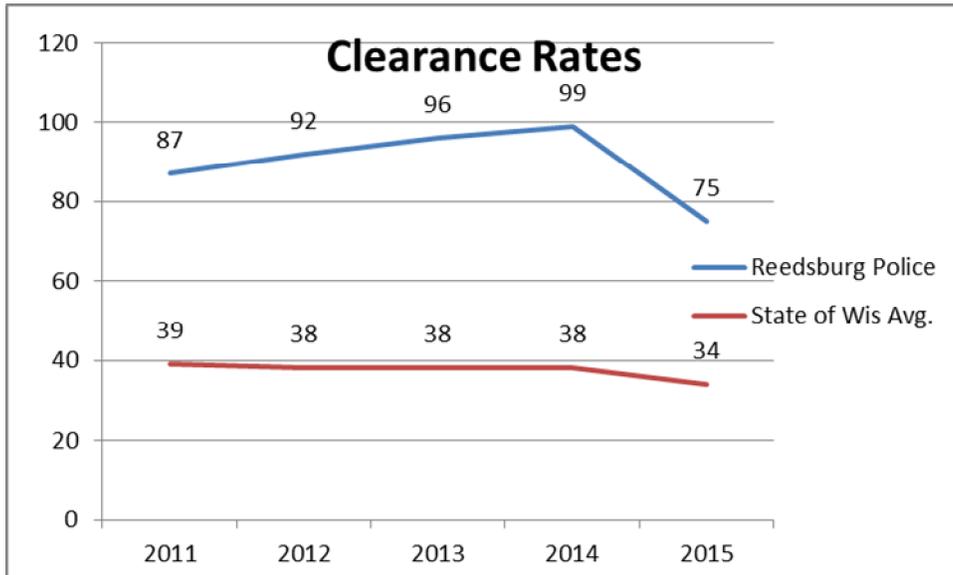
The Police Department realized a small decrease in calls for service from 2014 to 2015. In 2014, calls for service averaged 860 per sworn position. In 2015 the calls for service averaged 809 calls per sworn position\*.



The City of Reedsburg continues as one of the fastest growing communities in Sauk County. With increased population comes need for additional law enforcement services.

\*Calls are divided by number of total police personnel. The ratio would be 1182 calls per officer if using only primary call-takers, removing the Chief, SRO, and Detectives and compensating for the two new officers on field training.

# Clearance Rates

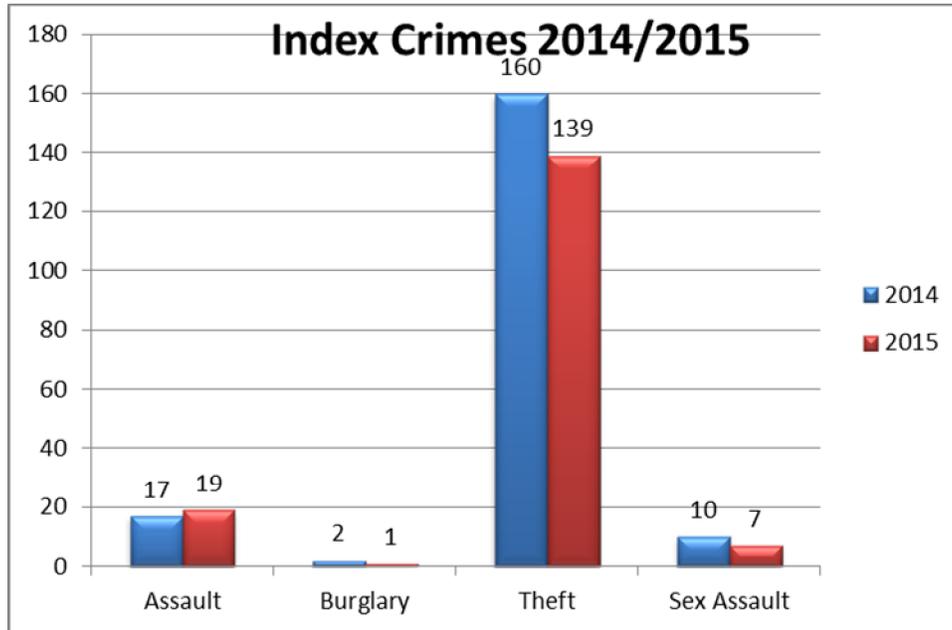


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a respectable 75% of criminal offenses. This is far above the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

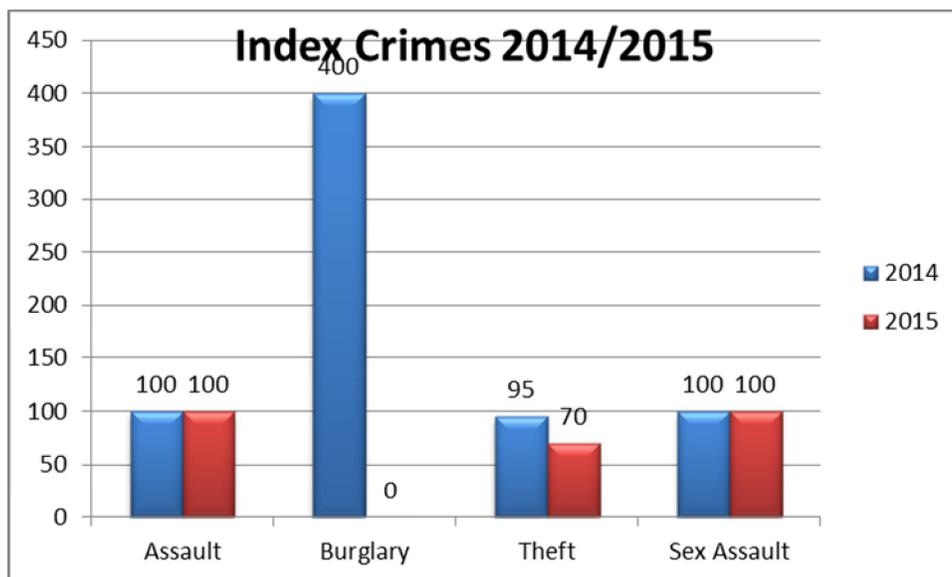


Rescue Task Force Training at South School

# Index Crimesí



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes and Reedsburg has had a clearance rate increase in Theft\* and Sex Assault categories. It is often very difficult to be proactive enough to prevent crime from occurring. As illustrated, the Reedsburg Police Department does hold those criminals accountable for the most serious crimes committed.



\*Six burglary cases were reported in 12/2013 and cleared in 2/2014.

# Crime and Arrests



ADULT	2015	2014	% Change
Burglary	1	2	-50.00%
Narcotics	113	148	-27.10%
Theft	55	158	-65.19%
Criminal Damage	5	22	-77.27%
Weapons Violations	13	7	85.71%
Battery	36	30	20.00%
Warrants	145	166	-12.65%
Disorderly Conduct	121	127	-4.27%
Liquor Law Violation	61	34	79.41%
Obstructing an Officer	64	60	6.67%
Worthless Checks	63	76	-17.11%
Trespass	11	7	57.17%
Miscellaneous	141	99	42.42%
<b>TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>-12.09%</b>
<b>JUVENILE</b>			
Recovered Runaway	30	13	130.77%
Curfew Violations	22	14	100.00%
Theft	32	11	190.91%
Disorderly Conduct	26	20	30.00%
Truancy	48	36	33.33%
Smoking Violation	33	10	230.00%
Vandalism	2	5	-60.00%
Weapons Violations	0	0	#DIV/0!
Liquor Law Violations	33	18	94.12%
Trespassing	1	0	100.00%
Obstructing an Officer	6	0	600.00%
Narcotics	13	12	8.33%
Burglary	0	0	#DIV/0!
Battery	2	3	-33.33%
Miscellaneous	11	19	-42.11%
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>64.97%</b>

# Statistics

## Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
1/15/15	22:59	Resisting Arrest	Taser Deployed	Yes
1/28/15	22:57	D/C, Underage Alcohol, Bail jumping	Empty Hands	Yes
2/27/15	01:44	Resisting, Underage Alcohol	Empty Hands	Yes
8/22/15	02:28	Resisting Arrest	Empty Hands	Yes
10/12/15	03:03	Resisting Arrest	Taser Deployed	Yes
09/13/15	22:42	Resisting Arrest	Empty Hands	Yes
12/08/15	23:32	Resisting Arrest, Obstructing	Empty Hands	No

Empty Hands techniques were used to overpower the resistive behavior. Force beyond that was not necessary.

## Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 483 times in 2015 as compared to 585 in 2014. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

## Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department received \$20,000 in grants for equipment and traffic enforcement in 2015.

Injury traffic accidents increased by 12% in 2015. Overall traffic accidents were up 5% with the largest increase in reportable property damage accidents. By using traffic-specific grants from the State, traffic enforcement has increased 3%.

## Emergency Detention/Transports:

Emergency detentions are used when a subject is either mentally ill and in need of hospitalization or a subject is incapacitated by alcohol. These cases are normally triaged at Reedsburg Area Medical Center and then it is the Police Department's responsibility to transport them to a specialized hospital. Normally, these transports are made to Madison but occasionally they are made to Winnebago County. These cases not only take several hours to triage, the transports are becoming extremely more time consuming. The

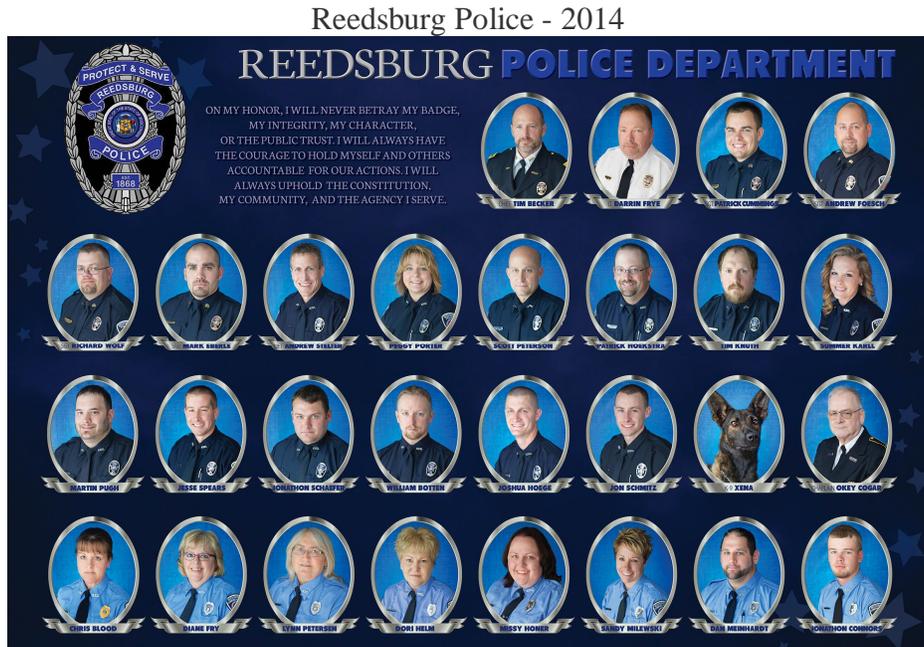
transports require the use of two personnel to complete safely. The Reedsburg Police Department made 34 transports in 2015 compared to 29 in 2014.

## Communications Center:

The Reedsburg Police Department maintains a 24/7 dispatch and communications center providing dispatch service to police, fire, ambulance, DPW and Utilities. This highly productive unit receives and processes all calls for service and documentation for the Police Department's activities. In addition, the communications personnel also staff the front counter/reception area for the Police Department and is the only 24/7 call center in the City. The Communications Center also issues Wisconsin vehicle registrations as well as processing worthless checks, bicycle licenses, parking citations and open records requests. This is a sample of the activity that occurs in the Communications Center:

Lobby Walk-In Traffic:	11,244 (5,071 off hours)
Telephone Calls:	24,792
Open Records Requests Processed:	614
Wisconsin Registrations Processed:	1,435

This is all done while dispatching Police (15,371 calls), Fire (173), Ambulance (1,714) and Utilities.



# Personnel Changes

The Reedsburg Police Department line-up had the following changes in 2015:



Officer Patrick (PJ) Hoekstra ó resignation.



Officer Kyle Mueller ó resignation.



Officer Joshua Benson ó appointed.



Officer Amanda Georgeson - appointed.

# Headlines

Some of the headlines from 2015:

## **Missing Person Case Ends in Tragedy**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A missing person case ended tragically as the missing Reedsburg man was found deceased in the Baraboo River Sunday afternoon.

## **Kidnapping Hoax Ends in Multiple Arrests**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Four men were arrested on New Year's Eve after they attempted to report a kidnapping in an effort to fund a marijuana purchase.

## **Police Respond to Robbery Complaint**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police responded to a reported robbery at the IGA Grocery store on late Monday night.

## **K9 Alert Leads to Drug Arrests**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Two 19 year olds were arrested for drug possession early Saturday morning after a police canine alerted on their vehicle during a traffic stop.

## **Attempted Armed Robbery at Local Hospital**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A white male entered the Reedsburg Area Medical Center – Emergency Room at approximately 9:00pm Sunday, displaying a handgun and demanding medication.

## **Suspect in Attempted Armed Robbery at Local Hospital Identified**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police have identified the suspect in the attempted armed robbery of the Reedsburg Area Medical Center – Emergency Room that occurred on March 29, 2015.

## **Loganville Man Arrested for Carrying a Gun while Intoxicated**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Reedsburg Police were called to the Laundromat in the 100 block of 2nd Street, early Wednesday morning for a man who was unconscious.

## **Police Department Hires Two New Officers**

## **Reedsburg Man Arrested for Heroin Possession/Sale**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A local man was arrested Thursday morning after the Sauk County Drug Task Force executed a search warrant on his eastside home.

## **Reedsburg Couple Arrested after Drug Investigation**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A local couple was arrested Tuesday morning as a result of a five-month drug investigation by the Sauk County Drug Task Force.

## **Tip Leads to Drug Arrests**

(REEDSBURG, WI) A Cazenovia couple was arrested Wednesday afternoon after an anonymous tip identified them as selling narcotics.

## **Investigation Leads to Drug Arrest**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Two Reedsburg men were arrested late Thursday evening for heroin delivery after several months of investigation.

## **Local Man Arrested on Federal Warrant**

(REEDSBURG, WI) On Thursday afternoon, Alexander Ross Kluball (25) was taken into custody by Reedsburg Police on a federal warrant for Transportation of a Minor for Prostitution. Kluball was indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday in US District Court in Madison.

## **Man Jailed after Violent Fight with Neighbor**

(REEDSBURG, WI) Late Thursday night, Reedsburg Police officers were dispatched to the area of Babb Avenue for a fight involving a hammer.

## **Man Dies of Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound**

(REEDSBURG, WI) On Wednesday at 10:07am, Reedsburg Police were called by staff at the Reedsburg Area Medical Center – Emergency Room to report a man who had been shot in their parking lot.