

# Reedsburg Police Department

## Annual Report



2014

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

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
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	School Resource Officer	112
Officer Patrick Hoekstra	Patrol	125
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Karll	Patrol	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jesse Spears	Patrol	136
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140
Officer Kyle Mueller	Patrol	141
Officer Joshua Hoege	Patrol	142
Officer Jon Schmitz	Patrol	143



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# Civilian Police Staffí

## 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
Johnny Connors	Operator (PT)	530

## Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
Pastor Okey Cogar	Police Chaplain	702

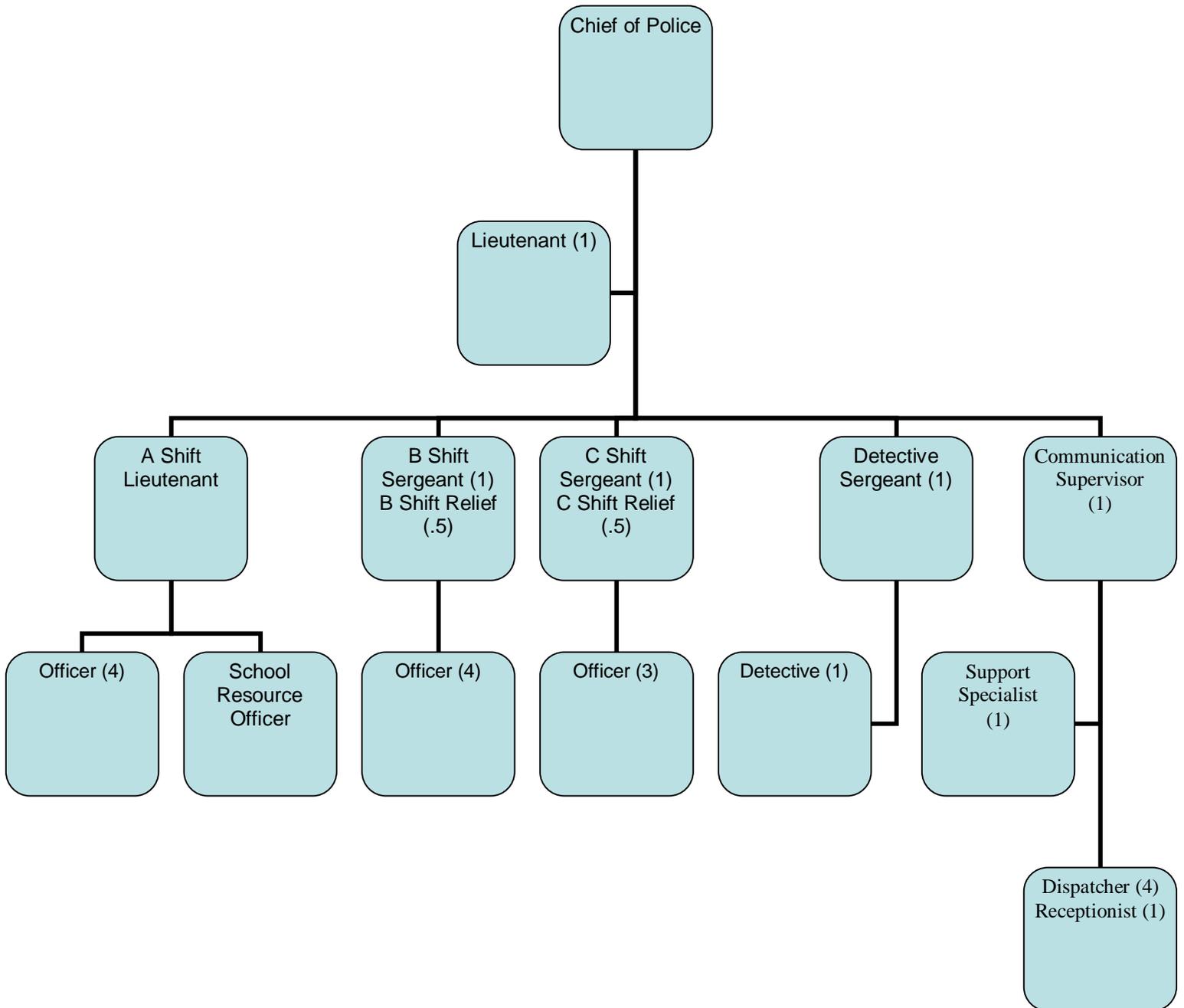


Officer Josh Hoega & K9 Xena



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 2014 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2014 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

The Police Department has experienced a significant increase in the demand for service by our residents. 2014 had a similar call load as 2013 with 16,347 calls for service, which was nearly identical to 2013's 16,357. Even though the Department maintained a steady call-load we were short officers for much of the year. One officer was injured during a call in February and did not return to duty until late December. Another officer resigned to take another position in September.

In addition to enduring a high volume of calls the complexity of the calls has increased. The Police Department investigated calls ranging from Facebook threats to local schools to a barricaded suspect to a man with a grenade. These calls took an enormous toll on officer time and Department resources.

The City has also had an influx in drug related search warrants. Once a very minor issue, the City has begun to experience a rise in heroin related warrants. The Police Department has continued our relationship with the Sauk County Drug Task Force, executing 15 search warrants in the City for narcotics in 2014.

The Police Department also continues our accreditation process with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. This is a long and tedious process that examines every aspect of the service we provide. The Police Department was evaluated in late December by an on-site assessment team. This comprehensive assessment took three days to complete.

Lastly, after nine years on the force, K9 Fritz retired and we welcomed our newest canine addition, Xena. K9 Xena began working with her new partner Officer Josh Hoege. Xena is a narcotics detection canine and we have kept her very busy!

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 2014 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 2014:

- Criminal Clearance Rate over 90%.
- Calls for Service remained high at 16347.
- Total activity decreased .06%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 9%.
- Traffic complaints/citations decreased 12%.
- Traffic Accidents decreased 5%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 61 drunk drivers in 2014.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual and physical assaults.
- Investigated and cleared multiple 2013 crimes.

# 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 5,604 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 6,312 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 4,431 calls for service.

# Detective Bureau

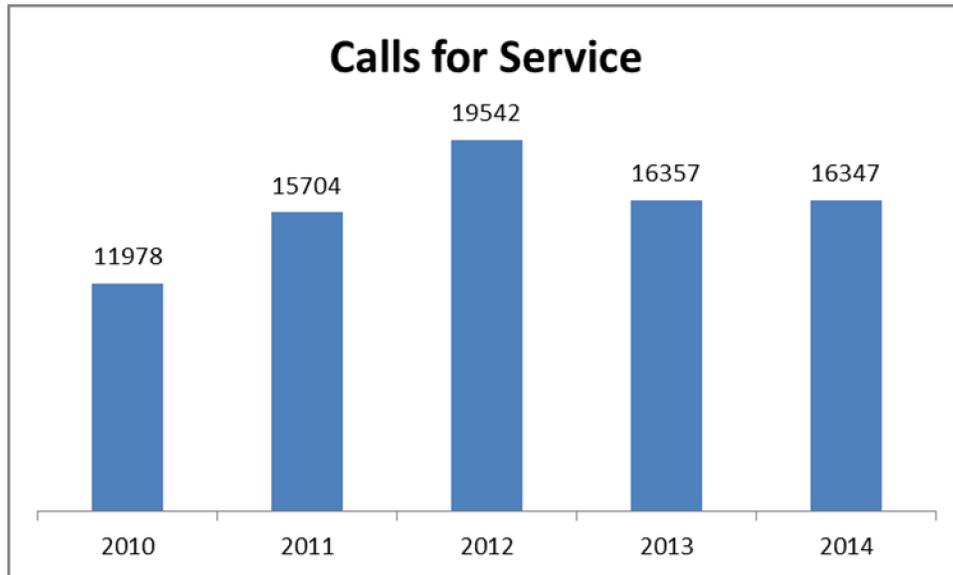
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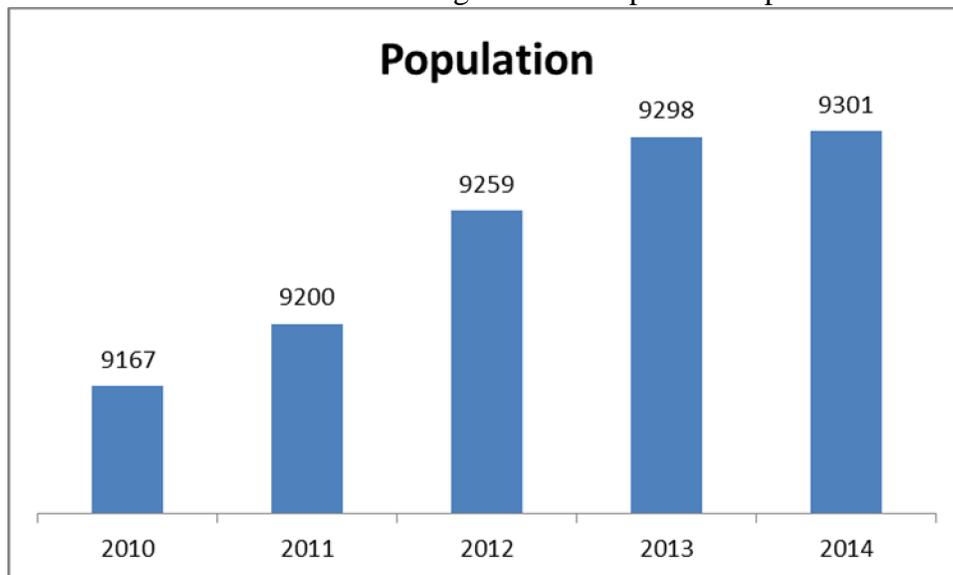
Sgt. Patrick Cummings commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Sgt. Cummings and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2014, the Detective Bureau was assigned 888 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 and conducted 15 search warrants in 2014.



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



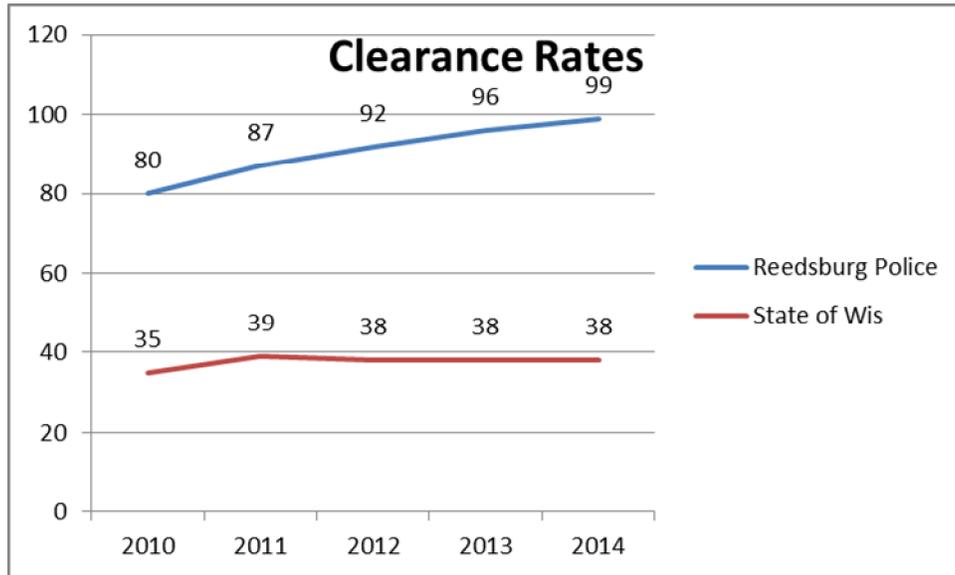
The Police Department realized a small decrease in calls for service from 2013 to 2014. In 2013, calls for service averaged 881 per sworn position. In 2014 the calls for service averaged 860 calls per sworn position\*.



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.

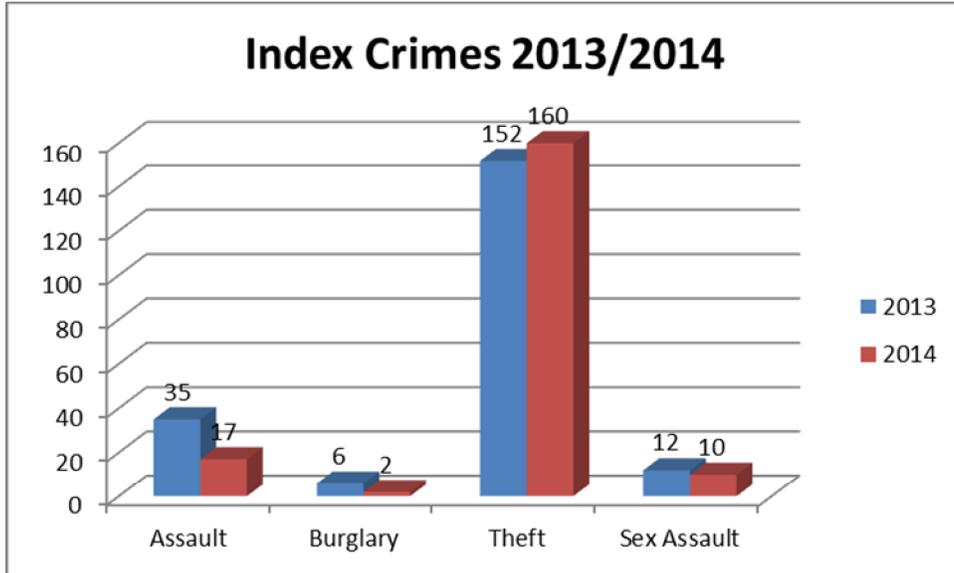
\*Calls are divided by number of total police personnel. The ratio would be 1089 calls per officer if using only primary call-takers, removing the Chief, SRO, and Detectives.

# Clearance Rates

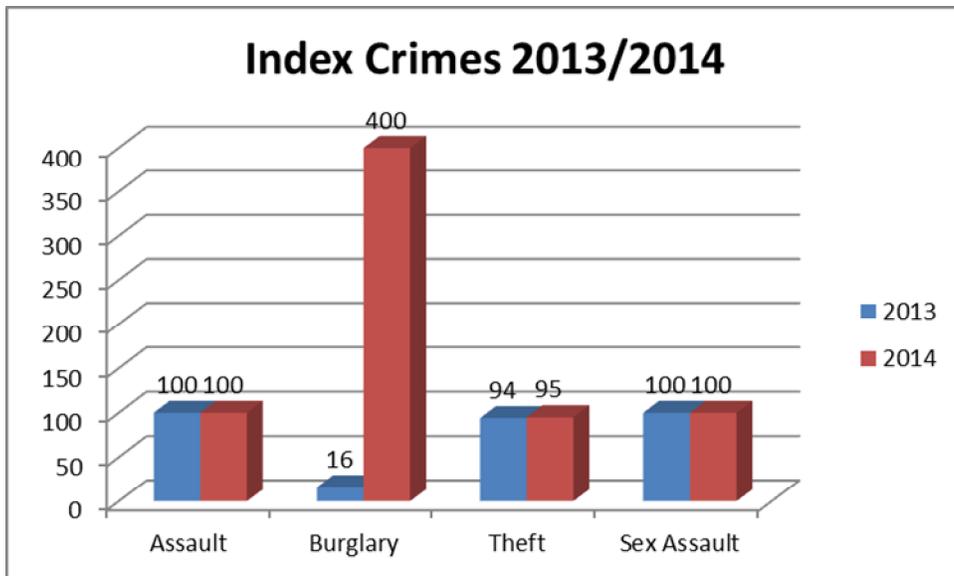


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a staggering 99% of criminal offenses. This is far above the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate (2013/14 State rate not available).

# Index Crimes



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	2014	2013	% Change
Burglary	2	7	-71.43%
Narcotics	148	136	8.82%
Theft	158	133	18.80%
Criminal Damage	22	22	0.00%
Weapons Violations	7	9	-22.22%
Battery	30	33	-9.09%
Warrants	166	160	3.75%
Disorderly Conduct	127	121	4.96%
Liquor Law Violation	34	47	-27.66%
Obstructing an Officer	60	73	-17.81%
Worthless Checks	76	53	43.40%
Trespass	7	21	-66.67%
Miscellaneous	99	82	20.73%
<b>TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>4.35%</b>
<b>JUVENILE</b>			
Recovered Runaway	13	29	-55.17%
Curfew Violations	14	80	-82.50%
Theft	11	23	-52.17%
Disorderly Conduct	20	31	-35.48%
Truancy	36	35	2.86%
Smoking Violation	10	18	-44.44%
Vandalism	5	1	400.00%
Weapons Violations	0	0	#DIV/0!
Liquor Law Violations	18	19	-5.26%
Trespassing	0	0	#DIV/0!
Obstructing an Officer	0	0	#DIV/0!
Narcotics	12	8	50.00%
Burglary	0	0	#DIV/0!
Battery	3	10	-70.00%
Miscellaneous	19	62	-69.35%
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>-49.05%</b>

# Statistics

## Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
1/7/14	21:40	DC, Resisting Arrest	Empty Hands	No
1/22/14	22:31	Resisting Arrest	Empty Hands	Yes
1/27/14	11:45	No Charges	Empty Hands	No
5/6/14	15:00	DC, Resisting Arrest	Empty Hands	No
9/6/14	02:49	DC, Resisting Arrest (knife attack)	Empty Hands	Yes
12/23/14	19:44	P&P Hold, THC, Resisting Arrest	Empty Hands	No
12/28/14	03:45	Weapon (handgun), CCW, Resisting Arrest	Taser Displayed Empty Hands Taser Displayed Firearm Displayed	Yes

\*Physical means ðempty 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 585 times in 2014 as compared to 551 in 2013. 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 a \$10,000 grant for equipment and traffic enforcement in 2014.

Injury traffic accidents increased by 14% in 2014. Overall traffic accidents were down 5% based on a relatively quiet winter season. Even with a traffic-specific grant from the State, traffic enforcement was down 12% due to manpower shortages.

## 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 29 transports in 2014 compared to 24 in 2013.

## 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:	6,498
Telephone Calls:	24,976
Open Records Requests Processed:	597
Wisconsin Registrations Processed:	1,394

This is all done while dispatching Police (16,347 calls), Fire (206), Ambulance (1,629) and Utilities.

