

Camdenton Police Department

2015 Summary of Activities

ALCOHOL EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT

- In May, SRO's coordinated Docu-Drama to increase awareness about driving while impaired. Several area agencies assisted with the event that was viewed by over 600 junior & senior students.
- Officers made 35 DWI arrest in 2015, (9 more than 2014) Arrests decreased 34% since 2011 (53)
- Of the arrests, 8 had prior arrests (23%) & 20 were at least twice the legal limit or refused (57%).
- Officer Wiseman led the department, making 10 of the 35 DWI arrest, or 29%.
- Officer Wilson led department for Alcohol related arrest, making 26 of the 94 arrest, or 28%.
- Officer Schwartz attended SFST in Jan; Pryor attended Type III Operator / SFST training in April.

DRUG EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT

- SRO's helped with drug education for program "Be A Cool Kid Under Pressure" (Back Up)
- In October, a K9 Search was completed at High School and LCTC Bldg.
- Officers made 111 drug arrests, up from 51 in 2014.
- Officer Wilson led the department with 53 of the arrest or 48% of the total.
- Officers Schwartz, Wilson & Keeth attended 16.00 hr training for Drug Impairment in September.
- We renewed our Associate Membership w/Lake Area Narcotic Enforcement Group. Officers worked with LANEG during the year to serve 5 search warrants within the City of Camdenton.

TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT

- Officers conducted Operation Safe-Way over the summer to prevent aggressive driving habits.
- Officers worked 191 vehicle crashes, up from 143 in 2014, an increase of 25%.
- Crashes are still down significantly from the 264 in 2006 – a decrease of 73 or 28% over 10 years.
- 13% of 2015 crashes involved injury; this was as high as 18.5% four years ago.
- Officers issued 913 tickets, up 2% from 2014.
- Officer Wilson led department with 29% of tickets, Wiseman with 25% of tickets.
- Revised ordinances to clarify parking regulations, specifically on narrow streets.

MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS

- Stolen Motor Vehicle: On April 24th a Chevy Malibu was stolen from Hulett Chevrolet. Officer Sansom & others investigated. The vehicle was recovered, suspect was arrested the same day.
- Missing Person: On June 27th Officer Pryor investigated a missing female. Fearing for her safety, several people were questioned by officers. The woman was later found unharmed.
- Pursuit: On July 30th, Officer Pryor & several agencies assisted MSHP in a vehicle pursuit. The suspect's shot a civilian before the pursuit began, travelled through 4 counties and shot at officers and a civilian vehicle before being stopped in Hickory County. The suspects were taken into custody and later charged with several felonies in several different counties.
- Explosive device: On Aug 10th, Officer Lane investigated a "Sparkler Bomb" left in a vehicle at a business on W. Hwy. 54. Lane worked with MSHP on the case; no charges have been filed as yet.
- Child Pornography: On September 24th, Officer Pryor worked with the State Technical Assistance Team after Child Pornography was found on a computer by a computer repairman. Search warrants were obtained for the computer & the suspect's home. The suspect was arrested & charged with 2 counts of Possession of Child Pornography.

OCCUPANT PROTECTION (Child Seats & Seatbelt Use)

- Distributed 9 seats; inspected 14 seats – misuse rate at 79%. More inspection stations in area.
- Officers issued 19 seatbelt tickets in 2015, compared to 85 in 2014.
- Clerk Stradt had a seat event in Jun & attended numerous events: Dogwood Festival, Family Fun Day@ Park, Safety Days, Auto Zone, Back to School Fair, Camden County Library, Air Show, VFW, Arts in the Park, Parent / Teen Expo & Lake Regional Cares for Kids.
- Officers Assisted: Schierding - Art in the Park; Wilson & Thomas - Family Fun Day at Park.

SCHOOL SAFETY

- Officers had 151 incidents of potential violence on campus in 2015; this is up from 105 in 2014.
- Officer Williams attended annual SRO Conference in June.
- SRO's conducted Active Shooter Training for employees of Oakridge Elementary in December.
- SRO's conducted Intruder Training for school staff several times during the year (RSMO Requirement)
- SRO's assisted Camdenton School in 10 Fire Alarm Drills, 10 Lockdowns & 10 Medical Calls.
- Chief Wright, Lt. Beauchamp and SRO's attended quarterly Safety Meetings for the School.

BUDGET, MAJOR PURCHASES & GRANTS

- Budget changed from Jul-Jun cycle to Oct-Sep. Reserve position changed to part time paid position.
- Office Equipment: Replaced 2 computers with new models, upgraded copy machine
- Vehicles & Equipment: Purchased 2 Ford Explorer SUV's, retiring two older Crown Victorias. Also purchased 3 In Car Camera's & 1 new radar unit for the patrol vehicles.
- PD Equipment: Received 3 new Portable Breath Testing units and 4 new Tasers.
- Uniforms: Purchased 4 Ballistic Vest using grant money from DOJ Grant to offset 50% of cost.
- Other: Purchased new Treadmill and Fitness Bike for exercise room.
- MODOT Grant for Hazardous Moving Violations: Received \$1,250 for OT; officers worked 46 hours.
- DOJ Grant – Ballistic Vests: Awarded \$1,379 to be used to offset 50% of costs for ballistic vests.

DEPARTMENT GOAL – IMPROVE RESONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH

- Officers Bithell & Sansom attended Crisis Intervention Training in June; we have 3 trained in CIT
- Staff received training on Warning Signs of Suicide and Self Harm & Understanding Mental Illness
- Adm. Asst. Shadrick coordinated information between department and Community Health Liaison Ted Solomon to assure assistance to those in need.

SPECIAL EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

- Fundraisers: Officer Schierding and Clerk Stradt represented our department at both the CADV Chili Cook-off in March and the Pancreatic Cancer Chili Cook-off in October (winning third place!)
- Special Olympics: Officers Schierding & Williams participated in Polar Bear Plunge in February & staff sold t-shirts. We raised \$873 for in 2015 & have raised \$26,333 in last 20 years.
- Dogwood Festival: Staff handled parade detour, foot patrol & booth during Dogwood Festival April.
- Lake of Ozarks Air Show: Staff handled security, foot patrol and booth during the Air Show Sept.
- Supervisors attended annual CADV Brunch in October; Officer Sansom assisted CADV personnel with a documentary film about victims of domestic violence that was shown during the event.
- Staff assisted with many activities & community events such as: Careers On Wheels @ Middle School, Crime Victim Rights wee, Light up the Night event by CADV, Christmas on the Square.
- Walks & Runs: Officers assisted with Run for the Fallen in August, Alzheimer's Walk in September, and CADV "Color Run" in October & Pancreatic Cancer Walk.

PERSONNEL & EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- Several staff members serve on boards & committees:
 - Chief Wright serves as Regional Vice President for Missouri Police Chief's Assoc. and is on Scholarship Committee for Concerns of Police Survivors. She completed 12 year term with Citizen's Against Domestic Violence, the last year serving as president.
 - Lt. Beauchamp serves on the executive board of Major Case Squad
 - Chief Wright & Sgt. Rector serve on Lake Ozark Air Show Organizing Committee
 - Sgt. Rector, Officers Williams & Wiseman serve on the SART & MDT teams
 - Chief Wright, Lt. Beauchamp and SRO's serve on the School Safety Committee
 - Clerk Stradt is Regional Liaison for Missouri Child Passenger Advisory Committee
 - Clerk Stradt is the Terminal Agency Coordinator & Local Agency Security Officer for dept.
 - Officer Lane serves on the safety committee for the city as the PD representative.
- Several staff members received Employee Recognition in 2015
 - Officers Bithell, Thomas & Pryor – able to disarm mentally disturbed person w/o injury.
 - Officer Thomas – quick action to slow bleeding on suicide victim until medical could arrive.
 - Sgt. Rector, Officers Williams, Bithell, Sansom, Lane & Pryor – for their assistance with the safety & security during the protest by Westboro group.
 - Officers Sansom & Lane – Citizen complimented officers for being prompt & professional
 - Officer Wilson – Considerate of dispatch when busy & safety during emergency response
 - Officer Bithell – Took the lead during a suicide investigation; considerate of family issues
 - Officers Thomas & Wilson – Handled evacuation after storm damage caused propane leak
 - Officer Bithell – Guided newer officer – ordered pursuit to discontinue since could ID driver
 - Officer Williams – Used technology to ID driver in pursuit to hold accountable for actions
 - Officers were recognized for leading the department several categories in 2015:
 - Alcohol: Officer Wilson led the department in Alcohol Related Offenses during the year, making 28% of a total of 94 arrest; Officer Wiseman led the department in DWI arrest, making 29% of 35 total arrest.
 - Drugs: Officer Wilson led the department in Drug Arrest by making 53 arrest or 48% of the total.
 - Reports & Investigations:
 - Traffic Enforcement: Officer Wilson led the department with 29% of tickets, Officer Wiseman was also recognized for issuing 25% of total traffic tickets.
- Letters of Commendation
 - Admin. Assistant Shadrick – for assisting Officers on major investigations. She is always “behind the scenes” organizing & working on the case files. 2015 had several large cases.
 - Officer Sansom – for abuse investigation of disabled person by adoptive parents. Charges were filed & attempts were made to change state law because of this case.
 - Lt. Beauchamp, Sgt. Rector, Officers Williams, Bithell, Lane, Schierding & Wiseman – for murder investigation 2014. Working as a team, case solved w/in 6 hrs, charges filed w/in 8 hrs.
 - Officer Williams - for quick actions that ultimately saved a citizen's life. (Life Saving Ribbon)
 - Officer Pryor – for exceptionally valorous actions far and above the duty required when he pursued a stolen motor vehicle whose occupants had previously been involved in a shooting. As the vehicle travelled into another county the drivers shot towards the patrol car and a civilian. As the vehicle stopped there was additional gun fire by drivers and law enforcement. When taken into custody medical aid was immediately started to the suspects due to their wounds.

- Employee of the Quarter Nominations / Employee of the Year
 - Officer Pryor - Employee of 2nd Quarter Award - for his knowledge, dedication & hard work.
 - Officer of Year: Officer Holly Wiseman was awarded Officer of the Year Award for her outstanding performance, dedication and loyalty. Wiseman does a phenomenal job as part of the SART Team, demonstrated safety skills when dealing with an armed subject and placed herself in harms way during a call of a tire fire on a semi. She is a very valuable asset to our department.
- Promotions & Ribbons:
 - Pryor, Wilson & Schwartze were promoted to Police Officer I
 - Lane, Keeth, Thomas & Wiseman were promoted to Police Officer II
 - Sansom was promoted to Police Officer III
 - Schwartze received Firearm ribbon, Thomas Good Conduct & Safe Driving Ribbon.
 - Pryor received Medal of Valor
- We welcomed three new Officers: Joshua Worley, Michael Schwartze and Jason Vela.

TRAINING

- Officers & staff attended 617 hours of training in 2015; main courses included
 - Chief Wright - 2015 Police Chief's conference in June.
 - Lt. Beauchamp - Law Enforcement Executive Development, Lawrence KS in September.
 - Sgt. Rector - Leadership Camden County; one day per month from Sept 2015 to May 2016.
 - Officer Wiseman - Interviewing Children & Preparing for Court in March.
 - Officer Lane - Major Case Squad Training in March.
 - Officer Ivey - Annual Missouri Animal Control Association Training event in September.
 - Adm. Assistant Shadrick - MIBRS Training in November.
- Peace Officers Standards & Training approved changes to the continuing education requirements for officers effective 2017. It increases training from 48 every 3 years to 24 hours every year and the counting period will change to annual. It requires training in four areas: Fair & Impartial Policing, Mental Health, Officer Wellbeing & Tactical Training / De-escalation / Critical Thinking.

GENERAL INFORMATION & ACTIVITY

- Partnerships:
 - Camdenton Schools: Work together for SRO program, School Safety Committee, security at ball games & night security, guest speakers in classes, support CSI afterschool class.
 - Civic & Community Groups: Optimist Club sponsored PD booth at Dogwood in April. Moose Lodge had fundraiser in April for PD equipment. Addressed Retired Teachers group.
 - Events: Work with Chamber of Commerce & Convention/Visitors Bureau on major events such as Dogwood Festival & Air Show.
 - Investigative Teams & Service Organizations: Renewed membership with Lake Area Narcotic Enforcement Group. Support Lake of Ozarks Major Case Squad & teams such as SART & MDT. Support Child Advocacy, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Kids Harbor, etc.
 - Press: Worked with Lake Sun for a feature article on Cyber Bullying in January. Routinely do press releases on arrests, investigations, special events.
 - Traffic: Continue to work with MODOT by using grant money and working together to improve traffic safety
- Property Room: Officer Sansom & Admin Assist. Shadrick continue to manage the property room & evidence, including entry, maintenance, disposal & two inventories each year.

- Potentially Dangerous Dog: CSO Ivey had considerable work to implement the changes when the ordinance was adopted February 2015 from tracking forms for potentially dangerous dogs to inspections of mixed breed dogs before new tags are issued.
- Property Maintenance: On June 26th CSO Ivey initiated an investigation for numerous property maintenance violations on Cedar Street. It resulted in over 30 tickets over the next 8 months. This case and the comprehensive plan have illustrated the need to update city regulations in this area.
- Body Cams: There is a national trend to equip patrol officers with body cams. Our SRO's have used this technology for a few years and we are conducting pilot project to evaluate for patrol officers. We will continue our research, evaluate concerns such as data storage and management and are working on a procedure policy as we plan for implementation in the future.
- Drones: As drones continue to increase in popularity, the PD has struggled to manage their use. FAA is working on guidelines and regulations but in the meantime, the City elected to honor "no fly zone" within five miles of the airport until FAA clarifies procedures.
- Future Events: PD is planning for future events. Camdenton will host National Porsche Convention in 2018. Lake of the Ozarks has been selected to host the Can Am Games in 2018 & 2020.