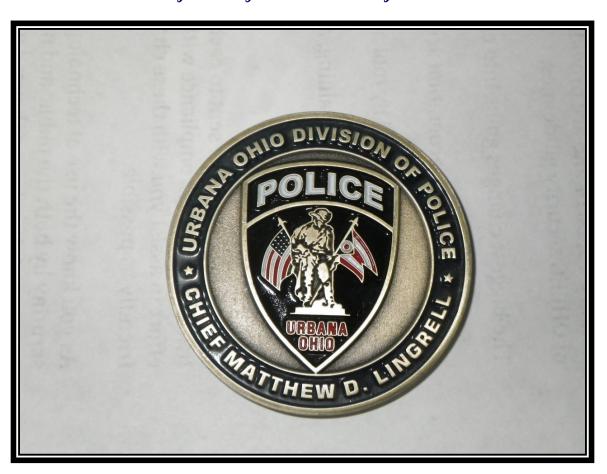
## **Urbana Police Division**

### 2014 Annual Report

Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1868



#### **Our Mission**

"We, the members of the Urbana Police Division, pledge to provide professional, quality service with integrity and teamwork, to keep Urbana a pleasant place to live, work and visit."

# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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#### **Urbana Police Chief's Challenge Coin**

A Police Chief Challenge Coin was created in 2014, and is presented by Urbana Police Chief Matthew D. Lingrell to officers and individuals to show an appreciation to them, reflecting goodwill for a positive partnerships between them and the police division, or, for an act by a member of the division of high achievement bringing acclaim to the Division and the Law Enforcement profession. It is only presented at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Sixteen Urbana officers, five associate law enforcement officers and eleven community members were presented with the coin during 2014.



Front Back



sentenced to 30-days of house arrest.

Greetings to all,

Welcome to the 2014 Annual Report for the Urbana Police Division. We are honored to provide law enforcement and community service to the Urbana community. 2014 was a challenging but very successful year for the division. I hope that with this report, our readers will understand how we have met our Police Mission of providing professional, quality service with integrity and teamwork, to keep Urbana a pleasant place to live, work, and visit.

Unfortunately for our community, 2014 marked the fourth consecutive year that we've experienced a homicide case, when on May 24, 65-year old Jerald Myers was killed during a domestic violence by his 38-year old son, Christopher. Christopher was convicted of the killing and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Also charged and convicted in the case for his actions after the homicide was Clark County Sheriff Deputy Matthew Kerns, a cousin to Christopher Myers, who assisted Myers by concealing destroying evidence in the homicide case. For his involvement, Kerns was

We continued to have success with our Drug Enforcement strategy which began in 2013 by combating both the drug traffickers as well as the drug users within our community. In 2014 our officers made 302 arrests for drug trafficking and/or drug abuse crimes. The Division also conducted six search warrant raids of drug houses, resulting in numerous criminal arrests. Additionally this year, we were one of the first Ohio agencies to charge a heroin dealer with homicide, related to the November 2013 heroin overdose death of an East Church Street resident. This case required many hours of investigation and is currently progressing through the court system.

In addition to fighting crime, we continue to build upon and strengthen community partnerships with our various outreach programs, including providing Active Shooter Response (ALICE) training to many schools, businesses and organizations in Urbana.

As we closed 2014, we found ourselves greatly understaffed and facing the challenge of replacing two officers who left the division in the final quarter of the year. Officer Scott Bowling resigned in September and Officer Kip Michael retired in November. We are hoping to have their replacements in place in early 2015 which will bring our staffing up to 19 officers, still four officers short of full staffing.

You can expect the officers of Urbana Police Division to continue with a commitment they've made for 2014 to strive to meet 10-Core Principles we adopted during our 2014 Division meeting. Those Core Principles give each of us direction and challenge us for a commitment to one and other in helping the community to have a police force that cares for and looks out for the safety and well-being of each other in responding to everyday police challenges.

Thank you for your interest in the City of Urbana Police Division. You will find that our officers are a well-trained and well- equipped group who are committed to providing the best law enforcement services possible. We strive every day to improve the quality of life which makes this community a great place to live, work and visit. It's a sincere honor to lead such a professional organization.

With Urbana Pride,

Chief Matt D. Lingrell

#### **Bit of History**



Officer Kip E D. Michael Serving Urbana from: 1991 – 2014 Members of the Urbana Police Division, past and present, say "Thank You" for your professionalism and your friendship these past 23 years.



You've served the City of Urbana and the USA with honor as a soldier, husband, father, friend and police officer and we are proud to say we worked with you as Urbana police officers. Enjoy your retirement with Shannen, Erika and Zackary.

December 6, 2014 was a time for family, friends and Urbana police employees to gather together in honor to Kip Michael and his family for his many years of service to the Urbana police division and our community.



December 6, 2014 Retirement reception for Kip Michael



#### Open 2011 Homicide Case Mr. Louis (Lou) Taylor

Urbana Police Chief Matt Lingrell and Police Division frequently speak to different topics.

Recently, following a presentation in Lingrell said the first question an officer case of Louis E. Taylor, a homicide nearly three years ago.

"When he was done presenting the to an active shooter – the very first was about Mr. Taylor," Lingrell said. It's important to them and we continue what we can that it's important to us. V

other officers of the Urbana local community groups on

front of around 50 people, received was about the investigation that started

program – how to respond question that was asked "The public wants to know. to try to share with them

what we can, that it's important to us. We're not going to forget this."

According to information from previous *Daily Citizen* articles, Taylor was born in 1924 in Los Angeles, California, to a woman who was Walt Disney's personal seamstress. Taylor served in World War II as a Navy pilot and after graduating from the University of Missouri he met his future wife, Betty Jane. They were married for 56 years before she died in 2005.

Taylor lived in Urbana for more than 50 years and worked for Grimes Manufacturing, BPI and Field and Associates. He was a 4-H and Boy Scout leader, a father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

On the morning of Oct. 25, 2011, Urbana police responded to Taylor's Dorothy Moore Avenue home after he was found by a friend with severe injuries to his head and body. Inside Taylor's house, Lingrell said, the bloody scene was processed and evidence gathered.

Missing from Taylor's garage was his 2006 Jeep Liberty, which was recovered on the same day in Springfield.

While in the hospital, Taylor, 87, died from multiple major injuries to his head on Nov. 17, 2011.

Almost three years after the investigation started, Lingrell said the case remains the top priority for the department.

While he did not put a time line on when this could happen, Lingrell said police will have a case for a grand jury from this investigation.

"I would like to think that this case can be solved sooner rather than later, but I don't want to do anything that's going to jeopardize our chances of getting a conviction," he said.

Each week an officer spends time working on the case and police investigators have gone out of state to interview people who may have information on the crime and have obtained dozens of statements in the process. Police have had contact with three other states regarding the investigation.

While police have collected dozens of items of evidence, Lingrell said they do not want to speak specifically about the items.

One of the difficulties in solving the case has been a lack of staffing in the department, he said. In 2010, the department lost four officers due to the city's economic downturn.

Lingrell said a recent resignation takes the department well below where its staffing needs to be to work on other cases.

"We also have the (Christopher) Myers (murder) case coming up that requires a lot of man hours," Lingrell said. "Another part has been just simply getting many hours of audio interviews transcribed and put down onto paper. We're using a company to do that. It's very time cumbersome and costly."

In 2012, the Urbana Police Division and Champaign County Prosecutor's Office announced a \$5,000 reward to the person who provides information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the case. Lingrell said this reward has increased to \$10,000.

Lingrell asks for people who have information on the case to think about how their silence affects Taylor's family and other people seeking closure in the case.

"We believe that all them," Lingrell said. belief that there is a God directing us. We all have grandparent or an adult counted on most of our protect us.

"We know that there may do know about this killer or the killers that the goodness that fact that no brother, deserves to have their life help lead us to solving and for Mr. Taylor's family, want to give closure to Mr. need the public's help."



**UPD Investigative files on Taylor case** 

people have good in "Many have a spiritual or a higher being a mother and a father, a person who we've lives to help us and to

be people out there who homicide besides the themselves. We believe those people have and the father or grandfather taken so violently can this case for Mr. Taylor who greatly miss him. We Taylor's family, but we

Lingrell asks for people who were connected to Taylor to keep believing that the case will be solved.

"I would ask them to keep the faith, keep Mr. Taylor and the Urbana Police Division in your thoughts and prayers that we'll have success," Lingrell said. "This is priority number one at the Urbana Police Division. We have a number of daily issues that go on, a number of other crime issues that go on throughout the community that we also must deal with, but if there's a priority number one at this division it's Louis Taylor."

Citizens wanting to share information about the case are asked to contact the Urbana Police Division at 937-652-4364 or through the tip line at 937-652-4357. (Urbana Daily Citizen)

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2014 Annual Report for the Urbana Division of Police. The purpose of this report is to give our review of the Urbana Police Division to our community and to describe the issues that are related to public safety that have affected us throughout 2014. We hope you enjoy reading about who we are and what we are doing to provide law enforcement and community service for the citizens and visitors of Urbana.

After the Introduction, **Chapter II—Division Personnel** provides information about our personnel. We currently have 17 Officers, 6 short from the 23 we had in 2009. We are in the process of hiring two new officers who we hope will complete their field training program in early 2015 and replace long time officer Kip Michael, who retired after a 23-year career, and Scott Bowling who resigned in September. Fourteen of our officers have college degrees. Currently, the Division includes the Police Chief, Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, and 13 Officers, as well as two part-time Records Clerks.

**Chapter III—Major Monthly Activities** lists the highlights from each month. This chapter will give you information on some of our more interesting activities in 2014.

Chapter IV—Training lists the type of training Division employees received in 2014. While overall our training hours have decreased over the past few years, due to many circumstances, we continue to have one of the best trained small law enforcement organizations around. With new officers coming aboard in 2015, the challenge will be for us to help them to be trained and prepared to have long and successful careers as Urbana police officers. With the current national spotlight being shined upon law enforcement, oftentimes in negative and non-factual ways, it has brought clarity that continual training of officers is of the utmost importance as officers are tasked to deal more than ever with society's social, moral, and ethical breakdowns within our communities for which others have either failed, refuse or no longer exist in dealing with many of these issues.

**Chapter V—Staff Activities** are handled primarily by the Chief, Lieutenant, Sergeants and specially assigned Patrol Officers or civilian personnel. Throughout 2014 Officer Chris Snyder provided schools, businesses and civic organizations with the A.L.I.C.E. training on how to respond to an active killing incident. In June we provided our 2<sup>nd</sup> ever Safety Town for youngsters, helping to better prepare them as they ready themselves to enter Kindergarten.

**Chapter VI—Patrol Activities** provides insight into what type and with what frequency the Division handled 13,116 calls for service in 2014.

Chapter VII—Crime in Urbana presents the investigation approach of the Division along with the crime statistics for Urbana. We continued with our drug enforcement strategy, started first in January of 2013 and saw many successes including six drug related search warrant raids of homes, as we continued to identify and arrest the drug criminals within our community. In 2014 we removed several guns from arrestees. We again faced the difficult tasks associated with a homicide investigation when Jerald Myers was murdered in May, but fortunately were able to bring justice for our victim with a conviction and prison sentence for the crime

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Chapter VIII—Division-Related Activities covers some extra events that Division personnel have been involved in throughout 2014. Our FOP organization is outstanding in helping us to have the successes we have in providing our community with an Easter egg hunt for youngsters in April, Halloween treats for trick or treaters in October and a Community Christmas in December. These are only part of the many other outreach efforts the division is involved with.

**Chapter X—Goals** covers a review of our 2014 goals and what our 2015 Division plans are.

Chapter IX—Conclusion.

# II. URBANA POLICE DIVISION PERSONNEL

#### 2014 Urbana Police Division Roster

		Appointment Date	
John K. Purinton David M. Reese Edward D. Burkhammer Joshua A. Jacobs Kip E.D. Michael* Steven E. Molton Brian W. Cordial Todd M. Burkett Christopher P. Snyder Michael J. Hughes Todd M. Pratt Shawn E. Schmidt Jeffery B. Roberts Robbie A. Evans J. Mike Cooper K. Jason Kizer C. Scott Bowling** Patro	tenant ol Sergeant ol Sergeant stigative Sergeant ol Sergeant ol Officer	July 8, 1984 February 23, 1992 November 15, 1987 February 23, 1992 September 2, 1992 November 15, 1999 October 28, 1991 February 16, 1992 July 15, 1992 July 6, 1994 December 25, 1994 February 15, 1995 October 27, 1996 March 13, 2000 September 25, 2000 February 21, 2005 December 21, 2005 March 8, 2006 September 24, 2008	
Elaine Massie Part	-time Records Clerk -time Records Clerk plain	March 9, 2005 January 27, 2014 April 16, 1967	

<sup>\*</sup>Retired on November 28, 2014

<sup>\*\*</sup>Resigned on September 12, 2014

#### **Division's Quality Performance Mission Statement**

We, the members of the Urbana Police Division, pledge to provide professional, quality service with integrity and teamwork, to keep Urbana a pleasant place to live, work and visit.

#### Division's Values

We, the members of the Urbana Police Division, value:

- **Professionalism** We strive for personal and professional excellence.
- Respect We believe that respect is earned and easily lost and we'll strive to maintain our standing as police officers for the City of Urbana.
- **Ethics** We believe we are guided by our moral values and must do everything we can to protect a high standard.
- Integrity We believe integrity is the basis for community trust.
- Teamwork We believe teamwork will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills and styles to achieve common goals.

#### Mission Progress in 2014

A quality based mission requires us to constantly look for ways to improve the services we deliver to our community. We believe that by doing these things we do our part in keeping Urbana a pleasant place to live, work and visit. In 2014 we accomplished this by:

#### A. WebCheck automated fingerprinting system

In January the police division began automated fingerprinting for criminal and/or civilian background checks after obtaining a WEB Check system through the assistance of a local Foundation who provided us with \$7,000 (half the cost) to go towards the purchase of the system. Sgt. John Purinton helped to install and train employees on the new system.

#### B. Continuation of 2013 Drug Enforcement Strategy

- In 2014 we charged a Springfield drug trafficker with Reckless Homicide and Involuntary Manslaughter for his criminal actions that led to the heroin overdose death of an Urbana man in November of 2013. Though this case is still processing through the court system, the fact that a drug trafficker will face the most serious of criminal charges whenever we can prove they were directly responsible for an overdose death has had far reaching effects upon traffickers.
- 6 Search Warrant Drug Raids of homes were conducted in 2014.
- Drug arrest stats: <u>2014</u> 2013 2012 2011 302 308 171 108

- Several Covert cases were conducted by our Investigative Unit resulting in numerous criminal arrests and indictments for drug traffickers and abusers in Urbana
- A large amount of illegal drugs were removed from the community
- We solved many additional theft related cases through our drug investigations
- We removed several handguns from the streets.
- C. In 2014 we continued with the 2012 initiative of conducting monthly Citizen Surveys of Police Services in regards to our Officer's response to Calls for Service and Incidents. We issued division wide monthly and quarterly reports on our findings. Our goal in surveying the public we've served is three-fold:
- 1. To identify levels of satisfaction from those surveyed.
- 2. To identify areas of concern regarding the service provided by the respective employee.
- 3. To let the officers know that the representative work and effort they are providing for the city and our police division is going to be reviewed periodically.

We do not shy away from surveying all types of police services and oftentimes the person we survey has been arrested, issued a traffic citation, or been the victim of a crime. While we are finding that the overwhelming percentage of those surveyed are pleased or supportive of the response the officers gave to their incident or crime, we actually are more concerned with the surveys that give a perspective that the person being surveyed was dissatisfied with the level of service we provided in their respective case, and to use the information to improve our services.

The Survey acts as a "Report Card" from the perceptions of our community members.

In 2014 our surveys revealed to us the following:

- 74 surveys were completed
- Over 97% of those responding indicated that Urbana Police Division Officers act professionally. Less than 3% said they did not believe they were treated professionally.
- 75% indicated they were very satisfied with their treatment by Urbana Police Division Officers. 18% said they were simply satisfied and less than 8% indicated they were not satisfied.
- 70% indicated the service they received from the officer was above average.
   23% said their service was average, and only 6% indicated their service was below average.
- 94% indicated they would feel confident in the UPD and 6% said they would not.

#### D. Shift Level Reviews

In 2014 we continued conducting monthly **Shift Level Reviews** of each Patrol Unit and the Investigative Unit. These reports are conducted by the respective Sergeant of the Unit. These reviews help us:

- 1. To ensure that the goals of the Division are being met.
- 2. To ensure we are working efficiently to complete case investigations in a timely manner to bring closure to open cases.
- 3. To ensure we are doing all that we can to provide appropriate training opportunities for the employees.
- 4. To ensure we are recognizing and celebrating outstanding efforts and successes of our officers throughout the month.

Note: This process also helps keep supervisors abreast of issues involving employees, the shift and the division. While we ask the supervisors not to include individual shortcomings of individual officers within this report, the reviews offer a perfect opportunity for supervisors to address any shortcomings they observe involving an employee's or the unit's work effort.

- **E.** We have begun using the former Armory Motor Pool building as our new site for large evidence/property storage for the police division as well as where we process vehicles used in crimes. Court ordered towed vehicles are also taken here.
- **F.** In May, a new and updated General Order manual was issued that helps guide Urbana police employees in their daily responsibilities. This was the first full upgrade to the UPD General Orders, since it was last completed in 1997.

#### **Continuing Outreach Efforts in 2014**

We believe we must continue to meet the needs of our community in as many ways as possible by providing various Outreach efforts that help us to develop lasting partnerships and to strengthen professional relationships in our community. Continuing outreach programs include:

- Mascot "Officer Stanley" appearances at Police and Community events
- Are You Okay? (RUOK) Safety check program for our elderly & homebound
- Criminal Justice Internships for college students
- Public Speaking & Crime Prevention programs
- FOP sponsorship of Youth sports teams
- FOP Easter Egg Hunt

- Safety Town
- FOP Halloween Treats
- FOP Community Christmas

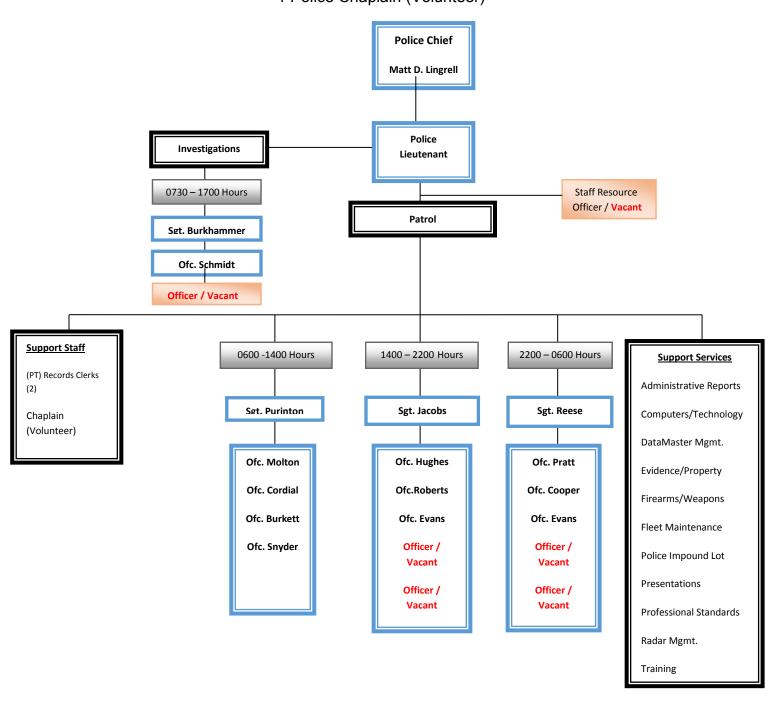


Urbana Police Chief Matt Lingrell won the 2014 Champaign County Arts Council's "Bad Art by Good People" award when his painting of the Urbana Police Shoulder Patch raised \$1,278.00 for the organization. Below, the 2013 award winner, Urbana University President Kirk Peterson, presents Lingrell with the "2014 Golden Brush Award" during a February Arts Council fundraising auction/dinner.



# URBANA POLICE DIVISION Organizational Chart December 31, 2014

Division's Full Complement of Employees
23 Sworn Officers (we currently have 17 Sworn Officers)
2 Records Clerks (Part-time)
1 Police Chaplain (Volunteer)



#### III. MAJOR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### January 2014

On January 8, at 9:27 p.m. Urbana officers investigated a reported robbery near the intersection of South Main and West Water Streets. The police investigation revealed that the case was a drug rip off, and that instead of a drug deal happening, the victim was robbed of the cash he'd planned on using tor the drug purchase.

Urbana police arrested Dylan McCullough, 21, charging him with Felony Trafficking in Drugs. He was convicted and sentenced to prison. Several other men were also charged in this case. One of those was Samuel Yeargan, 18, Urbana, who was charged with Obstructing Official Business and Resisting Arrest, as he was captured after a foot chase. While being chased, Yeargan discarded a stolen handgun which officers later recovered.

January 19, at 7:14 p.m. Urbana police a fire divisions responded to a house fire at 360 Windsor Avenue that destroyed the home that was being restored. After many months of investigation, led by Urbana Police Sergeant Ed Burkhammer, the homeowner, Joseph Jackson, age 49, was charged and convicted of starting the arson fire. Working closely with Sergeant Burkhammer in the investigation were Assistant Urbana Fire Chief Jeff Asper and Assistant State Fire Marshall Timothy Schreadley, along with many other Urbana officers.

<u>January 26</u>, during a Division meeting, Urbana police adopted and committed themselves to:

#### Ten Core Principles of the Urbana Police Division

#### Urbana Police Officers will:

- 1. Arrive for work physically conditioned, mentally prepared, professional looking in uniform and equipped with the mindset that "Today could be the day..."
- 2. Treat others the way you'd expect to be treated or the way that we would like members of our own family to be treated. Urbana police officers will be humble, gentle and kind in most situations, assertive when needed, and aggressive when the situation requires you to be.
- 3. Exercise proper radio discipline and communication with the Dispatch Center and other Officers.
- 4. Always be aware of other officers' locations and the nature of the call they are on and quickly respond to their locations (without being asked to) when the call is critical or they fail to respond to checkups.
- 5. Always use proper weapons discipline
  - Consider all weapons to be loaded all the time.
  - Never point a weapon at anything you do not want to put a bullet through.
  - Never put your finger on the trigger unless you want to shoot.

- Know your target and what is behind it.
- 6. Remember that the case does not always end with an arrest. Officers will look beyond what is initially seen and consider consent/warrant searches or other investigative techniques to further strengthen a case or help us in dealing with our crime problems.
- 7. Always ask Is this a wise decision based on my past experience and education, present situation and future possibilities, when faced with a police problem?
- 8. Be a part of the solution and not the problem; offer input when appropriate rather than to criticize and complain, looking for ways to make the UPD better.
- 9. Return your assigned police car at the end of the shift in better condition than you found it, fueled, clean and properly equipped, ready for the next officer.
- 10. Never let a fellow officer down or alone to handle a difficult situation with which you should help.

#### February 2014

On <u>February 4</u>, Urbana police began an investigation into a local bank employee committing repeated thefts, totaling over \$33,000 from an elderly bank customer, who was living in a local nursing home. The investigating officer, Shawn Schmidt, worked many hours in tracking down evidence in this case. He was able to develop a multiple felony theft and forgery cases against 37 year old Mandolin Alexander of Bellefontaine. She was convicted and served a jail term and was placed on probation.

<u>February 26</u>, Urbana police dealt with a volatile incident involving a home invasion aggravated burglary and robbery of a West Church Street resident that ended with a short standoff and the arrest of Dylan McCullough, age 21, and, Bradley Rogan, age 26, both of Urbana for the crimes. The two men kicked in the door, forcing their way in and assaulting a male resident as they attempted to rob him. After the two men fled the home, the victim was taken to Mercy Memorial hospital for treatment of his assault injuries.

At 11:45 pm officers located and arrested McCullough and Rogan after they were found hiding inside an apartment at 718 Mosgrove Street. Police charged both McCullough and Rogan with Aggravated Burglary and Aggravated Robbery. Both men were later convicted and sentenced to prison (McCullough 7 years) and Rogan (3 years / 10 months). McCullough had been out on bond at the time of the home invasion, stemming from the January 2014 robbery of a drug associate at Main & Water Streets.

#### March 2014

On <u>March 6</u>, Sergeant Dave Reese was honored as one of southwestern Ohio's top officers in drunk driving arrests. Reese, along with his wife Sheri, Chief Lingrell and Lieutenant King attended an awards luncheon, hosted by Ohio's Mothers Against Drunk Driving, in Loveland, Ohio.

In the previous three years, Reese had 79 total OVI arrests including 26 in 2013. The Urbana Police Division had 108 OVI arrests in 2013. Reese, a 21-year veteran supervisor on the midnight shift of the department, that was responsible for 88 of the 108 OVI arrests for the



division in 2013 and 83 of the 105 OVI arrests in 2012.

Reese is credited for recommending in 2009 that the division obtain and train officers to use portable breath testers to improve officers' efficiency on OVI and underage drinking enforcement.

(left) :Sergeant David Reese (with his wife Sheri) is awarded the Southwestern region of Ohio's Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) TOP COP award for his 2013 OVI arrests.

March 26, Urbana police began an investigation into the felonious assault of a 5-month old infant that occurred inside 234 West Church Street. The investigation, headed by Sergeant Ed Burkhammer, led to the arrest and conviction of Jaylon Crochran, 21, the live-in boyfriend of the infant's mother. The infant, sustained life altering injuries in the assault. Crochran was convicted and sentenced to 8 years in prison.

<u>March 13</u>, lead investigator Sergeant Dave Reese along with multiple Urbana officers conducted search warrant raids of two homes involved in drug crimes. At 9:54 a.m. officers raided 1109 West Ward Street, where they recovered evidence of drug abuse crimes as well as a firearm in the possession of a convicted felon. This case was the result of citizen tips and a covert police investigation that began in January.

At 12:21 p.m., the same officers conducted another raid of 609 Bloomfield Avenue, where again they recovered numerous items of drug abuse crimes and recovered a shotgun. This case also was the result of drug complaints made against the resident and a covert police investigation with occurred earlier in the month.



#### **April 2014**

On <u>April 26</u>, 2014, Urbana police officers offered a Drug Drop-off event in the parking lot of the CVS store. During the 4-hour event, citizen dropped off 66 pounds of old, unused medications for disposal purposes. This was the first of two Drug Drop-offs the police division offered in 2014. The police division also participated in the October 18<sup>th</sup> Champaign County *E*-waste event at the Community Center. The event was handled by Lt. Seth King, Sgt.

John Purinton and Officers Brian Cordial & Chris Snyder and 106 pounds of medicines were turned over to be properly disposed of by police. These programs help us in our efforts to eliminate opportunities for these medicines to be misused and abused or flushed into our water system, thereby creating some contamination.

Chief Lingrell participated in the 2013-14 Leadership Champaign County program. As their group project, Chief Lingrell, along with other members from the class

implemented a Drug Drop-off program for the villages of Mechanicsburg and Saint Paris police departments. During April Village Council meetings, the group presented permanent Drug Drop-off boxes to the police chiefs, mayors and councils for the two villages. In addition to these two boxes being available for the east and west sides of the county, the Champaign County Sheriff's office also provides a permanent location for dropping off old or unused medications to be safely and properly disposed of.



<u>Leadership Champaign County Small Group Project Team</u> (I-r) Shari Folker – Vancrest, Sara Neer – Security National Bank, Richele Shepard – WellSpring, Tonya Barrett – Sterling House, (John) Wes Wilson – WellSpring and Urbana Chief Matt Lingrell.

On <u>April 7</u>, during the overnight hours, Urbana police were following up on multiple car Breaking & Entering cases being reported throughout the south end of the city when Patrol Officer Robbie Evans observed a crime in progress from a vehicle parked in the 100-block of East Reynolds Street. Evans confronted and placed the 15-year old boy into custody and took him to the police division for questioning, where he admitted to committing many of the crimes. Several other individuals were also identified and charged for their parts in the car B & E's. Since March 17<sup>th</sup> Urbana police as well as other Champaign county law enforcement agencies had handled over 30 car B & E's that were unsolved until the arrests by Officer Evans. In addition to a car being stolen, numerous other items had been stolen during these crimes including money, credit cards, electronics and tools.

#### **May 2014**

On Sunday, <u>May 25</u>, at 8:55 p.m. Urbana Police found a homicide scene after being dispatched to 536 South Kenton Street. Upon their arrival at the scene, officers found homeowner, Jerald L. Myers, age 65, dead inside the home. The victim had multiple stab wounds and appeared to have been badly beaten.

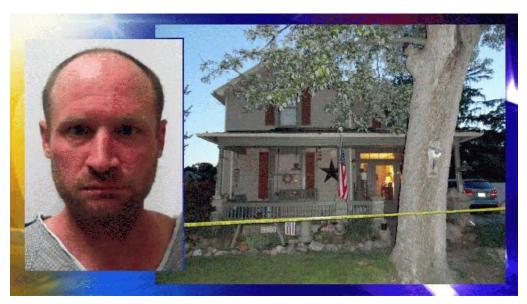


Urbana Police investigators and crime scene specialists from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations worked the scene throughout the night processing and collecting evidence.

Urbana police arrested Myer's son, Christopher, 38, and charged him with the Murder and Felonious Assault of his father and for

Felony Domestic Violence, for actions he took against a brother, who'd arrived on the scene shortly after the homicide had occurred.

Another arrest associated with this case came in July, when the Champaign County Grand Jury returned indictments against a cousin of Myers,



Matthew Kerns, age 38, of Springfield, charging him with:

- F-3 Tampering With Evidence
- F-3 Obstructing Justice
- F-5 Improperly Furnishing Firearms To A Minor

Additionally during that Grand Jury, murder defendant Christopher Myers was additionally indicted with:

- F-3 Complicity in the Commission of Tampering with Evidence
- F-3 Complicity in the Commission of Tampering with Evidence
- F-3 Having Weapons While Under Disability

Those indictments stemmed from after-the-fact actions involving Kerns and Myers in relation to the Jerald Myers May 25, 2014 homicide case in Urbana.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 24, 2014, Urbana police investigators interviewed Kerns, at the Clark County Sheriff's Department, where he was employed as a deputy sheriff and later they served a search warrant at his home where they completed a search and collected additional evidence.

Later in 2014, Christopher Myers pled guilty to his crimes and was sentenced to 20 years on prison. For his part in the case, Kerns was sentenced to 30 days in jail and resigned as a deputy sheriff.

On <u>May 28</u>, at 2:26 a.m. Urbana officers conducted a drug search warrant at 826 Eichelberger Drive in relation to an ongoing, undercover drug investigation. Three adults from that location were indicted for their involvement in heroin and other drug crimes.



Urbana police raid drug house

#### **June 2014**

During the first two weeks in <u>June</u>, Urbana police conducted two Safety Town programs for incoming kindergartners. Officers Todd Pratt and Jason Kizer were the presenters for the weeklong programs. Each week ended with a graduation ceremony involving the participants and their parents. Additional organizations who help us in providing safety education for the youngsters includes: Careflight, the Urbana Fire Division, Champaign County Job & Family Services, and Urbana City Schools.





#### **July 2014**



On <u>July 10</u>, at 2:51 a.m., multiple criminal charges including Trafficking in Drugs were filed against Kara Atwell, stemming from a June investigation where Urbana officers conducted a drug trafficking related search warrant raid of her home at 125 Berwick Drive, and recovered numerous drug related paraphernalia items and marijuana. This case was the result of a traffic stop earlier in the evening, when a jar with 69 grams of

marijuana was found inside the car and further questioning of the driver led police to obtain a search warrant for her apartment. She was later convicted on various drug charges.

On <u>July 17</u>, local children investigative skills as part investigation during the the Champaign County

Assisting the 20 detectives was Officer Urbana Police Division's

Children used their skills to identifying candy without figuring out whose stolen soda can. Students

scene, develop, photograph how to mold plaster cast soil outside a crime scene.



Officer Shawn Schmidt

learned and used of a mock crime scene Summer Reading Club, at Library.

perspective young Shawn Schmidt of the Investigations Unit.

solve mysteries such as touching or eating it and fingerprints were on a learned how to protect a

and lift latent fingerprints and footprints or tire prints left in

#### <u>August 2014</u>

On **August 1**, at 3:07 p.m., Urbana police officers conducted a drug search warrant raid at 608 East Light Street, where numerous items of illegal drug crimes were recovered as well as a .22 Caliber rifle that was in the possession of a felon. This raid was the result of an undercover investigation by police and resulted in the arrests of 24-year old Jordan Davis, for various drug crimes and for possessing a firearm illegally, and, 25-

year old Ryan Davis, who was charged with various drug crimes including Trafficking in Drugs as well as Child Endangering.

On <u>August 10</u>, Urbana police arrested a 20-year old Crawfordsville, Indiana man, found working at the Champaign County fair, after police discovered that he was providing local juveniles with drugs and inviting them to his hotel room in an Urbana hotel, where he engaged in sexual activity with girls as young as 14. This case was the result of an alert patrol officer who while on patrol observed suspicious activity in the area of the 68 Motel. He began an investigation that led to the discovery of illegal drug and sexual activity occurring in a room at that location.

#### September 2014

Late on the evening of <u>September 6</u>, several officers of the Urbana Police Division executed a drug related search warrant raid at 319 Sycamore Street in Urbana. The raid was the result of a lengthy covert investigation and resulted in the seizure of narcotics and drug abuse instruments. Five adults were taken in for further investigation which resulted in criminal charges. Also found living inside the home at the time of the raid were seven young children, ranging in age from 9 months to 11 years of age. Charges of felony and misdemeanor drug violations as well as child endangering were filed against the adults found inside the home at the time of the raid.

## Call Urbana police (937-652-4350) with any information you have that will help to solve this September – 2014 robbery.

On Friday, **September 19**, at around 9:20 p.m., Urbana Police officers were dispatched to an armed robbery at the Marathon Gas Station, located at 230 South Main St. The



investigation revealed that the suspect, a black male, approximately 6-feet tall, entered the store wearing a white baseball cap, a light colored t-shirt and black hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and tennis shoes, entered the store and displayed a handgun. He threatened the clerk

and then fled the store on foot with an undetermined amount of cash. Additional evidence was collected at the store, as well as statements from witnesses. The investigation is still ongoing.

#### October 2014

On <u>October 18</u>, officers completed their final range qualifications for the year. Throughout the year officers qualify with their duty handgun, off-duty handgun, police shotgun, police carbine rifle, ASP tactical baton, chemical OC spray and flashbang device deployment. Officers are also trained on the Division's Response to Resistance Continuum Policy, used whenever an officer is met with a non-compliant, dangerous or resistant subject.



qualifying during night-time qualifications.

r) Officers Jeff Roberts and Mike Hughes qualify with the UPD tactical as Firearms Instructor - Officer Shawn Schmidt (standing) observes.



"TOP SHOT - 2014"



During the fall range, we conducted our annual "Top Shot" challenge to find the most proficient officer in using all division issued firearms in a timed event. The 2014 "Top Shot" award this year went to 22-year

veteran patrol officer, Brian Cordial.

#### Brian Cordial - winner of the 2014 UPD "Top Shot" challenge

#### November 2014

In <u>November</u> Lieutenant King met with the Urbana Civil Service Commission to begin the civil service testing process to replace the two most recent officers we lost to resignation (Bowling) and retirement (Michael). We hope to have two new officers in field training with the division in early 2015. We've been operating 4 short of our authorized strength of 23 officers since 2009, but the loss of these two additional officers placed an even greater strain and uncertain danger upon the officers tasked with handling crime and related law enforcement issues for the City of Urbana.

#### December 2014



(I-r): Ofc. Shawn Schmidt, Sgt. John Purinton & Ofc. Brian Cordial, are ready to deliver gifts.

Christmas packages line the main hallway of the UPD

Christmas week, as part of their annual outreach efforts, Urbana Police Officers provided local children in need with Christmas cheer. The officers delivered Christmas gifts – toys, mostly, but also clothing items to several area families. The presents were part of Urbana Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #93's sixth annual Christmas Giving Tree drive.

The outreach event has grown from providing gifts for 85 children the first year to 200 this year. The children this year were part of 108 families. Many officers and some family members help in wrapping and delivering the packages and everyone enjoys seeing the smiles on the faces of the unsuspecting receivers.

#### Special Recognition

The members of the Urbana Police Division would like to thank the following people or organizations for honoring the Urbana Police Division in 2014:

The Moose Club organization for its continued support of outreach efforts of the Urbana Police Division.

Walmart for recognizing the Urbana Police division and its efforts in fighting crime by rewarding us with a \$500 grant.

Champaign County Residential Services for its support of outreach efforts of the Urbana Police Division.

The Sterling House for its two breakfasts held for Urbana Police Officers.

Heartland for its September 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon honoring First Responders.

Grace Baptist Church for its November 9<sup>th</sup> church service and luncheon for Urbana Police Officers.

The Country Hearth & Homes for its honors luncheon honoring Urbana police and community leaders.

Various other citizens, who've made donations, but wish to remain anonymous, that help the division to have success with our outreach programs for our community.

#### IV. TRAINING

#### **College Training**

Fourteen Officers currently have college degrees (Eight Bachelor's Degrees, and six Associate's Degrees).

#### ALICE & Active shooter Response Training

Throughout 2014, the Urbana Police Division provided multiple schools, businesses and other organizations with the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter & Evade) training. Officer Chris Snyder is the presenter for the program and has helped spread the latest and best practice protocol to be used in an active killing incident. If your group or organization is interested in receiving this training, you may contact either Chief Lingrell at <a href="matt.lingrell@ci.urbana.oh.us">matt.lingrell@ci.urbana.oh.us</a> (652-4364) or Chris Snyder at <a href="matt.lingrell@ci.urbana.oh.us">chris.snyder@ci.urbana.oh.us</a> (652-4561).

Twice in 2014, Urbana officers practiced responding to an Active shooter incident. This scenario training was overseen by our Firearms instructors Ed Burkhammer, Chris Snyder & Shawn Schmidt and instilled best practice response for officers to consider while responding as either a single officer, or, as part of a team of officers.



Officers practicing response to an Active shooter.

#### **Career Development Training**

The Division regards training to be an important component of maintaining the high professional standards required from law enforcement today. The goal of our training is to select topics and attendees that will help us meet the needs of both the Division and the officer. Some of the training highlights in 2014 included:

Attending			
Personnel	Training Program	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jason Kizer Scott Bowling	REID method of Interviewing @ the Union County Sheriff Office	24 ee	4-8/10-14
Entire Division	Handgun Qualifications	3	4-23/24-14
Shawn Schmidt	Legal Update training	8	5-1-2014
Entire Division	Shotgun, OC Spray & ASP Baton Qualifications	3	6-18/19-14
Josh Jacobs	Judicial Symposium on Opiate Addiction in Columbus	8	6-30-14
Ed Burkhammer	OARRS	8	7-1-2014
Shawn Schmidt Jeff Roberts	Midwest Hostage/Crisis Negotiators Conference in Columbus	24	9-4/5-14
Mike Cooper	REID method of Interviewing in Columbus	24	9-16/19-14
Entire Division	Tactical Rifle Qualifications & Top Shot Challenge	3	10-8/9-14
Chris Snyder Mike Hughes Todd Pratt	VALOR @ the Columbus Police Academy	8	11-19-14
Matt Lingrell Seth King Shawn Schmidt Robbie Evans Mike Cooper Jason Kizer	Cooper Standard Fitness Test (OPOTA)	3	7-25-14

#### V. STAFF ACTIVITIES

#### Bicycle Patrol

Sergeant David Reese is in charge of the Division's Bicycle Patrol program. He oversees the training of new bike officers, and provides minor care and maintenance to the bikes. There are currently seventeen certified Bike Officers on the Division. The Division has seven bikes that are used regularly.

When there is sufficient manpower on a shift, Bicycle Officers may be assigned to conduct patrol on bikes. Throughout 2014, bike officers were expected to conduct 32 hours bi-weekly on either foot or bike patrol during the summer and early fall months. As a division, we fell short of this expectation and it will be important for us to require a better shift level commitment to the program in 2015.

Among some of the special projects the Bike Officers are responsible for include "Child Bicycle Safety" presentations at the schools, YMCA and City Park, patrolling events like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities at Grimes Airport, downtown festivals, and the fall parade.

During 2014, 3<sup>rd</sup> shift bike officers had great success at stopping criminal violations in progress, because they were patrolling on bikes and observing criminal activities before the suspects realized the officer(s) were approaching them.

In addition to numerous drug violation arrests, the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift also had several alcohol related arrests and stopped a serial theft ring that had broken into over 30 vehicles in Urbana as well as in various other Champaign County villages.

#### Data Master and Portable Breath Testing (PBT) machines

Officer Jason Kizer is responsible for the care, maintenance, and weekly calibration of the Data Master Alcohol Testing Instrument. It is used by the Division on alcohol and OVI cases to determine the level of alcohol a person has consumed. In 2014, there were 105 tests on the machine. Seventeen officers are certified to operate the Data Master. These officers are tested annually by the State of Ohio Health Department and must pass both a written and a proficiency test to remain certified. The Division also uses Portable Breath Tester's (PBT's) to test for alcohol levels. The PBT's are carried in the police cruisers and can be used to make presumptions of alcohol intake while at the scene of an incident involving alcohol. These come in handy for officers responding to large underage drinking parties, where several dozen people may need testing. Sergeant David Reese helps to maintain the PBT's and conducts regular calibration checks on them.

#### Computers

Sergeant John Purinton is responsible for overseeing our computer technology projects. He acts as liaisons with the computer companies that supply and support our records management system. The system is always reviewed and upgraded as needed. In 2014 we upgraded to a new RMS server and replaced 5 office computers.

#### Professional Responsibility Investigations

The professional responsibility investigation process is administered to ensure the integrity of the Division and its employees. Most professional responsibility investigations are handled by the police administration. In 2014, the Division conducted two professional responsibility investigations, involving 3 officers. One complaint was handled administratively for two employees who had violated Division Policy.

The results of the two investigations include:

- One complaint (involving two officers)—was sustained
- One complaint (involving 1 officer)—was unfounded (false report)

#### Recognition for No Sick Leave Usage

The following officers used zero Sick Leave in 2014:

- Officer Chris Snyder
- Officer Brian Cordial
- Officer Todd Pratt
- Lieutenant Seth King
- Chief Matt Lingrell

#### TOP COPS for OVI enforcement

The following officers are recognized for their special efforts in enforcing OVI laws throughout the year:

- Sergeant David Reese is recognized for making 31 OVI arrests in 2014. His shift was responsible for 76/90 UPD arrests in this category.
- Officer Mike Cooper is recognized for making 19 OVI arrests in 2014.
- Officer Robbie Evans is recognized for making 17 OVI arrests in 2014.

#### Commendations

For their special efforts throughout 2014, various officers were honored with Commendations for excellent police work. In addition to these commendations, there were many letters and/or calls from citizens offering thanks to individual officers for assistance they'd provided during the year.

Division Commendations went to:

#### **2014 Distinguished Duty Award Winners**

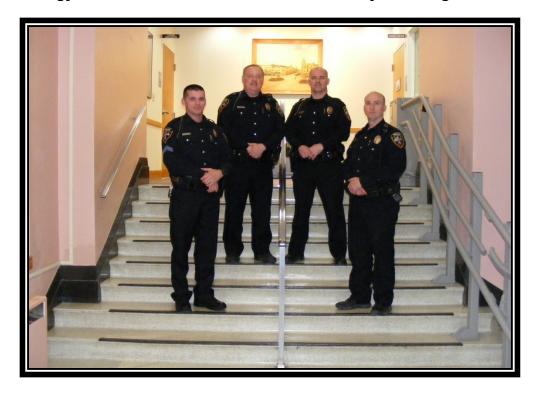
A citation award (green with gold stars) for (1) an individual or unit signifying high commendation for efforts to carry out safely, or, improve a police patrol, investigative, or tactical operation, or, (2) demonstrate a high degree of personal initiative by contributing significantly to the achievement of law enforcement goals, or, community policing programs which benefit both the public and the division.

<u>Distinguished Duty Award</u> – for their investigative roles involving the May 25, 2014, homicide of Jerald Myers.



Back (I-r): Officer Todd Pratt, Officer Jeff Roberts & Officer Shawn Schmidt Front (I-r) Sergeant Ed Burkhammer, Sergeant David Reese, Officer Robbie Evans & Sergeant Josh Jacobs

<u>Distinguished Duty Award</u> – for their investigative roles involving multiple felony arrests/convictions, particularly their continued dedication and commitment to the success of our Drug Enforcement Strategy – "Covert to Overt to Closed in 30 - Days" throughout 2014.



(I-r): Sergeant David Reese, Officers Todd Pratt, Mike Cooper & Robbie Evans

#### Reese, Pratt, Cooper & Evans

- 1. Armed robbery arrest of Matthew Grim within hours of the crime, January, 2014.
- 2. Home invasion robbery at 234 West Church Street, and short standoff at the Gwynne Village apartment complex resulting in the arrests & convictions of Dylan McCullough and Bradley Rogan, February, 2014.
- 3. Search Warrant Drug Raid of 609 Bloomfield Avenue (Zang arrest) in March, 2014.
- 4. Search Warrant Drug Raid of 608 East Light Street (Davis & Gaver arrests) and a recovered firearm in August, 2014.
- 5. Prescription drug trafficking case against Georgia Wood in August, 2014.
- 6. Search Warrant Drug Raid of 319 Sycamore Street (numerous arrests), September, 2014.
- 7. Top four officers in Drug arrests in 2014.

# **2014 Exceptional Duty Award Winners**

A citation award (green/white/green) signifying commendation for a highly credible accomplishment, bringing public acclaim to the employee, the Division, or the police profession, as a result of training, devotion to duty or service to the public.



Back (I-r): Sergeants Ed Burkhammer & Josh Jacobs

Middle (I-r): Sergeant David Reese, Officers Todd Pratt, Mike Cooper & Shawn Schmidt Front (I-r): Officers Jason Kizer, Mike Hughes, Robbie Evans & Todd Burkett

#### Reese

- 1. Robbery investigation, arrests & convictions of Matt Grim & Megan McGillivary January, 2014.
- 2. Home invasion robbery investigation, arrests & convictions of Dylan McCullough & Bradley Rogan February, 2014.
- 3. Drug Trafficker arrest of Jeremy Moore, and the recovery of 5 plus grams of packaged cocaine for sale, May, 2014
- 4. Drug Trafficker arrest of Kara Atwell and the recovery of a large amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia during a search warrant of her Berwick Drive apartment in June, 2014.
- 5. Recovery of a .22 Caliber semi-automatic handgun during the arrest of Devin Moore in June, 2014.
- 6. Trafficking in Drugs arrests (Neer & Tarlton) and forfeiture of their vehicle in August, 2014.
- 7. Presenter at the August, 2104 Urbana University student leadership training

#### **Burkhammer**

- 1. Joe Jackson arrest & conviction for the arson of his Windsor Avenue home, January, 2014.
- 2. Alcohol Compliance checks throughout the city, February, 2014.
- 3. Felonious Assault investigation on 5-month old infant with the arrest & conviction of Jaylon Crochran March, 2014.

- 4. Nathan Maddox juvenile rape investigations and convictions, March, 2014
- 5. Warye embezzlement investigation, May, 2014.
- 6. Heroin overdose death investigation leading to reckless homicide charges against those responsible for selling and purchasing the heroin with the deceased victim, June 2014.

#### **Josh Jacobs**

- 1. .Drug deal turned into a robbery investigation, arrests & convictions of Dylan McCullough, Sam Yeargan, D. Baker, B.Watkins & B.Cunningham, along with the recovery of a stolen handgun January, 2014.
- 2. Joe Jackson arrest & conviction for the arson of his Windsor Avenue home, January, 2014.
- 3 Standoff at 344 Henry Street involving an intoxicated man who'd been armed and had committed domestic violence upon a family member. This situation, which impacted an entire neighborhood, was brought under control with an arrest of Cliff Moxley, and recovery of a handgun, with no one being injured September, 2014.

#### Officer Todd Burkett

- 1. Investigative case involving the large monetary theft from an elderly person, by a care giver February, 2014.
- 2. Burglary investigation of a Clay Street residence involving the theft a multiple firearms and knives, resulting in the recovery of the stolen property and the arrest of Ashley Johnson for the crime June, 2014.
- 3. Assisted with the April Drug Drop-off program.

#### Mike Hughes

- 1. Theft from an elderly couple investigation and the recovery of some of the property from a Columbus Pawn Shop, leading to the arrests & convictions of Tauney and Brandyn Cox of Columbus March, 2014.
- 2. Heroin overdose death investigation leading to reckless homicide charges against those responsible for selling and purchasing the heroin with the deceased victim, June 2014.
- 3. Standoff at 344 Henry Street involving an intoxicated man who'd been armed and had committed domestic violence upon a family member. This situation, which impacted an entire neighborhood, was brought under control with an arrest of Cliff Moxley, and recovery of a handgun, with no one being injured September, 2014.
- 4. Serving as the Shift's Acting Sergeant for over 2 months, while the regular Sergeant was on injury leave.

#### Pratt

- Drug deal turned into a robbery investigation, arrests & convictions of Dylan McCullough, Sam Yeargan, D. Baker,
   Watkins & B. Cunningham, along with the recovery of a stolen handgun January, 2014.
   Home invasion robbery investigation, arrests & convictions of Dylan McCullough & Bradley Rogan February, 2014.
- 3. Solved 31 car Breaking & Entering cases with the apprehension of two juveniles in April, 2014.
- 4. Knock & Talk drug investigation that led to drug trafficking charges, along with various other drug related charges against three juveniles and the recovery of a handgun July, 2014.
- 5. Serving as the Shift's Acting Sergeant for over 3 months, while the regular Sergeant was on injury leave.

#### **Schmidt**

- 1. Joe Jackson arrest & conviction for the arson of his Windsor Avenue home, January, 2014.
- 2. Alcohol Compliance checks throughout the city, February, 2014.
- 3. Theft investigation, arrest & conviction of a local bank teller, Mandolin Alexander, for the theft of over \$35,000 from an 84 year old nursing home resident February, 2014.
- 4. Felonious Assault investigation on 5-month old infant with the arrest & conviction of Jaylon Crochran March, 2014.
- 5. Heroin overdose death investigation leading to reckless homicide charges against those responsible for selling and purchasing the heroin with the deceased victim, June 2014.
- 6. Responded back to the city while off-duty and on vacation, to assist in a juvenile rape case that led to an arrest, June, 2014

#### Robbie Evans

- 1. Solved 31 car Breaking & Entering cases with the apprehension of two juveniles in April, 2014.
- 2. Heroin overdose death investigation leading to reckless homicide charges against those responsible for selling and purchasing the heroin with the deceased victim, June 2014.
- 3. Trafficking in Drugs arrests (Neer & Tarlton) and forfeiture of their vehicle in August, 2014.

#### Cooper

- 1. OVI arrest (Brewer), who had 12 prior conviction, leading to the conviction of and forfeiture of his vehicle to be used by UPD, May, 2014.
- 2. Recovered stolen car and developed drug crimes case (Lawson), August, 2014.
- 3. Trafficking in Drugs arrests (Neer & Tarlton) and forfeiture of their vehicle in August, 2014.
- 4. Developed drug case involving a residence we'd received multiple complaints on, leading to a search warrant raid of the drug house at 319 Sycamore which in turn resulted in numerous drug abuse and/or trafficking arrests, and the involvement of Children's Services for the 7 young children living at the location, September, 2014.

#### <u>Kizer</u>

- 1. Robbery investigation, arrests & convictions of Matt Grim & Megan McGillivary January, 2014.
- 2. Recovery of stolen vehicle in March, 2014.
- 3. Standoff at 344 Henry Street involving an intoxicated mand who'd been armed who'd committed domestic violence upon a family member. This situation, which impacted an entire neighborhood, was brought under control with an arrest (Cliff Moxley), and the recovery of a handgun, with no one being injured September 5, 2014.

### 2014 Physical Fitness Award Winners

A citation award (white/green) signifying commendation for passing the annual physical fitness testing.



(I-r): Officer Jason Kizer, Lieutenant Seth King, Officer Robbie Evans & Officer Shawn Schmidt Not pictured: Chief Matt Lingrell

# 2014 Chief's Challenge Coin Award Winners

A medallion award representing the Urbana Police Division which is awarded either to show an appreciation to any person, reflecting goodwill for positive partnership between them and the police division, or, for an act by a member of the division of high achievement bringing acclaim to the Division and the Law Enforcement profession.



Third Row (I-r): Officer Chris Snyder, Officer Jeff Roberts & Officer Shawn Schmidt
Second Row (I-r): Sergeant John Purinton, Officer Todd Pratt, Officer Brian Cordial & Officer Mike Cooper
Front Row (I-r): Officer Jason Kizer, Lieutenant Seth King, Officer Robbie Evans & Sergeant David Reese
Missing from photo: Lieutenant Seth King & Records Clerk Elaine Massie

#### **King**

1. This award recognizes Lieutenant Seth King for his efforts in overseeing the recruitment, testing and selection of two new officers in a relatively quick fashion during the final quarter of 2014 and into the new year.

#### <u>Purinton</u>

- 1. His efforts to improve the recording quality of our Interview Rooms, February, 2014.
- 2. His efforts to implement our new WEBCheck automated fingerprinting system, programing it and providing training to the division, March, 2014.
- 3. Drug Drop-off program, April, 2014.
- 4. He oversaw the installation of a new digital security camera system for the Municipal Building, May, 2014.
- 5. He helped in the upgrade to a new police records management system server, November, 2014.

#### **Cordial**

- 1. Assisted Mechanicsburg PD in reorganizing their evidence/property control system -- April, 2014.
- 2. Drug Drop-off programs, April & October, 2014

#### Snyder

- 1. Multiple presentations of the ALICE program to various schools, businesses and civic organizations throughout 2014.
- 2. Represented the Division at the UU/YMCA Healthy Kids Day, April, 2014.
- 3. Drug Drop-off program, April, 2014.

#### Schmidt.

1. Presenter at numerous civic events throughout 2014, including teaching students in the Champaign County Library's summer reading program on how to investigate a mock crime scene, July, 2014.

#### **Pratt**

- 1. **P**resenter for our annual Safety Town program, held June 2 13, 2014.
- 2. Officer with the most Criminal Arrests

#### **Kizer**

- 1. Presenter for our annual Safety Town program, held June 2 13, 2014.
- 2. Officer with the 5<sup>th</sup> most Criminal Arrests (1<sup>st</sup> on his shift).

#### Roberts

- 1. Officer with the 6<sup>th</sup> most Criminal Arrests (2<sup>nd</sup> on shift).
- 2. Officer with the 4<sup>th</sup> most Traffic Citations (1<sup>st</sup> on his shift).

#### Reese

- 1. Officer with the 4<sup>th</sup> most Criminal Arrests.
- 2. Officer with the 2<sup>nd</sup> most Traffic Citations.
- 3. Top Officer in OVI Arrests.

#### Cooper

- 1. Officer with the 3rd most Criminal Arrests.
- 2. Officer with the 3rd most Traffic Citations.
- 3. Officer with 2<sup>nd</sup> most OVI Arrests.

#### **Evans**

- 1. Officer with the 2<sup>nd</sup> most Criminal Arrests.
- 2. Officer with the most Traffic Citations.
- 3. Officer with the 3<sup>rd</sup> most OVI Arrests.

#### **Elaine Massie**

For her dedication and "can do" attitude to the Records Unit. She is always ready to meet and greet our customers and fellow workers with a smile and is always enjoyable to be around.

### Response to Resistance Reviews

A Response to Resistance Report, or a Firearms Use Report, is required whenever an officer handles a non-compliant person resisting their arrest physically or in unknown weapons type calls. In 2014, Urbana officers used a Response to Resistance Report eleven times and a Firearms Use Report four times.

	<u>RTR</u>	<u>FUR</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	11	4	15
2013	24	12	36
2012	23	12	35
2011	12	7	19
2010	23	7	30
2009	23	2	25

In 2014 Response to Resistance Reports or Firearms Use Reports includes:

- 4 involving Firearms—(includes anytime a firearm is pointed at someone)
- 0 involving ASP Baton—(impact weapon to strike people with)
- 1 involving OC Chemical Spray
- 11 involving Physical Response—(tactical control methods including holds, wrestling, punches, and/or kicks)

Each Response to Resistance Report or Firearms Use Report is reviewed and commented on by a team of Urbana Officers, chaired by Lieutenant Seth King, which make recommendations for improvement that are submitted to the Police Chief. This internal review was also reviewed by the City Law Director, Breanne Parcels.

# Years of Service Recognition - 2014



Chief Matt Lingrell marked his 30<sup>th</sup> year of service with the Urbana Police Division.
Chief Lingrell resides in Urbana with his wife Krista and they are the parents of three children.



Officer Todd Burkett marked his 20<sup>th</sup> year of service with the Urbana Police Division.
Officer Burkett resides in Urbana with his wife Suzanne and they are the parents of three children. Todd works the 6 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Shift and is the Division's fleet manager.



Officer Chris Snyder marked his 20th year of service with the Urbana Police Division.
Officer Snyder resides in Urbana with his wife, Mary Kay and daughter. Chris works the 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. Shift and is a Division firearms instructor, armorer & ALICE instructor.



Sergeant Josh Jacobs marked his 15th year of service with the Urbana Police Division. Sergeant Jacobs resides in Urbana with his wife Jamie and they are the parents of two children. Josh supervises the 2 p.m. – 10 p.m. Shift.

# Special Details and/or Programs

Other Special Details or Programs, not mentioned before, that officers assisted with:

January 15	Chief Matt Lingrell	LION's Club – Update on UPD's new Drug Enforcement Strategy
January 17	Officer Chris Snyder	ALICE program for Vancrest
January 19	Chief Matt Lingrell	Martin Luther King service at the St. Paul A.M.E. church
February 28	Chief Matt Lingrell	Golden Brush recipient from the Champaign county Arts Council "Bad Art"
March 20	Officer Steve Molton	Boy Scout tour of police facility
March 31	Officer Steve Molton	Drug Abuse Awareness for scouts
April 5	Officer Chris Snyder	UU/YMCA Heathy Kids Day
April 10	Several officers	Breakfast hosted by the Sterling House
April 19	Fraternal Order of Police	Provided a Community Easter egg Hunt
April 13	Brian Cordial and Mascot Officer Stanley	UU Health Fair
April 24	Sergeant John Purinton	"Rising Up – Moving On" recognition breakfast
April 26	Lieutenant Seth King Sergeant John Purinton Officer Brian Cordial Officer Todd Burkett Officer Chris Snyder	Drug Drop-off collection program
May 19-20	Sergeant John Purinton Officer Todd Burkett Officer Shawn Schmidt	Tours of Police Division for North Elementary Kindergartner's
May 27	Officer Chris Snyder	ALICE program for the YMCA staff
June 7	Chief Matt Lingrell	Ran in the "Drug Free Youth Coalitions" 5K fundraiser run

Specia	<u>l Details</u>	and/or	Programs,	cont.

June 7	Sergeant John Purinton Officer Brian Cordial	Ward Street Cemetery Historical Marker
July 4	Several Officers	Provided security at the Airport – Fireworks show
July 17	Officer Shawn Schmidt	Crime Scene Investigation for the Library's Kid's Summer Reading program
July 20	Several Officers	Art Affair on the Square
August 12	Lieutenant Seth King Sergeant David Reese	Reese – presentation to UU Student leaders on drug identification and enforcement issues
August 22-24	4Several Officers	MERFI events at the airport
August 30	Officer Brian Cordial	provided traffic control for Wounded Warrior's Project 5K run
Sept. 6	Several Officers	Provided traffic control for the Alicia Titus Memorial 5K Peace Run
Sept. 11	Chief Matt Lingrell Lieutenant Seth King Sergeant John Purinton Officer Chris Snyder Sergeant Ed Burkhammer Officer Shawn Schmidt	9-11 Ceremonies throughout the city including: Urbana Hearth & Home, Heartland & the Sterling House
Sept. 25	Lieutenant Seth King Sergeant John Purinton Officer Chris Snyder Officer Shawn Schmidt	Luncheon guests of East Elementary's "Students of the Month"
Sept. 27	Several Officers	HOOPLA Parade
Oct. 9	Several Officers	2014 Urbana High School Homecoming Parade
Oct. 18	Officer Brian Cordial Officer Chris Snyder	Drug Drop-off collection program for <i>E</i> waste program

# Special Details and/or Programs, cont.

Oct. 23	Officer Chris Snyder	ALICE program for the Urbana City Schools Administrators
Oct. 29	Officer Steve Molton	Bicycle Safety and rodeo at the VFW/DAV Hall
Oct. 30	Officer Brian Cordial family, and, Officer Chris Snyder & family	FOP Halloween candies for trick or & treaters from the Police Division
Oct. 31	Sergeant Josh Jacobs	Halloween parade at North Elementary
Nov. 4	Officer Chris Snyder	ALICE program for City staff
Nov. 9	Officer Brian Cordial Officer Chris Snyder Officer Todd Burkett	luncheon hosted by Grace Baptist Church
Nov. 10	Officer Chris Snyder	ALICE program for North School administration
Dec. 23-24	FOP members with community members help	Christmas Wish gift deliveries to over 105 Urbana families and 200 children

### Property Room

Officer Brian Cordial is the Property Control Officer for the division. He is responsible for categorizing and managing the input and output of all property brought into the police division. The Division conducts two audits of its Property Room each year, one is scheduled and the other is set by the Chief but unannounced until the day it is to begin.

In 2014, there were 1,006 Items of evidence, contraband, recovered property, and found property submitted to the Property Room.

We now store large property/evidence such as vehicles, furniture and bikes at a more secure and better monitored location (the former motor pool facility at the old Armory/Highpoint location. This facility is a tremendous improvement over the Taft Avenue facility/site we'd used for the previous 25 years. This transition helped us to save what would have cost an estimated \$45,000 build a new secure facility.

# **Disposal of Property**

When the Division no longer needs the property, the Division will dispose of it by either returning the property to the rightful owner or, with a court order, the Division will destroy, forfeit, or auction the property.

Periodically, the Property Officer coordinates the return or disposal of property deemed no longer needed as evidence or for safe keeping. On July 4<sup>th</sup> each year, the Police Division conducts its annual police auction to rid itself of unclaimed and/or released property. This year's auction brought in a total profit of \$7,033.60 which was turned over to the general fund for the city.

The disposal of property for 2014 included:

- 1,199 total new items logged into the UPD property control system
- 86 (including 4 vehicles & a camper) items were auctioned.
- 867 items were destroyed.

# **VI. PATROL ACTIVITIES**

# Calls for Service

The Division handled 13,116 calls in 2014. That was a decrease of 738 calls from 2013 when we handled 13,854 calls. This number does not include the questions, requests for directions or advice, follow-up, and other daily contacts we have with citizens.

The following is a breakdown of the number and type of calls we handled in 2014.

TYPE OF CALL	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Abandoned Vehicles	31	16	19	6
Auto Theft—Recovered or Stolen	25	19	26	39
Alarms—All Types	493	423	454	325
Arson	4	4	1	5
Assault—Felony	3	1	4	4
Assault—Misdemeanor	35	49	68	66
Air Rifles—Illegal Use	1	5	0	2
Animals—Lost, Found, Barking	216	205	250	238
Animals—Injured, Dead	13	15	13	28
Animals—Bites	2	9	9	7
Burglary—Residence (Includes Attempt	s)61	52	76	84
Burglary—Others (Includes Attempts)	30	24	19	41
Bomb Threats	2	2	3	2
Disturbance—Family	131	152	161	157
Disturbance—Fights, Not Family	13	17	15	20
Disturbance—Loud Radio, Noise, Party	133	95	114	150
Disturbance—All Other	469	453	524	568
DrunkennessDrinking Violations	84	92	138	145
Drugs—Illegal Use, Sale, Possession	304	308	171	108
Dead Body—Non Criminal	16	19	16	21
Escort—Money	0	1	0	0
Escort—Funeral	86	69	92	84
Escort—Prisoner	129	317	283	132
Escort—All Other	2	2	3	1
Fire—Crowd, Traffic Control	5	3	7	2
Fire—Illegal Burning, Not Arson	3	2	7	4
Firearms—Discharging, Not Air Rifles	6	8	7	8

TYPE OF CALL	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Fraud	174	176	151	136
Hazards—Tree, Power Line Down, Etc.	58	81	70	77
Homicide	1	1	1	1
Hunting Violations	1	0	1	0
Juveniles—Attempt to Locate	10	7	8	6
Juveniles—Contributing, Delinquency	2	11	12	21
Juveniles—Curfew, Probation Violations	s 13	20	21	54
Juveniles—Disturbance, Drinking	169	156	215	207
Juveniles—Neglected, Abused	34	33	33	40
Juveniles—Missing, Runaway	48	35	44	38
Larceny—Accessories From Vehicles	4	0	13	10
Larceny—Items From Vehicles	47	47	99	50
Larceny—Involving Coin Machines	0	1	1	0
Larceny—Shoplifting	60	85	76	61
Larceny—Till tap	2	0	1	5
Larceny—All Others, Not Purse Snatch	342	359	386	331
Litter Complaint	5	7	15	10
Person with Weapon	1	8	2	1
Mental Complaint	54	53	79	116
Neighbor Dispute	32	38	36	27
Mischief or Nuisance	74	89	104	62
Open Door or Window	82	49	103	85
Persons—Attempt to Locate	6	6	11	9
Persons—Lost, Missing, Found	9	3	7	8
Phone Calls—Indecent, Lewd, Nuisance	e 175	179	219	264
Property Damage—Vandalism	152	171	229	191
Property—Lost, Found, Recovered	228	222	233	219
Prowler	5	24	27	31
Purse Snatch	0	1	0	3
Peddlers—Soliciting	23	19	7	5
Request to Check House or Business	1,584	1,264	1,041	286
Robbery—Armed, Business	2	2	0	1
Robbery—Armed, All Others	2	0	2	1
Robbery—Strong Arm	0	3	1	6
Service Call—Assist Other Police Agend	cy125	136	93	144
Service Call—Assist Other City Agency	297	147	161	231
Service Call—Assist Person	751	771	855	875
Service Call—Stand by to Insure Peace	157	151	200	218

TYPE OF CALL	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Service Call—Deliver Message	4	8	7	10
Sex Offense—Exposing	4	3	2	5
Sex Offense—Molesting	8	2	3	3
Sex Offense—Rape	12	7	7	3
Sex Offense—All Others	29	17	41	32
Special Detail	88	59	165	39
Suicide—Includes Attempts	35	35	26	33
Suspicious Vehicle	276	265	302	367
Suspicious Person	263	299	374	339
Traffic Crash—Injury or Death	75	60	55	84
Traffic Crash—No Injury	420	371	364	337
Traffic Control—Other than Fire	71	28	36	17
Traffic—On View OVI, No Crash	100	114	125	107
Traffic—Faulty Equipment	509	551	637	454
Traffic—Reckless Driving, No Accident	128	138	144	150
Traffic—Parking Complaint	233	181	413	432
Traffic—All Other Moving Violations	497	778	1,093	622
Vice—Gambling, Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Warrant (Includes Attempts)	374	587	628	476
Check on Welfare of Person	156	147	161	131
Civilian Fingerprints	90	0	6	1
Community Policing Activity	284	226	358	311
Court Appearance (On Duty)	59	58	28	17
Follow-up Investigation Activity	1,321	1,171	1,075	695
Menacing/Stalking	23	24	23	27
Protection Order Violation	30	29	26	27
Civilian Record Checks	728	906	846	424
Semi Stuck on Monument	0	0	2	1
Trespassing Complaints	111	105	145	154
All Other Complaints	276	121	600	1,233
Foot / Bike Patrol			172	

• These numbers may differ from the number of offense reports or arrest reports taken for a similar category because not all calls for service necessitate an offense report or an arrest report.

# **Traffic Crashes**

In 2014, there were 424 motor vehicle traffic crashes investigated by the Police Division. 75 of those crashes involved injuries to one or more persons. There were no fatality motor vehicle crashes in 2013.

# **Major Crash Locations**

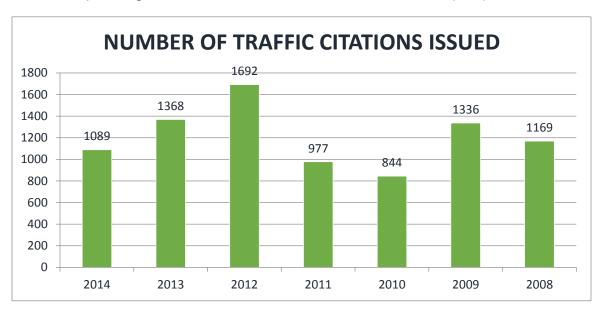
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<u>Location</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monument Square	25	22	25	25
700 Block Scioto Street	8	24	19	12
600-Block of Scioto	7	18	8	12
900 Block Scioto	7	8	12	6
800 Block of Scioto	7	8	5	n/a

The following is a list of the eight worst hours for traffic crashes on Urbana streets. These figures are from Crash reports on file at the Police Division.

Time Period	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
3:00 P.M. to 3:59 P.M.	39	35	43
4:00 P.M. to 4:59 P.M.	32	24	28
12:00 P.M. to 12:59 P.M.	29	15	21
2:00 P.M. to 2:59 P.M.	28	15	35
11:00 A.M. to 11:59 A.M.	24	15	21
6:00 P.M. to 6:59 P.M.	24	15	20
10:00 A.M. to 10:59 A.M.	19	16	21
7:00 P.M. to 7:59 P.M.	19	15	32

# **Traffic Enforcement**

The Division issued 1089 traffic citations in 2014 (adult and juvenile citations). There were 94 Operating a Motor Vehicle While under the Influence (OVI) arrests in 2014.



# Number of Violations by Category

Category	<u>2014</u>	2013	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	2010
ACDA	71	70	96	79	57
Anti-Noise Violation	6	14	17	5	12
Driving While Under Suspension	167	175	224	88	154
No Operator's License	64	91	72	49	52
Reckless Operation	6	1	6	5	13
Leaving the Scene of a Crash	15	32	16	6	9
Failure to Maintain Control	43	18	12	14	21
Speeding	103	239	499	196	89
Red Light/Stop Sign	31	50	92	54	96
Failure to Yield	54	45	71	69	49
Child Restraint Violation	4	3	1	2	1
Seat Belt Violation	21	14	26	22	11
Expired License Plates	142	132	139	75	65
Fictitious License Plates	15	21	18	11	19
Parking Citations	47	31	232	266	253
Passing a Stopped School Bus	0	1	2	1	0
Other Violations	<u>253</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>145</u>
Totals	1042	1368	1696	977	844

### Traffic Safety Programs

In conjunction with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Urbana Police participated in two Safety campaigns in 2014. Sergeant John Purinton oversees these traffic safety programs for the division.

In the first campaign, "Click it or Ticket", held May 20 – June 2, Urbana Police made 66 traffic violation stops and issued 56 citations from these stops. Eight were for speeding violations, 9 were for drivers driving on Suspended Licenses, 1 was for seatbelt violations, 1 was for OVI, and the rest were for various other violations.

The second campaign, "Drunk Driving – Over the Limit. Under Arrest," ran from August 16 – September 2. During that time, Urbana Police made 108 traffic violation stops and issued 88 citations from these stops. Seven were for OVI offenses, 4 were for Speed offenses, and 12 were for drivers driving on Suspended Licenses. The rest were for various other violations.

### <u>Traffic Safety Programs Rewards</u>

For its continuing participation in the National Highway Traffic Safety programs of "Click it or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"; the Division was awarded free new MPH Python III speed radar. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row we've been awarded with a radar, which normally costs \$1,500.00.

#### Fleet Management

Officer Todd Burkett is responsible for overseeing the Division's fleet. He keeps maintenance records and schedules the cars for maintenance or repairs. He assists in determining new car specifications and making recommendations on new cars. The Division has six marked police cruisers for patrol. We also use and maintain three unmarked cars for use by the Division.

#### Portable Radar

The police division uses its portable radar sign throughout the city to track data on motor vehicle traffic and to show motorists their speed. It has a bright 18-inch LED digital display that shows motorists their actual speed as they approach. It is very useful around school zones, parks, and streets that are difficult for officers to monitor speed violations on without being seen by the violator. It has also been used by other city divisions to track the total amount of vehicular traffic on given streets to help collect data to be used in grant applications or study requests. You may request the sign be placed in your neighborhood by contacting us at 937.652-4350 or emailing <a href="matt.lingrell@ci.urbana.oh.us">matt.lingrell@ci.urbana.oh.us</a> or Officer Chris Snyder at <a href="matt.snyder@ci.urbana.oh.us">chris.snyder@ci.urbana.oh.us</a>

#### VII. CRIME IN URBANA

### <u>Investigations</u>

Patrol Officers are responsible for most initial and follow-up investigations of criminal offenses in Urbana. This approach develops Patrol Officers who are capable of handling a case from the initial report all the way through to a successful conclusion.

The Shift Patrol Sergeants are responsible for supervising these officers' investigations at a shift level.

We also have two officers assigned to our Investigative Unit to work solely on criminal investigations. Sergeant Ed Burkhammer is assigned to the Investigative Unit and is responsible for overseeing criminal investigations on a Division level. Officer Shawn Schmidt is also assigned to the Investigative Unit. There is currently one vacant position in the Investigative Unit.

Our Investigative Unit is responsible for the investigation of all major crimes including death investigations, major thefts or frauds, sexual assaults, illegal drug cases, and other complex investigations. This Unit also assists the Patrol Unit with their multi-incident or protracted type investigations.

The Investigative Unit is available to respond to incidents upon request by a Patrol Sergeant, Police Lieutenant or Chief. The Unit acts as a liaison with various criminal justice associates of the Division such as the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, City and County Prosecutors, Champaign County Children's Services, and many others.

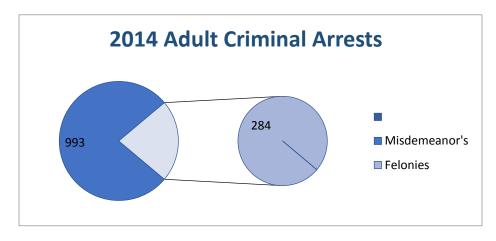
In 2014, our Investigative Unit was involved in 115 criminal cases or police incidents. Many of them were long-term and high-profile investigations which covered many man hours. The Unit made 104 Criminal Arrests and presented many more cases directly to Champaign County Grand Juries throughout the year, leading to criminal indictments, and several convictions.

### Crime and Drug Tip Hotline

The Police Division has a Crime and Drug Tip Hotline to assist us in seeking information on various investigations. If you have a crime or drug tip, call 652-4357—upon your request, your name will be kept confidential.

# **Adult Criminal Arrests**

The Division made 1277 adult criminal arrests in 2014. 284 were for felony charges and 993 were filed as misdemeanor crimes.

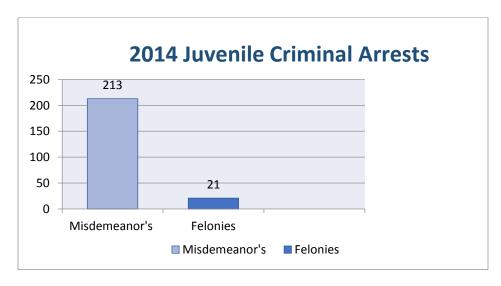


**Total Felony Charges -- 284** 

**Total Misdemeanor Charges -- 993** 

# Juvenile Criminal Arrests

The Division made 234 juvenile criminal arrests in 2014. 21 were for felony charges and 213 were filed as misdemeanor crimes.



**Total Felony Charges -- 21** 

**Total Misdemeanor Charges -- 213** 

#### **Curfew Violations**

2014 marked the 21st year of the City's Youth Protection Curfew Law.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Verbal Curfew Warnings	11	8	10	25	29
Written Curfew Warnings	0	2	4	10	2
Juvenile Curfew Arrests	1	0	0	4	5

# **CART**

The Child Abuse Response Team (CART) is comprised of members from the law enforcement community of Champaign County. This includes the Urbana Police Division who meets on a bi-weekly basis with other team members from the other county law enforcement agencies, Champaign County Children's Services Department, the Prosecutor's Office, Mercy Well-Child, etc. to discuss and review active cases involving neglect and/or abuse to any reported child in Champaign County.

Our Investigative Unit is our representative on the team and they provide updates to the team of Urbana Police active cases involving child neglect and/or abuse. This team oversees all child sexual abuse and assault cases within the city and the county.

# **Crime Statistics**

The Division uses the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to report our crime statistics to the State of Ohio and to the F.B.I. The NIBRS system (1) collects information on 53 separate pieces of data on an incident, (2) links offenses and arrests, (3) reports up to ten offenses for each incident, (4) distinguishes between attempted and completed crimes, and (5) reports data for victim/suspect relationships, victim, suspect, and arrestee characteristics, crime location, weapon involvement, and drug/alcohol involvement.

<u>Criminal Offense</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Homicide	1	1	1	1	0	0
Robbery	4	6	3	7	4	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	82	71	93	112	55	51
Rape	12	7	10	2	5	16
Sexual Assaults (Other Than Rape)	19	9	16	28	15	27
Assault (Other Than Family Assaults)	37	46	51	40	47	63
Assault (Family Related)	81	84	91	72	107	108
Theft (Other Than Auto Theft)	432	425	517	387	369	373
Auto Theft—Includes Unauthorized Use	11	19	21	13	10	6
Forgery/Fraudulent Checks	67	95	68	75	55	28
Vandalism/Criminal Damaging	170	168	240	161	122	124
Telephone Harassment	17	19	44	24	29	29
OVI – Operating Vehicle Intoxicated	94	108	105	77	99	152
Drug Offenses	302	308	165	111	107	173
All Other Offenses	499	607	661	635	665	667
Total NIBRS Offenses	1,763	1,972	2,086	1745	1689	181
Total NIBRS Incidents	1,578	1,750	2,019	1188	1141	1368

# **New Equipment**

In 2014 the Division obtained the following new equipment

- Cruiser
- RMS Server (replaced the original one that was over 20 years old)
- Office Computers (5)
- WEBCheck automated fingerprinting system
- Speed Radar (FREE -- valued at \$1,500 from the Ohio Department of Highway Safety for our continued involvement in statewide traffic safety programs. This is our seventh straight year of receiving a free one)
- Night Vision goggles (FREE -- valued at \$3,299 from an EMA grant. The goggles have already helped us multiple times in conducting searches for suspects and for surveillance of high crime locations)
- Tactical Ladder
- FST Alco Sendor for alcohol intake testing in the field

### Vest Grant

Officer Brian Cordial oversees our annual BJA Bulletproof vests grant. We've been using this grant for many years to offset the costs associated with purchasing new vests each year. Officer Cordial maintains the grant which pays half of the costs to the vests we obtain each year. We rotate officers into new vests at least every five years (lifetime use of the vest). In 2014, four Officers received new vests at a cost of \$3,780.00. The Grant paid \$1,890.00 of this cost.

### **VIII. DIVISION RELATED ACTIVITIES**

# Fraternal Order of Police

Our Fraternal Order of Police Organization was very involved with community projects throughout 2014. They held their annual fundraiser "Golf Scramble" in May at the Liberty Hills Golf Club. The profit from this event is used by the FOP to further their outreach efforts within the community and for the Police Division.

Some of the outreach programs the FOP is involved with are:

- Urbana High School Scholarship: the FOP provides a one-time monetary scholarship to graduating children of Urbana Police Officers, to help defray some of the costs associated with the student's first year in college.
- Easter egg Hunt: The FOP partnered with the Gil & Jana Weithman family, as well as the Urbana High School's National Honor Society students to provide the community youngsters with an Easter Egg hunt.
- Sponsorship of Urbana Youth Sports teams: each year the FOP is very generous in sponsoring youth sports teams associated with the Urbana Youth Sports recreation programs.
- Halloween: the FOP stages a candy (\$500) giveaway station in the back parking lot of the Police Division for the trick or treaters to enjoy.
- Christmas: the FOP, with help from the Urbana community, provided (100) local families and (200) children with Christmas gifts. Using Wish tags placed on the tree by a family in need, community members and FOP members purchased matching gifts for the age/sex listed on the wish tag. FOP members made delivery of the baskets and gifts during the week leading up to December 25<sup>th</sup>.

# IX. GOALS

The following were identified as goals for the Urbana Police Division to try to accomplish for **2014**. Those in **bold** were accomplished successfully.

- 1. We will continue Drug Investigations with our new Drug Enforcement strategy we started in 2013, and will train an officer to become certified in Meth lab cleanups.
  - We had great success in drug investigations as we conducted numerous covert cases, served 6 drug related search warrant raids of homes, and made over 300 arrest for various drug offenses. We were also one of the first Ohio law enforcement agencies to charge a drug trafficker with Homicide for their involvement in selling and providing heroin to an Urbana man who died from an overdose of heroin. We are on a waiting list for an officer to become certified in meth lab cleanups.
- 2. Justify our need to increase our manpower to meet the needs of the division & our community. We are still operating 4 short of full strength.
- 3. Completing General Order review/implementation. In May we issued new General Orders to the entire division.
- 4. Conduct a Drug Drop-off program for citizens to have an opportunity to turn in old, unused medications for proper disposal by the UPD.
  - We conducted two DDO programs for the community on April 26 and October 18 taking in altogether over 100 pounds of medications to be properly disposed of.
  - Also, as part of his Leadership Champaign County group project, Chief Lingrell's team obtained Drug Drop-off boxes and presented them to the villages of Mechanicsburg and Saint Paris for their communities to have a permanent location for their residents to get rid of medications safely.
- 5. Develop and present new crime prevention and/or safety programs for our community.

### **2015 Goals**

The following have been identified as goals for the Urbana Police Division for **2015**. This information sheet is intended only as an index for the goals.

- To hire and train at least two new officers to replace the most recent losses to our manpower when we lost an officer in September, 2014 to resignation and another in November, 2014 to retirement. To continue to provide justification for increasing our manpower to a safer level of staffing.
- 2. 3. Develop and implement a Citizens Police Academy to give our public an insight to what it takes to be an Urbana police officer.
- 4. Research/Implement having officers wear Body Worn Camera, including the type, start up and continuing costs and policy.

### X. CONCLUSION

We hope you enjoyed reading the 2014 Annual Report for the Urbana Division of Police, and learned more about us and your community. The Division will consider much of this information when making future operating decisions.

In 2014, we handled another challenging homicide investigation which began on May 25<sup>th</sup> and continued throughout the rest of the year in court hearings. We also handled several high-profile investigations including an embezzlement case of over a quarter million dollars from a local business, a felonious assault to a baby case which left the infant with lifelong medical issues, and removed many firearms from the streets. We continued to have many successes in our efforts to combat the drug criminals in Urbana as we conducted numerous covert drug investigations and raided six residences where drug trafficking and drug abuse crimes were occurring.

We used our outreach programs to help us to continue to strengthen established professional relationships, while also taking on and building upon new ones.

As we enter 2015, we find ourselves well below where our staffing levels need to be to provide the best and the safest law enforcement service to our community and for dedicated officers. We hope to move quickly to get our staffing back to the 19 officers we've had since 2010 but it is important that we continue to strive to add to that staffing level, as violent crime, sexual assaults, drug crimes and mental health issues are more and more being placed upon our shoulders to handle.

In closing, we want to thank Mayor Bill Bean, Director Kerry Brugger, City Council and the Urbana community for the support they have given to us through the year. We will continue to serve our citizens with honor and respect with the best police service that they so richly deserve.