

2015 Big Lake Police Department

YEAR IN REVIEW



Our greatest asset, our staff serving with; 124 years of service to Big Lake :

• Chief Joel Scharf	Serving Since 2012	4 Years
• Lieutenant Sam Olson	Serving Since 2003	14 Years
• Investigator Rich Berg	Serving Since 1997	18 Years
• Investigator Terry Nordquist	Serving Since 1995	20 Years
• Officer Cindy Finch	Serving Since 2002	11 Years
• Officer Chris Hoard	Serving Since 2006	10 Years
• Officer Todd Siebert	Serving Since 2007	9 Years
• Officer Sam Norlin	Serving Since 2011	5 Years
• Officer Guy Chaffee	Serving Since 2014	2 Years
• Officer Nic Prigge	Serving Since 2015	1 Year
• Officer Joe Kalla	Serving Since 2015	1 Year
• Officer Matthew Hayen	Serving Since 2016	0 Years
• Police Specialist Laurie Morris	Serving Since 2000	16 Years
• Police Specialist Tina Peterson	Serving Since 2003	13 Years

Police Employee Averages MN Group V. Cities - (10,000 to 25,000)

CITY OF BIG LAKE

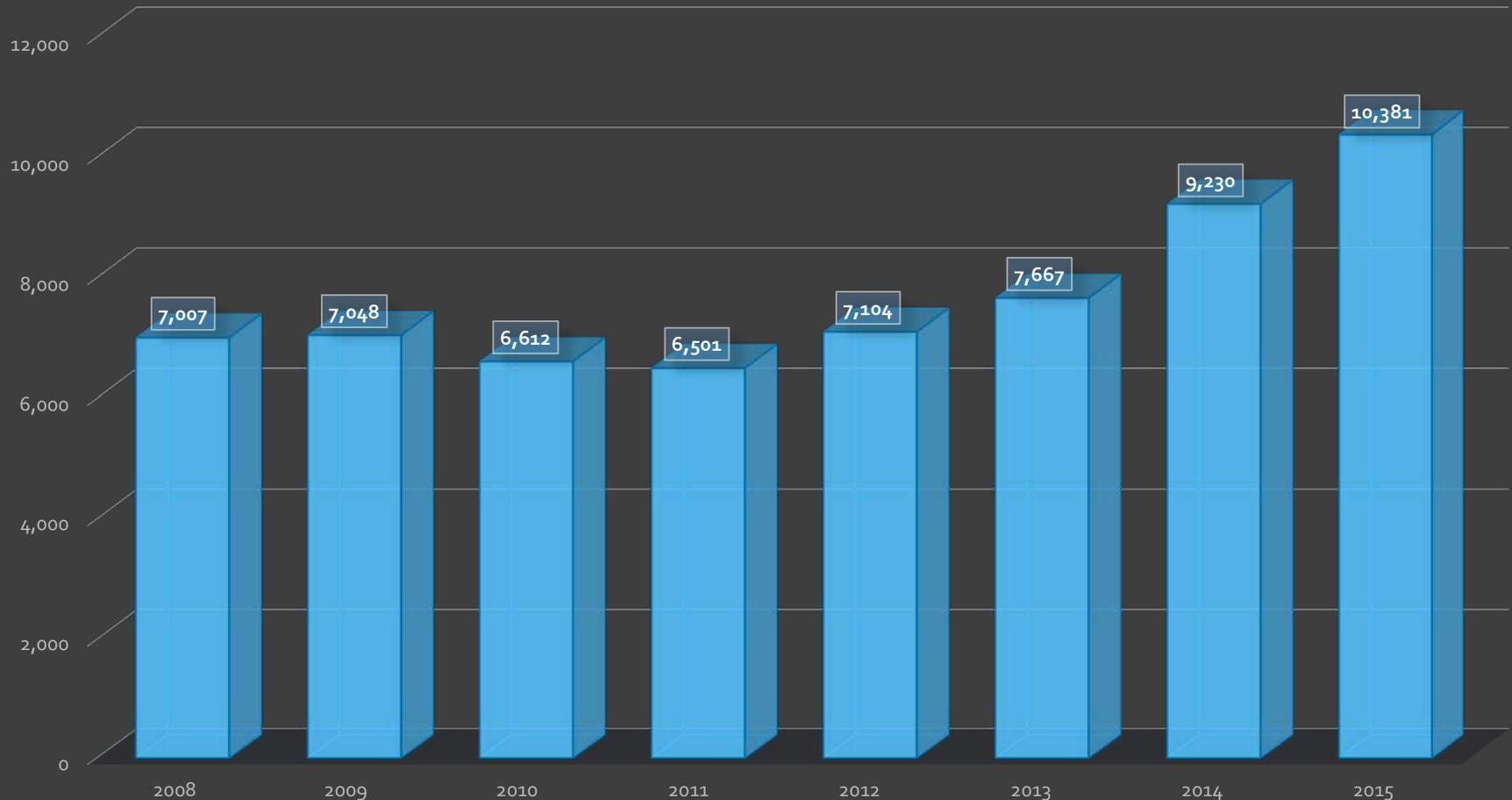
- 10,296 - Population
- 12 - Full Time Sworn
- 1.16 Officers per 1,000 Citizens
- 2 – Full Time Support Staff
- .19 Full Time Support per 1,000 Citizens

MN GROUP V. CITIES AVERAGE

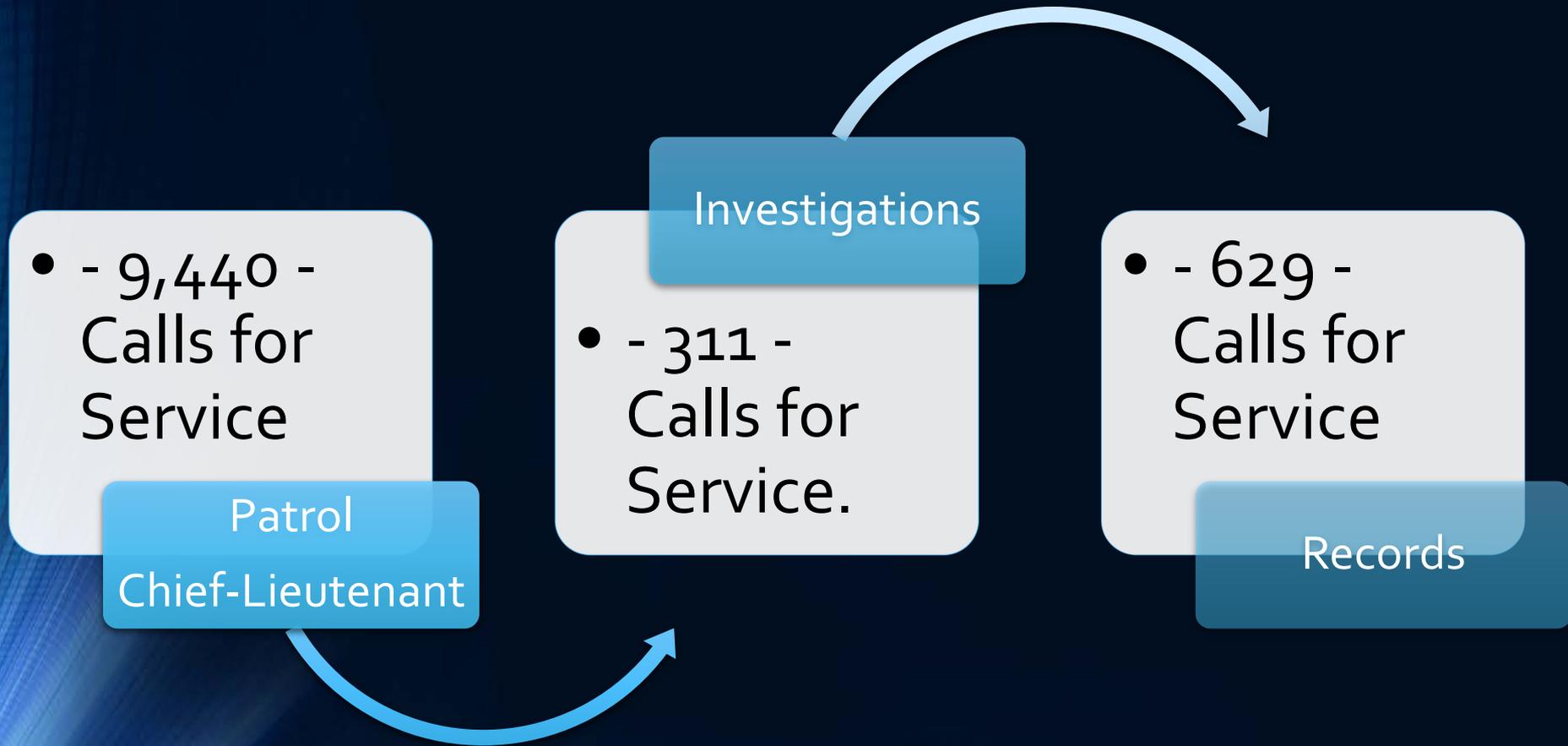
- 17,288 – Population
- 22.8 – Full Time Sworn
- 1.32 Officers per 1,000 Citizens
- 4.3 Full Time Support Staff
- .25 Full Time Support per 1,000 Citizens

Calls for Service 2010 thru 2015

CALLS FOR SERVICE 2009-2015



2015 Calls for Service by Division



2015 Call for Service Trends

- While there are a multitude of calls for service categories, these highlight the those of a high profile nature.



Call for Service	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Medical Emergency	324	325	355	350	330
Mental Health	38	36	25	56	64
Domestic Disturbance	150	143	143	127	134
Theft	217	226	213	154	193
Vandalism	132	142	90	77	91
Traffic Crash	153	128	188	178	182
Assault	32	28	27	30	17
Traffic Stop	1,375	1,956	2,459	3,498	3,166
Disturbing the Peace	96	114	98	107	116
Fraud	40	51	41	57	83
Burglary	28	23	13	20	25
All Other	3,916	3,932	4,015	4,576	6,080

Crime Rates: Part I and II Index Crimes

- **Part I Crimes:** Include offenses such as; rape, murder, arson, felony assault, burglary, weapons, and robbery.
- **Part II Crimes:** Include offenses such as; vandalism, theft, alcohol offenses, fraud, and low level assaults.
- **Combined Average:** Simply the adding of Part I and II Index Crime Numbers.
- **We are amongst the safest MN Cities!**

Jurisdiction	Part I	Part II	Combined
Big Lake	1,525	2,564	4,089
Becker	1,017	3,137	4,154
Elk River	2,120	4,509	6,629
Princeton	3,331	2,815	6,147
10 th Judicial District Average	2,144	5,141	7,543
MN City Average	3,058	4,245	7,324

Big Lake - 25th Safest City in Minnesota

- According to Niche Rankings
- Big Lake is ranked the 25th Safest City in Minnesota in 2015.
- Based upon;
 - Murder Rates
 - Assault Rates
 - Robbery Rates
 - Burglary Rates
 - Larceny Rates
 - Vehicle Theft Rates



Patrol Division – 2015 Year in Review

- Continue to Work a 12 hour shift;
 - 8 Officers assigned to the Patrol Division.
 - 4 Officers assigned to each team.
 - 0600-1800, 1200-00:00, 16:00 – 04:00, and 18:00 – 06:00
 - Provides coverage during peak calls for service.
 - Allows Officers every other weekend off.
 - Supervised by Lt. Sam Olson.
- New Department Issued Firearms
- New Squad Car Design
- Officer Norlin DRE Certified



Big Lake Police Department Fleet Overview

2015 FLEET OVERVIEW

- Squad 730 – 2015 Ford Explorer
- Squad 729 – 2014 Ford Explorer
- Squad 728 – 2013 Ford Explorer
- Squad 727 – 2012 Ford Taurus
- Squad 726 – 2011 Ford Crown Victoria
- Squad 725 – 2010 Ford Crown Victoria
- Squad 724 – 2009 Ford Crown Victoria
- Squad 701 – 2010 Ford Crown Victoria
- 2014 Polaris Ranger Side by Side

PATROL DATA

- **152,291 miles – Total miles Officers patrolled in 2015.**
- 70 miles – Total number of miles of City Roadways.
- 6 – average numbers of times a roadway is covered each day in Big Lake by an Officer on patrol.

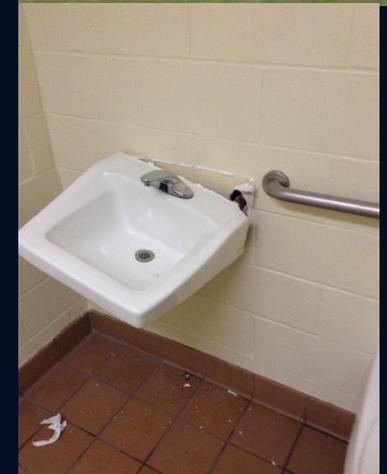
Body Camera Project

- July of 2015 the department initiated a trial project with body cameras.
 - Officers were given the option to utilize body cameras.
 - Policy does not allow recording of medicals, or sensitive situations.
 - Policy does encourage recording enforcement actions, and times of conflict.
- Project concluded in December, it was determined:
 - The Officers desire was to move forward with a full program of body cameras.
 - Useful information was captured of evidentiary value, and liability mitigation.
 - The Officers felt body cameras provided a level of protection from complaints and litigation.



Lakeside Park Camera Project

- July 4th.
 - Incredible Crowds on Beach-Reserves Staffed with no issues.
- Video System in Park-Update.
 - Being expanded to beach area.
 - Recent death in park captured-leaving no question about what occurred.
 - General disruptive behavior in the park has decreased.
 - Several trespass notices issued for disruptive behavior – total of 5.



Investigative Division – 2015 Year in Review

- 2 General Investigators
 - **Investigator Nordquist:** Information Technology for Department, Computer Crimes, Sex Crimes, General Case Assignments.
 - **Investigator Berg:** Facility Management, Fleet Management, Evidence Management, General Case Assignment, Missing Juvenile Oversight.
- 134 - Crimes Against Family Intakes
- 44 – Vulnerable Adult Intakes
- 140 – Pounds of Disposed Prescriptions; Take-back Program



Records Division – 2015 Year in Review

“Fighting Crime from the Inside”

- Laurie Morris and Tina Peterson are our Police Specialists, they staff our Records Division.
- 897 - Reports and Statements Transcribed
- 464 - Background Checks
- 165 - Administrative Calls for Service
- Front Counter Customer Service
- Records Management and Dissemination



Reserve Officer Program

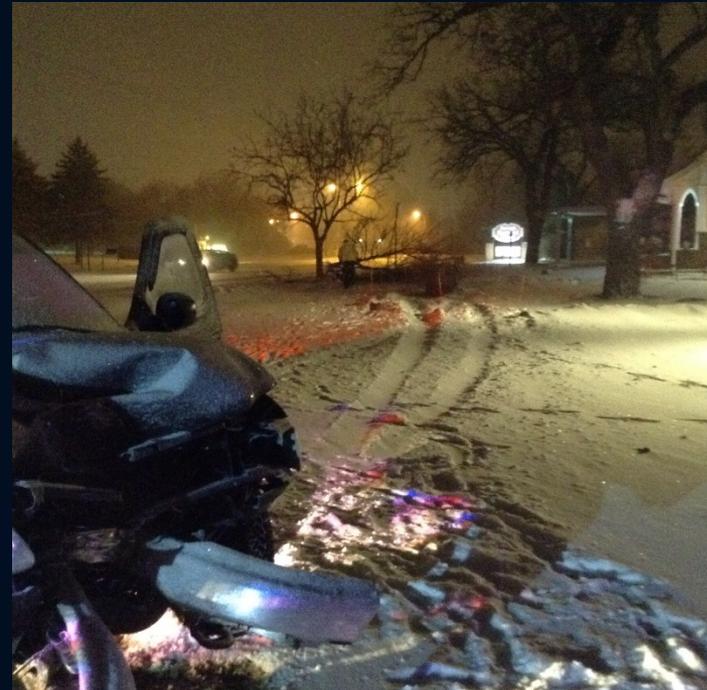
2015 Year in Review

- Officer Chris Hoard serves as the Reserve Officer Program Coordinator.
- Authorized for 15 Positions.
- 5,625 - Hours Worked
 - 1,365 hours - Captain Boster
 - 1,077 hours - Sergeant Gassman
- 297 Hours - Spudfest
- \$84,375 - Salary Value



2015 Big Lake Police Department Arrests

- **443 Total Arrests**
- 66 – Driving While Impaired
- 34 – Theft
- 24 – Domestic Assault
- 11 – Felony Narcotic
- 10 – Criminal Sexual Contact
- 6 – Assault
- 6 – Weapons Related
- **300 – Miscellaneous Arrests**



2015 Big Lake Police Department Citations

897 TOTAL CITATIONS

- 207 – Speeding
- 140 – No Insurance Proof
- 135 – Drove while Revoked, Cancelled, or Suspended
- 22 – Shoplifting
- 19 – Drivers License Violations
- 17 – No Insurance
- 15 – Seatbelt Violation

342 MISCELLANEOUS CITATIONS



2015 Big Lake Police Department Budget

BUDGET

- \$1,487,389 - Expense
- \$145,550 – Revenue
- \$1,341,839 - Net Cost

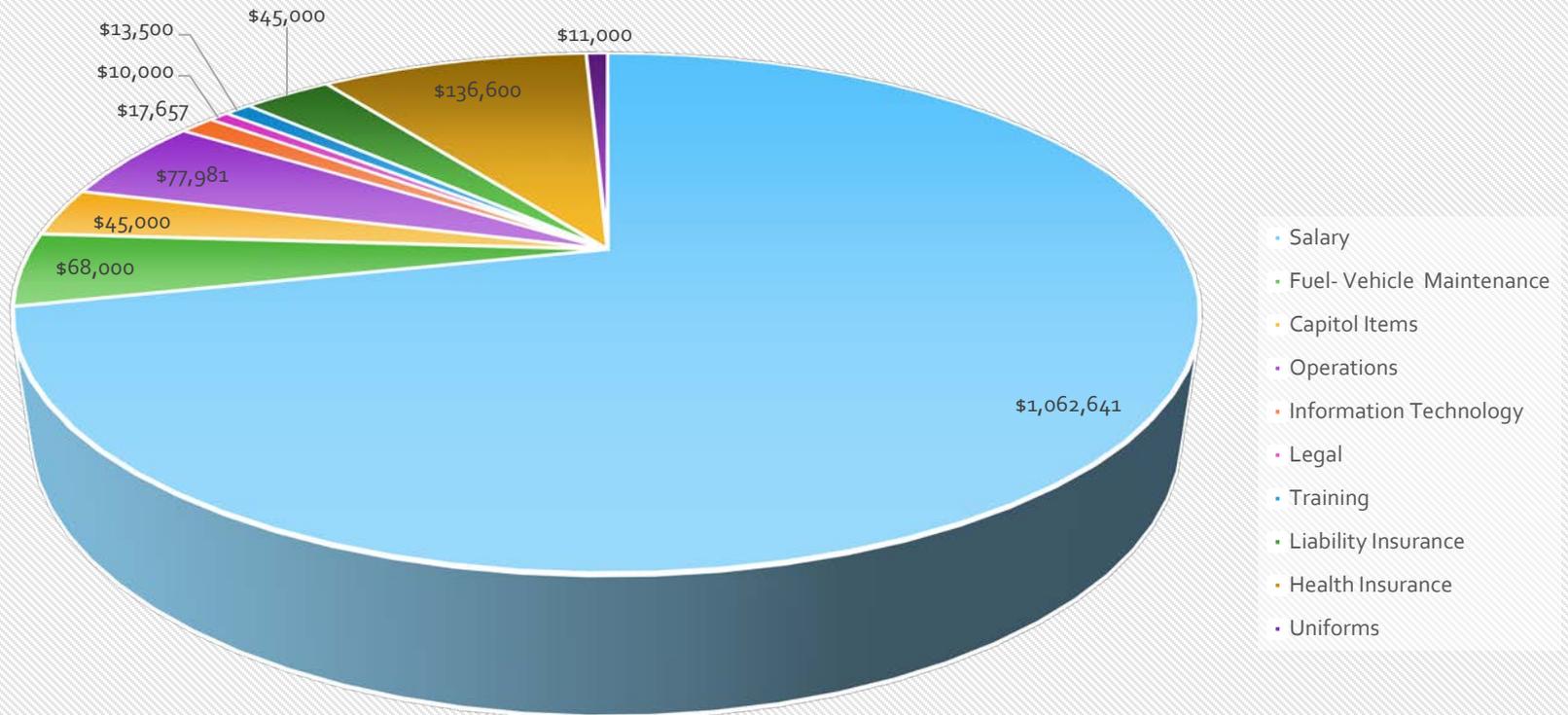
ACTUAL

- \$1,529,689 - Expense
- \$209,496 - Revenue
- \$1,320,193 - Net Cost
- **\$21,646 – Under Budget**
- \$10.74 – Cost Per Month, Per Citizen for Police Service. (Or, (the cost of a cheeseburger and fries).



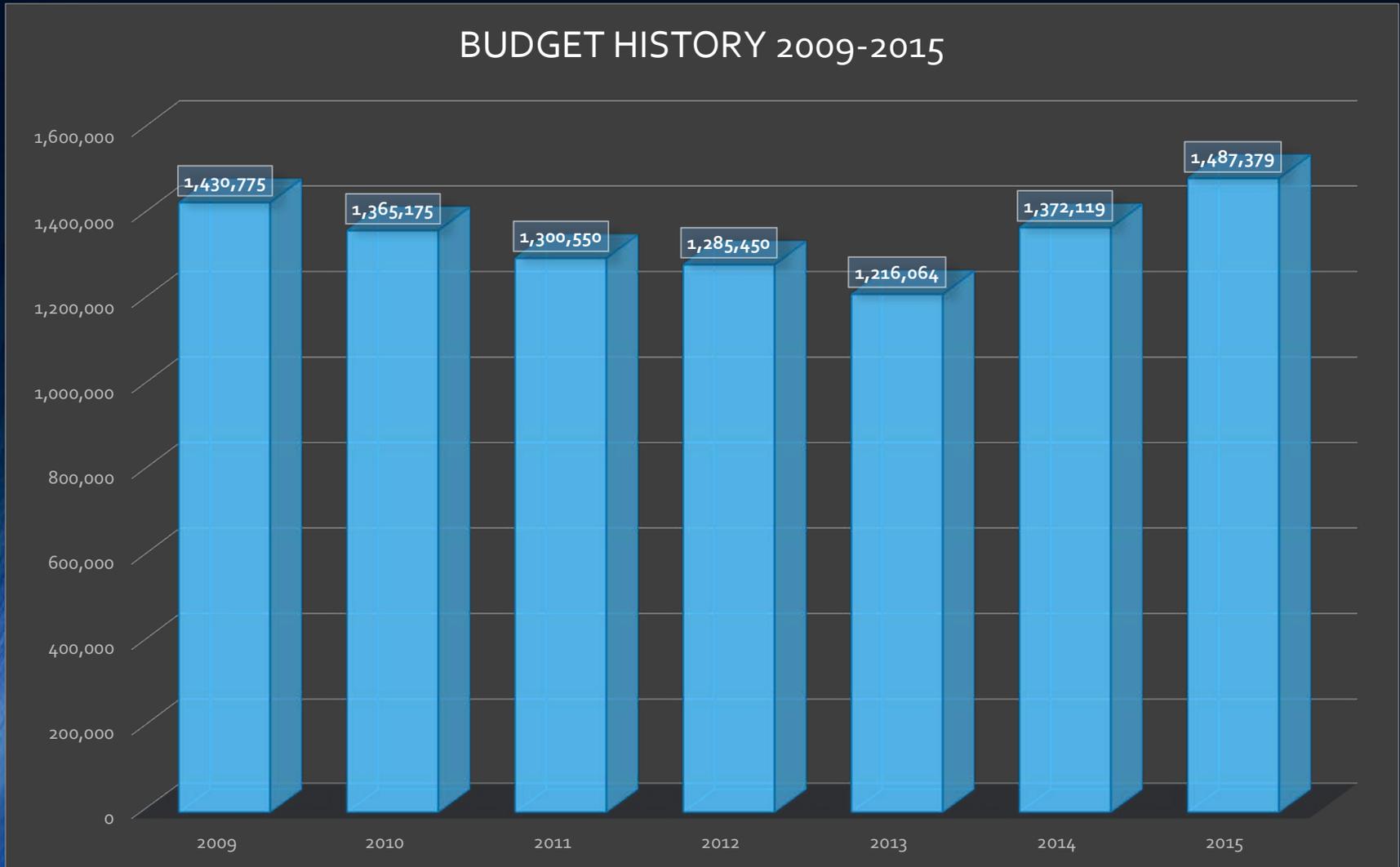
2015 Budget by Category

2015 Budget Overview



Budget History 2009 thru 2015

(We spent less in 2015 than in 2009 w/Inflation)



2015 Donations

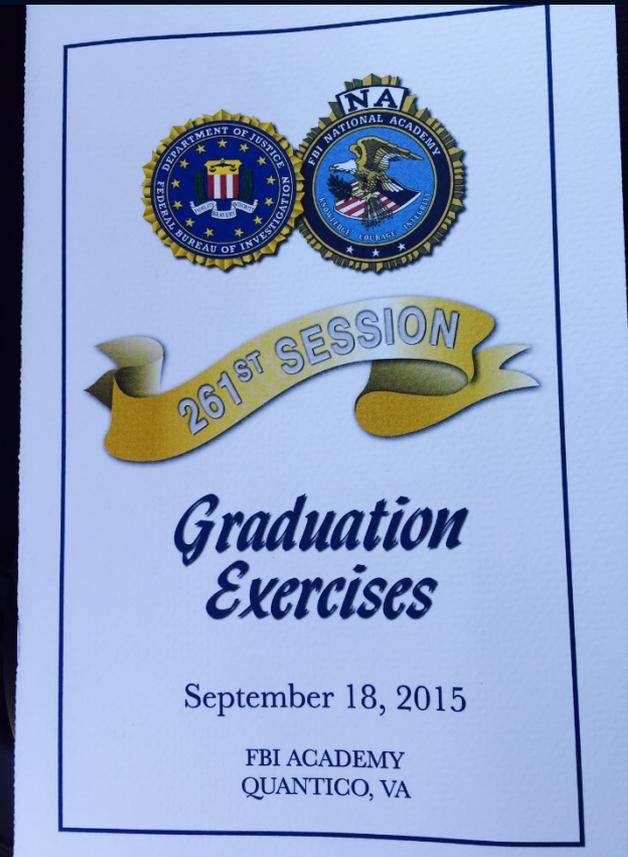
\$25,500 - THANK YOU!

- \$4,500 – Spudfest
 - Equipment for Reserve Officers
- \$8,000 - Eddy Foundation
 - Training Room Furniture
 - Lockers for Patrol Officers
- \$10,000 – BNSF
 - Defibrillators
- \$2,000 - American Legion
 - Big Lake Community Picnic
 - Hat Badges for Officers
- \$550 Monticello RV
 - R.V. Usage for Spudfest



FBI National Academy

- Lieutenant Sam Olson graduated from this premier program designed for those in positions of staff and command.
- No cost to the department, valued at \$18,000.
- Amongst the most physically and academically challenging programs.
- 12 weeks at Quantico Virginia.



National Police Unity Tour-Bicycle Tour

PORTSMOUTH VA TO
WASHINGTON DC – 250 MILES

TO CELEBRATE POLICE WEEK –
MEMORY OF OFFICERS WHO
LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE
OF DUTY.



2015 Community Engagement

- Operation Prom Night – Big Lake High School
- Night to Unite – Big Lake Police Community Picnic
- Spudfest Event and Parade
- Music in the Park – Weekly June - August
- Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
- Shop with a Cop
- Trunk or Treat – Saron Church
- Facebook/Twitter/www.biglakepolice.com



New Police Building

790 Minnesota Avenue

- Moved into our new location in December of 2015.
- All police operations are now under one roof.
- Complete build-out cost \$65,000 (funded by old police building sale).
- Adjacent to the Big Lake Public School Complex.
- Enough space for many years to come.
- Thank you to the City Council and residents of Big Lake for this facility.



Department Goals - 2016

- Fully Implement Body Camera Program.
- Continue to utilize existing staff to cover increasing calls for service and case loads.
- Continue to evaluate hazards posed by rail safety.
- Fully implement a more rounded Emergency Management Program.
- Implement strategies for the safety possible work environment, continue our path of reduction in instances of injuries, workers compensation rates, and vehicle liability insurance rates.
- Continue to grow interaction with our community via; social media, internet, and in person.
- Continue to monitor emerging trends in crime and service needs, and proactively address them.



This report is dedicated to the 128 Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty during 2015 in the United States.

