

2015
Annual Review
Gaylord Police Department

MISSION STATEMENT

Gaylord Police Department's vision is to be a police department where valued employees come together to provide exceptional police services. Our mission is to create a safe environment through valued partnerships with other law enforcement agencies and the community, while treating all people reasonably and fairly.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



2015 has been a busy year for the members of the Gaylord Police Department. We hired 2 full time officers. Officer Charles Eichten was elevated from part time to full time in June of 2015. Officer Benjamin Nelson started full time in July of 2015. Both officers have completed all of their mandatory training and are now patrolling on their own.

The police department has

been very active over the last year and here are some of the things we have been involved in. We worked in partnership to reduce drugs in the city of Gaylord with the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force. We were successful in removing 2 pounds of

methamphetamines from one residence within the city and close to 70 grams of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia from traffic related issues. We have been involved in solving a couple larger scale burglary/ theft rings that involved suspects stealing from multiple cities.

During the construction season we were heavily involved with traffic con-

trol resulting in over 900 traffic stops.

In the coming year we look forward to building a stronger relationship with the community we serve. Each officer will volunteer 2 hours of service a month to help out in the community. We will participate in our Emergency Service Open House, attend speaking engagements, and be proactive in all of our schools.

It's an honor to serve the City of Gaylord and I would like to thank the city council and residents for all of your support over the past year.

Chief Tony Padilla



PERSONNEL



Gaylord Police Department

Officer Jeff Milette, Officer Ben Nelson, Chief Tony Padilla,
K9 Caesar, Officer Karen Zimny,
Officer Dan Reich, and Officer Charlie Eichten



ACTIVITIES

One unique call this year was a suspicious bone found outdoors in an alley as the snow was melting. A resident called, concerned about the origin of the bone. Medical examiners determined it was not a human bone.



Gaylord Police Department had dozens of requests for house watches from residents of Gaylord that are going away for an extended amount of time. That was, in part, a result of a March investigation regarding a burglary. Gaylord Police Department began investigating an incident in which a resident left her house for an extended period of time. She returned to her home to find out someone else had been living in her house and property had been stolen.

April brought calls regarding graffiti vandalism at 3 different locations. The 3 areas that were targeted in this incident were the Pinske building, Feed Mill and the Grain elevator on 4th by the railroad tracks.



Also in April, officers responded to an apartment in Gaylord looking for a male with a warrant. While at the



apartment the officers located hypodermic syringes and glass methamphetamine smoking devices. GPD arrested three people during the event.

Construction season brought on many calls regarding barriers, noncompliance of detour routes, and traffic. An officer stopped a vehicle going around a construction barrier.



Located inside the vehicle were 34 grams of meth, a little bit of cocaine, and a bunch of hypodermic needles.



ACTIVITIES



On June 28 Gaylord Police Department responded to a semi which went around the barricades and turned around after learning the road was closed. While turning around the semi caused a couple hundred dollars in damage.

June 30th at approximately 1530 hours a dump truck was crossing the intersection of 3rd Street East and Railroad Avenue when it's box unexpectedly raised up and got caught on the power lines. One of the lines snapped and started a grass fire. Gaylord Fire Department responded to put out

the fire and assist with traffic control.

Power was also knocked out in the area for approximately two to three hours until Xcel Energy was able to restore it.



In the beginning of August a concerned citizen noticed 2 adult males parked in a car on a trail in the city where there are usually no cars parked. The citizen called the police and was able to remember details of the vehicle for the police when they arrived.

The following morning Gaylord Police Department responded to a call of a burglary

in progress. The officer that had taken the call of the suspicious males went back to where the complaint was called in of the 2 adult males parked. Upon arrival the officer didn't have to wait long for the 2 adult males to come walking down the trail with stuff they had just stolen from a building.

Thanks to the alertness of the concerned citizen and the keen sense of the officer we were able to capture these 2 suspects.

These 2 suspects were also wanted in connection with a couple other burglaries that had taken place recently in Gaylord.



ACTIVITIES

On August 28th the Minneapolis Police Department's "Bike Cops For Kids" unit came to Gaylord with over 100 bike helmets and 25 scooters for the kids in our community.



Their mission is to provide as many bike helmets as possible to kids to prevent head injuries. This is the second time they have come to town with a squad car full of helmets.

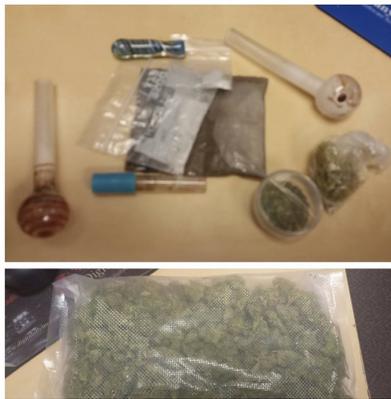
Approximately 80 helmets were issued out to kids in need in addition to the 25 scooters. GPD would like to thank Pam Abrams for coordinating this event and the Minneapolis Police Department for providing the helmets and scooters.

October 16th Gaylord Police Department participated in the

Emergency Services Open House—complete with a police department tour, squad cars, handouts, and K9 demonstration!



Mid-October traffic stops led to multiple arrests for possession of methamphetamine, methamphetamine paraphernalia and marijuana. Pictured below are approximately 11 grams of methamphetamine, paraphernalia and 128 grams of marijuana.



Yes, that is a pig! Gaylord Police Department was placed in charge of safe-keeping the pig.



The pig was returned to its owner after its adventure.

No matter the call, Gaylord Police Department's goal is to protect and serve.



ON-CALL

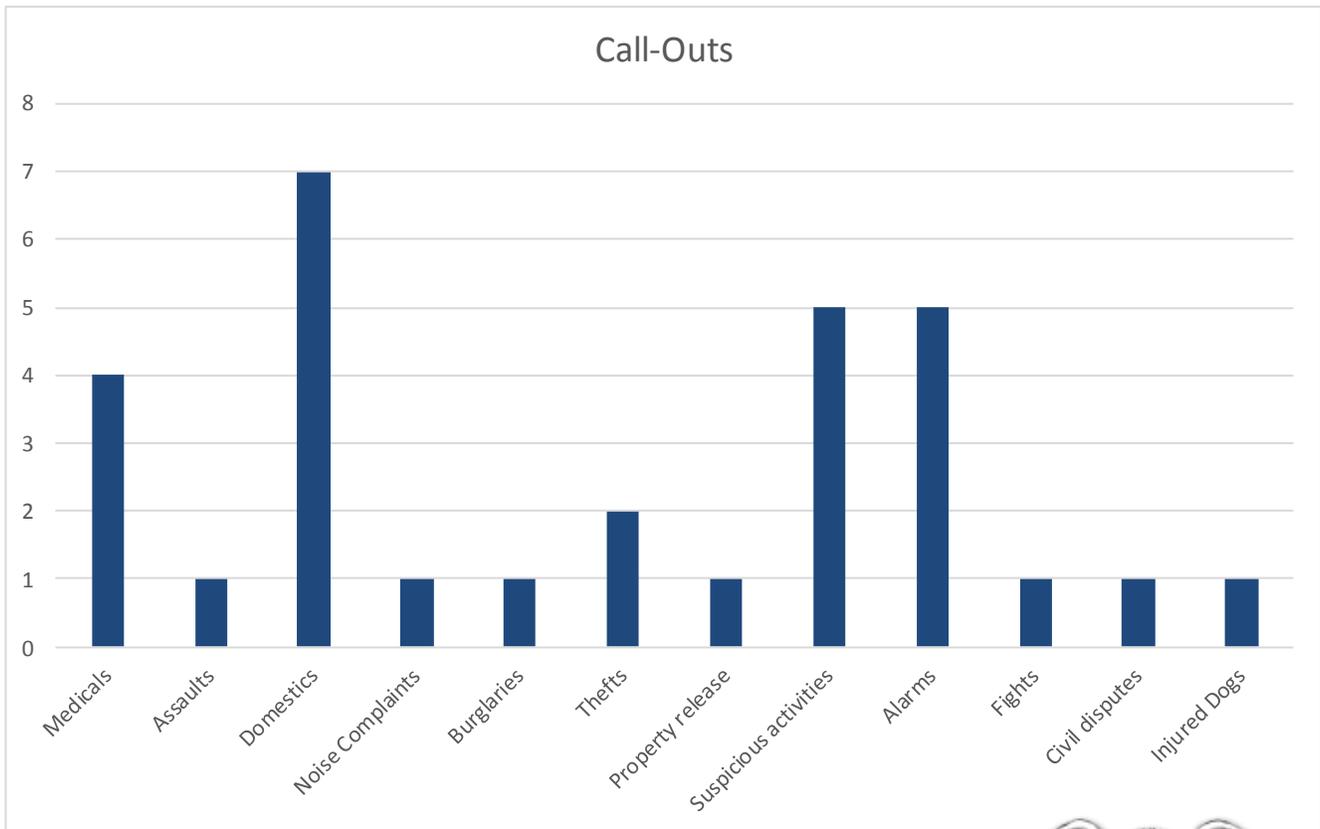
Gaylord Police Department officers responded to 30 incidents while “on-call.” In 2015 “on-call” time was typically from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m.

In 2014 officers responded to

119 call-outs. The number of calls from 2014 to 2015 decreased by 74%.

This decrease in call-outs can be attributed to many things but primary among them is the fact

an additional officer offers more coverage hours and less on-call time. This decreases response time and increases service.



TYPES OF CALLS

	2014	2015
911 Hang Up	25	13
Accident	37	33
Adult Protection	0	4
Alarm/Open door	37	40
Animal	85	113
Assault	14	23
Assist Other Agency (other law enforcement agencies, DHS, city, etc.)	279	192
Burglary	18	10
Child Endangerment	7	10
City Ordinance	101	182
Civil Matter	60	51
Community Policing (business walk-throughs, apartment checks, school events)	0	387
Criminal Sexual Conduct	5	6
Death Unwitnessed	1	4
Dishonored Check	3	3
Domestic	45	55
Driving Complaint	37	73
DUI	12	15
Fight in Progress	5	8
Fire Call	n/a	20
Found Property	18	16
Harassment / Threat	43	43
Information Only (public questions about ordinances, requests for police reports, officer safety)	11	73
Juvenile Trouble	33	37
K9 Sniff/K9 Activity	6	12
Medical Call	n/a	136
Missing Person / Runaway	19	10
Motorist Assist	34	67
Narcotic Sale/Possess	9	16
Noise Complaint	33	37
OFP Violation	15	10

	2014	2015
Park Check	104	386
Parking Violation	67	228
Predatory Offender Registration	n/a	1
Property Damage / Vandalism	34	42
Public Assist (escorts, funerals, answer questions about law, HRO, etc.)	206	422
Residence Watch	n/a	175
Scam	9	15
Suicidal	14	8
Suspicious Activity	161	145
Theft	94	72
Tobacco Compliance	7	2
Traffic Detail/Directed Patrol	0	103
Traffic Hazard	6	15
Traffic Stop	936	1624
Trespass	10	7
Underage Consumption		3
Vehicle Lockout	93	70
Warrant/arrest/check	43	109
Welfare Check	53	47

Gaylord Police Department responded to 5,173 calls in 2015. This was a 82% increase over 2014's number of 2,831.

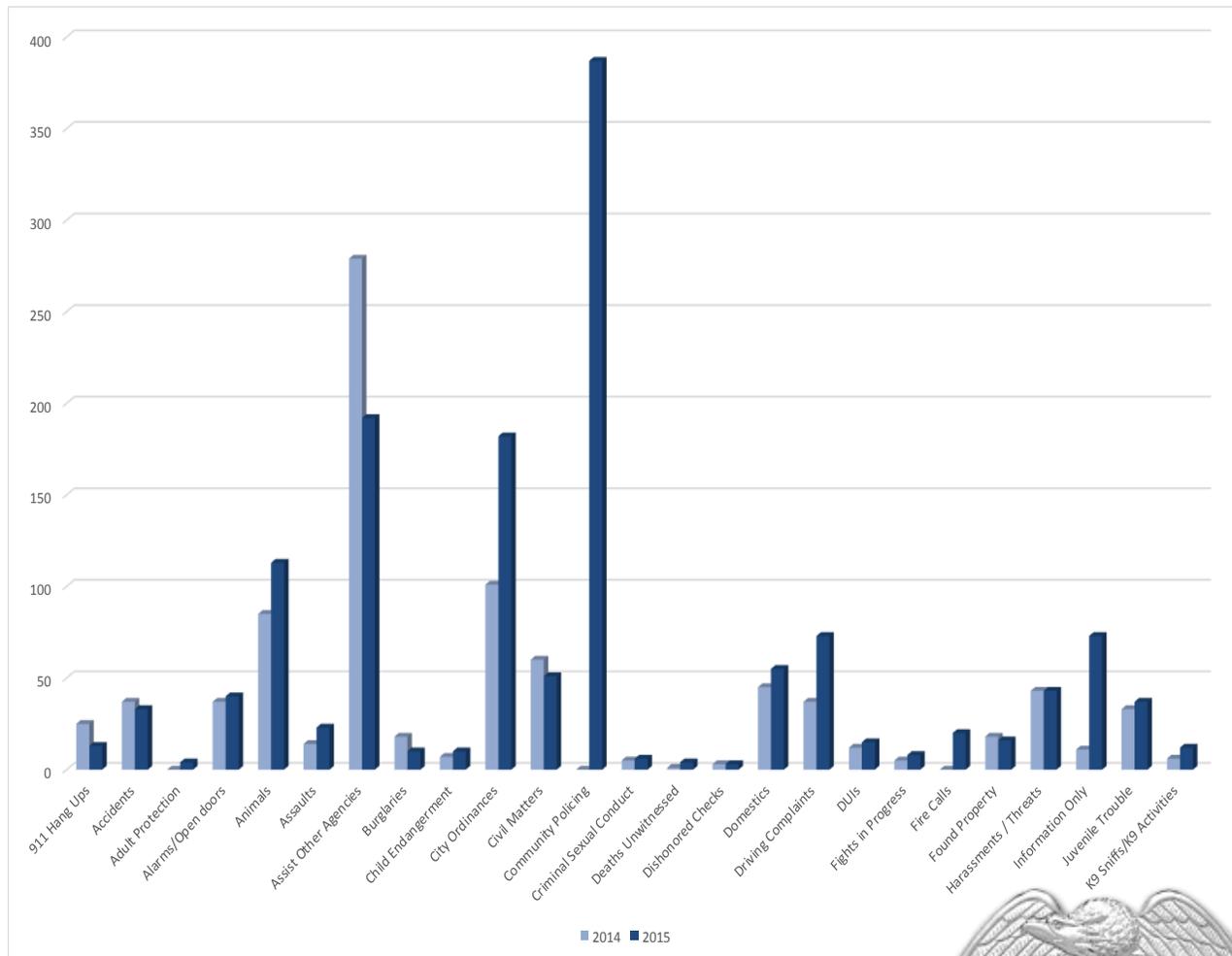


CALLS FOR SERVICE *part I*

Officers made a directed effort to patrol parks after a rash of vandalism. Other points of interest include the decrease in assist other agency calls. This

can be explained because in 2015 medical and fire calls have their own category.

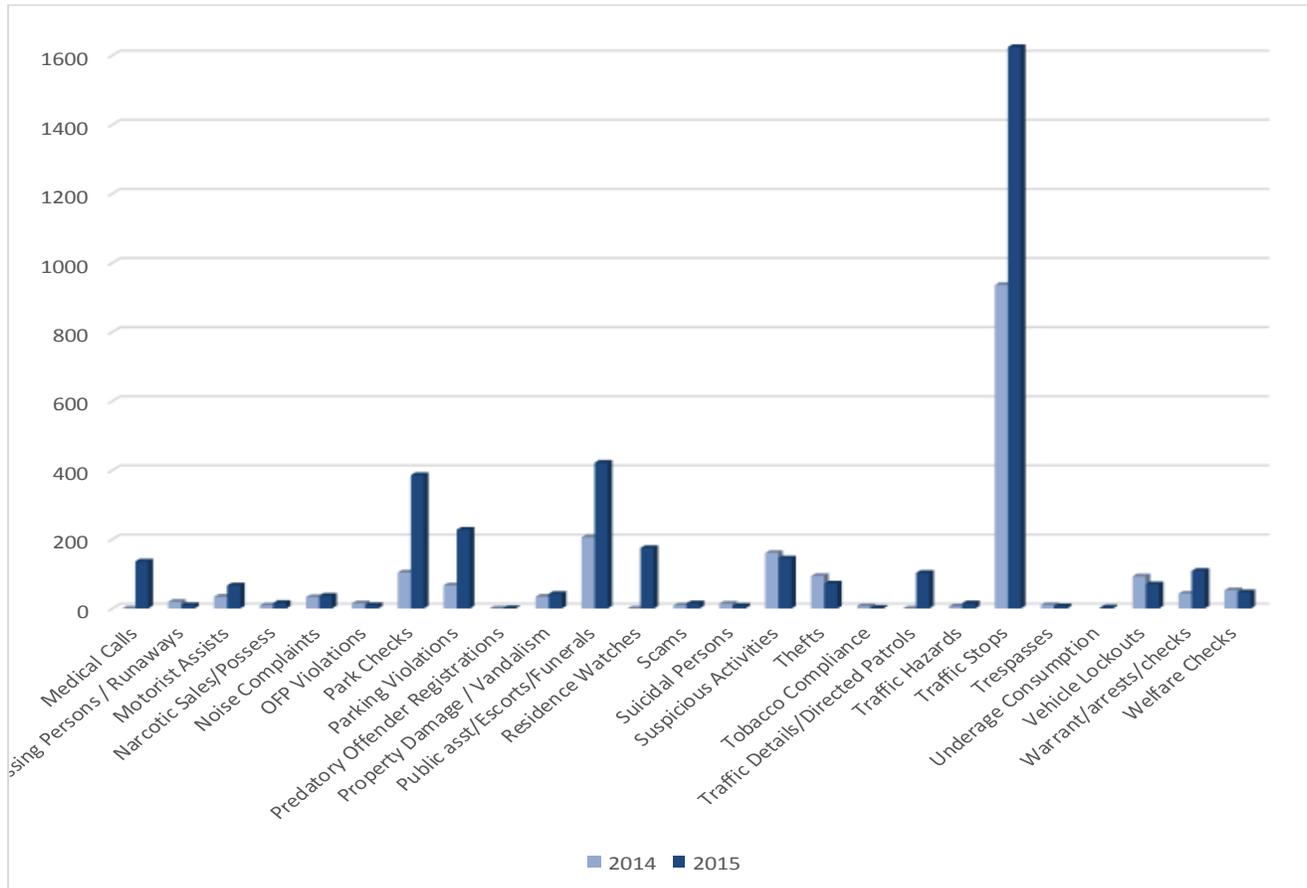
Community policing has always been a priority but in 2015 officers began making a concerted effort to record each of these events.



CALLS FOR SERVICE *part II*

The category of “directed patrol” significantly increased as well. This was a reflection of the mas-

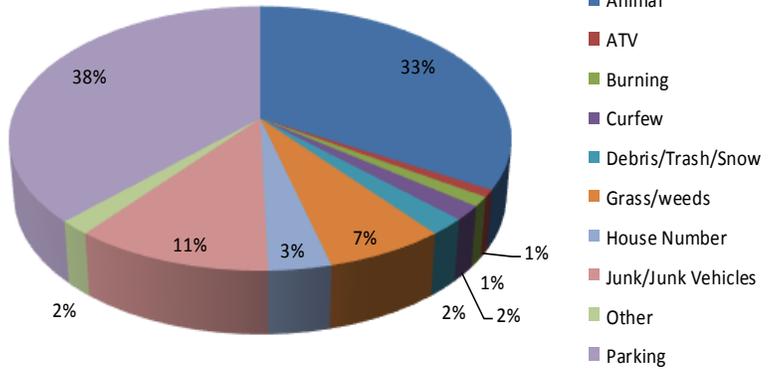
sive construction project and efforts to enforce the detour route as well as influence traffic safety.



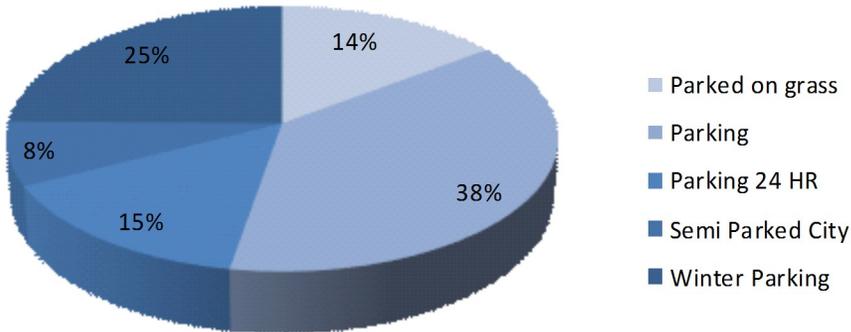
ORDINANCE

Gaylord Police Department responds to calls regarding ordinance violations. These violations range from dogs at large to parking violations. Ordinance violations also include messy lawns and property, illegal burning, and curfew violations.

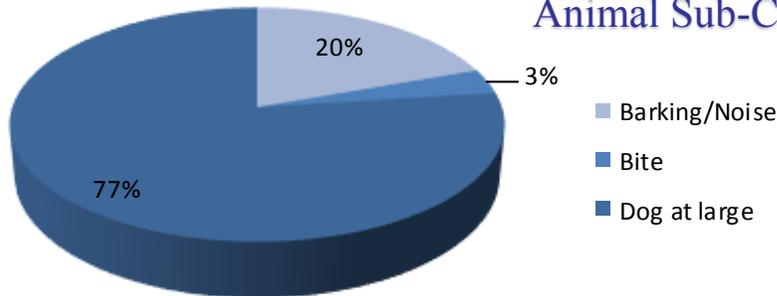
Types of Calls



Parking Sub-Categories

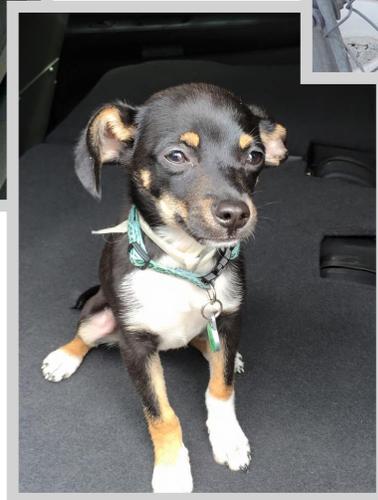
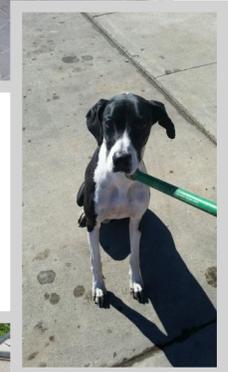


Animal Sub-Categories

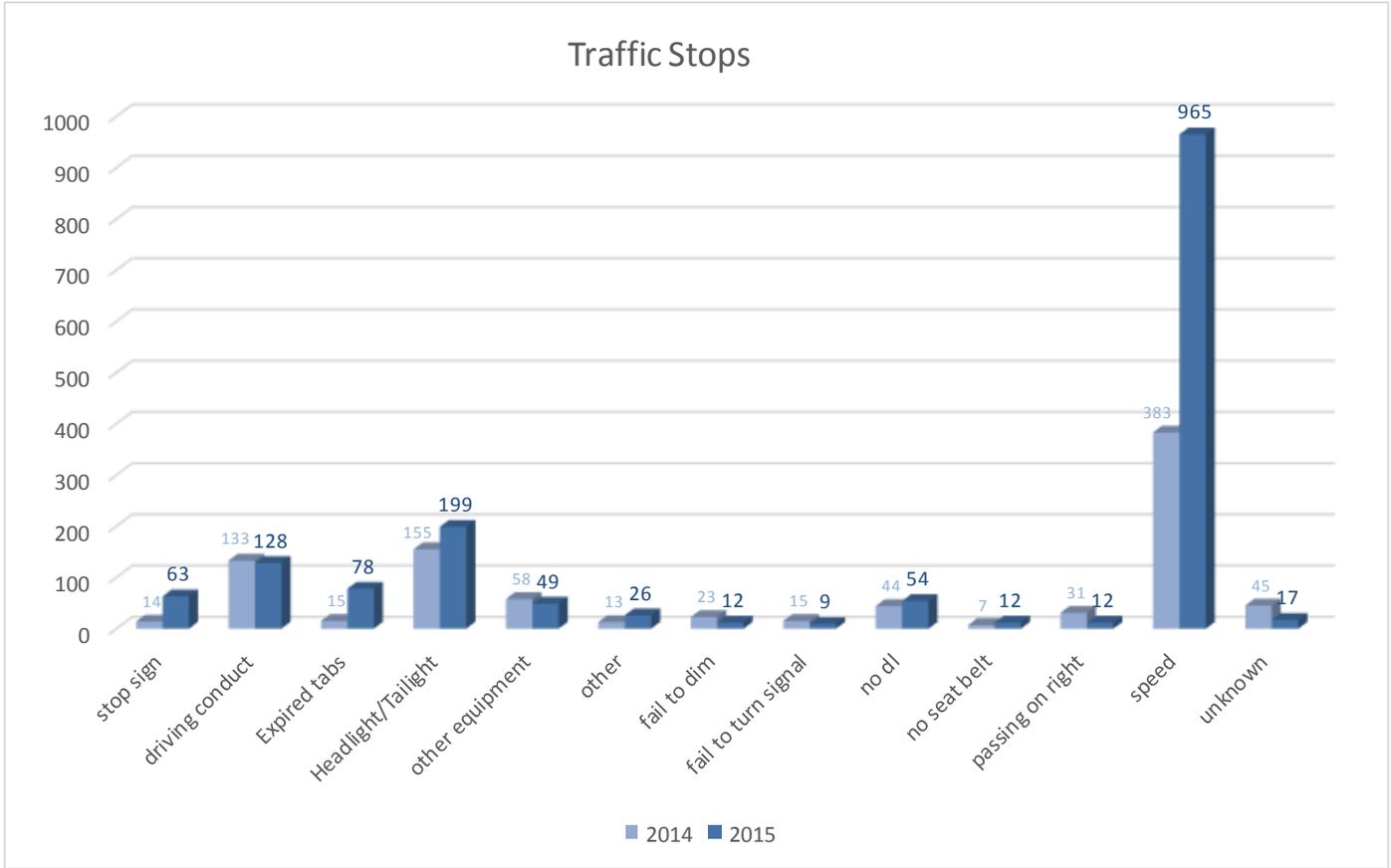


ANIMAL CALLS

This year Gaylord Police responded to dozens of animal calls including many lost / at-large dogs. Through the power of Facebook many of these dogs were reunited with their owners within hours of being lost. Here are a few photos of our furry friends.



TRAFFIC STOPS



Gaylord Police Department made 1624 traffic stops in 2015. This is an increase over the stops made in 2014. Many times when a vehicle is stopped for speed or an equipment vio-

lation, the officer gives a warning for that infraction, and issues a citation for another, such as no insurance. Notable trends in 2015 traffic stops include more variety in the reason for

stops and many more stops relating to the detour. Despite the reason for the stop, the goal is always the same—change driving behavior to ensure safer roads.



K9



Caesar shows off his take down skills on Officer Dan Reich.

K9 Caesar spends on average 16 hours a month at training. K9 Caesar is certified to look for narcotics in all environments. He specializes in everything from methamphetamine to marijuana. To make sure K9 Caesar is competent he has to certify annually through the United States Police Canine Association. K9 Caesar complies and has certified every year. K9 Caesar is usually in the top 3 % at all narcotics trials in which he participates. He does very well.

In addition K9 Caesar is trained on tracking suspects, building searches to find a suspect, apprehension drills, and article recovery to name a few of the things he's competent at. When K9 Caesar meets with his training group every month he gets to do a wide variety of events

as you can see from what he's qualified to do.

This year K9 Caesar has been involved in sniffs of houses, apartments, and cars looking for drugs. In addition to his narcotics work K9 Caesar has assisted with search warrants and involved in apprehensions of suspects.

K9 Caesar has been requested and has assisted other outside agencies this year. K9 Caesar has assisted Glencoe Police, McLeod County Sheriff's Office, Faribault Police, Blooming Prairie Police and Owatonna Police Department.

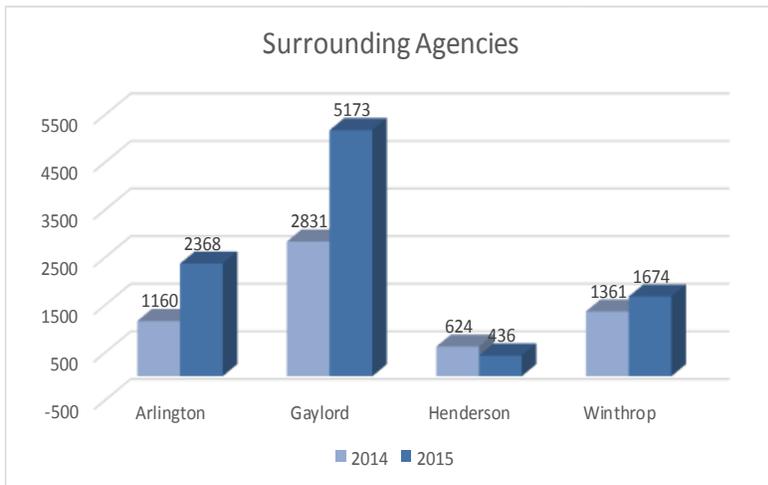
This year K9 Caesar participated in a couple demonstrations in which he showed the public how he sniffs for narcotics and how he conducts an apprehension. In ad-

dition to the demonstration K9 Caesar has gone to Sibley East to meet with students. His handler answers any questions they may have. K9 Caesar loves kids and enjoys the attention he receives from all.

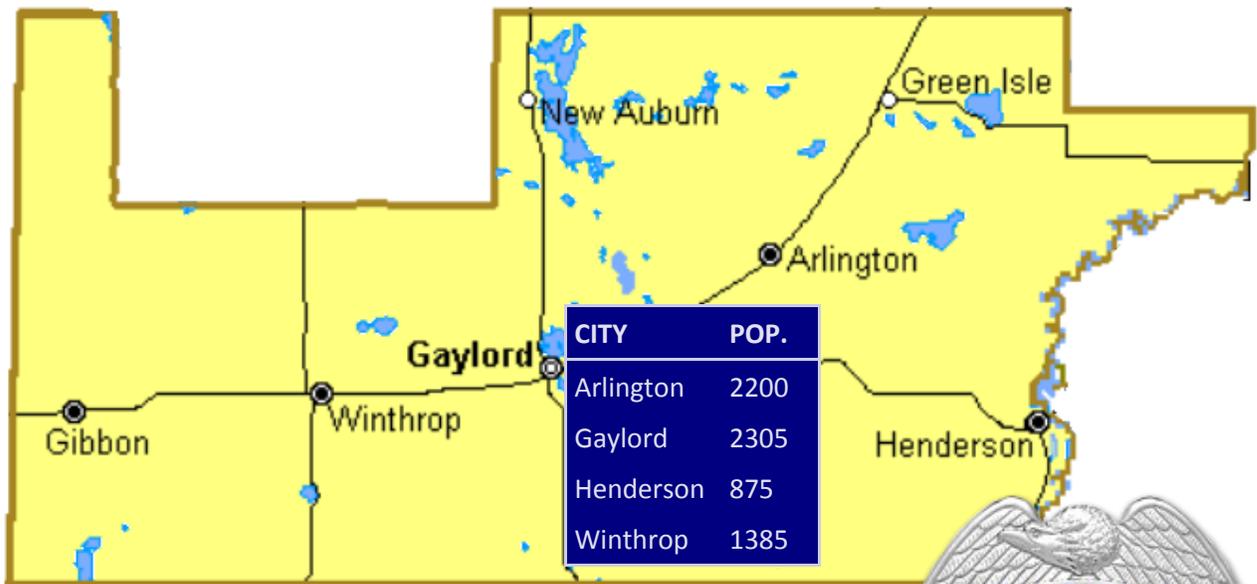
K9 Caesar is available for demonstrations for groups that meet in Gaylord. Please feel free to call the police department and request K9 Caesar if you would like a demonstration. Otherwise his skills will be on display for the annual egg days or Emergency Services open house.



SURROUNDING AGENCIES



Gaylord Police Department saw a significant increase in calls last year. Gaylord can attribute some of these increases to an additional full-time officer position as well as more community policing efforts. Gaylord Police Department is trying very hard to prevent crime before it happens.



REVENUE

	2015
POST training reimbursement	\$2,332.26
Fees and Court citations	\$29,685.94
Donation K9	\$1,100
Dog licenses	\$1,205
Car forfeiture	\$2,570
Ordinance violation fines	\$3,800
Misc/General (Police reports, golf cart/ATV)	\$738.76
Insurance dividends	\$6,701.95
Total	\$44,333.91

While the police department is not a revenue generator, it is important to note where revenue originates.



TRAINING



Periodically officers undergo behind-the-wheel Emergency Vehicle Operations Course training. This involves lecture and legal liabilities information, followed by participation in driving range exercises and skill refresher and development.

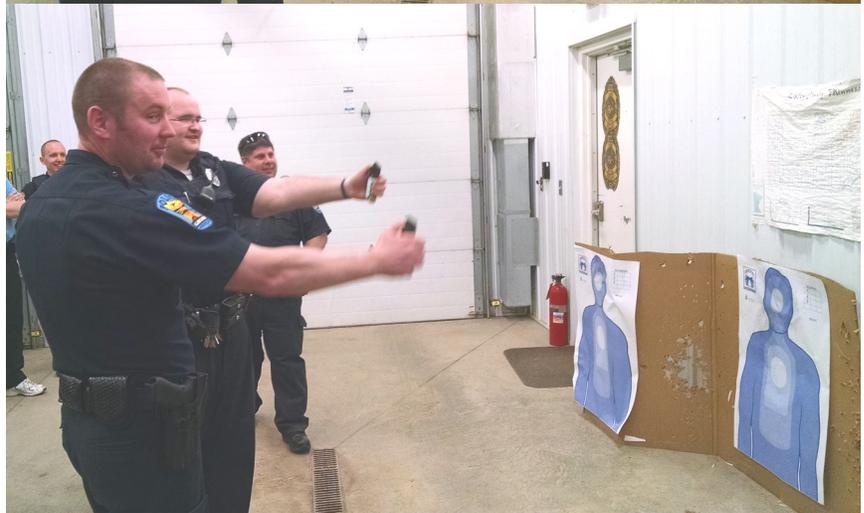
On course driving exercises, including mock pursuit scenarios, provide opportunities for

situational analysis, management and decision-making for the officer.

All of these are essential to safe operation in day to day vehicle operation.



TRAINING



Once a year Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requires use of force training. Pictures above are Officers Eichten, Reich and Milette demonstrating chemical irritant deployment.



TRAINING



Picture above is of officers qualifying.

Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) mandates weapons qualification as well as an inclement weather shoot.



TRAINING



Annual weapons qualification.



SPECIAL PROJECTS



This year's special projects included four major items: hiring an additional full-time officer, the massive detour project, Eggstravaganza 2015, and the Johnny Holmes concert.

Gaylord Police Department added a full-time officer to the force in July. This position has enabled the department to keep up with calls, be proactive with the community, and ensure more coverage.

The downtown detour project involved Gaylord Police officers on many levels. This increased calls pertaining to driving complaints (speeding to driving around barricades), property damage, noise complaints, and motorist assist calls.

The Community looks forward to Eggstravaganza each year. Every officer lends support to this event whether it is being a committee mem-

ber, providing security for the 5K, or traffic control for the parade. Everyone contributed to the safety!

Officers worked the Johnny Holmes concert. Officers provided security and had a great time talking to the community members. Officer Reich even got to talk to the talent!

