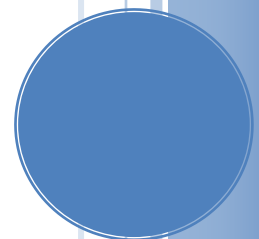


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Ms. Arledge, Village Council Members and Members of the Community,

It is and has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Chief of Police over the last nine plus years. This annual report is an effort to keep you more informed as to our activities and to provide information and insight regarding the outstanding work performed by the employees of the Fowlerville Police Department. This report demonstrates the hard work, outstanding performance, integrity and dedication that the members of the Fowlerville Police Department display on a daily basis. This staff has developed a professional reputation in our community along with the law enforcement community and for this reason can provide a level of safety, security, and service to our community. I want to thank the employees for their commitment and dedication to the Fowlerville Police Department and to the Fowlerville Community. I also want to thank you, the Council, and the citizens of Fowlerville for the encouragement, support and faith in the Fowlerville Police Department.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Couling
Chief of Police

Village of Fowlerville Police Department's Mission Statement

Our mission is to preserve, defend and uphold the constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan and to provide the highest level of Public Safety service to our community through an effective community policing philosophy. To this end, we are committed to the equal protection of the law while preserving the rights and dignity of the individual. In this endeavor, we will be responsive, ethical and will respect each other while enforcing the laws of the State and ordinances of the Village and in the prevention and investigation of crime.

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Fowlerville Police Department Roster 2015

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Separation Date</u>
Chief Thomas A. Couling	08/21/2006	
Sgt. John Tyler	03/11/2008	
Officer Eric Sorenson	05/09/1994	
Officer Jeffrey Soli	07/18/1996	
Canine Niko	09/2012	
Officer Rebecca Kuzdek	01/12/2012	
Officer Kevin Amenson	08/28/2013	
Officer Brad Feister	10/15/2013	
Officer Ryan Edmonds	08/17/2015	
Officer Kevin Thompson	11/03/2015	
Officer Jared Weaver	08/04/2014	05/07/2015
Officer Christina Doolan	08/19/2014	08/04/2015
Officer Eric Freier	10/30/2014	05/19/2015
 <u>Administrative Assistant</u>		
Lorraine Ritchie	07/16/2007	

Administration

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department administration is directed by the Chief of Police and the Sergeant. The Chief of Police and Sergeant are assisted by Lorraine Ritchie, who functions as the Administrative Assistant.

The Chief of Police is responsible for the following duties; budget management, bi-weekly reports to Council, personnel administration, policies and procedures, payroll, special events, purchasing, oversight of law enforcement distribution (302) funds, training, personnel scheduling, discipline, press releases, road patrol and supervision of personnel.

The Chief is also a member of the Mid-Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MMACP) and the Fowlerville Rotary.

The Sergeant is responsible for the following duties; crime scene investigator, fleet maintenance and inspections, PPCT Instructor, Field Training Officer (FTO) Program Coordinator, and on call supervisor.

The Sergeant is a CARE Project/Round Table member. He is also on the Child Death Review team, Livingston County's Major Crime Task Force, and he participates in the monthly Livingston County Detective meetings.

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for the following duties: police records management and retention, personnel records, training records, provides copies of police reports to citizens, insurance companies, and attorneys, LEIN work for officers, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, portable breath tests (PBT's), accounting for Public Act 302 funds to the State of Michigan, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) administrator, Terminal Agency Coordinator (T.A.C.), mobile computer terminal administrator, name merging coordinator, submitting state data electronically, property intake and property room evidence tech, registration of sex offenders, issuing License to Purchase for hand guns, and submitting warrant requests electronically to the Prosecutors office. This list is in no way all inclusive.

Patrol Division

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department is a full service department. The patrol division works three – eight hour shifts. Day shift (0700 – 1500 hours), afternoon shift (1500 – 2300 hours) and midnight shift (2300 – 0700 hours). Budget year 2015-2016 added a 32 hour per week employee to the road patrol rotation. This addition allowed the Chief of Police to be removed from the road patrol rotation and allowed the Sergeant to switch to a straight day shift versus working three day shifts and two afternoon shifts per week. The remaining shifts are filled by two full time officers and four part time officers.

The Village of Fowlerville is approximately 2.38 square miles with a population of approximately 2900 people. The Village of Fowlerville Police Department provides 24 hour, seven day per week service for the Village of Fowlerville residents. The Fowlerville Community Schools are also located within the Village of Fowlerville. The department responds to calls received through Livingston County Central Dispatch (911) and also calls received at the department. In addition to the calls received through 911 and the department, officers also self-initiate calls. The patrol division responded to 14,588 calls for service in 2015.

Training

<i>Date</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Attendee</i>
01/15/15	CPR	All Staff
02/05/15 - 02/07/15	Radar Certification	Officer Doolan
03/12/15 - 03/13/15	Child Death Investigation	Officer Kuzdek
03/16/15	School Safety Summit	Officer Soli
03/17/15 & 03/19/15	Mental Health Awareness	Sgt. Tyler, Officer Sorenson Officer Kuzdek, Officer Amenson
05/05/15 - 05/06/15	ARIDE Training	Officer Kuzdek
05/07/15	Legal Update Training	Officer Soli & Officer Feister
05/15/15	Legal Update Training	Officer Sorenson, Officer Kuzdek
05/21/15	Legal Update Training	Sgt. Tyler, Officer Amenson
05/28/15	Legal Update Training	Chief Couling, Officer Doolan
05/18/15	F.O.I.A. Workshop	Lorraine Ritchie
06/02/15	Glock Training	Officer Sorenson & Officer Kuzdek
07/22/15	APRS Training	Lorraine Ritchie
07/29/15	Federal Firearms Law	Lorraine Ritchie
09/23/15	DMT Training	Officer Edmonds
9/27/15 - 10/01/15	Canine Training - Alpena	Officer Soli
09/30/15	Sexual Assault Training	All Officers
11/4/15 - 11/05/15	Non Stranger Sexual Assault	Officer Feister
12/14/15	Naloxone Training	Sgt. Tyler, Officer Soli, Officer Feister Officer Edmonds, Officer Kuzdek

Range training is conducted three times per year

School Liaison Officer

In April 1997, the Village of Fowlerville Police Department and the Fowlerville Community School District implemented a School Liaison Officer (SLO) position. The position has been in effect ever since and has become a vital part of the educational process. In September 2004, the Fowlerville Community Schools approved the addition of a canine partner for the SLO. This has been a vital component in helping to keep the school district drug free.

The SLO has an office on the school campus and works directly with school administrators to ensure a safe and orderly environment for all students, staff, and visitors. As a police representative in the schools, the SLO performs police related duties and enforcement of criminal laws while assisting the administrative staff with non criminal violations. The SLO also serves as a role model and mentor to students while providing students a safe and confidential environment in which they can speak to a trusted authority figure about everyday issues.

The SLO also performs follow up investigations for road patrol officers when the violation involves a student or is directly related to the Fowlerville School District.

The SLO attends major sporting events and high school/junior high school dances. He also gives presentations and participates in the elementary school parades.

During 2015 the SLO responded to 580 incidents. This number reflects criminal as well as non-criminal complaints encompassing all schools in the Fowlerville School District.

The SLO position is funded by the Village of Fowlerville Police Department, the Fowlerville Community School District, Conway Township, Handy Township, and Iosco Township. The police department provides forty percent of the funding while the school district and the three townships provide the remaining sixty percent of the SLO's annual cost.

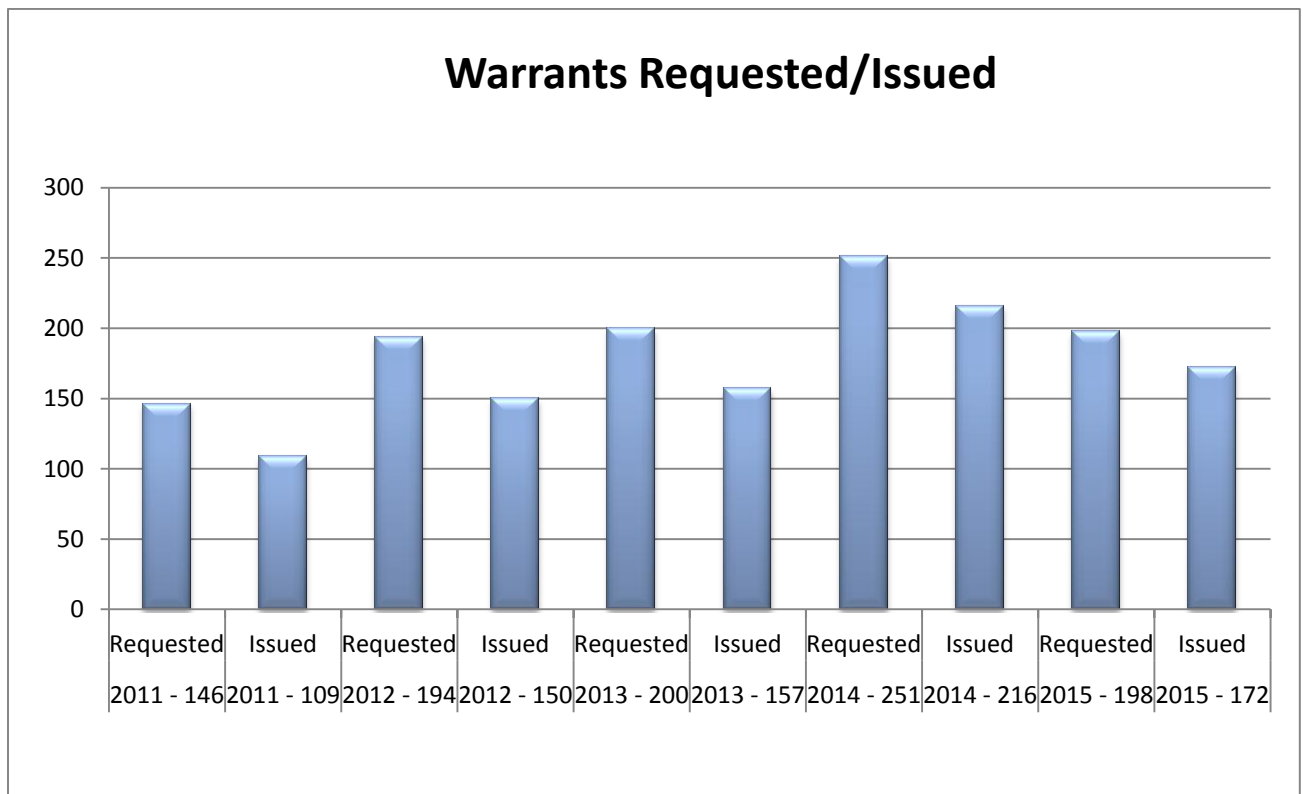
Police Canine

On September 17, 2004, the Village of Fowlerville Police Department and the Fowlerville Community School District entered into an agreement that the School District would purchase a Police canine and that Officer Jeffrey Soli would be the trained handler and care provider for the canine. Officer Soli solicited monies from local area businesses to cover the cost of a canine and all training. This money was then given to the Fowlerville Community School District for the purchase of the canine. Officer Soli and K9 Quinn were trained and placed into service in the School District in a full time capacity. On August 6, 2007 the Village of Fowlerville Police Department purchased the canine from the School District for \$1.00. K9 Quinn passed away in September 2014. He was 12 years old.

The Fowlerville Police Department acquired a new canine on June 15, 2012. K9 Niko is a Doberman Pinscher. He was born in Germany where he received his initial training before being shipped to the United States where he completed his advanced canine training. K9 Niko is trained and certified through the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers. Niko is trained in handler protection, obedience, article search, area search, tracking, building search, aggression control, and narcotics detection. Niko was placed into service September 4, 2012.

Police Records Bureau

The Livingston County Prosecutors Office requires that each agency submit all warrant requests electronically. The Records Bureau (administrative assistant) is responsible for preparing, scanning, and attaching, all pictures, witness statements, and requested forms to the police department's case file and to the prosecutor's case file. The Records Bureau is also responsible for entering impounded/abandoned vehicles, breath, blood, urine test reports, stolen vehicles, articles, and weapons into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). The Village of Fowlerville Police Department submitted 198 warrant requests in 2015. Of the 198 requests sent, 32 felonies and 140 misdemeanors were authorized.

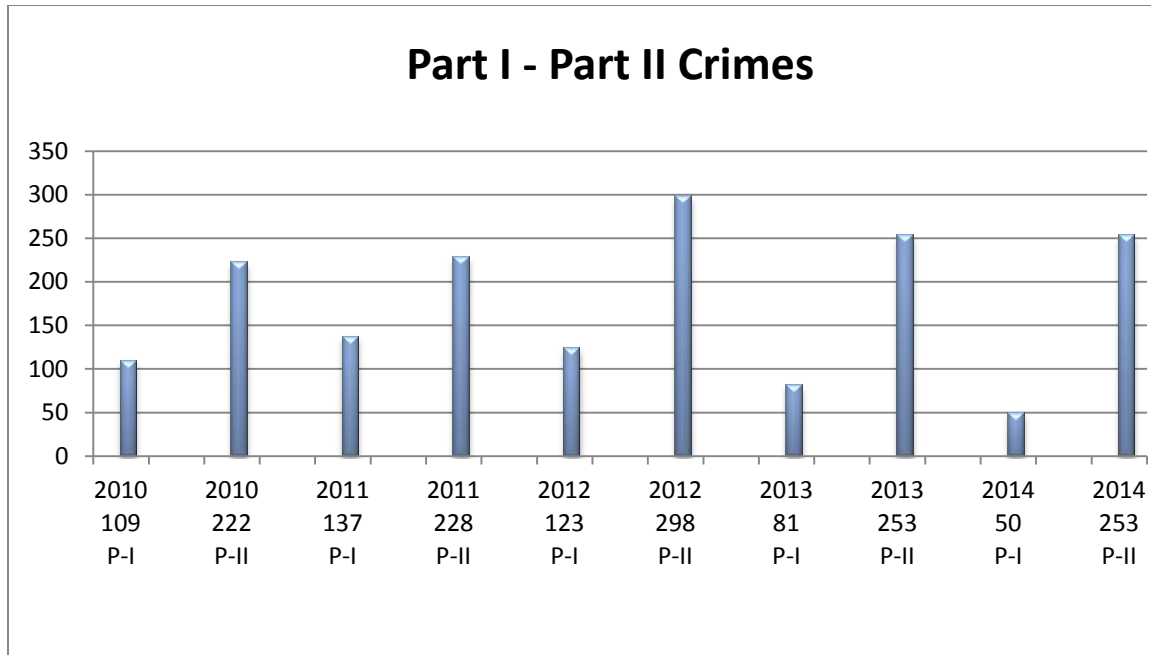


Reports and Calls for Service

The county wide records management system is designed to comply with National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) guidelines. Criminal data is electronically submitted monthly to the State for the compilation of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a State mandated and nationwide crime reporting system. It provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The crime data is submitted either to a state UCR program or directly to the national UCR program which is administered by the FBI.

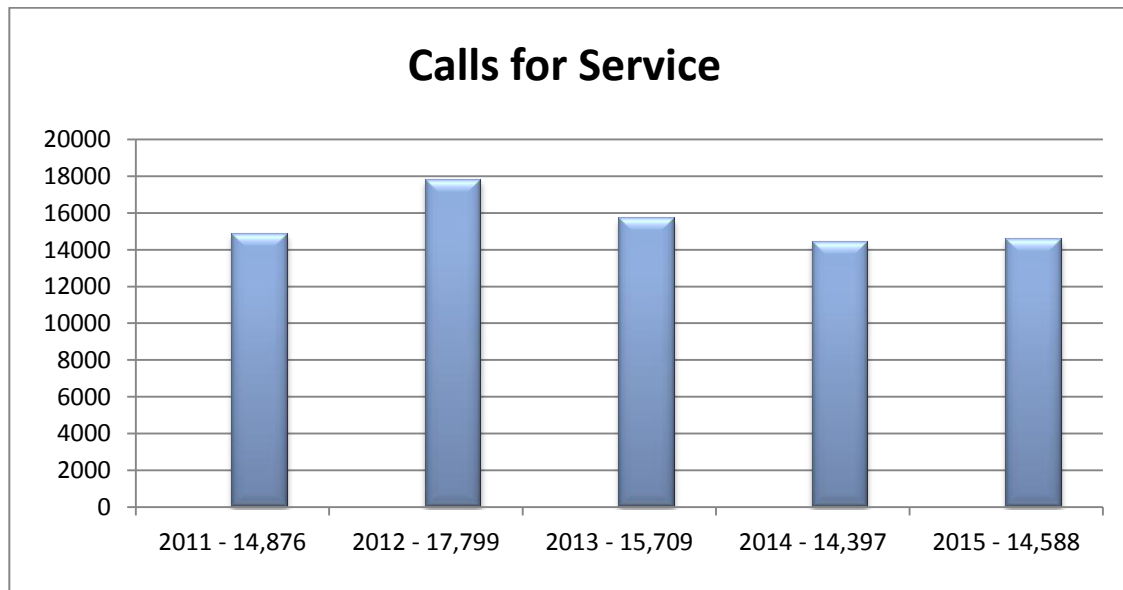
Crime reporting data is broken down into the following categories: violent (Part 1 crimes) and non-violent (Part 2 crimes). Part 1 crimes consist of the following offenses: murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, arson, and motor vehicle theft. Part 2 crimes are less serious in nature and encompass the following categories: simple assault, curfew offenses and loitering, embezzlement, forgery and counterfeiting, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drug offenses, fraud, gambling, liquor offenses, offenses against family, prostitution, public drunkenness, runaways, sex offenses, stolen property, vandalism, vagrancy, and weapon offenses.

Reflected in the chart on the following page is five years worth of statistics for the police department. You will notice that the data is only reflected through 2014. This is not an error, as of the printing of this report the 2015 data has not been compiled and published by the FBI. The 2015 data will be reflected in the 2016 annual report.



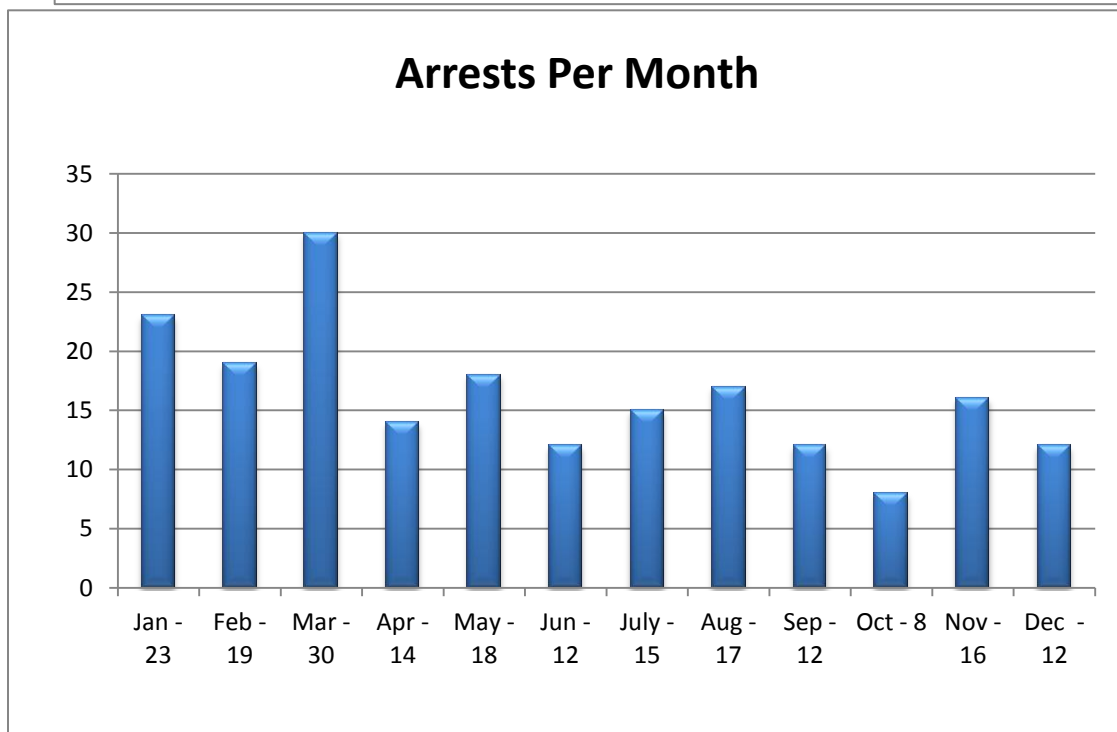
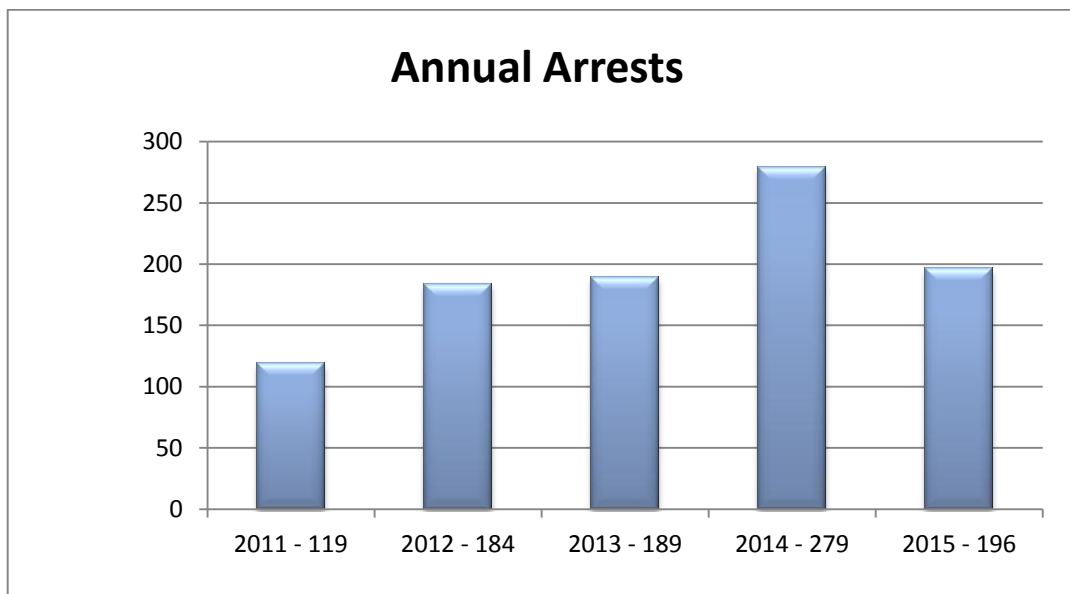
Calls for Service

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department is committed to providing excellent service to the citizens of the Village of Fowlerville. During 2015, officers responded to 14,588 calls for police service. These calls encompass all aspects of police activities and are not exclusively criminal incidents.



Annual Arrests

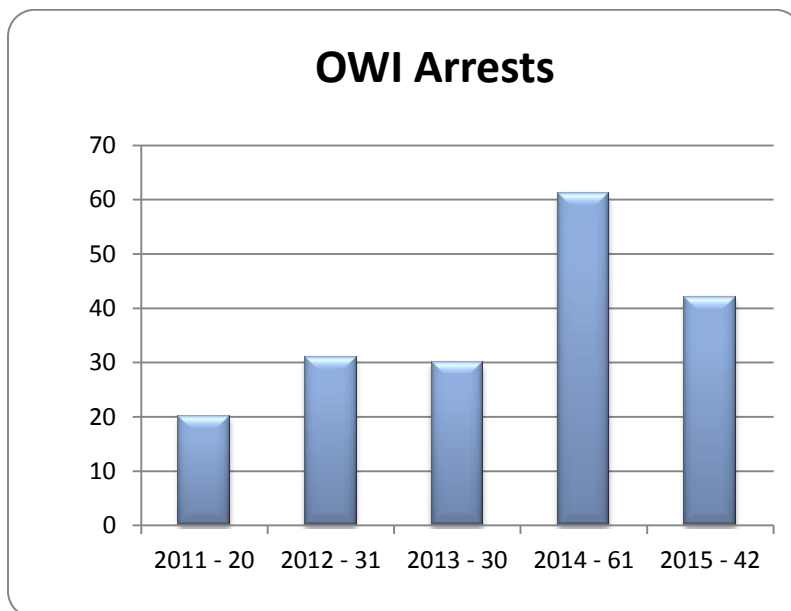
The Village of Fowlerville Police Department arrested 196 subjects in 2015. Of the 196 arrests 36 were for felony offenses.



Traffic Enforcement

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department has a high level of commitment to traffic safety through the enforcement of traffic laws and traffic safety education. Our goal is to reduce hazardous violations that contribute to personal injury and property damage crashes. During 2015 there were 505 traffic and parking citations issued.

The enforcement of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a high priority for our department. There were 42 drivers arrested for the offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs during 2015. Of the 42 arrested, 7 were arrested for Operating While Intoxicated/High Blood Alcohol Content (B.A.C.) To be arrested for High B.A.C., the driver must have a B.A.C. of .17% or higher.



Criminal Investigations

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department was involved in several noteworthy cases in 2015. Listed below is a summary of these incidents.

- Fowlerville Police Officers investigated a Criminal Sexual Conduct complaint that was two years old. The suspect was arrested and convicted of the charge.
- Sergeant Tyler attended the Michigan State University School of Police Staff and Command starting in January and graduating in June 2015. This course was a 400 hour problem based course that fosters critical thinking and employs learning philosophies appropriate in today's law enforcement.
- Over a two week period, most of the Lower Michigan area was hit by a large snow storm. The Fowlerville Police coordinated a volunteer program to help dig out the elderly and those unable to clear their own sidewalks and driveways. The response was amazing with over 40 volunteers to help with shoveling and snow removal for the community.
- Operation Opiate: The following were the dates for the three stages of training for Operation Opiate:
 - March 19, 2015, presented the program to the students in the Health class at Fowlerville High School.
 - April 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM, we held a Community Forum at the United Brethren Church.
 - April 28, 2015, there was a presentation to the staff of the High/Jr. High on the signs and symptoms of opiate use.
- Opiate Training for Law Enforcement: On June 22, 2015, the Fowlerville Police Department hosted a training seminar on the use

of opiates. This was a full day of training with experts in the area of Opiate addiction as the speakers

- Officers investigated a Criminal Sexual Conduct complaint that led to the arrest and conviction of a 33 year old Fowlerville man. The subject was convicted and sentenced to prison.
- Officers investigated a missing person (84 year old male with dementia). With the assistance of the Fowlerville Area Fire Department and the Fowlerville Community (Facebook Posts), we were able to locate an area where the subject was last seen. With the assistance of our canine tracking team, we were able to locate the gentleman in the wooded area and re-unit him with his family.
- The Fowlerville Police Department has been granted access to the Michigan State Police Portal web site that allows us to register pistols and process license to purchase a pistol application. We also are providing a service of registering sex offenders to the state web site. Administrative Assistant Lorraine Ritchie has attended training and was instrumental in this process. The Fowlerville Police Department strives to be a full service police agency.
- Officers investigated a complaint in which child pornography was found on a computer. The Officer conducted the investigation, obtained a search warrant for the computer, interviewed all involved and obtained a two count felony warrant. The suspect was later arrested and convicted of the crime.
- Officers investigated a strong armed robbery during a drug deal. The victim was assaulted and his money was stolen. The suspect was arrested and charged in the incident.

Special Events

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department participated in six special events during 2015. Some of the events are an annual occurrence, such as Christmas in the Ville, July 4th Parade and Fireworks, and the Memorial Day Parade. These events require the police department's direct involvement in the planning and logistics as well as policing the actual event. The Easy Rider Rodeo, the Fowlerville Family Fair, and the Homecoming Parade require police participation but we are not directly involved in the planning and logistics.

A significant amount of administrative time goes into the planning, preparation, support and execution of the event. The administration of each of these events is provided by the Chief and/or Sergeant.

There are two special events that are not directly within the Village of Fowlerville; however they do have a significant impact on the policing of the Village. The Easy Rider Motorcycle Rodeo is held in August every year at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. This event brings in a large number of participants and visitors to the community and requires the addition of police staff in order to provide a safe environment. The police department works in conjunction with the Michigan State Police and the Livingston County Sheriff Department to provide sufficient event and community security. The Fowlerville Family Fair is another event that brings a large number of people to the community. This event does not cause a significant increase in staffing levels for the police department; however we do work with the Livingston County Sheriff Department to handle traffic issues.

The above special events are an important aspect to the overall image of the Village of Fowlerville. They generate increased visitation of our shopping and dining establishments from citizens from Livingston County and around the State.

Although popular and positive, these events consume departmental resources, not only monetarily, but in staff hours and equipment as well. These events are policed by all the members of the police department and with the part time staff we are able to meet the challenges that are presented to us.

Summary

As demonstrated by this report, the staff of the Fowlerville Police Department have risen to the challenges we faced in 2015. As members of the Fowlerville Community, we continue to band together to provide a modern, professional police agency. With the combined efforts of the surrounding Townships, the Fowlerville School District and the Village of Fowlerville, we provide a full time Canine team to our school district. By taking advantage of education, training and technology, the department remains responsive to the community and its ever changing needs.

I am proud of our team, both sworn and civilian and proud of their individual and collective commitment to the Fowlerville community and to their combined excellent quality police service. We will continue to be committed to quality, with the ultimate goal to make the Fowlerville Police Department a premier police agency.