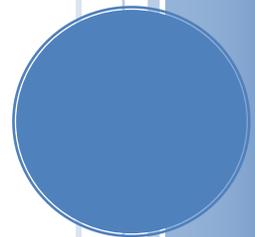


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2016 Annual Report

John J. Tyler, Chief of Police



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March 6 , 2017

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

I am proud and honored to present the Fowlerville Police Department's Annual Report for 2016. The annual report is created 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 compassion that each of the officers and staff members exemplify at the Fowlerville Police Department.

The Fowlerville Police Department staff will continue to work collaboratively with our law enforcement partners in Livingston County. As the Village grows in population, we will continue to focus our attention on traffic safety as well as collaboration with other community stakeholders such as our schools, service and faith-based organizations, businesses and our residents to ensure we all do our part to preserve a safe, robust and thriving community. We will continue to provide the high level of community policing this community has come to expect and deserve.

As the community continues to grow we look forward to solving the challenges increased population and service requirements pose. This coming year I will be focusing more on how to deal with the rising opiate addiction that is plaguing communities across the nation. Again, I would like to thank you for your support, faith and opportunity that you have given me and the members of the Fowlerville Police Department.

Respectfully,

John J. Tyler
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 2016

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Separation Date</u>
Chief 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 Brad Feister	10/15/2013	
Officer Ryan Edmonds	08/17/2015	
Officer Christina Doolan	04/22/2016	
Officer Colleen Cain	05/02/2016	
Officer Kevin Thompson	07/07/2016	

Officer James McMahon	08/29/2016	
Chief Thomas A. Couling	08/21/2006	06/30/2016
Officer Kevin Amenson	08/28/2013	09/26/2016

Administrative Assistant

Lorraine Ritchie	07/16/2007	
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Administration

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department administration is directed by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police is 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, discipline, press releases, and supervision of personnel.

The Chief is also a member of the Mid-Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MMACP), the Fowlerville Rotary, and is a CARE Project/Round Table member. He is also on the Child Death Review team and Livingston County's Major Crime Task Force.

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, personnel scheduling, 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 two – twelve hour shifts. Day shift (0700 – 1900 hours), night shift (1900 – 0700 hours). Budget year 2016-2017 added a full time employee to the road patrol rotation. This addition allows the full time staff to work in "teams" covering the 24 hour per day schedule.

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 16,425 calls for service in 2016.

Training

<i>Date</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Attendee</i>
01/04/16	PPCT	Officer Sorenson, Officer Feister, Officer Kuzdek, Officer Soli
01/06/16	PPCT	Sgt. Tyler, Officer Amenson, Officer Edmonds, Officer Thompson
01/19/16	DataMaster Training	Officer Thompson
01/26-02/05/16	Drug Recognition Expert	Officer Kuzdek
03/06-03/12/16	Drug Recognition Expert	Officer Kuzdek
04/11-04/15/16	Chiefs School	Sgt. Tyler

Training *continued*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Training</i>	<i>Attendee</i>
04/04/16 Amenson	Naloxone Training	Officer Sorenson & Officer
04/26/16	Legal Update Training	Officer Sorenson, Officer Edmonds, Officer Doolan, Officer Soli, Officer Feister, Sgt. Tyler

05/03/16	Legal Update Training	Officer Amenson, Officer Cain, Officer Kuzdek
05/04/16	Report Reviews	Sgt. Tyler
06/01/16	Fireworks Training	Officer Sorenson
06/21-06/23/16	SEPLA Conference	Officer Soli
07/07/16	Video Arraignment	Chief Tyler & Lorraine Ritchie
07/20-07/21/16	Enough Is Enough	Chief Tyler & Officer Soli
07/26/16	Human Trafficking	Chief Tyler
07/25-07/28/16	SFST Instructor School	Officer Kuzdek
08/22-08/24/16	Interview Techniques	Officer Edmonds
09/14-09/16/16	LERMA Conference	Lorraine Ritchie
09/23/16	Use of Force Investigations	Officer Sorenson
09/27/16	Active Shooter	Officer Sorenson
10/03-10/04/16	CJIC Conference	Lorraine Ritchie
10/20/16	Drug Training - LAWNET	Officer Feister, Officer Cain Officer Edmonds, Officer Kuzdek
10/27/16	DRE Continuing Education	Officer Kuzdek
12/05-12/09/16	Pistol Instructor School	Officer Feister

Training *continued*

Officer Rebecca Kuzdek attended and passed the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program training making her the only female certified DRE

in Livingston County. This program is managed and coordinated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

This program is extremely demanding. Students must successfully complete three separate phases of training with a minimum score of 80 percent on all final exams before proceeding to the next phase. Phase 1 (Preliminary Training) consists of 16 hours of basic knowledge the prospective candidate will need to successfully complete the next phase. Phase 2 (DRE School) this is a seven day (56 hour) course dealing with physiology, toxicology, overall drug evaluation, and familiarization with the signs and symptoms of the seven drug categories. Phase 3 (Field Certification) is a seven day course and the requirements of this phase include evaluating at least 12 drug impaired individuals under supervision of a DRE instructor, identifying individuals under the influence of at least three of the seven drug categories, and attaining a 75 percent toxicological corroboration rate. Phase 3 took place at the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona.

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.

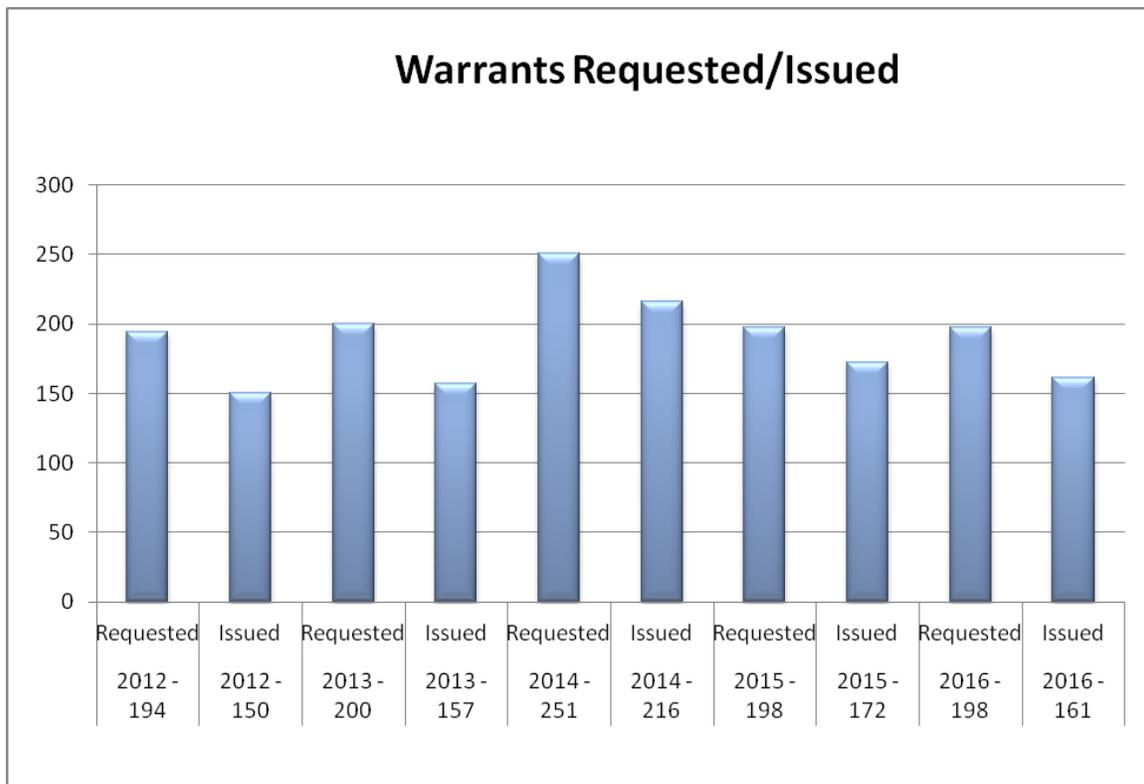
The SLO attends major sporting events and high school/junior high school dances. He also gives presentations and participates in the elementary school parades.

During 2016 the SLO responded to 661 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.

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 2016. Of the 198 requests sent, 40 felonies and 121 misdemeanors were authorized.

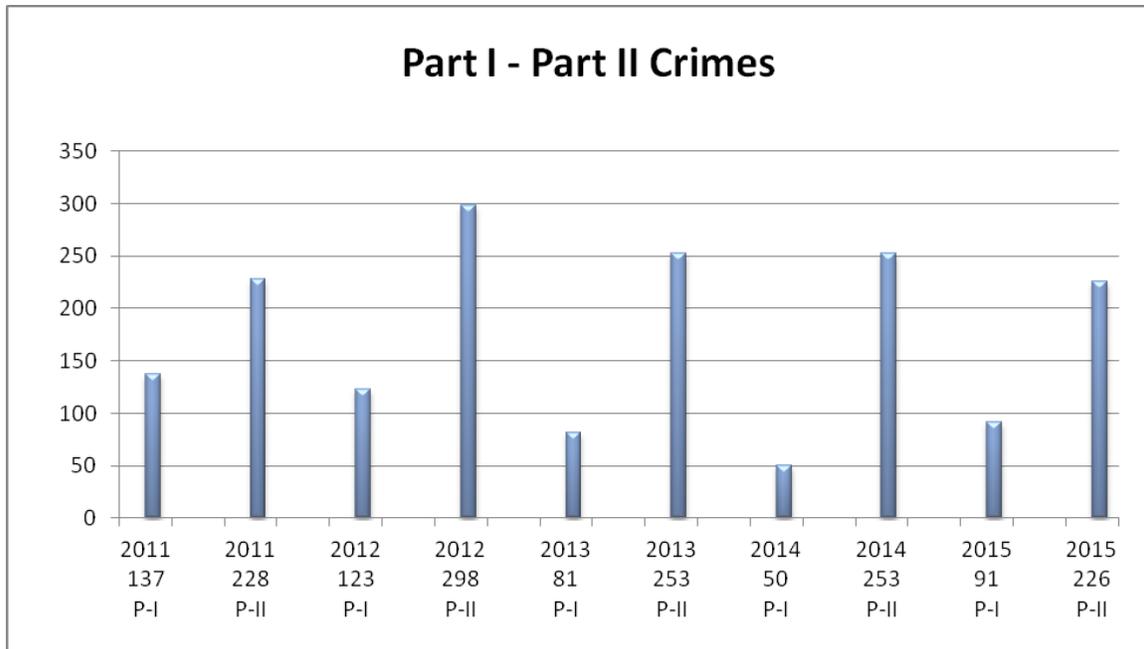


Reports and Calls for Service

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.

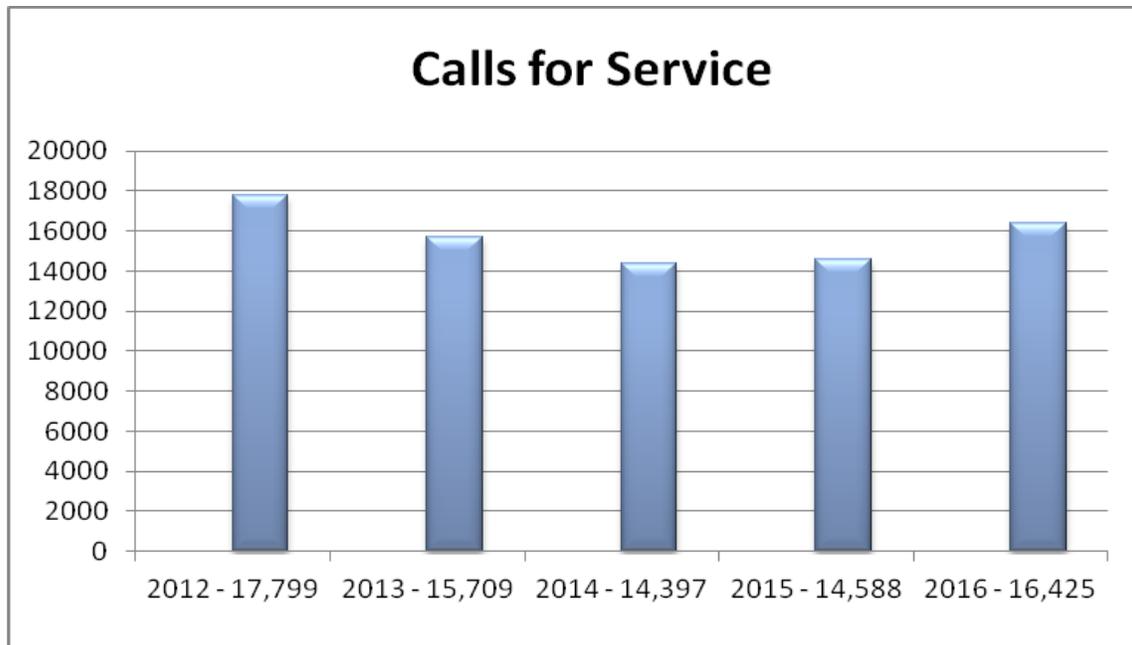
Crime reporting data is broken down into the following categories: violent (Part 1 crimes) and non-violent (Part 2 crimes). Part 1 crimes consist of the following offenses: murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, arson, and motor vehicle theft. Part 2 crimes are less 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 2015. This is not an error, as of the printing of this report the 2016 data has not been compiled and published by the FBI. The 2016 data will be reflected in the 2017 annual report.



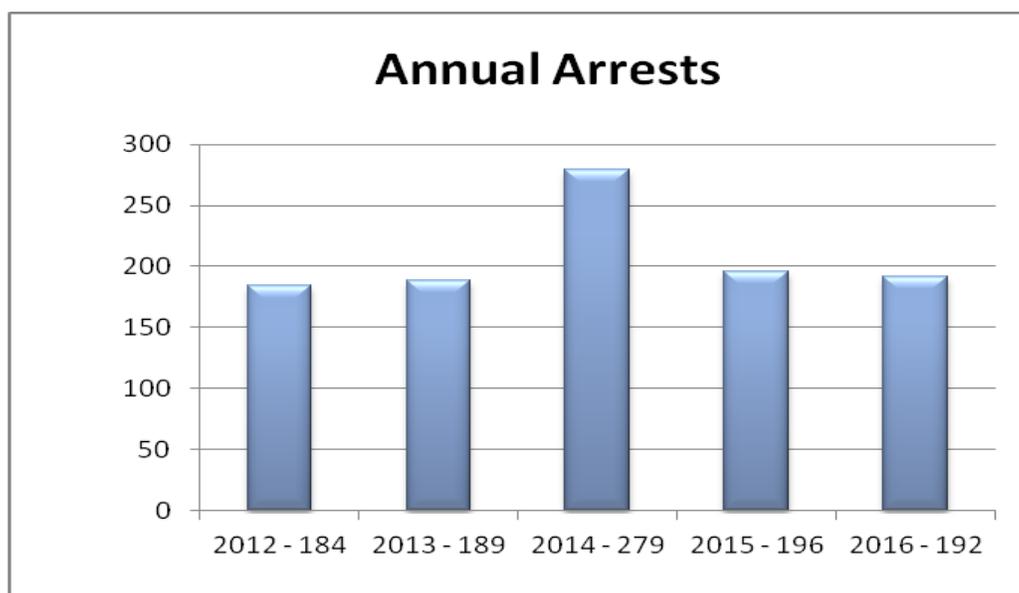
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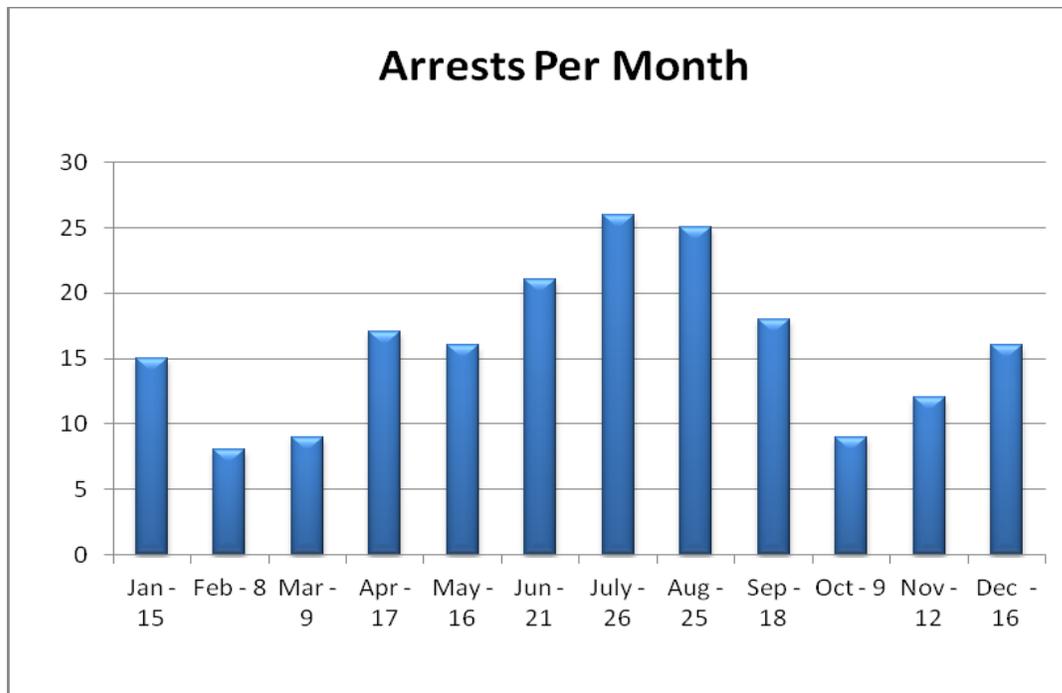
The Village of Fowlerville Police Department is committed to providing excellent service to the citizens of the Village of Fowlerville. During 2016, officers responded to 16,425 calls for police service. These calls encompass all aspects of police activities and are not exclusively criminal incidents.



Annual Arrests

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department arrested 192 subjects in 2016. Of the 192 arrests 53 were for felony offenses.

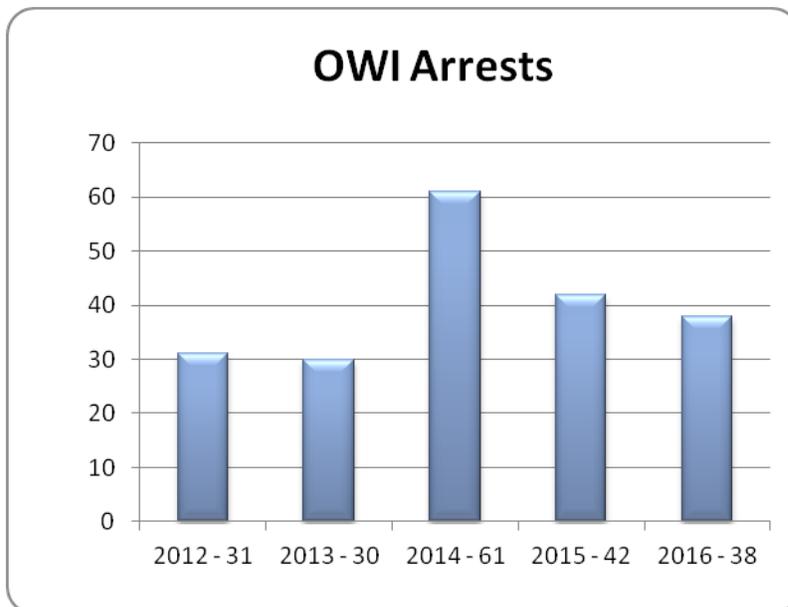




Traffic Enforcement

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 2016 there were 299 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 38 drivers arrested for the offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs during 2016. Of the 38 arrested, 5 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 2016. Listed below is a summary of these incidents.

Armed Robbery

Officer Edmonds was dispatched to a local convenience store in reference to a 22 y/o male who had entered the store and took off with two knives. The clerk working the store followed the suspect out the door. The suspect then turned toward the clerk and the clerk feared for his life so the clerk attempted to grab the knife away from the suspect. The suspect was stabbed 8 times during the struggle and then fled on foot to a local apartment complex. Officer Edmonds along with help

from the Livingston County Sheriff Department were able to locate the suspect. The suspect was taken to the U of M. Once released the suspect was arrested and taken into custody for Armed Robbery.

Home Invasion

Officer Sorenson and Officer Soli were dispatched to a home invasion of an elderly person's apartment. Dispatch advised the elderly lady's son came over to check on his mother's apartment while she was in the hospital. The victim's son found a 22 year old male to be laying in his mother's bed. Officers arrived and located the suspect in the bed and located some of the victim's belongings in his pockets. The suspect informed officers he thought he was inside his residence and was unable to provide a reason why he had the victim's belongs in his pockets. The suspect was highly intoxicated and was not making much sense. The suspect was then taken into custody and lodged at the Livingston County Jail.

Assist to the Livingston County Sheriff Department/53 car accident on I-96

The Fowlerville Police Department assisted the Livingston County Sheriff Department with a 53 car accident that left 3 people dead. This was a massive accident scene that disrupted traffic flow for the entire county and many parts of southeast Michigan. The Fowlerville Police Department, the Fowlerville Village employees, local businesses and citizens of the community really stepped up and assisted in this event and we were able to lessen the stress on the people who were involved in this accident.

Aggravated Indecent Exposure

Officer Sorenson was dispatched to an apartment complex in the Village of Fowlerville in reference to an indecent exposure incident. Dispatch informed Officer Sorenson that a tenant had walked out of her apartment and found a male masturbating in the hallway in front of her apartment. The victim advised she confronted the suspect and that the suspect had taken off. Officer Sorenson was unable to locate the suspect. A few days later Officer Soli was dispatched to the same location in reference to the same type of incident. This time the suspect was confronted by the victim and the suspect had assaulted the victim while the suspect was attempting to flee the area. Officer Soli, along with the assistance of Administrative Assistant Lorraine, were able to locate the suspect's address. The suspect was interviewed and admitted to masturbating twice in the apartment hallway and advised he did this for the thrill. The suspect was arrested for aggravated indecent exposure and for assault and battery.

Mercury Spill

Officer Edmonds was dispatched to the Fowlerville High School in reference to a suspected mercury spill. Officer Edmonds made sure the building was evacuated. He assisted school officials as needed and made sure the proper authorities were notified. The Fowlerville High School was closed for three days while the chemical spill was properly cleaned.

Overdose and Possession of Heroin

Officer Edmonds was dispatched to a residence in reference to a suspected heroin overdose. Dispatch informed Officer Edmonds that the caller/mother had found her son on the floor and she believed he was dead because he was unresponsive. Officer Edmonds arrived on location

and checked on the suspect and he was found responsive and eventually began speaking with Officer Edmonds. The suspect admitted to using heroin earlier. Officer Edmonds also located heroin inside the residence and the suspect admitted the heroin was his. The suspect was transported to the hospital for treatment and was later charged with heroin possession.

Overdose (Narcan used) and Possession of Heroin

Officer Sorenson and I were dispatched to a residence in reference to a drug overdose. Dispatch advised the mother came home and found her son on the floor and was breathing but was not responsive. Officer Sorenson arrived first on scene and found the male on the floor and he was having agonal breathing and was unresponsive. Officer Sorenson was informed by the mother that the suspect was a heroin user. Officer Sorenson located suspected heroin and heroin paraphernalia near the suspect. Officer Sorenson administered a dose of Narcan and the suspect was still unresponsive. I then arrived on location and I administered another dose of Narcan and the suspect was still not responding. EMS arrived on location and administered two more doses of Narcan. The suspect then began responding and eventually woke up and began talking with us. The suspect was charged with possession of heroin.

Assault and Battery and Possession with Intent to Deliver Heroin

Officer Sorenson and I were dispatched to an assault that had occurred at an apartment complex. Dispatch advised a tenant of the apartment complex advised he confronted a man and a woman who were walking behind the apartment. Dispatch advised that the male then came over and punched him in the face. Dispatch advised the suspect and the female then fled on foot eastbound. The victim was able to provide the name of the suspect and where he resided. The suspect was located and upon contact with him I could tell he was under the influence of narcotics. Upon further investigation I located heroin packaged for

resale and also marijuana. The suspect admitted to using and also selling heroin. The suspect was arrested for the assault and for possession with the intent to distribute heroin.

Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) 1st degree and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

Officer Edmonds was dispatched to the Fowlerville Police Department to meet with the mother of a 14 year old female that was molested by a family friend. The mother advised her daughter informed her that a family friend that was 44 years old had molested her and gave her marijuana to smoke and also alcohol to consume. A forensic interview was conducted on the minor and the minor stated the family friend did indeed molest her and provided her with marijuana and alcohol. The suspect was then arrested for CSC 1st degree and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Home Invasion

Officer Kuzdek was dispatched to a home invasion in progress at a residence. Dispatch advised a neighbor observed two people dressed in black breaking into a residence. Officer Kuzdek along with two Livingston County Deputies surrounded the residence and located the suspects exiting the residence. The suspects were located and were known illegal narcotic users. The suspects were located with prescription pills taken from the residence, a sword, airsoft guns, and a bow. The two suspects were arrested for breaking and entering.

Organized Retail Fraud

Officer Feister was dispatched to the Fowlerville Wal-Mart in reference to a retail fraud complaint. Officer Feister worked alongside Loss Prevention Officer S. Cilia and was able to locate three other incidents in which the couple had stolen large amounts of merchandise from the store. Officer Feister was able to determine that the couple was also tied into a statewide organized retail fraud ring. Officer Feister was able to

make contact with many police departments around the state and assist them in identifying the suspects.

Domestic Assault by Strangulation

Officer Feister was dispatched to an apartment in reference to a possible physical domestic in progress. Dispatch advised the caller stated she could hear a female voice yelling for help. Officer Feister arrived on location and could hear a female yelling “help”. Officer Feister was able to locate the female that was yelling for help. Officer Feister separated the male and female and conducted a thorough investigation. Officer Feister was informed from the victim that her husband had thrown her to the ground and began punching her in the ribs with a closed fist. The victim then informed Officer Feister that her husband then strangled her with his hands and she could not speak or yell for help. Officer Feister was able to observe injuries on the victim and with other evidence was able to find enough evidence to place the suspect under arrest for domestic assault by strangulation.

Operating While Intoxicated and Weapons Offense

Officer Thompson was dispatched to a gas station in reference to a male that appeared to be intoxicated and was then observed to be passed out in the driver’s seat. Officer Thompson arrived on location and began speaking with the suspect. While conducting his investigation, Officer Thompson located illegal prescription pills on the suspect and also determined the suspect was under the influence of drugs and was arrested. While Officer Thompson was searching the vehicle he located a loaded handgun and the suspect did not have a CPL. Officer Kuzdek then conducted a DRE (drug analysis) on the suspect and determined the suspect was under the influence of an opiate and benzodiazepine. The suspect was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Violation of Controlled Substance Act, Driving While License Suspended, Possession of Marijuana and Fugitive warrant

Officer Edmonds was dispatched to a local gas station in reference to a woman that was screaming and yelling and causing a scene. Officer Edmonds arrived on location and observed the suspect to be pacing back and forth, yelling and causing a scene. Officer Edmonds attempted to speak to the suspect and she was being very unruly. The female was yelling at customers coming in and out of the store. Officer Edmonds then placed the suspect under arrest for disorderly person. Additional investigation in this matter located 42 Vicodin pills that were packaged for resale, \$1,030.00, and other white powder in small plastic baggies. The suspect was arrested for possession with intent to deliver prescription pills, driving while license suspended, disorderly person, and the money was forfeited.

Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Obstructing Justice and Fugitive warrant

Officer Cain and Officer Feister were dispatched to a residence in reference the complaint of a possible methamphetamine lab. The complainant advised her roommate was possibly making meth in his room. Officers arrived on location and located components to manufacture meth. I arrived on location along with Fowlerville Fire who were also dispatched to secure the area. The Metro Narcotics drug task force was dispatched to the location to seize and secure the meth components and to clean up the contaminated area. The suspect was located hiding in an adjacent residence. The tenant in the house that was hiding the suspect was also arrested for obstructing police. The suspect

was arrested for manufacturing methamphetamine and a fugitive warrant.

Possession with Intent to Deliver LSD (acid), Possession of Marijuana and No Operator's License on Person

I conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and could smell the odor of fresh marijuana to be emitting from within the vehicle. The driver also did not have a driver's license on her as well. Upon further investigation, I located LSD packaged for resale on one of the occupants and marijuana inside the vehicle. One of the occupants was charged for PWID LSD and possession of marijuana. Another occupant was charged with no operator's license, possession of marijuana, and improper transportation of marijuana.

Carrying Concealed Weapon, Operating Under the Influence of Drugs 2nd Offense, Open Intoxicants and Unregistered Handgun

Officer Kuzdek was dispatched to a gas station parking lot in reference to a subject that was inside a vehicle and appeared to be passed out. Officer Kuzdek located the vehicle in the parking lot. Officer Kuzdek conducted an investigation and determined the suspect drove into the parking lot and was under the influence of drugs. Officer Kuzdek located an open bottle of vodka inside the vehicle along with a loaded handgun in the center console. The suspect was arrest for OUID 2nd offense, CCW, open intoxicants, and for carrying an unregistered firearm.

Resisting and Obstructing, Malicious Destruction of Property and Disorderly Person

Officers were working the 4th of July event when I was informed there was a male who was highly intoxicated, using profanities and following young kids in the downtown area. Officer Amenson located the suspect on N. Grand Ave. near the Community Park. Officer Amenson observed the suspect pick up chunks of concrete and throw them onto the roadway. Officer Amenson then witnessed the suspected pull up a residential landscaping border and flip large rocks over in the yard. Officer Amenson then made contact with suspect and informed the suspect that he was under arrest for drunk and disorderly. The suspect then pulled away and had to be forcibly taken into custody.

Resisting and Obstructing, Operating While Intoxicated 4th Offense and Driving While License Suspended 7th Offense

Chief Couling was on general patrol when he observed a vehicle to be impeding traffic at an intersection. Chief Couling recognized the suspect as a person who did not have a valid driver's license. Chief Couling conducted a traffic stop on the suspect. The suspect was highly intoxicated and was arrested for OWI 4th and DWLS 4th offense. The suspect would not get into the police car and Chief Couling and another officer had to force the suspect into the police car.

Significant Changes

The police department saw many changes in 2016. Chief Thomas Couling retired after ten years of service to the Fowlerville Community. Sgt. John Tyler was promoted to Chief effective July 1. The 32 hour per week position was made a full-time position, giving the department six full-time sworn officers.

The department made a few large purchases in 2016. A new 2017 Ford Police Interceptor vehicle was purchased on July 1. The vehicle was used in the July 4th parade and then taken out of service to have all the police equipment installed. The vehicle was officially put into service August 3. In-car camera systems were purchased for all four patrol vehicles and video/audio recording equipment was purchased for the interview room. The department was the recipient of a \$5,000 donation from a local family. The donated funds were used to purchase five new AR-15s.

Some much needed building maintenance was done. The elevator was made operational again (it was taken out of service a few years prior). The police department's parking lot was expanded adding an area for employee parking. The speakers in the basement we made operational. This allows the officers working downstairs to be able to hear all radio traffic from Central Dispatch.

The Fowlerville Police Department became a member of the Livingston And Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team (LAWNET) Board. Board membership requires an annual donation and goes to support the activities of LAWNET. LAWNET is a multi-jurisdictional task force headed by the Michigan State Police and is comprised of various officers from multiple agencies throughout Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

Special Events

The Village of Fowlerville Police Department participated in six special events during 2016. 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.

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

I plan on continuing with the community policing model. The Village of Fowlerville is unique in the aspect that we provide a high level of service to our citizens well above and beyond what many other police agencies provide in their communities. I believe that in today's society, we the police, need to be seen more conducting and attending as many functions as we can in support for this community.

The Fowlerville Police Department started a Trick or Treat event during Halloween which attracted more than 300 children. We have also started a Hunters Safety Program which has been a great success. We will continue to conduct this program approximately every 3-4 months as needed.

The Fowlerville Police Department will continue to send its police officers to training and seminars ensuring we are serving our community to the best of our abilities. The job of a Law Enforcement Officer is ever so changing and attending training keeps us at the top of our trade. The Fowlerville Police Department has some of the best police officers around the area and we are a proud group of professionals who take pride in working for our community.

I want to expand more use of the Police Department's office space in the basement. This space is very underutilized. I want this space to be used more as a functioning police department for the officers working the road, and using the main floor more for administrative functions. We have already updated, with grant assistance, the interview room with audio and visual recording capabilities. We have also fixed the speakers in the basement so officers can hear Central Dispatch and other police/fire/EMS agencies.

We have just installed new carpeting on the main floor of the Police Department. We have acquired several items from the military surplus such as thermal imagery, flashlights for our patrol rifles, optics and medical kits. This is at no cost to the Village of Fowlerville. These small updates and changes allow us to conduct our jobs more efficiently and safely.

I would like to thank the Village Manager, the Village Council and all of the citizens we serve. I am honored to serve as Chief of Police for such a great and supportive community. The Police Department and I look forward to continuing our high level of police service to the community. We will strive to change with the demands of the job and needs of our community.

Respectfully written,

John J. Tyler, Chief of Police

Fowlerville Police Department