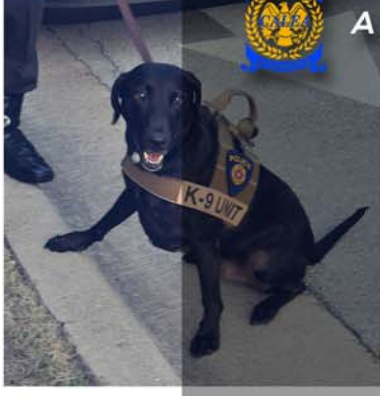


ROUND ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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Message from the Chief

The men and women of the Round Rock Police Department are what make this organization one of the most respected law enforcement agencies in the country, and we are here to serve you. We strive to provide excellent service each and every day to our community. Whether you are raising a family here or simply visiting, we want your experience to be safe, fun, and memorable.

Building upon our past successes within community policing, the Round Rock Police Department is committed to working together with neighborhood groups, businesses, schools, and others in our community in a way that addresses crime and the fear of crime. We achieve results proactively using proven problem-solving methods and partnerships to elevate the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

We invite you to become involved with your police department in order to continue forging strong bonds that are built on mutual trust and respect. That is one reason we established the Round Rock Police Foundation in 2015. No police department can solve crime or quality-of-life issues in isolation. Effective relationships, communication, and engagement are critical components to our success.

Please take the time to learn more about our units and services. Take advantage of the many opportunities to communicate with us and learn how we can work together. Consider signing up for the Citizens Police Academy, come volunteer with us or simply attend events like our annual Kutz4Kidz event before the school year begins. We look forward to working with you. There are many opportunities for you to partner with us to make Round Rock even better!



Allen J. Banks, Chief of Police



Troy D. Evans, Assistant Chief



Alain Babin, Assistant Chief

Round Rock Police Department – Core Strategy

MISSION

The Round Rock Police Department, in alliance with our community, provides public safety and promotes a high quality of life.

VISION

Effectively adapt to the challenges created by a rapidly growing community that is striving to maintain its low crime rate and high quality of life. Deliver policing that responds to the needs of the community and engages them to share in the responsibility of keeping Round Rock a great community.

VALUES

Community

Honor

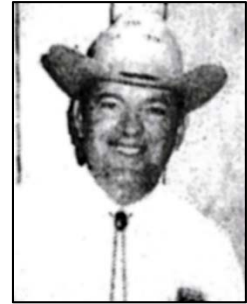
Integrity

Pride



ROUND ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT: HISTORY

Round Rock has hired lawmen since its first incorporation in 1877. Throughout the late 1800s and through the first half of the 20th Century, the City maintained an elected Town Marshal and hired several night watchmen to keep an eye on the town overnight and turn the City Hall light off and on. At some point in the 1950s, the position became a City Council appointment, and in the late 1960s, the City hired multiple police officers for the first time. **Kenny Langston** was formally designated Chief of Police in 1973, and the Department grew to four officers and hired round-the-clock dispatchers. In 1976, the growing department moved into a new police/fire station downtown and hired its first official “dog warden.”



Upon Chief Langston’s departure in mid-1977, former Williamson County deputy **Gene Collier** became Chief of Police. Under Collier’s watch, the Blue Santa program was created (now in its 36th year) and the first policewoman was hired as the City’s first juvenile officer.



Chief Collier resigned at the end of 1982 and was replaced by **Wes Wolff**, who was promoted from Lieutenant and quickly saw the police force grow to 24 officers. In 1986, the Department moved into new digs at what are now Public Works’ administrative offices on Enterprise Drive. That summer, the Round Rock Police Officers Association was founded with (future Chief) Tim Ryle as its first president. Also in 1986, the Department joined the then-fledgling National Night Out program. In the late 1980s, the Department assigned its first officer ever to Round Rock High School.



TOP: Kenny Langston, who was Police Chief during the 1970s.
ABOVE: Former Chief Wes Wolff, Investigator Dale Swofford, and Future Chief Buster Kuhlman examine evidence from a burglary during the 1980s.
LEFT: Now-Assistant-Chief Troy Evans (in the cowboy hat) assists a car crash victim during the 1990s.
BELOW LEFT: Then-Officer Jim Stuart (now Training Commander) proudly poses with his patrol vehicle sometime during the 1990s.

The early 1990s saw another relocation – this time to an office complex on East Palm Valley Boulevard, where commercial tenants initially occupied one of the site’s three buildings. In 1993, the Department had 49 sworn officer positions and seventeen civilians – including three Animal Control Officers. In 1995, serial killer Roger Fain, arrested by Round Rock officers, was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of a former girlfriend.



RRPD's Most-Recent Police Chiefs



Paul D. Conner
(1999-2004)



Bryan Williams
(2004-10)



Tim J. Ryle
(2010-14)



Allen J. Banks
(2014 -)

Later that year, Chief Wolff retired and was replaced by Assistant Chief **Buster Kuhlman**. A community policing program was initiated and headed by Cpl. (now Sgt.) John Rowe through funding from a federal grant. Also during Chief Kuhlman's tenure, the City abandoned its public safety radio system and became one of several part-owners in the County Wide Integrated Communications System – at the cost of \$1.5 million.

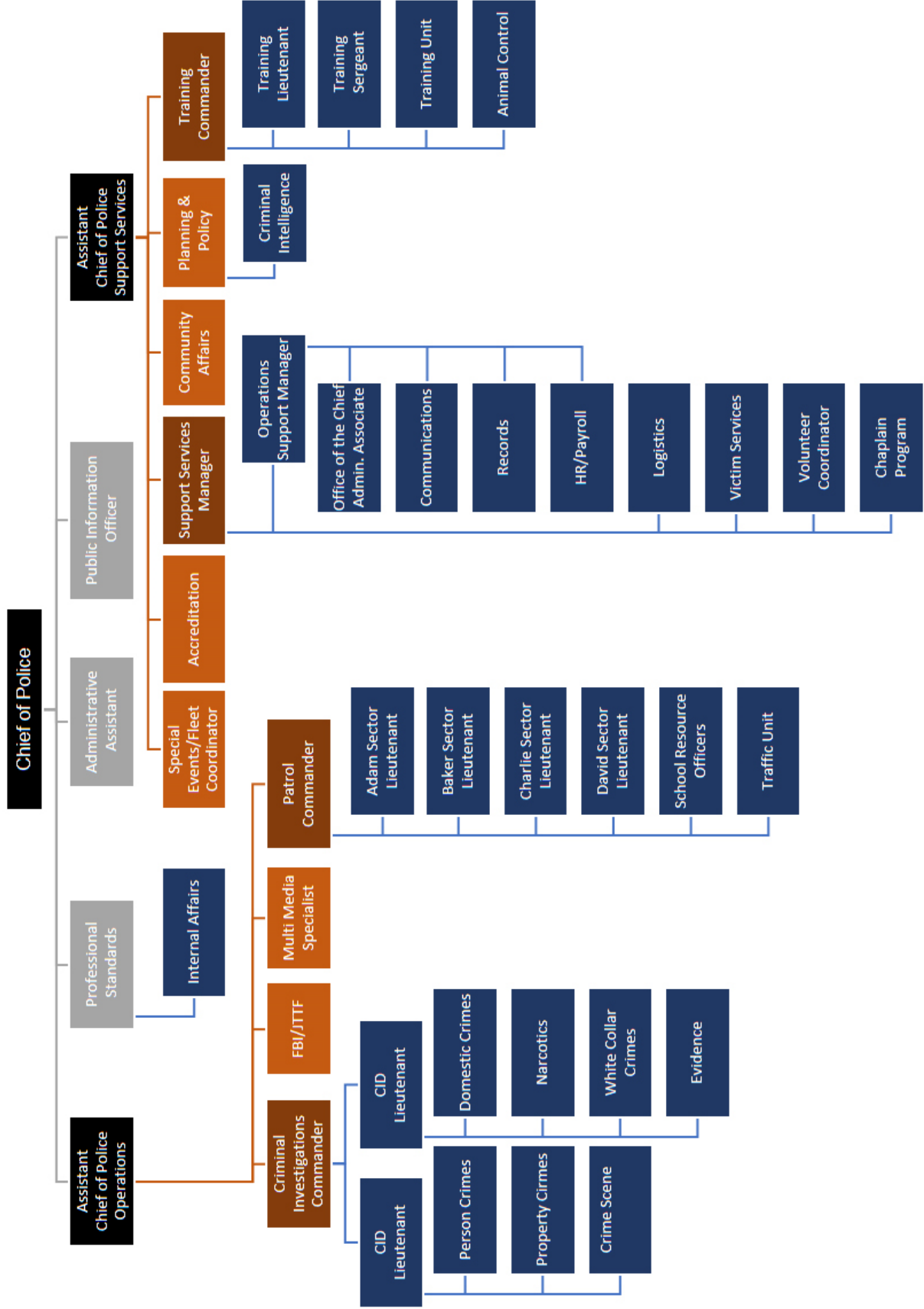
Paul Conner joined the Department from Las Vegas Metro PD as Chief upon Chief Kuhlman's departure in 1999, heralding a number of additional changes in the Department. An Internal Affairs Detail was established, as was a renewed emphasis on community policing. The Department created a police cadet program with a partial intent of increasing the number of Spanish-speaking officers on the force. A \$1.2 million project replaced the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems, as well as putting computers in patrol vehicles.

Upon Chief Conner's retirement in 2004, the Department was next helmed by **Bryan Williams**, former Assistant Chief of McKinney PD. Under Chief Williams, the Department successfully completed a \$22.5 million, 123,000-square-foot new headquarters building when it renovated the former Tellabs building in North Round Rock. In addition, the Department obtained more than \$500,000 in grants to obtain several large vehicle apparatuses for managing tactical and large-scale incidents. Also during his time, the Department completed the international accreditation process started under Chief Conner and participated in the development and operation of the Austin Regional Intelligence Center.

Chief Williams was promoted to Assistant City Manager of Round Rock in 2010, and long-time Department member and Assistant Chief **Tim Ryle** followed in his footsteps. Under Chief Ryle's command, the Department made major strides in its communications system. Radio antennae were installed on the High Country Water Tower to dramatically improve radio coverage on the south side of town. The Communications Center successfully served as a back-up 911 call center for the City of Austin in 2013 during a major 911 outage in that city. A \$27.4 million bond issue was approved by voters for a new Police/Fire Training Facility.

Chief Ryle retired in early 2014, which ushered in the current era of Chief **Allen Banks**, previously interim Chief of Albuquerque, N.M. Chief Banks brought with him another renewed emphasis on community policing. The Junior Police Academy and Kutz4Kidz programs are two of the primary initiatives begun under his watch. Looking forward, the Department is preparing to implement the Police/Fire Training Facility and continue the progress laid out in its strategic plan.

Round Rock Police Department Organization



ROUND ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF



Allen Banks
Chief of Police



Troy Evans
Asst. Chief - Operations



Alain Babin
Asst. Chief - Support



Sean Johnson
Professional Standards
Lieutenant



Rick White
Planning & Policy
Manager

PATROL DIVISION



Robert Rosenbusch
Patrol Commander



Jesse Eckard
Patrol Lieutenant



Grant Golden
Patrol Lieutenant



Ben Hall
Patrol Lieutenant



Tim Travis
Patrol Lieutenant

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



Willie Richards
CID Commander



Justin Carmichael
CID Lieutenant



Andy McKinney
CID Lieutenant

TRAINING DIVISION



Jim Stuart
Training Commander



Bob Drawbaugh
Training Lieutenant

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



Cliff Saylor
Support Services
Division Manager



Becky Rodriguez
Operations Support
Manager



Leigh Carrico
Communications
Manager

Round Rock Police Department – 2015 Strategic Plan

The Department conducts an annual strategic planning process. Presented are its 2015 Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. Responsible divisions appear in brackets after each item.

Goal 1: Strengthen Our Alliance with the Community.

- A. Improve our understanding of community needs and what it expects from their Police Department. [Office of the Chief]
 - 1. Develop and implement ways of maintaining regular contact with community stakeholders. [Office of the Chief, Patrol]
 - 2. Strengthen the Department's visibility in the larger City Strategy as a vehicle for promoting public safety and quality-of-life issues. [Office of the Chief]
- B. Foster an internal culture that develops a positive relationship with our diverse community. [Office of the Chief]
 - 1. Conduct regular events showcasing the Department's services to our City's communities of interest. [All]
 - 2. Provide Spanish language versions of materials explaining police services and procedures. [Training]
 - 3. Continue ongoing training in cultural awareness. [Training]
- C. Develop a sustainable set of community and department team-building programs. [All]
 - 1. Enhance annual National Night Out and Afternoon Out events as a way of encouraging positive police-community relationships. [Support Services, Office of the Chief]
 - 2. Employ the Blue Santa program as a way to help City residents in need and promote interaction with all socio-economic levels of the City. [All]
 - 3. Expand the Volunteers in Policing program, utilizing volunteers in areas where their expertise and/or services would be beneficial to the Department and the community. [Support Services]
 - 4. Continue conducting the Citizens Police Academy and supporting Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association activities (similar to 1:A1a). [Office of the Chief]
 - 5. Build the number of neighborhoods actively participating in Neighborhood Watch. [Office of the Chief]
 - 6. Continue developing the Kutz4Kidz program. [Office of the Chief]
 - 7. Continue other existing community programs (TAP, SALT, Open House, etc.). [Support Services]
- D. Review the Department's involvement in youth programs and find ways to regularly interact with our City's Youth. [All]
 - 1. Continue operating the Junior Police Academy program. [Office of the Chief, Patrol]
 - 2. Continue operating the Police Explorers program. [Training, Patrol]
 - 3. Study how the Department can develop other youth programs on its own or in concert with PARD, the school district or similar agencies. [Office of the Chief, Support Services]
 - 4. Expand the School Resource Officer program into the middle schools. [Office of the Chief, Patrol]

5. Expand School Resource Officer interaction with school-aged youth nine-month to a twelve-month annual program. [Patrol]

Goal 2: Provide Public Safety.

- A. Continue to fine-tune the Department's traffic-enforcement response. [Patrol]
 1. Take advantage of the Integrated Traffic System utilizing a camera system to monitor traffic progression as that system becomes more robust. [Patrol]
 2. Conduct coordinated traffic enforcement efforts to address problems identified internally and externally within the neighborhoods. [Patrol]
 3. Collaborate with other agencies for joint traffic enforcement projects on arterial roads and highways. [Patrol]
 4. Consider resuming the criminal interdiction program. [Patrol]
- B. Support the emergency management function by actively participating in exercises and other activities. [All]
- C. Plan and implement an appropriate law enforcement response to new economic developments. [Patrol]
- D. Continue to participate in other-agency relationships that expand the Department's ability to accomplish the mission (federal task forces, ARIC, Radio Communication System). [All]
- E. Develop and establish a Real-Time Crime Center that supports field operations with tactical intelligence as incidents unfold. [Office of the Chief]

Goal 3: Marshall Resources to Accomplish the Mission.

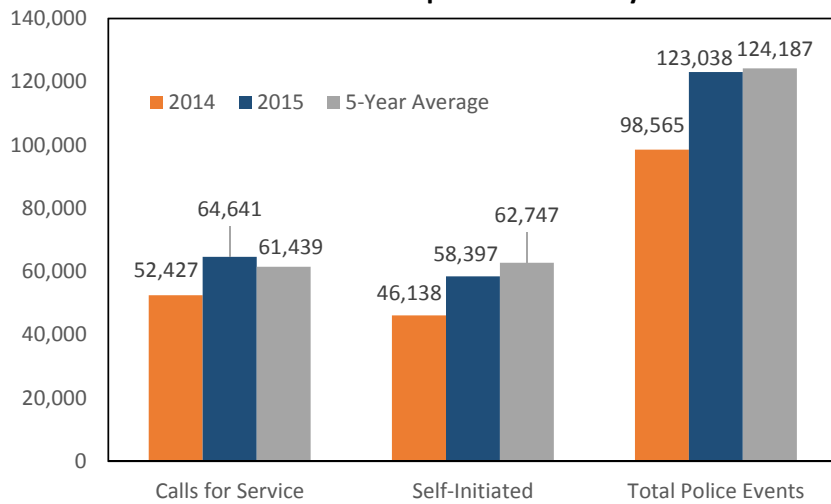
- A. Implement a joint Police/Fire training facility to expand the Department's training capabilities. [Training]
 1. Host training sessions to maximize the effectiveness of training resources. [Training]
- B. Operate an effective and efficient training program to prepare members to act decisively and correctly in a broad spectrum of situations. [Training]
 1. Refine the Department's Spanish language training. [Training]
 2. Encourage all Department members to maintain good physical and mental health by continuing the Employee Wellness program. [All]
 3. Develop and implement a Career Development program to ensure supervisors have adequate skills to mentor their employees. [Office of the Chief, Training]
 4. Plan for training in problem-solving and community-based policing. [Training]
- C. Maintain police accreditation by ensuring compliance with the necessary CALEA standards. [Office of the Chief]
 1. Evaluate the feasibility of accreditation for the Communications Unit. [Support Services]
 2. Continue to develop the Department's inspections function. [Office of the Chief]
- D. Enhance the Department's recruitment operations. [Training]

1. Begin operating a Basic Peace Officer Course. [Training]
 2. Continue to operate a Police Cadet program to field promising officers who have not yet gained their commission. [Training]
- E. Pursue the staffing resources necessary to accomplish the mission. [Office of the Chief]
- F. Improve the use of data to support operational and management decision-making. [Office of the Chief]
1. Find ways to make useful administrative data kept in silos at the fingertips of officers during field operations. [Office of the Chief]
 2. Improve the way line personnel are kept informed of trends and actionable intelligence. [Office of the Chief]
- G. Plan for the replacement of large-vehicle assets for major incident that are nearing replacement age. [Support Services]



2015 Department Statistics

Overall Department Activity

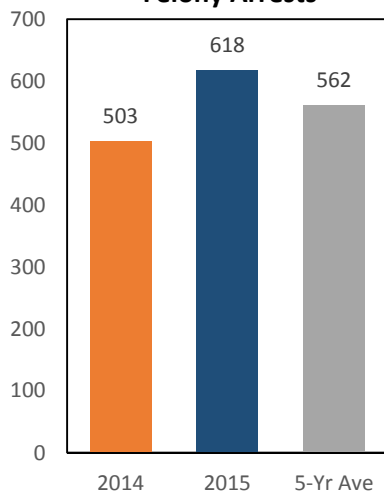


Calls for Service are external requests for police services.

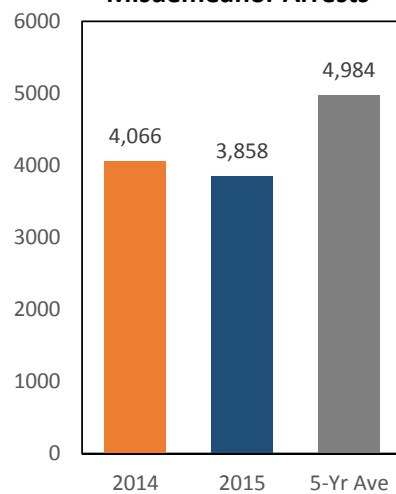
Self-Initiated activities are events initiated by an officer – such as a traffic stop for checking on suspicious activity.

Total Police Events are the sum of Calls for Service and Self-Initiated activities.

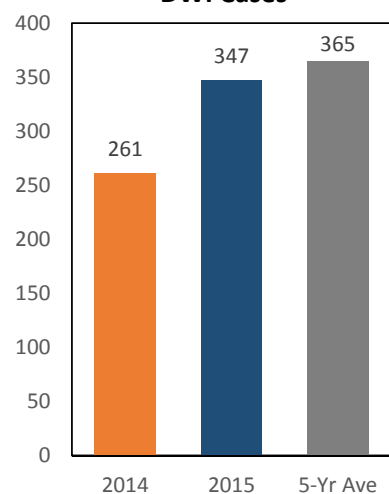
Felony Arrests



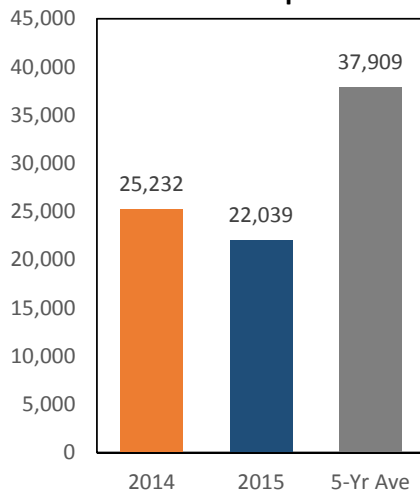
Misdemeanor Arrests



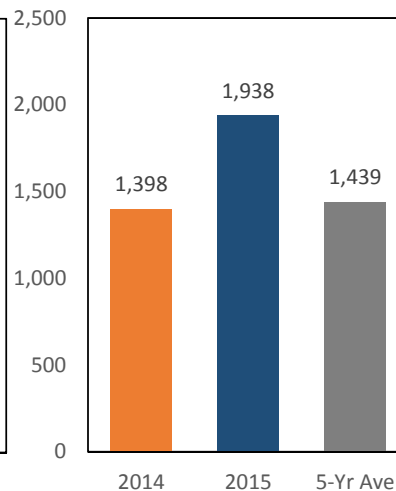
DWI Cases



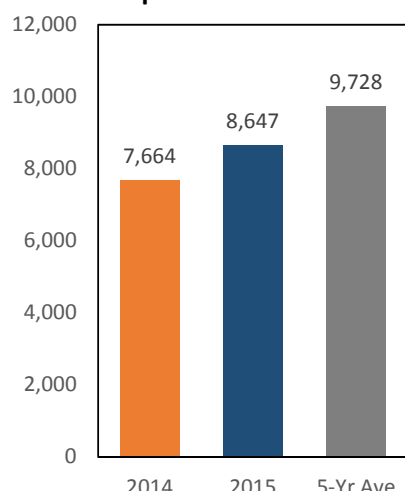
Traffic Stops



Foot Patrols



Reported Offenses



2015: YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

The Department began to prepare for the field deployment of **body-worn cameras** in January. An internal team representing a cross-section of personnel studied the issue in 2015, and several camera systems were field-tested – first by Animal Control personnel and then by the Patrol Division. The Department anticipates beginning full field deployment in 2016.

Also in January, the Criminal Investigation Division released a new **File Transfer Protocol (FTP) tool** that allows crime victims access to a secure file submission site to upload video files, pictures, and other data into evidence. Often, when there is video or other data-based evidence on a victim's cell phone or smart device, the Department may have to keep it for weeks in order to process it or perform other forensic examination. The site is encrypted, and uses a cloud-based technology. Files are scanned for viruses as they are uploaded and downloaded.

In January, White Collar Crimes detectives solved a series of burglaries at the Round Rock and Austin campuses of Dell Computers. Detectives with the Unit confirmed the identity of a suspect thought to be involved in burglaries that resulted in the loss of nearly 100 Dell computers or tablets, which were recovered. The suspect confessed to the burglaries.

The Department also in January launched the **Adopt-a-Cop Program**. This new program has multiple components including community, business, spiritual, and youth aimed at developing more effective public/private partnerships with the Department. Adopt-a-Cop gives Individuals and community groups the chance to build a relationship with a specific person behind the badge by working directly with the officer/employee and connecting with them one-on-one. Spiritually, under the direction of Chaplin Don Dye, employees can be matched to a group, family or individual who will pray daily for them and send a note of encouragement and support, as well as a thank you for their service to the community.

FEBRUARY

On Feb. 12, the Department kicked off its 29th **Citizen's Police Academy** this week in partnership with BBVA Compass Bank. Our Command Staff, employees, and volunteers welcomed 52 participants to the program. Thanks to BBVA Compass, Academy members not only got a behind-the-scenes look at the Department, but also they enjoyed great food and free prizes during their ten-week experience.



Animal Control Officers in early 2015 were (clockwise from top left): Nora Medrano, Ashley Killgore, Lisa Stem, Supervisor Jessica Turner, and Lukas Lovett.

Investigators closed a series of cases where as many as 60 propane tanks were stolen from local businesses. Working in tandem with our Threat Liaison Officers and analysts, detectives began surveillance on a possible suspect. Officers observed the subject steal propane from a Round Rock Walgreens and subsequently provide it to mobile food vendors in Austin. The suspect was brought into custody as he committed another theft on Feb. 18 and confessed to four similar thefts.

Also in February, **RRPD Explorer Post 1096** competed at the 2015 Central Texas Law Enforcement Explorer Competition in Austin. Our two teams competed against 53 other teams, and brought back awards in the following categories; 1st Place, *Gang Activity* and *Burglary in Progress*; and 3rd Place, *Arrest and Search* and *Accident Investigation*. Also, Jonathan Ramirez was awarded 2nd Place Bicycle I event.

MARCH

The Department in March served as one of the Central Texas film locations for the ABC crime drama, **American Crime**, in its first season. The production crew for the Emmy Award-winning series filmed various scenes for numerous episodes in our Criminal Investigations Division, Patrol Division, Lobby, Fingerprinting Room, and Interview Rooms.

On March 7, the Department participated in the 50th Commemoration of the Selma, Ala., 'Bloody Sunday' march. The event was sponsored by the Round Rock Black History Organization and the community together in a peaceful reenactment marching down Mays Street through downtown Round Rock, ending in front of City Hall.



TOP: Officer Jeff Spencer (center) and Assistant Chief Alain Babin (right) help athletes celebrate the Feb. 6 opening of the Texas Special Olympics Winter Games. MIDDLE: An ABC film crew prepares to shoot a scene in Patrol. BOTTOM: Mayor Alan McGraw (left), Chief Banks (center), and former council members Carlos Salinas and John Moman participate in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the civil rights march on Selma.



Chief Banks congratulates Christian Nevinger after pinning a badge on the 10-year-old.

Also in March, we met the newest member of the Department, 10-year-old **Christian Nevinger**. Christian has battled through many medical challenges but hasn't let that bring him down. Christian created a list of things he wanted to do before returning to the hospital, and one of those items was to meet Chief Banks. Christian met the Chief and the rest of the Department and was sworn in as an honorary police officer. He happily wore his new uniform, accepted his official badge and proudly recited his oath.

APRIL

Det. John Combs was awarded a Chief's **CHIP Challenge Coin** in April for his leadership in organizing a toiletry supply drive for the Hope Alliance Crisis Center in Round Rock. Speaking with shelter staff, he learned that basic grooming supplies like shampoo, soap, and lotion are

provided to all incoming clients. Although these items may be taken for granted by many people, these items provide a certain amount of comfort to those who have to stay at the shelter. Hope Alliance serves more than 2,800 clients each year. In 2012, 6,854 nights of shelter were provided to 363 women and children.

On April 22, **Detective Todd Forister** received Williamson County's Hall of Fame award for National Crime Victims' Rights Week, awarded by local advocates from various agencies for his "Excellence in Service to Victims." Todd became a cop after serving as a paramedic for nearly ten years. Todd has served in Patrol Unit and the Criminal Investigations Division, where he currently works in the Domestic Violence Unit.

MAY

In May, longtime Administrative Associate Jan Kubsch retired from the Department. Jan supported the Criminal Investigation Division for more than fifteen years and spent twelve years helping lead the Department's Blue Santa program. She is responsible for the history wall installed in the Department's lobby.

During a May 11 banquet, we honored our PD volunteers, who donated more than 19,000 hours serving in various areas of our Department during the previous year.

Analyst Tiffany Hall led the Department's **Blue Dress Project** in May to address to help young women attend their prom with confidence and style. With support from



About 140 kids participated in the April 13 RRPD Bike Rodeo, a bicycle safety demonstration that is conducted over a period of two days. The Traffic Unit took great initiative on making sure that these children not only understood the dynamics of bicycle safety but also demonstrated the techniques they were taught.

the Department family and members of the community, The Blue Dress Project collected and donate nearly 100 prom dresses, shoes, and other accessories to the Austin and Fort Hood Fairy Godmother Boutiques. That non-profit organization provides formal dresses to the public and helps women attend special events, such as prom and military balls.

Also in May, Chief Banks named Alain Babin to be the Department's second **Assistant Police Chief**, a move which created Commander and Lieutenant vacancies. Lt. Robert Rosenbusch was promoted to Commander, and Sgt. Sean Johnson was promoted to Lieutenant.

JUNE

The Department in June began its first-ever **Basic Peace Officers Course** conducted under the administration of the Capital Area Council of Governments. The Training Division coordinated what became a Department-wide project. The goal was to put our newest cadets through a police academy here and then hold one academy annual for sponsored cadets in the CAPCOG region. The course benefitted from our Department's large group of subject matter, and officers all graduated in October 2015.

Also in June, the Department rolled out its **Be Aware of Residential K9's** (BARK) program, which received praise from organizations and community members. Through the program, residents complete a form that informs the Department of pets in the home. In turn, residents are provided a BARK stick which alerts responders to the presence of a pet and may act as a deterrent to crime.



2014 AWARDS CEREMONY

The following were the 2014 award winners at the Department's annual Awards Ceremony:

Police Officer of the Year, Jeff Uhrig

Patrol Officer of the Year
Ofc. Jeff Kopp

School Resource Officer of the Year
Ofc. Kris Mayo

Investigator of the Year
Det. Todd Forister

Technical Support Officer of the Year
Ofc. Joseph Claypool

Police Supervisor of the Year
Sgt. Jimmy Keyes

Public Safety Communications Operator of the Year
Cherish McClinton

Civilian of the Year
Caitlyn Combs

Communications Supervisor of the Year
Stephanie Derrick

Administrator of the Year
Cmdr. Jim Stuart

Volunteer of the Year
Heidi Tucker

JUNE

Chief Banks presented Sgt. Martin Flores and his wife Patricia Flores with a Chief's CHIP Challenge Coin for spontaneously helping a displaced mother of six with no food or shelter.

The Department kicked off the second year of its annual **Junior Police Academy** for school-aged children in June.

Also in June, the Department helped Hutto Police Department and the City of Hutto honor fallen Hutto Police Sgt. Christopher Kelley. Sgt. Kelley was killed on June 24 following a struggle with a suspect who had just stolen a police vehicle. A group of officers stood a 24-hour Honor Watch over him on June 27, and many Department members attended the funeral and helped the procession from Hutto to the Killeen graveside.



Our Animal Control Unit presented 18-year old Tammi Henderson with an official commendation on May 22 from Chief Banks for her heroic actions while saving her friend from being attacked by a dog in their Round Rock neighborhood. She sustained multiple injuries and throughout her recovery process has maintained a positive outlook on the future



Scenes from the 2015 Junior Police Academy.



More scenes from the 2015 Junior Police Academy.

JULY

Armed with tools from the City's Tool Lending Center, officers and volunteers visited several Round Rock homes on July 29 to help homebound seniors with yardwork and home maintenance needs. This was another chance for our employees to serve those in our community.

Our exclusive ***Salute to Troops*** patrol vehicle was unveiled on July 5 and dedicated to those who have served in the Armed Forces, past and present. The concept for the vehicle was a brainchild of Officer Jim Bell. Along with other members of our Department who served in the military, he joined forces to have the vehicle graphics sponsored by the Fraser Family and Perez Signs.



Soil testing was conducted in July for the **Public Safety Training Facility**, due to break ground in 2016 north of the headquarters building. This project will use \$27.3 million to build a public safety training facility to be used by the Fire and Police departments. The first phase of bond proceeds, \$16.3 million, were issued in 2014.

AUGUST

In August, preparations were well under way for an effort to memorialize our Department's fallen K9's. An array of fund-raising efforts over several months succeeded in raising more than \$50,000. Major financial contributors to the **K9 Memorial initiative** include: the Round Rock Community Foundation, Round Rock KIA, Beck Funeral Home, Premier Animal Hospital, Williamson County Constable Pct. 1 Robert Chody, and other key City of Round Rock officials. The memorial will be located in the south garden in the front of Department headquarters. Austin Weishel is the sculptor for the memorial. The City will contract with an outside company to construct other portions of the memorial. Espinosa Stone is donating the rock.

With the help of volunteer barbers and hair stylists, Dream Big and the Department helped Round Rock kids get a fresh start for the upcoming school year on Aug. 16 at the annual **Kutz4Kidz** event. Free haircuts and school supplies were given out during the event to school-aged kids. The event included an open house where participants toured the police station and got a behind-the-scenes look at holding cells, Crime Scene Unit, K-9 Unit, and more. The Round Rock Police Officers Association provided free barbecue.



Scenes from the August Kutz4Kidz event.

SEPTEMBER

In September, the Department released a Public Safety Announcement video showing best practices for citizens to use when being pulled over by a police officer. The *Traffic Stop Etiquette* video not only serves as a teaching tool for motorists, it's also a training tool for many new and experienced officers. Traffic stops are one of the most common and most dangerous interactions we have with the public. This video reminds officers and citizens of what to do to ensure that all parties involved are safe.



During the Harris County Sheriff's Office Explorer Competition in September, Round Rock Police Explorers teams earned 1st place in *Arrest & Search*, 2nd place in *DWI Investigation*, and 3rd place in *Misdemeanor Traffic Stop*. Kristen Martin also won 1st place overall in *Shoot/Don't Shoot* and *Penal Code knowledge*, and Jesse Chavez won 2nd overall in *Foot Pursuit*. Their hard work and dedication continues to help them shine.



On September 29, the Department conducted its annual Public Safety Day event at the Texas Baptist Children's Home. The event brings emergency responders from throughout Central Texas into a showcase for the public.



On Sept. 30, the Fire Department prevailed once again over Round Rock Police with a 43-22 win during the third annual *Battle of the Badges* charity basketball game held at the Round Rock Sports Center. The game raised more than \$1,800 to benefit Operation Blue Santa, which provides assistance to needy families during the holiday season.

OCTOBER

The Department had an amazing National Night Out event in 2015, with police and fire visiting more than 50 registered neighborhood gatherings. We appreciated the opportunity to meet everyone face-to-face and talk about how we can better serve your needs.



Super heroes, ghouls, goblins, witches, even Waldo showed up to gather sweets and eat treats during our October **Trunk-or-Treat** event at the Department headquarters. Families wore Halloween costumes and went from trunk to trunk collecting goodies from some of Round Rock's finest officers and local businesses.



NOVEMBER

On Nov. 10, the City and other area jurisdictions participated in a full-scale exercise that unfolded at sites throughout the Capitol Area. Local responder capabilities and operational coordination were tested during events at Scott & White-Round Rock and Seton Williamson hospitals. Our own Patrol Division responded to an active killer scenario at Scott and White.

Also in November, members of our Department partnered with the U.S. Army for the third annual **Hike for Hunger**. Hundreds of Round Rock families live paycheck to paycheck and depend on the Round Rock Serving Center to help make ends meet every month. A 2-mile walk from the Army Recruiting Center to the Serving Center brought hundreds of pounds of food to the Serving Center.

DECEMBER

December was the final month of the city's Red Light Camera Program. With the end of civil enforcement, the Department recognized that red-light running remains a serious safety hazard that puts all motorists in harm's way. As such, the Department developed a series of public safety announcements from Police Chief Allen Banks about the dangers of taking a chance and not adhering to traffic signals.

Our Department, the Fire Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department collaborated once again in December to make Christmas brighter for more than 500 people this holiday season with **Round Rock Operation Blue Santa**. Blue Santa is a non-profit organization established in 1978 and is funded entirely by the Community in the form of generous donations from businesses, schools and individuals. The work to collect, wrap and deliver the toys is organized and accomplished by the city departments and community volunteers.



Also in December, the Department released a series of public service videos in advance of the new **Open Carry law**, which took effect in January 2016. The videos provided guidance for citizens wishing to openly carry firearms, as well as for members of the general public when they encounter a person openly carrying a weapon.