



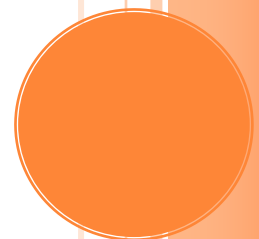
NEWTON POLICE DEPT.

2014 Annual Report

This document represents activity the department experienced throughout the 2014 calendar year. You will notice numerous charts and graphs showing the increase/decrease of specific activities tracked over the last five years, including Part-One Crime, Arrest Data, Calls for Service and Response time. The department is dedicated to providing efficient and effective law enforcement to the City of Newton in the protection of life, property, and civil liberties in a fair and equitable manner.

James R. Daily, Chief of Police

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ADMINISTRATION/RECORDS

The year was full of many challenges and accomplishments for the Records Unit.

- Purging jail records
- Conversion of old records from an outdated RMS (Records Management System)
- Electronic filing of police records to the KBI
- Conversion of payroll system

The department has limited space for storage of records, which made it necessary to purge outdated jail records, as well as pull records stored from other agencies and forward to the appropriate agency. The task was tedious and time consuming, but the end result has allowed for much needed storage space for incoming records.

Converting old records has been on the wish list for several years. Records from 1993-2002 were generated and stored in an aging and outdated AS400 computer system. Due to this, it was difficult to access and pull information for record requests. The department was fortunate enough to have the information formatted and converted into the current RMS being used. This has provided better efficiency within the office when processing the numerous record checks received throughout the year.

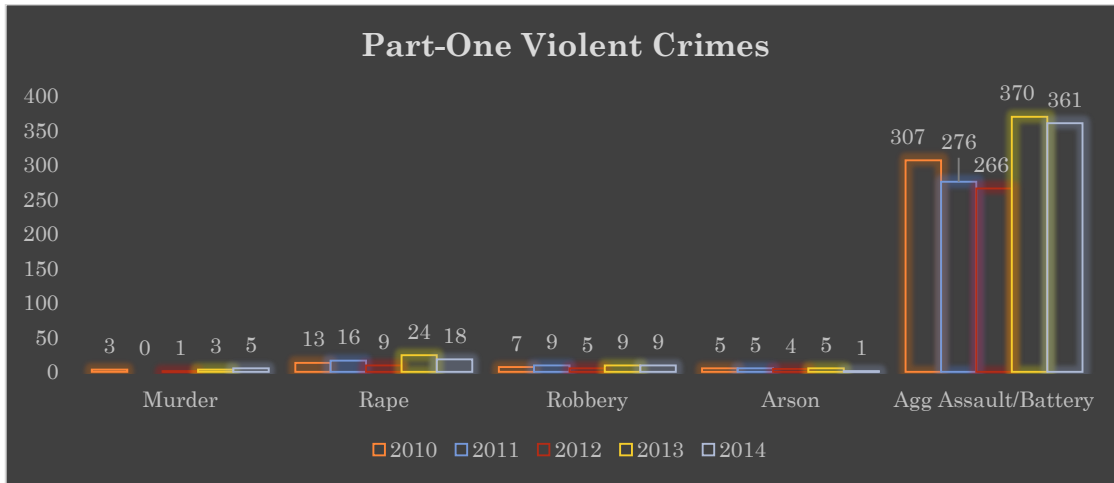
The department is optimistic about completing the process of being able to use electronic filing of police reports in the coming year. This will enable a quicker turn around when sending reports to the KBI and again, provide for better efficiency within the office, as well as reduce the amount of paper being used to copy and forward the reports.

Part-One Crimes

Part-one crimes have been up and down over the past 5 years. A decrease was noticed during 2010 and 2011, which was then followed by two years of increasing numbers. During 2014, the numbers were again decreasing. Larceny/Theft cases reflected the largest decrease out of the group, with 281 fewer cases reported during the year. There was a 30.02% decrease in Part-One property crimes.



Part-One violent crimes reflected minimal change for 2014. There was a 10.21% decrease, reflecting 9 fewer cases of Assault/Battery and 6 fewer cases of Rape being reported.



Part-One Crime Trends

Overall, there was a 22.98% total decrease in the combined Part-One crimes reported for the year.

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
1,088	987	1,339	1,510	1,163

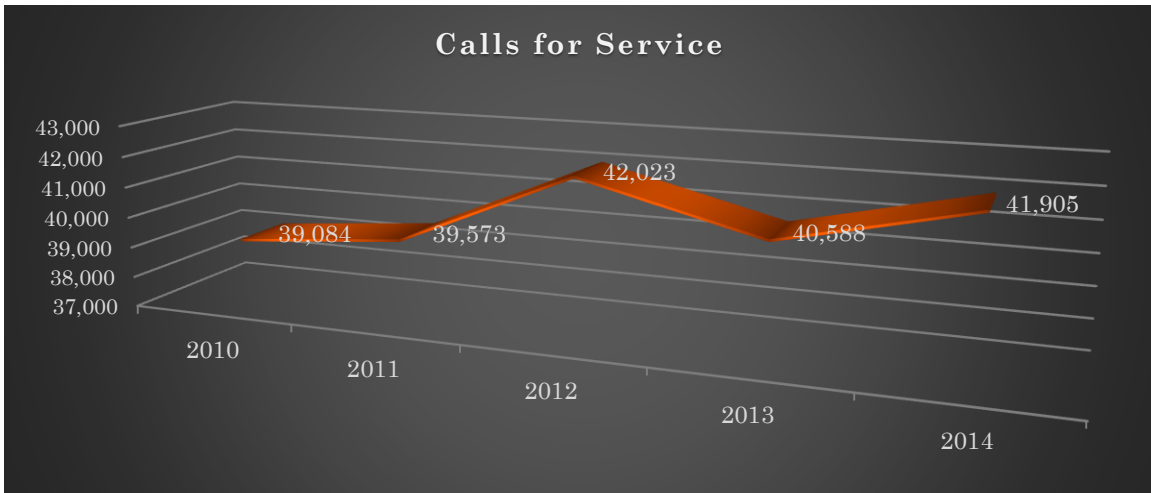
Complaint Types

There was a 2.21% decrease, or 107 fewer reports written during 2014, reflecting minimal change.

COMPLAINT TYPES					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
General	56	52	47	54	86
Criminal Offense	2,434	2,358	2,811	2,965	2,731
Department Information	792	894	808	848	897
Non-Criminal Offense	20	47	38	25	15
Traffic Accidents	450	483	439	488	533
Traffic Offenses	347	408	369	450	461
TOTAL	4,099	4,242	4,512	4,830	4,723

Calls for Service

Officers responded to 1,317 additional calls during 2014, a 3.24% increase from the previous year. The various calls answered/responded to include theft, burglary, criminal damage, fireworks complaints, accidents, forgery, fraud, domestic disturbances, suspicious activity, prowlers, medical emergencies, alarms, civil matters, suicide attempts, noise, animal and parking complaints, harassment, reckless driving, robbery, assault, and many others.



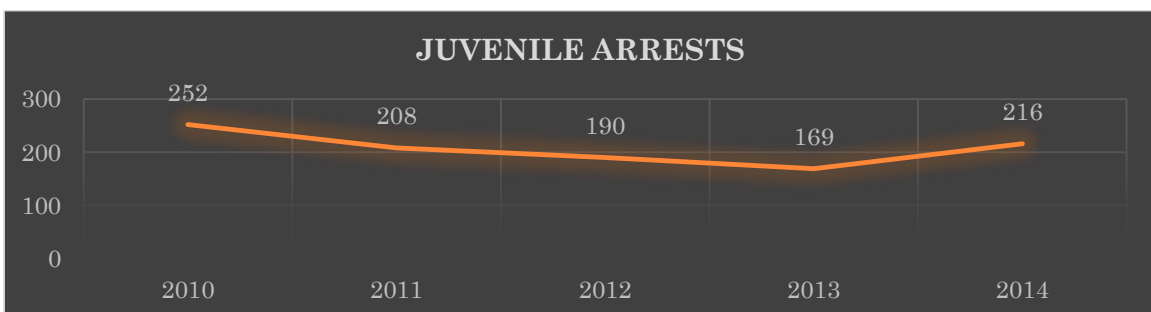
Response Time

Officer response time increased to 4.35 during 2014. Once again, due to staff shortages and increased patrol area, it took officers longer to respond when needed.

RESPONSE TIME				
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
4.20	3.29	2.53	3.28	4.35

Adult and Juvenile Arrests

During the year, there was a 7.40% decrease in adult arrests, reflecting 156 fewer arrests and a 27.81% increase for juveniles, reflecting an additional 47 arrests.



Citation Comparison

Out of the 5 citation categories compared, during 2014 there were an additional 49 citations issued for Driving While Suspended (DWS), a 26.48% increase and an additional 57 citations for No Insurance, a 15.70% increase. There was minimal change in citations issued for Driving Under the Influence and Speeding. Citations issued for No Seatbelt declined by 64, a 19.33% decrease.

	DUI	DWS	No Seatbelt	Speeding	No Insurance
2010	190	280	177	473	394
2011	129	222	358	429	533
2012	107	171	301	411	492
2013	113	185	331	258	363
2014	105	234	267	246	420

PATROL

The Patrol division was again faced with manpower issues during the year. At the close of 2014, for various reasons, the department had received resignations from 5 certified officers. This created a major challenge, as it takes a minimum of 9 months to get an applicant hired and through the training process, prior to fulfilling a position on the street.

The 3.24% increase in Calls for Service tasked patrol with having to do more, with less. The School Resource Officers were relied upon heavily to help cover the shortages, as well as the department's Reserve Unit. Patrol officers were also tasked with additional overtime. The department has been known to utilize additional help during emergency situations, however this became the norm, rather than the exception, during the year.

Aside from their usual caseload, Detectives were also affected by the resignations, as they were tasked with interviewing and conducting background investigations on applicants.

Another ongoing challenge for the department is our current facility. It is cramped and too small for department needs, with serious maintenance issues.

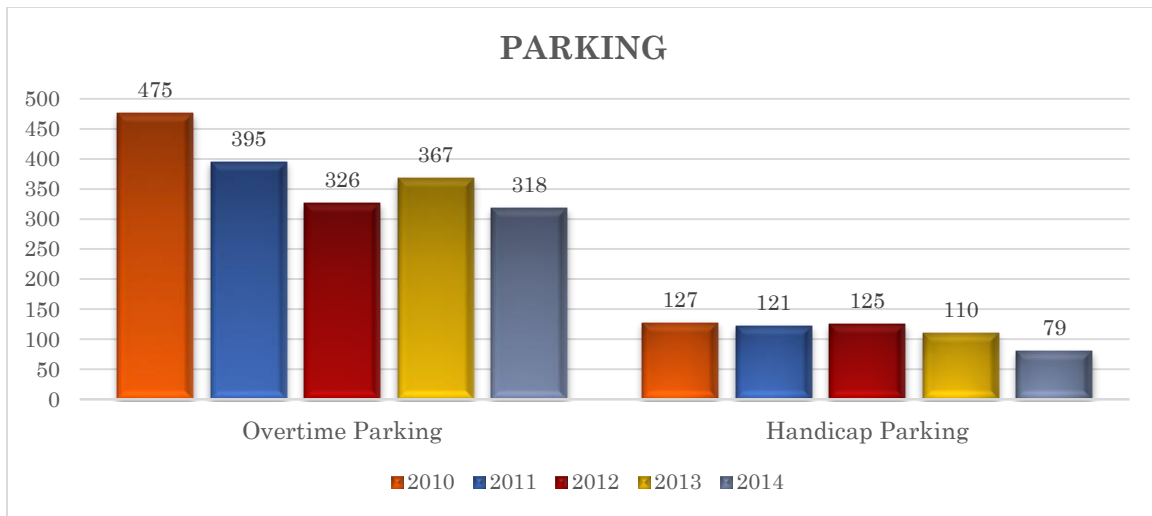
The department also dealt with a tragic officer involved shooting during the summer. This was extremely stressful for all families involved. Whenever a life is cut short it has a traumatic and devastating effect on everyone involved.

On a more positive note, our Reserve program received much deserved recognition due to the actions of Reserve Officer Richling. Officer Richling apprehended a suspect who had broken into a residence, and took a sleeping child out of bed. Officer Richling sustained a serious leg injury during the arrest, but was able to take the suspect into custody, without the family or the suspect getting hurt. The recognition of this event by the media brought awareness to the Reserve program. The department has received interest from numerous citizens wanting to get involved and be a part of the unit.

The department also got involved with social media outlets during the year. A Facebook page was created, as well as an anonymous tip line. These forums have helped the department become more available to the public and provide transparency, an important part of the departments relationship with the citizens of Newton and the general public.

Parking Control

Numbers declined somewhat for the year with overtime parking and handicap parking citations. Weather conditions hampered the Parking Control Officer from being able to patrol the streets daily. Numerous calls were received from 911 to check on parking complaints and abandoned vehicles. Abandoned vehicles red-tagged throughout the year increased 122.22%, with an additional 11 tags being placed.



Animal Control

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) responded to 2,341 calls during the year, a 12.98% increase, reflecting an additional 269 calls.

Citations were issued for neglect, harboring, cruelty, kennel operation, permitting animal(s) to run at large and failing to an annual tag for dogs and cats.

Two hoarding situations resulted in 50 cats and 2 dogs being removed from two adjacent residences. Two porcupines were also removed from city limits.



Police Service Dog (PSD) Unit

In 2014, the PSD Unit remained very active in both narcotic searches and patrol deployments.

Marijuana and methamphetamine seizures were at record levels. The unit assisted the Drug Task Force with several search warrants and searches related to investigations.

Patrol deployments and apprehensions remained about the same as previous years.

In the upcoming year, the PSD Unit will be going through some changes, as PSD Carla receives her much deserved retirement.

Donations were sought throughout the year to help raise funds for a new PSD. A big thank you to all of the generous citizens, businesses, and service organizations in the area. The department was able to collect \$13,527 to allow for the purchase and training of a new K9. The department is planning to have the new K9 member trained and ready to go by the middle of 2015.

During the year, both PSD teams received certification through the Heart of America Police Dog Association (HAPDA) for Full Patrol and Narcotics. Sgt. Thompson and PSD Kozmo placed 1st in the Tough Dog Trophy during the certification process.

The PSD Unit continues to be well respected across the region and are asked to assist with training and unit management.

PSD UNIT ACTIVITY

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Demos	20	24	20	6	18
Arrests	240	225	275	81	100
School Searches	21	10	14	19	14
K-9 Apprehension	19	7	6	5	6
Vehicle Searches	1,031	408	581	880	737
Article Search	7	4	19	15	15
Drug Searches for Businesses/Residences	25	6	5	13	6
Outside Agency Assists	42	58	36	55	52
ERT Callout Search Warrants	14	12	4	12	16
Vehicle Pursuits High Risk Traffic Stops	4	8	6	3	4
Tracks Building Searches Area Searches Patrol Deployment	50	58	33	42	19

PSD UNIT RELATED ACTIVITY

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<i>Seized / Recovered Property</i>					
U.S. Currency	\$2,670	\$2,466	\$31,972	\$5,708	\$5,667
Vehicles	6	10	10	22	29
Stolen Vehicles	8	2	5	4	2
Firearms	4	1	0	0	1
Misdemeanor Drug Para	73	61	81	138	49
Felony Drug Para	8	6	4	5	5
<i>Tax Stamp Violations</i>					
	16	10	9	8	12

STREET VALUE OF NARCOTICS SEIZED BY PSD UNIT

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Marijuana	\$38,650	\$10,000	\$11,286	\$9,761	\$781,531
K-2	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$700	\$0
Cocaine	\$1,344,000	\$2,000	\$225	\$942	\$1,821
Methamphetamine	\$7,500	\$2,700	\$52,965	\$11,497	\$433,312
Ecstasy	\$25	\$0	\$50	\$150	\$0
LSD	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$6,300	\$0
Misc. RX	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$3,400	\$2,450
Heroin	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$675

School Resource Officers (SRO)

There were changes within the SRO positions during the year. Officer Chad Gay continued as the SRO for Newton High School, and in October 2014 Officer Jason Heppler took the position as the Middle School SRO. Officer Jon Adkins resumed the SRO position for the elementary schools. The department relied upon the SRO's more than usual for street coverage, due to officer shortages.

During the year, SRO Gay was able to develop friendships in getting to know the students. He spent numerous hours successfully negotiating an agreement between a group of students who had egged multiple properties, and the victims of the vandalism. The issue was resolved without the filing of criminal charges. He was also able to recover stolen property and get it returned to the owner(s).

SRO Heppler used his knowledge as the department's I.T. specialist to help him make numerous presentations about Internet Safety to the students. He plans to continue his training in areas that will be beneficial to himself as an SRO, and the students and faculty he works with to enable growth in his position.

During the year, SRO Adkins was challenged by South Breeze students to take the ice bucket challenge for ALS. He accepted the challenge, and allowed students and faculty to dump ice water on him. He also started the Be Seen, Be Safe program with Santa Fe and all elementary schools. The Newton Police Department sponsored the program, by providing glow sticks to students to use and be seen, while out at night on Halloween.

SRO Activity during 2014 -

NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL	2011	2012	2013	2014
Criminal Cases	19	17	20	29
Arrests	12	12	15	9
After School Hours	13	66.50	99	94.43
Meetings/Conferences Student-Teacher-Parent	255+	1,626	2,605	2,674
Child Welfare/Abuse Cases	0	1	1	0
Presentations	10	22	21	21
Classroom Contacts	0	8	0	0
Welfare Checks	0	3	0	0
Searches	6	27	18	14
Citations	1	6	5	2
Discipline Referrals	3	36	29	15
Forensic Interviews	0	0	1	2
Student Transports	30	60	131	126
Paper Service	0	13	11	13
Assist Fellow Officers	0	18	69	23

NEWTON MIDDLE SCHOOL(S)	2011	2012	2013	2014
Criminal Cases	38	16	18	16
Arrests	6	11	6	2
After School Hours	134	195	203	21.50
Meetings/Conferences Student-Teacher-Parent	3,735	7,815	5,680	2,509
Child Welfare/Abuse Cases	0	15	4	0
Presentations	34	3	10	24
Classroom Contacts	0	2	176	58
Welfare Checks	0	10	16	3
Searches	11	6	4	0
Citations	0	0	0	0
Discipline Referrals	0	0	2	8
Forensic Interviews	16	16	5	0
Student Transports	12	14	7	2
Paper Service	0	0	1	0
Assist Fellow Officers	0	26	21	7

NEWTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL(S)	2011	2012	2013	2014
Criminal Cases	40	21	28	21
Arrests	0	14	3	0
After School Hours	179	339.50	127.50	34
Meetings/Conferences Student-Teacher-Parent	1,695	4,034	5,035	7,424
Child Welfare/Abuse Cases	1	7	1	1
Presentations	41	19	18	41
Classroom Contacts	0	353	232	6
Welfare Checks	18	17	18	18
Searches	0	0	0	0
Citations	17	3	0	0
Discipline Referrals	47	286	236	0
Forensic Interviews	6	7	1	3
Student Transports	7	8	4	19
Paper Service	0	0	1	1
Assist Fellow Officers	0	0	7	30

**Numbers listed above represent the 2014 calendar year*

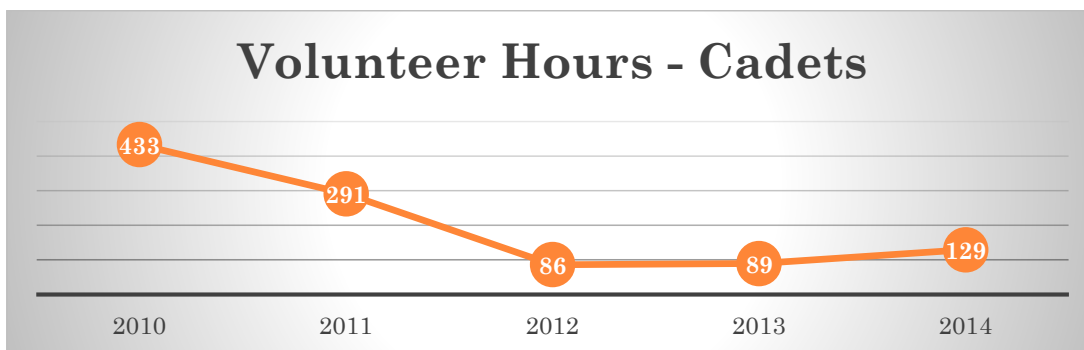
Warrants / Volunteers

Activity for MPO Hudson was fairly consistent. Transporting prisoners is demanding and time consuming. Depending upon where his travels take him, transporting can use up a full day of work, driving. MPO Hudson continues to provide Municipal Court Bailiff duties once a week and process warrant paperwork and subpoenas that come into the office.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Warrant Arrests	391	384	328	263	224
Warrants Cleared	735	718	616	555	589
Outside Warrants Cleared	14	14	10	7	8
Potential Fine Totals	\$307,032	\$273,297	\$283,439	\$254,352	\$314,067
Transports	185	158	139	137	161
Dist. Court Subpoenas	885	725	895	1,085	1,115
Municipal Court Subpoenas	285	187	173	331	319
DL Hearing Subpoenas	76	71	32	50	61

The Newton Police Reserve Unit continues to be an asset to the department. They provided needed assistance this past year due to manpower shortages.

Reserve Officer Richling is to be commended for his heroics in assisting with an Aggravated Burglary case during the year. His quick response and actions were vital to saving a family from harm during the incident.



INVESTIGATIONS

The year was challenging for the Investigations Division. The division felt the ramifications of the vacant investigator's position, due to general staffing difficulties. The Narcotics Detective was forced to rely on some of the other detectives to assist him, as they became available. In addition, due to the overall increase in violent crime, general investigators were also shouldering an elevated caseload. Newton experienced record years for reported crime in 2013 and 2014. Because of this, the division was forced to realign priorities and investigate only the most serious of crimes. Despite these challenges, the Investigation Division had some impressive successes.

General Investigations

The General Investigations Detectives responded day and night to numerous violent crimes. Included in these were an attempted triple homicide in March, and another attempted homicide in December. In addition to these cases, the Detectives were steadfast in their investigation of numerous child victim sex crimes, kidnappings, robberies, and a bomb threat to a government office.

Domestic Violence Investigations

Amongst numbers reported for 2014 the amount of dual arrests continued to decrease, demonstrating a higher quality of on-scene investigations, while at the same time there was an increase in bond violation arrests, affording the victim in these crimes a higher level of safety. The arrest and successful prosecution rate also continued to increase, which is a nationwide "Best Practice" goal. The efforts made by the Domestic Violence Response Team were successful in working with the Municipal Court to lower the dismissal rate in these cases.

DV Statistics	2013	2014
Calls for Service – Domestic Violence	508	390
Reports Generated (Information / Criminal)	424	424
DV Arrests	146	136
DV Dual Arrests	17	4
Arrests – Bail Bond Violations	18	7
Arrests – Violation of Protection Orders	19	13
Cases Referred for Prosecution	266	278

The inability to conduct effective interviews with victims due to time constraints continues to be a major challenge for the investigator handling Domestic Violence cases. There is an overwhelming amount of cases to be investigated, and priority must be given to the most serious offenses. Data entry for statistical tracking has also suffered due to the lack of time available. It was decided the time was better spent serving our citizens, than entering data.

Narcotics Investigations

The Narcotic Investigator transferred into the unit late in 2013. The numbers shown for 2014 reflect activity generated by him during his first full year as an investigator in this position. There were 135 total cases investigated, including 102 drug cases. This resulted in

41 drug related search warrants. The statistics listed below represent activity by the Narcotics Investigator, as well as the Newton Police Department's Patrol Division, within the City of Newton during 2014.

<i>Undercover Buy Operations</i>	2013	2014
Methamphetamine		
<i>Units</i>	20.4 grams	13.88 lbs.
<i>Street Value</i>	\$2,040	\$629,728
Marijuana		
<i>Units</i>	149.3 grams	171.88 lbs.
<i>Street Value</i>	\$2,986	\$1,169,480
Prescription Meds		
<i>Units</i>	12 dosages	473 dosages
<i>Street Value</i>	\$120	\$2,365
Cocaine		
<i>Units</i>	0	2 grams
<i>Street Value</i>	\$0	\$160
Heroin		
<i>Units</i>	0	1.5 grams
<i>Street Value</i>	\$0	\$120
Dollars Spent for Buy Operations:	\$3,336	\$4,730

<i>Cases Worked by Drug Class</i>	2013 Patrol	2014 Patrol	2013 DTF	2014 DTF
Cocaine	3	4	0	2
Heroin	0	1	0	1
Marijuana	125	158	19	28
Methamphetamine	97	94	41	59
Prescription Drugs	35	35	1	12

*DTF: Drug Task Force



<i>Type of Forfeiture</i>	2013		<i>Type of Forfeiture</i>	2014		
	<i>Total by Category</i>	<i>Value</i>		<i>Total by Category</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Pending Civil Suit</i>
Cash	15	\$12,020	Cash	35	\$97,602	\$82,696
Residence(s)	3	\$0*	Residence(s)	4	\$681,890	\$659,210
Vehicle(s)	43	\$21,222	Vehicle(s)	111	\$504,849	\$140,400
Weapon(s)	1	\$250	Weapon(s)	8	\$2,525	\$1,575
Total	62	\$33,492	Total	161	\$1,286,866	\$883,881

*Pending sale of residences expected value: \$251,200

Actual dollars received/deposited into DTF account for 2014: \$94,228

The DTF is still in need of updated equipment, as well as additional personnel to safely conduct the ever increasing operations occurring within the City of Newton. These resources are needed to change the drug trends within the community, and discourage this type of activity. To get the attention of the offender(s) and hold them accountable for their actions, forfeitures continue to be an increasing priority for the Drug Task Force.

Crime Analysis

In addition to the traditional investigation of crimes, the Investigations Division worked on several technological initiatives to assist the police department with efficiency from available resources. Below is a brief description of each of the programs. As time progresses, the department is looking forward to citizen's becoming familiar with, and using these new crime fighting tools to help fight crime within the City of Newton.

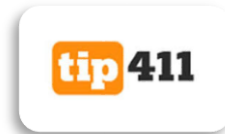
Citizen's Online Reporting Program (CORP)

The Citizen's Online Reporting Program was implemented to allow citizens the option of reporting certain offenses when it is convenient for them. By logging into the City Website, or the Newton Police Department Facebook page, citizens will find a link to the program, which will walk them through making a report, step by step.



Tip 411

Tip 411 is a program which allows citizens to provide anonymous tips to the Newton Police Department, and engage in a 2-way text conversation with a law enforcement representative, providing more detailed information than could be obtained through previous means. The system can be accessed online, via the police Facebook page, and through smart phone apps. Available apps will enable users to sign up for crime alerts from the police department.



RAIDS Online / ATACRAIDS

The RAIDS system is a part of a broader crime analysis program. **RAIDS Online** allows the public to explore reported crime in their community via an interactive crime map. The sharing of knowledge not only leads to citizen's tips, but also educates the public about crime in their neighborhood, hopefully leading to actions which might prevent victimization.



ATACRAIDS is similar to RAIDS ONLINE, but is only accessible to officers. This system provides details about the specific crimes, and allows the viewing of hotspots, how crime changes over time, and even makes general forecasts of where crime will occur in the future, based on historical data.



Predictive Policing

The Newton Police Department took steps toward the forefront of criminal investigation by laying the groundwork for a predictive policing program. The heart of this crime analysis initiative is the use of a powerful analytical tool called ATAC workstation. Proper training in risk terrain modeling, criminological theory, behavioral evidence analysis, and geographic information systems, an analyst cannot only view crime data in both time and space, but also begin to make predictions. These predictions are not only of time and location, but also the nodes indicative of where a suspect or even a potential victim may live or work.



The program is still in its infancy, but it shows great promise. The challenges in manpower this year have forced the division to take its focus temporarily off of this project, but department members foresee great benefits in the future.