

# **WOODRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **2015 ANNUAL REPORT**



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# Village of Woodridge

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Gina Grady, Chief of Police

May 1, 2016

Dear Residents and Business Owners of the Village of Woodridge,

I am proud to present the Woodridge Police Department's 2015 Annual Report, which highlights the accomplishments of our dedicated Woodridge police officers and civilian staff.

Nationally, the past few years have been tumultuous for the law enforcement profession. In spite of this, at the local level, 97% of Woodridge residents continue to report that they are satisfied with the Woodridge Police Department and 92% of residents rated our officers' attitude and behavior as excellent, according to the 2015 Community Needs Survey.

This high level of satisfaction is not by chance; it is the outcome of hundreds of hours of training that our officers and civilian staff complete every year. Training is critical for police departments as it teaches officers about discretion and making good judgements, even in the most dangerous situations. I am proud to say that the Woodridge Police Department is often regarded as having one of the best training and professional development programs compared to other DuPage County law enforcement agencies.

In addition to training, our officers and civilian staff have spent over 1,000 hours in the community during 2015. Our Department believes that community policing helps to deter crime by building trust and increasing communication with our residents and businesses. This year, we launched the Community Roll Call Program in an effort to continuously develop our communications and build relationships with the Woodridge community.

The Woodridge Police Department is proud to serve the residents and businesses of Woodridge with professionalism and integrity. If you have any questions or comments about the Department, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for taking the time to review our report.

Sincerely,

*Gina Grady*

Gina Grady  
Chief of Police

# WOODRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2015

## **Chief of Police**

Gina Grady

## **Deputy Chiefs**

Keith Grabarek

Tom Stefanson

## **Sergeants**

Raymond Moeller

Tim Shannon

Anthony Johnson

Kenneth Ostarello

James McGilvrey

Dennis Brinkman

Mark Walters

## **Community Service Officers**

Edward Pogson

Michael Moers

Eric Salinas

Jim McCabe

## **Sworn Officers**

Jeffrey Johnson

Jerald Symonds

Jeffrey Buck

Stephen Edson

Cornell Owens

Michael Dempsey

Jeffrey Bean

Robert Chrusciel

Joseph Saenz

Daniel Murray

James Guerra

Michael Wolfe

Brian Michels

Jody Porras

Greg Bernard

Daina Carauskas

Tom Hogan

David Brockway

Sean Murray

Daniel McIntyre

Maciej Makowski

Robert McKimson

Marlys Gilbert

Jonah Gage

Robert Fortino

William Bodnar

Heidi Begy

Mike Piotrowski

Chris Krawczyk

Michael Reed

Tom Cybulski

James Rion

John Phelps

Alex Wagner

Brett Kielbasa

## **Records Unit**

Tammie Lindblom

Mary Norris

Jamie Schoeneman

Amy Crylen-Cristiano

## **Investigative Aide**

Holly Kucharski

## **Administrative**

### **Assistants**

Doreen Herman

Pamela Ward

## **Management Analyst**

Traci Marrocco

## **Crossing Guards**

Maryanne Dinkel

Lenore Hinz

Regina Mugnolo

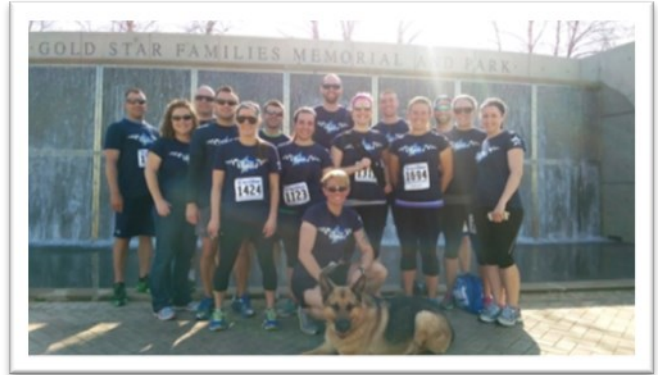
Thomas O'Keefe

Mary Sammarco

## 2015 IN PICTURES



New squad cars were deployed in early 2015.



The Woodridge Team at the 2015 Run to Remember that benefits the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation



Cop on a Rooftop Fundraiser for Special Olympics



September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial at Lisle-Woodridge Fire District



Village of Woodridge Employee Bike to Lunch Event

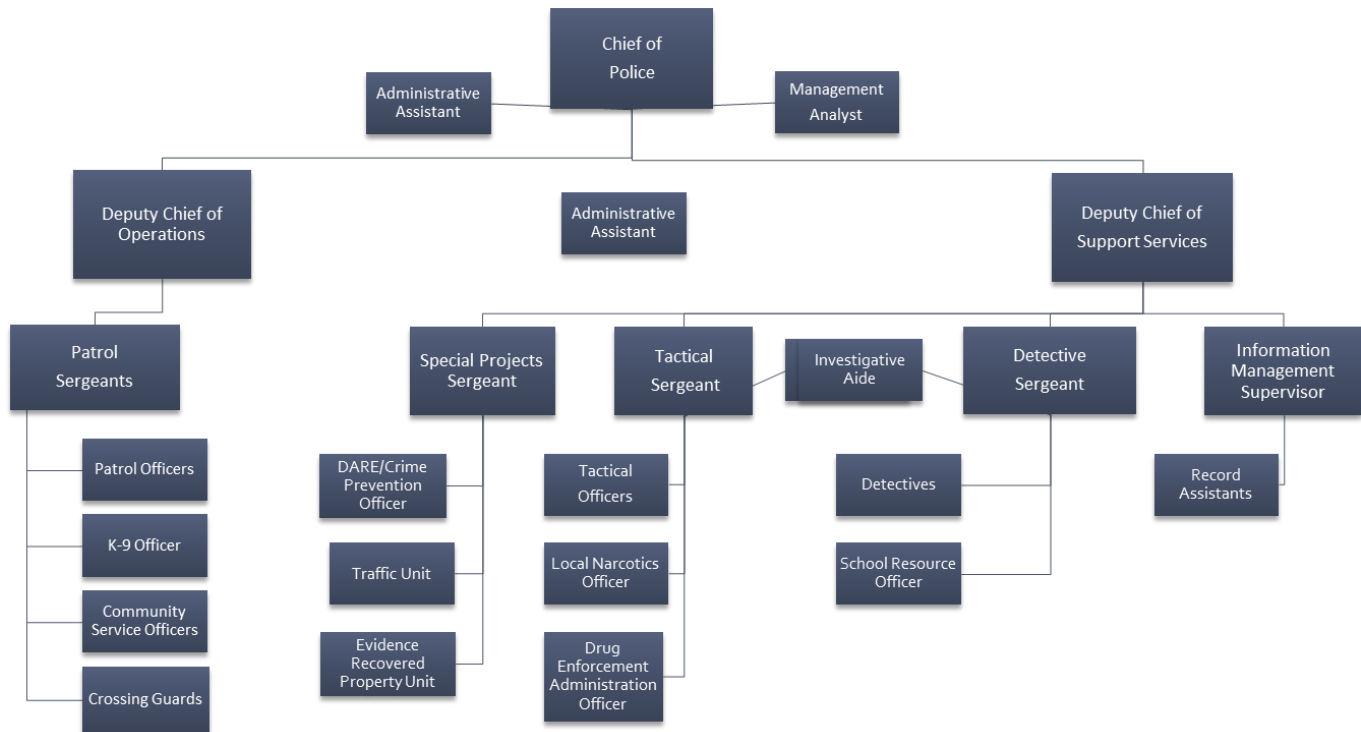


Community Roll Call at Ides Grove Park

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Woodridge Police Department is to provide dedicated, professional service and impartial law enforcement in an active partnership with the citizens of the Village of Woodridge to achieve a higher quality of life for all.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Police Commissioners is a five-member commission appointed by the mayor and Village Board. The commission is responsible for hiring all police officers and promoting police officers to the rank of police sergeant. The commission also conducts all hearings on disciplinary matters through the rank of sergeant and sets all standards relating to hiring and promotion.

Richard Marten, Chair

*Appointed as Commissioner, May 1997, Appointed as Chair July 2013*

Mohan Airan, Commissioner

*Appointed September 2008*

Randon Gardley, Commissioner

*Appointed July 2013*

Robert Martin, Commissioner

*Appointed September 2013*

Mary Jane Munley, Commissioner

*Appointed February 2015*



## RETIREMENTS

### *Don Janus, Community Service Officer*



#### **DON JANUS – 45 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Community Service Officer, Don Janus, retired on January 31, 2015 as the longest-serving Village employee! Don began his career with Woodridge in 1969 as a police officer. Over the years, Don has seen the Village grow from farmland into the developed community it is today.

Don's favorite position was serving as detective. He spent 14 years in the Detective Unit, and his favorite part of the job was "putting the case together and solving the crime."

We wish Don the best of luck in retirement.  
He certainly deserves it!

### *Kerry Richards, Patrol Sergeant*



#### **KERRY RICHARDS – 25 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Sergeant Richards began his career with Woodridge on November 26, 1990. Over the years, he has held numerous positions, including patrol officer, tactical officer, and as an undercover agent with the DuPage County Metropolitan Enforcement Group. In 2004, he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Kerry also served our Country as a Marine from 1976-1983.

We wish Kerry the best of luck and we thank him for his 25 years of service to Woodridge!

## PROMOTIONS



### SERGEANT MARK WALTERS

Mark Walters was sworn in as the Department's newest Patrol Sergeant on December 18, 2015 after over 20 years of service to the Village. As an officer, Mark held a variety of positions during his career, such as Tactical Officer, Detective, and the Downers Grove South School Resource Officer. Mark also serves as the coordinator for the Department's Defensive Tactics Program. In 2010, he was named the Department's Officer of the Year.

Best of luck, Sergeant Walters!  
We wish you continued success.

## NEW EMPLOYEES

### JIM MCCABE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Jim started his career with Woodridge in March 2015 as a Community Service Officer (CSO). Prior to Woodridge, at the age of 15

Jim worked for the Frankfort Police Department's Police Cadet Program and was later hired as a CSO for Frankfort. Jim has also worked for the Orland Park Police Department as a CSO and 911 Dispatcher. He holds an associate's degree in law enforcement from Joliet Junior College.

Good luck CSO McCabe.  
Welcome to Woodridge!





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

The Woodridge Police Department actively participates in community events, programs, and meetings throughout the year. These outreach activities provide officers the opportunity to communicate and build relationships with residents, local businesses, and community organizations.



### School Outreach

Traffic Talks with Downers Grove South Drivers Education classes  
Latino Outreach Program with District 68 and 99  
D.A.R.E. Program with School District 68  
Bilingual Story-telling to District 68 students  
Veteran's Day Presentation at School District 68

### Community Outreach

Woodridge Jubilee  
Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Take Back Event  
Memorial Day VFW Parade  
Block Party Presentations  
September 11th Ceremony at Lisle/Woodridge Fire District  
Woodridge Town Meeting  
Park District Golden Years Presentations on Senior Citizen Safety  
Seven Bridges Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Community Roll Calls in Westminster Park, Seven Bridges, & Ides Grove  
Dunkin' Donuts Cop on a Rooftop Fundraiser for Special Olympics



**In 2015, Woodridge Police Department officers and civilian staff participated in over 30 community events—that's over 1,600 hours!**

## DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The Woodridge Police Department has implemented a diverse and extensive training program for our officers. We believe that police officer training protects our officers and the public by ensuring that our Department is prepared to respond to any type of incident, including active shooter and weather emergencies. The Police Department partnered with other intergovernmental agencies, such as the Lisle-Woodridge Fire District and School District 68, to coordinate the trainings. These intergovernmental trainings practice numerous scenarios so that our community is prepared and ready to respond in the event of an emergency.



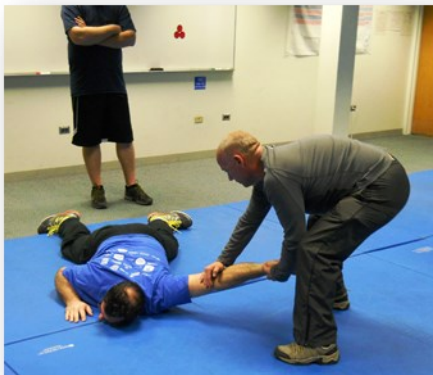
### Community Preparedness Training

Rapid Deployment Training  
School Lock Down Drills with School District 99 and District 68  
Emergency Operations Training with DuPage County Emergency Management  
Counter Terrorism Conference at Argonne National Lab  
National Weather Service's Weather Workshop  
DuPage County Narcan Program  
DARE "Effective Police Interactions with Youth" Training  
Member of DuPage County Incident Management Assistance Team  
DuPage County Health Department Substance Abuse Prevention Leadership Team

### Use of Force Training

Quarterly Defensive Tactics Training  
Use of Force Scenario Simulation  
200 Hours of Firearms Training  
50 Hours of Taser Training

**In 2015, Woodridge officers participated in over  
4,000 hours of training!**



# 2015 DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ***PATROL UNIT***

- Implemented the Community Roll Call Program
- 92% of residents rated Patrol Officer services as Excellent or Good
- 95% of residents feel safe and secure in their neighborhood
- Responded to approximately 12,000 calls for service

## ***DETECTIVE UNIT***

- The Detective Unit closed 364 investigations in 2015.
- The Detective Unit welcomed Dan Murray as the newest Detective
- Processed 2,214 pieces of evidence related to 713 new cases.
- Destroyed and/or purged 390 pieces of evidence
- Received \$1,195 from PropertyRoom.com as a result of auctioning off surplus and found property
- In March 2015, John A. Smith was charged with Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking, Aggravated Kidnapping, and Armed Robbery in connection an incident that occurred at the Woodridge Jewel-Osco on April 26, 2014.
- On October 19, 2015, Woodridge Police found the deceased body of Cecily Dickey during a well-being check. Following an in-depth investigation by Woodridge officers and the Felony Investigative Assistance Team, Dickey's boyfriend, Lauden Luckett, was later charged with three counts of first-degree murder in connection with the incident.

## ***TRAFFIC UNIT***

- Presented to Downers Grove South Driver's Education classes on driver attentiveness, courtesy, and commonly violated traffic laws.
- Partnered with AAA Chicago to provide a driving simulator at the Woodridge Jubilee festival. Officers educated participants on the dangers of distracted driving, while giving them real life scenarios to maneuver while using a mobile device.
- Police Department safety seat technicians collaborated with IDOT and Safe Kids Worldwide to educate the public during the Chicago Auto Show.
- The Traffic Unit handled 22% of the personal injury crashes and 13% of property damage only crashes in 2015.

<b>Traffic Unit 2015 Activity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Patrol Hours	1,547
Citations	1,793
Written Warnings	181
Traffic Crashes (Total)	141
Assists to Engineering	5
FIAT/DuCART Assists	8
Commercial Vehicle Contacts	56
School Zones	110
Child Safety Seats Installed	68
Administrative Hours	270
Assists to Patrol	106

## ***TACTICAL UNIT***

- During a traffic stop, tactical officers arrested an individual who matched the description of a crime that had just occurred in Westmont. Following an investigation by Westmont Police, the suspect was charged with the Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Armed Robbery, Home Invasion and Aggravated Kidnapping of an elderly woman that occurred on January 1, 2015.
- The Tactical Unit, in a joint effort with the United States Postal Service, made a controlled delivery of over 500 grams of cannabis to a subject in the Waterbury complex. The subject was charged with possession with intent to deliver cannabis.
- The Tactical Unit assisted the Darien Police with a shooting inside their Wal-Mart. The Tactical Unit was one of the first units to enter the building and assisted in clearing the building, witness interviews and evidence recovery.
- Four (4) vehicles, seized during police investigations, were sold on eBay, recuperating \$11,267.00. Also sold were two (2) surplus vehicles for \$19,478.00.
- In the beginning of 2015, The Tactical Unit welcomed Officer Mike Piotrowski to the Tactical Unit. At the end of 2015, Sergeant Shannon and Officer McIntyre finished their tour with the Tactical Unit.

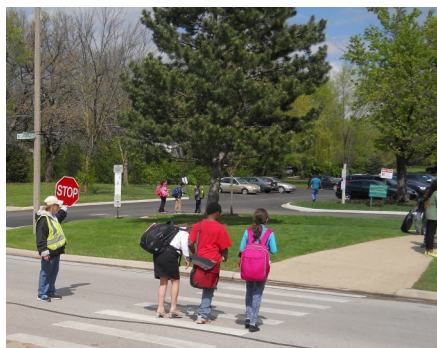
<b>Tactical Unit 2015 Activity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Assist to Detectives & Patrol	151
Assist to Other Agencies	56
Attempt Warrant Arrest	35
Covert Patrols	200
Drug & Gang Investigations	117
Surveillances	110
Total Arrests	151

## ***CRIME PREVENTION***

- Instructed over 1,500 hours of Drug Abuse Resistance Education to School District 68 students
- Completed school lockdown drills and active shooter presentations with School District 68 staff
- Held the annual D.A.R.E. Lock-In Event at Jefferson Junior High School for 6th grade students
- Developed a presentation with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for 8th grade students to educate them on the dangers of drinking and driving
- Participated in the Prevention Leadership Team of DuPage County and the DuPage County Juvenile Justice Council. These committees work together to educate law enforcement, health care professionals, and educators on the effects of drugs, mental illness, and the benefits of rehabilitation compared to juvenile discipline
- Facilitated multiple Crime-Free Housing Seminars to local single and multi-family rental property owners in collaboration with the Community Development Department

## ***CROSSING GUARDS***

The Police Department has four crossing guards assigned to different areas in Woodridge to ensure that school children arrive safely to school. Mary Anne Dinkel is located at Janes and Crabtree. Lenore Hinz is posted at Edgewood School and Woodridge Drive. Tom O'Keefe is stationed at Siple School and 83rd Street, and Mary Sammarco is at Woodridge Drive and Zurich Lane. Regina Mugnolo is the fill-in crossing guard. They brave the elements during the summer and winter seasons so give them a wave next time you pass!



## ***EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT***

- A Crisis Management Team table top exercise was conducted to practice opening a municipal Emergency Operations Center. The exercise was a collaborative effort between the Village of Woodridge, Lisle-Woodridge Fire Department, and DuPage County Office of Homeland Security, Emergency Management (OHSEM).
- Deputy Chief Tom Stefanson, who is part of the DuPage County IMAT (Incident Management Assistance Team), assisted the Oak Brook Police Department during the “Fight for Fifteen” demonstrations. Deputy Chief Stefanson served as the Law Enforcement Branch Director during the event, where over 2,000 protestors demonstrated.
- The Village’s “Storm Ready” certification was renewed following the protocols of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Police Department is responsible for the certification, and ensuring the guidelines are followed to provide assistance to the community during severe weather events.

## ***RECORDS UNIT***

The Records Unit processes all police reports, traffic tickets, felony and misdemeanor charges, parking tickets, court notices, expunctions, subpoenas, as well as FOIA, report and criminal history requests. Staff also assists residents with police related questions. In addition, the Records Unit is responsible for maintaining monthly statistical information for the Department.

<b>2015 Records Processed</b>					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reports	4,234	4,205	3,957	3,756	3,793
Illinois Vehicle Code Tickets	7,776	8,116	8,256	7,129	5,916
Parking Tickets	6,450	5,341	5,856	5,008	4,140
Total	18,460	17,662	18,069	15,893	13,849

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICES***

The Community Services Unit focuses on non-emergency calls for service, including vehicle lock-outs, code enforcement, as well as animal control functions. Below is a summary of their activity for 2015.

<b>Community Services Unit 2015 Activity</b>					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Stray Animal Calls	94	169	202	200	200
Animal Bite Investigations	11	14	9	13	10
Vehicle Lock-Outs	754	724	731	675	590
Parking Tickets	2,555	1,948	2,503	1,588	2,331



# 2015 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

**Officers Mike Wolfe and Dan McIntyre** received Letters of Recognition for their investigation of drug activity in an apartment in the 2700 block of Hobson Road. Their investigation resulted in multiple felony drug charges against an occupant of the apartment.

**Officers Mike Piotrowski and Bob McKimson** received Commendations for a traffic stop and arrest of a subject who they identified as a suspect wanted for a home invasion and sexual assault of an elderly woman in Westmont.

**Officer Mike Wolfe** received a Letter of Recognition for the investigation of a hit and run traffic accident which resulted in the arrest of a suspect for both the hit and run and for a battery the suspect had committed at the scene of the accident.

**Officers Tom Cybulski and Jonah Gage** received Lifesaving Awards for their efforts, including CPR and applying the AED, to save an elderly man having a cardiac incident.

**Officers Tom Cybulski and Bob McKimson** received Letters of Recognition for their work on a case which involved conducting a traffic stop on a subject who was seen leaving a residence that was under surveillance for possible drug activity. Officers were able to obtain felony drug charges against the suspect.

**Officer Jeff Buck** received a Commendation for his response to the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. He observed a male subject in the area of the robbery who was acting suspiciously. Officer Buck maintained surveillance on the subject, eventually approaching him and taking him into custody without incident. The replica handgun that had been used in the commission of the crime was also found nearby.

**Deputy Chief's Tom Stefanson and Keith Grabarek, Sergeant Dennis Brinkman and Officer Jeff Johnson** received Lifesaving Awards for their efforts in saving a subject who was experiencing a drug overdose while in police custody.

**Officer Brett Kielbasa** received a Letter of Recognition for a traffic stop he conducted which resulted in felony charges for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

**Officer Mike Reed** received a Commendation and **Officers Tom Cybulski, Jonah Gage, Alex Wagner and Greg Bernard** received Letters of Recognition following the arrest of an offender for burglaries that occurred in Woodridge's industrial park area. Officer Reed had the area under surveillance due to criminal activity and after observing a suspicious vehicle, was able to coordinate a response with the other officers. An offender fled on foot, later being apprehended by Darien Officer Tony Hruby. Officer Hruby also received a Letter of Recognition.

**Officer Bill Bodnar** received a Letter of Recognition and State Trooper Jorge Fonseca was awarded a Commendation for their actions in pulling a suicidal subject to safety after he threatened to jump from 75<sup>th</sup> Street onto I355.

**Officer Jim Rion** received a Letter of Recognition for his response to a call of a reported drug overdose. Officer Rion administered Narcan to the victim.

**Officer Rob Fortino** received a Letter of Recognition for a traffic stop and arrest of two subjects, which resulted in felony charges for possession of drugs with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Officer Bob Chrusciel** received a Commendation and **Officer David Brockway** received a Letter of Recognition for stopping a suicidal subject from jumping from an overpass onto the expressway below.

**Sergeant Ken Ostarello, Sergeant Tim Shannon, Officer Brian Michels, Officer Dan Murray, Officer Dan McIntyre, Officer Mike Piotrowski, Officer Mike Wolfe, Officer Jim Rion, Officer Cornell Owens and Officer Bob McKimson** received Letters of recognition for assisting Darien Police Department with a call involving shots fired inside of their Wal-Mart.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

### **Dan McIntyre, 2015 Police Officer of the Year**

Officer Dan McIntyre has served the Village since 2006. He was nominated for Officer of the Year for his contribution and dedication to the Department's Tactical Unit.



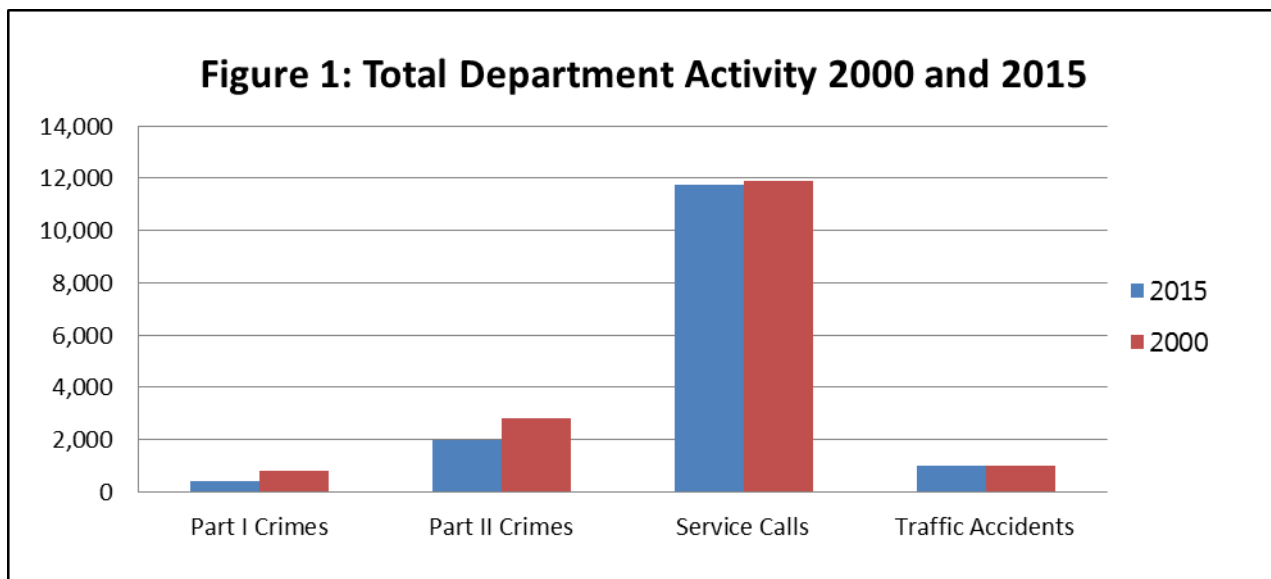
### **Traci Marrocco, 2015 Civilian of the Year**

Management Analyst Traci Marrocco was awarded Civilian of the Year for her dependability and willingness to help the Police Department and Village staff.



## PUBLIC SAFETY STATISTICS

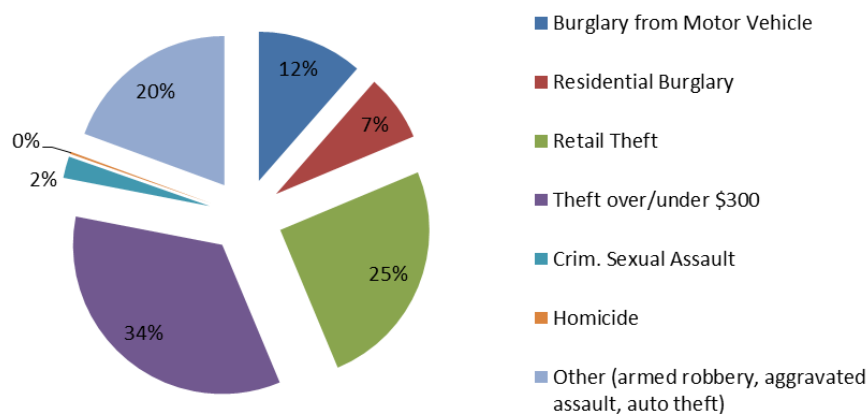
This section reviews the crimes and calls for service that occurred in Woodridge in 2015. Figure 1 illustrates the trend of total Department activity from 2005 to 2015. Service calls and traffic accidents have remained relatively the same at 11,760 in 2015 and 11,891 in 2005. However, Part I crimes, which include incidents such as thefts, homicides, and assaults have decreased approximately 45% from 787 to 428 in 2015. Part II Crimes, such as controlled substance violations, vehicle offenses, and vandalism also decreased 30 percent from 2,834 in 2000 to 1,969 in 2015.



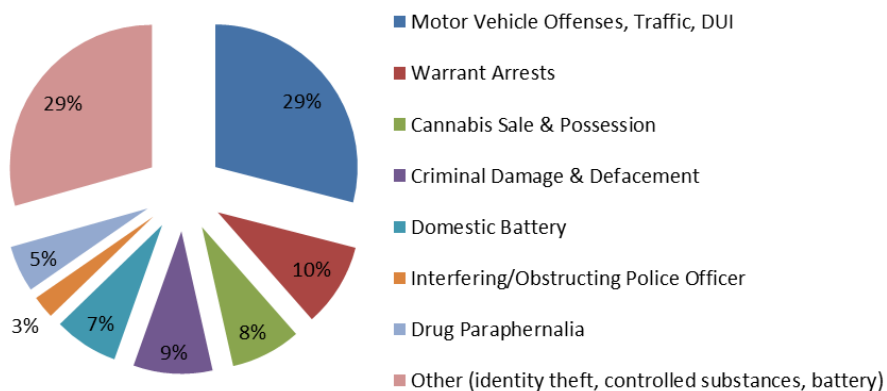
Figures 2, 3, and 4 on the subsequent pages provide a breakdown of the types of Part I, Part II, and calls for service that officers responded to in 2015.

## PUBLIC SAFETY STATISTICS (CONTINUED)

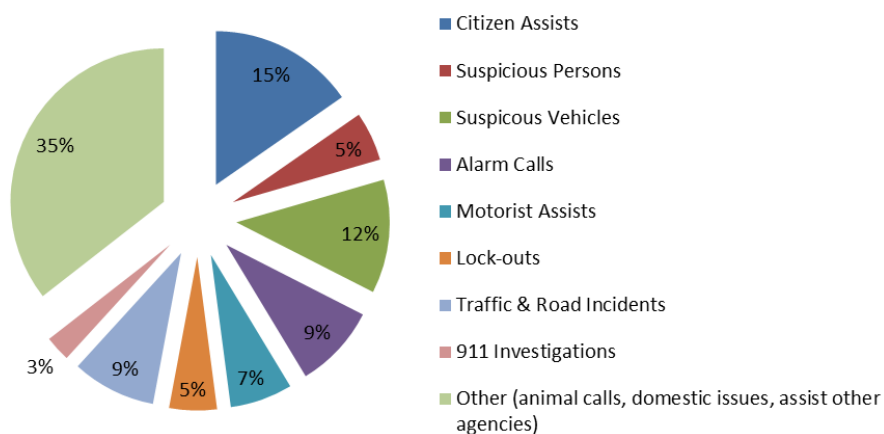
**Figure 2: Part I Crimes**



**Figure 3: Part II Crimes**

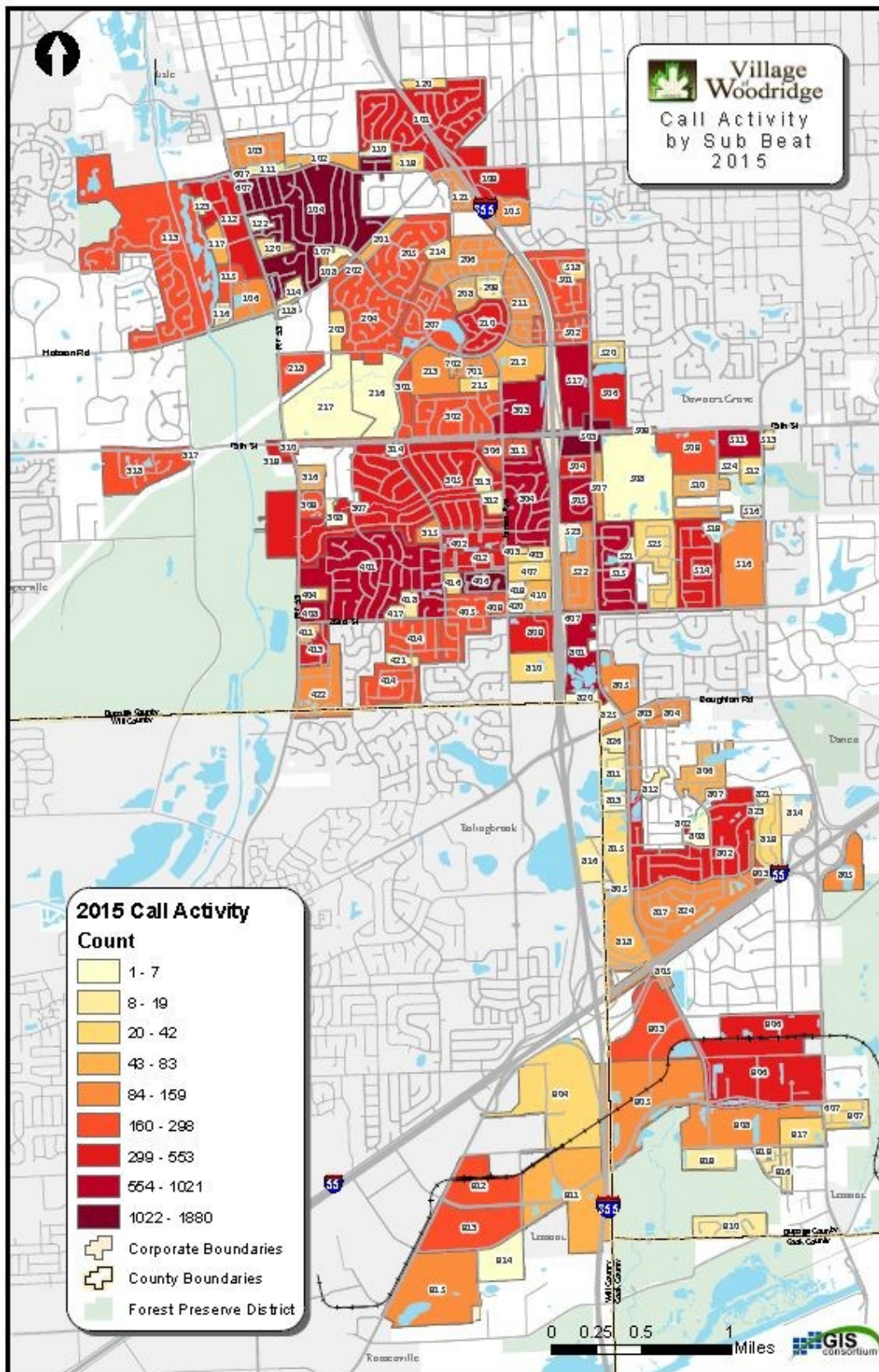


**Figure 4: Calls for Service**



## 2015 NEIGHBORHOOD CALL ACTIVITY

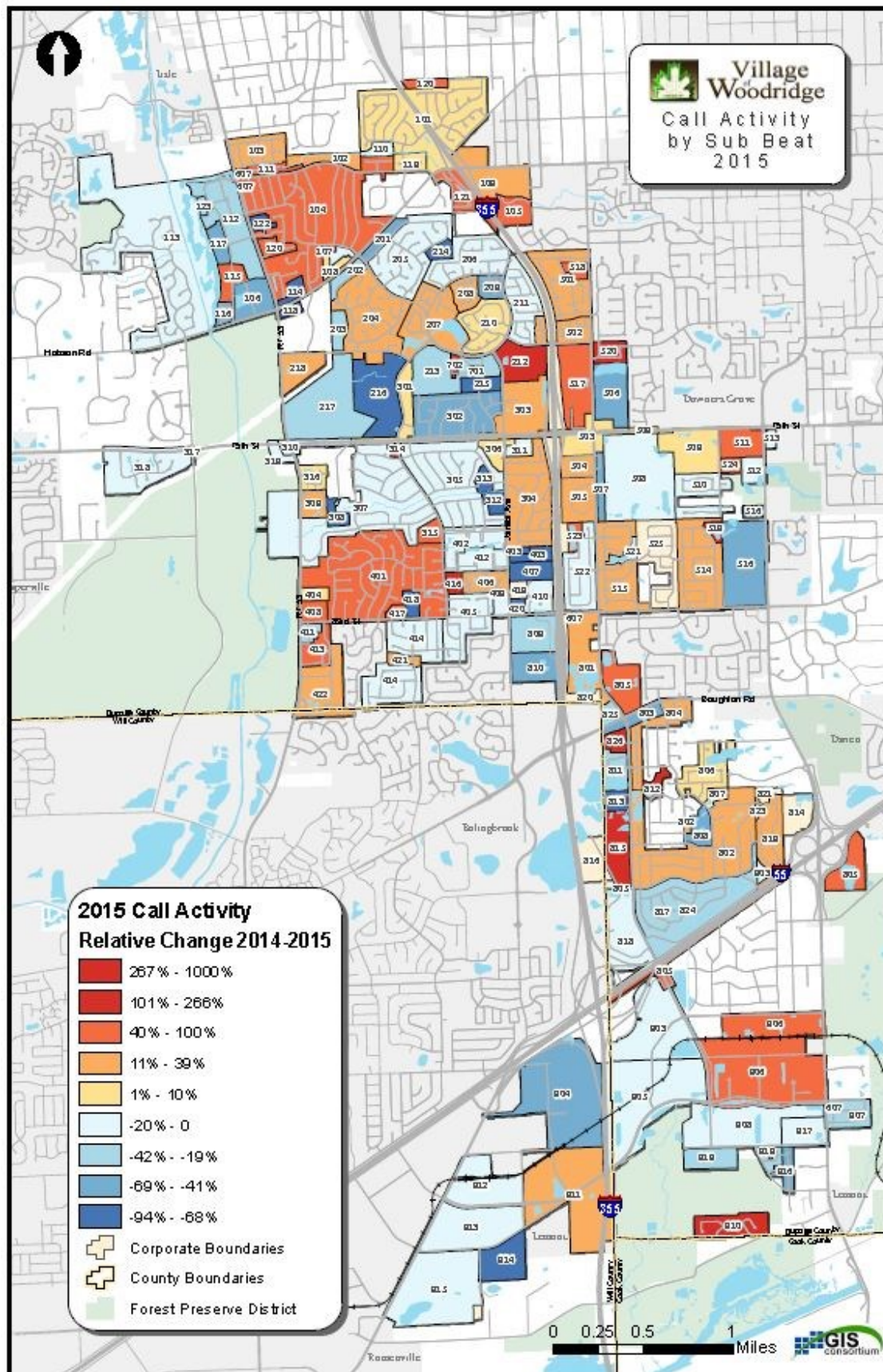
A beat is the designated territory that a police officer patrols and each beat is made up of several sub beats. The map below illustrates the police department's activity by sub beat to demonstrate the areas of town that have the most call activity. It should be noted that not all calls for service are crimes, but rather calls to 911 for police services.





# 2014-2015 NEIGHBORHOOD CALL ACTIVITY

The map below compares call activity from 2014 to 2015 to demonstrate the relative change in police service calls.





## POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Police Department's budget is a part of the Village's General Fund. The Police Department's budget is made up of several cost centers that include expenditures related to core police functions, such as squad car equipment, training, uniforms, and salaries. In FY2015, Police Department expenditures totaled \$8,915,593, compared to \$8,624,026 in FY2014.

