



# **Morrison Police Department 2013 Annual Report**

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**Chief of Police**



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## Introduction

Dear Mayor Pannier, Council Members, & Citizens of Morrison;

I would like to offer you the 2013 Annual Report of the Morrison Police Department.

It has been an honor to serve as your Police Chief since February 2009 and due to Police Chiefs collecting and interpreting statistics differently, most of the 2013 statistics can only be compared to statistics for 2009 through 2012. Crime Index statistics, which are reported to the Illinois State Police, Uniform Crime Reporting, are statutorily required and can therefore be compared more historically. With each year, more local and detailed historical data is provided for comparison and analyzing.

I hope you find this Annual Report informative and worthwhile. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

I look forward to serving you in 2014 and beyond!

Warmest Regards,



**Brian R. Melton**  
Chief of Police

# CORE VALUES

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## MORRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Community of Morrison,

The Morrison Police Department has identified its Core Values. On behalf of the officers of the Morrison Police Department, our core values are:

- ★ **Honesty.** We must be truthful with each other, ourselves and those we serve.
- ★ **Respect.** We value mutual respect. While we respect every life with dignity, every person's rights, property and beliefs, we also believe that our profession and the badge we proudly wear be respected as well.
- ★ **Integrity.** Integrity is our foundation. We value ethical behavior and being accountable to each other, ourselves and those we serve. We believe we must be open-minded and fair; exercising no prejudice or bias. We serve others in their best interest.
- ★ **Family.** We must be committed first and foremost to our own families at home, but then to our family within the Morrison Police Department and the law enforcement community. We must work together as a team and help each other as friends.
- ★ **Humor.** While we understand and take our responsibilities very seriously, we also value the appropriate use of humor and believe that we must all laugh a little.
- ★ **Pride.** We are proud of our profession that is really more of a lifestyle. We demonstrate our pride through our appearance and in the performance of our duties.
- ★ **Community.** We value our relationship with the community of Morrison, those we serve, and know that such relationship is critical in being successful in our mission.

It is with these Core Values that we constantly strive to uphold our Mission; To Protect, To Serve, and To Partner With Our Community.



**Brian R. Melton**  
Chief of Police

# MISSION STATEMENT

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## MORRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Community of Morrison,

**TO PROTECT ...** The Morrison Police Department shall be steadfast in the preservation of peace and the protection of life and property. This commitment requires professional officers to have integrity and high moral character. Officers of the Morrison Police Department must manifest a dedication to the law enforcement profession and possess the desire and capacity for growth in public service. These officers bear great responsibility. The power of arrest is a sacred trust not to be abused and the star of authority must be worn with pride and dignity at all times. Officers must perform their duties competently and courteously. Their conduct must be above reproach at all times to ensure a professional image of the Morrison Police Department.

**TO SERVE ...** Our mission must be directed towards executing and improving public service. This is accomplished by the best utilization of our capabilities and the resources at our command. In our constant endeavors, there must be absolute freedom from all social, racial, and political pressure, with equal justice under the law. Officers are aware that while it is their duty to enforce the law, it is also their duty to obey the law and at all times conduct themselves in a dignified and professional manner so as to bring credit to the Morrison Police Department, the law enforcement profession, and to you; the community of Morrison.

**TO PARTNER WITH OUR COMMUNITY ...** The Morrison Police Department is focused on building and fostering a partnership with you; the residents, businesses and community of Morrison as it provides law enforcement services and ensures public safety. This focus is based on the fact that the Morrison Police Department values our relationship with you to be a critical element for our mission to be realistic in implementation. To achieve success within our mission, the Morrison Police Department must earn and maintain the confidence, trust, and respect of you. All officers constantly bear in mind that in the execution of their duties, they act not for themselves, but for you.

To summarize, the mission of the Morrison Police Department is *To Protect, To Serve, and To Partner With Our Community* in our relentless pursuit for a better quality of life here, in Morrison.



**Brian R. Melton**  
Chief of Police

## Description & Outline

**Location Address:** Morrison Police Department  
200 West Main Street  
Morrison IL 61270

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Administration: (815) 772-7650  
Website: [www.morrisonil.org](http://www.morrisonil.org)  
Chief's Email: [bmelton@morrisonil.org](mailto:bmelton@morrisonil.org)

**Facilities:** The Police Department occupies a portion of the lower level of City Hall.

### **Statutory Authority:**

The general statutory authority for the Chief of Police is found in Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Act 5, Article 7, General Provisions, 4-8, (65 ILCS 5/7-4-8) and as provided in the City of Morrison's Municipal Code Chapter 2.28.

There are innumerable statutes within the Illinois Compiled Statutes that refer to and give specific authority for Police. It is not reasonable to list and summarize every statute. Any specific request for information on a specific authority or requirement is welcomed and will be responded to in a timely manner as required by law.

### **Organizational Structure/Staffing:**

The Police Department is a relatively small department, consisting of the Chief, Sergeant, and five (5) Patrol Officers. Each of these officers are assigned additional responsibilities to ensure the Police Department not only serves its community, but also complies with statutory requirements and operates as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Also see the *Organizational Chart* for staffing numbers and structure.

### **Primary Function:**

The primary function of the Morrison Police Department is to provide general law enforcement and public safety for the City of Morrison, its residents, businesses, and visitors. General law enforcement and public safety services include patrol, responding to calls for service, handling complaints and investigating crimes. In providing this primary function, the Police Department must consider some of the basic demographics of the City of Morrison that include approximately 30 miles of road; covering an area of 2.46 square miles, a residential population of 4,188 (2010 Census) and according to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the busiest section of U.S. Route 30 (Lincolnway) in Morrison experiences an average annual daily traffic count of 10,200 motor vehicles.

### **Services, Programs & Activities:**

Along with its primary function of general law enforcement and public safety, the Police Department provides numerous and diverse services, programs and activities. The following is a list of those services, programs and activities. Please be aware that this is a comprehensive list, however, activities may change according to demand and resources available.

- ✓ Emergency 9-1-1 Response
- ✓ Municipal Ordinance Enforcement Activities
- ✓ Assist Other Local, State, and Federal Agencies
- ✓ Accident Investigations
- ✓ Vehicle Investigations
- ✓ Bike Patrol
- ✓ Bicycle Safety and Registration
- ✓ Whiteside County Crime-Stoppers
- ✓ Community Oriented Services - Various Public Relations/Information Programs & Literature
- ✓ Ministry Council Program Services
- ✓ Building/Residential Security Checks
- ✓ High School and College Internship/Career Orientation Programs
- ✓ Drug Abuse Resistance Education
- ✓ NetSmartz - Internet Safety for Children

## **Memberships:**

Illinois Association for Chiefs of Police  
International Association for Chiefs of Police  
Northwest Illinois Law Enforcement Executives Association  
Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission - Mobile Training Unit #1  
Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates  
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center  
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois

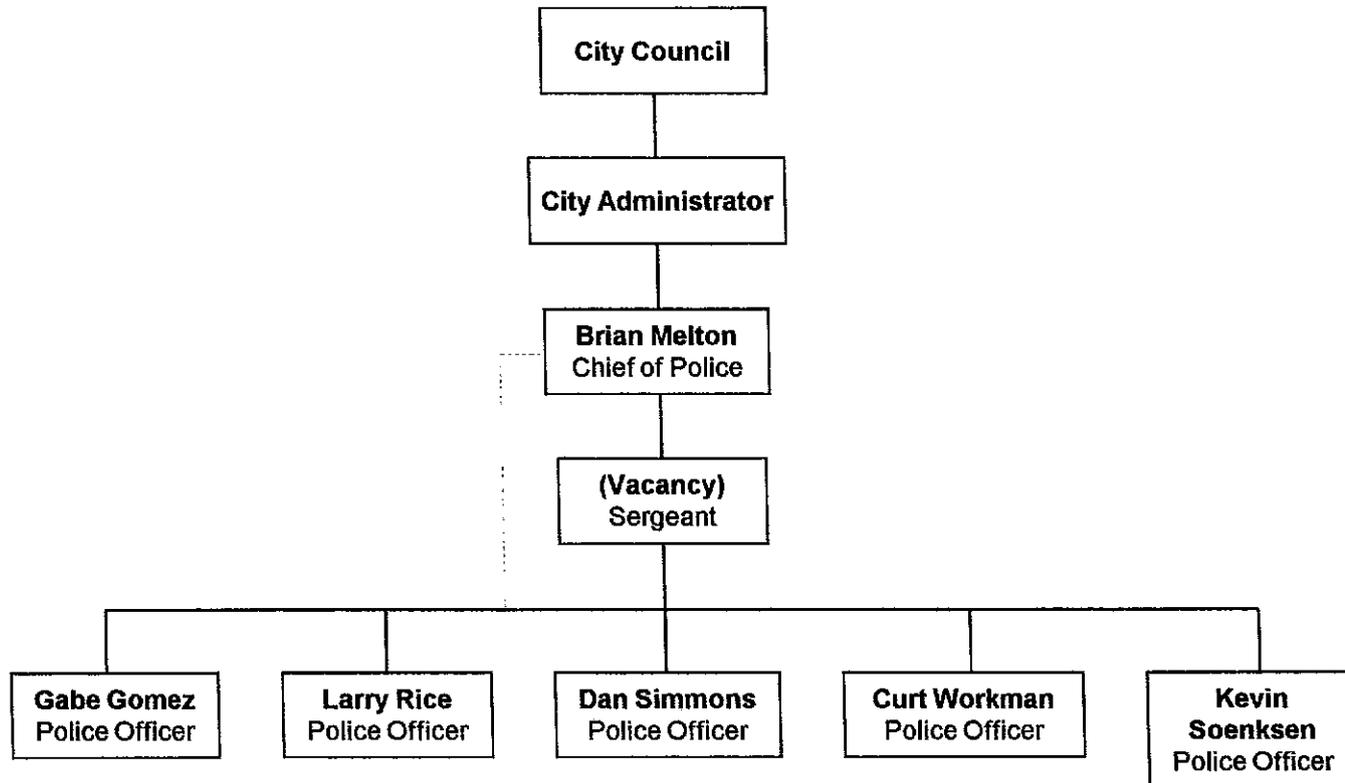
## **Future Projects & Goals:**

The Morrison Police Department prides itself in working to become a more proactive and progressive law enforcement agency. The Police Department commits itself to continuously striving to improve effectiveness and efficiency through the use of available staffing, technology, and community resources. Some future projects and goals being considered and are working toward include, but are not limited to:

- Obtain Accreditation from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
- Obtain Recognition from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)
- Develop more Community Education & Interaction Programs
- Establish a School Resource Officer Program
- Establish a Community Advisory Committee for the Police
- Develop a more comprehensive and informational website
- Obtain a Mass Notification System for our community
- Obtain and implement a Video Surveillance & Patrol System in selected areas of our community
- Update and obtain new equipment to include mobile video recording systems, firearms, audio/video training equipment, computers (including software), license plate recognition system(s) and vehicles
- Continue and improve upon the utilization of technology to combat crime and collect/record data on crime trends for appropriate response and prevention
- Continue to aggressively pursue alternative funding sources (i.e., grants)

**Morrison Police Department**  
Organizational Chart  
August 2013

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# **The Staff of MPD**

## **Introduction**

In 2013, the Morrison Police Department continued with a staffing level of six (6) full-time sworn officers which includes the Chief of Police with no designated support staff. Occasionally, the Police Department utilizes staff of the City's Administration when needed. Due to the retirement of Sgt. Paul Beck in April 2010, the staffing level of the Police Department was reduced by one from seven to six due to the economy and the financial status of the City.

In an effort to provide an opportunity for the community to know its Police Department a little better, we offer some basic information of each staff member to you. Each staff member was asked to voluntarily provide some information about themselves. Hereafter, is a public introduction of those dedicated and professional members of the Morrison Police Department.

## **Brian Melton, Chief of Police**

Brian Melton was born in Freeport, Illinois and grew up in nearby Lanark, Carroll County, Illinois. Brian attended college at Western Illinois University, Macomb earning a Bachelor's Degree of Applied Sciences in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. After college, he joined the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office in Galena, Illinois, where he worked for the next eighteen years. While with the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Brian was a Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Chief Deputy and during 2006, served as the Interim Sheriff. In 2002, Brian was invited to attend the 208<sup>th</sup> Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigations' National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Brian Melton was appointed as the Chief of Police for the City of Morrison in January 2009 with his first day being February 1, 2009. Brian, along with his wife (Carrie) and two children (Emma and Isaac) moved to Morrison in March 2009.

## **Gabe Gomez, Police Officer**

Gabe Gomez was born in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Morrison in 1974. Gabe first worked for the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office from 1985 to 1991 and then became a Police Officer for the Village of Prophetstown in 1991. In 1994, Gabe came to the Morrison Police Department where he now serves as the Department's DARE Officer. Gabe and his wife Susan have no children.

## **Larry Rice, Police Officer**

Larry Rice was born in Del Rio, Texas, the product of a military father who was serving in the United States Air Force during Vietnam. His father came from primarily English and Welch roots and his mother from English and Native American Ancestry (Shawnee Indian). Larry has many fond memories of his childhood years. Growing up in the country required a person to have a great imagination and an understanding of nature. Larry certainly had an understanding of what it was like to have to work hard and appreciate the things a person had. Larry's teenage years were full of sport activities that included football, basketball and track. Upon graduation from Morrison High School, Larry found himself following in his father's military footsteps by joining the U.S. Air Force. Larry returned home to attend Sauk Valley Community College after serving approximately 3 years of military service in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. While attending college, Larry continued his military service in the Peoria Illinois National Guard. Understanding the importance of a college education, Larry continued on to Illinois State University where he met his wife of now 14 years. They began their journey in Bourbonnais, Illinois where Larry worked as a Sales Agent and his wife in Retail Sales. Larry and his wife moved back to Morrison around 1999 to reestablish their roots. They have since had two wonderful daughters that fill their life with great happiness. The summer of 2010 will mark the 10-year anniversary for Larry with the Morrison Police Department. Larry considers himself fortunate to be working in the community that he was raised in and appreciative of those who support him. His wife currently works as an Academic Advisor for Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa and is in the process of completing her undergraduate degree this summer through Ashford University. In 2009, Larry received training for and is now assigned as the department's Field Training Officer (FTO). In 2013, Larry received training for and is now also assigned as the department's Elderly Services Officer (ESO). As the ESO and to represent the Morrison Police Department, Larry serves as the Chairperson for the Whiteside County Triad; an organization that works with the Elderly Community, Law Enforcement and other Community Organizations to improve safety among our older adults.

### **Dan Simmons, Police Officer**

Dan Simmons started with the Morrison Police Department in 2004 having previous experience with the Clinton (IA) Police Department and earning an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Clinton Community College. Dan is the Evidence Officer and a Range Officer for the Department.

### **Curt Workman, Police Officer**

Curt Workman started with the Morrison Police Department in 2008. He graduated from Morrison High School then attended Western Illinois University, Macomb earning a Bachelor's Degree of Applied Sciences in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration.

### **Kevin Soenksen, Police Officer**

Kevin was born in Clinton, Iowa and graduated from Clinton High School where he participated in Football, Baseball and Student Council. He enlisted with the United States Coast Guard in the summer of 1997. Kevin served on the USCG Cutter Munro and was part of several high profile boat seizures including the F/V Chi Yungh, which was attempting to transport 273 illegal Chinese Migrants through San Diego, California. He finished his enlistment stationed at Sector Detroit in 2001. His various duties while enlisted were boarding team member, small boat crewman, damage control petty officer and surface rescue swimmer. He was hired by the Morrison Police Department in 2001 ultimately resigning his position in 2008 for family reasons. Kevin was employed by the Fulton Police Department from 2008 until April of 2011. During his tenure he was a member of the Gateway Area Hazardous Entry Approach Team (H.E.A.T.). He was re-hired by the Morrison Police Department in April 2011 and is currently assigned as the Evidence Officer and TASER Instructor. Kevin has garnished the nickname, "Rudy" by his peers due to his strong Irish heritage and beliefs. Kevin has two children (Cole and Mason) and resides in Morrison with his wife, Shawnelle, and four step-daughters (Jordan, Ellie, Gracyn and Jacie).

## **Part-Time Police Officers**

The Morrison Police Department utilizes part-time officers on an “as needed” basis. Those officers are listed hereafter with the name of their full-time police agency in parentheses: Jed Renkes (Whiteside County SO), Dick Wieneke (Retired – Whiteside County SO), Kris Schmidt (Whiteside County SO), Lonnie Smith (Fulton PD), and Tim Palen (Attorney – Private Practice).

## 2013: A Year in Review

### HIGHLIGHTS ...

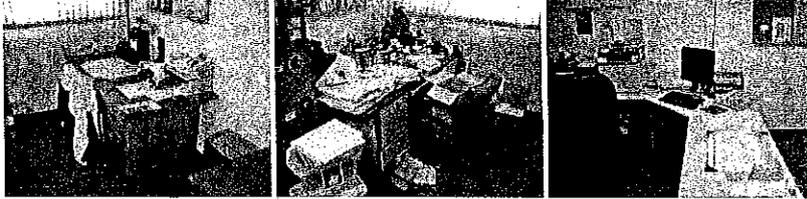
**Training:** The Morrison Police Department values ongoing training for its officers as training is critical to an effective law enforcement agency. Some of the more notable training opportunities this year were:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Training Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rice	Elderly Services Officer	Peoria
Gomez	School Safety	Springfield
Melton	School Safety	Normal
All Officers	Active Shooter – School Safety	Various Locations
All Officers	Sovereign Citizenship	Morrison
Gomez & Melton	“Why Teens Kill” Seminar	Galena
All Officers	Firearms	Morrison
All Officers	CPR – AED – First Aid	Morrison
Melton	Concealed Carry/Medical Marijuana	Springfield
Melton	Illinois Model DV Protocol	Sterling
All Officers	Taser Recertification	Morrison
Melton	Supervisor Liability	Normal

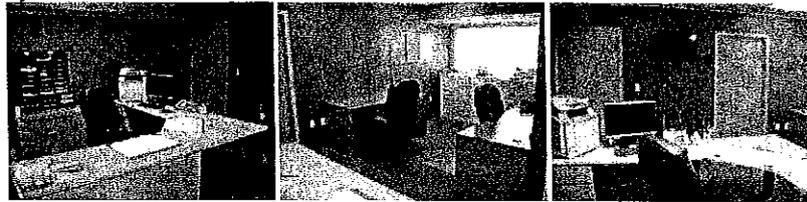
**Equipment Improvements** – 2013 was a productive year for improving critical equipment of MPD. Portable Radios were replaced with new smaller radios that were narrow-banding compliant. The older radios will be used as back-ups since most of them are still operable. In March of 2013, MPD received and qualified with new duty handguns. The new duty handgun is a Glock Generation 4 Model 22 (.40 caliber) semi-automatic. This new handgun replaces the Glock 22 handgun that was over ten years old. The old handguns were traded-in which kept the expense to a total cost of less than \$1,200. Other equipment replaced this year were two of the computer laptops that are utilized within the police vehicles. Some of the laptops are more than eight years old and have out-lived their expected life! We hope to replace the three remaining older laptops in the next two years.

***MPD Office Improvements*** - During the summer of 2013, office improvements were made to MPD which included paint, flooring and some new desks and more filing cabinets. Our goal was to improve the professional appearance of the office and to increase filing/storage space. The office looks much better! Here are a few before and after pictures.

***Before ...***



***After ...***



***Whiteside News Sentinel - "Meet the Police"*** - During May and June, Jerry Lindsey, Editor of the Whiteside News Sentinel printed a series of articles on "Meet the Police." Each week, for six weeks, there was an article in the Sentinel on one of the Morrison Police Officers. The purpose of this series is to offer the community an opportunity to get to know their Morrison Police Officers a little better. MPD appreciated that Jerry was willing to do this!

***Credit Card Frauds*** - In June, MPD was inundated with reports of credit card fraud. MPD received over 60 cases of credit card fraud, mostly from one financial institution. Because of bank/credit card company policy, most financial institutions do not have their customers report credit card fraud to local law enforcement due to their own internal fraud units and the federal jurisdiction of these financial institutions. The U.S. Secret Service investigated the spree of fraud. We provided awareness to the public to watch their accounts and protect their identity!

***National Child Safety Council*** – The MPD worked with the National Child Safety Council to seek funds for the purchase of printed materials on information for child safety. This non-for-profit council contacted local businesses and organizations for their support by purchasing advertisement space on the printed materials. MPD will be obtaining the printed materials to disseminate throughout the community to provide safety awareness and education focusing on child safety issues ranging from home security to drug abuse to bullying to internet safety. The amount of printed materials available is almost overwhelming, but of high quality and great information! Letters were sent out to area businesses during the summer of 2013. Over 20 businesses and organizations supported this program by contributing over \$2,100! Thank you Morrison!

***New Uniform Patch for MPD!*** The shoulder patch is a proud symbol and image to officers in the law enforcement community. This year, MPD designed and began wearing a new patch. The new design was decided upon with participation offered to all officers of MPD. MPD was seeking to provide a more progressive image to the community. The colors used in the patch incorporate the navy blue of law enforcement and the red of our community school district. Our specific star badge and the shape of Illinois are shadowed by our downtown building logo. All together, MPD hopes this new patch design adds to the professionalism and pride of MPD!



***Elderly Services & Whiteside County Triad*** - 2013 was the first full year for the Whiteside County Triad; an organization that brings law enforcement, social services, and the community together to improve the safety and quality of life of our communities' older adults. Officer Larry Rice obtained his state certification as an Elderly Services Officer and became the Chairperson for Triad. The Triad held its first Training Safety Series in December at the Whiteside County Senior Center in Sterling.

***BVP Grant Program*** - This year, MPD once again received funding from the U.S. Office of Justice, Bullet-Proof Vest Program. This funding is to reimburse MPD for half the cost of a bullet-proof vest. A bullet-proof vest does expire and is recommended to be replaced every five years. Therefore, this grant funding helps minimize the cost to MPD. Currently, a vest costs approximately \$400, which is a small price to pay for officer safety!

***DARE Program:*** Once again, the Police Department provided the DARE program for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and the students at Northside School. The DARE Officer continues to be Gabe Gomez. Even though there continues to be growing discussion on the future of the DARE program, the Police Department continues to work with the schools to provide the program on a limited basis. Fostering a relationship with the schools and having the opportunity to interact with the youth makes this program invaluable! In May, 67 Fifth Grade students graduated from the DARE program. Congratulations to those students! MPD also recognizes and thanks the Morrison Northside and Southside faculty and staff for their help and support of the DARE program. Without them, this program would not be possible!

***Northwest Illinois Law Enforcement Executives Association (NILEEA)*** - In 2013, Chief Brian Melton continued participating with the Northwest Illinois Law Enforcement Executives Association. This association is an opportunity for Chiefs, Sheriffs, and other executive-level law enforcement officers to meet, discuss issues, and receive training. Chief Melton served as the Association's President in 2012.

***Bicycle Registration*** - Beginning in 2009 at the Bike Rodeo, the Police Department introduced a new Bicycle Registration Program. The program continues and is a simple, effective and inexpensive way to deter bicycle thefts and assist in the recovery and return of stolen/lost bicycles. The Police Department collects basic contact information of bicycle owners and affixes a tamper-proof and numbered registration sticker on the bicycle. The Bicycle Registration Program is available year around and is open to all residents; children and adults. To register a bicycle, simply contact the Police Department at any time.

***Helmet Incentive Program*** – The Police Department continued its partnership with the Dairy Queen Grill & Chill again this year. The partnership is a Helmet Incentive Program aimed to motivate children to wear helmets when riding their bicycles. During the summer months, whenever a Morrison Police Officer observed a child (between the ages of 3 and 16) riding their bicycle while wearing a helmet, the Officer rewarded the child with a token coupon worth free ice cream at the Dairy Queen. This program not only promotes bike safety, but also builds a more positive relationship between our youth and the Police Department!

***Bike Safety*** – MPD continues its efforts with bike safety. Along with our own bike patrols, we continue to work with the Friends of the Parks Foundation (FPF) to offer bike safety programs to the community. In May 2013, MPD along with the FPF, Dairy Queen and the Morrison Rotary Club provided a bike safety program again to the Third Grade class at Southside. As part of this program, each student was given a free bicycle helmet. Thank you Morrison Rotary Club and Dairy Queen!

***Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission (NICJC)*** - The NICJC (or what we call Mobile Training Unit #1) is the regional organization that provide law enforcement training to the counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Whiteside, Ogle, and Lee. This organization is a branch of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; the statutory-established state board that regulates all law enforcement certifications and training. The City of Morrison pays a membership fee to NICJC for the officers of the Police Department to obtain training at no or little cost. The fee is based on the number of full-time officers. This is money well spent! The NICJC is governed by a board of commissioners that oversees the operations of NICJC in which Chief Brian Melton is a member of. During 2013, Chief Melton served as the Vice Chair of the Commission and in July of 2014, he will begin his two-year term as Chairperson.

***Public Presentations*** – Throughout the year, members of the Police Department offered various presentations to the public and organizations. Also, tours of City Hall and the Police Department are provided to Northside, Southside, and Junior High School classes each year. MPD also meets with local financial institutions to review and train staff on safety and security. In February of 2013, Chief Melton provided safety and security training to the staff of Casey's General Store, which was the first time to a Convenient Store. MPD will continue to offer these presentations to any business that would like the training.

**MPD and MCUD #6** - MPD and Chief Melton continue to work with and foster a very positive and productive relationship with our school district. In 2013, Chief Melton presented to both Driver's Education classes, the Law Survey Class and the Careers class. Chief Melton also continues to participate with the School's Advisory Committee, Discipline Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Safety Committee and this year, participated in search activities for a new Superintendent. This year, MPD also worked with the school district to specifically address and improve the safety and security of our schools through reviewing security response plans, target hardening (actual physical security of the school facilities), training, and conducting drills. Together, we are determined to keep the children, staff and visitors as safe as possible!



**MPD on Facebook!** MPD values the utilization of technology and current social trends to interact and communicate with the community. In February of 2012, MPD joined Facebook to utilize this popular social network site to share information, notices and activities of MPD. Please be sure to find "Morrison Police Department (IL)" and "Like" MPD's Facebook page!



**Pharmaceutical Drop Box** - In 2012, Sheriff Kelly Wilhelmi and Chief Melton announced its 24/7 pharmaceutical drop box program. The Whiteside County Sheriff's Office, Morrison Police Department and Illinois American Water have created a partnership that allows the public to drop off expired and unwanted medications at anytime 24/7/365 to a secure location with no questions asked! The Morrison Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in Whiteside County to participate in a program to collect expired and unwanted medications; the National Pharmaceutical Take Back Initiative coordinated by the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency. The drop box is located in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office at 400 North Cherry Street. The public can drop off expired and unwanted medications with no questions asked, 24 hours a day.

**Operation Safe Passage** - In 2013, work continued on a program named "Operation Safe Passage." The program's goal is to improve the safety of routes to/from our schools for students and motorists. The improvements include sidewalks, streets, intersections, crosswalks, traffic controls, and other signage; all to improve pedestrian and traffic safety. The program includes efforts by MPD, Public Works and City Administration. The program began by improving visual obstructions in public right-of-ways, new and additional signage, intersection and sidewalk improvements, and new crosswalk paint designs. Operation Safe Passage will continue for years to come with efforts ongoing to obtain grant funding for make more extensive and expensive improvements with sidewalks, streets, and

traffic flow changes. One of the challenges considered this year was to improve traffic and pedestrian safety around Northside School, particularly along North Cherry Street. This area is truly dangerous with adults dropping off young children at school during the school year. There are numerous options still being considered for improvements to this area. Some options are, of course, more costly than others. MPD plans to work with Public Works and Morrison Schools to find a solution that is cost effective with minimal impact on traffic flow and parking, but ultimately improves the safety for this school route. Also in 2013, MPD worked specifically with the Junior High and South Side Schools to improve traffic flow in their shared parking lot. Look forward to changes being made in 2014!

***City Wide Speed Limit: 25 MPH!*** As part of Operation Safe Passage, a new City-Wide Speed Limit of 25 MPH became effective December 1, 2012. The objective is to reduce speeds throughout Morrison to improve safety. The consideration of this new speed limit obtained much attention and discussion with support and criticism. MPD has been and continues to enforce the new speed limit in a reasonable manner.

## 2013: A Year in Review

### HEADLINES ...



***Lifesaving Award:*** On August 12, 2013 at the regular City Council meeting, Elizabeth Pfister, age 8, was presented with a Lifesaving Award by Chief Melton and Officer Gomez. In the evening hours of April 4, 2013, Lizzie was home alone with her mother, Rona Pfister, when Rona went unconscious due to some sort of seizure because of a heart attack. Lizzie removed her mother's glasses and made the area safe before she rushed next door to call 911. She commented that she knew what to do because of "Officer Gabe." Rona was taken to the hospital then airlifted to St. Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford and was in a coma for the next 24 hours. Rona may not be alive and well today if it were not for the actions of her eight year old daughter, Lizzie. Congratulations Lizzie!

***Armed Robbery at Casey's General Store*** - Earlier this morning (Friday, August 9, 2013), at approximately 3:12 a.m., Morrison Police responded to Casey's General Store, 602 E. Lincolnway, Morrison, for a Robbery in progress. Morrison Police responded immediately but the suspect had left. During the investigation, Morrison Police learned that a single male suspect entered Casey's wearing a hooded jacket, mask, and socks on his hands. The suspect had a brief confrontation with a Casey's employee just inside the door and walked behind the counter toward the cash register. The suspect then displayed a knife and forced the employee to open the cash register. The suspect removed the entire cash drawer with an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the scene. At approximately 8:12 a.m., Morrison Police arrested Tyler R. Engelkins, age 26 of Morrison, charging Engelkins with Armed Robbery. Engelkins was transported to the Whiteside County Jail. The Morrison Police were assisted by the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office.

***Two Arrested for Burglaries at Crossroads Community Church*** - On Saturday, June 22, 2013, Morrison Police arrested Colton M. Merema, age 18 of Morrison, charging Merema with two counts of Burglary (one Class 2 Felony and one Class 1 Felony). Merema was transported to the Whiteside County Jail. On Sunday, June 23, 2013, Morrison Police arrested Jeremy J. Shaner, age 21 of Morrison, charging Shaner with two counts of Burglary (one Class 2 Felony and one Class 1 Felony). Shaner was transported to the Whiteside County Jail. The arrests of Merema and Shaner are the results of an investigation conducted by the Morrison Police Department of burglaries that occurred on Sunday, June 9, 2013, at 125 West Main Street and 201 West Market Street, Morrison. During these burglaries, an undisclosed amount of cash along with a computer monitor, computer keyboard and a video game system were taken. The Morrison Police were assisted by the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigations Unit.

***Dollar General Burglary*** - Today, Morrison Police charged the following two individuals with Burglary, Class 2 Felony, following a multi-law enforcement agency investigation: Stephen M. Sato, age 32 of 6226 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago and Julie Korotkov, age 37 of 5923 N. Central Ave., Chicago. On Saturday, January 5, 2013 Morrison Police released information of a Burglary investigation that occurred at the Dollar General in Morrison on Thursday, January 3, 2013. At approximately 4:45 p.m., at least two suspects entered the Dollar General. As one suspect distracted employees, the other suspect entered the break room, stole employees' wallets, and then left the store. The employees' credit cards were later used in businesses in Clinton, Iowa and possibly the Quad City Area. As the investigation evolved, it was discovered that this Burglary was connected to other similar Dollar General Burglaries that occurred in Fulton on December 31, 2012 and in Port Byron on January 3, 2013. With the help of the media, social media, and area law enforcement, the Fulton Police Department executed arrest and search warrants in rural Thomson on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Sato and Korotkov were taken into custody at that time and remain in the Whiteside County Jail with bond set at \$200,000 for each.

***High School Burglaries*** - On September 10, 2013, two male juveniles were charged following an investigation conducted by the Morrison Police Department. The investigation conducted was of incidents that occurred at the Morrison High School during the period of Sunday, July 14, 2013 to Thursday, July 18, 2013. During this time period, persons entered various structures of the Morrison High School to include the school, concession stand and the football field "crow's nest." To gain entry, damage was done to the concession stand and "crow's nest." Also during this time, various concession stand items and four (4) Apple iPads were taken from the high school. As a result of the investigation, both juveniles (one juvenile age 16 of Morrison and the other juvenile age 15 of Erie) were charged with Felony Theft, Theft and Criminal Trespass (2 Counts).

***Officer Involved Shooting on I-88*** - In November 2013, Morrison Police responded to assist an incident on Interstate 88 at Mile Marker 35 that involved a State Trooper being pinned between his police vehicle and a suspect's vehicle. As a result, the suspect was fatally shot by an Illinois Conservation Police Officer that arrived on scene to assist the State Trooper. Morrison Police along with numerous other law enforcement agencies assisted with the incident. In January of 2014 and after a thorough investigation, the Illinois Attorney General's Office determined the shooting to be justified with no charges filed as a result.

***Thank You Mayor Roger Drey!*** In May of 2013, MPD recognized, thanked and said 'good-bye' to Roger Drey as Mayor for the City of Morrison! Roger served the City of Morrison from 1995 to 2013. MPD honors and recognizes Roger for his service and commitment to the citizens of Morrison and his support of MPD!

The picture at the right shows Chief Brian Melton presenting Roger Drey with an honorary Morrison Police badge.



## By The Numbers ...

Provided hereafter, is some general information on the budget of the Morrison Police Department. Fiscal years run from May 1 to April 30. The calendar year of 2013, which this annual report reflects, contains Fiscal Year (FY) ending numbers for FY 12-13 along with May through December for FY 13-14 (which is 8 of 12 months or 67% through the fiscal year). Some historical data for previous fiscal years is also included. These are actual figures and not the figures budgeted.

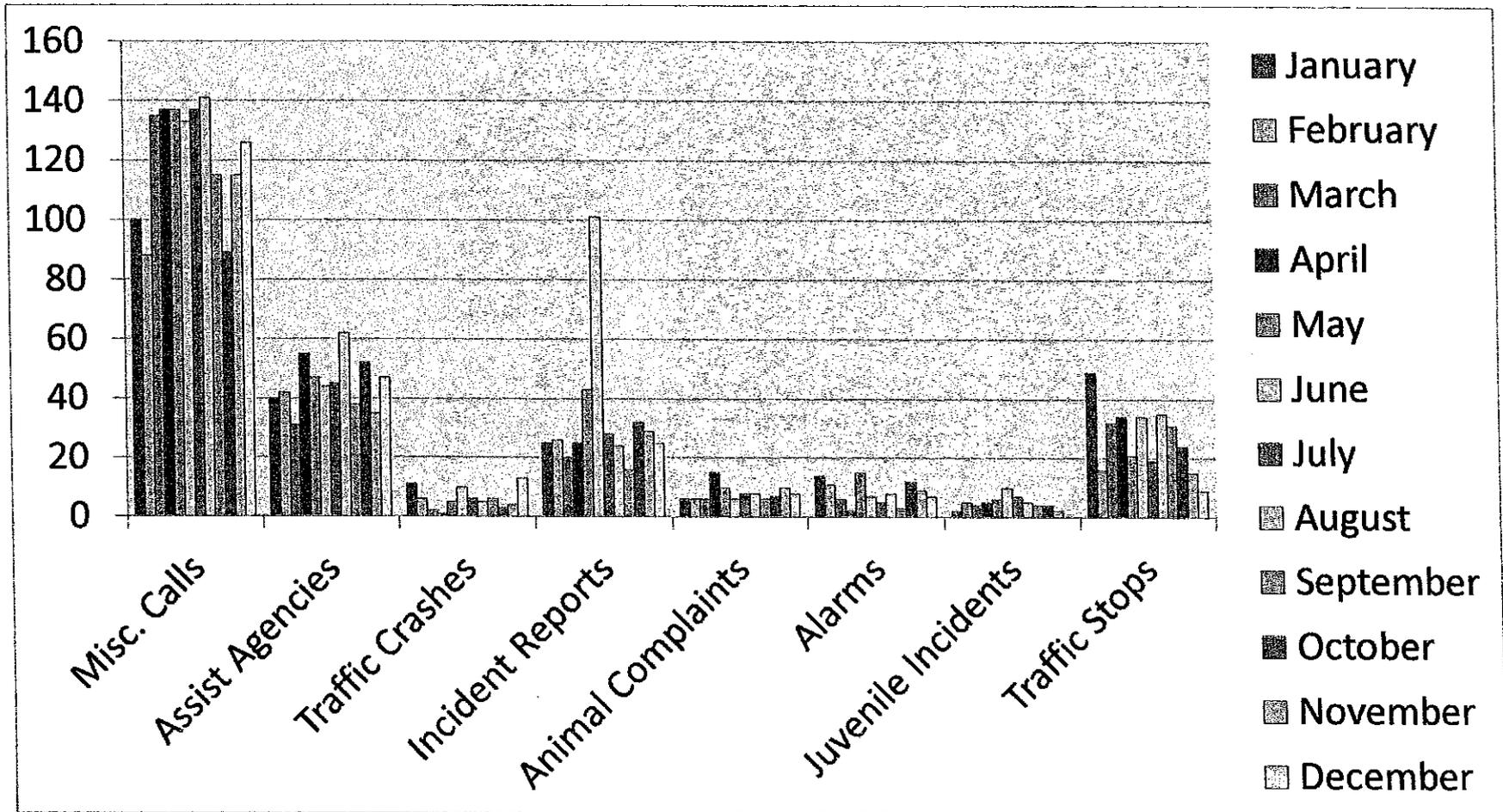
Funding which supports the Police Department is primarily through the General Fund (i.e., property taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income tax, and sales tax.). Those tax revenues also support other City of Morrison services and therefore, are not listed below. Those revenues listed below are as a result of activities generated by the Police Department. The expenditures listed below are those costs of the Police Department. Again, these are actual figures and not those figures budgeted for each fiscal year.

Revenue	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY11-12	FY12-13	FY13-14 (May - Dec.)
General Fund - Court Fines	15,306	13,071	13,499	16,687	6,864
General Fund - Parking Fines	2,150	2,326	6,870	8,745	4,155
General Fund - DUI Fines	503	600	1,045	545	1,432
Drug Traffic Prevention Fund	0	0	626	746	263
Police Vehicle Fund	620	1,430	400	32,604	18,213
Various Grant Programs	0	2,388	17,102	0	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>18,579</b>	<b>19,815</b>	<b>39,542</b>	<b>59,327</b>	<b>30,927</b>

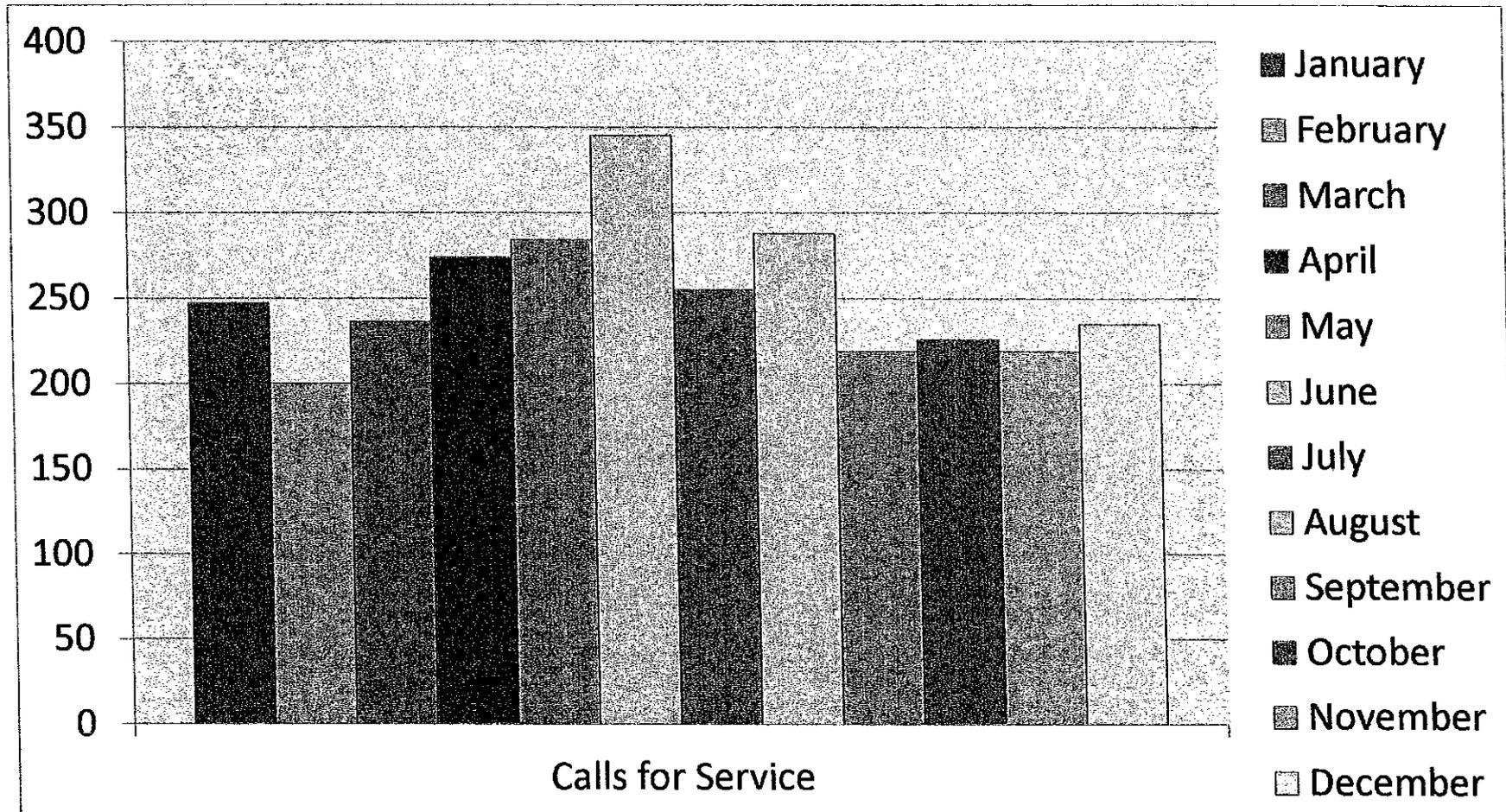
### Expenditures

General Fund - Public Safety	416,438	386,224	411,774	425,042	290,502
General Fund - ESDA	3,578	419	418	1,079	431
Drug Traffic Prevention Fund	108	302	294	167	40
Police Vehicle Fund	0	0	24,655	25,007	8,745
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>420,124</b>	<b>386,945</b>	<b>437,141</b>	<b>451,295</b>	<b>299,718</b>

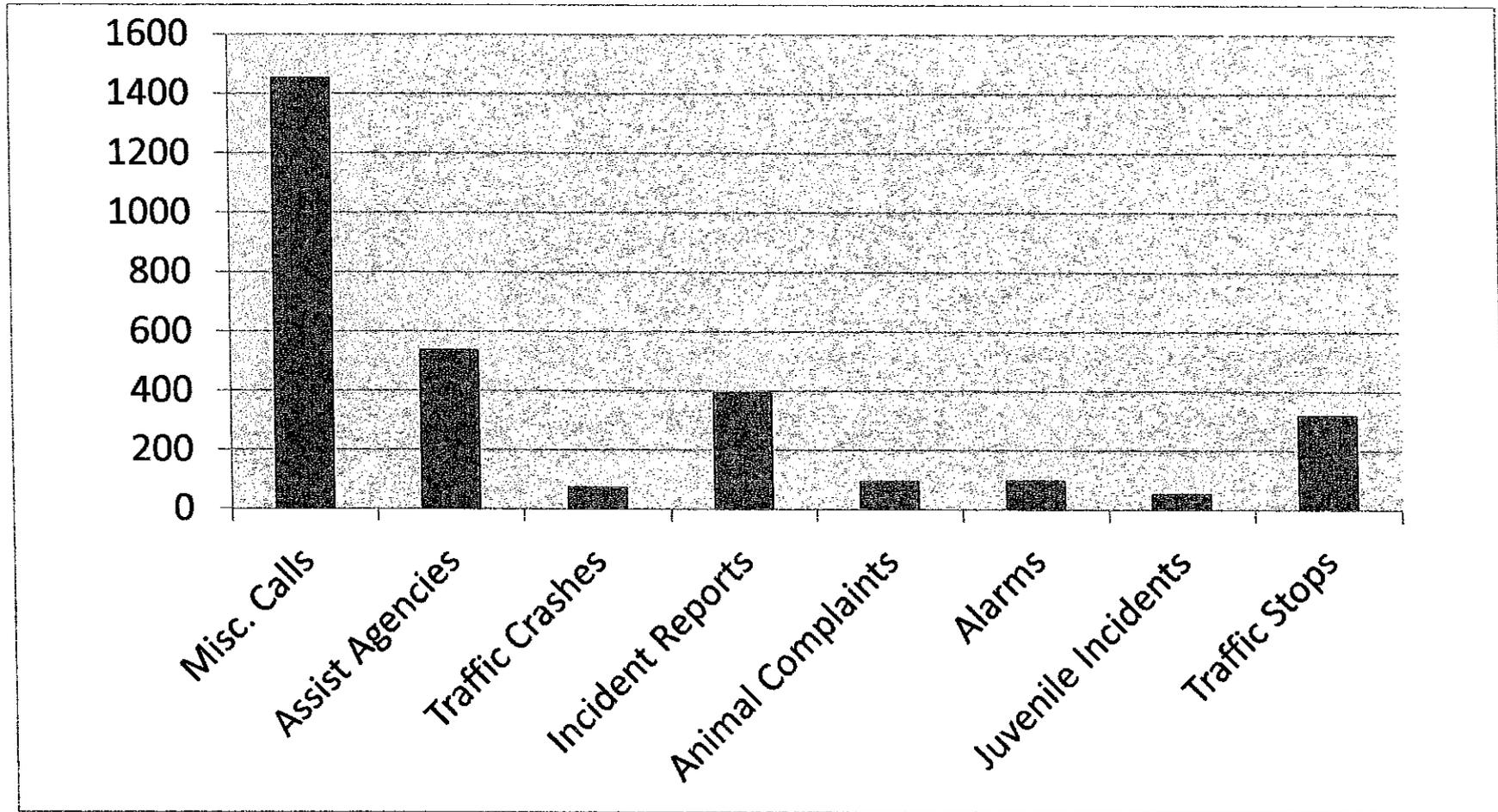
# General Statistics – 2013



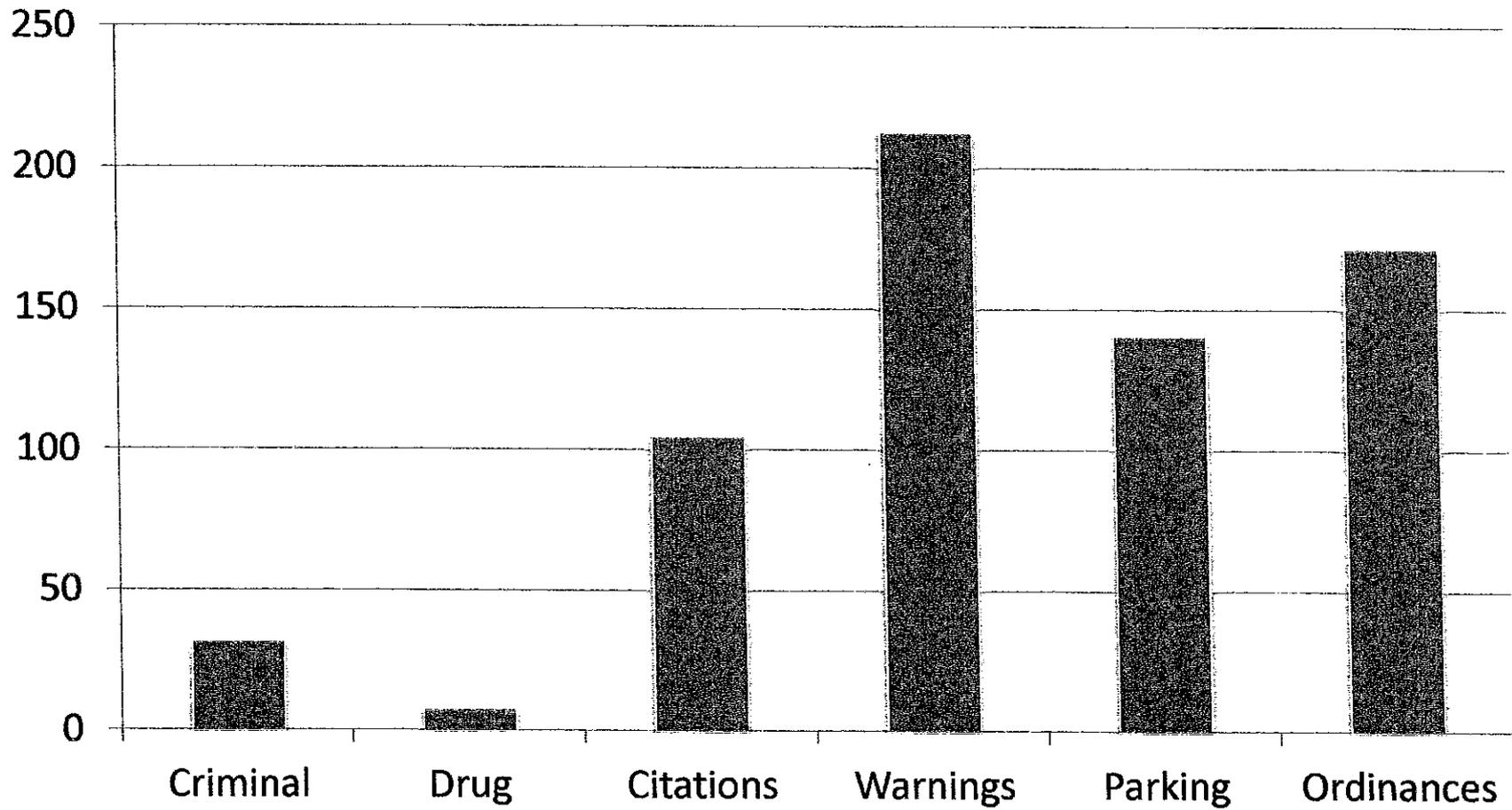
# Calls for Service - 2013



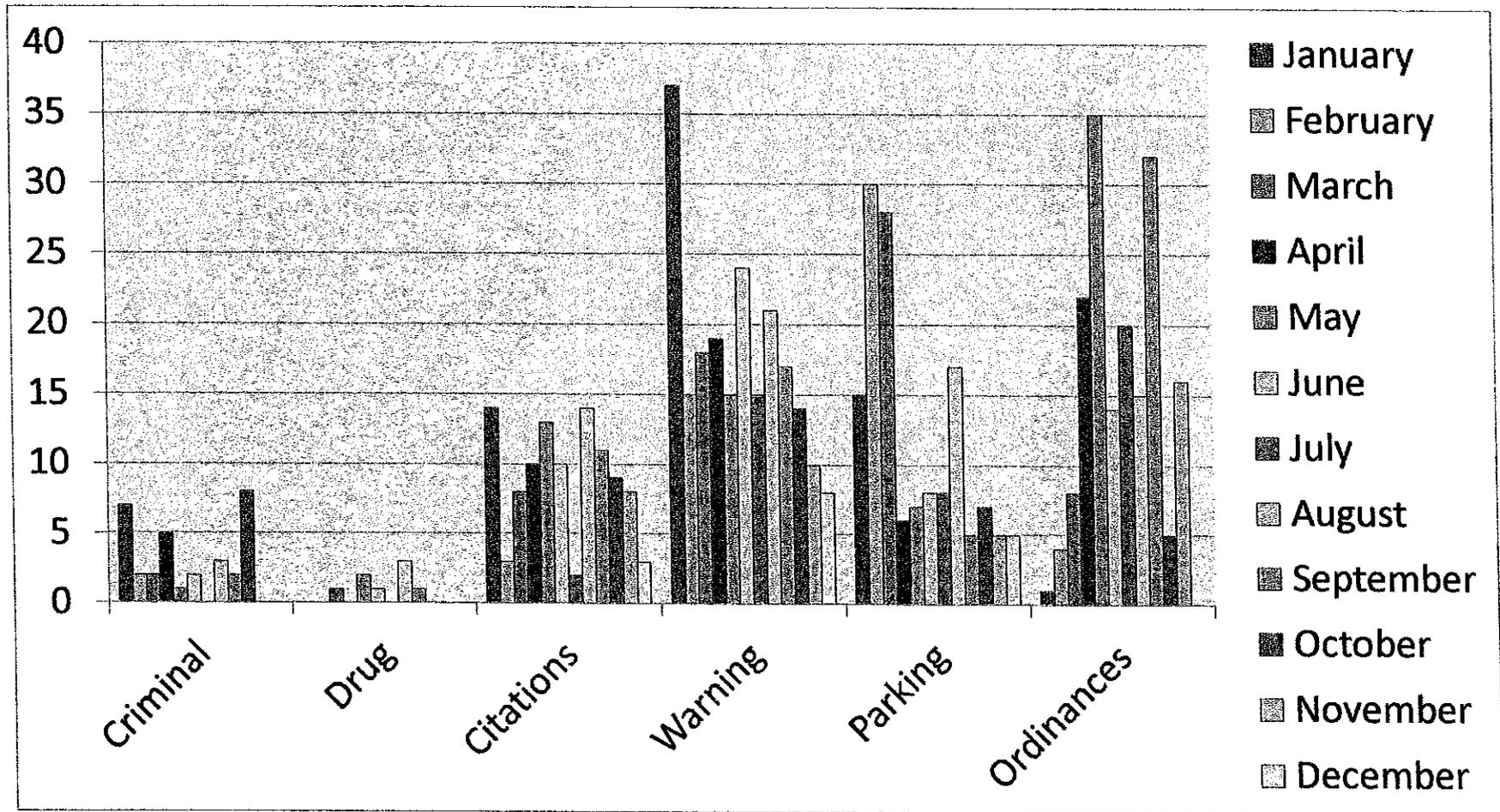
# Calls for Service - Breakdown



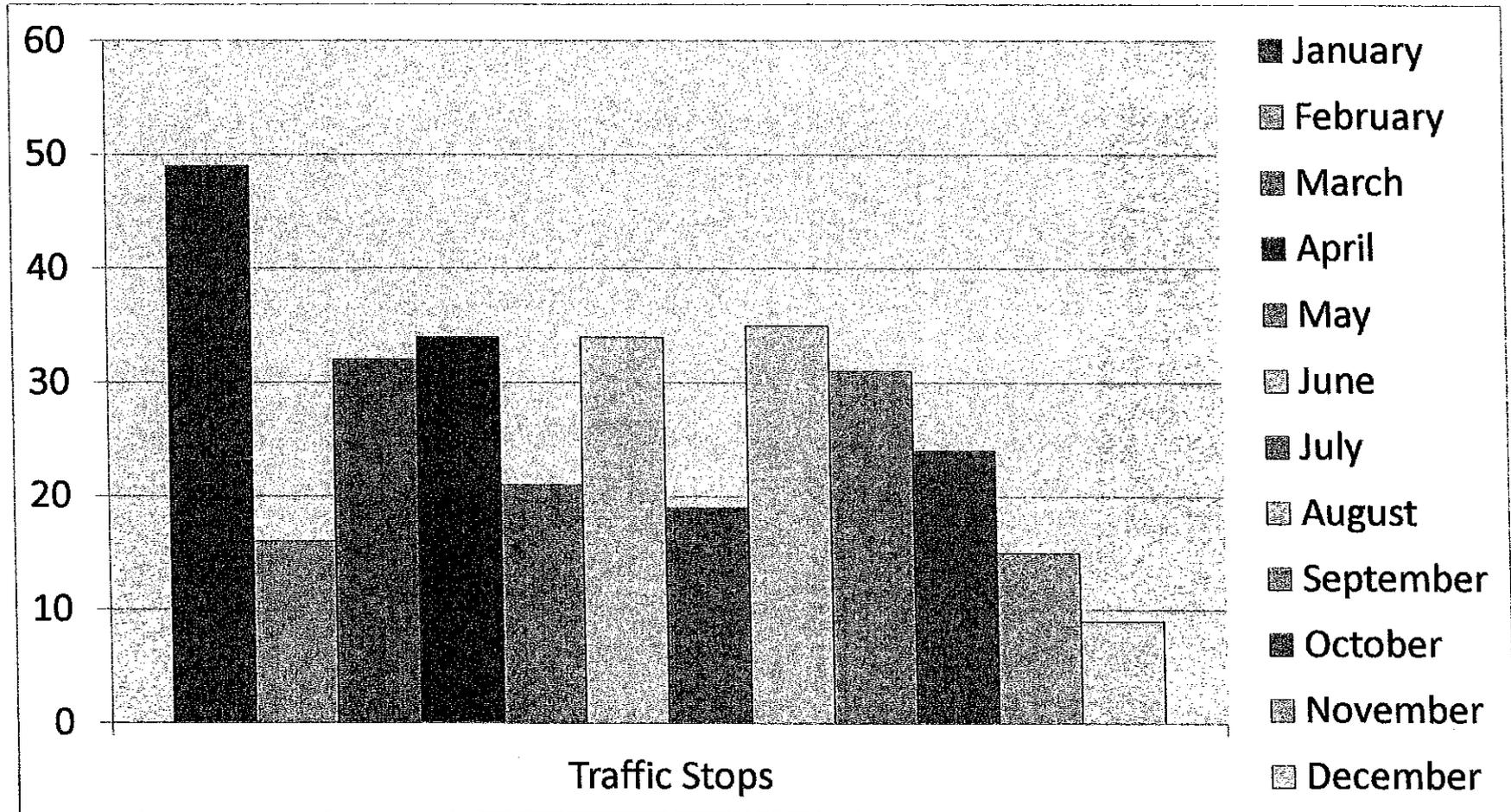
# Arrests - 2013



# Arrests - Monthly Breakdown



# Traffic Stops - 2013



## Crime Index & Rate

Pursuant to the Illinois Compiled Statutes, each local law enforcement agency is required to report certain crimes and other information to the Illinois State Police - Uniform Crime Reporting Program Unit. The crimes reported make up the Crime Index and are identified in eight crime categories that indicate the extent of serious crime that occurs within our community. These crime categories are made up of four violent crimes against person including murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault/battery. The remaining four categories are crimes against properties including burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The Illinois Crime Index translates into the FBI National Program's Crime Indexes Offenses.

The Crime Rate is a number derived by a formula that indicates the prevalence of crime occurring across a given population, and in our case, the prevalence of crime occurring within Morrison. The Crime Rate is generally defined as the total number of index crimes per 100,000 inhabitants. The Jurisdictional Population used for Morrison since 2010 is 4,188 (provided by the U.S. Census Bureau's Estimated Population figures). The Crime Rate is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Crime Index Count X 100,000}}{\text{Jurisdictional Population}} = \text{CRIME RATE}$$

The percentage change indicates the increase/decrease in the volume of data presented.

$$\frac{\text{Current Figure} - \text{Previous Figure}}{\text{Previous Figure}} \times 100 = \text{PERCENT CHANGE}$$

Additional information on the Crime Index and Rate can be found at: <http://www.isp.state.il.us/crime/ucrhome.cfm>

The following page shows the Crime Rate for Morrison in comparison to other (demographically) similar municipalities, other Whiteside County municipalities, Whiteside County Sheriff's Office, and the State of Illinois' overall Crime Rate. These rates are for 2008 and 2009. The rates/statistics for 2010 to 2012 have not yet been officially released by the Illinois State Police, however, the unofficial rates for Morrison are provided.

## Crime Index - Uniform Crime Reporting - 2013

Index Crime Offenses	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Aggravated Assault/Aggravated Battery	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Burglary	1	1	2	0	2	4	3	2	0	1	1	0	17
Theft	3	1	1	8	4	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	31
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Index Crime Arrests	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Assault/Aggravated Battery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Drug Crime Arrests	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Violations of Cannabis Control Act	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6
Violations of Controlled Substances Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violations of Hypodermic Syringes & Needles Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violations of the Drug Paraphernalia Act	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4

**Morrison**  
**Crime Rate Comparisons**  
 Rate (% Change)

<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
2,067.50	1,296.9 (-37.3%)	1,215.9 (-6.2%)	1,765.4 (45.2%)
<b>2009</b>	<b>2010*</b>	<b>2011*</b>	<b>2012*</b>
1,557.10 (-11.8%)	1,934.1 (24.3%)	1,432.66 (-25.9%)	1,361.03 (-5%)
<b>2013*</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
1,408.79 (3.5%)			

\*2010 - 2013 Rates Estimated & Unofficial

## **Conclusion**

Beyond patrolling, responding to calls for service and investigating crimes, the Morrison Police Department's year was busy with office improvements, obtaining some equipment replacements and upgrades, local ordinance changes, budget management and developing new and updating policies/procedures. As we move into 2014, the Police Department will continue to face funding challenges while it constantly strives to better serve its community!

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