



Morrison Police Department 2015 Annual Report

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Chief of Police



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Introduction

Dear Mayor Pannier, Council Members, City Administrator Dykhuizen & Citizens of Morrison;

I would like to offer you the 2015 Annual Report of the Morrison Police Department.

It continues to be an honor to serve as your Chief of Police since February 2009. Much statistics and historical data are being provided to you in different formats. With each year, more historical data are gathered 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 2016!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. R. Melh" with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chief of Police

Core Values

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.

Mission Statement

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.

Description & Outline

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

Main: (815) 772-7659
Administration: (815) 772-7650
Website: www.morrisonil.org
Chief's Email: 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 four (4) Patrol Officers for a total of six (6) full-time 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
- Public Information - Presentations

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
Quad City Chiefs Association
Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates
Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois

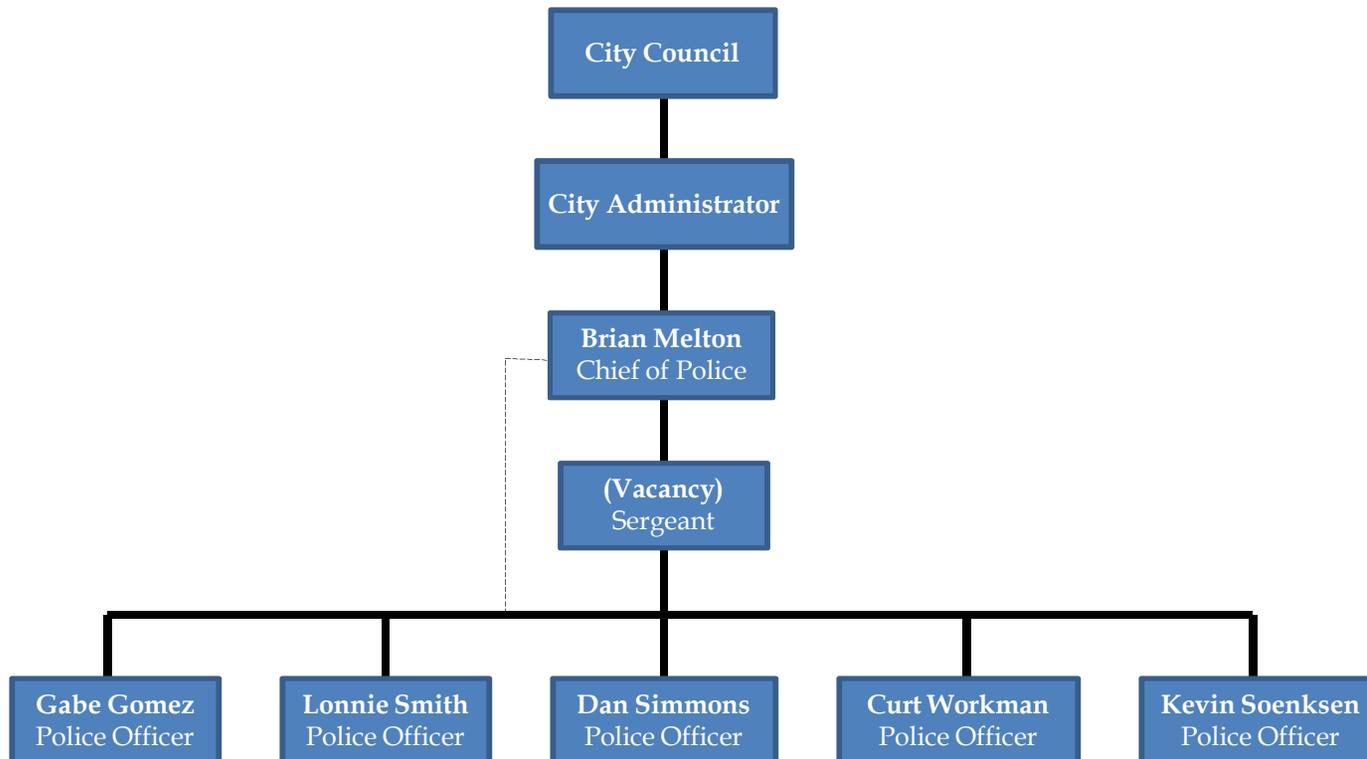
Future Projects & Goals:

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
- ★ Continue to update and obtain new equipment to include mobile video recording systems, interview room recording system, body worn cameras, firearms, computers (including software), license plate recognition system(s) and vehicles
- ★ Obtain funding that supports a Fleet Management and Take Home Squad Program for each full-time officer
- ★ Continue and improve upon the utilization of technology to combat crime and collect/record data on crime trends for appropriate response and prevention
- ★ Obtain additional much needed physical storage for Police Department equipment, vehicles, evidence and seized property
- ★ Continue to aggressively pursue alternative funding sources (i.e., grants)

Morrison Police Department

Organizational Chart



The Staff of MPD

Introduction

This year, 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 served as a Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Chief Deputy and during 2006, served as the Interim Sheriff. In 2002, Brian was invited to attend the 208th 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.

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 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 where 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).

Lonnie Smith, Police Officer

Lonnie Smith started full-time with the Morrison Police Department in July of 2014. Lonnie was previously a part-time officer. Lonnie graduated from Dixon High School and started his law enforcement career in Amboy. Lonnie also worked for the Ashton Police Department and most recently, the Fulton Police Department.

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), Kris Schmidt (Whiteside County SO), Tim Palen (Attorney - Private Practice) and Roger Drey (Retired - Whiteside County SO).

2015: A Year in Review

Highlights & Headlines ...

Following, are some brief highlights of training, presentations, programs, accomplishments and other activities of MPD along with some headlines of incidents that had occurred during the year.

TRAINING - THE MORRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) 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:

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>TRAINING DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
LONNIE SMITH	INTERVIEW & INTERROGATIONS	ROCKFORD
BRIAN MELTON	HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS	EAST MOLINE
BRIAN MELTON	FBINAA CONFERENCE	GALENA
BRIAN MELTON	NIMS ICS 300 & 400	MT. CARROLL & MORRISON
KEVIN SOENKSEN	LEAD HOMICIDE	EAST MOLINE
BRIAN MELTON	ILEAS CONFERENCE	SPRINGFIELD

Spring 2015 - Chief Brian Melton volunteers for Junior Achievement at Northside School

Chief Brian Melton and Officer Kevin Soenksen obtain Lead Homicide Investigator State Certification in November

Presentations

Career Class – Law Enforcement Profession – Morrison High School (March)

Driver's Education – Traffic Stops & Teen Driving (April)

Advantage One Credit Union – Safety & Security (April)

Community State Bank - Safety & Security (September)



On October 31, 2015, Phil Chalmers spoke to our Junior High and High School students about youth violence and bullying. A public presentation followed that same evening.

A.L.I.C.E. Response

Two public presentations at Odell Library (June)
All school district faculty receive training in August ... as school starts!

Morrison Police Participates in Illinois Rail Safety Week September 13-19, 2015

D.A.R.E. Program: In May, the Fifth Grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. Program and Officer Gabe Gomez was recognized for 15 years as D.A.R.E. Officer!

Community Clean Up Day in June

MPD collects unused/expired medications and old ammunition

Morrison Police participate in “Touch a Truck” event at Ebenezer Reformed Church in June.

New Equipment at MPD ...

Tasers were replaced in January with help from the Illinois Public Risk Fund Helping Hands Grant

In June, MPD purchased a used vehicle from Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Fleet Program. These pictures are of the new Squad #1:



**Theft of Anvil from Morrison's Heritage Museum
January 7, 2015**

**Semi vs. Pedestrian Fatal Crash
May 21, 2015**

Bike Safety

Helmet Incentive Program

Partnership Continues with Morrison Dairy Queen Grill & Chill

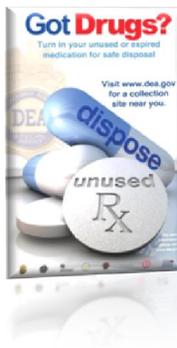


Bicycle Registration Program continues at MPD!

Bike Safety presentation given to Northside students by Chief Melton & Officer Gomez at the end of the school year



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. Since 2012, MPD has earned over 1,200 likes! Please be sure to find “Morrison Police Department (IL)” and “*Like*” MPD’s Facebook page!



Do you have unused or expired medications? A drop box is provided in the lobby of the Whiteside County Sheriff’s Office.



MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

In June 2015, the City of Morrison implemented a mass notification system for the community; Everbridge. This system provides the City of Morrison with the capability to communicate with its citizens with a variety of messages to include emergencies, weather, and even community events through the use of technology.

The public may register and sign up now for alerts by going to our official website at www.morrisonil.org and look for the "CITIZEN ALERT" icon on the home page or by following this link:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736723197>

The public may also sign up by contacting City Hall and completing a form. We will then enter their information into the system.



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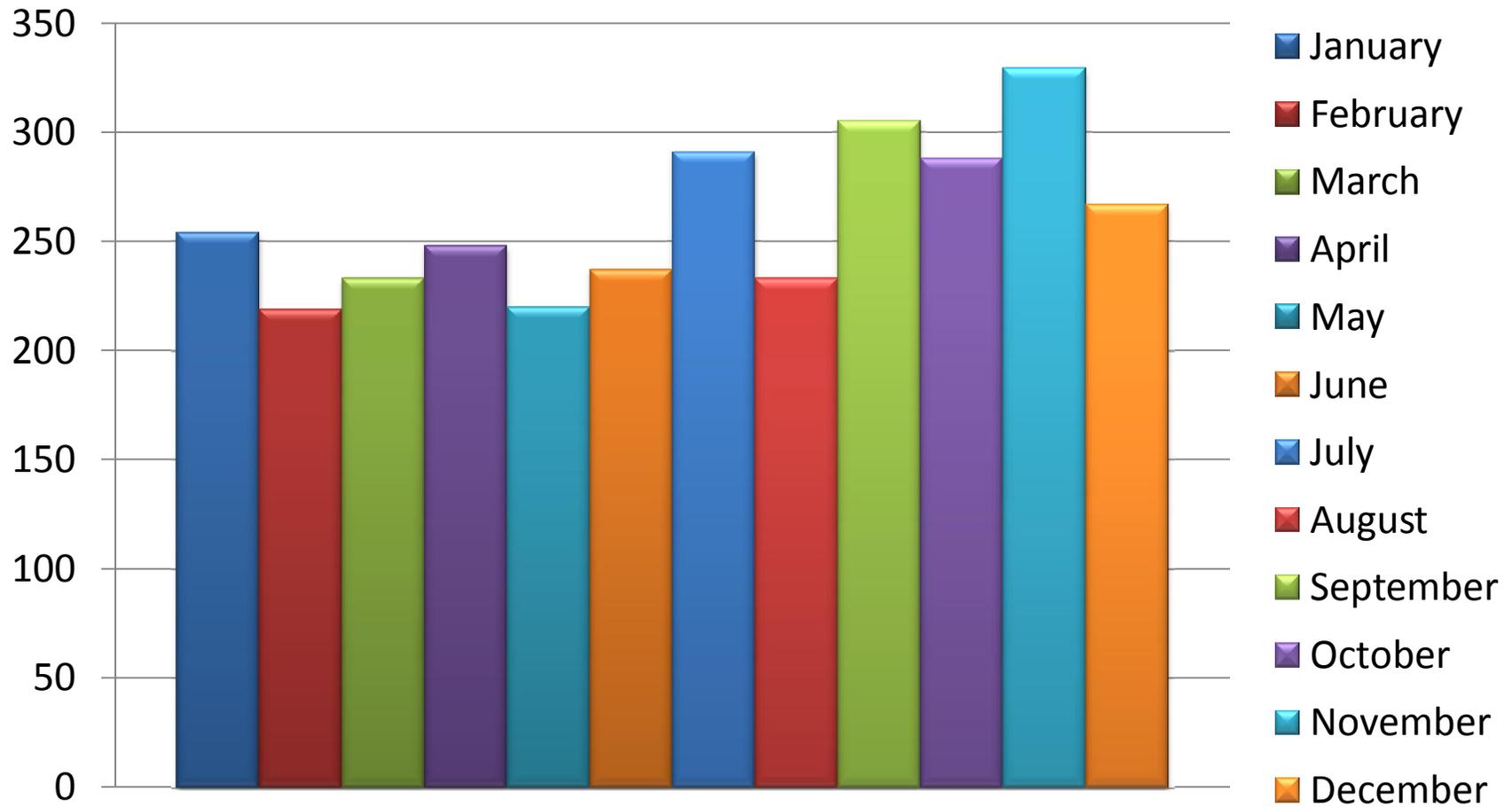
Charles "Chuck" Schoaf

Chuck was last seen by family members on December 26th, 2015. His vehicle was located on December 27th in Henry County on IL RT 92 just east of the Rock River Bridge. Chuck may be wearing boots, blue jeans, sweatshirt (unknown color), and glasses. Chuck is 70 years old, gray/brown hair, blue eyes, 5'11" tall and weighs 170 lbs. If you have any information, please contact the Morrison Police Department.

ACTIVITY REPORT - Historical Data				
	2015	2014	2013	2012
CALLS, COMPLAINTS & REPORTS				
Calls for Service (Miscellaneous)	1,454	1,502	1,453	1,636
Assist Other Agencies	693	608	538	465
Traffic Crashes	79	75	75	81
Incident Reports	347	282	394	351
Animal Complaints	96	88	96	123
Alarms	107	108	98	106
Juvenile Incidents	58	65	54	93
Traffic Stops	291	294	319	359
Total Calls, Complaints & Reports	3,125	3,022	3,027	3,214
ARRESTS				
Criminal Arrests	47	26	32	33
Drug Arrests	4	1	8	1
DUI Arrests	7	NA	NA	NA
Traffic Citations	67	88	105	130
Traffic Warnings	166	192	213	215
Parking Violations	94	118	141	120
Other Ordinance Violations	219	156	172	182
Total Arrests	604	581	671	681
Miles Patrolled	50,147	41,386	43,866	45,430

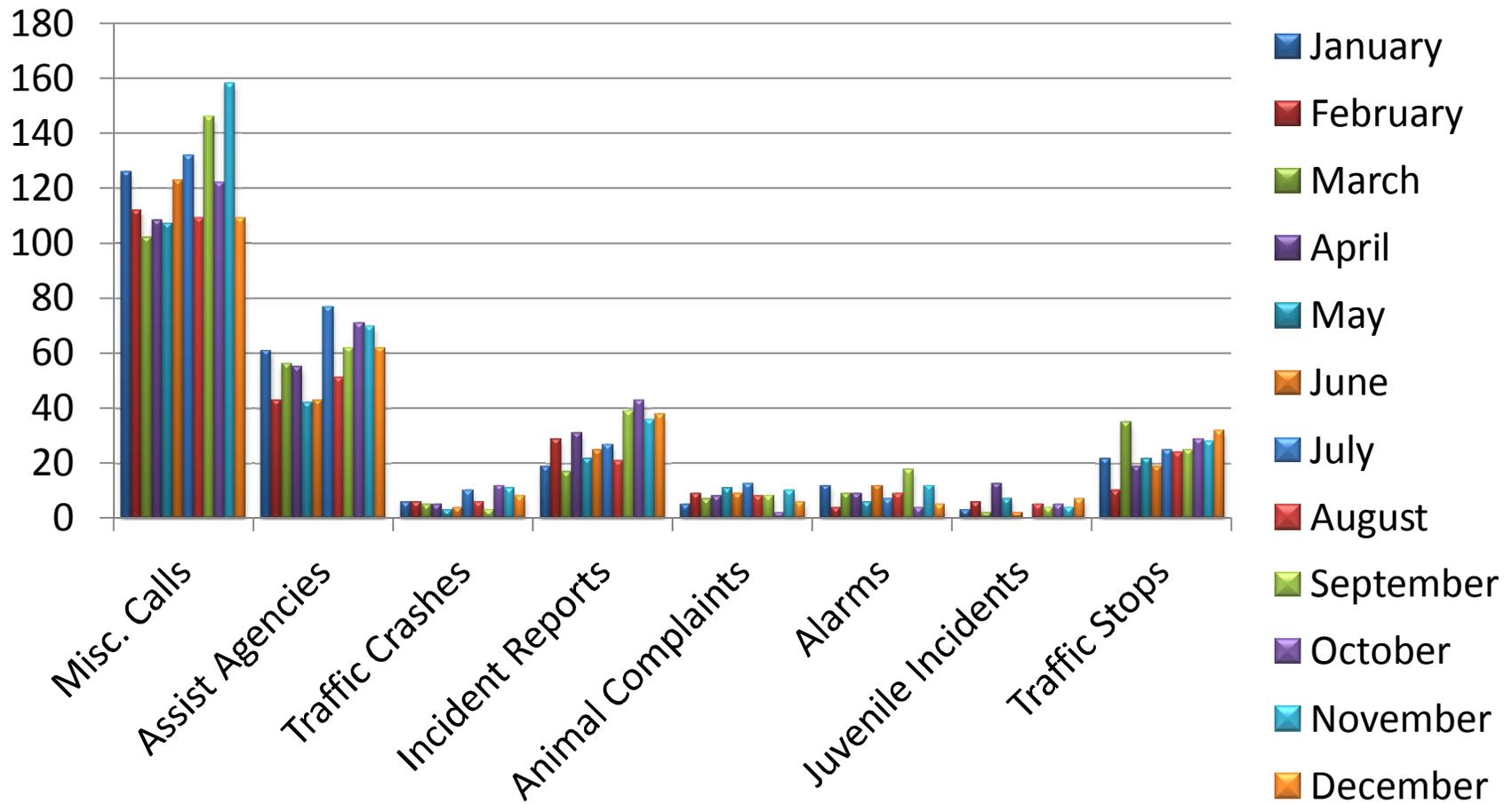
Calls for Service

Monthly Breakdown



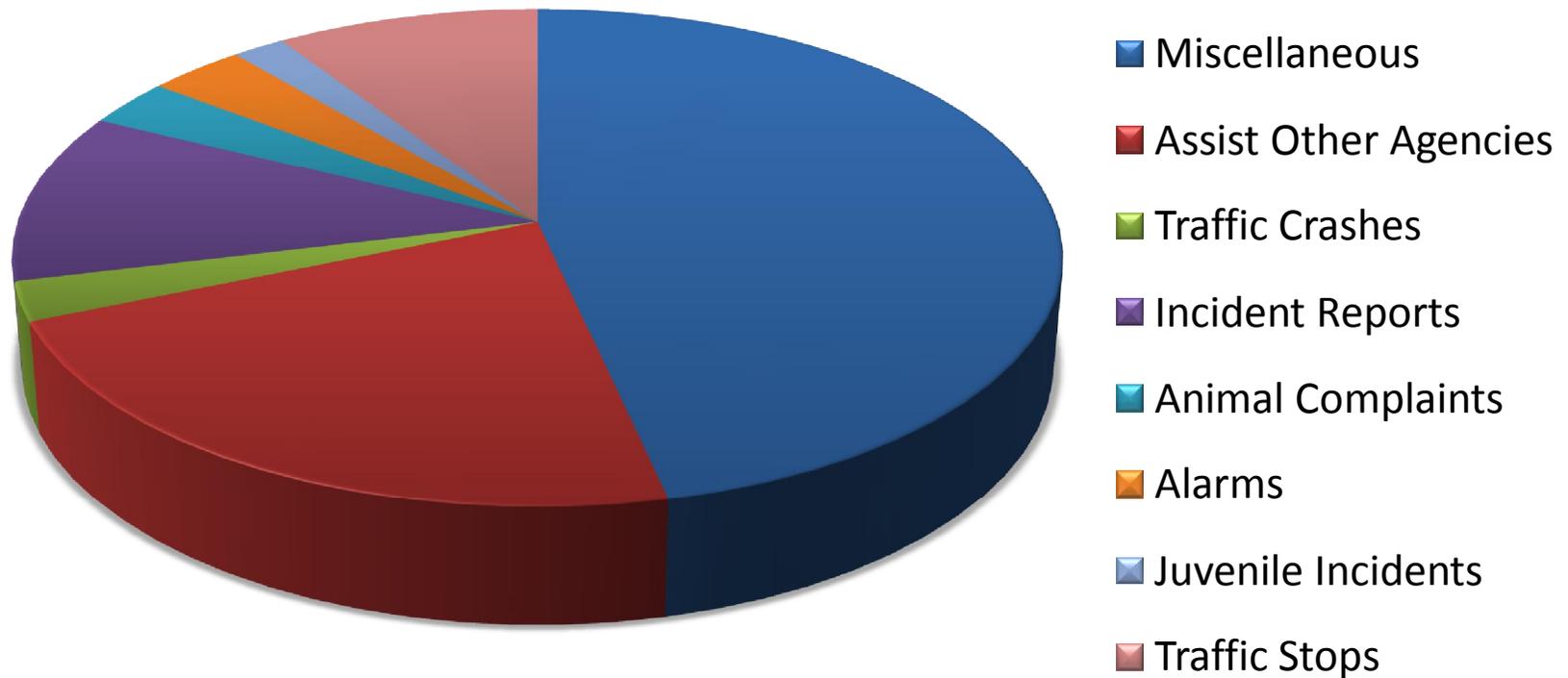
Calls for Service

Call Types by the Month



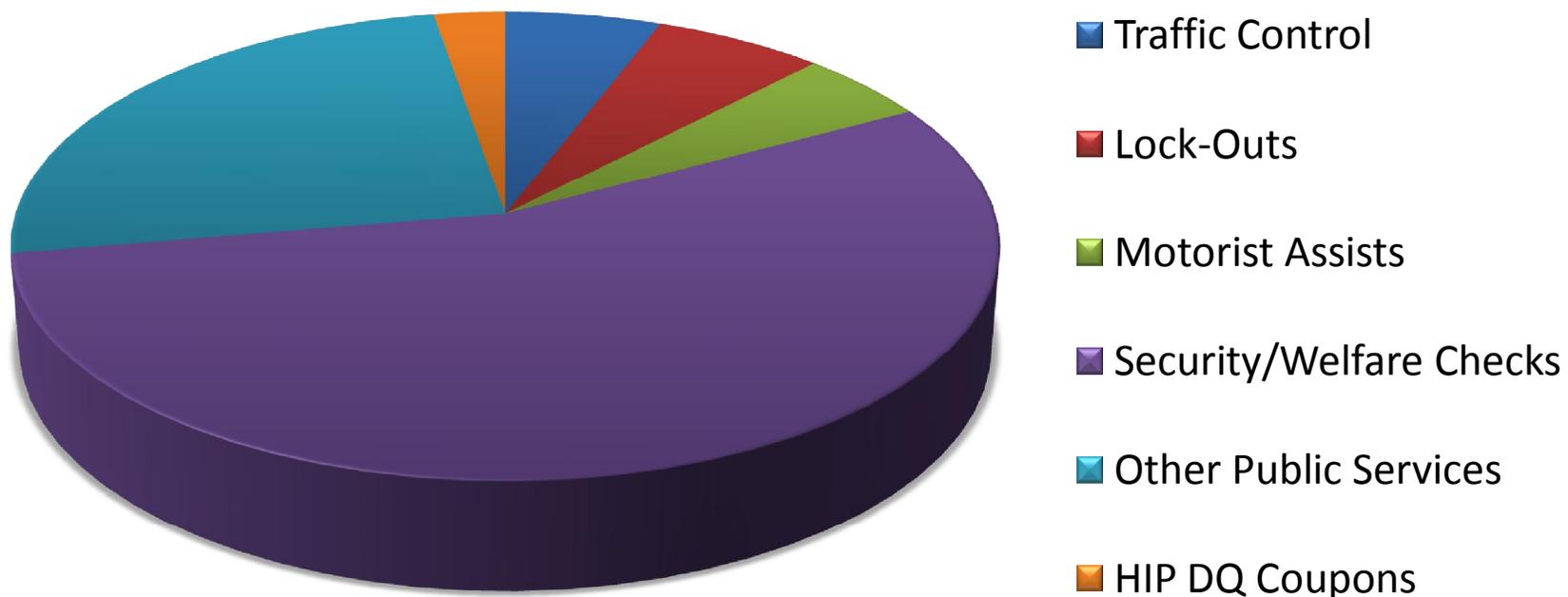
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Breakdown of Call Types



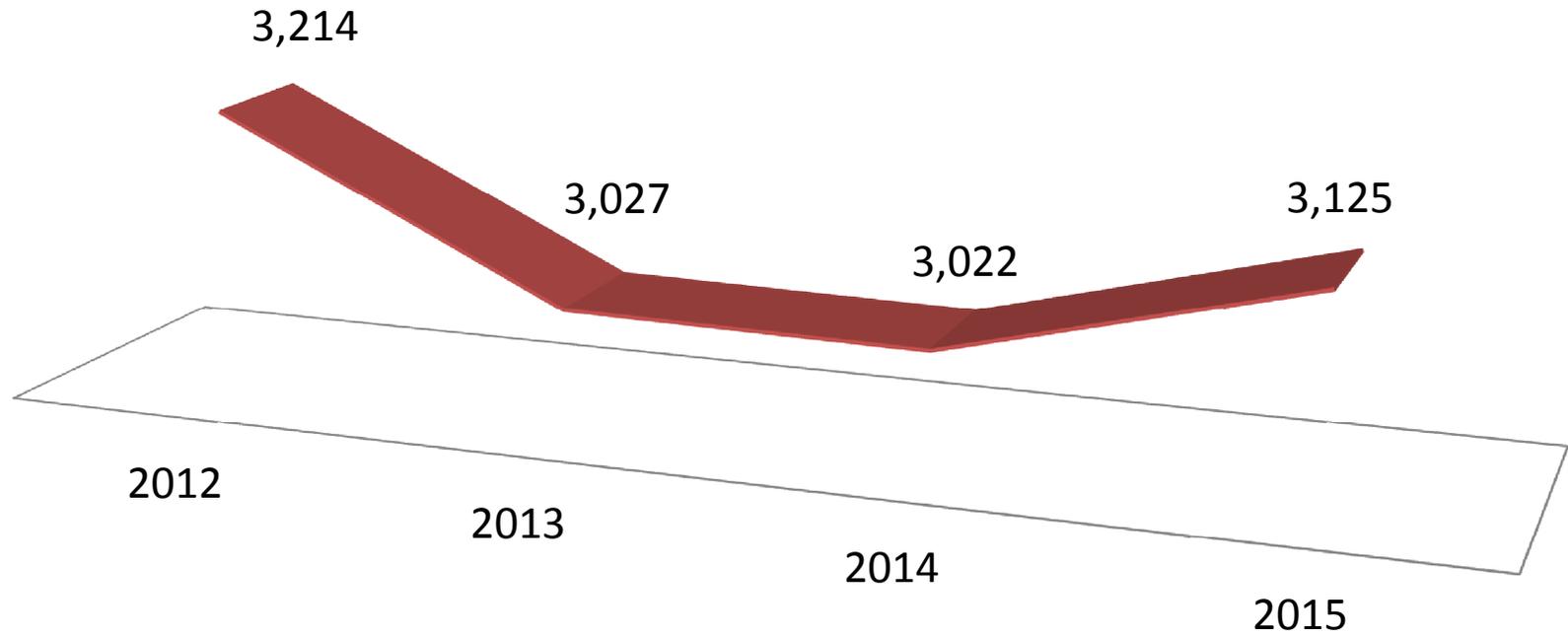
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Breakdown of Miscellaneous Calls



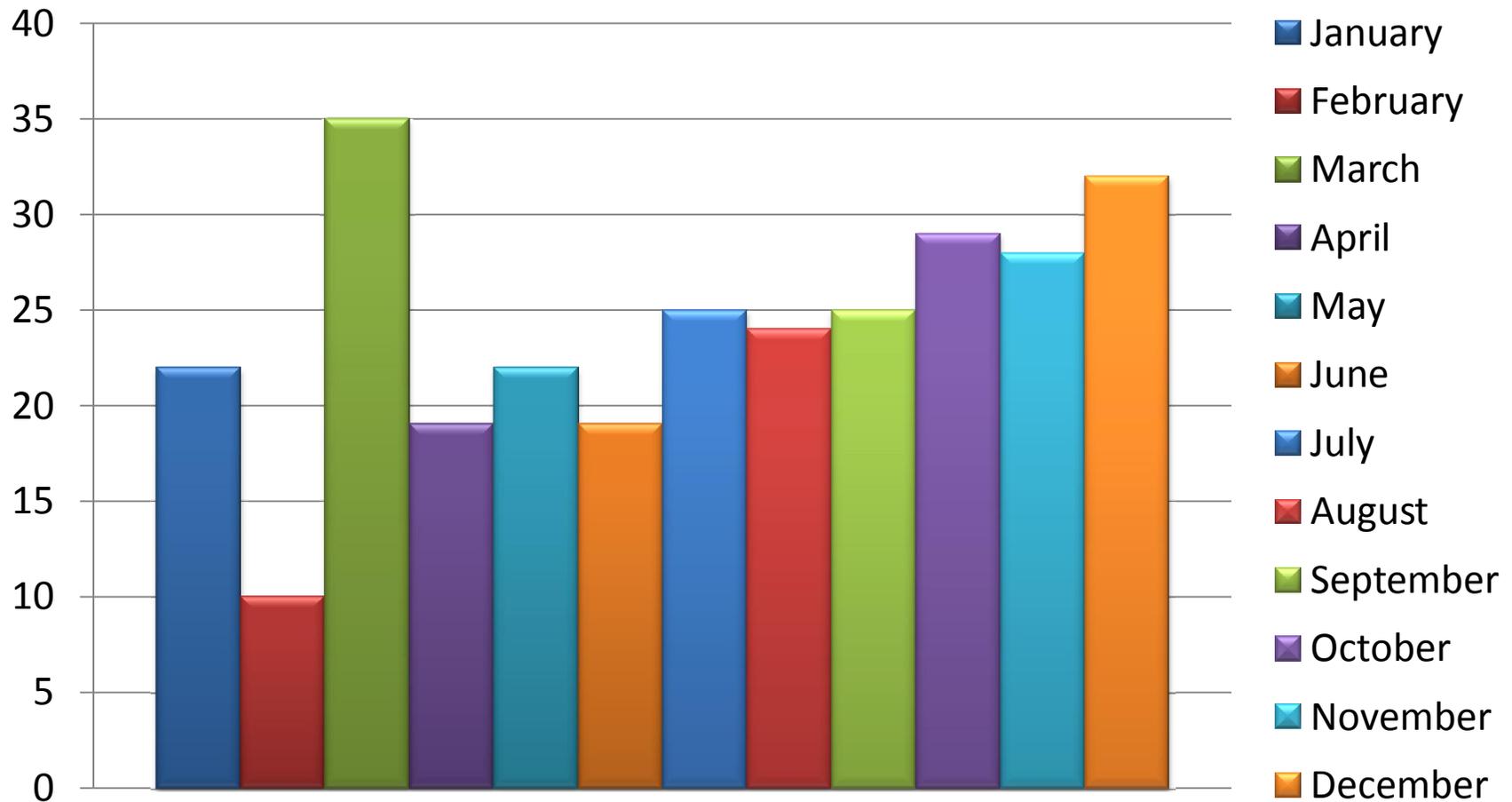
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Historical Data

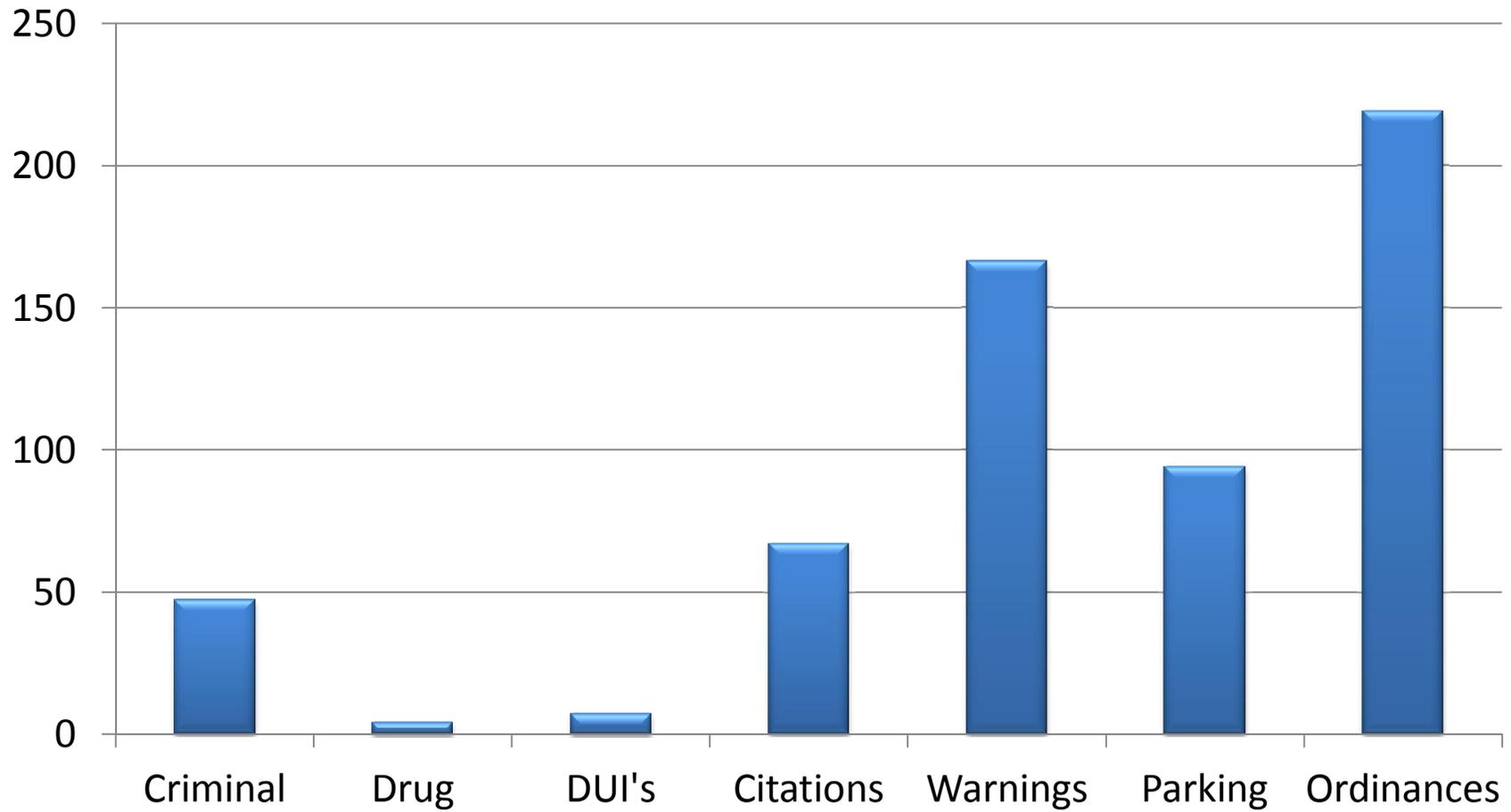


Traffic Stops

Monthly Breakdown

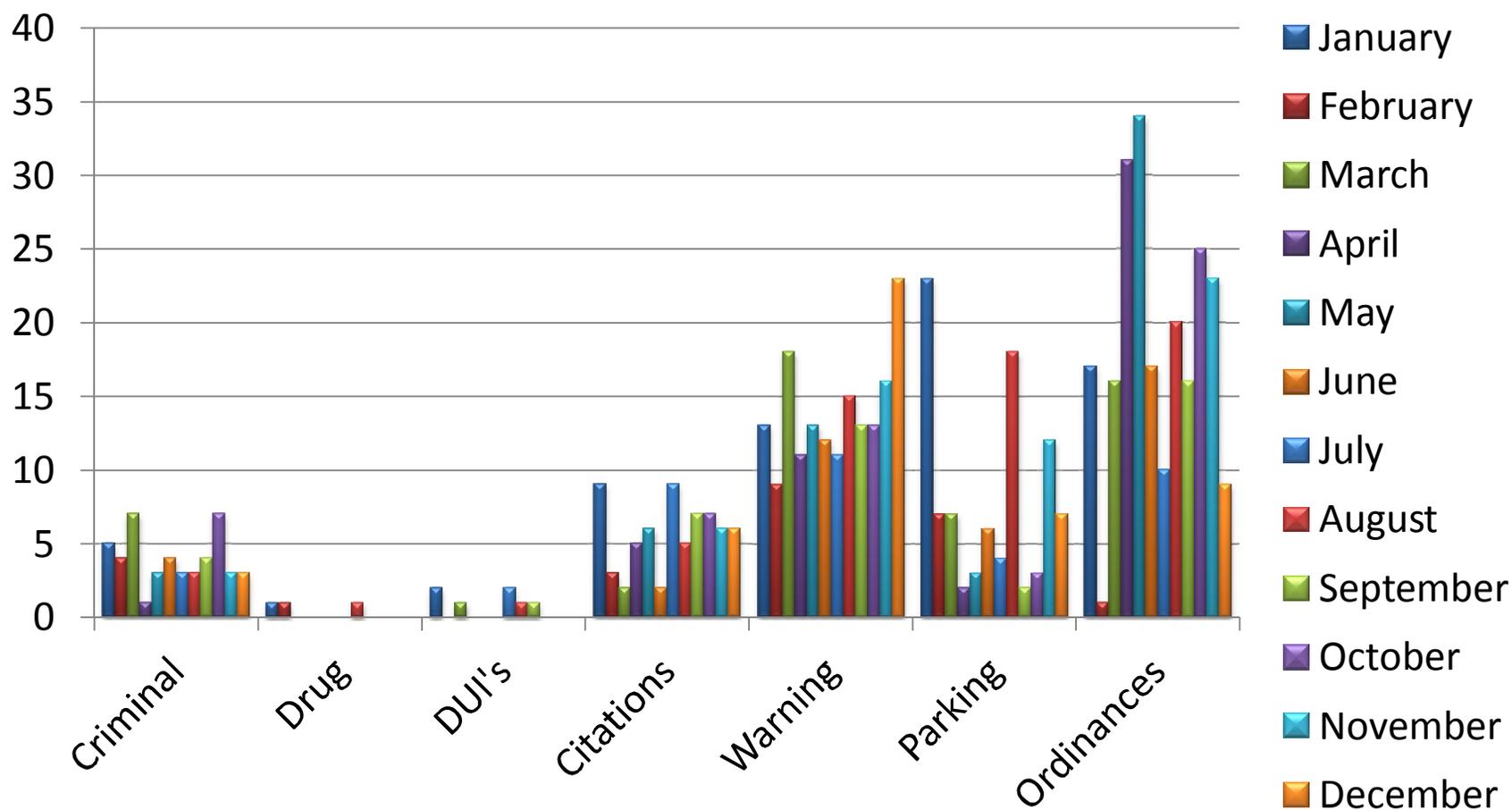


Arrests



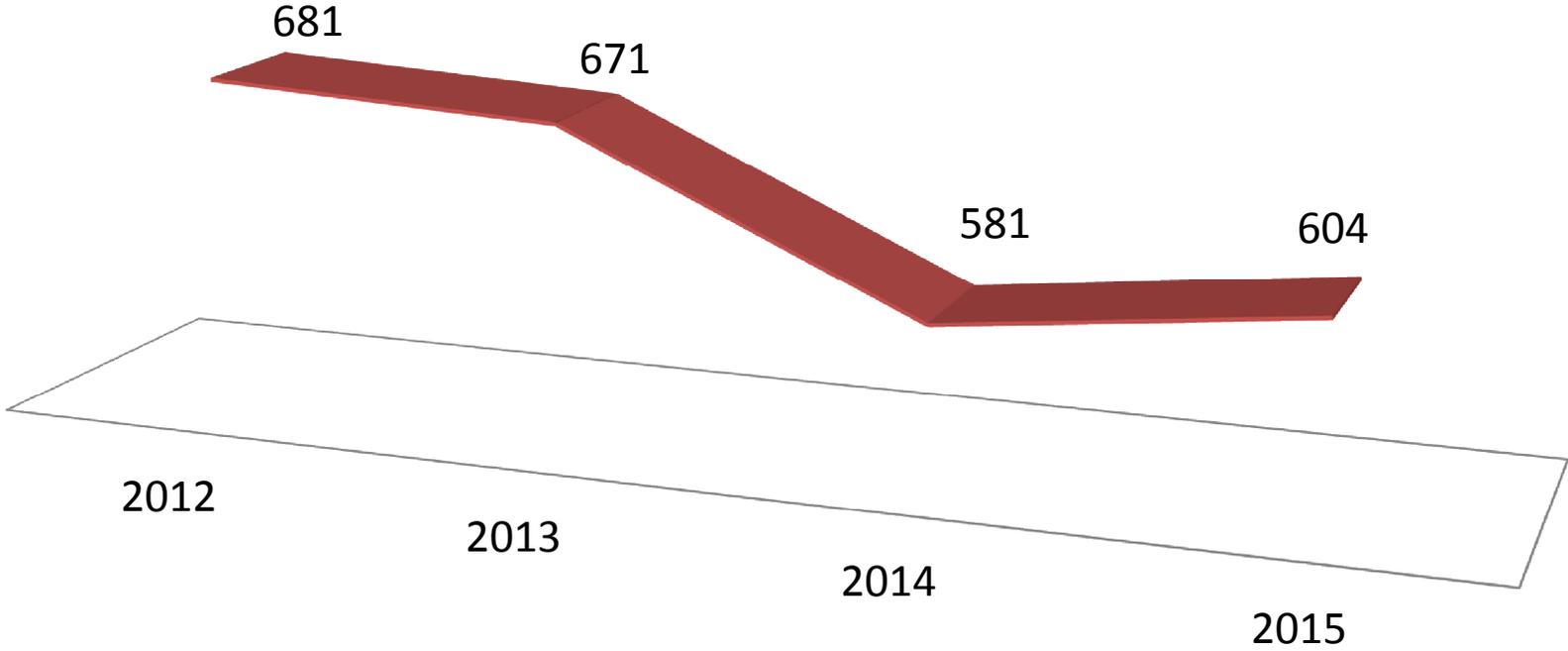
Arrests

Monthly Breakdown



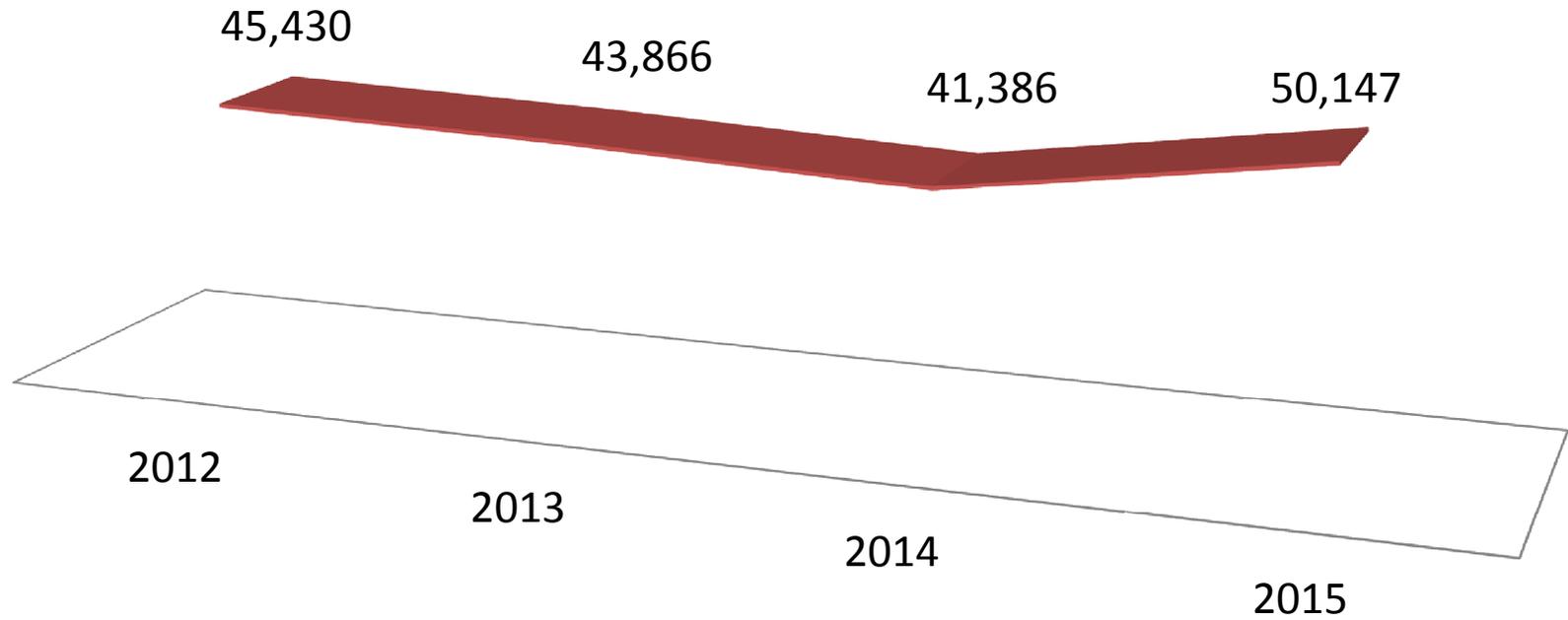
Arrests

Historical Data



Patrol Mileage

Historical Data



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 Index 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 110,000 inhabitants. The Jurisdictional Population for Morrison fluctuates each year (provided by the U.S. Census Bureau’s Estimated Population figures). The Crime Rate is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Crime Index Count X 110,000}}{\text{Jurisdictional Population}} = \text{CRIME RATE}$$

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

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

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

Crime Index - Uniform Crime Reporting - 2015

Index Crime Offenses	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Murder													0
Criminal Sexual Assault		1			1				1		1		4
Robbery													0
Aggravated Assault/ Aggravated Battery				1	2				1			1	5
Burglary	1					1			1				3
Theft	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	3	20
Motor Vehicle Theft											1		1
Arson													0
Total Index Crime Offenses													33
Index Crime Arrests													
Murder													0
Criminal Sexual Assault										1			1
Robbery													0
Aggravated Assault/ Aggravated Battery					1								1
Burglary													0
Theft											1		1
Motor Vehicle Theft													0
Arson													0
Total Index Crime Arrests													3
Drug Crime Arrests													
Violations of Cannabis Control Act			1										1
Violations of Controlled Substances Act													0
Violations of Hypodermic Syringes & Needles Act													0
Violations of the Drug Paraphernalia Act						1							1
Violations of the Methamphetamine Act													0
Total Drug Crime Arrests													2

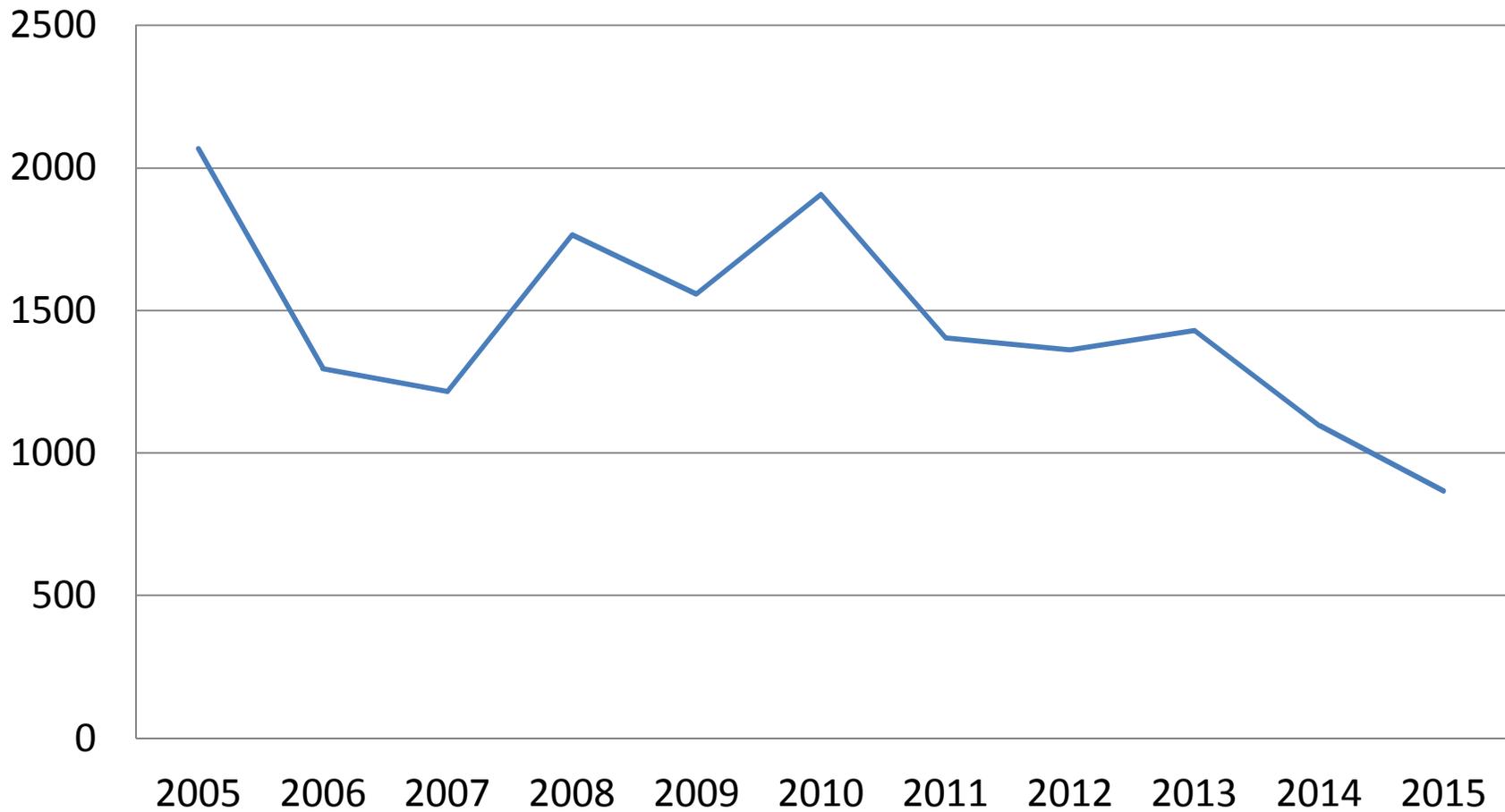
Crime Rate in Morrison

Format: Rate (% Change)

2005	2006	2007	2008
2,067.50	1,296.9 (-37.3%)	1,215.9 (-6.2%)	1,765.4 (45.2%)
2009	2010	2011	2012
1,557.10 (-11.8%)	1,908.1 (23%)	1,404.4 (-26%)	1,362.7 (-3%)
2013	2014	2015*	
1,429.6 (4.9%)	1,096.0 (-23.3%)	866.76 (-21%)	

*Rate Estimated & Unofficial

Crime Rate in Morrison



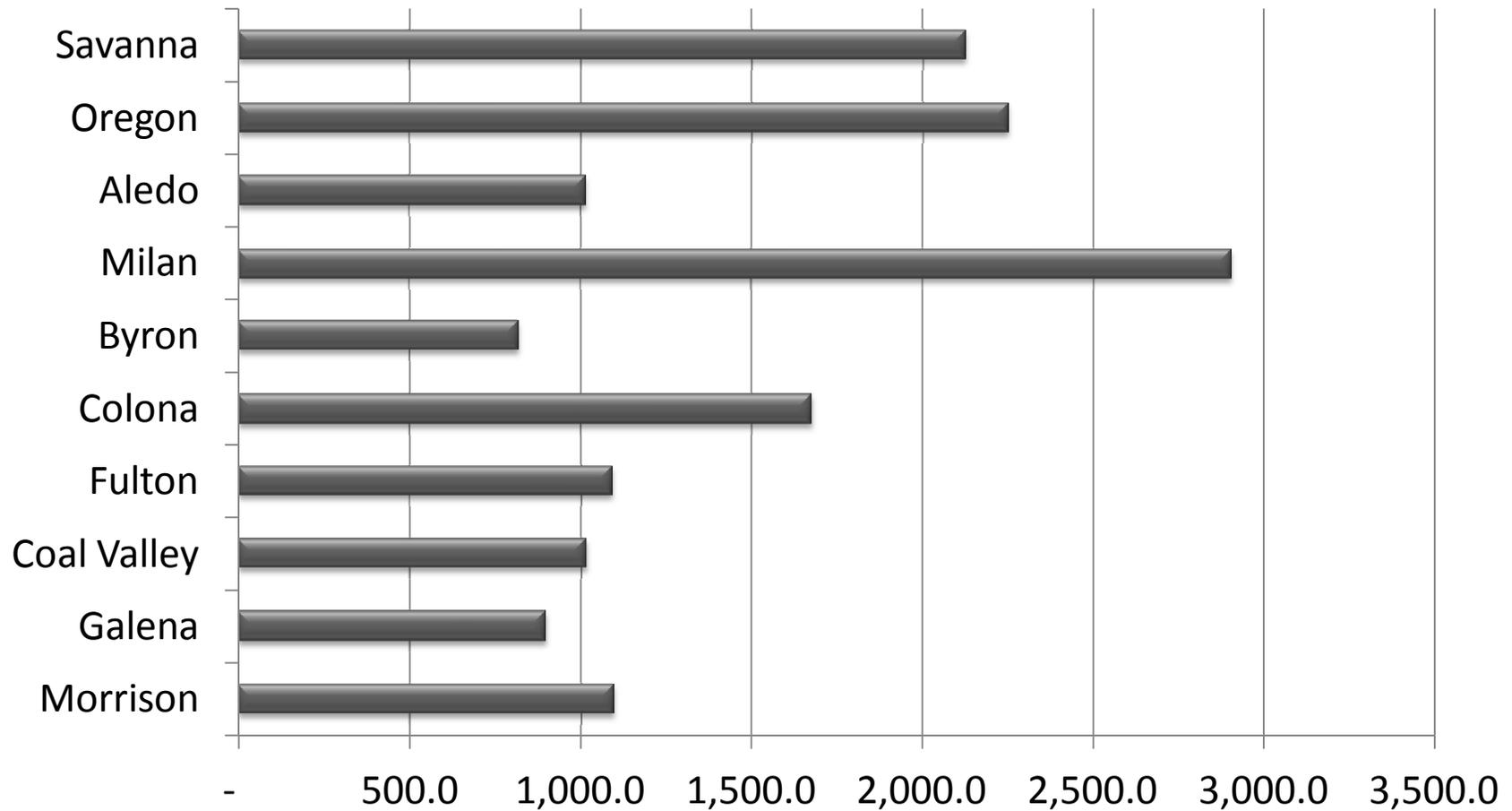
Crime Rate Comparisons

2014

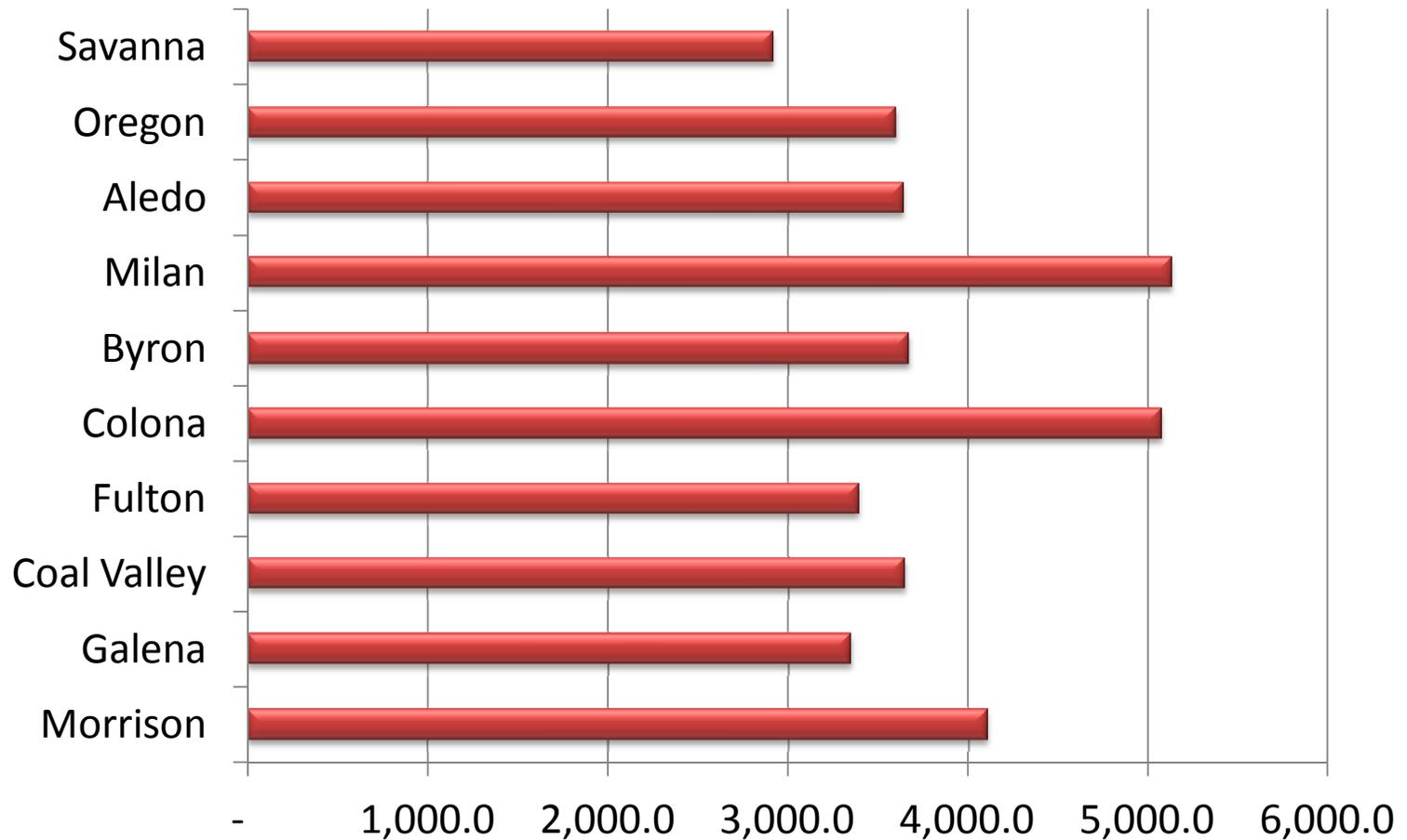
(Most recent official statistics available)

Municipality	Crime Rate	Population	Officers	Ratio
Galena	896.3	3,347	10	335
Coal Valley	1,014.8	3,646	7	521
Fulton	1,090.5	3,393	8	424
Morrison	1,096.0	4,106	6	684
Colona	1,674.9	5,075	17	299
Byron	817.7	3,669	7	524
Milan	2,904.5	5,130	14	366
Aledo	1,016.2	3,641	7	520
Oregon	2,248.8	3,602	8	450
Savanna	2,124.7	2,918	8	365
Sterling	3,878.3	15,084	31	487
Rock Falls	1,919.5	9,169	19	483
Whiteside County	687.3	19,643	33	595

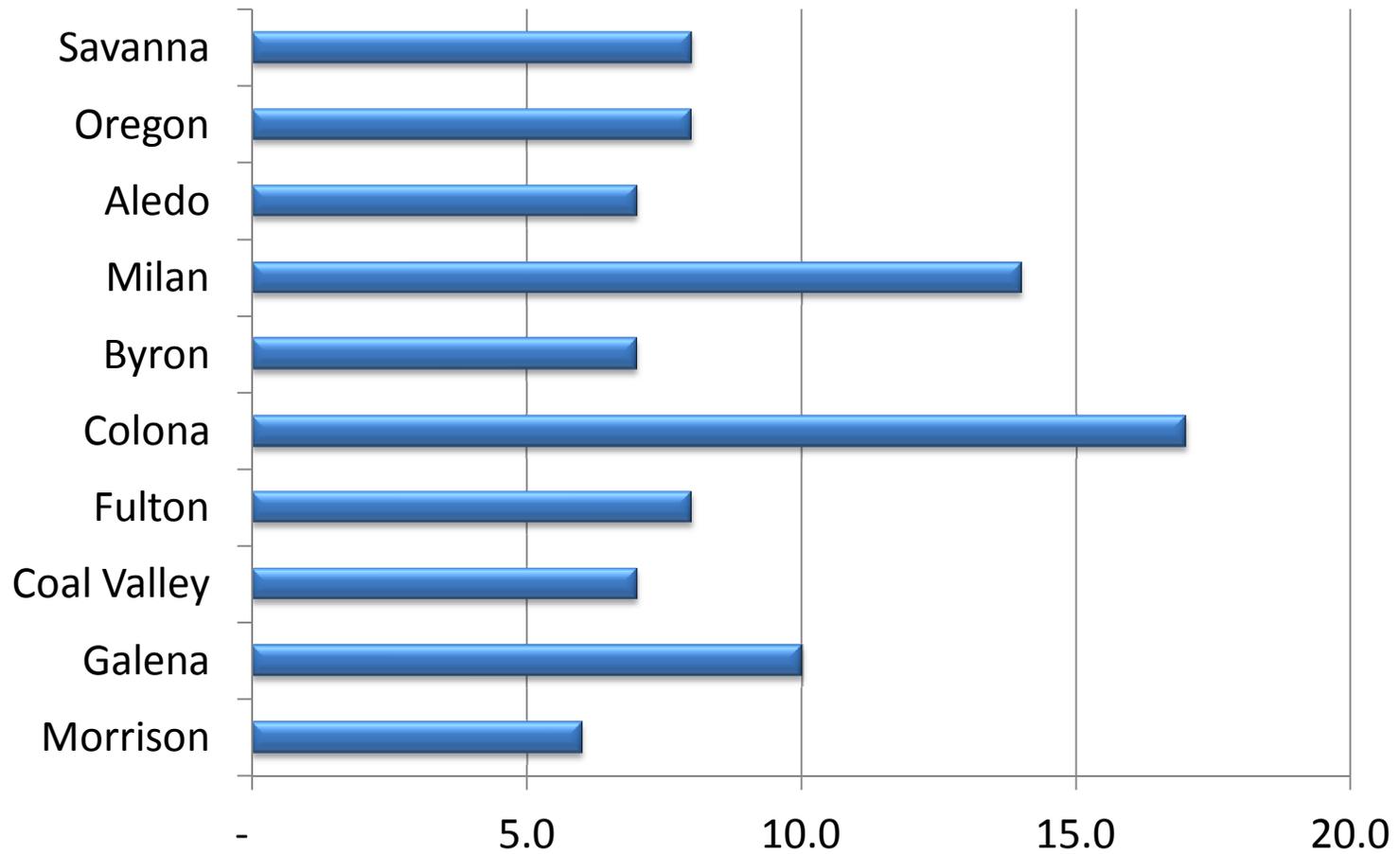
Crime Rates in Comparison



Population in Comparison

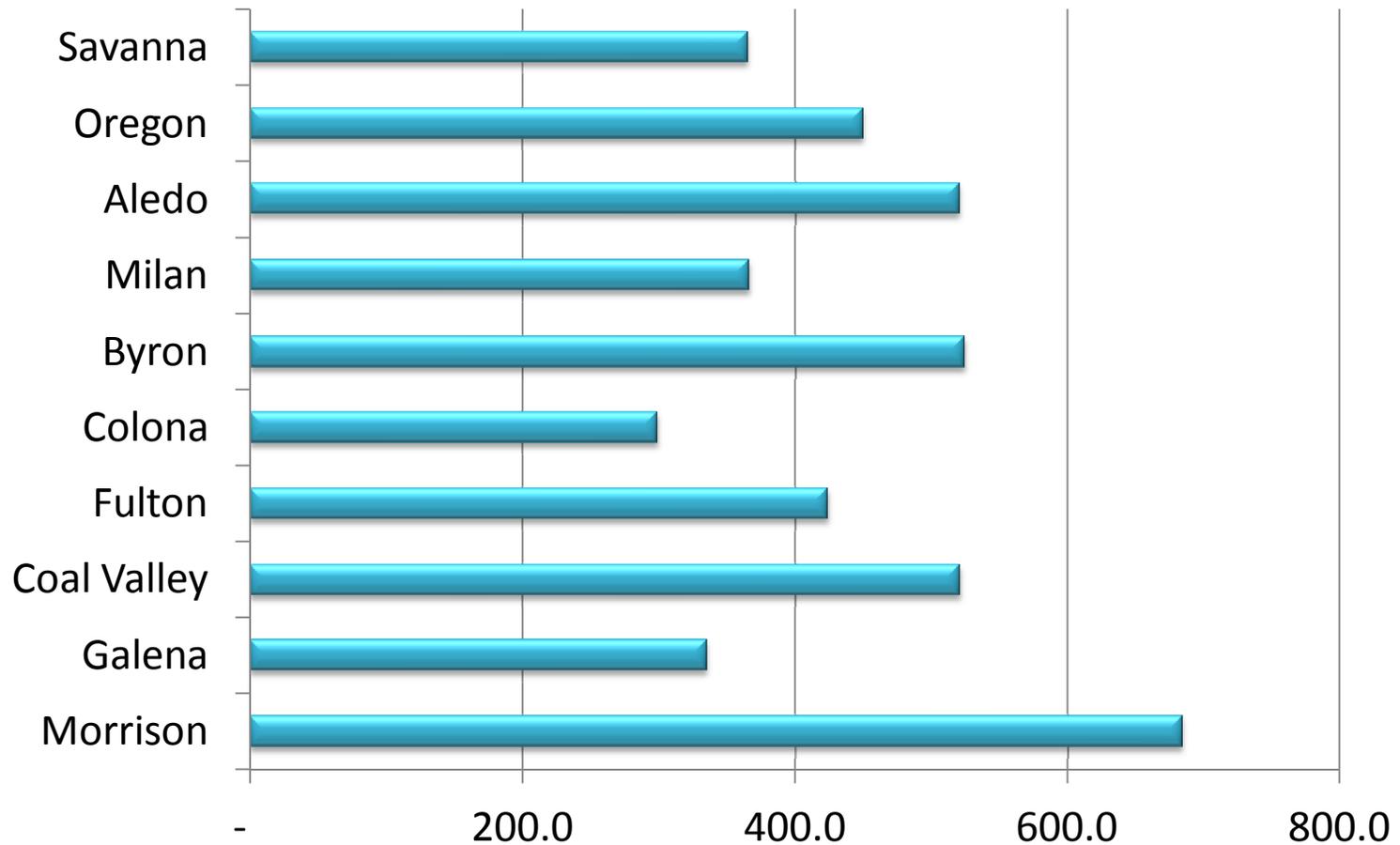


Number of Officers in Comparison



Officer Ratio in Comparison

One officer per number of people given in population.



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 2015, which this annual report reflects, contains Fiscal Year (FY) ending numbers for FY 14-15 along with May through December for FY 15-16 (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.

Revenue: 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. The revenue listed below is generated by activities of the Police Department. Revenue for Towing Fees is the result of a new fee being collected that began in 2014.

Revenue	FY 10-11	FY11-12	FY12-13	FY13-14	FY14-15	FY15-16 (May – Dec.)
General Fund ó Court Fines	13,071	13,499	16,687	12,245	14,811	8,478
General Fund ó Parking Fines	2,326	6,870	8,745	5,830	5,055	6,320
General Fund ó DUI Fines	600	1,045	545	2,080	912	2,096
General Fund - Towing Fees	-	-	-	-	1,400	2,200
Drug Traffic Prevention Fund	0	626	746	313	2	94
Police Vehicle Fund	1,430	400	32,604	22,633	8,649	10,076
Various Grant Programs	2,388	17,102	0	0	2,377	0
Total Revenue	19,815	39,542	59,327	43,101	33,206	29,264
Expenditures						
General Fund ó Public Safety	386,224	411,774	425,042	424,773	428,320	305,041
General Fund ó ESDA	419	418	1,079	431	781	431
Drug Traffic Prevention Fund	302	294	167	279	573	58
Police Vehicle Fund	0	24,655	25,007	14,498	9,287	24,730
Total Expenditures	386,945	437,141	451,295	439,981	438,961	330,260

Conclusion

Beyond patrolling, responding to calls for service and investigating crimes, the Morrison Police Department's year was another productive and challenging year with training, public awareness and presentations, some equipment improvements and a new mass notification system! As we move into 2016, the Police Department will continue to face challenges while it constantly strives to better serve its community!

Morrison Police Department

Brian R. Melton
Chief of Police

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Morrison, Illinois 61270

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: 815-772-7659
Office: 815-772-7650
Fax: 815-772-4291
Website: www.morrisonil.org



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