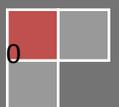


2015

Eagle Point Police Department Annual Report



Vern W Thompson – Chief of Police





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



The Citizens of Eagle Point
The Eagle Point City Council
Mayor Robert Russell

On behalf of the members of the Eagle Point Police Department, this 2015 Annual Report is proudly presented as a reflection of the hard work and dedication of your police department in reducing crime and the fear of crime in Eagle Point. I am very proud of the service and professionalism that our team brings to the community every day, and it is my vision to continue to gain your trust and support in continuing that service we provide.

For a short period of time we were at full staffing levels that allowed us to focus on important neighborhood community policing objectives and livability concerns. Last year one officer unexpectedly resigned and it reduced officer's "free-time" to address the concerns of drugs houses, theft, abandoned housing, and general malfeasance. One of our goals with full staffing was to assign an officer as a full time detective so that felony crimes could be given full time investigation.

This year an increase in Burglary (47%), Larceny (9.3%) and Motor Vehicle Theft (133%) were the leading crime trends, whereas a decrease occurred in Rape (-16.6%). Aggravated Assault remained the same (6 offenses) as did Robbery (2 offenses) and Homicide did not happen in Eagle Point. Drug law violations for adults were less than last year, however, there was an increase of marijuana possession for kids eighteen years and younger in the schools. Driving under the Influence increased 36%, arrests were down 11%, and there was an increase of 9% in the number of violations (criminal and traffic) issued.

Overall, I feel our community is a safe place to live, work, and play. I feel that our police officers do a great job for their community by providing a high level of customer service. We have placed a high priority on performance and expect only the best from our officers. We demand our officers treat our citizens with respect and hold our officers accountable for results.

Our fourth "National Night Out" event this year had to be canceled at the last minute due to hazardous conditions brought on by forest fires. Neighborhood Watch seems to popular with neighborhoods.

We continue to positively interact with the students at the local schools through a School Resource Officer and feel that this relationship brings value to the community. Our men and women work very hard and do their best every day. Aggressive traffic enforcement makes our streets and highways safer.

As your Chief of Police, I will continue to do my best to assure every member of this department adheres to the department's values; strives to accomplish our mission and vision; delivers the highest level of customer service; and continues to keep Eagle Point a safe community for all.

Working together to keep Eagle Point safe,

Vern W. Thompson
Chief of Police



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide the very best in Law Enforcement to the Community through diligence, honesty, and professionalism.

Department Values

All members of the Eagle Point Police Department are expected to know and incorporate organizational values in the performance of their duties. The core values of the department are as follows:

**Integrity - Courage - Accountability - Respect - Empowerment
I CARE**

Department Vision

The vision of the Eagle Point Police Department is to continually provide the highest quality of police professionalism through:

Innovation, Leadership, and Policing Ethics and Standards



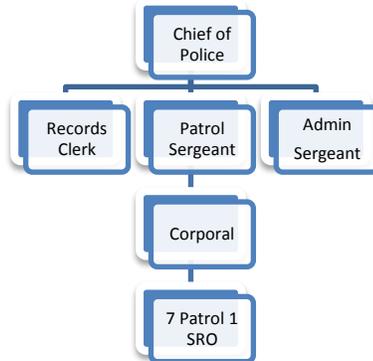
Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

*On my honor,
I will never betray my badge
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.
I will always have
the courage to hold myself
and others accountable for our actions.
I will always uphold the Constitution
my community and the agency I serve.*



Operations Reports-2015

The Eagle Point Police Department is comprised of eleven Certified Police Officers, one civilian Records Clerk, and one part-time Nuisance Abatement civilian. The police department’s organization chain of command is as follows:



Crime Statistics

Overall, non-violent crime showed an increase while violent crime was down. Robbery decreased sixteen percent, one arson was reported, and assault was down seventeen percent with burglary increasing forty-seven percent.

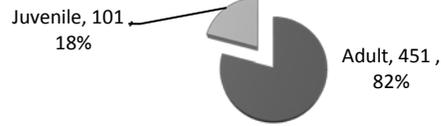
For violent crime, there was no murder in Eagle Point, rape increased sixty-percent (known offender), and assault was down seventeen percent. The data suggests that the decrease in domestic violence reported assault is due to aggressive investigation and enforcement in domestic violence laws and with the introduction of body-worn cameras. Non-criminal domestic disturbance increased five percent.

Drug crimes are down by a third, but statistics show illegal marijuana use/possession by high school students have doubled this year. DUII’s have increased 36% and traffic crimes are up a few citations. Public assist, which is whenever a citizen wishes to ask police for any type of help, is up twenty-seven percent. Public assist, assist to law enforcement agency and assist to government agency combined, make up fifty-eight percent of our calls for service.

CITY OF EAGLE POINT			
VIOLENT CRIME			
	2014	2015	%
Murder	0	0	0%
Rape	2	5	60%
Robbery	6	5	-16.6%
Assault	118	97	-17.7%
TOTAL	127	107	-18.6%
NONVIOLENT CRIME			
Arson	0	1	100%
Burglary	36	53	47.2%
Theft	321	351	9.3%
Car Theft	12	28	133%
TOTAL	369	433	14.7%

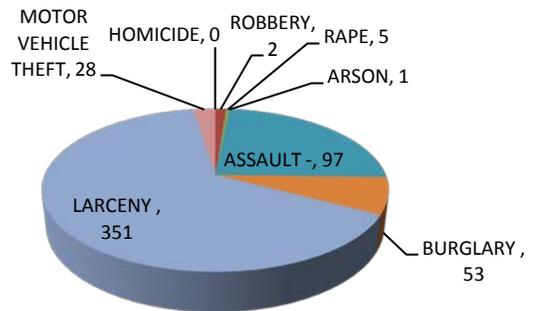


Arrests 2015

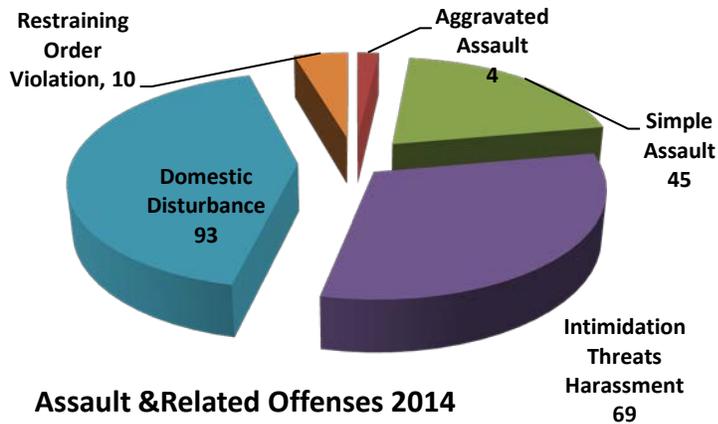


Assault and assault related offenses were down 17% from 2014 resulting in fewer people being arrested for domestic violence- simple assault, intimidation, threats, violation of restraining orders and harassment. There were six cases of felony aggravated assault. Domestic showed a slight increase in 2015

Minor crime (i.e., disorderly conduct), liquor law violations, motor vehicle theft, and fugitive (warrants), and civil complaints increased. Disturbance/noise, alarms, and city ordinances decreased in calls for service.

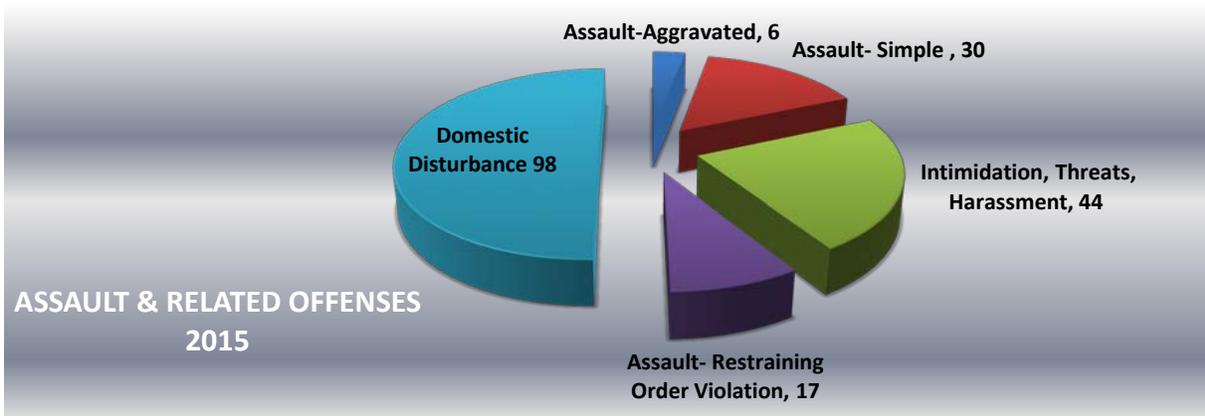


Part One Crime 2015



Assault & Related Offenses 2014

-In 2015-
 Aggravated Assault increased 33%, Simple Assault decreased 34% and there was a decrease of 27% in Intimidation, Threats, and Harassment



ASSAULT & RELATED OFFENSES 2015



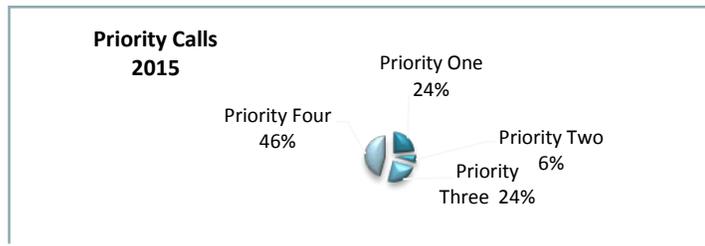
Priority Calls

Priority calls having the most importance or urgency are Priority One or Priority Two. These calls require immediate police response because they are the crimes in progress: robbery; burglary; domestic violence or assault; injury accident and traffic stops. Traffic stops (2,593) have the potential for being hazardous and require the immediate attention of the dispatcher. Many priority 1 & 2 calls require two officers be immediately dispatched to the scene, and often, Eagle Point Officers working alone have to wait for a County Deputy or other law enforcement officer before handling the call. Officers respond to approximately eighty five 9-1-1 calls.

Priority 3 & 4 calls for service are calls that are not in progress and the officer handles the call when he or she is available and in the order they were dispatched.

Total calls for service increased 11.8% in 2015

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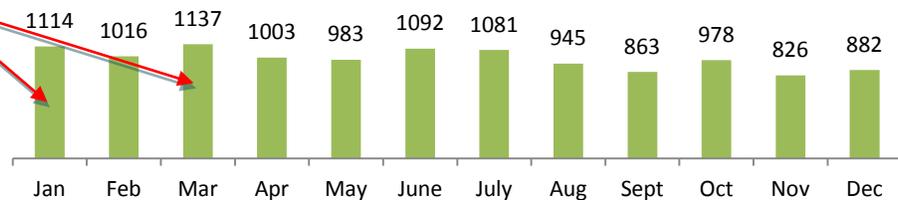


Call Volume

The Eagle Point Police Department received approximately 11,920 calls for service in 2015. Total calls for service in this area include responding to Priority 1 and 2 (emergent need for police- crime in progress or immediate call for assistance, and traffic stops), and Priority 3 and Priority 4 (non-urgent need for police – to file a crime report or talk to an officer about civil issue). Officers work 8-hour days and are scheduled throughout the year for days, swing, and graveyard.

Total calls for Service

Two Busiest Months



Of the 11,481 (11,920-439) calls, police investigated just over 7,200. The actual calls for service are 11,481 for EPPD- the difference is other police agencies performing duties in Eagle Point (Jackson County Sheriff, Oregon State Police, etc.) generate a report number (EP) for approximately 439 calls.

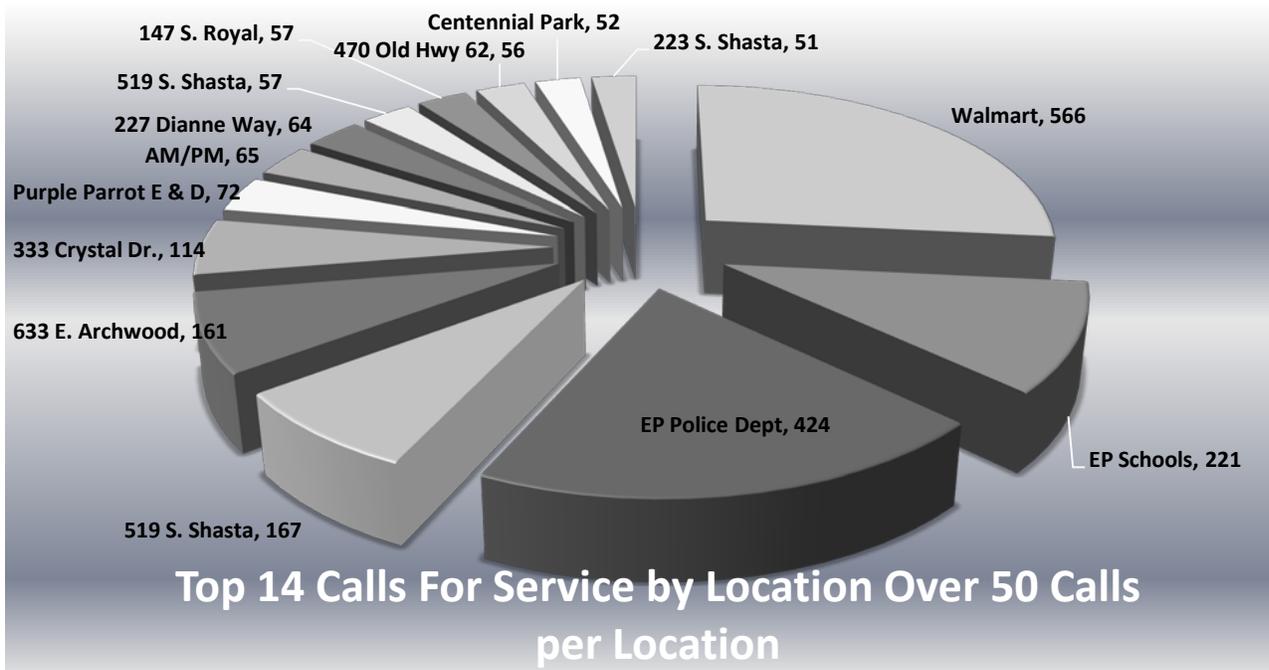
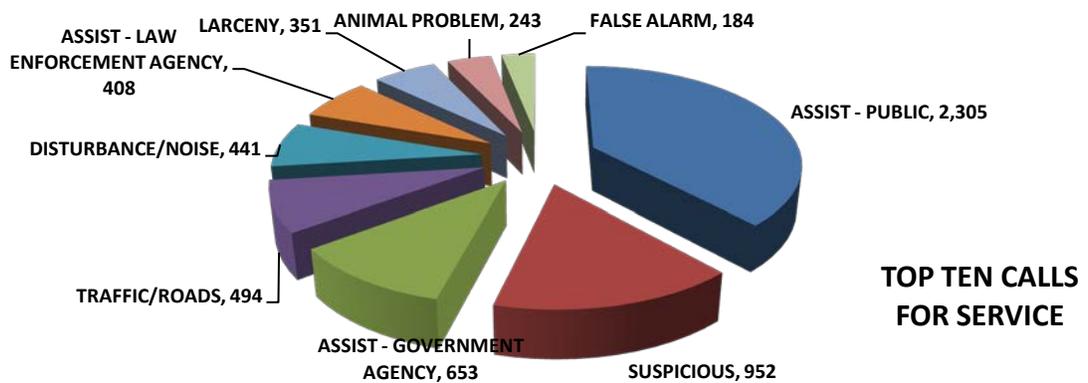
Of the 11,481 calls, there are 4,204 calls labeled traffic stops, subject stops, foot patrol and follow-ups. For 2015, 1,496 police reports were written - a 12% percent increase over 2014.



Call Volume by Month

The following chart reflects the call volume (actual cases handled by officers – data by ECSO) by month, with the average call volume by month of 956 calls for an average of almost 31 calls per day (based on actual calls for service recorded by Emergency Communications of Southern Oregon).

In the total amount of calls generated in Eagle Point (11,481), traffic stops, follow-ups (on investigations that may include multiple EP numbers generated by one case investigation) subject stops, and foot patrol entries (4,204) make up the total calls generated.

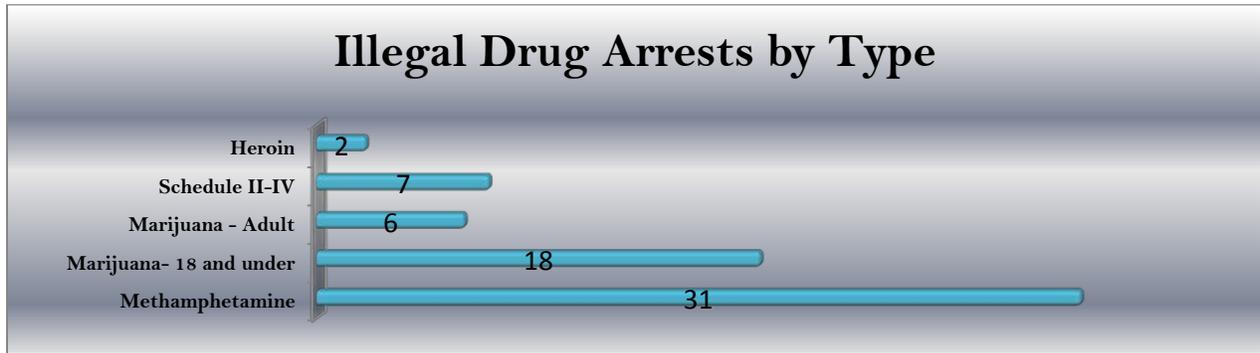




Drug Arrests

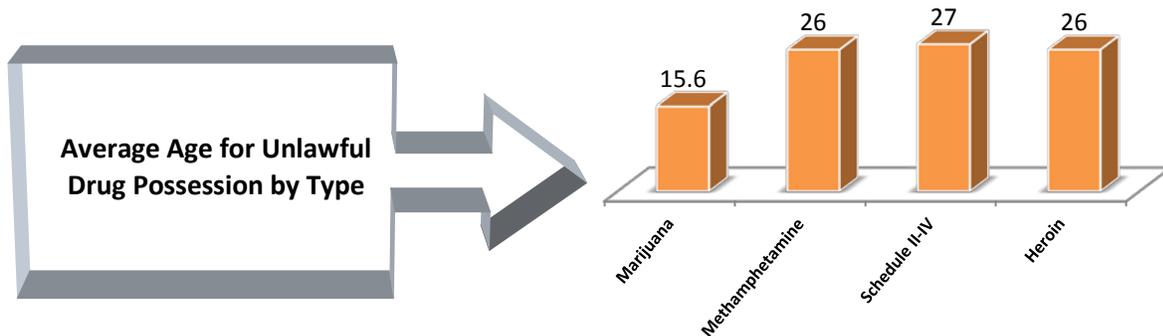
EPPD responded to 64 calls for possible drug law violations. Drug offenses for 2015 show possession of methamphetamine the most common offense. Of the twenty-four marijuana violations, approximately 23 incidents involved incidents at or around the high school. About 62% of the remaining drug offenses were felony crimes of possession.

Adults- 44
Juvenile -20



Eagle Point drug arrests do not reveal any state, federal or outside agency drug investigation that may be on-going, or any arrests made relating to drug –related crime in 2015 by law enforcement agencies other than Eagle Point Police.

Drug use/possession was more prevalent by males (67%) than females (33%), with the youngest age being thirteen and oldest forty-six.





Speed Radar Reader Board

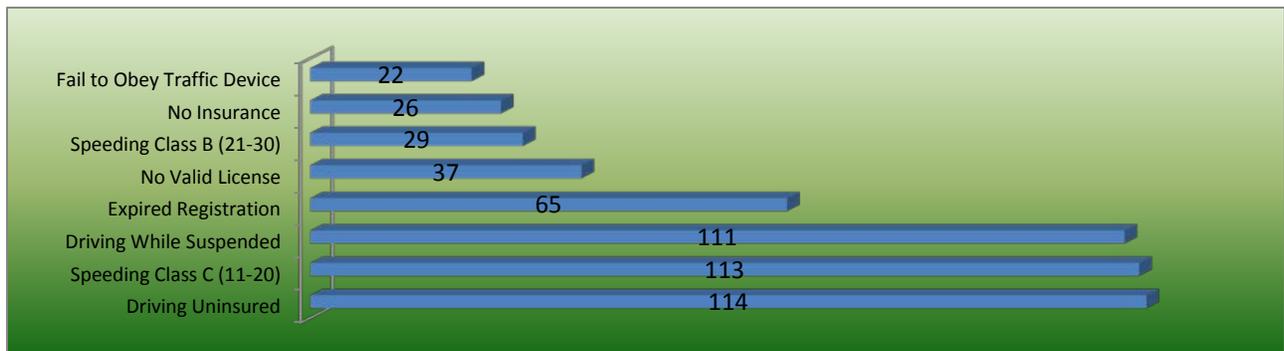


The police department is using a new radar reader board for reducing speeding vehicles. The reader board shows drivers how fast they are driving by flashing the number of their vehicle's speed.

The data is recorded for each vehicle and is used to determine street statistics, such as the total # of vehicles using the road; peak usage; average speed; and peak hours. The radar reader board has been well received by the community and many requests have been made by citizens to have the board placed in their neighborhood.

Traffic Enforcement

The violations shown below were the top eight violations issued to drivers in 2015.



Eagle Point Police Officers stopped 2,593 vehicles in 2015, compared to 1,421 in 2013, a 45% increase. Officers issued citations or violations to 674 (25%) drivers stopped for a traffic violation.

Nuisance Abatement

The City provided funding for a Nuisance Abatement position and Daniel Cardenas, a recent SOU college intern, was hired on a part-time basis to handle many community and neighborhood concerns. Cardenas formally handled about 126 cases of high weeds and grass, abandoned vehicles, illegal garage sale sign placement, littering, unsightly property to include trailers with rubbish, Buchanan Ditch maintenance, and water hydrant space compliance (private property).

In 2015, the police department and code enforcement continued to address abandoned and neglected property by requiring banks and lending institutions to clean up properties that bordered on blight and unsanitary conditions. It is our goal to improve neighborhood livability.



In addition to our nuisance abatement enforcement, the police department handled approximately 261 ordinance type violations. It is our goal to clean up neighborhoods and help beautify our community.

Administrative Reports

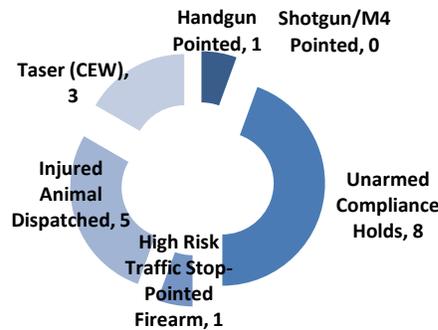
Accreditation



Eagle Point is a fully accredited police agency and in compliance with the Oregon Accreditation Alliance standards for policy standards that meet the industry’s best practices. This agency met accreditation standards for the next three years.

Use of Force

The Use of Force by police officers is regulated by the Oregon Revised Statutes and department policy. A number of factors in using force options are considered by police officers and any force option must be reasonable and appear necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The following chart summarizes the use of force by Eagle Point Police Officers in 2015:



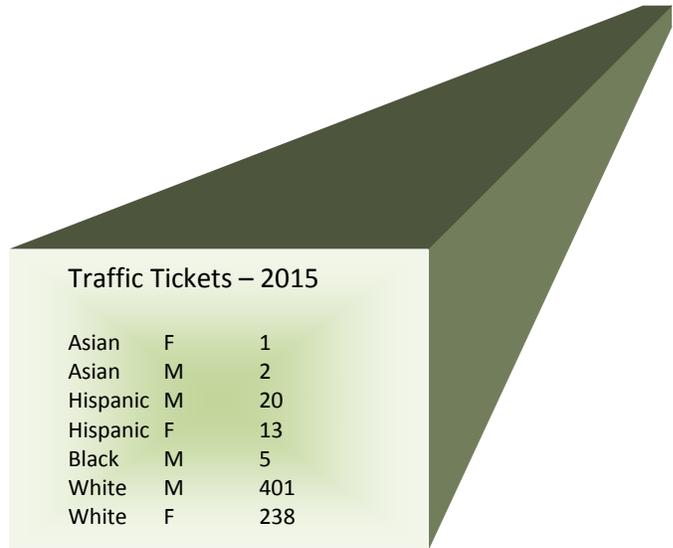
Any Use of Force by police officers in accomplishing a legitimate law enforcement purpose requires a police report and Use of Force reporting form. The report and form are reviewed by the Chief of Police and Patrol and/or Administrative Sergeant to determine if the force option used is within policy. The Use of Force review is conducted each year.

An annual Use of Force Review is required by policy. After reviewing Use of Force reports for 2015, no trends were identified that would suggest additional training, equipment or policy modification.



Racial or Bias-Based Policing

The Eagle Point Police Department strives to provide law enforcement to our community with due regard to the racial and cultural differences of those we serve. It shall therefore be the policy and practice of this department to provide law enforcement services and to enforce the law equally and fairly without discrimination toward any individual(s) or group because of their race, ethnicity or nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability.



We did not receive any complaints of discrimination in 2015. To determine if the police department’s action in enforcing the law based solely on the person’s membership in a protected class, over 680 citations (including arrests) and written warnings were reviewed. No trends would suggest additional training or policy modifications.

Personnel Action

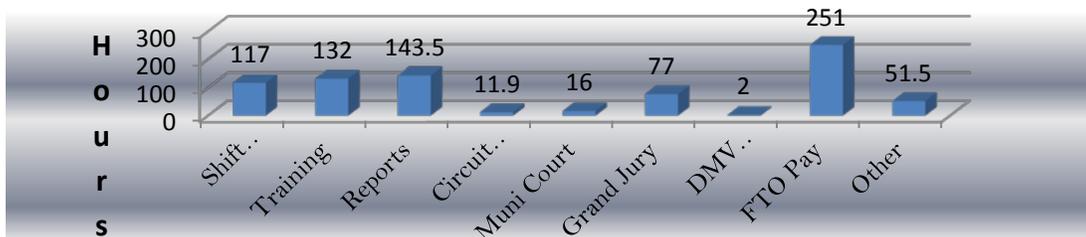
The purpose of the personnel complaint procedure is to provide guidelines for reporting, investigation and disposition of complaints regarding the conduct of members and employees of this department. A personnel *complaint* is any allegation of misconduct or improper job performance against any department employee that, if true, would constitute a violation of department policy, federal, state or local law.

In 2015, the police department did not receive any complaints from citizens that would rise to the level of policy violation. No policy changes are needed and no trends were noted.

Overtime

This chart represents a break-down of the total overtime hours earned by police personnel during the 2015 calendar year.

Overtime Hours 2015





Training

The Department seeks to provide ongoing training and encourages all personnel to participate in advanced training and formal education on a continual basis. Training is provided within the confines of funding, requirements of a given assignment, staffing levels, and legal mandates. Whenever possible, the Department will use courses certified by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST).

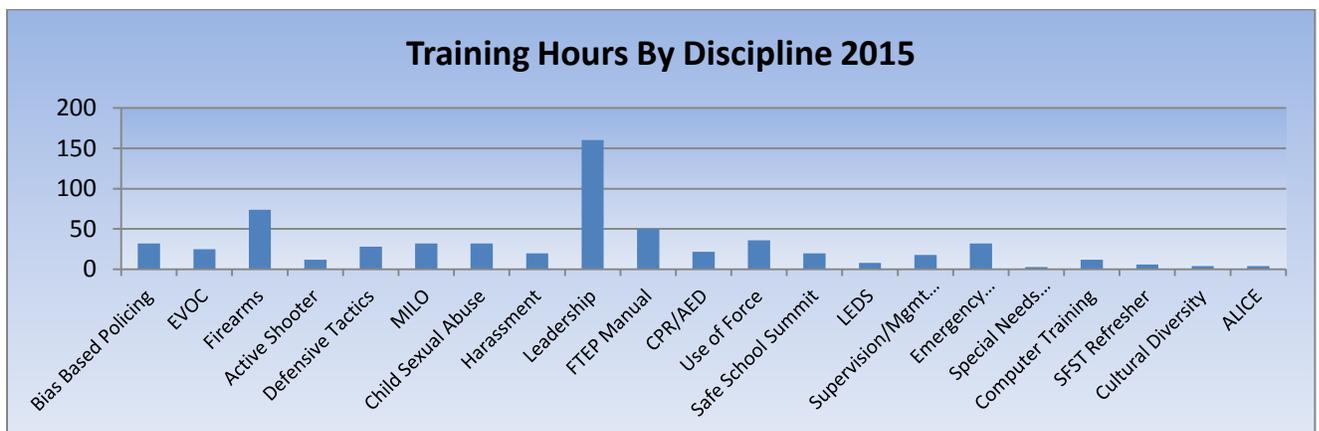
The objectives of the Training Program are to:

- Enhance the level of law enforcement service to the public
- Increase the technical expertise and overall effectiveness of our personnel
- Provide for continued professional development of department personnel
- Enhance the safety of officers and the community

Department mandatory training is required by all police personnel each year. This training consists of Firearms Training, First Aid/CPR/AED, Defensive Tactics, Conducted Energy Device (Taser), Bean-Bag (Less-than-lethal), and other required training per department policy. The department schedules training one-night per month to cover required policy training and other legislative, critical, or other agency-specific training. We had a total of 560 hours of training in 2015.

Supervisory and Management training requirements to retain supervisory, middle-management or executive level certification, is, at a minimum, 24 hours of leadership training per year. DPSST requires a minimum of 84 hours within a three-year period to retain the supervisory, middle-management and executive certification.

One training goal this year is to train an officer as an investigator/detective. We assign major case investigations to a senior patrol officer as needed. The specialized training is focused in the area of crime scene investigation, search warrants, interviewing, crime scene management, forensic evidence collection and sexual assault investigation.





You Have Options

A new training focus for the department is the **You Have Options Program**. This program provides sexual assault reporting options to victims. It also gives law enforcement a different approach to investigating sexual assault. This twenty step progressive approach provides police officers and investigators new concepts in avoiding traditional questioning that could cause increased trauma to the victim.

Specialized training has been scheduled in Forensic Experiential Trauma Interviewing (FETI) for two of our officers who specialize in investigating sexual assault.



Programs

In 2015, there was added interest in the **Neighborhood Watch Program**. Sergeant LaFord is in charge of the program and works together with community neighborhoods to increase awareness and report suspicious activity to the police. If you see it – report it!

School Resource Officer

The School Resource Officer (SRO) position headed by Senior Officer Mike Anselmi has created value for the school district and police department. Officer Anselmi handled over one-hundred and forty-two actual police-related calls at or around the schools. Officer Anselmi interacts daily with the students and has created a positive relationship between the school and the police department. The goal of the School Resource Officer is to establish a positive relationship with the students and school administration, by building trust and respect between the community, youth and law enforcement, and help parents and students resolve conflict. The program also strives to reduce the potential for criminal behavior in the school while promoting a safe learning and teaching environment. SRO's serve as a role model, mentor, and positive image of law enforcement.





This last year Senior Officer Anselmi has been trained in A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) and as the Train-The Trainer for the program. He trains students and school staff how to respond to dangerous individuals who may pose a serious threat to the safety and well being at our elementary, middle and high schools.

National Night Out

We had to cancel National Night Out (NNO) program this year because of the forest fire smoke. NNO is designed to reduce crime and improve the relationship between the police and the community.



We plan on having National Night Out in 2016.



Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box

The Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box has been of value to the citizens of Eagle Point since 2011. Available Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm, citizens can deposit excess and expired prescription medication at no cost. This year we held a National Drug Turn In week in September and accumulated an additional 39 pounds in one four-hour session.

The police department has taken in over 254 pounds of prescription medication for 2015. These medications are eventually taken to a location north of Salem for safe disposal.

The Prescription Drug Drop-Off Box is available to citizens Monday-Friday from.



Goals Achieved

- Lexipol Policy Manual and Training – Updates and maintenance
- Wolfcom Body-Worn Camera issued to all patrol officers
- Re-Accreditation by Oregon Accreditation Alliance



What's New?

The police department was looking to deter loitering, vandalism, disorderly conduct, skateboarding, smoking and drug usage in Centennial Park and the Covered Bridge. Although both locations are posted for prohibited activity, the signs did little to dissuade prohibited conduct. The City purchased a single unit camera system containing four LED cameras and we created a partnership with the Jackson County School District for the mounting of the camera on the school district's office where it could be plugged in and fitted with an Internet connection.

Our officers can remotely connect with the camera in their police vehicles and also from any computer via IP address. The camera has been valuable for reducing the amount of calls for unwanted and illegal activity at Centennial Plaza by more than 50%. In addition to being a deterrent the camera has been a source of evidence for video footage of criminal activity.

