



LARAMIE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 (FISCAL YEAR)

ANNUAL REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As Chief of the Laramie Police Department, I am pleased to present you with the fiscal year 2015 (July 1 2014 – June 30 2015) Annual Report. I started with the LPD in 1980 and annual reports were a way to show our residents and elected officials a snapshot of what goes on within the Police Department. For whatever reason past chiefs stopped producing the report. I am pleased to “restart” the tradition and hope that your review of the annual report will inform and



even possibly lead you to question what happens in your community. As Chief of the Laramie Police Department, I have an opportunity to work for (yes, for) the finest group of dedicated men and women that any police chief could ask for. The abilities and sacrifices made around the clock each day are made with one simple goal in mind – to ensure the safety of each resident and visitor in Laramie.

Thanks for taking the time to review our annual report.

Dale A. Stalder

Chief of Police

Laramie Police Department

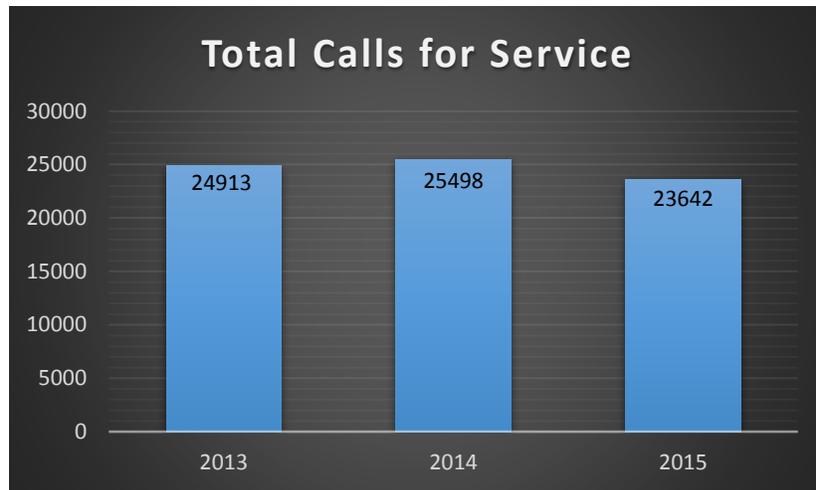
CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Laramie Police Department responds to about 25,000 calls for service each year. These calls include everything from blocked driveways to homicides. In order to optimize efficiency in handling these calls, our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system allows us to "dispose" of calls without an officer creating a case and doing a report. To that end, only about 7,000 calls require officers to dictate reports and records personnel to transcribe reports. It is with this system that we can account for each call, personalize the service to our "customers," and allow officers to spend the



necessary time investigating the more complicated calls for service.

Below is a selection of the calls that impact the workload of all PD employees. From the dispatcher who takes the call, to the officer who investigates the call, to the support personnel who log in evidence or transcribe the reports, a lot goes into handling each call. As you will note, our calls for service remain relatively stable over time, both in the number and type of call. Certainly some calls require extensive investigations, sometimes taking months prior to closure through arrest.

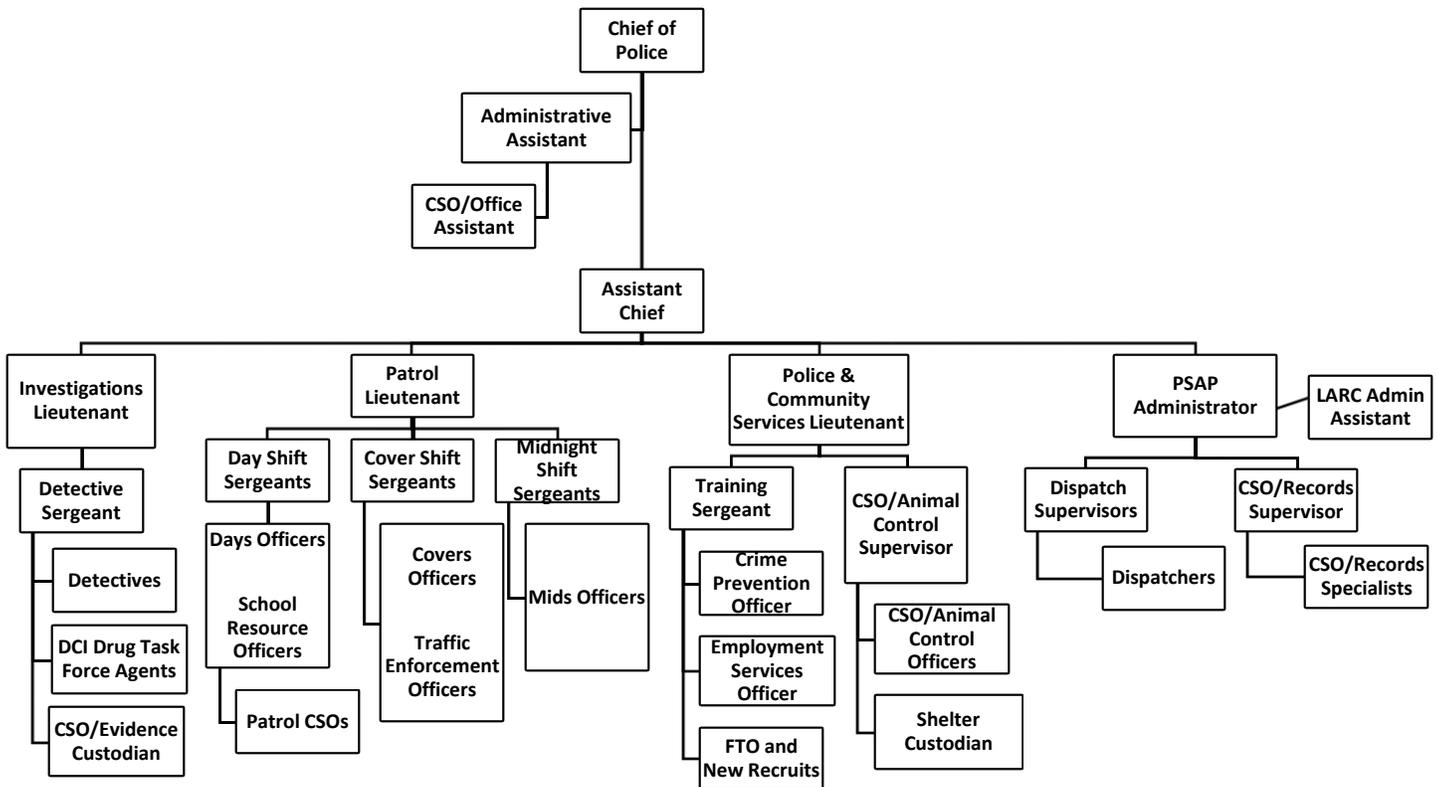


UNIFORMED CRIME REPORTING (UCR) PART I CRIMES

Each year, the Laramie Police Department reports certain crime statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These crime statistics are added to state and national stats and make up the yearly *Crime in the United States* report. Laramie has a relatively consistent crime rate and clearance rates that are slightly lower than state averages. We attribute the lower clearance rate to our transitory population demographics. The crimes listed below are referred to as Part I crimes and are reported similarly across all law enforcement jurisdictions. In 2013, Human Trafficking was added to the Part I crimes, but to date, Laramie has had no reportable incidents.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Murder	0	0	1	1	1
Forcible Rape	10	5	14	11	10
Robbery	1	5	2	3	5
Aggravated Assault	31	29	17	24	32
Burglary	113	89	102	67	60
Larceny	521	614	585	556	622
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	25	23	38	23
TOTAL	709	796	744	699	752

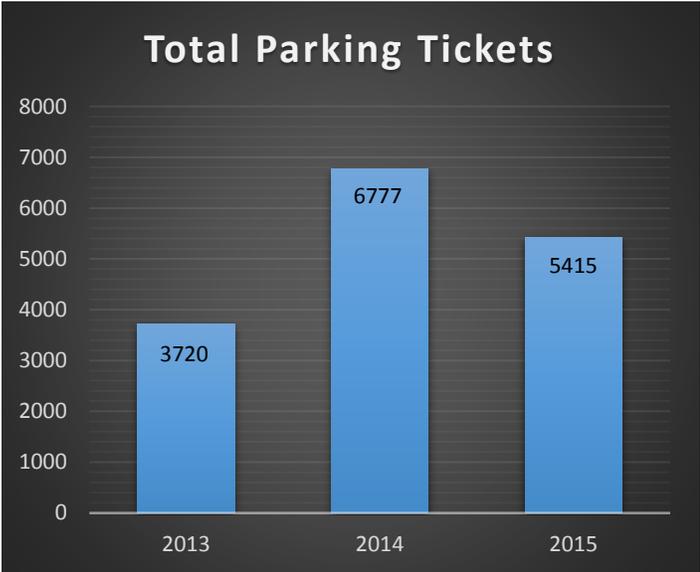
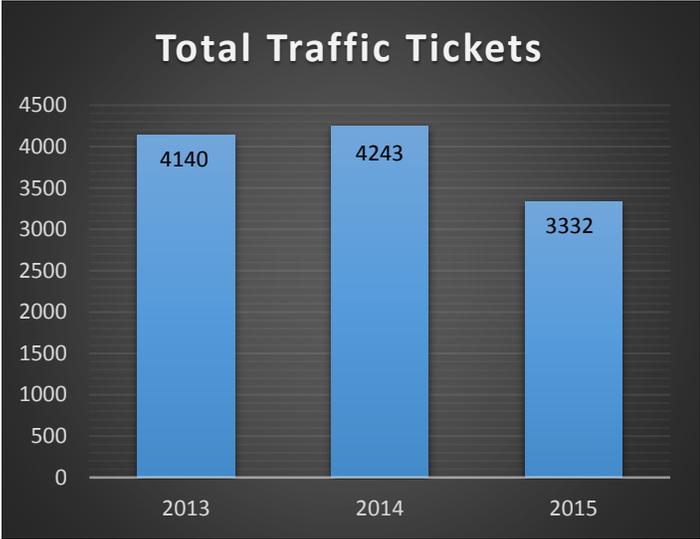
ORGANIZATION



PATROL DIVISION

Overseen by a lieutenant, the Patrol Unit is the most visible face of the Police Department. Consisting of 32 of the Department's 51 sworn officers, Patrol is divided into Day Shift, Cover Shift, and Midnight Shift. The Cover Shift allows for additional staffing during those times of the week when call loads increase. Supplementing Patrol is the Traffic Enforcement Unit, which consists of 2 officers. Often overlooked but tremendously important are two Community Service Officers. The CSOs handle the bulk of parking enforcement, investigate cold crimes without suspects, and handle non-injury accidents. The CSOs also ensure that the Department's vehicle fleet is properly maintained. The Day Shift sergeants also supervise the Department's three School Resource Officers. The SROs are assigned to specific schools in the community and perform policing services at those locations. They also supplement the School District's anti-bullying education and act as a resource for the Albany County Attorney by assisting in the review of all juvenile cases that occur in Albany County.





DAY SHIFT



Sergeant P. Wick



Sergeant S. Davis



Officer G. Lescznske



Officer J. Johnson



Officer R. Gerdes



Officer B. Philbrick



Officer J. Bury



Officer F. O'Connor



Officer C. Lenhardt



Officer P. Belgarde



CSO P. LeBeau



CSO D. Cranney



Officer O. Spisak



Officer J. Anderson

Patrol CSOs

School Resource Officers

COVER SHIFT



Sergeant R. Austin



Sergeant T. Smith



Officer T. Fasnacht



Officer J. Pracheil



Officer D. Applehans



Officer T. Bartel



Officer C. Clevon



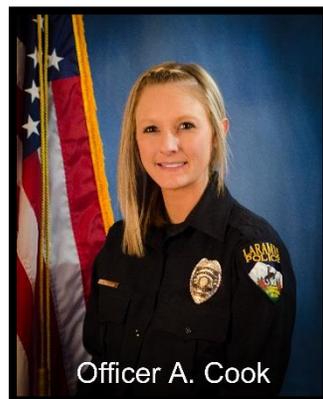
Officer J. Owens



Officer L. Dawson



Officer L. McAlmond



Officer A. Cook



Officer J. Plant

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

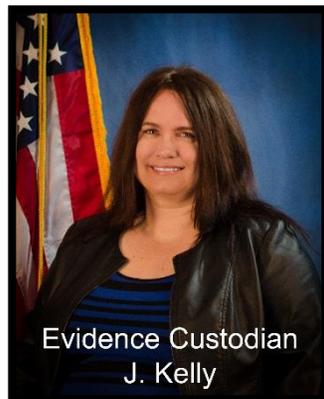


INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Overseen by a lieutenant, the Investigations Unit consists of three detectives and a detective sergeant. A civilian evidence custodian works in the Unit as well. The Investigations Unit assists officers in the Patrol Unit with criminal investigations that can be furthered with the assistance of officers who have advanced training and who do not have the responsibility of handling calls on shift. Detectives oversee all suspicious death investigations, complicated felony investigations, and investigations that sometimes span weeks, months, and even years. Notable cases handled during the past year included the arrest and subsequent conviction of a suspect who was involved in a 1972 homicide that occurred in Laramie.



INVESTIGATIONS



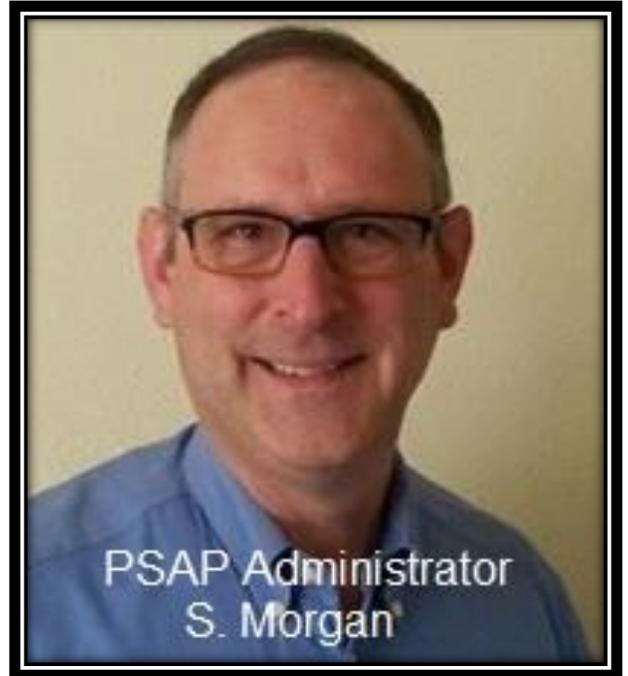
DRUG TASK FORCE

The Department has two officers assigned to the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation Southeast Drug Task Force. The task force is made up of officers from various departments in the southeastern portion of the State and allows the Department to contribute to in-depth, complicated, and often time consuming drug investigations. Without the Drug Task Force, the Department would not have the ability to carry out these complicated investigations. Especially with legalized marijuana to our south, having the Drug Task Force is more important than ever. Task Force officers are under the direction of DCI but still PD employees and are paid in large part by grants from Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Investigations Area (HIDTA).



LARC DIVISION

The LARC (Laramie / Albany County Records & Communications) Division consists of the Dispatch Unit and Records Unit. Overseen by a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Administrator, The Dispatch Unit provides 911 and non-emergent dispatching services for the Laramie Police Department, Laramie Fire Department, and Albany County Sheriff's Office. Combined, Dispatch creates over 50,000 calls for service each year, answers about 12,000 911 calls each year, and handles about 15,000 non-emergent calls each month. Dispatchers are "the first, first responders" and provide the link between the calling public and public safety responders. The Records Unit



transcribes police and sheriff's reports, completes EMS reports, handles public records requests, and submits Uniformed Crime Reporting statistics.



DISPATCHERS



RECORDS



POLICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

The Police & Community Services (PCS) Division of the Department oversees the recruitment, hiring, and training function of the Department as well as the crime prevention function. Overseen by a lieutenant, this division handles policy updates, provides public information, and provides internal investigations as well as legal support for the Department.



Lieutenant G. Smith



Sergeant R. Lehtinen



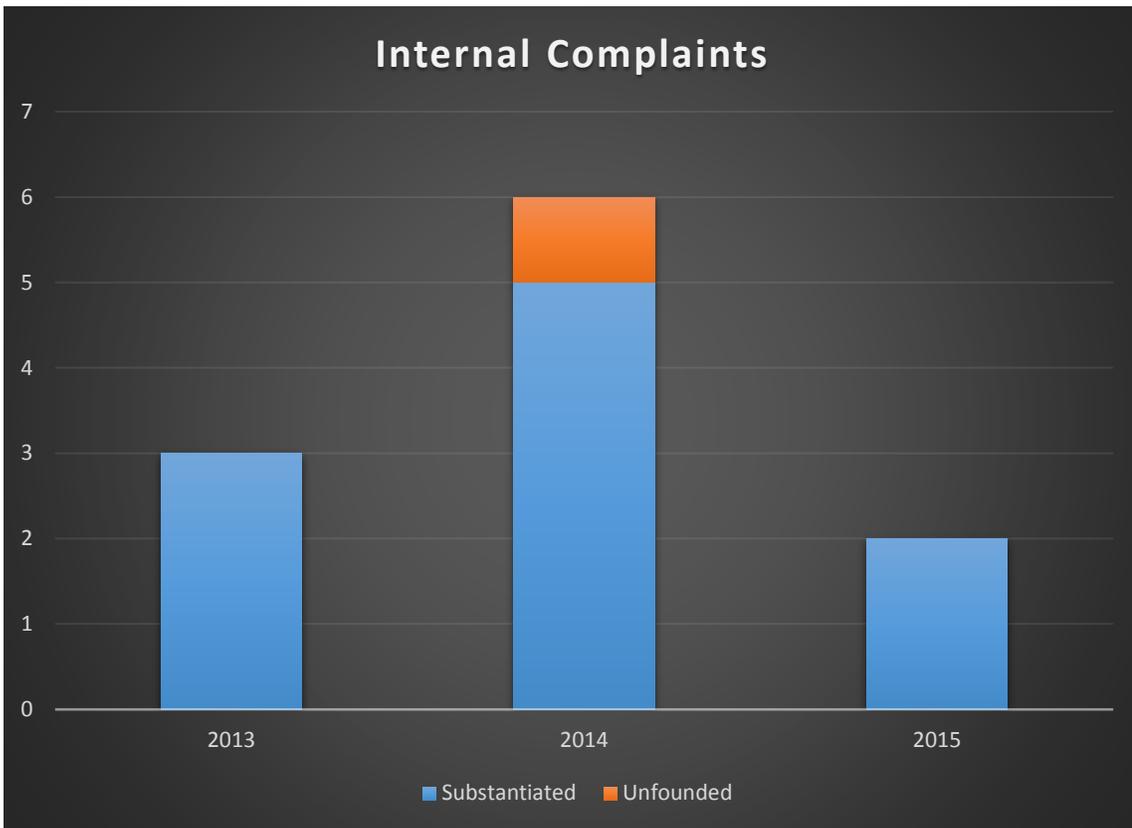
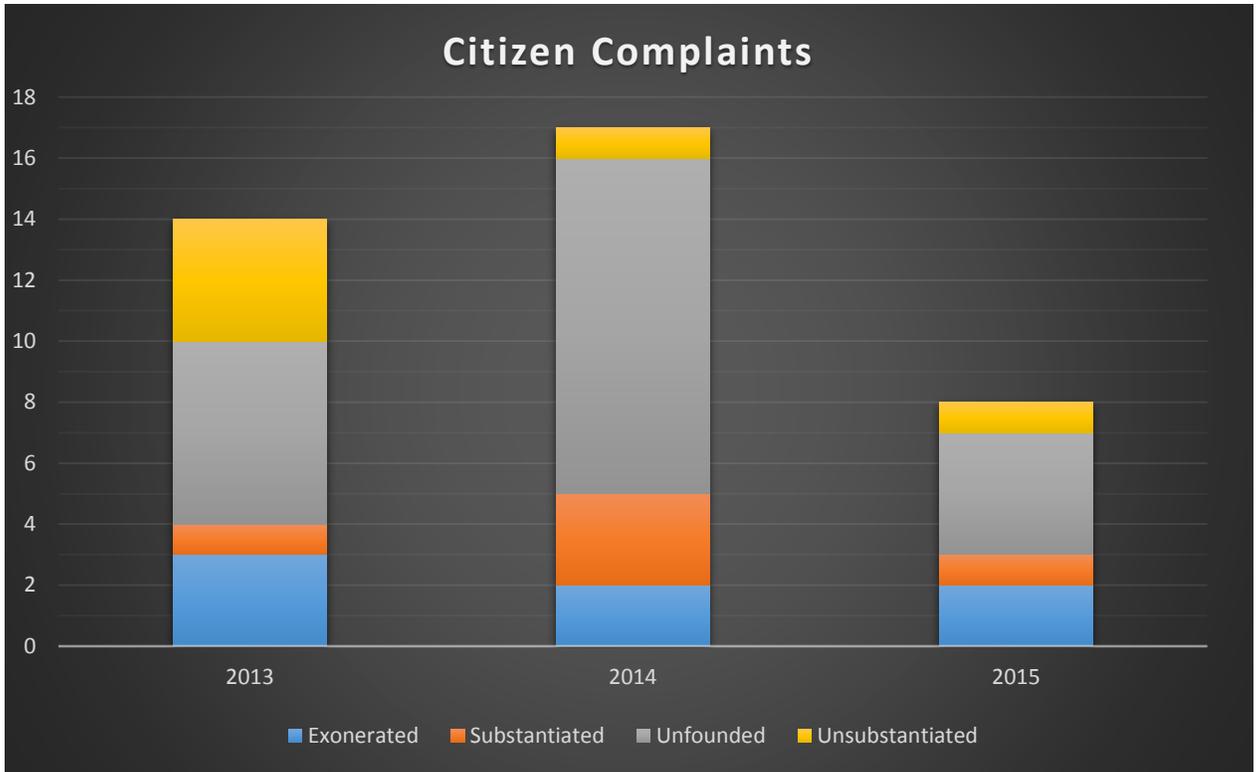
Officer K. Groose



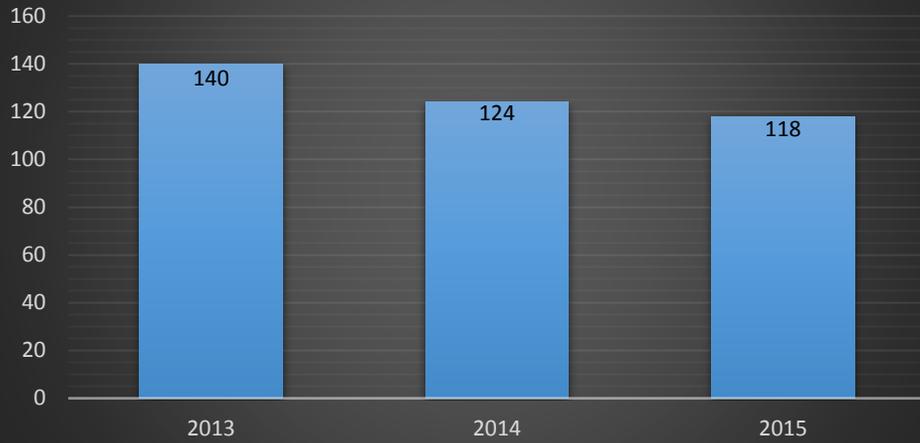
GRANTS

GRANT NAME:	<i>EUDL- NHTSA</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	This grant funds overtime for alcohol inspections, cops in shops, party patrol as well as other programs. However they are event specific, good only for times designated in application
	\$7,429
GRANT NAME:	<i>EUDL-PFS</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	This grant funds overtime for alcohol inspections, cops in shops, party patrol as well as other programs. This grant is strategy based not event based
	\$9,007
GRANT NAME:	<i>Tobacco Inspections</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	Pays for Officer overtime as well as assisting minors.
	\$5,950
GRANT NAME:	<i>HIDTA</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	Provides funding for one officer assigned to the Southeast Drug Enforcement Team. Funding is unconfirmed at this time by the State of Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). We (LPD) are sub recipients of the total High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) submitted by DCI. If there is no funding from this grant we would need operating budget to continue with this position in the amount listed below. Provides one officer to the Southeast Drug Enforcement Team paid by HIDTA. Overtime is reimbursement from State of Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation.
	\$83,518
GRANT NAME:	<i>COPS</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	As of September 1, 2011 this grant pays for the full salary and benefits of two Police Officer positions for a period of three years, with a requirement that funded agencies keep allocated staffing levels intact for one additional year. Funded amount is \$383,504
GRANT NAME:	<i>DCI</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	Provides one officer to the Southeast Drug Enforcement Team. This is a year to year reimbursement from State of Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation. This also pays overtime for both drug task force officers. The <u>approximate</u> overtime budget is \$17,000 with \$42,000 salary paid by DCI and the remaining salary paid for PD budget.
	\$59,000
GRANT NAME:	<i>BVP</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	Provides cost recovery of up to 50% towards the purchase of approved bullet proof vests.
	\$7,858
GRANT NAME:	<i>DUI</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	This grant pays OT for DUI Enforcement and equipment.
	\$40,145
GRANT NAME:	<i>Speed</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	This grant pays OT for Speed Enforcement and equipment.
	\$19,592
GRANT NAME:	<i>Sturgis</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	This grant pays overtime.
	\$2,305
GRANT NAME:	<i>Alcohol Inspections</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	Pays for Officer overtime as well as pay for the assisting minors.
	\$5,950
GRANT NAME:	<i>E-Ticketing project</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	Purchase and go live with e-ticketing.
	\$52,144
GRANT NAME:	<i>Homeland security</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	We currently have three open homeland security grants. Two, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention-orientated Activities (LEPTA) and the State Homeland Security Grant program (SHSGP), are open until March 2016. These grants are to be used for equipment, activities, and training related to responses to and the prevention of terrorism. These grants help support specialized programs and units such as the SRT and Explosives unit. The third homeland security grant was just received in November of 2015 and this is specifically interoperable communications and will run through May 2018. It is anticipated that portable radios will be purchased to replace soon to be obsolete portable radios currently in use.
GRANT NAME:	<i>MRG</i>
DESCRIPTION & FUNDED ITEMS:	Critical infrastructure building apparatus bay
	\$46,035

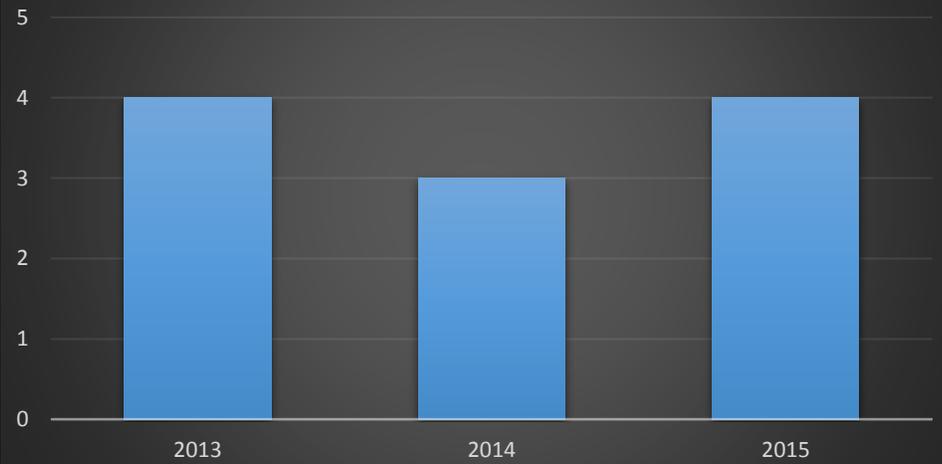
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS



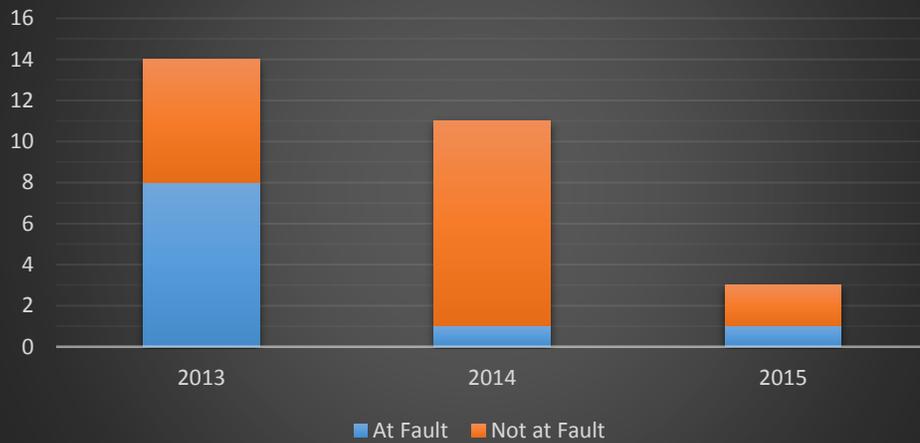
Use of Force



Vehicle Pursuits

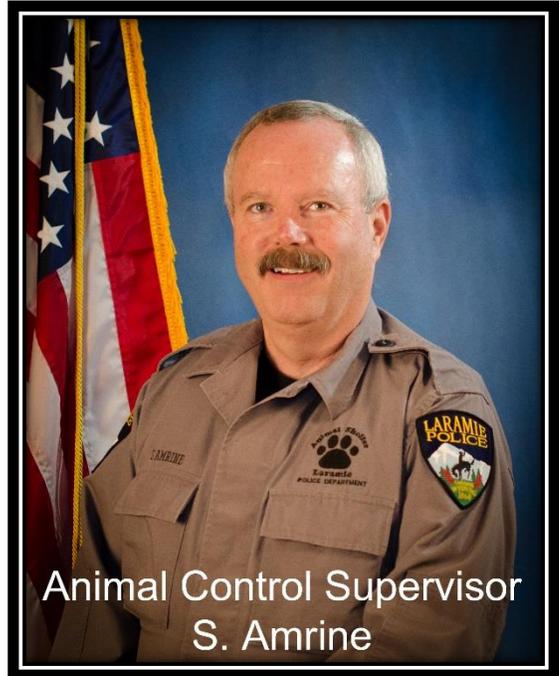


PD Vehicle Accidents



ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Division of the Laramie Police Department is highly visible within the community. Staffed by a supervisor, three Animal Control Officers, a Shelter Assistant, and a custodian, staff respond to animal calls as well as operate the community's only animal shelter. Working seven days a week, an estimated 2000 calls are reported to police or initiated by Shelter staff on an annual basis. On average, over 600 animals come into the shelter yearly to be returned to owners, adopted out, or placed in animal rescues. The Shelter runs a volunteer program, places adoption advertisements in the



Animal Control Supervisor
S. Amrine

local paper on a weekly basis, and provides on-going animal education throughout the community.



Animal Control
R. Solars



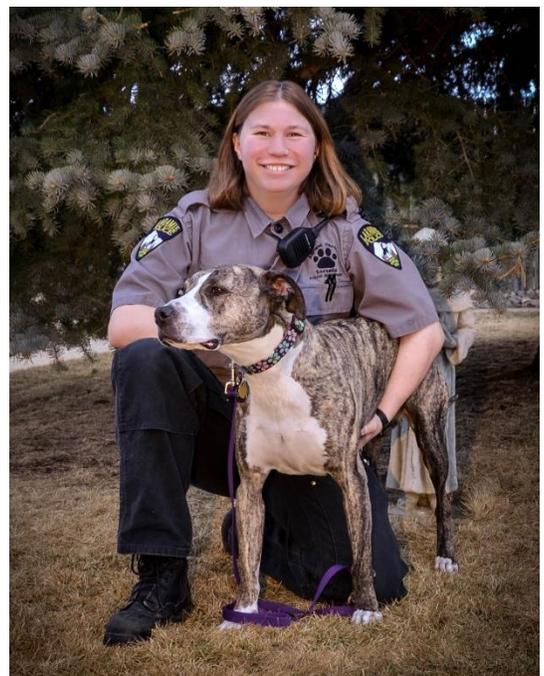
Animal Control
T. Bingham



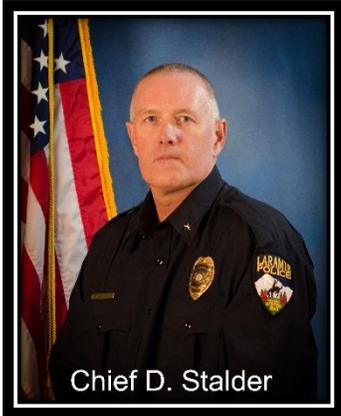
Animal Control
G. Lang



Animal Control
J. Glese



OPERATIONS



Chief D. Stalder



Assistant Chief J. Bury



Administrative Assistant
M. Lopez



Secretary D. Easton

NEW HIRES



Peter Belgarde



Mark Heyn



Jason Bellman



Jonathan Root



Asa Hutchinson

PROMOTIONS



Jeff Bury was promoted from
Commander to Assistant Chief



Ryan Thompson was promoted
from Sergeant to Lieutenant



Ralph Lehtinen was promoted
from Officer to Sergeant



Curt Moore was promoted
from Officer to Sergeant

AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS



Officer Jeremiah Owens received the Life Saving Award



Officer Craig Lenhardt received the Life Saving Award



Officer Troy Bartel received the Lawman of the Year Award

Sergeant Ralph Lehtinen received a Certificate of Merit



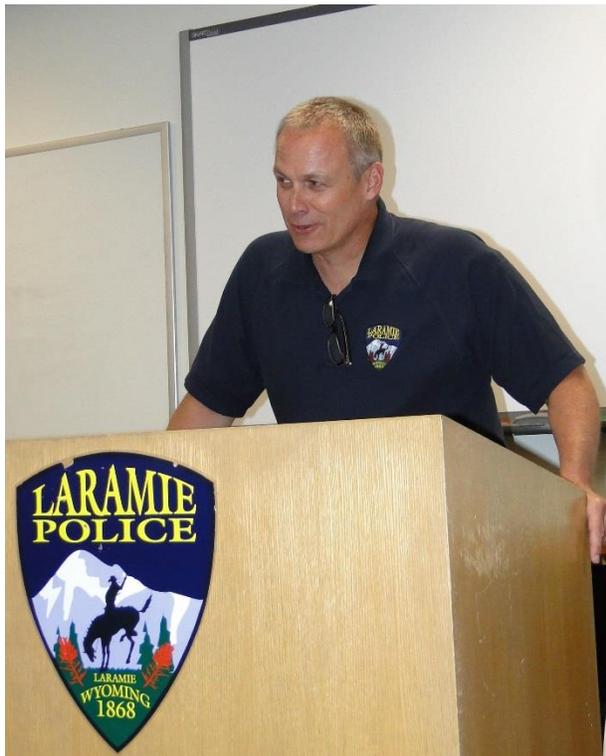
Lieutenant Mark Augustin attended the FBI National Academy



Officer Jacob Bury received a Certificate of Merit

RETIREMENTS

Commander Mitchell Cushman retired January 8, 2015 after 33 years of service with the Department.



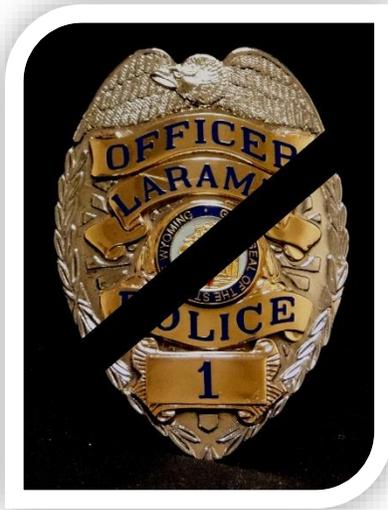
Dispatcher Linda Lamb retired September 4, 2015. She began her career in 1983 and is the first dispatcher ever to retire from the Laramie Police Department.



IN MEMORY



Chief Gerald "Jerry" Overman passed away November 5, 2014. Chief Overman retired in the early 1980's and was instrumental in bringing modern policing to the Department.



Lieutenant Harold "Harry" Nagel passed away August 9, 2015. Lt. Nagel served proudly until the mid-1990s. He was tough nosed and expected much of his troops, always with the goal of getting his officers to become better.

