PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Greenbelt Fiscal Year 2015



GREENBELT POLICE is committed to providing the highest quality police services, while stressing the importance of respect for individual rights and human dignity. The department continually seeks to build and enhance partnerships with the community to improve public safety.

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2013 In Review

BACKGROUND

Serious, or Part I, crime in Greenbelt decreased 16.4% in 2013, from 1,134 reported incidents in 2012 to 948. Serious crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft. By comparison, the Washington Metropolitan region of Montgomery and Prince George's counties, known as UCR Region IV, experienced a 6.5% decrease, according to the latest published Maryland State Police Uniform Crime Report (August 9, 2013).

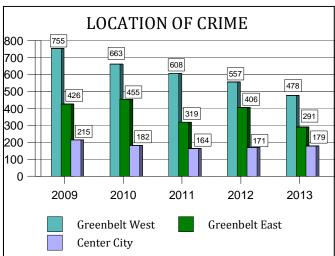
VIOLENT CRIME

Violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and the victim; consequently they are considered more serious crimes than property crimes. These offenses accounted for 15% of all crime in Maryland. Locally, violent crime, at 105 incidents, comprised 11% of Part I crimes indicating that Greenbelt fares somewhat better than the State overall. The majority of violent crime, 70% (73 incidents) occurred in Greenbelt West, 23% (24) in Greenbelt East and 7% (8) in Historic Greenbelt.

Though having dropped from 68 to 65, robbery remains the most prevalent violent crime in our community, accounting for 62% of all Part I crimes. Seventy-seven percent (50) of the incidents occurred in Greenbelt West, 17% (11) in Greenbelt East and 6% (4) in Historic Greenbelt.

For the third consecutive year, there were no homicides.

PART I CRIME 1,396 1,300 1,134 1,201 1,091 1,400 1,115 1,025 1,200 1,000 800 600 400 195 130 109 105 200 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 Total Part I **Against Property Against Persons**



PROPERTY CRIME

Property crime made up 89% (843) of the total crime in 2013. Property crimes were down 18% overall. Forty-eight percent (405) of the offenses occurred in Greenbelt West, 32% (267) in Greenbelt East and the remaining 20% (171) in Historic Greenbelt.

Geographically, the majority of crime, 50% (478), occurred in Greenbelt West; 31% (291) in Greenbelt East and 19% (179) in Historic Greenbelt. These ratios remain historically proportional.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Department responded to 31,526 calls for service, a decrease of 6.8% from 2012.

Adult arrests decreased 14.4% from 930 to 796, and juvenile arrests declined 32% to 112.

Officers made 9,332 traffic stops, issued 7,778 citations and wrote a combined 12,424 warnings and equipment repair orders. The high number of citations is attributed to the use of computer technology that enhances time and efficiency in producing the citations.

Commensurate with the traffic stops were 234 driving under the influence (DUI) arrests and 720 other traffic related apprehensions.

The department's Computer Aided Dispatch/ Records

Management System (CAD/RMS) captures foot patrol time as premise checks. Officers were out of their cruisers patrolling neighborhoods and businesses on 2,978 occasions compared to 2,772 in 2012, up 7%.

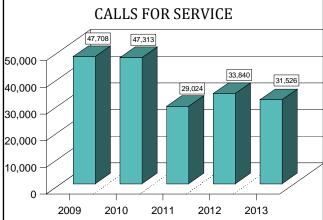
The number of property damage traffic crashes remained statistically equivalent at 931 compared to 937 last year; however, personal injury crashes were up 14%. There were no fatal crashes during the year.

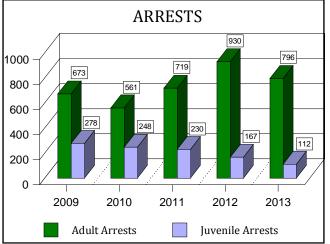
AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The Red Light Camera Program generated 5,304 violations while the recently installed Speed Camera Program recorded 8,142 infractions.

CRIME RATE

As reported in the latest published edition of the annual state Uniform Crime Report (August 9, 2013), the crime rate for Maryland was 3.2 victims for every 1,000 population. The rate for Prince George's County was 2.9. Greenbelt's rate was 3.9. Closer inspection of all jurisdictions within the county shows generally that jurisdictions inside the Beltway have a greater crime rate than those outside. Greenbelt's rate has historically fallen in the middle reflecting the impact of regional forces. For example, the rate in Bladensburg is 6.6, Hyattsville is 6.1 and Laurel is 5.2.





CLEARANCE RATE

The clearance rate for cases investigated by Greenbelt officers was 9% compared to 15% for all agencies in Prince George's County and 19% in Maryland Region IV of the Washington metropolitan area. The statewide closure rate of all agencies in Maryland was 26%.

A crime is cleared when the police have identified the offender, have evidence to charge and actually take the offender into custody. Solutions to crimes are also recorded in exceptional circumstances where some element beyond police control precludes formal charges against the offender, such as the victim's refusal to prosecute or local prosecution is declined because the subject is being prosecuted elsewhere for a crime committed in that jurisdiction. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in the process of committing one crime.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY 2014

Administrative Initiatives

The Department continued to develop and improve upon its training program in 2013. All officers were provided multiple hours of training that covered a variety of topics. This year, topics included, but were

not limited to, Lethality Assessment of Domestic Violence Incidents, Gang Awareness, Digital Imaging, Active Shooter, All Hazards Response, Victim's Rights and Legal Updates. Additionally, officers received training in all aspects of the Departmental Use of Force policy, and their uses of Firearms and Tasers.

Police managers received executive level training

while attending courses hosted by various police management groups. Those groups included the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive



Development School, the IACP Training Conference and the Maryland Chiefs of Police Executive Training Conference.

The Department purchased and implemented its first Cogent LiveScan system, which allows the submittal of criminal booking and background applicant fingerprints as required by Federal and State law. Nine (9) Blue Check II mobile fingerprint scanners

were purchased and deployed, allowing officers to identify suspects by their fingerprints from their patrol vehicle.

Further implementation and use of the State Electronic Traffic Information Exchange (ETIX) program continued, allowing officers to issue and submit Maryland traffic citations, warnings and repair orders electronically. The Department transitioned from the use of paper accident reports to the Automated

Crash Reporting System (ACRS). This system allows for the electronic completion and submission of crash reports, making Greenbelt one of the first agencies in the State to transition to this system.

Office of Professional Standards

In November 2012, the Department was awarded CALEA's prestigious Accreditation with Excellence award. The Greenbelt Police Department is only the 2nd agency in the State of Maryland to be honored with such an achievement. In a follow up review in 2013, the De-



partment met all of CALEA's 460 standards of compliance. The Department is scheduled for reinspection in March 2015.

Patrol Squads

Patrol Squads are the foundation of the Department. Men and women of the Patrol Division are on-duty around the clock to ensure the safety and security of all who live, work, visit and trade within the city. In addition to patrol duties, most of the Division's officers perform additional specialty duties throughout the organization. Examples of these duties include: participating as team members in the Emergency Response Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Collision Analysis Reconstruction Unit, Homeland Security Unit and the Honor Guard. Further, patrol and other officers are vital to the success of the Department's in-service and pistol-range training programs.

Beyond the Traffic Stop - Adhering to the philosophy that proactively enforcing traffic laws not only keeps the roadways safer but also the surrounding neighborhoods, the Patrol Division continued to emphasize looking beyond the traffic stop. Officers were encouraged to use all of their senses to detect criminal activity while on traffic stops. In 2013, officers conducted 10,148 vehicle stops. These stops yielded 963 traffic arrests, 71 criminal arrests and 93 warrant arrests. There were an additional 872 suspicious vehicle stops which resulted in 17 traffic arrests, 24 criminal arrests and 7 warrant arrests.



Following last year's March to 250 campaign against impaired drivers, this year officers attempted to surpass that goal with the Prevent the Mourning After 255-DUI Campaign. This effort resulted in removing 234 impaired drivers from the city's roadways by 25 participating officers. Five officers had more than 10 arrests, with one officer making 57.

Patrol Commander's Squad

The Patrol Commander's Squad (PCS) continued its efforts in fighting violent crime and intervening in quality of life issues throughout the city. PCS officers, supplemented by patrol officers and detectives, conducted 10 organized saturation details in which individuals were arrested for violations ranging from trespassing to warrant arrests. The vast majority of the saturation details involved burglary suppression in Greenbelt West and quality of life issues in Greenbelt East. Ten arrests were made during the details and two dozen individuals were stopped and identified under suspicious circumstances. During the events, a variety of methods were employed including high visibility patrols, plain clothes patrols and foot or bike patrols.

Bicycle trained officers spent a total of 160 hours performing bike patrol in 2013, compared to 151 hours in 2012. These numbers are expected to increase with better tracking through CAD.

License Plate Reader (LPR) - The Department currently has three LPRs. During 2013, this technology helped recover 33 stolen automobiles, four (4) stolen license plates and serve seven (7) arrest warrants. Additionally, LPRs led to numerous misdemeanor and felony arrests, as well as traffic enforcement ranging from driving an uninsured vehicle to driving while revoked. Particularly noteworthy was an incident in which an officer used LPR technology to identify and apprehend a fugitive wanted for kidnapping and attempted murder. On another occasion, the technology led to the arrest, and subsequent conviction, of a career criminal using a stolen tow truck to steal numerous vehicles across the region.

ETIX - The electronic ticket (ETIX) program went live in October 2011. In 2012, officers equipped with ETIX issued 12,666 warnings, 7,365 citations and 1,073 equipment repair orders. 2013 saw these numbers remain relatively consistent with officers issuing 11,184 warnings, 7,777 citations and 1,252 equipment repair orders. Upon completion of a traffic stop, data entered into ETIX is immediately transmitted to LInX, the District Court of Maryland and Maryland State Police database used to compile and track bias-based profiling.

During 2013, officers also utilized new modules activated in the Delta/ETIX system, to include electronic MVA driver re-exam requests, electronic vehicle search reports and the Automated Crash Reporting System (ACRS). Two officers were selected as ACRS instructors by the Maryland State Police and have trained approximately half of the department's patrol division in the use of the system.

The Department is on track to be one of the first in the State to complete a full conversion from older paper accident reporting to electronic reporting in the first quarter of 2014. Electronic reporting through ACRS benefits drivers involved in crashes, insurance companies and the State Highway Administration with more timely and detailed reporting.

Traffic Unit

DUI Enforcement - During 2013, officers arrested 234 persons for DUI/DWI. Four officers made 20 arrests or more, making each of them eligible for next year's MADD/MHSO Impaired Driving Performance Award. In September 2013, six (6) officers received awards at the annual statewide DUI Enforcement

Awards ceremony. As a result of the DUI arrests made in 2012, MPO Yankowy, the Department's Traffic Officer, was 1 of 3 officers in the State to receive the Outstanding Innovative Award for spearheading and maintaining innovative DUI enforcement, education and training programs for their respective departments.

Sgt. Gordon Pracht attended the week-long University of Maryland Institute Of Advanced Law Enforcement Studies DUI Course. Cpl. Kaiser, MPO Yankowy, MPO Defibaugh, MPO Potts III and MPO Kelley completed this course in previous years.

Intoximeter - The Department has nine (9) breath technicians who conducted 279 Intoximeter tests in 2013. Eighty-seven (87) of the tests conducted were for allied law enforcement agencies. Aside from basic operator training, all Intoximeter operators are required to attend eight (8) hours of annual training and recertification on the instrument. This specialized training is conducted by the Maryland State Police.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program - Trained DREs conducted three (3) drug evaluations in 2013. These evaluations were completed for Greenbelt officers as well as troopers from the Maryland State Police. Cpl. Kaiser attended 8 hours of in-service training with MSP.

Smooth Operator - The Smooth Operator campaign is a national campaign that is deployed for one week during the months of June and July, two weeks in August and one week in September. The Patrol Division continued to place a special emphasis on the Smooth Operator campaign in 2013. As a result of officers increasing their enforcement efforts toward aggressive driving, Greenbelt officers issued 3,334 citations and warnings during the five weeks of the campaign, compared to 2,849 citations in 2012 and 1,198 in 2011. Cpl. Kaiser, MPO Yankowy and MPO Potts III all received awards from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) for their diligence during the campaign.

Toward Zero Deaths - Throughout August, Greenbelt officers took part in a traffic safety endeavor called TOWARD ZERO DEATHS. August is one of Maryland's deadliest months in terms of traffic related fatalities. Using overtime funds provided by a MHSO grant, DUI saturation patrols were posted for each Friday and Saturday night in August. In addition to the scheduled week of Smooth Operator, aggressive driving enforcement, pedestrian enforcement and nighttime seatbelt enforcement were also increased



with special details coinciding with the beginning of the school year.

During August, officers initiated 942 traffic stops resulting in 2,146 citations, warnings and equipment repair orders being issued. There were 77 arrests resulting from the stops in addition to the 28 DUI arrests made by officers. Seventy-one (71) pedestrian violations were issued during five special details.

Labor Day Booth - MPO Yankowy, MPO Lawson and George Mathews, Department PIO, staffed a booth throughout the Labor Day Festival. The booth was stocked with traffic and citizen safety educational "giveaway" items. Several thousand visitors stopped at the booth throughout the Labor Day weekend.

Child Safety Seats - Police Records Specialist Robert "Jeff" Wiltrout is currently the Department's certified child safety seat installer. In 2013, Jeff installed approximately 50 safety seats for individuals who live in and around Greenbelt. Further, he installed approximately another 70 safety seats while participating in several region wide Child Safety Seat Installation Days. Additionally, he was asked to join the



Maryland Child Safety Advisory Panel, a statewide board tasked with making recommendations to promote child safety.

Pedestrian Safety - Speed enforcement focused on crosswalk areas throughout the city. In addition, several officers participated in pedestrian enforcement details targeting pedestrian violators as well as motorists. These details were held near Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Beltway Plaza Mall and Greenbelt Metro. Violators were issued pedestrian and bike safety educational material, as well as enforcement documents.

Seat Belt Safety - Seat Belt Enforcement zones were deployed throughout the city in conjunction with the nationwide Click It or Ticket campaign. Seatbelt/ safety seat messages were broadcast to the public through numerous media outlets. Officers issued 507 citations and warnings during the campaign. Additionally, 29 arrests resulted from stops made during this campaign.

Commercial Vehicle - Cpl. Kaiser, Cpl. Kayton and MPO Yankowy conducted 121 inspections of commercial vehicles. These officers issued 646 citations, warnings and repair orders, and made 7 arrests including an impaired driver of a commercial motor vehicle. These officers also participated in joint enforcement operations with Maryland State Police and other allied agencies.

Collision Analysis Reconstruction Unit (CARU) - CARU investigated one serious injury pedestrian collision. Cpl. Kaiser is a member of the Maryland Crash Reconstruction Committee (MCRC). The Committee is responsible for determining the training needed to be a certified collision analyst in the State. Five members of the unit attended the MCRC Conference in Linthicum, MD and three members attended the regional conference held in Atlantic City, NJ.

Traffic Grants - \$28,163 in grant funding was received from the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) to defray the cost of the overtime for various traffic enforcement details. The Department was awarded first place in the Law Enforcement Challenge for 2012 for agencies similar in size and will receive a \$5,000 traffic equipment grant in FY 2014.







The Department also received \$15,000 in grant funding from the Motor Carrier Division of the Maryland State Highway Administration. These funds are for the performance of enforcement activities by officers certified to conduct commercial vehicle inspections.

Public/Private Partnerships

Pfc. Carlos Torres serves as the Department's Franklin Park public/private partnership officer. Pfc. Torres' duties include meeting weekly with Franklin Park's management team, establishing proactive responses to crime trends and ensuring patrol officers and detectives are kept abreast of pertinent crime information. Pfc. Torres, with the assistance of Franklin Park and Beltway Plaza's management, successfully organized a joint National Night Out event. The event was deemed a great success by both Franklin Park residents and Beltway Plaza's merchants and customers.

<u>Crime Prevention/Public Information Officer</u> (PIO)

Efforts were made to increase the Police Department's representation across the city at both public and private events. This was accomplished by MPO Lawson's attendance at a number of different events and activities, including annual events such as the city's Fall Fest, National Night Out and HOA meetings.

During the fall, a decision was made to civilianize the PIO position, freeing MPO Lawson to return to full-time Patrol duties. The Department was fortunate to fill this position with retired MPO George Mathews. He was able to quickly resume the position, having

ended his police career as the PIO and being replaced by MPO Lawson.

School Resource Officers' (SRO) Activities

Fifty students (mainly Juniors and Seniors) completed the Introduction to Criminal Justice class taught at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The class was renamed 'Public Policy Issues' by Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). The School Resource Officer and Traffic units conducted a 'mock car crash' at ERHS to graphically illustrate the dangers of drinking and driving to the Senior class. The Unit, in conjunction with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and SADD (Students Against Destructive

Decisions-ERHS Chapter) held two assemblies for ERHS Seniors discussing the importance of making 'correct' decisions relating to 'life choices.' The SRO conducted more than 120 hours of foot patrol at the Spellman Overpass and the adjacent residential community.

The SRO continued the program (in accordance with SADD and ERHS administration) which requires all students requesting a parking pass to attend an instructional class with a parent.

Homeland Security Unit (HSU)

In 2013, the Homeland Security Unit attended training on building entry and active threat scenarios. It also reviewed recent and notable terrorist events with the range instructors regarding similar scenarios within the City and made recommendations for future training and response protocols.

The Unit reviews and analyzes public domain, private industry and law enforcement sensitive information concerning terrorist threats, health-related events, such as pandemics and other medical issues,



as well as following and critiquing mass-casualty events, trends and training world-wide. The unit reviews specialized protective equipment and makes recommendations to the Department for the protection of its work force.

Emergency Response Unit (ERU)

The Emergency Response Unit executed three search and seizure warrants in 2013. The warrants were the result of on-going investigations by various law enforcement agencies, including Mont-

gomery County Police and Washington Metropolitan Police Department. The Unit partnered with the Metro Transit Police Department in conducting a "Blue Tide" Terrorism deterrence detail at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Unit supervisors continued as active members on the Council of Government's SWAT Subcommittee. The Unit provided training to several agencies, including Community Center employees, in the area of active shooter threats. The Unit trains monthly in order to remain prepared to respond to and resolve any extraordinary incidents that may arise in the Greenbelt community.

Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU)

The Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU) currently has six (6) members including two Spanish speaking officers. The Unit trains on a monthly basis to stay proficient and ready for any incidents. It trains at least twice a year with the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) to provide for a more cohesive response to critical incidents. CNU members were not activated to respond to any critical incidents in 2013.

Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU)

In 2013, the Criminal Investigations Unit was assigned 155 cases for investigation. These cases included: one (1) Attempted Murder, fifty-four (54) Robberies, two (2) Carjackings, six (6) Rapes/Sex Offenses, two (2) Kidnappings and five (5) 1st Degree Assaults involving the use of a weapon.

In December 2013, the agency became a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This provides detectives more resources in the investigations of the online sexual exploitation of children.

Detective Mark Holden, working with Greenbriar Condominiums staff and using a pro-active police strategy, developed a crime information survey for the residents of that community. The survey asked residents to share any safety related concerns they had and to inform the Police Department of any criminal activity they may be aware of. Residents were given a number of methods to contact the Department to include remaining anonymous.

Evidence Unit

The Evidence Unit and part-time Evidence Technicians processed crime scenes and retrieved vital pieces of evidence, such as DNA, that helped to identify suspects. In addition, several hours of training were implemented for the Evidence Technicians to remain current with procedures and techniques. Evidence Technicians networked with other evidence units of other agencies to share knowledge, procedures and techniques. Departmental officers were also trained in evidence processing techniques by our Evidence Unit Technicians. Work was started in updating and reorganizing the evidence lab to make it more fully functional.

Police Canine Unit

Major personnel changes in the unit included the retirement of Corporal Musterman after 28 years of service. During his tenure, Corporal Musterman worked four (4) dogs and served a majority of his ca-



reer in the K9 Unit. Due to transition within the unit, three new teams completed training: Corporal Michael Dewey with K9 Neo, MPO Rob Defibaugh with K9 Dago and MPO Jason Cressman with K9 Brett.

Corporal Robert Musterman and MPO Barry Byers and their K9 partners attended the annual United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Field Trials which were held in Laurel, Maryland. Both teams attained Police Dog 1 Certification at the event. MPO Byers also attended the annual USPCA Detector Dog Trials which

were held in Charles County, Maryland and received a certification in Narcotic Detection.

MPOs Byers, Defibaugh and Cressman and their K9 partners attended the annual United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Tracking Trials which were held in Bristow, VA. All teams attained their Tracking Dog Certification at the event. MPO Byers was also awarded the Triple Crown Award by the USPCA for obtaining certifications in Patrol Dog, Narcotic Detection and Tracking all within a calendar year.

Greenbelt K9 teams were also responsible for the recovery of lost property, dropped evidence and the apprehension of numerous felony suspects wanted for crimes including auto theft, assault, domestic vio-

lence, burglary, robbery and murder. MPO Cressman, in particular, was formally recognized by the Prince George's County Police Department this past December for his and canine partner Brett's actions where they entered a wooded area and apprehended a suspect who had just shot and killed a man in Forestville.

The K9 Unit has increased its public demonstration outreach program to include a number of Greenbelt organizations, area schools and multiple sites associated with this summer's National Night Out.

Honor Guard Unit

The Honor Guard provided ceremonial services for the City, allied departments and other venues. The Unit served with distinction in a number of events including: the opening ceremonies for the Greenbelt



Labor Day Festival and leading the Labor Day Parade, presentation of colors at the Greenbelt American Legion's Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards Banquet, presenting colors for the Prince George's County Chiefs of Police Association Awards Breakfast, presenting and posting the colors for the Naturalization Oath ceremony at the Community Center and attending funeral services for fallen officers of area agencies.

The Honor Guard was given the opportunity to present the colors at the Maryland Municipal League annual convention held in Ocean City, Maryland, as then Mayor Davis was the outgoing MML President.

Narcotics Investigations/HIDTA Task Force

The Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force continued to provide resources and assistance to the Department for the investigation of vice type crimes such as drugs, gambling and prostitution. The Task Force conducted investigations of several suspected drug dealing locations in various areas of the City. The investigations resulted in search warrants being obtained. Task Force investigators teamed up with Greenbelt detectives and patrol officers to investigate a number of prostitution businesses in Greenbelt. Surveillance was used which observed "Johns" entering and exiting the establishments. The "Johns" were detained and interviews were conducted. Information received was used for probable cause to obtain search warrants for each location.

ISSUES AND SERVICES FOR FY 2015

During the past fiscal year, a citywide organizational assessment of the City government was completed by the Matrix Consulting Group. The review resulted in recommendations to revamp the organization, field operations and support services within the Police Department. The Department will be developing a work plan to prioritize and implement the recommended changes.

The long-anticipated personnel attrition due to service retirement is underway. The past calendar year saw four officers retire with another 19 who could separate in 2014. In order to replace those leaving, recruiting efforts have been strengthened with greater emphasis on advertising and remaining competitive with agencies seeking the same job pool.

One of the FY 2014 management objectives required the study of body cameras for officers. A survey of regional agencies resulted in a recommendation of a vendor in which the Department has entered initial discussions. Future use is pending due to possible State legislation.

Civilianization of certain positions has been a long term management objective. The Department took its first step in that direction by hiring a civilian to assume the duties formerly performed by the Public Information/Crime Prevention officer. The new employee is also certified by the Maryland Police and Corrections Training Commission to teach DARE. Therefore, it has been a smooth transition and provides encouragement to seek other opportunities for civilianization. The Department will be looking for other opportunities to civilianize positions held by sworn personnel.

With information technology so prevalent in the law enforcement workplace with mobile data terminals, computer aided dispatching, record management systems, inter-agency information sharing systems, license plate readers, etc., an Automation Manager was selected to oversee all of those aspects. The individual, a sworn officer, has been assigned to Records to coordinate IT matters.

A decision is expected soon as to whether the FBI will be relocating to Greenbelt. Should that happen, there will be extensive planning to be done to prepare for the expansion of public safety services.

Over the past year, reported crime in Greenbelt has fallen to the lowest levels in two decades. The 948 reported crimes in 2013 represents a 45% decrease since 2002. Many locations across the United States are experiencing a similar two-decade decline in violent crime. Many who study such things expected a rise in the rates due to the recent recession. Conventional wisdom dictates that crime goes up when the economy turns down but recent studies show otherwise.

So, what is at play here? Sharper policing strategies, stiffer prison sentences and newer technologies provide part of the answer, but not all. Police and social scientists have been watching closely for a possible spike in violent crime during the recession that began in 2008 but it has not materialized. That is partly due to more people staying home because they lack work, deterring criminals through their presence or notifying police of suspicious behavior. Other social forces are at play as well. Since the 1990's, Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys have consistently found that between 20 and 25 percent of the em-

ployed do some or all of their work at home and a growing pool of retirees helps bolster the number of stay-at-home crime stoppers.

However, experts say the real reasons behind the downturn – which included double-digit decreases in homicide rates last year in New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles – are more complicated and may involve factors as mundane as the proliferation of video games. Youths and young adults are spending more time on indoor pursuits involving high-definition TVs, gaming consoles and computers. Researchers say that is having a positive impact on crime. Fewer young people on the street mean fewer potential criminals and fewer targets for criminals. A study released in 2011 by the Center for European Economic Research showed that violent video games such as "Grand Theft Auto" and "Call of Duty" could mitigate aggressive behavior and lead to a decrease in crime.

Declining cocaine consumption that fueled the explosion of gang warfare, violent crime and record murder rates in the early 1990's has had some effect as well. A 2011 survey by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that the number of Americans who said they used cocaine fell 40% from 2006 to 2011.

Surprisingly, less lead in gasoline may also be a contributor. Exposure to lead among children has long been linked to lower IQs and cognitive skills. A landmark study in 2007 by Amherst College Public Health Professor Jessica Wolpow Reyes found a remarkable correlation between lead exposure and violent crime. According to her calculations, exposure to the heavy metal could have accounted for between 28% and 91% of the 83% increase in violent crime in the U.S. between 1972 and 1992. As lead exposure has dropped, so has violent crime, falling 56% in the 1990's. Reyes forecasts that the trend will continue with violence decreasing by as much as 70% by 2020.

The U.S. Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in 1973. According to University of Chicago Economics Professor Steven D. Levitt and Stanford Law Professor John J. Donohue, legal abortions appeared to account for as much as a 50% plunge in crime between 1985 and 1997. Underlying their theory was the assumption that legal abortions led to fewer unwanted babies being born and that those babies would have been at increased risk for criminality as adults because they were more likely to suffer abuse and neglect as children. The study found that in the five states that legalized abortion prior to Roe v. Wade, crime started falling before the rest of the country. Additionally, from the year of the Roe decision to 1998, states with high and low abortion rates had identical crime patterns. This was happening as the crack epidemic and urban violence peaked.

Researchers have other explanations for falling crime rates, including that more criminals appear to be pursuing identity theft related crimes which reduce the danger for them while allowing bigger payoffs.

The falling crime rate in Greenbelt is part of the larger discussion, of course. However, it is the dedicated professionalism of police officers who aggressively seek out those who prey on our citizens that makes a difference as well.

Congratulations to our police retirees!

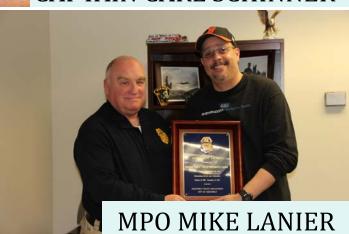


















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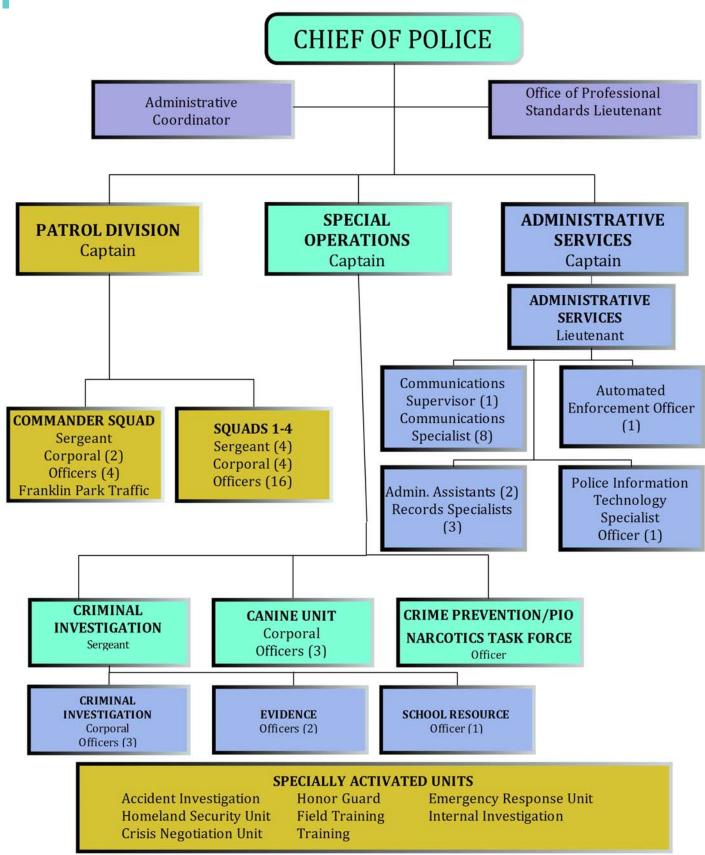
	Grade	Auth. FY 2013	Auth. FY 2014	Prop. FY 2015	Auth. FY 2015
Police Officers		112015	112011	112015	11 2015
Chief	n/a	1	1	1	1
Captains	n/a	3	3	3	3
Lieutenants	n/a	2	2	2	2
Sergeants	n/a	6	6	6	6
Corporals	n/a	9	9	9	9
Master Patrol Officers}	n/a				
Police Officer 1st Class}	n/a	2.4	22	20	33
Police Officer}	n/a	34	33	33	
Police Officer Candidate}	n/a				
Total FTE		55	54	54	54
Civilian Personnel					
Communications Supervisor	GC-18	1	1	1	1
Crime Prevention/ Public Information Officer	GC-16	-	1	1	1
Administrative Coordinator	GC-14	1	1	1	1
Administrative Assistant II	GC-13	2	2	2	2
Communications Specialist I & II	GC-13 & 14	8	8	8	8
Records Specialist II	GC-13	3	3	3	3
Total FTE		15	16	16	16
Total Public Safety FTE		70	70	70	70

The increase in staffing in FY 2013 added an officer for the speed camera program. State law requires a sworn officer certify each citation.



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GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The city provides a full-service Police Department, unlike most municipalities in the County. Services include around-the-clock patrol, K9 patrol, communications support, criminal investigation, narcotics investigation, crime prevention, traffic enforcement and school resource officer.

Performance Measures					
Election Survey Scores (Last 4 Elections)		2007	2009	2011	2013
Police Presence		3.80	4.00	4.07	4.21
Police Responsiveness		4.04	4.18	4.20	4.27
Dispatcher Responsiveness		3.81	4.00	4.00	4.14
Parking Enforcement		3.63	3.67	3.80	3.75
Overall Performance		4.00	4.08	4.10	4.22
Class I Offenses	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Homicide	0	3	0	0	0
Rape	8	11	5	6	5
Robbery	127	106	90	68	65
Assault	60	66	35	35	35
B & E Burglary	212	221	254	247	192
Theft	823	761	593	648	544
Auto Theft	166	133	114	130	107
Total Offenses	1,396	1,301	1,091	1,134	948
Criminal Arrests					
Adults	673	561	719	930	796
Juveniles	278	248	230	165	112
Closure Rate	16%	14%	12%	11%	9%
Calls for Service	47,708	47,313	29,024	33,840	31,526
Police Reports	11,994	12,063	2,962	3,131	3,345
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1,211	1,079	975	1,040	1,045
Traffic Summons	3,741	3,417	4,299	7,882	7,778
Parking Tickets	738	705	512	303	232
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
	69	69	70	70	70

Management Objectives

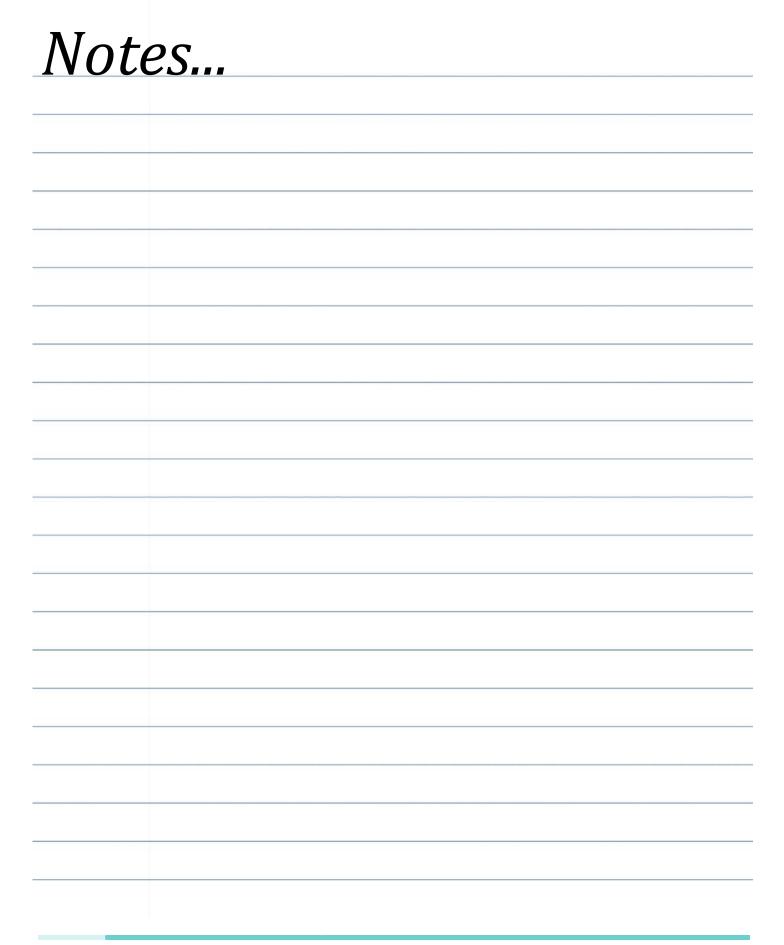
- Manage the transition/retirement of long-term employees.
- Expand accessibility to reported crime information.
- Civilianize Office of Professional Standards.

Budget Comments

- 1) The Personnel Expenses section has been holding steady as retiring officers are being replaced with new officers at a lower salary.
- 2) The <u>Professional Services</u> budget, line 30, was high in FY 2012 and FY 2014 due to the cost of the assessment process to promote Sergeants and Corporals.
- 3) The amount budgeted for Motor Equipment Maintenance, line 50, Repairs and Maintenance (\$146,000) calculates to just over \$2,100 per Police vehicle. If the cost for radio maintenance (\$16,000) and tires (\$20,000) are deducted, the maintenance and repair cost is \$1,600 per vehicle.
- **4)** <u>Computer Expenses</u>, line 53, includes the annual software maintenance expense (\$94,000) for the new computer aided dispatch and records management system.
- **5)** In <u>Special Programs</u>, line 58, \$1,000 is provided for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).
- 6) In New Equipment, line 91, it is proposed to purchase six police vehicles for replacement in FY 2015 at a total cost of \$171,600. The Police Department is recommending the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorers with replacement laptops and four (4) Ford Tauruses, ten (10) replacement tasers (\$12,000) and printers for the E-Tix program (\$4,900).

REVENUE SOURCES	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Adopted	FY 2014 Estimated	FY 2015 Proposed	FY 2015 Adopted
	Trans.	Trans.	Budget	Trans.	Budget	Budget
Grants for Police Protection						
State Police	\$402,430	\$402,430	\$490,000	\$511,000	\$511,000	\$511,000
State Highway Administration	19,567	34,553	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Federal (e.g HIDTA)	20,282	7,721	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000
School Resource Officer	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Parking Citations/Late Fees	124,570	130,314	195,000	123,000	123,000	123,000
Red Light Camera Fines	262,659	351,799	300,000	275,000	240,000	240,000
Speed Camera Fines	0	217,266	150,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
General City Revenues	8,345,292	8,348,586	8,511,700	8,919,100	8,557,300	8,674,300
Total	\$9,254,800	\$9,572,668	\$9,766,700	\$10,188,100	\$9,781,300	\$9,898,300

POLICE DEPARTMENT Acct. No. 310	FY 2012 Actual Trans.	FY 2013 Actual Trans.	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Estimated Trans.	FY 2015 Proposed Budget	FY 2015 Adopted Budget
PERSONNEL EXPENSES						
03 Police Officers	\$4,106,318	\$4,219,318	\$4,228,700	\$4,268,500	\$4,164,400	\$4,281,400
04 Records & Communications	751,976	752,570	721,000	764,400	781,000	781,000
06 Repair/Maintain Building	58,672	59,969	60,000	63,000	60,000	60,000
25 Repair/Maintain Vehicles	90,837	91,360	93,000	93,000	93,000	93,000
27 Overtime	703,505	792,918	720,000	790,000	720,000	720,000
28 Employee Benefits	2,271,662	2,255,225	2,497,000	2,447,500	2,481,000	2,481,000
Total	\$7,982,970	\$8,171,360	\$8,319,700	\$8,426,400	\$8,299,400	\$8,416,400
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES						
30 Professional Services	\$43,207	\$14,357	\$17,000	\$46,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
33 Insurance - LGIT	67,207	70,409	68,600	83,500	99,200	99,200
34 Other Services	602	(1,271)	1,000	400	400	400
38 Communications	55,070	60,893	51,000	48,000	50,000	50,000
39 Utilities						
Electrical Service	37,943	40,586	47,500	43,000	43,000	43,000
Gas Service	6,545	6,632	6,000	5,600	5,600	5,600
Water & Sewer	3,936	2,951	4,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
43 Equipment Rental	7,321	1,367	6,300	1,200	1,200	1,200
45 Membership & Training	58,004	61,422	55,700	55,700	55,700	55,700
46 Maintain Building & Structures	41,996	36,192	41,200	40,700	40,700	40,700
48 Uniforms	62,256	58,381	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
49 Tools	4,864	4,291	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
50 Motor Equipment						
Repairs & Maintenance	151,855	154,099	150,200	146,000	146,000	146,000
Vehicle Fuel	190,190	179,386	210,000	196,000	196,600	196,600
52 Departmental Equipment	77,010	48,360	70,500	70,500	70,500	70,500
53 Computer Expenses	97,858	98,130	99,600	104,300	100,300	100,300
55 Office Expenses	45,671	48,246	41,700	41,700	41,700	41,700
57 K-9 Expenses	10,942	20,648	14,300	24,400	13,600	13,600
58 Special Program Expenses	18,651	11,062	14,400	12,800	11,800	11,800
69 Awards	427	298	1,200	1,500	1,200	1,200
76 Red Light Camera Expenses	206,971	234,856	241,000	224,600	204,600	204,600
77 Speed Camera Expenses	8,027	93,202	60,000	130,000	120,000	120,000
Total	\$1,196,553	\$1,244,497	\$1,272,000	\$1,350,200	\$1,293,400	\$1,293,400
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
91 New Equipment	\$75,277	\$156,811	\$175,000	\$411,500	\$188,500	\$188,500
Total	\$75,277	\$156,811	\$175,000	\$411,500	\$188,500	\$188,500
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$9,254,800	\$9,572,668	\$9,766,700	\$10,188,100	\$9,781,300	\$9,898,300



TRAFFIC CONTROL



In this budget, the city provides for the lining of city streets, crosswalks, stop lines and parking stalls on city streets.

On newly paved or surfaced streets, plastic tape is being used for centerlines where feasible. This material is more expensive – but lasts longer than paint and retains its reflective quality. By reducing labor costs, it is more cost-effective in the long run. The city has other centerline work that is painted. This work is typically contracted out.

Beginning in FY 2015, traffic control costs will be accounted for in Street Maintenance, Account 440.

TRAFFIC CONTROL Acct. No. 320	FY 2012 Actual Trans.	FY 2013 Actual Trans.	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Estimated Trans.	FY 2015 Proposed Budget	FY 2015 Adopted Budget
PERSONNEL EXPENSES						
01 Salaries	\$84,956	\$103,877	\$95,000	\$115,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$84,956	\$103,877	\$95,000	\$115,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES						
33 Insurance	\$86	\$81	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0
34 Other Services	6,169	9,000	6,000	6,000	0	0
39 Utilities						
Electrical Service	2,645	2,837	2,900	3,000	0	0
49 Tools	952	1,158	1,700	1,700	0	0
59 Traffic Signs & Paints	16,942	21,551	23,900	23,900	0	0
Total	\$26,794	\$34,627	\$34,600	\$34,700	\$0	\$0
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$111,750	\$138,504	\$129,600	\$149,700	\$0	\$0

ANIMAL CONTROL



Animal Control provides regular patrol and on-call services in order to enforce city animal regulations as well as sheltering for the care of lost or abandoned, but adoptable animals.

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Performance Measures	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Election Survey Scores (Last 4 Elections)	2007	<u>2009</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2013</u>
Animal Control Services	4.07	3.88	3.91	3.87
Animals Running at Large	127	120	103	110
Adoptions/Placed Animals	275	336	129	150
Adoption Shows	28	32	6	10
Events Sponsored	5	8	2	2
Funds Raised	\$8,297	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Animals impounded and returned to owner	31	17	18	20
Cruelty reports handled and corrected	32	29	35	30
Dog Park complaints about dogs	4	4	6	5
Bite reports	50	38	40	40
Injured animals taken to Wildlife Sanctuary	67	43	50	50
Dead Animals Collected	350	600	600	600
Criminal Neglect/Animal Cruelty cases	5	18	10	10
Trap, Neuter & Release (Cats)	35	39	35	35
Noise Complaints	40	42	30	30
Wildlife calls	360	512	550	500
Volunteers	n/a	n/a	20	10
Volunteer Hours	n/a	n/a	1,280	1,400
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

Management Objectives

- Develop proposal to address "not adoptable" animals at the shelter.
- Map and census of feral cat colonies.
- Aggressively prosecute animal cruelty and neglect cases.

Budget Comments

- **1)** <u>Salaries</u>, line 01, and <u>Overtime</u>, line 27, have exceeded budgets due to extended leave in the operation.
- 2) Starting in FY 2012, a revenue account was set up for Adoption Fees. Previously, these fees were credited against <u>Animal Control Expense</u>, line 57. Setting up the revenue account will provide clearer tracking of the adoption program and show the full extent of expenses in line 57, which are largely veterinarian expenses. The objective is to limit the net expenses to \$20,000.

ANIMAL CONTROL Acct. No. 330	FY 2012 Actual Trans.	FY 2013 Actual Trans.	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Estimated Trans.	FY 2015 Proposed Budget	FY 2015 Adopted Budget
PERSONNEL EXPENSES						
01 Salaries	\$124,229	\$134,158	\$113,900	\$148,500	\$117,000	\$117,000
06 Repair/Maintain Building	0	167	0	0	0	0
25 Repair/Maintain Vehicles	1,654	2,489	800	500	500	500
27 Overtime	7,367	8,286	1,000	13,000	2,000	2,000
28 Employee Benefits	36,009	33,560	39,900	41,300	40,800	40,800
Total	\$169,259	\$178,660	\$155,600	\$203,300	\$160,300	\$160,300
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES						
30 Professional Services	\$0	\$1,510	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
33 Insurance	549	522	600	500	500	500
38 Communications	572	157	0	0	0	0
39 Utilities						
Electrical Service	3,479	3,776	3,900	3,900	3,900	3,900
Water & Sewer	353	378	500	400	400	400
45 Membership & Training	1,159	1,163	1,000	0	500	500
46 Maintain Building & Structures	897	2,664	1,300	1,600	2,000	2,000
48 Uniforms	390	1,080	800	400	400	400
50 Motor Equipment						
Repairs & Maintenance	1,663	401	300	300	300	300
Vehicle Fuel	1,826	3,759	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,600
57 K-9 Expenses	34,427	38,981	36,100	40,600	40,100	40,100
58 Special Program Expenses	744	145	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	\$46,059	\$54,536	\$47,000	\$52,300	\$52,700	\$52,700
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	\$215,318	\$233,196	\$202,600	\$255,600	\$213,000	\$213,000
REVENUE SOURCES						
Animal Control Licenses	\$85	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Dog Park Fees	6	57	0	0	0	0
General City Revenue	215,227	233,039	202,500	255,500	212,900	212,900
Total	\$215,318	\$233,196	\$202,600	\$255,600	\$213,000	\$213,000

FIRE AND RESCUE



Funds are included in this account to establish a reserve to assist with the replacement of fire and rescue equipment for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. These funds may be used when other funding sources are determined by the City Council to be insufficient. The funds are held by the city until approved for expenditure by the City Council.

Performance Measures	FY 2012 Actual		_	FY 2015 Estimated
Election Survey Scores (Last 4 Elections)	2007	2009	<u>2011</u>	<u>2013</u>
Fire & Rescue	4.46	4.37	4.35	4.32

Budget Comments

- 1) Beginning in FY 2009, the City began contributing funds to the Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills Fire Departments (\$5,000 each) in recognition of their service to Greenbelt. In FY 2012, a contribution was only approved for Berwyn Heights, line 68. \$5,000 for each department is budgeted in FY 2015.
- 2) The funds budgeted in line item 94 are for the purchase of equipment by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Once approved, these funds are transferred to the City's Agency Funds. In FY 2006, the City paid out \$329,500, the entire balance, towards the purchase of a new vehicle. In FY 2008 and 2009, \$152,227 was paid out for the purchase of an ambulance. In FY 2014, \$205,000 was paid out to aid with the purchase of a new pumper. With the proposed FY 2015 contribution of \$88,000, there is a balance of \$363,773.

FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE Acct. No. 340	FY 2012 Actual Trans.	FY 2013 Actual Trans.	FY 2014 Adopted Budget	FY 2014 Estimated Trans.	FY 2015 Proposed Budget	FY 2015 Adopted Budget
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES						
68 Contributions	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
94 Interfund Transfer - Agency Fund	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000
Total	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000
TOTAL FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE	\$93,000	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000