

Peoria Police Department 2013 Annual Report

PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

OUR VISION:

Building a safer community through excellent service and community partnerships.

OUR MISSION:

The Peoria Police Department is committed to partnering with the community to ensure a high quality of life and safety, maintaining community trust, and preserving life and property.

PEORIA'S CORE VALUES:

- P Professional** - Continually reviewing my own behavior and questioning whether what I do is consistent with the City's and my profession's values. Maintaining the highest levels of confidentiality.
- E Ethical** - Being honest and objective in performing my duties and deciding all matters on the merits, free from improper influences. Being guided by principle and conscience and the desire to do the "right thing".
- O Open** - Communicating truthfully and completely with others, supporting diversity and treating others with respect. Participating positively in the community.
- R Responsive** - Responding to all internal and external customers in a prompt, efficient, friendly and patient manner.
- I Innovative** - Seeking out opportunities to contribute to the daily and future work of the City in ways that are new and creative.
- A Accountable** - Observing both the letter and the spirit of laws and rules. Engaging only in appropriate personal and professional conduct in all matters involving City transactions and interactions with coworkers, residents, visitors, and businesses.

Front Cover Photo: Peoria Police Department's Explorer Post #2999

A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE ROY W. MINTER, JR.

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Peoria Police Department, I am pleased to present the Peoria Police Department's 2013 Annual Report.

The 2013 Annual Public Safety Report summarizes another outstanding year of success by the men and women of the Peoria Police Department, who strive every day to keep Peoria one of the safest cities of its size, not only in the state of Arizona, but also in the nation.

The more than 290 civilian and sworn members of the Peoria Police Department have partnered with our citizens, school districts, non-profit organizations and businesses to achieve historic reductions in crime and a continued growth in quality of life. We greatly appreciate the sacrifices and continued support from the community to assist us in building and maintaining a great city.

On behalf of the Department, I extend our appreciation and thanks to our many partners at the City of Peoria who supported our efforts in 2013. I would like to thank the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and staff, and the many city employees who work side-by-side with us daily and participate in our Eyes and Ears Program. It is because of their dedication and professionalism that we are able to provide excellent service to the citizens of this great community.

Finally, I offer my thanks and praise to every member of the Peoria Police Department. As evidenced in this report, their performance, dedication and commitment to our city is extraordinary.



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CHIEF OF POLICE



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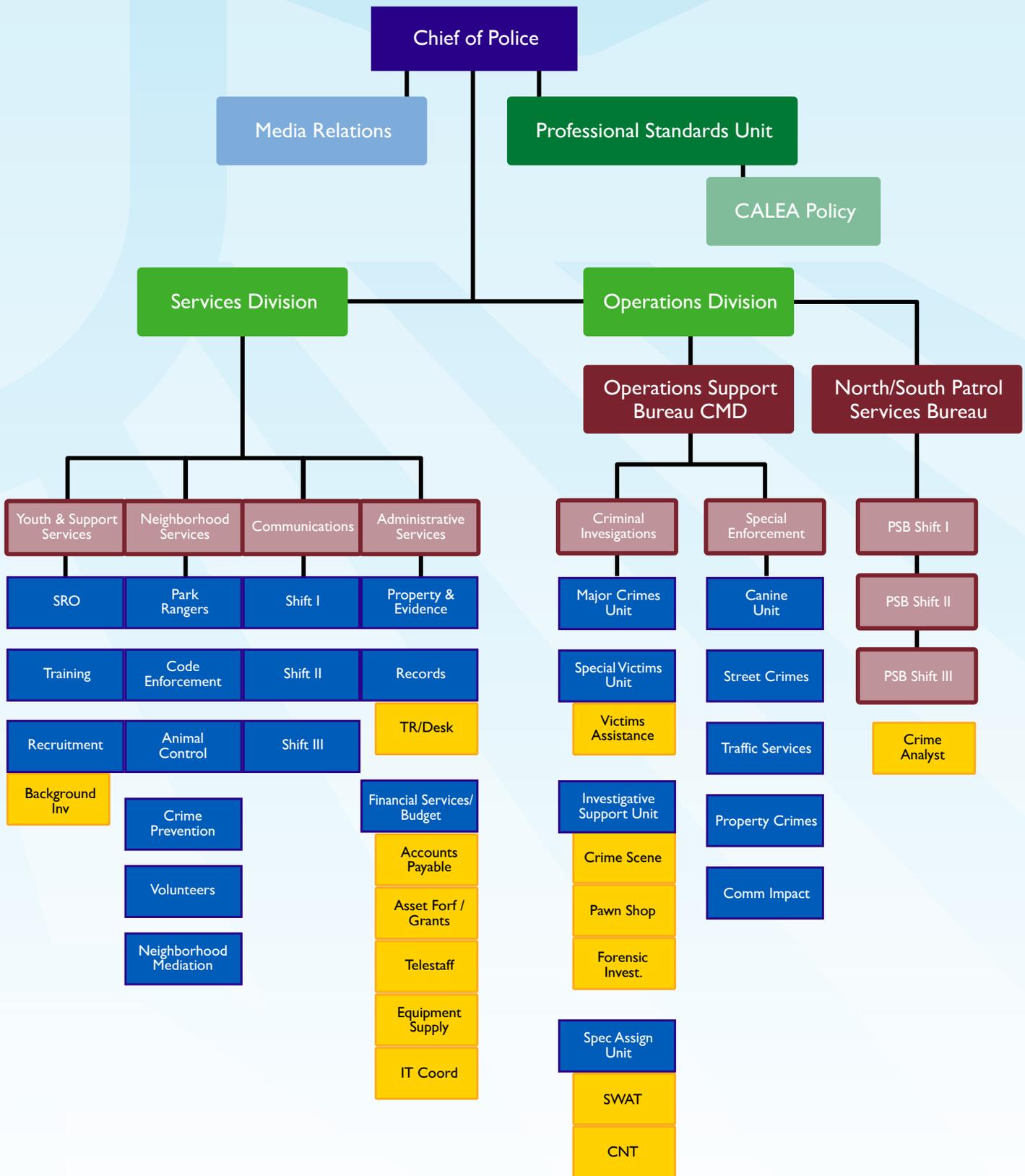


Lt. Richard Scrivens
PATROL NORTH



Lt. Kevin Moran
PATROL NORTH

PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



POPULATION & GROWTH

In 2013, the Peoria Police Department was selected to join the Benchmark City Survey Group which collects data from 30 comparable cities. The survey was originally designed in 1997 by a core group of Police Chiefs from around the country and serves as a measurement tool to help ensure each participating department is providing the best service possible.

In population, the City of Peoria ranks in the midrange out of the 30 comparable cities.

CITIES COMPARABLE TO PEORIA (POPULATION)

The Benchmark City Survey Group 2013

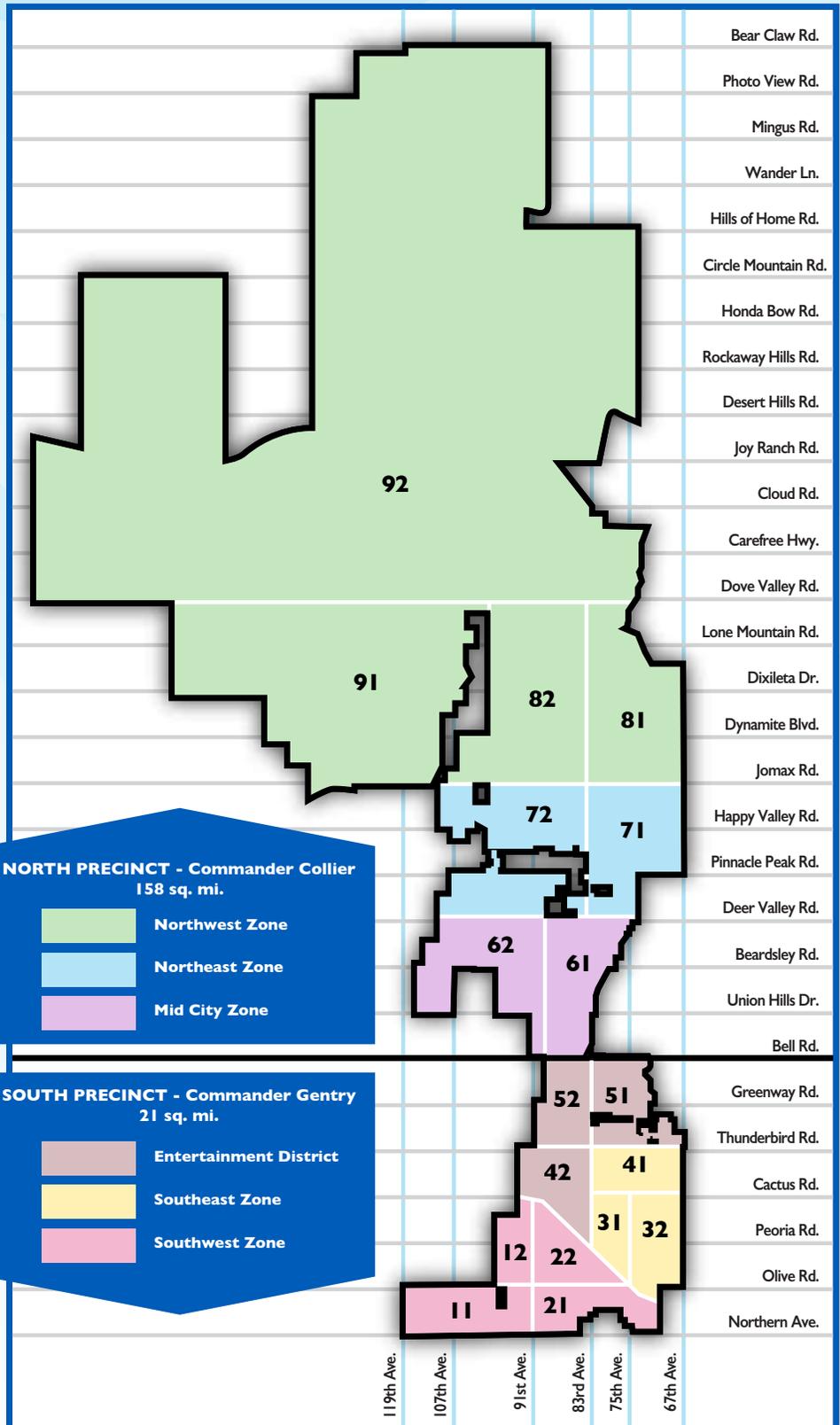
Alameda, CA	75,126
Edmond, OK	84,524
Boca Raton, FL	85,329
Lawrence, KS	94,586
San Angelo, TX	95,887
Boulder, CO	99,069
Richardson, TX	100,850
Broken Arrow, OK	103,000
Columbia, MO	109,088
Norman, OK	115,562
Coral Springs, FL	125,287
Cedar Rapids, IA	128,119
Olathe, KS	130,045
Bellevue, WA	132,100
Lakewood, CO	142,980
Naperville, IL	143,289
Fort Collins, CO	151,330
Peoria, AZ	162,051
Springfield, MO	162,191
Overland Park, KS	180,605
Grand Prairie, TX	181,303
Boise, ID	212,303
Fremont, CA	217,700
Irving, TX	220,640
Chesapeake, VA	228,513
Garland, TX	233,564
Chula Vista, CA	249,382
Plano, TX	264,910
Lincoln, NE	265,404
Henderson, NV	278,047

PATROL BEATS

The City of Peoria is divided into 18 geographical sectors called "beats." Beats are determined based on population, calls for service and access to major thoroughfares. Each beat consists of officers from every shift who are assigned to work the same area for a year, giving them accountability within their beat. Officers who patrol the same area become more familiar with the neighborhoods and business districts in their beat, making it easier to identify suspicious activity or patterns of activity.

The City of Peoria has resumed growing and over all the city has seen the population increase 43% since 2000, with an increase of approximately 4,000 new residents just this year. This statistic is important when assessing the crime rate for the city.

PEORIA POPULATION GROWTH	
2009	152,795
2010	154,079
2011	160,254
2012	158,031
2013	162,051



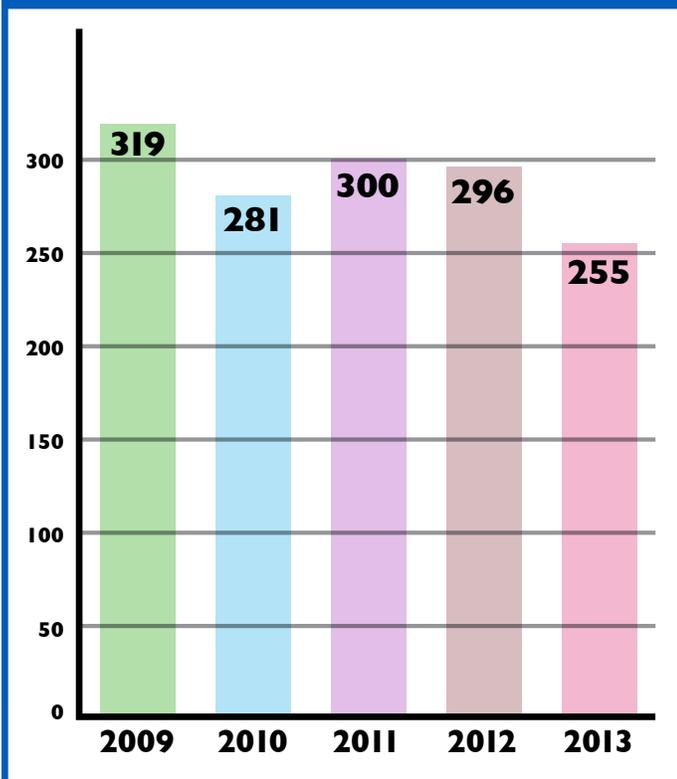
VIOLENT CRIME IN PERSPECTIVE

VIOLENT CRIME TYPE	TOTALS		% OF CHANGE
	2012	2013	
Homicide	9	5	-44.4%
Sexual Assault	24	16	-33.3%
Robbery	77	59	-23.4%
Aggravated Assault	186	175	-5.9%
TOTAL	296	255	-13.9%

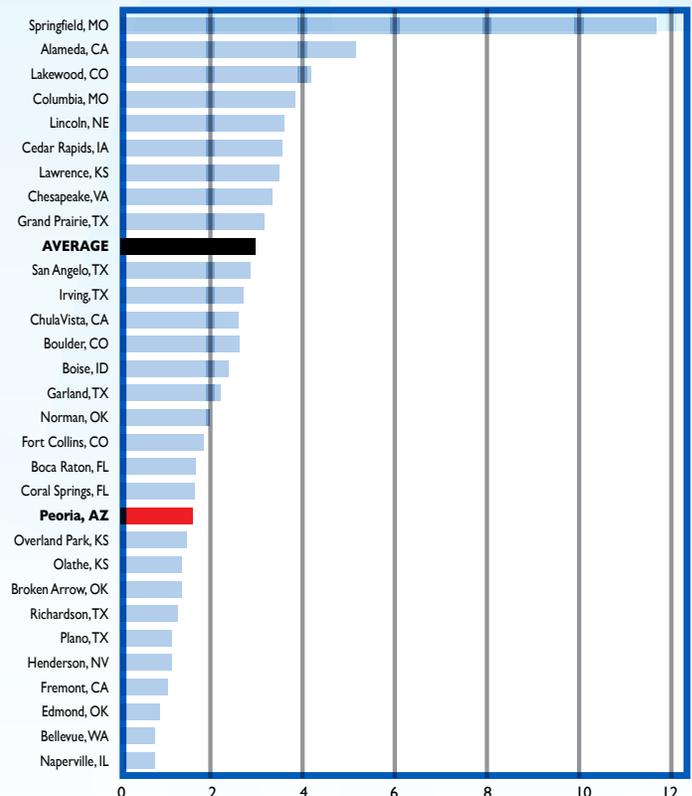
In 2013, officers responded to 255 incidents involving violent crimes in our city. This is a decrease from the previous year, and the second year in a row crimes in this category have decreased. Crimes included in this category include homicides, robberies, aggravated assaults and sexual assaults.

In comparison, the City of Peoria ranked 11th lowest in the category of Violent Crime out of the 30 comparable cities. Peoria had a Violent Crime rate of 1.6 incidents per 1,000 in population, while the average among Benchmark Cities was 2.6.

Violent Crime Incidents per Year



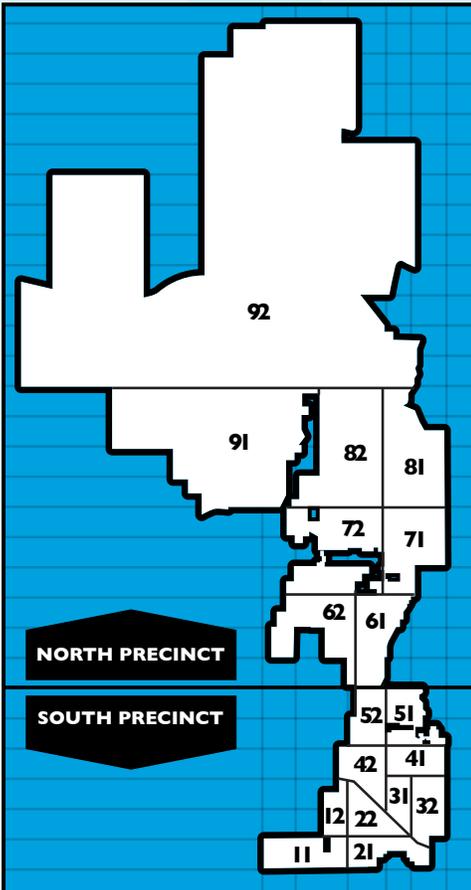
2013 Violent Crime Rates per 1,000 Residents (Peoria 1.6 / Average 2.6)



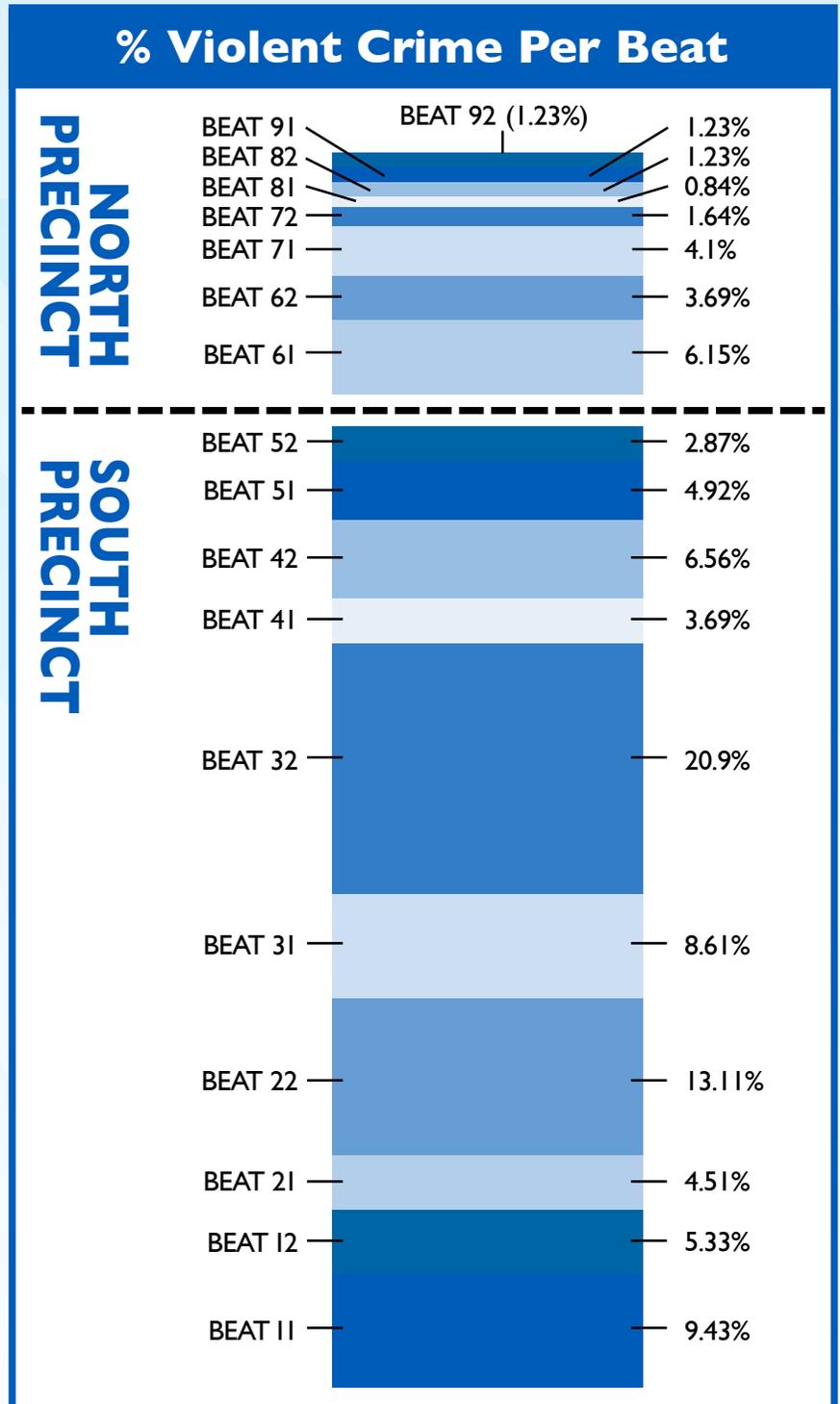
UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR) PART I - VIOLENT CRIMES

Part 1 crimes are comprised of crimes against persons and property crimes. In 2013, there were 255 violent crimes.

Beat 32 represented 20.90% of all violent crime in the city.



**In 2013, almost 80%
of the Violent Crimes
were committed in
the South Precinct.**



PROPERTY CRIME IN PERSPECTIVE

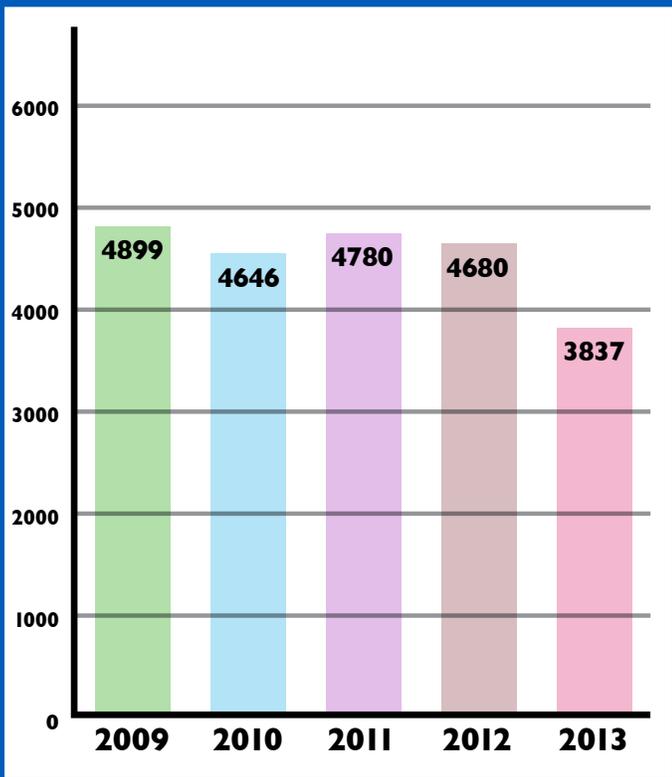
In 2013, the City of Peoria continued to see a decrease in motor vehicle thefts and burglaries and saw an overall decrease in property crime.

PROPERTY CRIME TYPE	TOTALS		% OF CHANGE
	2012	2013	
Arson	7	7	0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	266	207	-22.2%
Burglary	929	717	-22.8%
Larceny	3478	2906	-16.4%
TOTAL	4680	3837	-18.01%

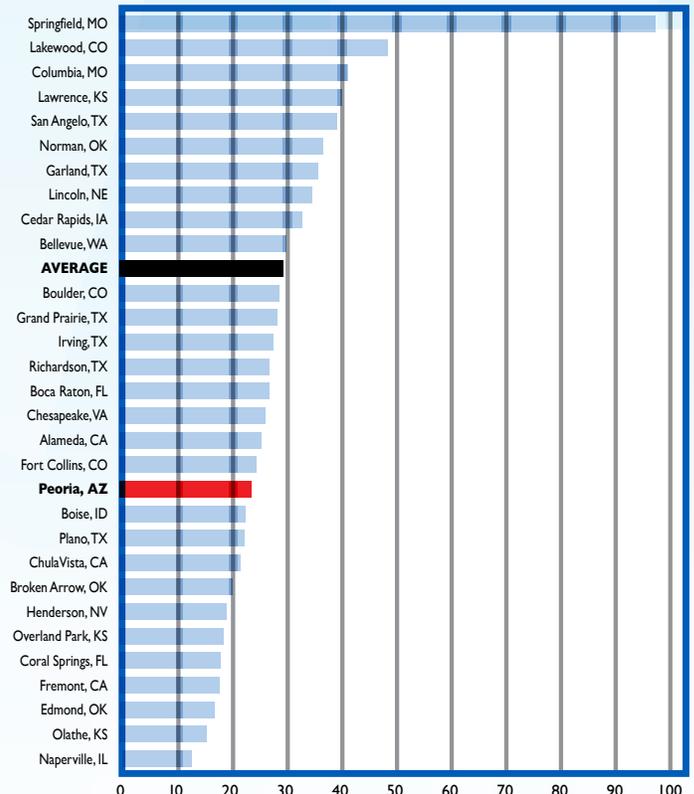
In 2013, officers responded to 3,837 incidents involving property crimes in our city. This is a decrease from the previous year and the second year in a row crimes in this category have decreased. Crimes included in this category include motor vehicle thefts, burglaries, and larceny.

In comparison, the City of Peoria ranked 12th lowest in the category of Property Crime out of the 30 comparable cities. Peoria had a Violent Crime rate of 23.7 incidents per 1,000 in population, while the average among Benchmark Cities was 29.5.

Property Crime Incidents per Year

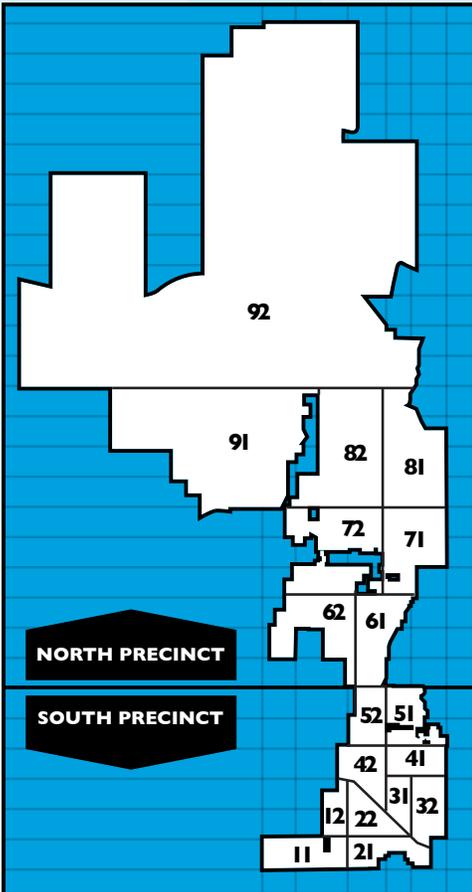


2013 Property Crime Rates per 1,000 Residents (Peoria 23.7 / Average 29.5)

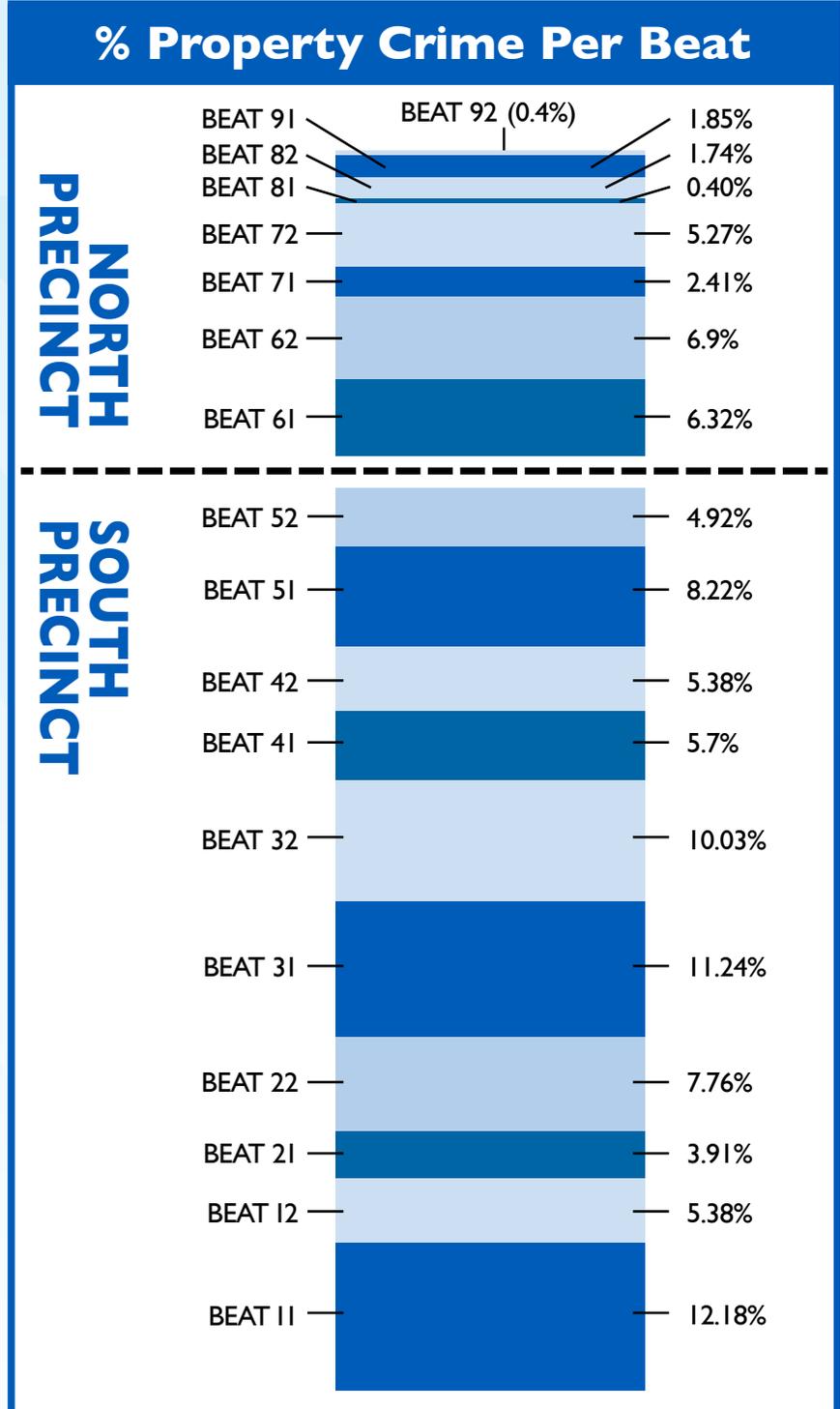


PROPERTY CRIME

In 2013, there were 3,837 Part 1 Property Crimes. Beat 11 represented 12.18% of the property crime, and Beat 31 represented 11.24%.



In 2013, almost 75% of the Property Crimes were committed in the South Precinct.



OVERALL CRIME IN PERSPECTIVE

In 2013, the City of Peoria saw a **decrease in all crime categories and almost a 20% drop in crime overall**. There were large decreases in all categories of violent crime, with homicides seeing almost a **50% drop** from the prior year.

Total Part 1 Crimes decreased from 4,976 in 2012 to 4,092 in 2013. There were 25.49 Part 1 Crimes per 1000 population. When comparing 2013 to the 5 year average, Peoria experienced a 6% decrease in Part 1 Crimes and almost an 18% decrease from 2012.

Crime Incidents per Category

Year	Homicide	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Stolen Vehicles	Arson	Total	% of Change	5-Year Average	5-Year Average % Change	Crimes per 1000
2009	10	53	88	168	1127	3315	446	11	5218	-8.36%	5888	-2.60%	32.76
2010	6	38	65	172	867	3380	385	14	4927	-5.58%	5615	-4.64%	31.98
2011	1	35	56	208	1088	3360	326	6	5080	3.11%	5419	-3.49%	32.74
2012	9	24	77	186	929	3478	266	7	4976	-2.05%	5179	-4.43%	31.74
2013	5	16	59	175	717	2906	207	7	4092	-17.77%	4859	-6.19%	25.49

In 2013, Peoria Police Officers made a total of 3,317 physical arrests. That is a **12% increase** from the previous year.

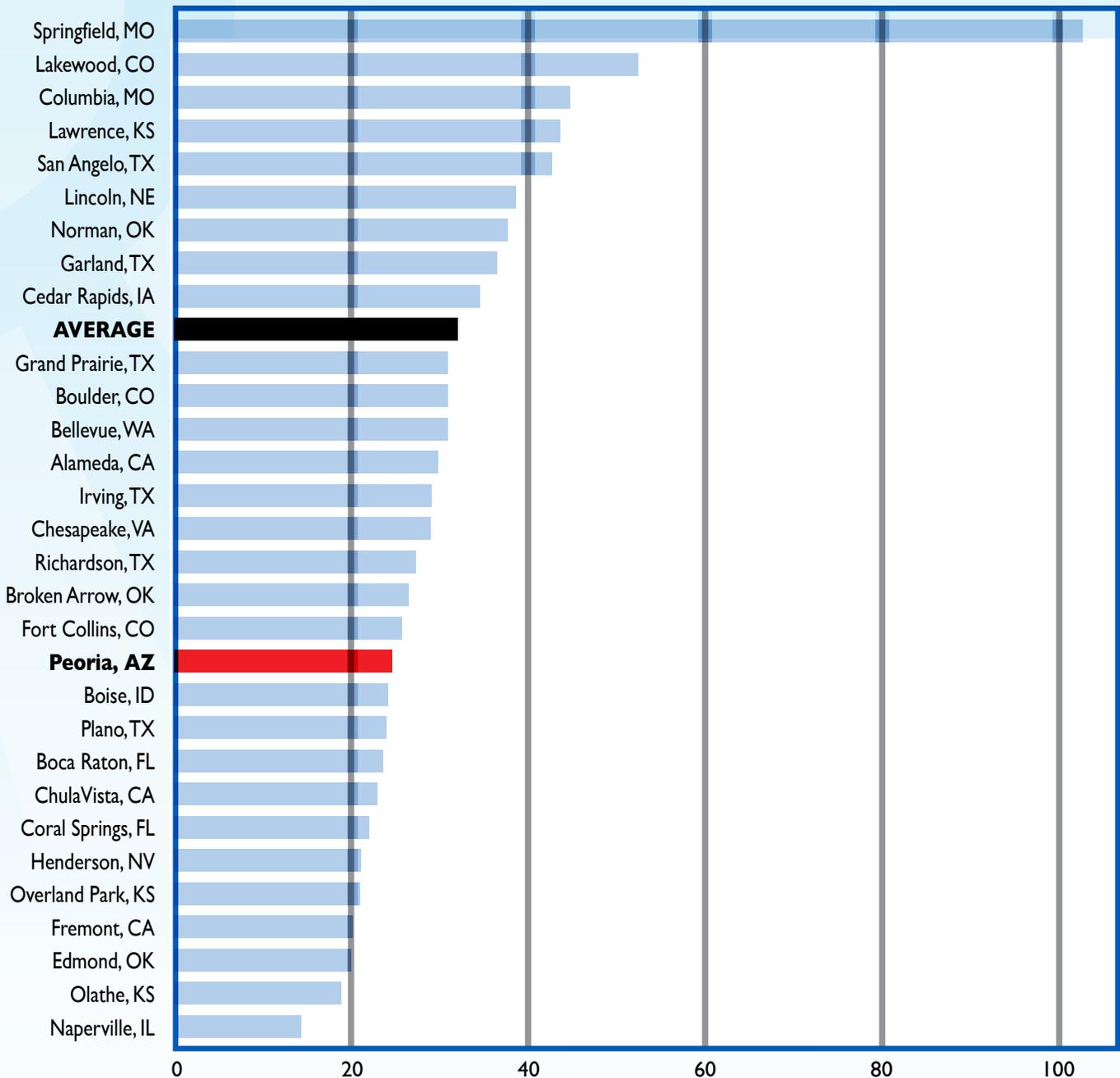
Criminal Arrests

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2012-2013 % Change
4414	4438	3743	3312	3717	12%

OVERALL CRIME IN PERSPECTIVE

In comparison, the City of Peoria ranked the 12th best of the 30 comparable cities. Peoria had a crime rate of 25.4 incidents per 1,000 in population, while the average was 32.1 among Benchmark Cities.

2013 Overall Crime Rates per 1,000 Residents (Peoria 25.4 / Average 32.1)



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

In 2013, we continued to see a decrease in the number of both injury and non-injury accidents in the city.

Year	Non-injury	Injury	Fatality	TOTAL
2007	1893	680	14	2587
2008	1681	633	12	2326
2009	1639	596	2	2237
2010	1533	603	7	2143
2011	1585	653	10	2248
2012	1533	567	6	2106
2013	1498	536	6	2040

Traffic Citations	
Year	Total
2007	17,798
2008	25,588
2009	33,668
2010	20,024
2011	21,624
2012	15,246
2013	13,587

2013 DUI Stats							
Month	Total DUI	DUI w/ Accident	DUI Arrests over 21 Years	DUI Arrests under 21 Years	Average Age	Drugs	Underage DUI - Drug Arrests
Jan	36	1	32	4	31	10	2
Feb	43	16	39	4	33	9	3
Mar	41	6	37	4	34	7	1
Apr	40	5	39	1	36	8	1
May	40	7	33	7	32	7	1
Jun	54	11	43	11	32	18	4
Jul	42	7	37	5	35	6	2
Aug	38	5	35	3	36	8	1
Sep	60	5	56	4	33	13	2
Oct	34	5	34	-	35	3	-
Nov	46	5	41	5	33	10	1
Dec	43	9	38	5	36	2	1
Total	517	82	464	53	34	101	19

CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Police Calls for Service (CFS) saw a 14% drop from last year's total. Calls have been trending steadily downward since 2011. These numbers do not reflect self-initiated activity by officers.

As part of the department's community oriented policing philosophy, residents are encouraged to call the police about any suspicious activity.

Calls for Service				
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
58,486	56,666	57,223	57,155	48,921

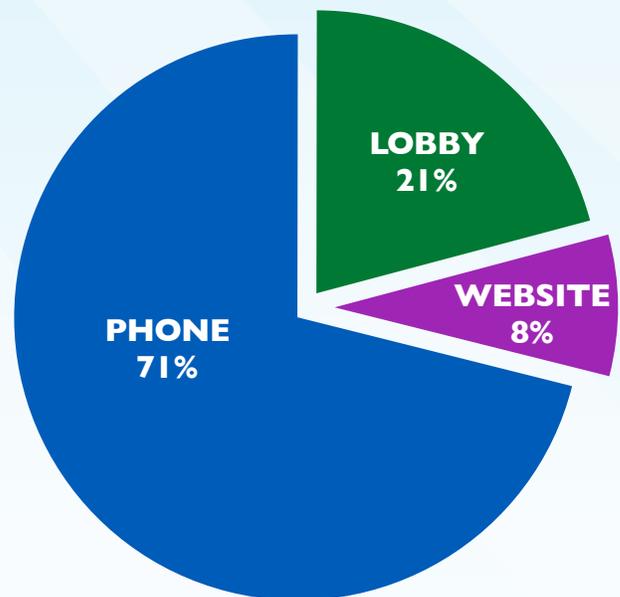
CITIZEN SURVEYS

With the emphasis on involving the community in many aspects of police operations, there is a critical need to solicit and evaluate feedback from citizens on how we are doing. Three years ago, the department increased its efforts to track the level of customer service by contacting people who had received police services. In addition to the traditional method of conducting telephone surveys with persons randomly selected from calls for service, this year the department began using additional methods of gathering feedback. This included posting the survey on our department website and encouraging people to take the survey through bimonthly posts on our social media accounts.

The survey was designed to measure responses to 12 specific questions which focus on the performance of responding officers and other personnel, our response times, knowledge and competency, responsiveness and follow up, and their overall sense of safety in the community.

In 2013, we received a total of 294 responses via our website, the front lobby comment box, and phone calls combined. Of those, 248 respondents lived in the city, and more than half of those have been Peoria residents for over 5 years. More than 83% felt safe or very safe

walking their neighborhoods at night. The majority (93%) of respondents rated their experience with the department positively. Of those who had contact with employees other than police officers, such as dispatchers, the bulk of their experiences was positive. More than 75% felt our response times were excellent or satisfactory. Even more gave high marks for our officers' professionalism and appearance.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

As in recent years, the employees of the Peoria Police Department received a far greater number of commendations than complaints for police service. The Professional Standards Unit processed 359 commendations and 86 complaints.

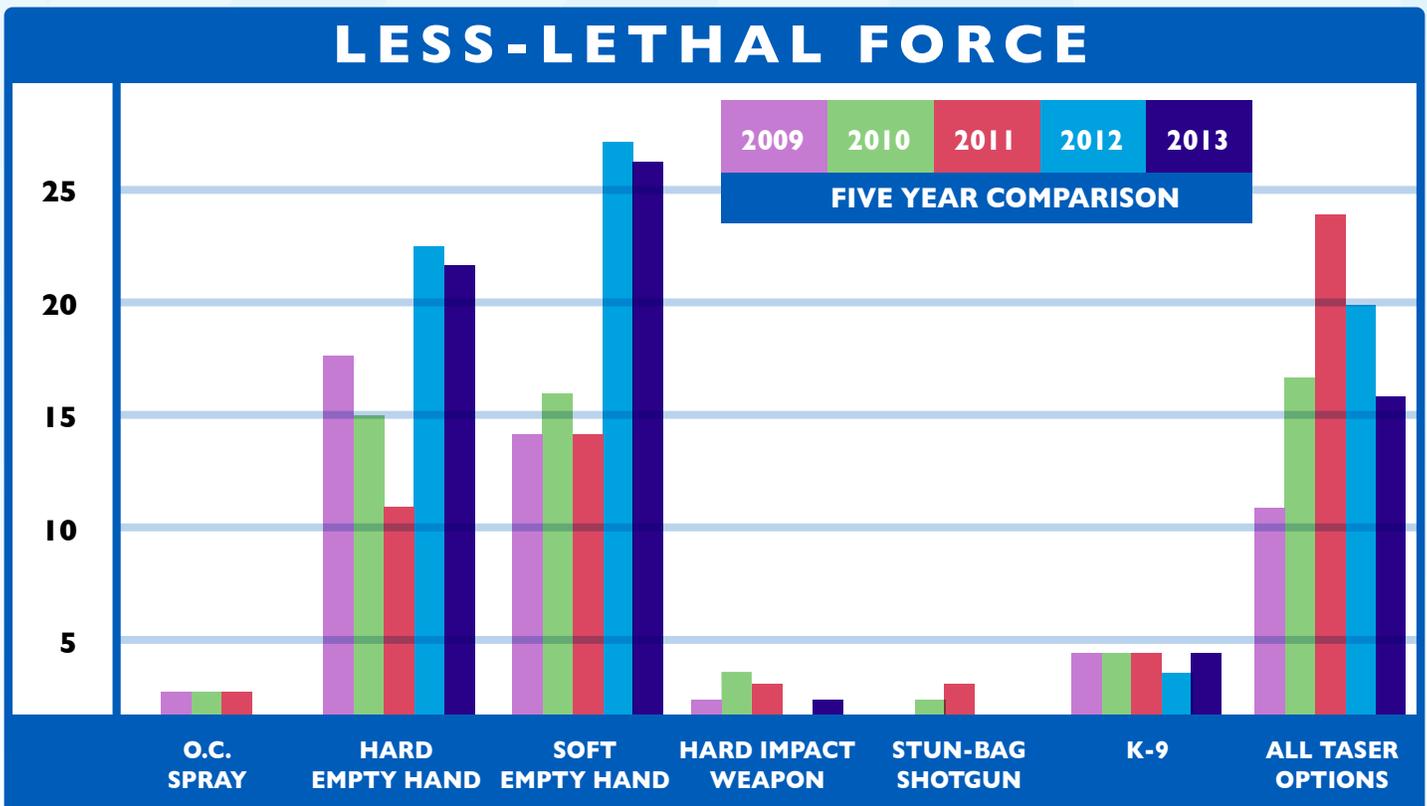
A formal commendation occurs when someone takes the time to provide written feedback on an employee's performance. Complaints regarding poor service or alleged misconduct are received via letter, website, email, telephone, or in person. These can also be initiated from within the department. All complaints regarding police department employees are thoroughly investigated by the agency.

Of the 86 service complaints received, 24 were exonerated (actions were lawful, proper, and within department policy), 3 were not sustained, 24 were sustained, 34 were unfounded, and in one case the individual retired prior to the completion of the investigation. The 24 sustained complaints involved

21 different employees. Discipline resulting from these investigations included 16 verbal counselings, 4 letters of reprimand, 4 written counselings, and 2 trainings.

In addition to the investigation of citizen complaints, the department self-initiated 5 internal investigations regarding employee misconduct in 2013. The investigations were reviewed by a Discipline Review Panel (DRP) that consisted of the employee's chain of command. Of those, the DRP determined the following: 2 were exonerated, 2 were sustained, none were found not sustained or unfounded, and 1 was closed due to resignation prior to the conclusion of the investigation. Of the 2 sustained allegations, discipline ranged from verbal counseling to suspension.

In 2013, the department handled 105,187 calls for service. These resulted in 3,717 arrests. This includes just 46 incidents in which an officer documented force being utilized, and equates to officers using force less than 1% of the time when affecting an arrest.



SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

In 2013, the safety of our schools remained a top priority for the department. Peoria remained one of the few cities who have a designated School Resource Officer at every one of our high schools. These officers serve not only as an armed officer on campus, but also as a counselor to students and as a educator in the classroom.

During the year the department worked closely with every school in the city, from not only PUSD, but also charter and private schools to review safety plans and practice responses to mock situations with table top exercises.

Using a local high school as a backdrop Peoria SWAT officers worked with neighboring agencies to practice their response to an active shooting situation

involving students.

Peoria officers also focused on building positive relationships with young students outside of emergency stations through the Patrol Officer Liaison program. This allows our officers to visit and interact with middle and elementary schools on a regular basis helping students build a familiarity with officers while also helping officers learn the layout of schools for a quicker response in case of an emergency.

Schools also host several “Lunch with Blue” events each year. This program invites officers to have lunch with students allowing both officers and students an opportunity to sit down and learn more about each other.



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

UNITED COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (U.C.A.N.)

U.C.A.N. is comprised of community leaders and police department leadership. This group meets on a monthly basis for a face to face working lunch that allows the group to talk about upcoming events and programs within the department, discuss community issues, and problem solve at a grass roots level. At the end of 2013, the department honored 16 U.C.A.N. members with a Community Partnership Award for giving their time and resources to help strengthen the department's relationship with the community.



BIKE RODEO

Motorcycle officers provided personalized education and assisted children as they rode their bikes through a challenging, but fun skills course. Kids who brought their bicycles, but did not own helmets were provided a free helmet. Displays were set up allowing both kids and parents to learn more about the programs in our community. The Police Canine Unit and motorcycle officers also performed demonstrations.



COMMUNITY DRUG AWARENESS MEETING

The Peoria Police Department held a community meeting to discuss some of the drug issues that officers are seeing and the effect they are having on the community. During the meeting, a recovering heroin addict spoke about his experience and detectives who specialize in narcotics gave audience members an idea of what signs they need to look for when it comes to their own kids.

Officers also explained why drugs, especially heroin, are a growing issue across the country and why addicts can cause a community impact through property crimes.



B.A.D.G.E. PROGRAM

The BADGE program, which stands for Building Accountability through Development, Guidance and Education, began in 2013 as a program to help at risk youth turn their lives around before they become involved in the juvenile corrections system. The inaugural year included six participants, who spent a week learning in the classrooms and on field trips including the 4th Avenue Jail. After the initial week each of the participants were paired with a mentor who has regular meetings with the teen. This mentor serves as a person to help the teen navigate school, family, and life challenges. The mentor also is a source of accountability for each teen.



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING



SHOP WITH A COP EVENT

It was a happier holiday season for almost 30 Peoria children who needed some extra cheer, thanks to the Peoria Police Officers Association's annual "Shop with a Cop" event. The group partnered with the Peoria Police Department to provide each child with a gift card and an officer shopping partner so they could get themselves, and their families, gifts for the holidays.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This event gives our community a chance to meet and interact with our officers while also getting an up-close look at SWAT robots, police motorcycles, and our bicycle unit. Officers and different displays are set up inside local stores in the North, South, and Central parts of the city so that those coming in can interact one-on-one with their local officers. During the event families also learn ways to stay safe and get important safety information.



STUDENTS WITH ASPIRING GOALS

The Peoria Police Department joined with the Peoria Police Officers Association to honor more than 200 students from the "Students With Aspiring Goals" program. Twice a year the students who participate in the program, which brings together high school students as mentors to middle school students helping them set and achieve high academic and interscholastic goals, get a reward trip to a local sporting event. In November officers took the students to a Phoenix Suns game and in May they enjoyed a Arizona Diamondbacks game.



YOUTH CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Youth Citizen Police Academy helps build relationships with students entering the 7th and 8th grades. This program is intended to introduce children entering junior high school to what the Peoria Police Department is all about. This program is offered free to students through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. During the week long academy students learn about many topics including internet and social media safety, crime scenes investigation, dangerous drug education, and gangs.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

In 2013, the Peoria Police Department put a greater emphasis on using social media to reach out to the community we serve.

During the year the department started promoting a new program that utilized wanted posters in local stores and the popular social media site Pinterest to enlist the community's help in finding criminals who have warrants out for their arrest. The program allows the department to cast a wider net in hopes of bringing these criminals to justice.

These wanted posters allow citizens to use a smart phone to take a picture of the QR code on the poster, which takes them directly to the department's Pinterest page to view the warrant list. On Pinterest there are several warrant categories including DUI, assault, domestic violence, and shoplifting. In each list there is a picture of the "wanted" person and a description of what they are wanted for. This list is updated on a regular basis as new people are added and others are removed after they are located.

Toward the end of the year, the Peoria Police Department acquired a new surveillance tower. This

addition gives officers a better vantage point for watching over crowded parking lots and shopping centers.

The SkyWatch surveillance tower can expand to approximately 25-feet in height, similar to the height of a two-story building. This birds-eye view is used as a resource to keep an eye on crowded areas and public events. The presence of the tower also helps in deterring car theft and burglary, assault, disturbances, and robbery. Since vantage point is important when it comes to surveillance, the tower provides a better over view of an area that can be used to assist officers on the ground. This tower is designed with darkened windows so those below cannot tell if an officer is present. This provides safety to the officer while also allowing the tower to remain a deterrent to criminals even when not occupied.

Officers used the new tower for the first time in November for the Black Friday shopping crowds and during that busy period there were no reports of vehicle thefts or burglaries. Officer presence along with the sky tower likely contributed to that success.

WANTED
BY THE
PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Do you wonder why some people won't make eye contact with you, or are acting suspiciously? Maybe that person is wanted by the police. **You could be the key in solving a crime.**

Log onto the Peoria Police Department's Pinterest page and take a look at the Peoria's Most Wanted. You may recognize a criminal.
Your tip may help keep Peoria safe!

GOT A TIP?
www.pinterest.com/peoriapd

PEORIA POLICE MOST WANTED SUBMIT A TIP



OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is under the command of Deputy Chief Bob Sanders and consists of the Patrol Services and Operations Support Bureaus, which comprise the majority of the department's sworn personnel.

PATROL SERVICES BUREAU

The Patrol Service Bureau (PSB) comprises the majority of sworn personnel and provides 24-hour emergency response to our citizens' calls for service. Police services are divided between two commands, each commanded by a Police Patrol Commander.

South Command works out of the Public Safety Administration Building located at 8351 W. Cinnabar and is responsible for all service south of Bell Road. Northern Command works out of the Pinnacle Peak Public Safety Facility located at 23100 N. Lake Pleasant Parkway and is responsible for providing

services north of Bell Road.

PSB provides police services to the growing community by focusing on five operational goals:

- 1) Prevent crime and disorder*
- 2) Respond promptly to calls for service*
- 3) Develop safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and participation*
- 4) Enhance traffic safety*
- 5) Maintain the integrity, quality and effectiveness of policing services.*

Patrol Services Bureau members are the first responders to all calls for service from our citizens. In this role, officers are trained to provide a variety of services which include accident investigation, emergency response to crimes in progress, proactive patrols, and crime prevention.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT SECTION

STREET CRIMES

This unit is responsible for investigating cases involving illegal drug activity, organized crime and vice. In 2013, this unit served 73 search warrants and recovered over \$800,000 in illegal drugs. The specialty K-9 assigned to this unit was directly responsible for detecting over \$570,000 in narcotics and marijuana.

CANINE TEAMS

The department's K-9 teams provide critical support to various sections of the department to include: drug and narcotics detection, building and open area searches, suspect and missing persons tracking and high risk apprehensions. In 2013, these teams accomplished over 1,000 K-9 deployments including 78 criminal apprehensions of which only four resulted in a dog bite.

COMMUNITY IMPACT TEAM

The Community Impact Team was born of a need to be able to deploy resources to address emerging trends, priority problems, community concerns and special events in the city. This team is not tied to radio calls for service, as beat officers, nor laden with a caseload as traditional specialty units. Impact members have a variable schedule so they can easily adjust to the days or time of day needed to address any given problem. During 2013, this team deployed on over 50 special

missions resulting in the arrests of more than 100 criminal suspects. Many of the cases were significant serial crime sprees that affected not only our communities, but neighboring cities as well.

TRAFFIC SERVICES UNIT

In addition to providing focused enforcement for traffic violations and impaired drivers, the Traffic Services Unit is responsible for the investigation of serious injury and fatal traffic collisions.

In 2013, this unit addressed 90 traffic enforcement requests received directly from the community. Officers spent 2,148 hours on enforcement efforts and had more than 4,900 citizen contacts with emphasis on roadways where injury accidents have occurred.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety awarded the department a \$64,000 grant that funded additional personnel hours for enforcement, and allowed for the purchase of a fully-equipped vehicle to help increase DUI enforcement. This specially marked vehicle has the same markings of a normal patrol SUV, however the markings are reflective and allow it to blend in with traffic during DUI enforcement operations. These lighter markings have earned the SUV the name "Ghost Vehicle."



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

This section, supervised by Lieutenant Charles Bezio, conducts investigations into reported criminal activity, and is divided into three units; Major Crimes, Special Victims, and Investigative Support. The investigators assigned to this section are dedicated to solving cases by bringing the right suspects to trial and criminal cases to the appropriate resolution. In 2013, CIS was assigned a almost 300 new investigations.

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The detectives assigned to the Major Crimes Unit investigate major felonies, including homicides, robberies, assaults, arson, incidents of serious injury and death, and missing persons. They investigated 117 cases in 2013. In addition, detectives located the remains of a missing woman from a 2011 homicide case finally giving the family closure. Detectives from this unit were also honored for their work across the country on Honor Violence killings, where young girls are killed, often by family members, for becoming too “Westernized.”

SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

Special Victims Unit detectives investigate crimes involving domestic violence, sex crimes, and crimes

against children. In 2013, they investigated 161 cases. These types of crimes are complex in nature and because of their complexity they require an extensive amount of investigation and specially trained detectives. SVU detectives work on identifying repeat domestic violence offenders and collaborate with prosecutors to impose strict sentences to prevent further violence.

SVU detectives work closely with Childhelp USA and Child Protective Services (CPS) in the protection of Peoria’s children. This unit is also responsible for the tracking and community notification of registered sex offenders living within Peoria.

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT UNIT

The investigative Support Unit is overseen by a sergeant and includes two civilian crime scene technicians, a pawn shop analyst, and a computer forensic detective. This unit helps to forensically examine evidence from fingerprints to computer hard drives and cell phones. In 2013, crime scene technicians completed a back log of hundreds of entries into a ballistics database that allows agencies to share ballistics intelligence across the United States leading to the arrest of armed violent offenders .



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS UNIT

The Special Assignment Unit, or SAU, includes the S.W.A.T. and Crisis Negotiations functions.

Special Weapons and Tactics, (S.W.A.T.) is a team of highly trained officers who are called in to serve high risk search warrants, deal with barricaded subjects, and a variety of other sensitive and high risk activities.

In 2013, the department's SWAT team responded to 21 separate operations, including planned operations, call-outs and special details.

The use of the team for 2013 was consistent with previous years with a majority of the operations

including the execution of search warrants in support of Street Crimes and fugitive apprehensions for the Criminal Investigations Section. Members of the SWAT team also completed a couple of dignitary protection details and responded to an officer involved shooting in the city.

The **Crisis Negotiations Team** provides critical communication with subjects on a variety of calls, including hostage barricades and suicidal subjects. In 2013, CNT logged 26 events, including call-outs, search warrants, and special details.



SERVICES DIVISION

The Services Division is comprised of the Administrative Services, Communications Section, Personnel and Training/Youth and Support Services, and Neighborhood Services. The personnel in the Services Division report to Deputy Chief Rocky Smith.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION

Supervised by civilian Police Manager Teresa Corless, this section is responsible for numerous administrative functions, including monitoring the department budget, writing and managing grants, processing asset forfeiture transactions, and reporting statistical data. In 2013, the section succeeded in receiving 19 grants, totaling \$582,504. They also settled 54 asset forfeiture cases, which resulted in over \$247,000 dollars and 268 items being awarded to the department.

HOSTED TRAINING

The Training Unit hosted outside training classes such as Managing Property and Evidence Rooms, Interviewing Tactics for Investigations, and leadership training. We formed partnerships with other agencies and trainers while ensuring the training needs of the department were met.

PERSONNEL & TRAINING/ YOUTH SERVICES SECTION

Supervised by Lt. Bruce Walls, this section includes the Hiring, Training, and School Resource Officer

(SRO) program. In 2013, the Training Unit provided over 6,000 hours of training to employees.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

The Communications Section is the responsibility of civilian Police Manager Vicky Scott. The primary role of Communications is handling all 911 and non-emergency calls and dispatching officers. They also manage warrant records for the department, and handle outgoing communications in cases where emergency neighborhood notifications are required. Using either the Community Emergency Notification System (CENS) or Nixle, Communications keeps the community aware of what is happening around them in an emergency. In 2013, Communications processed a total of 228,170 incoming calls.

MODULAR TRAINING

Officers are provided 40 hours of bi-annual training using a variety of proficiency skills such as hands-on tactics and reality-based scenarios. They are also provided with continuing training in areas such as Tactical Communication and legal updates that pertain to new legislation.

PRE-ACADEMY / POST-ACADEMY TRAINING

Twenty-three newly hired employees were provided specific training that was designed to prepare them to be successful in the demanding career of law enforcement.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

The Neighborhood Services Section (NSS) is overseen by civilian manager Jay Davies, and includes Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Crime Prevention, Park Rangers, and Volunteering. NSS is staffed entirely by civilian personnel who perform a variety of support and enforcement roles.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

Code Enforcement is responsible for addressing residential and commercial code violations, including those pertaining to building permits, business licenses, and nuisances. Working hand in hand with their sworn counterparts, they are integral part of the team when it comes to addressing neighborhood issues.

This section is comprised of a supervisor, six code officers, and administrative staff. Nearly half of their 5,446 cases were initiated proactively.

In addition to the work performed by Code Enforcement personnel, this unit supervises about forty weekend probationer work details each year, which address a variety of landscaping, illegal dumping, and other nuisance concerns across the city. This year, the \$1,800 contract cost was turned into \$37,440 worth of labor, when calculated at the state’s minimum wage.



PARK RANGERS

Park Rangers are responsible for patrolling over 30 parks across the city as well as the New River and Skunk Creek trails. This unit is comprised of a supervisor and four Park Rangers. They work when everyone else is at play – evenings, weekends, and holidays. About half of the more than 10,000 contacts they make each year are public relations interactions, the rest involve some type of rule violation. The vast majority of violation contacts result in a verbal or written warning, but Park Rangers also issue citations or expel park users in some circumstances. These employees are an effective extension of police resources in the community each day.

PARK RANGERS STATS

YEAR COMPARISON	2012	2013
Directed Patrol Hours	4864	1700
Citizens / Referred Telephone Calls	339	316
Dispatched Calls	218	317
Call Time Telephone / Disp Hours	352	171
On Views	6739	9609
City Code Violations	1661	2760
Park Rule Violations	1284	1225
Other Violations	59	45
Written Warning	84	104
Verbal Warning	2749	3857
Civil Citations	8	19
Criminal Citations	1	0
Vandalism / Graffiti	11	41
Reports	20	14
PR Contacts	3600	5368

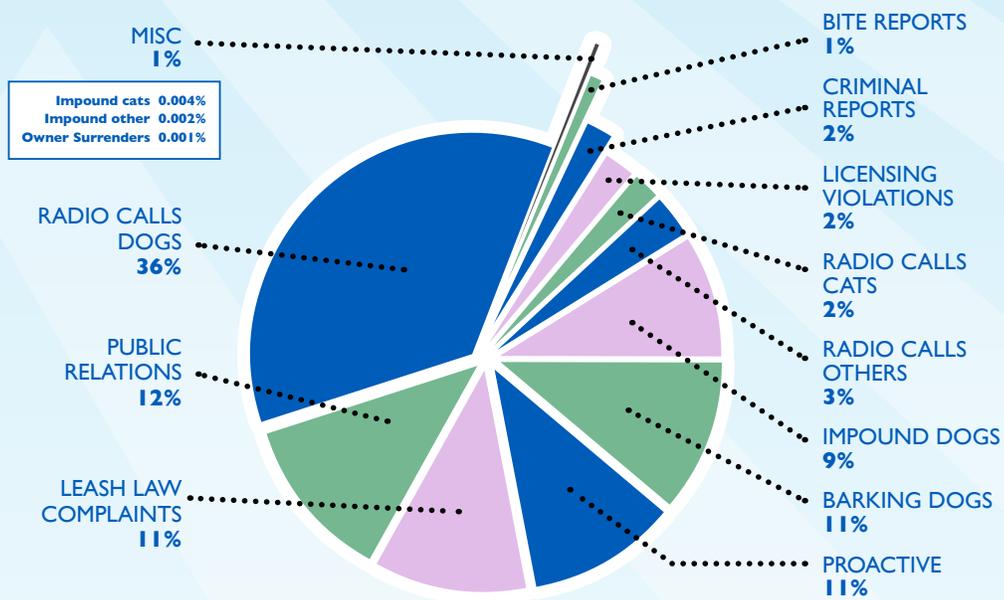
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

ANIMAL CONTROL

Peoria is one of just a few valley cities with its own in-house Animal Control Service. This section is staffed by one lead officer and four line level officers. Available seven days a week on shift one and two, these animal services professionals are extremely busy. Over two-thirds of Animal Control activity involves dogs, whether they are loose, injured, unlicensed, biting

somebody, or disturbing somebody. In addition to handling routine calls for service, in 2013 this group handled 163 criminal investigations, most of which involved animal cruelty allegations. They responded to 122 animal bites, coordinating the quarantine period and ensuring county protocols are followed.

ANIMAL CONTROL INCIDENTS 2012



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit is staffed by one full time Public Education Specialist, who coordinates a wide array of programs including Neighborhood Watch, Citizen's Academy, Crime Free Multi Housing, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT), Getting Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN), and much more.

G.A.I.N. EVENT

The Peoria Police and Fire Departments hosted the Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) at Rio Vista. The fun filled safety event is a cooler weather alternative to National Night Out which is in August.

The event is designed to bring all of the Peoria community together promoting our safe and family friendly city.

Activities included a kids' zone with face painting and a bounce house. Both departments had interactive displays allowing attendees to see the equipment the departments use.

Safety organizations also had displays showing different ways families can better protect themselves and their homes.

SENIORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER (S.A.L.T.)

In 2013, the department held a S.A.L.T. event at the Community Center. This program is designed to increase awareness of crime and livability issues for seniors. It also improves officers knowledge about the crime prevention needs of seniors.

With the partnership of AARP and the Peoria Diamond Club, seniors were treated to lunch and heard presentations from several members of the police department, including fraud, traffic, and predictive policing. Feedback was extremely positive, with participants noting that getting to spend some time face to face with police officers and leaders was a fantastic opportunity.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

VOLUNTEERS

One of the most important ongoing partnerships is with our department volunteers. They serve in a variety of meaningful assignments, working alongside employees to perform work that is critical to the agency's mission. Because of their hard work and dedication, we are able to provide a higher level of service to our citizens. In 2013, 53 volunteers donated a total of 10,615 hours, for an added value of \$235,027 in city services.

Volunteers provide needed support in most areas

of the department, including patrol, victim assistance, property, records, code enforcement, crime prevention, and criminal investigations. The work they do is vital to keeping officers on the road and available, and other staff members focused on top priorities.

As just one example of the impact they make, the 2013 Spring Training season did not have a single vehicle break in as a result of the diligent parking lot patrols performed by our patrol volunteers. These patrols were highlighted by several local television stations.



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Criminal Investigations	623-773-7097
Graffiti Hotline.....	623-773-7094
Police Administration.....	623-773-7096
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In 2013, a number of men and women throughout the department served not only their local community as police officers, but also served our country as members of the Armed Forces.



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We thank all of them for their service.

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