



Greenwood Police Department 2015 Annual Report





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To the Citizens of Greenwood:

2015 was another outstanding year for the Greenwood Police Department. I am pleased to provide an annual report for your review. This report was made possible by the hard working officers that attend daily to your law enforcement needs.

The Body Worn Cameras have been a great addition to policing the community. On average 50 videos a day are uploaded to cloud storage. Total videos saved were 9,881, and the total number of videos uploaded was 18,429. The videos have proven valuable not only in criminal investigations, but also exonerated officers of citizen's complaint.

Greenwood Police in 2015 continued to struggle with property tax caps and the funding for new officers. With a total of 58 sworn officers, Greenwood's ratio of officer per 1000 resident is at 1.1. This is far short of Department of Justice suggested standards of 2.2 and the Indiana average of 1.5. Greenwood, home to the second largest mall in Indiana, draws an estimated 11 million visitors annually. We are proud our residents receive the best efficiency than any other police department in Indiana.

Within these pages you will find more details concerning our performance during the past year. This report reflects the hard work of the brave men and women of the Greenwood Police Department in service to you. Please join me in taking pride in their accomplishments.

Respectfully,

John Laut

Chief of Police

Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all people in liberty, equality and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. I will be honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life; I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I KNOW that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.



Body Worn Cameras

Greenwood was one of the first police agencies in the state to research, establish policies and implement body worn cameras. The following two articles give background, policy information, and roll-out of cameras for GPD.

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AT ISSUE

There are no statewide standards on the use of police body cameras.

OUR POINT

Creating a legislative summer study committee would allow lawmakers to craft an effective set of standards.

Standards needed for body cameras

Daily Journal

Police departments across Indiana increasingly use body cameras to record officers' interactions with the public. The recordings are used for investigative purposes and to record actions by both officers and individuals in case questions arise later.

Since body cameras are a new technology, state law doesn't have any specific rules on how police should use them, such as what officers should record, who has access to videos and how long files need to be kept before they're deleted. That means police departments must set those rules themselves.

So state lawmakers want to set up some basic rules for all law enforcement agencies in Indiana to follow to create some consistency.

State Rep. John Price, R-Greenwood, has filed a bill asking state lawmakers to set up a summer study committee, which would gather information about body cameras. Lawmakers could then work with attorneys, judges, state public access officials, media, police departments and the public to hear their wants and concerns and then create statewide rules for consideration in the 2016 legislative session.

His bill suggests the committee consider whether certain videos can be kept confidential, whether police could redact and edit parts of video to protect personal information or identities of bystanders and who can make a public records request for police videos.

A summer study committee is a wise move. Statewide standards would give police departments firm guidance about when to record, what to record and how long to keep the recordings. Uniform standards would benefit all departments. Then, after the committee concludes its work, a bill can be introduced during the next session of the General Assembly.

For guidance, legislators should look at the standards developed by the Greenwood Police Department, which has a detailed policy setting out what officers should record, how long different types of files need to be kept and when the media or public can view the videos.

Under Greenwood's policies, some video can be released to the media or the public, but any requests would be considered by the police chief's office before being sent out. The policy states that evidence, recordings of juvenile offenders or sexual assault victims or videos taken in a non-public area would not be released. Videos also will be kept for different amounts of time depending on what they depict. A car accident with no injuries would be kept for 90 days, while a felony arrest will be saved at least five years, and a homicide or officer injury will be kept indefinitely.

According to the policy, officers don't have to record their entire shift but are supposed to turn the cameras on in 10 specified situations, such as vehicle stops, searches of buildings or vehicles, suspect interviews and arrests, pursuits or any situation where a person becomes adversarial with an officer.

The study committee is a good way to approach the issue and gather the most input. Finding a balance among the public's right to know, individual privacy and law enforcement needs will take more time than is normally available during the legislative session.

We encourage the General Assembly to act on Price's proposal and move the state a major step closer to uniform guidelines on the use of police body cameras.

Pictured at top: An officer with the Columbus Police Department attaches a body camera to his uniform before his shift in Columbus. DAILY JOURNAL FILE PHOTO



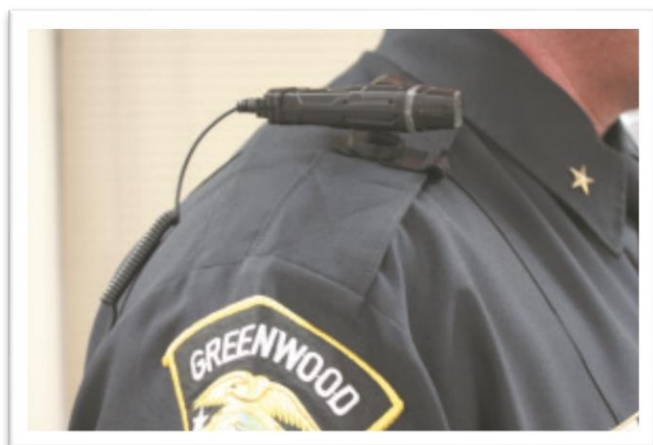
Body Worn Cameras Continued

Beech Grove, Indianapolis and Southport to test body cameras while Greenwood begins to outfit its officers with the new equipment.

Posted January 29, 2015 in Articles, Authors, Community, Cover Story, Covers, Featured Article, Features, Front Page News, Nicole Davis, Southside Covers By Nicole Davis

Greenwood Police Department

After testing four body cameras for a year in 2014, the Greenwood Police Department has purchased 44 body cameras for its officers. The cameras arrived late January and officers are now being trained to use the new equipment.



“We currently didn’t have any video in our cars or on our officers,” said Matthew Fillenwarth, assistant chief. “It became easier to see as things became smaller that the body camera would be the future for law enforcement. The in-car cameras are nice but it’s just one position and that’s forward. It was a pretty easy decision.”

GPD used to have in-car cameras that were backed by VHS tapes. When those became outdated, they were not replaced.

GPD tested different body camera models in 2013 and ordered the first four cameras from TASER to test in 2014. Each set cost \$1,000. The cameras are magnetic and can attach to safety-rated Oakley sunglasses, a shoulder mount, collar mount or head mount and come with a 12-hour battery pack. Once activated, the camera goes back to the 30-seconds prior and begins recording. All videos are kept for 30-days unless the officer indicates a reason it should be kept longer, such as an arrest or ticket citation.

“The biggest complaint we get from the officers is it’s another piece of equipment,” Fillenwarth said. “It’s another piece they have to remember. There is so much that we require the officers to carry now that the space on their gun belt is limited. It’s another piece of equipment they are responsible for. Technology has done a lot more for law enforcement and it requires a lot more from law enforcement.”

Greenwood is one of the first in Indiana to purchase the equipment for a department. Fillenwarth said they have made requirements for when officers should use the cameras, and when they don’t need to.



Greenwood Assistant Chief of Police Matthew Fillenwarth has begun teaching officers the procedures for using the department's new body cameras. Pictured, he demonstrates the sunglasses created by Oakley with the magnetized camera attached.



“We won’t require our officers to record on every call – someone complaining of a barking dog, there will be no video of that,” Fillenwarth said. “The officers already have digital cameras if they need to take a picture of a theft scene. There’s a whole list of reasons we wanted the video. It makes cases easier to prosecute. It does protect the officers from false complaints. These weren’t purchased as a reason to supervise the officers. It was purchased to capture evidence for court cases and it will show transparency in our department.”

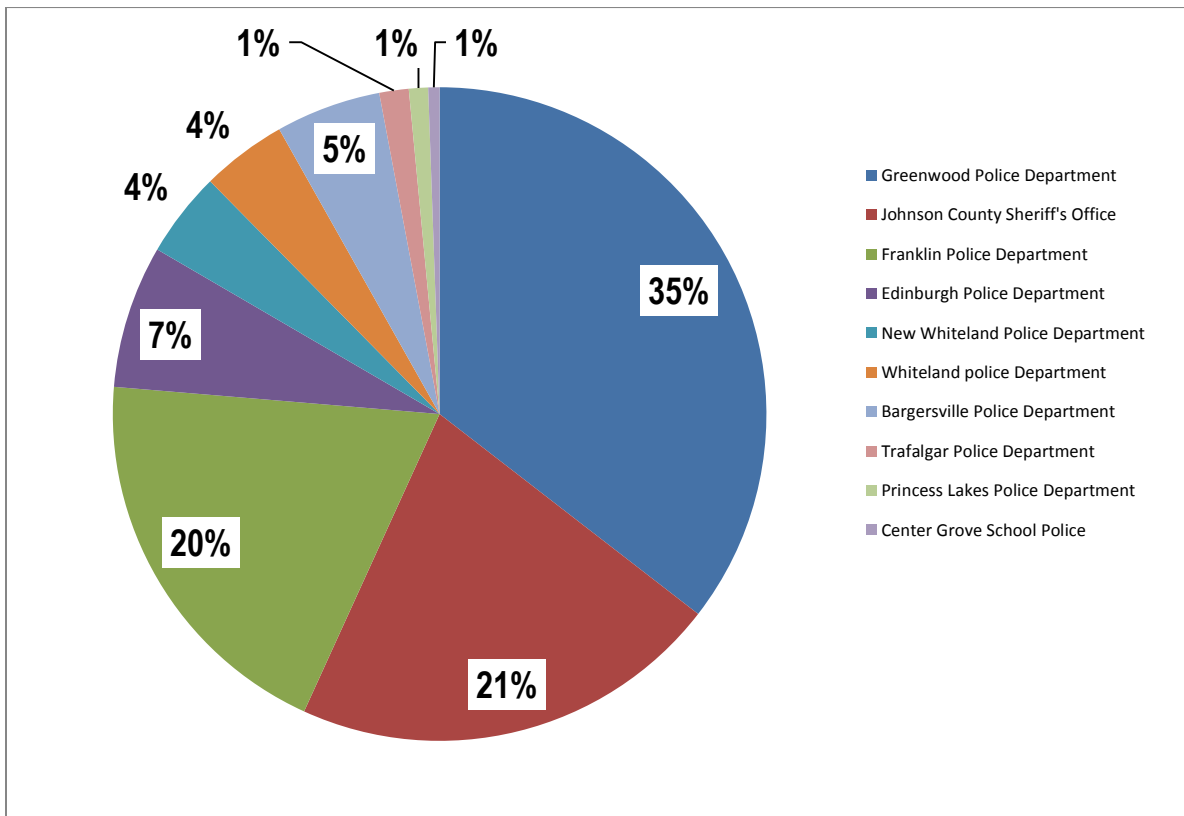
Fillenwarth trained the first four of 44 officers on Jan. 26, and said while they seem hesitant to the new technology, the feedback has been positive.

“I’ve always been excited about it,” Fillenwarth said. “I had an in-car camera when I was on the road. It kept me out of court. It kept me going to depositions on my day off, because when you show the tape to a prosecutor, it helps decide the case. They are not going to fight the tape and take it to jury trial. I used to love my video for that fact only.”

2015 County Police Run Statistics

Greenwood is the busiest police agency in Johnson County. With over 29,500 runs per year. That averages 82 runs per day for our officers.

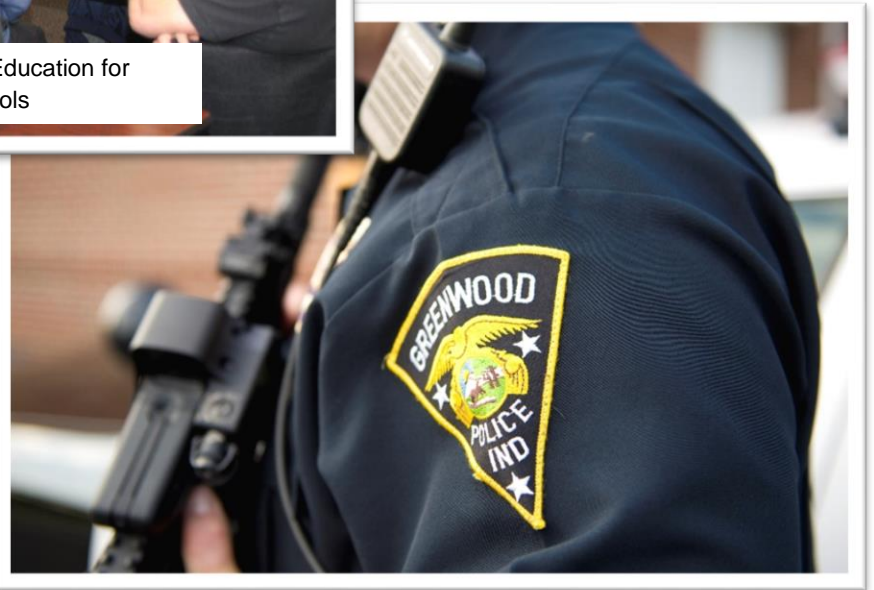
Agency	2015 Runs	2015 %t	Calls/Day
Greenwood Police Department	29,756	35%	82
Johnson County Sheriff's Office	17,889	21%	49
Franklin Police Department	16,374	20%	45
Edinburgh Police Department	5,931	7%	16
New Whiteland Police Department	3,535	4%	10
Whiteland police Department	3,543	4%	10
Bargersville Police Department	4,364	5%	12
Trafalgar Police Department	1,219	1%	3
Princess Lakes Police Department	796	1%	2
Center Grove School Police	468	1%	1
Total	83875		230



Greenwood Officers

The 58 sworn officers of the Greenwood Police Department are a mature and talented group. In 2016 three new officers were added, but at the same time two civilian positions were eliminated.

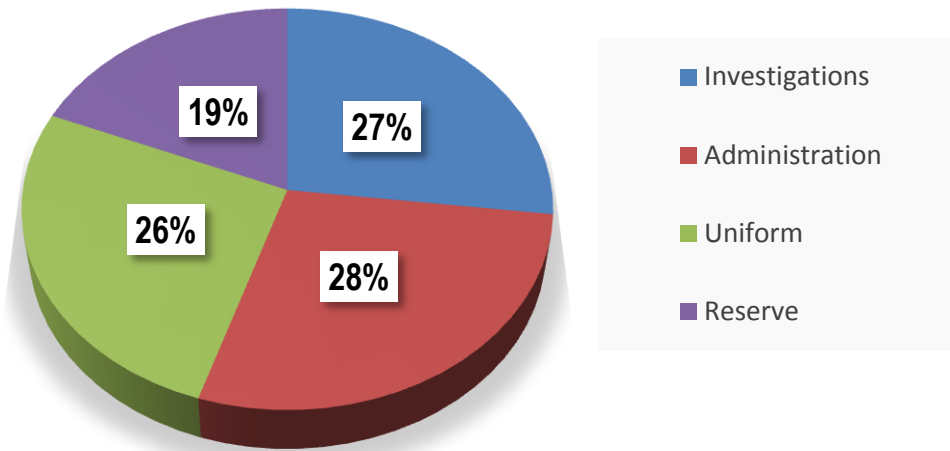
The majority of officers have an Associate, Bachelors or Master's degree from an accredited college.



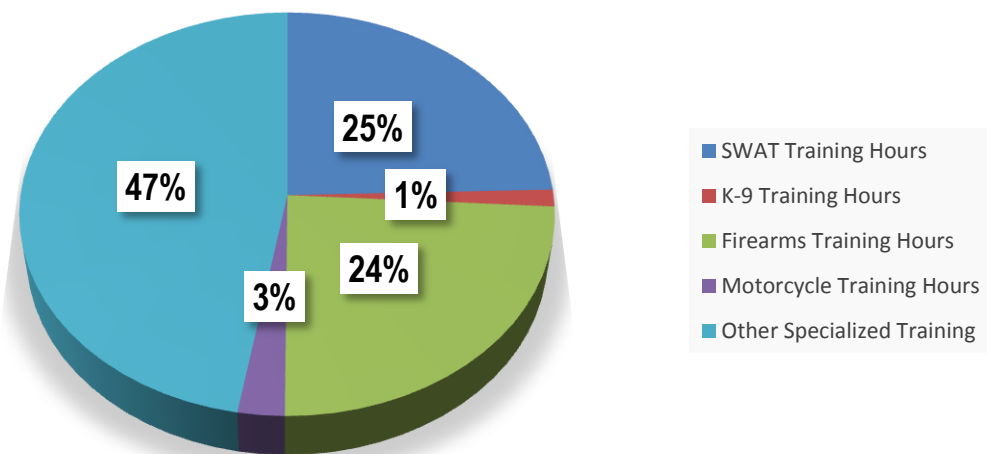
Officer Training

With a state of the art training center and indoor range, Greenwood Police officers receive ongoing education in changes in law enforcement. Specialized training ensures that Greenwood officers are some of the best trained in their field of expertise.

Average Training hours per Officer by Division 2015



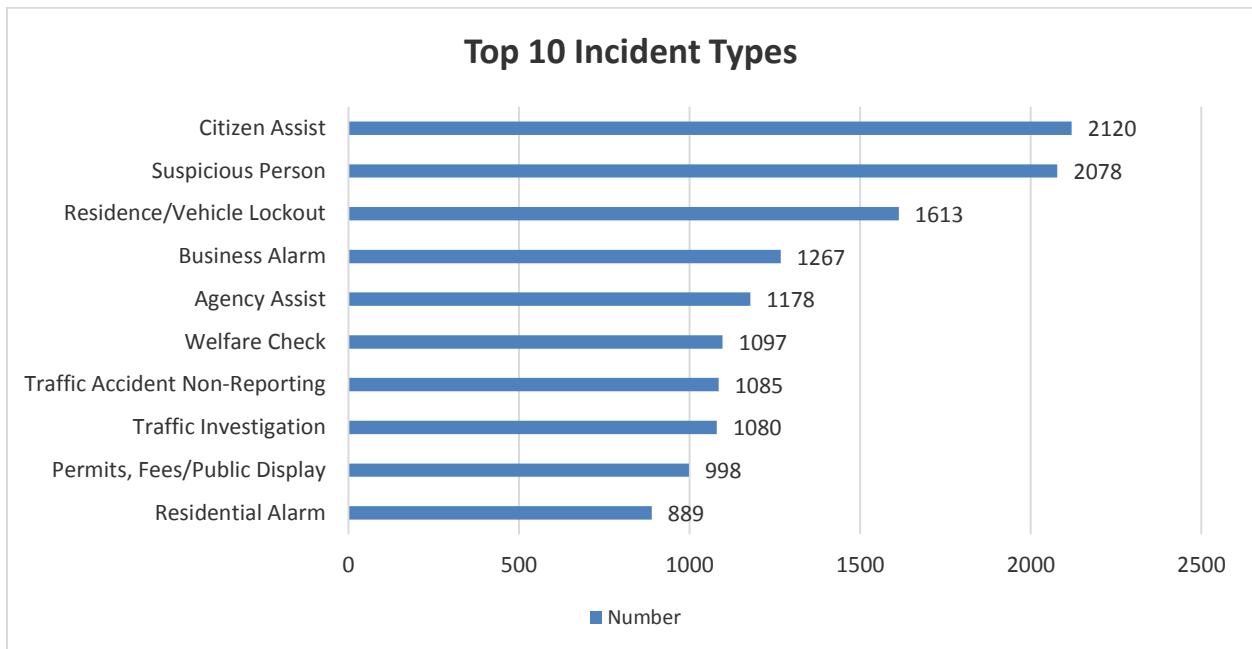
Training Hours per Subject 2015



Police Call Types

The following are the Top 10 call types that Greenwood officers dealt with in 2015. These represent the most frequent type of calls officers respond to. Total number of calls in 2015 were 29,756.

Type Incident	Number
Citizen Assist	2120
Suspicious Person	2078
Residence/Vehicle Lockout	1613
Business Alarm	1267
Agency Assist	1178
Welfare Check	1097
Traffic Accident Non-Reporting	1085
Traffic Investigation	1080
Permits, Fees/Public Display	998
Residential Alarm	889



FBI Reported Crimes

The Greenwood Police Department participates in the FBI Uniform Crime Report. Here are the figures that have been reported since 2005. The 2015 report was not published at time of this document. The numbers reported to the FBI are denoted below. Click on the link to view the [FBI Uniform Crime Report](#).

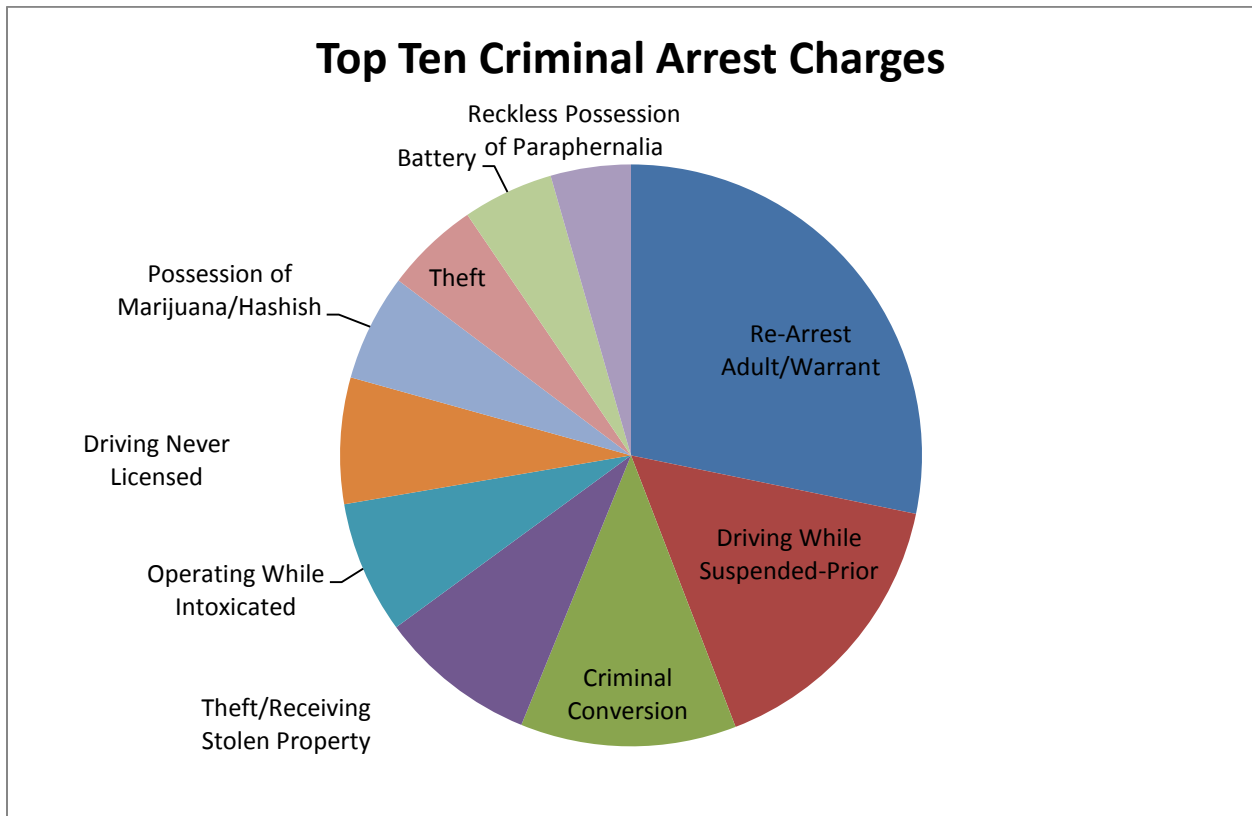
Year	Popluation	Violent Crime	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Property Crime	Burglary	Larceny/Theft	Vehicle Theft	Arson
2015		211	2	2	19	188	2076	154	1791	134	2
2014	54491 est	193	0	2	14	177	1921	173	1639	109	0
2013	53,208	200	1	1	9	189	1908	175	1654	88	5
2012	51,746	191	1	3	19	168	1,809	207	1,543	59	3
2011	50,045	177	2	0	24	151	1,777	130	1,570	77	4
2010	49,847	179	0	3	21	155	1,772	113	1,602	57	8
2009	49,136	189	0	2	15	172	1,896	154	1,672	70	8
2008	47,770	189	0	5	15	169	1,831	106	1,623	102	10
2007	46,063	141	1	2	15	123	1,763	121	1,554	88	5
2006	42,516	157	2	6	15	134	1,629	134	1,417	78	7
2005	41,038	144	1	1	15	127	2,049	207	1,753	89	8



Criminal Arrests

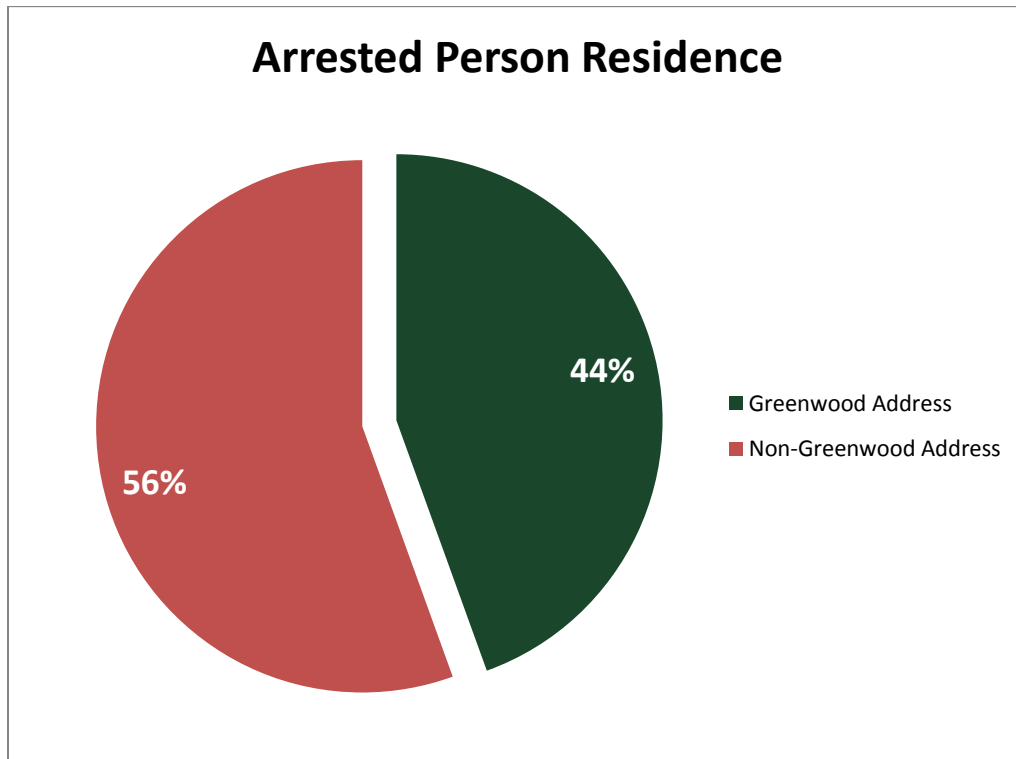
The most common arrest type, re-arrest adult/warrant, occurs when an officer encounters a fugitive. Driving while suspended, the second most common type, is a direct result of traffic enforcement.

Type of Arrest	Number
Re-Arrest Adult/Warrant	475
Driving While Suspended-Prior	268
Criminal Conversion	202
Theft/Receiving Stolen Property	148
Operating While Intoxicated	124
Driving Never Licensed	118
Possession of Marijuana/Hashish	100
Theft	88
Battery	85
Reckless Possession of Paraphernalia	75



Residence of Arrests

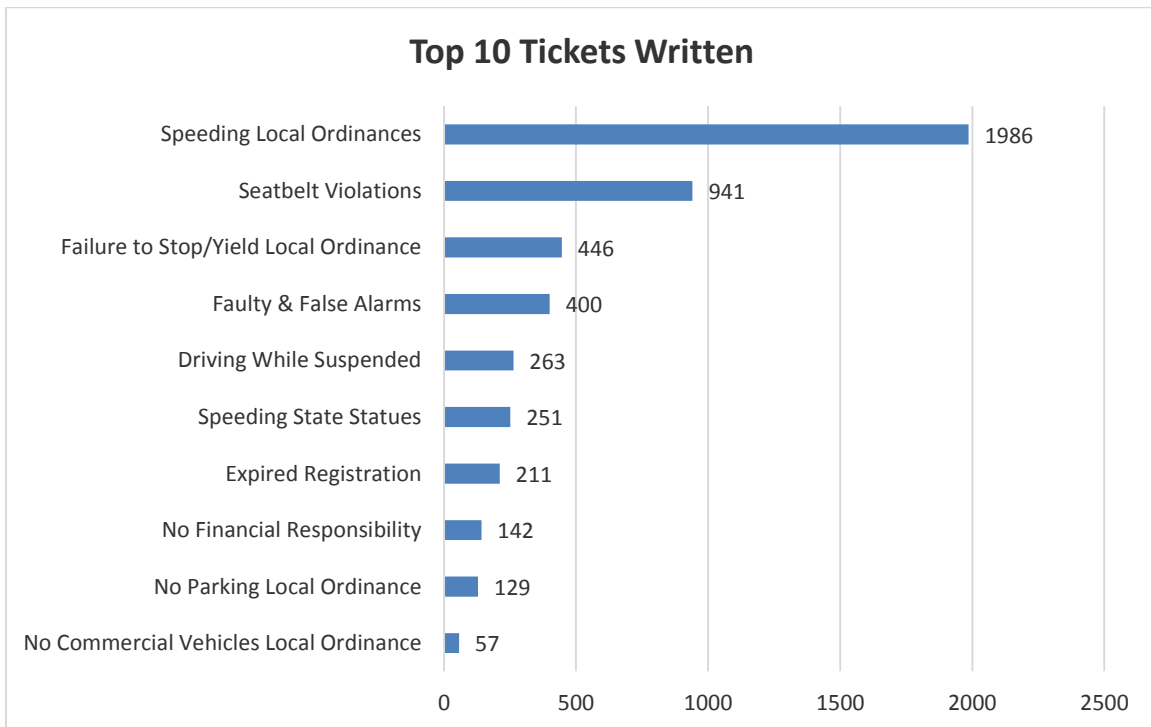
56% of the suspects that were arrested in 2015 come from outside of Greenwood. That is an indicator that regional police challenges greatly impact our city.



Tickets

The following are the top 10 types of tickets issued in 2015.

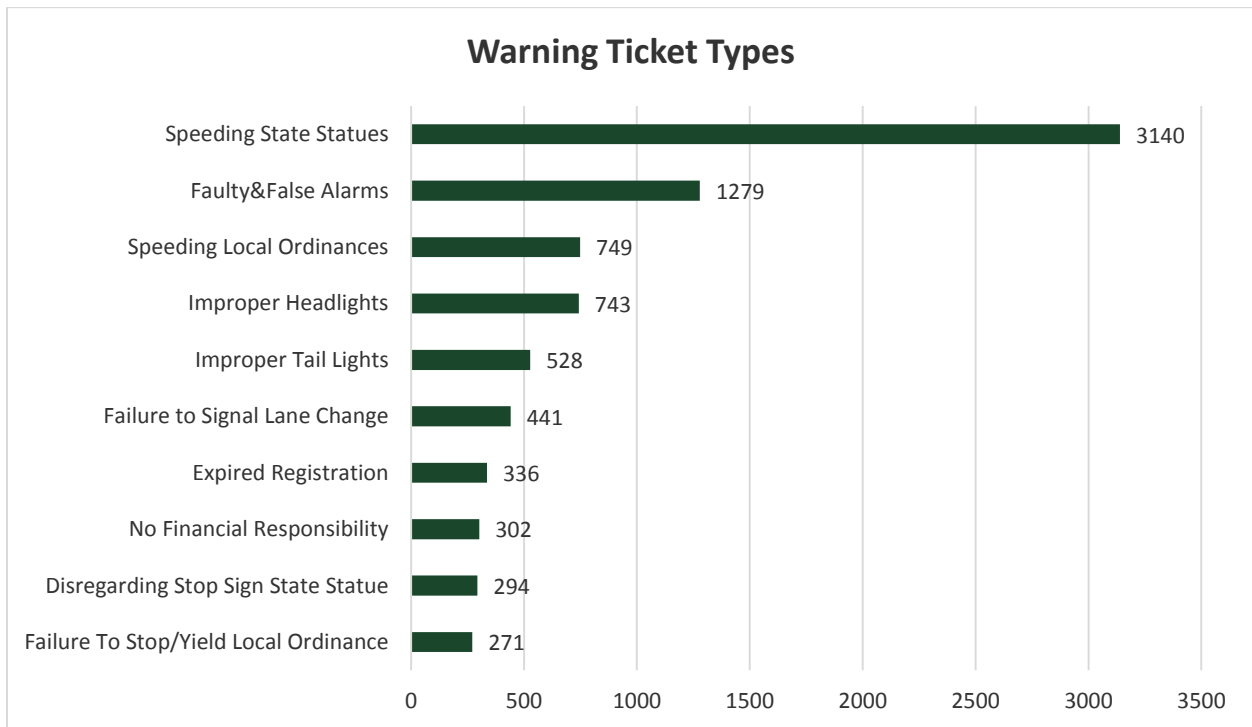
Violation	Number
Speeding Local Ordinance	1986
Seatbelt Violations	941
Failure to Stop/Yield Local Ordinance	446
Faulty & False Alarms	400
Driving While Suspended	263
Speeding State Statues	251
Expired Registration	211
No Financial Responsibility	142
No Parking Local Ordinance	129
No Commercial Vehicles Local Ordinance	57



Warning Tickets

The following are the top 10 types of warning tickets issued. As with most police agencies, Greenwood officers issue more warnings than tickets.

Offense	Number
Speeding State Statues	3140
Faulty & False Alarms	1279
Speeding Local Ordinances	749
Improper Headlights	743
Improper Tail Lights	528
Failure to Signal Lane Change	441
Expired Registration	336
No Financial Responsibility	302
Disregarding Stop Sign State Statue	294
Failure To Stop/Yield Local Ordinance	271



There are multiple state statutes that apply to speeding. You will notice the most common warning ticket is issued for speeding.



PoliceConnect

PoliceConnect is our online system that allows residents to contact the police department with non-emergency requests. This system allows those needing service to make requests, report tips and information in a convenient mobile format. It also reduces the need for an officer to be dispatched to take a non-emergency report, saving time and tax dollars.



PoliceConnect Item	2015
POLICE: Anonymous TIP	96
POLICE: Coyote Sighting	124
POLICE: General Request	204
POLICE: REPORT a CRIME	224
POLICE: REQUEST a SERVICE	62
TOTAL	710



Social Media

Social media, for the Police Department, continues to be an effective communication and apprehension law enforcement tool. We are leveraging public knowledge, tips and input at unprecedented levels. Recently a photo of a missing 3 year old was posted and seen by nearly 56,000 people. More importantly, our post engagement which includes Reactions, comments and shares was over 14,500.

The screenshot displays the Facebook page for the Greenwood Police Department. The page header includes navigation links for Page, Messages, Notifications, Insights, and Publishing Tools. The main content area features a 'PoliceConnect' banner with buttons for 'Anonymous TIP', 'General REQUEST', 'REPORT a CRIME', and 'REQUEST a SERVICE'. To the right, a 'PHONE' section provides contact information for emergency and non-emergency calls. A 'Promote' dropdown menu is visible, showing engagement statistics for 'THIS WEEK': 55,779 Post Reach and 14,564 Post Engagement. A red arrow points to these statistics. Below the banner, a search bar and a post creation area are visible. A red arrow points to the post creation area. The post area shows a post from the Greenwood Police Department with 4,860 likes and +206 likes this week. A red arrow points to these engagement metrics. The post content includes a photo of a coffee cup and a text overlay for a 'Coffee with a Cop' event on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Greenwood Mall - Food Court. The 'ABOUT' section on the left provides the department's address (186 Surina Way, Ste A, Greenwood, IN) and phone number (317) 882-9191.



Social Media Continued

Highlighted below are posts that have reached over 10,000 people in the period from January 29th to April 12th of this year. You will see an impressive trend of reach as well as engagement.

Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement
04/12/2016 11:15 am	Come out and join us!!	Image	Global	621	14 9
04/11/2016 1:21 pm	Want to set up a Crime Watch for your neighborhood? Call the Greenwood Police Department at 317-882-919	Image	Global	1.3K	34 32
04/07/2016 11:42 am	Greenwood Police Department needs your help to identify the females in the photo's below. Anyone with informa	Image	Global	55.1K	25K 1.9K
04/07/2016 9:58 am	The Greenwood VFW Post 5864 Auxiliary's was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Chief John La	Image	Global	1.7K	51 34
04/02/2016 1:35 pm	Media Release: Yesterday April 1, 2016 at approximately 2:28PM Greenwood Police responded to the 1200 blo	Text	Global	8.5K	2.6K 146
03/28/2016 3:35 pm	Congratulations to the two new Greenwood Police Officers that were sworn-in today. From left to right in the ph	Image	Global	13.4K	1.9K 723
03/25/2016 7:54 am	iPassport Learns to Stay Safe with Greenwood Police Department	Image	Global	3K	148 35
02/19/2016 3:38 pm	From Fox 59 WXIN Indianapolis	Image	Global	2.1K	42 24
02/12/2016 2:46 pm	Scam Alert: The Greenwood Police Department has been notified of a scam that has hit this area in the last co	Image	Global	2.7K	377 48
01/25/2016 4:10 pm	Congratulations to the four new Greenwood Police Officers that were sworn-in today. From left to right in the ph	Image	Global	12.6K	2.4K 690
01/22/2016 8:40 am	Greenwood Police Department's cover photo	Image	Global	0	60 10
01/22/2016 8:39 am	Greenwood Police Department	Image	Global	504	85 131
01/22/2016 8:32 am	Untitled Album	Image	Global	1.4K	31 0
01/20/2016 12:19 pm	Here are some tips from the IRS website: 1) The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment, nor will the	Image	Global	8.6K	515 185

