



2014

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



**CHIEF
ERIC HIGBY**



Higby joined the department in 1996 and has spent time in both patrol and investigations divisions. He was appointed chief on September 25, 2009. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the department. He is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. In 2008 he attended ten weeks of training at the 234th session of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Higby has recently received training in Freedom of Information, School Violence, and Media Relations.



**ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE
RENÉ SCHWARTZ**

A.A. Schwartz joined the department in 2001. She is the assistant to the Chief of Police and handles department records, statistical records, annual reports, correspondence, court scheduling, website maintenance, CAD & Records Management System administrator and recently received training in Freedom of Information. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Human Resources and served four years in the United States Air Force.



ADMINISTRATION



DETECTIVE SERGEANT JEFF LEININGER

Det. Sgt. Leininger joined the department in 1998. He supervises the detective division, field training program, and the evidence room. He assists with maintenance of the department's website, and serves as the department photographer. Det. Sgt. Leininger has received specialized training in sex offender registration, homicide investigations, gang crime investigations, and serves as president of the Ogle County Crime Stoppers Board. He is a graduate of Northwestern Illinois University's School of Police Staff and Command.

DETECTIVE TERRY INMAN



Detective Inman joined the department in 2001. He served in the United States Navy for eight years. He is a member of the I.L.E.A.S. Mobile Field Force team and the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Detective Inman has received training in homicide investigation and computer crimes including peer to peer. Detective Inman is a department FOIA officer. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration and a Master of Science in Biosecurity-Disaster Preparedness.

DETECTIVE JOHN KALTENBACH

Detective Kaltenbach joined the department in 2004. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, is a member of the Emergency Response Team, and is a Taser instructor, O.C. instructor, Hunter Safety instructor, and Department Armor Firearms instructor. He has received specialized training in advanced special weapons and tactics, tactical interactions, homicide investigations, and gang crime investigations.



DETECTIVE DIVISION



**SERGEANT
PHIL
FRANKENBERRY**

Sgt. Frankenberry joined the department in 1998. He served four years in the United States Air Force as a combat engineer. He has received training in incident command, sex offender registration, and special weapons and tactics. Sgt. Frankenberry is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He is a truck enforcement officer.



Sgt. Jason Bergeron joined the department in 2000. He served in the United States Air Force for four years. He has received training in incident command, sex offender registration, special weapons and tactics, and supervision of police personnel. Sgt. Bergeron is an O.C. and firearms instructor, and a child safety seat technician. He holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.



**SERGEANT
JASON BERGERON**

PATROL DIVISION



**SERGEANT
BILL HAAN**

Sergeant Haan joined the department in 2003. He has received training in incident command, sex offender registration, Supervision of police personnel, search and seizure, breath alcohol testing, death Investigations, and special weapons and tactics. He is a certified juvenile officer.



Sergeant Smith joined the department in 2002. He has received training in sex offender registration, special weapons and tactics, supervision of police personnel and incident command. Sergeant Smith is a certified juvenile officer, and he is in charge of the department's fleet maintenance program.



**SERGEANT
CHET SMITH**

PATROL DIVISION



**OFFICER
DAVE CHRISTOPHERSON**

Officer Christopherson joined the department in 1987. He served in the United States Army Reserves for six years as a military police officer. He has received training in drugged/drunk driver detection, breath alcohol testing, crime scene investigation, and traffic crash investigations. Officer Christopherson is a certified juvenile officer and is a hunter safety instructor.

**OFFICER
AARON RODABAUGH**

Officer Rodabaugh joined the department in 2001. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps as a military police officer. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Rodabaugh lead the department in calls for service. He has received training in breath alcohol testing and incident command. He is a certified juvenile officer.



**OFFICER
MATT WITTENBERG**

Officer Wittenberg joined the department in 2004. He is a member of the Emergency Response Team, and is a less lethal shotgun instructor. He is a firearms instructor, assists with fleet maintenance. From 2005 – 2008 he received the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists award for having the highest number of D.U.I. arrests and led the department in DUI arrests for 2014. Officer Wittenberg holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice.



PATROL DIVISION



**OFFICER
JAMES GILLIAM**

Officer James Gilliam joined the department in 2005. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. He has received training in special weapons and tactics, breath alcohol testing, gang investigations, F.T.O., and incident command. Officer Gilliam is a certified juvenile officer, Taser instructor, and a member of the Emergency Response Team.

**OFFICER
JAMES JAKYMIW**

Officer Jakymiw joined the department in 2007. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. He has received training in breath alcohol testing, patrol tactics, and incident command. and is a certified juvenile officer and bike officer.



**OFFICER
MATT GERARD**

Officer Gerard joined the department in 2007. He is a certified juvenile officer and is a member of the Emergency Response Team. He has received training in special weapons and tactics, tactical interactions, school violence, patrol tactics, and breath alcohol testing. Officer Gerard is also a Certified Concealed Carry Instructor for the State of Illinois.



PATROL DIVISION



OFFICER JOSEPH SESTER

Officer Sester joined the department in 2011. He is a bike officer and is assigned to the Patrol Division. He has training in patrol tactics, complete traffic stops and is a truck enforcement officer.

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NEW HIRES

OFFICER RYAN BEERY

Officer Ryan Beery was sworn in on December 8th, 2014. Ryan is from Yorkville, IL and is currently attending PTI (Police Training Institute) from January 5th through March 25th, 2015.



PATROL DIVISION



**OFFICER
EMILY HARDESTY**



Officer Hardesty joined the department in 2006. She has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. She has received training in Incident command, emergency vehicle operations, patrol tactics, breath alcohol testing, and Police Canine Training. She is assigned to the patrol division and assists with evidence room maintenance. Officer Hardesty is on the ILEAS Mobile Field Force Team and is a K-9 Officer.



K-9 DON

K-9 Don began his career with the department in February 2010.



**OFFICER
ELVIS BANESKI**

Officer Baneski joined the department in March of 2008. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Management. He has received training in patrol tactics, street crimes, complete traffic stops, rapid deployment, and breath alcohol testing and is a bike officer. Officer Baneski led the department in criminal and drug arrests for the year. He has received Police Canine Training and is a K-9 Officer.



K-9 Edy began his career with the department in February 2014.



PATROL DIVISION K-9

K-9 DON

- 30—Open air sniffs
- 8—Drugs or drug paraphernalia inside of the vehicle.
- 1—Evidence recovery/article search resulting in the location of cannabis in a bush.
- 12—School searches
- 9—Demonstrations

K-9 OKAR

- 12—Open air sniffs
- 2—Drugs or drug paraphernalia inside of the vehicle.
- 9—School searches
- 1—Foot search
- 1—Building search

K-9 EDY

- 25—Open air sniffs
- 4— Drugs or drug paraphernalia inside of the vehicle.
- 1— School search





**OFFICER
JASON GOODWIN**

Officer Goodwin joined the department in 2005. He served as a member of the Emergency Response Team and has received training in special weapons and tactics, sniper operations, and breath alcohol testing. Jason is currently serving as patrolman for the DeKalb Police Department.

**OFFICER
BRIAN VANVICKLE**

Officer VanVickle joined the department in February of 2009. He served as one of the department's truck enforcement officers as well as a K-9 Officer. In 2014, Officer VanVickle ran for and was elected Sheriff of Ogle County where he is currently serving his term.



**OFFICER
SONNY STREIT**



Officer Streit joined the department in 2011. He received training in patrol tactics and current drug trends. Sonny is currently serving as patrolman for the DeKalb Police Department.

**DISPATCHER
JAKE SIMMONS**

Dispatcher Simmons joined the department in 2012 as a part-time dispatcher. Jake will continue his full-time status as dispatcher for Ogle County Sheriff's Department.



Thank you for your years of service and best wishes in your future endeavors!!

TRANSFERS



COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR SANDY SULLIVAN

C.S. Sullivan joined the department in 1996 and is in charge of the department's communications division. She has served on the Ogle County ETSB 911 Board since 2002. She is a certified LAC LEADS operator and is also certified in the areas of legal issues, training officer, EMD, incident command, hostage negotiations, advanced law enforcement dispatch, 911 liability, fire dispatch, CPR, AED, and On-star. C.S. Sullivan maintains scheduling for both dispatchers and crossing guards, and is a FOIA Officer.



DISPATCHER JULIE THRUMAN

Dispatcher Thruman joined the department in 1987. She is a certified LAC LEADS Operator and certified in EMD, public safety dispatch, 911 dispatch, active shooter, 911 liability, and suicide intervention. She has received specialized training in incident command, CPR, AED, On-Star, fire dispatch, domestic violence, TTY, and non-emergency call handling.



DISPATCHER TONY MILBURN

Dispatcher Milburn joined the department in 2000, and is a training officer and special needs/ child safety seat technician. He is certified in 911 dispatch, 911 liability and LEADS. He has received training in hostage negotiations, incident command, police & fire dispatch, On-Star, EMD, CPR & AED instructor.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



**DISPATCHER
LUISA NAMBO**

Dispatcher Nambo joined the department in 2003. She is a bilingual dispatcher who is a training officer and child safety seat technician. She is certified in LEADS, EMD and 911 dispatch. She has additional training in incident command, domestic violence, 911 liability, active shooter, suicide intervention, CPR, AED, On-Star and Homeland Security.

**DISPATCHER
CORY BECK**

Dispatcher Beck joined the department in 2004. She is a training officer and a certified LAC LEADS operator. 911 dispatch, LEADS, incident command, active shooter, stress identification, 911-liability and domestic violence. She has additional training in CPR, AED, On-Star, fire dispatch, advanced law enforcement dispatch, EMD and TTY.



**DISPATCHER
ROBIN OLSZEWSKI**

Dispatcher Olszewski joined the department in 2007. He is certified in LEADS, advanced law enforcement dispatch, advanced fire dispatch, EMD, 911 dispatch, hostage negotiations, active shooter, domestic violence and suicide intervention. He has received specialized training in CPR, AED, On-Star and TTY.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



DISPATCHER BRITTANY SPANDET

Dispatcher Spandet joined the department in 2013 as a part-time dispatcher and became full-time in 2014. She is certified in 911 dispatch, LEADS, incident command, EMD, law enforcement dispatch, fire service dispatch, and has received severe weather spotter training.

DISPATCHER CASSIE ROGERS

Dispatcher Rogers joined the department in 2013 and is a part-time dispatcher. She is certified in 911 dispatch, LEADS, incident command, EMD, law enforcement dispatch, fire service dispatch, and has received severe weather spotter training.



HIGHLIGHTS

The Communications Division is responsible for answering 911 calls along with non-emergency calls 24 hours a day along with a walk up window for customers. The Center dispatches for Rochelle Police and Rochelle Fire Departments. The Communications Center serves as the back up center for Ogle County Sheriff's Office in Oregon, Illinois.

Dispatchers received their 40 hours plus continued education credit for the year. All Dispatchers have completed and received a certificate of completion for Just In Time Training, Dispatch-U Education which is provided by PowerPhone covers, but is not limited to, the following topics: Submerge-sinking Vehicle, Alzheimer's Patients, Language Barriers, Hearing Disorders, Domestic Violence, Mass Casualty Incidents, Infectious Disease Threats, Health, Chemical Suicide, Stroke, Autism, Human GPS, and CPR Revisited.

A Total Response Quality Assurance program was implemented to measure and maintain high performance standards in customer service and is a necessary piece to moving us closer to receiving accreditation.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



**DISPATCHER
ROGER JOHANNING**

Dispatcher Roger Johanning retired this year after many years with the department in a variety of capacities. Roger began his career with the department in 1977 as a radio operator. He later signed on as a patrol officer in 1981—retiring in 2007—and then returning in 2010 to help out in the radio room in a part-time capacity.

**DISPATCHER
MELINDA DAVIS**

Dispatcher Melinda Davis began her career with the department in 1980 as a radio operator and returned in 2010 in a part-time capacity to assist in dispatch. Thank you for your dedication and willingness to fill in as needed over the last 4 years.



**We've enjoyed having
you back—best
wishes in your
retirement!!**

RETIREMENT

CHRIS WATSON

Ms. Watson has been with the department since 2002. She works at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and North 9th Street.

BOB ECKHARDT

Mr. Eckhardt has been with the department since 2009. He works at the intersection of 9th Street and 10th Avenue.



JAMES BIRCHALL

Mr. Birchall has been with the department since 2011. He works at the intersection of 9th Street and 4th Avenue.

JOAN BIRCHALL

Mrs. Birchall has been with the department since 2011. She works at the intersection of 8th Street and 5th Avenue.

KATHRYN McGRATH

Ms. McGrath has been with the department since 2014. She works at the intersection of 8th Street and 4th Avenue.

JOHN GENHARDT

Mr. Genhardt has been with the department since 2013. He works at the intersection of 10th Avenue and Lincoln Highway.

KAREN LEE

Ms. Lee has been with the department since 2013. She works at the intersection of 2nd Street and School Avenue.

SUSAN MORRIS

Ms. Morris has been with the department since 2014. She is currently a substitute.

ANGELA MITCHELLE

Ms. Mitchelle has been with the department since 2014. She is currently a substitute.

CROSSING GUARDS



Safety First for crossing guard "Mr. Bob"

Reliability important to former postal carrier

BY LORI TEPINSKI Staff Writer

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EVERY day they help children safely cross the street as they walk or bike to and from school. Crossing guards play an important role in the lives of children, and provide a familiar face before and after their school day.

Bob Eckhardt, known as "Mr. Bob," to the kids, has been a school crossing guard at Tilton School for the past four years. For an hour during the morning and an hour during the afternoon, regardless of the weather, Eckhardt assists students when crossing the intersection at 10th Avenue and Ninth Street. At times, he also directs and expedites the flow of traffic at the crossing.

Eckhardt has been the crossing guard at many, if not all of the intersections in the district and ranks the crossing as the "busiest intersection in the district."

Braving the outdoors rain or shine is nothing new for Eckhardt. Previous to the crossing guard duties, Eckhardt worked as a mail carrier in Rochelle for 40 years, drove a school bus and did maintenance for the Steward School District. When asked of any interesting mail carrier stories to share, Eckhardt told of the blizzard in 1979. Due to the heavy amount of snow, the carriers couldn't drive their trucks near the post office to load the mail to be delivered.

"The snow had us covered from head to toe," said Eckhardt. "But we had to go out and try to deliver the mail. We had to park on Lincoln Highway and carry the mail." Although times have changed throughout the years, Eckhardt's work ethic has remained strong. Born and raised in Rochelle, he shared his memories of hard work early on. "I worked as a kid, I cut asparagus at 5 a.m.," said Eckhardt. "After cutting asparagus, I would head to Pepsi-Cola to help bottle, set cases and deliver pop. All before heading to school."

Eckhardt told of the Pepsi-Cola location along the alley near Cherry Avenue in downtown Rochelle.

"After school, I would go back to Pepsi-Cola until about 5 or 6 o'clock and then head to T-Byrds (Bowling) to set pins," added Eckhardt.

Asked if there was a favorite memory growing up, Eckhardt said that along with seven sisters, "we survived in those days, no TV." During shop class at school, he put together his very first car, a 1929 Model A with a hardtop convertible.

CROSSING GUARDS



Safety First for crossing guard "Mr. Bob" *(cont'd)*

In the early 1950s, Eckhardt was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. Although he didn't serve overseas, his duties as a cook stateside were just as important. Overseeing two mess halls, Eckhardt remembers a time when he was assigned to help convert a former prison of war camp to an Army training school.

"I walked in and the trays of food were still sitting there," said Eckhardt of the former prison of war camp.

He also cooked for the members training in the ROTC. During that time, any left-over food was taken to a pig farm for feed. Once a month, Eckhardt would have to go to the pig farm to retrieve all of the knives and forks that accidentally ended up there.

Eckhardt spoke fondly of being able to go to the beach on the Atlantic Ocean for a couple hours a day, as long as his daily duties were completed. Those and many other military experiences are treasures to Eckhardt.

"That experience," said Eckhardt. "I wouldn't trade it for nothing, I grew up."

Asked about hobbies, Eckhardt shared that work was his hobby.

"I wasn't interested in anything except making a good living for my kids and wife," said Eckhardt.

Eckhardt's late wife of 55 years, Jacqueline, taught for the Steward School District for 38 years. Together they raised daughter Meredith, and son Camden in Steward.

Eckhardt is looking forward to helping out his neighbors during the upcoming winter season. Prior to this year, he used a snowblower to help clear the snow. This year, Eckhardt is equipped with a tractor and a snowplow.

As for his crossing guard duties at Tilton School, Eckhardt appreciates the efforts of the faculty as well as being around the students. "I enjoy working at Tilton with the kids," said Eckhardt. "Everyone is so kind, and the staff is out there every day." Eckhardt mentioned that every day Principal Jennifer Derricks stands outside watching the students, "like an angel watching over." Adding, "The principal (Derricks) is a good lady, out there all of the time. I praise her 100 percent. She does a good job and treats me well. She really watches over those kids. You don't see too many people that do that."

LINCOLN HIGHWAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL



Officers patrolling the festival ensure the weekend runs smoothly for festival goers and vendors. Thank you for all you do!!

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Tobacco Compliance** checks (3 times a year—fall, winter and spring).
- Members of the department attended numerous **school safety meetings/intruder drills** throughout the year.
- The department hosted 3 blood drives this year collecting 105 whole blood units and 8 double red cell units of blood. The number of lives saved through this initiative were 319. The **Halloween Vein Drain** event in October continues to be extremely popular with the community. Rock River Valley Blood Bank coordinator Jaclyn Thomson looks forward to donning her spooky attire each year, and comes bearing Halloween themed treats and door prizes!
- Chief Higby was a guest twice this year on the “**Let the People Know**” radio show hosted by Jeff Leon.
- The department participated in the **Drug Enforcement Agency National Take Back Initiative** (DEA-NTBI) again this year. Each year collection dates and sites are established where residents are encouraged to drop off their expired, unwanted, unneeded pharmaceuticals preventing these items from falling into the wrong hands. The department recently purchased a locked drop box which is located in the lobby 24/7 for citizens to utilize at their convenience.
- Officer’s Sester and Baneski spoke to **Head Start classes** about safety awareness on October 23, 2014. The children enjoyed asking questions and sharing stories.



- Department members performed **security details** throughout the year for school functions (dances, games, graduations), parades, Lincoln High Heritage Festival, etc.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Officers conducted **school meetings** on various topics (e.g., Halloween Safety, Juvenile Justice, etc.)
- Each year the Rochelle Police Department, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, hosts a **Hunter Education Course**. The purpose of the course is to promote responsible hunter conduct, discuss the importance of wildlife management laws and regulations, and to encourage the safe handling of firearms and ammunition.



- **Board Membership:** Ogle County 911 Board, HOPE Board, and Shining Star Board.
- The Rochelle Police Department participated in the **Special Olympics Torch Run** on June 12th. The department has taken part in this event for many years, which helps to raise funds for Special Olympics.
- **K-9 Fundraiser** held at T-Byrd Lanes. Funds raised go towards all equipment, training and supplies for the K-9 Program. This fundraiser is a local favorite packed with tremendous community support.
- **Champions for Children Walk** was held on May 17th. Department personnel participated in this event which is held to generate awareness of sexual and physical child abuse. The walk is organized by the Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center in Dixon.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Bike Officers were on hand during the annual 2K Fun Run event.



- The department has begun work on the lengthy and detailed process of becoming an accredited organization through the State of Illinois. Agencies must demonstrate that they meet the model standards and criteria developed by the accreditation council in order to receive this honorary status.



- Dispatcher and quilting aficionada Julie Thruman made a quilt for Shirley Buck—wife of former Chief Robbie Buck—in honor of his memory and 29 years of service to the department.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- The Rochelle Police Department participated in the **Special Olympics Torch Run** on June 11th. The department has taken part in this event for many years, which helps to raise funds for Special Olympics.

- Oregon Fire Department hosted the first **Annual September 11th, Memorial Service**. Law enforcement, firefighters, dispatchers, and all emergency responders were invited to attend.



Wills Chiropractic Fun Day

- Wills Chiropractic sponsored a fun day open to the public. Staff offered free screenings for the whole family. 911 Coordinator Sandy Beitel, Comm. Supervisor Sandy Sullivan and K-9 Officer Brian VanVickle hosted a booth, along with several area businesses in support of this worth while event.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- Sergeant Chet Smith showing a little guy the ropes. Little Caleb tested the lights and sirens after disembarking the school bus one day this fall. Sgt. Smith was later notified by the boys parents that “He made his day”!

- Instructor Officer Matthew Gerard hosted an **Illinois concealed carry licensing** class in the police department training room in February 2014. Matt holds several of these throughout the year, each having been well attended.



- Detective Terry Inman and Dispatcher Luisa Nambo hosted an exhibit and training session in November of this year at a **Parent University** event put on by Rochelle Elementary District 231. Their topic, “Keeping Kids Safe with Technology”, identified different mediums children use to connect with each other along with hazards prevalent in the cyber world. Parents attending also received tools they can use to keep their children safe.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT YEAR END STATISTICS

INCIDENT	2014	2013	2012	2011
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	20016	22371	15515	10990
TOTAL 911 CALLS	2086	2096	2415	2660
*INCOMING/OUTGOING CALLS	37360	39292	40711	43599
TRAFFIC STOPS	1844	3342	3809	2204
TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED	846	1244	1373	1376
WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED	1305	2445	3233	1643
DUI ARRESTS	38	55	55	79
ACCIDENTS	437	374	333	314
ACCIDENTS WITH INJURIES	28	32	12	25
ACCIDENTS WITH FATALITIES	0	1	1	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	34	50	71	78
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	50	42	54	50
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO LAND	24	14	17	8
BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	5	7	8	17
BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	20	23	29	17
BURGLARY TO VEHICLE	25	17	72	23
BURGLARY OTHER	2	2	1	2
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	6	14	3	0
STOLEN VEHICLES	0	9	4	7
ARMED ROBBERY	0	0	0	2
THEFT OVER \$500	21	21	28	21
THEFT UNDER \$500	102	95	123	114
DOMESTICS	132	129	131	150
DOMESTIC BATTERY	37	47	38	41
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	0	2	6	2
BATTERY	64	23	49	44
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5	5	8	10
WARRANTS SERVED	174	198	243	126
WARRANTS OBTAINED	39	30	32	18
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	321	310	434	434
HOMICIDES	1	0	0	0
MALE PRISONERS	246	246	350	341
FEMALE PRISONERS	87	63	109	80
ANIMAL CALLS	277	222	256	234
ALARMS	201	217	205	220
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT/ABUSE	10	9	10	6
SHOOTING	3	0	1	5
ABANDONED VEHICLES	56	59	55	52
PARKING TICKETS	58	46	56	105
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	0	3	1	0
ARSON	1	0	1	1

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014 STATISTICAL TRENDS

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	2014	2013	NUMERICAL DIFFERENCE	PERCENTAGE OF CHANGE
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	20016	22371	2355	10.5%
TOTAL 911 CALLS	2086	2096	10	0.5%
*INCOMING/OUTGOING CALLS	37360	39292	1932	4.9%
TRAFFIC STOPS	1844	3342	1498	44.8%
TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED	846	1244	398	32.0%
WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED	1305	2445	1140	46.6%
DUI ARRESTS	38	55	17	30.9%
ACCIDENTS	437	374	-63	-16.8%
ACCIDENTS WITH INJURIES	28	32	4	12.5%
ACCIDENTS WITH FATALITIES	0	1	1	100.0%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	34	50	16	32.0%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	50	42	-8	-19.0%
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO LAND	24	14	-10	-71.4%
BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	5	7	2	28.6%
BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	20	23	3	13.0%
BURGLARY TO VEHICLE	25	17	-8	-47.1%
BURGLARY OTHER	2	2	0	0.0%
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	6	14	8	57.1%
STOLEN VEHICLES	0	9	9	100.0%
ARMED ROBBERY	0	0	0	0.0%
THEFT OVER \$500	21	21	0	0.0%
THEFT UNDER \$500	102	95	-7	-7.4%
DOMESTICS	132	129	-3	-2.3%
DOMESTIC BATTERY	37	47	10	21.3%
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	0	2	2	100.0%
BATTERY	64	23	-41	-178.3%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5	5	0	0.0%
WARRANTS SERVED	174	198	24	12.1%
WARRANTS OBTAINED	39	30	-9	-30.0%
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	321	310	-11	-3.5%
HOMICIDES	1	0	-1	0.0%
MALE PRISONERS	246	246	0	0.0%
FEMALE PRISONERS	87	63	-24	-38.1%
ANIMAL CALLS	277	222	-55	-24.8%
ALARMS	201	217	16	7.4%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT/ABUSE	10	9	-1	-11.1%
SHOOTING	3	0	-3	0.0%
ABANDONED VEHICLES	56	59	3	5.1%
PARKING TICKETS	58	46	-12	-26.1%
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	0	3	3	100.0%
ARSON	1	0	-1	0.0%

**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY TOTAL CALLS 20016 FOR 2014**

OFFICER	#	TOTAL CFS	CRIMINAL ARRESTS	WARRANT ARRESTS	TRAFFIC ARRESTS	WRITTEN WARNINGS	PARKING TICKETS	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS
WITTENBERG	8	1425	21	3	43	58	8	1
JAKYMIW	9	920	22	15	56	62		2
INMAN	10	16				1		
BANESKI	11	1296	72	51	232	374	1	6
GERARD	13	1391	16	11	33	32	2	2
VANVICKLE	14	597	3	6	12	12		
ALBERS	15	5						
RODABAUGH	16	2161	9	2	11	17	21	
KALTENBACH	17	20	15	3		1		
CHRISTOPHERSON	18	1125	2	2	20	37		2
GOODWIN	19	897	27	15	62	97	2	4
GILLIAM	20	750	14	7	34	23		1
HARDESTY	21	1349	5	1	33	85	1	1
SESTER	30	1141	38	27	68	145	6	3
STREIT	31	1010	42	39	69	90	9	5
BEERY	37	3				4		
SMITH	22	331	5	2	2	38		
BERGERON	23	797	10	2	16	28		
FRANKENBERRY	24	602	12	8	135	142	6	1
LEININGER	25	32	1			5		
HAAN	26	462	7		20	54	2	1
HIGBY	27	3						
TOTAL		16333	321	194	846	1305	58	29

**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SELECTED OFFICER ACTIVITY
2014**

OFFICER	#	DUI	ILLEGAL POSS/CONS	MINOR POSS/CONS	DRUG	SUSP/ REVOKED	INSURANCE	SEAT BELT	SPEEDING	STOP ARM
WITTENBERG	8	8	1	1	4	1	7		19	
JAKYMIW	9	2	1		4	1	3		20	
INMAN	10									
BANESKI	11	4	1		42	19	43	15	240	2
GERARD	13	3	2		1		2		8	1
VANVICKLE	14	2			1	1		1	4	
ALBERS	15									
RODABAUGH	16	1		2	1	1	1		1	
KALTENBACH	17			1	1					
CHRISTOPHERSON	18					1	7			1
GOODWIN	19	7			7	7	3	1	31	2
GILLIAM	20	2	1	2	1	3	7		2	
HARDESTY	21				2		1		16	
SESTER	30	3	3	2	5	7	4		51	2
STREIT	31	4	2	4	20	12	17		12	
BEERY	37								3	
SMITH	22				1				9	
BERGERON	23	2					1		14	
FRANKENBERRY	24		2		9	1	11	3	68	
LEININGER	25									
HAAN	26					1	1	1	22	
HIGBY	27									
TOTALS		38	13	12	99	55	108	21	520	8

**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER TIME USE
2014**

OFFICER	OFFICER #	VAC HRS	SICK HRS	TRAIN HRS	COURT HRS	O.T./Holiday HRS
WITTENBERG	8	237.9	12.0	26.9	21.8	48.5
JAKYMIW	9	184.0	36.0	8.0	14.0	80.8
INMAN	10	276.0	9.0	48.0	27.7	27.0
BANESKI	11	110.0	20.0	239.4	26.1	146.0
GERARD	13	70.0	50.0	111.8	26.7	151.0
VANVICKLE	14	260.0	144.8	18.3	3.5	16.5
ALBERS	15	158.0	31.5	48.6		8.0
RODABAUGH	16	180.0	50.0		6.6	48.3
KALTENBACH	17	170.0		16.7	19.7	21.0
CHRISTOPHERSON	18	260.0	50.0	9.8	1.9	126.0
GOODWIN	19	260.0	30.0	61.2	32.8	73.5
GILLIAM	20	170.0	10.0		9.6	87.5
HARDESTY	21	208.0	50.0	70.4	21.2	59.0
SESTER	30	80.0	30.0	62.4	22.2	62.0
STREIT	31	149.0	30.0	64.7	106.5	148.0
SMITH	22	161.0	12.0	98.0	1.1	46.0
BERGERON	23	186.0	47.0		10.3	95.5
FRANKENBERRY	24	218.0	48.0	2.1	5.7	41.0
LEININGER	25	247.0	14.0	16.7	9.8	6.5
HAAN	26	108.0	58.0	124.1	7.7	41.0
HIGBY	27	216.0	52.0	34.0		
TOTAL		3908.9	784.3	1061.1	374.9	1333.0

**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
DISPATCH TIME USE
2014**

DISPATCHER	#	VACATION HRS	SICK HRS	TRAIN HRS	COURT HRS	O. T. HRS/ Holiday HRS	CALLS DISPATCHED	CALLS HANDLED
OLSZEWSKI	1	192.0	56.0	129.0		96.5	4417	263
NAMBO	2	224.0	8.0	84.0		120.5	2484	587
THRUMAN	3	298.0	36.0	52.0		16.0	1781	583
BECK	4	172.0	20.0	100.0		6.0	3564	220
MILBURN	5	213.0	125.0	84.0		111.5	2295	669
SULLIVAN	7	205.5		154.0		14.0	435	215
JOHANNING	28			8.0			38	8
DAVIS	29			72.0			392	82
SIMMONS	33			36.0			192	172
ROGERS	35			76.0		21.0	2344	490
SPANDET	36			56.0			2074	394
TOTAL		1304.5	245.0	851.0	0.0	385.5	20016	3683

**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 2014**

MONTH	CIRCUIT CLERK FINES	REPORT COPIES	PARKING TICKETS	DUI FINES	DRUG FINES	VEHICLE FUND	ALARM FEES
JANUARY	\$ 8,986.22	\$ 200.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 310.40	\$ 132.39	\$ 233.00	
FEBRUARY	\$ 10,535.61			\$ 783.00	\$ 1,214.94	\$ 307.77	
MARCH	\$ 10,596.23			\$ 600.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 188.00	
APRIL	\$ 9,344.58	\$ 215.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 178.00	\$ 276.23	
MAY	\$ 7,171.60			\$ 376.24	\$ 58.50	\$ 273.00	
JUNE	\$ 8,142.55	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 567.07	\$ 4,220.50	\$ 327.77	\$ 1,525.00
JULY	\$ 11,671.89	\$ 25.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 563.30	\$ 120.50	\$ 320.00	
AUGUST	\$ 8,867.73			\$ 116.61	\$ 59.50	\$ 322.00	
SEPTEMBER	\$ 7,343.07	\$ 215.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 880.61	\$ 2,120.20	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 300.00
OCTOBER	\$ 10,168.67	\$ 185.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 406.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 365.00	
NOVEMBER	\$ 6,339.15		\$ 15.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 181.00	
DECEMBER	\$ 7,281.80	\$ 240.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 526.00	\$ 1,024.50	\$ 220.00	\$ 75.00
TOTALS	\$ 106,449.10	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 955.00	\$ 5,877.23	\$ 9,440.03	\$ 5,363.77	\$ 1,900.00

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL REVENUE

2014 OVERWEIGHT TRUCKS

The Rochelle Police Department implemented a truck enforcement program on January 1, 1991. The program is designed to reduce the number of overweight trucks on our bridges, but has also evolved into a comprehensive truck safety enforcement program which benefits not only the motoring public, but the truck drivers themselves.

Saving lives by keeping our bridges safe from collapse is the primary goal of the Truck Weight Limit Enforcement Program. Prolonging the life expectancy of our bridges also saves taxpayers money by reducing the number of annual bridge replacements in an age when construction dollars are limited.

- 5 Citations
- Total fines collected: **\$6,813**

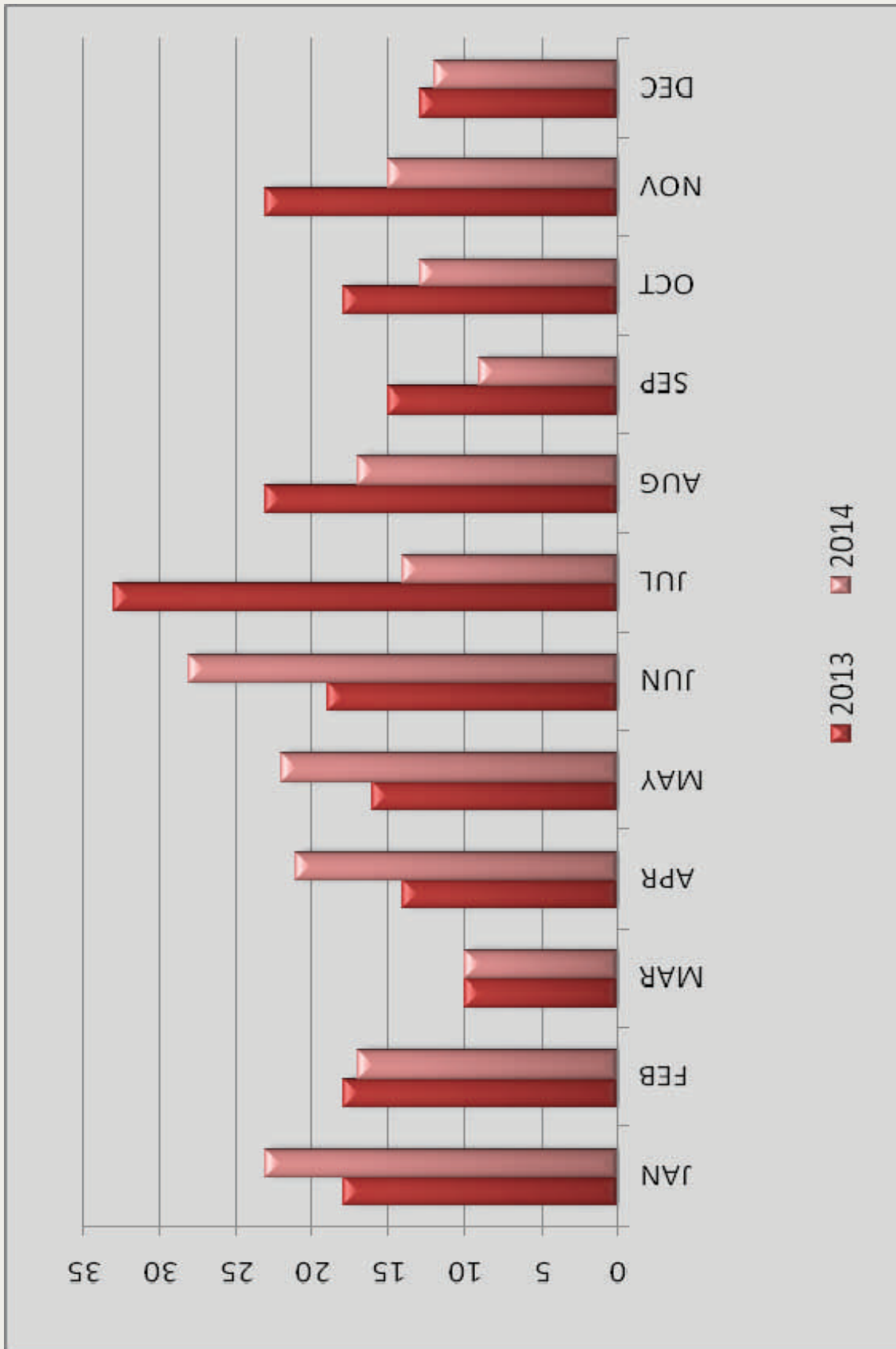
2014 ADMINISTRATIVE TOW

In 2012, the department, in conjunction with the City of Rochelle, enacted an ordinance that authorizes the imposition of an administrative fee when a vehicle has to be towed and impounded due to the arrest or detention of the owner or driver for violation of a particular law or ordinance.

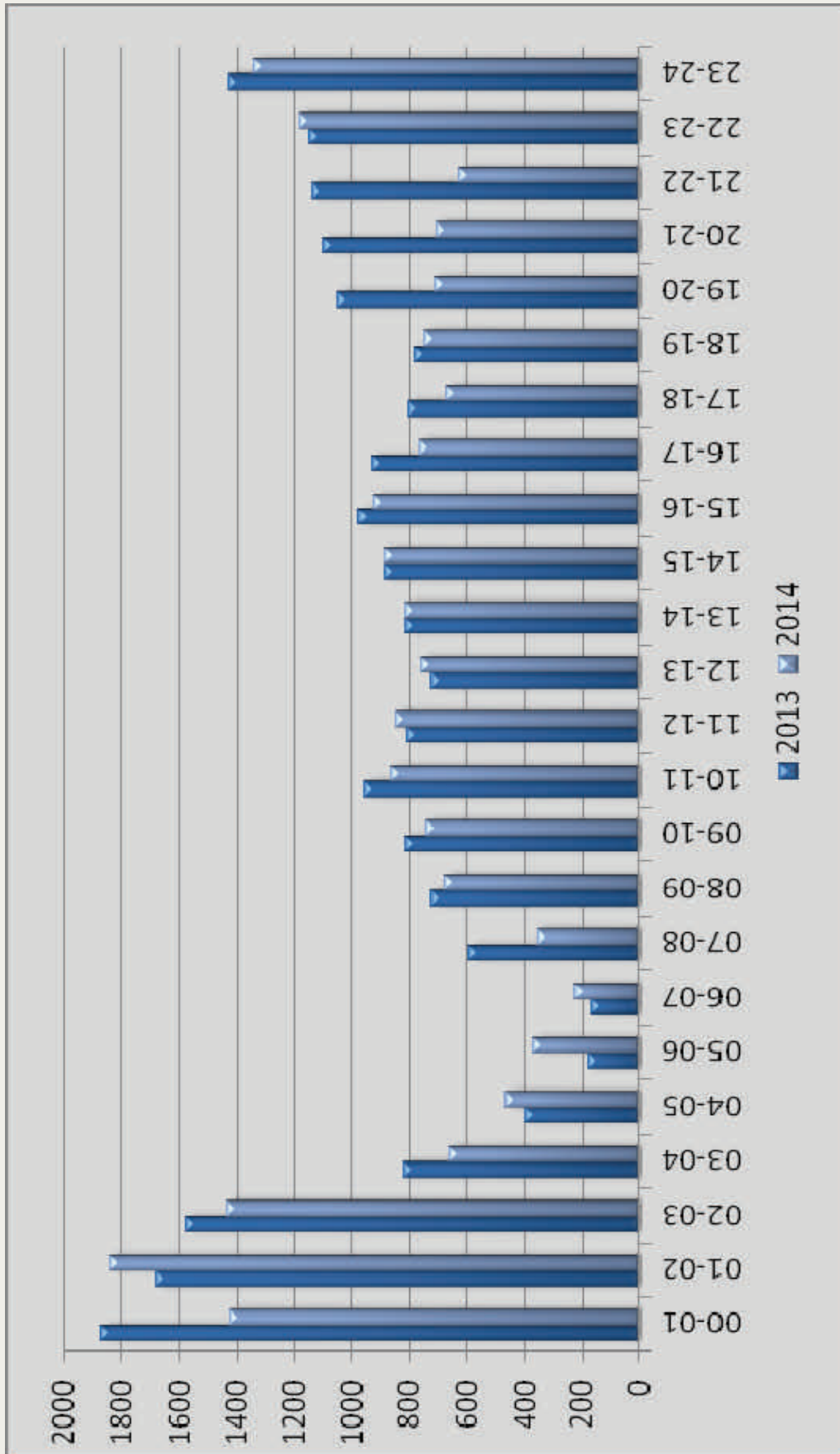
Cases are assigned a hearing date and are reviewed monthly by a City appointed attorney. Hearings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month and are held in the City of Rochelle council chambers. Involved parties are encouraged to utilize this venue to present evidence and or arguments disputing the charges they feel have been presented in error.

2014 Administrative Fee Totals: **\$66,770**

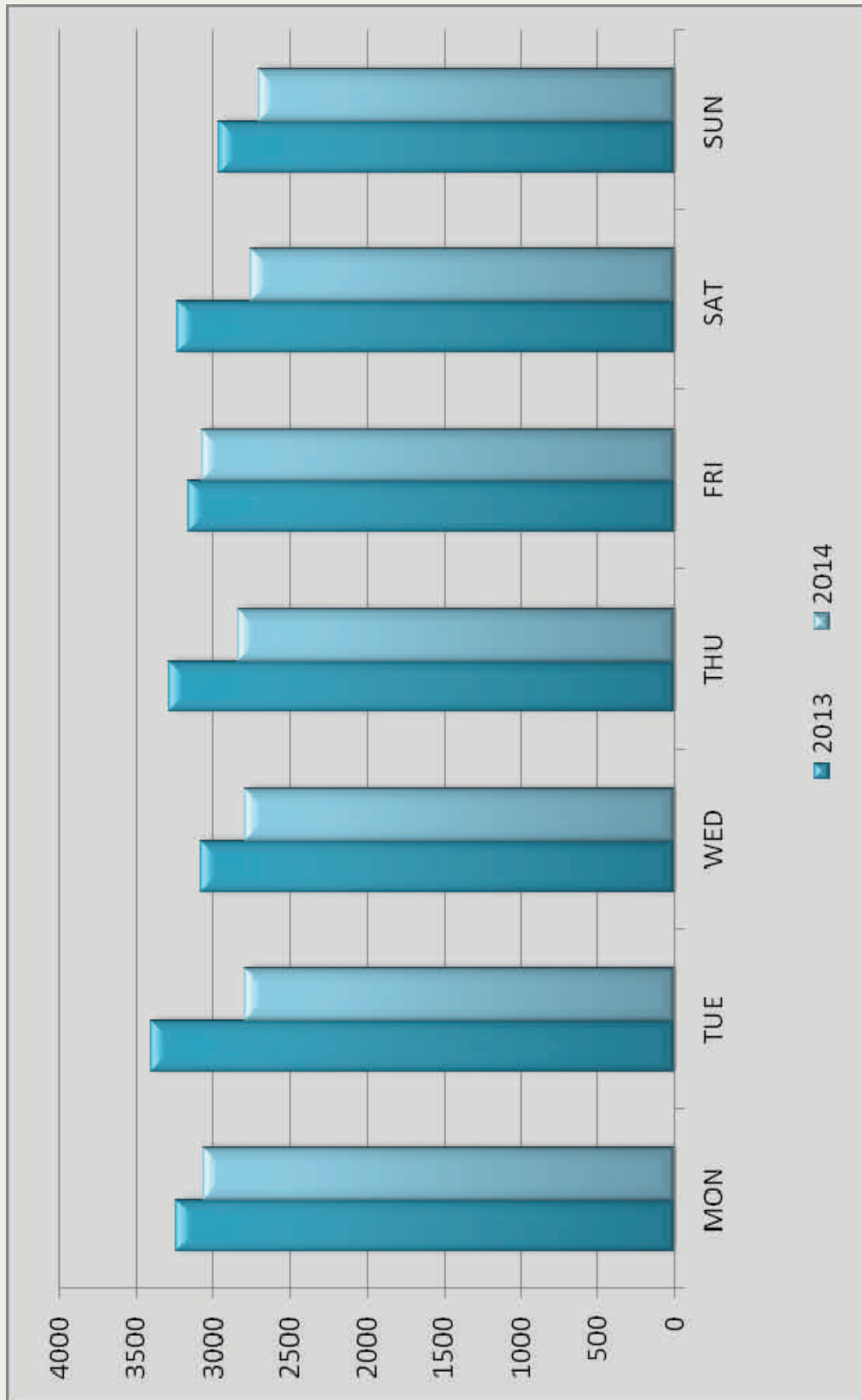
ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ALARMS RECEIVED



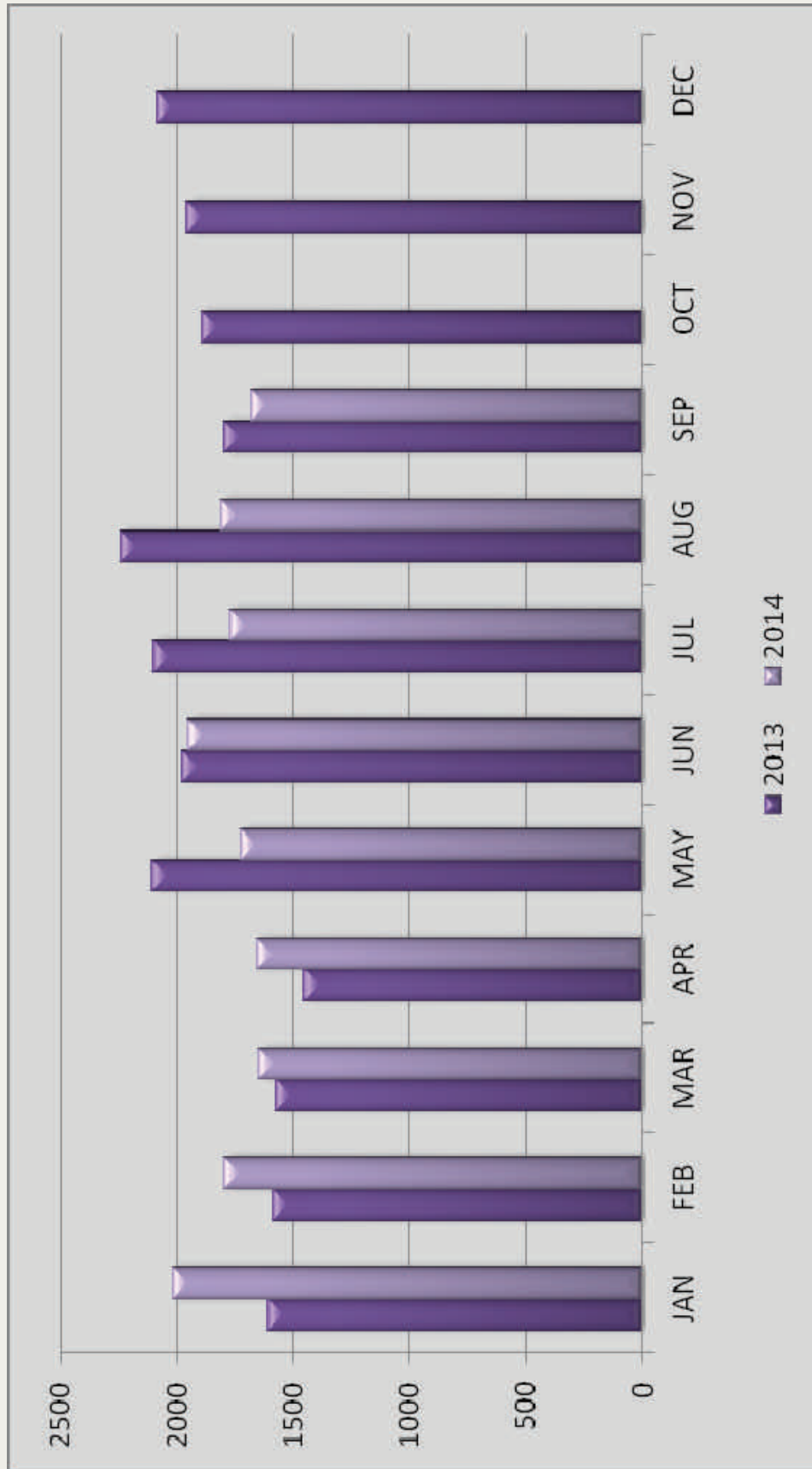
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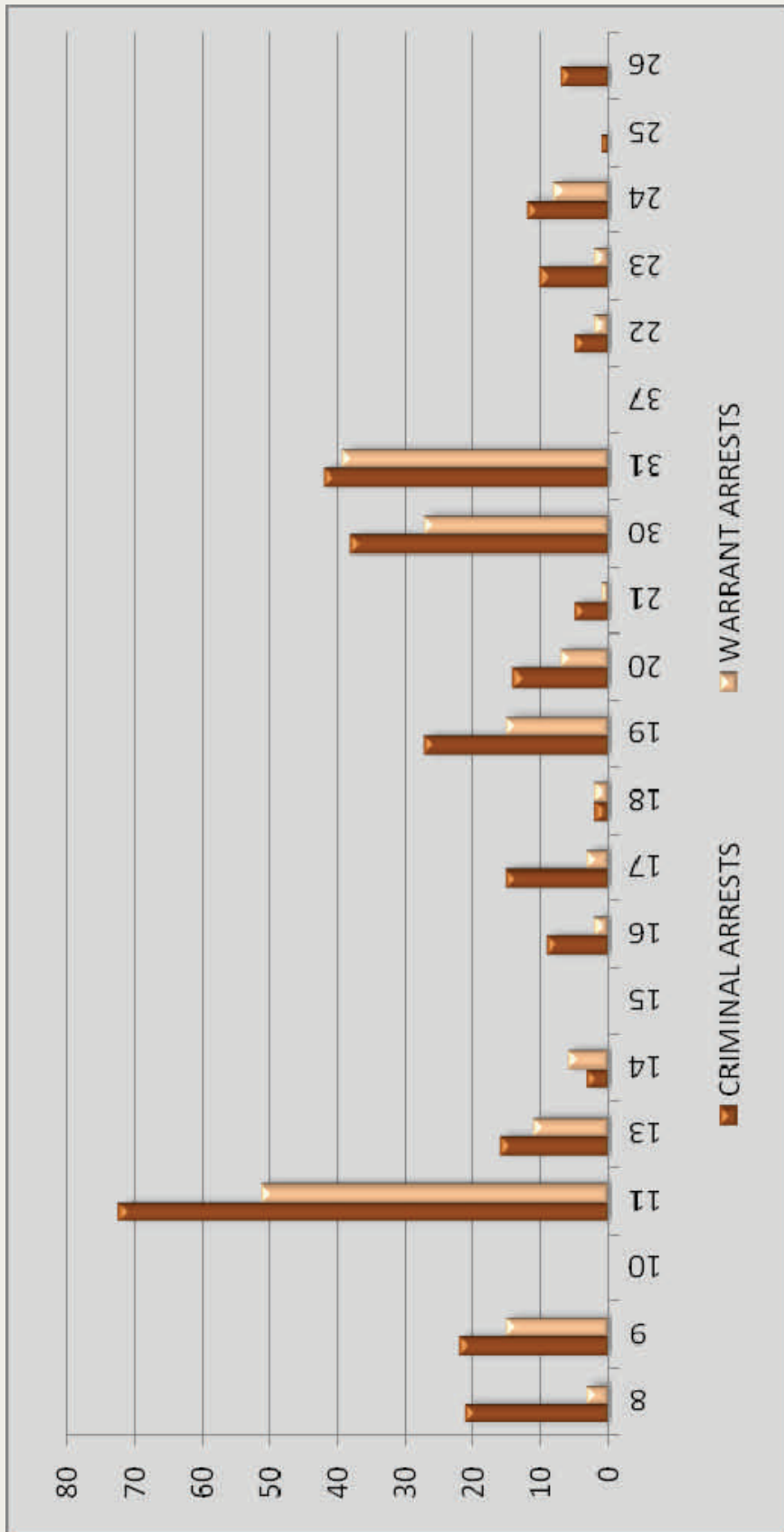
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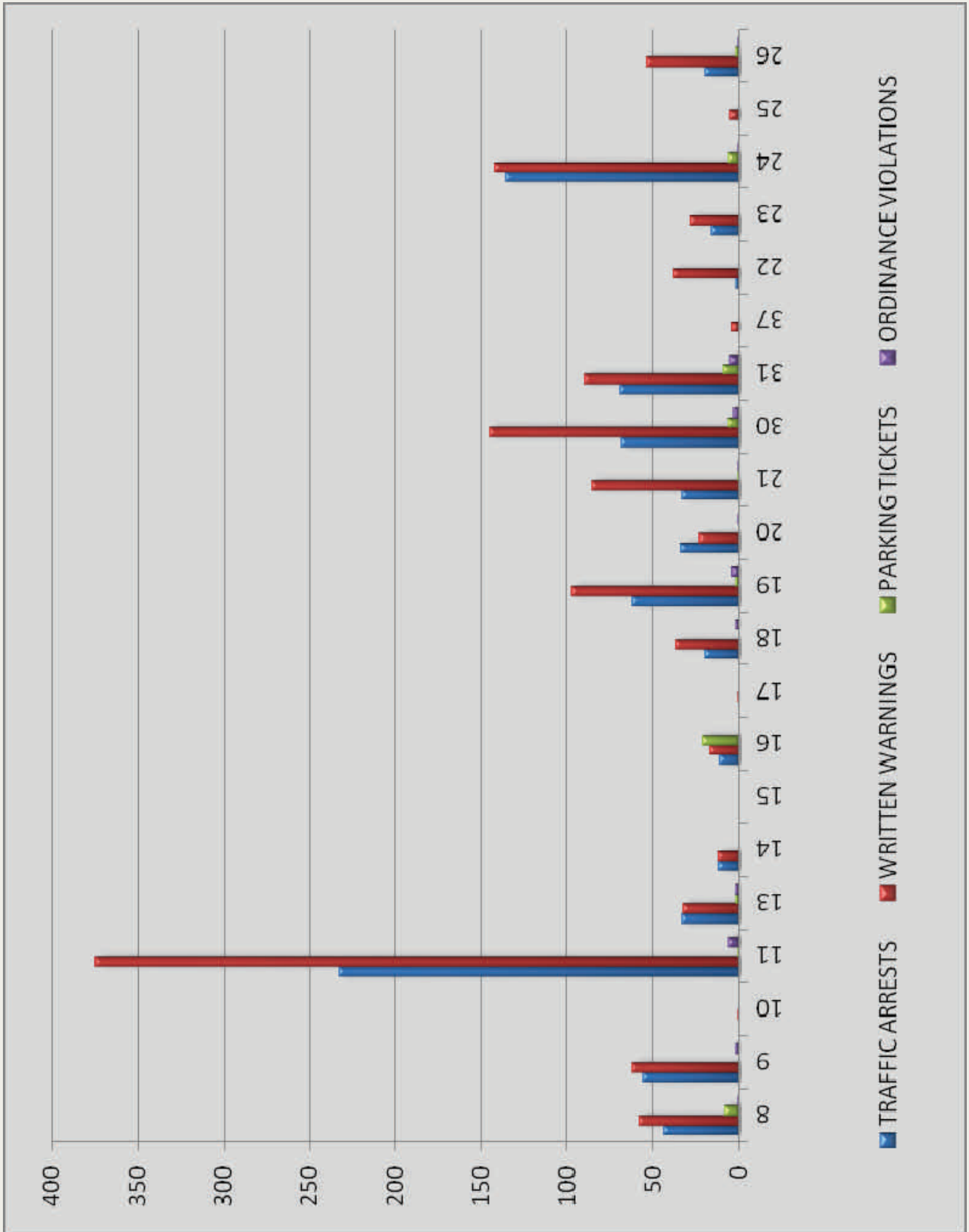
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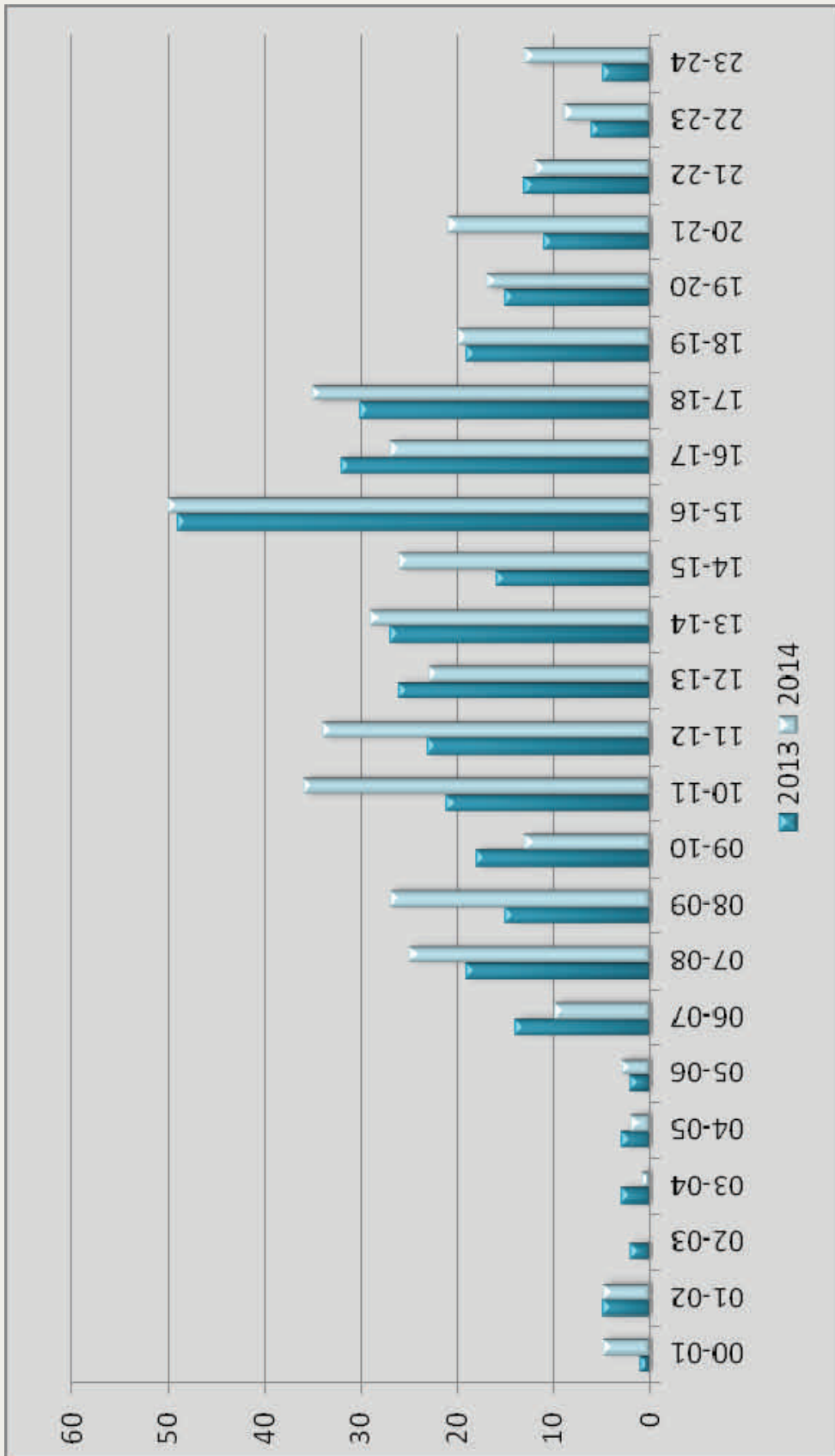
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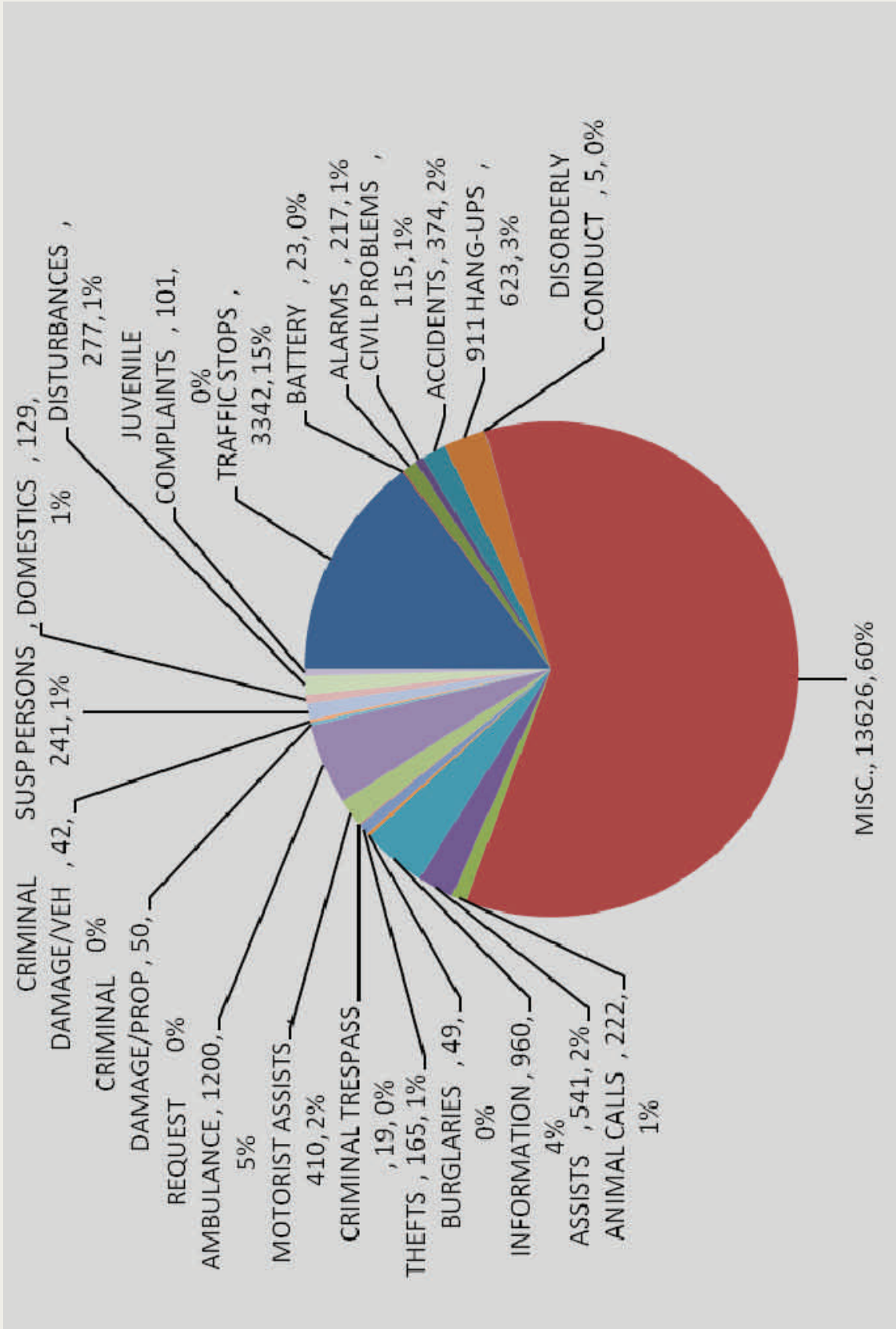
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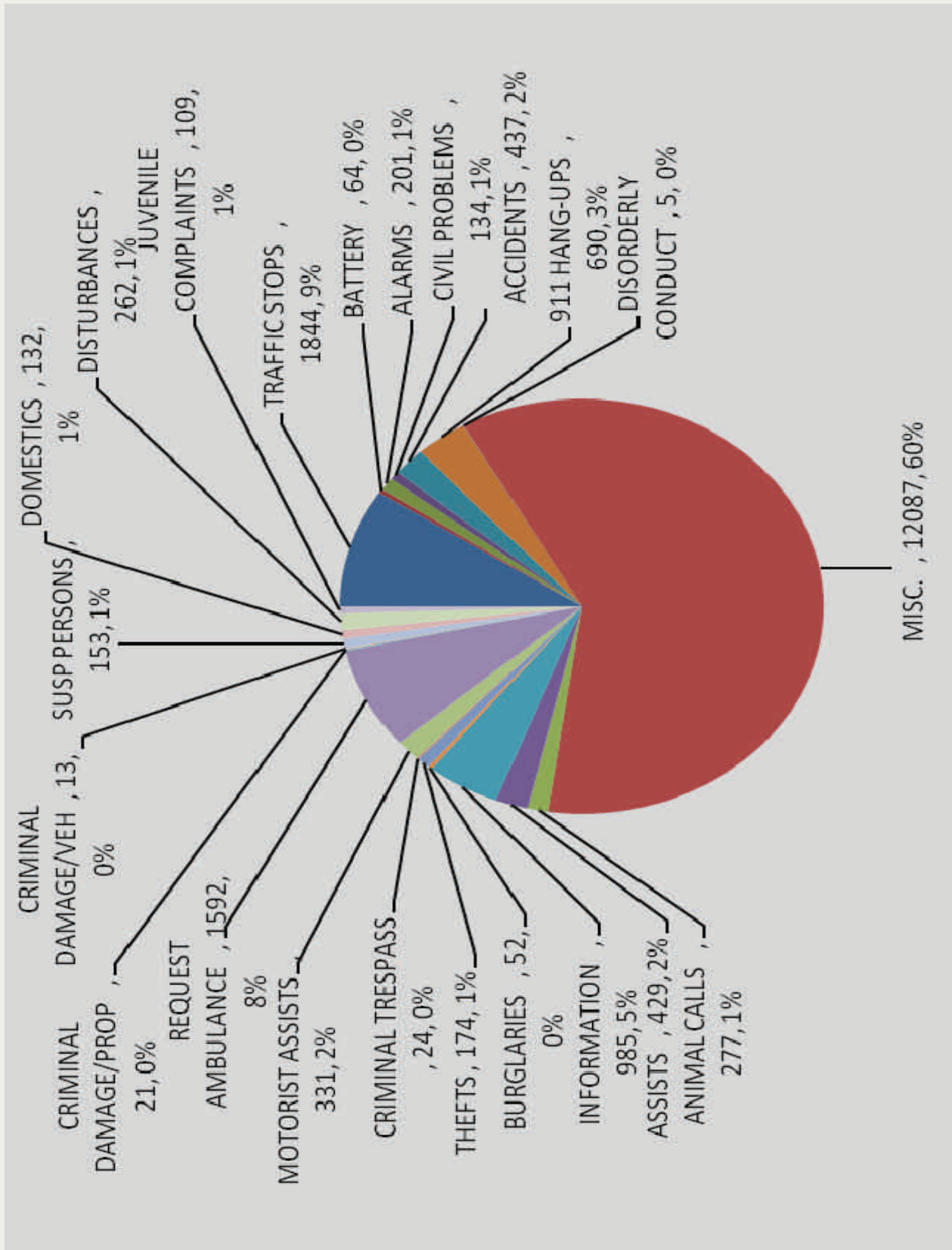
ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY



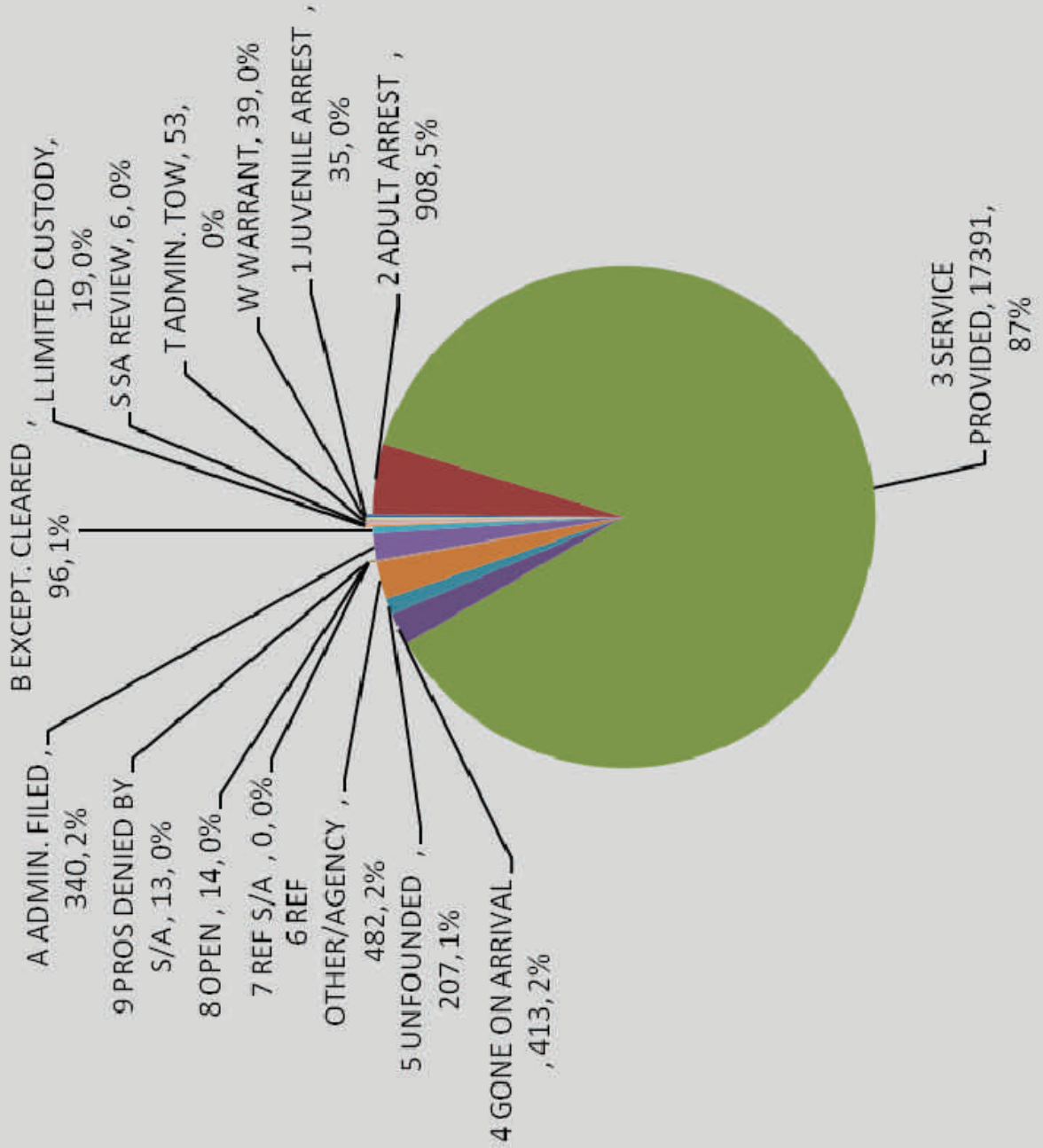
**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
BREAKDOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE 2013
TOTAL CALLS 22731**



**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
BREAKDOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE 2014
TOTAL CALLS 20016**



ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE DISPOSITION 2014



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Police to Update Fingerprint Unit



Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby addressed city council members Monday night and advised of the necessity to replace the department's current fingerprinting equipment. Council members approved the purchase.

January 16, 2014

The Rochelle Police Department relies on a fingerprinting system for criminal identification and background checks. Their current machine, purchased in 2005, is inoperable and the parts needed to fix the machine are obsolete.

On Monday night, Rochelle City Council approved the purchase of a new digital fingerprinting machine for the local department for \$23,606.

The 2013-2014 police department capital outlay budget included the purchase of a new machine for \$21,326 based on a quote from the current provider for a system similar to their current model.

"Illinois recently enacted another requirement for digital fingerprint captures. If

an entity uses their machine for 'fee applicants' then the entity must also have an image capture mechanism," Higby explained.

Equipment
The TouchPrint 5500ED includes a digital capture system and camera, LiveScan booking system, software, installation and training included in the price from Morpho Trust U.S.A.

Higby explained he expects the machine to last between eight and 10 years. Rochelle Police Department uses the fingerprint system for background checks for city and school employees.

"The Police Department's Fingerprinting system is an essential tool for criminal identification. In addition, fingerprinting is now an important component of background checks for both city and school employment applicants," stated Sue Messer.

Currently the city does not charge for most background checks. A fee for a background check is included in the liquor license application price and a small fee is charged for a hunting license.

The new machine could take up to 90 days for delivery once purchased.

Man Sentenced to Prison Time

January 16, 2014

Otten pleads guilty to failure to register as a sex offender. A Rochelle man pled guilty Monday in Ogle County Court to the offense of unlawful failure to register as

a sex offender.

The guilty plea to the Class 2 felony offense means six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Jason Otten, 36, according to Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock.

This is the fourth time Otten has failed to register with the local police department by a set date, according to court records. He was originally convicted of the felony offense in March of 2006.

Police Seek Suspect in Recent Criminal Damage to a Vehicle

Incident occurred at Walmart parking lot in December

January 18, 2014

The Rochelle Police Department is investigating a criminal damage to vehicle incident, which took place at Walmart on Dec. 15, 2013, at approximately 12 p.m.

The suspect was apparently waiting for a parking space, which was taken by the victim. The suspect entered Walmart, met with a woman and child, but left alone. As the suspect returned to his vehicle, which appears to be a Chrysler 300, he stopped at the victim's vehicle and punctured the front passenger side tire.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Rochelle Police Department at 1-815-562-2131 or the Ogle County Crimestoppers at 1-888-228-4488

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Man Enters Not Guilty Plea in Fatal Motorcycle Accident

January 23, 2014

A former Rochelle man pled not guilty in Ogle County court Wednesday to the felony offense of aggravated reckless driving. The charge stems from a car versus motorcycle crash last June that claimed the life of a Rochelle man.

Erik Steffins, 41, pled not guilty in the crash that claimed the life of Caleb Holder, 21, when the motorcycle he was riding was rear-ended by Steffins' vehicle near Lakeview Drive on IL Route 251 in June.

In November, officers arrested Steffins on the charge of aggravated DUI after receiving toxicology reports back from the state crime lab.

In court yesterday, probable cause was found in the case. Steffins is scheduled to return to court on March 10 in Oregon for a status hearing.

He is out of jail following the posting of 10 percent or \$5,000 of a \$50,000 bond.

Former Rochelle Man Remains in Jail

January 28, 2014

Bond remains at \$50,000 on alleged sex assault charges. A former Rochelle man remains held on \$50,000 bond after being arrested on three counts on the felony offense of aggravated criminal sexual assault.

Cruz Lara, 22, was arrested on a warrant in November in Sandord, N.C.

According to court records,

the alleged incident occurred in January 2013. Lara knew the victim, a 16-year-old girl, at the time of the alleged incident. Rochelle police were advised of the incident on Aug. 25, 2013.

Lara has pled not guilty to the charges. Probable cause has been found in the case. During his bond hearing on Friday in Oregon, the Figure remains at \$50,000.

He will return to court for a status hearing on Feb. 6. He remains in the Ogle County jail in lieu of bond.

Man Arrested for Failure to Register as Sex Offender

February 8, 2014

ROCHELLE A Rochelle man was arrested on Wednesday by Rochelle Police after failing to register as a sex offender.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, the Rochelle Police, with the assistance of the Ogle County State's Attorney office, acquired an arrest warrant for David L. Echelbarger, 23, of Rochelle, for unlawful failure to register as a sex offender a Class 3 Felony. Echelbarger had not returned to the police department to register on the required date. Bond was set at \$10,000.

On Thursday, detectives located Echelbarger at his residence in the 900 block of N. 10th Street, where he was taken into custody and transported to the Ogle County Jail, to await a bond hearing, as he was unable to post bond.

Rochelle Man Arrested on Drug Charges

February 11, 2014

ROCHELLE A Rochelle man was arrested early Sunday morning by Rochelle police on suspected drug offenses.

Jean Bogan, 33, was stopped by police a short time before 12:30 a.m. at Eighth Street and Eighth Avenue. Officers were aware of an outstanding warrant for Bogan's arrest.

The original complaint was filed by Rochelle police on Jan. 23 in Ogle County court. Court records indicate Bogan was wanted on three charges of unlawful possession or delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, with the offenses occurring between Sept. 26 and Dec. 13, 2013.

Bogan was taken to the Ogle County Jail and his bond was set at \$100,000. He appeared before Judge Robert Hansen on Monday.

He remains in jail and is scheduled for a status hearing Feb. 14.

Supporting the K9 Program



March 2, 2014

Staff members of News Media Corporation enjoyed a recent visit from Rochelle Police Department officer Emily Hardesty and K9 officer Don for a special demonstration. For the past several years, NMC has supported the Rochelle Police Department K9 program by matching

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dollar-for-dollar the amount raised in the annual K-9 fundraiser. This year's K9 fundraiser will take place at T-Byrd lanes on Saturday, April 12. The community is invited to come out and support this important program that includes K9 Don and K9 Okar. The cost is \$30 per couple for three games of bowling and shoe rental. There will also be a silent auction. Pictured below left is Ellen O'Malley, NMC executive editor, participating in a drill with Don. Also pictured above is NMC president and founder John Tompkins posing with Hardesty and Don

Man Sentenced

March 4, 2014

A Rochelle man was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections Thursday following a guilty plea to a Class 2 felony charge.

Matthew Bearrows, 33, of Rochelle, was charged in Ogle County court for unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon.

In addition to his confinement, Mr. Bearrows was ordered to pay court costs.

Police Seeking Information on Hit and Run Damage at Business

March 8, 2014

Female driving blue Ford Focus hits door, leaves scene



ROCHELLE On Saturday, March 1, the Rochelle Police Department responded to the Hub City Car Wash, at 830 S. 7th Street, in reference to a hit and run accident, which occurred just before 11:30 a.m.

Security footage shows a blue Ford Fusion, 2013 or newer, entering the automatic wash bay and pulling forward until it strikes the overhead door. As the vehicle backs out of the wash bay a white female, with dark hair, can be seen driving the vehicle. She then leaves the scene without reporting the accident.

Call

If anyone has any information about this accident please contact the Rochelle Police Department at 1-815-562-2131 or call the Ogle-Lee Crime Stoppers at 1-888-228-4488. Photos are also posted on the Rochelle PD Facebook page.

Woman Arrested on Possession Charges

March 11, 2014

Local police arrested a Rochelle woman on a drug offense early Saturday morning following an incident in the 100 block of Seventh Avenue.

Authorities charged Jessi Watson, 21, with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony, after police seized cocaine and various prescription pills at the residence.

Police received a 9-1-1 call about possible drug activity in the 100 block of Seventh Avenue.

Bond was set at \$7,000

with 10 percent applied Monday by Ogle County Circuit Court Judge Robert Hanson and Watson was given a return court date of April 16 for a preliminary hearing.

VanVickle Wins Sheriff's Race



The VanVickle family, Marla, Brian, Ali and Zech, pose as a family after learning Brian had been elected the next Ogle County Sheriff Tuesday night.

March 20, 2014

In a closely contested three-man Republican primary race, voters in Ogle County elected a new sheriff on Tuesday night.

Challenger Brian VanVickle edged out incumbent sheriff Michael Harn by just 136 votes, while challenger Joe Drought finished third. VanVickle tallied 3,470 total votes (36.5 percent), Harn received 3,334 votes (34.64 percent) and Drought ended with 2,821 votes (29.31 percent).

There were no sheriff candidates running on the Democratic ballot, so Tuesday's vote effectively also decided next November's General Election as well. VanVickle, a current Rochelle Police Department K-9 Officer, is expected to take over the sheriff's department in December.

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"Tuesday night was a culmination of people recognizing the need for a change in the sheriff's department," VanVickle said. "This has been a lot of hard work and so many people have been a part of this from the beginning, and I am grateful and honored by the trust in the voters who elected me."

Harn, of Forreston, who was running for a second term as sheriff, led by nearly 700 votes with 71 percent of the precincts reporting on Tuesday night. However, when the majority of Flagg Township precincts came in later in the night, the numbers shifted and VanVickle came out on top.

Compared to the rest of the state, which expected only around 10 percent turnout, voters in Ogle County came out in higher numbers with more than 30 percent of registered voters going to the polls on Tuesday. "This year's Primary saw 10,348 ballots cast compared to approximately 8,000 in the primary election four years ago," said Ogle County Clerk Rebecca Huntley. "I was happy to see that so many Ogle County voters decided to have a voice in county government by turning out to vote. I believe the sheriff's race, the state's attorney race and the governor's race had an impact on the voter turnout."

With both VanVickle and Drought being from Rochelle, there was question for both candidates on how much of the Flagg Township

vote would be split and what the three-man race would do to the overall numbers.

VanVickle took a total of 983 votes from Flagg Township, but Drought was not far behind with 828 votes. Harn lagged behind considerably in Flagg Township with just 240 votes. Van Vickle picked up some overwhelming numbers in Dement, Scott and Marion townships as well, which helped propel him to the lead. Drought, who will now continue on as police chief at Rock Valley Community College, ran a solid campaign and was pleased with his showing.

"We ran a clean and lean race and put a lot of effort into it, and I met a lot of great friends in this process," Drought said. "I congratulate Brian on his victory."

Harn who did not return phone calls to the News-Leader on Wednesday, did post the following on his sheriff's election Facebook account:

"Would I change anything in the last three years at the sheriff's office? No. I'm very proud that I did what I said I was going to do. I did give the people of Ogle County more with less."

Harn still has a little more than eight months in office before the changeover in department leadership, but seemed happy with the race he ran and his future transition out of office.

"I'm good with what God has in store for me after today. You will never know what great people I have met

on the way" his statement read.

Possible Shooting?

Police looking into reports of shots fired in the 'Hub City' April 1, 2014

Rochelle police continue to investigate reports of shots fired Sunday night in the "Hub City." At approximately 10 p.m. on Sunday, officers were called to the 200 block of South Ninth Street after the caller heard what was thought to be gunshots. No injuries were reported or damage done to homes in the area. On Monday, police continued to check the neighborhood for evidence of a gun being fired. According to reports, three shots were heard in the area.

A Trip to the Police Station



April 3, 2014

Rochelle Cub Scouts Wolf Den Pack toured the Rochelle Police Department recently.

The young scouts were given a behind the scenes tour of the department by Office Emily Hardesty.

The boys visited the dispatch center, saw how the finger printing system worked and visited the jail cells. Hardesty allowed the second grade students to try on her bullet proof vest and feel the weight of the equipment.

Hardesty and Officer Brian VanVickle allowed the Cub

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Scouts to interact with their trained K9s and demonstrated the dog's ability and strength.

Woman Pleads Guilty to Reckless Conduct

April 5, 2014

After nearly two and a half years, a Rochelle woman pled guilty in Ogle County court Thursday to the misdemeanor offense of reckless conduct following a child pornography case. The case began in August 2011.

Susana Guzman, 50, had originally been charged in Ogle County court with a Class 1 felony offense following an investigation that began in Cherry Valley.

Suspicious pictures and video were found on Guzman's phone when she transferred data from her cell phone when updating her service. An employee at the business alerted Cherry Valley police when suspicious video and photos were found during the transfer.

Rochelle police executed a search warrant at Guzman's residence and seized electronic devices from her home at that time.

Per the plea agreement, Guzman received a sentence of two years conditional discharge along with counseling. She must also pay court fees and fines totaling nearly \$1,300.

K9 Event Approaching



April 13, 2014

Tickets are still available for the Rochelle Police

Department's Annual K9 Bowling Fundraiser and Silent Auction. The event is scheduled for April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at T-Byrd Lanes. Tickets for bowling are \$30 per couple and include shoe rental and three games of bowling. Several silent auction items have been donated, including a quilt made by Rochelle Police Department Dispatcher Julie Thruman (above left) and handmade wear for children (above right). A raffle will also be held for a Kahr CM9 9mm hand gun. Tickets for the gun raffle are \$10 each or six tickets for \$50. Winners of the gun raffle need not be present to win; however, a valid FOID card is needed. The gun raffle drawing will be held on April 12. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, stop by the Rochelle Police Department.

Drug Takeback Day Set for April 26 at Police Station



April 13, 2014

The Rochelle Police Department will host a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative allows anyone to

safely dispose of expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs. The event provides a safe and responsible means of disposal. What you should know • Drop off is anonymous no questions asked. • Package all prescription drugs in plastic or glass bottles or (if pills) sturdy plastic bags.

- Remove all labels on all bottles to protect privacy.
- Do not drop off illicitly manufactured controlled substances such as heroin, LSD and marijuana.
- Do not drop off syringes or needles.
- Final disposal of collected prescription drugs is environmentally friendly (through incineration).

The Rochelle Police Department is located at 416 N. Sixth Street.

For more information please call 815-562-2131 .

Detectives in Training



Above, Rochelle Police department detective Terry Inman shows the children how fingerprints are lifted off a crime scene. Rochelle Park District held kid detective on Thursday night to give kids a chance to see what a detective does. Below, the kid detectives review the clues they found outside the marina April 13, 2014

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On Thursday afternoon, children gathered at Spring Lake marina to follow clues and gather evidence in hopes of becoming a crime catcher.

Flagg-Rochelle Park District held kid detectives to show children ages seven to 11 what crime detectives do and give them a fun afternoon working as a criminal scientist. The young detectives gathered evidence by matching Fingerprints, testing powders and liquids, and decoding secret messages to become a crime catcher.

Rochelle Police department detective Terry Inman joined the class to teach the young detectives how to make observations using different senses and answer questions on what skills are needed to be a great detective. He demonstrated how finger prints are lifted off a crime scene. Inman explained to the kid detectives, that at a scene of a crime all Finger prints will be lifted and officers will have to talk with everyone who was at the location to confirm what they were during the time of the crime. He explained that any witnesses to the crime will need to tell the officer what they saw, heard and smelled.

Inman has been working for Rochelle police for 13 years. He explained that during his time as a detective he has covered every kind of case. Once all evidence is collected and interviews completed, Inman explained he writes up a report for the "bad guy" and judge to review before court.

"The court room is the end

result of all the work we do," Inman added.

Telecommunicators Honored at City Council



Sandy Beitel read a poem to Rochelle City Council Monday, April 12 explaining all the roles and pressures telecommunicators face while on the job.

April 17, 2014

Mayor Chet Olson declared the week of April 13 to April 19, national telecommunicators week during the Rochelle City Council meeting Monday night.

"Emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, Fire or emergency medical services and when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, Firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property," proclaimed Mayor Chet Olson. "The safety of our police officers and Firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Rochelle 911 Communications Center. Public Safety Dispatchers are the First and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers and Firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them

information and insuring their safety. Public Safety Dispatchers of the Rochelle Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients and each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year."

Members from the Rochelle Police Department telecommunication office attended the council meeting to receive a plaque and recognition from the council.

"Thank you all for what you do," added councilman Bill Hayes.

When you call 9-1-1 in your moment of need whether it be because of a car accident, your house or Field is on Fire, your child has been hurt, or your home has been broken into; you expect someone to answer your call for help. On your worst day imaginable you are looking for that calm and reassuring voice on the other end of the line to tell you everything is going to be okay and help is on the way. Who is that person on the other end of the line?

They are known as telecommunicators, 9-1-1 telecommunicators, or communication specialists. They are highly trained professionals who are employed in public safety communications. They not only answer your 9-1-1 call but make sure the officers, First responders, Firefighters and EMS personnel are

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informed of all necessary information pertaining to an emergency call and make sure they are safe while handling these emergencies. They also give pre-arrival, life saving instructions to callers in need.

"In Ogle County we have two public safety answering points known as PSAP's," explained 9-1-1 coordinator Sandy Beitel. "One is located at the Ogle County Sheriff's office where they answer all wireless 9-1-1 calls for the county, landline calls for all areas in the county except Rochelle, and several non-emergency phone lines as well. The second is at the Rochelle Police Department where they answer the landline 9-1-1 calls for Rochelle, handle any overflow calls from the county and also answer non-emergency phone lines. Rochelle Police Department's PSAP also serves as a backup center if something was to ever happen to the PSAP at the Sheriff's office and the reverse is true as well."

She continued, "at the Ogle County Sheriff's office the Rochelle Police Department Telecommunicators not only answer many phone lines that come into the center, they also dispatch police, fire and EMS to calls for service. Within the county there are 20 different Fire and ambulance agencies, Five full time law enforcement agencies, and three part time law enforcement agencies all dispatched by the Ogle County Telecommunicators. The Rochelle Police

Department telecommunicators dispatch for the City of Rochelle and Rochelle Fire along with the Ogle-Lee Fire departments. They also serve as a backup for Ogle County and have the capability to dispatch any of the Fire and ambulance agencies in the county if needed."

Telecommunicators receive extensive training and must have many traits and skills including being multitask oriented. They have to answer phones, answer radio channel traffic, monitor radio frequencies, and enter data into multiple computer screens. This occurs simultaneously. While performing these tasks they have to remain calm, non-judgmental and empathetic. "April 13 through the 19th is National Telecommunicator week. During this week we recognize our telecommunicators for their commitment, hard work and service to public safety," added Beitel.

"Telecommunicators are often the forgotten first responders and unsung heroes that help to service and protect the citizens and responders of Ogle County." Rochelle Police Department telecommunicators include: Julie Thuman, Sandy Sullivan- supervisor, Tony Milburn, Luisa Nambo, Cory Beck, Robin Olszewski, Melinda Davis, Jake Simmons, Cassie Rogers and Brittany Spandet. National Service

day

During the April 14 council

meeting Mayor Olson also declared April 1, 2014 as national service recognition day.

City Clerk Bruce McKinney read, "national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve. Participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well being. National service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve with, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers."

"National service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars," continued McKinney. "Volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors."

"We as a committee are very blessed with volunteers and commissions and boards and a lot of people work a lot of hours for no pay whatsoever and this community is very blessed with a lot of people that care

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about and volunteer for our community," added Olson. "A big thank you to everyone that is volunteering for our community."

Maise in Custody

Alleged shooting suspect being held on \$500,000 bond



*Maise Jr.
April 29, 2014*

A shooting on the south side of Rochelle Friday night left one teen with a bullet through the leg and another man in jail. Rochelle Police arrested Michael A. Maise Jr., 23, on Saturday afternoon at 4:36 p.m. near Cherry Avenue in downtown Rochelle.

A warrant was issued for his arrest on Saturday afternoon after police were able to determine through witness statements that he was alleged to be the man who shot the teen in the leg.

"The officers and detectives involved worked strenuously to bring this case to a quick and proper resolution. These types of cases are difficult to solve, but the patrol units were able to identify the suspect shortly after the incident," Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby said. "We obtained a warrant, and 16 hours or so later we had the suspect in custody. We know that there were other witnesses to the shooting, and

we want to urge them to come forward and give their account of what happened." The shooting happened in the parking lot of an apartment building at 322 South Main Street at approximately 11 p.m. Friday. An argument occurred between individuals with alleged gang affiliations in town. Witnesses told police three to four shots were fired; however, no shell casings were found at the scene.

According to police, the victim was treated and released from a Rockford hospital for his injury.

Maise is being held in the Ogle County Jail on a \$500,000 bond. He is being charged with aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated discharge of a Firearm and unlawful use of a weapon as a felon.

Man with Gun Arrested

April 29, 2014

Rochelle police arrested a DeKalb man early Sunday morning when a gun was found in the car he was driving. The police originally stopped the vehicle for a rear registration plate light that was out.

The traffic stop occurred just after 1 a.m. on Sunday. Police arrested Jonathon Taylor, 20, on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of a gun by a suspected gang member and unlawful possession of firearm ammunition.

Taylor was also cited for expired driver's license, no rear registration light and unlawful consumption of

alcohol by a minor. During the stop, police also arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile for unlawful consumption of alcohol as a minor. The teen was from DeKalb.

Taylor and the teen were released after posting individual bonds. They are both scheduled to appear in court on May 30. "Officers did recognize the suspect as a known gang member [upon the stop]," Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby said. He added that with the shooting in town Friday night, concern was that retaliation may become an issue.

Man to Serve Prison Term

May 5, 2014

A Rochelle man was sentenced to serve four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections Tuesday in Ogle County court.

Ogle County State's Attorney Mike Rock announced that Ogle County Circuit Court Judge Robert Hanson sentenced Domingo Mancilla, 37, of Rochelle, to serve jail time after Mancilla admitted to violating the terms of his probation for the offense of attempted aggravated battery, a Class 3 felony.

Student charged after hacking RMS computer system

May 6, 2014

A 14-year-old student at the Rochelle Middle School was arrested Friday and is being charged with computer tampering. Rochelle police arrested the boy after it was discovered he had gained

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access to the school's computer system and shut down the Internet program.

According to officials, the teen did not gain access to any district records. He was able to use his cell phone to jam the school's computer system.

The teen was released on an I-bond and is scheduled to appear in juvenile court. He has also been suspended from school.

Police Week



May 17, 2014

Mayor Chet Olson declared the week of May 11 to May 17 National Police Week in Rochelle.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families.

"It is important that all citizens know and understand that every day peace officers face the threat of violence and danger, routinely putting their lives on the line to defend ours, and that the price of that bravery may result in injury, disability, or even death," stated Mayor Olson. "The men and women of the Rochelle Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service by safeguarding life and property, by protecting

citizens against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression,"

He continued, "in accordance with the Federal Flag Code, city and county governments, as well as businesses and residences that display the national flag, will be asked to lower the flag to half-staff, from sunrise to sunset in remembrance of the over 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States that have been killed in the line of duty since 1791."

On Thursday, May 15, national flags should be flown at half-staff to remember and honor all law enforcement who gave their lives for our country.

Man Sentenced After Making Guilty Plea

Four years probation given
May 20, 2014

A Rochelle man received a sentence of four years probation after he pled guilty to the felony offense of child pornography, unauthorized video recording in Ogle County court Friday.

Oscar Gomez Diaz, 21, was arrested after he illegally video recorded a juvenile. Authorities found the images of the children on his cell phone. According to reports, the incident took place in a bathroom in rural Rochelle.

As part of his plea agreement, Gomez Diaz must also pay fees and Fines totalling \$2,300. Also, as part of the plea, three other felony

charges of child pornography were dismissed.

Arrest made in Big R theft



*Kornewald
May 31, 2014*

On Thursday, May 29, Rochelle Police received information that led to an Ogle County arrest warrant being issued against Matthew W. Kornewald, 36, of Dixon, for the felony offense of retail theft, for the item taken from Big R in Rochelle on Tuesday, May 27.

Rochelle police released video surveillance footage on Wednesday in hopes of identifying the suspect in the retail theft at Big R.

Bond was set at \$20,000 with 10 percent applied. Kornewald is currently in the Lee County

RPD to Host Hunter Safety Course

August 31, 2014

The Rochelle Police Department, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, will be hosting two hunter education classes taught by certified instructors. The purpose of the class is to promote responsible hunter conduct, discuss the importance of wildlife management laws and regulations, and to encourage the safe handling of Firearms and Firearm

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ammunition. Through hunter education, students obtain a better understanding of their obligations to other hunters and to themselves.

There is no charge for the classes and parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

The First class will consist of two sessions, which are Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5. The scheduled times for the classes are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on both days and attendance on both days is mandatory.

The second hunter education class will be held Saturday, Nov. 1 and Sunday, Nov. 2. The scheduled times for the class is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days and attendance on both days is mandatory.

The classes will be held at the Rochelle Police Department, 416 N. Sixth Street, Rochelle. To register for a class call the Rochelle Police Department at 815-562-2131. You can call anytime day or night, but call early as there is a 40 student maximum for each class.

Appreciates Work of Local Agencies

September 2, 2014

With the media blitz going on in the past couple weeks involving use of force issues with some police agencies around the United States, I want to go on record saying that the City of Rochelle has put together a First class police force. Hats off to the mayor, city council, city manager, and

Chief Higby for providing an agency that we can count on and trust. Thanks for all the hard work.

Annual Halloween Vein Drain

October 26, 2014



The Rock River Valley Blood Center held its Halloween Vein Drain blood drive at City Hall in Rochelle on Thursday. Each year the Rochelle Police Department hosts this popular event. Pictured, Larry Brown of Hillcrest is donating blood, something he does every 56 days.

Credit Card Scam Hits Area



Two of the suspects are pictured from video surveillance at a local business where the scam was used.

November 1, 2014

In recent weeks, the Rochelle Police Department has received multiple reports in reference suspicious activity and several area

retail stores. The reports have involved three subjects two black males and one black female using preloaded money cards, sometimes referred to as rewards cards, to make small purchases.

While attempting to make said purchase the subjects will often swipe several different cards, until they find a card that is accepted. After this card is found to work the subjects then buy gift cards or Visa type cards, to use later to make more purchases.

Scam

Several of the transactions these subjects made have since been determined to have been made with stolen credit card numbers. It appears the subjects are loading stolen credit card numbers onto the money cards, finding one that works, then buying gift cards or Visa type preloaded cards, to make further purchases. This allows the subjects to use the stolen credit card number at one location and not risk using it again.

Similar incidents have taken place in DeKalb and Sycamore.

Rochelle Police are asking retailers to pay special attention to individuals who attempt to swipe multiple cards to complete one transaction, and to check photo IDs and document that information when possible.

Rochelle Police also asks that consumers keep track of their credit card activity, and look for small charges they

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didn't make. Often times the person's credit card information that was used is not from the area. Setting up alerts to advise you when your credit card or debit card has been used is a good idea.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Rochelle Police Department at 815-562-2131.

Maise gets Five years for shooting

November 4, 2014

A former Rochelle man will be spending time in prison following a shooting that took place in the "Hub City" last April. On Friday, Michael Maise, 23, of Chicago, was sentenced to Five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after he entered a guilty plea in Ogle County Court to the felony offense of aggravated discharge of a Firearm.

The shooting took place in front of 322 South Main Street in Rochelle on the night of April 25. The shooting occurred following an argument during a party. It is alleged that both parties involved had gang affiliations. A 17-year-old male was shot in the leg during the incident. He was treated and released from a Rockford hospital.

Maise had also been charged in Ogle County Court with aggravated battery of a Firearm and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon. Per the guilty plea, those charges were dismissed.

Prison time for two men

November 18, 2014

Two Rochelle men entered guilty pleas in Ogle County Court last week which led to sentences in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Bart Milligan, 45, plead guilty to the felony offense of unlawful possession with intent to deliver cocaine. Milligan was arrested in April 2013 after a traffic stop for speeding led Rochelle police to Find 13 individual baggies of cocaine in his car.

On Friday, Milligan was sentenced to seven years in the IDOC.

He had also been charged with unlawful possession with the intent to deliver cannabis as eight individual bags were found in the car. That charge was dismissed by the state following his guilty plea.

The second man, Vincent Swope, 44, was sentenced to six years after he pled guilty to one

count of child pornography.

Police Department Tour



November 26, 2014

The Cub Scout Pack 553 Bears den toured the Rochelle police station earlier this month. During the tour the third grade students were able to watch a presentation from K-9 Don and his handler, officer Emily Hardesty. Don was added to the Rochelle Police Department in February 2010. The K-9 program is a vital tool for the patrol division as it enhances their capabilities. Due to their superior senses and abilities, a properly trained canine can be extremely valuable in situations that require searches, apprehensions, evidence location and officer protection

Belligerent woman held after incident

December 2, 2014

A \$100,000 bond was set for a Rockford woman following an altercation at a local business early Saturday morning.

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At 2:07 a.m., local police responded to the Road Ranger store at the corner of IL Route 251 and IL Route 38. According to police reports, Cheyenne Patton, 21, of Rockford, tried to steal a case of beer from the store and an altercation ensued between Patton and a store employee who was allegedly struck several times by Patton.

Police officers were in the parking lot next to Road Ranger when the confrontation occurred. While being taken into custody, Patton reportedly tried to disarm an officer to escape. Patton is being charged with attempted retail theft, two counts of aggravated battery, resisting arrest, attempting to disarm a police officer and escape.

Patton was later transported to Rochelle Community Hospital for treatment of a wrist injury. Police say she tried to escape from officers at RCH by running down a hallway.

She was also wanted on a Rockford Police Department warrant for the original charge of aggravated battery to a police officer.

VanVickle Takes Office *December 2, 2014*



Brian VanVickle was sworn in by Judge Ben Roe Monday morning as Ogle County Sheriff.

"We've worked hard to get to this point and everyone has been so supportive. I'm at a loss for words right now. I can only say thank you," Van Vickle said following the official ceremony.

Also sworn in Monday was new Ogle County State's Attorney Eric Morrow, assistant state's attorneys Ann Switzer, Robert Schuman, Andrew Wilt and Josh Versluys, returning Ogle County Treasurer John Coffman and returning Ogle County Clerk and Recorder Rebecca Huntley. "I would like to thank my family and everyone that supported me. I don't take this job lightly and take the responsibility of this office seriously. I look forward to representing the citizens of Ogle

County," Morrow said.

Coffman and Huntley each ran unopposed in the November general election

Woman arrested on heroin charges

December 7, 2014

A Rochelle woman remains in jail following a drug arrest on Dec. 3 at a residence in the 1000 block of Lincoln Highway.

Rochelle Police officers arrested Breanna Hansen, 25, on the charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance [heroin] as well as allegedly tampering with a drug test, obstruction of a police officer and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers went to the residence initially on an Ogle County warrant for Hansen for the original charge of unlawful possession involving narcotics equipment. Bond was set at \$5,000.

New officer



December 9, 2014

The City of Rochelle and the Rochelle Police Department welcomed

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new officer, Ryan Beery, Monday morning. Beery, from Yorkville, was sworn in Monday morning by Rochelle City Clerk Bruce McKinney. Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby pinned Beery as family members, city staff and Rochelle officers looked on. Beery will attend the 12-week training academy in Champaign beginning Jan. 5.