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SWEET HOME POLICE DEPARTMENT



2015 Annual Report

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Mission Statement



***To work in Partnership with our Community, to
Protect the public and Prevent crime while providing
the highest quality police services to all.***

Motto:

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Message from the Chief

January 3, 2015

To the City Council and to the citizens of Sweet Home:

On behalf of the Sweet Home Police Department, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2015. Our hope is that this report can serve as a resource for city officials and the people who live and work in Sweet Home. This annual report summarizes programs and accomplishments for 2015. You will see from this report that the Sweet Home Police Department continues to provide exceptional policing services and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all city residents, businesses and visitors.



Policing remains a vastly complex profession. As the profession and landscape of law enforcement change, our commitment to community service will remain. This report provides you with a glance at our law enforcement practices, community outreach, internal workings, and accomplishments. As our Mission Statement indicates, the Sweet Home Police Department is committed working in partnership with our community, to protect the public and prevent crime while providing the highest quality police services to all. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, the 22 members of this agency strive to ensure you have the highest quality policing services possible. This report reflects their commitment to this complex work.

As 2015 evolved, the Sweet Home Police Department worked to again create a partnership with the Sweet Home School District to support and jointly fund a School Resource Officer position. The SRO has been active and engaged with the entire School District since the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year. The SRO provides a vital link in creating a safe, healthy learning environment for all of the kids in our community.

This annual report will also categorize and list the amount of calls for service handled by members of this department. For the first time, Sweet Home Police Department handled over ten thousand calls for service. This equates to approximately a 5 percent increase over 2014.

Throughout 2015 the Sweet Home Police Department has continued to work at fostering our community partnership. Our Sweet Home Police Department Citizen Volunteer program has continued to grow which allows us to meet our mission in one way or another. We also sponsor numerous Neighborhood Watch groups throughout our community.

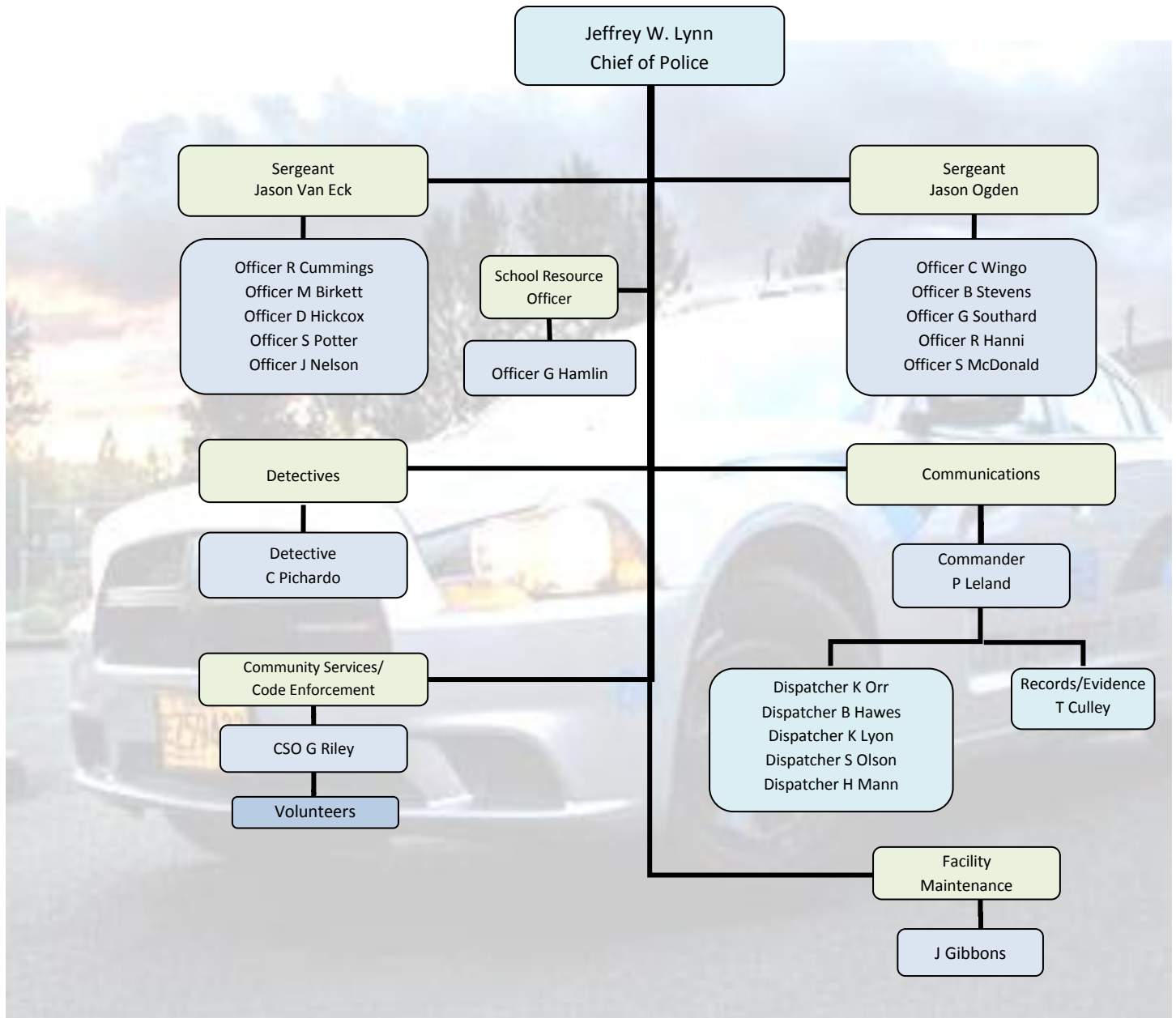
As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to call me at the office or contact us via e-mail at shpd@ci.sweet-home.or.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff W. Lynn".

Jeff W. Lynn
Chief of Police

Organizational Chart



Total Personnel		
	Authorized	Actual
Sworn	15	15
Civilian	6.5	6
Volunteers	10	14
Overall Total	31.5	35

Personnel

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	SERVING YOU SINCE
Jeff Lynn	Chief of Police	1999
Jason Van Eck	Sergeant	1993
Jason Ogden	Sergeant	2003
Penny Leland	Commander	1981

INVESTIGATIONS		
Cyndi Pichardo	Detective	1999

PATROL		
Brian Stevens	Police Officer	2002
Ryan Cummings	Police Officer	2002
Chris Wingo	Police Officer	2007
David Hickcox	Police Officer	2012
Geoff Hamlin	Police Officer	2012
Rocky Hanni	Police Officer	2012
Mark Birkett	Police Officer	2013
Gerrit Southard	Police Officer	2013
Sean Potter	Police Officer	2015
Sasha McDonald	Police Officer	2015
Jerred Nelson	Police Officer	2015
Gina Riley	Code Enforcement Officer	2009

COMMUNICATIONS		
Brian Hawes	Dispatcher	2007
Karen Orr	Dispatcher	2006
Katie Lyon	Dispatcher	2010
Sara Olson	Dispatcher	2014
Heather Mann	Part-Time Dispatcher	2015

RECORDS DIVISION		
Teresa Culley	Records Clerk/Property & Evidence	1987

FACILITY		
Josh Gibbons	Facility Maintenance	2015

Awards

Employee of the Year



Dispatcher Katie Lyon

Katie is committed to her profession and enjoys her work. She is the calming voice on the phone when you call in needing help. Katie is very well liked by her co-workers.

Life Saving Medal



Officer Rocky Hanni

Officer Hanni was lead Officer in a high speed pursuit. The suspect vehicle crashed and rolled over. Disregarding possible self-injury from fire, Officer Hanni pulled the suspect from beneath the vehicle to safety.

New Employees



Officer Sean Potter

Sean is a SHHS graduate and a veteran of the U.S Army. He is excited to be serving the people of his hometown and looks forward to a long career with SHPD!



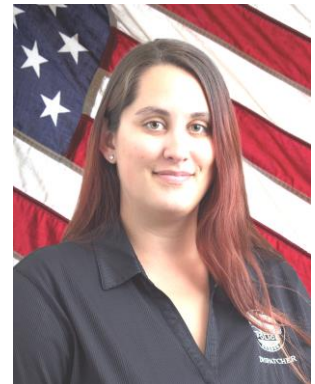
Officer Sasha McDonald

Sasha is a local girl who had wanted to be a Police Officer for quite some time. With the blessings of her family, she has succeeded!



Officer Jerred Nelson

Jerred comes to our department ready to hit the road. He is eager to get started and excited to be helping people and benefiting our community.



PT Dispatcher Heather Mann

Heather was looking for a career that was challenging. She caught on very quickly and is an asset to this department.

Code Enforcement

The mission of Code Enforcement is to enforce the codes of the city in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community; and, where violations occur, to work with our citizens to achieve compliance through an efficient and fair process.

The goals of Code Enforcement are to...

- Maintain an attractive, safe, and healthy environment in order to provide a high quality of life for our residents and visitors;
- Improve both the appearance and value of residential and business property;
- Provide prompt, courteous and professional service to the citizens of the City of Sweet Home;
- Encourage responsible property maintenance;
- Seek voluntary compliance with the provisions of the City Code; and
- Maintain open communications and continuing education with the community.
- While these goals may sound simple, cooperation and support from businesses, property owners and residents are necessary to make them attainable.



CITY CODE VIOLATION-WEEDS,GRASS & BRUSH	117
CITY CODE VIOLATION-OPEN STORAGE	103
CITY CODE VIOLATION-ALL OTHER	57
CITY CODE VIOLATION-VEHICLES	52
CITY CODE VIOLATION-OCCUPY RV	40
CITY CODE VIOLATION-SIGNS	39
CITY CODE VIOLATION-ANIMAL	38
CITY CODE VIOLATION-TREES	12
CITY CODE VIOLATION-CLEAR VISION	2
	460



School Safety



This is the first year that the School Resource Officer (SRO) position has been staffed since 2010. The SRO is funded at a 50/50 level between the police department and the Sweet Home School District. The SRO serves approximately 2300 students at the high school, junior high, and four elementary schools in the district.

The first four months of the school year have been productive with the School Resource Officer handling 83 school related calls. The majority of those calls have involved high school age students. Eleven of those calls resulted in an arrest or charges referred to the juvenile department. 3 arrests were made on drug related charges, 1 arrest for harassment, 3 arrests for theft, and 3 arrests for criminal trespass. In addition, 4 juveniles have been referred for minor in possession of tobacco and 2 runaways have been located.

One of the primary goals of the School Resource Officer is increasing security at the schools. The SRO has spent several hours conducting training for all 298 school staff on the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The SRP is a program utilized by schools nationwide that provides security response measures in the event of a dangerous situation in or around the school. The majority of

the schools have conducted lockdown drills with excellent response from the students. The SRO has also been working with the district office to implement physical security measures in each school to make a safer learning environment.

The training has already proved valuable when a report was made of a potential active shooter at one of the schools. The SRO worked closely with district staff to increase police presence around the schools on the day of the reported threat. Utilizing ideas from the SRP, numerous doors were secured around the high school to restrict access.

Many students have reported that they have observed less drug activity and fewer fights at the high school than in the last several years. Parents and students have voiced that they feel more comfortable with the presence of a police officer in the schools. The SRO is visible around the schools and is working on creating a positive relationship between the youth of Sweet Home, parents, school staff, the community, and law enforcement.



Detective Unit

The Sweet Home Police Department currently has ONE detective assigned who specializes in the investigation of felony drug crimes, burglary, auto theft and person crime cases. In addition to the normal caseload the detectives are assigned, they participate in several multi agency groups such as the Child Abuse Disciplinary Team, Major Crimes Team, Linn County Drug Task Force and Linn County Use of Force Team. Some of the groups are mandated by Oregon law.

The epidemic of drug addiction and the lifestyle associated with it has a far reaching impact on the citizens of the community such as run down houses in otherwise family based neighborhoods. Users and dealers will sometimes hang out in local parks seeking new clientele making families that would normally enjoy a day in the park feel unwelcome. Detective Pichardo frequently partners with local Linn County area law enforcement agencies to have a greater impact and enforcement on both drug users and street level dealers in the Sweet Home area.

Property crime offenders are often addicted to a controlled substance such as methamphetamine, heroin, pills and other illicit substances which prompts them to commit other crimes that will financially support and sustain their drug habit. These same offenders are frequently tied to fraud and identity theft offenders. Most of these offenders are closely associated with one another. Although Heroin addiction amongst young adults 25 years old and under is on a startling rise, methamphetamine is still the most frequently encountered illicit substance.

The Sweet Home Police Department served 18 drug and/or property crime related search warrants in 2015. This number is up from the 7 that were served in 2014. The drugs that were seized at these search warrants included: methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana extract and prescription pills. These search warrants do not include the agency assists with other Linn County law enforcement agencies that can be tied to suspects that live in the Sweet Home area. As a result of the search warrants executed by detectives in 2015, the Sweet Home Police Department received an SUV and over \$45,000 cash in forfeitures.

Detective Pichardo also regularly participates in community forums and events to help educate the public on Identity Theft, Online Safety and Drug Awareness.



Peer Court



The Sweet Home Peer Court Program is an opportunity for first or second time juvenile offenders to avoid formal prosecution by appearing before a court of their peers.

Sweet Home Peer Court handled 6 cases in the 2015-2016 sessions so far. Student volunteers assessed Community Service or Sweet Home PD Work Crew in 50% of those cases processed. This resulted in 15 hours of Community



Payback Service (CPS). CPS has to be done at a local non-profit organization or helping an elderly person with tasks. Most of the cases heard have been Curfew Violations and Runaway Reports. Peer Court currently has 4 Junior High and High School student volunteers and are seeking others to volunteer. Of the current student volunteers, 1 came through Peer Court themselves and decided to remain as an active volunteer once their sanctions were complete. Their duties include, Judge, Presenter, Court Clerk, Bailiff and Juror.

Juvenile Cases Heard in Peer Court				
2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
6	19	22	50	42

Prescription Drug Take Back

In 2015, our department continued its efforts to collect and dispose of unused/unwanted prescription medications. We again participated in the National DEA Take Back program and a total of 10 boxes were collected as a result of having a convenient disposal drop box available to the public. Each of these boxes averaged 45 pounds in weight for a total of approximately 450 pound of unused/unwanted medications that were safely destroyed.



SHPD Volunteers

The Sweet Home Police Department started a volunteer program in 2014. We modeled our program after the National VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) program. We received 21 applications and had 14 active volunteers throughout 2015. At least half of our volunteer pool came for our 2013 Citizen's Academy class graduates. Students saw the need to assist their local police department and are encouraged to become part of our team. Some of the responsibilities and details they were involved with in 2015:

- Child Abuse & Awareness Month
- Jim Bean Memorial Safety Fair
- National Night Out
- Speed Monitoring Program
- Down Town Trick or Treating
- Office Assistance
- Santa Blue Sharing Tree
- Shop With a Cop
- Radar Trailer Placement
- Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



SHPD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR EDIE WILCOX



Commitment to her community is what is important to Edie. She is a SHPD Citizen's Academy Graduate, a member on the City Planning Commission and was at every function SHPD hosted in 2015. Edie also logged over 100 hours of volunteering with the department. Edie's caring attitude is what makes her an outstanding volunteer and asset to this community!!

Community Events



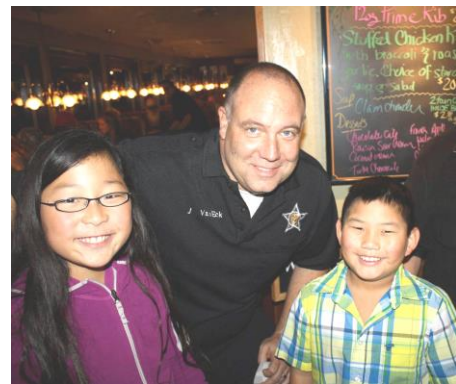
LE Special Olympics Polar Plunge



National Night Out/Safety Fair



Law Enforcement Torch Run



STEAKout with SHPD at The Point Restaurant



Downtown Trick or Treating

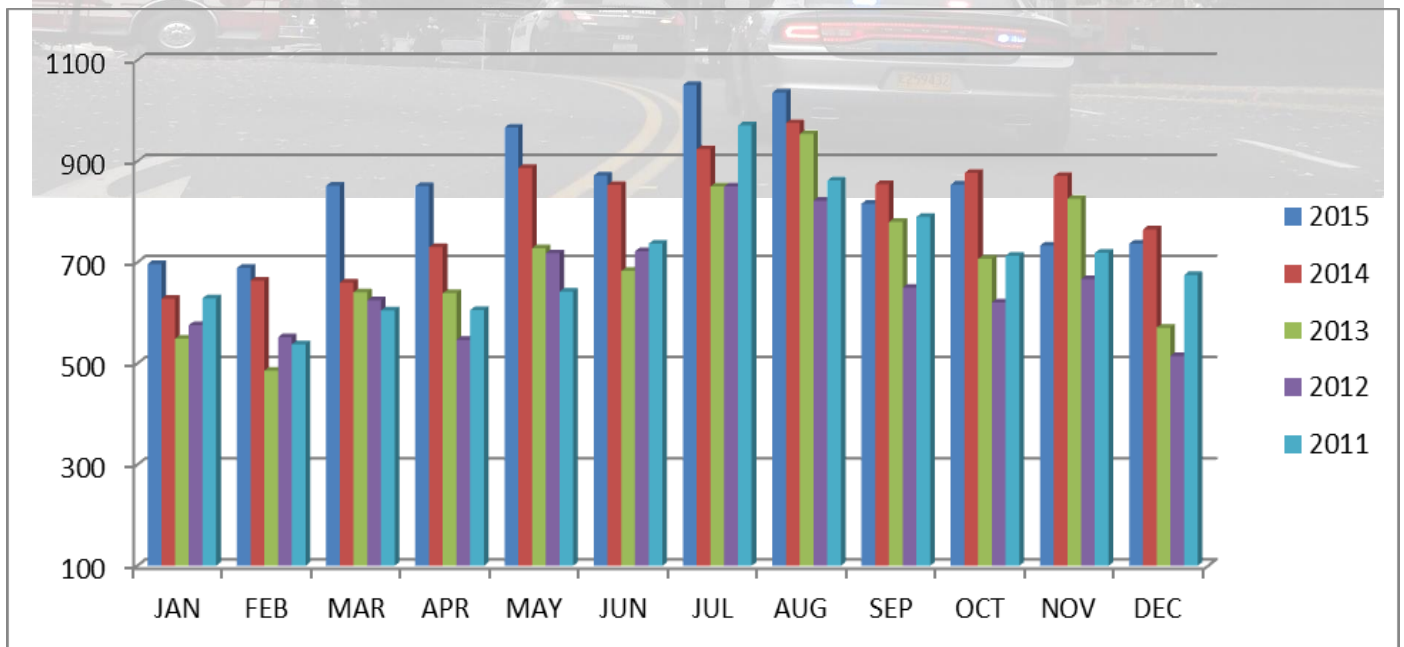


Shop with a Cop

Calls for Service

The following charts and graphs indicate how calls for service vary by month, day of week, and time of day for the past five years.

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH						
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	Average
JAN	697	628	549	576	629	616
FEB	689	664	486	552	538	586
MAR	852	660	641	625	605	677
APR	851	730	639	547	606	675
MAY	967	887	728	718	642	788
JUN	872	853	683	722	737	773
JUL	1051	924	850	850	971	929
AUG	1036	976	954	822	862	930
SEP	816	855	780	650	790	778
OCT	854	877	707	621	713	754
NOV	733	871	826	667	719	763
DEC	737	765	571	515	675	653
TOTAL	10155	9690	8414	7865	8487	8922

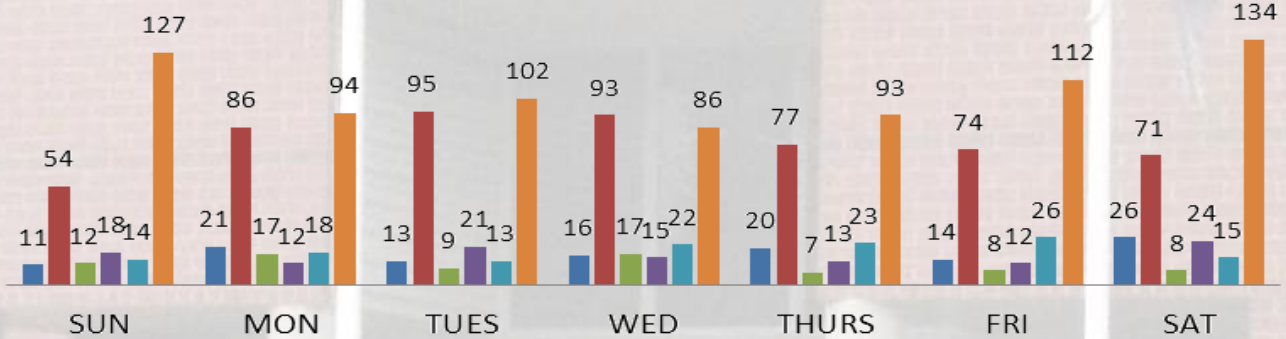


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The following charts and graphs indicate how calls for service vary by month, day of week, and time of day in 2015.

Select Calls for Service by Day of Week

- MENTAL (includes POH, Attempt Suicide)
- THEFT (includes UUMV and UEMV) and attempts
- BURGLARY (includes attempts)
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH (includes Hit & Run)
- DISTURBANCE (includes Domestic, Assaults, Disorderly)



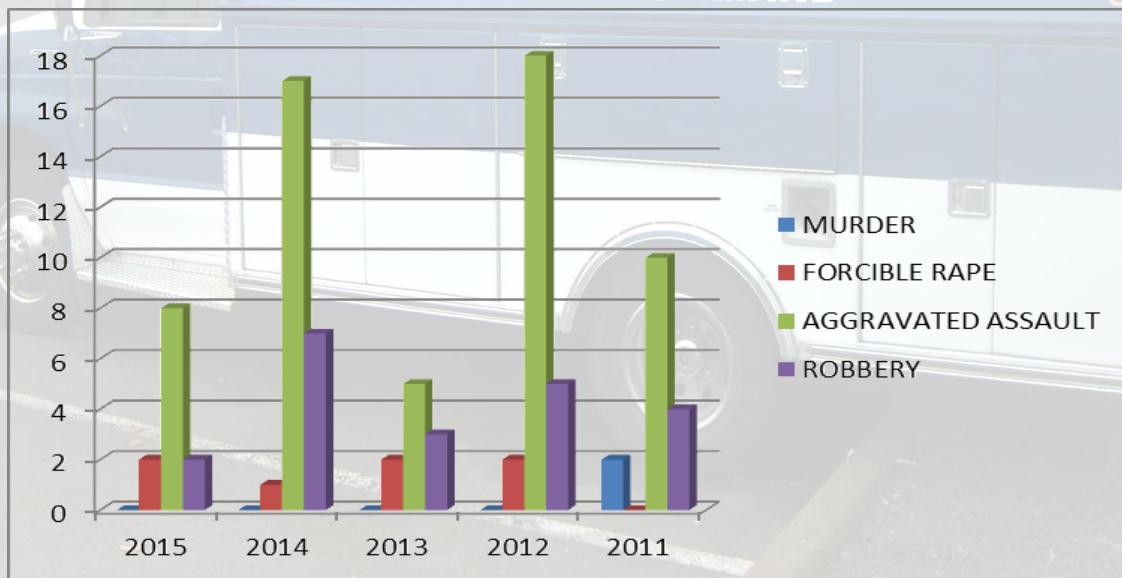
BY DAY OF WEEK

SUNDAY	236
MONDAY	248
TUESDAY	253
WEDNESDAY	249
THURSDAY	131
FRIDAY	233
SATURDAY	278

Violent Crimes

The following tables provide the total number of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes reported in Sweet Home for the past five years.

VIOLENT CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND					
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
MURDER	0	0	0	0	2
FORCIBLE RAPE	2	1	2	2	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8	17	5	18	10
ROBBERY	2	7	3	5	4

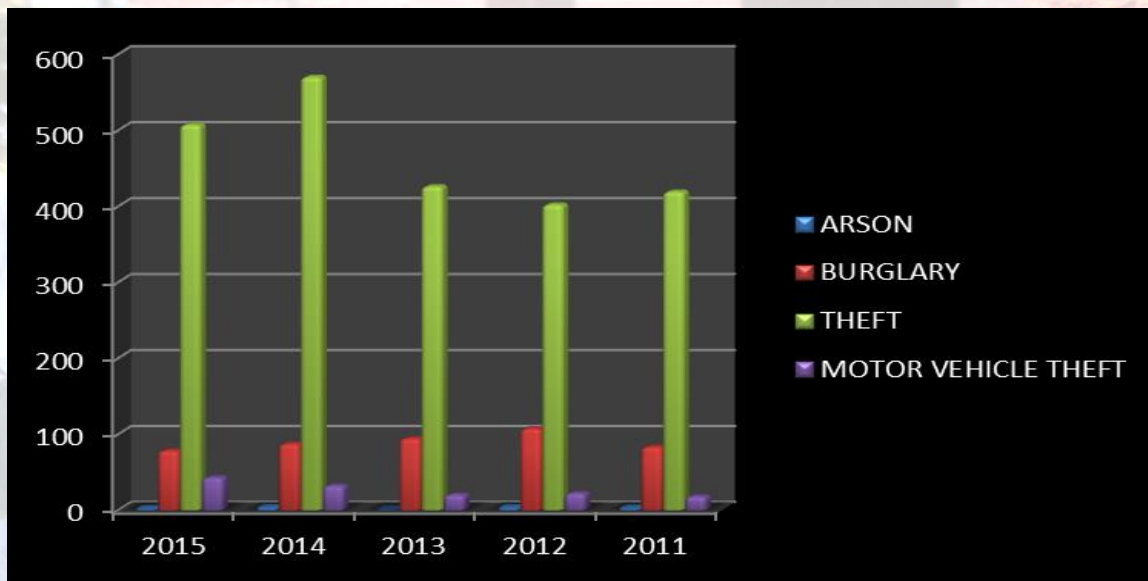


Property Crimes

The property crime index includes burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Theft is the most common crime in this index, accounting for more than eighty percent of all property crimes, including shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, and theft from motor vehicles.

PROPERTY CRIME - 5 YEAR TREND					
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
ARSON	1	3	0	3	2
BURGLARY	78	87	94	107	83
THEFT	507	570	426	402	419
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	43	32	20	22	18

OTHER PROPERTY CRIMES IN 2015	
FRAUD	34
TRESPASS	62



Acknowledgements

The Sweet Home Police Department would like to thank the following for contributing to this report.

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Detective Cyndi Pichardo

SRO Geoff Hamlin

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CSO Gina Riley

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