BEDFORD FIRE

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY

	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Calls	2485	2409	2317	2355
EMS	1980	1893	1802	1865
Fire	505	516	515	490
Fires with Loss	13	16	15	13
Fires with Losses exceeding $25K	2	7	5	2
Fire Dollar Loss	$258,050	$429,100	$293,450	$227,150
Number of times Mutual Aid Provided (Total)	109	111	114	89
Number of times Mutual Aid Provided (EMS)	108	105	104	89
Number of times Mutual Aid Provided (Fire)	1	6	10	0
Number of times Mutual Aid Received (Total)	99	73	103	118
Number of times Mutual Aid Received (EMS)	99	71	102	118
Number of times Mutual Aid Received (Fire)	0	2	1	0
Number of times Automatic Aid Provided	48	48	33	39
Number of times Automatic Aid Received	38	21	21	54
Fire Safety Inspections	313	322	333	332

"To enhance life in the community by providing protection to life and property through compassion and teamwork while maintaining civic pride"

MISSION STATEMENT

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OVERVIEW

The Bedford Fire Department responded to **2485** calls in 2015. EMS (ambulance) accounted for **1980** calls and alarms (calls requiring the response of an engine) for the remaining **505** calls. There was a **3%** increase in total call volume.

EMS calls increased by **4.4%** and alarms decreased by **2.1%** from the previous year.

The average response time for all calls (in Bedford, Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid) in 2015 was **5 minutes and 31 seconds.** On average, firefighters responded to **6.8** calls per day.

PERSONNEL

There were 27 members assigned to three different shifts, 2 Chief Officers and 1 Administrative Assistant in the fire department.

Firefighter Dennis Love retired from the department after 30 years of service.

Mark Rauschenbach were appointed to the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

Emergency medical runs accounted for **80%** of the total call volume in 2015.

FIRE & RESCUE

Figure 2 details the **2485** incidents on which a piece of Bedford Fire apparatus responded in 2015 based on NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) classifications. Figure 2 shows the breakdown of incidents handled by the department.

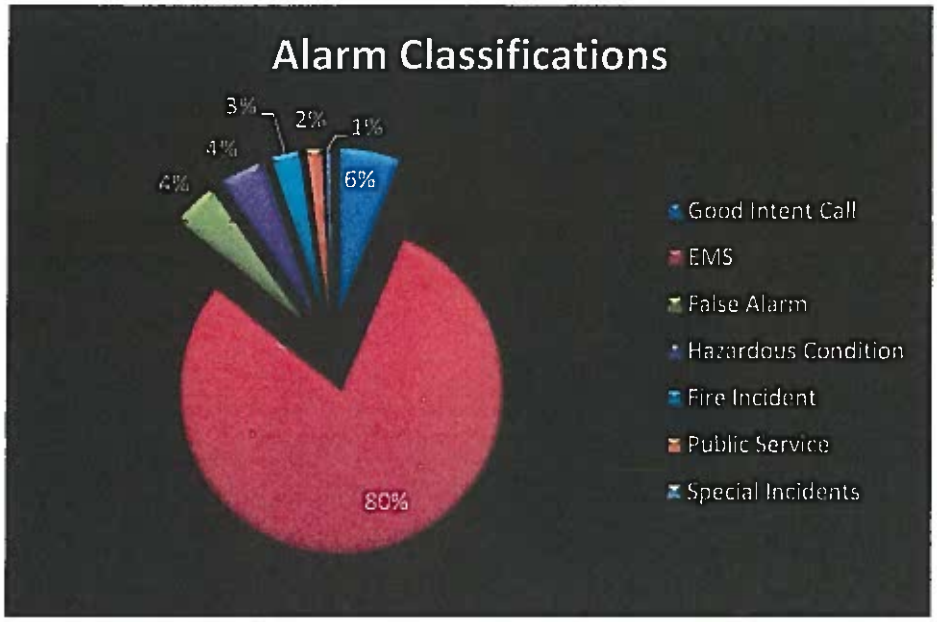

Figure 2.

Structure Fires

Bedford Firefighters operated at **31** structure fire incidents; **6** in Bedford and provided assistance at **25** automatic and mutual aid fires.

Total fire loss for 2015 was **$258,050 (-40%)**.

Structure fires accounted for **$146,500 (57%)** of the total loss dollars in 2015. There were **(3)** structure fires that resulted in an estimated dollar loss greater than $25,000

The remaining **$111,500 (43%)** was the result of vehicle fires and/or other non-structural incidents.

There were no civilian fire fatalities in 2015.

Rescue/Special Hazards Response

Firefighters responded to a multitude of emergencies other than structure fires/fire alarms during 2015. The department is expected to successfully mitigate hazardous materials emergencies, vehicle extrications, rope rescues, confined space incidents to name a few.

Firefighters responded to **113 (+6%)** incidents involving hazardous conditions (ex; natural gas leaks, carbon monoxide alarms, electrical emergencies, etc.).

The Department responded to **14** incidents classified as "special type" incidents. These included vehicle extrications, park rescues, elevator rescues and incidents involving regional technical rescue teams.

FIRE PREVENTION

Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Solar was responsible for operations within The Fire Prevention Bureau. The Prevention Bureau includes Code Enforcement (fire inspections), Public Education, and Fire Investigation.

Code Enforcement

There were 12 Certified State of Ohio Fire Safety Inspectors on staff. Ten of the inspectors worked as shift assigned firefighter/paramedics in the department and assisted in the vitally important practice of conducting fire safety inspections.

FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS:

Fire Safety Inspections	313
Re-inspections (Check for Violations correction)	166

In addition to fire inspections the Bureau witnessed **7** fire hood suppression system tests. A hood suppression system is required (bi-annually) in any facility/business in

which cooking creates grease laden vapors. It is designed to quickly extinguish a grease fire using dry chemicals (powder).

A total of **20** fire alarm/sprinkler/fire pump tests were conducted as well. Per Code any structure that has a fire alarm and/or sprinkler system must be tested on an annual basis.

Public Education

Public education continued to be a top priority for members of the department. It was our goal to prevent fires, accidents and other emergencies. Public education provided an avenue toward achieving that goal. Educational activities are tailored to be delivered to pre-school aged children as well as senior citizens and all ages between.

The topic of the 2015 Fire Prevention Week "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep: Every Bedroom needs a Working Smoke Alarm." was presented to school aged children during the first week of October 2015.

Nine Fire Safety Presentations were delivered during the year.

Eleven fire extinguisher training sessions were conducted for local facilities and businesses. These sessions stressed the importance of proper utilization of these potentially life and property saving devices. The classes consisted of classroom and hands-on evolutions.

Juvenile Fire Setters Program

The Juvenile Fire Setters Program is designed to provide interventions and counseling for children, usually between the ages of 4 and 12, who have been involved in setting fires.

Firefighter Chris Neading and Lt. Ryan Turk are responsible for this program.

There were no Juvenile Fire Setters referrals and no consultations in 2015.

Fire Investigation

It is the responsibility of the Fire Department to determine cause and origin of all fire incidents. Some fires require additional investigation.

Lieutenant Ryan Turk is certified as the Department's Fire Investigator.

In 2015 Fire Investigator Turk investigated 4 of the 6 structure fire incidents in Bedford. One of the incidents were determined to be intentional (arson). Lt. Turk was consulted via telephone on numerous other fire incidents in 2015.

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PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

Smoke Detector Program

Utilizing generous donations from local businesses the department was able to fund its' Smoke Detector Program. Bedford residents who have no smoke detectors in their homes were able to contact the department to obtain a detector and if needed have the detector installed by firefighters. A portion of the donations were utilized for smoke detector battery replacement program.

In 2015, as a result of the Smoke Detector Program, **44** smoke detectors were distributed to Bedford Residents as well as numerous replacement batteries. Eight hundred and ninety two (892) residents have received a free smoke detector over the past seven years.

CPR and AED Program

Firefighter/Paramedics Stephanie Balochko and Joe Sisak continued to teach a fire department sponsored CPR and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program.

The classes were available to residents, local businesses and organizations and were taught in accordance with the guidelines of the American Heart Association.

Firefighters Balochko and Sisak instructed students on the proper CPR techniques and AED usage. The information was delivered in multiple classroom sessions.

TRAINING

Lieutenant Jeff Diederich and Lieutenant Dave Moore split duties as the Department's Training Officers. They were responsible for coordinating both on-duty and off duty fire and rescue training. They insured that firefighter's certifications remained current throughout the year.

There were 10 Certified State of Ohio Fire Instructors in the Division of Fire in 2015.

Lieutenant Greg Miller and Lieutenant Dan Dopslaf served as the Department's EMS Coordinators. They were responsible for in-house training for paramedics and EMTs. They were also responsible for any EMS related issues that occur (equipment, protocols, etc.) in relation to the department.

Paramedics are certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support.

There were **667** training sessions conducted in the Division in 2015.

Figure 3 details the training categories that were the focus of training for members of the department in 2015.

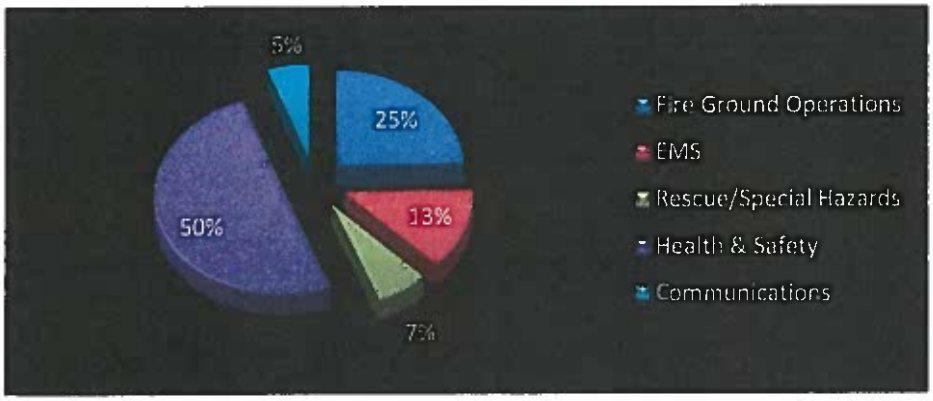

Figure 3.

Fire Training

There were **167** training sessions dedicated to fire specific training.

Training topics included, but were not limited to, Building Construction, Fire Behavior, Strategy / Tactics, Incident Command, Pump Operations, Aerial Operations, and SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). These training classes and time spent were vital to the delivery of safe, aggressive, effective and efficient services when the firefighters were requested to respond by those we serve.

Rescue/Special Hazards Training

In 2015 the department continued our commitment to be ready to effectively mitigate any type of rescue/special hazards emergency that may occur. A total of **44** sessions were spent training for these special rescue scenarios.

Figure 4 depicts the distribution of these specialized training hours.

Figure 4.

EMS Training

Bedford Firefighters participated in **86** sessions of on-duty EMS Training in 2015.

Training included 12 lead EKG analysis, pediatric care, extensive pharmacological training as well as trauma, advanced and basic life support, and protocol review.

Figure 6 shows the breakdown of the training department paramedics and EMTs participated in during 2015.

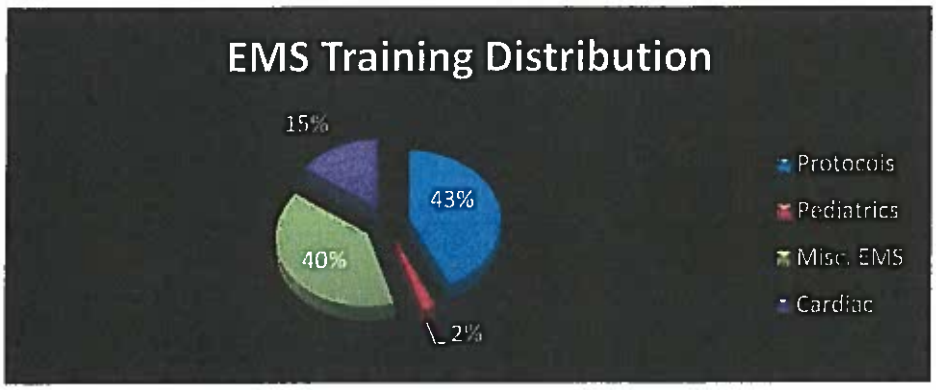

Figure 6.

Building Tours

Shift personnel conducted **62** building tours in 2015. The firefighter hours spent on these tours were in addition to the firefighter hours that were dedicated toward on-duty training.

The tours provided firefighters an opportunity to familiarize themselves with building layout, construction and other nuances of structures in the community. This information can then be applied to gain an understanding of how fire will affect the structure, strategy/tactics, and what obstacles crews may face in reduced visibility conditions should an emergency occur.

These tours and the knowledge gained have a profound effect on civilian and firefighter safety when operating at emergency fire scenes.

SPECIALIZED REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS

Due to the complex nature of certain low frequency-high risk emergencies and limited resources of individual departments specialized regional teams have been formed. These teams are composed of members from numerous departments in the region. Departments can activate these teams as necessary. Firefighters from Bedford served on these teams. Not only did this show a commitment to regionalization but these firefighters were able to provide valuable skills and knowledge to entire Bedford Fire Department. This enabled first responding units and firefighters from our department to more efficiently begin rendering care to victims during these unique rescue scenarios.

Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)

The team assists in mitigation of incidents involving hazardous (chemical, biological, etc.) agents. The team is also trained to perform confined space rescues and handle Weapons of Mass Destruction incidents.

Firefighter Chris Neading, Lieutenant Dave Moore, Lieutenant Jeff Diederich and Firefighter Tom Mitchell represented the Department as members of the Chagrin/Southeast Region Hazardous Materials Team.

There were no incidents in Bedford which required the team activation.

Team members from the Bedford Fire Department responded (regionally) to **1** incident with the team.

Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team (HTRT)

This technical rescue team performs specialized rescues such as high angle rope rescue, trench rescue, confined space, swift water rescue, ice rescue, and dive rescues.

Lieutenant Brian Harting, Lieutenant Jeff Diederich and Firefighter Marc Latkovic operated as members of the HTRT regional team in 2015.

Team members from the Bedford Fire Department responded (regionally) to **10** incidents with the team.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Program

The following represents the preventative maintenance repairs completed for the Fire Department Fleet in the year 2015, from January 1 to December 31. The program consists of two key people; Pat Guhde and Rick Gromovsky, working under Chief Nagy, to provide quality inspection and maintenance in an effort to avoid breakdowns and costly repairs. This program follows the NFPA criteria and meets or exceeds each manufacturer's minimum recommendations. Pat, & Rick attended classes and training sessions and are active holders of the industry's testing standards, which certify technicians for the state of Ohio. This organization is the Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification Commission Inc. (EVTCC). Together with the EVTCC certifications, the ASE certification's and the tribal knowledge of all the individuals involved, we at the City of Bedford rarely send non-warranted maintenance or repairs to outside vendors.

Preventative Maintenance is performed both in station at the Fire Department and at the Service Department. This saves the community's tax dollars, as well as having the apparatus and its equipment remain in this City for the citizens, always in a state of readiness. Pat has the task of keeping the process on track, performing daily repairs in station and procuring the correct parts for the next maintenance event. Heavy maintenance and repairs are carefully planned with Rick and his crew, and the apparatus is then repaired at the Service Department, where it is an "all hands on deck event." This minimizes the down time and any interruption in the capabilities of the Fire Department or the Service Department. Maintenance records are as important as the repair itself, and with the close relationship between Pat and Rick, no repair goes undocumented.

Fire Station & Equipment = 18 repair orders completed

Staff Cars and Trailer = 31 repair orders completed 15 of them done in station

Ladder 11, 1992 Simon Duplex LTI Ladder = 13 repair orders completed, pump tested in August, 12 of them done in station

Engine 12, 2007 E-One Cyclone II Pumper = 22 repair orders completed, pump tested in August, 1 minor deficiencies noted but all corrected 19 of them done in station

Engine 13, 1996 Pierce Quantum Pumper = 15 repair orders completed, pump tested in August, 0 deficiencies noted 13 of them done in station

Squad 17, 2005 Freightliner / Horton Ambulance = 10 repair orders completed, 8 of them completed in station

Squad 18, 2000 Freightliner / Horton Ambulance = 4 repair orders completed, 3 of them completed in station

Squad 19, 2012 Freightliner / Horton Ambulance = 26 repair orders completed, 23 of them done in station
Command post, 1992 Spartan / Enterprise Coach = 3 repair orders completed, 0 of them done in station

APPARATUS ROSTER

FRONT LINE

Engine 12	(2007 E-One Cyclone Pumper)
Ladder 11	(1992 Simon Duplex/LTI 75' Ladder)
Squad 19	(2011 Freightliner / Horton Squad)
Squad 17	(2005 Freightliner / Horton Squad)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Truck 15	(2001 GMC Pickup)
Rescue Trailer	(16 foot enclosed trailer)

RESERVE

Engine 13	(1996 Pierce Quantum Pumper)
Squad 18	(2000 Freightliner / Horton Squad)

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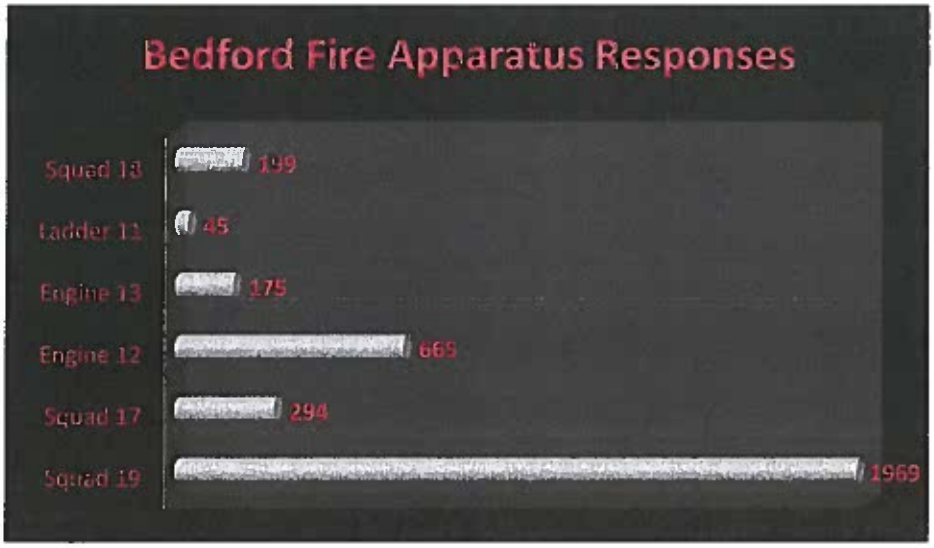
2015 Emergency Vehicle Response



ACHIEVEMENTS

Grants

Assistant Chief Shawn Solar aggressively pursues Grant opportunities for the BFD. AC Solar was very successful in 2015.

The Bedford Fire Department was awarded a SAFER Grant in the amount of $607,999 from FEMA. These funds allowed the FD to have 3 firefighters whose salaries and benefits are covered by this grant.

Power load Cot Systems in the amount of $30,005.50 were procured utilizing a Grant Award from the BWC (Bureau of Worker's Comp). These automatic cot loading systems

take some of the strain of loading and lifting patients which in turn decrease the number of on duty firefighter injuries.

The BFD was awarded a $1000 training grant from the State Fire Marshall as well.

BEDFORD FIRE

Submitted By

David V. Nagy
Fire Chief

BEDFORD POLICE

Annual Report

2015

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Bedford Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership, which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods.

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Uniform Police Personnel

Nancy Hovan

Chief of Police	Kris Nietert
Deputy Chief	Martin Stemple
Lieutenants	Ron Niemann
Sergeants	Rick Suts
	Mike Stask
	Paul Kellermann
	Dennis Bergansky
Patrolmen	Robert Chase
	John Pfaff
	Keith Collins
	David R. Dickson
	James Ritter
	Shawn Klubnik
	Sean Francis
	Buck Kidd
	Jeff Kirkwood
	Mark Witkiewicz
	Benjamin Lang
	Brian Geiger
	Kevin Webb
	Stacy Painter
	Brian Sara
	Nick Kehl
	Val Closs
	John Lobenthal
	Sean Allred
	Ryan Futo
	David Kempski
	Andre DiMatteo
	James Stolarik
	Richard Rykalla

Total Number of Officers.....31

2015 Support Personnel

Nancy Hovan

Secretary (to the Chief)	Nancy Hovan
Detective Bureau Secretary	Janey Mackiewicz
Juvenile Diversion Coordinator	Penny Jarrell
Record Clerk	Sara Kozlowski
Part Time Record Clerks	Kim Dickson Michelle Cutright
Full Time Jailer	Steve Karhan
Part Time Jailers (5)	Chris Carstarphen Robert Webb Dave Eschweiler Shawn Francis* James Patrick
Part Time Animal Warden(3)	Steve Fine Robert Kelly Al Benda
Part Time Car Wash	Jacob Roberts

School Crossing Guards (3)

Walter Jones	Glendale/Turney
Paul Flask	Henry/Broadway
Sandy Pocisk	Wheelock/Washington

Auxiliary Police (18)

Ronald Trivett	Greg Grattino	Tatjana Grizancic
Joseph Tuma	Les Ashby	Ryan Frejofsky
Robert Webb*	Angela Porinchak	Wayne Witkowski
Ryan Parina	Rob Kelly*	Shawn Francis*
Daniel Jansky	Connie Ritter	Al Benda*
Valerie Warren	Steve Fine*	Jeff Slezak

(* indicates they also hold other duties within the PD)

Total Number of Support Personnel 37
(F/T support 5, P/T support 28, Active Auxiliaries 18)

Total Number of Patrol Personnel 31

Total number of Bedford Police Personnel at the close of 2015. . . 78
(36 F/T and 42 P/T)

Overview

Chief Kris Nietert

The following report is a brief synopsis of the Police Departments activities.

CALLS FOR SERVICE: CAD Reports are generated to document all Department activity.

2014 – 16,088 2015 – 16,338

INCIDENT REPORTS: Incidents Reports are generated for Part I offenses, arrests, significant events, or incidents that involved additional follow-up investigation.

2014 – 1360 2015 – 1411

TRAFFIC CHARGES:	2014 – 1293	2015 – 1454
PARKING CITATIONS:	2014 – 658	2015 – 863
JAIL BOOKINGS:	2014 – 1344	2015 – 1565
ACCIDENT REPORTS:	2014 – 248	2015 – 335
PART 1 CRIMES (UCR):	2014 – 520	2015 – 569

CATEGORY	2014	2015
Homicide	0	0
Rape	4	3
Robbery	10	11
Assault	75	61
Burglary	40	32
Thefts	368	413
Auto Theft	23	46
Arson	0	3
Total	**520**	**569**

The criminal nuisance ordinance is a tool used to hold homeowners accountable for excessive police response to their residence. Any offense excluding traffic resulting in police response directed at or tied to the residence could lead to a criminal nuisance charge.

Ptlm. Justin Sisak resigned as a result of his commitment to the U.S. Army. Ptlm. Keith Collins retired and Ptlm. Corey McNatt did not complete probation. Ptlm. Andre DiMatteo, James Stolarik, and Richard Rykalla were sworn in.

Dispatch moved to the Southeast Emergency Communication Center (SECC), which is a regional dispatch center. There have been some minor setbacks in the transition to a regional dispatch center. These issues are being addressed and improvements are being made.

We continue to align our traffic enforcement goals with the University Hospitals Health System OVI Task Force traffic enforcement objectives. Thanks to our efforts, the department did receive a free laser unit from University Hospitals. Several grants have been obtained for the purchase of replacement Tasers.

In June of 2015, we began housing prisoners for Bedford Heights and Oakwood Police. Both cities are paying for the service on a monthly basis. This is responsible for the significant increase in the number of jail bookings.

The Cuyahoga County Grand Jury reviewed the officer involved shooting. Ptlm. Webb was justified in his use of force.

Whatever the challenge, the men and women of the Bedford Police Department will continue to provide quality service to the residents and continue to maintain, and improve, the quality of life within the community.

Animal Control

Deputy Chief Marty Stemple

In 2015, The City of Bedford employed three part-time animal wardens, Steve Fine, Robert Kelly, and Al Benda. We provide service to Bedford and Bedford Hts. Mon-Fri 0800-1600 and Sat-Sun 0800-1200, for a total of 48 hours per week. Bedford Hts. pays half of our expenses for this service.

The truck, a 2008 Chevrolet, went into service in October 2008. The truck is equipped with a mobile data terminal, allowing the animal wardens to receive call data and clear calls from the truck.

The Animal Wardens responded to 834 calls for service in Bedford. Calls for service included but are not limited to dogs running at large, animal bite reports, vicious dogs, barking dogs, nuisance animals, and requests for animal traps.

Summonses were issued for the following violations in Bedford:

Animal at Large	17
Barking Dog	1
Dangerous/Vicious	3
Cruelty	1
Max Number of Animals	0

The animal wardens provide information to residents regarding nuisance animals to help discourage the presence of these animals at their residence. Traps are available to residents of Bedford and Bedford Hts. Trapped nuisance wildlife cannot be released and must be euthanized to avoid the spread of rabies and other diseases. Skunks, possums, and raccoons are considered nuisance animals. The animal wardens have been trained in techniques to properly euthanize animals and dispose of their carcass.

Auxiliary Police

Sgt Paul Kellermann

The Bedford Auxiliary Police Force has an authorized strength of 30 officers. In 2015, two auxiliary officers were hired and one auxiliary officer retired, giving the group 20 members.

The Auxiliaries serve to supplement and support the mission of the Bedford Police Department. They continue to play an instrumental role in addressing complaints regarding juveniles and "Quality of Life" issues. They participate in a "Juvenile/Quality of Life Patrol" that focuses on problems like juveniles walking, riding and/or skateboarding in the streets. They patrol the City's parks, including the skateboard park. They also look to address "Quality of Life" issues like junk motor vehicles, trashcans left out or trash put out early, and they issue Warning Notices when applicable.

In 2015, the Auxiliaries continued with the Night Patrol Detail in order to increase police visibility and to deter the thefts from automobiles that our residents and businesses were experiencing. They also patrolled neighborhoods during the Holiday Season to prevent burglaries and thefts.

The Auxiliaries also handle traffic control for the Bedford Foundation Classic Run/Walk, the Memorial Day Parade, and the Fourth of July Parade. They check homes for residents that are on vacation. The Auxiliaries direct traffic and monitor parking for the various high school athletic events, and they assist with security for the events on the Square and other various civic events.

The Auxiliaries fulfilled their training goal for 2015. The training goal for 2016 is for all Auxiliaries to be trained in the use of the police cruiser shotguns.

The Auxiliaries worked a total of 2,386.50 hours in 2015. The Auxiliaries are required to work a minimum of 60 hours per year, 20 hours in the first half of the year and 20 hours in each of the third and fourth quarters.

The Auxiliaries look forward to 2016, and are ready to continue their efforts in helping the citizens feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods.

Communications

Deputy Chief Marty Stemple

February of 2015, after months of planning and preparation, the Southeast Emergency Communications Center (SECC) finally became a reality. This dispatch consolidation consists of Bedford, Bedford Hts., Garfield Hts., and Maple Hts. The SECC is housed in Bedford Hts., on the lower level of the City Hall.

The SECC is its own entity, and governed by a Council of Government (COG). The COG consists of the Mayors of Bedford Hts., Garfield Hts., Maple Hts., and the City Manager of Bedford. The COG uses the Police and Fire Chiefs from all of the cities for suggestions and technical advice.

As far as communications, we currently share a radio frequency with Walton Hills and Oakwood Village. However, we are seeking to move to our own radio frequency sometime in 2016, which will assist the SECC with any interoperability issues.

Detective Bureau

Detective Sgt. Rick Suts

The Bedford Police Department Detective Bureau currently consists of (4) four Detectives and one Secretary. Detectives include Det. Sgt. Rick Suts, Detective Shawn Klubnik, Detective Buck Kidd, and Detective Brian Sara. Janey Mackiewicz is the Detective Bureau secretary.

Also aligned with the Detective Bureau is the School Resource Officer Sean Francis, Seale Narcotics Detective Mark Witkiewicz and Juvenile Diversion Coordinator Penny Jarrell.

The primary function of the Detective Bureau is to follow-up and investigate a variety of crimes included but not limited to homicides, robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults, thefts, internet crimes and crimes occurring by way of social media.

The Detective Bureau is responsible for maintaining the evidence room, which is assigned to Detective Klubnik. Detectives also are responsible for court appearances as well grand jury testimony involving felony and misdemeanor cases. Detectives work closely with the uniformed patrol officers, victims of crime, and prosecutors to ensure a successful prosecution of the offender(s).

Detectives attend numerous training and schools throughout the year to remain up to date on new crime trends as well as technology advancements. In 2015 heroin continues to be a problem that correlates directly to as much as 75% of secondary crimes of which heroin addicts commit in order to support their habits. These secondary crimes include thefts, burglaries, robberies and bank frauds just to name a few.

Some of the more major cases that were concluded in 2015 are outlined below:

- Beginning in February, 10 vehicles were stolen from the Bedford Auto Mile. The suspect took the keys from the employee only area and drove off with the vehicles. A suspect was charged with the thefts, and sentenced to 11 months.

- A local tree service reports that $4600.00 worth of chain saws and related equipment had been stolen from their storage facility. An ex-employee was arrested and charged. One of the saws was located in his vehicle at the time of arrest.

- A male was shot in the leg at Wolf's Cove apartments on Solon Rd. The victim and the witness gave conflicting stories. Both were charged with Obstructing Official Business.

- A shopper at Walmart had his car stolen by an unknown male. The car was then used in an armed robbery in Cleveland. Through investigation several juveniles were charged.

- Walmart was robbed by a female that threatened to shoot the employee if she didn't comply. The female resembled the suspect in several other robberies. A joint investigation was conducted with Garfield Hts, and Maple Hts. A female suspect was convicted on all of the robberies.

- We received a complaint from out of state that a Bedford resident had defrauded them through Craigslist. Through investigation several victims were located. The suspect was charged with multiple counts and received 5 years.

- In June of 2014 a male died on Lincoln as a result of a heroin overdose. A lengthy investigation resulted in the charging of 3 people for the death of the victim.

- A retired Pepper Pike Police Officer was indicted for the rape and stalking of a Bedford resident.

One case of particular interest is the unsolved 1987 homicide of Ana Lia Zavodny. This cold case was reactivated by Detective Kidd. Through Detective Kidds work, he has been invited to present this case to the Vidocq Society. The Vidocq Society is made up of forensic professionals; current and former FBI profilers, homicide investigators, scientists, psychologists, prosecutors and coroners who use their experience to provide justice for investigations that have gone cold. This is quite an accomplishment as they only take a very limited amount of cases each year. Detective Kidd will travel to Philadelphia in February of 2016 to present his case to the Society.

Bedford City Jail

Detective Sgt. Rick Suts

The Bedford City Jail is a State approved twelve (12) day holding facility. There are six double occupancy cells, one single occupancy administrative/segregation cell, two holding cells, and one detox cell.

The jail is staffed by one full-time and six part-time corrections officers. The jail is staffed 24/7 365 days a year. In the event a jailer is not available patrol officers are trained to complete the jailer duties.

The jail took on considerable responsibilities this year with the closing of our dispatch center, and the closing of the Bedford Hts. Jail. We entered into a contract to house both Bedford Hts. prisoners and Oakwood Village prisoners. The fees collected from them allowed for the hiring of additional part time jailers to cover the extra duties. We are now in the process of entering into contracts to house University Bedford Medical Center, And Tri-C Police department prisoners. We do not anticipate many additional prisoners from either department.

Corrections officers are responsible for the booking, processing, care, and release of all persons arrested or sentenced. We do house state sentenced misdemeanors and felons for Cuyahoga County. Corrections officers also handle the WebCheck fingerprinting of job applicants requiring a background check by the State of Ohio.

Cost to feed inmates:

2014	2015
$15,419.50	$17,178.75

All meals are provided by Sodexo through U.H.H.S. Bedford Medical Center.

Revenue from housing state sentenced misdemeanors for Cuyahoga County Jail:

2014	2015
$23,761.96	$1652.67

Juveniles

Penny Jarrell

Juvenile Offenses

During 2015, the Bedford Police Department made 91 arrests for a total of 104 charges. Of the 91 juveniles charged, 79 were males and 12 were females. There were 7 felonies and 97 misdemeanors.

In 2015, 33 traffic tickets were issued to juveniles. These consisted of moving, non-moving, equipment violations, underage tobacco, and other misc. citations.

Juveniles walking in the street, continues to be an important concern of the residents. They are very appreciative when the see the police handling this problem aggressively.

Community Diversion Program

In 2015, the Bedford Police Department continued control over the Community Diversion Program. This is a program funded through a grant with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. The program is designed to deal with juvenile offenders who are arrested for non-violent misdemeanor offenses that would ordinarily go unnoticed and unpunished by an already over-whelmed Juvenile Court system, but are referred to the Community Diversion Program for adjudication and sentencing.

Upon the arrest of a juvenile offender, the paper work is forwarded to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Intake Office. The individual is checked for prior arrests. If he/she has not been arrested before and the charges fall within the parameters for Diversion, the file is returned to the departments Juvenile Diversion Coordinator. The Coordinator schedules an interview with the juvenile and his parents/guardians to determine if the juvenile would comply and benefit from the program. The Juvenile Coordinator then determines what sanctions would best suit the individual and charge. The sanctions range from writing an apology letter to doing community service. The juvenile is then scheduled to appear before a volunteer magistrate in our court. The magistrates volunteer their time and meet once a week. Our two magistrates include Bedford Attorney Sherry Pidala and Janice St. John. The magistrate hears the particulars of the case and the recommendations of the program coordinator and determines the sentence for that individual.

Most youths are placed into community service and are required to complete a pre-determined number of community service hours. Auxiliary Officers of the department oversee the community service and transport the youths as needed.

The Community Diversion Program had 3 participants in 2015 and completed 72 hours of community service.

The Bedford Police Department will continue to monitor the juvenile complaints and concerns throughout the city in 2016 and be aggressive in its enforcement.

School resource officer

Officer S. Francis #27

I was assigned to Bedford High School as the school resource officer. The information provided is based on the 2015 school year (Jan 1 – Dec. 31). The school relationships between myself, administration, faculty and students have grown. The relationship between the police department and the school is constantly improving. This is due in part to a proactive approach from both the SRO/police department and the school administration. The school has taken on a zero tolerance approach on issues such as dress code violations, disorderly conduct, theft and drug abuse. Together with the SRO/police department, issues are being handled and aggressively disciplined.

I have instructed numerous health classes on drug and alcohol awareness throughout the school year. I have also instructed students on search and seizure. I have many students that have sat down with me regularly about different issues going on at school or in their personal life. In October of 2015 with the support of Rainbows children's hospital and the BHS student senate a seatbelt awareness table/booth was set up at the football game. Students signed a promise petition to wear a safety belt while in a vehicle and in return they received a small gift for their promise. In the spring of 2016, I will begin instructing the students of Bedford High in "ALICE". This has been school board approved and will begin soon.

Total arrests 2015 = 39

Adult arrests = 3 Juvenile arrests = 36

Break down of crimes

theft = 11 Possession of Marijuana = 4 disorderly conduct = 15

trespassing = 3 assualt = 3 RSP = 1 Underage consumption = 1

In the years to come the police department and the school will continue to work together to make our schools safe for everybody involved.

Vehicle Fleet

Chief Kris Nietert

The Bedford Police Departments Vehicle fleet consists of 20 vehicles, 9 marked patrol vehicles, 1 marked Auxiliary car, 3 unmarked detective vehicles, 3 administration vehicles, 1 school car, 1 transport van, 1 animal control vehicle, and a U.S. Army surplus Humvee.
We also have an enclosed trailer and a trailer mounted generator. In 2016, we are purchasing one new Ford vehicle.
This year we added to our fleet, with a generous donation of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria K9 vehicle from Oakwood Village P.D.

Maintenance and fuel costs were as follows:

	2014	2015
Miles Driven	169,510	191,837
Gallons of Gas	23,054	20,768
Maintenance Costs	$31,767.05	$25,590.94
Gas Costs	$72,753.83	$67,828.52
Total Cost	$104,520.88	$93,419.46

SOUTHEAST AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT

Dedicated to Community Protection

Federal No. 34-1199591

Bedford-Bedford Hts-Garfield Hts-Maple Hts-Oakwood Village-Solon-Walton Hills

January 13, 2016

Chiefs,

During the month of December 2015 Detectives opened 3 new cases and closed 4. These closed cases include a male selling heroin in the Bear Creek apartments in Bedford Hts, a male selling crack cocaine in Maple Hts, a male selling marijuana and crack in Garfield Hts, and a male that was selling large amounts of marijuana, LSD, and mushrooms. The case involving the marijuana and LSD resulted in the seizure of almost $17000 cash, a pound of mushrooms, and almost 20 pounds of marijuana. New cases include the investigation of a large scale heroin dealer in Bedford Hts, and the Unit will be seeking assistance from other agencies with the completion of the case. The unit also attended mandatory OTFCA meetings, completed the DLEF Grant, and prepared destruction lists for drugs and property. During the month of December, the Unit seized $21733 cash, 1 firearm, 1 vehicle, and 7.5 grams of crack cocaine, 1 gram of heroin, appx 5400 grams marijuana, 355 grams mushrooms, and LSD. The Unit spent $830 in buy money, but recovered $700 of that amount.

2015 saw the departure of Detective Brian Sara, and the arrival of Detective Mark Witkiewicz to the Unit, and while there was a learning curve with having a new member to the Unit, Detective Witkiewicz hit the ground running, and almost instantly began making significant contributions to the success of the Task Force, and is thriving. The Unit continued to implement the streamlined procedures introduced in 2014 regarding evidence collection, storage of evidence and disposal of evidence from closed cases, as well as maintaining established ties and cooperative relationships with member cities, as well as outside agencies, and a focus on local dealers that presented problems to the SEALE communities.

During 2015 while marijuana continued to be widely available, heroin continued to be the biggest narcotic problem in the area, and was evident with the amount of cases investigated by the Unit (over 50% of the case load was heroin related). The Unit had numerous successful cases resulting in arrests and seizures, including the arrest of a dealer that was responsible for several

overdoses and the seizure of appx $10000 cash, another male responsible for the overdose death of a male in Bedford, a male that was selling large amounts of marijuana, mushrooms and LSD that resulted in the discovery of appx $17000 cash, and a search of a residence in Garfield Hts that housed several high level and violent members of the King Kennedy Projects gang members that resulted in the seizure of several firearms and heroin. The Unit also assisted CPD and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office with the investigation and arrest of numerous extremely violent individuals that were involved in at least 5 known murders and numerous shootings.

The following are the Stats from 2015:

Seized Drugs

Marijuana seized- 102.28 lbs.

Heroin- 128.27 grams

Crack/cocaine- 217.03 grams

Pills- 42 tablets

Steroids – 15 bottles

Mushrooms - 355 grams

Guns- 23

Vehicles Seized - 12

Money Seized - $108599.88

Buy Money used - $18860.00

Cases by City

Bedford- 14

Bedford Hts- 7

Maple Hts- 21

Solon- 6

Oakwood- 4

Walton Hills- 1

Garfield Hts- 16

Other- 12

During 2015 Seale Narcotics Detectives opened 82 drug investigations and closed 73 cases. Detectives opened 51 cads that include information on other drug dealers that have not yet risen to the level of a full investigation at this time. In addition to the above seized dollar amount, Detectives sent 4 vehicles to auction and received $13,868.75 for these vehicles, and received $1545.58 from PropertyRoom.com for other items the SNTF auctioned off. The Unit received $6576.00 in fines from past defendants. During 2015, the SNTF collected $6000.00 in storage/tow fees. The total amount of these avenues of income was $27,990.33.

Respectfully Submitted,

Detective Mike Griffis #91

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Calls for Service: 01/01/2015 Through 12/31/2015

	1096
	128
911 EMERGENCY	12
AGG MENACING	1
911 HANG UP	13
911 HANGUP	69
ABANDONED AUTO	22
AGG ROBBERY	3
AGG. MENACING	1
ALARM TEST	8
ALARMS	653
AMBULANCE RUN	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	836
ARSON	3
ASSAULT	57
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	54
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	252
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS.	1
ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD	114
ASST RESCUE SQUAD	1
ATT AUTO THEFT	8
ATT B&E	6
ATT BURGLARY	2
ATT SUICIDE	6
ATT THEFT	3
ATT.AGG.ROBBERY,BUSINESS,E	1
AUTO THEFT	54
B&E	24
BAD CHECKS	29
BAR CHECK	13
BOMB THREAT	1
BUILDING CODE/ZONING VIOLA	30
BURGLARY	26
BUSINESS CHECK	16
BUSINESS COMPLAINT	14
CAPIAS/WARRANT ON FILE	357
CAR ALARM	1
CHILD ENTICEMENT	1
CHILD/FAMILY SERVICES INFO	3

CITIZEN COMPLAINT	14
CIVIL MATTER	135
CO CALL	9
CO-WITH ILLNESS	1
COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVIT	8
COMPLAINTS-GENERAL	72
CONSERVATION	1
COUNTERFEITING	7
COURT ASSIGNMENT	10
CRIMINAL DAMAGING	41
CRIMINAL NUISANCE BILLING	4
CRIMINAL NUISANCE WARNING	19
CUSTODY DISPUTE	10
DB FOLLOW UP NEEDED	1
DEBRIS ON STREET	72
DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	164
DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION	1
DEPT-COMPUTER MAINT	4
DEPT-EQUIP MAINT	9
DEPT-LOST PROPERTY	1
DEPT-PROP DAMAGE	14
DEPT-VEH MAINT	34
DETAIL	11
DETAIL, NON-TRAFFIC	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	323
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	27
DISTURBANCE	498
DISTURBANCE - JUVENILE(S)	7
DOA AND BODY FOUND	17
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	259
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	33
DRUG ABUSE	15
DUS	2
DUTY INJURY	5
ENDANGERING CHIL	1
ENDANGERING CHILD	5
EQUIPMENT VIOLATION CHECK	8
ERRANDS-CITY BUSINESS	21
ESCAPE	1
ESCORT	47
FALSIFICATION	1
FIRE ALARM	40
FIRE DEPT - MUTUAL AID	27

FIRE DEPT - NO PD RESPONSE	38
FIRE/SMOKE/EXPLOSION	3
FIRE/SMOKE/OPEN BURNING	8
FIRES OTHER	1
FIREWORKS	28
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	137
FOLLOW UP NEEDED	2
FOUND PERSON	4
FOUND PROPERTY	98
FRAUD	102
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	79
GYM ON-DUTY	2
HARASS PH CALLS	94
HARASSMENT	90
IDENTITY THEFT	19
ILLEGAL DUMPING	9
IN-SERVICE TRAINING-PD	44
INDECENT EXPOSURE	2
JAIL CHECK	20
JUVENILE(S)	330
K-9 ASSIGNMENT	17
LITTERING	7
LOCK-OUT HOME	23
LOCK-OUT VEHICLE	596
LOCKOUT	1
LOST PROPERTY	58
LOST/STOLEN LIC PLTS	33
MENACING	40
MISCELLANEOUS	33
MISSING JUVENILE	56
MISSING JUVENILE RETURNED	8
MISSING PERSON	24
MVA HIT SKIP	48
MVA HIT SKIP- LOCAL	1
MVA INJURY OH-1	39
MVA LOCAL	343
MVA OH-1	291
MVA PEDESTRIAN OH-1	4
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	82
NOISE	213
NOTIFICATION	32
OBSTRUCT OFF BUSINESS	2
OH-1	1

ON STATION	6
OPEN BUILDING	66
OVI / ALCOHOL	5
PARKING COMPLAINT / VIOLAT	254
PEACE OFFICER	35
PERSONAL WELFARE	361
POSS OF MARIJUANA	2
PRISONER CARE	79
PRISONER TRANSPORT	41
PRIVATE PROPERTY TOW	12
PROPERTY DAMAGE - CRIMINAL	42
PROPERTY DAMAGE - NON CRIM	90
PROSITUTION	1
PSYCHIATRIC SITUATION	64
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	2
RAILROAD CROSSING	24
RANGE TRAINING	46
RAPE	1
RECOVERED PROPERTY	5
RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO	31
REPOSSESSED VEHICLE	269
RESCUE SQUAD- EMD	267
RESCUE SQUAD- NO PD	1
RESCUE SQUAD-NO PD RESPO	343
RESCUE SQUAD-NO PD RESPONS	2
ROBBERY	8
ROBBERY-BUSINESS STRONG AR	1
SCHOOL GUARD DETAIL	8
SECURITY CHECK-BUSINESS	9
SECURITY CHECK-RESIDENCE	14
SERVICE DEPARTMENT	19
SEX OFFENSE	7
SEXUAL ASSAULT	3
SEXUAL HARASSMENT	1
SNOW/ICE COMPLAINTS	23
SOLICITOR	33
SPECIAL ATTENTION	66
SUBJECT RESISTANCE REPORT	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	376
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	4
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	362
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	408
SWAT CALLOUT	3

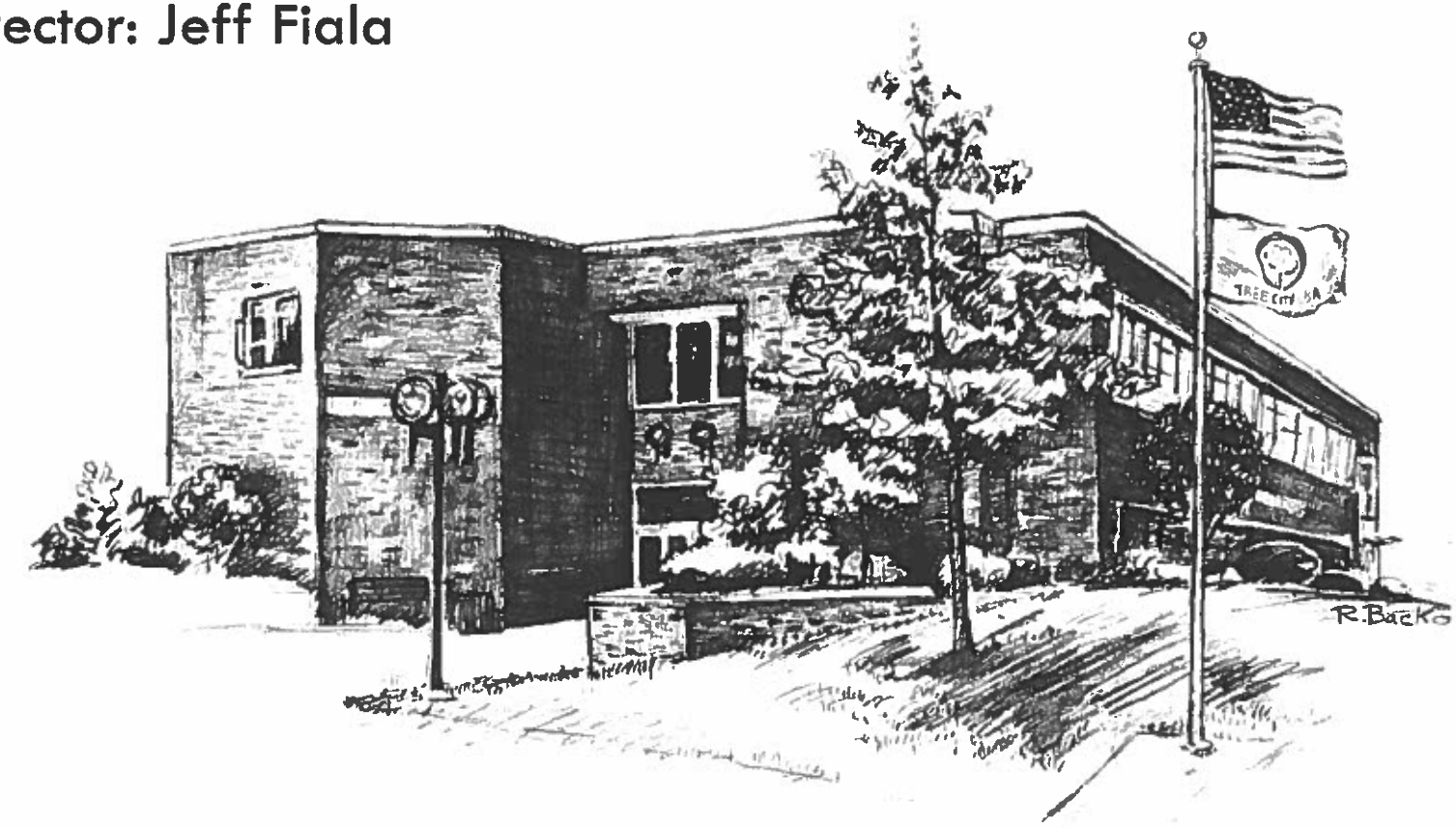
THEFT		278
THEFT EMPLOYEE/INTERNAL		10
THEFT FROM AUTO-PERSONNAL		40
THEFT FROM AUTO-VEHICLE PA		14
THEFT FROM BUSINESS PROPER		3
THEFT FROM RESIDENTIAL PRO		8
THEFT-BICYCLE		21
THEFT-SHOPLIFTING		242
TRAFFIC ALTERCATION		17
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS		228
TRAFFIC OFFENSE		7
TRAFFIC STOP		2635
TRANSP BY POLICE		23
TRASH OUT EARLY		17
TRASH OUT/CANS NOT REMOVED		3
TRESPASSING		40
TROUBLE W/CUSTOMER		58
UNAUTH USE MV		32
UNAUTH USE OF PROPERTY		1
UNWANTED GUEST		67
UTILITIES-PUBLIC		127
UTILITIES-SERVICE DEPT		13
VANDALISM		22
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/WASH		33
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION OR		15
WALKING IN ROADWAY		11
WEAPON INVOLVED W/ INCIDEN		9
WEAPON OFFENSE		7
	Total	16338

Recreation Department

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Director: Randy Lewis

Assistant Director: Jeff Fiala



Recreation Department cont.

Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Memorial Day coordination
- Fourth of July participation
- Senior Afternoon at the Races
- Baseball Days
- Progressive Field
- Halloween Party
- Christmas Party

Recreation Department cont.

BASKETBALL	161 participants in instructional program Summer Basketball camp 24
SOCCER	185 participants in spring league 87 participants in fall league 16% Increase
SWIMMING	29 participants on swim team 138 participants in swimming lessons
SOFTBALL	170 girls participants in summer rec. league with the addition of Garfield Hts. to our program
BASEBALL	419 participants in summer rec. league
FLAG FOOTBALL	44 participants in fall league 25% Increase
SUMMER CAMP	117 participants in our summer program

Recreation Department cont.

Fast Facts & Activities

- The Recreation Department maintains over 27 acres of property along with the baseball fields at various locations.
- In 2015, over 66,000 people utilized Ellenwood Center with permitted functions; this does not include open gym, or special events/activities.
- More than 30,000 individuals utilized the pavilion with permitted functions (does not include the open to the public uses).
- The Senior Citizen Van provided trips for over 2,750 residents, averaging almost 18 trips a day, and logging over 25,375 miles in 2015.
- The Ellenwood Center was open for activities on 322 of 365 days in 2015, almost 90% of the year.

Recreation Department cont.

Senior Programming

Senior Van Service - Our Senior van travels over two thousand miles a month to serve nearly 300 seniors. The van transports to doctors' visits, shopping trips, personal and business appointments and hospital visits.

Senior Line Dancing - nearly 20 seniors gather each Monday morning to enjoy some exercise and to socialize. This year the group expanded to Thursday evenings to serve seniors who are still working.

Senior Chair Aerobics – nearly 60 seniors have fun shaping up with this low impact exercise class.

Senior Movie Wednesdays – 20 seniors gather bi-monthly to enjoy some popcorn and movies from present and past.

Recreation Department cont.

Senior Programming Cont.

Craft Class – Once a month about 15-20 seniors get together to create a craft of the month.

WII Bowling – Several dozen senior residents have enjoyed participating in our organized WII bowling league this past year at Ellenwood.

Senior Chair Volleyball – Started in 2015 this has become a hit for our seniors.

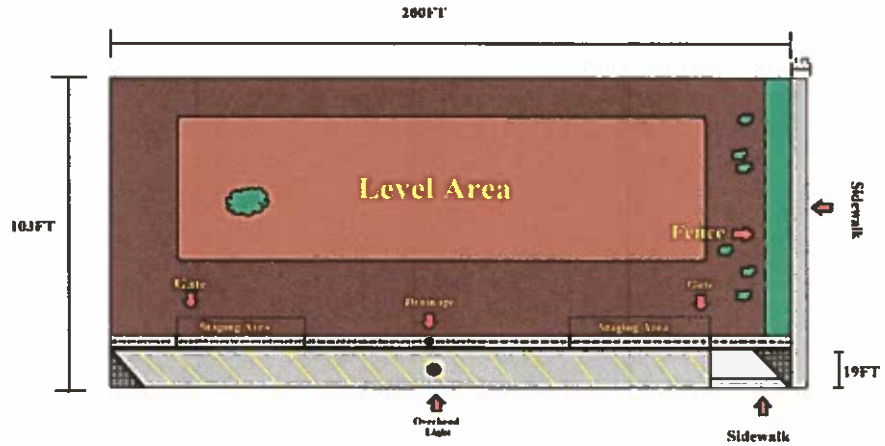
Tax Preparation – We scheduled over 250 appointments for free AARP tax preparation services offered at Ellenwood.

Senior Bus Trips - The seniors group goes on 6 to 8 trips a year with a portion of the trip being subsidized by the city. They go to Indians games, plays, historical sites and many other trips.

Senior Afternoon at the Races – A special event for all city seniors was well attended. The seniors all had a great time cheering on their horses for prizes.

2015 Improvements

- Purchased replacement cutting apparatus for the 2016 season using state cooperative purchasing program.
- The old tennis court asphalt was removed. Was replaced with green space in the spring of 2015. New fencing and landscaping was completed at the site.
- Worked with World Changers – they painted fences and removed graffiti from the parks. Painted the ball field fence and swing sets at Ellenwood.

- We have procured a $50,000 grant for a new senior van which was purchased in 2015.
- We are working on plans for a dog park (Bark Park) which will be located at Taft Park.

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