



ANNUAL REPORT 2015

ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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for more information on the many services, programs, and volunteer opportunities we offer.*

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

The RPD is a diverse team of highly trained and skilled professionals, committed to policing in the spirit of service. Through proactive police-citizen engagement, we provide fair, impartial and innovative police services for our culturally diverse community and unique neighborhoods to address crime and solve problems.

THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT VISION STATEMENT:

The RPD is a world-class leader in policing and public safety management. We continuously enhance the quality of life in Rochester through our leadership, community engagement, innovation and an undeniable spirit of service.

THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT CORE VALUES & PRINCIPLES:

- Professionalism: We are fair and impartial at all times
- Respect: For each other and all we serve
- Integrity: We do what is right—even when no one is looking
- Dedication: To the policing profession and our Mission
- Excellence: Continuous improvement across the Department
- Service: Police the way we would like to be policed
- Teamwork: We achieve the Mission together.
- Collaboration: Both inside and outside the Department

Reorganization

Beginning April 20, 2015, the Rochester Police Department launched a new neighborhood-based patrol model that returned officers to a neighborhood beat structure in an effort to help them engage in true community policing activities. This replaced the two-division patrol model with a five-section model that gives individual officers smaller areas of responsibility, thus enabling them to spend more time engaging citizens. Each section is commanded by a police captain.

The Rochester Police Department Patrol Division consists of five patrol sections:

- Lake (Northwest)
- Genesee (Southwest)
- Goodman (Southeast)
- Clinton (Northeast)
- Central (Downtown and some adjacent neighborhoods)

The five sections are organized into 37 individual patrol beats.

The RPD is working out of three police patrol facilities which are located at:

- 1099 Jay St., Rochester, NY 14611 (Lake and Genesee sections)
- 630 N. Clinton Ave., Rochester NY 14605 (Clinton and Goodman Sections)
- Sibley Building at 30 N. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14604 (Central Section)

For more information, visit:

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/rpdreorganization/>

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDLakeSection/>

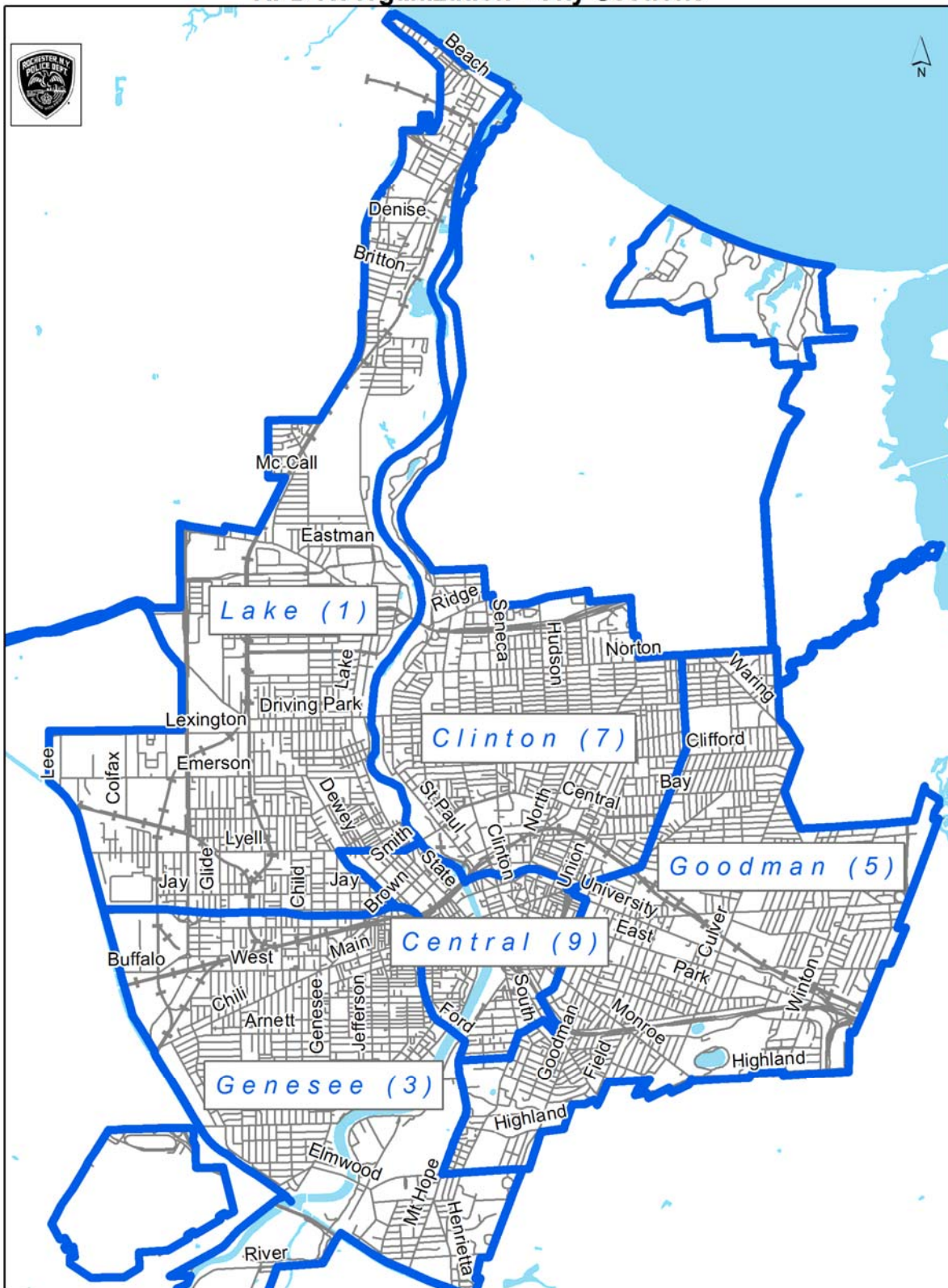
<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDGeneseeSection/>

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDGoodmanSection/>

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDClintonSection/>

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDCentralSection/>

RPD Reorganization - City Sections

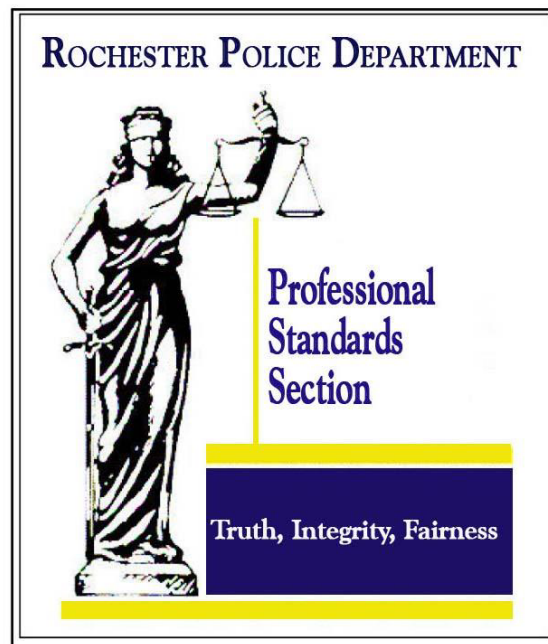


THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

The Professional Standards Section is responsible for investigations of complaints of police actions, police misconduct, civil claims investigations for the Corporation Counsel, the administrative review of all fleet vehicle accident investigations, and other investigations as directed by the Chief of Police. This Section's Long- Term Disability Unit also monitors disabled personnel as assigned, due to injuries or illnesses that prevent regular performance of duties.

The PSS Annual Report provides a variable snapshot of statistics and reports regarding complaint allegations, use of force incidents, and investigative case findings. It is of the utmost importance to the Rochester Police Department to remain transparent to the community in which we protect and serve. PSS Annual Reports can be found on the City of Rochester website at the following link:

www.cityofrochester.gov/pssannualreports



OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau is commanded by a Deputy Chief. It is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. This Bureau is comprised of three Divisions – the Patrol Division, the Special Operations Division, and the Criminal Investigations Division. The Bureau also includes the Special Events Section, Animal Services, and the Crime Research Unit.

The Patrol Division is responsible for providing general police services throughout the City, centralized coordination of bicycle patrols, and certain special services. Patrol services are directed over five geographical patrol sections – Lake, Genesee, Goodman, Clinton, and Central.

The Special Operations Division is comprised of Special Investigation Section, Special Operations Section, and Specialized Teams. The Division provides support activities city-wide.

The **Special Investigations Section** consists of the Narcotics, Intelligence, Administrative, Firearms Suppression and Surveillance and Electronic Support Units, Violent Crime Team, and the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (GRANET).

The Special Investigations Section is responsible for the suppression of illegal narcotics trafficking, organized crime and other vice-related activity. This Section has investigative, enforcement, and intelligence gathering responsibilities, as well as the responsibility of conducting other investigations deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police.

Special Operations Section has five components: K-9, Mounted, Tactical, Traffic Enforcement, and Youth Services.

The **K-9 Unit** provides K-9 services for building, narcotics, nitrate and explosives searches, as well as assists with dignitary support. All K-9 dogs are German Shepherds, and undergo intensive training in compliance with New York State requirements. All the K-9 dogs are patrol tracking dogs, with some cross-trained for nitrate searches or narcotics searches.

The **Mounted Unit** provides specialized mounted horse patrol capabilities to augment regular patrol. Mounted capability offers high visibility patrol for special details and is also an important part of special events, offering crowd control and a uniformed presence. Mounted units can be seen patrolling in neighborhoods and downtown, at parades, and at special events such as the 4th of July fireworks, Music Fest, Blue Cross Arena functions, and the Lilac and Corn Hill festivals. Mounted also performs Honor Guard functions and offers tours of their Verona St. facility.

The **Tactical Unit** is responsible for augmenting and assisting patrol operations in covert surveillance, saturation patrol, and providing coordination and technical assistance for specialized details related to robbery, burglary, rape, and feud-related violence. The Tactical Unit also provides uniformed Honor Guard for various functions and dignitary funerals, uniform support for the Special Investigation Section, as well as being an integral part of the Mobile Field Force (MFF).

The **Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)** is a highly trained, specialized group of officers whose main function is the reduction of traffic related accidents, fatalities, and injuries. TEU officers are trained in radar operations, DWI enforcement, taxi inspection, weigh scale operation, vehicle and traffic law, and motorcycle operation. TEU performs enforcement, traffic direction, traffic-related in-service training to the Department, provides dignitary escorts, Honor Guard, special events, and neighborhood speed watch programs.

The **Youth Services Unit** coordinates youth related programs. Its focus is the prevention of youth-related crimes and the reduction of youth violence. It coordinates the Department's educational and crime prevention programs for at-risk youth. Intervention services include the Truancy program and the School Resource Officer program.

Specialized Teams consists of the Bomb Squad, Crisis Negotiation Team,

Emergency Task Force, Emotionally Disturbed Person Response Team, Mobile Field Force, and SCUBA Squad.

The **Bomb Squad** responds to incidents involving explosives, bombs, explosive chemicals, military ordnance, fireworks, and conducts post blast investigations. All members have been trained to respond to any chemical, nuclear, or biological terrorist threat. The Bomb Squad is one of the only RPD part-time squads directly involved in case investigations, arrests, and expert testimony.

The **Crisis Negotiation Team** responds to incidents involving hostage taking and barricaded suspects. Negotiators establish a dialogue with the hostage taker, with the goals being the release of hostages and the capture of the hostage taker. Negotiators also work with suicidal persons and in various crisis intervention matters.

The **Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team** is a group of volunteer officers, selected and specially trained and equipped to deal with unique situations; barricaded armed subjects, high risk warrant service, high risk suspect apprehension, hostage rescue, protection of dignitaries and other special assignments.

The **Emotionally Disturbed Person Response Team (EDPRT)** is a group of employees specially trained, on a voluntary basis, to deal with emotionally disturbed individuals in a variety of situations in the Rochester community. These situations may include suicidal persons, persons exhibiting irrational behavior, handling psychiatric patients, the homeless, various mental health concerns and/or referrals, and any other situations that deal specifically with the needs of the mental health community and emotionally disturbed persons.

The **Mobile Field Force** is a specially trained group of personnel assigned to provide rapid, organized, and disciplined response to civil disorder, crowd control, or other tactical situations.

The **SCUBA Squad** is a volunteer team specially trained and equipped to handle underwater assignments such as emergency rescues in cold water, near-drowning victims, surface rescues, water recovery of bodies, criminal evidence or other property recoveries. Other duties include safety standby operations at special community water events.

The **Central Investigation Division** is responsible for the Major Crimes, Economic Crimes, License Investigations and Technicians Units. The Family and Victim Services Section also falls within this Division. This Division has the main responsibility of coordinating liaison activities both internally and inter-agency.

The **Special Events Section** is responsible for logistics, coordination, and direct supervision of over 500 community events per year. Section personnel act as liaison with the City Communications Bureau, area festival committees, and private entertainment venues. Events this year included the Lilac Festival, Corn Hill Arts Festival, Park Ave. Festival, Rochester International Jazz Fest, and the Rochester Marathon.

The **Animal Services Section**, located at 184 Verona St., is composed of the Animal Control Unit, Animal Care Unit, and Shelter Veterinary Unit. The Animal Control Unit is responsible for impounding unidentified, unleashed dogs, sick or injured stray animals, and animals that have bitten or scratched a person. The Animal Control Unit enforces local and state animal control ordinances including, but not limited to, leash law, barking, number of dogs allowed per household, rabies control, dangerous dogs, and dog licensing. Animal Control Officers (ACO) respond to animal-related calls for service dispatched from the 911 center. Additionally, ACOs provide proactive community outreach to support pet retention, provide assistance before problems arise, and reduce shelter intakes. ACOs also assist the police in the execution of warrants, and work to ensure the safety of officers and the public when animals are involved.

The Animal Care Unit operates a shelter for temporarily housing impounded animals. The shelter serves both as an adoption facility and as a lost and found center for pets. Animal Care Technicians maintain the shelter and the animals and assist citizens in finding missing pets and adopting new ones.

The Shelter Veterinary Unit ensures that all sheltered animals receive appropriate care and nutrition and includes an on-site spay/neuter clinic. The Low-Income Spay/Neuter (LISN) Program provides discounted sterilization surgeries for pets of qualifying residents.

Animal Services has an active volunteer program that is essential to the maintenance of care and enrichment for the animals, and includes the operation of dog playgroups for socialization and exercise.

For more information about Animal Services, visit www.rochesteranimalservices.com.

Service Requests:
10,542

Tickets Issued:
861

Warnings Issued:
1,058

Reported Dog Bites:
228

Save Rate:
77.7%

Dogs:

Impounded:	2,183
Redeemed:	324
Adopted:	908
Transferred:	298
Euthanized:	629
Sterilized:	1,197

Cats:

Impounded:	1,545
Redeemed:	23
Adopted:	686
Transferred:	527
Euthanized:	273
Sterilized:	879

The **Crime Research Unit** is an active partner in the **Monroe Crime Analysis Center (MCAC)**.

The mission of the Monroe Crime Analysis Center (MCAC) is to assist law enforcement agencies in Monroe County by providing analysis and intelligence products which improve law enforcement's capacity to more effectively prevent and reduce Part I crime in the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

MCAC is a partnership between the Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), New York State Police, Monroe County Probation and Monroe County District Attorney's Office. The center is housed on the third floor of the City Public Safety Building and includes a staff of 20. Personnel analyze crime trends and patterns throughout Monroe County. In addition to analysis, the center has five full-time field intelligence officers (FIOs) whose responsibility it is to develop new intelligence on emerging crime problems or to assist investigators on cultivating additional intelligence on patterns or other crimes of interest.



ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

The **Administration Bureau** is commanded by a Deputy Chief. It is responsible for providing administrative services necessary to Department operations. This Bureau consists of the following sections: Budget, Personnel, Professional Development, Technical Services, and Research and Evaluation. This Deputy Chief also oversees the Officer Assistance Program of crisis intervention and stress counseling services to members and their families.

The **Budget Section** is responsible for overseeing all purchasing and accounting activities, and monitoring all Department revenues and expenditures.

The **Personnel Section** is responsible for maintaining Department personnel records, payroll records, preparation of job descriptions and Department hiring procedures.

The **Professional Development Section** develops, coordinates, and administers the Department in-service and recruit training programs. The Professional Development Section includes the Firearms Training, Defensive Tactics Training, Recruit and Field Training, Background and Recruitment and In-Service Training Units. It also includes the Volunteer Services Unit, which is responsible for assisting with recruitment, placement of civilians in unpaid positions, maintaining and monitoring a variety of programs within the Department as well as developing new programs as needed.

The Professional Development Section works in partnership with the Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility for recruit and many advanced training programs. The Citizens Police Academy is also coordinated by this section.

BACKGROUND AND RECRUITMENT STATISTICS

Total number of applicants for the November 2015 written exam: 2060

Total number that participated in the written exam: 1153

Total number that passed the written exam: 993

Total number that participated in the physical agility exam: 939

Total number that passed the physical agility exam: 281

Total number of sworn background investigations: 281 (76 were minority candidates)

Class #60 (started January 2015): 24 hired (10 were minorities)

Class #62 (started March 2016): 26 hired (12 were minorities)

The **Technical Services Section** is responsible for providing technical support to field personnel, and public access to Department records. It coordinates fleet vehicle purchasing and maintenance, and control of fixed assets. This Section includes the Headquarters and Records, Juvenile Records, Identification, Warrants, Photo Lab, Court Liaison, Call Reduction, Property Clerk, Firearms Investigations, Quartermaster, Auto Pound Units, as well as the Police Overt Digital Surveillance System (PODSS)/ Violence Cameras and Red Light Cameras.

The **Research and Evaluation Section** develops Department policies and procedures, prepares and revises Administrative and General Orders, represents the Department in matters with outside agencies, and is responsible for data management. Duties include coordination with the Monroe County Office of Emergency Preparedness, policy development for handling emergencies with Department units and external agencies, as well as oversight of Department accreditation processes. This section procures and administers all grant funding, oversees special projects and experimental programs, prepares analytical reports, and provides staff assistance to the Department as required. The Section is responsible for the field testing of new products, equipment and technologies under consideration by the Department, and generally assesses compliance with rules, regulations, and directives.

STATISTICS

Budget, Year-To-Year Comparison

<u>Bureaus</u>	Budget		<u>Change</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>		
Office of the Chief	4,105,300	5,016,100	910,800	22.2%
Operations	70,123,900	70,464,100	340,200	0.5%
Administration	<u>15,559,900</u>	<u>15,440,900</u>	<u>-119,000</u>	<u>-0.8%</u>
Total	89,789,100	90,921,100	1,132,000	1.3%

Assignment of Authorized Positions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Office of the Chief & Administration</u>			<u>Operations</u>			<u>Department Total</u>		
	<u>Sworn</u>	<u>Non-Sworn</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Sworn</u>	<u>Non-Sworn</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Sworn</u>	<u>Non-Sworn</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015-16	63	65	128	663	56	719	726	121	847
2014-15	45	67	112	681	56	737	726	123	849

Authorized Sworn Positions

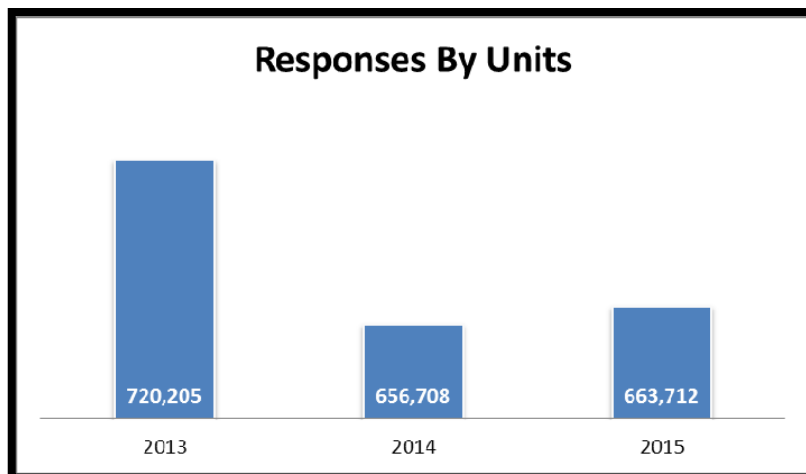
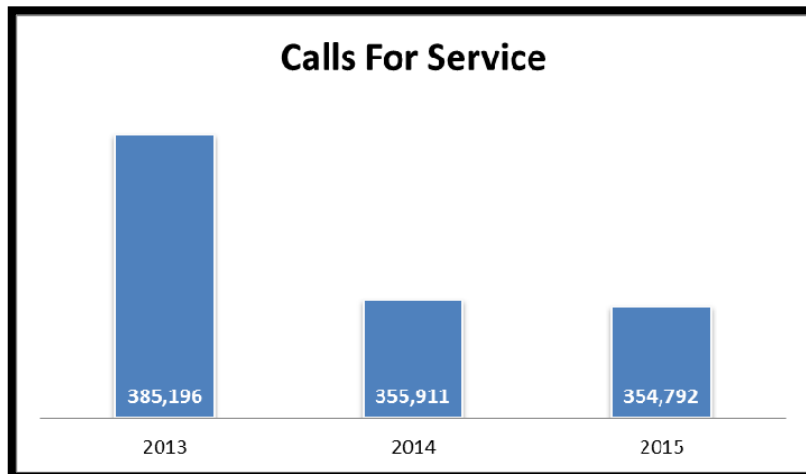
<u>Positions</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
Chief	1	1
Executive Deputy Chief	1	1
Deputy Chief	2	2
Commander	3	2
Captain	11	13
Lieutenant	34	32
Sergeant	89	95
Police Investigator	80	80
Police Officer	505	500
Total	726	726

To view current and previous budget information go to:
<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/citybudget/>

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Rochester Police Department tracks all services to the community by “Calls for Service”, “Police Responses”, and “Self-Initiated Activities”. “Calls for Service” are 911 calls dispatched by the Emergency Communications Department (ECD). A “Police Response” occurs each time an additional unit provides service at a given scene. As one call for service may result in multiple units in response, the number of responses is likely to be greater than the number of calls for service. “Self-Initiated Activity” is an event the officer comes across on the beat or initiates.

ECD assigns each specific incident a Crime Report number. The “CR” number is a unique number assigned to each event by which all reports, tickets, arrests, etc. can be traced. When one needs to refer back to a given incident, searches can be conducted by entry of the CR number, as well as the date or location of the incident.



Operations Bureau – Patrol Division Activities

2015 Patrol Division Activities	Total
Investigations- Fielded, Closed, or Warrant Advised	11,307
Investigations- Officed	11,008
Crimes Cleared	6,982
Percentage of Crimes Cleared	31.30%
Arrests Made	14,100
Handguns Confiscated	659
Long Guns Confiscated	437
Field Information Forms Completed	8,054

Crime Statistics

Part I and Part II Offenses are defined in accordance with the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, a cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, county, and state law enforcement agencies. Administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) since 1930, the Program's primary purpose is to generate reliable statistics for use in law enforcement administration and operation. The data, which has become one of the leading social indicators of our nation, is reported by the Rochester Police Department to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, and is forwarded to the FBI.

Annual official crime statistics for the Rochester Police Department and all police agencies in Monroe County can be found at the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services website:

<http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm>

Annual State and National crime statistics can be found at the Federal Bureau of Investigations website:

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/ucr>

2015 Part I Offenses- Yearly Comparisons

Crime Category Description	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	42	35	36
Rape	86	111	72
Robbery	895	709	654
Aggravated Assault	940	779	900
Burglary	2,507	2,138	1,762
Larceny	6,804	6,105	5,852
Motor Vehicle Theft	534	596	651
Part I Total	11,808	10,473	9,927

2015 Yearly Comparison- Part II Crimes

Crime Category Description	2013	2014	2015
Arson	146	140	110
Kidnapping	22	34	20
Controlled Substances	1,404	1,012	1,138
Dangerous Weapons	376	362	372
Bribery	-	1	2
Sex Offenses	155	144	131
Extortion	9	1	5
Forgery/Counterfeiting	99	66	62
Prostitution	138	70	40
Stolen Property	40	40	38
Coercion	-	2	1
Criminal Mischief	3,744	3,408	3,417
Fraud	549	458	524
Gambling	6	3	3
Simple Assault	4,731	4,150	3,947
Liquor Law Offenses	17	7	10
Disorderly Conduct	708	454	369
Loitering	1	6	4
Other Offense	1,887	1,568	1,547
Part II Total	14,032	11,926	11,740

PROMOTIONS & RETIREMENTS

PROMOTIONS:

To the Rank of Deputy Chief:

Scott Peters

To the Rank of Captain:

Michael Callari

Mark Wiater

To the Rank of Lieutenant:

Aaron Colletti

Elena Correia

Henry Favor

Kevin Koehn

Thomas Shaw

Naser Zenelovic

To the Rank of Sergeant:

Adam Alliet

Francis Archetko

Anthony Camilo

Brandon Ince

Nickolas Isler

Bryant Johnson

Steven Kennedy

Kevin Leckinger

Brian Marone

Joseph Perrone

Gabriel Person

Jeffrey Pursel, Jr.

Jeremy Robinson

Nicole Tamburello-Conway

David J. Williams

To the Rank of Investigator:

Tomesha Angelo

Charles LoTempio

Christopher Marsherrall

Cynthia Muratore

Christopher Muscato

Erin Rogers-Alliet

Joel Wittman

RETIREMENTS:

Deputy Chief Fred Bell
Captain Lorraine Strem
Captain H. Wilson Johnson
Lieutenant Ronald Bryant
Lieutenant Mark Dibelka
Lieutenant Charles Yost
Sergeant Christopher Brown
Sergeant Deidre Hammond
Sergeant Donald Manfredi
Sergeant Nelson Soto
Investigator Douglas Boccardo
Investigator David Franklin
Investigator Timothy O'Halloran
Investigator Philip Sindoni
Investigator Brian Tucker
Investigator Paul Walther
Officer Frank Adorante
Officer Lourdes Baez
Officer Lamar Cousins
Officer Laurie Cousins
Officer Mark Hansen
Officer Mark Lembke
Officer John Mitchell
Officer Renee Nicholls
Officer Jeffrey Nobles
Officer Bonita Powell
Officer Angel Vazquez

AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

35th Annual Rochester Police Department Awards Dinner

The Rochester Police Department, in conjunction with the Rochester Police Locust Club, Inc., held the 35th Annual Awards Celebration on Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 at the Dryden Theatre at the George Eastman Museum. This event provided all members of the Department, as well as the community we serve, the opportunity to come together and acknowledge the outstanding efforts put forth by the members of the Department during the previous year.

The following employees were recognized:

Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Officer of the Year

Officer Nicholas Gulla

Distinguished Service

Officer Richard Rodriguez

Commendation

Investigator Edmond Bernabei

Investigator Myron Moses

Lifesaving Award

Investigator James May

Investigator Joel Wittman

Officer Michael Ciulla

Officer Michael Fay

Officer Jason Lathrop

Officer Thomas Lisle

Officer Matthew Lucero

Officer Michael Murphy

Officer Jeremy Nash

Officer Ryan Paprocki

Officer Kevin Smith

Officer Justin Stewart

Unit Commendation

Firearms Training Unit

Mounted Patrol Unit

Scuba Squad

SIS

Community Service

Investigator Frank Camp

Investigator Jacqueline Shuman

Rev. Dr. Samuel McCree Community Service Award

Sergeant Justin Collins

Henry Jensen Memorial Award

Lieutenant John Prewasnicak

Investigator of the Year

Investigator Nolan Wengert

Civilian Employee of the Year

Kathaleen King

Citizen of the Year

Cindy Myer

Mary Wallace

Officers of the Month 2015

January

Officer Paul Dondorfer
Officer Augustin Gonzalez
Officer Nickolas Romeo

February

Officer Domenic Borrelli
Officer Richard Ferguson

March

Officer Samuel Giancursio
Officer Francisco Santiago

April

Officer Stanley Kaminski
Officer Daniel Rizzo

May

Investigator Erin Alliet

June

Officer Richard Rodriguez

July

Officer Katie Kratts
Officer Jason Prinzi

August

Officer Jonathan Nettin
Officer Phillip Perelli

September

Officer Josiah Harris
Officer Joseph Vanderstynne

October

Officer Whitney Celentano
Officer Francisco Santiago

November

Officer Peter Minurka
Officer Angel Pagan

December

Officer Kevin Smith

Police Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice...

Louis Gomenginger
July 3, 1876

Victor Woodhead
November 15, 1942

William P. O'Neil
December 22, 1888

Harold V. Shaw
December 11, 1959

Charles E. Twitchell
August 7, 1910

Leo L. Kerber
December 10, 1961

Frank Ford
May 12, 1912

John J. Jenkins
January 3, 1979

James Upton
March 19, 1919

Ronald J. Siver
August 19, 1984

William O'Brien
May 2, 1919

Thomas Clark
January 17, 2006

John Mallet
June 19, 1931

Daryl R. Pierson
September 4, 2014

James T. Volz
September 15, 1942