



Pell City
Police Department
A Department of Excellence



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2015

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Our Values as Pell City Officers

Professionalism Courage Pride Dedication



IN DEDICATION

Lt. Richard Woods

This annual report to our community is dedicated to one of our most dedicated officers, Lt. Richard Woods. Lt. Woods passed away in the line of duty on March 17, 2015 while attempting to free victims entrapped in a vehicle following a collision in the Eden area.



OH ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE GREAT POWER AND
ETERNAL WISDOM EMBRACES THE UNIVERSE
WATCH OVER ALL POLICEMAN AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

PROTECT THEM FROM HARM IN THE
PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY TO STOP CRIME,
ROBBERIES, RIOT AND VIOLENCE.
WE PRAY, HELP THEM KEEP OUR STREETS
AND HOMES SAFE BY DAY AND NIGHT.

WE COMMEND THEM TO YOUR LOVING CARE
BECAUSE THEIR DUTY IS DANGEROUS.
GRANT THEM YOUR UNENDING STRENGTH
AND COURAGE IN THEIR DAILY ASSIGNMENTS.
DEAR GOD, PROTECT THESE BRAVE MEN;
GRANT THEM YOUR ALMIGHTY PROTECTION.
UNITE THEM SAFELY WITH THEIR FAMILIES
AFTER DUTY HAS ENDED.
AMEN



On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Pell City Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2015 Annual Report. We hope this report gives you an excellent overview into the amazing work that is carried out by your officers 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Many of our officers live, shop, volunteer, and recreate in our community and are involved in numerous community activities and taking part in specialized innovative programs that makes our community safer and stronger.

Additionally, our community experienced a 61% decrease in crime according to the latest UCR reports (2014) and officers initiated, or responded to, 1,093 more calls-for-service in 2015 than they did in the previous year. This is a true testament to our community policing and intelligence-led policing strategies as well as the hard work that our officers and investigators put into keeping our community safe.

The department also pioneered the first Lt. Richard Woods Summer Camp program, revamped the command center by hand, established a Santa for Seniors community program, formalized the Dive-Rescue program, received new patrol rifles from the LESO program, and increased the SRO unit to a total of three officers through a grant in 2015. The department was also tasked with the management of the newly established Pell City Animal Control Center during the Fall of 2015 as well as migrated to the first officer body-worn camera systems.

All of these exciting accomplishments could not be possible without the support of our community, our elected leaders, our fellow department heads, and especially the dedicated service from the men and women of the Pell City Police Department and their families that support their service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory D. Turley

Gregory D. Turley
Chief of Police

The Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

Policing is an honorable profession full of men and women dedicated to the wellbeing and quality of life of others, and the Pell City Police Department is no exception. We embrace the Oath of Honor as the basis of our individual and organizational strength and our commitment to the community. The Oath of Honor is used at all of our public ceremonies to share that commitment with those we proudly serve:

*On my honor,
I will never betray my badge,
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.
I will always have the courage
to hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.
I will always uphold the Constitution,
my community
and the agency I serve.
So help me God.*



Community Policing

Community policing is our philosophy and organizational strategy that promotes a partnership between citizens and their police. It is based on the premise that both the police and the community must work together to identify, prioritize, & solve contemporary problems such as:

- Crime;
- The fear of crime;
- Illegal drugs and gang activity;
- Social and physical disorder; and
- Overall neighborhood decay

...With the goal of improving the overall quality of life.

The department is well known for its proactive and innovative programs that reduce crime and increase community partnerships. Some of our programs include:

Citizens Police Academy
Operation Child Safe (Free Gunlock Program)
DARE/SRO
Career Days
Women's Self Defense Class
Citizen's Handgun Safety Course
Neighborhood Watch
Business Watch
Dock Watch

Community Policing in Pell City encompasses all that we do as law enforcement officers and employees on a daily basis – whether we are involved in education, enforcement, partnerships, prevention or problem solving we are following the community policing philosophy.

The Pell City Police Department's community policing philosophy can be defined in terms of the "Three Ps" – Partnerships, Prevention, and Problem Solving.

Partnerships – Public safety, quality of life, and overall community wellness are not just police issues in Pell City, they are community issues. The Pell City Police Department is focused on developing and maintaining meaningful partnerships with citizens, civic organizations, businesses, and local government entities to identify and bring resources to bear on community problems.

Prevention – One of the hallmarks of an effective law enforcement agency is the ability to prevent crime before it occurs. The Pell City Police Department utilizes efforts focused on crime analysis, deterrence (including enforcement), and education to decrease crime and increase quality of life for our community.

Problem Solving – Utilizing proven methods such as C.P.T.E.D. (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and the “S.A.R.A.” model (scan – analyze – respond – assess), the Pell City Police Department looks beyond the symptoms of crime and disorder and instead addresses problems by identifying and addressing the root nature so the problem is eliminated rather than temporarily abated.



Marine 1 docked a Lakeside Park prior to an evening patrol

Pell City Police Department Organization

During calendar year 2015, the Pell City Police Department was authorized 36 sworn police officers and 3 civilian personnel to provide law enforcement services to a city roughly 25 square miles in area with a permanent residential population of approximately 14,000 citizens.

Office of the Chief of Police

The Department is led by the Chief of Police, Gregory D. Turley. Chief Turley was appointed Chief of Police in 2002 and is responsible for the overall administration and operation of the police department and reports directly to the City Manager.

The Administrative Division

The Administrative Support Unit includes the Administrative Assistant and the Data Entry Clerk. The Administrative Assistant, Ms. Sheree Davis, serves as the department's office manager, coordinates departmental payroll, tracking purchase orders and budgetary expenditures, records management systems, and grant management. She also was awarded the 2015 Distinguished Service Award for all of her exceptional work product and all the extra things that she does for the agency and the community as a whole.

Pamela Carlisle serves as the department's Data Entry Clerk and is responsible for responding to telephone and walk-in requests for service and assistance, for maintaining department records, and submission of all reports to the digital formats. The data entry clerk also assumes the duty of the administrative assistant in the absence of the assistant.

Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit answers directly to the Police Chief and is staffed by a lieutenant and an investigative sergeant. Lieutenant Vince Warrington and Sgt. Don Newton comprise this Unit.

The Professional Standards Lieutenant manages the internal affairs function, including the investigation of complaints against officers as well as incidents involving the use of force by officers and vehicle pursuits.

Officers had to use force on only two arrests in 2015. In one case, a tazer was deployed when a non-compliant suspect was reaching for a gun and the second was DUI suspect that was combative with the officers and the officers were forced to use open hand techniques to affect the arrest.

The Professional Standards Lieutenant also supervises the Personnel and Training function.

Personnel and Training

During 2015, 3 officers were hired by the agency and attended the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy. Approximately 72 applicants were processed for employment in 2015.



Chief Turley and Captain Herren take a moment to pose with officers on their first day of the academy. Congratulations to Officers Wilcher, Mitchell and White.

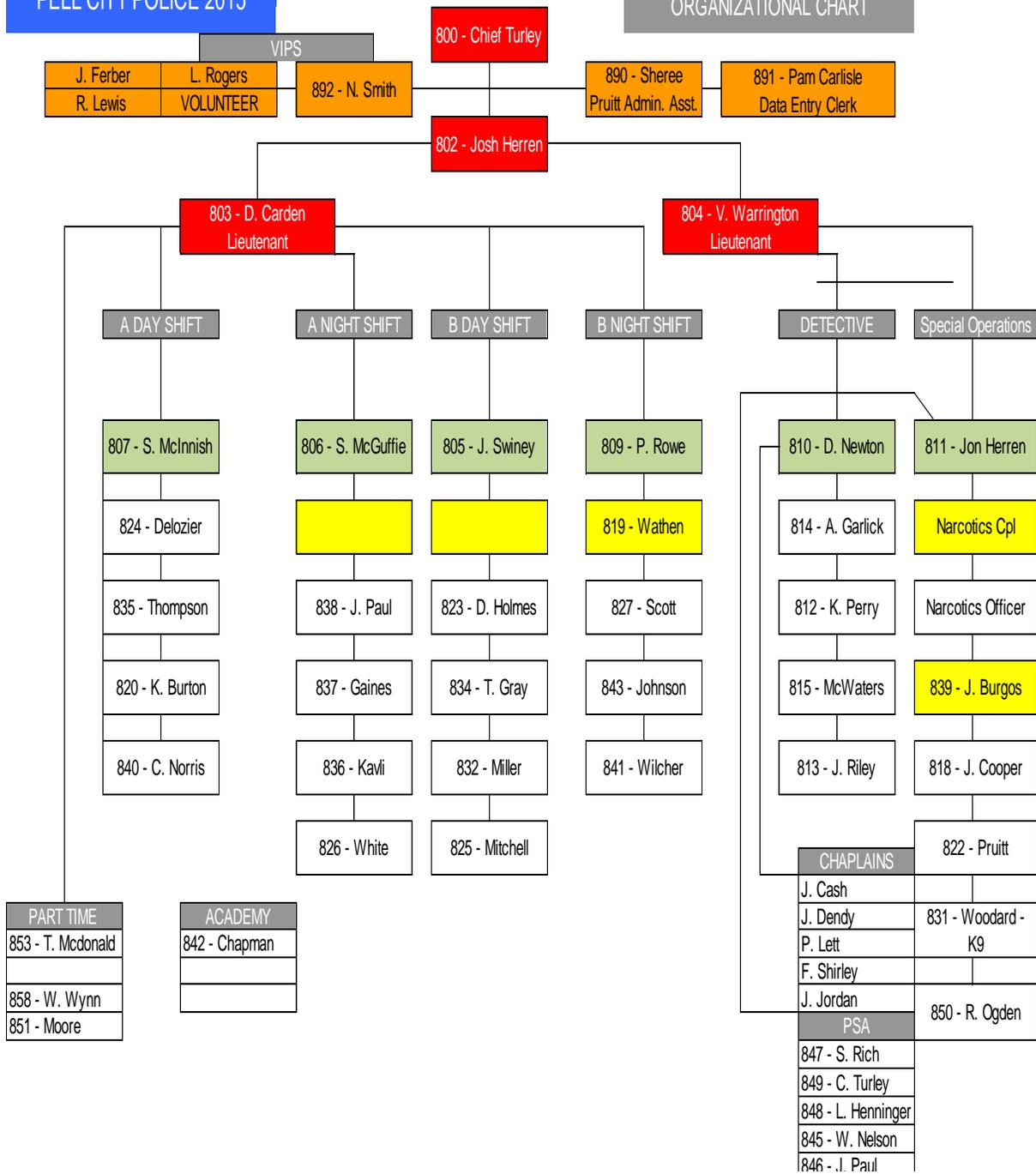
Officers accumulated 1,212 advanced continuing education hours in 2015. This is a drop of 179 hours from the previous year, but it is not inclusive of the 1,560 basic hours that the department provided the three new recruits in 2015.

**Pell City Police Department Training by Hours Earned
2015**

Admin	Detectives	Special Operations	SRO	A-Days	A-Nights	B- Day	B-Nights	New Hire Academy
125	195	30	136	218	140	166	202	1,560

PELL CITY POLICE 2015

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Budget Information

The Pell City Police Department budget is one component of the budget for the City of Pell City and is based on the City's fiscal year October 1st to September 30st.

The total police department budget for FY'15 was \$3,215,651.76. The agency completed the fiscal year 2.59% under budget though fiscal conservative restraints and the ability to utilize the Police Foundation to meet unanticipated/unbudgeted needs.

Additionally, the department received \$47,134.61 in COPS grant support in 2015.

Crime in Pell City – 2015

One of the hallmarks that most governments, citizens and many prospective residents look to in evaluating a community is crime and the perception of crime among residents.

Crime Factors:

Historically, the causes and origins of crime have been the subject of investigation and research by many varied disciplines. Factors that are known to affect the volume and type of crime occurring includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Population density and degree of urbanization;
- Variations in composition of the population, particularly youth concentration;
- Stability of population with respect to residents' mobility, commuting patterns, and transient factors;
- Modes of transportation and highway system;
- Economic conditions, including median income, poverty level, and job availability;
- Cultural factors and educational, recreational, and religious characteristics;
- Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness;
- Climate and weather;
- Effective strength of law enforcement agencies;
- Administrative and investigative emphases of law enforcement;
- Policies of other components of the criminal justice system (i.e. prosecutorial, judicial, corrections, and probation);
- Citizens' attitudes toward crime; and
- Crime reporting practices of the citizenry.

Crime Reporting:

The Pell City Police Department participates in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program that collects offenses that come to the attention of law enforcement for violent crime and property crime, as well as data regarding clearances of these offenses. In addition, the FBI collects auxiliary data about these offenses (e.g. time of day of burglaries). This expanded offense data also includes trends in both crime volume and crime rate per 100,000 inhabitants.

This report is always contains a one year lag for analysis by the FBI. Therefore, the 2015 report is inclusive of 2014 UCR data.

Crime and Arrest Data

Valid crime data can provide a solid foundation for statistical analyses, management-oriented analyses and crime breakdowns. These analyses can then aid local police departments in laying out patrol districts, assigning patrol units, and designating community education programs.

Data used in this report are provided by the Information Bureau of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA). ALEA's data center houses the official state repository for reported arrests and offenses, and the Information Bureau has the responsibility of collecting and disseminating crime data.

Crime data are obtained from the Part I Index of Offenses submitted by law enforcement agencies to Alabama's UCR program. These Part I Offenses are divided into Violent Crime and Property Crimes.

Violent Crimes include Homicide, Rape*, Robbery, and Assault. These crimes are considered violent inasmuch as they are offenses perpetrated against a person(s) with a high risk or injury or death to the victim(s). Property Crimes are comprised of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson*. Property or Nonviolent Crimes lack the aspect of force and/or bodily harm to the victim(s).

Clearance and arrest data are also reported to Alabama's UCR. A crime is considered cleared, either by arrest or by exceptional means, when enough evidence is found to charge a suspect and take him/her into custody. It is conceivable that one arrest could clear several offenses or that several arrests could clear one offense. The clearance rate is achieved by taking the number of clearances over the number of crimes reported:

$$\text{CLEARANCE RATE} = \frac{\text{CLEARANCES}}{\text{REPORTED CRIMES}}$$

This report is a composite picture of crime and law enforcement activity in Pell City for the latest UCR Reporting year...2014.

**Prior to 2013, Rape included only female victims. In 2013 the definition of rape was expanded by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program to include male victims and other types of sexual assault offenses. Because of this change, the number of reported rapes increased significantly in the US from 2012.*

Definition of Terms

Term

Adult

Definition

the UCR system defines adults as 18 years of age and over.

Arrest

a measure of law enforcement activity by which an individual is detained in legal custody.

Arson

willful or malicious burning with or without intent to defraud, includes attempts.

Assault

the unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury, including attempts. Attempted homicide is listed as an aggravated assault.

Burglary

unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.

Clearance

a measure of law enforcement activity which shows that a crime has been solved for a crime reporting purposes either by the arrest of a suspect or by exceptional means. Exceptional means provides a solution to a crime when there is enough evidence to place a formal charge against an offender, but some element beyond law enforcement control precludes an actual arrest. It is possible for one arrest to clear more than one offense.

Clearance Rate

the clearance rate is achieved by taking the number of clearances over the number of crimes reported.

Crime Rate

a measure of criminal activity which shows the number of crimes reported per 100,000 residents.

Criminal Activity

measured by reported crimes, trends, rates.

Forcible Entry

offenses in which force of any kind is used to unlawfully enter a structure for the purpose of committing a theft or felony. the willful killing of another as based on police investigation.

Homicide

Juveniles

the UCR system defines juveniles as males and females 17 years of age and younger.

Larceny

unlawful taking or stealing of property or articles without the use of force, violence or fraud, i.e., pocket picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, theft from vending machines, etc.

Law Enforcement Activity

police activity as measured by clearances

	and arrests.
Minimal Injury	personal injury involving abrasions, minor lacerations requiring no more than usual first-aid treatment.
Motor Vehicles	automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, etc.
Non-Residence	any structure used for purposes other than a residence.
Part I Index Crimes	a category of UCR offenses deemed more serious and/or most frequent. The Part I Index Crimes include homicide, rape*, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.
Part II Offenses	a category of UCR offenses which include: Assaults (Simple): non-aggravated assaults. Forgery and Counterfeiting - making, altering, uttering, or possessing with intent to defraud, anything false which is made to appear true, includes attempts. Fraud: fraudulent conversion and obtaining money or property by false pretenses. Embezzlement: misappropriation or misapplication of money or property entrusted to one's care, custody, or control. Stolen Property: buying, receiving, and possessing stolen property, includes attempts. Vandalism: willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement or defacement of property without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control. Weapons: all violations of regulations or statutes controlling the carrying, using, possessing, furnishing and manufacturing of deadly weapons or silencers, includes attempts. Prostitution and Commercialized Vice: sex offenses of a commercial nature. Sex Offenses (Other): statutory rape, offenses against chastity, common decency, morals, etc. Narcotic Drug Laws: offenses relating to narcotics, i.e., possession, sale, use, growing and manufacturing of narcotic drugs. Gambling: promoting, permitting, or engaging in illegal gambling. Offenses Against the Family and Children: non-support, neglect, desertion, or abuse of

	<p>family and children.</p> <p>Driving Under the Influence: driving or operating any motor vehicle or common carrier while drunk or under the influence of liquor or narcotics.</p> <p>Liquor Laws: violations of state or local liquor laws.</p> <p>Drunkenness: drunkenness or intoxication.</p> <p>Disorderly conduct: breach of the peace.</p> <p>Vagrancy: begging, loitering, etc.</p> <p>All other offenses: all violations of state or local laws, except categories mentioned above, Part I Offenses, and traffic violations. Including, but not limited to bigamy, blackmail, bribery, contempt of court, discrimination, perjury, possession and/or sale of obscene material, quarantine violations, etc.</p>
Property Crimes	<p>(non-violent crimes) index crimes which lack the aspect of force and/or bodily harm to the victim(s). Included in this category are burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.</p>
Rape	<p>In 2013, the FBI UCR Program initiated collection of data under a new definition for forcible rape. The term “forcible” was removed, and the definition changed to “penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.”</p>
Reported Crimes	<p>crimes reported to law enforcement officials. Note: In this report, only those offenses which prove to be actual offenses are used. Those cases which have been deemed unfounded are excluded from the crime totals.</p>
Residence	<p>any dwelling structure used for human habitation.</p>
Robbery	<p>stealing or taking anything from the care, custody, or control of a person, in his presence, by force or by threat of force, including attempts. Robbery is broken down into seven categories:</p> <p>Highway: robberies occurring on the streets, in alleys, outside of structures.</p> <p>Commercial House: hotels, motels, lodging</p>

houses, etc.

Gas or Service Stations: sell gasoline and related products.

Convenience Stores: neighborhood stores which specialize in the sale of consumable items.

Residence: robberies occurring in a dwelling or on the premises.

Banking Establishments - banks, savings & loan institutions, credit unions, etc.

Miscellaneous: churches, temples, schools, union halls, government buildings, public transit systems, etc.

Serious Injury

personal injury is considered serious if there are broken bones, internal injuries, or if stitches are required.

Uniform Crime Reports

standardized reporting forms used by law enforcement officials to report criminal activity within their jurisdiction.

Uniform Crime Reporting System

official state repository of the Uniform Crime Reports and Incident Reporting forms and provides for the collection and dissemination of crime data.

Unlawful Entry

involves no force and is achieved by use of an unlocked door or window. The element of trespass is essential.

Violent Crimes

index crimes which are offenses perpetrated against a person (or persons) with a high risk of injury or death to the victim. Crimes

Year	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Vehicle Theft
2014	0	2	5	12	48	226	12
2013	1	4	10	51	80	443	31
% Chng	-100%	-50%	-50%	-76%	-40%	-49%	-61%

Figure 1-Latest UCR Crime Data. (Source: FBI UCR Report)

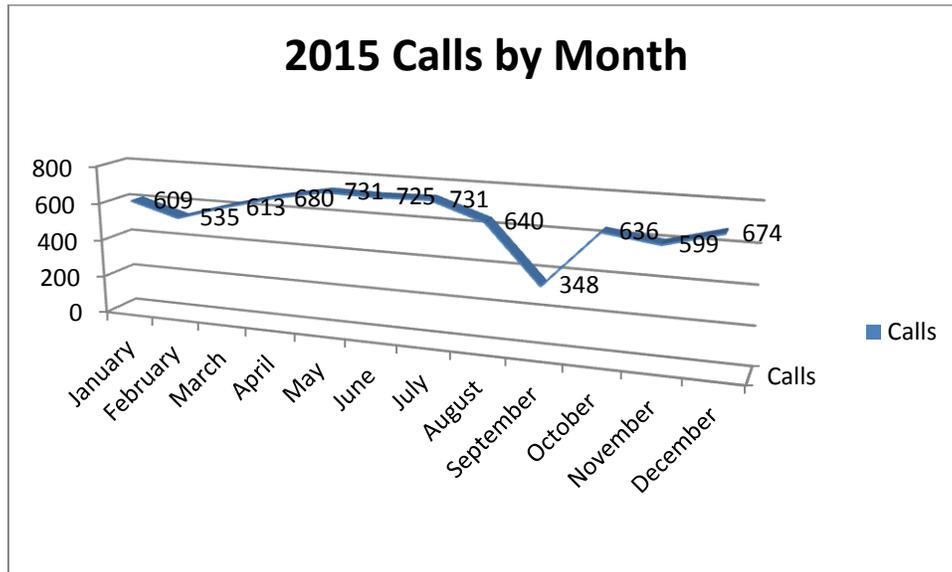
Calls for Service

A call for service (CFS) represents one incident or situation that was initiated by or brought to the attention of the Pell City Police Department and was handled through the application of departmental resources. Calls for service originate from private citizens

(citizen-initiated CFS) and police officers patrolling the community (officer-initiated CFS). Calls for service vary in nature, severity and the level of departmental resources required to address

them – particularly with regard to the number of staff members and the staff time required to adequately and appropriately handle the call for service.

Pell City officers had 30,598 total “Unit Calls” and initiated or responded to 23,483 calls for service in 2015. This is an increase of 1,093 calls from the previous year. Officers patrolled over 490,000 miles in this same time period.



Monthly Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) generated calls (not inclusive of all actions, such as traffic stops, etc.) for 2015.



2015 Calls for Service

Eluding	20
Prisoner Contact	66
Complainant Phone Contacts	1,509
Report in Person	20
Attempted Warrant Service	509
Hit and Run	44
Person with Gun	14
Suspicious Vehicle	1,773
Traffic Stops	4,735
Possible Stolen Vehicle	16
Motorist Assist	488
Keys in Vehicle	53
Officer Needs Assistance	27
Accidents	844
Livestock in Roadway	99
Intoxicated Driver	59
Intoxicated Pedestrian	52
Traffic Control	2,199
Escort	29
Message for Delivery	7
Prowler	39
Meet Complainant	3,250
Drugs	39
In the Area	29
Missing Person	13
Death	14
Alarms	1,066
911 Hangups	881
Reckless Driving	202
Mental Patient	44
Disturbance	405
Physical Domestic Disturbance	6
Verbal Domestic Disturbance	195
Assault	13
Assist Occupant	13
Burglary	32
Bolo	7

Bomb Threat	1
Prisoner Bond	250
Controlled Burn	2
Welfare Check	659
Child Custody	1
Court Assist	15
Roadway Hazard/Debris	62
Special Details	360
Dog Complaint	839
Open Door	105
Gas Drive Off	4
Driver License Check	22
Escort	77
Fire Alarm	42
Fire-Other	13
Fire-Structure	18
Fire-Vehicle	15
Fire-Wild	7
Flood-Roadway	8
Information Relay	36
Haz-Mat	6
Paper Service	105
Litter Detail	1
Medical Call	337
Loud Music	53
Noise Complaint	84
Overdose	20
Odor-Smell of Gas	4
Suspicious Package	1
Patrol Request	812
Pedestrian Struck	1
Public Service	145
Relay	10
Repo Vehicle Standby	1
Robbery	1
Security Check	157
Shoplifting	114
Shots Fired	91

Smoke Investigation	9
Suicide Attempt	38
Threats	7
Theft of Property	6
Train Call	1

Tree Down	18
Trespassing	18
Vandalism	5
Water/Sewer Problem	22
Wire Down	9

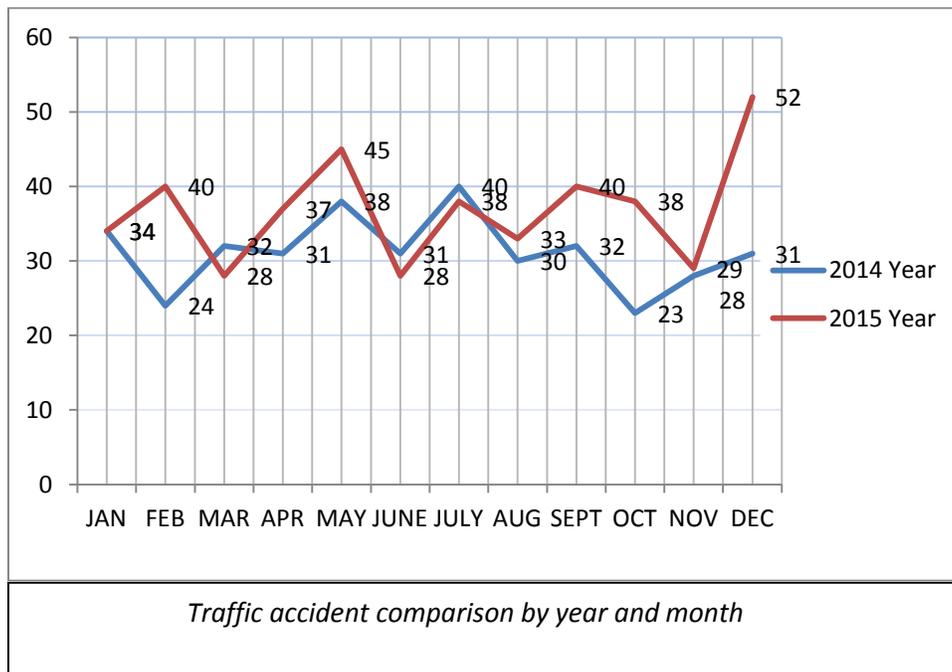
Traffic Safety Information

The promotion of traffic safety is a critical component of the Pell City Police Department’s mission. Through aggressive traffic enforcement, citizen education and voluntary compliance, we can save lives. Officers made 4,735 traffic stops in 2015 which resulted in 1,839 citations (it should be noted that more than one citation may have been issued in one traffic stop in some cases). This is a contact/citation rate of approximately 39%.

Enforcement is accomplished primarily through directed patrols of high crash areas, residential areas with frequent complaints of speeding, and along sections of highway through the city where speed has been a major factor in crashes. During 2015, the Department was again involved in the “Click It or Ticket” traffic safety campaign.

Traffic Crash Data - 2015

The Pell City Police Department responded to and investigated 442 traffic crashes during 2015. This is an increase from the 374 traffic accidents reported in 2014. There were two traffic fatalities in 2015. One was a pedestrian struck at night in the roadway and the second was a collision on U.S. Hwy 78.



Traffic Homicide Investigations Unit

The THI Unit is lead by Detective Jacob Riley. Traffic Homicide Investigators have special training that goes beyond standard accident investigation and equips them to conduct an investigation of the site of a serious or fatal collision and to treat it as a crime scene. They are usually a traffic officer who has investigated a great number of nonfatal crashes and have advanced towards more in-depth crash investigation. Although they may not be the first responder to a traffic-related fatality, they will be called upon to take over the investigation at an early stage and see it through to its conclusion. In addition, THI investigators conduct interviews with drivers and witnesses to assist in building up an overall picture of what led to the crash.

Currently, Chief Turley, Capt. Herren, and Det. Riley are certified in advanced traffic investigations, but the agency plans to expand the unit in 2016 to include another THI certified officer and specialized equipment to adequately scale serious accident scenes. Accident reconstruction of one case can take weeks or months to complete and the agency recognizes the value in enhancing this unit.

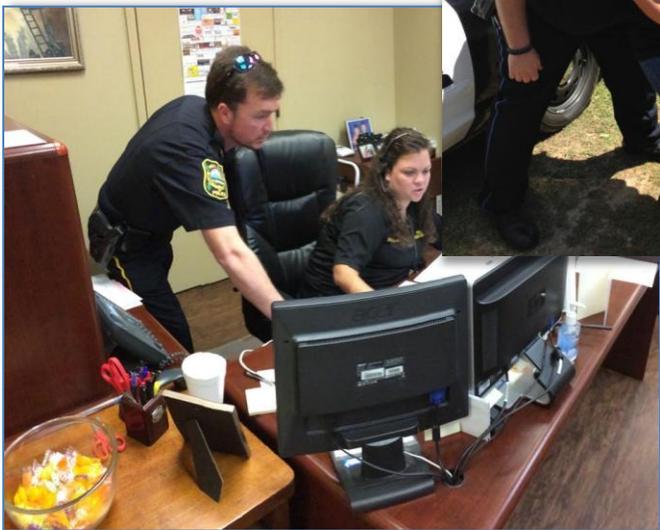
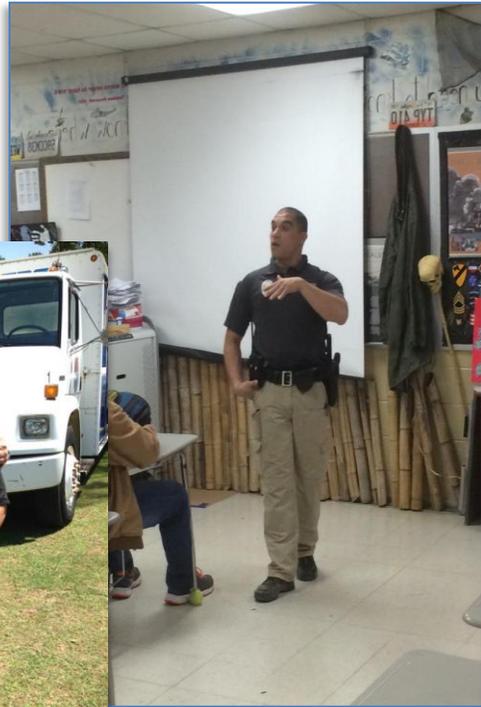
Traffic Homicide Investigators are "part physicist, part policeman and part victim's advocate" They carefully document the scene of a crash, ideally in a manner thorough enough to allow specially trained officers to reconstruct the scene at a later time, after the roadway has been reopened. This includes documenting the precise details of the roadway on which the fatality occurred; the state of any vehicles involved, including the use of safety features; the condition, legal status and attitude of the operator or operators of any vehicles, and any other local factors such as the weather and the presence or absence of appropriate road signage.



Court

1,739 traffic cases were adjudicated in the Pell City Municipal Court. Officers also made 506 arrests on 586 cases. 31 of the arrests were felony with 35 felony charges. A highlight of the 483 misdemeanor cases would include:

DUI	50	Marijuana	22	Paraphernalia	23
Theft	85	Public Intox	25	Domestic Violence	40



*Making Our Community Safer
...One Woman At A Time*

**Pell City Police
Woman's Self Defense Seminar**

Where: Pell City High School When: Day Class:
Saturday, September 12th
9 a.m. to noon

FREE REGISTRATION

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Community Involvement



The Pell City Police Department encourages and is committed to having our employees and our department involved with community activities and outreach in an effort to develop and maintain working relationships with the people we serve. The department was involved with the following activities, programs and projects during 2015:

Civic and Local Organizations

Members of the Pell City Police Department serve as volunteer members, leaders, and officers of a number of civic organizations in the community, including but not limited to the Lions Club, Rotary Club, St. Clair County Airport Authority, Alabama Board of Polygraph Examiners, Implied Consent Trust Fund Board, as well as volunteering in specialized law enforcement units without compensation. Many of our employees also serve as volunteer coaches and mentors in area sports leagues and after-school programs.

Membership in these organizations allows our personnel and members of the community to become better affiliated with one another outside of normal police interactions. It also allows our employees to demonstrate community leadership outside of their roles with the police department.

Cops for Tots Program

Each year the Pell City Police Department partners with area businesses, churches, and individuals to provide Christmas for numerous families within our community. 2015 was our largest Cops for Tots ever with the agency collecting enough toys for 53 families in our community.



Honda Manufacturing Associates were a critical in the department's 2015 Cops for Tots toy drive; the best year ever.





Lights in the Park display courtesy of the Capt. Herren Family and the Police Foundation.



Santa for Seniors

The department volunteered with the Lifting Spirits organization to provide a Christmas for seniors that were in nursing homes during the holidays. From publicity, packing bags, to delivery of the gifts, PCPD worked to help 600+ seniors in 2015, their first year supporting this rewarding program.



First Annual Richard Woods Summer Camp

The Pell City Police foundation funded this exciting,



innovative program that is taught by officers in June. In Richard Woods' honor, more than a dozen police officers and firefighters are giving 21 kids a week of summer memories they will never forget. Officers and firefighters are volunteered their time all week to reach a group from the Boys and Girls Club during the Lt. Richard Woods Youth Summer Camp for one week, kids ages 12 to 16 are learning the meaning of teamwork and to how safely enjoy the lake during the summer.

Participants learned team building, kayaking, drown-proofing, rappelling, and positive decision making skills during this free course.

Citizen's Handgun Safety Course

The department's certified firearms instructors also taught 4 different citizens handgun classes totaling approximately 86 people. As one of our most popular courses, citizens are able to learn from experienced officers and subject matter experts about their rights, responsibilities, and competent weapon utilization. This course is normally hosted quarterly and includes range time coupled with excellent classroom instruction and drills.



In the same format, the department also teaches a Women's Self Defense Course annually as well.



Employee Accomplishments, Awards & Recognition

Retirement

Pell City Police Department Chaplain James Dendy retired August 20. Police Chief Turley and Capt. Herren were there to present the chaplain with his retirement credentials from the PCPD Chaplain Program.



The chaplain had been a part of the police program since its conception. Chaplain Dendy was a large part of the Pell City Police Department. He was there to be a comfort in times of tragedy for the police force as well as the community. In addition to his religious duties, the chaplain also spent time out with officers patrolling the area. “My favorite thing was being out in a patrol car. It was great to be a part of what the officers do on a daily basis,” Dendy said.

The officers he worked with helped create an enjoyable atmosphere for the chaplain. “The camaraderie on the force was great, I really enjoyed working with the people I worked with,” Dendy said.

“When the chaplain arrives on scene with an officer, there is a presence of God's hand in the crisis that our peacekeepers are called to,” said Chief Turley.

One moment that stood out to the chaplain was the death of Officer Surles death in 2008. “The officer was hospitalized for a while, and I was able to go and spend the majority of the time with him there,” says Dendy.

The years of service the chaplain provided are treasured; not only by the police department but also by the community he served.



Detective Jones has been involved in public service for 37 years and has served as a Police Officer, Investigator, SWAT Team Member, Warrant Officer, Drill Instructor, Court Security Officer, Extradition Officer, Fleet Manager, Police Vehicle ‘Up-fitter’, Special Operations Officer, and Emergency Medical Technician.



Detective James Jones retired on February 1st, 2015 after 14 years of service to the city and a lifetime of service to our country as a soldier and as a public servant in EMS and law enforcement. Jones was also the 2014 VFW Officer of the Year.

Det. Jones has been with the Pell City Police Department since 2001 and has also served with the Lincoln Police Department, Talladega College Police Department, and Hobson City Police Department. He also served with the Coosa Valley Detention Center and the US Army as a Drill Sergeant and Military Policeman. He has also been awarded the VFW Officer of the Year Award prior to his retirement.

Chief Turley has served with Det. Jones for over 21 years and says, “Det. Jones’ relationship with the community, networking skills, strong work ethic, and having the true heart of a public servant is what has set him apart.”



Det. Jones attended one more academy graduation before his retirement; Det. Jones with Officer Isaiah Johnson.

Promotions in 2015

The department is very proud of the officers who have dedicated their service in an advanced capacity in 2015. 9 officers were promoted to new positions during this year.

Kevin Perry	Detective
Brandon McWaters	Detective
Mac Pruitt	Corporal
Doug Carden	Lieutenant
Vince Warrington	Lieutenant
John Herren	Sergeant
Phillip Rowe	Detective
Shennandoah McInnish	Sergeant
Mac Pruitt	SRO

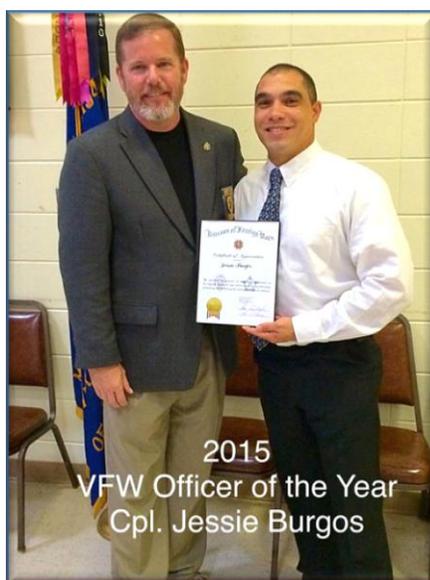


2015 Awards

Several officers have been nominated to receive recognition in our annual awards at the end of the 2015 calendar year. These officers are recommended by their peers and chosen through a final review committee.

Officer of the Year	Jessie Burgos
Roy Allen Davis	Barry Wathen
Greg Surles Award	Justin Cooper
Leadership Award	Bo Miller
Lt Cmd Ned Smith Vips	Leslie Rodgers
American Legion VFW Officer of the Year	Jessie Burgos

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Cpl. Burgos received the 2015 VFW Officer of the Year Award and the PCPD Officer of the Year Award.

Cpl. Jessie Burgos serves as the supervisor of the School Resource Officer program and the DARE program. He also volunteers as a youth coach, as the lead instructor for the summer youth camp, as a member of the county SWAT team, supervises the public safety aides, and serves as a tactical flight officer for the police department. Cpl Burgos also volunteers for other community events such as the Dancing with the Stars annual benefit as well. He is well known in our community for his great sense of humor and his willingness to work the long hours to serve his community.

Cpl. Burgos was nominated by his peers and reviewed by the awards committee as well as the local VFW. The Pell City Officer of the Year is the highest nominated award that an officer can achieve.



SRO Officer Justin Cooper is the 2015 recipient of the 2015 Officer Greg Surles Award. The award is bestowed upon an officer that reflects the values that Ofc. Greg Surles displayed in his service to our community. Ofc. Cooper reflects those values in his compassion, courtesy, integrity, and work-ethic; both on and off duty. Officer Cooper is assigned to the Special Operations Unit as a certified SRO/DARE instructor, he is a member of the county SWAT team, serves as a Marine Police Officer, Tactical Flight Officer, and is the team leader for the Dive-Rescue Unit.

Officer Bo Miller is the recipient of the 2015 Leadership Award. Officer Miller exemplifies the “can do” attitude of an officer who is ready and willing to accomplish any mission in the service of our community. Officer Miller is currently on the St. Clair County SWAT team and is the assistant team leader for the Dive-Rescue Unit where he also is able to utilize his valuable skills as a medic. He also serves as the assistant to the Law Enforcement Fitness Specialist Lead.



Cpl. Barry Wathen is the 2015 Det. Roy Allen Davis Memorial Award recipient. The award reflects the passion for the law enforcement profession that was evident in the career and service of Det. Davis. Cpl. Wathen exemplifies this service as he serves as the department’s pursuit driving instructor and as the assistant shift supervisor for B-Night shift.

Senior Sergeant



In 2015, Sgt. Sam McGuffie was presented with the first ever recognition rank of Senior Sergeant for the patrol division.



Pell City DARE Board Members Cecil Fomby, Judge Phil Seay, Dr. Michael Barber, Lyle Harmon, Richard Minor, and Lance Bell pictured with Cpl. Burgos, Ofc. Cooper, and Chief Turley.

Dive Rescue Team

The DRT is the newest addition to our department. In response to numerous drownings and evidence recovery needs, experienced divers formed the unit with no support or equipment. With the support of the City, the Pell City Police Foundation, and the community, the team is operational and prepared for deployment.



31 Team dives were performed in Logan Martin Lake, Oak Mountain Lake, Oxford Rock Quarry, Pelham Rock Quarry, Pell City Fire Department Pool, Horizon Pool, and Talladega YMCA.

The team trained in: buoyancy, jack stay searches, rigid grid searches, arc searches, lift bag use, basic equipment assembly, donning and doffing gear in and out of water, dive tender techniques, emergency response to injured divers, primary and backup diver procedures and many other technical skills. Overall 160 hours were spent in training of our members.



In these dives we trained 8 members of the Pell City PD and FD. Some members were trained from basic awareness level to Dive Tender. Others are near completion of a Public Safety Diver level.

Overall we made tremendous progress in the program. The police department was able to send the Team leader to PSDA instructor certification, allowing us to certify members of our team. This will also allow us to host trainings here in the city for other agencies in the future. We are well on our way to being a fully operational Dive Team for our city, county and state.



Marine Police Unit

In response to thefts by water, we acquired a surplus vessel that dropped our water-born theft rate to zero the first year. This unit is supported by a \$2,500 allocation for two surplus vessels. The following is an excerpt from our marine/dock watch program:

Please find the following information beneficial regarding our marine program that was developed to improve the quality-of-life in our community.



Why do we have a marine program?

The program was created in response to small, but wide-spread theft issue on the shorelines of Pell City. Once the program started, it served as a deterrent and thefts fell to zero. Once the program stopped (in the Fall and Winter) the thefts restarted. The program runs year-round now thanks to the support of University Marina.

The State Marine Police have also been experiencing budgetary concerns and manpower shortages as many other agencies are as well. We are working hand-in-hand with the State to best serve our community needs.

What jurisdiction does the City have on the lake?

All officers are state certified, deputized by the St. Clair and Talladega Sheriffs and have the ability to respond to anywhere they are needed. The purpose of the program is not to create extra enforcement on the lake, but to only compliment existing resources and focus on supporting the community. It takes 3 hours to tactfully and thoroughly patrol one end of our lake jurisdiction to the other.

How much does it cost to operate the program?

The boat and equipment was procured for free from the State of Alabama thanks to former Commissioner Barnett Lawley. The radio system was donated by the EMA and the cost of picking up, transporting, outfitting and graphics were donated by PCPD leadership. The boat only uses 1.25 gallons per hour/per engine of fuel.

The boat is available 24-hours a day, but only operates as needed by select officers that volunteer for the service.

Through a wonderful donation from Honda Marine, unsolicited donations from citizens, and seizure funds, the City was able to replace the old two-cycle engines with new Honda 4-stroke engines with a minimal investment. The new engines are the cleanest and most economically reliable engines available. We have been able to perform countless vessel recoveries with the two 150 HP Honda engines, that are almost silent, without any difficulties.

What does the boat actually do on the lake?

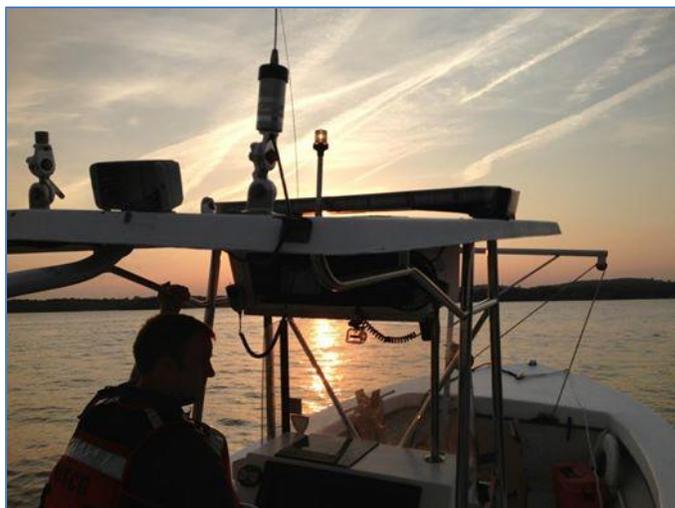
Marine 1 participates in the annual LMPA clean-up initiative, removes hazards from the waterways, searches for missing boaters and stolen vessels and items, promotes the Dock Watch program, assist boaters that are stranded, deters theft, and removes intoxicated operators from the waterways. Marine 1 also participates in the annual Operation Dry Water Campaign.

Intelligence and Cooperation

The operators are involved in our innovative Dock Watch program that is currently 200-Plus members strong and growing. We share information on suspicious activities, missing property, and “BOLO’s” on the water. Within a matter of minutes, not days or weeks, we are able to solve cases and get results instantaneously for our citizens. Members received a Dock Watch sign on their pier and are signed up for our special e-mail and phone list

The program serves as a great deterrent to thieves that are use to seeing the water as a great opportunity to operate with impunity. With the community standing united with their police force, that is no longer the case. We also have citizens from other communities on the lake wanting to participate on the intelligence-end of the program. All program members have the cell phone number of the police boat and are able to call the operator personally on any and all issues

Safety and Security



The police boat offers patrol requests to properties that are vacant or experiencing problems in their community. The boat is able to access areas that are not accessible to patrol units and perform the task in a more efficient manner. Utilizing thermal imagers, gyro-stabilized binoculars, a remote controlled spotlight and other camera systems, the police boat is a valuable asset on both day and night patrols

The State Marine Police does not remove hazards to navigation or litter, they deem it a natural part of nature. The PCPD police boat removes all litter and hazards on each and every patrol, keeping our part of the lake beautiful. Generally, the police boat removes 21 hazards per month from our lake.

The PCPD marine unit also proudly supports and participates in the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association annual clean-up program.

Support

The unit responds to numerous distressed vessel calls on a regular basis and offers support and towing services. The vessel is outfitted with tools, batteries, fuel and other equipment to assist operators. Most of the assists this year have been in extreme weather conditions and shallow waters; PCPD was the only available marine unit to respond in these cases.

The PCPD marine unit has also been called into service to help numerous other agencies with its side and rear underwater sonar equipment. This gives public safety the ability to see a picture of the bottom of the lake quickly. We have served our local sheriff, state, dive-rescue unit, and even the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in cases.

Chief Turley graduated the Alabama State Marine Police Academy on June 1st, 1995 and has a lot of experience in how best to serve the community lakeside needs in a positive, professional, and economically-sound manner.

Does the program bring in revenues?

Absolutely not. If citations are to be issued, they would be through district court, not municipal court. Arrangements have already been made with the District Attorney's Office for such cases.

We believe that citizens embrace a full-service community policing agency that is both progressive and innovative. Knowing that they have the opportunity to live, work or recreate in a community that has a high standard in quality-of-life issues, citizens will continue to live, shop and recreate in Pell City; this will ultimately benefit Pell City.

We hope this information is beneficial to you and look forward to answering any questions you may have about your marine unit. We look forward to working with you and welcome you to bring in new members to your Dock Watch Program; simply have them e-mail dockwatch@cityofpellcity.net to sign up.

2015 Marine 1 Activity:

206 - Man Hours

15 – Call Outs

48 – Hazards Removed from the Water

6 - Stranded Boaters

24 – General Patrols

14 - Special Events

7 - Warnings

520 – Contacts



Officers from the city, county, and state perform a marine police officer selection/training evolution.

The Marine Police Unit also worked the following details:

Fireworks Show, Boat Parade, Tough-man Competition, Operation Dry Water, Summer Youth Camp, Memorial Day Weekend, Marks Outdoor Tournament, and completed a new unit operator selection program with assistance from the State Marine Police.



Air Support Unit

The air support unit utilizes surplus aircraft to locate missing persons, felons, suicide victims, Alzheimer patients, stolen vehicles/vessels and responds to natural disasters throughout our area. The unit operates a surplus OH-6 helicopter to accomplish these missions.

The ASU is able to perform missions 25 times faster than other operations and has proven to be an extremely efficient tool to our area.



Air 1 flew 8.1 hours in support of Pell City missions in 2015. The unit made preparations to expand the contributions and crew members for its 2016 operational year. Participating agencies include Talladega, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, Springville PD, Odenville OD, Moody PD, and Lincoln PD.



Mountain Bike Patrol Unit

The Mountain Bike Patrol Unit was instrumental in the July 4th Fireworks Show, Hometown Block Party, and the 2015 Christmas Parade. Officers also patrolled Lakeside Park, Wal-Mart Shopping Center and Avondale Milles area several times throughout the year while making contacts with citizens. The mountain bike platform has proven critical in police/community relations by increasing the interaction between the officers and the citizens. The platform also gives the experienced officer a surveillance advantage when working areas where a possible suspect is only looking out for a marked patrol unit.



Looking into 2016 the unit is looking to expand its operations into the regular patrol element. They also have a planned Bicycle Safety Course scheduled with Eden West Side Church in 2016. The team is supervised by Officer Matthew Delozier and has four members and two alternates.



Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations Unit is comprised of two officers that are responsible for all assignments and details that are outside of the patrol realm. They also utilize officers from all divisions and units to complete their missions once specialized trainings and certifications have been completed. During 2015 there was a transition of personnel in this highly dedicated unit. With a loss of Lt. Woods and a transfer of Officer Chris Norris to patrol division, we wish to acknowledge their selfless service over the many years. Sgt. Jon Herren and K-9 Officer Jimmy Woodard have now accepted the duties to serve in this unit. Some of these unit assignments consist of:

- Narcotics
- Interdiction
- K9
- Air Support
- Vehicle Up-fitting
- Bike Patrol
- Air Support
- Dive-Rescue
- Bait Car

- Surveillance



- Details
- DARE/SRO
- Marine Unit
- Large Event Planning
- Executive Protection Coordination
- Community Programs
- Animal Control

During 2015, the SOU Unit arrested 69 suspects and had the following activity:

SOU Officer Woodard taught 3 different basic police academy classes for the Northeast Alabama Police Academy (NEAPA). He also instructed at the NEAPA Academy for Building Clearing and Traffic Stop courses.

SOU members also taught the rifle portion of the new firearms instructor class for the FBI and attended the 2015 SWAT round up in Little Rock, Arkansas. They were also able to do day and night firearms qualifications for the department.

SOU K9 assisted Talladega County S.O. two separate times with searches at Lincoln High School. They also assisted with two other searches at Munford High School. They were called out on vehicle searches by Lincoln Police Department, Odenville Police Department, and Argo Police Department.

Interdiction- SOU assisted with the Seizure of \$327,000 in U.S. Currency. SOU also assisted the 17 Judicial Task Force with a “round up” in Selma, Alabama. This resulted in multiple arrests as well as multiple guns being taken off the street. Many of those arrests were multiple convicted felons.

SOU officers also reported 129 maintenance tasks on PCPD police vehicles during 2015.

SOU officers served 17 warrants in 2015.

Special Operations Unit

Drugs Seized Assisting Other Agencies

Multiple Baggies of Crystal Meth

Large Bag of Marijuana

22 Four Gram Spice Packs



Special Operations Unit

Drugs Seized

Cocaine

Adipex

Phentermine Hydrochloride

2 Crack Cocaine bags

2 Norcos

2 Marijuana Bags (large)

2 Methadone

2 Boxes of Pseudo

2 Two ounce GBL

3 Meth Labs

3 Vallium

4 Meth Baggies

8 Oxycodone Pills

9 Klonopin Pills

10 Pounds of Marijuana

11 Steriods 40ML

12 Hydcodone Pills

20 Eradicated Marijuana Plants

32 Small Marijuana Baggies

43 Spice

105 Roxicodone Pills

105 Xanax Pills



SRO Officer Justin Cooper and SOU K9 Officer Jimmy Woodard stop for a moment before bagging evidence after another successful seizure operation.

SOU Other Duties	
FBC Children's Program	1
Citizens Handgun Instructor	1
Night Fire Instructor	1
K9 Conference	1
Fall Frenzy	1
Arkansas SWAT Conf.	1
SSGT Training	1
Glock Armorer School	1
Home Coming Parade	1
Home Depot Safety Day	1
Bomb School	1
Radio/Nuclear School	1
1033 Inventory	1
Pre tough-man competition	1
Night Fire Training	1
FBI active shooter school	1
Equipment Pick Up Mobile	1
1033 Return to Anniston	1
DARE Graduation	1
Pell City Lake Rodeo Event Prep	1
DEA Meth Lab Recert Class	1
VIP Security Detail Congressman Roberts	1
Attended Police Boat Training	1
Repaired Agility Course	1
In-Car video camera school	1

Attended human trafficking class	1
Active shooter class	1
NEPA Building Clearing Instructor	2
NEPA Firearms Instructor	2
Grand Jury	2
Taught evidence submission class	2
Transferred evidence to drug lab	2
R. Woods Monument Prep	2
Bait car detail	2
R. Woods Youth Camp	2
PC High School Graduation	2
FBI Firearms Class Prep	2
Dive Training	3
Offices Moved	3
Halloween safety events	3
District Court	3
Marks Outdoors Fishing Tournament Prep	3
Christmas Parade prep	4
Tough-man Triathlon Prep	4
Roadside Interview Training	4
Block Party Prep	4
Lake Fest Prep	7
Iola Roberts Traffic Control	10
K9 call out-other agency	12
Municipal Court	13
TOTAL	129

SOU Additional Case Type	#
Carrying Brass Knuckles	1
Distribution of Controlled Substance	1
DV 3rd	1
Found Drugs	1
Found Property	1
Public Intoxication	1
Theft 2nd	1
Assisted Detectives with a Possible Homicide	1

Forged Prescription	1
Attempted Manufacturing 1st	2
Possession of Marijuana 2nd	2
Wreck Report	2
DUI	3
Open Container	3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	5
Unlawful Possession Controlled Substance	7
New Cases	41
TOTAL	74



Citizens come together to pray for protection of our police officers at the police department during a difficult year for officers nation-wide.

DARE/SRO Program

Through a DOJ grant, the department was able to expand its School Resource Officer program to three officers for the seven schools in the Pell City area.

Aside from teaching the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, increasing security in our schools, and serving as instructors for other courses, our DARE officers also coordinate

security and transportation for sporting events and handle all cases that occur on school properties.



DARE/SRO Officers Justin Cooper, Mac Pruitt and Jessie Burgos

Informal Counseling	1,044
Parent/Teacher Mtgs	1,468
Drug Cases/Searches	65
Special Details	141
Classes Taught	297
I/O Reports	96
Arrest Reports	40
UTC/Warning	96
Calls for Service	472
Schools Attended	788
Student Contacts	114,467



Detective Autumn Gaines working with the youth during the summer of 2015.



Cpl. Burgos promised the kids if they overcame their fears of rappelling and the water he would overcome his biggest fear...snakes...for them.

Animal Control

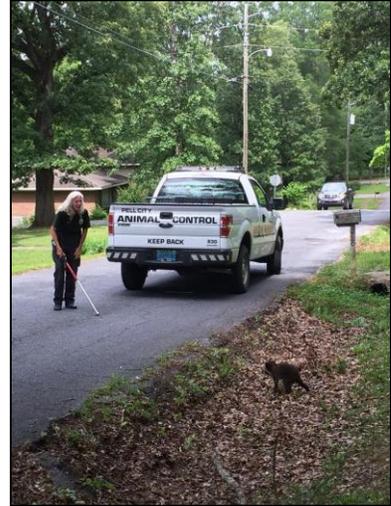
Pell City Animal Control (ACO) patrolled a total of 23,302 miles in 2015. ACO Rose Ogden picked up 220 dogs, 176 cats and 37 wildlife during animal control operations. Additionally, she also served the Town of Riverside under a contract and provided 569 miles of patrol service and picked up 49 dogs, 52 cats and no wildlife.

During 2015 the area also experienced an outbreak in rabies via infected raccoons. The ACO and patrol officers worked with the community and other agencies to assure public awareness and proper response protocols.

Additionally, the City of Pell City assumed responsibility for the city-owned animal shelter on September 15th, 2015 from the ASPCI. The police department was tasked with the recommended budgeting, policies and procedures, staffing, and operational oversight of the new venture. The newly managed facility is now known as the Pell City Animal Control Center and it carries out the contractual agreements with other municipalities as directed by the City.

Since its inception on September 15th until December 31st, Pell City Animal Control Center adopted out 132 dogs and cats. A total of 87 dogs and cats were sent out to various animal rescue groups for re-homing through the rescue groups' adoption programs. 72 dogs and cats were reunited with their owners by the efforts of the Center, volunteers and the reach of the Center's social media page. 21 animals were fostered and went on to adoptive homes, and 3 animals were transferred back to their originating shelters after surrender by their former owners. (Originating shelter meaning the shelter the animal was originally adopted from.)

On November 13th 2015, the Center rolled out a \$20.00 spay/neuter program by partnering with the Alabama Spay/Neuter Clinic in Irondale. Public response was overwhelming with 210 certificates sold by December 31, 2015. (The program has sold a total of 424 as of today, March 21, 2016)



*1st Annual Lt. Richard Woods
Summer Camp*

Burglary Task Force



The purpose of this unit is to provide a qualified and motivated team response to burglaries in our area.

Members of this unit review and analyze data on a consistent basis as it relates to burglaries and thefts within the city. Members implement strategies and provide action steps for the agency to reduce burglaries and thefts through proactive and innovative policing strategies. They also actively participate in surveillance details, sting operations, intelligence gathering, and external networking strategies as needed. The BTF team leader is Det. Kevin Perry.

Surplus Program

The DMRO program is managed by Cpl. Will Wynn. The accountability of our agency in this program has set the standard within our State. We have received well-over 5 million dollars worth of equipment over the last few years and it has proven to be a tremendous resource in effectively meeting our obligations to our community.



Community and Media Connections

Sgt. Don Newton serves as the department's public information officer (PIO). He also provides PIO services as a liaison with the EMA. He has numerous certifications in this area and we enjoy a great working relationship with all of our surrounding media.

Our lobby also has a continuous presentation playing so that our citizens recognize the hard work, diversity and dedication of our agency.

The department was one of the first in our region to start Facebook and Twitter accounts for our public and has been recognized by the area media and the Alabama Chief's Association for setting the standard in transparency and effective social media communication.

The police department provided 730 community updates in 2015 and began providing regular public service messages (PSA's) through the local FM radio station during associated holiday seasons. Different officers in different divisions assisted in recording these PSA's as a means to reduce crime, educate our community, and strengthen community bonds. Additionally, the department designates one Public Information Officer (PIO) to spearhead the agency's public information protocols. Sgt. Don Newton serves as the departments PIO and also as a PIO for the St. Clair County EMA. As a certified PIO, Sgt. Newton worked in 2015 to organize the media coverage of the services for fallen officer Lt. Woods, the Summer Camp program, and numerous press coverages for storms, investigations, and general community awareness.

The department also offers social media information services. In 2015 the agency had over 3,100 Facebook "Likes" and scores of suspects were identified via the social media spectrum. Analysis of the citizens engaged through social media show that 76% of the citizens were female and the largest majority of the citizens were ages 25-34 (21%). Ten countries were represented in the engaged population and the largest group represented Pell City, Cropwell, Odenville, Lincoln, and Riverside.



2015 YWCA Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil with City Manager Brian Muenger.

<u>Country</u>	<u>PCPD Fans</u>
United States of America	3,112
Canada	2
Kuwait	2
Brazil	1
New Zealand	1
Jordan	1
Australia	1
Thailand	1
India	1
Cuba	1

Saint Clair Shores, AL	14
Heflin, AL	14
Eastaboga, AL	13
Weaver, AL	12
Sterrett, AL	10
Atlanta, GA	9
Munford, AL	9
Alpine, AL	9
Ohatchee, AL	8
Jacksonville, AL	8
Harpersville, AL	8
Vestavia Hills, AL	7
Ashland, AL	7
Chelsea, AL	7
Childersburg, AL	7
Gordo, AL	7
Steele, AL	6
<u>Language</u>	<u>PCPD Fans</u>
English (US)	3,065
English (UK)	48
Spanish	2
Portuguese (Brazil)	1
Vietnamese	1
Japanese	1
German	1
Arabic	1
Spanish (Spain)	1
Thai	1
French (Canada)	1

<u>City</u>	<u>Your Fans</u>
Pell City, AL	731
Cropwell, AL	252
Odenville, AL	147
Lincoln, AL	136
Riverside, AL	101
Talladega, AL	85
Coal City, AL	85
Colony, AL	83
Ragland, AL	81
Moody, AL	77
Pleasant Valley, AL	75
Birmingham, AL	72
Oxford, AL	59
Prescott, AL	58
Chulavista, AL	52
Leeds, AL	44
Camelot Plateau, AL	42
Ashville, AL	39
Anniston, AL	31
Wattsville, AL	30
Vincent, AL	24
Glen City, AL	22
New London, AL	21
Trussville, AL	20
Sylacauga, AL	19
Hoover, AL	19
Springville, AL	17
Alpine Bay, AL	15



The department also established the Nixle program in 2015 which allows citizens to simply subscribe to the free service via their cellular device. During times of severe weather or searches, the department can send urgent messages to citizens who subscribe to the service. The department did not push any urgent messages in 2015, but the program is available during times of crisis.

Volunteers

VIPS volunteers (Volunteers in Police Services) are part of the international VIPS program. They include volunteers that assist in numerous programs such as the chaplaincy. In 2015 the volunteers contributed 725 hours and saved the agency approximately \$18,125.00. 556 hours were worked in general volunteer services and 169 hours were worked by the chaplains.

The general program began the year with 6 volunteers and the program gained two volunteers and lost two volunteers for no net gain or loss. The chaplains started the year with 4 volunteers and had one retirement and gained two new volunteers for a gain of one.

Activities included 2 Talladega race weekends, a bike race, Lakefest, Marks Outdoors Sports Race, 4th of July Event, Lakeside Park Rodeo, a Marathon, high school football games and escorts, homecoming and Christmas parades, and veteran's support activities. With the city's change in vehicle use policy in 2015, the VIPS volunteers are unable to deploy as in previous years and it is projected their activities will decrease.

2015 VIPS Activities

- 244 Community Hours
- 195 Specific Patrol Requests
- 54 Business Checks
- 12 Transport Assists
- 12 Persons Contacted
- 39 Citizens Assisted
- 26 Business Closing Escorts
- 7 Traffic Escorts
- 29 Traffic Direction Incidents
- 8 Suspicious Persons Reported
- 1 Fire Reported
- 1 Death Scene Support
- 54 Other Public Service Incidents
- 1 Direct Law Enforcement Officer Assist



Ned Smith coordinates the Pell City Volunteer Program. He has achieved the Presidential Call-to-Service Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Lifetime Service Awards with well over 10,000 hours of volunteering.

Equipment

The City Council approved the purchase of 40 new body cameras, 20 in-car triggers and storage for the cameras for the combined total of \$32,900 during its meeting at the end of May 2015. This technology is a true investment into the officers and the community. The cameras replace the aging, maintenance intensive, in-car systems for less cost. It also allows for point-of-view (POV) documentation for officers that are involved in situations outside the normal vehicle camera range.

Through the LESO Program, the department received 29 patrol rifles that will complete a goal to 100% outfit all officers with patrol rifles. The acquired rifles were transferred from Mobile Police Department to the Pell City Police Department.



The Pell City Police Command Center unveiling. Pictured is Project Lead Chris Norris (SOU), Susan and Jacob Woods, Councilman Terry Templin, and Chief Greg Turley.

Officers upgraded the Command Center by hand in 2015. By utilizing their carpentry, electrical, and personal graphics skills they were able to take the LESO Program vehicle and make it a fully operational command center that is also capable of storing and distributing life saving materials during disasters. Officers unveiled the command center at the 2015 Block Party and named it in honor of Lt. Richard Woods.

Officers also acquired ten tazers at the end of 2015 and began deploying the technology in January 2016 with expanded tazer training. This technology has reduced injuries to citizens and officers globally.

Lastly, WKW of Pell City donated thousands of dollars worth of safety equipment to the departments on April 16th of 2015, including two proximity suits, also known as flame-retardant suits; two self-contained breathing apparatus and five 15-minute self-contained air packs.

“It’s pretty amazing,” said Pell City police Chief Greg Turley as he turned and looked at all the equipment spread across the floor in the conference room. “This donation means a lot to us.”



Officials said the fire department received two flame retardant suits, and the two breathing units.

Pell City fire Chief Mike Burdette said as the community grows so does the need for more emergency equipment.

“It is hard to stay within our budget with some of our equipment needs,” he said, thanking WKW-Erbsloeh company officials for the valuable, life-saving, gifts. Burdett said the fire department has a new airport crash truck that is compliments of the Pell City Police Department through the surplus program. “This will go hand-in-hand with that,” he said.



The police department received five 15-minute air packs.

“This piece of equipment is something we needed,” said Officer Jimmy Woodard, who works narcotics for the police department. He said the air packs will protect officers who are investigating possible Methamphetamine labs.

Woodard said the new equipment can also help speed up their investigations.

“Methamphetamine labs are a particularly hazardous situation that our narcotics officers encounter,” Turley said. “These labs produce toxic fumes and other dangerous by-products. The air packs will greatly enhance officer safety when conducting search warrants.”

WKW-Erbsloeh, an automotive parts manufacturer, is a worldwide company based out of Germany. WKW-Erbsloeh North America opened its plant in Pell City in 2008.



Summary

A comprehensive overview by areavibes.com researched any and all yearly reported crimes in Pell City, AL. The research was presented the total number of crimes is shown as well as the amount of crimes committed per 100,000 people. According to the research, the overall crime rate is 37% lower than the average of crimes committed in Alabama. It is also 24% lower than the national average. When it comes to violent crimes, Pell City, AL shows a crime rate that is 67% lower than the Alabama average. The crime rate is also 62% lower than the national average. When it comes to property crimes, Pell City, AL is shown to be 33% lower than the Alabama average and 19% lower than the national average.

Independent publications, as the one listed below, also rated Pell City as the 11th safest city in Alabama.

Detailed List of the Safest Places to Live in Alabama

City	Rank	Population	Property Crime Rank	Violent Crime Rank
Helena	1	17,700	7	17
Vestavia Hills	2	34,009	16	11
Satsuma	3	6,156	12	22
Rainbow City	4	9,668	20	19
Southside	5	8,564	17	28
Pelham	6	22,501	32	14
Moody	7	12,549	28	25
Boaz	8	9,747	1	83
Alabaster	9	31,568	38	35
Daphne	10	24,111	40	32
Pell City	11	13,530	48	30

Source: <https://www.homesnacks.net/cities/safest-places-in-alabama/> (accessed 2/22/2016)

Pell City continues to enjoy a great quality-of-life, growing community, and engaged law enforcement professionals that believe in innovative, intelligence-led, community policing strategies.

According to an economic vitality index published by the Economic & Community Development Institute at Auburn University for 2014, St. Clair County was ranked fifth in economic vitality out of the 67 counties in the state and the annual growth rate is anticipated to continue at about 30% with an unemployment rate below the national average.

Pell City has several quality-of-life projects in the works, including the addition of a new public library. The city is also constructing one of the largest splash pads in the area, with numerous water features. The city is also known for its reputation of being one of the friendliest.



The city has also made improvements to Lakeside Park, which provides public access to Logan Martin Lake and the Marine Police Unit has continued to serve those that live, work, and recreate on the water.

The city enjoys a new hospital, college campus and veterans home over the last few years that has had an excellent working relationship with the Pell City Police Department. Together, they have been able to problem-solve and keep these areas as some of the safest in the community.

In 2016 the agency has set new goals to reduce accidents, increase warrant service, improve accident reconstruction capabilities, and improve innovative means to continue to reduce theft throughout our area. Additionally the agency has teamed up with the PCHS Criminal Justice Program to spearhead an advanced law enforcement practicum course that is similar to the successful fire department program. This program will strengthen the working relationship with our school system and our future community leaders. It will also provide a valuable long-term source to fill future Pell City Police Officer positions with citizens from within our community that are invested in the community's future.

By continuing to work together with other law enforcement agencies, our fellow city departments, our businesses and our community, we hope to continue to keep Pell City one of the safest growing communities in Alabama.



In Memory

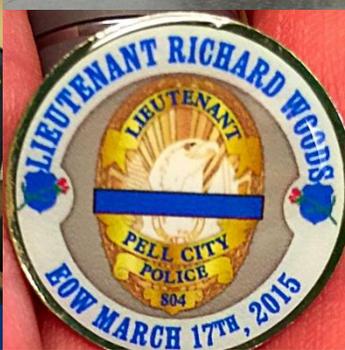
Retired Sergeant Gene Newman passed away in his Pell City home on November 29th with his loving wife by his side. He retired from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department after 19 years and from the Pell City Police Department after 10 years. He was also a Veteran of the Korean War.

September 20, 1936



November 29, 2015

In memory of Sgt. Gene Newman



Johnny Chergotakas
My little inmate had a good time trick or treating in pell city idk who this cop is but if anyone does tag him in this photo thanks
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*Terry Templin
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*Brian Muenger
City Manager*



Thank you to the men and women of the Pell City Police Department and the strong community that supports them as they strive for excellence in everything that they do. Pell City will remain one of the safest communities with the highest quality of life because of the department's unwavering dedication to the community and the community's commitment to support its public servants.

