

City of Casa Grande Police Department



2014 Annual Report

Mission Statement

“The mission of the Casa Grande Police Department is to protect, serve, and sustain supporting partnerships with the community.”

Vision Statement

“The Casa Grande Police Department is a leading, progressive, and unified agency of highly trained professionals who inspire excellence within law enforcement and partner with all people to protect, serve, and create a safe community.”

Core Values

Professionalism

We value the diversity of all people in our community and will serve with equal dedication, respect, fairness and compassion. We pledge to protect and serve and are guided by an internal sense of pride and morality.

Responsibility

We hold ourselves accountable for our individual and Departmental actions. We value the trust and confidence of our community and believe in treating all people with respect and dignity.

Integrity

We commit ourselves to elevated standards of trust, responsibility, and discipline while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner. We value our integrity and strive for personal and professional excellence.

Determination

We are dedicated to the organization, each other, our families and the citizens we serve. We maintain an unquestionable work ethic and strive to be the best at all we do.

Ethics

We strive to maintain a personal and professional set of moral principles that guide our behavior. We embrace our responsibilities and expect to be held accountable for our actions.

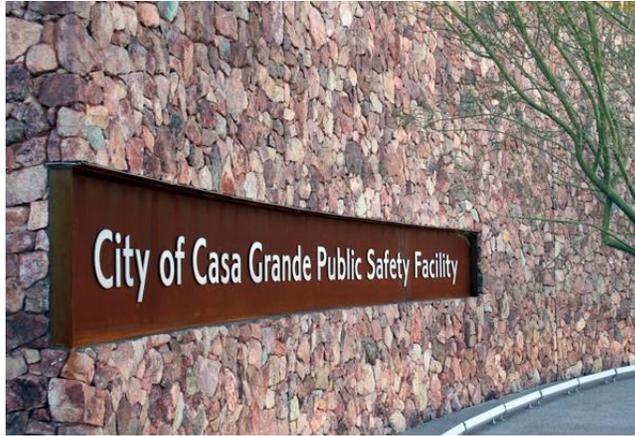


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Message from the Chief



This annual report of the Casa Grande Police Department is prepared as a report to the Mayor City Council, but is available to all citizens of Casa Grande. It is a 2014 snap shot of the activities and productivity of the Police Department and its many dedicated men and women. Although many areas are reported on, the report only focuses on the high profile or critical services provided by the Department. Officers, Civilian staff and Volunteers perform numerous services to the Community each day that are too many to report here.

Recently the Department has entered an era of Strategic Planning and Crime Analysis that will be apparent in this report. As the City of Casa Grande has grown, the Police Department has seen the need to expand services and capabilities in these practices and procedures.

Comparative Statistics or COMPSTAT is the process of timely review of data within public safety in order to identify trends, and take preventive or enforcement action rapidly. The Department has embraced this practice and through reports generated by our new Crime Analyst, staff is able to address crime issues as they unfold, providing more efficient service to the Community.

The Department continues to be dedicated to the principles of Community Policing. Volunteerism, Community partnerships, and problem solving are the cornerstones of the Casa Grande Police Department. We continue to work closely with the Community and see Crime Prevention and Public Safety as a group effort for Police and Citizens alike.

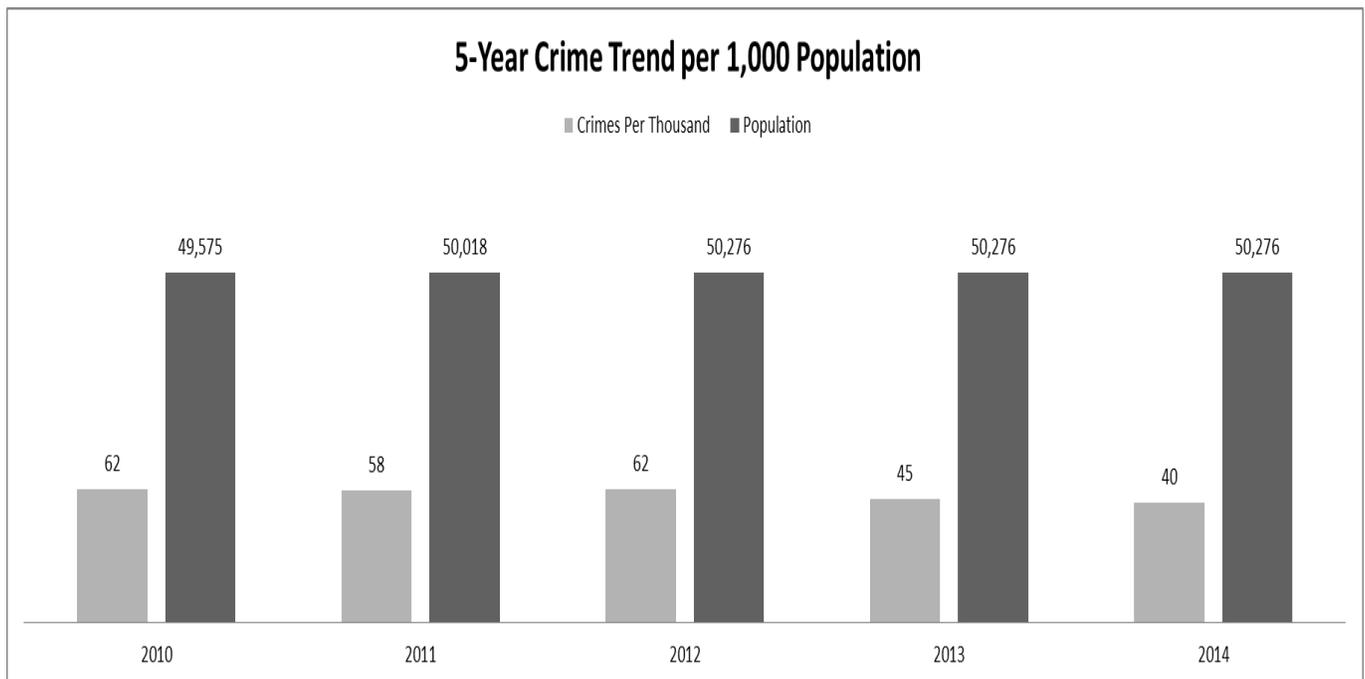
Casa Grande continues to grow and remains a wonderful City in which to live, work, and enjoy life. By working together, we can make each year better than the last, and keep Casa Grande Safe and Beautiful.

Chris Vasquez
Interim Director of Police Services
Casa Grande Police Department

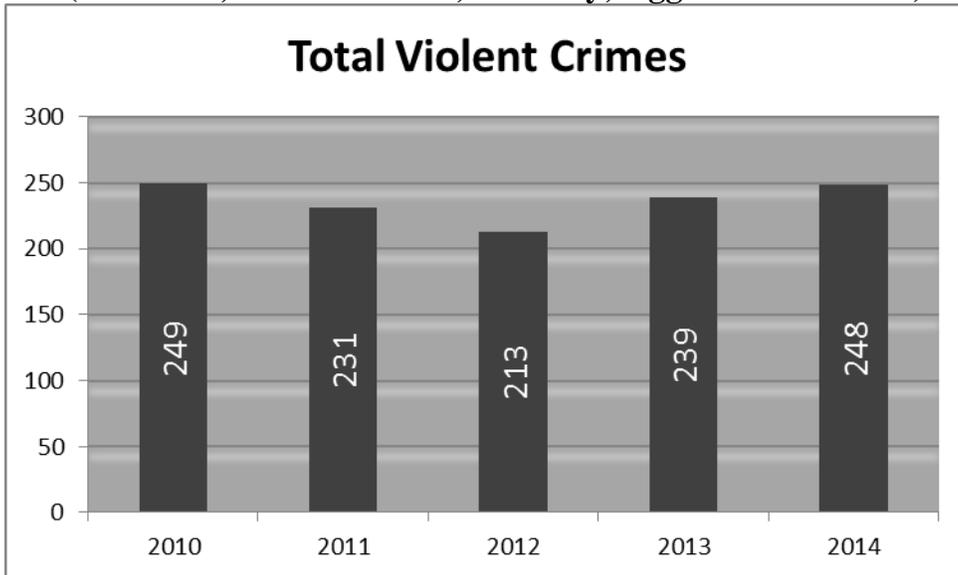
Department Crime Statistics

2013-2014 Uniform Crime Report Comparison				
Crime	2013	2014	# Change	% Change
Homicide	5	2	-3	-60%
Sexual Assault	15	21	6	40%
Robbery	55	53	-2	-4%
Aggravated Assault	164	172	8	5%
Burglary	470	359	-111	-24%
Theft	1,413	1,362	-51	-4%
Arson	41	27	-14	-34%
Motor Vehicle Theft	86	67	-19	-22%
Yearly Total	2,249	2,063	-186	-8%

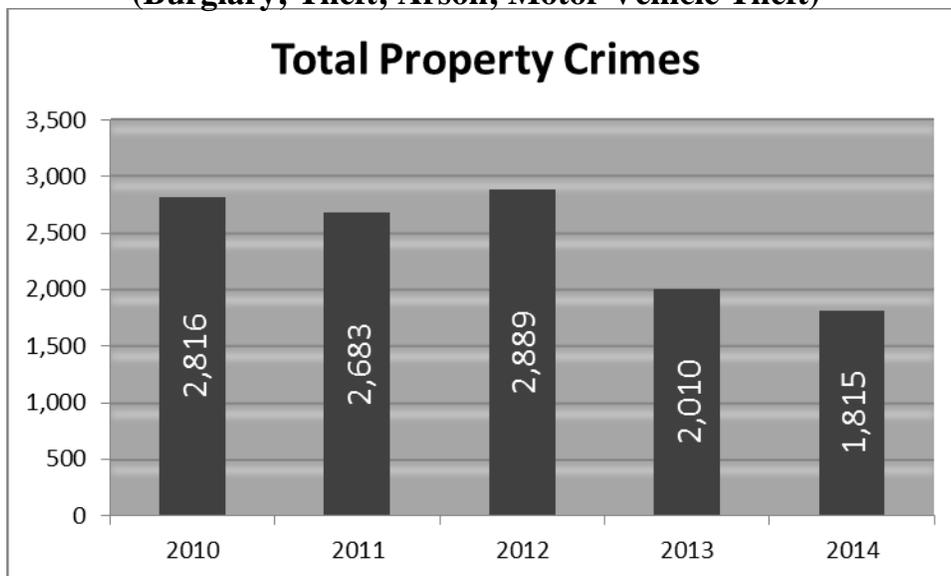
**Some numbers may vary from previous reports as crimes are reported or re-classified.*



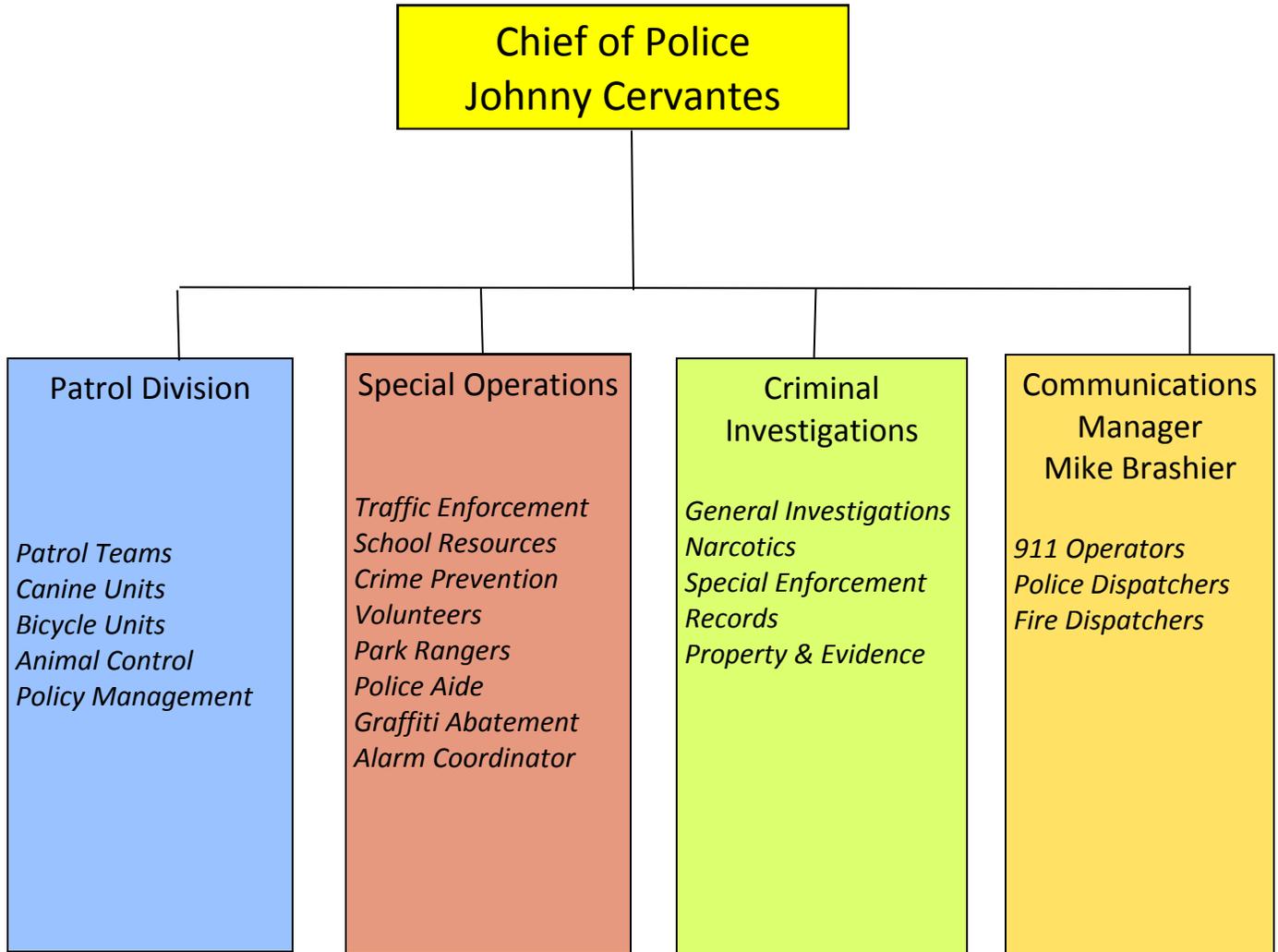
Violent Crimes 5-Year Trend
(Homicide; Sexual Assault; Robbery; Aggravated Assault)



Property Crimes 5-Year Trend
(Burglary; Theft; Arson; Motor Vehicle Theft)



Organizational Chart



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is allocated 37 officers, 5 Corporals, 6 Sergeants, 5 Police Transport Officers, 1 Commander and 1 Police Aide.

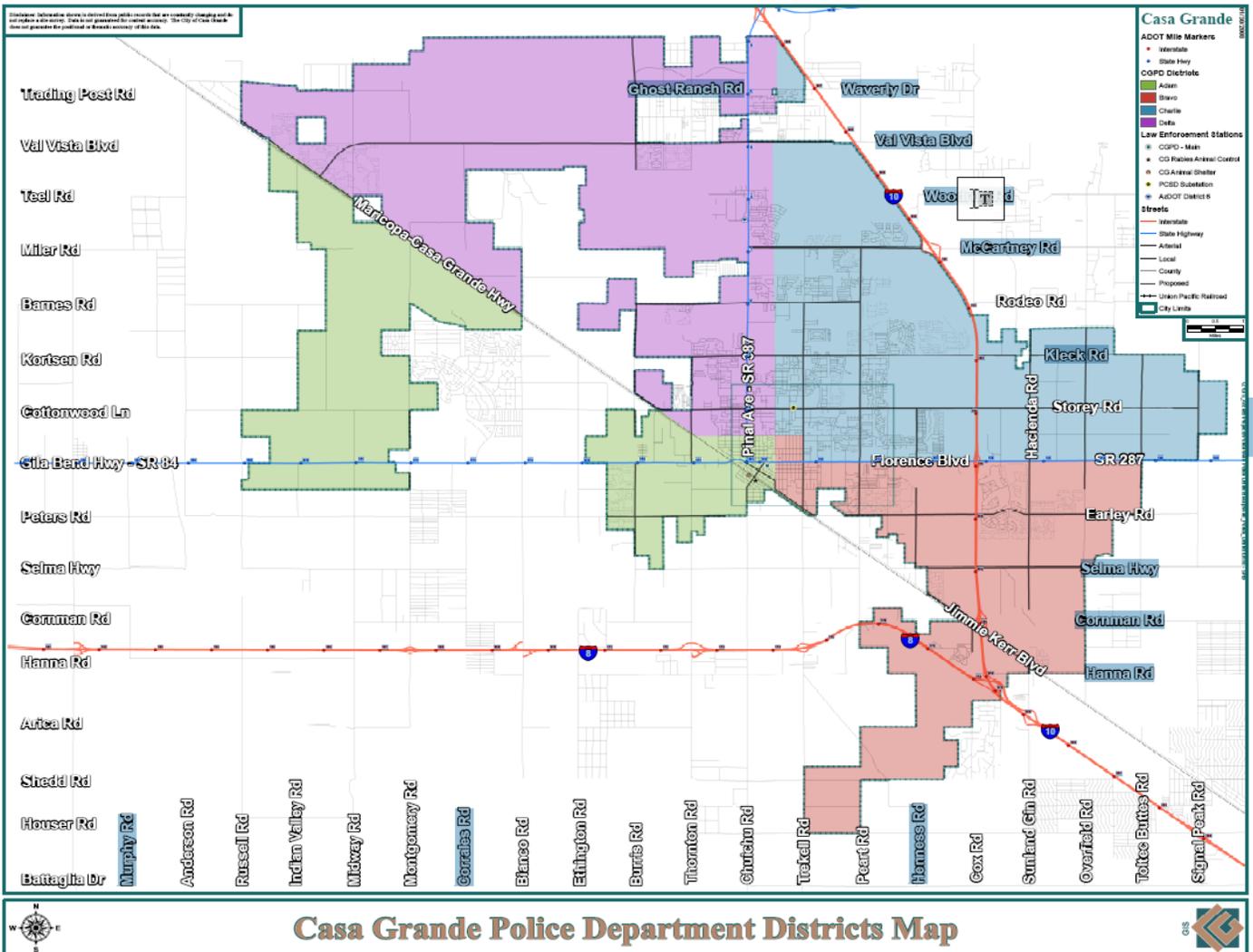
Patrol is commonly referred to as the "backbone" of any municipal police department. In addition to comprising the largest number of personnel, uniformed patrol officers are the most visible and recognized symbol of the Department within the community. Providing 24 hour a day service patrol officers are considered



"essential" employees who work nights, weekends and all holidays. As the first responders they answer 911 calls, initial calls for service and pro-actively patrol to ensure order and public safety. While providing these services in 2012 the men and women of the Patrol Division worked over 116,074 hours, drove in excess of 873,210 miles and responded to an estimated 32,163 calls for service and self-initiated activities.

A patrol officer never knows from hour to hour what they will face. Whether assisting accident victims, responding to robbery alarms, mediating domestic situations, acting as grief counselors or confronting violent subjects they are truly versatile problem solvers who wear many hats. While the nature of the work makes it inevitable that there will be complaints and mishaps, in 2012 those were once again fractional percentages that illustrate the professionalism and dedication to excellence of the first responders of the CGPD Patrol Division.

Patrol District Boundaries



Patrol Stats

Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Calls for Service	39,499	35,666	32,136	30,430	30,430
Case Reports	10,120	9,572	10,086	9,535	8,260
Arrests	3788	3723	3544	2,260	4,197
Citations Issued	5,033	5,789	7,294	6,768	6,732

K-9 unit

The Casa Grande Police Department's K-9 unit competed in the Annual Desert Dog K-9 Trials in Scottsdale on April 14 and 15 and walked away with several awards. Canine teams from the US



Air Force, Mexico and various law enforcement agencies across Arizona competed in Handler Protection, Tactical Building Search, Agility/Obstacle Course, Area Search, and Narcotics and Explosive Search exercises. Corporal Scott Tracy competed in the event with

PSD "Clint" and scored a 5th place in Area/Patrol Search. Officer Scott Reed teamed with PSD "Wyatt," who has only four months in service, placed 1st in Building Search, 5th in Narcotic Search and 5th in Tactical Obedience. As a team, both handlers placed 5th in Patrol and 6th in Narcotics. The Desert Dog Police K-9 Trials recognizes the hard work of police service dogs and their handlers.



K9 Team Corporal Tracy and PSD Bono are also assigned to the Pinal County Regional Swat Team as the tactical K9 element. During 2012 both the original Casa Grande PD K9's were replaced due to medical illness and retirement. Currently both dogs have less than one year of service with the Department.

Special Operations Division

The Special Operations Division is responsible for assisting in the advancement of the Department's policing activities. The Division consists of sworn officers and civilian personnel. The Division ensures the operational readiness of the department through the management of specialty units and community programs.

The Special Operations Division is responsible for special operations within the department and maintains the following special programs:

- Traffic Enforcement
- School Resource Officers
- Volunteer Services
- Crime Prevention
 - Public Information Officer
 - Crime Free Multi-Housing
 - Neighborhood Block Watch
- Graffiti Abatement Program
- Alarms Reduction
- Park Rangers
- Police Aide

Police Explorers

The Casa Grande Police Department's Explorer Program is an extension of the Boy Scouts of America. The program provides an opportunity for young men and women to experience first-hand how a police department functions and what it takes to get started in a challenging career in law enforcement.

Police Explorers perform a variety of community services at parades, festivals, and special events. Occasionally, the Explorers could be called out to assist police officers in emergency situations, such as searching for missing children, searching for evidence, assisting in major disaster scenes, or to perform other duties required by the Casa Grande Police Department.

In addition to gaining a working knowledge of the police work, the Explorers have the opportunity to give of themselves to their community.

Traffic Enforcement Unit



The role of the Traffic Enforcement Unit is to improve traffic safety throughout the community to include the investigation of fatal and serious injury motor vehicle accidents.

As a means to accomplish this goal the Traffic Unit conducts aggressive driver details, seatbelt enforcement details, participates in county wide DUI Task Forces and conducts DUI saturation patrols in and around the city.

The traffic unit also conducts safety presentations at local schools, community groups and special events.

In 2014, The Critical Accident Investigation Team (CAIT) was called out 13 times and investigated 6 fatal traffic collisions. The CAIT team also assisted the Criminal Investigation Division with diagramming homicide scenes.

Traffic Accidents	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Private Party	102	99	113	81	105
Non-Injury	633	622	644	594	544
With Injury	213	212	193	173	198
Fatality	7	9	4	4	6
Total Accidents	955	942	954	852	853
Estimated Population	49,575	50,018	50,276	50,276	50,276
Rate per thousand	19	19	19	17	17
% Change from Previous Year	-10%	0%	0%	-10%	0%

Park Rangers

In 2014 the Park Rangers underwent a transformation by assuming a more traditional law enforcement role. They attended a two week post academy, were certified in CPR and First Aid, were issued a new uniform and equipment and received training in law and legal updates.

The Rangers patrol the City's 23 parks throughout Casa Grande and conduct security checks at all city owned buildings. The Park Rangers are entrusted with protecting and preserving parklands within our community. They provide respectful and professional assistance to all park users and ensure compliance with laws and city codes through education and enforcement.

The Park Rangers want every visitor to have the opportunity to enjoy the City's park system in a safe and secure environment. If you see a Park Ranger on your next outing please take the time to visit with them.



Criminal Investigations Division

Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for complete investigations of all major crimes occurring in the city. The division includes General Investigations, Narcotics Unit, U.S. Marshall's Task Force, Records Section, Property Section, Identification Section and a Crime Analyst that helps detect crime trends with similar methods of operation and develop predictions on where and when similar crimes may occur.

- General Investigations have 6 person crime detectives, 2 property crime detectives and 1 intelligence detective. They encompass:
 - Crimes not solved by uniformed Patrol
 - Major Crimes with Complex Elements
 - Highly Skilled Interrogators
 - White Collar and Fraud Crimes
 - Court Preparation and Presentation

General Investigators work with all elements of the department, outside agencies and the Pinal County Attorney's Office to build cases against major offenders and to insure those offenders are brought to justice.

Each investigator is responsible for managing their individual case load and at times may become a member of a larger team or task force with the purpose of jointly investigating high profile crimes.

- **Intelligence Detective**

The Intelligence Detective serves as a support function for investigations. The intelligence detective gathers and disseminates information, distributes internal and external

fliers, BOLOS (Be on the lookout) and tracks career criminals within the city. The intelligence detective works closely with the Crime Analyst.

- Records Section

The Records section is responsible for managing the quality and control of all police department records while providing support to internal personnel, responding to multiple requests for information from citizens, City and County departments, and a multitude of external agencies and organizations.

On August 1, 2013 Mobile Field Reporting was implemented, allowing officers to complete case reports electronically from patrol vehicles. Once reports are approved they upload to the Records Management System. This process has proven to be more time efficient which benefits the entire department as it makes information available sooner for investigative and crime analysis purposes.

Currently a project is in motion concerning the purchase of a new Computer Aided Dispatch/Record Management System (CAD/RMS). This purchase will replace our current system which has been in operation since 1998, bringing new technology making our department even more efficient and effective.

- Property and Evidence Section

The property and evidence section is responsible for the acceptance and housing of all property found, seized or impounded by the Casa Grande Police Department.

The property and evidence technician catalogs all the items in the warehouse and handles the proper packaging and final disposition of property and evidence. This includes drug disposal and ensuring items needed for court are properly managed.

Some of the items they handle are as follows:

- Evidence
- Found Property
- Drug Disposal
- Evidence Research
- Laboratory Examination
- Fingerprint Examination
- Evidence Packaging
- Bodily Fluids
- Trace Evidence

- Identification Section (Crime Scene Response)

Identification Technicians assist patrol officers and detectives with investigations by documenting the crime scene (notes, photography, sketch/diagram, etc.), processing the crime scene (latent fingerprint recovery, presumptive testing, DNA collection, trace evidence collection, etc.) and packaging items of evidence collected from the crime scene.

The Identification Technicians also process lab requests from patrol officers and detectives (latent fingerprints, DNA collection,

Presumptive Testing, NIBIN entries, etc.). The Identification Technicians often provide courtroom testimony regarding their participation in investigations.

In addition, the Identification technicians are also tasked with training new patrol officers basic photography, fingerprint processing and DNA collection techniques.

- Narcotics Unit

Narcotics detectives handle neighborhood complaints related to drug activity. They handle major drug dealers and smuggling cases as well as requests for assistance from the Patrol Division. The detectives also participate in regional interdiction activities, and undercover investigations.



U.S. MARSHAL VIOLENT OFFENDER TASK FORCE



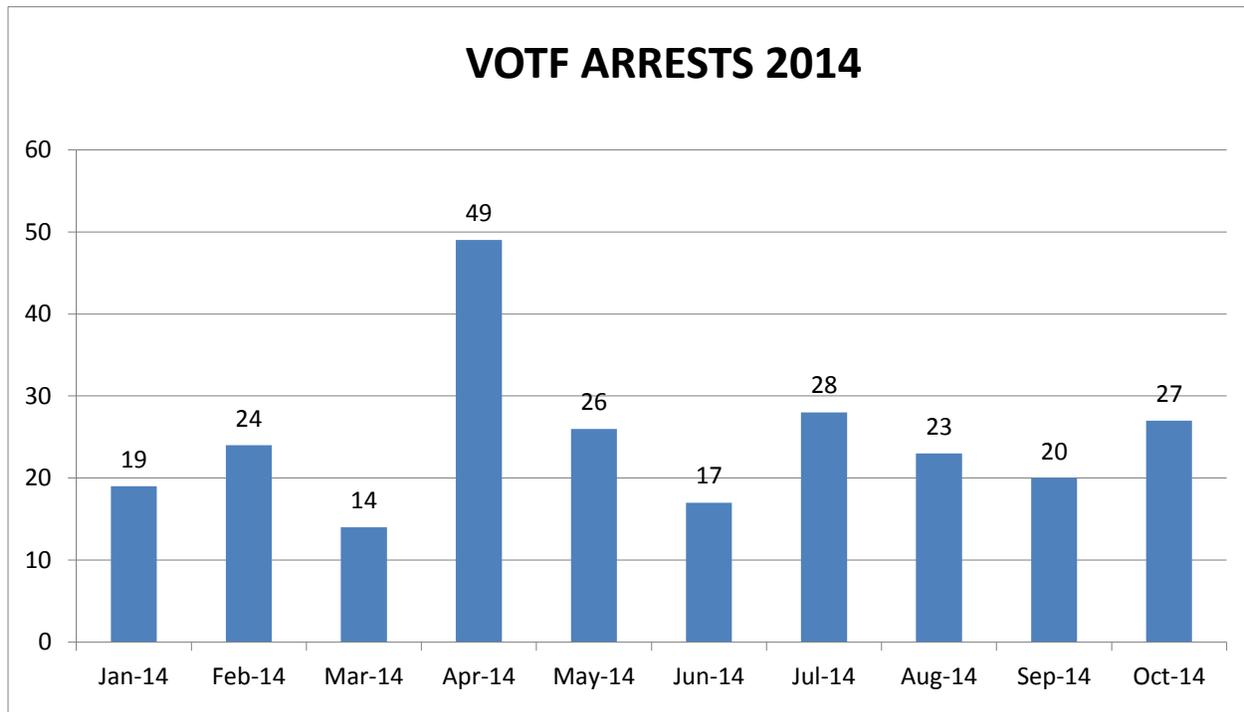
The U.S. Marshal Violent Offender Task Force is comprised of Deputy U.S. Marshal's, state, county and local law enforcement personnel. The U.S. Marshal Task Forces are located nationwide, therefore allowing communication from state to state in order to track and apprehend fugitives of justice.

The Pinal County Violent Offender Task Force is based out of the Casa Grande Police Department. The Group has been operational since June of 2011. Although small in numbers (CGPD Detective, PCSO Detective, and 2 Deputy US Marshal's), the Pinal County Group is responsible for more fugitive apprehensions than any other Marshal fugitive task force in the State of Arizona.

The Pinal County Violent Offender Task Force utilizes unconventional tactics, surveillance and tracking techniques to apprehend fugitives. The Group also conducts high profile street sweeps in high crime areas. By doing so, criminals without arrest warrants are apprehended for a multitude of new crimes ranging from illegal drugs, possession of stolen property and burglary. Detective units around the county call upon the Group to track and apprehend violent suspects in current cases. The Group prioritizes targets based upon the violent nature of the crime. The Group has tracked and apprehended homicide suspects, rapists, child molesters and aggravated assault suspects. Pinal County and the cities within are never untouched by the U.S. Marshal Violent Offender Force.



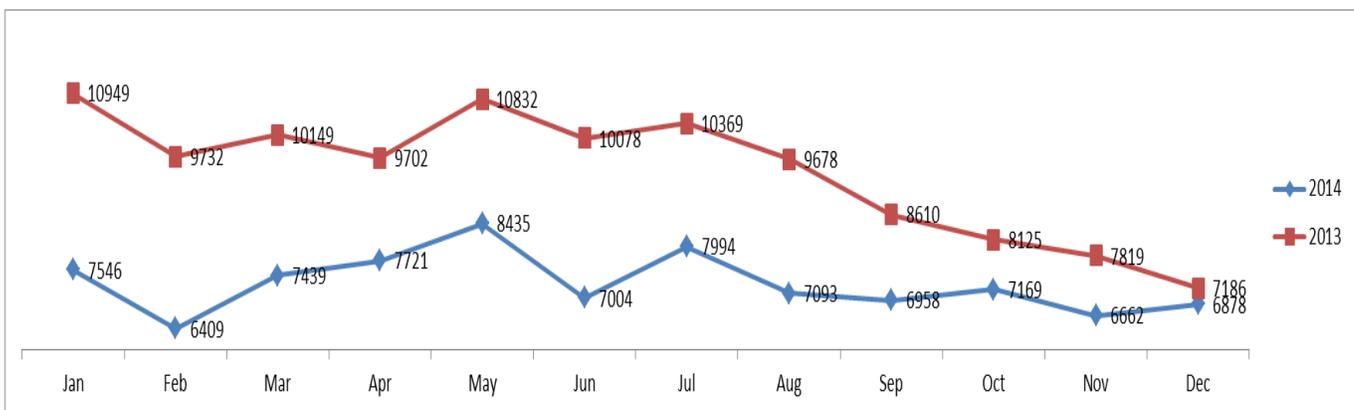
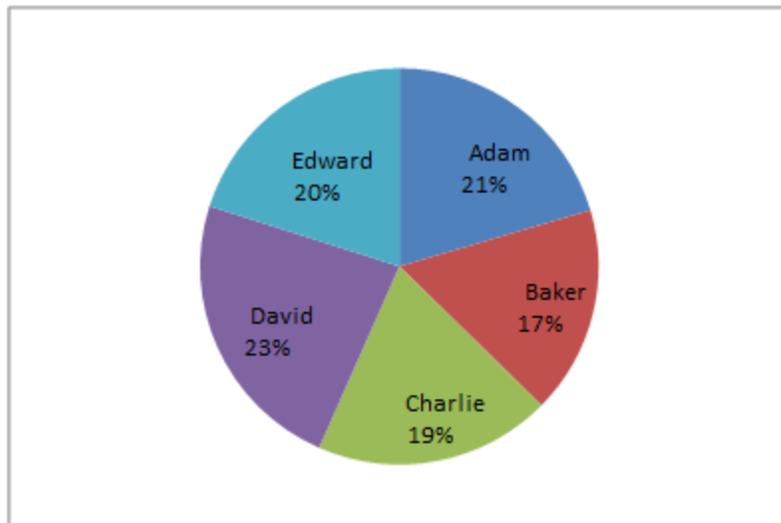
U.S. MARSHAL VIOLENT OFFENDER TASK FORCE



Total Arrests in 2014: 317

Compstat

The Department began utilizing CompStat in 2012. The strategy consists of generating monthly reports from each of the four divisions: Patrol, Special Operations, Criminal Investigations and Communications. Monthly stats are compiled by the department's crime analyst. The compiled data contains specific crime and enforcement locations and times. The data is then analyzed and appropriate measures are taken to tackle particular issues.



Communications Division

Public Safety Manager Mike Brashier



The Communications Division is responsible for the personnel that coordinate the communication between the public and the sworn police officers in the field 24 hours a day.

- 911 Operators
- Police services
- Fire services
- Animal Control
- Public works emergencies
- Phones, Radio's, Computers
- Enter and query data through the State and National Criminal Justice System



Police Employees Give Back to the Community

Throughout the year, police employees volunteer their time and efforts to a number of worthwhile causes. Ranging from helping with community events to delivering to families experiencing hardships, police employees step up when it comes to making their community a better place.

- Back to School Shop with A Cop
- Sponsor Local Families for Christmas
- Silent Witness Night
- Neighbors United Graffiti Event
- Citizen's Academy
- Animal Control Clinics
- Victim's Rights Week
- Smoke Detectors Installation
- City Wide Neighborhood Clean Up
- Public Safety Day

