

Alvin Police Department



2015 Annual Report



Mission Statement

The mission of the Alvin Police Department is to be the model of excellence in policing by working in partnership with the community to fight crime and the fear of crime, enforce laws and enhance the quality of life, while safeguarding the Constitutional Rights of all people. We are committed to providing outstanding service to all our residents and visitors alike and maintaining a work environment in which we continuously recruit, train and develop an exceptional team of employees who possess honor, integrity and compassion.

Vision Statement

Exceptional Team, Exceptional Service



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MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF



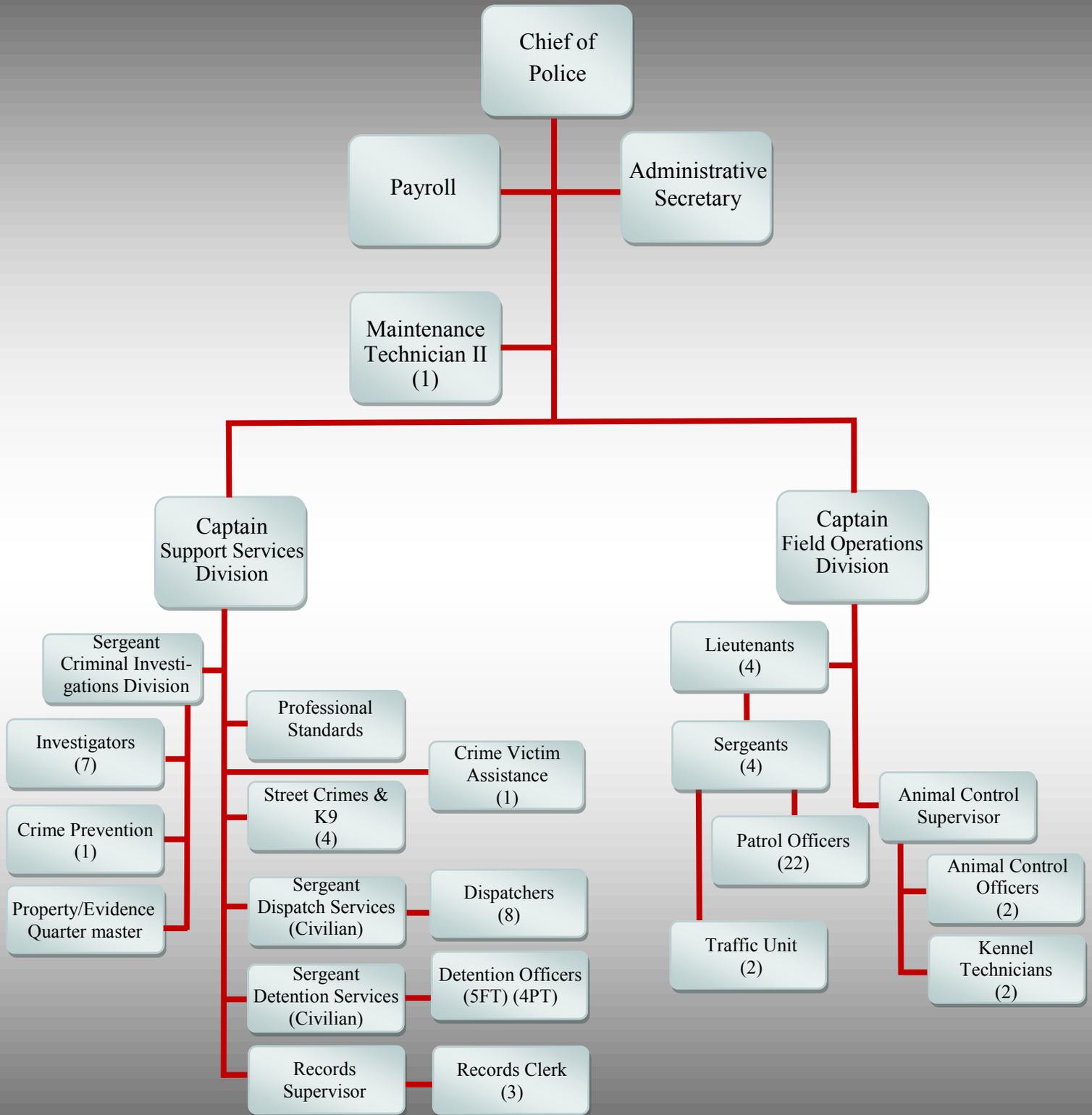
The continued growth in and around our community has led to the third straight year of increased calls for service from our citizens. Our vision, Exceptional Team Exceptional Service, has served us well in meeting the challenges of this increased demand for police services. We have worked diligently to strengthen our inter-agency partnerships and have striven to improve our already strong community bond. We have increased our social media presence to an unprecedented level and will continue to use that presence to inform our citizens of items or programs of interest and to solicit their assistance in safeguarding our community's quality of life. Never before has law enforcement depended so much on the support and trust of the citizens it serves and I am humbled by the outpouring of good will we received in 2015. This report provides a snapshot of the hard work and achievements of your police department; it is a pleasure and honor to serve as the Chief of Police to such an outstanding organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Lee".

Robert E Lee
Chief of Police



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER



It is a real privilege to work with Chief Robert Lee and the committed men and women of the Alvin Police Department. Their achievements in the past year and their continuous efforts to provide our community with an unbeatable level of public safety are to be commended. It is through their dedication, character, professionalism and competence that creates an environment for our citizens and businesses to have a safer place to live, work, and play. The Alvin Police Department continues to establish and implement new programs and ideas to aid in a higher level of service while building trust and pride in our community. On behalf of the City of Alvin, I commend the entire staff of the Alvin Police Department for their daily commitment to their Vision Statement: “Exceptional Team, Exceptional Service”.

Sereniah Breland
City Manager



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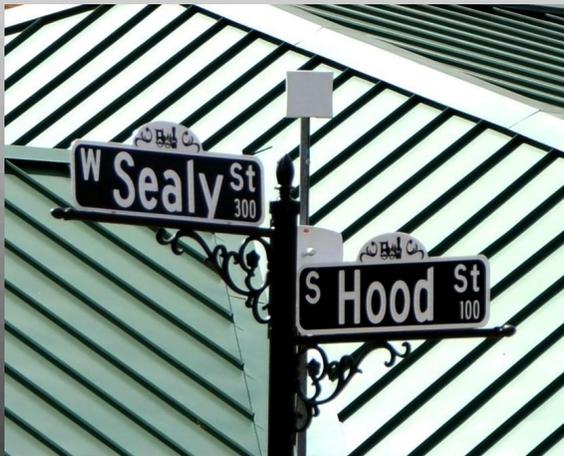
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DEPARTMENT HISTORY



Armour Savell, Alvin City Marshal 1936-1946

Law enforcement in our community began with a City Marshal's office. Our first elected Marshal was SL Springer who was elected to office in approximately 1893. Marshal Springer was followed by 13 other elected marshals. Our last Marshal, EJ Hafernick, was elected in 1955 and served in that capacity until 1957 when the Marshal's office was decommissioned in favor of a municipal police department.

Our first appointed Chief of Police was Glenn Shepherd who assumed that position in 1957. Chief Shepherd was followed by the following full-time Chiefs of Police: Earl Merchant, Leon Levy, Pete Carlson, Dennis O'Leary, Deril Oliver, Michael Jez, Jeffrey Adkins, Michael

Clawson, Michael Merkel and currently Robert E. Lee.

Over the years, the Department has grown to an authorized force of 50 sworn officers and 28 civilians. We provide full-time patrol, communication and detention services. We have staff committed to a multi-agency, multi-disciplined tactical operations program, a K-9 program, a bicycle patrol, an honor guard, street crimes and narcotics, sex offender registration program, a Chaplain program, a Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, a Citizen's on Patrol program and a Crime Prevention program.

Our members serve as advisors or members on a number of groups including our local council of governments (HGAC), Rotary, Kiwanis, Parks and Recreation Board, Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Texas Chapter of the National Emergency Numbers Association (NENA) and other professional boards and associations.

The Department has gained national and local accolades for its progressive, professional programs.



COMMAND STAFF



Captain Chad Fontenot

Date of Hire: 09/22/1986

Education: Bachelor of Science (Sociology)

Captain Fontenot grew up in Alvin, graduating from Alvin High School, Alvin Community College with two Associates degrees, and later the University of Houston at Clear Lake with a degree in Sociology. Captain Fontenot started with the Alvin Police Department in 1986, and has served as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Corporal, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, and as Captain of Operations since 2010. He currently supervises the Patrol and Humane Divisions. He has also been part of the Bike Patrol Unit, SWAT, and is the Police Liaison for the Police Chaplains. Captain Fontenot attended the 227th Session of the FBI National Academy in 2006 and Class #45 of the LEMIT Leadership Command College in 2003. He has received a number of awards during his career at the Alvin Police Department. He still resides in Alvin with his wife Debbi. They have two children. He is an active part of the community through the First United Methodist Church, the Alvin Evening Lions, and as a Board Member of the Alvin Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Robert E. Lee

Date of Hire: 4/15/2013

Education: Bachelor of Arts Columbia College of Missouri, Master of Science in Strategic Leadership Mountain State University

Chief Lee came to Alvin in 2013 bringing with him 24 years of law enforcement experience. During his career he has held many commissioned officer positions including Patrolman, Investigator, Lieutenant and Assistant Chief. He is a published author of a management and supervision based book: Reducing the Learning Curve: In First Time Law Enforcement Supervisors. Chief Lee graduated the police academy in 1989 and has continued his education by attending Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Leadership Command College in 2001, he attained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2008, and his Master of Science in Strategic Leadership degree in 2010. Some of Chief Lee's certifications include TCLEOSE instructor, Firearms instructor, and Advanced Accident Investigation. Chief Lee has received the Meritorious Service Bar and the Life Saving award.

Captain Q. Todd Arendell

Date of Hire: 03/01/1984

Education: 90+ college hours, FBI NA and Southern Law Enforcement Institute Graduate

Capt. Arendell has served as patrol officer, Field Training Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, SWAT Commander, Lieutenant and presently Captain over Support Services. During the early 90's he also simultaneously served as patrol sergeant and director of Alvin EMS. His supervisory experience has afforded him an opportunity to oversee every division of the department including patrol, criminal investigations, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Property Room, Detention, Communications, Records, IT and Professional Standards and the Victim Liaison office. His areas of specialization are management and criminal investigations. Capt. Arendell attended the 222nd Session of the FBI National Academy in 2005 and is a 1989 graduate of The Southern Law Enforcement Institute in Dallas Texas.

He enjoys spending time with the family, reading, cooking, woodworking, hunting, fishing and playing golf.

STAFF



Lt. Shawn Gilcrease
Patrol



Lt. Tim Hubbard
Patrol



Lt. Shawn Sewell
Patrol



Lt. Bruce Trent
Patrol



Sgt. Mike Farmer
Criminal Investigations



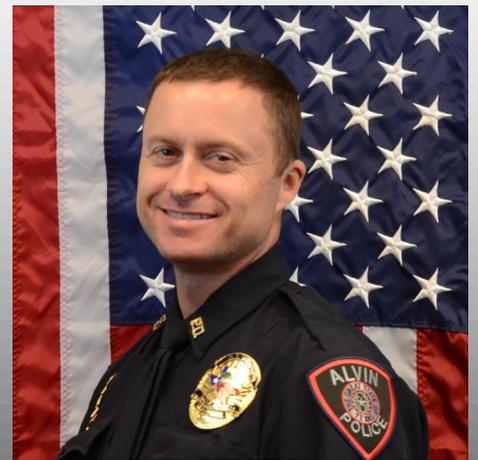
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Patrol



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Patrol



Sgt. Keith Kingham
Patrol



Sgt. Jason Shoemake
Patrol

STAFF



Sgt. Bobette McGilberry
Dispatch Supervisor



Jake Schauer
Office of Professional Standards



Sgt. Craig Daeger
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Records Supervisor



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Victim Liaison Officer



Cpl. Tonya Douglas
Humane Supervisor



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For information about training, to make a complaint or pass along a compliment contact Officer Jake Schauer at 281-585-7133 or jschauer@cityofalvin.com.

RECORDS DIVISION

Officers of the Alvin Police Department generated over 3,100 offense reports and over 750 crash reports during 2015. Additionally, records were generated for over 27,000 calls for service. Many of these reports and call for service records also have additional records attached including arrest reports, paper documents, videos, and other recordings. In 2015, the Division received, re-searched and prepared responses to over 1,900 public information requests.

The Records Division receives incoming phone calls, greets walk-in customers and maintains a professional office environment. The Division is responsible for the integrity of and maintaining all records in accordance with State law. The division prepares case packages for submission to the District Attorney's Office, Municipal Court and other jurisdictions. They perform data entry, data review, and a variety of inquiries on an "as-needed" basis. The technicians perform crime analysis tasks, expunge records as directed by law and create monthly statistic reports for submission to the FBI. They also research for and prepare "clearance letters" and administer the City's itinerant vendor program which includes licensing.

The current employees of the division are:



Sandra (with the Department for 5 months as a Records Technician),

Teri (with the Department for 9 years, started with Dispatch, transferred to Records in 2011, promoted to Chief Records Technician in 2013) and

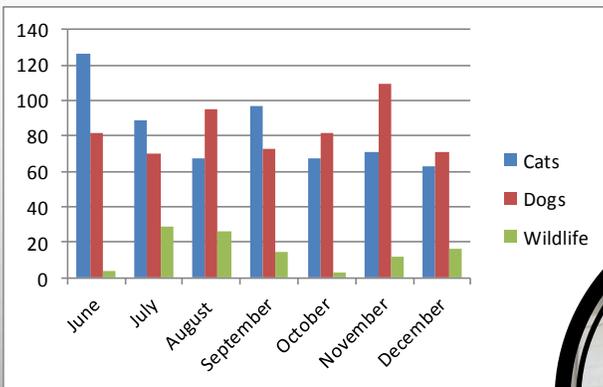
Heidi (with the Department for 7 1/2 years, started as Part Time Humane Officer, became a Full Time Humane Officer in 2011, transferred to Records in 2014).

HUMANE DIVISION

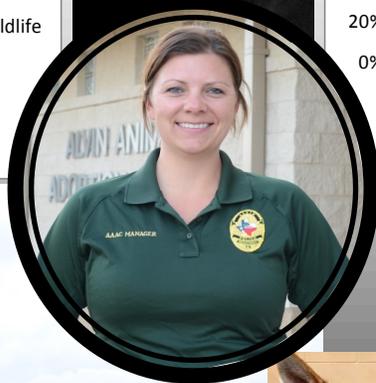
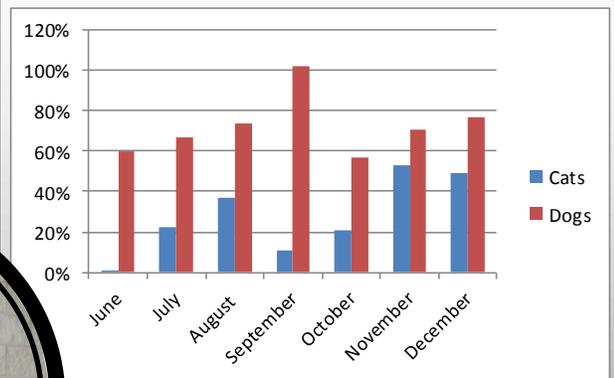
The roughly two million dollar Alvin Animal Adoption Center facility opened in May of 2014. As with any brand new facility, there were certainly a lot of growing pains, but 2015 was a turning point for the Alvin Animal Adoption Center! With the addition of Shelter Manager Autumn Miller and her staff, the AAAC has been working to build relationships with local rescue groups, as well as some out-of-state rescues to help rehome as many animals as possible. Our staff has been using both social media and word-of-mouth to market and network our pets and our adoption center to increase the number of visitors and adopters. Customer service and finding new homes for our animals are top priorities. While the Alvin Police Department's Animal Control Division is responsible for handling all animal control issues in Alvin, we are also responsible for doing what is best for each animal once they are brought to our facility - but the goal of staff is to find "forever homes" for our animals whenever possible.

Our staff works closely with our great volunteers who donated hundreds of hours of their time to assist in our mission. Amazing donors in our community helped provide us with equipment, funds, and food necessary to care for and provide for all our pets. Highlights from our 2015 donations include an outdoor dog run from the Ramirez family of League City and a substantial cash donations from Ron Carter and the Animal Welfare League of Alvin!

In-Takes
June to December 2015



Saves
June to December 2015



DEPARTMENT ACQUISITIONS

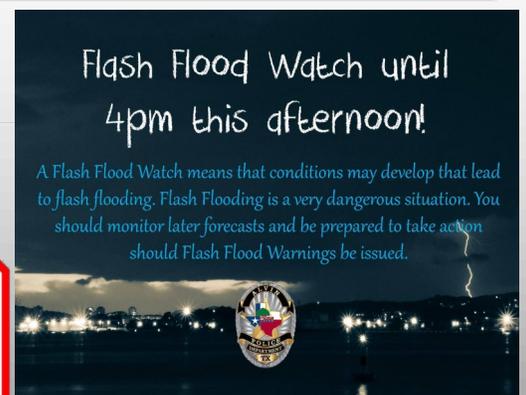
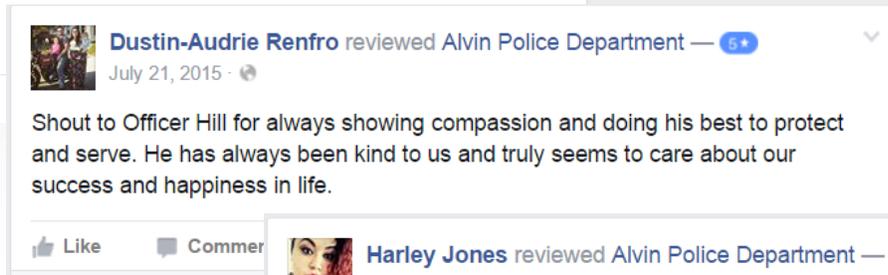
10-33 PROGRAM

The Alvin Police Department participates in the Department of Public Safety 1033 Program which permits us to screen for and acquire surplus federal equipment. The program is a federal program that permits law enforcement agencies to receive and utilize equipment to assist with the war on drugs and homeland security. Our community's proximity to the coast and many large petro-chem complexes necessitate homeland security training and preparedness due to the threats of natural disaster as well as terrorist attack. Our Department's proactive stance against illegal drugs also requires training and equipment. Our participation in the 1033 Program avails equipment to the Department without accessing our annual budgets. During 2015, the Department acquired vehicles and equipment that will assist in high-water rescues as well as tactical operations. We acquired a field kitchen which will be utilized to prepare meals and feed staff should we encounter a storm like Hurricane Ike which left most of the City evacuated while our staff stayed at work and on the streets. Similarly, we have acquired cots, sleeping bags, "go-bags", first aid kits and similar equipment our staff can utilize when we are required to quarter at the police department during tropical storm strikes. We have also received smaller pieces of equipment and tools which will assist us in maintaining the surplus equipment. We do not and cannot receive weapons and all other equipment has been de-militarized.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Department's social media sites have been very active this year! Community Policing is the core of our Department. Social media allows us to connect with our cyber community. Alvin Police Department is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The sites have allowed us to get information out more quickly which has solved crimes and avoided some as well as victims being located. The Department posted information on traffic issues and crime prevention. The response has been tremendous. Alvin Police Department will continue to keep the community informed.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

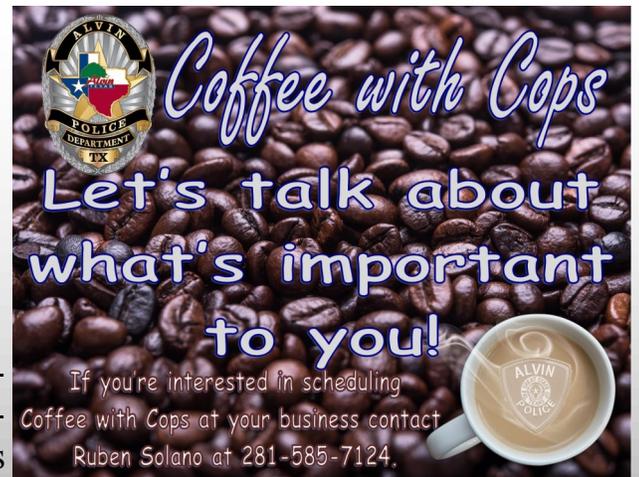
Alvin PD installed a permanent RX Drop Box in the front public lobby of the police department March 30th, 2014, now making this service available to our community year around, 24-hours-a-day. Only “pills and patches” are qualified for drop off (liquids and needles are not allowed). The box was obtained at no charge via a grant from the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) and assistance from BACODA. In 2015, 472 pounds of unwanted and expired medications were collected in this box!



The program is based on the ability to drop off old medications by citizens anonymously. No information is gathered and the person dropping off the medications does not even need to speak with anyone at the police department. They merely come in and drop the medications in the box. The contents of the box are routinely collected, sealed and weighed by the Department’s Evidence Officer, and then disposed via EPA-approved incineration.

The reason for the program is twofold: (1) to keep medications from being flushed into our water system, or dumped in landfills, and (2) to minimize prescription drugs in the hands of youthful offenders (a recent study showed that overdose deaths due to prescription medications now accounts for more deaths than those caused by cocaine and heroin overdoses combined).

The “Coffee with Cops” program offers citizens a time and place to speak with officers,. Officers meet at various locations once each month to “share a cup” with interested community members and share ideas and concerns.



The Citizen’s Patrol Unit assists Alvin Police Department with crime prevention patrols, motorist assistance, wrecker stand-by, traffic control, close patrols and handicapped parking enforcement. Our mission is to act as a force multiplier for the city’s police officers. We assist them with non-enforcement activities so that they are available to answer more calls for service. We also act as a deterrent to crime by conducting highly visible patrols.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Alvin Police Officers Association, comprised of Departmental employees, once again hosted and participated in the Christmas Shop with a Cop and Blue Santa bicycle programs. Members of the APOA also donated time and resources to assist community members in financial need.



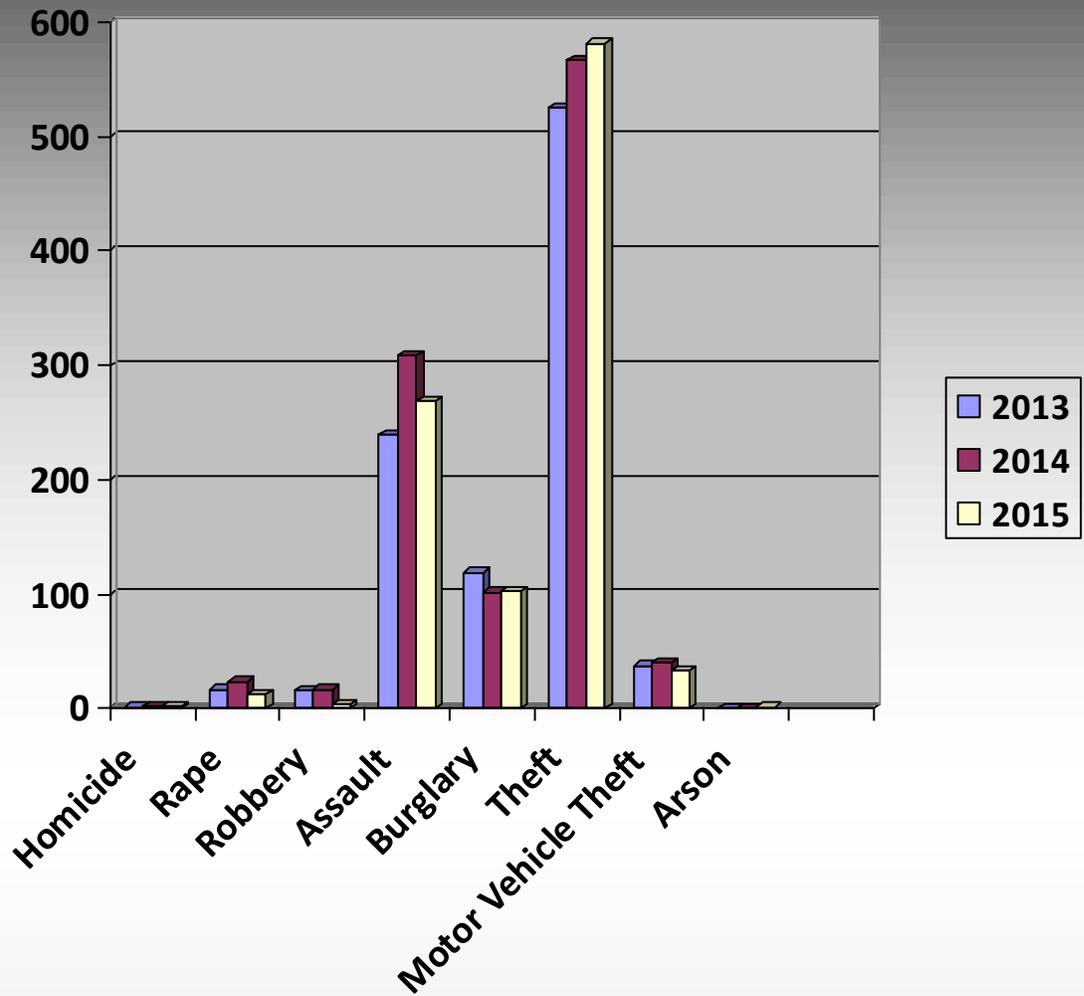
The Alvin Police Department opened its doors and parking area for a transaction safety zone for the community. Those who do business online and need to meet to complete transactions can do so in a safe environment instead of going to a strangers home or meeting in remote areas. Dispatchers also check serial numbers for stolen if requested.



Neighborhood Night Out
1st Tuesday in October
Register Now!
Sponsored by Alvin Police Department
Meeting your neighbors is the best crime prevention tool!



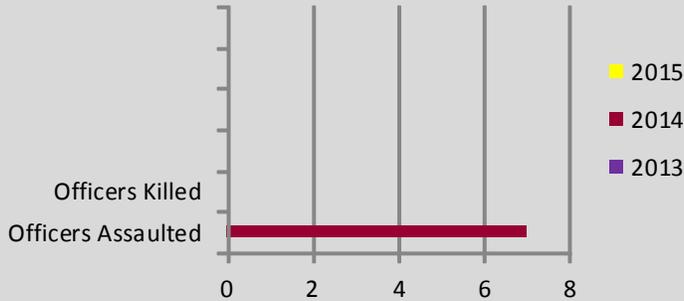
CRIME DATA



	Offenses Reported			Unfounded Offenses			Actual Offenses			Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Part I Offenses												
Criminal Homicide	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	1
Forcible Rape	17	24	13	7	3	3	10	21	10	5	20	5
Robbery	16	17	4	2	0	0	14	17	4	7	10	3
Assault	239	309	269	12	7	9	226	302	260	184	260	218
Burglary	119	102	103	1	2	0	118	100	103	19	32	15
Theft	525	567	581	11	8	10	514	559	571	247	321	315
Motor Vehicle Theft	38	40	33	0	2	0	38	38	33	17	21	15
Arson	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	955	1061	1003	34	22	22	921	1039	984	480	665	572
Part II Offenses	1310	1523	1970	87	65	45	1223	1458	1925	990	1263	417

CRIME DATA

Officer Injuries

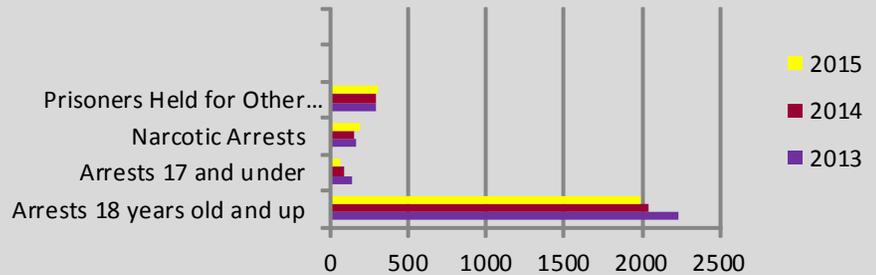


Year	Officer Injuries		
	2013	2014	2015
Officers Assaulted	0	7	0
Officers Killed	0	0	0

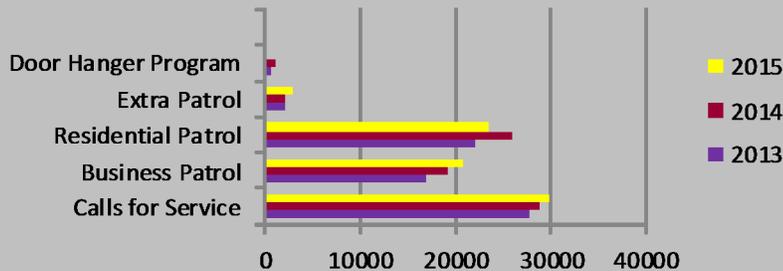
Arrests

Year	Arrests		
	2013	2014	2015
Arrests 18 and up	2248	2048	1994
Arrests 17 and under	141	93	74
Narcotic Arrests	168	157	198
Prisoners held for Other agencies	301	300	308

Arrests



Calls for Service and Extra Patrols



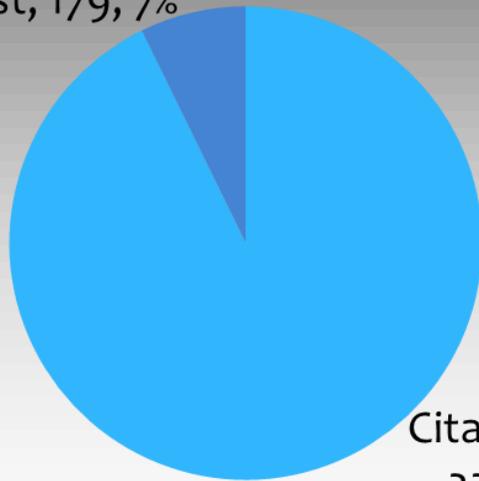
Calls for Service and Extra Patrols

Year	Calls for Service and Extra Patrols		
	2013	2014	2015
Calls for Service	27748	28764	29782
Business Patrol	16890	19206	20828
Residential Patrol	21973	25868	23474
Extra Patrol	2139	2027	2816
Door Hanger Program	589	979	

RACIAL PROFILING

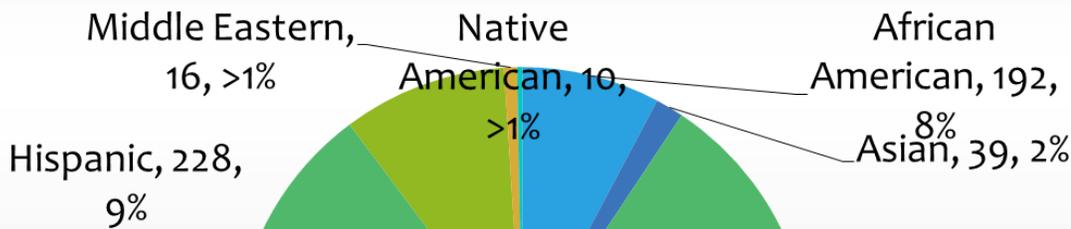
Alvin PD 2015 Motor Vehicle Stops

Citation and Arrest, 179, 7%



- Citation Only
- Citation and Arrest

Citation Only, 2294, 93%



- African American
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Middle Eastern
- Native American

Caucasian, 1989, 80%

Race or Ethnicity known prior to stop?

Yes 87

No 2386

Total 2473

Search conducted?

Yes 62

No 2411

Was search consented?

Yes 20

No 42

POLICE EXCHANGE

In 2015, Alvin Police Department participated in the sixth year of the internship with Zhejiang Police College and Sam Houston State University. Alvin Police Department has been a part of the program since the inception. Many people describe being “called” to police work; they experience the job as being a mission, as opposed to a means of earning money to pay bills. They appreciate the opportunities that policing provides to be a part of something larger than themselves. The same thing holds true of the internship. Officers know the importance of training in general and they realize in



this case they are training people who are likely to be highly influential policy makers in one of the largest and most powerful nations in the world. The experience is grounded in, based on, and surrounded by democratic values and ideals. The internship is also intellectually stimulating for officers. They have a chance to learn about others. They learn about Chinese culture. They learn about Chinese policing. And they learn a bit about the Chinese people. Perhaps most importantly, they have a chance to learn how much we have in common.

Whereas a lack of experience with others tends to highlight their differences from us, actual experience with them tends to underscore their similarities. Agencies participating in the internship also benefit from the experience. The students keep the officers on their toes. They ask endless questions and possess boundless enthusiasm. The officers have to bring their “A” game. Having more officers do so provides a clear benefit to the agency and the community. If someone in the United States is critically ill or seriously injured, their best hope for recovery is at a teaching hospital. This is so because such hospitals employ the best practices informed by the latest research. In important ways, the host agencies serve the same function.



NEW HIRES

WELCOME



Bobby Vincent
Patrol



Jenny Humbird
Patrol



Sandra Ruiz
Records



Jessica Gilbreath
Dispatch



Linda Luna
Dispatch



Richard Villaloboz
Humane



Camille LaChapelle
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Joan Moore
Humane



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