



The City of
Blue Springs
Missouri

2013 Annual Report Police Department



BLUE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT *2013 ANNUAL REPORT*



Chief Wayne I. McCoy

2013 Blue Springs Citizen Public Safety Advisory Board



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Chief's Message

By Chief Wayne I. McCoy

The 2013 annual report summarizes department activities through the end of 2013. The Blue Springs Police Department is a dynamic agency that is constantly changing and improving. Through a partnership with the Blue Springs community, the Blue Springs Police Department is committed to maintain excellence to provide service to all and keep the trust given to us by our constituents.



Chief McCoy with the Officer of the Year, Detective Kelly Caster

Message:

As is often said, the phrase “you are either getting better every day or you are getting worse, but you are constantly changing” is very appropriate when it comes to the Blue Springs Police Department. Every day, our outstanding personnel constantly strive to find ways to be more effective and efficient in providing service to the Blue Springs community while maintaining the professionalism that is our trademark. They have been very successful at doing so.

Just a few of our outstanding accomplishments in 2013 include:

- The hiring of outstanding personnel. 2013 was the first full year for Deputy Chief Robert Muenz, a position made possible through the PSST and hired in late 2012. With the additional positions hired in 2012-13, BSPD authorized strength is now 99 sworn and 39 civilian positions – 138 employees working together for a common goal.



Officer Krestin Rivers being sworn in by Chief McCoy in May, 2013

- The re-organization from four bureaus down to 3 bureaus has stream-lined and clarified our structure, improving communication and efficiency. The three Captains were reallocated to bureaus that played to their strengths, with Captain Morton moving to Uniformed Patrol, Captain Snyder moving to CYOU, and Captain Myers assigned to Staff Services.
- Crime rates for overall Part 1 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) crime continues a long-term gradual decline, with 2013 totals the lowest in many years and a drop of 16% from 2012. While Part 1 UCR data is a good indicator, it is important to note that the violent crime segment within the Part 1 crimes has risen slightly; while violent crimes are more difficult to anticipate and control, we continue to look for ways through education, prevention and enforcement to impact this segment of the data as well.

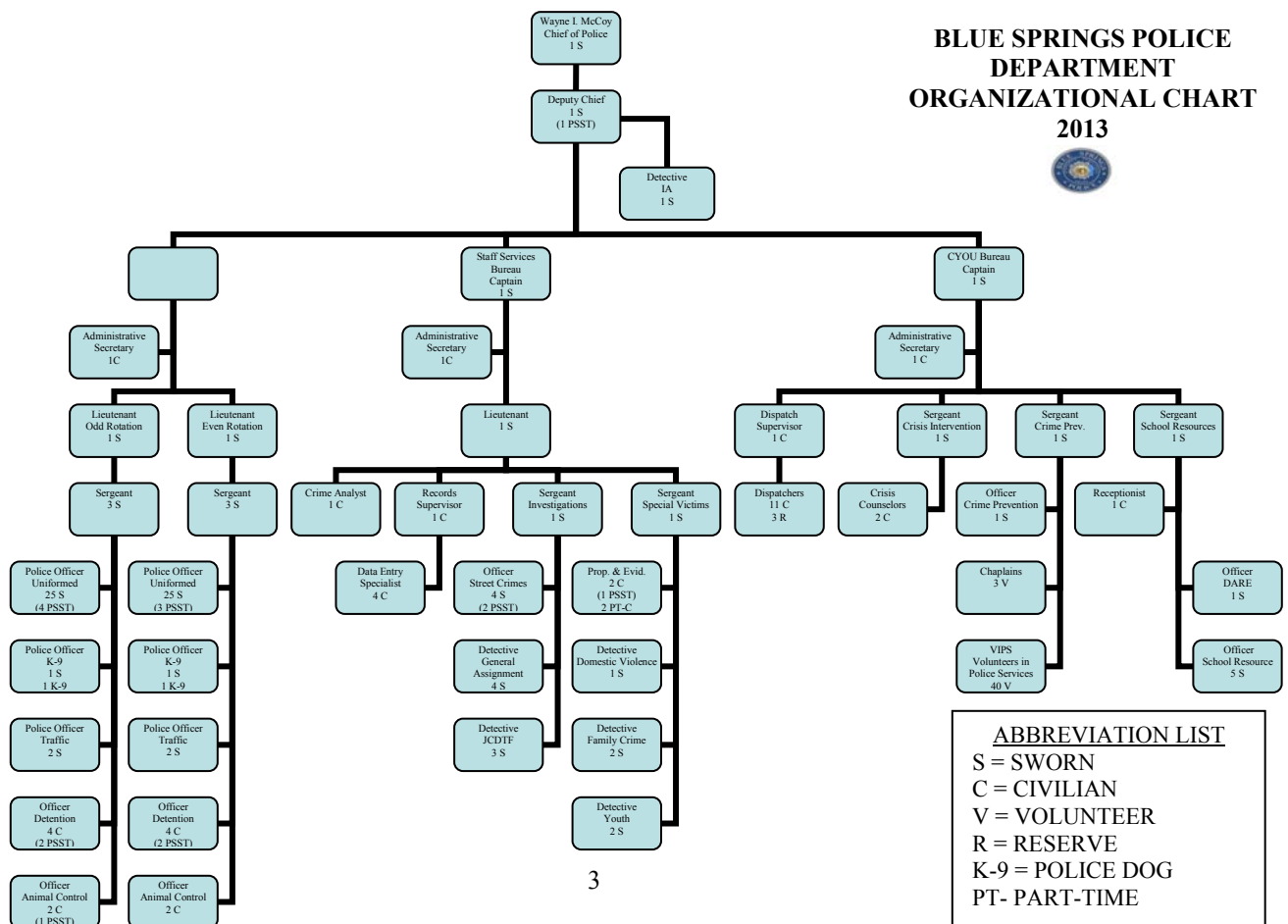
- Community involvement continues as a BSPD focus. With 44 members to date in our volunteer program, the graduation of our 16th Citizen Academy Class, adding the new “Girls on Fire” program while maintaining our existing programs such as the “Leadership Challenge”, we continually strive to deliver proactive programs that help our community. Passage of the ordinance implementing the first ever Human Relations Commission in Blue Springs adds an important resource for those who may need support.



Officer Phil Leslie at “Trick or Treat Main Street”

- With both 2012 radio system and personnel goals based on the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) completed, the PSST focus for 2013 became the design phase of the expansion and renovation of the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building. With input from many sources, an outstanding design was created with input from employees, Treanor Architects and Burns and McDonnell. The design was presented at the Citizen Public Safety Board’s annual forum in November, 2013 and was bid in February 2014. Construction was scheduled to start in April, 2014.

Goals for 2014 include the facility bidding process, move to temporary locations and the initial major construction of our new facility due for completion in July, 2015. We hope to fully implement the new Human Relations Commission for the City of Blue Springs, helping to ensure fair treatment for all segments of our community. It is our goal to enhance and improve customer service, maintaining the strides we have made during the transition from one location to another.



BSPD Highlights by Bureau in 2013

Operations Bureau

Captain Morton assumed command of the Operations Bureau from Captain Snyder in January of 2013. The Operations Bureau includes Uniformed Patrol, Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit, Detention Service Officers (DSO) and Animal Control.

During the year there were many highlights in the bureau. The expansion of the DSO Unit was a major improvement on the day-to-day operation of the patrol force. DSO's hired through the PSST allowed the detention facility to be staffed 24/7. This allowed patrol officers to return to patrol duties faster, thus providing more time patrolling the streets. The additional DSO's also aided in prisoner safety and care. Booking data shows that the additional DSO's are reducing police officer time in detention as was a stated goal in the Public Safety Sales Tax campaign.

The addition of all wheel drive and 4-wheel drive vehicles to the patrol fleet enhanced safety and ensured that officers could better respond in difficult weather. This project was challenging, as all of the associated equipment had to be changed to fit the new vehicles. By redesigning the vehicle equipment installation, the efficiency and safety of the officers was improved. The importance of this project was underscored in several winter storms, with responses to calls for service made promptly and safely. A side benefit – the officers love these vehicles and that makes for a better workplace.

The goal for 2014 will be simple: move to the interim locations and make them work in a functional manner while continuing to deliver high quality service to the public. While this is a simply stated goal, it will require maximum effort from every employee and the original plan must remain flexible and employees must be able to adjust and adapt to changing conditions.

Staff Services Bureau

Staff Services includes the Investigations functions (Investigations, Special Victim's Unit, Street Crimes Unit and Jackson County Drug Task Force), Property and Evidence Unit, the Records Unit and the Crime Analysis/PIO Unit. During 2013, Staff Services improved with the impact of an expanded Street Crimes Unit, an additional youth Detective, and the implementation of the Crime Analyst/Public Information Officer position.

Successes for 2013 within the bureau also included the implementation of PropertyRoom.com, an on-line auction service to assist with the disposal of unclaimed property. The Property & Evidence Unit also completed two full property destructions using an incineration service located in Grandview as well as two gun destructions.

Detectives assigned to both investigative units worked closely with each other and had successful conclusion to numerous cases, including the arrest and charging of a suspect in a homicide which occurred at Knights Inn. Street Crimes Officers developed cases resulting in two major drug related search warrants resulting in excess of \$102,000 in federal forfeitures. Detectives working with a metro Robbery Task Force following the La Quinta robbery contributed to the arrest of a suspect in a two-state robbery ring that committed at least 24 armed robberies. Members of the bureau, assigned to the Hostage Negotiations Team, successful talked a

distraught suicidal subject into surrendering without injuries. Staff Services Bureau personnel worked closely with the FBI following the bank robbery inside the Hy-Vee Store that resulted in the identification and charging of the responsible individual.

An investigation on-call vehicle was purchased and equipped to aid the processing of crime scenes by ensuring that all necessary equipment was available for on-call personnel in one vehicle that is maintained by an on-call Detective for direct response any time of day or night.

Goals for 2014 include the transition of the bias based profiling program from an in-house database to the Rejis system. This will improve the accuracy and reduce personnel hours within the Records Unit. The investigation units have started the implementation of a new process for handling crime scenes and search warrants that will increase efficiency and accountability. The Property Unit is working with the IT Department to implementation a supplemental tracking system with the goal of achieving 100% accountability for all property items. The Street Crimes Unit is continuing to develop ways to improve the quality of life issues faced by many of the citizens.

All members of the Staff Services Bureau are committed to maintaining a high level of continuous customer service during the transitional relocation of personnel to multiple locations during the building expansion program.

Community and Youth Outreach Bureau (CYOU)

CYOU is responsible for the following functions: School Resource Officers, DARE, Dispatch Services, LEVELS Program for at risk youth, Crime Prevention, Crime Free and Tenet/Landlord programs and the numerous Volunteer programs (VIPS, Citizen Academy, Chaplains).

The CYOU program is a program recognized by the Family Court System as an accepted diversionary program and designed to work with at-risk youth through various situations. During 2013, licensed counselors worked with 233 youth, totaling 739 total sessions. 63 eventually went to Family Court, while 28 of them ended up accepting Leadership Challenge Camp as an alternative for going through in-house services.

Currently we have six School Resource Officers in the R-4 School District. The officers are at Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs South High School, Brittany Hill Middle School, Moreland Ridge Middle School, a DARE officer and an SRO who handles work at any school where needed, as well as assisting the counselors with youth on the unit. In addition, the SRO at Brittany Middle School is also a part-time DARE Officer. The SRO's have written 157 reports and handled 213 crime events. The DARE Officer SRO now teaches the DARE curriculum in all twelve of the Blue Springs public and in two private schools.

The members of the Crime Prevention Unit perform most of the adult public education programs for the Blue Springs Police Department. These include neighborhood watch, officer friendly/stranger danger, child ID, bicycle safety (normally conducted by the bike patrol unit), baseball throw, PD tours, senior safety, personal safety, bank robbery prevention, business robbery prevention, shoplifting prevention, CPTED surveys and others as they arrive as a special request. The Crime Prevention unit is also responsible for the Volunteers in Police Service program (VIPS), The Citizens Police Academy (CPA), Youth Police Academy, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Chaplains program and the Crime Free Multi Housing program (CFMH). During 2013, there were 279 presentations conducted by the Crime Prevention Unit.

The Dispatch Center is always busy – in 2013, they handled over 50,000 calls for service, which averages out to over 3,400 calls per Dispatcher per year. Supervisor Patti Clark announced her retirement for early 2014 and will be sorely missed. One of the most stressful jobs within the police department, Dispatchers are always there to provide a tremendous service to our department and the community.

Goals for 2014 will focus around replacing the Dispatch Supervisor and bringing the Communications Center up to full strength. With one Dispatcher assisting the department as the Accreditation Manager for 2014, efficiency and training will be a must for this unit.

For the SRO, youth, counseling and crime prevention functions, the goal will be our on-going goal that is to help as many people as possible to become the person they desire to be through education, prevention, intervention and support.

Blue Springs Police Department Statistical Report 2013

In 2013, the overall total of Uniform Crime Report Part 1 crimes in Blue Springs dropped 16.0% from 2012, and were at the lowest level at least the past 12 years. Violent Crime was up slightly (partly because of changes in UCR reporting classifications), continuing a slow upward trend in the severity of crimes that are committed.

Statistical data for Part I crimes is defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The information for the Part I crime data was obtained from the FBI's UCR website and the UCR submission forms from this agency. The data covers a five year span for historical comparison.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program for Part 1 crimes collects offenses known to law enforcement for violent crime and property crime.

- **Violent crime** is composed of four offenses:
 - Murder and non-negligent manslaughter
 - Forcible rape
 - Robbery
 - Aggravate assault

Violent crimes are defined in the UCR Program as those offenses which involve force or threat of force.

- **Property crime** includes the offenses of:
 - Burglary
 - Larceny-theft
 - Motor vehicle Theft

The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims.

- **Arson** includes all arson offenses and arson attempts.

PART I OFFENSES KNOWN TO LAW ENFORCEMENT 2009-2013

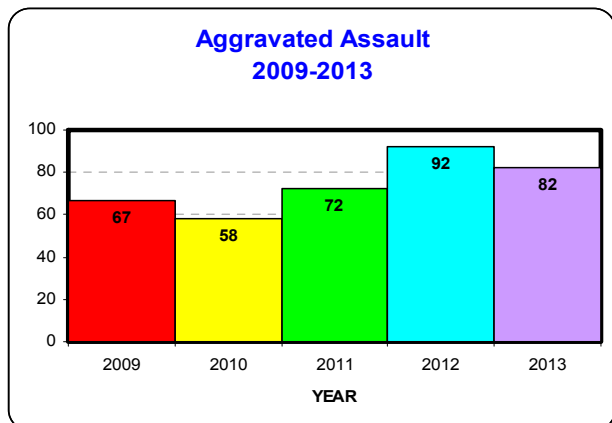
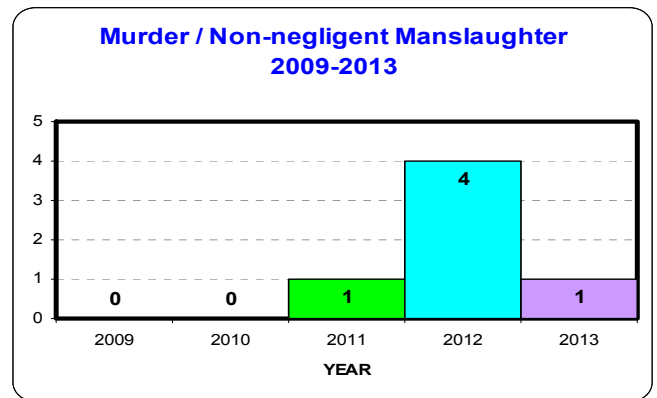
As reported to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% change 2012-2013
Population	55,031	55,817	52,575	52,575	52,575	
Violent Crimes	118	99	117	128	133	3.9 %▲
• Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	1	4	1	75.0 %▼
• Forcible Rape (*definition changed)	19	16	12	12	31	158.3 %▲
• Robbery	32	25	32	20	19	5.0 %▼
• Aggravated Assault	67	58	72	92	82	10.9 %▼
Property Crimes	1,739	1,701	1,520	1,767	1,457	17.5 %▼
• Burglary	352	268	246	260	197	24.2 %▼
• Larceny/Theft	1,223	1,272	1,153	1,378	1,132	17.9 %▼
• Motor Vehicle Theft	164	161	121	129	128	0.8 %▼
Arson	3	3	2	5	4	20.0 %▼
Total Part I Offenses	1,860	1,803	1,639	1,900	1,594	16.1 %▼

*In 2013, the FBI UCR program changed the definition of forcible rape that impacted the data in comparison to previous years. The term “forcible” was removed. Figures for 2013 are based on the new definition and result in a significant increase statistically for Part I crimes and for rape.

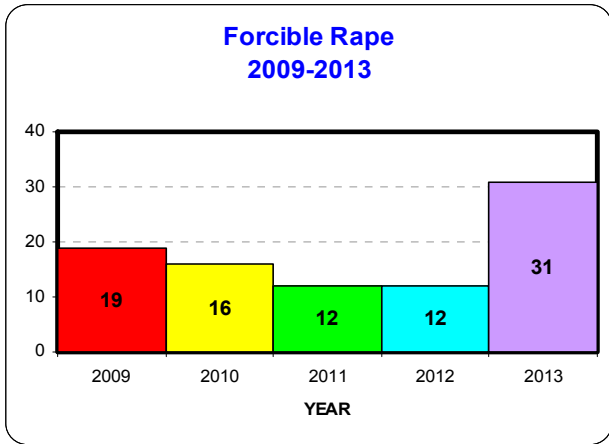
Murder / Non-negligent Manslaughter

The FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines murder and non-negligent manslaughter as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. The classification of this offense is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. The UCR Program does not include the following situations in this offense classification: deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder or assaults to murder, which are recorded as aggravated assaults.



Aggravated Assault

The FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines aggravated assault as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. The Program further specifies that this type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by other means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Attempted aggravated assault that involves the display of—or threat to use—a gun, Knife, or other weapon is included in this crime category because serious personal injury would likely result if the assault were completed. When aggravated assault and larceny-theft occur together, the offense falls under the category of robbery.



Rape / Sex Offenses

*(UCR definition change impacted comparison with previous years).

The definition for forcible rape was changed in 2013, resulting in increased incidents classified as Part 1 Crimes to rise by 19 incidents.

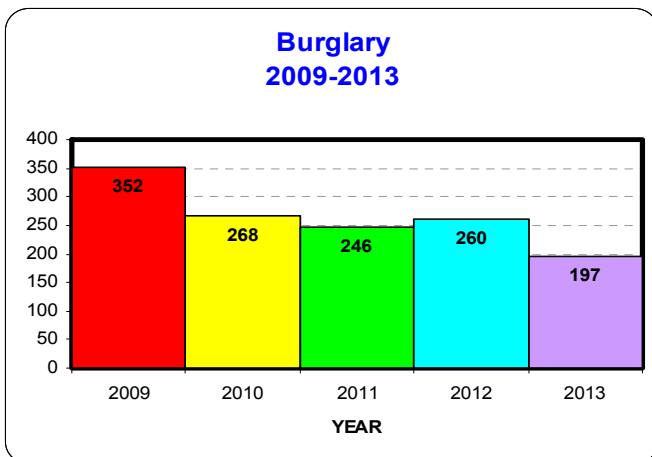
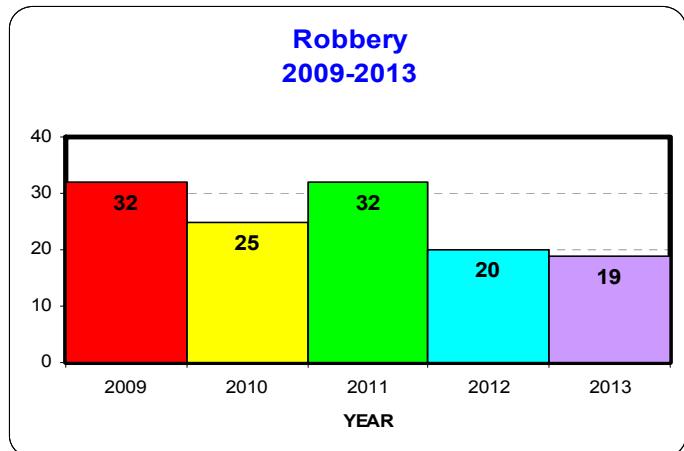
However, a corresponding reduction in Part 2 Crimes related to sex offenses also occurred due to the definition change. The Part 1 corresponding category was down 38 crimes.

Combining both Part 1 and Part 2 crimes related to sex offenses, there would be an overall reduction for sex offense incidents from 75 in 2012 to 56 in 2013.

*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.” Assaults and attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded.

Robbery

The FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines robbery as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

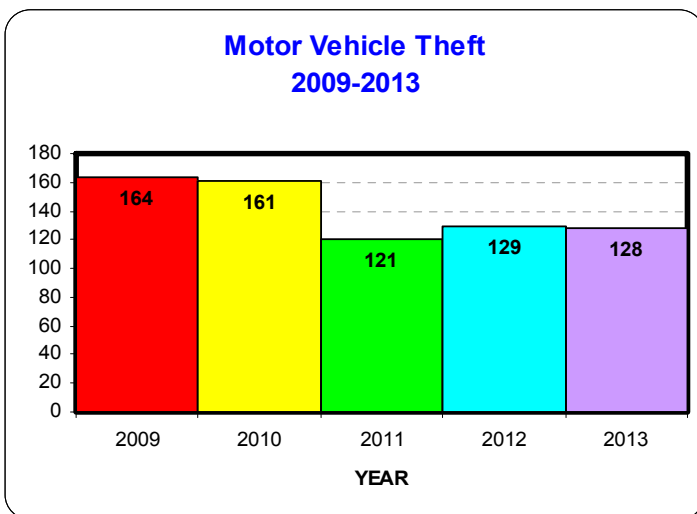
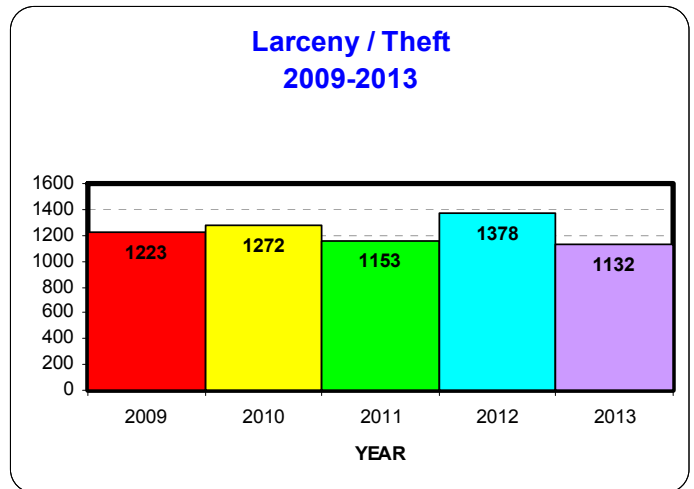


Burglary

The FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. To classify an offense as a burglary, the use of force to gain entry need not have occurred. The Program has three sub-classifications for burglary: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry. The UCR definition of “structure” includes, for example, apartment, barn, house trailer or houseboat when used as a permanent dwelling, office, railroad car (but not automobile), stable, and vessel (i.e., ship).

Larceny /Theft

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines larceny-theft as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, check fraud, etc., are excluded.

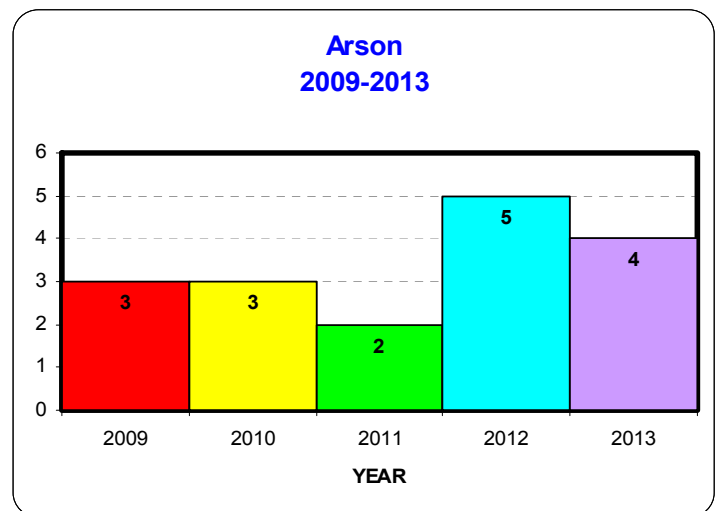


Motor Vehicle Theft

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines motor vehicle theft as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. In the UCR Program, a motor vehicle is a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surfaces and not on rails. Examples of motor vehicles include sport utility vehicles, automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, all-terrain vehicles, and snowmobiles. Motor vehicle theft does not include farm equipment, bulldozers, airplanes, construction equipment, or water craft such as motorboats, sailboats, houseboats, or jet skis. The taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by persons having lawful access is excluded from this definition.

Arson

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program defines arson as any willful or malicious burning or attempting to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.



PART II CRIMES

Part II crime data was obtained from the Blue Springs Police Department's Record Management System. The data displays the 2012-13 data for selected Part II crimes.

	2012	2013
Assaults – Non-aggravated	567	533
Forgery / Counterfeiting	73	74
Fraud	215	241
Buying/Receiving/Possessing Stolen Property	22	23
Vandalism / Property Damage	442	350
Carrying / Possession of Weapons	31	36
Sex Offenses	63	*25
Drug Charges	224	267
Liquor Laws	35	37
Disorderly Conduct	91	75
Disturbing the Peace	19	14
Indecent Exposure	4	3
Trespassing	108	80
Pornography	3	3
Totals (down 7.1% from 2012)	1,897	1,761

*Reduction due to change in UCR definition (see notes above in Part I Crimes)

2013 Part II crime data showed a solid reduction of 7.1% from 2012. With Patrol Officers placing emphasis in residential areas and vigilance by our residents, the number of vandalism/property damage incidents was reduced by 20%, but we are always concerned about being out in the neighborhoods to help prevent crimes of this nature. Residents seeing anyone suspicious should report it immediately to our Dispatch Center at 228-0151.

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

The Blue Springs Police Department Traffic Unit and Uniformed Patrol focus on three primary areas of traffic enforcement to help reduce traffic accidents – previous high accident locations, school zones and locations reported to us by the community. By focusing on these significant areas and combining enforcement with visible patrol cars in commercial and residential areas, it is our goal to reduce the number and severity of accidents.

Combined with Blue Springs Public Works projects to make our roads safer and more convenient (such as the Woods Chapel project) and educational efforts such as the use of our traffic trailer, the long term trend of maintaining a low accident rate even as total number of vehicles on the road increases continues.

The five year data table below demonstrates that categories related to total accidents, injury accidents, and the actual number of persons injured has decreased since their highest levels in 2009. The decrease from 2012-2013 was 4.7%; the decrease was 12.2% since 2009.

ACCIDENT SUMMARY 2009-2013						
As reported from the Records Management System of BSPD						
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	% change 2012-2013
Total Accidents	1017	986	882	937	893	4.7 % ▼
• Fatality Accidents	1	2	0	2	1	50.0 % ▼
• Injury Accidents	214	228	190	207	199	3.9 % ▼
• Property Damage Accidents	802	756	692	728	693	4.8 % ▼
• Actual # of Injured	304	340	264	287	268	6.6 % ▼
• Actual # of Fatalities	1	2	0	2	1	50.0 % ▼

ADDITIONAL STATISTICAL SUMMARIES
(CITIZEN COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS, PURSUITS, USE OF FORCE, COMMENDATIONS)

2013 CITIZEN COMPLAINTS & COMPLIMENTS, FINAL STATUS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS		COMPLIMENTS	
SUSTAINED	3	AGENCIES:	24
NOT SUSTAINED	7	SCHOOLS:	8
UNFOUNDED	2	CITIZENS:	78
WITHDRAWN	0	C0-WORKERS:	52
OTHER	0	COUNCIL:	9
EXONERATED	20	BUSINESSES:	17
TOTAL: (Complaints Up 7% from 30 in 2012)	32	TOTAL: (Compliments Up 30% from 145 in 2012)	188

2009-2013 PURSUIT SUMMARIES

2013 levels of police pursuits remained steady at the lowest number in the past 5 years. Officers are trained and comply with clearly defined pursuit policies to help ensure safety for citizens, officers and those being pursued. Only one BSPD pursuit has resulted in injury in the past 3 years, and that injury was minor.

POLICE PURSUITS	Number of Pursuits Conducted	Number Ended With Crash	Number Resulting in Fatality	Number Resulting in Injury	Number Ending in Arrest	Non-pursuits Discontinued by Officers for Safety*
2013	6	1	0	1	4	1
2012	6	1	0	0	3	1
2011	9	3	0	0		3
2010	11	1	0	1	7	4
2009	7	3	0	2	6	1

- Non-pursuits (discontinued) may result in apprehension at a later date; not included in the number of pursuits total column

2009-2013 ACTION RESPONSE (USE OF FORCE) SUMMARIES

By Type

During 2013, there were 107 action response (use of force) incidents reported. Of the actions taken, 59 (55%) were challenge only, meaning that no hands-on or use of weapon was required. All reports were reviewed and approved by supervisors for appropriateness. Additionally, there were no Officer-involved shootings in 2013.

	Chemical Spray	Weapon Challenge Only	Compliance Techniques/ Defensive Tactics	Taser Deployment	Use of Impact Baton PR-24	K-9 Challenge or Deployment	Use of Firearm
2013	7	59	37	4	0	0	0
2012	1	36	38	8	0	1	0
2011	1	30	29	7	0	0	2
2010	0	37	28	4	0	2	0
2009	1	30	42	1	0	2	1

2013 COMMENDATIONS



Blue Springs Police Department Officers receiving Awards of Valor at the 2013 Annual Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriff’s Ceremony, including Lt. John Kingsolver, Officer Alex McIntyre, Officer Steven Emberton, Officer Sara Murphy and former BSPD Officer Lisa Sidenstick.

2013 AWARDS CEREMONY

- Supervisor of the Year: Sergeant Jeff Sargent, Uniformed Patrol
- Officer of the Year: Detective Kelly Caster, Special Victim’s Unit
- Civilian Employee of the Year: Tammy Kunkle, CYOU
- Volunteer of the Year: Jerry Kaylor, VIPS

- Life Saving Awards:
 - Lieutenant Steve Decker
 - Lieutenant John Kingsolver
 - Sergeant Jeff Sargent
 - Officer Steve Emberton
 - Officer Randal Francis
 - Officer Alex McIntyre
 - Officer Ben McRae
 - Officer Sara Murphy
 - Officer Lisa Sidenstick
 - K-9 Officer Robert Unruh (2)
- Meritorious Award:
 - Lieutenant Steve Decker
 - Sergeant Colby Lalli
 - Officer David Brotherton
 - Detective Jeremy Dickstein
 - Officer
- Service Awards:
 - 40 Years: Karen Foster, Robert Morton
 - 35 Years: Martin Kreissler
 - 25 Years: Patti Clark, Steve Decker, John Kingsolver, Don Rapp
 - 20 Years: Mark Grote
 - 15 Years: Walt Harrison, Mike Russell
 - 10 Years: Ralph Covington, Shenetta Hollins, Kent Pouncil, Carol Yeager,
 - 5 Years: Doug Heishman, Sandi Houston, David Johnson, Brian Lankard, Phil Leslie, Teri Sandlin, Tina Weber, Tim Williams,
- Citizen Awards:
 - Aaron DePee
 - VIPS Ed Warnken and Jerry Kaylor
 - Miriam Crandall



Mayor Carson Ross presenting a proclamation to Sergeant Linda DeMo during her retirement ceremony. Sergeant DeMo was Blue Springs Police Department's first female Sergeant.