



# City of Lafayette - Police Department Annual Report

## "A Year of Community Crime Prevention"

### From the Chief of Police

I am pleased to provide this report that details the activities of the Lafayette Police Department for 2014. Almost three years ago the police department adopted its motto, "A Community Partnership". When we adopted the motto, the purpose was pretty clear. For the police department to be successful, we needed to make sure that our residents and business owners were completely involved in the process. With everyone being involved, **WE** have made some significant changes to what is normal criminal activity within the city. Over the past year we have proved what a community can do to ensure it is a safe place to raise a family, to run a business, to work, and to visit. I hope that all members of our community take the same pride that I do in the "stats" for 2014 - they are the result of all of our hard work.

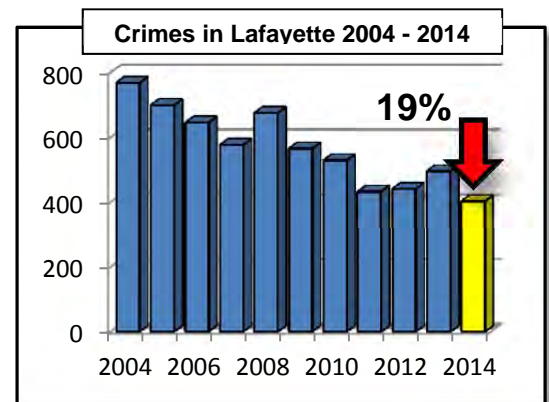


A special thanks to the members of our Crime Prevention Commission, our Homeowner's Associations, our Neighborhood Watch Groups, our Chamber of Commerce and the members of our Business Community. These groups have led the charge in keeping all the members of our community informed and involved. Your work has created the partnership that we need to be successful - keeping our community an extremely safe place to live, work and play.

**Yet another reason to "Love Lafayette" - Eric** (Eric Christensen, Chief of Police)

### Crime in Lafayette - 2014 in Summary

During 2014, the City of Lafayette experienced a 19% reduction in reportable crimes from 2013. In 2014, the city experienced a total of 404 reportable incidents, down from 496 in 2013. **Overall, the city recorded the lowest number of crimes in more than 10 ten years.** In 2014, the city experienced a 29% reduction in violent crime and an 18% reduction in property crimes. In 2014, the city experienced significant reductions in residential burglaries, auto burglaries and stolen vehicles. These reductions were accompanied by significant increase in the number of cases that were solved by our officers and investigators. Many of these reductions are the result of crime prevention strategies employed by the members of our community and the police department.



### The LPD Team

With one of the lowest officer ratios in Contra Costa County, our officers and staff members wear many hats - all with the mission of providing a safe community for our residents, businesses and visitors. To accomplish this, we use a mix of sworn and professional staff members.



2014 Annual Report

"A Community Partnership"



**CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2014**

**16,217**



**ALARM CALLS IN 2014**

**1,795**



**REPORTS WRITTEN IN 2014**

**1,531**

**PARKING TICKETS ISSUED IN 2014**

**5,444**

## Crime in Lafayette

One of the many reasons that families have settled in the City of Lafayette has been its traditionally low crime rates. Traditionally, the city has experienced few violent crimes - crimes that are directed at an individual, and not property. This year, that trend has continued with approximately 3% of the crimes reported within the city being classified as "violent crimes". The remaining 97% of the crimes that occurred were crimes that targeted the property of our residents or businesses. While we experienced reductions in the total number of crimes, we did experience increases in some individual crime types within these categories. With a traditionally low number of crimes, the statistical increase may be significant because of the few number of recorded incidents.

Crime Category	2014 Totals
ASSAULT - DEADLY WEAPON	3
BURGLARY - AUTO	96
BURGLARY - COMMERCIAL	35
BURGLARY - MISCELLANEOUS	4
BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	48
CVC - RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE	18
CVC - STOLEN VEHICLE	20
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - INJURY OF SPOUSE	2
GRAND THEFT - ALL OTHER	5
GRAND THEFT - FROM BUILDING	30
GRAND THEFT - FROM VEHICLE	13
PETTY THEFT - ALL OTHER	32
PETTY THEFT - FROM BUILDING	21
PETTY THEFT - FROM VEHICLE	62
ROBBERY - ARMED	4
ROBBERY, STRONGARM	3
VANDALISM - FELONY	8
<b>2014 Total</b>	<b>404</b>

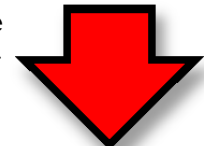
### Stats at a Glance

Violent Crime in Lafayette in 2014 **29%**



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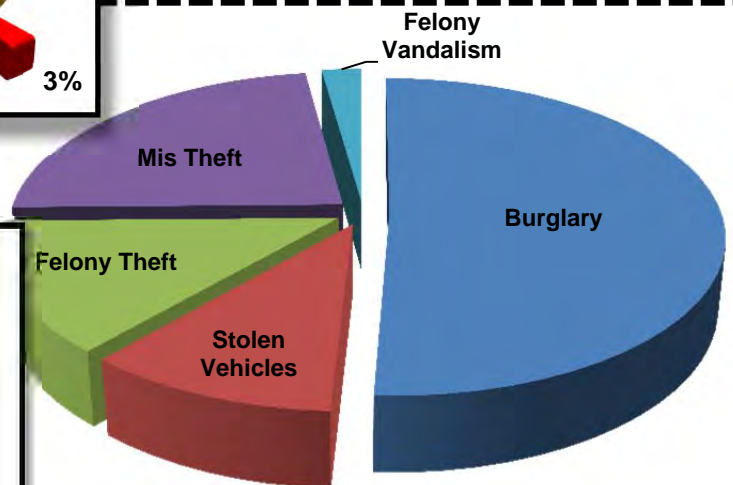
Property Crime in Lafayette in 2014 **18%**



### Violent vs. Property Crimes



## 2014 PROPERTY CRIME IN LAFAYETTE



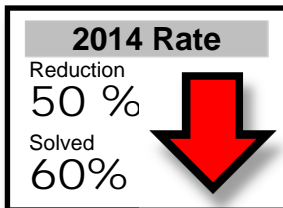


## Violent Crimes

While there are several crime types that comprise this category for the Department of Justice, fortunately, Lafayette only experienced a few of these crime types in 2014. During 2014, we had no incidents of rape or arson that were reported to the police department. When any violent crimes is reported, these incidents are given priority by our officers and investigators. Significant efforts are made to investigate and solve these crimes as quickly as possible. Typically violent crimes have a higher clearance rate than property crimes with most police departments.

## Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW)

This crime involves the use of a weapon to assault another person. Typically, the weapons that are used in these types of crimes include firearms, vehicles, and other objects which could result in significant injury to the victim.

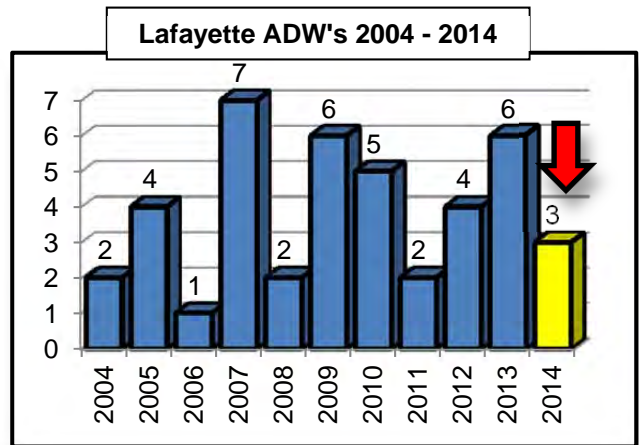
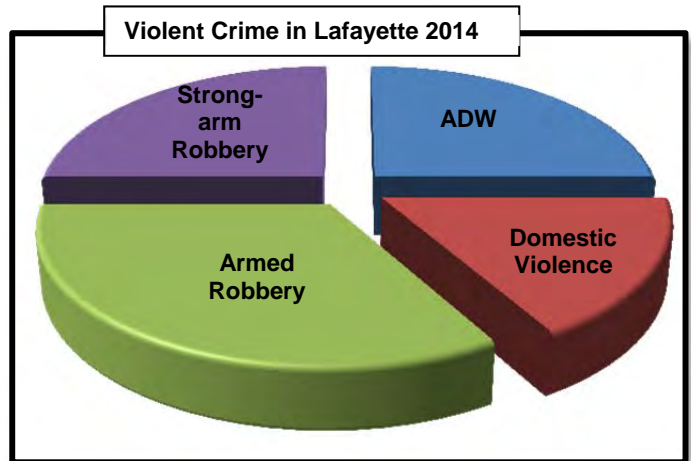


In 2014, there were 3 ADW crimes reported to the police department. Of the three crimes that were reported, all 3 of the crimes were cleared by our investigators. They identified suspects in each case and presented evidence to the District Attorney's Office.

**DR 14-8331 - 1000 Block of Second Street - (5/16/14)** - A pair are in a dating relationship and become involved in a verbal argument. The verbal argument escalates and the female retreats to a vehicle, where she locks herself inside. The male demands entry to the vehicle and when she does not comply, he begins to throw rocks at the car. The window where she is seated is shattered by one of the rocks that is being thrown. The victim is injured. The vehicle suffers major damage as a result of the incident.

**DR # 14-9558 - 1200 Block of Upper Happy Valley Road - (6/5/14)** - A contractor has several employees performing a remodel at a residence. Two of the employees become involved in a verbal argument. The verbal argument escalated to them punching each other. At some point during the fight, one employee was able to get the other employee into a headlock. The employee who was in the headlock removed a knife from his pocket and began to stab the other employee in the leg. The fight was broken up and the injured employee was taken to the hospital.

**DR # 14-19825 - 3500 Block of Mt. Diablo Boulevard - (11/24/14)** - Two individuals arrive at a local business to meet with an employee of the business. The visitors are the employee's ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend. The ex-girlfriend was supposed to return the ex-boyfriends marijuana to him. She did not. The employee began to stab the pair with a knife.



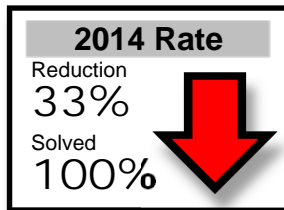
**2015 Reduction Strategy.** The violent crime categories are very difficult to address through crime prevention programs or strategies. The 2014 crimes were all unique incidents involving relationships - which is often a triggering event for these types of crimes. The police department will continue to monitor this crime category, taking action when patterns are identified.





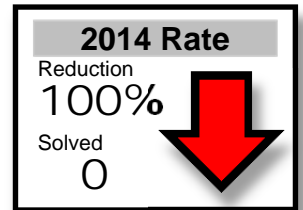
## Domestic Violence

This category refers to Penal Code Section 273.5, Felony Domestic Violence. Incidents where individuals in relationships choose to injure each other are a priority for our investigators. Police reports regarding this type of incident are reviewed by investigators and forwarded to the District Attorney for filing of charges. Over the years, our community has traditionally had a low rate of this type of crime.

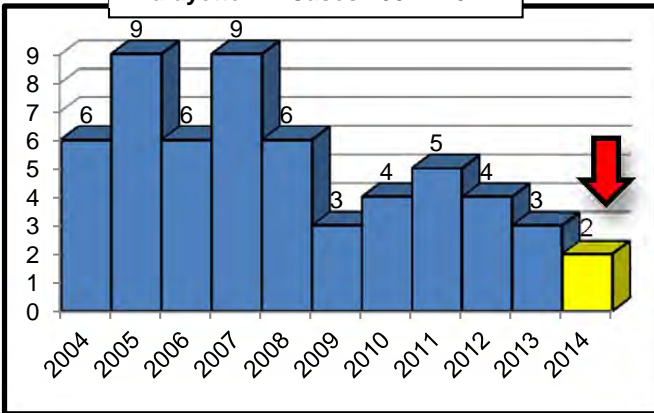


## Rape

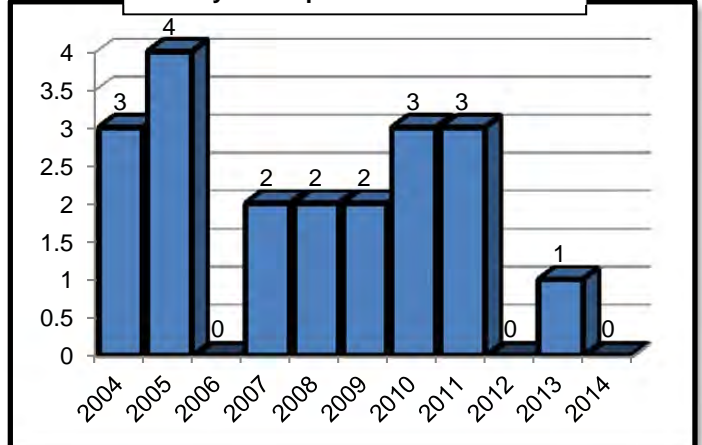
In 2014, there were no rapes reported within the City of Lafayette. Rape, like other violent crimes, are difficult to prevent. When a sexual assault is reported, our investigators make the investigation of the incident their top priority. These investigations involve a significant amount of time and effort to fully develop a prosecutable case. Having trained and experienced investigators makes these cases much more likely to result in a prosecution of the offender. Because of our relationship with the Sheriff's Office, we have the ability to investigate these incidents with assistance from the Sheriff's Office.



Lafayette DV Cases 2004 - 2014



Lafayette Rape Cases 2004 - 2014



**2015 Reduction Strategy.** Incidents of domestic violence are very difficult to predict or prevent. By identifying households that are having difficulties and directing resources to these households, the police department can have an impact in reducing these types of crimes. Although we have traditionally had few of these incidents, by recognizing the indicators early, it is our hope that incidents can be prevented from occurring. We will continue our efforts to identify at-risk households and relationships within the community.

**2015 Reduction Strategy.** For 2015, one of our investigators will attend a one week training course on Sex Assault Investigation. By attending this training, our investigations team will have additional skills in handling these delicate investigations.



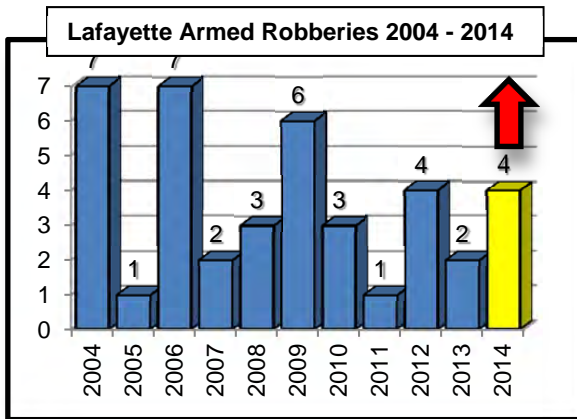
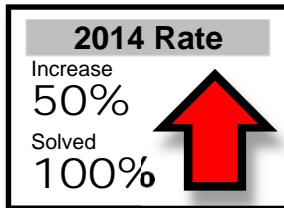
Each year our officers collect dozens of firearms as evidence or for destruction. This gun was used in an armed robbery.



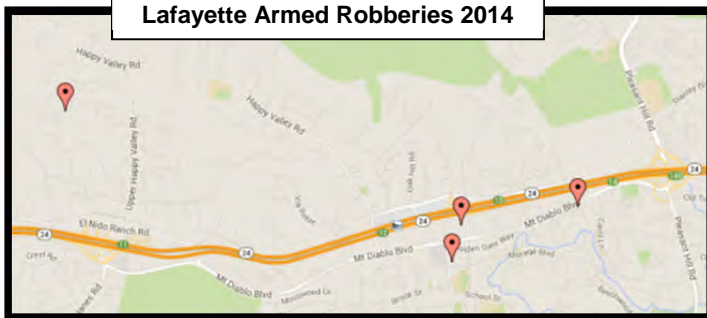


## Armed Robbery

In 2014, there were four armed robberies reported within the city. Our investigators were able to solve 100% of these crimes. The investigations done by our detectives also aided other police agencies in clearing robberies that occurred in their jurisdictions associated with three of these incidents.



Lafayette Armed Robberies 2014



**2015 Reduction Strategy.** Armed robberies are a unique type of crime. Often times the criminal strikes a target they believe is vulnerable. All four of our robberies in 2014 were acts done by assailants who were looking for quick cash. These types of robberies are difficult to prevent. However, although there were still a number of bank robberies within the Bay Area, we did not experience any. We will continue the robbery prevention strategies that were used in 2014 during 2015. We will also work with the business community to reduce vulnerabilities.



## Stories from 2014

We asked our staff members to recall an incident or investigation from 2014 that "stuck with them". For the Supervisor of our Investigations Unit (Sergeant Howard Shiells) it was an armed robbery that occurred on April 24, 2014.



*The robbery occurred on a residential street after the victim came home from work. It was late afternoon, so it was still light outside. When the resident walked across his driveway, he was confronted by an armed subject who demanded his wallet, watch, and telephone. The victim provided the property to the suspect, who fled the scene on foot.*

*The victim immediately called 911 and our patrol officers set up a perimeter, used a dog and a helicopter to try and find the suspect, but he had given them the slip. The canine seemed to indicate the suspect had entered a car that was likely parked in a neighbor's driveway.*

*The victim was scared, there were no fingerprints, no DNA. We would have had nothing - if it weren't for our neighborhood cameras.*

*Immediately after the robbery, the officers pulled one of the cameras near the victim's home. They reviewed the photos from the time period the victim drove down the street to the time the first officers arrived in the neighborhood. There were 82 cars that exited the neighborhood. That night, the patrol officers were able to eliminate 80 of the cars from suspicion. The two remaining cars were registered out of other cities. By the end of the first day, we were down to one vehicle - our suspect.*



*After some good police work, we were able to focus on our suspect. I'll never forget the reaction of the victim when we showed him a photo of the suspect. He was shocked that we had found the crook. He thought we would never solve this crime. The suspect never expected to be arrested either. He thought he had committed a completely random crime that could not be solved.*

*We then arrested the crook. We found additional evidence linking him to the crime and the case was filed by the District Attorney's Office. When we went to court for our first appearance, I had been contacted by LA County Detectives about our suspect. They linked him to a similar robbery that occurred there. They had a warrant for his arrest. When we got to court, he was out on bail. After our hearing, he was taken into custody on the LA case. He was quite shocked.*



**Stories from 2014**

For Detective Jacqui Dennison, it started out as a business owner trying to buy a telephone he had seen on Craigslist.



*It was the middle of the day when dispatch advised that there had just been a robbery in the downtown. Everyone was enroute to the scene pretty quickly, it's amazing how everyone comes to help when something big happens.*

*The first officer on-scene advised that this was a Craigslist purchase gone bad. The seller had arrived to meet the buyer in a parking lot. When the buyer arrived, the seller produced a gun and demanded the money. When the buyer responded the money was inside his business, the gunman demanded the buyer's cell phone. After getting the phone, the gunman fled in his vehicle. The suspect had removed his license plates from his vehicle, but the victim was able to describe the vehicle to officers.*

*As a detective, I know this case is likely going to be assigned to me once the officer completes their report. I met with the officer and the victim, getting the information that had been exchanged to coordinate the meeting for the sale. From that, I was able to find the original ad and a telephone number for the suspect.*

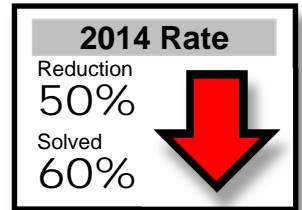
*During the night, we were working all of the angles of the case. One of our investigators found a photo of the suspect vehicle on one of the neighborhood camera systems. By first thing in the morning, we had an address where we believed the suspect was living.*

*One of our investigators went by the house, there was the car. This time it had the license plates on it. I went to the court and got a search warrant for the house, the car and the suspect, while the investigators made sure they did not leave. Once we had the warrants, they refused to come out so we had to go in. We found the suspect hiding in a back bedroom, he was surprised to see us. We found it all, the phone, the gun, the ads he had posted and the car.*

*The big shocker was when we found this was not the first time he had done this type of robbery. Another agency had his license plate from another Craigslist robbery he had done two weeks prior. They came to the door to talk with him and left when he would not answer. Guess he thought we would do the same - **Not!***

**Strong-arm Robbery**

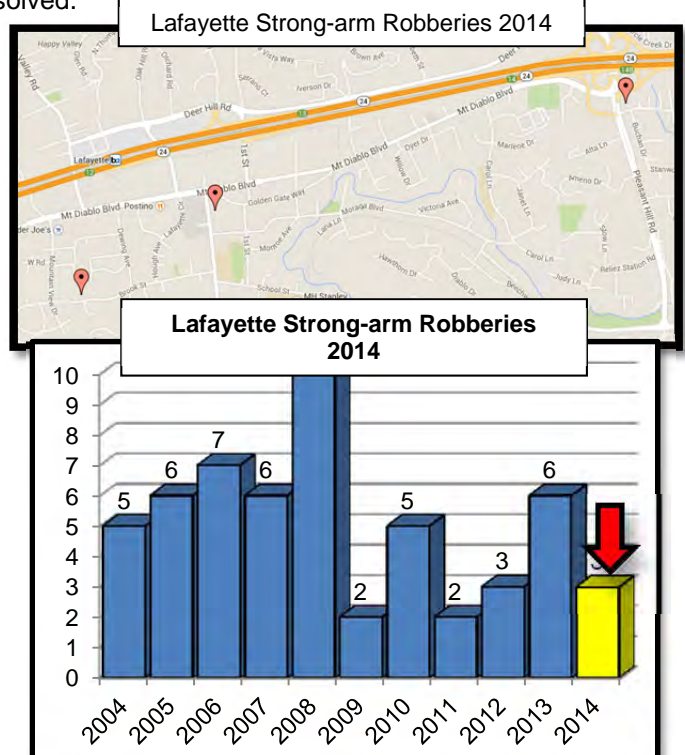
In 2014, the city experienced three strong-arm robberies. This was a reduction from the number we suffered in 2013. A strong-arm robbery differs from an armed robbery because no weapon was used or seen during the robbery.



**DR # 14-1594 - 900 Block of Moraga Road - (4/7/14)** - A customer enters a local business and begins an argument with one of the employees. During the argument, the customer grabs cash from the register and merchandise from the racks. The customer then flees the store. Outside, a struggle occurs between the customer and the clerk. The clerk becomes injured during the incident.

**DR # 14-7065 - 3600 Block of Brook Street - (4/25/14)** - A resident returned home to find a pair of strangers in her home. As the pair grabs items of property from the home, they push past her to make their escape. The suspects were arrested later the same day.

**DR # 14-10197 - 3200 Bock of Old Tunnel Road - (6/16/14)** - A woman arrives at her vet to pick-up a prescription for her pet. While walking toward the entrance of the business, she is confronted by a subject who demands her wallet. The woman surrenders her wallet and the suspect escapes on foot. This case has not yet been solved.



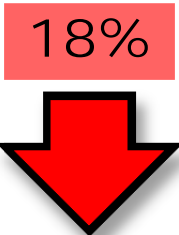


## Property Crimes

Property crimes comprised 97% of the total crimes that occurred within the city in 2014. In 2014, the city experienced drops in most property crime categories, with an overall reduction of 18% for the year.

### Stats at a Glance

Property Crime in Lafayette in 2014



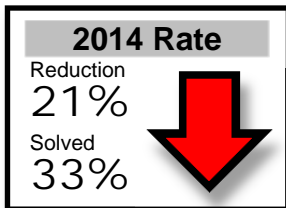
In 2014, the most common means of forced entry to a home was through a shattered glass door or window, with 27% of burglaries having this as their method of entry. This is a change we had not previously seen in the city. In 2013, burglars commonly kicked-in the front door, which was not as common this year. For most of us, we have glass doors at the rear of our home. Residents can deny access to this area by placing a padlock on their side gates. A locked side gate is deterrent to this type of crime.

In 2014, our investigators were able to solve 33% of the residential burglaries that occurred within the city. Our investigators were able to solve so many of their cases because of the involvement of our residents. Residents can do many things to aid the police in solving burglaries. Installing an alarm on your home, installing a video surveillance system and having a dog that likes to bark are all effective. The use of residential and community camera systems within the city have significantly improved our ability to solve cases.

**What was the largest loss from a residential burglary in 2014?**  
**\$ 81,000.00**

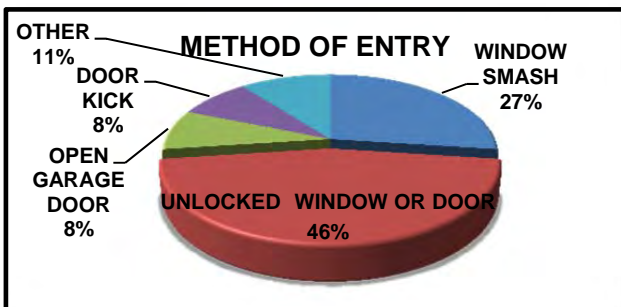
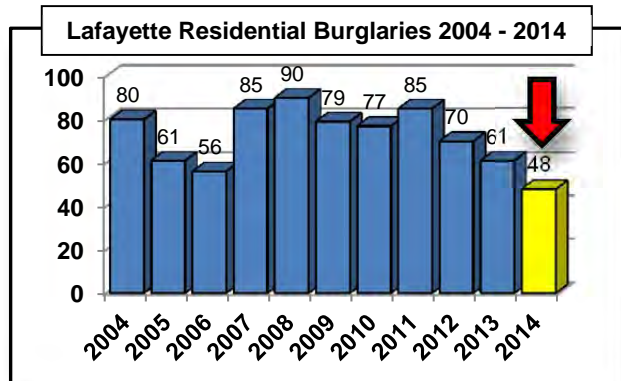
## Residential Burglaries

There are few crimes that affect a family as significantly as does a burglary of their home. Burglars take more than the property from our homes, they take our security. Many victims of residential burglaries report they are never able to return to their home the same way they once did. When they get home, they expect to find their home has been burglarized again. Lafayette, because of its perceived affluence, is a destination for criminals who seek to find their fortunes in the bedrooms of others.



In 2014, 48 residential burglaries were reported to the police department. This is a 21% reduction from 2013 and the lowest number of residential burglaries in more than ten years.

In 2014, the police department and the crime prevention commission embarked on a campaign to encourage residents to lock their windows and doors. In 2013, this was the most common method of entry used by burglars. During our mid-year review, we found that only 27% of the residential burglaries thus far in the year had involved a residence with an unlocked window or door. By the close of the year, the number had risen to 46% of burglarized homes involving entry through an unlocked window or door. **Locking your windows and doors is the easiest method to prevent your home from being burglarized.**





### Stories from 2014

For Officer Shawn Murray, it started out as a car that was parked and just seemed out of place.



*I was driving on Deer Hill Road, coming up from the High School. It was mid-afternoon, the time that we are all on the look-out for residential burglars. We had a couple of interrupted burglaries in the preceding days and we were all out trying to prevent the crooks from being successful.*

*As I came over a small rise in the roadway, there are some houses along a small side-street. As I neared the street, I saw a car parked parallel across all of the garage doors of the house on the corner. I had never seen this car at the house and it just seemed odd. As I got closer, I saw there was someone in the driver's seat and the seat directly behind him. That was really odd.*

*I pulled around the corner, blocking the street the best that I could. As I started to get out of my car, two guys ran from the front door area of the house toward the waiting car. At that point, I knew something was wrong. I drew my gun and ordered everyone to the ground. All four did as I directed, which really shocked me. I thought for sure they would abandon the car and run into the nearby woods. At the same time, dispatch advised that a woman had called saying she was in her home and someone had just kicked her front door in. The location was the exact address that I was standing in front of.*

*As other units arrived, we got everyone into custody and started to try to figure out what had happened. As we made entry to the home, we found the home owner. She had been in the shower when these guys had kicked in the front door of her home. The guys in the car must have called them to tell them it was time to go when I pulled around the corner.*

*Timing, as they say, is everything.*

**What solves a case ?** There are several pieces of information that aid us in solving most crimes. The more of these we have, the more likely the case will be solved and you will have your property returned:

- Specific date / time of the crime
- Suspect or vehicle description
- Specific make/model/serial number of property taken.
- Unusual events in the neighborhood

### Time for Crime

This year, the greatest number of residential burglaries occurred between the hours of 0900 and 1200 hours. Residents are more likely to be away from home for work, school, gym, coffee, etc.

### Stories from 2014

For our Community Services Officer (Cathy Surges-Moscato), it was a residential burglary that occurred on July 22, 2014.



*It was the middle of the afternoon and dispatch sent one of the units to a home where the resident was on the East Coast. he had a motion-activated camera that was sending pictures of a masked stranger in his home. As the first cars started heading in that direction, dispatch updated that there had now been an alarm at the house.*

*When officers got to the house, the glass of the rear door had been smashed and it was clear the house had been burglarized. The suspect was now gone. However, the resident had sent us a photo of the suspect and we knew exactly when the suspect was inside the house.*

*The house sits in a neighborhood that has a community camera system at the entrance to the community. A short time later, we had a great picture of the vehicle as it entered the neighborhood. Because of the quality of the video, you could see the driver of the car was dressed the same as the burglar. Now we knew what kind of vehicle the suspect was driving. A check of the neighborhood cameras identified the license plate of the vehicle.*

*The car was registered out of the Central Valley, so investigators drove to there to find the suspect. They found the owner had just sold the car the day prior, to a resident in Unincorporated Walnut Creek. They then drove all the way back and coordinated with officers to meet them at the house. The suspect came out of the house and was very shocked to see officers in front of him. He matched the image from the video camera enough for the mother to say "That's my son..." We were able to recover much of the victims' property.*

***Burglary at noon, suspect in custody at 7pm - a perfect day.***





### Why the reduction in residential burglaries ?

One of the interesting aspects of law enforcement statistics is trying to explain the cause and effect relationships. For this year, we think there are a number of things that combined to affect our overall numbers.

- **Resident Involvement.** Residents are not afraid to call when they see something out of the ordinary or suspicious.
- **Bulletins.** Residents are much more likely to know what is going on in their neighborhood.
- **Cameras.** The probability of a criminal within the community being captured on some type of system is very high.
- **Crime Prevention Commission.** The Crime Prevention Commission has been very active in the neighborhoods that have been affected by crime - raising awareness.
- **High Profile Patrol.** This year we have had more units out in the field at the high crime hours of the day - being seen by the crooks who may be contemplating crime.


**2015 Reduction Strategy.** For 2015, we will employ the same strategy that we used in 2014. With the success from 2014, we will be expanding and building upon our neighborhood camera program. By deploying additional fixed cameras within the city, we hope to be able to identify and apprehend burglars who choose to prey upon our community. Working with the Crime Prevention Commission, we hope to increase the number of privately owned residential and community cameras within the city as well.



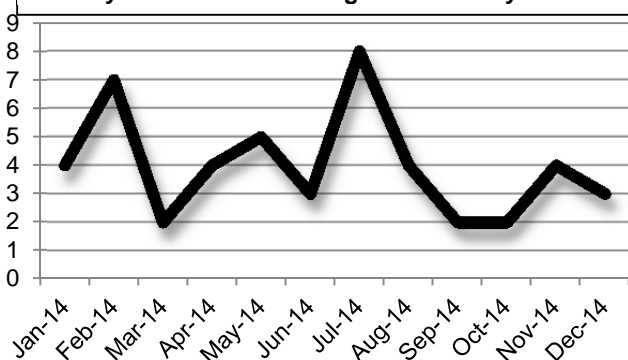
### Auto Burglaries

For 2014, we closed out the year with a total of 96 auto burglaries, down from 118 in 2013. The largest property loss from the year was a single burglary that resulted in the loss of more than \$100,000.00 of medical equipment from the trunk of a car left outside overnight.

2014 Rate	
Reduction	19%
Solved	5%



Lafayette Residential Burglaries 2014 By Month



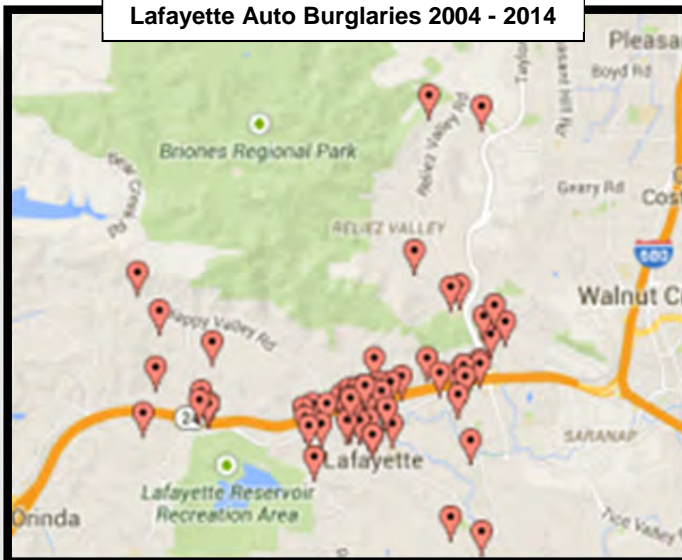
During the year, our investigators were only able to solve 5% of the auto burglaries that were reported. One of the difficulties in investigating auto burglaries is the lack of evidence left behind by the suspects. As we examined the records, we found that if there was any evidence, the probability of the investigators solving the case rose to 33%. The most common item of evidence that influenced the solvability of the case was a video recording. If officers could figure out when the crime occurred, they often could locate a license plate for the suspect vehicle.

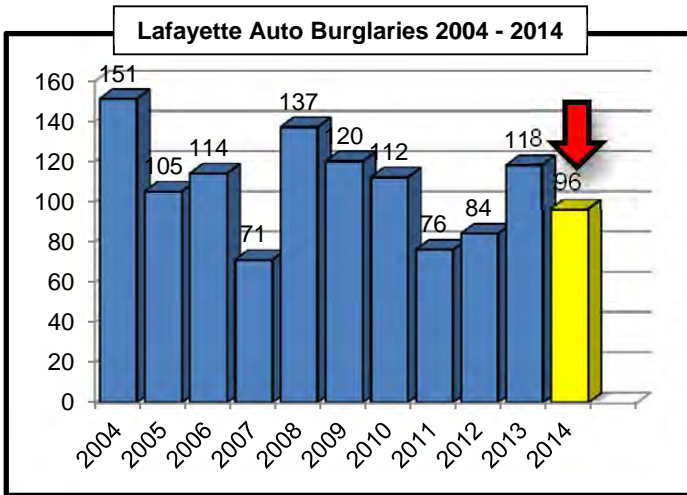
### Increased Holiday Patrols

You may have seen an extra police car or two in the city during the months of November and December. In 2013, we suffered a significant increase in residential burglaries during those months. By examining the data, we learned the days when there was an increased chance of a burglary occurring. During those days, during those two months, we added patrols to the city - with the mission of patrolling the neighborhoods to prevent residential burglaries from occurring. The days we had the extra patrol - we had no burglaries. Many of the supplemental patrols were performed by canine officers with their dogs.

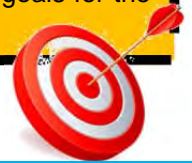


Lafayette Auto Burglaries 2004 - 2014





**Strategy for 2015.** For 2015, we will be dedicating additional investigator time to resolving these crimes. If we are able to catch the suspects in these events, we will likely be able to reduce the total number of occurrences. We will also be working with the commercial locations where the majority of these crimes occur to improve security - reducing the number of crimes that occur there. Continuing to reduce the number of auto burglaries' and increasing the clearance rate for this crime are two goals for the police department for 2015.



**Stories from 2014**

For Officer Mike Marshall, it started when he was driving down the street on routine patrol.



*We had been having some auto burglaries on the west-side of the city, so I was patrolling the area. As I turned the corner, I saw a guy standing near the rear window of a parked car. There was broken glass at his feet and his face looked like a kid who had just been caught with his hand in the cookie jar. I stopped my car as he ran to the open door of a car parked on the shoulder of the road.*

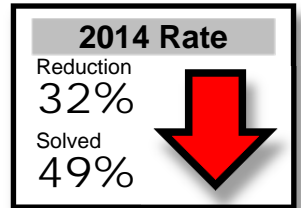
*As I got out of my car, the door closed and the car leapt from the curb, striking the front of my patrol car. I jumped behind the wheel of my car, hit my lights and siren and got after them. I got on the radio and let everyone know what was going on.*

*As they got onto the freeway, I could see there were three of them in the car. We started to head towards the tunnel, when they suddenly got off the freeway and headed back toward town. As we started to get near town, they jumped off of the freeway and I lost sight of them. What they didn't count on was the Orinda Sergeant was waiting for them.*

*The crooks turned down a dead-end street and they jumped out and started running through the neighborhoods. We found two of the three suspects - including the guy I had seen breaking into the car. Managed to get some property back for the victims.*

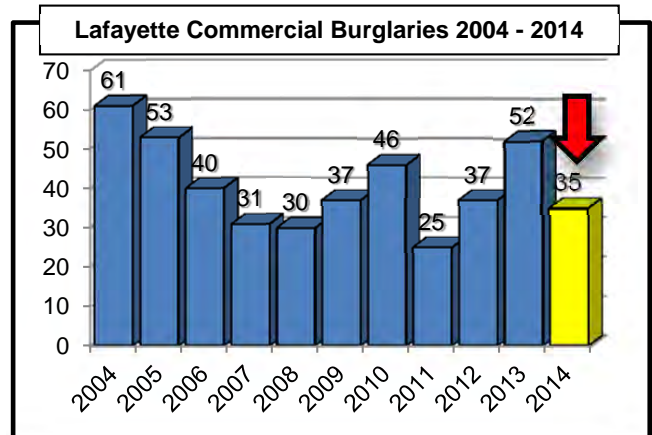
**Commercial Burglary**

For 2014, there were 35 commercial burglaries reported to the police department, a 32% reduction from 2013. The crime of commercial burglary is commonly committed by a suspect entering a business with the intent to commit some type of theft. These types of crimes typically are accompanied by a high closure rate because daylight burglaries committed in retail businesses.



**LAW CHANGE**

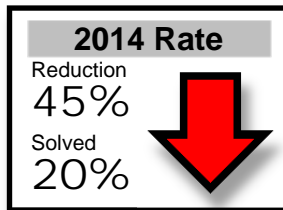
With the changes passed by voter approval of Proposition 47, the crime of commercial burglary was significantly altered. The adoption of the new crime of "shoplifting" will have a significant impact on the number of Commercial Burglaries reported within the city in 2015. The crimes reported in this category moving forward will consist primarily of thefts from businesses once the business has closed for the day.





### Vehicle Theft

In 2014, there were 20 vehicles stolen from various locations within the city. This is a 45% reduction from the number of auto thefts reported within the city in 2013. Of the 20 vehicles that were stolen in 2014, 19 of the vehicle were recovered by various law enforcement agencies. The vehicle that remains missing is a piece of construction equipment (Bobcat) that is not affixed with a license plate or commonly seen on the roadway.



The vehicles stolen in Lafayette are used by criminals for short-term transportation. Once a criminal has used the vehicle to get to their destination, it is often abandoned. The stolen vehicle is then often reported by neighbors as an abandoned vehicle and recovered by law enforcement.

Typically, the vehicles that are stolen within Lafayette are older model vehicles with ignitions that do not require a computer chip within the key itself. When a later model car is stolen, it is usually because the owner left the keys inside the vehicle or is unable to account for all the keys for the vehicle.

### Why the Reduction ?

Although it is difficult to explain many crime reductions with certainty, the bulk of this reduction was the result of a Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Project undertaken by the police department in late 2013/early 2014. A flop-house within the city was being used by probationers and parolees from throughout the county. These visitors would commonly commit crimes near the flop-house and use stolen vehicles to move from one location to another. These criminals were so bold as to enter the nearby school campus to steal backpacks from schoolchildren while they were in class. Working with the property owner, officers were able to have the problem tenant evicted from the property. The crime-rate within this sector of the city has dropped significantly since this change.

By addressing the "root" of the problem, the police department is able to reduce the likelihood that crime will occur within an area.

During 2014, the police department recovered 18 vehicles that had been stolen from other jurisdictions. These vehicles may have been used in crimes or left in Lafayette while another vehicle was then stolen to leave the city. In 2014, the police department arrested 11 individuals for motor vehicle theft.

What was the largest loss from an auto burglary in 2014?

\$ 100,000.00

### Stories from 2014

For Officer Neil Black, it started when he was dispatched to a call of a suspicious vehicle.



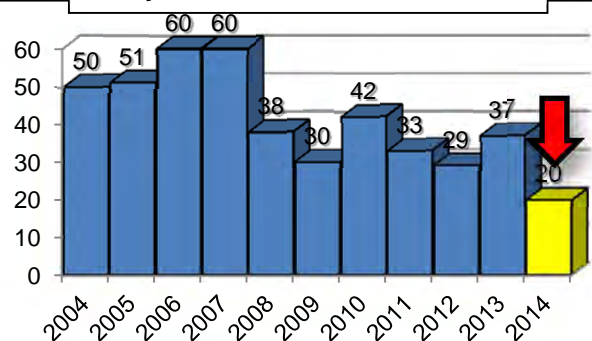
*As I was getting closer to the location, dispatch updated me that the suspicious vehicle had been used in a residential burglary in Pleasant Hill. The suspect had gone into an occupied house during the night, stealing various items of property. The resident had tracked their phone which had been taken during the burglary. The resident had tracked the suspect to a business in Lafayette.*

*I pulled in behind the suspect vehicle and he saw my patrol car. He immediately pulled the car out onto the street and raced up Deer Hill Road, headed toward the center of the city. I hit my lights and siren and began to pursue. We went through the center of the city and got onto the freeway at the Central Lafayette on-ramp, headed toward the tunnels.*

*As we neared the tunnel, he exited the freeway and I briefly lost sight of him. I found the car moments later, it had been abandoned in a large open area. As other officers set up a perimeter, we brought in a Sheriff's K-9 to find the crook. We found him hiding in a field near the car. He did not listen to the part about the dog biting him if he did not come out.*

*Inside the car we found all of the property from the burglary. The car had also been stolen by the suspect several days prior.*

Lafayette Stolen Vehicles 2004 - 2014

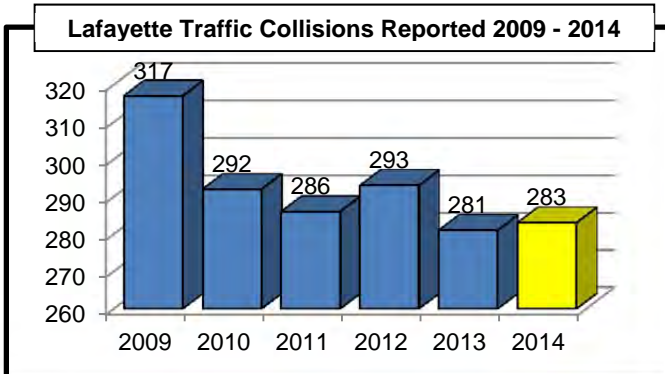
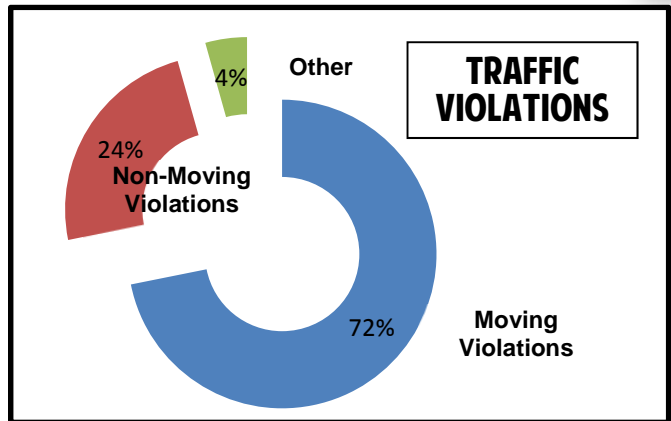




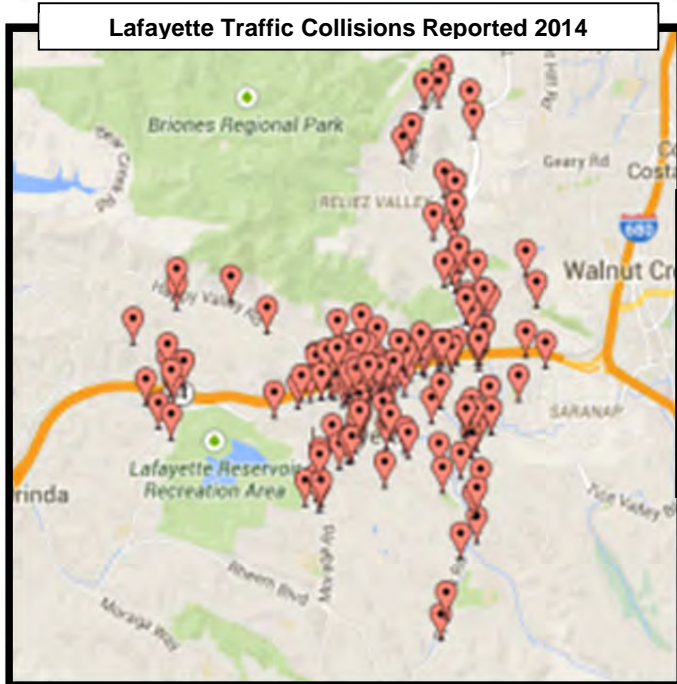
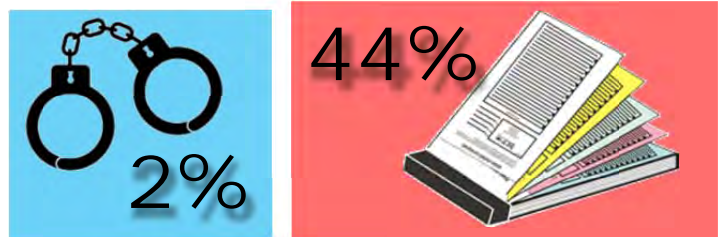
**Traffic Operations**

The City of Lafayette has several hundred miles of roadway that are used by tens of thousands of people each day. Keeping these drivers safe is one of the primary tasks of the officers who staff our Traffic Safety Unit. They are assisted every day by our patrol officers, who perform traffic operations as part of their daily duties.

With thousands of vehicles on our roadways, there are bound to be a few collisions. In 2014, there were 283 collisions reported to the police department. This an increase of 2 collisions over those reported in 2013.



**WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE TRAFFIC STOP ?**



**2014 Accident Data**

		%
Total Collisions Reported	283	100 %
Collision Reports Written	130	45 %
Injury Accidents	21	7 %
Fatal Collisions	1	.003 %



In 2014, LPD hosted a DUI Checkpoint during the holidays. These events increase driver awareness about the dangers of DUI.



## Police Department Staffing

The Lafayette Police Department is comprised of 17 sworn officers and 6 professional employees. The sworn officers are contracted from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. The six professional employees are employees of the City of Lafayette. All of the employees wear the uniform of the City of Lafayette Police Department and work as a cohesive team to provide services to our residents.

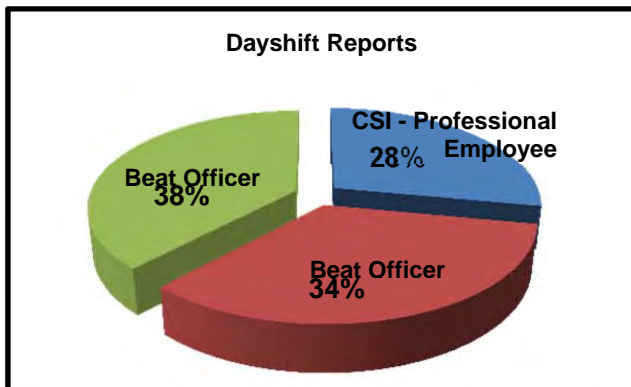
The Police Department is led by a Sheriff's Lieutenant, who serves as the Chief of Police for the City. The Chief of Police reports to the City Manager. The daily operations of the organization are supervised by two Sergeants and one Civilian Supervisor. The police department is organized into four units: Administration, Patrol, Investigations, and Traffic Safety.

Dispatch, Property, and Forensic Services are also contracted through the Sheriff's Office.

For FY 14/15 the following changes were authorized by the City Council:

**Add (1) CSI / Report Writer.** The addition of a second employee trained in evidence collection and processing provides a significant resource to the police department - expanding crime scene capabilities. This employee, when not performing CSI duties, handles non-emergency reports for members of the community. By assigning "cold paper" cases to a professional employee, it increases the availability of sworn officers to perform preventive patrol operations. When combined with the inquisitiveness of a CSI trained employee, the quality of work has been superb.

This change has had a significant impact on the operation of the police department. For the first six months, this employee has written 28% of the police reports received during the day. This change allows officers to spend more time out of the station, patrolling the community - preventing crime from occurring.



**Add (2) Part-time Parking Officers.** The transition from one full-time to part-time parking officers has provided the department with additional staff to perform the many tasks that need to be done on a daily basis. These students get an opportunity to work a flexible schedule that accommodates their college class hours.

**Add (1) Investigator to the Investigations Unit.** This change took effect in January 2015, expanding the unit to a supervisor and two investigators. This addition will significantly improve our ability to investigate crimes that occur within the city and provide staff to perform preventive policing that has not been performed. The addition of this position will significantly improve our transition to preventing crime within the community.

### Stories from 2014

For Officer Arnold Lirio, it was a traffic stop that occurred in July of 2014.



*It was the middle of the afternoon when the call came out. A resident reported that there was a car in her driveway and there was a male and female subject in the car. The resident watched the pair as she spoke with the dispatcher. This is a typical thing burglars do, they park their car in a driveway and watch to see what happens - I hate burglars..*

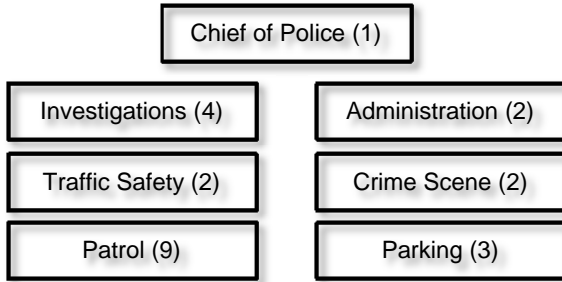
*When I got to the neighborhood, I saw the car coming down the street at me. The description of the car and the license number was exactly what the resident reported. I turned my car around and got in behind them. When I turned on my emergency lights, I thought for sure we were going to get into a chase. Was I ever shocked when they pulled over.*

*I made contact and that's when it all started to fall into place. They were both high on methamphetamine, had no clue as to where they were. A search of the car resulted in the discovery of dozens of credit cards, driver's licenses, everything you need to be an ID Thief. There were credit cards everywhere in the car.*

*My partner and I checked on the property we found in the car. The crook had not been able to get rid of all the property from one of their latest crimes, a robbery in San Ramon. As a new officer in the city, it was great to have a resident call and help us like that. Took the crook to jail for a long time.*

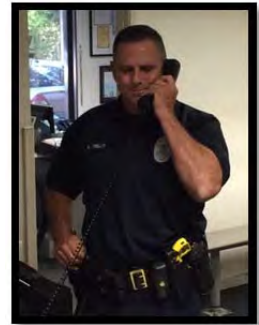


**Police Department Personnel**



**Investigations Unit**

The Investigations Unit is assigned the task of performing follow-up on the major cases and events that occur within the city. With two full-time investigators and other support personnel, the unit was assigned 520 cases to perform follow-up upon during 2014. Our investigators are very busy, completing the necessary investigation to bring cases to their conclusion and presenting them to



the District Attorney's Office for filing. As part of their investigatory function, the unit obtained and served 73 Search and Arrest warrants in 2014.

Cases Assigned
<b>520</b>
Search and Arrest Warrants
<b>73</b>

For 2015, an additional investigator will join the unit. The addition of this investigator will allow the unit to perform additional follow-up on cases and dedicate time to preventing crimes from occurring in the first place.

Each year, the unit retrieves tens of thousands of dollars of property for our victims of crime.

**Adminsitration**

Keeping the police department organized and functional is the primary duty of Community Services Officer Cathy Surges-Moscato. Cathy is responsible for managing many of the functions of the police department. She is responsible for supervision of the parking officers and management of the parking program. She processes all of the requests for records and subpoenas that we receive at the police department. She is also responsible for managing our office and helping those who visit it. She serves as the liaison with both of our commissions and in her spare time also serves as a member of our investigations team. Cathy also coordinates all of our neighborhood watch operations within the city. She does it all.



**Youth Servcies Officer**

Officer Larry Seliga serves as the youth services officer for the City of Lafayette. As a member of the investigations unit, Officer Seliga is responsible for managing all of the cases that involve the youth of our community. With an eye on keeping our kids out of trouble, Officer Seliga spends a significant amount of his duty day in our schools and providing assistance to the parents of the community. Officer Seliga also provides assistance to the members of our community who may suffer from mental health issues. He seeks to ensure that those who need assistance have access to the various service organizations that work in our community.



Investigators serve a search warrant on the warehouse of a group that had been stealing commercial appliances from homes for sale in the city.



Officer Seliga conducts a tour of the police department and our fleet with a student group.



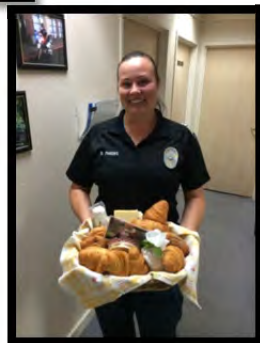
### Crime Scene Investigators (CSI)

The Lafayette Police Department is very fortunate to have two in-house experts on the processing of crime scenes and the collection of various forms of evidence. By having these experts aiding our officers and investigators, we are better able to process the various crime scenes that we encounter. In 2014, our CSI personnel aided in processing nearly 100 crime scenes in the search for the clues that would lead to the identification of the suspect. Our CSI personnel also manage our fleet and our property and evidence room. Each year, the police department collects hundreds of items or evidence and property that must be stored.



CSI Fahy-Resavy aids officers in collecting evidence at the scene of a recovered stolen vehicle.

In addition to processing crime scenes, CSI Parenti aids our officers by taking police reports by telephone. She also performs the majority of our vacation house checks, making sure that residents homes are safe while they are away. She often receives baked goods for being our "Good Neighbor".



### Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

Traffic safety is a concern for all of our officers, but for two members of the police department, it is their full-time job. Our two motor officers are dedicated to improving traffic safety within the city. In 2014, the majority of our collisions were caused by unsafe speed - cars going too fast for conditions. Our traffic officers account for over 60% of the citations written for moving violations. Nearly 23% of the citations they issue are for distracted driving - a contributing factor to many of our accidents.



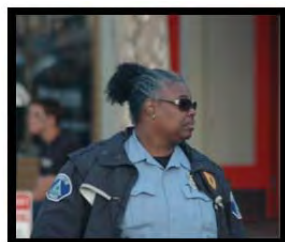
TSU Officer Shaman is recognized as the Sheriff's Office Field OPS Employee of the Month by CCCSO Captain Duke

TSU Officer Black is recognized as the Sheriff's Office Field OPS Employee of the Month by Mayor Tatzin.



### Parking Officers

With several hundred parking meters and restricted parking zones, our parking officers are always busy. The police department is staffed with three employees who patrol our streets enforcing our parking regulations. The group also provides assistance with traffic control and aid officers in towing vehicles. In 2014, our parking officers issued 5,444 parking citations within the city. While that may seem like a large number, in 2013 we issued 7,997 parking citations. The primary reason for the reduction are the improved meters which allow credit cards to be used. Rather than risk a citation, it's easy to swipe and go.



### Reserve Officers

In 2014, the Lafayette Police Department was aided by eight members of our reserve program. These volunteers contributed hundreds of hours in service to the members of our community. Reserve Officers assist the officers of our patrol, investigations and traffic safety units. These officers provide support that would otherwise cost us thousands of dollars to replicate or would not otherwise be provided. Many of our special events within the city are staffed by our reserves, who for all practical purposes serves our community just as our full-time officers do.

Reserves are assigned to the city through our contract with the Office of the Sheriff.



## Training

Although all of our officers receive basic and update training from the Sheriff's Office, the city also provides additional training to our officers. By providing additional training to the officers, they are better prepared for the demands of a community-based police department. The provision of additional training is a significant draw to deputies from the Sheriff's Office to volunteer for assignment to the contract. In 2014, officers attended more than 600 hours of training above that provided by the Sheriff's Office. Skilled officers provide better service to the members of our community.

## Crime Prevention Commission

The police department is fortunate to be able to interact with the members of the Crime Prevention Commission who volunteer hundreds of hours aiding the community and the department. The members of the commission aid the police department in coordinating crime prevention events at many of special events hosted within the city. The commission meets once a month and reviews the criminal activity within the city - identifying trends and developing crime prevention programs to address them. The police department calls upon members of the commission to aid in the Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch and the National Night Out Campaigns.

In 2015, the Crime Prevention Commission will host our Citizen's Police Academy. The program allows residents to get a "behind the scenes look at law enforcement".

**The Crime Prevention Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the City Offices.**

## Emergency Preparedness Commission

The police department just as fortunate to interact with the city's Emergency Preparedness Commission. This commission is charged with ensuring the city is prepared for disaster. By developing plans and exercises to ensure those plans work, the commission does work that is often not seen by the general public, but is vital to the continuity of the city during a disaster. The commission works closely with the police department to ensure that emergency management is a part of daily operations.

In 2015, the Emergency Preparedness Commission will host a Safety Fair to help residents improve their readiness for disaster.



## Response Times

For 2014, the following were the average response times for various incidents within the city (time of dispatch to time of arrival).

Incident Type	Time (Min.)
Code 3 Cover Request	1:46
Code 2 Cover Request	2:32
Armed Robbery	3:41
Unknown Injury Traffic Collision	3:41
Suicidal Subject (Non-Emer Response)	4:02
Medical - PD Requested	4:11
Shoplifter, In-custody	5:46
911 Unknown (Non-emergency_	7:01
5150 Violent (Non-emergency)	7:18
Non-Injury Traffic Collision	8:31
Burglary, Residential	11:22
Burglary, Auto	15:31



**AVERAGE  
EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE**  
 Less than  
**4 MINUTES**

## Arrests

In 2014, Lafayette officers arrested 261 subjects for various crimes. The statistics for 2014 saw a small decrease the number of arrests over those reported in 2013.

CRIME	ARRESTS
DUI	64
WARRANT	58
DRUG RELATED	32
DRUNK IN PUBLIC	12
BURGALRY	22
POSS STOLEN PROPERTY	5
ADW	2
DOM VIOL	2
STOLEN VEH	15
BATTERY	2
KIDNAPPING	1
DRIVING OFFENSES	2
RESIST / OBST OFFICER	3
ROBBERY	3
OTHER CRIMES	38