

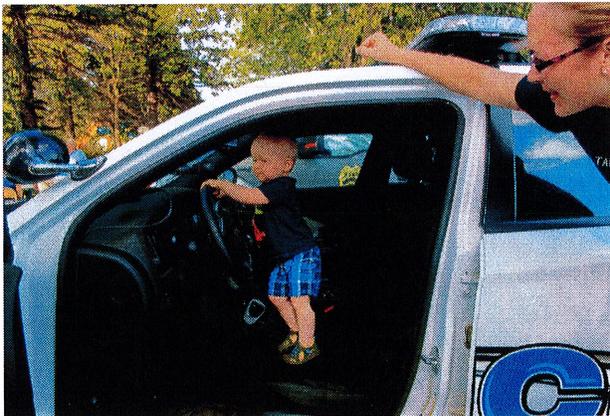
Madison Police Department 2015 Annual Report

The Madison Police Department saw a number of changes in 2015. Our long standing Police Chief Chuck Pulford retired after 12 years as Chief, and 26 years with the Madison Police Dept. Officer Darwin Wollmann also retired after 26 years with our department. We welcomed three new officers to our department which included Tony Garcia, Ryan Rook, and Jessica Noriega.

On March 28th the Police Department participated in the 5th annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge. The Police Department has had officers participate in the Polar Plunge every year the event has been held in Madison. This year Sgts' Dan Wyatt and Jesse Ehlers participated, raising \$6,825. This was the most of any law enforcement agency in the state! Great job guys!



On June 15th, 2015 the Police Dept. hosted a Basic School Resource Officer Class in Madison at the Madison High School. This week long training was attended by MPD Officers Ben Gant and Aaron Talich. The class was also attended by officers from all over South Dakota and neighboring states.



On August 4th we again hosted our annual National Night Out and community wide picnic at the Westside Park. Entertainment included Kelli Wollmann singing the national anthem, the Madison Community Band, the Rocky Mountain Boys, and Larry Green. We also welcomed the Country Cousins 4-H group which provided face painting for attendees. Other agencies attending included the Lake County Sheriff's Dept, City of Madison, SD Highway Patrol, Lake County REACT, Madison Fire Dept, Search and Rescue, SD Game

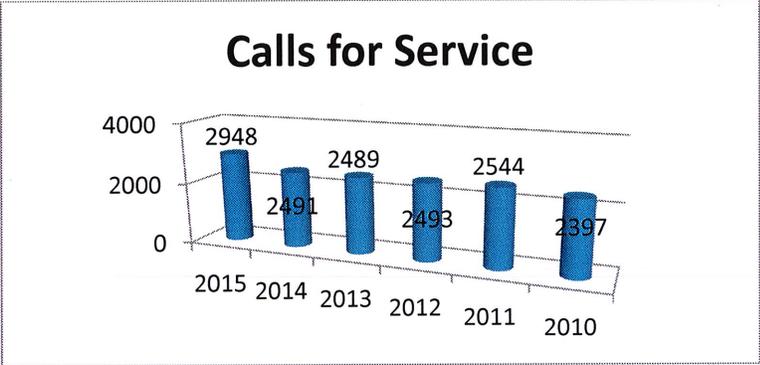
Fish and Parks, Madison Ambulance, Lake County Emergency Management, Lake County Dispatch and LEPC. The Bounce Around Inflatable's were sponsored by Kiwanis.

In November the Police Department participated in No Shave November. Officers who participated donated \$20 to go towards purchasing Teddy Bears that were donated to the Madison Regional Hospital ER. This was done in memory of Medic 11, Mark Sudenga, who our officers worked beside, and many considered a friend.

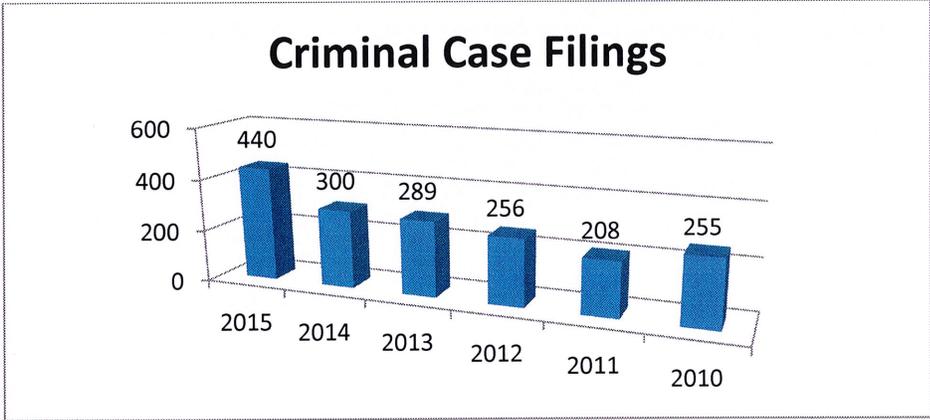


This fall the Police Department participated in the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Program. This allows for the public to bring in unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal. We accept prescription drugs any day of the year and over the past year we collected approximately 80 lbs of unwanted prescription drugs.

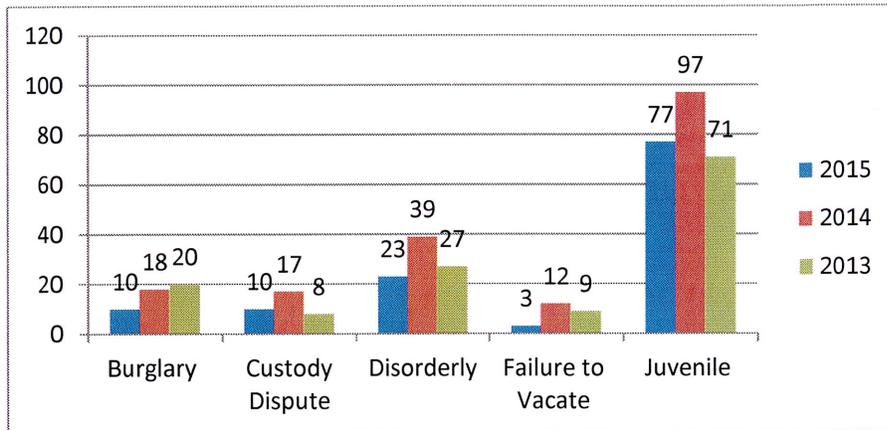
This year we saw a substantial increase in our calls for service.



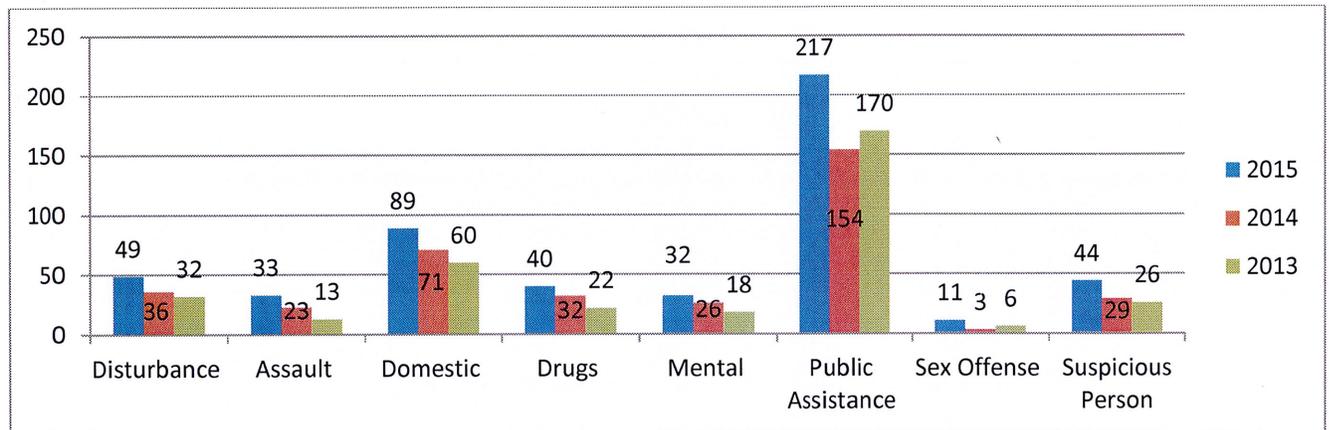
We also saw an increase in the number of Criminal Case Filings with the States Attorney’s Office which includes all class 1 misdemeanors and felonies only. This includes all Lake County Criminal Filings.



We did see a drop in call numbers for calls including burglary, custody disputes, disorderly conduct, failure to vacate, juveniles, stolen vehicles, and suspicious vehicles.



Our calls were up in a number of categories including, disturbances, assaults, domestic violence, drug cases, mental, public assistance, sex offenses, suspicious persons, mutual aid, harassing phone calls, and suspicious activity calls.



We continue to provide information to our citizens through the use of the City of Madison email service, which you can sign up for at www.cityofmadisonsd.com under the Email Notification tab. We also provide information on alerts and community events via Facebook and Twitter.

Submitted by,

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