

BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Message from Police Chief Jeff Gibson



On behalf of the Bedford Police Department, I am very pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of our criminal and traffic statistics, and includes a brief summary of all the Divisions operating within the Police Department.

This year has been an exciting year for the Department as well as myself. On September 9, 2015, I was appointed as Chief of our Agency. I am honored to serve this department and will embrace the needs of our community to ensure a transparent partnership.

Some of our 2015 accomplishments:

Surveillance Camera Program: An “Exchange Zone” consisting of 24-hour video surveillance was implemented in the parking lot of the police department. This creates a safe zone and allows our community members to conduct business safely, for example; online market places can meet to conduct business, and divorced parents can make child-custody exchanges safely.

Mobile Pet Adoption Trailer: A mobile trailer was purchased through donations to facilitate pet adoptions. The trailer was used in 28 events during the year and allowed staff to take animals off-site without concern of negative weather conditions. The trailer offers air conditioning and secure enclosures to provide maximum protection and comfort for the animals.

Distracted Driving Ordinance: Our Distracted Driving Ordinance became effective and enforcement action began. We will continue to gain compliance for this ordinance as we believe this is a very encouraging way to make drivers on our roadways safer.

The Department is committed to continuing its efforts to meet the public safety needs of the residents and businesses with the implementation of new programs, organizational restructure encompassing a servant leadership approach, and mentoring of personnel throughout the department. The Bedford Police Department looks forward to its continued partnership with the community in 2016.

Mission Statement

The Bedford Police Department and its members believe in the dignity and worth of all people. We are committed to:

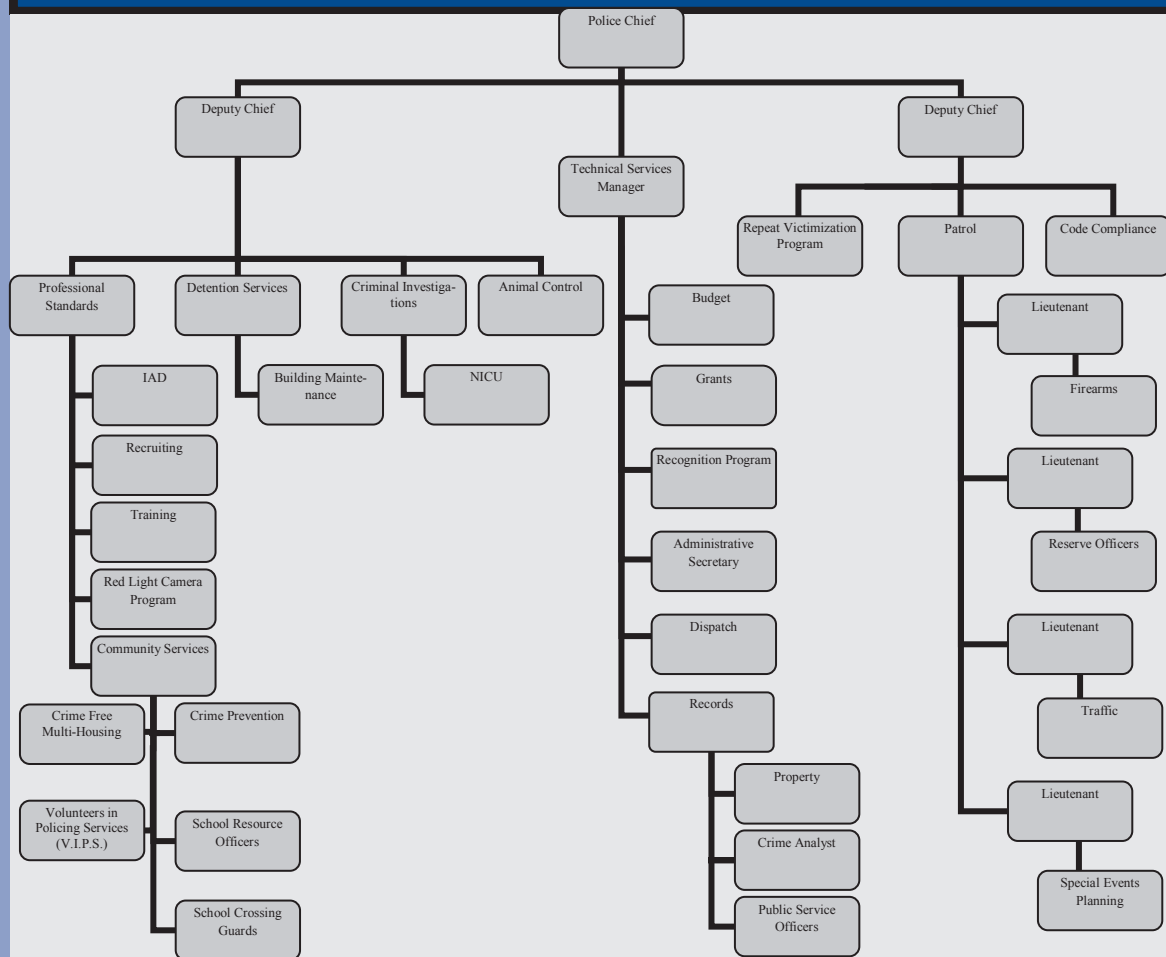
- Providing high quality community-orienting policing services with sensitivity;
- Protecting constitutional rights;
- Problem solving;
- Teamwork;
- Openness;
- Planning for the future; and
- Providing leadership to the police profession.

The Bedford Police Department commits to providing high quality law enforcement services to the citizens of this community. This Department is also committed to the philosophy and organizational strategy of community-policing. Community-policing promotes a partnership between citizens and the police department and is based on the premise that the police and community must work together to further enhance the quality of life within the community. In the pursuit of these commitments, our mission statement is adhered to in the fulfillment of all departmental activities.

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Organizational Structure



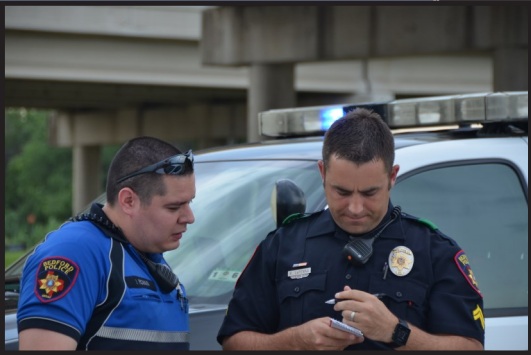
Department Budget

GENERAL FUND	FY 2014/2015	FY 2015-2016	% Chg
Personnel Services	\$10,035,434	\$10,604,164	+5%
Supplies	403,130	387,420	-4%
Maintenance	96,760	91,065	-6%
Contractual Services	430,490	369,210	-14%
Utilities	119,100	119,100	0%
Debt & Transfers	3,240	3,240	0%
Capital Outlay	160,380	224,100	28%
TOTALS	\$11,248,534	\$11,798,299	5%



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division encompasses the largest number of personnel in the Police Department. The Patrol Division's primary responsibilities are responding to calls for service, providing preventative neighborhood patrols and enforcing criminal law and city ordinances.



	2014	2015	% Chg
Calls for Service	22,331	23,921	+7%
Officer Initiated Calls	32,609	25,754	-21%
Traffic Citations	4,898	3,703	-24%
Adult Arrests	2,435	2,459	+.1%

Traffic Division

The Traffic Division is responsible for responding to accidents and providing education on occupant safety, and is charged with the responsibility of gaining compliance with state traffic laws and city ordinances.

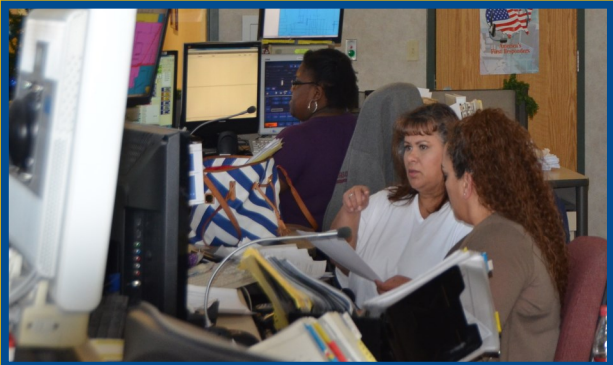


	2014	2015	% Chg
Reported Accidents	1,459	1,394	-5%
State Reported Accidents	770	748	-3%
Fatality Accidents	3	1	-67%
Traffic Citations	14,723	9,660	-34%

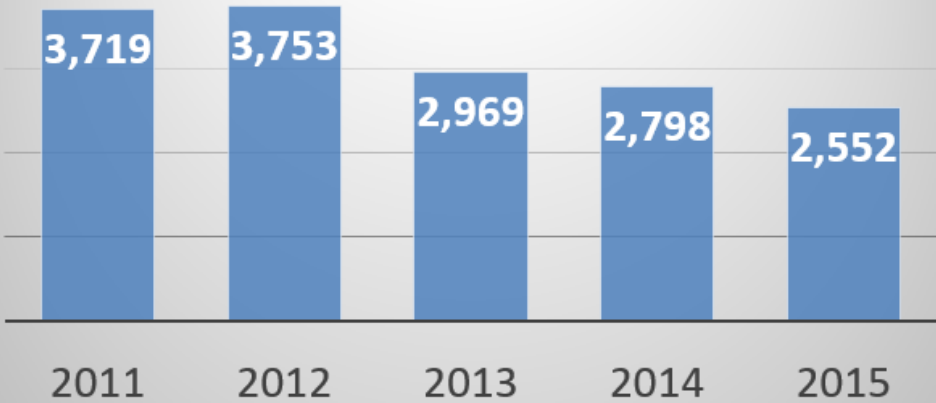
Dispatch Division

The Dispatch Division assists the public with emergency and non-emergency requests for assistance and the prompt and accurate dispatching of police, fire, emergency medical and animal control personnel.

Dispatch personnel obtain the nature and location of the emergency, determine the priority of the call, and dispatch the appropriate emergency units. In 2015, Dispatch fielded in excess of 57,000 contacts to include non-emergency calls, 9-1-1 calls, communications from other agencies, and field generated incidents for Police, Fire and EMS. The Dispatch Division is also the base operation for all radio traffic and the collection and dissemination of information relating to public safety incidents.



PRIORITY 1 CALLS FOR SERVICE





Detention Services

The Detention Services Division is responsible for the care of all incarcerated prisoners. The Division also provides housing for Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees.

Detention Officers are responsible for completing an administrative process once an inmate is released into their custody. This includes collecting information, conducting property inventory, taking photographs, and fingerprinting inmates upon arrival.

Facility Facts

- *Composed of 22 Cells*
- *Can house 80 Inmates*
- *Processed 2,006 Bedford Inmates*
- *Processed 2,900 ICE detainees*



Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for investigating crimes against property and/or persons, and conducting special and undercover operations to include narcotics, gambling, organized crime, etc. The Criminal Investigations Division is staffed with eight Detectives (permanent), four Investigators (rotational) and two Crime Scene Technicians (permanent) supervised by two Sergeants and one Lieutenant. In 2015, CID investigated 3,476 cases and maintained an overall clearance rate of 57% for persons crimes (compared to the national average of 47%) and 25% for property crimes (compared to the national average of 20%).

Repeat Victimization Unit

The Repeat Victimization Unit (RVU) program creates an opportunity to reduce repeat victimization and reduce the need for repetitious police response to the same location/victim. The officers focus on individuals experiencing mental health issues, or involved in domestic violence situations. to provide resources and support to those individuals in need of special attention to aid in the healing and recovery process. The Unit is staffed by a Corporal Supervisor and two sworn officers, and partner with a Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MHMR) Coordinator and a Crime Victims Liaison to further expand the benefits of this program.

Year	Emergency Mental Detentions	Domestic Violence
2011	379	519
2012	352	397
2013	338	433
2014	377	502
2015	428	492



Crime Scene Unit

The Department has 2 full-time civilian Crime Scene Technicians. It is their responsibility to collect, document and preserve physical evidence from crime scenes.



Persons vs. Property

Persons crime can be defined as a crime which is committed by direct physical harm or force being applied to another person. Persons crimes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Homicide
- Assault
- Sexual Offense
- Robbery
- Kidnapping

Property crime can be defined as a crime which involves personal property. Property crimes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Burglary
- Theft
- Auto Theft
- Criminal Mischief

Calendar Year 2015

Crime Statistics

ABOUT STATISTICS

In this area, law enforcement agencies report their crime statistics under one of two reporting systems, either UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) or NIBRS (National Information Based Reporting System). There are distinct differences between the two reporting systems as described below by the FBI:

“In the (UCR) Summary reporting system, the “Hierarchy Rule” governs if multiple offenses are reported. When more than one crime was committed by the same person or group of persons and the time and space intervals separating the crimes were insignificant, then the crime highest in the hierarchy is the only offense reported. Agencies do not use the Hierarchy Rule in the NIBRS. If more than one crime was committed by the same person or group of persons and the time and space intervals were insignificant, all of the crimes are reported as offenses within the same incident. For example, if a criminal burglarizes a residence and assaults the inhabitant, only the assault is reported as it takes precedent over the burglary (in UCR reporting) on the Hierarchy Rule. NIBRS reports all offenses involved in a particular incident (i.e. one burglary and one assault).”

These reporting differences can lead to significant discrepancies when accurately attempting to compare crime statistics where some report under UCR and some report under NIBRS.

In order to make an "apples to apples" comparison with other agencies, the Bedford Police Department is now providing annual violent crime and property crime data in both NIBRS and UCR formats on our website at www.bedfordpolice.com.

UCR vs NIBRS Part I Crime

	UCR			NIBRS		
	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013
Violent Crime:						
Murder	1	1	1	1	1	2
Rape	19	19	17	27	32	24
Robbery	22	28	29	26	28	37
Aggravated Assault	84	156	134	92	178	166
Property Crime:						
Arson	2	0	0	2	1	2
Burglary	174	201	244	178	206	250
Theft	945	1,005	991	970	1,038	1,075
Auto Theft	73	67	53	74	68	69
TOTALS	1,320	1,477	1,469	1,370	1,552	1,625

NIBRS Crime Statistics

Group A	2015 Offenses
Arson	2
Assault, Aggravated	92
Assault, Simple	388
Assault; Intimidation	144
Bribery	0
Burglary (Breaking & Entering)	178
Counterfeiting & Forgery	59
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	297
Drug & Narcotic Violations	355
Drug Equipment Violations	197
Embezzlement	2
Fraud; False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	26
Fraud; Credit Card/ATM Fraud	104
Fraud; Wire Fraud	0
Fraud; Impersonation	321
Gambling; Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0
Homicide; Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	10
Larceny/Theft; Pocket-Picking	2
Larceny/Theft; Purse Snatching	2
Larceny/Theft; Shoplifting	310
Larceny/Theft; From Building	56
Larceny/Theft; From Coin-Operated Machine	1
Larceny/Theft; From Motor Vehicle	222
Larceny/Theft; Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	50
Larceny/Theft; All Other Larceny	327
Motor Vehicle Theft	74
Pornography/Obscene Material	2
Prostitution	0
Robbery	26
Sex Offense; Forcible Rape	13
Sex Offense; Forcible Sodomy	1
Sex Offense; Sexual Assault with an Object	3
Sex Offense; Forcible Fondling	10
Sex Offense; Incest	0
Sex Offense; Statutory Rape	0
Stolen Property Offenses	32
Weapon Law Violations	19

Group B	2015 Offenses
Bad Checks	5
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violation	7
Disorderly Conduct	45
Driving Under the Influence	165
Drunkenness	202
Family Offenses; Non-Violent	22
Liquor Law Violation	30
Peeping Tom	0
Runaway	59
Trespass of Real Property	33
All Other Offenses	141

NIBRS GROUP A OFFENSES



Records Division

Records Technicians are responsible for entering all offense/incidents, arrest and accident reports into the Department's records management system, the management and retention of said records, and processing requests received through the Public Information Act. Additionally, this Division maintains the City's business and residential alarm permit program. In 2015, the Division entered and coded over 5,600 case reports, fielded over 5,000 phone calls, assisted 1,890 customers and processed 2,144 alarm permits.

Property/Evidence is responsible for receiving, releasing and the safekeeping of all property and evidence. The Property Technician must maintain the credibility and integrity of all evidentiary items. In 2015, the Property Division received over 4,500 pieces of evidence.

The **Crime Analyst** is charged with keeping officers and local agencies abreast of urgent suspect and/or officer safety issues as they arise. The Crime Analyst also analyzes data in order to assist in the strategic patrol deployments and investigation of criminal acts.



Public Service Officers

The Public Service Officers (PSO) are full-time civilian personnel who staff the Information Desk in the main lobby of the Police Department.

Their duties include assisting the public coming into the Department, taking non-assaultive reports, processing solicitor permits and providing fingerprint services to the public.

Professional Standards

The Professional Standards Division encompasses several components of the Police Department to include Internal Affairs, Recruiting, Training, Red Light Camera Program and the Community Services Division. Bedford 1 Community Program, School Resource Officers, and School Crossing Guards.

Internal Affairs is tasked with receiving and investigating citizen complaints and internal investigations that are assigned by the Police Chief. The Internal Affairs responsibility is to receive a complaint, conduct an impartial investigation, and make an unbiased final decision.

Training is responsible for conducting and/or tracking the training of all Departmental personnel. In 2015, the Department received **6,867** hours of training.

Recruiting is responsible for processing the applications, administering the applicable testing, and conducting backgrounds and initial interviews of those individuals seeking employment with the Police Department.

The Community Services Division is responsible for providing citizens of Bedford with superior programs and services. Many of these programs focus on educating the community about crime and how to deter its occurrence. In 2015, the division conducted **404** educational, safety, and security presentations.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, also known as *Bedford 1 Community*, works with Bedford apartment complexes with a focus in the following:

- Strengthen relationships and intelligence with Apartment Managers
- Strengthen the ability to effectively deter criminal elements

Internal Affair Complaints & Dispositions

2015 Stats	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Sustained	Cleared by Exception	Exonerated	Total
Informal	1	2	0	0	0	3
Formal	0	2	0	1	0	3
Internal	1	0	3	0	0	4
Total	2	4	3	1	0	10

Specialized Units

Fast Facts

- 17 SWAT call outs
- Bedford SWAT Operators each received 32 training hours and SWAT Negotiators each received 200 training hours.
- Narcotics seized by K-9 in 2015
 - Meth - 150.7g
 - Cocaine - .3g
 - GHB - 813g
 - Heroin - .1g
 - Hashish - 1g
 - Prescription Pills - 47.8g
 - Marijuana - 3lbs 14.77oz



In late 2012, the cities of Bedford, Euless, Hurst, and Grapevine combined their tactical personnel and resources into one unit, the Northeast Tarrant County Area SWAT Team (NETCAST). Each department has 9 SWAT Officers and 3 Negotiators assigned to the unit on a part-time basis. These personnel are comprised of full-time certified officers, at various levels of rank from various divisions within the Departments.

The Tarrant County Narcotics Task Force is a combined effort from several local police agencies. The Unit is charged with narcotic enforcement in Tarrant County. The Department currently assigns one Investigator from Criminal Investigations to serve on the Task Force.

K-9 consists of one Police Officer and one canine, Bow. K-9 supports the City of Bedford, Tarrant County Narcotics Task Force, and other surrounding agencies, when needed. During 2015, K-9 was used in 35 building searches and



Animal Control Division

The Animal Control Division is responsible for promoting responsible pet ownership and the adoption and/or alternate placement of adoptable animals. The Division provides humane care, treatment, and disposition of all sheltered animals. Further, the Division maintains the Animal Shelter, vehicles, and equipment in a sanitary manner that mitigates the potential for infectious disease transmission.

Domestic Animals Impounded (Live)	746	456	1,202
Impounded Domestic Animals that are Adoptable	150	128	278
Adoptions for Domestic Animals	124	204	328
Owner Claims for Domestic Animals	380	40	420
Transfers for Domestic Animals	83	168	251
TOTAL Domestic Animals Placed	587	412	999
Euthanization - Temperament	90	61	151
Euthanization - Aggression	18	27	45
Euthanization - Health	50	71	121
# of Above Euthanizations that were Owner Requested	33	9	42
TOTAL Euthanizations	191	168	359
City Licenses Issued	1,545	246	1,791
Wildlife Relocated			649
Euthanizations - Wildlife			91



Code Compliance



Code Compliance is responsible for routine patrols and responding to calls for service relating to codes that affect the quality of life and aesthetics within the City. The Division attempts to gain compliance through cooperative efforts, follow-ups, and citations, when necessary. Code Compliance Officers investigate complaints concerning a variety of issues to include high grass and weeds, accumulation of trash and debris, illegal dumping and other nuisance-related violations.

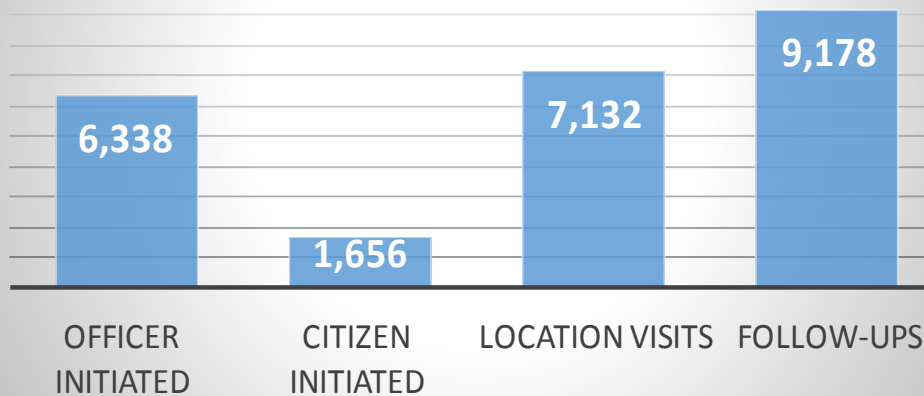
To report code violations call **(817) 952-2640** or submit complaints through "Better it in Bedford"
www.bedfordtx.gov/betterit/

Volunteers in Policing Services (V.I.P.S.)

The V.I.P.S. program is comprised of graduates from the Citizens Police Academy. They are a group of individuals with ideas, talents and visions of the future, working together to create a better community for the citizens and visitors of Bedford.

These volunteers perform a variety of tasks spanning technical, professional and general support areas, as well as assisting with specialized training of sworn personnel. In 2015, volunteers generously contributed approximately 7,415 hours equating to 4.3 full-time employees, totaling \$180,400.

CODE VIOLATIONS 2015



2015 Annual Awards

DIVISIONAL AWARDS:

Animal Control – Ken Horn, Lead Animal Control Officer

Code Compliance – Ann Smith, Code Compliance Technician

Community Services – Amanda Freeman, Crime Free Multi-Housing Officer

Criminal Investigations – Detective Joey Gauger

Detention Services (co-recipients) – Shawn Adams, Detention Officer; Oscar Garcia, Detention Officer

Dispatch – Michael Martin, Dispatcher

Patrol – Officer Greg Panelli

Records/Administrative – Karla Taylor, Administrative Secretary

Traffic – Officer Mark Miller

Civilian Supervisor of the Year – Marie Nagy-Jones

Sworn Supervisor of the Year – Corporal Bobby LaPenna

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Zach Hicks, Detective

Brad Deutsch, Patrol Officer II

Shawn Adams, Detention Officer

MERIT AWARD

Joey Gauger, Detective

Ken Horn, Lead Animal Control Officer

CHAPLAIN'S SERVANT HEART AWARD

Monique Hall, Patrol Officer II

Mark Tooley, Patrol Officer II

Onay Nunez, Patrol Officer II

Brad Deutsch, Patrol Officer II

Employee of the Quarter

Each Quarter the Department's Idea Committee hosts a Quarterly Luncheon for personnel to come together for food and fellowship. The luncheon also provides a forum for the Police Chief to deliver a message to the Department inclusive of information that is relevant to its operations, and/or to the staff. Also during the luncheon, recognition is given to employees selected as Employee of the Quarter by Command Staff. In 2015, the luncheons were held only for the 1st and 2nd quarters due to transition of Command Staff during the latter part of the year.

Employees of the Quarter for 2015:

1st Quarter:

Amy Smith, Record Tech/Alarm Coordinator

Clay Regan, Detective

2nd Quarter:

Karla Taylor, Administrative Secretary



The Annual Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Texas Ranger Globe Life Park in Arlington, TX. The Awards Banquet is held each year to reflect on the accomplishments made by personnel and to honor the recipients of awards and those deserving special recognition. The Banquet is entirely funded each year by the generosity of local businesses, citizen sponsorship, and planned by the Department's Idea Committee special fundraising efforts.

For More Information

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