

Bolivar Police Department 2016 Annual Report



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I am beginning my third year of service to the citizens of Bolivar as your Police Chief in 2016. The police operations were in need of professionalization and leadership stability when I arrived. All systems and processes had to be re-examined and evaluated for effectiveness and efficiency. This has been a priority and an arduous task for the entire staff of sworn and non-sworn personnel. They have responded magnificently. Great strides have been made by the Bolivar Police Department staff to modify the "traditional police culture" that existed and now must adapt to a community focused citizen centered approach for the delivery of police services. That requires a new mission and direction for the Bolivar Police Department. We deliver policing to the citizens in a fair, impartial, and just manner. Our mission statement emphasizes that we protect our citizens lives and property while balancing the need to protect individual liberties and freedoms guaranteed to all citizens.

The input from citizens from the community has been very beneficial in reshaping the police service delivery. The commitment to protecting vulnerable victims and building partnerships within the community guides our allocation of resources. A greater emphasis has been placed on training. An organizational commitment to delivering quality core police service (customer service, calls for service, community policing, superior police investigations, and neighborhood problem solving) has been implemented. The entire City Board of Alderman, Mayor, and City Administrator have been supportive and participated in implementing these changes.

We are looking forward to 2016 and see many challenges and opportunities before us. The Bolivar Police Department is not complacent or accepting of "the status quo" or "that's the way we have always done that". The Bolivar Police Department Annual Reports cover some of the ongoing change within the Bolivar City Government, in particular the Police Department. While taking a few moments to reflect back over the past several months and evaluate our accomplishments, I am reminded how fortunate we are to live and work in the City of Bolivar, Missouri. I also realize one of the highlights of my law enforcement career is leading organizations full of committed professional policing practitioners (sworn and non-sworn) working toward one goal of being a great partner with you to ensure everyone can enjoy the benefits of living and working in the City of Bolivar.

Sincerely,

Mark Webb



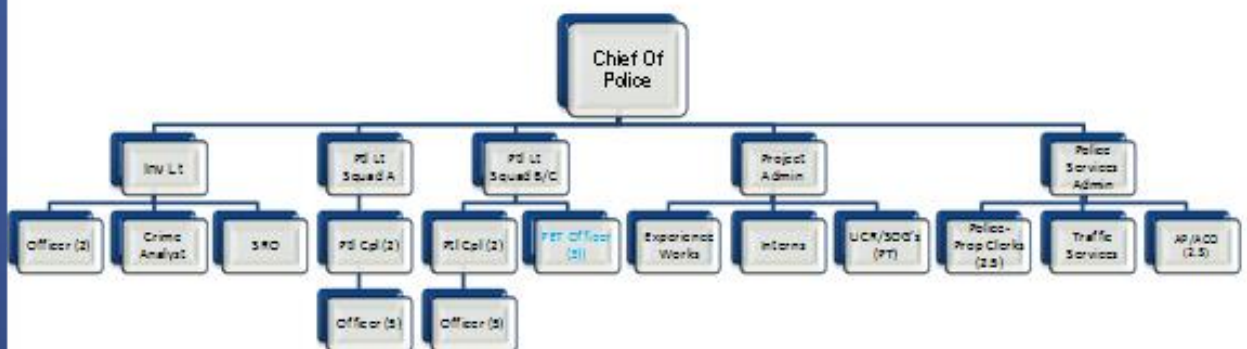
Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Bolivar Police Department to provide professional and impartial service in protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Bolivar. We will serve the community with integrity, honesty, courage and commitment to promote and maintain the safety and security of all. We will strive to create partnerships with the community while upholding and improving the quality of life and safeguarding the freedoms and liberty of all citizens.

Organizational Chart



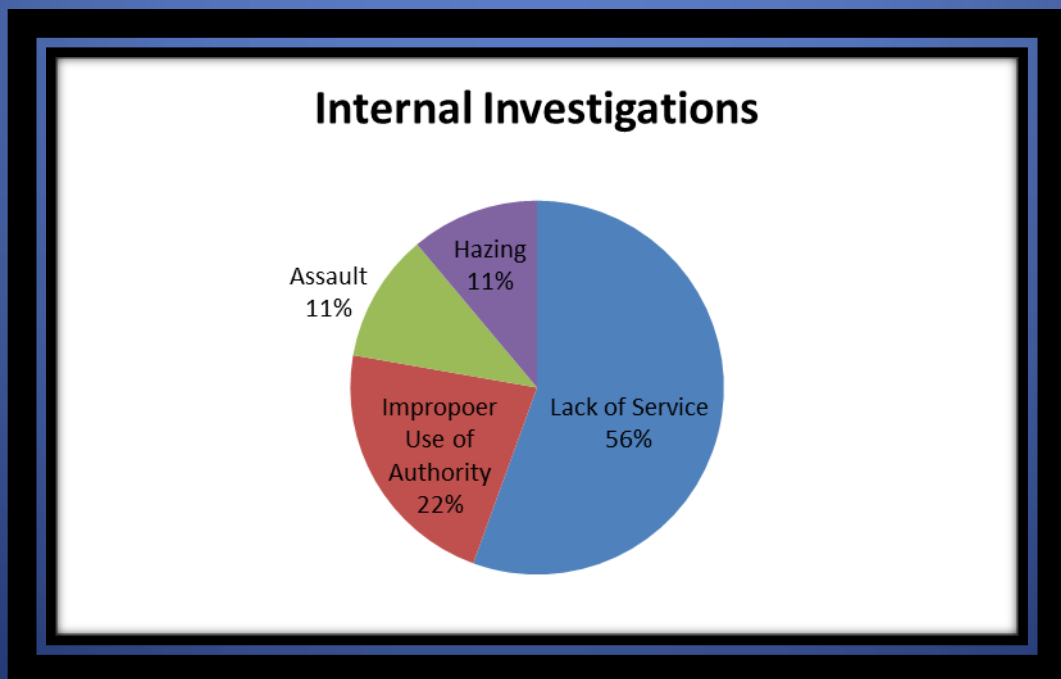
BPD Organization Chart



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Professional Standards

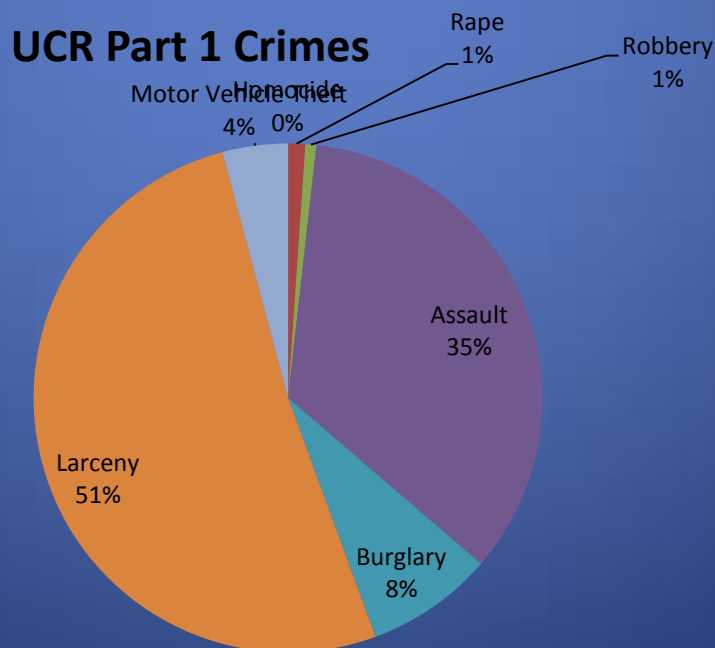
- The Bolivar Police Department takes all complaints seriously. Upon receiving a citizen complaint the Chief of Police will assign the Division Lieutenant to investigate. If the allegation is severe, the Chief of Police will assign the complaint to the Internal Affairs Lieutenant. In 2016, the Bolivar Police Department investigated 11 citizen complaints and conducted nine (9) internal affairs investigations.



Uniform Crime Reporting

Part 1

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) contains official data on crime which is reported to law enforcement agencies across the country who then provide the data to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). Part 1 of the UCR focuses on the index crimes which include murder, rape, robbery, assault,



Animal Pound

The Animal Pound and Animal Control Officer had a busy 2016 with calls for service and intake. Animal Pound personnel served 1,986 customers and responded to 820 calls for service. The year started with 7 dogs and 0 cats. 469 animals that visited the Pound during the year, about average for the past three years. The Animal Pound successfully adopted out 125 animals to loving and caring homes. In 2017, we hope to move forward with upgrades to the runs and pens bringing them up to Department of Agriculture compliance.



Property and Evidence

The Property/Evidence unit has purchased with approved monies a new barcoding system that will streamline the intake, storage, and disposal of property. Training will be conducted in February with officers on the new system and it is in place by the end of February. The benefit of this new system is a better tracking of evidence and only property that comes into the property room. The current RMS system when pulling reports and information for the property room also includes stolen and recovered property. Audits and inventories will be accurate and easily conducted in less time. For 2017 we are looking at utilizing Property Room.Com as an online auction source for property and evidence that is no longer needed.



Crisis Intervention Team

As a part of Governor Nixon's CMHL program the Bolivar Police Department has spearheaded the expansion of the Missouri Crisis Intervention Team initiated in Polk and other surrounding counties. We have also expanded the number of CIT trained officers with the ultimate goal of having all police department employees trained. The BPD also started a Polk County Area CIT Council and is looking forward to becoming an established council in 2017.



Community Relations



The Bolivar Police Department set up a booth on SBU campus for the 4th of July. Officers passed out goodies and enjoyed interacting with the citizens.



Community Relations



The Bolivar Police Department was excited to join in the Bolivar Rocks hype and painted our own law enforcement related rocks to hide throughout the city. The lucky citizen to find all four DARE rocks received this BPD gift basket.

Boy Scout Troop 45 presented the Bolivar Police Department with a plaque to show their support for law enforcement, They held a BBQ at Davis Pavilion and served officers from surrounding agencies.



Community Relations

Officers of the Bolivar Police Department were invited to the Bolivar Primary School in recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Week. Students performed for the Officers and presented them with hand made thank you cards.



Citizen's Police Academy

The Bolivar Police Department hosted out 2016 Inaugural Citizen's Police Academy. The citizens were able to gain a better understanding of the day to day activities of law enforcement officers. We are already preparing for the 2nd annual CPA.



Shop With A Cop



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- The 2016 Annual Shop with a Cop event was the largest in Southwest Missouri. The Bolivar Police Department along with 7 other agencies provided Christmas to 179 children in Polk County.



Shop
with a
Cop!

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To assist with the fundraising efforts, officers spent a chilly evening welcoming citizens to Light the Park. All proceeds went to Shop with a Cop.



Fleet Upgrades

In 2016, The Bolivar Police Department added three new Ford Interceptor SUV's to the fleet. As these are all wheel drive vehicles with improved ground clearance, they serve to improve our ability to respond to calls during times of inclement weather or natural disaster.



Staff Changes

New Hires

- Jennifer Woodall- Pound Clerk
 - Tim Hamp- Patrol Officer
 - Melissa Kuchta- Patrol Officer
 - Derek Lankford- Patrol Officer
- Ronnie Maccarella- Patrol Officer
 - Curtis Mayfield- Patrol Officer
 - Michael Smith- Patrol Officer
 - Ross White- Police Clerk
 - Dalton Reed- Patrol Officer
- Alexis English- Animal Control Officer



Staff Changes

Resignations

- Judy Morrison- Property Clerk
- Danisha Smith- Patrol Officer
- Brandon Toler- Patrol Corporal
 - Mike Sly- Patrol Corporal
- Dakota Williams- Patrol Officer
 - Jessica Duda- Patrol Officer
 - Dalton Reed- Patrol Officer
 - Lori Everett- Property Clerk
- Alexis English- Animal Control Officer



Awards

- Detective Ehbrecht was presented with the Life Saving Award from the American Heart Association.
 - He heroism also earned her a Command Commendation from the Bolivar Police Department.





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