



# Hollister Police Department

## 2014 Year End Statistics

Incident	Number of Cases		% Increase/Decrease from 2013
	2013	2014	
Murders	0	0	Same
Rapes	3	3	Same
Assaults	21	13	38% Decrease
Domestic Assaults	45	32	29% Decrease
Attempted Suicide	4	2	50% Decrease
Burglaries	28	34	21% Increase
Drug Offenses	13	8	38% Decrease
DWI	27	23	15% Decrease
DWS/DWR	37	13	65% Decrease
Harassment	14	15	7% Increase
Juvenile Offenses	23	13	43% Decrease
Peace Disturbances	20	22	10% Increase
Property Damage	32	26	19% Decrease
Fraud	31	20	35% Decrease
Sexual Offenses	6	3	50% Decrease
Stealing Offenses	96	102	6% Increase
Stolen Vehicles	11	8	27% Decrease
Weapon Offenses	5	4	20% Decrease
Traffic Accidents	113	114	1% Increase
Trespassing	8	6	25% Decrease
Unattended Deaths	10	10	Same
Warrant Arrests	131	132	1% Increase
Robbery	0	2	200% Increase
Kidnapping	0	0	Same
Arson	1	1	Same

In 2014 the Hollister Police Department responded to 3,195 calls for service, which was a decrease of 4% from 2013. We took 797 reports which was a decrease of 8%, and made 251 arrests in 2014 which was a 23% decrease. Above you will see a list of the more common offenses and the number of cases we worked during 2014. These statistics do not reflect an accurate number of the total offenses. These numbers are only reflective of the primary charge of an incident and not the total charges in a case. In 2013, the officers as a whole initiated one report for every 3.9 calls they responded to. In 2014 the calls to report ratio decreased to one report for every 4 calls, which shows that officers responded to less calls and generated less reports. Arrests overall were down in 2014 from 324 in 2013 to 251. When compared to the year-end statistics, crime decreased overall in 2014 by 11%.

Crime overall has continued to decline over the past two years. A decrease in crime every year is what we all would love to see and what the Department staff strives for. However, you know that this goal is impossible to obtain. The reason for the difficulty is because of the relatively low number of incidents we encounter. Although there are some types of crimes that without a doubt need to be addressed I am confident Department personnel are definitely playing their part in keeping it low.

Like every statistic there can be an argument made for crime statistics. In looking at the national crime statistics for 2013, the information available at the time of this report, it appears trends are consistent with the national average regarding violent crimes which include murder, rape, robbery and assault being down. Property crimes which include burglary, stealing, tampering (stolen vehicles), and arson were also down nationally but up by 7% for the City. I can contribute this increase solely on the rash of burglaries to vacant properties that occurred at the beginning of last year.

Every year there are some crime categories that appear to increase or decrease significantly by percentage. However, the spikes are due to calculating the differences in small numbers of offenses into a percentage. For example, robberies show a high percentage increase when in fact there were a very small number of such incidents.

Officers issued 753 citations, which was a decrease of 26% from 2013. Officer initiated contact such as DWI's and Driving While Suspended or Revoked were also down. I believe this to be because of the turnover we experienced this year. Fifty percent of our patrol staff are new officers that started this year. It takes an officer approximately 13 weeks before he/she is ready to be on their own. A seasoned officer also spends the same amount of time training the new officer. With that much time spent training this year and less time spent on the road working on traffic enforcement these officer initiated contacts would surely be down. Even though the Department has the lowest starting pay of all of the major Cities in the area and the Taney Sheriff's Department, we still do a fairly good job at recruiting officers that are motivated and are willing to at least spend some time with us to progress their careers. Everyone at the Department realizes that there are bigger things in the future for the City and Department and some of us are eager to see what the next few years will bring.

Like the previous year, I considered 2013 a slow year in regards to significant changes and advances. Although we saw little in new advances within the Department, there were some significant items to note. Sgt. Matthews once again was able to secure a large sum of grant money this year, approximately \$9000.00 for traffic enforcement. He was also instrumental in putting us in a position to receive a new alcohol breathalyzer instrument valued at \$8000.00. All reports are that Officer Hey, our SRO continues to be a positive addition to the schools. As reported last year he continues to work hard to incorporate more grades into the DARE program. He has also received active shooter training which is a must in this day and age. This training is scheduled yearly and will be taught to school staff.

Last year was a positive year for the City and the Department and I anticipate 2015 being the same. Council and the Administration's support and commitment to the Police Department have been excellent. As always, I ask for your continued support and commitment to public safety in 2015. I am confident that you, the Mayor, and the City Administrator will continue your support and give me the tools and resources needed to help the Department staff perform at the most professional level possible and to continue to provide the residents of Hollister with the highest level of service.

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