

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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***Colonel Timothy J. Lowery
Chief of Police***

A LETTER FROM COLONEL TIMOTHY J. LOWERY



Dear Citizens of Florissant,

The 2013 Annual Report briefly describes the department's organization, provides summary statistics, and highlights many of the programs offered by your police department.

The year 2013 was very busy within the Florissant Police Department. The department saw two veteran officers retire after decades of service, and a number of promotions. The department opened a new police canine training area in the back of the police station, which will allow our police canines and their handlers to remain proficient in their duties, and it allows the police department to house the canines in the kennels while the handlers are out of town, saving costly kennel fees. The department responded to an EF2 tornado that tore thru parts of Hazelwood and Florissant on April 10, 2013. In the aftermath of the tornado, members of the department spent 467 hours directing traffic, searching neighborhoods, and securing areas both in Florissant and in Hazelwood. Florissant officers also spent several days working alongside St. Louis County and Hazelwood police officers as they reviewed numerous schools' emergency response plans in the event of an active shooter. Also, the department saw a large amount of participation from the residents of Florissant during its CERT and Citizens Academy classes, as well as Safety Town. The department also began the much anticipated Park Police Program, which places two Reserve police officers in the parks and recreation centers. This program has been very well received by our residents who frequent our park facilities, and they appreciate seeing the extra police presence.

This past year, the crime rate continued to decline for violent offences as it has for the past five years. There was an **11% reduction** in violent crimes since 2012.

The Bureau of Investigation had another successful year in identifying and successfully prosecuting offenders. The Bureau of Investigations maintained a clearance rate of 63% of all the cases that they investigated.

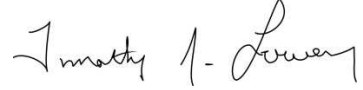
The department continued its partnership with the D.E.A. in 2013. The resources provided to the department by this partnership enabled the department to respond more effectively to criminal elements in and outside our city. Also, the department shares in asset forfeiture funds that made it possible to purchase new equipment.

The Neighborhood Watch program played a major role in the declining crime rate, and participation in the program continues to grow. Alert citizens calling in suspicious individuals and activities resulted in the arrest of individuals burglarizing homes and businesses, vehicle break-ins, and thefts of vehicles. If you have not joined our Neighborhood Watch program, please call 314-831-7000 to register.

The department's greatest asset is our commissioned and civilian staff. Their unselfish efforts keep our city a safe community to live in, work, and visit. The cooperation of our elected officials, civic leaders, and citizens also make this possible.

In closing, this report will show that the Florissant Police Department is moving forward in their community programs and crime fighting initiatives while keeping our values of Integrity, Fairness, and Professionalism. The Florissant Police Department will continue to maintain its Tradition of Service and a Legacy of Excellence for the citizens of Florissant. Thank you for your support of the Florissant Police Department, and I look forward to a successful 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Lowery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "L".

Colonel Timothy J. Lowery
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Florissant Police Department is to provide the highest quality police services to the people of the City of Florissant, by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness, and professionalism.”

Citizen Interaction

We recognize our community-policing role as a partnership with the citizens of Florissant. We need and encourage the participation of every citizen in solving problems and improving the quality of life for our community.

Integrity

In order to achieve public trust and build upon our community partnership, we demand the highest level of integrity in ourselves. Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright, and sincere.

Fairness

We are committed to upholding the law in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner. We serve every member of our community equally, regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, or social status.

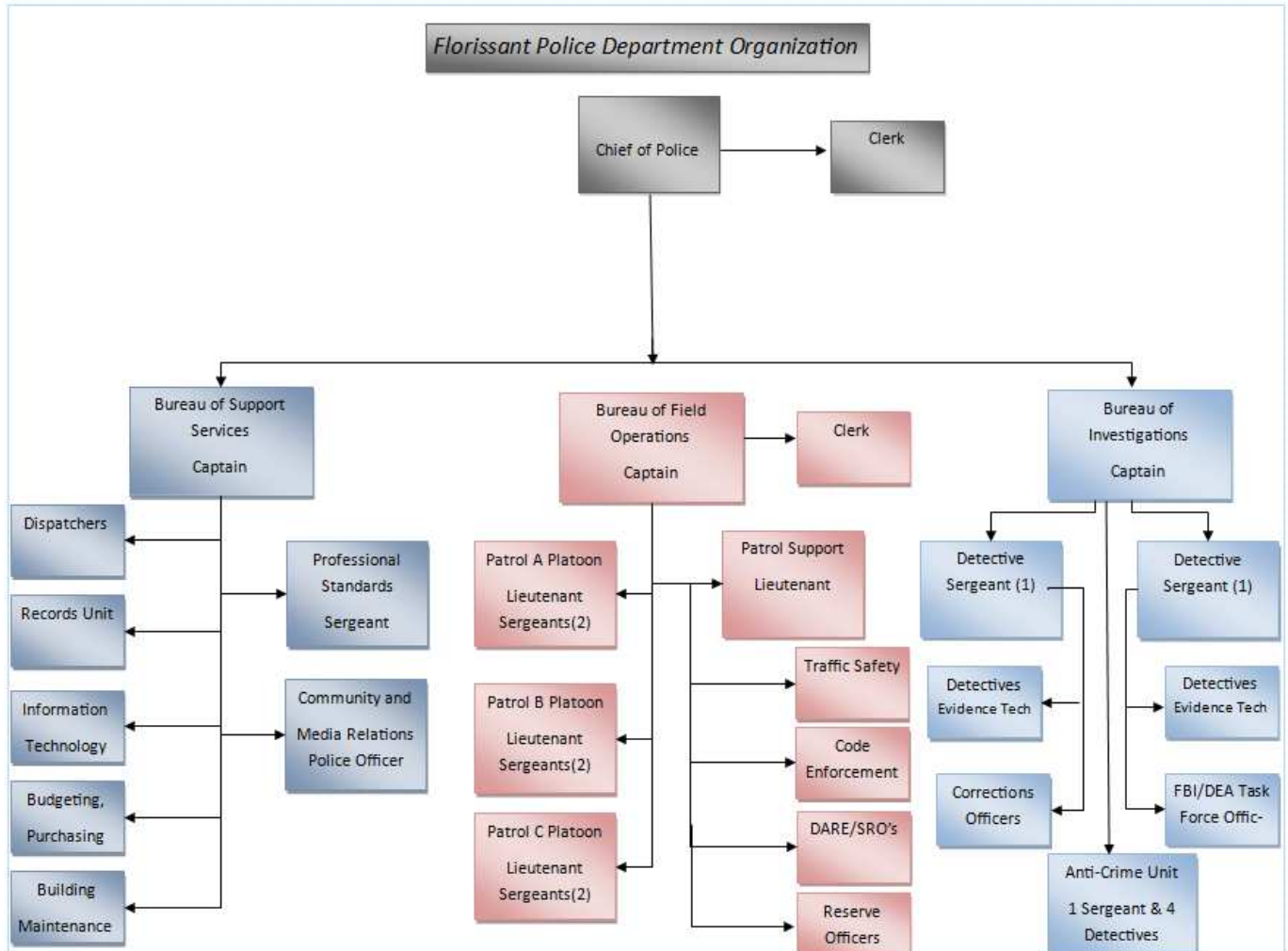
Professionalism

In order to insure the highest level of service to our community, we pledge to continually evaluate our programs and our performance. We promote organizational and individual standards of excellence. We encourage continuing education and training.

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FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT



DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

The Florissant Police Department now employs 88 full-time police officers (82 male and 6 female), and twenty-three full-time civilian employees (9 male and 14 female), for a total of 111 full time law enforcement employees (91 male and 20 female).

The full-time civilian employees include 9 police dispatchers, 6 correction officers, 1 information technology administrator, 1 administrative assistant, 5 police clerks and 1 custodian. The Department also employs seven part-time employees, four as Reserves (2 Park Police Officers and 2 Court Bailiffs), two as dispatchers, and one as a custodian.

Six new police officers, three corrections officers, two clerks, and one dispatcher were hired in 2013 to fill vacant or new positions. Two reserves were hired with the start of the Park Police program.

New Employees for 2013

| Name | Assignment | DSN | Date of Hire |
|------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Sean Mayer | Police Officer | 614 | 01/11/2013 |
| Scott Morris | Corrections | 616 | 03/19/2013 |
| Matthew Bohn | Corrections | 618 | 04/29/2013 |
| Michael McLaren | Police Officer | 619 | 05/06/2013 |
| Gary Lively | Reserve/Park Police | 620 | 05/20/2013 |
| Tyler Italiano | Police Officer | 621 | 06/17/2013 |
| Kyle Feldman | Police Officer | 623 | 06/24/2013 |
| Dio Foster | Reserve/Park Police | 622 | 07/08/2013 |
| Neal Booth | Dispatcher | 624 | 07/10/2013 |
| Anyia Kennedy | Clerk Typist | 625 | 08/07/2013 |
| Dacia Hill | Corrections | 626 | 08/19/2013 |
| David Kowalewski | Police Officer | 627 | 08/12/2013 |
| Mary Mansker | Clerk Typist | 629 | 10/28/2013 |
| Kevin Fodde | Police Officer | 630 | 12/17/2013 |

During 2013 a Lieutenant and a Sergeant retired. Five other employees left the agency to accept positions at another federal, state, county, municipal law enforcement agency or the private sector. One employee was disabled in the line of duty, one employee was transferred to another city agency, and one employee was terminated.

Resigned/Retired Employees for 2013

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>DSN</u> | <u>Last Date</u> | <u>Terms</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| David Schack | Corrections | 606 | 02/25/2013 | Resigned |
| Jeffrey Seerey | Police Officer | 582 | 04/04/2013 | Resigned |
| Michael Vernon | Police Officer | 562 | 05/28/2013 | Disabled |
| Dennis Cordia | Lieutenant | 241 | 08/01/2013 | Retired |
| Edward Robertson | Dispatcher | 601 | 06/07/2013 | Resigned |
| Adam Backowski | Corrections | 605 | 07/04/2013 | Resigned |
| Kimberly Bowder | Clerk Typist | 561 | 07/05/2013 | Resigned |
| Sheila Linhardt | Admin. Asst. | 435 | 09/09/2013 | Transfer |
| Scott Morris | Corrections | 616 | 12/31/2013 | Terminated |
| Richard Miller | Sergeant | 171 | 12/31/2013 | Retired |

Police Officer Assignments for 2013

| | |
|---|------------------|
| <i>Chief of Police</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Captains</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>Lieutenants</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>Sergeants</i> | <i>10</i> |
| <i>Police Officers</i> | <i>70</i> |
| <i>Reserves (Park Police and Court Bailiffs)</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>92</i> |

Bureau of Field Operations Officer Assignments

| | |
|---|------------------|
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Lieutenants</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>Sergeants</i> | <i>6</i> |
| <i>Patrol Officers</i> | <i>41</i> |
| <i>Canine (K-9)</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>Neighborhood Preservation</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Traffic Unit</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>School Resource Officers</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>D.A.R.E. Officer</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Prisoner Conveyance</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Reserves (Park Police and Court Bailiffs)</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>69</i> |

Bureau of Investigation Officer Assignments

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Sergeants</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>Detectives</i> | <i>8</i> |
| <i>Anti-Crime Officers</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>DEA Taskforce Detective</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Evidence Technicians</i> | <i>2</i> |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>19</i> |

Bureau of Support Services Officer Assignments

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| <i>Captain</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Sergeant – Professional Standards</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Patrolman – Public Information Officer</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>3</i> |

PERSONNEL SERVICE

| NAME | ASSIGNMENT | DSN | DATE OF HIRE |
|------|------------|-----|--------------|
|------|------------|-----|--------------|

30-35 Years of Service

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----|------------|
| Claudia Pennington | Communications | 262 | 03/19/1979 |
| Darlene Trent | Police Clerk | 304 | 05/21/1979 |
| Gary Thieme | Police Officer | 260 | 12/03/1979 |
| Thomas Reinbold | Sergeant | 266 | 01/02/1980 |
| Gary Schlottach | Police Officer | 282 | 10/13/1980 |
| Michael Mahaffy | Sergeant | 283 | 11/17/1980 |
| Kevin Boschert | Sergeant | 286 | 11/02/1980 |
| Timothy Fodde | Lieutenant | 287 | 12/01/1980 |
| John Stanczak | Police Officer | 293 | 03/16/1981 |
| Jeffrey Peters | Lieutenant | 295 | 06/08/1981 |
| John Harmon | Communications | 307 | 02/01/1983 |

25-29 Years of Service

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|------------|
| James Arnold | Police Officer | 316 | 04/02/1984 |
| Lori Bethmann | Police Officer | 320 | 10/01/1984 |
| Michael Layton | Sergeant | 326 | 07/17/1985 |
| Sean Fagan | Captain | 328 | 08/22/1985 |
| Vincent Godfrey | Lieutenant | 346 | 07/20/1987 |
| Richard Hart | Police Officer | 354 | 09/05/1988 |

20-24 Years of Service

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----|------------|
| Daniel Biermann | Lieutenant | 360 | 05/30/1989 |
| Timothy Green | Detective | 361 | 06/05/1989 |
| Randy Boden | Captain | 362 | 08/14/1989 |
| Timothy Lowery | Chief of Police | 363 | 08/14/1989 |
| David Houghton | Police Officer | 365 | 11/27/1989 |
| Richard Kohnen | Police Officer (SRO) | 370 | 02/15/1991 |
| Scott Sachs | Sergeant | 371 | 06/27/1991 |
| Brian Bethmann | Police Officer | 383 | 01/27/1993 |
| Sharon Crawford | Communications | 387 | 06/14/1993 |

15-19 Years of Service

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----|------------|
| Timothy Fagan | Captain | 395 | 08/18/1994 |
| Shaun Kummer | Police Officer | 430 | 03/24/1997 |
| Stephen Weiersmueller | Information Technology | 429 | 06/23/1997 |
| Richard Pfaff | Detective Sergeant | 436 | 07/07/1997 |
| Philip Busby | Police Officer (Traffic) | 438 | 08/18/1997 |
| Allen Jones | Communications | 457 | 11/30/1998 |
| Kathy Anderson | Police Clerk | 458 | 12/08/1998 |

10-14 Years of Service

| | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|-----|------------|
| Patrick O'Fallon | Police Officer (K-9) | 474 | 10/18/1999 |
| Matthew Thompson | Police Officer | 475 | 10/25/1999 |
| Matthew Stringer | Police Officer | 481 | 02/14/2000 |
| Peggye Fowler | Police Clerk | 484 | 06/23/2000 |

| NAME | ASSIGNMENT | DSN | DATE OF HIRE |
|------|------------|-----|--------------|
|------|------------|-----|--------------|

10-14 Years of Service (cont.)

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----|------------|
| Tonya Elliott | Corrections | 491 | 09/19/2000 |
| Tyrone Perry | Police Officer | 492 | 09/25/2000 |
| Michael Cameron | Police Officer | 495 | 10/16/2000 |
| Scott Cork | Detective | 496 | 10/16/2000 |
| Dustin Owen | Police Officer (SRO) | 497 | 10/24/2000 |
| Craig DeHart | Police Officer (Traffic) | 498 | 11/06/2000 |
| Dennis DeHart | Detective Sergeant | 499 | 12/04/2000 |
| Edward Sharp | Sergeant | 503 | 07/30/2001 |
| Christopher Shilling | Detective | 505 | 09/04/2001 |
| Andrew Quinones | Police Officer | 431 | 05/06/2002 |
| Kyle Lewis | Sergeant | 509 | 05/06/2002 |
| Shawn Reiland | Detective | 511 | 09/30/2002 |
| Andrew Haarmann | Public Information Officer | 513 | 01/06/2003 |
| Daniel Bateman | Communications | 525 | 11/03/2003 |

5-9 Years of Service

| | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----|------------|
| Jarrod Coder | Police Officer (K-9) | 528 | 02/02/2004 |
| Andrew Hale | Detective | 529 | 02/02/2004 |
| John Reihm | Police Officer | 530 | 01/29/2004 |
| Lessie Summers | Police Officer (DARE) | 533 | 07/19/2004 |
| Jacob Schmidt | Detective | 534 | 07/19/2004 |
| Michael Keifer | Police Officer | 535 | 08/16/2004 |
| Jason Staats | Detective (DEA Taskforce) | 538 | 10/18/2004 |
| Andre Reece | Detective | 539 | 11/22/2004 |
| Andrew Gerwitz | Police Officer | 540 | 11/22/2004 |
| Lisa Smallegan | Corrections | 542 | 12/27/2004 |
| Matthew Krah | Police Officer (Traffic) | 545 | 03/07/2005 |
| Jason West | Police Officer | 547 | 05/30/2005 |
| David Rohlfing | Detective | 548 | 05/30/2005 |
| Shaunta Williams | Police Officer | 552 | 08/15/2005 |
| Chris Bockelmann | Police Officer | 553 | 09/12/2005 |
| Mark Pounders | Sergeant | 554 | 12/12/2005 |
| Patrick O'Neill | Police Officer | 555 | 01/02/2006 |
| Timothy Sweeso | Detective | 557 | 06/26/2006 |
| Michele Arthur | Clerk | 558 | 10/09/2006 |
| Grant West | Detective | 560 | 12/07/2006 |
| Freddie Lee | Police Officer (SRO) | 563 | 09/17/2007 |
| Gary Niemann | Police Officer | 564 | 12/11/2007 |
| Kim Berry | Police Officer (SRO) | 565 | 12/26/2007 |
| Christopher Easton | Police Officer | 568 | 12/26/2007 |
| Michael Arthur | Police Officer | 570 | 01/09/2008 |
| Steve Neuhauser | Police Officer | 569 | 01/16/2008 |
| Barb Hale | Communications | 571 | 02/05/2008 |
| Mark Lorthridge | Police Officer | 574 | 06/30/2008 |
| Daniel Howard | Police Officer | 575 | 07/16/2008 |
| Amel Topcagic | Police Officer | 576 | 07/21/2008 |
| Steven Michael | Police Officer (Traffic) | 578 | 08/06/2008 |

| NAME | ASSIGNMENT | DSN | DATE OF HIRE |
|--|----------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| <u>5-9 Years of Service (cont.)</u> | | | |
| <i>Richard Burns</i> | <i>Communications</i> | <i>580</i> | <i>10/02/2008</i> |
| <i>Anthony Mocca</i> | <i>Detective</i> | <i>584</i> | <i>12/22/2008</i> |
| <u>Less than 5 Years of Service</u> | | | |
| <i>David Barr</i> | <i>Custodian</i> | <i>585</i> | <i>01/05/2009</i> |
| <i>Jessica Davis</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>588</i> | <i>04/28/2009</i> |
| <i>Joel Zwick</i> | <i>Detective</i> | <i>589</i> | <i>06/01/2009</i> |
| <i>Nick Osmer</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>591</i> | <i>11/09/2009</i> |
| <i>Shannon Bowen</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>593</i> | <i>03/22/2010</i> |
| <i>Joseph Monahan</i> | <i>Detective</i> | <i>594</i> | <i>05/03/2010</i> |
| <i>Steve Beekman</i> | <i>Detective</i> | <i>596</i> | <i>09/13/2010</i> |
| <i>Lindsey Nelke</i> | <i>Dispatcher</i> | <i>597</i> | <i>11/10/2010</i> |
| <i>Alexander Nilson</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>598</i> | <i>01/11/2011</i> |
| <i>Daniel Fletcher</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>599</i> | <i>01/25/2011</i> |
| <i>Joshua Smith</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>603</i> | <i>09/26/2011</i> |
| <i>Michael Reiter</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>607</i> | <i>03/05/2012</i> |
| <i>Steven Johnson</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>608</i> | <i>03/19/2012</i> |
| <i>Amber Gonzales</i> | <i>Corrections</i> | <i>609</i> | <i>04/19/2012</i> |
| <i>Brian Law</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>610</i> | <i>07/02/2012</i> |
| <i>Jenna Carlson</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>611</i> | <i>08/27/2012</i> |
| <i>John O'Neill</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>613</i> | <i>10/19/2012</i> |
| <i>Sean Mayer</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>614</i> | <i>01/11/2013</i> |
| <i>Matthew Bohn</i> | <i>Corrections</i> | <i>618</i> | <i>04/29/2013</i> |
| <i>Michael McLaren</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>619</i> | <i>05/06/2013</i> |
| <i>Gary Lively</i> | <i>Reserve/Park Police</i> | <i>620</i> | <i>05/20/2013</i> |
| <i>Tyler Italiano</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>621</i> | <i>06/17/2013</i> |
| <i>Kyle Feldman</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>623</i> | <i>06/24/2013</i> |
| <i>Dio Foster</i> | <i>Reserve/Park Police</i> | <i>622</i> | <i>07/08/2013</i> |
| <i>Neal Booth</i> | <i>Dispatcher</i> | <i>624</i> | <i>07/10/2013</i> |
| <i>Anyia Kennedy</i> | <i>Clerk Typist</i> | <i>625</i> | <i>08/07/2013</i> |
| <i>Dacia Hill</i> | <i>Corrections</i> | <i>626</i> | <i>08/19/2013</i> |
| <i>David Kowalewski</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>627</i> | <i>08/12/2013</i> |
| <i>Mary Mansker</i> | <i>Clerk Typist</i> | <i>629</i> | <i>10/28/2013</i> |
| <i>Kevin Fodde</i> | <i>Police Officer</i> | <i>630</i> | <i>12/17/2013</i> |

2013 RETIREMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

RETIREMENTS

Lt. Dennis Cordia: Lieutenant Dennis Cordia retired on August 1, 2013, after nearly 39 years in law enforcement, 35 of which were with the Florissant Police Department. Most recently, Lt. Cordia served as the Commander of Patrol Support. Lt. Cordia began his career in 1974 as a police officer in St. John, and he started with the Florissant Police Department in 1979. During his tenure at the Florissant Police Department, Lt. Cordia served on the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad first as an Investigator and later as the Chief Report Officer.

Sgt. Richard Miller: Sergeant Richard Miller retired on December 31, 2013, after 44 years of service at the Florissant Police Department. Most recently, Sgt. Miller served as a patrol supervisor. Sgt. Miller began his law enforcement career at the Florissant Police Department on January 26, 1970. During his tenure, Sgt. Miller spent a majority of time in the Bureau of Field Operations, but he also spent time in the department's Bureau of Investigations and performing various administrative functions in the City of Florissant.

P.O. Michael Vernon: Police Officer Michael Vernon's career with the Florissant Police Department ended on May 28, 2013 when his disabling injury would not allow him to return to duty. Officer Vernon was shot 3 times on May 28, 2012, and one of the bullets lodged in his spine causing paralysis from the waist down. Officer Vernon has since relocated to Tennessee so his wife, Farrah, could pursue a career in medicine.



PROMOTIONS

Lt. Daniel Biermann: Lieutenant Daniel Biermann has been assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as a Watch Commander. Lt. Biermann's previous assignment was a Patrol Supervisor within the Bureau of Field Operations. Lt. Biermann joined the Florissant Police Department on May 30, 1989.

Lt. Jeffrey Peters: Lieutenant Jeff Peters began his career in 1976 as a police officer in Ladue, and he started with the Florissant Police Department in 1981. Lt. Peters is serving as the Commander of Patrol Support, which includes the Traffic Unit, School Resource Officers, DARE Office, Code Enforcement Officer, and Prisoner Conveyance Officer.

Sgt. Dennis DeHart: Sergeant Dennis DeHart is currently serving as a supervisor within the department's Bureau of Investigations. Sgt. DeHart's previous assignment was as a Detective within the Bureau of Investigations. Sgt. DeHart joined the Florissant Police Department on December 4, 2000.

Sgt. Edward Sharp: Sergeant Edward Sharp began his career as a police officer at the Florissant Police Department in 2001. Previously, Sgt. Sharp was a police officer in the University City Police Department. Sgt. Sharp is serving as a Patrol Supervisor within the Bureau of Field Operations.

Sgt. Mark Ponders: Sergeant Mark Pounder became a Florissant Police Officer in 2005. Prior to being promoted, Sgt. Ponders was a Detective in the Bureau of Investigations. Sgt. Ponders is serving as a Patrol Supervisor within the Bureau of Field Operations.

Administrative Assistant Peggye Fowler: Administrative Assistant Peggye Fowler is assigned to the department's Bureau of Support Services. Ms. Fowler started at the Florissant Police Department on June 23, 2000 as a Clerk Typist. Ms. Fowler's current position involves her coordinating the activities of the Records Unit.

BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS



Captain Sean Fagan commands the Bureau of Field Operations (BFO). The Bureau of Field Operations is the largest and most visible component of the Florissant Police Department. It is comprised of the uniformed men and women who patrol the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week. BFO includes uniformed patrol, canine, special operations, traffic safety and other related services. Captain Fagan also serves as a Deputy Commander for the Greater St. Louis Area Major Case Squad. He has completed the Executive Officers Administrative Course at the Southern Police Institute as well as the Missouri State Highway Patrol Supervision, Management and

Executive Development programs. Captain Fagan graduated Suma Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Concordia University and a Master's of Science from University of Louisville Kentucky.

UNIFORMED PATROL

A Lieutenant commands each patrol platoon of officers and oversees two Sergeants and up to 14 Police Officers. These officers are responsible for the around the clock public safety needs of the City. The patrols are divided strategically through seven patrol areas called sectors. Platoons rotate between three watches every twenty-eight days. Patrol Officers remain in permanent sector assignments allowing officers to develop a working knowledge of their beat and enhances their ability to prevent crime and have community involvement.



Officers on each patrol platoon may be assigned to Bicycle Patrol as staffing permits. These officers have received special training in safety and patrol techniques and are used to supplement the beat officers. Their bright blue and yellow uniforms are highly visible in the neighborhood shopping centers, parks and are used in specific patrol areas.

CANINE UNIT



The Canine Unit is comprised of three teams. The unit consists of Officer Michael Arthur and his K-9 partner "Hugo," Officer Jarrod Coder and his canine partner "Miko" and Officer Patrick O'Fallon and his canine "Aresh."

These officers, with their canine partners, are assigned to the patrol platoons and are available to perform narcotics detection, building searches, crowd control, and missing person searches. All three teams are graduates of the St. Louis Police Department's Police Canine Academy where they continue to receive in-service training. All dogs have current certifications in the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA).

The Canine Unit accomplished the following in 2012:

- 19 canine demonstrations
- 102 building and vehicle searches for narcotics
- 72 tracks for suspects
- 117 building searches for suspects
- 9 suspect apprehensions, (7 non-bite surrenders and 2 bite apprehensions)
- 63 canine deployments to assist other agencies
- 1 explosive searches

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Specially trained officers whose functions include Traffic Safety and Code Enforcement support the patrol officers. These officers are under the command of Lieutenant Jeff Peters and include:

TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT



There are four officers who are highly trained crash investigators assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit. All four officers are certified as Crash Reconstructionist. Traffic Officers investigated 55% of the departments' 1,662 crashes reported in 2013. The Traffic Safety Officers prepared 4 Crash Reconstruction Reports in 2013; 1 was for a fatal injury crash, and 3 were for crashes with very serious injuries. They also conducted

181 follow-up investigations for cases where at least one vehicle left the scene of an accident.

Traffic Safety Officers serve as ad hoc members of the Mayor's Traffic Commission. They are also members of the Greater St. Louis Traffic Safety Council, the Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council, and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. They meet regularly with the officials and engineers of the St. Louis County Department of Highways & Traffic as well as the Missouri Department of Transportation to address safety concerns on county and state maintained roadways.

The Traffic Safety Officers coordinate many of the department's traffic enforcement programs including sobriety checkpoints, highway safety grants, and special campaigns. The Traffic Safety Officers track all vehicles that were towed by the Florissant Police Department. Traffic Safety Officers also assist in providing security for the Florissant Municipal Court sessions and City Council Meetings.



The Traffic Safety Unit is responsible for the maintenance, training, and records for the Florissant Police Department's:

- 3 Breath Alcohol Detection Instruments
- 22 Car Mounted Radar Units
- 2 Hand Held Radar Units
- 4 Hand Held Laser Units
- 4 Radar Speed Reading Signs
- 2 Radar Trailers

The Traffic Unit has at its' disposal four high tech Speed Check reading signs, which were deployed in neighborhoods throughout the city in 2013. These units alert motorists to their driving habits creating awareness of speeding and are equipped to generate traffic studies used to determine enforcement activities.

Additional duties include:

- Radar Details for problem areas/streets
- Funeral Details
- Parades
- Charity Runs and Special Events (Fall Festival, 4th of July Fireworks, Valley of the Flowers)

The City of Florissant contracts with American Traffic Solution for installation and maintenance of a Red Light Violation Camera System, which were installed at signalized intersections. Selections of intersections were based on statistically high accident locations. There are seven intersections with this system with a total of 14 cameras.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (S.R.O.)

The Florissant Police Department has formed partnerships with both the Ferguson-Florissant School District and the Hazelwood School District which funds 75% of the costs of providing School Resource Officers (S.R.O.) for the academic school year. Four officers are assigned full-time to the School Resource Officer Program at Cross Keys Middle School, McCluer High School, McCluer North High School, and Hazelwood Northwest Middle School. The S.R.O. was added at Northwest Middle in January of



2013 after an agreement was made between the Hazelwood School District and the Florissant Police Department. The officers' duties include but are not limited to safety and security on and around campus, an educational resource, and administration. The School Resource Officers coordinate with the beat officers to alert them to issues affecting the school campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. School Resource Officers handle off campus problems such as student parking in residential areas, students smoking near campus, and student trespassing.

SAFETY TOWN PROGRAM



The Florissant Police Department, in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Florissant, conducted the nationally recognized Safety Town Program. The facility, Cross Keys Middle School, was provided by the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Instructed by Florissant Officers, this program educates 4 to 6 year old children about important safety issues such as bicycle and traffic safety, school bus safety, stranger danger, tool and toy safety and playground safety.

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM (D.A.R.E)

One officer is assigned as an instructor for the D.A.R.E. Program. This officer provides instruction to 5th or 6th grade students in drug and violence prevention techniques as provided by the national acclaimed D.A.R.E. Program. The program culminated with a graduation ceremony for those students who successfully complete the nine week long course. The program is currently being taught in 16 schools covering 32 fifth or sixth grade classrooms. There were approximately 900 students participating in the program this year.



In 2013, the Florissant Police Department added a new D.A.R.E. car to promote the program to students. The vehicle was seized from a local drug dealer, after an investigation by Florissant officers.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

The Neighborhood Preservation Task Force is comprised of a Florissant Police Officer, a Health Department employee, and a Building Inspector. The unit allows a coordinated approach to addressing nuisance properties and vehicles. The result is the elimination of multiple complaints by more efficiently working together to solve problems. The unit works not only to enforce code violations but to assist residents in finding the resources to address the problems.

Where no other alternative exists, the unit prepares cases for criminal prosecution, executes abatement search and seizure warrants issued by the Municipal Court and takes appropriate action to remove nuisance, abandoned or derelict vehicles; property owners who refuse to maintain their property to City Code; and, locates out of town property owners whose local rental properties create a nuisance or fail to meet code.

In 2013, the Neighborhood Preservation Task Force implemented a new program aimed at ridding the City of Florissant of illegal signs which have grown in popularity in recent years. These signs are typically hand lettered and placed in prominent locations throughout the city advertising such things as offers to buy houses, loan money, clean basements, etc. As of November of 2013, the illegal sign is seized and the telephone number on the sign is robotically called advising the owner of the sign of the violation until the person responsible for the sign resolves the violation with this department.

RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

In addition to the full-time police force, the Florissant Police Department employs four part-time police officers known as Reserve Officers. These are fully commissioned officers who are P.O.S.T. certified and have the same authority as full-time officers. All of the Reserves have recently retired from law enforcement, and they bring a wealth of experience to the department. Two of these officers are assigned to the municipal court as bailiffs. The remaining two Reserves are assigned to the Park Police program, which was implemented in 2013. The Park Police program assigns officers exclusively to the parks and recreation centers in the City of Florissant.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Florissant Police Department has engaged in community policing practices for many years. In fact, the department encouraged officers to initiate activities such as foot patrols and citizen contacts long before such activities became vogue law enforcement practices. This tradition of community involvement has formally developed to include every component of the organization. Our community policing activities are the foundation by which we carry out our mission.



Florissant Police Officers are regularly engaged in community projects to improve the quality of life in the City of Florissant. The department continues to assist Code Enforcement Team Officers, the Senior Citizen Office, Health Department, Parks Department and Community Development and Housing office with identifying and correcting housing code violations, general clean-up of properties owned by senior, disabled or indigent residents. The Florissant Police Department participated in a number of community event and fundraisers in 2013.



POLICE EXPLORER POST #9799



The Florissant Police Department sponsors a Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post, which is designed as a career development program for men and women between 14 and 21 years of age. Three commissioned officers serve as Post Advisors. In addition to a ride-along program, members of the Post assist in many assignments such as parking lot control at the Valley of Flowers Festival and the 4th of July fireworks display, crime prevention presentations and youth related programs. In July of 2013, six Florissant Police Explorers attended the 2013 St. Louis Area Law Enforcement Explorer Association Academy at Maryville University. The Academy was a rigorous week long "mini police academy" where the Explorers are given a sampling of what the real police academy is like if they choose to make law enforcement their career. Florissant Police Officer Andy Haarmann was the 2013 Explorer Academy Director.



If any young adult is interested in joining the Florissant Explorers to learn more about law enforcement as a career, please contact Officer Andy Haarmann at 314-830-6042 or ahaarmann@florissantmo.com or you can read more about the Explorer program on the Florissant Police Department's website, www.florissantmo.com/police.

BUREAU OF SUPPORT SERVICES

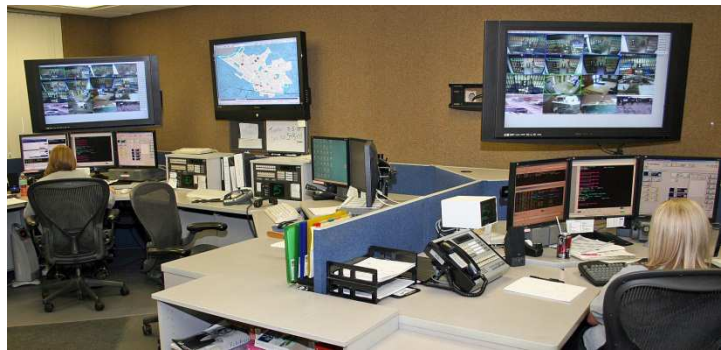


Captain Randy Boden is the commander of the Bureau of Support Services (BSS). The Bureau of Support Services is responsible for those operations that support the patrol and investigative efforts of the department. The functions under his command include the Communications Unit, Records Unit, Information Technology, Professional Standards, Internal Affairs, Training, Recruitment, and the Public Information Unit. Captain Boden serves as the Chief Deputy Commander for Missouri of the Greater St. Louis Major Case

Squad. He has completed the Missouri State Highway Patrol Supervision, Management and Executive Development programs and he is a graduate of the F.B.I.'s National Academy.

COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

The Florissant Police Department's Communications Unit serves as the 9-1-1 "Public Safety Answering Point" for all emergency services in the City of Florissant. Emergency calls requiring fire or emergency medical assistance are routed to the dispatchers of the Central County Fire Alarm center, responsible for dispatching the Florissant Valley and Black Jack Fire Protection Districts, and the appropriate police and fire equipment is immediately dispatched. During 2013 the Communication Unit handled 35,225 9-1-1 calls for emergency assistance and dispatched 51,640 calls for police service, a significant increase from the previous year due to dispatch now entering traffic stops as calls for service.



The Communications Unit continues to be staffed by nine full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers. A minimum of two dispatchers are assigned around the clock to ensure that calls are promptly handled. The unit is equipped with a fully integrated Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System that links communications records to the department's Records Management System and mobile computers in the police vehicles. The mobile units are equipped with Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology that pinpoints the location of units in the field allowing dispatchers to locate and dispatch the closest unit to priority calls.

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is staffed by a full-time staff of one administrative assistant and two clerks who ensure the processing, distribution and secure storage of police reports and other department records. The record room is staffed Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. During those hours the records staff also serve as the department's receptionist, greeting and directing citizens and visitors as well as incoming telephone callers.

In 2013 the records staff processed 6,321 reports of incidents, crime or arrests, 1,622 traffic crashes, and 3,945 supplemental investigations. This included transcribing 150 hours and 15 minutes of reports dictated by officers in the field. The dictation and transcription of reports allows officers to remain available on patrol and in their assigned sectors.

Department reports are retained in accordance with state law and the guidelines of the Missouri Secretary of State. Incident and arrest reports are stored electronically in the department's Records Management System and vehicle crash reports are stored electronically at the Regional Justice Information Services (REJIS). The department also maintains a micro-filmed archive of reports that currently dates back to 1960.

Open police reports may be obtained at the police department or by mail. The processing charge is \$10 per report. Records may now be emailed to requestors who submit a request and payment in advance.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT

The Florissant Police Department relies heavily on technology to improve processes and supplement staffing wherever feasible. Steve Weiersmueller is the department's Information Technology Administrator and is responsible for maintaining the many servers, computers and software packages employed by the department.

The department utilizes an integrated computer aided dispatch (CAD) and records management system (RMS) software package by Global Software Corporation as the backbone for department records. The Global suite operates on a Microsoft Windows Server environment. This is supplemented by a number of specialized servers and software products including Evidence-On-Q for bar-coding and tracking evidence and property; LETS from the Missouri Safety Center for reporting and tracking vehicle accidents and traffic enforcement; Crystal Reports for statistical and investigatory data mining; Artec intelligent video surveillance system; Audiolog voice recorder for recording incoming telephone calls and radio transmissions in the communication unit; Fusion Voice Digital Dictation System for the dictation and transcription of police reports; LiveScan fingerprint technology by MorphoTrak; and, the IRIS digital mug shot system from the Regional Justice Information Service (REJIS).

In 2013 the department replaced one-quarter of the 25 mobile computers in police patrol cars and will continue to rollover a quarter of the computers each year, ensuring they remain state of the art and serviceable. These computers provide officers in the field with real-time access the CAD system, the Public Works system, County real estate records, as well as to the Regional Justice Information System (REJIS) that provides access to regional arrest and warrant information, state drivers and vehicle license information including the ability to view drivers' license and arrest photos, enhancing the officers' ability to identify offenders. The REJIS "mobile ticketing" system allows officers to prepare citations on the mobile computer, automatically sending them to the court docketing system with no paper copies to administer. All patrol vehicles are equipped with GPS based vehicle locator devices that enable both the dispatchers and officers to know the location of all patrol units at all times. Officers now have access to all their police reports on their mobile laptops.

The IT Administrator maintains an “intranet” server dedicated as the department’s “Virtual Reference Room” which provides employees access to a library of department information including directives, forms, directories, maps, instructional videos, as well as links to ordinances, statutes and reference material from other city and state resources. The reference room is accessible from desktops through the department as well as on the mobile computers in patrol cars.

The department internet website provides citizens and other law enforcement agencies with easy access to information and department resources. Information readily available on our web site includes news of department activities, press releases, annual reports and the ability to file on-line requests and comments which are routed directly to the appropriate staff members. The use of email by all department employees continues to allow for more direct and acute internal communications as well as greater public access to officers and staff.

ACCREDITATION



The department continues to be internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The department voluntarily entered the accreditation process in 1999 and was initially accredited in March of 2001. In order to retain accredited status the department must be reassessed every three years by the Commission and must prove compliance with all of the applicable 480 standards established by the Commission. The department was reaccredited in 2004, 2007, 2010, and again in 2013. The most recent accreditation utilized the CALEA “Gold Standard” review process.

In December of 2012, the Florissant Police Department participated in their fourth reaccreditation process (fifth total assessment). The assessors reviewed written materials, interviewed employees, observed practices and inspected facilities where compliance with the standards can be witnessed. The Florissant Police Department had a very successful assessment, and the assessors submitted their final report to the full Commission for their review.

As a result of the successful reassessment, the Florissant Police Department was awarded with our fifth reaccreditation in March of 2013 at the CALEA International Conference held in North Charleston, South Carolina. Chief Timothy Lowery, Captain Randy Boden, the Commander of the Bureau of Support Services, and Sergeant Kevin Boschert, Accreditation Manager, appeared before a CALEA Commission review board to discuss the assessors final report and answer any questions concerning our recent reassessment.

Florissant is one of only 20 state, county or local law enforcement agencies in Missouri fully accredited by CALEA. There are 12 agencies in the St. Louis area region that have achieved the accreditation status with CALEA. The accredited agencies in Missouri range in size from the St. Louis P.D. with 2,374 employees, the Missouri Highway Patrol with 2,242 employees, to the Shrewsbury Police Department with 20 employees.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Chief of Police designates a commander to act as the Inspector of Police and that function currently rests with the Commander of the Bureau of Support Services. Most allegations of misconduct are handled by the immediate supervisor of the employee but allegations that are serious or criminal in nature may be referred to the Inspector of Police for investigation. The objective of the process is to insure confidence and trust in the police department.

During 2013 the department investigated 24 allegations of misconduct involving 27 different employees including 22 sworn officers, 1 corrections officer, and four dispatchers. The allegations included:

- 17 Violations of department rules or regulations, 16 of which resulted in corrective or disciplinary actions and 1 was unfounded;
- 7 citizens made complaints against employees. Four were unfounded, two were not sustained, and one was sustained resulting in corrective or disciplinary actions.

The Inspector of Police also reviews all “Use of Force” incidents to ensure compliance with department policy and procedure as well as to determine if additional training is warranted.

During 2013 the Department affected 7,024 adult arrests and 352 juvenile arrests. There was one incident where an officer was forced to deploy lethal force during 2013, and officers found it necessary to use some degree of less than lethal force to affect the arrest of 27 persons. Officers found it necessary to deploy force in 26 situations involving a suspect resisting arrest, 18 instances in which a suspect assaulted an officer or corrections officer, 3 incidents in which the suspect assaulted others and force was necessary to subdue the suspect. Less than lethal force was used in 1 situation to control a mentally ill subject. All persons against whom force was used were treated at Northwest Healthcare or DePaul Hospital.

None of the less than lethal force situations resulted in a serious injury or hospitalization of any suspects or officers.

Use of Force

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Firearm discharged | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Taser | 23 | 22 | 18 |
| Impact Weapon | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OC | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Physical Force | 12 | 21 | 24 |
| Canine Bite | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Bean Bag Projectile | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Types of Force | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total Use of Force Arrests | 42 | 33 | 28 |
| Complaints | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Custodial Arrests | 6,555 | 7,094 | 7,376 |

The department acquired and deployed the Taser electronic Control Weapon in 2008 as a means of preventing injury to both officers and suspects. This has resulted in all but eliminating the use of impact weapons and the injuries generally associated with them.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING



To support the department's mission, the training goal of the department is to continually improve professionalism of the officers and staff. The Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission require all police officers in the state of Missouri to complete a minimum of 48 hours of P.O.S.T approved continuing education every three years. The current P.O.S.T cycle will be completed at the end of December 2014.

During the year of 2013 officers of the Florissant Police Department completed 3,575 hours of continuing education. That averaged 34.38 hours per officer. The aforementioned hours included one hour of racial profiling and eight hours of firearms training for each officer. The training providers included the St. Louis County Municipal Academy, Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Missouri Police Chief Association, and Missouri Safety Center.

In-service training was provided for all reserve and sworn officers in Bias-Based Profiling Issues, Use of Force and Weapons Proficiency, Defensive Tactics, Statutory Law Updates, Evidence Procedures and Prisoner Handcuffing & Control, and Ethics.

Other specialized areas of training included Arson Investigation, Accident Reconstruction, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officers, Advanced Crime Scene Investigation and Crisis Intervention. In addition, all officers are trained, and required to qualify with duty weapons including pistol, shotgun, patrol rifle and the TASER.

Live-fire shooting is conducted in the Department's mobile firearms training unit, which is a fully self-contained range in a 60-foot trailer, as well an outdoor range operated by the Berkeley Police Department.

PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT

The Public Information Unit, staffed by Officer Andy Haarmann, is responsible for statistical analysis, crime prevention programs, media relations, and public information, all of which are key elements in the Florissant Police Department's efforts toward the prevention and reduction of crime. Programs and activities of the Public Information Unit include:

Crime Analysis

The Public Information Officer is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of statistics on crime and calls for service. This information is used to establish directed patrols and the review of beat structure. Crime data is

transmitted on a monthly basis to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of which compile extensive reports on crime in Missouri and the United States.



Media Relations

The Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) is responsible for the dissemination of information to the media thru press releases and other forms of communication. The P.I.O. also acts as the spokesperson for the department, and coordinates the joint release of information if other agencies are involved.

Security Surveys

The Public Information Unit can arrange for a police officer to survey your home or business and assess the security of the site. Findings and recommendations are provided to reduce the chances of being victimized.

Business Seminars

These are regularly held to assist Florissant business owners and employees reduce business related crimes such as; shoplifting, check and credit card fraud, quick change, counterfeit money, etc. and what measures to take when dealing with a robbery. In 2013, the police department had seminars concerning counterfeit money and workplace violence/active shooters. The police department also trained all city employees in A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Escape) so they are better prepared for active shooter incidents.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program assists residents to protect themselves, their homes, and neighborhoods, by training them during neighborhood meetings. Residents are shown how to secure their property, how to identify and report suspicious activity, and how to be good neighbors. Regularly scheduled monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings are held to help promote new membership, discuss crime trends and strategies neighbors can use to deter criminal activity.



F.P.D. Roll Call Show

The "F.P.D. Roll Call" show is broadcast on the Florissant City cable access channel. This program is produced by the Public Information Officer to highlight department programs, safety tips, crime trends, and public safety issues such as emergency preparedness.

Website: www.florissantmo.com/police

The site is maintained and updated by the Public Information Officer with the assistance of the City of Florissant Informational Technology department. The site includes information about the Department, monthly Neighborhood Watch Newsletter, monthly crime statistics, current schedule of events, upcoming citizen training programs such as C.E.R.T. and the Citizen Police Academy, emergency preparedness information, as well as providing links to other crime prevention related sites.

FACEBOOK

The Florissant Police Department recognized that social media was a developing way to inform the public about issues concerning the police department, so in June of 2012, the Florissant Police Department began a FACEBOOK page. The Police Department has found that residents, business owners, organizations, and the media monitor our Facebook page for updates on information. Currently, the police department has 1,488 "Likes," which means that they are being updated firsthand on information that is posted by the police department on FACEBOOK.

NIXLE

The Florissant Police Department began utilizing a new communications service, on March 4, 2013, that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.



The NIXLE Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at NIXLE's web site at www.nixle.com.

Messages may include Missing Persons/Amber Alerts, road closures and other relevant safety and community event information. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

Residents of the City of Florissant and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

Citizen Volunteers

The Auxiliary volunteers of the Florissant Police Department provide an opportunity for citizens of the community to assist law enforcement in the delivery of programs and information to the community. Our volunteers are proud representatives who are dedicated to providing excellent service through relationships that build trust, creates a safe environment, and



enhances the quality of life in our community. In offering their time, skills and services, these citizen volunteers help supplement and support officers and civilian personnel by allowing them to concentrate on their primary duties.

Some activities the volunteers have been involved in; Valley of Flowers Parade, Missouri Law Enforcement Special Olympic T-shirt Sales, Veteran's Day Parade, manning booths during the Valley of Flowers and the Fall Festival, and MOCHIP's Child Fingerprint Program.

Missouri Special Olympics

The Florissant Police Department continued their support of the Missouri Special Olympics by raising \$3,332 for Special Olympics in 2013. On May 29, 2013, six members of the Florissant Police Department participated in the Missouri Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. The run started at the Ameristar Casino in St. Charles. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a major fundraiser for the Missouri Special Olympics. Captain Randy Boden, Officer Kim Berry, Officer Jessica Davis, Officer Tony Mocca, and Officer Joel Zwick ran in the run. Officers Andy Haarmann and Craig Dehart served as Escort Officers during the run, and Chief Lowery participated in the opening ceremony.



Prescription Drug Disposal Box



On March 28, 2013, the Florissant Police Department had a prescription/non-prescription drug disposal box permanently installed in the lobby of the Florissant Police station. This box was made possible by the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal organization. The box provides a safe location for citizens to properly dispose of unused prescription/non-prescription medications and an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of both prescription non-prescription medications in landfills and sewer systems that may negatively affect the environment. Officer Andy Haarmann now sits on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal Program.

The secured, steel collection box in the lobby of the police station is accessible to citizens any time of the day or night 365 days a year. Once collected, the drugs will be properly disposed of by incineration.

Project Lifesaver

On November 20, 2013, the Florissant Police Department began a partnership with Project Lifesaver to be the first law enforcement agency in eastern Missouri to have the ability to track Florissant residents when they go missing. The Florissant Police Department received the necessary equipment

and training with a grant thru Project Lifesaver. Thirteen Florissant Police officers were initially trained to use the Project Lifesaver equipment.

Project Lifesaver is an agency that provides the necessary knowledge and equipment to law enforcement agencies to track and locate persons who are enrolled in the program with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down syndrome, Dementia, or other cognitive conditions. With the Project Lifesaver equipment, law enforcement can quickly recover the lost individual saving countless man-hours, and most importantly decreasing the risk of a tragic outcome.



Interested individuals can contact Project Lifesaver directly at 757-546-5502 or go to their website at <http://www.projectlifesaver.org/> to enroll in the program. The cost to enroll is \$95 for the transmitter and related equipment and a \$25 monthly fee.

Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy is a unique opportunity for citizens to experience a glimpse of the training a police officer receives in the Police Academy. Areas of instruction include Constitutional and Criminal Law, First Aid, Juvenile Procedures, Patrol Procedure, Evidence Collection and Processing. It is an eight-week educational citizen involvement activity designed by the Police Department as part of our C.O.P.S. Program. The goal of this class is to promote understanding between citizens and police officers regarding their respective needs and concerns. By promoting this understanding it is hoped that citizens and police will work together. The Florissant Police Department hosted a Citizens Academy class of 14 residents in September and October of 2013.

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)



The Public Information Unit manages C.E.R.T. training as a partnering effort between emergency services and the people they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train citizens, community organizations, and businesses in basic response skills. C.E.R.T. members are then integrated into the emergency capability for their area. The Florissant Police Department hosted a CERT class in March and April of 2013 consisting of 16 residents.

The program consists of 24 hours of training, one night a week for eight weeks. Emergency Responders such as firefighters, emergency medical personnel and law enforcement personnel from your community will teach this course. Over 200 citizens have completed C.E.R.T. training.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, C.E.R.T. members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help

save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. C.E.R.T. skills also apply to daily emergencies. This training is provided free of charge.

Florissant C.E.R.T. is aligned with the North County Citizen Corp Coalition. Participating with this coalition allows Florissant to take advantage of additional instructors, training sessions, and will allow residents to attend any C.E.R.T. training offered in the North St. Louis County area through the coalition.

Additional Community Policing Programs

The department also hosted or conducted many other programs that directly impact the community we serve. Among the many programs offered, the Public Information Officer is charged with coordinating the following programs:

- Coordinates the police intern program for High School and College students
- Coordinates with the Police Chaplains
- Child Fingerprinting & Identification
- Sponsorship of the A.A.R.P. "Driver Safety" Program
- Provide Free Firearm Trigger Locks
- Serve as collection point for the Kurt Warner's Warm Up (winter coats)
- D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take-Back Program



BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Captain Timothy Fagan is the commander of the Bureau of Investigation (BOI). The Bureau of Investigation is responsible for the overall operation of all investigative units within the department. This includes both crimes against persons, crimes against property, Drug Enforcement, Computer and Financial Fraud, Crime Scene Investigations and Evidence and Property control. In addition to investigations Captain Fagan also oversees the jail operations. Captain T. Fagan serves as a Deputy Commander for the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

Eight detectives and two sergeants are assigned to conduct investigations. The Detectives work in teams of two and investigate crimes committed in their specialized field such as burglary, crimes against persons, crimes against property, etc. Detectives routinely initiate investigations into a verity of criminal offenses discovered to be occurring in the city.



In 2013, the B.O.I. had a clearance rate of 63% of all the cases that they investigated.

All of the investigators are also members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. The Florissant Police Department continues to take a strong lead in Squad activities. Captain Fagan serves as a Deputy Commander and several of the Squad Supervisors are from the Florissant Police Department.

A detective assigned to the BOI is specially trained to handle crimes and status offenses committed by youths under the age of 17. They maintain close ties with the Family Court of St. Louis County and various youth service groups. The Juvenile Detective is specially trained in the investigation of child abuse and neglect. The Juvenile Detective maintains all juvenile records and gang intelligence information.

ANTI CRIME/NARCOTICS TASK FORCES

Four Detectives and a Sergeant are assigned to investigate drug activity, vice and many other criminal activities occurring within the City of Florissant. The Florissant Police Department also cooperates in Federal Investigative Task Forces targeting regional drug and gang related activities. One investigator is assigned full-time to a Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) Task Force.



EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN UNIT



Two Detectives are assigned as Evidence Technicians. They are responsible for processing major crime scenes for evidence. Both are highly trained in the collection of fingerprints, blood evidence, trace tissue, and fiber samples. During 2013 the ETU handled property and evidence from 1,866 cases and handled 4,835 individual pieces of evidence. The police department utilizes a state of the art property control bar code system. The system allows evidence technicians to efficiently track, control, and manage over 41,916 pieces of seized property.

Evidence technicians utilize a fully digital photography lab, as well as a forensic video lab. These labs allow the technicians to read, isolate, enhance, and print evidence located on videotape, digital disc, and film. Technicians use a special ultra-violet light crime-scope camera to locate

latent fingerprints and footprint evidence.

During 2013, latent fingerprints from 150 cases were submitted to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System, (A.F.I.S.) at the St. Louis County Crime Laboratory for identification purposes with positive identifications on 35 prints. The remaining submissions remain in A.F.I.S. for comparisons to suspects entered in the future.

In addition to submitting fingerprints the evidence technicians submit DNA evidence samples for analysis to the St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory where the samples are forwarded to the Combined DNA Index System, (C.O.D.I.S) for identification purposes. Five submissions resulted in positive “hits” through DNA analysis during 2013.



CORRECTIONS UNIT

Six full-time Corrections Officers are assigned to the BOI to process and supervise detainees who are being held in the department’s holding facility on charges ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. These non-commissioned officers handled the processing and detention of 7,024 prisoners arrested by officers of the department in 2013.

All arrestees are photographed into the regional IRIS mug-shot system and fingerprinted into the Live Scan automated fingerprint system that electronically transmits the fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s AFIS database.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

The Florissant Police Department voluntarily reports all crime reports to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. These statistics are subsequently forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the FBI's annual report "*Crime in the United States*"

| <i>Crime Reports – Part I Offenses</i> | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Murder/Homicide | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Sexual Assault/Rape | 9 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Robbery | 62 | 47 | 42 | 30 | 32 |
| Aggravated Assault | 57 | 52 | 52 | 48 | 46 |
| Burglary | 301 | 294 | 309 | 241 | 234 |
| Larceny/Theft | 1004 | 890 | 693 | 798 | 709 |
| Vehicle Theft | 138 | 170 | 114 | 138 | 60 |
| Arson | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 |

| <i>Crime Reports – Part II Offenses</i> | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Simple Assault | 370 | 345 | 353 | 340 | 469 |
| Property Damage | 392 | 366 | 270 | 344 | 148 |
| Sex Offenses | 10 | 18 | 13 | 13 | 24 |

| <i>Total Reported Offenses</i> | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Part I | 1,576 | 1,457 | 1,222 | 1,260 | 1,087 |
| Part II | 772 | 729 | 636 | 697 | 641 |
| TOTAL Parts I & II | 2,348 | 2,186 | 1,858 | 1,957 | 1,728 |

ADULT ARREST SUMMARY

Adult arrests include all persons 17 years of age or older.

| <i>Arrest 2009 – 2013</i> | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Total Adult Arrests | 5,939 | 5,635 | 6,555 | 7,094 | 7,024 |

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH SUMMARY

| <i>MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES</i> | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| YEAR | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| NO INJURY | 1,353 | 1,275 | 1,221 | 1,437 | 1,258 | 1,256 |
| INJURY | 363 | 350 | 397 | 382 | 322 | 365 |
| FATAL | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL CRASHES | 1,717 | 1,676 | 1,880 | 1,824 | 1,581 | 1,622 |
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| LEFT THE SCENE | 250 | 233 | 237 | 219 | 214 | 181 |

THE TOP 5 HIGH VEHICLE CRASH LOCATIONS IN 2012

- 1. U.S. Highway 67 (West Washington to Bruce Dr)***
- 2. Graham Rd at Dunn Rd***
- 3. U.S. Highway 67 at Patterson Rd***
- 4. U.S. Highway 67 at North New Florissant Rd***
- 5. Route AC (Hearthstone to Parker Rd)***


TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Traffic Safety remains a primary concern of the department. While officers assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit investigate crashes and take a leading roll in special traffic enforcement campaigns, it is the responsibility of all patrol officers to enforce traffic safety ordinances. During 2013 the department issued 24,633 citations, most for traffic related violations. These included -- arrests and citations for offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

AWARDS FOR SERVICE

The following employees were commended for their service to the department and the community during the year of 2013:

Letters of Commendation



Steve Weiersmueller
P.O. Andre Reece – 2
Det. Joseph Monahan – 3
P.O. Anthony Mocca
P.O. Jeffrey Seerey
Det. Timothy Sweeso
Det. Jason Staats
Sgt. Ed Sharp
P.O. Gary Niemann - 2
P.O. Brian Bethmann
P.O. Daniel Howard
P.O. Alexander Nilson
P.O. Nicholas Osmer
P.O. Joshua Smith
P.O. Jarrod Coder
P.O. Jessica Davis
P.O. Daniel Fletcher
P.O. Gary Lively
P.O. Sean Mayer
P.O. Shannon Bowen
P.O. Andrew Gerwitz – 2
P.O. Tyrone Perry
P.O. Joshua Smith
P.O. Michael Reiter
Det. Shawn Reiland
Det. Mark Ponders
P.O. Amel Topcagic
P.O. Mike Kiefer
Det. David Rohlfing
P.O. Chris Easton
P.O. John Riehm

Certificates of Merit

Hazelwood Central Student Council
Shalonda Hill
Carol Young