



Montpelier Police Department

2015

Annual Report

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Montpelier Police Department Mission Statement

The Montpelier Police Department shall endeavor to be a caring organization which dedicates itself to personal excellence, teamwork, and focused performance.

Our mission is to be considerate of the needs of the citizens, while providing a safe and secure environment. We shall do this by enforcing laws; arresting violators when necessary; building community relations through a cooperative partnership with the citizens of Montpelier; respecting the dignity of all people; and by striving to protect individual rights afforded by the laws of this city, state, and within the United States Constitution.

This mission is to not only arrest violators, but to use our best discretion in order to improve the quality of life for all. All officers of the Montpelier Police Department shall be mindful and hold near to their heart what it means to have **Honor, Courage, Dignity, Loyalty, Respect, and Integrity**. These words represent our values.

We shall take this mission on not because we have to, but because we believe we serve a higher purpose. Each officer shall be unwavering in their commitment to this mission.



Message From Chief Dan McGee



I am honored to present the 2015 Montpelier Police Department Annual Report. As in years past, our agency continues to grow in efficiency and I am further honored to work beside the dedicated officers of this agency.

This year was one monumental in many areas. The sacrifices made did not go unnoticed and we accomplished more than expected. This considering the volume of calls and complaints handled.

In 2015 we saw an increase in service calls of 23 percent. That is an amazing volume increase that we handled. The types of calls also took us to unfamiliar territory, with the first homicide in 20 plus years. I am proud of our agency and how we handled the stresses of 2015. We did it with selflessness, pride, and dedication. We did it without clamoring that we were understaffed. Which means we were not only good servants, but good stewards of public funds.

And one thing that I am so very proud of is that this is the first year since I have been an officer at this agency we have not seen an officer terminated or hired. We as a team showed consistency and have developed a solid team which stuck together.

Goals for 2015 saw the completion of renovations to the police department and parking lot. The A.L.E.R.T. Team became a reality and obtained necessary training. And, we now have new blood heading up our Juvenile Resource Program. We are moving forward at a record pace! This could not be accomplished without having a solid team of individuals, a team whom I am very proud of.

2015 also saw a continued barrage of hatred against police nation wide. Continued terror attacks. A push for new training standards for law enforcement. We cannot let our guard down and we will not allow our agency to be without the necessary training and policy to combat public discontent. However, I will point to the public in which we directly serve. They have been gracious and highly supportive. Their support indicates we are reaching out to them appropriately. Our success is in part because of community support. This is why our 2016 efforts will continue to focus on obtaining training in the areas of need. Continued efforts in the development of the A.L.E.R.T. Team. And, continued building of our community policing efforts.

Our efforts should not just be for ourselves, but should be put forth in good faith to serve our public. We will not allow the naysayers to label us or take us off the path of progress. Let those who do not want to be part of a team run their own course, do not allow them to dictate our success. I ask that you continue to support our agency and officers. And I ask our officers to continue to sacrifice, as it only makes you better.

I look forward to our journey in 2016!

In joint sacrifice with you and in His honor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chief Dan McGee'.

Chief Dan McGee

Department Personnel

i. Fulltime Officers and Ranks

501: Chief Dan McGee
502: Lt. Darrell Higbie
503: Sgt. Jennifer Hern
504: Sgt. Stormy Doctor
505: Ptl. Josh Mercer
506: Ptl. Lamar Mercer
507: Ptl. Matthew Zook
508: Ptl. Kevin Krill

ii. Reserve Officers

510: Devin Harter
511: Adrian Anderson
512: Brian Myers
514: Darrin Repp
516: Randy Buehrer
517: Kristin Pilarski
518: Dan Cline
519: Duaine Cluckey
520: Robert Smith

iii. Department Chaplin

Pastor Richard Blank

iv. Administrative Specialist

Darrin Repp

v. Total Fulltime Officers: 8

vi. Total Part Time Officers: 1

vii. Total Reserve Officers: 8

viii. Total Chaplains: 1

ix. Total Administrative Specialist: 1



Community Relations

Below describes the following community relation events by the department, for the specified month.

January

There were no community events for the month of January.

February

DATE: 2/12	OFFICER: Chief McGee, Lt. Higbie	DESCRIPTION: Attended the Mose Mohre funeral service and represented our agency along with other agency in the county.
Total Off -Duty: 0 Total On-Duty Hours: 3		

March

DATE: 3/23	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief gave a presentation to parents, grandparents, and faculty of Montpelier Schools on social media, cyber bullying, and sexting. He spoke on the applications being used by kids online, as well as potential safety software/apps parents can use. Also information was given on how kids are using social media and how parents need to be active in their kids lives.
DATE: 3/24	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief spoke with 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th graders at Montpelier Schools about social media, cyber bullying, and sexting. Chief spoke to them about the applications being used and the serious repercussions of taking and sending nude photos. He also spoke on making good choices and using appropriate language when speaking with people online.
Total Off-Duty Hours: 2		Total On-Duty Hours: 2

April

DATE: 4/10	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee gave a historical Presentation on the MPD patch with the train to the Montpelier Trackside Modelers.
DATE: 4/11	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee for a second day gave a presentation on the MPD patch at the Montpelier Trackside Modelers.
DATE: 4/12	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee was a celebrity waiter for the Queens for a Cause at the West Unity Church of Christ. This a fundraiser event where Chief McGee had to wait tables and do challenges requested by the guests for donations.
DATE: 4/12	OFFICER: Chief & Sgt. Hern	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and Sgt. Hern were pallbearers for Don Gilcher's funeral who was a former MPD officer.
DATE: 4/28	OFFICER: Chief & Lt.	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and Lt. Darrell

Higbie along with K9 Officers from the Williams Co. Sheriff's Office and Bryan Police Department completed a random search for Montpelier Schools 7-12 hallways and parking lot.
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Total Off-Duty Hours:	1	Total On-Duty Hours:	7.5
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May

DATE: 5/13	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Attended the Montpelier Schools Job Fair that included junior and senior students from Montpelier, North Central, Hilltop schools .
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DATE: 5/18	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Spoke to the Montpelier Rotary on departmental activity and gave presentation on Alert 86.
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DATE: 5/25	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Rptl. Myers, Rptl. Repp, Rptl. Pilarski, Rptl. Smith, Rptl. Harter assisted with the annual Memorial Day parade.
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DATE: 5/28	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Spoke to the 4 th grade class at Montpelier Schools about respecting others, setting an example, and leaving a good legacy.
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Total Off-Duty Hours:	2	Total On-Duty Hours:	4.5
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June

There are no community events for the month of June.

July

DATE: 7/11	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Rptl. Repp, Rptl. Myers, Ptl. Krill completed a rolling road block for the Kaleb McLaughlin Memorial Ride.
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DATE: 7/15	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee read two police focused Books and allowed children to look in the police car at the Montpelier Library. This was for "Everyone Can Be a Hero" week, which focused on heroes of the community
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DATE: 7/17	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Rptl. Repp, Rptl. Bueher, Rptl. Harter, Rptl. Myers, Rptl. Pilarski, Rptl. Anderson, Rptl. Cline assisted in escorting the balloon pilots for the opening ceremony for Bean Days.
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DATE: 7/20 to 7/23	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Taught a basic self defense class to female Montpelier residents at the Montpelier Civic League park. They discussed personal protection, awareness, recognition, and tactics.
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DATE: 7/28	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and A/S Repp welcomed the 2015 Safety Town group to our office. Chief McGee gave a presentation on safety belts and spoke to the group about bullying/character. The group enjoyed refreshments and took a tour of the department and looked inside a police car.
DATE: 7/29	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee and A/S Repp donate blood for the blood drive held by the Village of Montpelier.
Total Off-Duty Hours:	4	Total On-Duty Hours: 7

August

DATE: 8/1	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Rptl. Repp, Rptl. Smith provided traffic control for the annual bike to the bridge event.
Total Off-Duty Hours:	3	Total On-Duty Hours: 0

September

DATE: 9/30	OFFICER: Sgt. Hern, Ptl. Zook	DESCRIPTION: The youth group from the House of Prayer visited the department and were given a tour of the department and cruisers. They also spoke about being a police officer.
Total Off-Duty Hours:	0	Total On-Duty Hours: 1.5

October

DATE: 10/12	OFFICER: Chief McGee	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee was a judge for the Chili Cook Off at the Fall Fest. This was held at the Williams Co. Fairgrounds.
DATE: 10/23	OFFICER: Lt. Higbie	DESCRIPTION: Lt. Higbie spoke to the Head Start Kids on the importance of knowing parents names, address, and phone numbers He gave them a tour of the department and handed out coloring books and stickers.
DATE: 10/28	OFFICER: Lt. Higbie, A/S Repp	DESCRIPTION: Helped fill candy bags at the Chamber for trick or treat on Saturday.
DATE: 10/31	OFFICER: See Description	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Rptl. Repp, Rptl. Myers, Rptl. Anderson, Rptl. Beheuer, Rptl. Harter, Rptl. Smith, Rptl. Cline helped with the Halloween event at the Fire Station. Including handing out candy bags, and costume judging. Also provided safe passage for the parade.
Total Off-Duty Hours:	3.5	Total On-Duty Hours: 2

November

There are no community events for the month of November.

December

DATE: 12/7	OFFICER: Sgt. Doctor	DESCRIPTION: Sgt. Doctor attended the presentation of Tommy Moose to our department. The Moose donated a dozen of the stuffed animals that our department are able to provide to children in distress.
DATE: 12/12	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Sgt. Hern, Ptl. Krill, RPt. Repp, RPt. Harter, RPt. Smith, and RPt. Cline attended the annual Cop's and Kids. Officers Shopped with children from the county at Wal-Mart. This event is put on by the F.O.P.
DATE: 12/14	OFFICER: See Descript	DESCRIPTION: Chief McGee, Lt. Higbie, Ptl. J. Mercer, Ptl. Zook, and Ptl. L. Mercer went to the Montpelier Schools and met with students and faculty. Officers passed out safety pops donated by Spangler Candy Co.
Total Off-Duty Hours:		3.5
Total On-Duty Hours:		2



(L) Sgt. Hern shopping at 2015 Cop's and Kids event. (R) Chief McGee with 2015 Safety Town

Community Totals:

Officer	On Duty Hours	Off Duty Hours
Chief Dan McGee	15.5	23
Lt. Darrell Higbie	4.5	0
Sgt. Jennifer Hern	1.5	4
Sgt. Stormy Doctor	.5	0
Ptl. Josh Mercer	0	1.5
Ptl. Matt Zook	1.5	1.5
Ptl. Lamar Mercer	0	1.5
Ptl. Kevin Krill	2	2
A/S Darrin Repp	2.5	13
Department Total:	33	46.5
Total On & Off Duty Hours:	79.5	



(L) Pictured is Lt. Higbie helping fill the Halloween bags. (R) Ptl. Krill driving in 2015 Bean Day's Parade

Trainings

The below tables show what trainings each officer participated in throughout the year.

Chief Dan McGee	
Active Shooter IS-907	Active Shooter Awareness – DHS
Death Notification	Active Shooter
Legal Update	NRA Instructor Re-cert
SWAT/Warrant Service	CPR/AED
Domestic Violence Legal Updates	
Total Hours	59.6

Lt. Darrell Higbie	
Legal Update	CPR/AED
Domestic Violence with Lethality Factors	
Total Hours	9

Sgt. Jennifer Hern	
First Line Supervisor	Use of Force Liability
Crisis Conflict Management	Domestic Violence
Responding to Sexual Assaults	OVI – Statue Review
CPR/AED	
Total Hours	29

Sgt. Stormy Doctor	
First Line Supervision	Domestic Violence with Lethality
Edged Weapons	Narcotic Enforcement 2
Tactical Operations 1	Active Shooter 1
Constitutional Law	SWAT/Warrant Service
CPR/AED	Domestic Violence Legal Updates
Total Hours	76

Ptl. Josh Mercer	
Domestic Violence with Lethality	Career Survival
Street Smart – Heroin	Domestic Violence Lethality Factors
Patrol Drug Operations	SWAT/Warrant Service
CPR/AED	Narcan E-Learning Course
Total Hours	70

Ptl. Matthew Zook	
Bridging the Gap	Domestic Violence
Crime Victims Rights Introduction	Patrol Drug Operations
SWAT/Warrant Service	CPR/AED
Street Smart – Meth	Street Smart – Coke/Crack
Street Smart – Overview	Street Smart – Marijuana/Khat
Street Smart - Ecstasy	
Total Hours	72.5

Ptl. Lamar Mercer	
Street Smart – Marijuana	Street Smart – Meth
Street Smart – Cocaine/Crack	Street Smart – Shrooms/LSD/Huffing
Domestic Violence with Lethality Factors	Street Smart – Cough Surp/Alcohol/GHB
SWAT/Warrant Service	CPR/AED
Total Hours	55

Ptl. Kevin Krill	
OVI Statue Review	Kehoe Bro. Shootout
Street Smart - Marijuana	Tim McVeight Stop
Death Notification	Domestic Violence
Graduated Drivers License	Street Smart – Meth
Street Smart – Crack Cocaine	Street Smart – Overview
Street Smart – Shrooms/LSD	Street Smart – Heroin
Street Smart – Steroids and Scripts	Expandable Baton
OC/Chemical Irritants	Street Smart – Ecstasy
West Memphis Arkansas Stop	Street Smart – Concealment
Darrel Lunsford Murder	Auto Inventory
Auto Searches	Pursuit Driving
Consent to Search	OH1 Crash Report

Document Authentication	Trooper Coates Murder
Tactical Operations	Tactical Operations 2
Active Shooter	Responding to Emergencies
CPR/AED	Trooper Coates Killer Interview
Trooper Vetter Murder	
Total Hours	38.5

A/S Darrin Repp	
Domestic Violence	OC/Chemical Irritants
Expandable Baton	CPR/AED
Fraud Against Seniors	
Total Hours	10






Pictured above are images from the 2015 Honors Banquet.



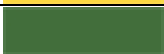

Awards



The below tables show what awards each officer received for the past year.




Chief Dan McGee	
Marksmanship	
5 th Perfect Attendance	




Sgt. Stormy Doctor	
2 nd Good Conduct	
2 nd Safe Driving	
Certificates were handed out for case investigations 15-0212 & 15-2384	

Ptl. Josh Mercer	
A.L.E.R.T.	 
Marksmanship	
Certificates were handed out for case investigation 15-0139	



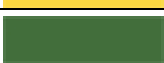
Ptl. Lamar Mercer	
Good Conduct	 
Safe Driving	
Perfect Attendance	

Ptl. Matt Zook	
A.L.E.R.T.	 
A Certificate was handed out for case investigation 15-0429	

Ptl. Kevin Krill	
Good Conduct	 
Perfect Attendance	

A/S, RPtl. Darrin Repp	
Physical Fitness	 
3 rd Good Conduct	

Ptl. Devin Harter	
A.L.E.R.T.	 

RPtl. Robert Smith	
Good Conduct	 
Safe Driving	

Criminal Statistics

CALLS FOR SERVICE/EVENTS:

The below table depicts both specified and non-specified calls for service, for the entire year.

Event	No.	Event	No.
Accident	48	Aggravated Menacing	2
Animal Complaints	171	Arson	0
Assault	27	Attempted Suicide	15
B&E	7	Burglary	24
Child Sexual Exploitation Inv.	3	Civil Matter	126
Criminal Damaging	39	Criminal Mischief	15
Criminal Trespass	28	Disorderly Conduct	115
Disturbance - Other Related	0	Domestic Disturbance	92
Drugs	67	Driving Under Suspension	28
Falsification	0	Felonious Assault	1
Fires	20	Fraud and Bad Checks	23
Homicide	1	Juvenile	130
Liquor Violations	2	Medical Assist	229
Menacing	10	Menacing by Stalking	5
Mental	26	Miscellaneous	146
Misc. – Assist Other Dept.	57	Misc. – Insurance Report	58
Missing Person	22	Natural Death	7
Nuisance Complaints	109	OVI	15
Parking Ticket	89	Rape	2
Receiving Stolen Property	1	Recovered Property Not Stolen	92
Robbery	1	Sex Offenses	15
Stolen/Recovered Bicycle	23	Suicide	3
Suspicious Activity	85	Telephone Harassment	50
Theft - Felony	23	Theft - Misdemeanor	82
Theft - Motor Vehicle	5	Traffic Citation	86
Traffic Complaint	75	Traffic Warning	340
Unusual Death	0	Vandalism	0
Violation of Protection Order	5	Warrants	43
Weapons	3	Well Being Checks	21
		Log Reports	1700

Total for 2015	4,413
Total for 2014	3,581

Administrative Report

The below table depicts select administrative requests to our department for the year.

Local Background Checks	50
Report Request's	166
House Checks	40

New for 2015:

Early in the year we finished our newly built waiting area and our new temporary evidence holding room In September we also had the last phase of our parking lot finished.

At the end of the year Ptl. Josh Mercer was named the new Juvenile Resource Officer. Also Sgt. Stormy Doctor will be taking over the Juvenile Diversion Program.

The A.L.E.R.T. team received specialized training from Alexander Global Strategies. Also the purchase of a special response vehicle was purchased at the end of the year.



Pictured above is the A.L.E.R.T. Team during training.

We said good bye to RPt. Nathan Miller who retired from our Reserve Unit in May of this past year. Nathan served a total of 20 years on the Montpelier Reserve Unit. Nathan was presented with a retirement badge.

Reserve Unit

Activities for 2015

Parades (A cruiser was taken to the parades listed below)	
West Unity	Bryan Jubilee
Stryker	Edgerton
Total: 4	

Basketball Games (Security provided)	
Bryan	North Central
Total: 1	

Football Games (Security provided)	
Evergreen	Toledo Christian
Gibsonburg	Hilltop
Total: 4	

Parades (Security provided along side fulltime officer)	
Memorial Day	Bean Days
Football Homecoming	Halloween Parade
Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering	
Total: 5	

Donations

The below table shows the organizations the Reserve Unit donated to in 2015.

Park Lunch Program	Cops and Kids (This includes shopping)
Total: 2	

Reserve's Trainings

The below tables shows what trainings each officer attended through out the year.

RPtl. Brian Myers	
CPR/AED	Domestic Violence with Lethality Factors
Total Hours	5

RPtl. Devin Harter	
Scoped Rifle Instructor Re-cert	SWAT/Warrant Service
CPR/AED	
Total Hours	49



Our agency is always mindful of our fallen brethren across the world. In 2015 we paid special recognition to fallen officers due to the turmoil across the U.S. We reserve any judgment of the specific cases and choose to simply remember those special people who gave their lives in the name of serving the public. And we pay a special reverence to the families of officers across this world, for we understand that you sacrifice each and every time your hero walks out the door...

129 FALLEN HEROES (2015)





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