



Town of Cuba Police Department

2014 Year End Report

During 2014 the department underwent some changes that I feel are for the betterment of the Police Department and the Cuba community. We have installed mobile data terminals in the patrol cars allowing for a gps system and for the emergency dispatch center to send all 911 calls directly to our police cars so the officer gets the call in a much faster and more efficient manner reducing our response time to emergency calls. We have installed a new sharps container lock box in the lobby of the police station under 24/7 video surveillance equipment to ensure the public can feel safe discarding their unused or expired hypodermic needles. We installed a new call box outside of the police station that allows a person visiting the station to press a button and get an officer on the phone or a dispatcher immediately in case of a major emergency situation. We sent an officer to New York State evidence technician school. This will allow for us to have this officer come in during events such as homicides, suicides, burglaries and other cases requiring safe collection of evidence and we have utilized this service already during 2014. One major topic of contention this year was the addition of the new casino. We scheduled extra patrols for the opening weekend and continued to monitor the situation and we feel confident that this situation was handled well and there were minimum issues around the lake.

During 2014 our calls to service decreased by %75 and the number of criminal cases has decreased by %20. This number can be directly attributed to a more visible presence with officers monitoring the school zones and walking the school hallways daily as well as selective traffic enforcement grants to place more officers on the lake to deal with the rising speeding issues. I am proud to report that the Cuba Police Department has increased our services to the Cuba Community by offering a neighborhood network, gun safety classes, bullying seminars at the schools, driver education classes at the high school, child safe ID programs, pill drops, and a booth at the garlic festival with free information and gun locks handed out.

Going forward the Cuba Police Department hopes that there will be continued cooperation between the new Town and Village Boards as well as other government agencies to enhance the quality of life for the Cuba community. After review of this report, I welcome any comments that you may have.

Respectfully,

Dustin T. Burch
Chief of Police

Definitions

1. **Closed** – Indicates that the cases have been closed by arrest or by investigation. Closed by investigation represents cases where no criminal prosecution is being sought or where a warrant has been issued for an individual's arrest.
2. **Open** – Cases that still remain open under investigation.
3. **Exceptionally Cleared** – Case is cleared due to unusual circumstances. Example: suspect has died or is in jail on other charges where the cases were merged together.

Statistics

Category	2012	2013	2014	% of change
(2013 vs. 2014)				
1. Calls to service	4223	3821	3792	-.75 %
2. Vehicle Stops	852	648	749	+15 %
3. Criminal Investigations	608	448	358	-20%
4. Juvenile Crimes	24	13	12	-.7%
5. Motor Vehicle Accidents	185	160	159	-.6%
6. Traffic Tickets Issued	300	328	461	+40%

Information

Criminal Investigations:

The department conducted 358 criminal investigations for 2014. Of these 311 were closed, 17 were exceptionally cleared, 30 remain open.

During 2014 311 arrests were made a 31% decrease from 2013. 17 were felonies, 141 were misdemeanors, 113 were violations and 40 were warrants.

Domestic Disputes:

There were 67 domestic disputes reported and handled for 2014 a 15.51% increase.

Vehicle stops:

During 2014 there were a total of 749 vehicle stops conducted by our department and 461 uniform traffic tickets issued. These numbers show that our department has issued several warnings allowing for motorists to feel comfortable driving on our roads while still ensuring a totality of highway traffic safety.

Motor Vehicle Accidents:

During 2014 a total of 159 motor vehicle accidents were handled/investigated. Of these 102 were property damage, 27 were personal injury, and 0 was a fatal accident.

Pill Drops:

During 2014 the Cuba Police Department hosted 2 pill drops that coincided with the Drug Enforcement Agency's official national drug take back day. One was held in April and one in October. There were a grand total of 114 cars that dropped off narcotics. The grand total of narcotics taken in at the Cuba Police Department pill drop was 252 LBS of narcotics being taken off the street. Total conservative street value of narcotics is approximately \$7000.00.

K-9 Units:

Explosives Unit: Bomb Threats -	1
School Searches -	8
School Walkthroughs -	42
Search Warrants -	0
K-9 Demonstrations for the public/public relations -	30
Local Business Search-	20
Vehicle Search -	0
Training -	220 Hours
Narcotics Unit: Search Warrants -	2
School Searches –	7
Vehicle Search –	5
School Walkthrough –	9
K-Demonstrations for the public/public relations -	3
Local Business Search-	0
Training -	220 Hours

Warrants

Warrants received:

The Cuba Police Department received 60 warrants in 2014. 6 were felony level, 25 were misdemeanor level, 10 were traffic related, and 19 were violations. 40 were executed. 19 were cleared by the court. 21 remain open due to a person living in another state or out of extradition boundaries.

Vehicle Lock Outs

The Cuba Police Department unlocked 101 vehicles for motorists in 2014. 45 were for Cuba residents. 56 were for non-residents. Upon checking with locksmith rates the Police Department has saved Cuba residents a grand total of \$4500.00.

Larceny/Burglary Theft and Recovery

During 2014 \$25,612.91 in goods/cash were reported stolen to the Cuba Police Department. \$ 6430.91 was recovered and returned to residents/victims of these burglaries and larcenies.