



# MERRIAM POLICE

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Merriam welcomes IKEA in 2014





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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Mayor, Council and citizens of Merriam,

Thank you for taking the time to review the police department's annual report. Each year this document is compiled by the administrative staff. We use this information to remind you, the citizens, council and ourselves, of our activity and accomplishments. In 2014 the main topic of conversation was IKEA.

We had an extensive plan for the grand opening, covering everything from traffic control to the presentation of the flag by our color guard. In September the grand opening drew almost 90,000 people to our city and was a huge success. I need to thank Lt's. McLaughlin and Allen, Sgt. Duvanel and Cpl. Browning for ensuring this event went as planned.

Chief Tim Burnett decided to retire in June. With his retirement we lost over 32 years of law enforcement experience and a lifetime of knowledge about the City of Merriam. We thank him for his service and his guidance. He will be missed.

With the departure of Chief Burnett we have made some organizational promotions that I believe will allow us to continue to provide great police service. Join me in congratulating the following officers on their promotions: Lt. Todd Allen, Lt. Troy Duvanel, Sgt. Chris Brokaw, and Cpl. Nick Weiler.

It is hard to believe that it has been over 20 years since Mayor Sissom, then Police Chief Sissom, put our department on the path to becoming the community policing organization we are today. To maintain our Community Policing Philosophy our officers work with the community to make Merriam a great place to live and work. This year the Merriam Police Department went on-line with Facebook and Twitter to keep up with the changing world of communication. We continue to offer our Citizens Police Academy, National Night Out Against Crime and police ride-a-longs to give the citizens of Merriam access to their police department. Since 2009 our officers have worn body cameras to help document their daily activity. This year we were able to purchase new Vie Vu body cameras for each officer with the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant.

The officers of the Merriam Police Department will use our core values of "Courage, Sacrifice, and Compassion" to accomplish our Mission: "Providing the Merriam community with professional, ethical, and compassionate law enforcement."

Thank you for the privilege of serving as the Police Chief for the City of Merriam.

Respectfully submitted,

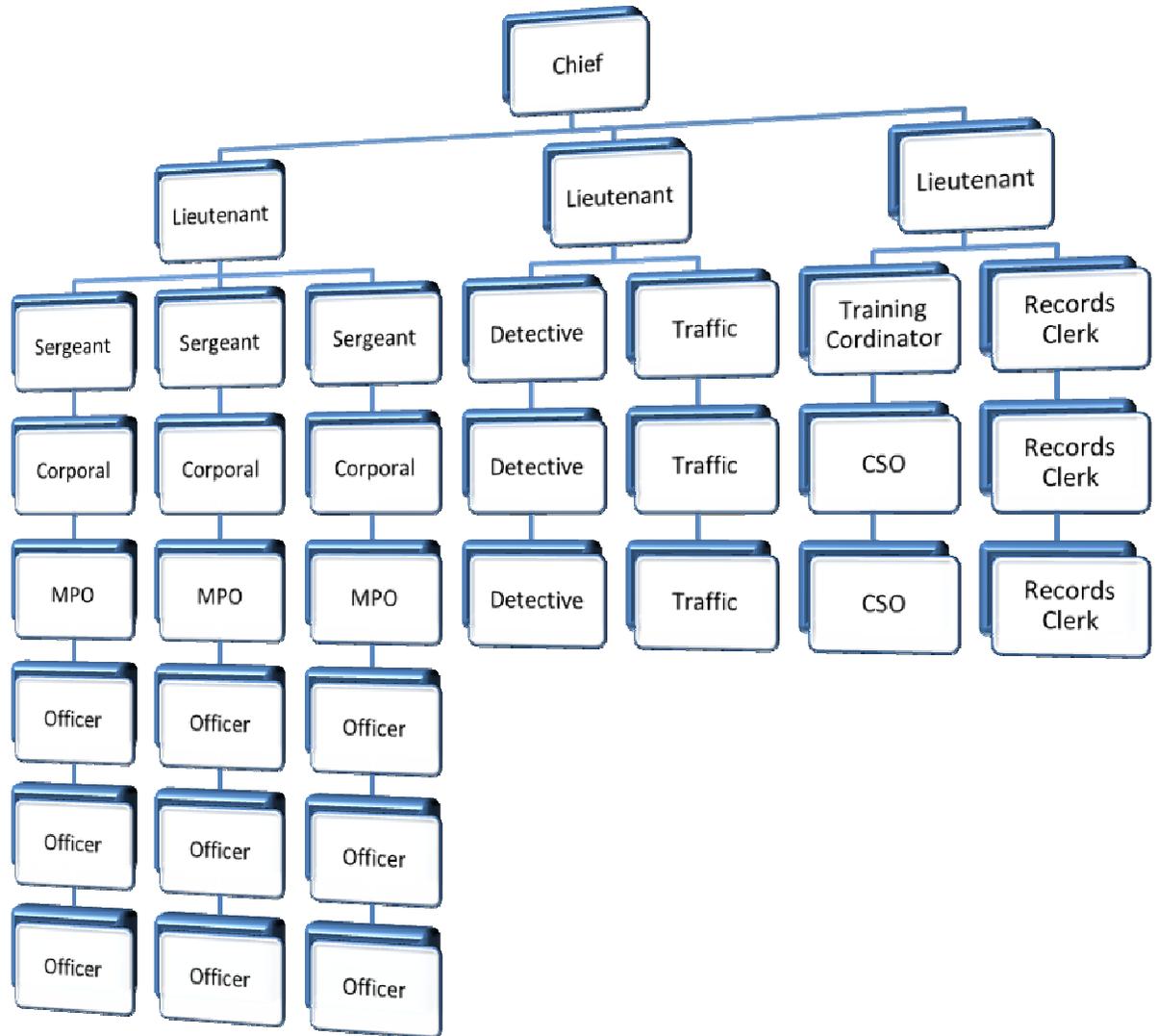


Michael Daniels  
Chief of Police



# MERRIAM POLICE

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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## ADMINISTRATION / SUPERVISION

The administrative officers of the Merriam Police Department are responsible for a variety of different aspects of the department. There are four administrative officers: Chief Michael Daniels, Lieutenant Darren McLaughlin, Lieutenant Todd Allen, and Lieutenant Troy Duvanel. These veteran officers have a combined total of 91 years of police experience.

### **Chief of Police**

Michael Daniels was promoted to Chief of Police in June of 2014. His primary duty is to provide leadership to the officers of the police department so that they can provide professional police services. He works as the liaison with all elected officials, community leaders and residents. He is responsible for the budget and all department spending. Risk management and limiting department liability are also his responsibility. He makes the final decision concerning employee hiring, termination and discipline. Chief Daniels is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has a Master of Criminal Justice degree from Washburn University.

### **Support Services Commander**

Lt. Todd Allen is the Support Services Commander. He is responsible for Emergency Management, Homeland Security issues, along with records management, animal control, evidence/property control and department training. He supervises the Community Service Officers, the Training Coordinator and our Records Clerks. Lt. Allen will be attending the FBI National Academy in April of 2016.

### **Investigations Commander**

Lt. Troy Duvanel is the Investigations Commander. He is responsible for the detectives and the traffic officers. Detectives conduct investigations into serious crimes that occur in Merriam. The traffic officers work to reduce traffic crashes through targeted enforcement and education. Lt. Duvanel is one of the lead supervisors on the Johnson County Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Team (O.I.S.I.T.).

### **Patrol Commander**

Lt. Darren McLaughlin is the Patrol Commander. He is responsible for providing professional uniformed police service to the community. He must be familiar with all the current laws as well as contemporary police tactics and operations. He investigates all citizen complaints on uniformed officers and reviews each use of force. Lt. McLaughlin is a graduate of the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command course.

### **Sergeant**

There are three Sergeants consisting of: John Walton, Jason Reynolds and Chris Brokaw. Each shift (days, evenings, and midnights) has a sergeant who is responsible for all activity during their shift. The sergeant oversees the handling of priority/critical calls, approves reports, ensures officers are performing their duties, completes officer performance evaluations and handles initial officer complaints, among other numerous duties.

### **Corporal**

There are three Corporals in patrol consisting of: Jeremiah Waters, Phil Lewis and Nick Weiler. Each of these corporals is assigned to a shift and works with the sergeant as an assistant supervisor. Corporals approve reports, oversee priority/critical calls, and monitor officer performance.

### **Training Coordinator**

Corporal James Browning is the department training coordinator. He is responsible for scheduling, recording and producing the required training for each of the police officers. Officers are required to have a minimum of 40 training hours per year. We provide our officers with double the required training. It is our belief that good training is the key to providing professional police services for our citizens.



# MERRIAM POLICE

## ADMINISTRATION

### **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

Another important function of the Administrative Unit is professional standards. This function is primarily the responsibility of the Division Commanders, who conduct internal investigations of their assigned department personnel when necessary. The Division Commander is also responsible for ensuring that officers follow proper procedure and all department rules and regulations. There are four main aspects of police work that the Merriam Police Department tracks and investigates: officer complaints, vehicle pursuits, foot pursuits, and use of force incidents.

### **OFFICER COMPLAINTS**

When a citizen makes a complaint against an officer it is documented and investigated by the officer's supervisor. If the complaint is serious in nature or can not be resolved by the supervisor it is forwarded to the Patrol Commander for further investigation. Once the investigation is complete it is forwarded to the Police Chief as founded or unfounded. If the complaint is founded the Patrol Commander recommends the appropriate disciplinary action. During 2014 there were four official complaints that were investigated; two were unfounded and two were substantiated which resulted in corrective action.

### **VEHICLE PURSUITS**

The department has a very strict vehicle pursuit policy because of the dangers associated with this type of driving. When an officer engages in a pursuit the on-duty supervisor closely monitors the incident. The officer has the direct authority to discontinue a pursuit at any time or the supervisor may direct the officer to end the pursuit. All vehicle pursuits are investigated by the on-duty supervisor and reviewed by the Patrol Commander to ensure all policies and procedures were followed. There were two vehicle pursuits in 2014.

### **FOOT PURSUITS**

Foot pursuits are a high-risk activity for officers. This is due to the extreme physical exertion and unforeseen obstacles. In addition, most people running from the police are violent and combative when captured. Because of these reasons, each foot pursuit is carefully reviewed by the shift supervisor and the Patrol Commander to ensure all policies and procedures were followed. There were two foot pursuits in 2014.

### **JUVENILE INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT CENTER (JIAC)**

JIAC processes juveniles that are runaways or who have committed criminal acts. In 2014 the Merriam Police Department took 13 juveniles charged with a crime to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center. An additional 6 juveniles were taken to JIAC who were runaways or CINC's (Child in Need of Care). These numbers do not include juveniles arrested or taken into custody who were released to parents or guardians.

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## BUDGET EXPENSE REPORT

In 2014, the total police budget was \$3,749,882.00. This amount includes all projected costs of personnel, contractual services, commodities and capital outlay purchases. Of the total budget, \$3,359,797 is dedicated to employee salaries and benefits. During the 2014 budget year, the Merriam Police Department spent \$3,112,936.35. Below is a breakdown of expenditures by major categories as of December 31st, 2014.

### **Personnel:**

This budget item includes salaries, benefits, overtime costs, and other expenses.

*Budgeted– \$3,359,797    Spent– \$3,112,936.35    Percent of budget spent– 92.6%*

### **Contractual Services:**

This budget item includes utilities, equipment rental and repair, custodial services, training expenses, vehicle repair, and building maintenance.

*Budgeted– \$205,085    Spent– \$171,232.09    Percent of budget spent– 83.5%*

### **Supplies and Equipment:**

Included in this budget item is office equipment, police equipment and uniforms, and gas and oil.

*Budgeted– \$178,800    Spent– \$144,032.11    Percent of budget spent– 80.5%*

At the end of 2014 the police department returned approximately \$315,482 to the general fund.



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## FORFEITURE REPORT

According to K.S.A. 60-4117, law enforcement agencies are required to report the status of their Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund in an "annual report." The report must include the type and approximate value of the forfeited property received, the amount of any forfeiture proceeds received, and how any of those proceeds were expended.

In order to ensure that the Merriam Police Department stays in conformance with K.S.A. 60-4117, this section is included in all annual reports. Any questions concerning specific details should be directed to the City of Merriam's Finance Department.



### Drug Forfeiture Activities in 2014:

On January 1, 2014, there was **\$33,503.03** in the Merriam Special Law Enforcement Fund. Through the course of the year, the following receipts and expenses were made to this fund:

#### Receipts

Total Funds Received	<b>\$108,910.74</b>
Interest earned on account in 2014	<b><u>\$70.46</u></b>
<b>Total Assets for 2014:</b>	<b>\$108,981.2</b>

#### Expenditures

Attorney's fees (includes Johnson County District Attorney Fees)	<b>\$11,347.75</b>
5 Ballistic Vests for officers	<b>\$3,523.00</b>
Vehicle repairs for seized Navigator	<b>\$991.33</b>
Radio signal booster for booking area	<b>\$10,769.22</b>
Less Lethal Bean Bag rounds	<b>\$145.25</b>
Ammunition	<b>\$9,428.15</b>
LEXIPOL policy manual service	<b>\$8,358.00</b>
FX training conversion kits	<b>\$656.03</b>
Computer tablets, software and accessories for patrol vehicles	<b><u>\$2,818.06</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures in 2014:</b>	<b>\$48,036.79</b>

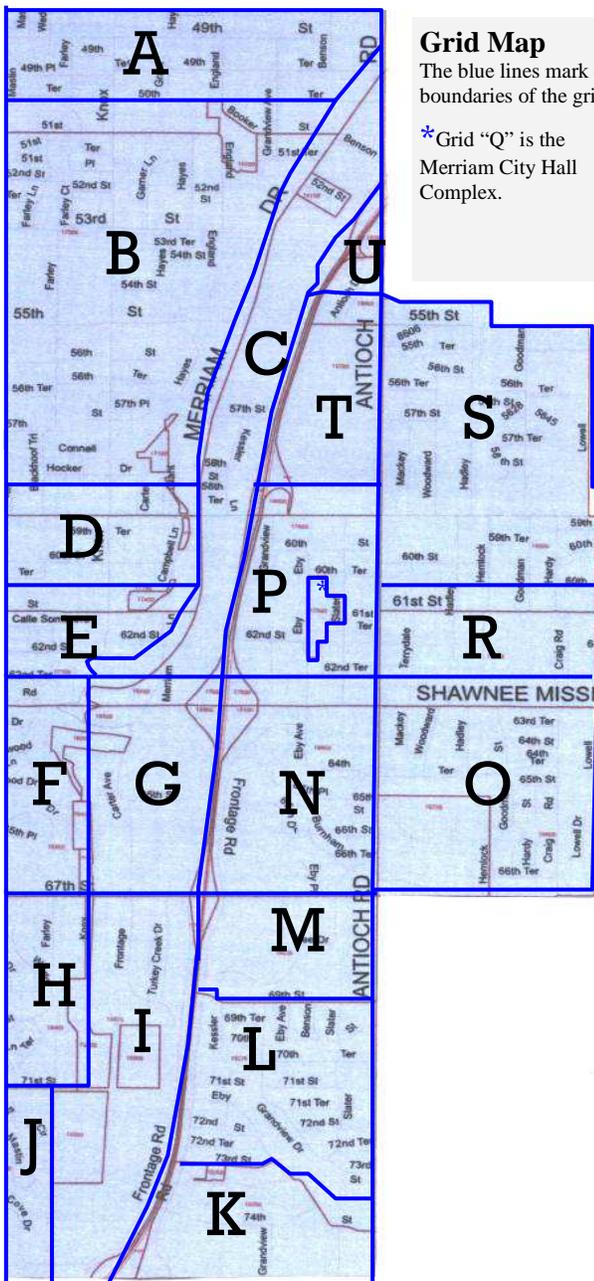
**FUND BALANCE: As of 01/01/2015 = \$94,447.44**

# CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The Merriam Police Department has divided the city into grids. This allows us to track criminal activity and crime trends. The grids have been laid out to separate residential areas from business areas, as much as possible.

The chart below will give you information on the number of criminal reports taken in each grid. Persons Crimes include crimes like assault, battery, sex crimes, and other crimes that have people as victims. Burglaries/Thefts include all burglaries to businesses, homes and cars, along with any theft.

Auto Thefts include only stolen vehicles. Drug Crimes include all crimes involving controlled substances or drug paraphernalia. "Other" covers all crimes not listed in the previous categories.



**Grid Map**  
The blue lines mark the boundaries of the grids.  
\*Grid "Q" is the Merriam City Hall Complex.

Grid	Burglaries/Thefts	Auto Theft	Persons Crime	Drug Crimes	Other
A	37	7	26	8	17
B	21	0	34	8	22
C	40	7	7	23	14
D	8	0	6	2	2
E	23	6	13	6	10
F	4	0	2	1	2
G	12	0	4	4	12
H	6	1	3	0	4
I	15	4	5	3	7
J	25	0	10	3	8
K	25	0	20	4	16
L	30	2	9	3	15
M	6	1	6	0	8
N	66	10	21	6	21
O	4	3	7	3	1
P	30	3	18	9	32
Q	0	1	0	4	2
R	6	2	6	3	11
S	15	4	15	2	17
T	81	1	4	4	14
U	2	1	2	9	3



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## REPORTED CRIME

TYPE OF CRIME	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TYPE OF CRIME	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Aggravated Arson	0	0	0	0	0	Forgery	1	6	16	5	3
Arson	4	1	0	3	1	Furnishing Alcohol/Beer to Minor	1	0	2	0	3
Aggravated Assault	9	3	11	9	8	Gasoline Drive Off	0	1	1	3	5
Aggravated Battery	9	4	11	9	4	Habitual Traffic Violator	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	8	3	3	7	15	Harassment by Phone	25	13	19	17	18
Aggravated Sodomy	2	1	1	3	3	Murder / Manslaughter	2	0	1	0	1
Aggravated Indecent Liberties	8	3	6	8	2	Indecent Liberties with a Child	1	0	0	1	3
Aggravated Kidnapping	0	1	1	3	1	Indecent Solicitation of a Child	0	1	0	0	1
Aggravated Robbery	4	3	9	5	2	Identification Theft	12	11	20	0	16
Aggravated Sexual Battery	0	0	1	0	0	Intimidation of a Victim/Witness	0	1	1	3	0
Assault	2	6	8	6	2	Kidnapping	2	5	2	0	2
Attempted Murder	0	0	1	1	1	Lewd and Lascivious Behavior	0	3	5	3	2
Attempted Theft	9	4	4	9	14	Littering	1	1	1	5	1
Battery	91	109	153	145	121	Minor in Possession of Alcohol	10	2	3	5	7
Burglary to Auto	186	166	158	103	61	Obstructing Legal Process	15	13	5	15	8
Burglary to Business	17	20	11	16	13	Prescription Fraud	2	6	0	0	2
Burglary to Residence	50	29	39	43	33	Controlled Substance Possession	51	37	53	71	80
Burglary to Storage Area	8	8	0	11	3	Drug Paraphernalia Possession	19	19	9	20	17
Child In Need Of Care	31	22	24	31	33	Drug Possession / Intent of Sale	18	4	3	4	6
Child Abuse	3	2	4	1	3	Possession of Stolen Property	9	4	5	3	13
Computer Trespass	1	1	0	0	1	Possession of Tobacco/Minor	0	3	1	1	1
Counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	Prostitution	39	0	25	0	1
Criminal Damage - Felony	32	9	8	8	7	Rape	4	5	10	5	3
Criminal Damage - Misdemeanor	66	90	78	58	47	Robbery	4	3	2	2	2
Criminal Deprivation of Property	4	9	3	6	11	Sexual Battery	1	3	3	3	1
Criminal Discharge of a Weapon	0	1	2	0	2	Endangering a Child	-	-		1	2
Criminal Threats	14	13	20	14	12	Theft of Auto	65	68	68	48	44
Criminal Trespass	13	7	11	12	13	Theft of Auto (Attempted)	18	13	10	7	9
Criminal Use of a Financial Card	21	77	18	16	20	Theft - Felony	84	24	41	41	56
Criminal Use of a Weapon	5	1	4	3	1	Theft - Misdemeanor	200	234	242	250	261
Cruelty to Animals	5	8	12	6	7	Violation: Court Protection Order	5	14	4	15	10
Disorderly Conduct	49	40	36	49	32	Worthless Check	0	0	0	1	0
Escape From Custody	0	0	0	0	0	Stalking	1	2	2	1	0
Falsely Reporting a Crime	1	1	0	0	3	Other Crimes Not Listed Above	25	38	26	17	12
False Writing	3	6	0	3	5						

### Total Reported Crimes by Year:

2010: **1,300**

2011: **1,217**

2012: **1,120**

2013: **1,139**

2014: **1,070**

# CRIME STATISTICS

## PART ONE CRIMES IN 2014

Each year we report Part One crimes to the Kansas Bureau of Investigations. Part One crimes are defined by the FBI and used throughout the country as a benchmark for crime statistics. We are required to keep statistics on these crimes by the federal government to assist in tracking crime trends.

Since the mid-1800's police departments have been judged by their crime statistics. When the statistics are lower, then the theory is that the police departments are more effective. In reality, there are many factors out of the police department's control that can alter crime statistics from year-to-year. Common influencing factors include: a shift in economic conditions, weather, gang activity, new businesses, etc. Before determining the police department's effectiveness, it is important to understand what factors were at play and how they affected the statistics. While a downturn in criminal activity is always preferable, it may or may not be a direct reflection on the police department. Likewise, an active police department using all the proper crime reduction measures may suffer an increase in reported crime.

## CRIME TRENDS

Part One crimes for the City of Merriam decreased in all but one category in 2014. The only increase was in murder, while all persons crimes and all other property related crimes decreased.

10-Year Trends										
CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
MURDER	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	1
RAPE	8	13	6	6	4	4	5	10	5	3
ROBBERY	20	18	16	8	10	8	6	11	7	5
ASSAULTS	9	27	125*	122	137	111	122	183	169	135
BURGLARY	237	244	221	188	235	269	57**	53	77	64
THEFT	526	467	414	345	303	323	473	445	403	392
AUTO THEFT	90	100	103	60	49	65	81	68	55	53
ARSON	6	1	4	1	4	4	1	0	3	1
<b>Total by Year</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>653</b>

### Explanations:

\* This category was previously labeled "Aggravated Assaults" and only captured limited Part One crime information. In 2007 we decided to include assaults and batteries which more accurately reflects the FBI definition.

\*\* In 2011 we stopped including "Auto Burglary" in the burglary category and putting them instead in the Theft category to accurately reflect theft from a vehicle as defined by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.



# MERRIAM POLICE

## USE OF FORCE

### USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

All use of force incidents must be reported and are reviewed by the Patrol Commander. A specific report is used that details the circumstances that led up to the use of force, the amount of force used and the results. It is the responsibility of the Patrol Commander to evaluate each use of force, to make sure it was within department policy. Use of force reports are prepared each time an officer uses any type of force during an arrest or whenever an officer points a weapon at an individual and issues verbal commands. During 2014 there were 21 incidents where an officer deemed it necessary to use force to make an arrest. This number is the same as last year. The number of use of force incidents in Merriam is extremely low considering the number of arrests (1,251) the officers made during the year. Highlighted below is specific information related to the use of force incidents in 2014.

### Type of Force Used During 2014 Incidents

Service weapon pointed at individual	4
Taser device pointed at someone	2
Taser device used on individual	4
Empty hand control techniques used	10
Nerve Receptor Restraint Tactics	1



### Use of Force By Shift



## POLICE TRAINING

The State of Kansas requires all police officers to complete a state sponsored police academy with a minimum of 560 hours of instruction. The Merriam Police Department also requires any new officer to complete a field training program consisting of 480 hours of additional instruction. Every certified officer is required to attend a minimum of 40 hours of training per year. Throughout 2014 the Merriam Police Department offered a variety of training classes for its officers and civilian staff to attend. Listed below are examples of some of those courses.

### **Defensive Tactics:**

- Ground Fighting
- Use of Force Situational
- Weapon Retention
- OC Spray/ Gas Mask
- Taser

### **Detective Training:**

- Metro Squad Training
- Interviewing the Child Molester
- Death /Homicide Investigation
- Death Notification Training
- Gangs
- Forensic Photography
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Senior Abuse
- Cell Phone Investigation
- Crime Scene Investigation

### **Supervisor Training:**

- Advanced Supervision and Management
- Advanced Incident Command System
- Social Intelligence Skills for LEO Managers
- Patrol Supervisor Response to Critical Incidents
- Leaders without Titles
- Motivational Management
- Creative Planning and Problem Solving
- Expanding Accountability in Law Enforcement
- Personal Strengths and Leadership Styles
- Effective Teaching and Training Techniques
- Surviving Today's Law Enforcement Challenges
- Integrity Centered Leadership
- High Impact Supervision
- Managing Police Discipline
- Community Disaster Response

### **Traffic Safety Training:**

- Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation
- Drug Impairment
- Accident Investigation

### **Patrol Training:**

- I-Leads Records Management System
- DUI
- Report Writing
- Street Survival Course
- Active Shooter
- Excited Delirium
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Course
- Racial Profiling
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
- Sovereign Citizens
- Crime Prevention
- Crisis Intervention
- Interaction with the Autistic
- Sexual Assault Response
- Ebola Awareness
- Digital Forensics
- Hostile Event Response



### **Community Service Officer Training:**

- Computer Training
- Animal Control Conference
- Use of Force
- Child Safety Seat Technician
- Animal Cruelty

### **Firearms Training:**

- Handgun Skills and Qualification
- Rifle Skills & Qualification
- Low Light Shooting Skills

**Every Merriam police officer received on average 74 hours of training in 2014.**  
(This does not include hours spent at the Police Academy or field training.)



# MERRIAM POLICE

## PATROL DIVISION

### *“To Protect and Serve”*

When most people think about the police they commonly visualize a uniformed officer who is assigned to patrol. It is the most visible unit of the police department. It is also the largest unit with twenty-two officers (76%) assigned from a total of twenty-nine. Their primary duties include responding to calls for service, patrolling the neighborhoods and business areas looking for criminal activity, stopping traffic violators and assisting the public as needed. In addition to routine patrol duties the officers spend many hours each year in District Court, Municipal Court, Driver’s License hearings, and attending training classes. The dedicated officers of the Patrol Division provide the primary function of the police department, as highlighted below through calls for service and self-initiated activity.



### **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

The primary duty of any police department is answering the public's calls for service (911 calls). A police officer must be ready to respond 24/7, 365 days a year. In 2014 the Merriam Police Department received 12,976 calls for service. The chart below represents a breakdown on the calls for service over the last 10 years. Please note the fluctuation from year-to-year. Many factors affect the calls for service numbers and these factors may include, but are not limited to, crime rate/trends, changes in our response to certain calls for service (example: theft of gasoline, non-injury private property accidents), increase in retail businesses, inclement weather, road construction, etc.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
14,412	15,639	14,342	14,185	12,769	13,233	12,769	13,168	13,315	12,976

### **SELF-INITIATED ACTIVITY**

After calls for service, the patrol officers spend the remainder of their time on self-initiated activity and routine patrol. Self-initiated activity includes, but is not limited to, traffic enforcement, business checks (convenience stores, banks, bars, etc.), building checks, occupied and unoccupied vehicle checks, pedestrian checks, park checks, motorist assists and surveillance of problem areas for criminal activity. During the year our officers were involved in approximately 27,254 self-initiated patrol incidents.



### **PATROL ACTIVITY**

There are no two eight-hour patrol shifts that are the same. Officers must come to work prepared to handle many different types of calls and activities during their shift including: weather related events, traffic accidents, surveillance, responding to high stress calls (i.e., armed disturbances, armed robberies, domestic disturbances, etc.), investigating residential and business burglaries, felony and misdemeanor arrests, directing traffic and being involved in community meetings. In addition to these various types of calls they also must routinely complete reports to document the above activity.

### **IMPORTANT PATROL FACTS FOR 2014**

- Arrested 1,251 subjects for various crimes.
- Wrote 3,508 police reports.
- Officers spent nearly 400 total hours in court.
- June was the busiest month in 2014 with 914 calls for service



**There are three shifts staffed by the Patrol Division.**

**Midnight Shift**  
11:00PM–7:00AM

**Day Shift**  
7:00AM–3:00PM

**Evening Shift**  
3:00PM–11:00PM



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## PATROL: TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Traffic enforcement has always been a large part of the everyday duties of a Merriam Patrol Officer. Statistics and studies have shown that in areas where there is more traffic enforcement, there are also fewer accidents. Studies have also been done that suggest that aggressive traffic enforcement in an area can reduce crime overall. High profile cases like the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, have been solved by an officer making a routine traffic stop. In 2014, Merriam patrol officers made 5,470 traffic stops, issued 4,312 moving violation tickets and 2,932 non-moving tickets.

### 2014 Traffic Citations

D.U.I.	145
Speeding	4001
Inattentive driving	206
Traffic light	244
Stop sign	203
No insurance	2205
Seat belt	729
Drivers license violations	1109
Expired/illegal tag	820
Parking	63
All others	1721



COURT STATISTICS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Total Filing</b>	8,913	8,163	7,841	8,369	<b>11,446</b>
<b>Fines Collected</b>	\$1,162,087	\$1,027,293	\$948,323	\$884,998	<b>\$1,252,934</b>

# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Merriam Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit is tasked with enforcing traffic laws within the city. Their efforts are concentrated in areas where there are a high number of accidents and traffic complaints. Listed below are the 2014 statistics for the traffic enforcement officers:

Traffic Unit Totals for 2014:	
Traffic Stops	2251
Moving Violations	1755
Non-Moving Violations	1443
Total Tickets Issued	3198
Driving Under the Influence Arrests	19
Speeding	1061
Other Moving Violations	694
Seat Belts	264
Accident Reports	219
Shifts Worked	400
Miles Driven	19,303

### 2014 "Click it or Ticket" Campaign

The STEP "Click it or Ticket" campaign ran from May 19th to June 1st 2014. During those dates, officers worked a total of 40 hours of overtime and wrote 111 restraint tickets. Overtime costs were covered by a State of Kansas grant.

### Traffic Safety Events

The Merriam Police Department participated in two state sponsored DUI enforcement events in 2014. During those two events the Merriam Police Department worked a total of 67.25 hours of overtime, made 94 traffic stops, tested 14 drivers for DUI, made three DUI arrests, and issued 86 citations. The overtime costs were covered by a grant from the State of Kansas.



The Merriam Police Department participated in a state sponsored distracted driving enforcement event April 18<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup>. The focus of this event was to issue citations to people who were texting while driving. During this event Merriam officers stopped 28 drivers and issued 17 citations.

In February the Merriam Police Department participated in a state sponsored week long event which focused on officers stopping and citing teenage drivers for not wearing their seatbelts. Merriam officers made 20 traffic stops and issued 25 total citations. Of these citations, 17 were for no seatbelt.

### Speed Trailers

The Traffic Enforcement Unit operates two radar equipped traffic speed trailers. These devices are placed in areas where there are traffic complaints or frequent accidents. The information is used to increase enforcement and determine the scope and time of day of the traffic problem. Citizens having a problem with speeders in their neighborhood should call the Investigation Commander's office at 913-322-5560 and discuss the available options to resolve the problem.



# MERRIAM POLICE

## MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES

One of the fundamental duties of any police department is to investigate motor vehicle accidents. The City of Merriam has 65 miles of roadway within its borders, including approximately 3 miles of interstate highway. According to data provided by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) the portion of Interstate 35, just north of 75<sup>th</sup> Street, is the busiest section of highway in the State of Kansas. KDOT estimates that over 100,000 cars drive through the city each day.

With the types of roadways that run through Merriam, coupled with the high number of businesses and general drive-through traffic, the problem of traffic control and accident investigation is a full-time challenge.



### 2014 CRASH FACTS

- There were 590 motor vehicle accidents reported to the Merriam Police Department in 2014 compared to 532 in 2013.
- Of this total 121 of the accidents involved some level of personal injuries.
- There were 304 accidents where damage was over \$1,000.
- There were 25 accidents which were determined to be alcohol-related. There were injuries in 8 of these accidents.
- 58 Hit-and-Run accidents were reported and investigated in 2014.
- There were 31 private property and 51 minor accident reports taken in Merriam.

**NOTE:** The above statistics do not include accidents reported to KHP that occurred on I-35.

## TOP TEN CRASH LOCATIONS IN MERRIAM FOR 2014

TOP CRASH LOCATIONS	
Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35	<b>94</b>
Johnson and I-35	<b>44</b>
75th and I-35	<b>35</b>
Shawnee Mission Parkway and Eby	<b>34</b>
Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch	<b>29</b>
67th and I-35	<b>23</b>
Antioch and I-35	<b>22</b>
Shawnee Mission Parkway and Hadley	<b>17</b>
Shawnee Mission Parkway and Slater	<b>16</b>
75th and E. Frontage	<b>16</b>



*The section of Shawnee Mission Parkway that is in Merriam accounted for 32% of all accidents in 2014. The top 10 locations account for 56% of all accidents in Merriam in 2014.*



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## INVESTIGATIONS

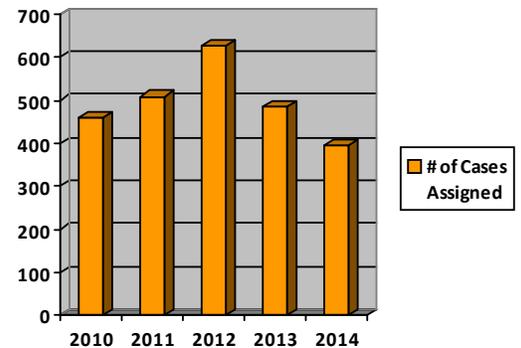
In 2014, the Investigations Unit detectives were assigned 394 cases and solved 105 for a clearance rate of 26%. These cases included a homicide, aggravated battery cases, unattended deaths, felony sex crimes, financial and property crimes.

Detective Wechsler and Cpl. Browning both served on Metro Squads during 2014 by assisting with murder investigations in Gladstone and Platte County Missouri. Det. Wechsler and Lt. Duvanel also served on the Johnson County Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Team (OISIT). They assisted with an officer involved shooting that took place in Overland Park in July of 2014.

Type of Cases Assigned by Year					
YEAR	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	2	0	2	0	1
Burglary	43	29	50	61	54
Theft	101	106	114	95	90
False Writing	1	22	16	6	4
Auto Theft	27	38	65	30	18
Auto Burglary	49	45	47	20	10
Identity Theft	6	6	13	3	3
Robbery	6	6	11	6	3
Battery	30	17	41	26	17
Battery/DV	*	22	62	49	33
Felony Sex Offenses	15	13	20	16	12
Criminal Damage	13	29	24	19	15
Criminal Threats	7	7	14	9	10
Phone Harassment	10	6	14	13	8
Unattended Death	14	9	17	25	13
Child Cases (CINC)	12	17	12	7	6
Kidnapping	2	6	4	2	3
Arson	0	0	0	1	0
Assault	5	3	9	7	6
Credit Card Fraud	4	40	5	4	5
All Others	111	94	86	85	83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>394</b>



Total Cases Assigned by Year



\* indicates these numbers are not available

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

### COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER (CSO)

The Community Service Officers are non-sworn members of the police department. Their job is to assist the public with various police-related functions that do not necessarily need to be performed by law enforcement officers.



### DUTIES:

CSO's are assigned to many different duties and tasks within the Merriam Police Department. They must be able to cover school crossings, perform records management functions, fingerprinting, and routine walk-in reports. They act as the court bailiff, assist patrol with traffic control needs, motorist assistance, and other support functions. Their number one responsibility is animal control. This includes picking up strays, enforcing animal control ordinances, and helping control nuisance animals.

Last year the Merriam Police Department impounded 113 stray animals, including 9 cats and 104 dogs. Owners claimed none of the impounded cats and 54 of the impounded dogs.

Please remember to have your pets licensed. Not only is it required by law, it will also help the police department to return your lost pet to you. Please call 913-322-5581 for information on registering your pets, or go to our website for additional information:

**[WWW.Merriam.org/MPD](http://WWW.Merriam.org/MPD)**  
**Go to Divisions (left side of page) and then to Animal Control**

The following is a list of some of the CSO's activities for the year:

- Answered 410 animal control calls.
- Wrote 116 animal control related reports.
- Spent 344 hours on court related duties.
- Took 42 walk-in police reports.
- Performed 85 civilian fingerprint requests.
- Performed 201 car seat checks.

In addition to these activities, the CSO's are also required to attend various training classes throughout the year. These include but are not limited to: Taser, CPR/AED, Animal Control Conference, handcuffing, property room management and records management training.



# MERRIAM POLICE

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### **EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT**

One of the community service officers is assigned to help manage the department's recovered property and evidence. CSO Charlie Yocum is responsible for properly logging and storing all recovered property and evidence. He is also responsible for the safety and security of this evidence and must be available to respond to Municipal and District Court to testify concerning the evidentiary chain of custody. The property custodian is responsible for destroying evidence when it is no longer needed for court or seeing that property is returned to the lawful owners.

### **RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

Our Records Unit is responsible for the handling of police records once taken by a police officer. These reports have to be verified, stored, and properly distributed to citizens, courts and other law enforcement agencies. They also handle citizen fingerprint requests. Lisa Jacobs, Ronda Brumbaugh and Karen Gibson are currently assigned to our records unit. If you have any questions or need help call 913-322-5560.

### **ALARM ORDINANCE**

Each year hundreds of business, residential, and robbery alarms are received by the Merriam Police and Fire Departments. As a result a city ordinance was adopted that regulates these alarms. When too many false alarms are received, the alarm owners can be fined. The purpose of the alarm ordinance is to make these alarm owners more responsible for their equipment. Invoices are sent out for those that have too many false alarms. The police department also works with the alarm owners to find ways to reduce the incidents of false alarms. When the program was started in 1999 we had 601 false alarms. In 2014 the number of false alarms were 201. The City of Merriam collected \$950 in false alarm fines in 2014.

### **CROSSING GUARD UNIT**

There are three school-crossing locations within the city. Part-time employees assist school children crossing the streets at these locations twice per day (one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon). This unit is responsible for child pedestrian safety. The crossing guards also assist the department during the Turkey Creek Festival.

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### **HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM:**

Each year, a number of vacationing Merriam residents will register their homes with the police department for extra patrol. The Merriam House Watch Program is a crime prevention program that is designed to reduce house burglaries and provide citizens with a sense of security while they are away from their homes. The citizen completes a simple form and officers spend designated times checking these residences while the owners are away. In 2014, 35 Merriam citizens took advantage of this program on line. Citizens may complete a house watch form on-line by visiting the Merriam PD website at [www.Merriam.org/MPD](http://www.Merriam.org/MPD) under the “File a Report” tab.

### **POLICE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM:**

This is a community relations program that allows citizens to ride with a police officer during their normal shift. A citizen signs up to ride for two to eight hours on any shift they choose. They must complete a form that allows a records check to be conducted. The patrol shift supervisor coordinates with the citizen to schedule their ride-along visit. Persons under the age of 15 must have a responsible adult with them on the ride-along. In 2014, 14 citizens took the opportunity to ride with a MPD officer.

### **CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION:**

CSO’s Jaime Brokaw and Charlie Yocum are both trained and certified in the proper installation of child safety seats. Appointments can be made with either CSO. The service is free to Merriam residents and \$35 for non-residents. Bring your vehicle and your car seat to the Merriam Police station and they will ensure it is properly installed. The Merriam Police performed 201 car seat checks or installations in 2014.

### **ON-LINE REPORTING:**

The Merriam Police Department has an on-line reporting system. This is for minor crimes, suspicious activity, and house watch requests. Citizens can report crimes at their convenience and this helps to free up officers to respond to more serious calls. Last year we took 135 reports using this system saving roughly 203 man-hours. The on-line reporting can be found at [www.merriam.org/MPD](http://www.merriam.org/MPD) under the “File a Report” tab.



# MERRIAM POLICE

## OFFICERS AT WORK—2014

### **Homicide**

On January 9th, officers Magee, Weiler, Filson and Sgt. Allen responded to a medical call for service in the 9900 block of 51<sup>st</sup> Terrace. The caller reported that a 3 year old girl was not breathing. She was taken to Children's Mercy Hospital where she never regained consciousness. On January 11, 2014, she was taken off life-support and died. A group of officers consisting of Sgt. Duvanel, Det. Wechsler, Det. Waller, Det. Mullis, Cpl. Browning, Cpl. Waters and Cpl. Brokaw conducted the investigation. The investigation led to the arrest of the boyfriend of the victim's mother, a 38 year old male. The suspect is currently in custody on a \$1,000,000 bond, awaiting trial.

### **Burglary**

On January 30th, Sgt. Reynolds, PO Palmer, and MPO Magee responded to a burglary in progress in the 5200 block of Garner Lane. The victim reported that a man was inside his trailer parked in the driveway and had removed several thousand dollars worth of tools from trailer. The victim confronted the man before he was able to load the tools into a black Chevrolet pickup truck parked nearby. The black Chevrolet truck was stopped by Master Police Officer Magee in the 4800 block of Knox. Inside the truck were a 19 year old male, 32 year old male, 32 year old female, and 16 year old female. The victim was able to identify the 19 year old male as the man inside his trailer. The two males and 32 year old female were all taken to jail. The 16 year old female was released to her grandmother and not charged with a crime. In addition, the 19 year old male had 3.2 grams of marijuana so he was also charged with possession of drugs.

### **Aggravated Battery**

On February 7th, Merriam officers responded to an attempted suicide call in the 10200 block of Kings Cove Dr. The female caller reported that a 27 year old male had slit his wrists and had trapped the caller in the bathroom. Sgt. Reynolds and PO Taylor arrived and heard a female screaming. They entered the apartment to find a large amount of blood on the walls and floor of the entryway and living room. The male was unconscious on the living room floor from the cuts on his wrist. First aid was provided by the officers before an ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital. The investigation revealed that he had been in an argument with his girlfriend over infidelity issues and he pushed her down in the bathroom causing her to break her ankle. The male trapped her in the bathroom and cut his wrists. He was taken to the hospital for his injuries and was later charged with aggravated domestic battery.

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## **Suicidal Subject**

On June 28th, Officer Vincent observed a vehicle in Chatlain Park. Since the park was closed, PO Vincent decided to check on the vehicle. PO Vincent found a male sitting in the driver seat with a handgun partially concealed under his leg. The 36 year old male was intoxicated and told PO Vincent he wanted to die. Additional officers including Sgt. Reynolds and Officer Taylor responded and tried to talk the man into getting out of the car but he refused. Sgt. Reynolds saw an opportunity and was able to grab the man in a way that allowed him to prevent him from getting to the handgun and remove him from the car. The man was upset because of a recent divorce that resulted in him losing custody of his 18 month old child. He voluntarily sought treatment at Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

## **Domestic Violence / Robbery**

On July 3rd, Merriam officers responded to an argument between a 36 year old male and his 53 year old girlfriend. According to the female victim, her boyfriend got upset with her for no reason as they were driving back from a casino. He started threatening her and driving her car in a reckless manner. He repeatedly would drive over 100 mph and then slam on the brakes and run into road signs to damage the car. He exited I-35 at Johnson Dr. and intentionally ran into a road sign. When the victim tried to call 911 from her cell phone he took the phone away. He threw her purse out the window, pushed her out of the car, and then drove away. A witness was able to call 911 to get the victim some help. The suspect was arrested the next day at his residence in Shawnee and charged with numerous crimes including aggravated battery domestic violence and theft of her car. (Sgt. Reynolds, PO Hutchinson, PO Palmer, PO Taylor)

## **Aggravated Battery**

On July 11th, Merriam officers were dispatched to investigate an aggravated battery in the 9900 block of West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. Officers found a 37 year old female victim who had been run over by a car driven by a 27 year old female suspect. The victim and suspect had been arguing over a child custody issue. The argument escalated and the suspect drove over the victim's leg. The patrol officers requested help from Detectives Mullis and Wechsler. The crime scene was examined by Det. Mullis and valuable evidence was obtained while Det. Wechsler obtained a confession from the suspect. The victim suffered a broken leg and the suspect was charged with aggravated battery. (Sgt. Walton, PO Simmons, PO Palmer, PO Naegele)

## **Multi State Stolen Auto Investigation**

On August 23rd, Merriam officers investigated a hit and run accident on Shawnee Mission Parkway and Mastin. One of the drivers ran away from the accident before officers could arrive. While conducting the investigation, officers found that the car had been stolen in Nebraska. The car appeared to have stolen property inside so a search warrant was obtained. The search revealed stolen items and illegal drugs. During the investigation a female suspect was identified who was responsible for stealing several cars in Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas. She also committed a burglary and several multi-state credit card frauds. The suspect was arrested in Nebraska and is being charged in federal court. (MPO Magee, PO Simmons, PO Naegele, Cpl. Brokaw)

## **Attempted Homicide / Rape / Kidnapping**



# MERRIAM POLICE

## OFFICERS AT WORK—2014

On September 29th, Merriam officers were called to investigate a rape that had just occurred in the 7100 block of Eby Drive. The victim told officers that a man had kept her in his apartment against her will, repeatedly raped her and attempted to kill her by strangulation. Officers surrounded the apartment and attempted to contact the 18 year old man inside. After repeated attempts, officers entered the apartment and found that the suspect had left. With this information, Det. Wechsler decided to check the area around the hospital, where he located the suspect and took him into custody. Det. Wechsler obtained a confession from the suspect. He was charged with rape and kidnapping and pled guilty in court receiving a long prison sentence. (MPO Sparks, Cpl. Waters, Sgt. Walton, PO Klem, Sgt. Duvanel, Det. Wechsler, Det. Mullis, Lt. Allen, Lt. McLaughlin)

### **Aggravated Robbery**

On October 16th, Merriam officers responded to an armed robbery that just occurred at a business in the 9900 block of Shawnee Mission Parkway. The suspect robbed 3 employees at gunpoint inside the business. He gained entry through the back door as the employees were closing up for the night. When he entered the suspect fired a gunshot into the wall to scare the victims into cooperating. One of the store employees ran out the back door of the business and was able to call the police. The suspect got away with over \$600.00 in cash and an employee's cell phone before officers could arrive. The suspect was last seen running from the business towards Turkey Creek where officers recovered just over \$500.00 in cash in the creek. Nobody was injured and the case is still under investigation. (Sgt. Brokaw, Cpl. Lewis, PO Palmer, PO Taylor, PO Rock, Det. Waller)

### **Rape**

On November 26th, Merriam officers learned that a woman was reporting that she had been raped in the parking lot of 6000 Ikea Way to the Edwardsville Police Department. Detectives responded to Edwardsville where they interviewed the 47 year old female victim. She told the detectives that she works for an over the road trucking company and that her 28 year old male driver trainer had raped her. They had arrived early for a delivery to a Merriam business and decided to get some rest in the sleeper cab of the truck. During the night she woke up to find the suspect on top of her. The suspect and truck were found in the parking lot of the same Merriam business. The suspect was interviewed and confessed to the rape. He is currently being held on a \$100,000 bond, awaiting his court appearance. (Sgt. Walton, MPO Herron, MPO Magee, Cpl. Browning, Det. Mullis)

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## CRIME PREVENTION

The department's crime prevention specialist, Police Officer Tim Filson, manages a program that encourages people to have their home or business checked in an effort to protect them from criminal activity. An appointment is set up with Officer Filson and he meets with the resident, business owner or manager, and makes a full assessment of the building. A report of his findings is provided with suggestions for improvement. There is no fee for this valuable service.



Contact the Police Department for Crime Prevention Tips.

## FINGERPRINT SERVICES

The Merriam Police Department provides fingerprint services during normal business hours. Many times a year, individuals need their fingerprints taken for financial bonds, the insurance industry or any other reason. We will provide this service by appointment by calling 913-322-5560 to set up a time. There is a \$35 fee for this service.



## Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out Against Crime

The Merriam Police Department believes crime prevention is a team effort. We encourage cooperation between the police and citizens. The National Night Out Against Crime is a national effort to get the citizens and their police departments together to discuss crime problems and most importantly solutions. On August 5th 2014, we held a National Night Out Against Crime and Open House at the Merriam Police Department. The event included a question and answer period, division demonstrations, and a Taser demonstration.





# MERRIAM POLICE

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Chaplain Charles Boyce volunteers his time to assist our officers. He provides support to grieving family members at accident and crime scenes. In addition to these critical duties, he offers spiritual guidance to police employees and routinely rides with the officers during their patrol shifts. Charles is a youth minister, a Merriam resident, and a martial arts instructor with a 4th degree black belt in Tsuruoka Karate.

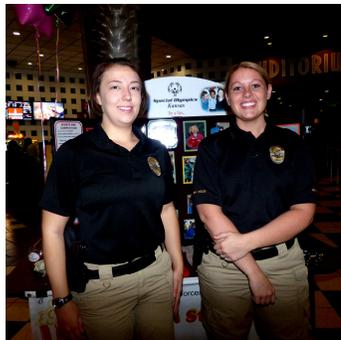


*Chaplain Charles Boyce  
Serving Since 2005*

### POLICE OFFICER VOLUNTEERISM

The Merriam Police Department has been involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run since 1982. The Torch Run started in Wichita, Kansas and now has participants in all 50 states, Canada, Europe, Africa, China and Japan.

The Merriam Police Department participates in events like the Polar Plunge, Strikes for Bowling Tournament, Popcorn Standoff at Cinemark, and the Torch Run itself throughout the year, to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics. In 2014 the Kansas Law Enforcement Torch Run raised \$522,632.00. This is the most money ever raised in the state of Kansas. The Merriam Police Department raised \$25,845.00 which was the third highest of any law enforcement agency in Kansas.



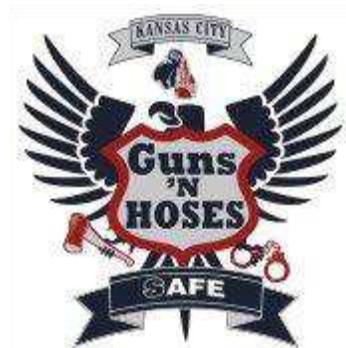
# GUNS & HOSES

## 2014 GUNS N' HOSES Boxing Event

Guns N' Hoses is a charity boxing event that features boxing bouts between police, fire and emergency service personnel within the greater metropolitan area. Participants are from the Missouri counties of Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte; and the Kansas counties of Douglas, Johnson, Miami, Shawnee, and Wyandotte. All bouts are supervised by USA boxing, the national governing body of amateur boxing in the United States.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from Guns N' Hoses benefits local charities. The Majority goes directly to the Kansas City Crime Commission's Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment Fund (S.A.F.E.), which provides financial assistance to the spouses and children of local sworn officers, firefighters, and emergency service personnel killed in the line of duty. The rest is donated to amateur boxing programs in the Greater Kansas City area.

This year's event featured twelve bouts with 24 boxers. Of these 24 boxers, 3 were employees of the Merriam Police Department: Detective Steve Wechsler, Officer Paul Hutchinson and CSO Jaime Brokaw. All boxers are required to have a minimum of 20 training sessions with a certified USA boxing instructor before they can participate in the charity event.





# MERRIAM POLICE

## HONORS



### **Chief Burnett Retired**

Chief Tim Burnett retired at the end of June with over 32 years of dedicated service with the Merriam Police Department. He grew up in Merriam, attending Crestview grade school, Hocker Grove middle school and graduated from Shawnee Mission North high school. Hired in 1982, he worked his way through the ranks and was selected as Chief in 2012. He cited his years in the Investigations Unit as a major accomplishment; noting his membership as a Metro Squad detective and working on several significant cases in Johnson County. While Chief he was elected as a board member to the Metro Squad. He also served as a Team Commander on the Johnson County Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Team (OISIT) from 2005 through 2012.

In 2007 he was selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He was a graduate of Session 231 of the FBI National Academy. He is still active in the Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter of the FBI National Academy and is currently serving as the Vice-President of the organization. He will serve as the chapter president in 2016. Additionally, he was very involved in fund-raising for Kansas Special Olympics through the Law Enforcement Torch Run; representing the state of Kansas in 2005 on the International Final Torch Run leg in Japan. He served as the Kansas State Director for Special Olympics from 2003 through 2005.

He was proud of the fact that he helped mentor the current command staff and sergeants. Former Chief Burnett stated, "The smooth transition to Chief Mike Daniels and his command staff is a testament to Merriam's excellent police employees and the forward thinking of Mayor Sissom, the City Council and City Administrator Phil Lammers."

### **Mothers Against Drunk Drivers**

In November of 2014, Officer Cara Palmer was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for her DUI enforcement efforts. She received an award for her service to the community by removing impaired drivers from the streets of Merriam. The award was based on her 20 DUI arrests and 8 other alcohol-related arrests in 2013. She received the award at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving Law Enforcement Banquet.



## CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS

The police department has several volunteers who help out with a variety of projects. We have citizen volunteers who help in records, assist with the Turkey Creek Festival and other city events. We wish to thank all of our volunteers for the hard work they put in.



*Volunteer Vince Rodriguez at the Turkey Creek Festival*



*Child fingerprinting*



**Maddi Stock** and **Pat Crabtree** started volunteering in 2013. Thank you Maddi and Pat for all your time volunteering at the Merriam Police Department.

### INTERN PROGRAM

The Merriam Police Department offers non-paid internships to college students who are seeking degrees in Criminal Justice. These students get the full experience of working in a police department. They work in all areas of the department. They help with data collection, statistical analysis, and general station duties. They observe the investigations and patrol functions by riding with the officers as they do their jobs. Any students interested in this opportunity should contact the Merriam Police Department.

We had the pleasure of working with one intern during 2014, David Carson, a student from Washburn University.



# MERRIAM POLICE

## CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

In 2008, the Merriam Police Department introduced our first Citizen's Police Academy. Since then we have found this program to be very beneficial to the citizens, the officers and the department. The citizens get a "first hand" look at what a police officer does on a daily basis. The police officers get a chance to interact with citizens and talk to them about law enforcement. The classes are based off the job of a Merriam police officer. The citizens are given the opportunity to participate in as much of the training as they feel comfortable.

These classes consisted of more than just watching videos and listening to lectures. Over half of the classes were actual hands-on training. The students went to the firearms range to shoot handguns. They learned and practiced defensive tactics and some even braved getting a shock from a Taser. In addition to all the classes, and probably the most informative, the students were able to ride with a police officer during an actual police shift. This gave them a better perspective on what they had learned and exactly how it is applied.

The 2014 Citizens Police Academy classes started on September 9, 2014 and ran through November 2014. Each of the Tuesday night sessions lasted for three hours. The following is a list of classes:

- Domestic Violence
- Use of Force
- Taser
- Firearms
- Defensive Tactics
- DUI Enforcement
- Police Equipment
- Basic Patrol Procedures
- Traffic Stops
- Radar/Lidar
- Search and Seizure
- Investigations
- Court
- Tour of the Johnson County Jail
- Tour of Johnson County Communications Center
- Johnson County Crime Lab



**For more information or to sign up go to [www.merriam.org/MPD](http://www.merriam.org/MPD)**

## NEW OFFICERS HIRED IN 2014



### **Rashad Castaneda**

Hire date 12-22-2014- PO Castaneda came to us from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. He also serves in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Geospatial Engineer and has a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Emporia State University in Sociology.

### **Joshua Ready**

Hire date 08-25-2014- PO Ready comes to us from the U.S. Army Reserves where he is a Human Intelligence Collector. He is currently finishing his Philosophy Degree at the University of Kansas.

### **Christopher Meyers**

Hire date 08-25-2014- PO Meyers came to us from working at Titan Protection Services as a armed security guard. He has a Bachelor's of Science Degree from the University of Central Missouri in General Studies.



# MERRIAM POLICE

## The Merriam Police Department

### YEARS OF SERVICE by RANK 12-31-2014

Chief Michael Daniels	01-23-1987	27
Lt. Darren McLaughlin	07-24-1989	25
Lt. Troy Duvanel	05-15-1995	19
Lt. Todd Allen	03-25-1996	18
Sgt. John Walton	01-05-1998	16
Sgt. Jason Reynolds	05-08-2000	14
Sgt. Chris Brokaw	04-30-2001	13
Cpl. Phil Lewis	04-22-2002	12
Cpl. Jeremiah Waters	11-24-2003	11
Cpl. Nick Weiler	02-07-2005	09
Cpl. James Browning	10-23-2006	08
MPO Jeff Magee	10-12-1987	27
MPO Todd Sparks	06-25-1990	24
MPO Gerry Eickhoff	12-23-1991	23
MPO Wes Waller	04-18-2005	09
MPO Steven Wechsler	11-27-2006	08
MPO Corey Herron	02-23-2009	05
MPO Seth Mullis	12-27-2010	04
MPO Laura Naegele	12-27-2010	04
PO Tim Filson	12-18-2006	08
PO Cara Palmer	05-11-2011	03
PO Adam Taylor	06-18-2012	02
PO Vincent Rock	12-17-2012	02
PO Aaron Simmons	12-17-2012	02
PO David Vincent	03-25-2013	01
PO Paul Hutchinson	06-19-2013	01
PO Christopher Meyers	08-25-2014	<01
PO Joshua Ready	08-25-2014	<01
PO Rashad Castaneda	12-22-2014	<01
CSO Charlie Yocum	03-04-2009	05
CSO Jamie Brokaw	10-05-2009	05
Lisa Aldrich-Jacobs	12-17-1991	23
Karen Gibson	11-11-1993	21
Ronda Brumbaugh	07-12-1999	15

## Proudly Serving Since 1951

### Retired Members of the Merriam Police Department Serving 10 or More Years

			<i>Years of Service</i>
Chief Tim Burnett	January 1982	June 2014	32
Police Officer Larry Birt	March 1988	July 2012	24
Chief William Lietzke	December 1979	December 2011	32
Sergeant Dan Kellerman	January 1984	June 2011	27
Police Officer Charles Yocum	July 1977	February 2009	32
Sergeant Albert Jones	May 1983	December 2008	25
Sergeant Randy Davis	January 1981	February 2007	26
Chief Kenneth Sissom	January 1979	December 2005	26
Sergeant Robert Smith	June 1977	November 2002	25
Sergeant Winfield (Syd) Tubbs	August 1979	September 1997	18
Chief James Browning	November 1979	June 1992	12
Sergeant Jerry Bybee	October 1963	March 1992	29
Captain Gene Nicholson	June 1969	1984	23

### Chiefs of Police Through the Years

Chief Michael Daniels	2014 - Present	
Chief Tim Burnett	2012 - 2014	
Chief Bill Lietzke	2006 - 2011	
Chief Kenneth Sissom	1992 - 2005	<i>Currently Merriam's Mayor!</i>
Chief James Browning	1979 -1992	
Chief Donald Lemos	1977 -1979	
Chief Douglas M. Haynes	1966 -1977	
Chief Joseph "Mike" Donahue	1962 -1966	<i>1965 Chief's salary was \$650 per month!</i>
Chief Jack Dodson	1956 -1962	
Chief Jack R. Sherman	1955 -1956	
Chief Perry Sarver	1953 -1955	

For more detailed history please view our website:

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# MERRIAM POLICE



## MERRIAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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