

Department of Public Health and Safety

2012/2013 Report

Chris Sherer, Commissioner

As of January 1, 2014

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Commissioner's Introduction

For years, people have had a variety of questions about our Police Department and our Fire Department, and the City has not always been forthcoming in its responses. Therefore, in early 2012, I released a 2011 Report that outlined for the public what its Police Department and its Fire Department do on a regular basis. My 2011 Report included descriptions of common operations of the departments and their personnel in order to provide some context to the statistical information.

The statistical information provided in the 2011 Report was a product of the departments compiling information that had not previously been requested, so that the information could be provided to the residents of Hillsboro in a way that had previously not been done. This process has been ongoing since the 2011 Report was released.



With this 2012/2013 Report, I hope to build upon what I started and give the residents of Hillsboro more of the type of information that they have been requesting and a different look at the information that they had been getting. Thus, this report will omit descriptions of the departments' standard divisions and routine activities; readers are encouraged to review the 2011 Report for that information. However, the overall goal remains unchanged, and I hope that the information included in this 2012/2013 Report will enable each reader to reach his or her own conclusions regarding our use of public resources in these two departments.

Please join me in commending our Police Department and our Fire Department for the budgetary savings realized during the first part of our term. Using the last fiscal year of the past administration as a baseline, we have significantly reduced spending in both departments, freeing up more than \$900,000 in our General Fund for other City priorities.

Total General Fund Expenditures By Fiscal Year

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
POLICE	\$952,819	\$836,242	\$768,846	
FIRE	\$803,547	\$516,319	\$490,074	
TOTAL	\$1,756,366	\$1,352,561	1,258,920	
<i>Difference from 2010-11</i>		\$403,805	\$497,446	= \$901,251

Source: Patton & Company, P.C., "Annual Financial Report" (Apr. 30, 2013).

As you will see, these savings has been realized without compromising the public's safety and while maintaining the same level of responsive services to our citizens. As always, our two emergency response departments can be counted on to meet the challenges before them.

Chris Sherer
Commissioner of Public Health and Safety
(May 2011 to January 2014)

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ROSTER (as of January 1, 2014)

FIRE CHIEF

JOE LYERLA

ASSISTANT CHIEFS

DAN MEYER

JERRY GREGORY

CAPTAINS

TIM LIPE

KEN LOHMAN

ENGINEERS

VERNON DURBIN
DAMON LEISURE
RANDY SHIPMAN

CHARLIE GOAD
CRAIG STEED

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

KENT ZIMMERMAN
MIKE WHITTEN
DAVID BEAL
GEOFF TROST
CHRIS SHERER
WAYNE DOWALDER
CHRIS PAPIN
RUSTY KIRBY
JUSTIN GONZALEZ
JOHN POCKLINGTON
RYAN CIVITATE
JOEY HAPNER

LLOYD MEYER
BILL GONZALEZ
KEN MOORE
LARRY KEISER
ROBBIE SHIPMAN
ADAM JEFFERS
JAMES LYERLA
JEREMY SCHMIDT
CORY DAVIDSON
QUINN LIPE
DANE BONDURANT
KEEGAN LOHMAN

INVESTIGATIONS/TRAFFIC

RICHARD HEWITT

TRAFFIC CONTROL

TERRY GUTHRIE

CHAPLAIN

RALPH WARD

ON MILITARY LEAVE

NICK GARMAN

I. HISTORIC OVERVIEW

The year 2013 marked the 125th Anniversary of the Hillsboro Fire Department. Our Fire Department's history was well documented during its 100th Anniversary celebration in 1988. Some of the articles written then are reprinted here. 25 years later, our volunteers are still persons who have made the conscious choice to join with their neighbors and make a difference in our community... day after day, month after month, and year after year.

The first article reprinted here was written by Bob Bliss, the long-time editor of the *Montgomery County News* (and a long-time former volunteer firefighter himself).

A century ago, the first Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department, known as the Fire Company, was organized with a membership role of 29. The first fire chief was R.E. Henshie.

Observance of the organization's centennial is planned by today's volunteer firemen for a two-day public event, Sept. 10 and 11.

Origin of the Fire Company was recorded in an old minutes book found among records at the city hall by City Clerk Jim Hart. The record spans meetings of Fire Company members from the first, on Oct. 15, 1888, through 1895. The latter year was the time when the Hillsboro Company became affiliated with Illinois Firemen's Association.

The first 65 years of Hillsboro's existence had no organized firefighters, so that neighborhood bucket brigades provided the only deterrent to household and business area fires.

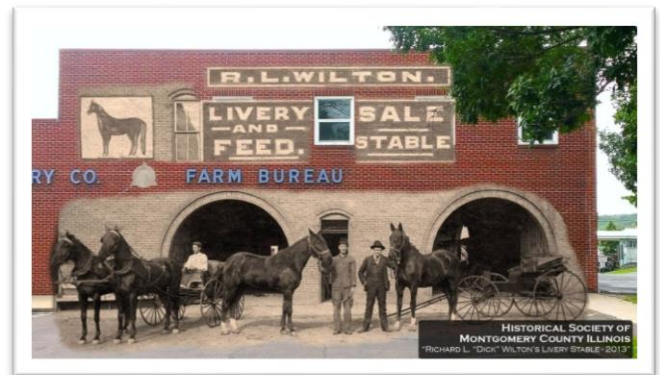
After the Fire Company was organized, an early fire wagon pulled by two horses was ready to roll from Dick Wilton's livery stable situated at the northwest corner of Courthouse Square. This brick structure was subsequently renovated into the present-day Farm Bureau building.

In the minutes record of the organization meeting, the Fire Company had petitioned the municipal council for four rubber coats

and firemen's helmets. Also requested were two trumpets, a hook and ladder wagon, and a fire bell. The bell was the forerunner of today's siren.

My own memory span excels 70 percent of a century, and I well remember many of the Fire Company personnel. Names recorded in the minutes book of the roll of volunteers included: A.M. Clotfelter, J.E. Hillis, Frank Brown, J.J. Frey, H.W. Ferguson, William Smith, J.E. Clotfelter, Emmet Hughes, Walter Potter, Sam Armstrong, A.W.B. Harris, Warrick Edwards, C.G. Brown, Charlie Ralston, Ed Haag, H.A. VanDoren, Emmet Johnson, W.B. White, O.L. Lewis, J.E.Y. Rice, James Gilmore, Ed Stillwagon, Asa Anderson, Wallace Frarer, Jess Seward and Frank Hossman.

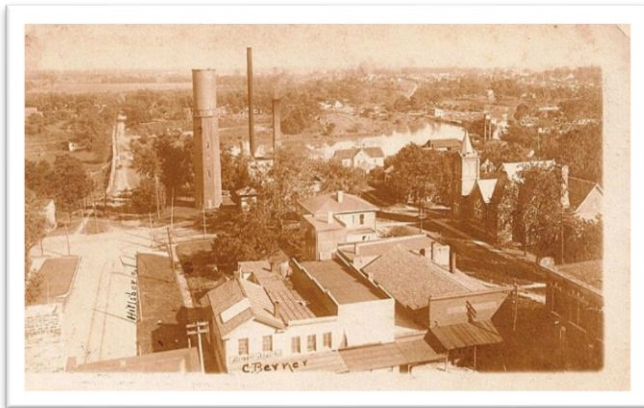
When I was in grade school at Winhold, a block north of Courthouse Square, one of my favorite haunts was the Wilton Livery Stable. There the fire wagon stood inside



the north door with the firehorses' harness suspended from the ceiling, ready to be dropped for fast harnessing of the two steeds which came trotting up a ramp from basement stalls.

With the fire bell clanging, the team galloped at break-neck speed toward fire sites. Two-wheeled hose carts pulled by fleet-footed volunteers were no match in following the galloping horses.

What sparked the organization of the Fire Company was the 1888 erection of a water tower, near the site of the present-day fire station, a pumphouse which provided water from the lake in today's Central Park, and new water mains to hydrants. This provided pressure on fire hoses laid from the hook and ladder wagon and the two-wheeled hose carts.



Little was changed until 1913 when the city installed a steam-powered fire siren at the electric power plant, north of the Seward Street lake dam. The fire siren blast signaled which one of the four city wards was the fire scene. Volunteers and other phone subscribers could listen as the telephone operator solemnly repeated over and over, "the fire is at" giving the location of the fire scene.

Seven years later the horse-drawn fire wagon was retired when a bright red American LaFrance fire truck, purchased by the city for \$9,000, was unloaded from a

railroad flat car at the freight depot north of Tremont Street.

I personally experienced this important and exciting event by happenstance. I was with Granddad Bliss enroute to the farm when we came upon the unloading scene.

I remember Charley McHenry, the fire chief, Frank Helston, Fred Adkisson and others of the volunteers gingerly removing the wheel blocks and tethering strips securing the solid-rubber-tired shiny red pumper from the rail car.

It was driven to town and housed in McDavid's Garage on the south side of Wood Street, on the location of a parking area between Illinois Power Co. office and the former city hall.

The sales and mechanical staffs at McDavid Garage were the principal drivers of both the pumper truck and a later acquired 1926 Dodge truck equipped with chemicals to fight fuel and electrical fires.

Often serving as fire truck drivers were K.Y. Whitting, a taxi operator, and Charles "Tinner" Adkisson, a garage employee. When the city hall was rebuilt in 1936, a two-truck port housed the fire equipment and sleeping quarters for the first salaried city firemen.

The first three, if memory is served, were Tinner Adkisson and E.L. Corbin, with Morris Weathers as swing engineer. Each was on 24-hour shifts with the next 24 hours off in a six-day week.

The two-port city hall site continued in use until 1968 when the present fire station was built. Today's department includes five salaried employees, 34 volunteers, three pumpers, a tanker truck, ladder truck, rescue squad and underwater rescue team van.

My memory of former fire chiefs goes back to Charley McHenry, Charley Hall,

Bob Rush, Ed Tobias, Bob Clearwater and the present chief, Richard Hewitt.

My own experience as a volunteer fireman began in 1930 or 1931 when a blaze leveled Reghi Hall at the corner of School and Anna Streets. Louis "Oofie" Simonin and I manned a hose with such skill that Fire Chief Charley Hall enlisted the two of us to join the volunteers. This went on until "retirement age" was reached in 1969.

Major fires I remember include my family's homestead on Hickory Street in 1922; the Bartlett garage, now part of the Farm Bureau building site; the American Pants Factory, now site of Carol Roberts' ladies apparel store; the Rosenfeld and Swingle drug stores, now Dollar General building; Dorsey Lumber Yard, site of Western Auto; Seltzer Store, a frame building north of the present Sears Catalog Store; William Henry Miller's explosion; the National Guard armory hall, the western two-thirds of the Kinkead building north of The News building; St. Agnes Church, on North Broad Street; the Lingle Motors garage building; the Hewitt-Ware warehouse on School Street, near the railroad depot; and Hillsboro High School.

And time has erased from my memory scores and scores of residential and farm blazes that Hillsboro volunteers have fought in service to their community.



A horse-drawn fire wagon utilized by Hillsboro volunteer firemen for 32 years was retired in 1920 when the first motorized pumper truck (left), an American LaFrance equipped with solid rubber tires, was acquired by the city for \$9,000.

A second truck, a 1926 Dodge equipped with chemicals to fight fuel and electrical fires, was added to the volunteers' fire fighting equipment. This truck was equipped with both hooks and ladders.

Stored at McDavid garage next to city hall on East Wood Street, the vehicles were pictured with, from the left, K.Y. Whitting, a taxicab operator, Charles McHenry, fire chief and Hillsboro postmaster; Charles "Tinner" Adkisson and Frank "Chips" Helston, both employees of McDavid Motor Car Co.

The American LaFrance unit had a water-filled booster truck for small fires, and the long hoses pictured on the sides were used to drop into wells, cisterns and ponds to provide water for line hoses used to quell blazes.

Directly in front of Fire Chief McHenry, beside a spotlight, was a hand-cranked siren to clear the way for the speeding fire truck, as it raced to fire scenes.

Source: Bob Bliss, "Fire Company to HVFD, 100 years", THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS (Sept. 8, 1988).



1929: Pants went up in smoke

Do you remember when a mid-morning blaze destroyed the American Pants Factory in the old Penwell & Klar building on Main Street and damaged the office of the Illinois Power & Light Corporation southeast of the courthouse?

Your memory goes back to January 22, 1929, if you recall when hundreds of pairs of men's pants went up in smoke while Hillsboro and Litchfield firemen fought a raging fire to keep it from spreading to C.R. Nail's narrow-gauge store next door and other nearby buildings.

Pictured are firemen fighting the blaze from Main Street and the back of the building after part of it toppled over onto Berry Street.

Ten employees of the utility and nearly 70 girls and other employees of the pants factory had evacuated the building before firemen began to fight the blaze.

The pants factory had been in operation for only ten months and was turning out 2,400 pairs of men's dress pants weekly when everything in the building was destroyed.

Source: Tom Bliss, "1929: Pants went up in smoke", THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS (Mar. 10, 1977).



1950's



1970's



1990's

The Hillsboro Journal provided this report in 1988:

One hundred years ago 29 community-minded men met and organized what was then titled the Fire Company, forerunner of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department.

A local historian reports that the decision to form the Fire Company was based on the building of a water tower, a pump house, and new water mains to hydrants. These new water works provided the pressure needed by the hoses on the hook and ladder wagon, and the hose carts.

Before that time, neighborhood bucket brigades were the only method Hillsboro had for fighting fires. Soon after the Fire Company was formed, they acquired a horse-drawn fire wagon, which was housed in Dick Wilton's livery – on the northwest corner of Courthouse square. The Fire Company also requested the city council furnish them with some equipment, including, rubber coats, helmets, a hook and ladder wagon, and a fire bell.

An old newspaper clipping from a long-time Hillsboro resident gives question to the actual beginning of the Hillsboro Fire Department.

“The Hillsboro Fire Department dates back to 1871 when the city fathers appointed a ‘flu and fire inspector.’ It was a small start—but was a beginning.”

“A Hillsboro ‘ordinance committee’ also was appointed to prepare a fire and water ordinance. Another committee was set up to investigate the cost of building a city water works.”

“An early ordinance outlining the powers of a city fire marshal said that any weekday between the rising and setting of the sun within the fire limits of said city he can enter any house, building, etc., for the purpose of examining and fireplaces, chimney, flu, stove

pipe, boiler or any other fixture for generating heat.”

“City records of 1871 and 1874 showed several frame buildings being found in violation of the fire code.”

“Plans for a fire department engine house were approved on March 5, 1888. Two weeks later a site was purchased for only \$40.”

“Hillsboro historians who prefer to be perfectly accurate say the Hillsboro Fire Department was born on July 10, 1888. That was the day the first fire company was formed. Alex Algood was named chief and G.H. Clotfelter was appointed his first assistant. Mr. Algood, however, resigned 15 days later and R.E. Henshie was named to take his place.”

“The fire department, as presently constituted (the clipping concluded), was organized in 1931. The oldest active members are Chief Robert Rush and Fenwick Nelson. The members are Chief Robert Rush and Fenwick Nelson. The department was formed following the disastrous St. Agnes Fire in 1930.”



According to antiquated documents found recently by the fire department, the exact date of formation is July 2, 1888, not July 10. On that date the Mayor of

Hillsboro, S.A. McLean, signed into being Ordinance # 45, a 15 section document that brought the Hillsboro fire department to life. It specified, among other things, that members must be 21, unless, at 18, they had written permission from their parents; it placed a membership limit of 25 (now, 35); and stated that the Fire Company must meet once a month and hold a public drill once a year.

The hand-written minutes of the early meetings, found by Fred Lyerla, make difficult but interesting reading.

The first minutes, in late 1888, show Chief Henshie calling the meeting to order. Later notes, from May, 1889, state he was renominated.

The minutes have several years missing, and by March of 1893, Amos Clotfelter was chief.

The June 29, 1894 minutes show 16 present, and 9 absent, and recorded the decision not to travel to Pana and join their 4th of July celebration.

The motion was made and carried in the March, 1895 meeting to join the Illinois Fireman's Association, and in a later meeting they voted to send the annual dues - \$2.



The original charter, accepting the HVFD into the Ill. Fireman's Assoc. will be on display in the Fire Station this weekend during Open House.

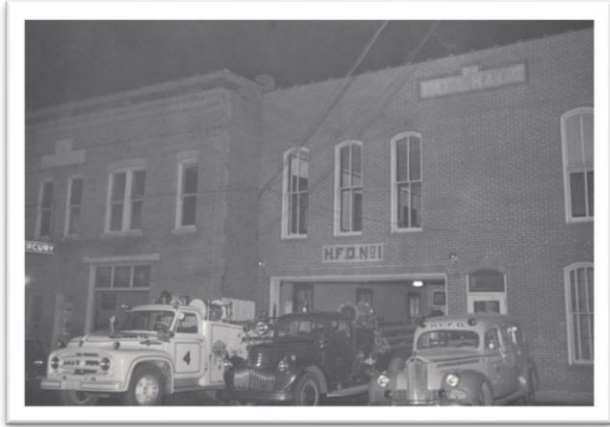
The city upgraded its fire protection service in 1913, when a steam-powered fire siren was installed at the power plant. The blasts from the siren signaled which of the four city wards was the fire scene. The telephone operator would announce the exact location of the fire.

1920 brought a major change for the fire department. The city retired its horse-drawn fire wagon, and purchased, for \$9,000, a bright red LaFrance Fire truck. McDavid's Garage, on Wood street, became home to the equipment, and McDavid's sale and mechanical staff were its main drivers.

A 1926 Dodge truck, equipped to handle chemical and electrical fires, was later added to the fire department.

Both trucks were housed a City Hall when it was rebuilt in 1936, along with the other fire equipment, and sleeping quarters for the first salaried fire men. These three men worked 24 hour shifts, with the next 24 hours off.





The fire department moved out of City Hall in 1968 when the present fire station was built, on the corner of Broad and Seward streets. Recently, the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department renovated the brick building on Mill Street and opened Fire Station #2.

The H.V.F.D., one hundred years later, consists of 34 volunteers, 5 salaried employees, three pumpers and one tanker truck, a ladder truck, and a van used by the rescue team and the underwater rescue team.

Today's fire department is involved in not only fighting fires, but in helping the community in other ways. Since the 1960's, the underwater rescue team and rescue squad have been providing a highly specialized service, often risking their own health in attempts to aid others.

Mayor Bernard Rappe will be joining the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department in their celebration this weekend.

During the banquet Saturday evening, the Mayor will address the crowd, speaking on the history of the H.V.F.D.

Rappe called the HVFD a very unique group of men, adding it would be impossible to research and place a value on the property and lives saved by these men.

"It has to do with inner pride," he said, "Devotion and dedication not only to the city of Hillsboro but the rural people as well."

Mayor Rappe complimented the HVFD, saying they are not only well-trained firemen, but are also trained in CPR, and many are part of either the rescue squad or the underwater rescue team. He stated they never fail to do any other things he or the city asks of them.

"It gives me a warm and satisfying feeling to know they are there."

City Commissioner Bruce Holcomb, who oversees the operations of both the police and firemen in Hillsboro, admits he was never a fireman, but adds that since being appointed in 1982, he has learned to appreciate the tremendous job the HVFD does.

He explains that in the six years he has been associated with the HVFD, there has been a considerable upgrading of materials and equipment. The HVFD has saved the city much money by purchasing some of the equipment, like the hook and ladder truck, with their own money, earned through fundraisers. Holcomb credits the HVFD's many advances and improvements to Chief Richard Hewitt.

HVFD Chief Richard Hewitt has been a fireman for 24 years. He was a captain for approximately eight years and will mark his sixth year as chief in December.

Hewitt says it is a very rewarding job, and that the community has been very good to him and he wants to pay it back.

He is very proud of his men, and said they are a very well trained. The firemen receive regular in-house training, and take courses from the U. of I. Fire Extension Service, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Circa 1988: (L-R) Assistant Chief Denver Meyer; Chief Richard Hewitt; Assistant Chief John Downs; Captain Joe Lyerla

Christmas-time in Hillsboro is brighter because of the efforts of the volunteers, too. The HVFD decorates, with a lighted tree and large greeting card, the triangle park area between Main and Vandalia Streets. In addition, with the help of grade school children who collect canned goods, the HVFD packages and distributes a large number of food baskets to residents who might otherwise have little reason to celebrate Christmas.

The volunteers are very visible during Fire Prevention week, giving talks, as well as coloring books and little fire helmets, to school children.

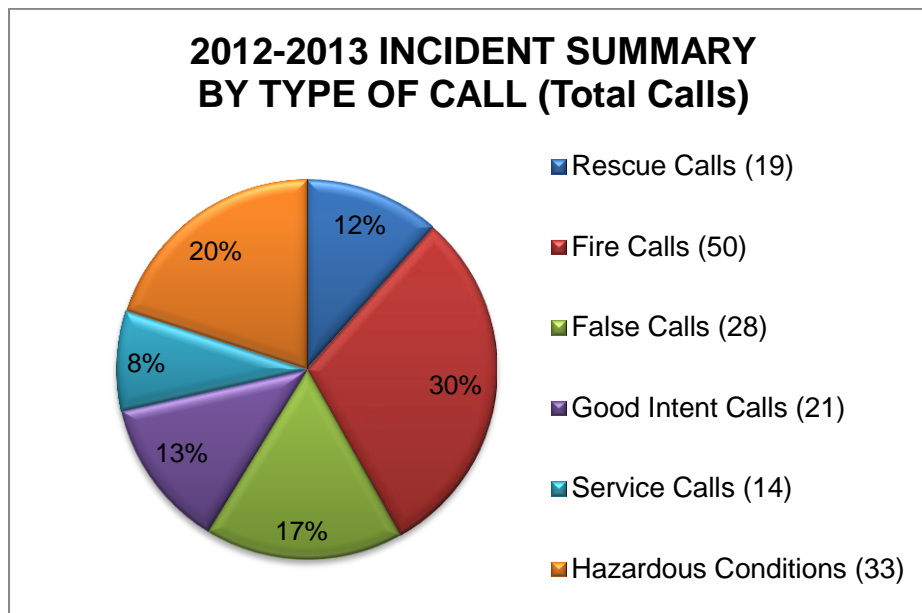
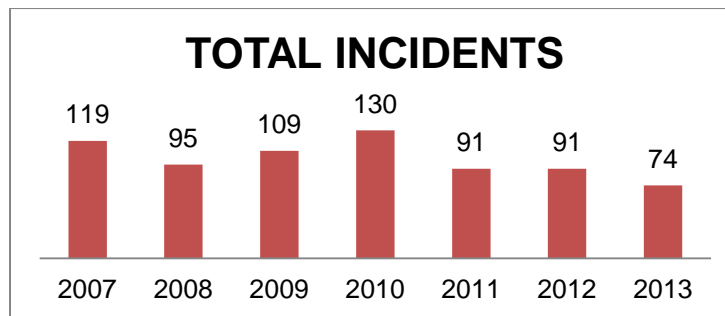
Fred Lyerla, nine year member and third generation fireman, explained that the volunteer firemen receive only \$5. for each response, regardless of the number of hours, or even days, they are at the job; or in the inclemency of weather.

The public is invited to join the proud members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department in their celebration this weekend of one hundred years of a job well done.

Source: Patt Miles, "H.V.F.D. Celebrates 100 Years", THE HILLSBORO JOURNAL (Sept. 8, 1988).

II. STATISTICAL DATA

In 2012, the Fire Department responded to a total of 91 calls (as it did in 2011, interestingly enough). Last year, in 2013, the Fire Department responded to 74, the lowest number of calls that it has in a number of years, which is hopefully a reflection of the Department's fire prevention programs. The incidents for both years are summarized in the charts that follow. They include the extinguishment of fires, extrication of victims at vehicular accidents, searches for persons in water, and various other emergency services and public services.



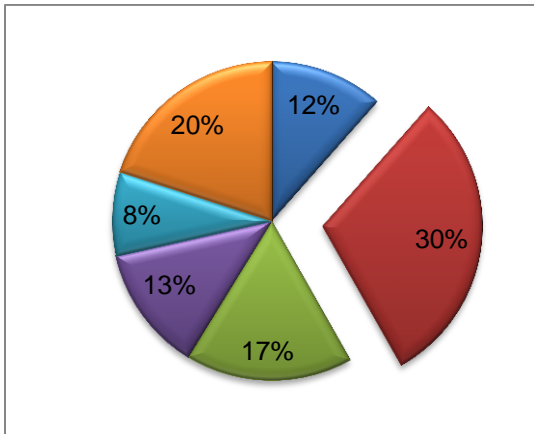
Examples:

False Call – fire alarms, medical alarms (malfunction or unintentional)

Good Intent – vehicular accident without extrication needed, smoke investigations, controlled burns

Service Call – carbon monoxide alarms malfunctioning, smoke detectors sounding without a fire, animal rescues

A. Fire Calls (30%)



Engine 604
2004 KME pumper

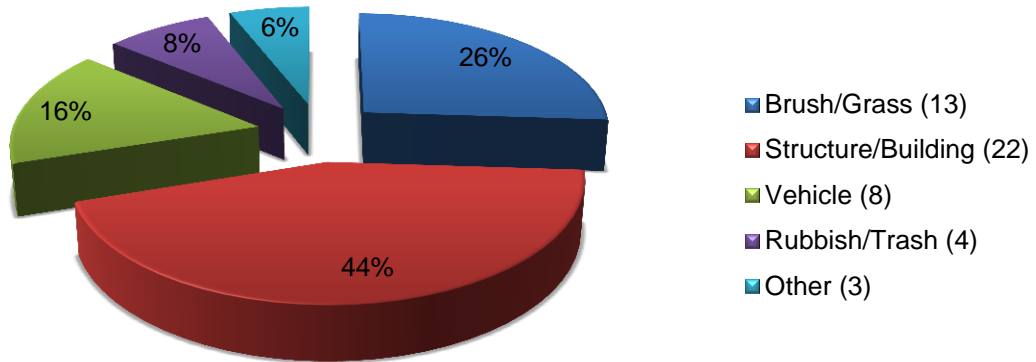


Tanker 603
2009 Freightliner

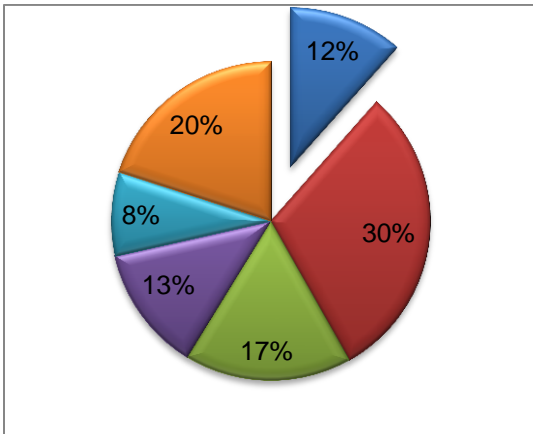


Truck 609
1989 Simon Duplex LTi

Fire Calls (2012-2013)



B. Rescue Calls (12%)



Rescue 610
2000 Kenworth Heavy Rescue

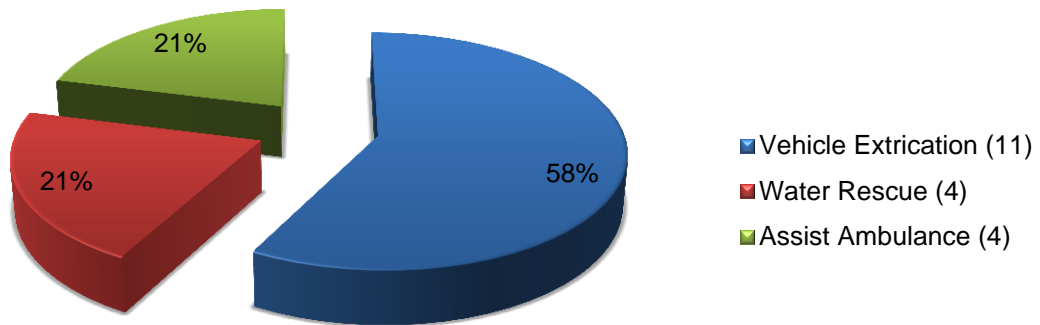


Engine 601
2004 KME pumper

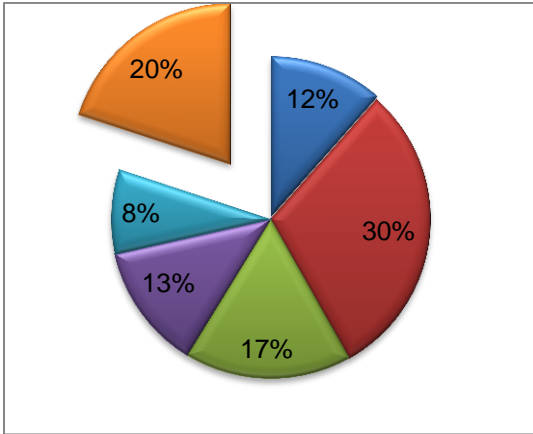


Squad 606
1996 International

Rescue Calls



C. Hazardous Conditions (20%)



Engine 607
2003 Chevrolet 3500 HD

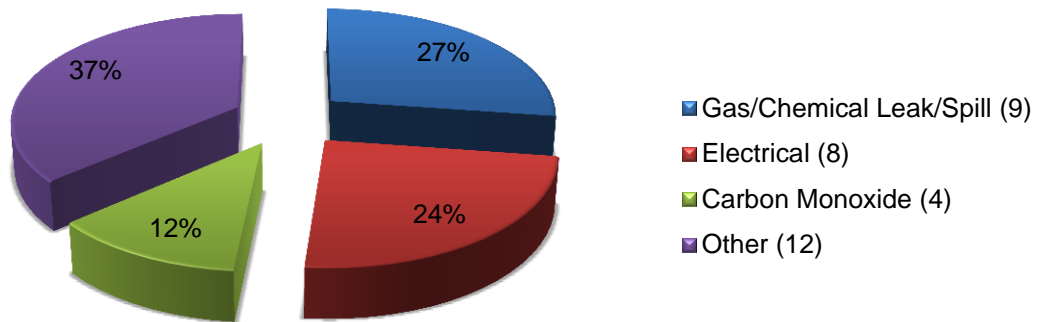


Command 600
1997 Chevrolet Suburban

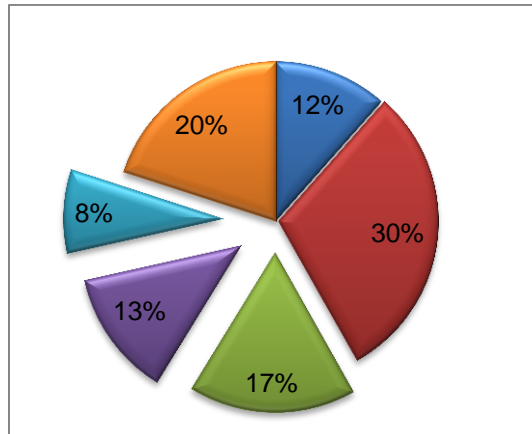


Unit 611
Kubota RTV

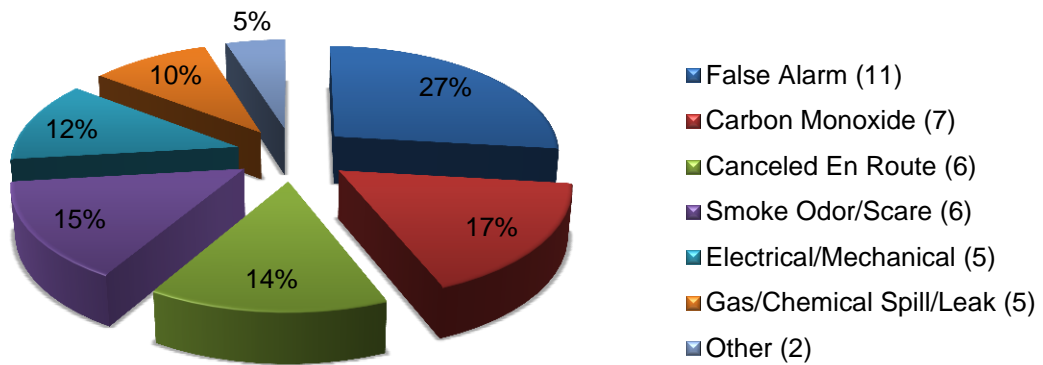
Hazardous Conditions



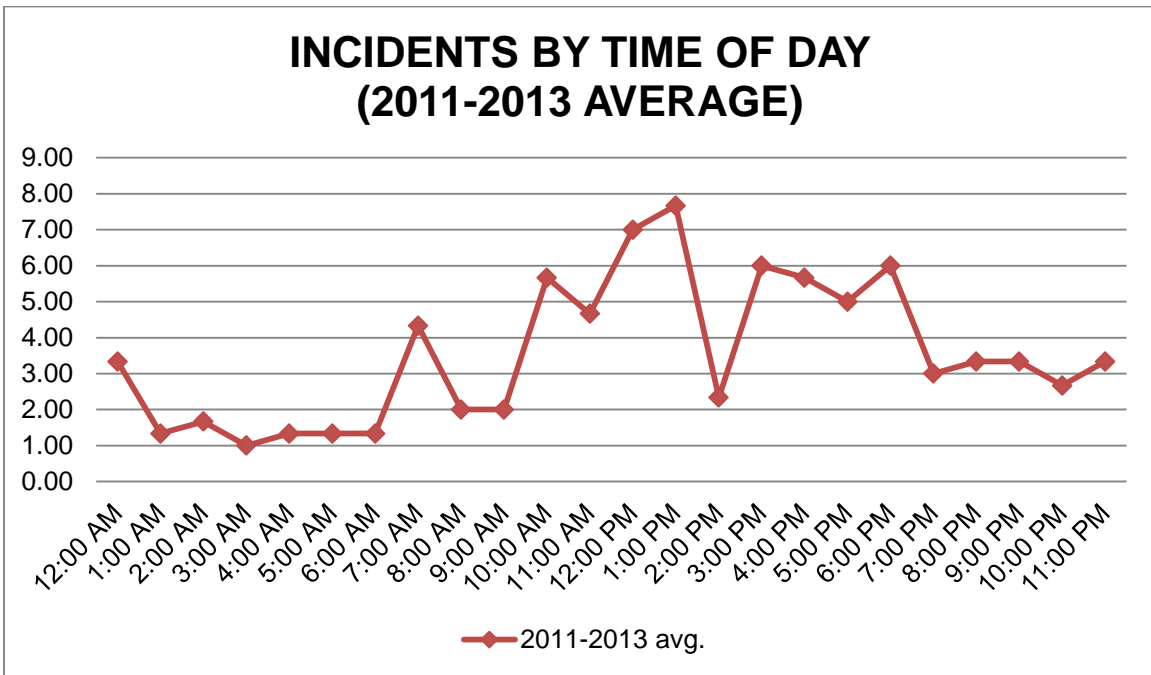
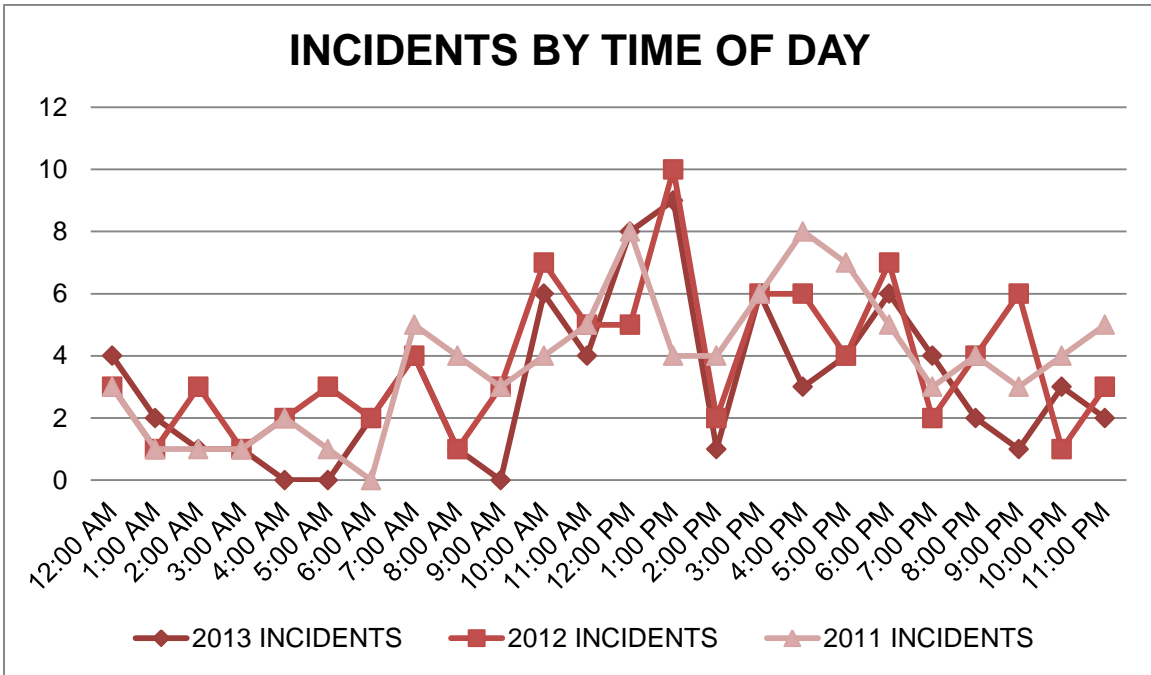
D. False Calls, Good Intent Calls, and Service Calls (38%)



FALSE CALLS, GOOD INTENT CALLS, AND SERVICE CALLS (2013 ONLY)

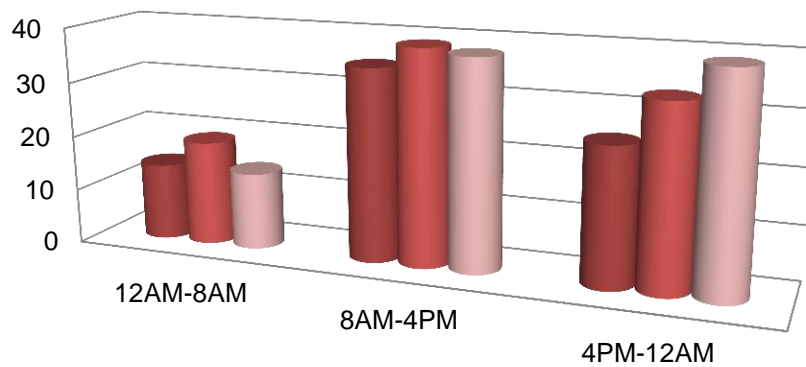


E. Timing of Calls



	<u>2013 INCIDENTS</u>	<u>2012 INCIDENTS</u>	<u>2011 INCIDENTS</u>
12:00 AM	4	3	3
1:00 AM	2	1	1
2:00 AM	1	3	1
3:00 AM	1	1	1
4:00 AM	0	2	2
5:00 AM	0	3	1
6:00 AM	2	2	0
7:00 AM	4	4	5
8:00 AM	1	1	4
9:00 AM	0	3	3
10:00 AM	6	7	4
11:00 AM	4	5	5
12:00 PM	8	5	8
1:00 PM	9	10	4
2:00 PM	1	2	4
3:00 PM	6	6	6
4:00 PM	3	6	8
5:00 PM	4	4	7
6:00 PM	6	7	5
7:00 PM	4	2	3
8:00 PM	2	4	4
9:00 PM	1	6	3
10:00 PM	3	1	4
11:00 PM	2	3	5

INCIDENTS BY SHIFT



	12AM-8AM	8AM-4PM	4PM-12AM
■ 2013 INCIDENTS	14	35	25
■ 2012 INCIDENTS	19	39	33
■ 2011 INCIDENTS	14	38	39

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ROSTER (as of January 1, 2014)

CHIEF OF POLICE

GARY SATTERLEE

PATROLMEN

KELLY BREWER

FRANK KENNY

TIM SHELDON

RANDY LEETHAM

TIM HOPPER

JOHN STRETCH

PART-TIME OFFICER

JOHN BOOHER

K-9s

CHINDO

RICO

AUXILIARY

JEFF KNODLE, Chief

ROBBIE SHIPMAN, Assistant Chief

MIKE LEE, Captain

DAMON LEISURE

DAVE BEAL

BOB EVERETT

HEATHER MEHLBERG

JOSH LAURENT

AARON WILCOX

MARTIN LARGE

KAT LIVINGSTONE



I. OVERVIEW

The Hillsboro Police Department's roster consists of seven sworn full-time police officers, one part-time police officer, an auxiliary police unit, and two K9 units. The Police Department's full-time officers are scheduled to ensure the assignment of one or more police officers on duty at all times, in order to provide 24-hour coverage to Hillsboro residents 7 days a week, 365 days per year. It is my strong recommendation that additional part-time police officers be added to our roster.

II. FLEET INFORMATION

The Hillsboro Police Department has multiple marked and unmarked vehicles in our fleet, including two marked K9 patrol vehicles. The fleet includes a 2007 Dodge Charger, a 2007 Ford Expedition (K9 vehicle), a 2007 Dodge Ram 1500, a 2010 Dodge Charger, a 2010 Ford Expedition (K9 vehicle), a 2010 Dodge Ram 1500, and a 2010 Ford F150.

Instead of a pool of cars used by all officers, each officer has been assigned a vehicle. The practice of allowing each officer to take his assigned vehicle home has been followed for several years.

After overcoming the initial start-up costs for the take home cars, the City has replaced half of the fleet every three years, after vehicles have been in service for six years. The most recent purchases were made in 2010. The next purchases in this rotation were scheduled to occur in 2013 and were skipped for a variety of reasons.

The Police Department also has a 2002 Dodge Intrepid, a 2004 Ford Explorer, and a 2007 Dodge Charger (100,000+ miles) in reserve, which

may be used by the auxiliary police or by one of the full-time officers while his assigned vehicle is being repaired. These vehicles were placed into reserve after previously being used as patrol vehicles.

At this time, I urge the City Council to resume the fleet rotation practice in 2014 (FY2014-2015) by replacing the three 2007 model vehicles.

Approximate Mileage (December 2013)

2007 Dodge Charger – 38,217

2007 Ford Expedition – 81,805

2007 Dodge Ram 1500 – 80,849

Some or all of the reserve vehicles may be replaced by the three 2007 vehicles and sold as surplus property.

III. CRIME RATE

Pursuant to state law, each local law enforcement agency is required to report certain crimes and other information to the Illinois State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Program Unit.

The following tables show the Crime Rate for Hillsboro in comparison to other nearby municipalities and other Montgomery County municipalities. These rates are available on the Illinois State Police's web site. The most recent statistics are for 2010 & 2011, which are available for download at: https://www.isp.state.il.us/docs/cii/cii11/cii11_SectionI_Pg11_to_194.pdf

The rates/statistics for 2012 & 2013 have not yet been officially released. See <https://www.isp.state.il.us/crime/ucrhome.cfm#anlrpts>

CRIME RATE COMPARISONS (per 100,000)

Municipality	2008	2009	2010	2011
Carlinville	1,412.0	1,526.3	3,220.8	3,807.9
Greenville	2,163.9	2,127.7	1,769.7	1,054.0
Hillsboro	1,229.6	859.8	1,113.5	1,381.3
Pana	2,286.1	2,168.6	2,080.7	2,152.4
Shelbyville	1,191.8	1,064.1	1,794.7	*
Staunton	1,594.4	2,237.8	2,308.5	2,310.2
Vandalia	3,434.0	3,195.7	3,063.2	1,897.2

Montgomery County	2008	2009	2010	2011
Hillsboro	1,229.6	859.8	1,113.5	1,381.3
Irving	2,910.6	2,296.5	1,709.4	1,209.7
Litchfield	4,206.1	3,776.1	3,856.8	3,965.5
Nokomis	2,683.2	2,611.8	2,737.2	2,872.3
Montgomery Co. Sheriff	2,328.6	1,967.2	2,154.7	1,888.1

HILLSBORO CRIME RATE COMPARISONS

Rate (% Change)

2006	2007	2008	2009
2,130.1	829.7 (-61.0%)	1,229.6 (+48.2%)	859.8 (-30.1%)

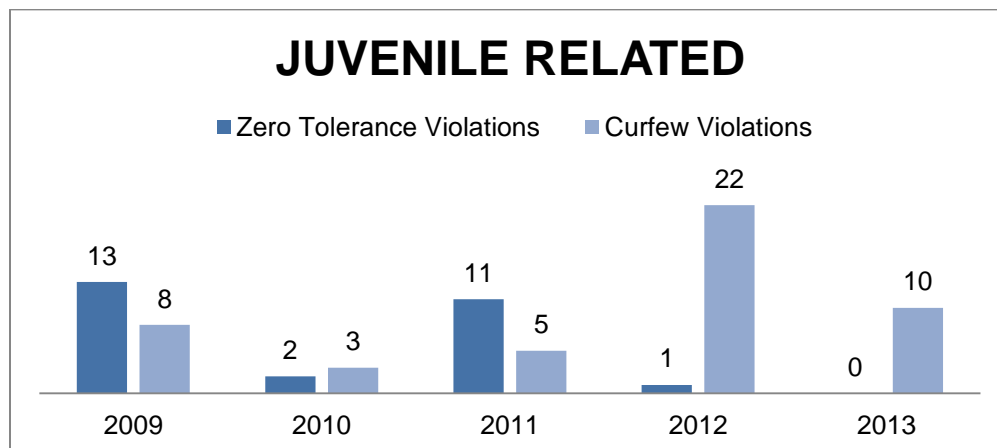
2010	2011
1,113.5 (-29.5%)	1,381.3 (+24.1%)

IV. STATISTICAL DATA

The statistics included in this report are based on data, and all data contains some inconsistencies and inaccuracies. The inherent potential for inaccuracies is particularly true here, where much of the data had never been requested of the Police Department before 2011. The process of compiling the data included in this 2012/2013 Report is the product of continued efforts to gather detailed information regarding the Department's ongoing activities. As readers may notice below, some efforts have proven to be more successful than others. I will be happy to revise or supplement this report with any additional or corrected information.

PUBLIC SERVICES 2011-2013

	2011	2012	2013
Alarms	45	95	140
Animal complaint	15	182	182
Assist other agency	48	223	364
Backup/Assist officer in need	176	76	43
Building checks	1,926	2,294	898
City ordinance enforcement	165	329	275
Escorts – bank	17	34	16
Escorts – funeral	20	22	17
Foot patrol	163	133	48
Keys locked in car	52	91	116
Missing person	12	5	12
Motorist assistance/stalled vehicle	3	70	72
Ordinance abatement notices	53	93	154
Truck ordinance enforcement stops	73	23	25



TRAFFIC

Citation	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
# of racial profiling entries	584	454	600	---	689
Alcohol- minor in possession	73	33	37	22	12
Alcohol- illegal transport.	51	6	13	12	10
Child restraint/seat belt	35	22	20	1	1
Disobey traffic control device	38	47	71	13	9
Driver license violations	68	44	50	39	41
DUI over .08 BAC	34	14	12	15	18
DUI other (includes Zero Tolerance)	--	--	30	2	1
Equipment violations	31	20	16	10	13
Failure to yield	4	6	2	1	3
Failure to report accident	9	2	5	2	0
Hit & run	2	2	1	0	0
Improper lane usage	42	15	26	12	27
Leaving scene of accident	2	3	6	2	4
Operating uninsured vehicle	109	77	120	78	87
Pass school bus	5	3	6	0	0
Reckless driving	7	4	6	4	7
Speeding- radar	199	164	188	48	146
Speeding- too fast for conditions/school/failure to reduce speed	6	6	5	10	7
Turning violations	13	11	8	5	5
Vehicle registration	76	87	130	18	23
Warnings (traffic)					
- Written	299	250	348	543	249
- Verbal	148	143	199	531	513

2013 Highest Accident Locations in City

South Main Street (Route 127) & School Street (Route 16) – 5

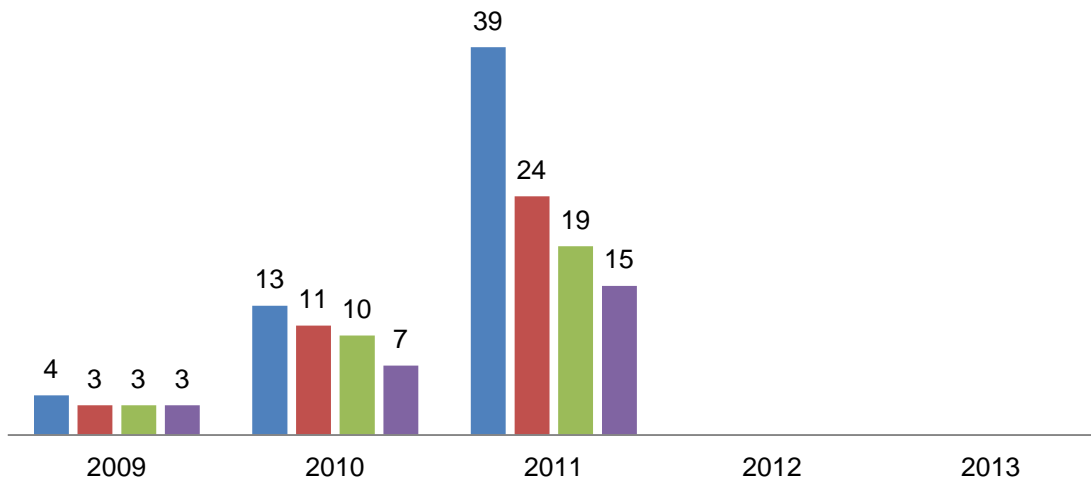
Rountree Street & School Street – 3

Wood Street & Hamilton Street – 3

Statistics from the Illinois Department of Transportation indicate that the busiest section of Main Street (Route 127) is just south of School Street (Route 16) and experiences an average daily total traffic count of 12,300 motor vehicles. The section of Main Street (Route 127) north of School Street (Route 16) experiences an average daily total traffic count of 11,500 motor vehicles, and the section of School Street (Route 16) east of Main Street (Route 127) experiences an average daily total traffic count of 7,000 motor vehicles.

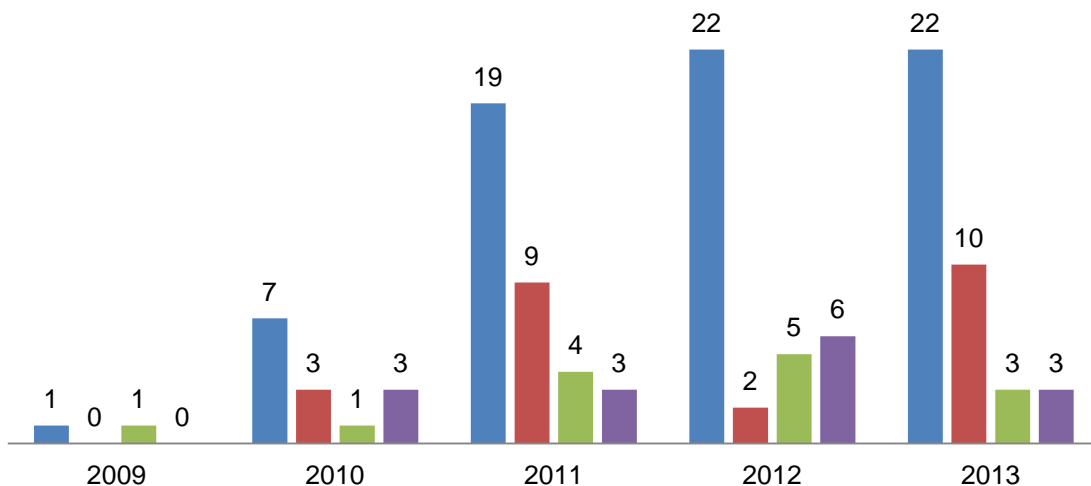
CANINE ACTIVITIES

■ Total Vehicle Sniffs
 ■ Alerts to Contraband
 ■ Contraband Discoveries
 ■ Contraband Arrests



K9 ASSISTANCE TO OTHER AGENCIES

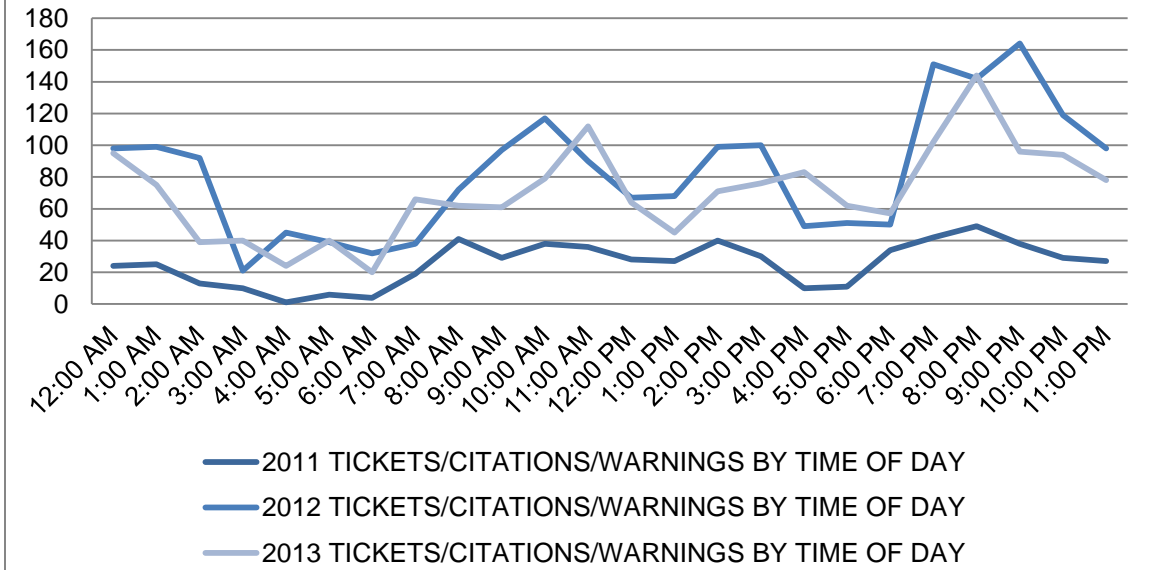
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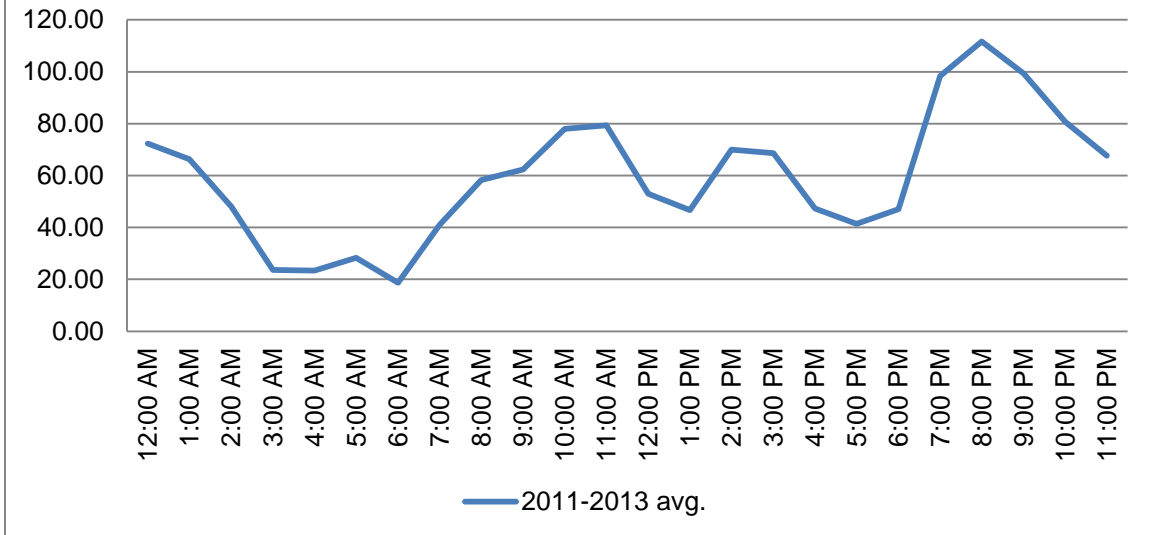
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Complaint	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Homicide/attempted	0	0	0	0	0
Suicide/attempted	0	0	0	2	1
Death (other)	-	-	-	6	4
Criminal sex. assault/ rape/sex offenses	3	8	12	11	18
Violation of registry laws	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	0	0	0	1	0
- Armed robbery	0	0	0	1	0
- Robbery from person ("mugging")	0	0	0	0	0
Battery	12	19	10	23	32
Battery- domestic	89	37	57	15	14
Battery- domestic dispatched	-	25	80	102	103
Assault- simple	1	1	0	3	2
Assault- aggravated	14	20	9	1	2
Stalking/harassment/ intimidation	5	7	11	0	1
Burglary/B&E	9	5	19	8	19
Theft (not retail)	30	41	50	42	23
Theft from motor vehicle	0	1	3	2	7
Motor vehicle theft	2	0	5	6	2
Retail theft/shoplifting	14	8	15	8	9
Arson	0	0	1	1	1
Criminal damage/ trespass/vandalism	42	64	66	51	41
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0
Controlled substances					
- Cannabis	33	18	31	24	21
- Methamphetamine	2	1	1	---	4
- Synthetic cannabis	---	---	5	5	3
- Cocaine/Heroin/Other	8	7	4	4	6
Paraphernalia	27	18	20	29	25
Disorderly conduct	100	103	84	29	35
Interfere with police officer	26	15	21	11	15

SELECTED ACTIVITIES BY TIME OF DAY



SELECTED ACTIVITIES BY TIME OF DAY (2011-2013 AVERAGE)



HILLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Average Monthly Activities By Officer (1/1/2012 to 11/30/13)

Summary of Activities	Satterlee	Brewer	Kenny	Sheldon	Davidson ¹	Leetham	Hopper	Stretch ²
Verbal Warnings	3.78	1.17	5.74	14.22	4.29	5.13	10.17	1.00
Written Warnings	1.65	1.43	1.22	18.35	2.59	2.61	5.87	0.18
Ordinance Violations	7.43	1.39	4.78	7.78	2.71	2.35	3.57	0.09
Abatement Notices	6.70	0.09	0.78	0.00	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Citations (Traffic)	2.09	0.59	1.39	10.00	4.47	3.65	4.17	0.18
State Citations (Criminal)	0.78	1.22	1.04	1.52	3.82	2.48	4.78	0.64
Warrant Arrests	0.13	0.09	0.22	0.52	0.35	0.48	0.48	0.18
Traffic Stops	5.70	1.91	5.26	29.22	11.18	8.70	20.13	2.64
Accident Investigations	1.09	0.83	0.87	0.48	0.47	0.39	0.43	0.09
Case Reports	3.87	3.52	3.87	5.17	7.29	3.22	6.87	1.36
Total Miles Logged	400.91	1,411.91	1,279.04	721.70	951.41	1,076.04	1,176.74	635.64
Hours Worked	190.63	178.66	171.49	176.87	164.57	180.99	185.44	170.21

¹ *Note: January 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013.*

² *Note: January 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012 and from May 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013.*

Conclusion

The intangible accomplishments of our emergency response agencies in the Department of Public Health and Safety are not as easy to quantify as the statistics that have typically been compiled from year to year during past City administrations. It is impossible to quantify emotions such as gratitude, pride, courage, sacrifice, and relief; yet, therein is the true value of what the Hillsboro Police Department and the Hillsboro Fire Department deliver and represent. These intangible accomplishments, although not statistically shown in this report, are of far greater importance than the impersonal data.

Faced with increasing expenses and decreasing revenues when the current City Council was seated in 2011, we have been even more vigilant about keeping costs under control and managing operations efficiently. With only a limited amount of funds available to provide police protection and fire protection, repair our streets and sidewalks, keep our parks and lakes clean and enjoyable, and otherwise maintain the baseline level of citywide services that the public expects, our obligation to work for the public's best interest has been all the more challenging during the first part of this term. I respectfully submit that the Police Department and the Fire Department rose to the occasion – as we can count on them to do in all situations – and met that challenge, as evidenced by both departments freeing up more than \$900,000 in our General Fund for other City priorities during the first part of this City Council's term.

Hillsboro citizens should be proud of the members of the Police Department and the Fire Department, as well as the level of services that they constantly provide and the professional level at which they provide them.

I hope that this 2012/2013 Report answers some of the questions that you might have about these two departments. If you should have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask me, Dennis McCammack (who became the Commissioner of Public Health and Safety in January 2014), Chief Satterlee, or Chief Lyerla in order to better understand the things that our departments do.

Thanks to Chief Gary Satterlee, Officer Tim Hopper, Chief Joe Lyerla, and Lead Engineer Vernon Durbin for their assistance in compiling information for the preparation of this report.