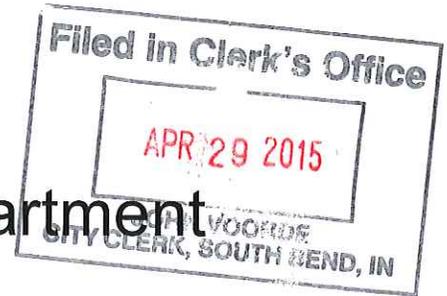


# South Bend Police Department 2014 Highlights



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2014 was a very busy year at the South Bend Police Department. The sworn and civilian staff were hard at work with investigations, community outreach and promoting general public safety. Headed by Chief Ronald Teachman, the department is comprised of three divisions: Patrol, Investigative and Services. Below is a listing of some new initiatives as well as an update on some long standing programs, tasks and units within the department.

- In an effort to bring together regional law enforcement resources for the purpose of sharing information and conducting unified crime analysis, the department initiated the *Crime Analysis Network*, or "CAN". This group meets weekly and is the central hub for the dissemination of intelligence and crime updates in a multi-jurisdictional format. CAN is a blend of both face to face networking/discussion and scientifically based crime analytics. It's success has been in the contributions from varied participants that includes:

The US Attorney's Office, St. Joseph County Prosecutor, DEA Task Force, ATF Task Force, US Marshals Task Force, FBI, Indiana State Police, Mishawaka Police, Elkhart Police, St. Joseph County Police, Indiana University Police, Notre Dame Police, Memorial Hospital Police, St. Joseph County Metro Homicide, St. Joseph County Special Victims Unit, St. Joseph County Narcotics Unit, Indiana Excise Police, US Probation, St. Joseph County Probation, St. Joseph County Juvenile Probation, St. Joseph County Corrections, South Bend Fire/EMS, St. Joseph County Adult Protective Services, Department of Child Services, South Bend Animal Control, South Bend Code Enforcement, South Bend Legal Department, DTSB, and various representatives from the South Bend PD, including our Patrol Division Chief, his 3 regional Captains, Crime Prevention, Chronic Nuisance Officer, and Street Crimes. Also, our Investigation Division Chief, his Captain, our Group Violence Intervention Operations Manager, the CrimeStoppers liaison, and members of the Major Crimes, Burglary and Robbery units.

The Crime Analysis Network has been so well received it has been attended by several criminal justice officials that have visited for purpose of creating such a network in their communities. In addition to being a model of criminal justice

information sharing, the program has also attracted the interest of crime analytics professionals, both practitioners as well as collegiate level researchers.

- ShotSpotter continued to be a very useful, reliable and highly accurate tool for law enforcement in 2014. With it's acoustic sensors listening for gunfire 24 hours a day in the three square mile zone, the technology alerted officers well in excess of 100 times last year. ShotSpotter directs officers to shots-fired scenes very quickly, where valuable evidence can be collected and suspects have less time to make a getaway. Statistics show that in certain areas, citizens may only call police in around 20% of shots-fired cases. Where ShotSpotter is deployed, virtually all open-air shooting results in officers being summoned. That additional reporting and the associated police presence lets innocent residents and armed criminals know that if a firearm is discharged the police *will* be arriving.
- The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) made a substantial re-investment into the SBPD by upgrading our *Integrated Ballistic Identification System* (IBIS) with the next generation of ballistic fingerprinting. A technology called Brasstrax-3D is being utilized to image, analyze and catalog ballistic evidence that can be linked to weapons and crimes, much in the same way fingerprints can be linked to people. A \$250K instrument, the Brasstrax-3D unit was installed and placed on-line in late 2014. Currently, two technicians are imaging and uploading data to the nationwide network. South Bend is the only city police department in the State of Indiana that has one of these units in-house for fast turnaround analysis of bullet and shell casings. The quarter million dollar unit and the \$70K yearly maintenance are all paid for by the ATF and is an example of the good work being performed by our forensic lab staff, in this case Ballistics Examiner Ray Wolfenbarger.
- In 2014, the SBPD made a sweeping change in the Communications Center, located within the department headquarters building. Working on a mandate to consolidate the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP), the South Bend police/fire Communications Center was re-modeled and began housing the SBPD, SBF, St. Joseph County Police and Fire communications personnel and their administrative staff. The South Bend staff would cease to be City employees as St. Joseph County Government would absorb the personnel on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Eventually destined to consolidate further in Eastern St. Joseph County, the current dispatch center will be kept as a back-up site.

Before being consolidated, the Communications Center handled >209,000 telephone calls, dispatched >89,000 police calls, >5,000 fire dispatches and >11,000 EMS dispatches in 2014.

## Uniform Patrol/Specialty Units

- The Uniform Patrol Division is the largest division of the department. It is commanded by Division Chief Scott Ruszkowski.
- In 2014, the Department moved from shift-based command and assignment of the Patrol Division to a region-based concept. This aligned command and assignment of the on-duty personnel to three regions of the City. Supervisors and members of the three shifts are now responsible for their geographic region and not just an eight hour block of time. The three patrol captains, Rynearson, Boykins and Young are now assigned to East, West and South Regions, respectively and concentrate specifically on the concerns in those areas of town. Both command and beat officers have an increased opportunity to meet and discuss issues with the neighbors specific to their region.
- Here are some statistics from Patrol's activity in 2014: Over 200,000 citizen contacts, 59,000+ calls for service, 1,800+ arrests. Only 88 Uses of Force resulting in 3 UOF complaints 2 complaints are closed either unfounded or exonerated. 82 officer injuries/exposures. 356.50 police hours (non-budgeted) for Protest related events. 263 Driving While Intoxicated arrests. Investigated 3,268 crashes (612 injury crashes, with 812 injured parties), 7 fatalities, and 1,290 hit/run crashes. 4,597 citations (does not include handwritten citations).
- **West Region** (Capt. Boykins): 1,200 extra work hours, focusing on thermograph areas indicating highest and most violent areas; Wednesday through Saturday. Combined O/T patrol with Street Crimes, MSOS and Armadillo. Attending all neighborhood meetings, focusing on Collaborative Policing. Continued Roving Roll calls, and continued school walk-through's and visits. 2015-continue neighborhood/school meetings, enhance the reading to students program, precision traffic enforcement and improve community relations.
- **South Region** (Capt. Young): Directive patrols based on thermograph areas, and precision traffic enforcement. An increase and 100% attendance at all neighborhood meetings-creative a positive collaborative policing bond. School walk-through and visits during school hours, and enhanced pre and post school presence, including strengthened interaction with School Resource Officers.

Several high-profile apprehensions were made: a male exposing himself to numerous school children (arrested), aggravated rape and battery suspect (arrested after extensive neighborhood search of vacant homes), home invasion with shots fired-3 suspected group/gang members were arrested on multiple felony counts, and an officer patrolling his beat observed a suspicious vehicle-finding two subjects overdosed on heroin. Due to officer's actions, one survived.

- **East Region/Downtown** (Capt. Rynearson): Precision and directive/enhanced patrols in thermograph areas (primarily burglary/robbery/theft). Traffic control and enforcement due to large college parties and gatherings at local bars and house parties. Many notable events, but one exemplary incident: 602 Notre Dame, double shooting, officers using a tourniquet saved suspect's life, aided other shooting [actual] victim, and located/detained other involved suspects.
- **SWAT Team:** standard bi-monthly training and additional inside specialty training. LAPD 3-day training for all team members, and survival school (new and veteran), post-basic, ALERRT, and other SWAT provided trainings due to majority of SWAT officers being instructors in various disciplines as well. Called out 19 times, 12 for high risk federal or state warrants, 6 for barricaded gunman and one for protests (this does not count specialty response for ND games).
- **K-9:** used on 334 occasions, ranging from missing persons to bomb detection. 70 criminal apprehensions resulted from use, and over 14 pounds of marijuana, 505.4 grams of cocaine and 1 gram of heroin (note: this does NOT include MSOS K-9). 34 school/civic/community organization demonstrations. All K-9 teams completed their yearly objective evaluation on 05/21/14.
- **Street Crimes:** 166 arrests, 232 citations, 13 search warrants, 18 guns recovered, 11 stolen vehicles recovered, 31 narcotics arrests, 6 prostitution arrests and 387 calls for service. This does not include Crime Stoppers tips, Street Crime Hotline tips. Arrested another 12 persons after: burglary, major crimes, MHU/ATF/FBI/DEA were unable to locate. Specialized patrols in shooting "zones"/SST areas. Provided added or enhanced security for downtown events, funerals, high school games, and assisted GVI audit, call-in's and selective enforcement and saturation.
- **Special Events/Traffic:** 173 events includes-parades, runs, walks, protests/gatherings, funeral escorts, equipment escorts and dignitary escorts. Does not include: downtown or regional O/T assignments.
- **Crime Prevention:** 18 security assessments to local businesses, and management of the *Nuisance Property Ordinance*, which handled disbursement of police activity reports to 45 apartment/complex owners/managers every two weeks, received 360 property complaints-142 of which immediately assigned to

watch list, sent 55 nuisance warning letters (all aforementioned by Off. Lane). 1,700 kids at Treat Night, 400 residents participated in National Night Out, processed 675 handgun license applications-completing criminal history checks on over 90% of these-averaging 56 applications per month. Responsible for 25 crossing guards. 38 members of VIP's (over 4,500 hours, saving our PD approx. \$97,000 in officer cost), 21 attendees at the Spring Citizens Police Academy and an average of 25-30 attendees at the monthly Regional Crime Meetings. Oversee HUD, TRIAD/CIT, Chaplain's, bicycle safety program, Crime Reports. HUD alone illicited 8,166 citizen contacts, 1,651 business contacts, 1,282 Code Enforcement referrals, 250 issued citations and 19 arrests.

Also managed by Crime Prevention was the outfitting and deployment of the Nuisance Abatement Vehicle, so named the "Armadillo". This vehicle, a specially outfitted and painted armored truck, is placed in the area of problem properties and not only utilizes surveillance cameras, but is very obvious in its presence. The opposite of "undercover" when the Armadillo is in the area, everyone knows about it.

- **Critical Incident Support Team (CIST):** Numerous one-on-one support (has grown since inception). Outside agencies have utilized our services, including New Carlisle (fallen firefighter), and the LaPorte County-wide Critical Incident team; who asked for our team to run a diffusing in order to see how one was accomplished. Our team has worked closely with adjoining agencies as well as *New Avenues*. Actual numbers are NOT provided due to privacy promise/oath.
- **Bomb Squad:** 671 logged training hours through (BATS/FBI/ATF), provided protective bomb sweeps for all ND games and commencement ceremony. All fireworks displays at Four-Winds stadium, and Sunburst Marathon. 8 incidents responded to. Now up to date on all FBI/ATF squad requirements. Interviewed for 2 open positions (awaiting H/R).
- **Rapid Response Team:** 1 call-out for protest response. Stand-by notification for several other potential responses, including threat of severe storms. Lead in Airport disaster drill. Bi-annual training.
- **Hostage Negotiations Team:** Numerous training days and schools. 5 HNT call-out's, all 5 successful resolution with no deaths or injuries. Joint training with SWAT.
- **Crime Scene Technicians:** Photographed/processed/documented/testified 878 crime scenes in 2014. 24 hours training a year, beyond state mandate training of 24 hours. Taught 2 regional classes. Drafted policy /protocol on firearms turn-in concerning Protective Orders. Shadow with MHU in call-out fashion. Inclusion in BrassTrax/IBIS. Enhanced death scene investigation, including: children, overdoses, as well as signs and processing scenes involving battery and abuse against children.

- **Police Athletic League (PAL):** Football program (8.5 weeks) had a total of 148 participants, averaging 39 per day, 74% were SBCSC student. 71% black, 15% white, 11% hispanic, 3% other, ages 11-16; 11 and under totaled 50%, 12-16 totaled 50%. The Tennis Program netted 244 participants at 39 participants per day. 54% from SBCSC, with 53% from 11-18 years of age, 42% 10 and under. 61% black students, 29% hispanic students, 8% white students and 2% other. We had a PAL fund day with cook out, and an attendance from the USTA (Bob Baylis). PAL partnered with WorkOne and hired local kids to help work as counselors, instructors and coaches. Created an internship for former student and instructor attending college. Sgt. David Herron was selected a "Hometown Hero" for his PAL involvement. ND students also volunteer for the Boxing portion of the PAL program, (its 7<sup>th</sup> year now) bringing in 325 children and young adults total.

## **Investigative Division**

- The Investigative Division is led by Division Chief Stephen Smith. The division is comprised of general and specialist investigators, burglary and robbery units, the forensic services unit, including CSI, fingerprint analysis, ballistics and digital imaging. The division also houses the Crime Stoppers program and is where the South Bend detectives that participate in the Narcotics (MSOS), Homicide (MHU) and Special Victims Unit (SVU) are assigned.
- The SBPD generated over 20,000 investigative cases in 2014. Some were vehicle accidents, some were initiated to be referred to outside service agencies, but a majority are reports of criminal activity of some sort. Each one of those cases must be read and either assigned for further investigation, or forwarded to the Prosecutor for possible charges. In any case, it is the responsibility of the Investigative Division supervisors to make these determinations and manage the detectives under their command.
- Below is a deeper profile of the activities of an investigative division special project, the South Bend Group Violence Intervention, which had it's first full year in operation in 2014:

### **South Bend Group Violence Intervention (SBGVI)**

The South Bend Group Violence Intervention (SBGVI) unites community leaders around a common goal: to stop gun violence and keep South Bend's highest risk citizens alive

and out of prison. SBGVI is a partnership among South Bend law enforcement, government, education, civil service, health-care and faith-based agencies. SBGVI advocates direct, sustained engagement with street groups which cause the majority of South Bend's gun violence. The strategy empowers community members to set clear moral standards against violence in their communities and reclaim a voice in the way they want to live. It coordinates the efforts of local, state and federal law enforcement to focus crime prevention efforts on the groups most associated with gun violence. SBGVI also draws on the expertise of social service providers to offer group members a path away from violence.

The first direct communication, or "call-in," between the SBGVI coalition and street group members took place on May 15, 2014. Two additional call-ins were conducted on August 28, 2014 and December 16, 2014. To date, a total of 66 men with criminal histories, representing at least 27 different associations and/or affiliations, met with our community and law enforcement representatives to hear a simple message: the violence must stop. We will help you if you let us. We will stop you if you make us. The men were explained this message and the SBGVI strategy to members of their groups.

**Results During the Period May 15 – December 31, 2014 compared to preceding three year average.**

From 2011-2013, an average of 59 people were criminally shot during the period May 15 – December 31. During that same period in 2014, commencing with the first call-in, 37 people were criminally shot, a 37% decrease from the previous three-year average. 22 fewer people became gunshot victims.

From 2011-2013, an average of 7 people were fatally wounded in criminal gun violence incidents during the period May 15 – December 31. In 2014 5 people were fatally wounded by criminal gun violence during that period, a 30% decrease from the previous three-year average. 2 fewer people died.

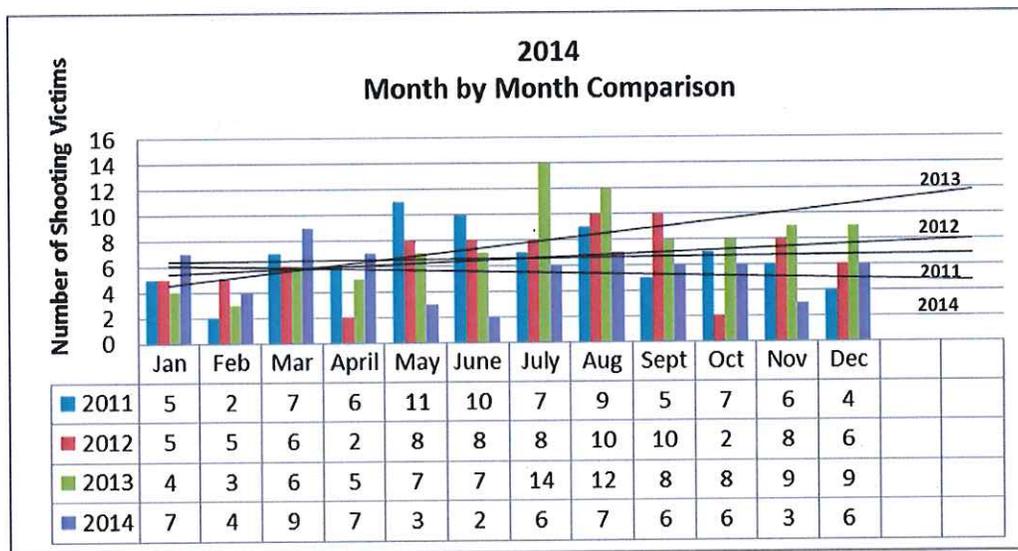
Since May 15 Comparison							
	2011	2012	2013	3 YR AVG	2014	CHANGE	% CHANGE FROM 3 YR AVG
Criminal - Fatal (Homicide)	4	10	7	7	5	-2	30% Decrease
Criminal - Non-Fatal (Aggravated Assault)	53	44	57	52	32	-20	38% Decrease
Total Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims	57	54	64	59	37	-22	37% Decrease

Since the May 15th, 2014 inception of the South Bend Group Violence Intervention, the number of shooting victims has decreased in each of the last 8 months, when compared

to the average of those same months for the past three years, except for October which matched the average.

### Full Year Comparisons.

Since 2011 the month by month data shows that the number of criminally assaulted gunshot victims has trended up as the year progressed. Since 2011 each year's trend line progression increased above the previous year with 2013 being the highest upward trend by year's end. In 2014 month by month data shows a downward trend as the year progressed and completing the year at the lowest trend line progression in comparison to the past three years.



*Linear forecast trend lines added using Microsoft Excel linear forecast trend line chart function and month to month data*

In 2014 the City of South Bend recorded 55 incidents where 66 people were criminally shot in South Bend. 10 of the 55 total incidents included multiple gunshot victims. These statistics do not include self-inflicted gunshot wounds (i.e. accidental, suicides).

From 2011-2013, an average of 79 people were criminally shot. In 2014, 66 people were criminally shot, a 16% decrease in shooting victims compared with the three-year average. 13 fewer people were shot.

From 2011-2013, an average of 11 people were fatally wounded in criminal gun violence incidents. In 2014, 11 people were fatally wounded in criminal gun violence incidents, resulting in no change compared to the three-year average.

Year to Date Comparison							
	2011	2012	2013	3 YR AVG	2014	CHANGE	% CHANGE FROM 3 YR AVG
Criminal - Fatal (Homicide)	7	17	8	11	11	0	0% Change
Criminal - Non-Fatal (Aggravated Assault)	72	61	72	69	55	-14	20% Decrease
Total Criminally Assaulted Shooting Victims	79	78	80	79	66	-13	16% Decrease

- Here is a statistical snapshot of the Forensic Services Unit for 2014. As you can see, there are some pretty big numbers and every entry represents a technician performing a very critical task or examination that must be done with attention to detail while preserving the integrity of the evidence and chain of custody:

### SBPD Forensic Services

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>NUMBER OF CASES:</u>		
Latent Print Section	563	584
Lab (Processing evidence, vehicles, etc.)	421	453
Firearms / Toolmark	118	122
Video Analysis / MVR / Photo	<u>1,616</u>	<u>1,743</u>
Total Cases/Requests	2,718	2,902

#### LATENT PRINT SECTION:

AFIS Fingerprint Hits (IDs)	81	87
Total Fingerprint IDs	161	172
AFIS Palm Print Hits (IDs)	33	34
Total Palm Print IDs	33	35
Finger and palm print IDs from lab processing	110	110

#### LAB:

Total cases evidence processed	421	453
Vehicles processed	24	27
Trace/DNA	74	83
Footwear/Tire		2

ISP Submittals		19
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Latent print cases for processing	368	394
<u>FIREARMS/TOOLMARK:</u>		
Cases	118	122
Total firearms test fired for IBIS	429	446
SBPD firearms test fired for IBIS	301	314
Total IBIS entries	860	1,194
IBIS Hits (IDs)	13	8
Total firearms traced	275	314
Total cases with identifications	65	111
<u>VIDEO ANALYSIS / MVR</u>		
Total Requests	1,601	1,758
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
- Video Analysis	168	191
- MVR / Photo Requests	1,433	1,532
- Assist Inv – download at scene	N/A	35

## Services Division

- The Services Division is commanded by Division Chief Gary Horvath. Services handles a wide variety of duties and is the division in which the largest number of civilian employees are assigned. Records, bookkeeping, budget and payroll, Public Service civilians, physical plant, purchasing, training and recruiting are the main focuses of Services.
- Below is a deeper statistical look at the Training Bureau. Training handles recruiting and hiring for the department as well. The SBPD continues to operate the *Regional Training Academy*, which serves the Northern Indiana and Southwest Michigan area providing in-service, continuing education for law enforcement officers.

## Training Bureau

The South Bend Police Department has completed the following statistics concerning training in the year 2014.



### **2014 Hiring and Recruitment**

The South Bend Police Department continues in its efforts to maintain a workforce of knowledgeable, educated and diverse officers. We attempt to plant the concept of being a law enforcement officer in the minds of young people by going into the intermediate level schools by being a presenter on career days. We also take out the time and make ourselves available for question and answer time. We also extend ourselves by being present in High Schools by doing class presentations and career day events.

On the college level, we make our presence known by attending career fairs and speaking with Criminal Justice classes. For the past few years we have started speaking with the academy classes at IU Bloomington and Northwest. This has been a tremendous benefit as we have hired several officers from these academies. This year we have also travel to Michigan State University, Ball State and Indiana University South Bend just to name a few. This year the department has sworn in 9 officers consisting of 8 male Whites, 1 male Black, and 1 female white. We currently have 6 civilian recruits in the academy who will be sworn in as officers after academy graduation in March 2015 consisting of 4 male whites, 1 male black and 1 female Hispanic.

### **Cadet Program**

The South Bend Police Department has 3 positions to fill as of this date. Our last cadet, Carter Thompson graduated from IUSB last spring and was sworn officer in November of 2014. The Cadet Program continues to be an asset to our recruitment and hiring program, offering a job and tuition assistance in return for commitment to being an officer after graduation.

We look forward to 2015 and the newest projects waiting to be launched and look back on 2014 as a year of great successes.