

Merrillville Police Department



2012 Annual Report

MERRILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

In reviewing the data presented herein, keep in mind that the principle objective of the compilation is to make readily available a purposeful collection of criminal, traffic and police statistics for administrative and operational use. At the same time, the data is provided for those not directly associated with police operations, but having a related interest in the problems of law enforcement in our community.

Proper reporting and collecting of police activity and criminal incidents, along with interpretation of these statistics, are an essential element of enforcement and prevention of crime.

Police records afford valuable administrative and investigative use. Failure to maintain an adequate records system results in a loss in police performance and a loss to the community. The intelligent use of law enforcement records is a vital tool in meeting the challenge for efficient police work.

Crime is a social problem and the concern of the entire community. A community's crime rate is primarily the product of its inhabitants, victims, as well as the perpetrators of crime. Law enforcement, through its records, statistically report on local crime conditions as a part of its community responsibility. Positive action to reduce crime depends to a large extent on the degree to which the individual citizen supports law enforcement.

Police efforts to control crime are limited to: Prevention, by exposing the nature of the crime, principally the effect of contributing community factors; Suppression, through properly oriented and alert patrol procedures; and Deterrence, through successful investigation and apprehension of the offender.

Factors which cause crime are many and variable; therefore, no positive conclusion can be arrived at by comparing the crime figures of one year to those of another year without first considering the factors involved. The material summarized in the criminal section of this report can be used as a guide in determining the deviations of the crime rate between individual years. These rates can be compared to the national averages reported in the F.B.I. Uniform Crime Report.



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Police Commissioners

Rick Bella

Robert Peter Guip

George E. Kennedy

Administration

Chief of Police

Joseph Petruch

Assistant Chief of Police

James Donohue

Operations Commander

Dave Barron

Detective Commander

Jeffrey Snemis

Patrol Commander

Daniel Kijurna



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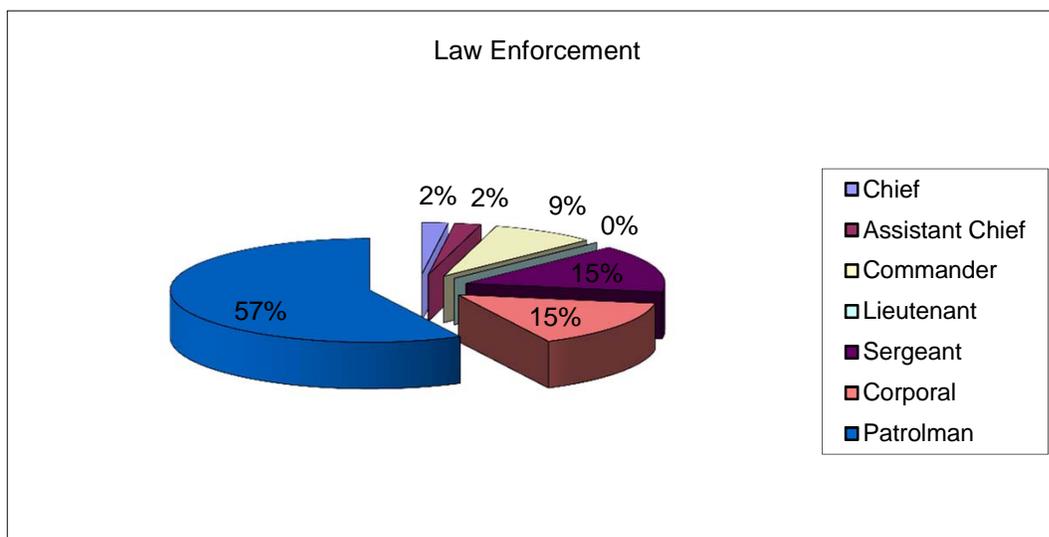
Personnel Statistics

2012

Enforcement	47
Civilian - Full time	12
Civilian - Part time	6
TOTAL:	65

Enforcement Rank Percentage

Personnel	% of Total	Total Within Rank
Chief	2%	1
Assistant Chief	2%	1
Commander	8%	4
Lieutenant	0%	0
Sergeant	14%	7
Corporal	14%	7
Patrolman	57%	27

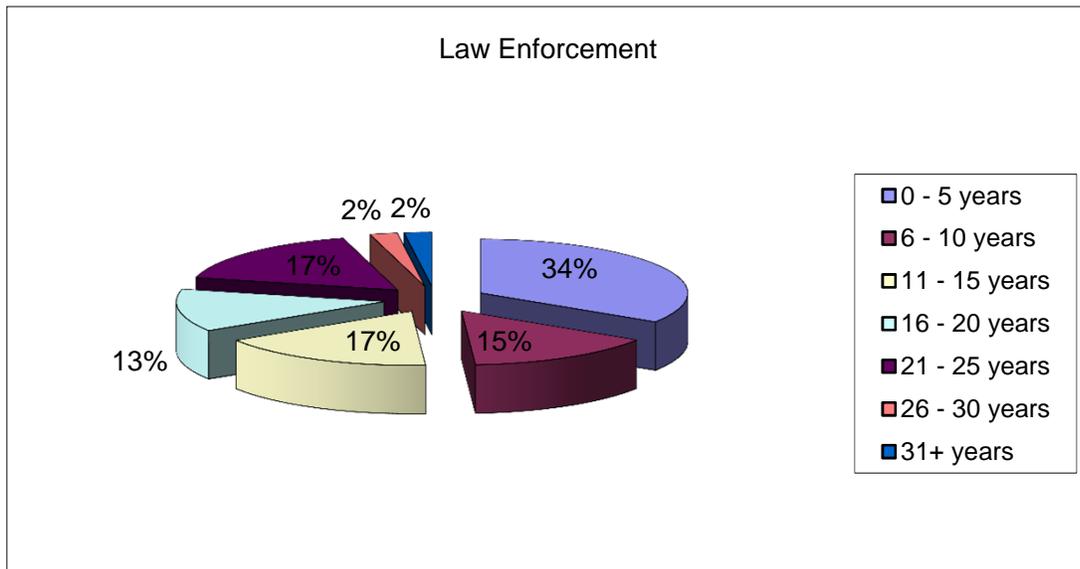




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Average Years of Service: 10 years

0 - 5 years	16
6 - 10 years	7
11 - 15 years	8
16 - 20 years	6
21 - 25 years	8
26 - 30 years	1
31+ years	1





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General Operating Fund

2011	
Personal Services:	\$2,934,735.00
Benefits:	\$809,606.00
Supplies:	\$136,000.00
Services:	\$117,000.00
Totals:	\$3,997,341.00

2012	
Personal Services:	\$2,938,278.00
Benefits:	\$856,648.00
Supplies:	\$184,000.00
Services:	\$120,700.00
Totals:	\$4,099,626.00

Grants

Indiana Criminal Justice
Bullet Proof Vest
COPS Hiring Recovery
Technology Grant
JAG Grant
Homeland Task Force
Totals:

Receipts	Disbursements
\$21,124.19	\$21,124.19
\$1,795.14	\$1,795.14
\$207,064.00	\$160,396.00
\$113,170.72	\$110,314.49
\$10,398.81	\$10,398.81
\$1,578.24	\$1,578.24
\$355,131.10	\$305,606.87



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FBI Crime Stats

Violent Crime	2011	2012	Change
Homicide	2	3	50%
Robbery	36	39	8%
Rape	3	6	100%
Assault	509	472	-7%

Property Crime	2011	2012	Change
Burglary	159	146	-8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	150	123	-18%
Larceny - Theft	1018	1125	11%
Arson	3	2	-33%



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Total Criminal Charges Filed

Offenses	2011	2012	Change
Homicide	2	2	0%
Rape	1	0	100%
Robbery	12	6	-50%
Battery	107	98	-8%
Battery on Police Officer	19	25	32%
Battery / Domestic Violence	45	31	-31%
Burglary	15	17	13%
Auto Theft	4	4	0%
Theft	46	45	-2%
Shoplifting	86	88	2%
Criminal Mischief	31	32	3%
Weapons	14	5	-64%
Drugs	109	96	-12%
Public Intoxication	154	137	-11%
Operating While Intoxicated	235	211	-10%
Disorderly Conduct	92	70	-24%
Fraud	8	7	-13%



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Juvenile Criminal Charges Filed

Offenses	2011	2012	Change
Robbery	0	0	0%
Battery	42	24	-43%
Theft	12	11	-8%
Shoplifting	25	18	-28%
Mischief / Residence	4	5	25%
Handgun / No Permit	0	0	0%
Possession / Drugs	12	5	-58%
Disorderly Conduct	10	10	0%



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Crime Reports

Offenses	2011	2012	Change
Homicide	2	3	50%
Rape	3	6	100%
Robbery	36	39	8%
Battery	240	262	9%
Battery on Police Officer	13	22	69%
Battery / Domestic Violence	54	33	-39%
Burglary Residence	134	125	-7%
Burglary Business	25	19	-24%
Vehicle Theft	150	123	-18%
Vehicle Recovery	35	31	-11%
Fraud	258	264	2%
Fraud - Credit Card	20	7	-65%
Theft / Residence	91	104	14%
Theft / Business	64	78	22%
Theft / Auto	115	155	35%
Theft / Other	625	590	-6%
Shoplifting	123	155	26%
Arson	2	1	-50%
Total Case Reports	3,200	3,221	1%

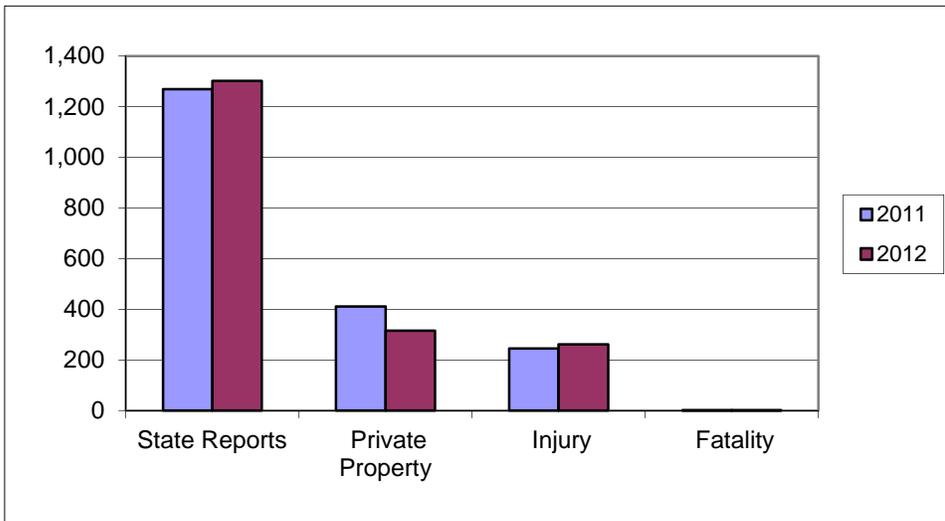


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Accidents

Accident Types	2011	2012	Change
State Reports	1,269	1,302	3%
Private Property	411	316	-23%
Personal Injuries	245	262	7%
Fatality	1	2	100%

Other Accident Stats	2011	2012	Change
Alcohol involved	31	30	-3%
Hit and Run	124	122	-2%



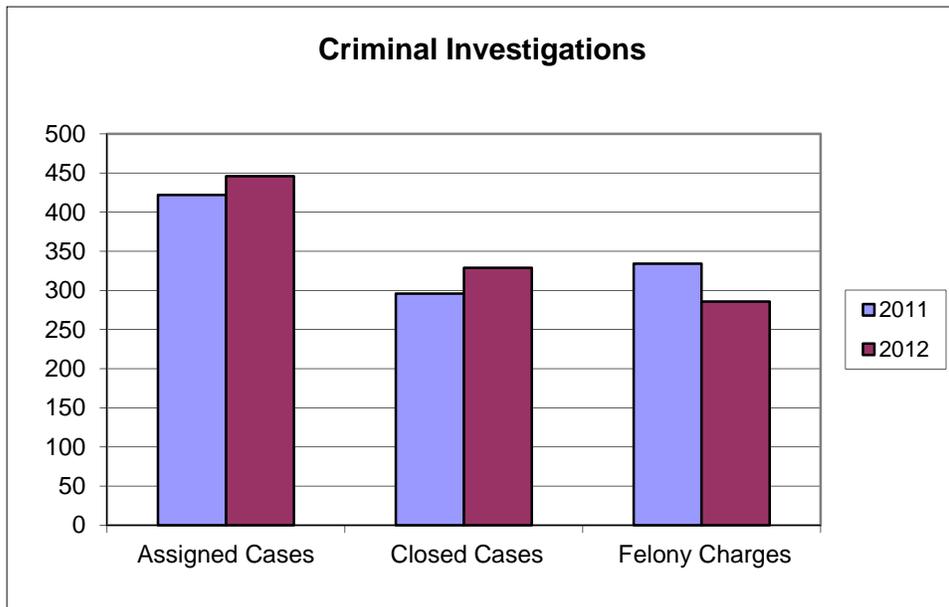


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Criminal Investigations

	2011	2012	Change
Case Reports Assigned	422	446	6%
Case Reports Closed	296	329	11%
Charges Filed	334	286	-14%

Case Closure Rate	70.0%	73.0%	4%
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Patrol Operations

	2011	2012	Change
Citations	11,981	10,198	-15%
Traffic Warnings	516	523	1%
Handicap Parking Citations	344	211	-39%

Alarm Citations	515	379	-26%
Dog Citations	208	183	-12%
Firelane Citations	184	138	-25%
Weed Citations	30	25	-17%
Impounded Animals	68	93	37%
Dog Bite Citations	10	14	40%
False Alarms	2,053	2,083	1%

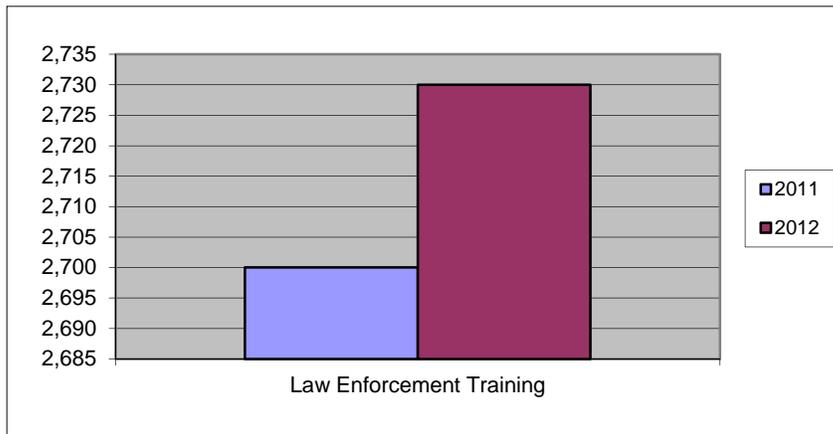
Police Service Calls	21,645	22,454	4%
Police Case Reports	3,200	3,221	1%



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Law Enforcement Training

	2011	2012	% Change
Training hours	2,700	2,730	1%





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