

DUNCANVILLE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Annual Report 2014

A Message From Police Chief Robert D. Brown, Jr.



A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF
ROBERT D. BROWN, JR.

It is my distinct honor to present you with the 2014 Duncanville Police Department (DPD) Annual Report. It is with the utmost pride that I offer this snapshot of our Department's accomplishments, none of which would have been possible without the devoted civilian and sworn men and women of our Department.

I am consistently proud of the outstanding work performed by our employees. The many notes, emails, and comments I receive on a regular basis from citizens who were impressed with their experiences with one or more of our employees speak volumes about the people who make up this organization and ultimately, the values that our Department represents.

In addition, I want to also thank the citizens of Duncanville for their vigilance and support of the men and women of the Department. We cannot provide a safe community without your continued support. We truly value our partnership.

The Department experienced some longtime employee retirements and several promotions in 2014. Records Clerk Gloria Backus retired with 22 years of service. Assistant Chief of Police Marian Brown retired with 26 years of service and Lieutenant Charles Smith resigned to accept the position of Assistant City Manager with the City of Duncanville. Chris McCaleb, Rebekah Young, and Chris Freis were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Gary McDaniel and Stan Estell were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Brian Heard was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief of Police.

We have worked very hard to provide thoughtful and actionable measures that can be taken by both law enforcement and the public to further enhance and strengthen community-police relations. We have initiated Coffee with a Cop meetings, increased our active Neighborhood Crime Watch groups, established Nextdoor Neighborhood programs, met with local churches and businesses, and spearheaded conversations with local TV stations regarding police-public interactions.

The Duncanville Police Department continues to be very successful in obtaining grant funding thus relieving, to some degree, our impact on the General Fund. We were awarded a Department of Justice grant in 2014 which will be used to purchase body-worn cameras for each of our officers.

It is my privilege and honor to lead and serve this Department. I pledge my best to the Department and to those who have placed their trust in me.

I hope that you will find this report both interesting and informative. If you have further questions regarding the data or programs presented here, I would be pleased to offer additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Brown, Jr.".

Robert D. Brown, Jr.
Chief of Police

Duncanville Police Department

Command Staff



Gary McDaniel
Investigative Lieutenant
31 Years of Service



Brian Heard
Assistant Chief of Police
26 Years of Service



Gene Kropff
Administrative Lieutenant
17 Years of Service



Wayne Schier
Alpha Nights Lieutenant
19 Years of Service



Mark LiVigni
Day Shift Lieutenant
20 Years of Service



Stan Estell
Bravo Nights Lieutenant
19 Years of Service



Mission Statement

“The Duncanville Police Department, in partnership with ALL segments of our community, provides impartial, ethical and professional law enforcement service through a proactive approach in the prevention, detention, and investigation of criminal activity. The Duncanville Police Department seeks to contribute to the highest quality of life through the involvement and interaction of the citizens we have pledged to serve. The foundation of this Department is defined by its members’ integrity and compassion.”

City of Duncanville

The city of Duncanville has a total area of 11.3 square miles and is located in Dallas County, Texas. Duncanville's population was 38,524 according to the 2010 census. Duncanville is a suburb of Dallas (which surrounds the city on three sides) and is part of the Best Southwest area, which includes Duncanville, Cedar Hill, DeSoto, and Lancaster. Duncanville is located in the southern part of Dallas County which has a population of 2,368,139.

Part 1 Crimes: F.B.I. chose these crimes on the basis of their seriousness, frequency of occurrence, pervasiveness in all areas of the country, and likelihood of being reported.

Major Crime 2014

Murder / Negligent Homicide	3	Motor Vehicle Burglary	437
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	Burglary of a Coin-Op	5
Sexual Assault	14	Total Burglary	735
Robbery	57	Theft/Felony	132
Aggravated Assault	41	Theft/Misdemeanor	389
Motor Vehicle Theft (U.U.M.V.)	124	Total Theft	521
Commercial Burglary	114	GRAND TOTAL	1,495
Residential Burglary	179		

Index Crime Definitions

Aggravated Assault

An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury, usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or other means likely to produce death or serious bodily harm.

Robbery

The taking or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from a person by use of force, threat of force, or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.

Sexual Assault

The carnal knowledge of a person through the use or threat of force. Assaults to commit forcible sexual assault are also included.

Motor Vehicle Theft (U.U.M.V.)

The unlawful taking or stealing of a motor vehicle including attempts.

Theft

The unlawful taking or stealing of property or articles without the use of force, violence or fraud.

Murder

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Burglary

The unlawful entry to commit a felony or theft.

2014

911

Calls For Service

42,060



Employees of The Year



Officer of The Year
Joseph Emmett



Civilian of The Year



Gloria Backus



Volunteer of The Year



Robert Gonzalez



Alarm Monitoring

Since 1999, Southwest Regional Communications Center (SWRCC) has been operating continuously, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing 911 emergency services in your community.

SWRCC also provides fire and security alarm system monitoring. This city service is offered as a fee-based service, available to every household and business in Cedar Hill, DeSoto, and Duncanville.

Imagine how much time could be saved if your alarm was attached directly to your 911, police, fire, and EMS dispatch center.

False Alarm Calls

Year	Southwest Regional 911 SWRCC Alarm Monitoring Communications Center	Count
2010		3,124
2011		3,001
2012		2,882
2013		3,175
2014		3,160



Animal Control

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Calls for Service	3515	3320	3378	3407
Reports	26	8	11	27
Citations Issued	36	25	10	15
Warnings	236	139	175	155
Dogs Impounded	146	542	531	656
Cats Impounded	239	360	233	264
Animals Euthanized	16	26	12	27
Tranquilized	39	18	15	19



2014 National Drug Take Back

GotDrugs?



National Take Back Initiative allows for safe, legal, and environmentally-friendly disposal of unused or out dated drugs that citizens

have in their homes. This year there were two drop off dates where approximately 75 citizens dropped off a total of 294 lbs. of drugs.



National Night Out

There is not a more important program that you can get involved in, when it comes to your own neighborhood. Some may know it as Neighborhood Watch, Town Watch, or Crime Watch. No matter what you know it as, this is the program for you. Crime prevention in a neighborhood, business district, or park is a community responsibility. Crime is not a police department problem, crime is a community problem and it takes the community becoming partners and fighting crime.



Citations

2010	-	10,990
2011	-	10,347
2012	-	11,315
2013	-	7,863
2014	-	8,105

Arrests

Juvenile:				
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
107	91	86	104	78
Adult:				
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
2015	1679	1808	1470	1475



2014 Red Light Violations

SB Hwy. 67 Serv. Rd. @ Daniieldale Rd.	3,170
NB Hwy. 67 Serv. Rd. @ Daniieldale Rd.	695
SB Cockrell Hill Rd. @ Hwy. 67 Serv. Rd.	10,531
NB Cockrell Hill Rd. @ Hwy. 67 Serv. Rd.	6,786
SB Cockrell Hill Rd. @ Wheatland Rd.	490
EB Wheatland Rd. @ Cockrell Hill Rd.	458
NB Cedar Ridge Rd. @ Wheatland Rd.	1,282
SB Cedar Ridge Rd. @ Wheatland Rd.	1,027

TOTAL 24,439

Criminal/Narcotics Investigation Division

Illegal Drugs Seized: Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Marijuana, Xanax, Hydrocodone and other illegal prescription drugs.

Synthetic cannabinoid lab seized with 150 lbs of untreated material and 45lbs of treated material with a street value of \$250,000

Asset forfeiture seizures and awards in excess of \$10,500. Shared Federal seizures as the result of direct investigations, 3 aircraft, 1 yacht, 6 vehicles, and \$1,150,513 in cash.

Gambling investigations involving 13 search warrants and seizing 162 gambling machines.

Multiple investigations resulting in counterfeiting/labeling violations and property seizure.

2000 plus hours in joint federal investigations and over 180 hours in electronic forensics.

Cases at Start of the Year - 172

Cases Assigned to Detectives - 1979

Cases Cleared - 520

Cases Suspended - 13

Court Appearances - 675



Police Officer Memorial



Police Memorial in memory of Sgt. Michael Poe and Ofc. Roger Hobden, killed in the line of duty, December 3, 1979.



Property and Evidence

The Property and Evidence Section had an inventory of 9,679 items as of 12/31/2014.

During the 2014 calendar year, 2,796 items were received.

A total of 2,784 were Court Ordered to be disposed of by destruction, auction, donation to nonprofit, and/or released to owner during the year.

There were no bicycles Court Ordered to be donated to a nonprofit organization.

There were 22 items sold at auction for which the City received \$2,150.24.

A total of 664 items were released back to their owners and/or back to other agencies.

There were 18 counterfeit bills turned over to the United States Secret Service for tracking or destruction.

Also, 26 cases were submitted to the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory for analysis.

Special Olympics

The Duncanville Police Department has supported the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) that benefits Special Olympics Texas since 1987. The LETR is the largest grass roots fund-raiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics Texas. Public Safety Personnel across the State of Texas and the world carry the "Flame of Hope" for the athletes of Special Olympics Texas. The Guardians of the Flame carry it into opening ceremonies of local, state, national and world competition. This year Duncanville Police held its 5th Annual Fire Truck Pull. Duncanville's Fire Truck pull is one of the largest in the State of Texas.



Santa Cop Program

The Duncanville Police Department and Police Association work in conjunction with Duncanville Independent School District to find families that are in need of some assistance during Christmas time. This program distributed food and gifts to 26 Duncanville families which included 89 children.



Coffee With A Cop

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about police work in Duncanville neighborhoods.



The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction with police officers.

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Crime Prevention/Community Relations

Community Presentations	39
Crime Watch Meetings	42
Media Releases	173
H.E.A.T. Registrations	17
Security Surveys	45
Meetings	265
Citizen Finger Prints	394

Volunteer Programs/Citizens on Patrol

Volunteer Hours	3,925
COP Patrols	435
COP Miles Covered	18,847
COP Hours	5,983
Vacation Checks	1,836
Open Garage Door/Code Violation Notices	138

The volunteer program was first organized in 1990. Since that time, over 109,569 volunteer hours have been logged.

Citizen Police Academy

The Duncanville Police Department hosts the Citizen Police Academy twice a year. This program gives a detailed look into the inner workings of the Duncanville Police Department. The Citizen Police Academy was established in 1990 and has graduated forty-nine classes.



Citizens on Patrol

The Duncanville Police Department's Citizens on Patrol is made up of over 40 volunteers who give not only of their time but some use their vehicles as well. Since the beginning of this program in 1995, these volunteers have given over 52,000 hours of their time and have traveled over 243,000 miles. In addition, they have assisted at parades, bicycle and 5k races, 4th of July events, searched for lost children and adults, and numerous other functions.