

MONTHLY REPORT



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MARCH 2015



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To: Dr. Kenny Haskin
Interim City Manager

From: Robert Harrison
Chief of Police

Date: May 04, 2015

Re: March 2015 Management Report/Quick Reference

This is a snapshot of significant events, issues and activities that occurred within the Police Department during the month of March. Listed below are some highlights of these items. You may find more in-depth information within the complete management report that accompanies this memorandum. If there are any issues, please contact me or one of the Division Commanders.

- In conjunction with the District Court Clerk’s Office, the Department continued its efforts to assist with the annual warrant amnesty program. This program allows those who have outstanding warrants to appear at the Bi State and schedule a court appearance without the need for incarceration in the jail. This program continued through March 31st.
- The Department participated in the Governor’s Convention which was held at the Convention Center during the month of March. The police department contributed by maintaining a consistent, on-site police presence that ensured protection to those in attendance and served as a deterrent to criminal activity.
- The Department conducted an awards ceremony during the month of March. Awards included officer of the year, officer of the quarter, a life saving award, and two police retirements. This was an opportunity to recognize officers for their outstanding efforts in the pursuit of the Department’s mission.
- During the month of March, the police department conducted civil service testing in an effort to establish an eligibility list for hiring. Of the twelve applicants that took the civil service test, ten successfully passed the written examination. There are now five eligible applicants remaining on the list, and these applicants are currently undergoing the background investigation phase of the hiring process.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

The following personnel actions occurred during this month:

- Retirements None
- Resignations None
- Hiring None
- Promotions None
- Terminations None

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

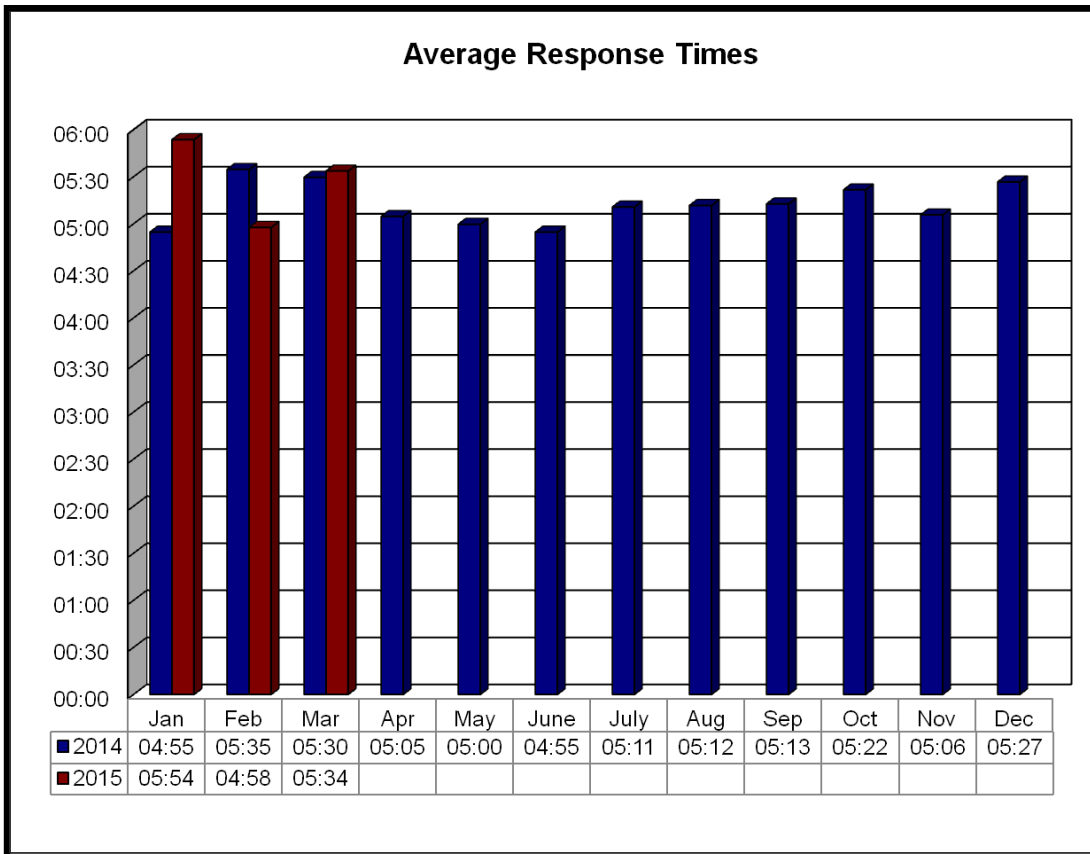


Courses Taken	Hours
Crime Scene Documentation	28
SWAT Training	8
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March Monthly Total	44
Year to Date Total	396

NARCOTICS TASK FORCE ACTIVITY

2015 March Narcotics Stats			
Drugs Seized	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Street Value
Marijuana	138.40	Grams	\$688
Methamphetamine (ice)	8.20	Grams	\$1,640
Prescription pills	227.10	Grams	\$4,833
Prescription pills	34.00	DU	\$102
Drug Arrests	0	Warrants	0

Calls for Service



Tyler CAD		
Call Priority	March	YTD
1 Critical	20	62
2 High	1,279	3,450
3 Medium	1,979	5,268
4 Low	336	865
Totals	3,615	9,646
Average Response	05:34	05:51

FEDERAL & STATE GRANT STATUS

2014 JAG Grant: Expires 09/30/2018

In conjunction with Miller County, the Department was awarded the 2014 JAG Grant. The total funding associated with this grant—which is administered through the Department of Justice—is \$29,828. Because the Department of Justice requires the City to split the grant with Miller County, the City received \$19,984. The Department intends to purchase ten (10) mobile-ready lap top computers with the awarded funds.

2014 Arkansas State Police Special Asset Forfeiture Fund Grant: Expires 5/31/2015

Under the agreements of this grant, the police department received \$18,144.90 which is earmarked for the purchase of three (3) Mobile Vision camera systems. These camera systems are essential for effective police operations, as the camera systems will enable the police department to record, save, manage and archive video/audio files having critical evidentiary value.

2013 DOJ Bulletproof Vest Grant: Expires 08/31/2015

This grant pays one half of purchase cost of bullet proof body armor for police officers. National Institute of Justice Standards (BJA/NIJ) recommends that body armor be replaced every five years and the agency provides body armor for every officer and replaces it according to NIJ replacement recommendations. This year's grant will cover half of the cost of approximately 12 vests for a total of \$4,254.88.

2014-2015 DWI Traffic Enforcement Grant:

Expires 09/30/15

This grant program, which started in 1991, pays overtime for DWI, speed, and occupant protection enforcement. The Federal amount is \$53,000. We have an in-kind local match of \$53,000 from the regular police budget. Local match (in-kind) uses a salary off-set from one of the patrol officers assigned to the Special Operations Traffic Section, a portion of the DWI / STEP Sergeant's salary and a portion of the Department's vehicle maintenance cost utilizing a calculation based upon mileage.



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2014-2015 STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant: Expires 09/30/15

The STOP grant pays the full salary of a police investigator to investigate all cases involving violent crimes committed against women while the VOCA grant pays the salary of a civilian domestic violence case coordinator. The state amount is \$87,814.09, and the local in-kind match is \$28,068.93.



2014-2015 Texarkana Housing Authority (THA) General Fund Officer Positions:

Expires 11/31/15

The Texarkana Housing Authority's (THA) share is \$130,000.00, which covers the costs associated with the salaries and fringe benefits for two police officer positions. The two police officers who are assigned to THA are primarily responsible for police services within the Texarkana Housing Authority property. All compensation to the City will be made on a cost reimbursement basis.

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