



City of Newburgh Police Department

2015 POLICE ACTIVITY REVIEW

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Calls for Service

The City of Newburgh Police Department logged 32,920 calls for service entries in 2015. This was nearly a 15% increase in the number of entries compared to 2014 (Table 1.). Calls for service include all 911 calls, direct emergency line calls, walk in complaints, officer initiated activity and others sources. The Department experienced approximately a 6% increase in public generated calls for service in 2015. March 2015 marked the beginning of increase public call activity that lasted throughout the year. Officer initiated activity, which includes activity like foots patrols and traffic stops, showed an increase of 39% in 2015 compared to 2014. Monthly increases in officer initiated activity occurred in every month but one in 2015. This increase was partially driven by the completion of 503 Foot Patrols in 2015. Officer Initiated activity accounted for 33% of all call for service activity for the year.



Table 1.

All Calls for Service

	2014	2015	% Change
Jan	2,309	2,474	7.15%
Feb	2,146	2,289	6.66%
Mar	2,348	2,825	20.32%
Apr	2,406	2,919	21.32%
May	2,758	3,153	14.32%
Jun	2,572	2,908	13.06%
Jul	2,520	3,208	27.30%
Aug	2,674	3,061	14.47%
Sep	2,485	2,727	9.74%
Oct	2,458	2,801	13.95%
Nov	1,995	2,478	24.21%
Dec	2,053	2,077	1.17%
YtD Total	28,724	32,920	14.61%

Public Generated

	2014	2015	% Change
Jan	1,597	1,559	-2.38%
Feb	1,521	1,459	-4.08%
Mar	1,632	1,786	9.44%
Apr	1,660	1,799	8.37%
May	1,983	2,308	16.39%
Jun	1,994	2,029	1.76%
Jul	1,979	2,135	7.88%
Aug	2,015	2,020	0.25%
Sep	1,845	1,878	1.79%
Oct	1,788	1,819	1.73%
Nov	1,526	1,756	15.07%
Dec	1,460	1,635	11.99%
YtD Total	21,000	22,183	5.63%

Officer Initiated

	2014	2015	%Change	%of total
Jan	712	915	28.51%	37%
Feb	625	830	32.80%	36%
Mar	716	1,039	45.11%	37%
Apr	746	1,120	50.13%	38%
May	775	845	9.03%	27%
Jun	578	879	52.08%	30%
Jul	541	1,073	98.34%	33%
Aug	659	1,041	57.97%	34%
Sep	640	849	32.66%	31%
Oct	670	982	46.57%	35%
Nov	469	722	53.94%	29%
Dec	593	442	-25.46%	21%
YtD Total	7,724	10,737	39.01%	33%

Gun Related Calls for Service

Gun related calls for service are a subset of the total calls for service data tracked and analyzed by the City of Newburgh Police Department. These calls include both public generated calls and officer initiated activity if they hear or see gun activity while on patrol. This subset includes all calls labeled as "Gun Call," "Shooting," or "Shots Fired." Please note that not every call for service results in a reported incident. Some calls may be unfounded or result in a report different from the original call type. Gun related calls for service in 2015 showed a 1% increase compared to 2014 (Table 2). "Gun Call" entries showed a nearly 5% increase for the year, while both "Shooting" and "Shots Fired" entries show minor reductions. The City maintained a reduction in gun related calls for service for most of the year, but the last three months of high call volume resulted in an overall yearly increase.

Table 2.

Gun Related CFS

	2014	2015	% change
Jan	41	21	-48.8%
Feb	28	15	-46.4%
Mar	34	26	-23.5%
Apr	64	25	-60.9%
May	47	53	12.8%
Jun	47	33	-29.8%
Jul	32	57	78.1%
Aug	51	39	-23.5%
Sep	37	49	32.4%
Oct	50	78	56.0%
Nov	49	74	51.0%
Dec	33	48	45.5%
YtD	513	518	1.0%

Gun Call

	2014	2015	% change
Jan	5	12	140.0%
Feb	12	11	-8.3%
Mar	13	13	0.0%
Apr	16	10	-37.5%
May	19	24	26.3%
Jun	13	13	0.0%
Jul	17	29	70.6%
Aug	24	9	-62.5%
Sep	19	19	0.0%
Oct	24	22	-8.3%
Nov	19	26	36.8%
Dec	14	16	14.3%
YtD	195	204	4.6%

Shooting

	2014	2015	% change
Jan	2	0	-100.0%
Feb	1	1	0.0%
Mar	5	4	-20.0%
Apr	10	1	-90.0%
May	6	5	-16.7%
Jun	11	2	-81.8%
Jul	3	5	66.7%
Aug	5	7	40.0%
Sep	3	6	100.0%
Oct	6	8	33.3%
Nov	5	10	100.0%
Dec	2	8	300.0%
YtD	59	57	-3.4%

Shots Fired

	2014	2015	% change
Jan	34	9	-73.5%
Feb	15	3	-80.0%
Mar	16	9	-43.8%
Apr	38	14	-63.2%
May	22	24	9.1%
Jun	23	18	-21.7%
Jul	12	23	91.7%
Aug	22	23	4.5%
Sep	15	24	60.0%
Oct	20	48	140.0%
Nov	25	38	52.0%
Dec	17	24	41.2%
YtD	259	257	-0.8%



Part One Crime

Table 3.

	2014	2015	Raw Change	% Change
1. Murder	1	4	3	300%
2. Rape	22	19	-3	-14%
3. Robbery	124	128	4	3%
4. Agg. Assault	272	261	-11	-4%
5. Res. Burg	194	166	-28	-14%
6. Comm. Burg	36	45	9	25%
7. Larceny	577	543	-34	-6%
8. Auto Theft	57	43	-14	-25%
Total	1283	1209	-74	-6%
Violent Crime	419	412	-7	-2%
Property Crime	864	797	-67	-8%

The City of Newburgh Police Department submits information pertaining to the Uniform Crime Report system monthly to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) dictates reporting standards for crimes. The first part of the UCR, known as the Part One crimes, covers the major Violent Crimes of Murder, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault, along with the major Property Crimes of Burglary (Residential and Commercial), Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft. The City of Newburgh experienced 1,209 Part One crimes in 2015 (Table 3). This was a 6% reduction in total Part One crime compared to 2014. This is the fourth year in a row to show a yearly decrease in Part One crime. This was below a five year average of 1,589, as well as below a ten year average of 1,560.

The City experienced a slight reduction in Violent Crime in 2015 compared to 2014. This was the third consecutive yearly reduction in Violent Crime. The Violent Crime subcategories showed mix results. Homicides saw an increase of 300% with four incidents. It should be noted that 2014's single homicide was the lowest homicide level in ten years. The City shows a five year homicide average of five incidents and a ten year average of four incidents. Homicide constitutes the lowest percentage of Part One crime in the City (Chart 1). Rapes showed a slight reduction in 2015, while Robberies showed a slight increase.

Aggravated Assaults also yielded a reduction in 2015, which help drive the overall reduction in Violent Crime.

The City also saw a decrease in Property Crime in 2015. Residential Burglaries experienced a notable reduction compared to 2014, but Commercial Burglaries did not fair as well. Commercial Burglaries spiked in January and February of 2015 causing a increase that held for the entire year. Over 21% of all Burglaries in 2015 showed an unsecured structure. Larcenies yielded a reduction in 2015. Thefts from Buildings were the most frequent Larceny subcategory and showed an increase of 19% compared to 2014. Theft from Motor Vehicles were the most frequent Larceny type in 2014, but after a reduction of 30% in 2015, this Larceny type was a distant second.

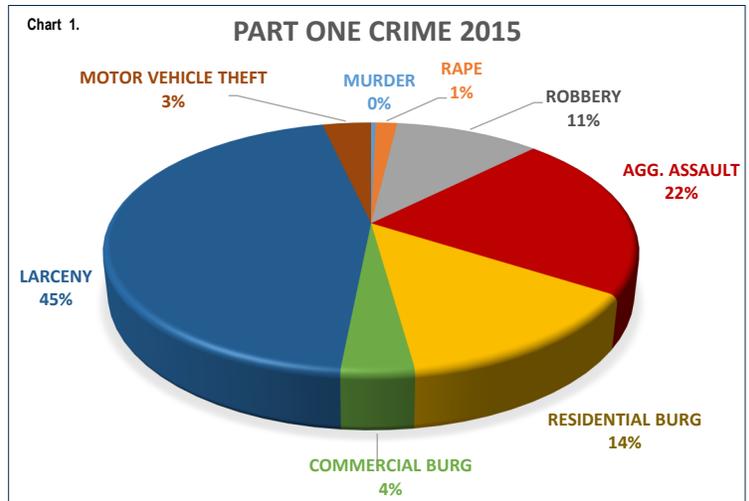
Gun Violence

Gun Violence in the City of Newburgh showed mix results in 2015 compared to 2014. The City experienced increased gun violence towards the end of the year that had significant impacts on the year end totals. The City was on track to accomplish a reduction in bullet to body shootings through the end of October 2015 with a 12% reduction year to date. November 2015 experienced a dramatic increase in shooting victims with twelve people shot in six different incidents, including one incident with five victims (Table 4). This significantly contributed to the end of year increase of 15% in bullet to body shootings.

Table 4.

Bullet to Body Shootings

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2015	0	0	4	1	5	2	6	8	5	6	12	6	55
2014	4	3	6	6	4	5	2	5	4	3	3	3	48



The City of Newburgh Police Department, through its Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, has been implementing multiple evidence based programs in the City to target gun violence. These programs include hotspot policing to target emerging issues in the City, as well as other programs like the Group Violence Intervention model which targets known violent offenders while offering assistance to other subjects to course correct their criminal behavior. While these programs take time to show significant results, the City saw fewer gun related Aggravated Assaults in 2015 (-24%). Total gun related incidents tracked for these grant programs yielded a reduction of 18% in 2015 compared to 2014.