CITY OF MARSHALL

2014

Marshall Police Department

Annual Report

Director's Comments

This year presented many challenges for your Police and Fire Department. We are currently working out of a temporary facility and making adjustments to meet our current needs. Staff has been able to provide services without much notice to the public of the obstacles associated with a temporary facility.

We are most gracious for the continued support of the Marshall Community and the Marshall City Council. Because of your support we have two new buildings being constructed. This year we are able to move forward with the new Marshall Regional Law Enforcement Center located on N. Brewer Street. This facility will house the Marshall Police, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police. This will be a state of the art facility allowing all three agencies to continue to collaborate and consolidate services to be effective and efficient.

The Marshall Fire Department building is being constructed on Arms Street just east of West Street. This building will allow the Marshall Fire Fighters the ability to perform their duties properly. The new facility is also designed for future needs of the department for many years. There is housing for all fire equipment and training will be conducted on site. This will put the Marshall Fire Department in a leadership role for the community and the surrounding areas.

Both the Fire and Police Department continue to provide outstanding services to our community. This report will demonstrate the commitment each member brings on a daily basis to provide protection, prevention and education for their respective professions.

Respectfully,

Director James M. Schwartz
Marshall Police and Fire Department

2014 Calls For Service

It is the responsibility of the Police Department to handle all calls for service within the City of Marshall boundaries. We are also tasked with proactive enforcement efforts to reduce the likelihood of criminal activity. The City of Marshall looks at ways to provide service that is effective and proven. By utilizing proactive measures it is our goal to reduce the calls for service and time officers are spending on complaint calls. This will allow the department to work efficiently and provide professional services.

In 2014 the Marshall Police Department responded to fewer radio calls. Although there were fewer calls we had some calls that required extensive resources to investigate. To be responsive and available, the police department had to utilize different strategies to allocate the time and effort needed to bring these cases to a successful conclusion. This will include assistance form other agencies as required.

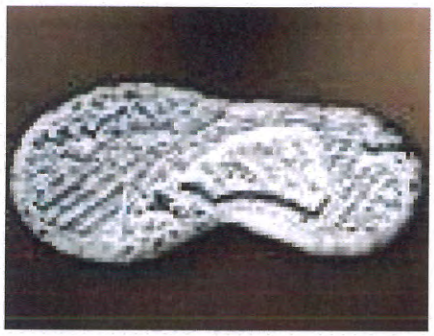
Some examples of these cases include a case with over 50 possible victims of a suspected fraud that occurred from a local business. This business is no longer in operation and most of the victims are from outside the immediate area and the State of Michigan. The case is continuing to develop with assistance from the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office.

One other area that is vastly growing and requiring more effort are cases that originate using computer. These are cases that include stalking, fraud, threats and deception to our juvenile population. The use of computers has increased crimes involving fraud from vulnerable adults. Preying upon those to receive money under false pretenses is increasing. Use of the computer to entice juveniles to meet sexual predators has also occurred. When this occurs primary efforts are to recover the child and assure their wellbeing and then investigating the circumstances related to the events.

Most recently we had two major events that occurred in a relatively short time. In December, 2014 we received a call of a death of a child. As a result an investigation is being conducted by the Marshall Police Department and is assisted by members from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, Emmett Township Department of Public Safety, Albion Department of Public Safety, Battle Creek Police Department and the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office. Then within a few days we received a call of a shooting with a hostage at a local residence.

Again the Marshall Police Department responded with assistance from the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, Albion Department of Public Safety, Battle Creek Police Department Forensic Unit, and the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office. As a result the

shooting victim was rescued and is receiving treatment for life threatening injuries. The suspect was apprehended and in custody. Several officers had to forcibly enter the residence without regard for their personal safety to perform the rescue of the victim in this case.



2014 Training Report

The Marshall Police Department strives to be the very best. This is achieved with continued commitment to training. As members of the Southern Michigan Training Consortium we have been able to attend excellent training by certified instructors that are leaders in their field. As a member of the Consortium we have received additional training while reducing costs. Training is currently held in the counties of Calhoun, Jackson, Eaton and Lenawee. We will occasionally send officers to specialized training as needed and required. We will not eliminate training because it is not offered by the Consortium. We have identified areas of liability in our training and are continually addressing those needs. This includes areas of mental health, autism and supervision. The Marshall Police Department had officers attend 1140 hours of training.

We will continue to maintain our high standards of training dealing with high liability areas such as:

- Defensive Driving
- Firearms Qualification and Techniques
- Cultural Diversity
- Defensive Tactics
- Civil Rights

Deputy Chief McDonald receiving ***Operation Lifesaving Training***

2014 Community Programs

This is one area where the Marshall Police Department has teamed up with other agencies and community partners. Our largest community partners are State Farm Insurance and the Dark Horse Brewery. With their commitment we are capable to educate, inform and disseminate this safety information to our diverse community. We provide this through several programs and presentations throughout the year.

Our largest presentation is during the Calhoun County Fair. This is a weeklong event where we consolidate resources with the Marshall Fire and Rescue, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police. This is our opportunity to interact with members of the community to share their ideas, thoughts and answer any questions or concerns they may have.

We provide services to our local public schools. The Marshall Public Schools invite our officers to give presentations on stranger danger, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and other areas of concern the students may have. We go into the classrooms and provide materials that members of the community donated funds to produce.

The City of Marshall are active participants in the Senior Fair that is held annually in the City of Marshall. We provide specific materials to our senior population to reduce their vulnerability for scams and fraudulent activities. We provide safety and security for many local events throughout the year as needed.

State Farm has provided the Marshall Police and Fire Department a grant for $3,500 to provide specific information on teen safety, driving and distracted driving awareness. These funds have been utilized through handout materials, presentations to high school students and other printed materials and videos. The Dark Horse Brewery continues to partner with the Marshall Police department to support our motorcycle enforcement unit for special events throughout the city.

Marshall Regional Law Enforcement Center

2014 has brought the development and construction of the new Marshall Regional Law Enforcement Center. This new building has been discussed for many years, but has finally came to reality. The Marshall Police Department, Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police have developed a comprehensive plan to build one complex to house all three agencies.

The concept did not end with the building. Each agency took the next step to develop a plan to consolidate service and provide more efficient services to the communities we serve. This concept is one of the first in the State of Michigan and is being looked at by other municipalities as a model going forward. When developing this concept we were tasked with looking at how we deliver services, are those services relevant and if they are can they be delivered in a more efficient manner.

All three agencies are looking forward to the nest step of the operations and anticipate being operational in the facilities on or before September, 2015.