



Conway Police Department Annual Report 2016



Conway, Arkansas





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This document is a report of not only crime statistics but activities and services conducted by the police department in the protection and service to the citizens of this community. While this is a comprehensive report of services required, it does not include the many incidents of police personnel assisting members of the community that did not result in a report filed or arrest made. This report is encouraging considering the ever increasing demand on police services by a growing community and the high turnover rate experienced in the Communications Center and Patrol Division. In 2016, we experienced a 9% turnover rate in sworn officers and a 50% turnover rate in the Conway Emergency Operations Center.

Special Operations worked twenty four special events resulting in 1,616 total man-hours. This is a 14% decrease in special events worked compared to 2016 and a 3% increase in man hours required to work special events compared to 2015. While the number of events decreased, the second annual Soaring Wings Marathon added to our man hour increase. This, in addition to proper adjustments to provide safer events, accounts for the small increase in man hours. The hours worked on special events in the city pulled officers from their normal enforcement duties. SWAT reported being utilized twenty three (23) times in 2016 for incidents ranging from narcotics search warrants to barricaded suspects. Investigations Division worked a total of 2,445 cases, a 0.4% increase from 2015. Department wide, there were 4,704 adult arrests and 305 juvenile arrests made in 2016. This is a 1.6% decrease in total arrests when compared to 2015. Conway Emergency Operations Center reported 69,342 calls for service which is an 8.4% increase from 2015. There were 34,296 Emergency 911 calls received, which is a 21% decrease compared to 2015. Animal Welfare Unit reported a total intake of 1,707 animals, a total of 864 adoptions and rescues, and 2,976 licenses issued. There was a 3% decrease in euthanized animals in 2016 and 1,599 citations and warnings were issued. There was a total of 33,784 hours of training for officers in 2016; these hours included hosting and instructing two sessions of the Central Arkansas Police Academy, K9, SWAT and Field Training. Program highlights include the continuation of the Text-A-Tip program, Underage Drinking Alcohol Compliance Check and the Drug Take Back Program.

The members of the Conway Police Department are dedicated professionals proud to serve and protect our community.

Chief Jody Spradlin

Violent Crimes, overall, experienced a 2% increase from 2015 to 2016. There were 280 violent crimes reported in 2016 versus 274 violent crimes reported in 2015. The Violent Crimes in Conway for 2016 are broken down as follows:

- There was a 150% increase in Murders with five reported in 2016 and two reported in 2015.
- There was a 34% increase in Rapes with 35 in 2016 and 26 reported in 2015.
- There was a 4.7% increase in Robberies with 89 in 2016 and 85 reported in 2015.
- There was a 6.2% decrease in Aggravated Assaults with 151 in 2016 and 161 reported in 2015.

Property Crimes, overall, experienced a 4% decrease from 2015 to 2016 with 2,909 property crimes reported in 2016 versus 3,026 property crimes reported in 2015. The Property Crimes in Conway for 2016 are broken down as follows:

- There was a 13% decrease in Burglaries with 343 in 2016 and 394 reported in 2015.
- There was a 4% decrease in Thefts with 2,379 in 2016 and 2,482 reported in 2015.
- There was a 25% increase in Motor Vehicle Thefts with 186 in 2016 and 149 reported in 2015.
- There was a no change in Arsons with 1 in 2016 and 1 reported in 2015.

The below table depicts reported incidents over the past eight years. This reflects that while the population in Conway has risen significantly, there has been no significant rise in crime. It should also be noted that in 2008 changes in national reporting requirements resulted in the inclusion of certain crimes that were previously not counted.

Crime Statistic's Comparison for 2008 through 2015

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Murder	2	4	3	3	1	1	2	5
Rape	2	19	20	20	23	26	26	35
Robbery	59	48	82	82	51	62	85	89
Burglary	451	446	397	397	371	395	394	343
Theft	1,980	2,012	2,108	2,108	2,242	2,311	2,482	2,379
Motor Vehicle Theft	125	95	105	105	102	141	149	186
Estimated Population	58,512	59,881	60,881	62,430	63,500	64,500	64,980	65,300

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division consists of 25 sworn officers and 34 non-sworn who are assigned to the following sections: Fleet Maintenance, Training, School Resource Officers, Warrants, Traffic, Communications Center, and the Animal Welfare Unit. The following Administration Division statistics were reported for 2016:

- Fleet Maintenance Section received 10, new, Ford Explorer police vehicles. Two Ford Fusion's were purchased for detective vehicles. In addition, the Fleet Maintenance Section removed from service, 17 Ford Crown Victoria's, 2 Chevrolet Lumina's, and 1 G.E. Electric car. These vehicles that were no longer serviceable due to excess mileage or use.
- The Training Section reported a total of 33,784 hours of training in 2016, a 56% increase; these hours included basic police training, K-9, SWAT and Field Officer Training. CPD instructors provided 7,729 hours of instruction in 2016, a 1,544% increase. These extreme increases are due to CPD hosting two sessions of the Central Arkansas Police Academy and were responsible for the instruction and management of the academies.
- SWAT reported being utilized twenty three (23) times in 2016 for incidents ranging from narcotics search warrants to barricaded suspects. Each SWAT officer completed, on average, 312 hours of training throughout the year. Specialized training was done at "Diamond Defense 2016", in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard. Several central Arkansas agency SWAT teams joined this training. SWAT also received funds from the Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant in the amount of \$116,000.
- The Conway Emergency Operations Center received a total of 69,342 calls for service during 2016. This averages out to 190 phone calls daily. This is an 8.4% increase in calls for service when compared to 2015. There were 34,296 911 calls made, which averages out to be 94, Emergency 911 calls per day, which is a 21% decrease compared to 2015.
- Warrant Officers reported a total of 1,766 warrants served and spent 978 hours conducting prisoner transports throughout the state. Warrant Officers spent 124 hours acting as Conway District Court bailiffs and conducted 469 applicant fingerprints and processed 232 recalled warrants. Total number of warrants processed through the CPD warrant section was 6,844 warrants.
- Animal Welfare impounded 1,707 animals in 2016 as compared to 1,879 in 2015. Dogs/Cats adopted/placed in rescue during 2016 were 864, a 2.1% decrease over 2015's 882 adoptions. Conway residents purchased 2,976 dog and cat licenses during 2016, a decrease of 4.9% from 3,130 licenses the year before. These licenses brought in \$44,172 in 2016 as compared to \$40,876 in 2015 (There are two tag prices, depending on an altered or unaltered tag). The euthanasia rate for dogs/cats brought into the Conway AWU was 33% in 2016, compared to the 2015 euthanasia rate of 36%. This % rate is well below the national % rate of 65%. The adoption rate for dogs/cats brought into the AWU in 2016 was 51% as compared to 47% in 2015. The national adoption rate is 20%. AWU officers issued 1,599 warnings and citations in 2016, a 33% decrease over 2015. Calls for Service decreased by 17% in 2016, with 3,286 compared to 3,961 in 2015.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division consists of 69 sworn officers and 1 non-sworn. The following statistics were reported for 2015:

- Patrol Division has 14 Pillars of Training that each Officer must complete. As of the end of 2016, Patrol Division, as a whole, has maintained 87% completion ratio for the 14 training courses. This average decreased from the previous year by 8% due to the addition of 10 additional Officers and additional personnel turnover in 2016. This training includes courses such as Basic Crime Scene Processing, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Standardized Field Sobriety and Diffusion/De-escalation.
- Patrol Officers worked approximately 99 hours of speed enforcement initiatives, 568 hours on seat belt enforcement initiatives, and 509 hours of DWI enforcement initiatives. This resulted in 1,006 citations for no seatbelt, 119 citations for speeding, and 71 DWI arrests.
- There were 4,704 adult arrests made in 2016 in comparison to 4,672 in 2015. There were 305 juvenile arrests in 2016 in comparison to 258 juvenile arrests in 2015. This is an overall increase of 1% in total arrests, department wide.
- Patrol reported 32 police pursuits, up from 29 in 2015, which is a 10% increase; 3,774 accidents were worked, a 7% increase compared to 2015; 189 DWI/DUI arrests were made, a 20% decrease compared to 2015; 1,006 “no seat belt” citations were issued, a 34% increase compared to 2015; and 36 “no child restraint” citations were issued, a 5% decrease compared to 2015.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Conway Police Department Criminal Investigation Division consists of 23 sworn officers and 7 non-sworn who are assigned to Investigations, Narcotics, K9's, Property and Evidence, Records and COMPSTAT. The following CID statistics were reported for 2016:

- Investigations worked a total of 2,445 cases, a .4% increase from 2015. Narcotics reported 574 cases opened, a 55.6% increase compared to 2015; \$1,751,614 worth of illegal drugs seized, a 191% increase compared to 2015; 102 search warrants served, a 168.4% increase compared to the 38 search warrants served in 2015. It should be noted that the Narcotics Section reached full staffing in June of 2016 compared to 2015 where they were down two investigators.
- The K9 Unit was utilized 249 times throughout the year for vehicle searches, building searches and narcotic searches. The K9 Unit seized a street value of \$2,364,285 in illegal narcotics in 2016, a 472.6% increase from 2015. They also performed 37 public demonstrations throughout the year for schools, civic group and other community events, a 40.3% decrease from 2015.
- Evidence and Property received 3,684 items in 2016, of which 1,632 were transported to the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory for processing. 2,384 items were destroyed per court order and 275 items were processed and released to the owner. 631.5 pounds of prescription drugs were taken in for disposal. In May of 2016, 619 pounds of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia were taken to the Clean

Harbor Incineration Facility to be incinerated. 38 bicycles were donated to the Faulkner County Boys and Girls Club.

- The Records Section processed 11,578 incident reports, 3,774 collision reports, 7,228 citations and 9,362 warnings for 2016. The Records Section also entered 389 citations issued by the UCA Police Department.

Program Highlights

❖ Text A Tip

Due to the enormous popularity of text messaging the Conway Police Department began utilizing state of the art technology to receive crime tips via text message and through WebTips. This service is 100% anonymous. The technology routes messages through a server that encrypts cell phone numbers before they get to police. The technology also allows investigators to securely reply back to the cell phone without compromising the tipster's identity.

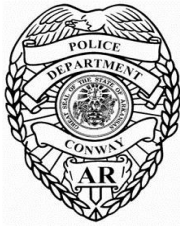
Some of the advantages of text messaging includes being able to communicate in real time with texters. It also allows people to notify police when calling may not be feasible or safe. Texting a tip is easy. We received 236 tips in 2016 regarding drug activity, suspect identification and numerous other items of interest to our department. The system has been a success. Our tips increased 18% in 2016 from 2015.

❖ Restaurant Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Narcotics Section of the Conway Police Department conducted 116 alcohol compliance checks in 2016. This operation is to ensure that restaurants are properly checking identification of its patrons and are not selling to underage customers. Of the 116 checks that were made, 85 checks passed while 31 failed for a success rate of 73.28%.

❖ Drug Take Back Program

Conway Police Department installed a permanent drop box for citizens to dispose of their unused prescription drugs. In 2016, 631.5 lbs of prescription medications were collected and disposed of safely through this program. This is a 32.9% decrease compared to 2015.



**Conway Police Department
Sworn Turnover Rate 2012-2016**

Year	Auth. Sworn Officers	Officer Departures	Officer Turnover Rate
2012	114	8	7%
2013	114	5	4%
2014	117	9	8%
2015	117	13	12%
2016	127	11	9%



**Conway Communications Center
Turnover Rate 2012-2016**

Year	Auth. Sworn Dispatchers	Departures	Dispatch Turnover Rate
2012	22	10	46%
2013	22	3	14%
2014	22	3	14%
2015	22	4	19%
2016	22	11	50%



**SWORN MANPOWER DISTRIBUTION
BY RACE-GENDER-RANK**

	Chief	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total	% of Dept.
WM	1	2	9	12	75	99	78%
WF		1		1	11	13	11%
BM				1	8	9	7%
BF							
NAM							
NAF							
HM					3	3	2%
HF							
Vacant		1				3	2%
TOTAL	1	4	9	14	99	127	100%



**NON-SWORN MANPOWER DISTRIBUTION
POLICE, ANIMAL WELFARE, CEOC**



	FT	PT	Total	% of Dept.
WM	5	2	7	16%
WF	29	0	29	61%
BM	0	0	0	0%
BF	6	0	6	13%
NAM	0	0	0	
NAF	0	0	0	
HM	1	0	1	2%
HF	0	0	0	
Vacant	3	0	3	8%
TOTAL	44	2	46	100%

**PERSONNEL STRENGTH CHART
Effective 12/31/2016**

PART I--SWORN-FT

Authorized Sworn 127

On Hand (authorized minus vacancies) 124

Physically Available for Duty @ CPD
(authorized minus vacancies and activated
officers).....3 Vacancies / 1 activated officer 123

PART II--NON SWORN-FT

Authorized Non Sworn 44
(CPD-14, AWU-8, CEOC-22)

On Hand 41
(CPD-14, AWU-8, CEOC-19)

PART III--Non Sworn-PT

Authorized Non Sworn-PT (AWU & Fleet) 2

On Hand 2

PART IV--TOTAL STAFF-ALL(F/T & P/T) CATEGORIES

Authorized 173

On Hand 167

PART V--CURRENT VACANCIES

Sworn positions 3

Non Sworn positions 3

PART VI--ACTIVATED OFFICERS 1