



# Conway Police Department Annual Report 2015



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 2015, we experienced a 12% turnover rate in sworn officers and a 19% turnover rate in the Conway Emergency Operations Center.

Special Operations worked twenty eight special events resulting in one thousand five hundred seventy three (1,573) total man-hours. This is a 31% decrease in special events worked compared to 2014 and an 11% increase in man hours required to work special events compared to 2014. While the number of events decreased, the addition of the Soaring Wings Marathon as well as using proper manpower for the events, added to the man-hour increase for the year. The hours worked on special events in the city pulled officers from their normal enforcement duties. Patrol Officers completed more than 400 Personal Property Enhanced Recovery Program forms with various businesses and personal contacts with citizens of Conway, this year. SWAT reported being utilized fourteen (14) times in 2015 for incidents ranging from narcotics search warrants to barricaded suspects. Investigations Division worked a total of 2,435 cases, a 1.5% decrease from 2014. Department wide, there were 4,672 adult arrests and 258 juvenile arrests made in 2015. This is a 12.7% decrease in total arrests when compared to 2014. Conway Emergency Operations Center reported 63,952 calls for service and 43,505 Emergency 911 calls received, which is a 6.6 % increase compared to 2014. Animal Welfare Unit reported a total intake of 1,879 animals, a total of 882 adoptions and rescues, and 3,130 licenses issued. There was a 3.6% increase in euthanized animals in 2015 and 2,400 citations and warnings were issued. There was a total of 21,579 hours of training for officers in 2015; these hours included basic police training, K9, SWAT and Field Training. Program highlights include the continuation of the Text-A-Tip program, Underage Drinking Alcohol Compliance Check, the Drug Take Back Program, the continuation of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) conversion kits being added to 7 patrol vehicles.

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

Chief Jody Spradlin

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**Violent Crimes**, overall, experienced a slight increase from 2014 to 2015. There were 274 violent crimes reported in 2015 versus 232 violent crimes reported in 2014. The Violent Crimes in Conway for 2015 are broken down as follows:

- There was a 100% change in Murders with two reported in 2015 and one reported in 2014.
- There was a 0% increase in Rapes with 26 in 2015 and 26 reported in 2014.
- There was a 37% increase in Robberies with 85 in 2015 and 62 reported in 2014.
- There was a 13% increase in Aggravated Assaults with 161 in 2015 and 143 reported in 2014.

**Property Crimes**, overall, experienced a 6% increase from 2014 to 2015 with 3,026 property crimes reported in 2015 versus 2,850 property crimes reported in 2014. The Property Crimes in Conway for 2015 are broken down as follows:

- There was a 0% increase in Burglaries with 394 in 2015 and 395 reported in 2014.
- There was a 7% increase in Thefts with 2,482 in 2015 and 2,311 reported in 2014.
- There was a 6% increase in Motor Vehicle Thefts with 149 in 2015 and 141 reported in 2014.
- There was a 67% decrease in Arsons with 1 in 2015 and 3 reported in 2014.

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**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Murder	0	2	4	3	0	1	1	2
Rape	29	24	19	20	27	23	26	26
Robbery	61	59	48	82	80	51	62	85
Burglary	418	451	446	397	395	371	395	394
Theft	2,399	1,980	2,012	2,108	1,849	2,242	2,311	2,482
Motor Vehicle Theft	128	125	95	105	94	102	141	149
Estimated Population	57,741	58,512	59,881	60,881	62,430	63,500	64,800	65,800

## ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division consists of 28 sworn officers and 32 non-sworn who are assigned to the following sections: Warrants, School Resource Officers, Traffic, Fleet Maintenance, Communications Center, Training and the Animal Welfare Unit. The following Administration Division statistics were reported for 2015:

- Fleet Maintenance Section received 7 new, Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicles. All seven of the Tahoe police vehicles were outfitted with CNG (compressed natural gas) conversion kits. The SWAT Team also received 1 new Ford F-450 van for use as a deployment vehicle. In addition, the Fleet Maintenance Section removed from service several vehicles that were no longer serviceable due to excess mileage or use.
- The Training Section reported a total of 21,579 hours of training in 2015; these hours included basic police training, K-9, SWAT and Field Officer Training. CPD instructors provided 470 hours of instruction.
- The Conway Emergency Operations Center received a total of 63,952 calls for service during 2015. This averages out to 175 phone calls daily. This is a 3.5% decrease in calls for service when compared to 2014. There were 43,505 911 calls made which averages out to be 119, Emergency 911 calls per day, which is a 6.6% increase compared to 2014.
- Warrant Officers reported a total of 1,273 warrants served, spent 835 hours conducting prisoner transports throughout the state. Warrant Officers spent 86 hours acting as Conway District Court bailiffs and conducted 289 applicant fingerprints, processed 1,041 recalled warrants. Total number of warrants processed through the CPD warrant section was 5,640 warrants.
- Animal Welfare impounded 1,879 animals in 2015 as compared to 1,853 in 2014. Dogs/Cats adopted/placed in rescue during 2015 were 882, a 4.8% increase over 2014's 841 adoptions. Conway residents purchased 3,130 dog and cat licenses during 2015, an increase of 4.1% from 3,008 licenses the year before. These licenses brought in \$40,876 in 2015 as compared to \$41,747 in 2014 (There are two tag prices, depending on an altered or unaltered tag). The euthanasia rate for dogs/cats brought into the Conway AWU was 36% in 2015, which is no change when compared to the 2014 euthanasia rate. This % rate is well below the national % rate of 65%. The adoption rate for dogs/cats brought into the AWU in 2015 was 47% as compared to 45% in 2014. The national adoption rate is 20%. AWU officers issued 2,400 warnings and citations in 2015, a 76% increase over 2014. Calls for Service increased by 21.4% in 2015, with 3,961 compared to 3,261 in 2014.

## **PATROL DIVISION**

The Patrol Division consists of 65 sworn officers and 1 non-sworn. The following Patrol Division statistics were reported for 2015:

- Patrol Division has 13 Pillars of Training that each officer must complete. As of the end of 2015, Patrol Division, as a whole, has maintained a 95% completion ratio for the 13 training courses. This average was maintained in spite of the personnel turnover of 9 Officers. This training includes courses such as Basic Crime Scene Processing, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Radar and Standardized Field Sobriety Test and Taser training.
- District Officers completed more than 400 Personal Property Enhanced Recovery Program forms with various businesses and citizens of Conway.
- Patrol Officers worked in excess of 500 hours on seat belt enforcement initiatives and in excess of 275 hours on DWI enforcement initiatives.
- There were 4,672 adult arrests made and 258 juvenile arrests made, department wide, in 2015, a 12.7% decrease in total arrests.
- Patrol reported 29 police pursuits, which is no change compared to 2014; 3,525 accidents were worked, a 2.5% increase compared to 2014; 236 DWI/DUI arrests were made, a 34.8% increase compared to 2014; 747 “no seat belt” citations were issued, a 1% decrease compared to 2014; and 38 “no child restraint” citations were issued, a 25% decrease compared to 2014.
- SWAT reported being utilized fourteen (14) times in 2015 for incidents ranging from narcotics search warrants to barricaded suspects. Each SWAT officer completed, on average, 312 hours training throughout the year. The entire team attended a 32 hour Response to Suicide Bombers School in New Mexico. Six new members attended CPD basic SWAT School and three members attended FBI SWAT School.

## **INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

The Conway Police Department Criminal Investigation Division consists of 22 sworn officers and 8 non-sworn who are assigned to Investigations, Narcotics, K9's, Property and Evidence, Records and COMPSTAT. The following CID statistics were reported for 2015:

- Investigations worked a total of 2,435 cases, a 1.5% decrease from 2014. Narcotics reported 369 cases opened, a 28.3% decrease compared to 2014; \$601,964 worth of illegal drugs seized, a 78.7% decrease compared to 2014; 38 search warrants served, a 43.3% decrease compared to the 52 search warrants served in 2014. It should be noted that the Narcotics Section operated all year with two (2) less investigators than 2013.
- The K9 Unit was utilized 178 times throughout the year for vehicle searches, building searches and narcotic searches. The Unit seized a street value of \$412,875 in illegal narcotics in 2015, a 104.5%

increase from 2014. They also performed 62 public demonstrations throughout the year for schools, civic group and other community events, a 100% increase from 2014.

- Evidence and Property received 2,517 items in 2015, of which 1,268 were transported to the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory for processing. 1,129 items were destroyed per court order and 225 items were processed and released to the owner. 769 pounds of prescription drugs were taken in for disposal. No drugs were taken to be incinerated in 2015. Accumulation levels were not high enough during the year to make the trip to south Arkansas where the incinerator is located. This task will be completed in April of 2016.
- The Records Section processed 11,136 incident reports, 3,554 collision reports, 6,009 citations and 6,107 warnings for 2015. Records Section also entered 432 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 200 tips in 2015 regarding drug activity, suspect identification and numerous other items of interest to our department. The system has been a success. Our tips increased 48% in 2015 from 2014.

#### ❖ Restaurant Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Narcotics Section of the Conway Police Department conducted 23 alcohol compliance checks in 2015. This operation is to ensure that restaurants are properly checking identification of its patrons and are not selling to underage customers. Of the 23 checks that were made, 14 checks passed while 9 failed for a success rate of 60.8%.

#### ❖ Drug Take Back Program

Conway Police Department installed a permanent drop box for citizens to dispose of their unused prescription drugs. In 2015, 769 lbs of prescription medications were collected and disposed of safely. This is a 40.6% increase compared to 2014.



**Conway Police Department  
Sworn Turnover Rate 2011-2015**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Auth. Sworn Officers</b>	<b>Officer Departures</b>	<b>Officer Turnover Rate</b>
2011	112	10	11%
2012	114	8	7%
2013	114	5	4%
2014	117	9	8%
2015	117	13	12%



**Conway Communications Center  
Turnover Rate 2011-2015**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Auth. Sworn Dispatchers</b>	<b>Departures</b>	<b>Dispatch Turnover Rate</b>
2011	22	16	73%
2012	22	10	46%
2013	22	3	14%
2014	22	3	14%
2015	22	4	19%



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

	Chief	Major	Lieutenant	Sergeant	Officer	Total	% of Dept.
WM	1	2	9	12	70	94	81%
WF		1		1	11	13	12%
BM				1	4	5	5%
BF					1	1	0.5%
NAM					1	1	0.5%
NAF							
HM					2	2	0.5%
HF							
Vacant		1				1	0.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>100%</b>



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

(Reduction of one FT position in 2015)



	FT	PT	Total	% of Dept.
WM	7	1	8	17%
WF	27	1	28	61%
BM	0	0	0	0%
BF	7	0	7	16%
NAM	0	0	0	
NAF	0	0	0	
HM	1	0	1	2%
HF	0	0	0	
Vacant	2	0	2	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>100%</b>



**PERSONNEL STRENGTH CHART**  
**Effective 12/31/2015**

**PART I--SWORN-FT**

Authorized Sworn	117
On Hand (authorized minus vacancies)	116
Physically Available for Duty @ CPD (authorized minus vacancies and activated officers)	116

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**PART II--NON SWORN-FT**

Authorized Non Sworn (CPD-15, AWU-7, CEOC-22)	44
On Hand (CPD-14, AWU-7, CEOC-21)	42

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**PART III--Non Sworn-PT**

Authorized Non Sworn-PT	2
On Hand	2

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

Authorized	161
On Hand	158

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**PART V--CURRENT VACANCIES**

Sworn positions	1
Non Sworn positions	2

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**PART VI--ACTIVATED OFFICERS**

