



Police deployment plans in action

In the fall of 2013, the Springfield Police Department began a new process of using patrol deployment plans. These plans direct patrol enforcement to “hot spots” of criminal activity by monitoring crimes for emerging trends in order to take better enforcement action.

Patrol lieutenants are tasked with conducting timely analysis of crimes occurring in their assigned areas and shifts.

“Once they identify a crime trend or a hot spot, they are responsible for developing a deployment plan for their respective sections, executing it within their squads and then collecting follow-up statistical information to determine what enforcement actions had taken place within the identified area,” said Police Chief Paul Williams. The lieutenants then compare the areas’ crime data that resulted before and during the deployment plan and determine what residual effects the enforcement actions had on the area after the plan ended.

In 2014, patrol lieutenants developed 49 deployment plans, and officers spent a total of 467 hours of proactive enforcement within the hot spots. During these patrols, officers conducted 128 car stops, 378 citizen contacts and made 94 arrests. Significant reductions in crime were seen within those identified hot spots, both during and after the plans.

The established framework for the plans triggered the department’s Traffic Section to begin developing their own plans in September 2014. Each lasting 30 days, the traffic deployment plans focused on intersections which had a high rate of crashes in 2013.

Traffic officers were advised to focus on enforcing hazardous moving violations in an attempt to reduce crashes at these intersections. During the first traffic plan, traffic officers spent 54 hours of enforcement at four locations conducting 176 traffic stops which yielded 121 summonses and 119 warnings. During the second deployment plan, traffic officers spent 39 enforcement hours making 171 vehicle stops where they wrote 119 summonses and issued 82 warnings.

Patrol and traffic deployment plans are continuing throughout 2015, and the SPD will continue analyzing their impact.

Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Business Watch
 - Night Watch
 - CPTED
 - Apartment Watch
 - Citizens Alert Patrol
- Targeted awareness campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people
 - places
 - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

There’s no information that’s insignificant. Don’t hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD plus your message or photo to CRIMES (274637)

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Springfield Crime Statistics

First Quarter 2015 (Jan. - March)

↑ 5%

Overall increase
in crime in 1st Qtr.
(Compared to 1st Qtr. 2014)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Jan. - March	2014	2015
Homicide	2	6
Rape	63	60
Robbery	78	114
Aggravated Assault	269	297
Total Against Persons	412	477

THERE WAS AN **16% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2014.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Jan. - March	2014	2015
Burglary	386	399
Larceny/theft	1,962	2,063
Stolen Vehicle	275	242
Total Against Property	2,623	2,704

THERE WAS A **3% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2014.



**Stolen vehicles
DROPPED**

12%

from last year
(the first decrease
in years).

**Robberies, most
of which were
commercial
& residential,
INCREASED BY**

46%



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