



## Maintaining transparency with those we serve

One of the challenges that exists in policing across the country is the ability to fully transform the relationship between police and the communities they serve—specifically the minority community. Efforts have been under way, and are ongoing, in Springfield to bridge that gap, as those relationships face serious struggles in other parts of the country.



Chief Paul Williams created the Chief's Community Advisory Group in 2015 as part of that effort. Several Springfield community members representing nearly all minority groups are represented in this all-inclusive group that meets with Williams and other Springfield Police Department commanders on a quarterly basis to discuss topics of the members' choice concerning the police department.

Sometimes one of the discussed topics is a specific department policy. Other times, a particular experience that someone has had with the department may come up. The themes may vary, but what is consistent is that each of these meetings allows for honest and open conversations. For example, the group has had extensive discussions regarding The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, police use of force (specifically officer involved shootings) and the resulting investigations, recruiting and retention (in general, and of minorities), off duty employment, and the department's relationship with the community.

"While the SPD from top to bottom is already very active in the community, the creation of this group has provided a forum for both the citizens and I to engage each other in a thoughtful way, and enhanced our ability to have broader discussions than those that are held at a neighborhood meeting or over a cup of coffee," said Williams.

Civil order in a community relies heavily on a strong relationship with its police force. Williams and his department work to engage the city they serve, and making those connections between officers and citizens allows them to both maintain and build the level of respect and trust among one another.

## 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

Third Quarter 2016 (July - Sept.)

↑ **2%**

Overall increase  
in crime in 3rd Qtr.  
(Compared to 3rd Qtr. 2015)

## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

July - Sept.	2015	2016
Homicide	0	1
Rape	104	85
Robbery	115	110
Aggravated Assault	428	395
<b>Total Against Persons</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>591</b>

THERE WAS A **9% TOTAL DECREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2015.

## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

July - Sept.	2015	2016
Burglary	518	536
Larceny/theft	2,742	2,767
Stolen Vehicle	389	508
<b>Total Against Property</b>	<b>3,649</b>	<b>3,811</b>

THERE WAS A **4% TOTAL INCREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2015.

This quarter,  
stolen vehicles  
**INCREASED by**

**30%**

Police continue to discover that most of these vehicles were left unlocked, often with keys inside.



SPD's rate of clearing cases of violent crime  
**beats the national averages:**

	SPD 3rd Qtr 2016	National Average:
Homicide	100%	64.8%
Rape	43.5%	40.3%
Robbery	47.3%	28.2%
Aggravated Assault	62.3%	56.4%

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