



Springfield POLICE

Quarterly Public Safety Report

Second Quarter 2014 (April - June)



Variety of opportunities in the volunteer program

Whether it is having the gift for comforting citizens after the loss of a loved one or feeling the call to help protect stranded Springfield motorists, the SPD is fortunate to have volunteers with a variety of skill sets.

The SPD's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) includes chaplains, cadets, the Handicapped Enforcement Action Team (HEAT), members of the Motorist Assist Program (MAP), SPD Wives and others who perform various office tasks for department staffs who work in records, investigations and crime analysis.

In the past year, volunteers have donated 4,270.45 hours to the department, which is valued at a total of \$81,138.55, according to Independent Sector.

"I just feel like it is a rewarding way to give back to the community," says Diane Scharpf, a volunteer for both the MAP and HEAT programs.

The department is always looking to add talented and generous citizens to the VIPS program. If you are interested in becoming an SPD volunteer, please call 864-1351.

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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Learn more about how you can be involved in crime prevention efforts:

(417) 874-2113 or www.springfieldmo.gov/SPD

Springfield Crime Statistics

Second Quarter 2014 (April - June)

↓ **17%**

**Overall decrease
in crime in 2nd Qtr.**
(Compared to 2nd Qtr. 2013)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

April - June	2013	2014
Homicide	4	3
Rape	72	74
Robbery	115	103
Aggravated Assault	396	351
Total Against Persons	587	531

THERE WAS A **10% TOTAL DECREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2013.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

April - June	2013	2014
Burglary	599	478
Larceny/theft	2,843	2,332
Stolen Vehicle	318	286
Total Against Property	3,760	3,096

THERE WAS A **18% TOTAL DECREASE IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY** FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2013.

CLEARANCES of stolen vehicles nearly
DOUBLED (14.78%
to 27.62%)

partially due to SPD developing
a new Vehicle Theft Unit to
focus on this rising crime type.

Cases of
larceny/theft
dropped by

18%

This number is largely due to SPD
working with convenience stores
to bring gas drive-offs to an end.

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