

MARENGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



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2015 Annual Report

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February 8th, 2016

Mayor Donald B. Lockhart
132 East Prairie Street
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Dear Mayor Lockhart:

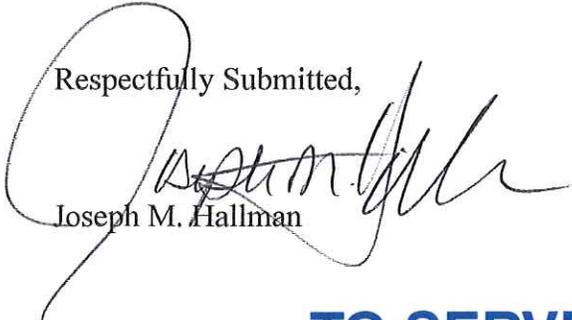
On behalf of the officers and staff of the Marengo Police Department I am pleased to present to you our department's annual report for 2015. This is the first year we have created this document and we will continue to build upon its success for future releases. We have highlighted various statistics and programs the police department had undertaken throughout the year in order to provide transparency and accountability.

2015 saw some new partnerships created and older relationships rekindled. We will continue to build upon these professional networks to insure intra-agency cooperation and enhance resource support for policing services in Marengo. Our citizens deserve no less.

I am honored and blessed to lead the officers and staff of this progressive organization with the continued support of our elected officials. We will strive to upgrade our procedures and incorporate the latest advancements for modern era policing services. We will adapt to changing social situations, court holdings and any shortcomings in order to maintain the integrity of this department and earn the respect of our citizens.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this report since feedback can play an important role in defining who we are, where we have been and where we would like to go. I anticipate a productive 2016 and I will do my best for this community to insure they are receiving the best police service possible.

Respectfully Submitted,


Joseph M. Hallman

TO SERVE AND PROTECT

CITY OFFICIALS

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MAYOR

Donald B. Lockhart

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Gary Boden

CLERK

Constance Boxleitner

ALDERMAN

Nicole DeBoer

Todd Hall

Dennis Hammortree

Matt Keenum

Brett Martin

Steven Mortensen

James Regelin

Michael Smith

POLICE COMMISSION

Dennis Starnes

Ron Foley

Becky Weinhandl

MISSION

The Marengo Police Department has the entrusted duty to protect the lives and property of all the citizens of Marengo.

The Marengo Police Department staff shall be committed to consistent and courteous public service, efficient investigation and enforcement and rendering emergency aid in times of need.

We shall continue to bridge the exchange of information and embrace the philosophy of community oriented policing.

FOUNDATION

The Marengo Police Department's foundation is built upon Sir Robert Peel's Nine Principles of Policing, often referred to as "The Peelian Principles."

Principle 1: The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder

Principle 2: To ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions

Principle 3: Police must secure the willing co-operation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the public

Principle 4: The degree of co-operation of the public that can be secured diminishes proportionately to the necessity of the use of physical force

Principle 5: Police seek and preserve public favour not by catering to the public opinion but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law

Principle 6: Police use physical force to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient

Principle 7: Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence

Principle 8: Police should always direct their action strictly towards their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary

Principle 9: The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it

Department Personnel

CHIEF

Joseph M. Hallman

SERGEANTS

Richard Solarz

Rodney Riley

Paul Fritz

DETECTIVE

Shaun Boeckh

PATROL OFFICERS

Day Shift

Daniel Gehrke

Sonya Bass

Afternoon Shift

Eric Bockelmann

Andrew Kjellgren

Andrew Taylor

Powershift

Jerzy Rzotkiewicz

Midnight Shift

Kyle Phelps

John Warren

Adam Boyce

RECORDS SPECIALISTS

Denise Westland

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Megan Burke

PATROL OPERATIONS

Patrol operations are the heart of any police department, Marengo being no exception. Through rigorous vehicle and sometimes foot assignments, MPD keeps an eye on our citizens. Not only has regular routine patrol been shown to reduce crime, citizens feel more comfortable knowing officers are around and can be available in minutes.

MPD officers are encouraged to stop and speak to our citizens in order to foster a closer relationship. If you have a complaint or concern, don't be afraid to flag down a patrol car to get the service you may need.

Patrol officers are generalists and handle a variety of police service functions including but not limited to the following:

- Reports
- Follow up reports
- Accidents
- Traffic regulation / direction
- Traffic citations
- Warrants
- Vacation / security checks
- Many types of calls for service



Please note that beginning in 2016, MPD will no longer perform vehicle “lock outs” except in emergency situations

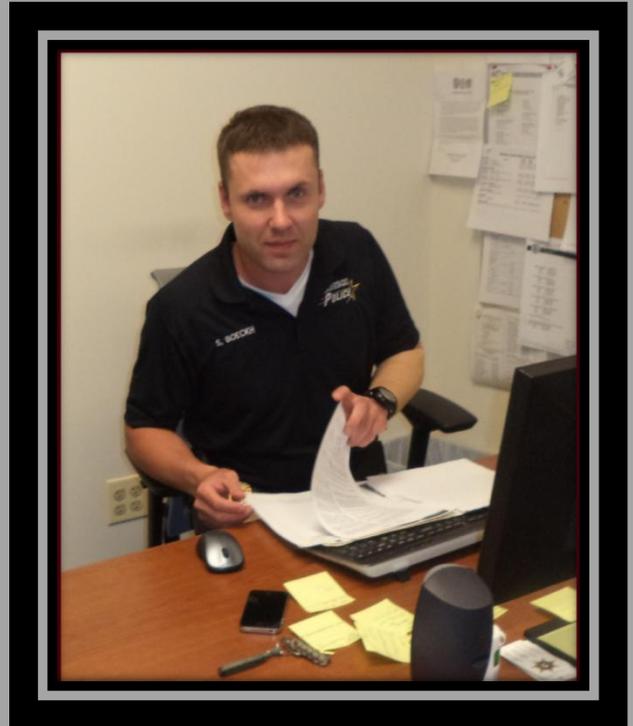
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INVESTIGATIONS

MPD has employed a full time officer dedicated to investigations since 1999. We believe it is imperative to actively follow up on cases so they do not languish and become cold. Currently, Detective Shaun Boeckh has been assigned to investigations along with Detective-Sergeant Richard Solarz. Detective Boeckh was involved in several high-profile cases last year that resulted in successful arrest and prosecution. Besides the exciting police cases, investigators handle the mundane as well.

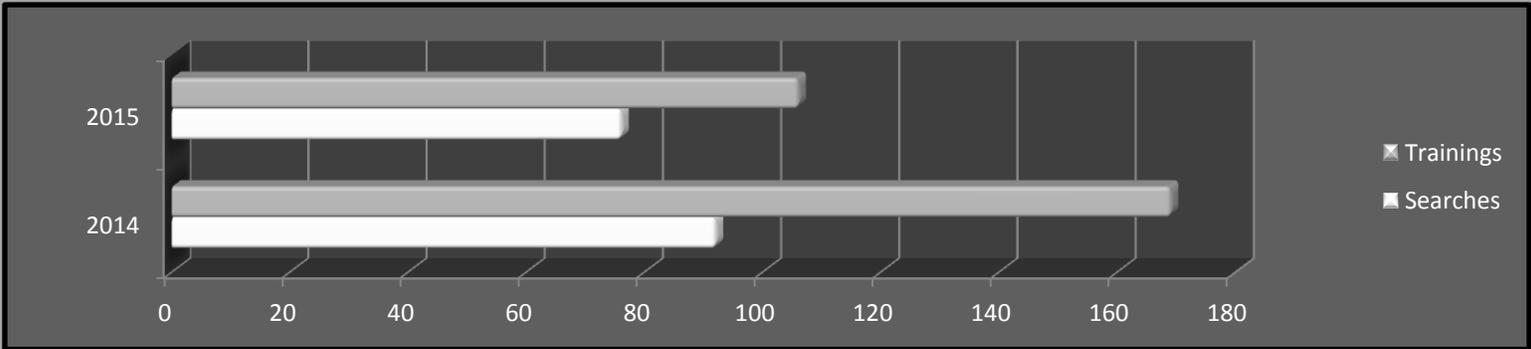
- Sex offender registrations
- Bad / worthless checks
- Routine follow up
- Missing persons
- Identity theft
- Fraud investigations
- Scams
- Community presentations
- Safety / security audits
- Task force (Major Investigations Assistance Team)
- Arson investigation





K-9

Marengo Police Sergeant Rodney Riley began working with K-9 Shadow on October 10, 2011 and attended an 8 week Basic K-9 Officers Training Class. In this program there was intensive overview of K-9 law, legal aspects of search and seizures as well as basic obedience, tracking, area searching, narcotic detection and handler protection. Sergeant Riley and Shadow are a Certified K-9 team.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)



The Marengo Police Department has partnered with the Marengo Community High School in creating a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. The SRO Program helps reduce and prevent school related violence and crimes as well as create a positive relationship between police officers and the youth. In order to accomplish this, the SRO creates and maintains a safe, secure and orderly

learning environment for students, teachers and staff.

On top of enforcing criminal law, providing security and assisting in all school drills (fire, tornado, lock-downs and canine searches), Marengo's SRO assists students and teachers by routinely speaking in various classrooms. Topics include, but not limited to Driving Distractions, Graduated Driver's License, Zero Tolerance, DUI Enforcement, Drug Addictions/Dangers and Deviance. The SRO explains traffic related violations to students and parents and provides law-related counseling (on a limited basis). Most importantly, the SRO provides assistance in counseling on any problem or crisis a student feels free to discuss, whether school or home related and offers insight on becoming a positive member in the community.



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TRAINING



MASTER FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR'S

The Marengo Police Department has two officers who have completed training's through the University Of Illinois Police Training Institute in order to become Master Firearms Instructor's. Each officer has successfully completed the following

- Police Strategy and Tactics Course
- Police Tactical Firearms Course
- Police Firearms Instructor Course
- Master Firearms Instructor Apprentice Program

Master Firearms Instructor's must attend a recertification workshop every three years. The workshop focuses on changes in doctrine and teaching methodology. Re-qualification is required to maintain the knowledge and skills required for certification.

FIREARMS TRAINING

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards board along with the Marengo Police Department mandates that all Marengo officers qualify annually with their firearms. Each year the officers attend multiple trainings and conduct annual qualifications for any firearms the officer is issued and carries. In addition, officers are provided with training that consists of:

- Firearm Safety
- Firearms Maintenance
- Tactical Firearms Skills
- Team Tactics
- Realistic Scenario Based Training

TRAINING

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Your Marengo Police Department officers are highly trained in a variety of areas. Not only are they “generalists” in the sense that they receive the basics with refresher courses annually, several officers are “specialists” in that they are schooled above and beyond the baseline level. MPD utilizes many instructional outlets to insure officers are receiving the highest quality instruction as well as learning current and best practices in the field. We are proud to have such a compliment of diversified officers to handle almost any situation we would typically encounter.

2015 TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- DUI Refresher
- Juvenile Specialists
- BAO
- Homicide Investigator
- K-9 Training and Re-certification
- FBI National Academy
- Midwest Forensics
- Basic Police Academy
- Rapid Deployment
- Sig Sauer Armorer
- Glock Armorer
- Taser International
- Evidence Technician
- Labor Law and Labor Arbitration
- International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers



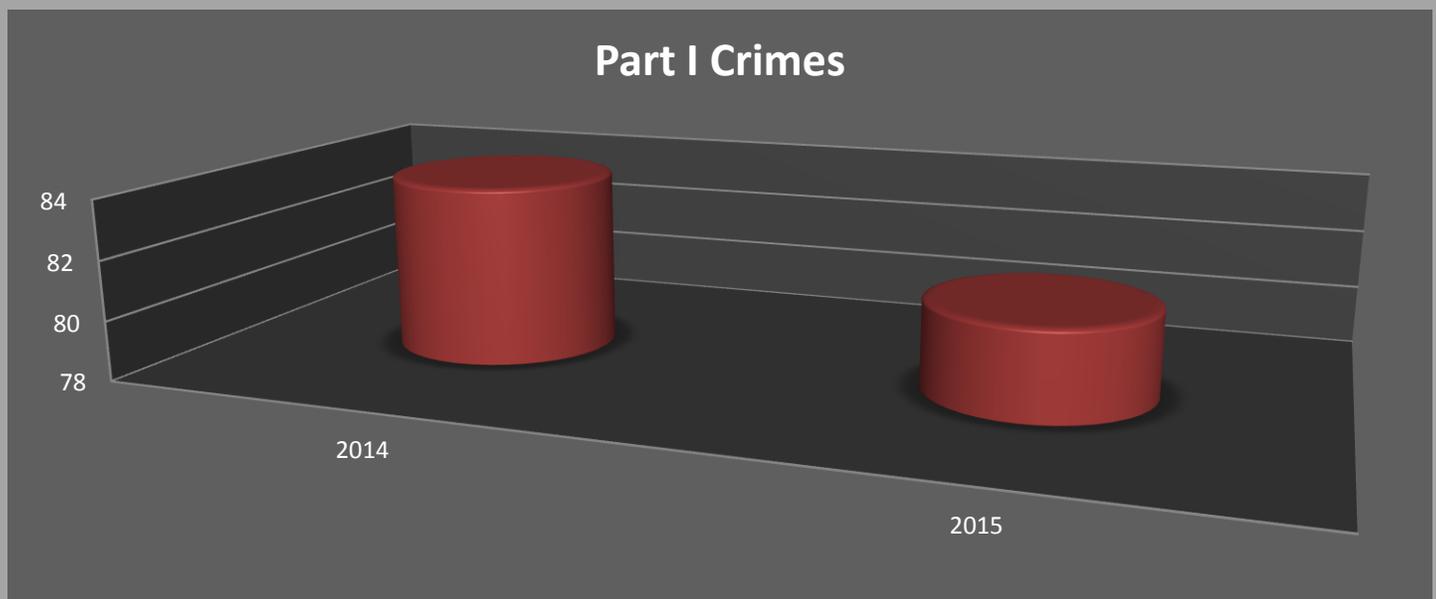
Crime Trends



Reporting law enforcement agencies submit data on a monthly basis to the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program. The I-UCR Program was implemented on January 1, 1972. The Illinois State Police was given the responsibility to act as the central repository for crime statistics. Reporting crime statistics is mandated by Chapter 20 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2630/8. Complete reporting guidelines can be found on the I-UCR Program website at <http://www.isp.state.il.us/crime/ucrhome.cfm>

Crime I Trends

Criminal Homicide	0	Theft	59
Rape	1	Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Robbery	0	Arson	1
Aggravated Battery	2	Burglary	15
Human Trafficking	0	Human Trafficking	0
Commercial Sex Acts		Involuntary Servitude	

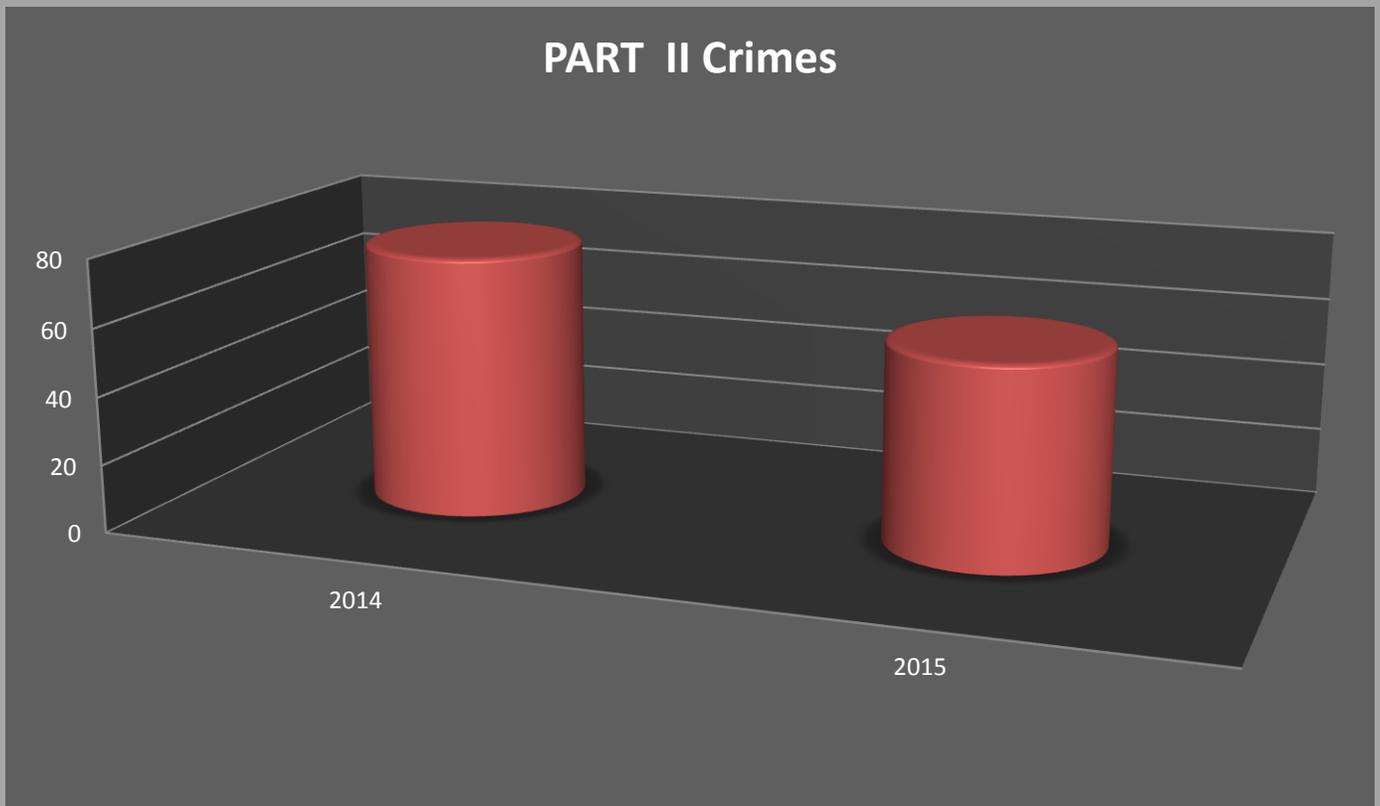


Crime Trends



Crime II Trends

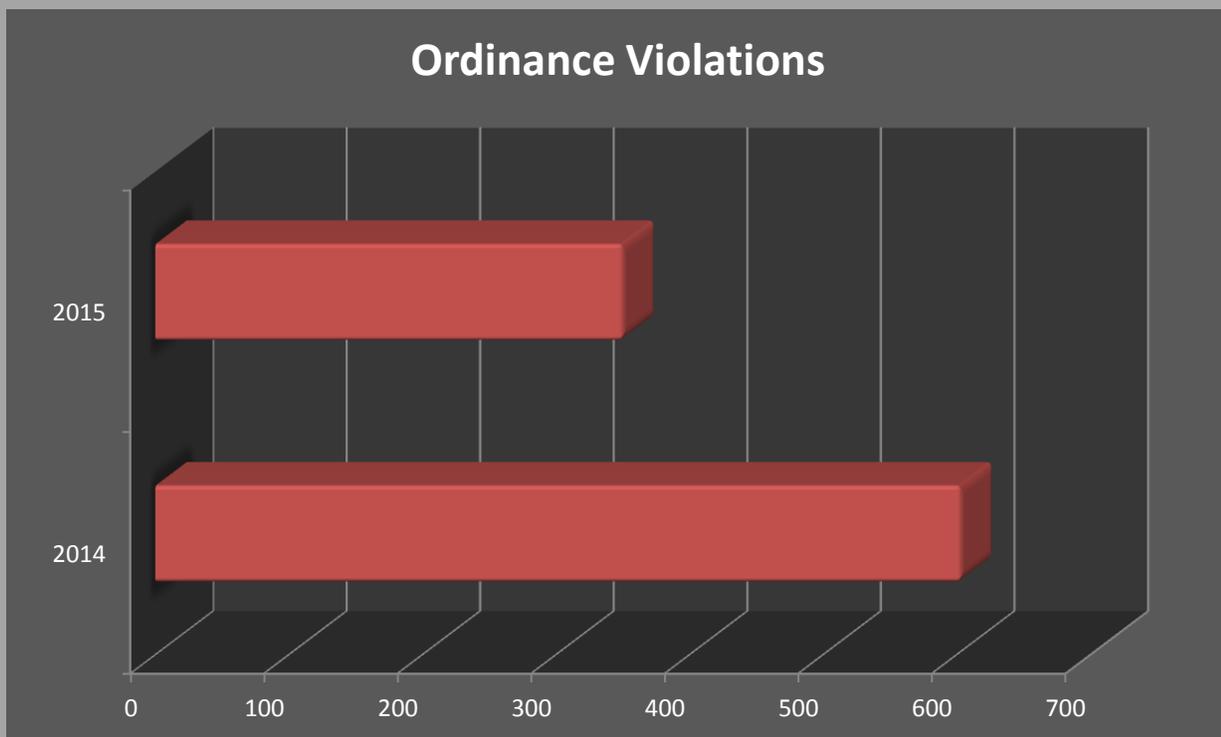
Cannabis Violation	28
Drug Paraphernalia Violation	27
Methamphetamine Act Violation	0
Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances Violation	2
Unlawful Possession of Hypodermic Syringes/Needles Violation	2



Ordinance Violations



Many of the infractions that MPD encounters are not necessarily criminal in nature. There are a host of local ordinances in the Municipal Code that MPD regularly enforces. From quality of life issues to parking violations, the police department can and does insure compliance. The statistics represented below show another facet of how the department engages the citizens to correct these issues.



TRAFFIC STOP DATA

ILLINOIS TRAFFIC STOP STUDY, 2014	
Agency:	MARENGO POLICE

Stops		
	White Drivers	Minority Drivers
Total Stops	884	217
Percentage Stops	80.29	19.71
Duration (Mean\Median)	10\8	11\8
Estimated Minority Driving Population Ratio		14.43
		1.37

Reason for Stop				
	White Drivers		Minority Drivers	
	884		217	
Total Stops	884		217	
Moving Violations	641	72.51%	163	75.12%
Equipment Violations	136	15.38%	30	13.82%
Licensing / Registration Violations	107	12.10%	24	11.06%
Commercial Vehicle Violations	0	0%	0	0%

Outcome of Stop				
	White Drivers		Minority Drivers	
	884		217	
Total Stops	884		217	
Citation	476	53.85%	142	65.44%
Written Warning	339	38.35%	63	29.03%
Verbal Warning/ Stop Card	69	7.81%	12	5.53%

Vehicle Consent Searches				
	White Drivers		Minority Drivers	
	884		217	
Total Stops	884		217	
Requested	6	0.68%	2	0.92%
Granted	3	50%	2	100%
Performed	3	100%	2	100%
Found	2	66.67%	2	100%

Dog Sniff Searches				
	White Drivers		Minority Drivers	
	884		217	
Total Stops	884		217	
Vehicle Dog Sniff Searches	9	1%	5	2%
Dog Alerts	6	66.67%	3	60%
Search Performed	6	100%	3	100%
Contraband Found	4	66.67%	2	66.67%

Key Indicators	Total	WH	AA	AI	HIS	ASN	NH	N/S
Stops	1101	884	50	7	141	17	2	0
Duration(Mean/Median)	10\8	10\8	11\9	10\10	12\8	11\7	10\10	0\0
Reason For Stop	Moving	804	641	30	7	112	2	0
	Equipment	166	136	12	0	16	0	0
	License	131	107	8	0	13	0	0
	Commercial Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	N/S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outcome of Stop	Citation	618	476	28	6	98	1	0
	Written Warning	402	339	19	1	35	1	0
	Verbal Warning/SC	81	69	3	0	8	0	0
Vehicle Consent Searches	NS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Requested	8	6	1	0	1	0	0
	Granted	5	3	1	0	1	0	0
	Performed	5	3	1	0	1	0	0
Dog Sniff Searches	Found	4	2	1	0	1	0	0
	Sniffs	14	9	2	0	3	0	0
	Alerts	9	6	2	0	1	0	0
	Alert Search	9	6	2	0	1	0	0
Found	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	

The Marengo Police Department is a member of the McHenry County Major Investigation Assistance Team (MIAT). MIAT's mission is to assist member agencies, at the request of that agency, who is involved in a major investigation by providing additional trained personnel and equipment.

M.I.A.T

E.M.A

The City of Marengo has always been active in emergency planning and in 1998 under Mayor Rebecca Johnson took it up a notch. During her tenure, a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which was originally identified as the Disaster Committee was formed. To this day, there are still several charter members from that first committee who meet regularly and plan for events we hope shall never occur.

The City codified the Emergency Management Agency through our municipal code under Chapter 5: Emergency Management Agency.

Members involved in this committee include individuals from the following

- ✓ The Marengo Police Department
- ✓ The City of Marengo Administration
- ✓ The Marengo Fire Protection District
- ✓ The Marengo Rescue Squad
- ✓ Marengo Public Works
- ✓ Marengo Township
- ✓ Marengo Community High School
- ✓ General Public

Our mission includes planning, mitigating, responding and recovering from a disaster in the most effective and efficient ways possible. We constantly adapt our planning and response processes to situations that may or may not arise to insure we are focusing upon proper training and best practices in the field.



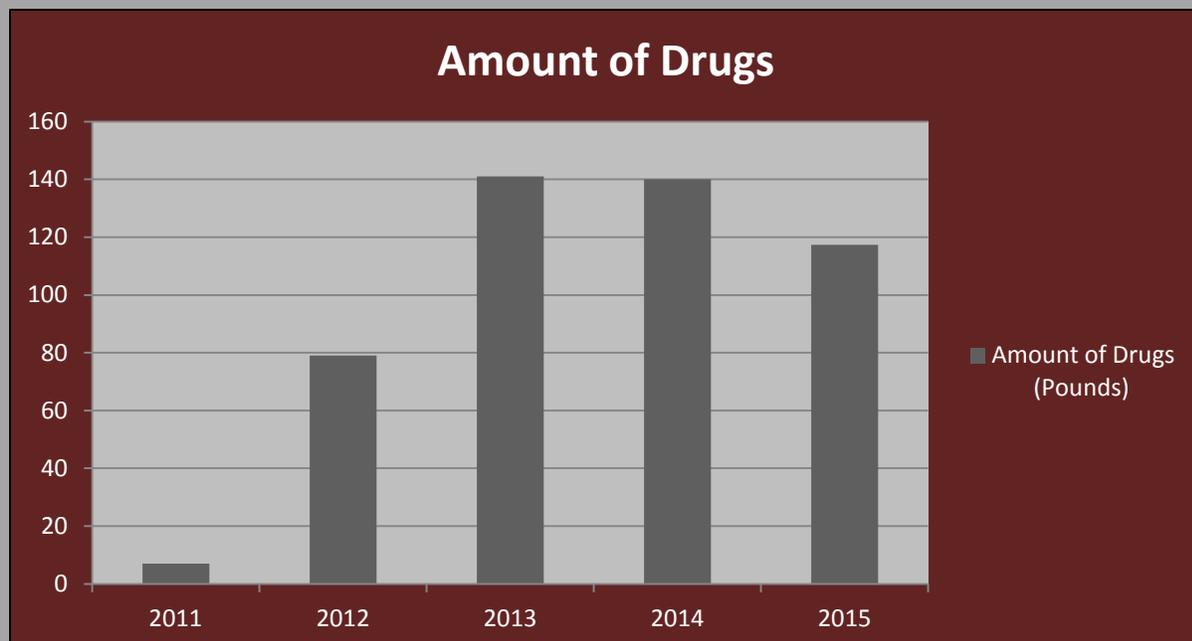
MEDICATION DISPOSAL

In 2011, the Marengo Police Department became involved with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in their efforts to collect prescription drugs. Essentially, the police department hosted a drop off point two times per year in order to assist our citizens with unused, older prescription drugs.

Initially, we collected a mere seven pounds our first run. Since the first “take back” in 2011, we have had exponential growth in the amount of drugs we’ve received. Although, we only turn the collected drugs over to DEA two times per year, we have installed a permanent locked receptacle in our PD lobby.



We strongly encourage every citizen to take advantage of this service since we believe it could have an impact on illegal drug use as well as protecting the waterways. Many of the illegal drug abusers we have had contact with begin by scouring cabinets for various narcotics. Please stop by the PD lobby anytime to utilize the receptacle and get rid of those old prescription drugs. Please be aware that we do not accept any needles or “sharps” of any kind nor do we accept liquids.



SECURITY CHECK

To ease your mind while you are out of town for an extended period of time whether it's for business or travel, the Marengo Police Department offers a Security Check program. Residents of Marengo are able to notify the police department that they will be away from home by completing a Security Check form which can be found online or in the department lobby. Officers will perform periodic checks to help protect and ensure security of unoccupied homes.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Marengo citizens are encouraged to participate with MPD to form neighborhood watch groups. Typically, these groups are responsible for small geographic areas (5-7 city blocks).

Marengo currently has four active groups within our community. Once formed, these groups contact the police for any issues within their defined areas of operation, communicate actively with each other and on occasion host meetings. MPD notifies these groups through e-mail of potential issues facing them specifically or the city at-large.

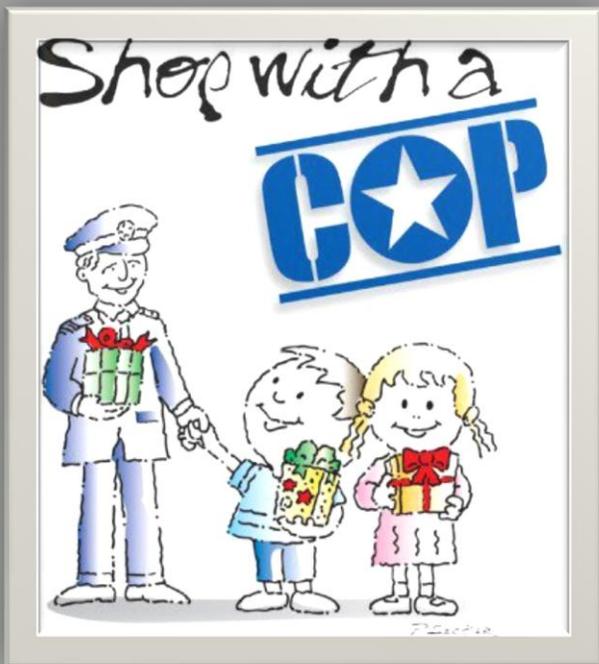
MPD believes that this is a great way to get involved in your community and meet some of your neighbors.

For additional information please contact Chief Joseph Hallman.

Feel free to view the link below.

[Do It Yourself Home Security Checklist](#)





Marengo Police Department participated in the 30th annual 'Shop with a Cop' program. Shop with a Cop is coordinated by the McHenry County Police Charities and helps spread Christmas cheer to children who are less fortunate. Local law enforcement agencies volunteer their time and take children out for a morning full of fun. Each child gets to shop with an officer and pick out necessary winter gear (if needed), such as a coat, hat, gloves and boots. Then, each child is given \$150 to spend on Christmas gifts for themselves and loved ones. After

working up an appetite from a morning full of shopping, children are provided breakfast. Children are given the opportunity to wrap their gifts and meet Santa. Shop with a Cop is a heartwarming event full of laughter and making memories, it's what community is all about!

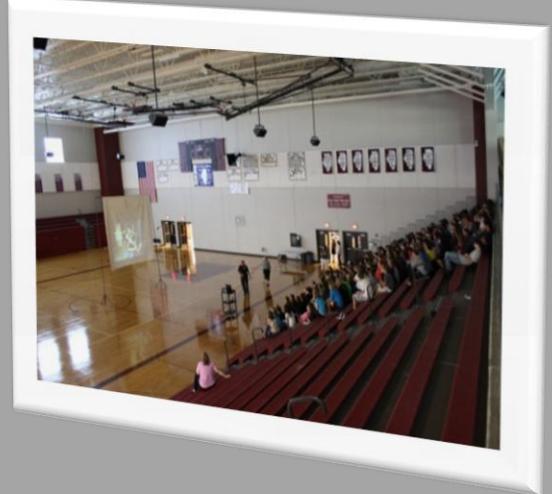


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COMMUNITY
EVENTS



2016 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Continued Aggressive Strategy (s) for Narcotics Interdiction/Arrests
- Increased “Quality of Life” Issue Enforcement (e.g.) Abandoned Vehicles, Noise Issues, Assist Building Department
- Department Survey
- Community Survey
- Operations Assessment
- Equipment Assessment
- New Patrol Squad
- Issue New/Revised General Orders
- Issue New/Revised EOP
- Performance-Based Assessments/Evaluations
- Decreased OT
- Increased Positive Citizen-Police Interactions