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Foley Police Department

2015

Annual Report

Foley Police Department Command Staff



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Chief of Police



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Captain



Thurston Bullock
Captain



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Lieutenant



Tony Fuqua
Lieutenant



Otis Miller
Lieutenant

Mission Statement

Sworn to Protect – Dedicated to Serve

Our Vision

We strive every day to be the best trained, best equipped, best performing police department that serves with excellence.

Our Mission

We will strategically and effectively police in a modern manner that ensures a safe, secure city.

Our Desire

We desire to maintain our city's quality of life and ensure that our citizens feel safe to work, play, rest, and raise their children in this city.

We desire that our residents and businesses enjoy a high degree of protection and police services.

We desire to police in a manner that allows our community to get to know us as approachable employees which results in close relationships, partnerships, and professionalism.

We desire to assist in community development which in turn affects economic development for our city, our citizens, and future generations.

Our Method

We will give our absolute best and impact our community through quality police services we are proud of.

As a department, we will always seek to reach higher levels of performance through professional and ethical law enforcement operations and modern, proficient training.

We will always work as a professional team. Each section of the police department is an invaluable, critical, mission-essential component of this police team.

We will practice maximum effort in pursuing offenders and protecting the innocent.

As a department, we will strive to become one large family as we serve our community.

Foley Police Department Community-Oriented Policing Strategy:

Our strategy and vision as a police department is to interact with and become an integral part of the lives of our citizens.

We will build trust and develop partnerships and work together to lower crime and maintain and improve our quality of life for all citizens in all neighborhoods. Each day, we will work towards this mission so that our citizens feel safe to work, play, rest, and raise their children in this city.

We are parents, we are citizens, and we are neighbors. We have a personal stake in this mission.



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Dear Foley Citizen:

I am pleased to present you the police report for 2015. This report shows our crime fighting efforts and showcases our services and department. As you read this report, you will see the results of our crime fighting abilities, crime analysis and reduction strategies, and the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the men and women that call the Foley Police Department their agency. This is also a result of the day to day guidance and work of our command staff: Captain David White, Captain Thurston Bullock, Lieutenant Shawn Miller, Lieutenant Tony Fuqua, and Lieutenant Otis Miller, along with our entire leadership team. Our success is also a result of the leadership of our mayor, council, and city administration. We all work together as "Team Foley" to make Foley the premier place to live. You will also see that we are part of the very community we serve and protect.

We strive to create a spirit of teamwork and collaboration between law enforcement agencies, to include the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and our federal partners. We are all citizen law enforcement officers and we have a stake in our communities.

We did not have any murders last year and have had only one murder in the last six years. One is still one too many. We also cut our residential burglaries nearly in half last year. Our commercial burglaries show an increase but that is due to a rash of storage unit burglaries that we experienced in 2015. We have worked hard to keep violent crime from springing up in Foley. When we do have a very serious crime, it is usually an isolated event. When that does happen, we bring in the full skill and resources of our agency and other agencies to solve it and stop it.

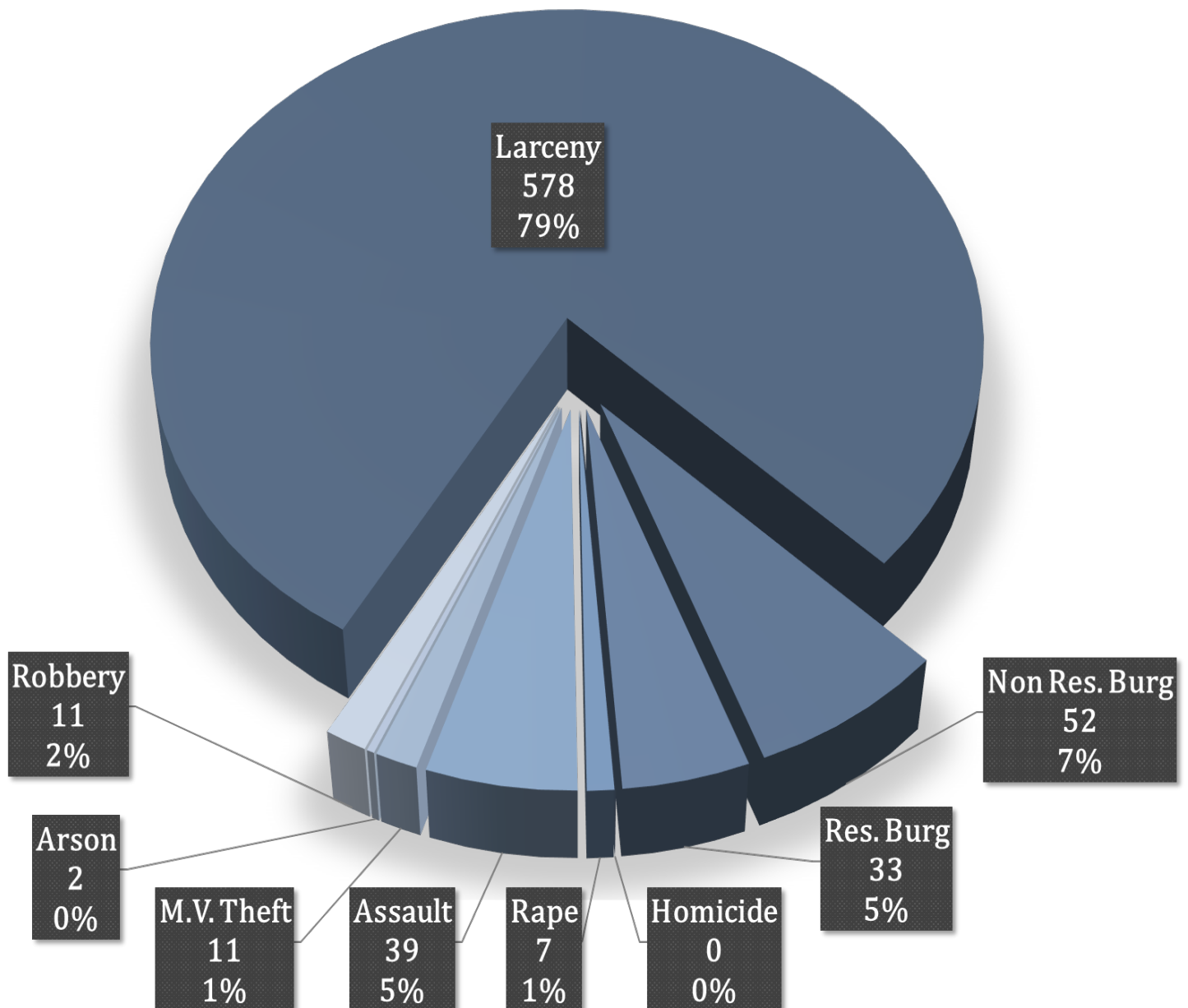
I am blessed to be called your police chief and I am very blessed to work with "Team Foley." Our department works hard to deliver an advanced level of police services to you, the citizen. Don't take my word for it; hear from the employees themselves as you read through this report.

I want to personally thank you for the many phone calls, text messages, and emails thanking us for the job that we do. It means a lot to us. May God bless you.

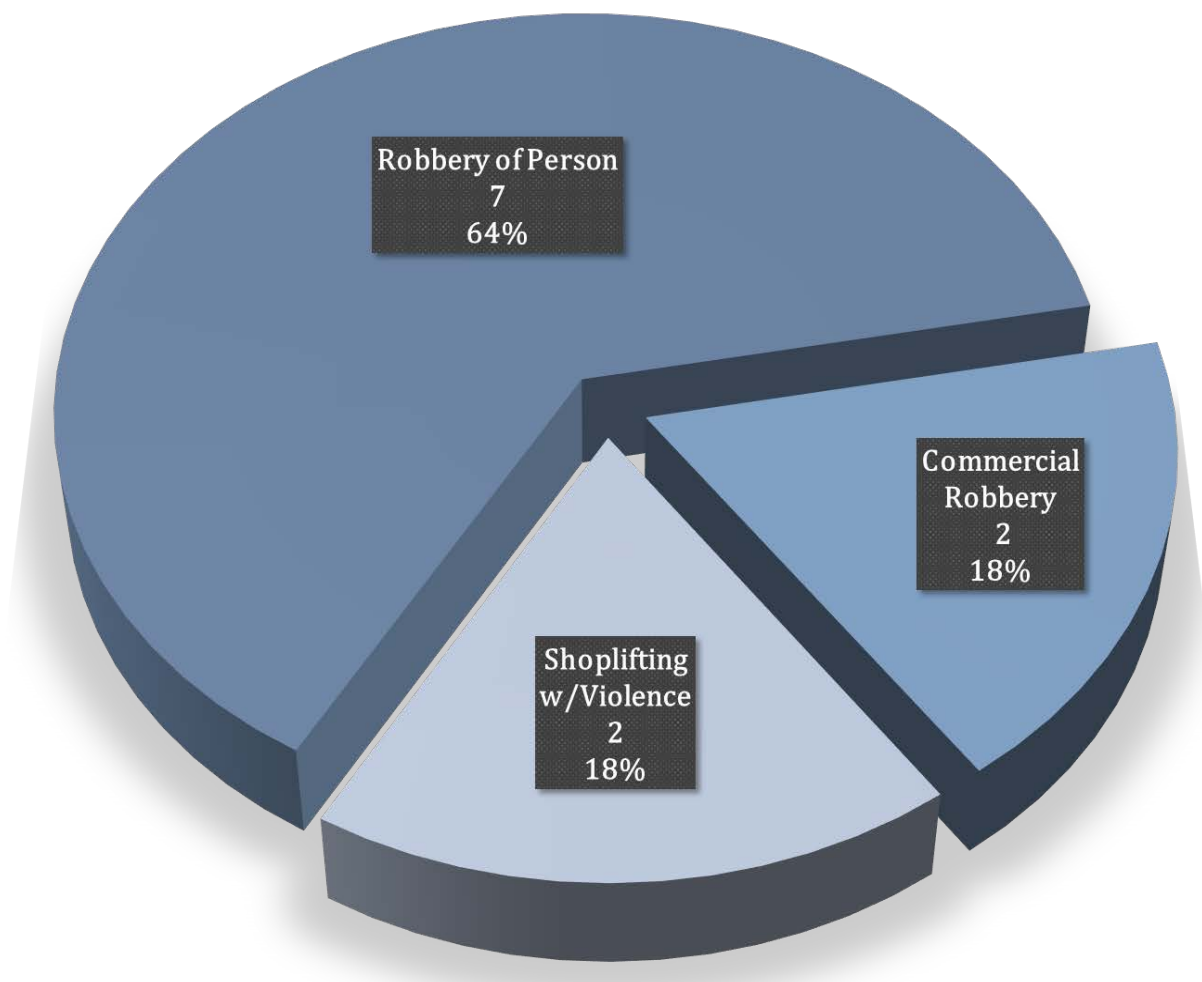
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David Wilson
Chief of Police

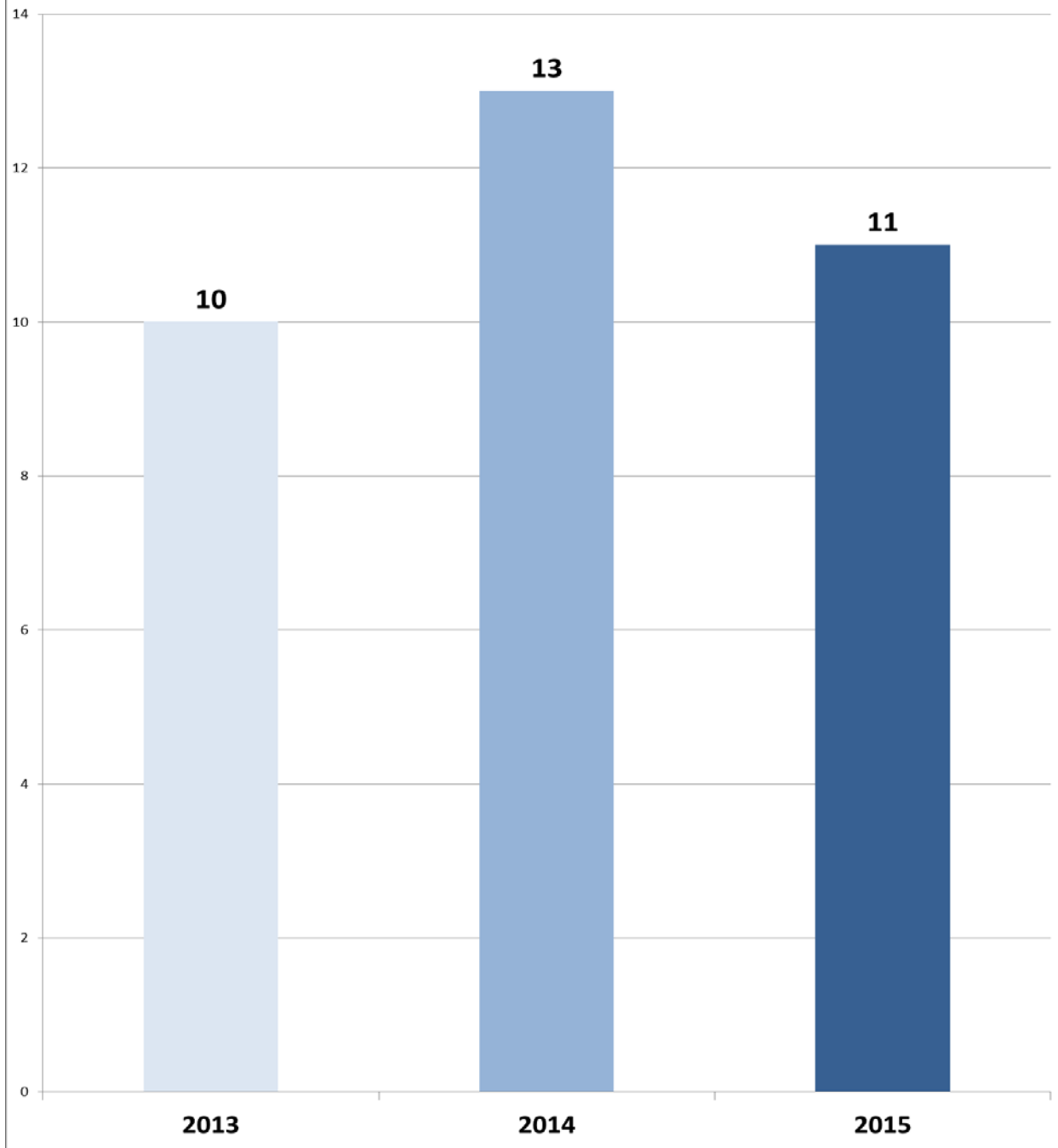
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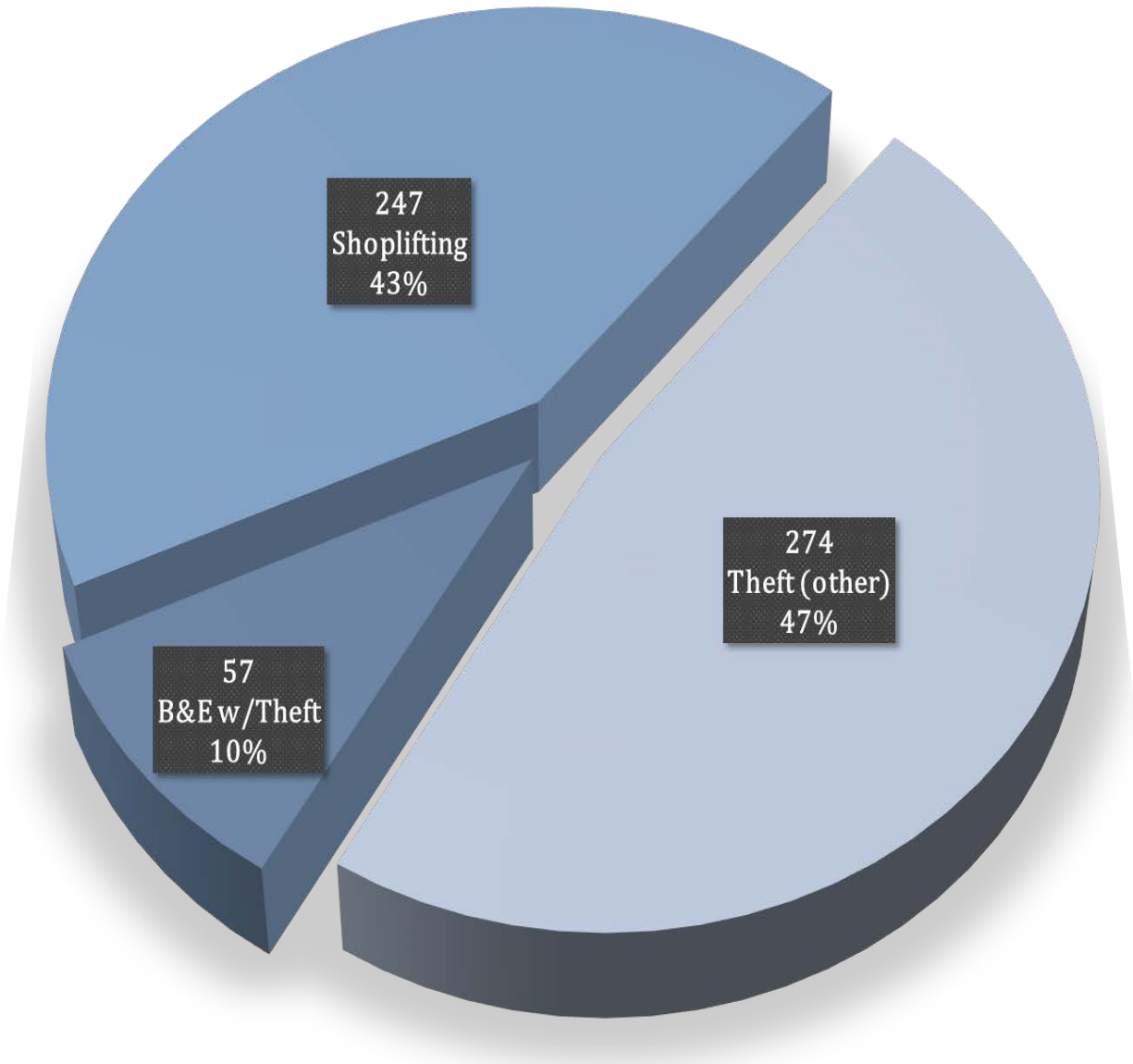
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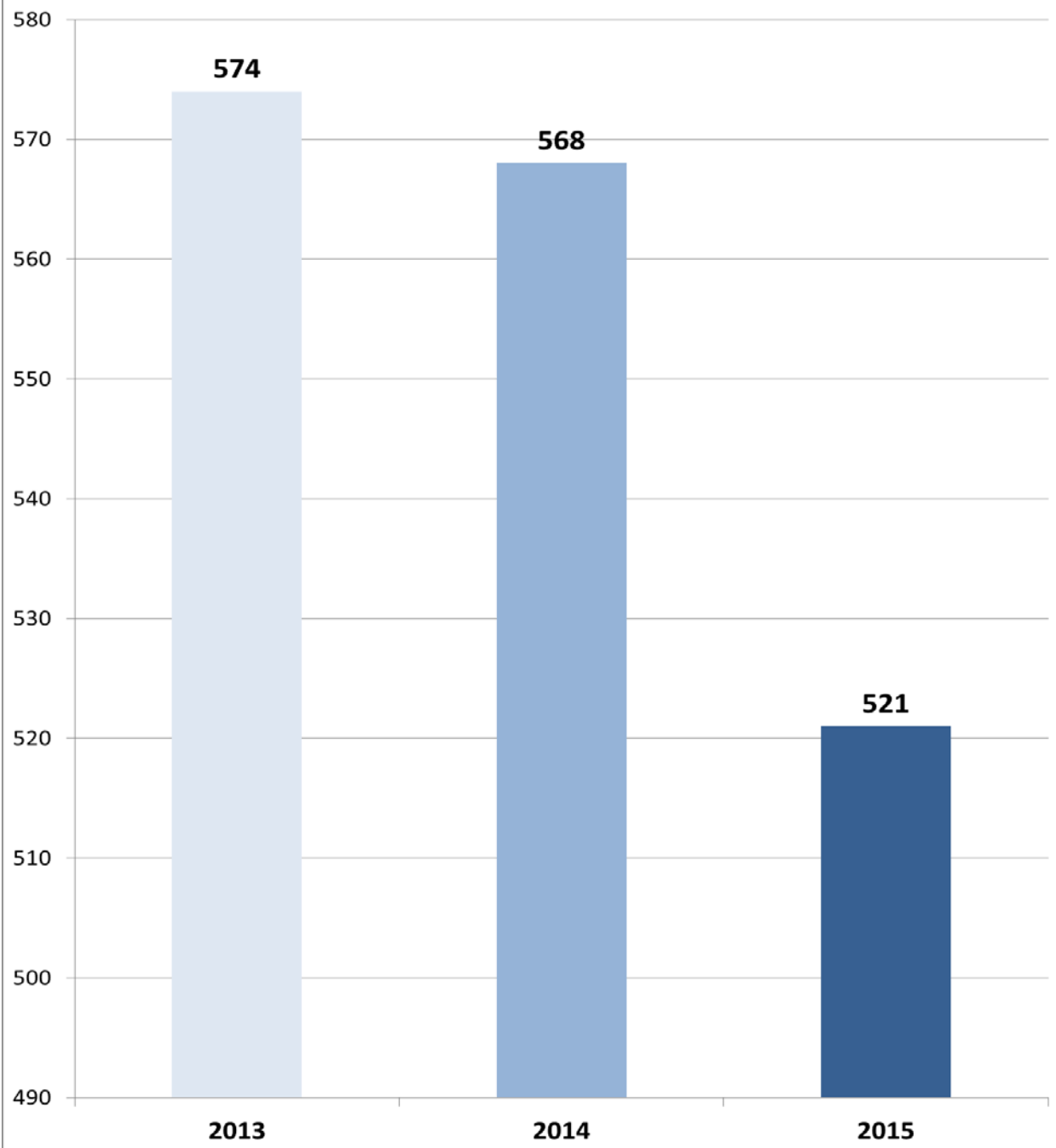
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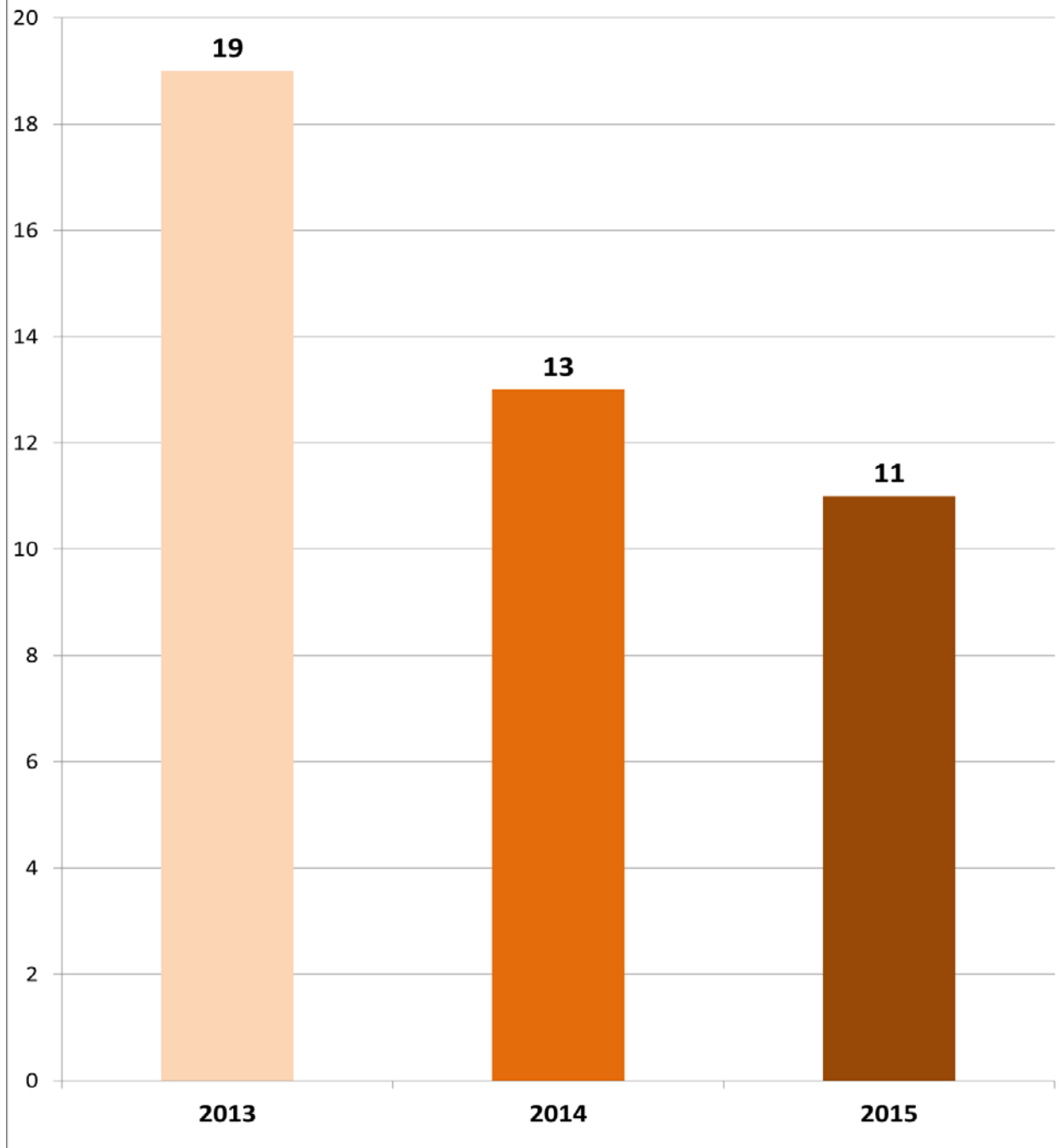
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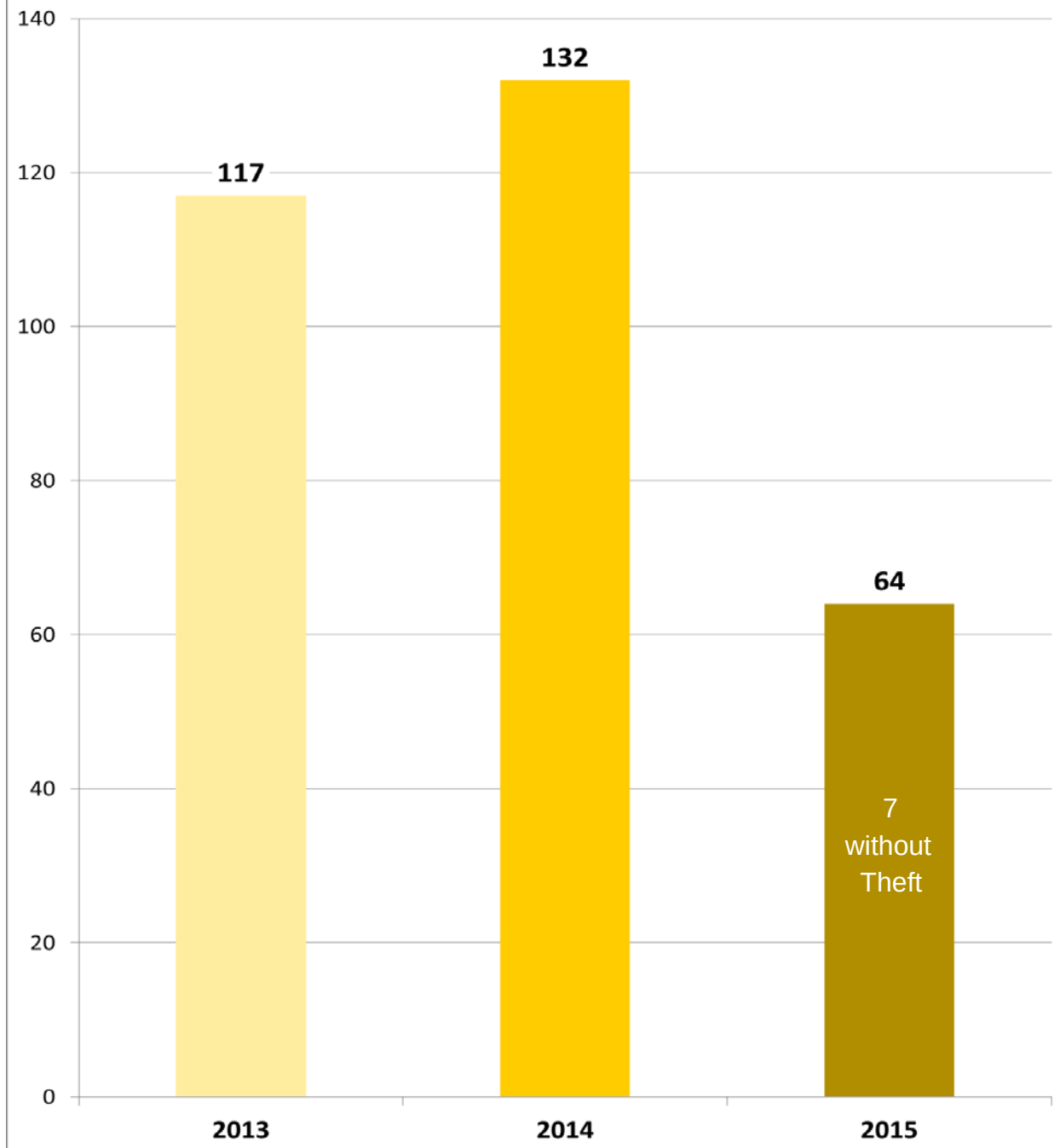
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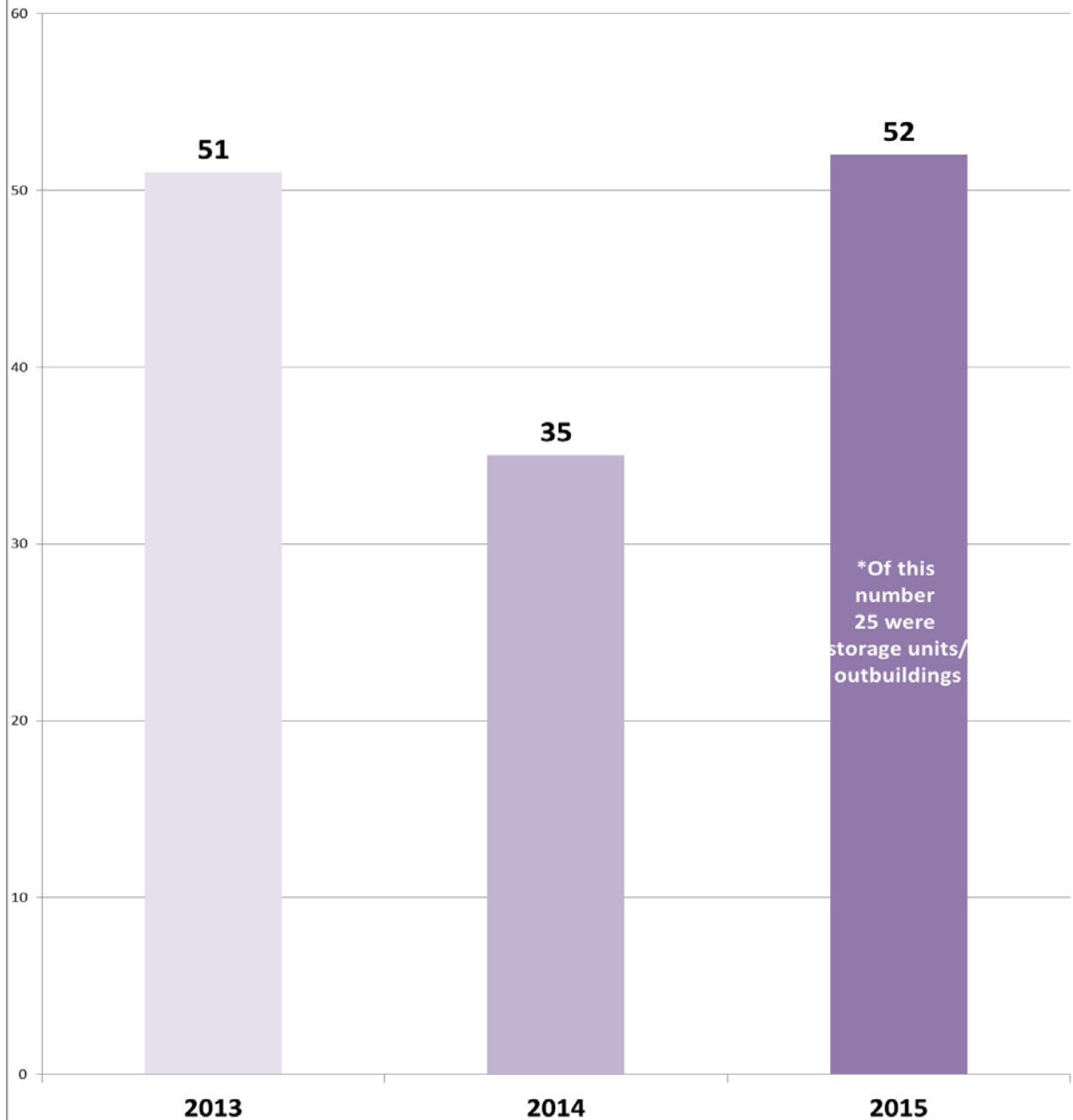
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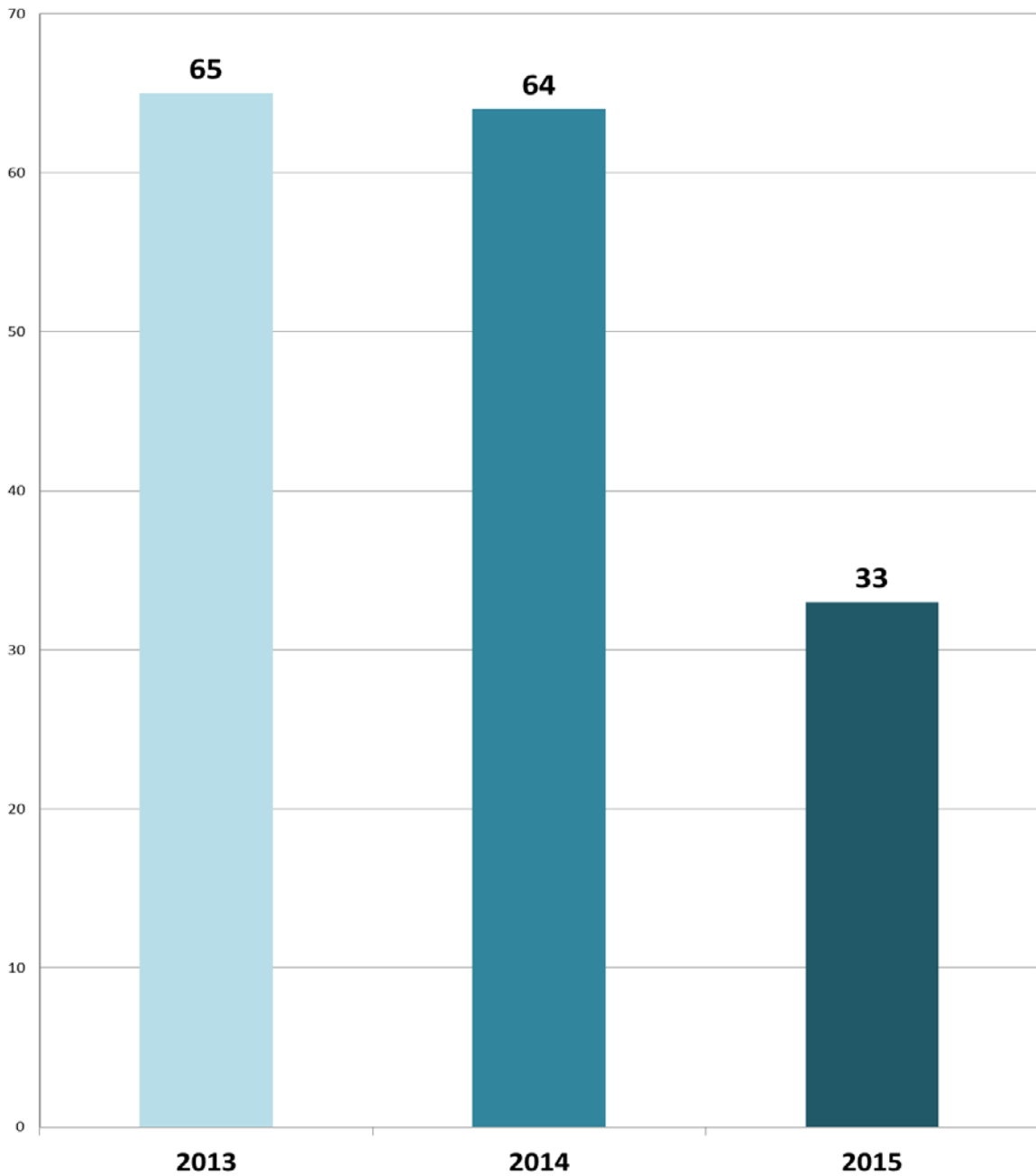
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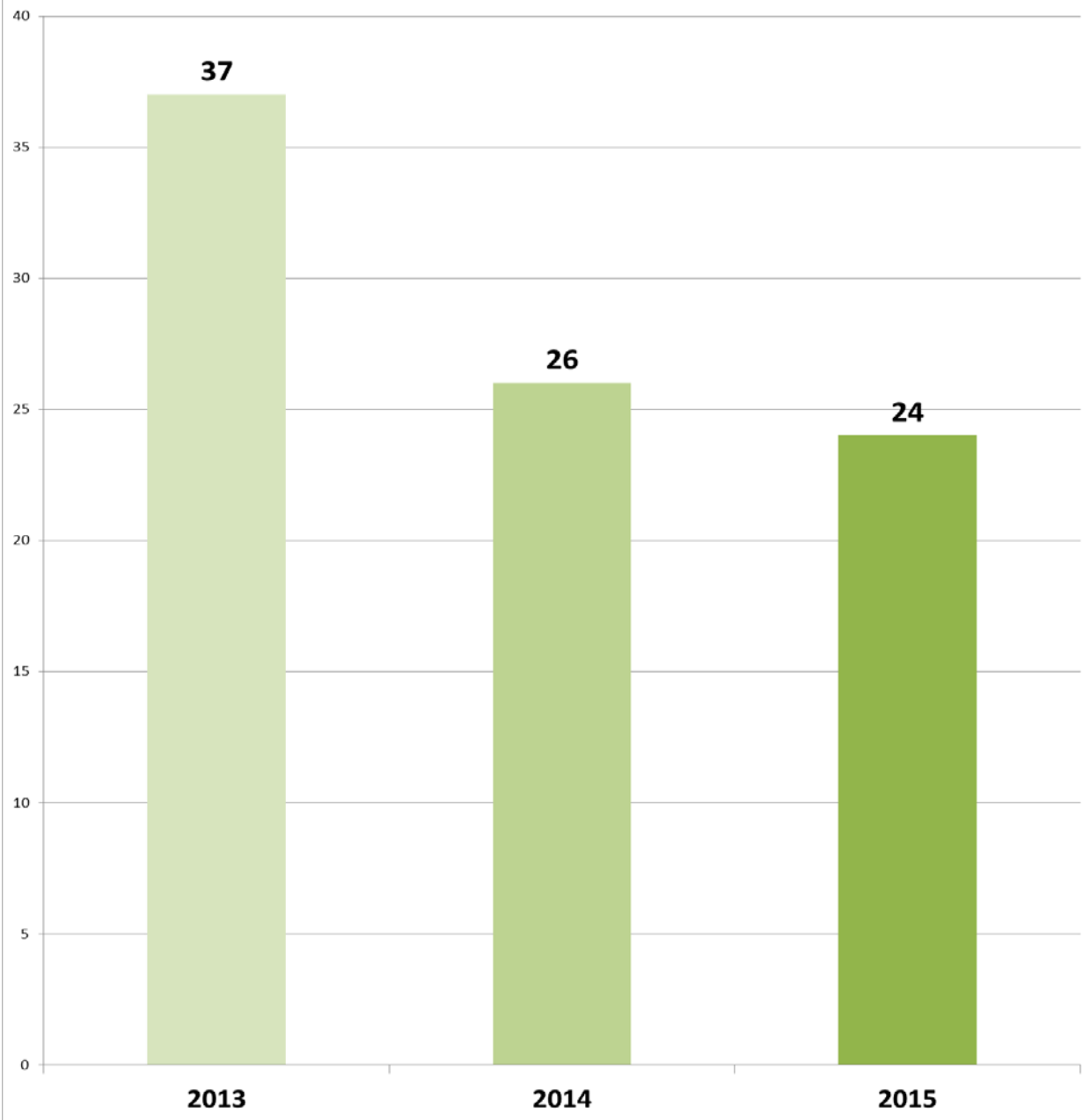
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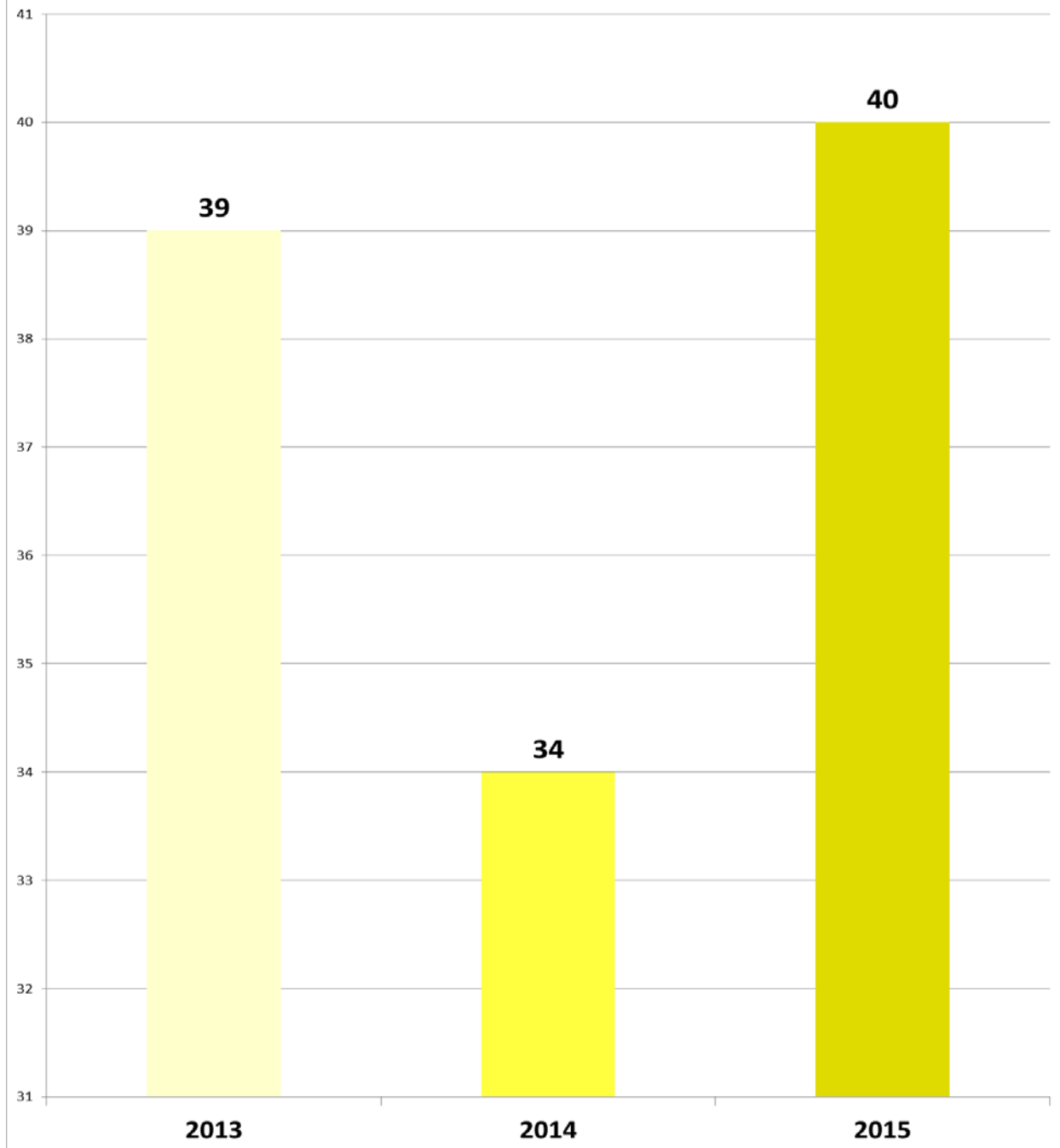
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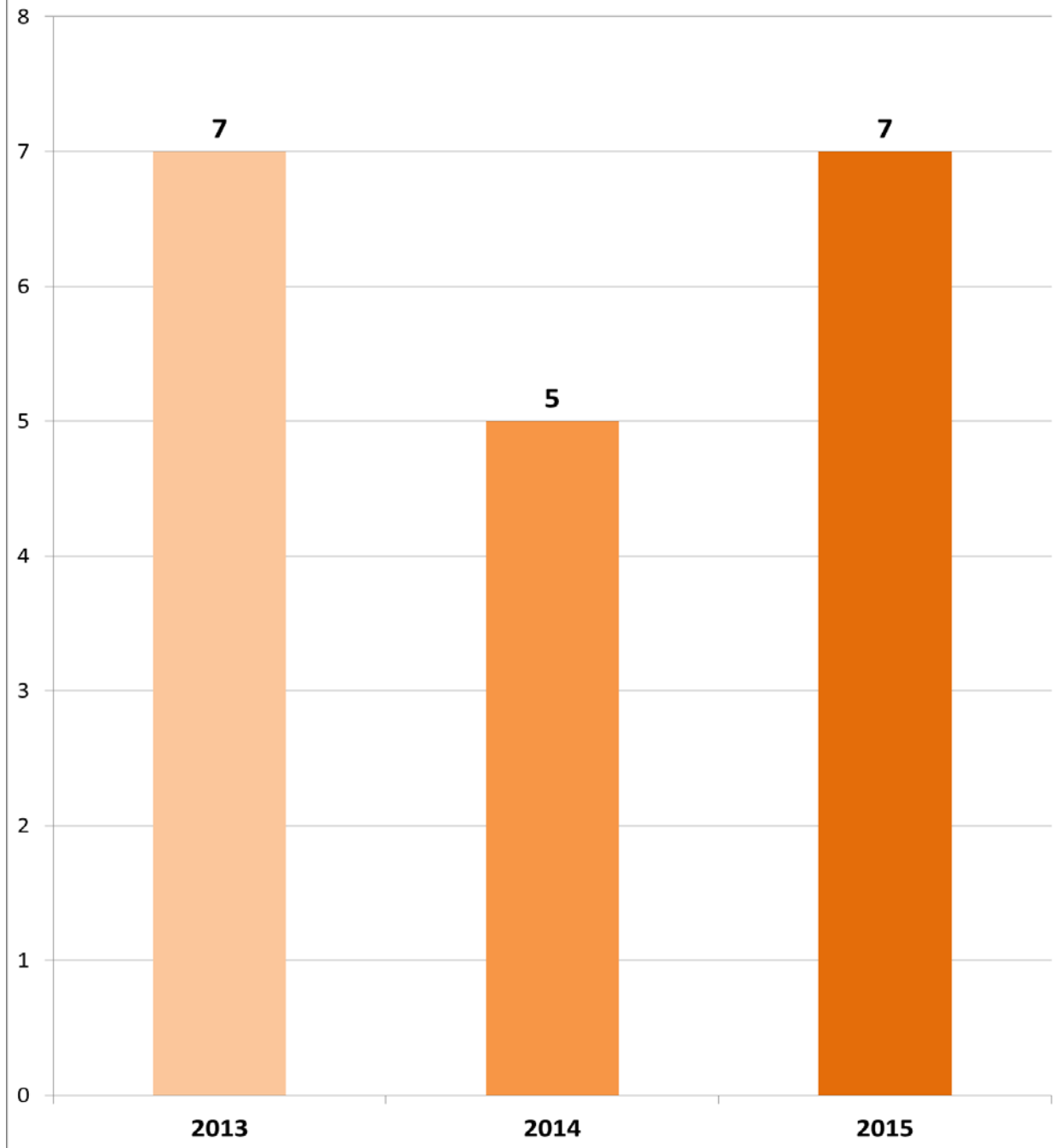
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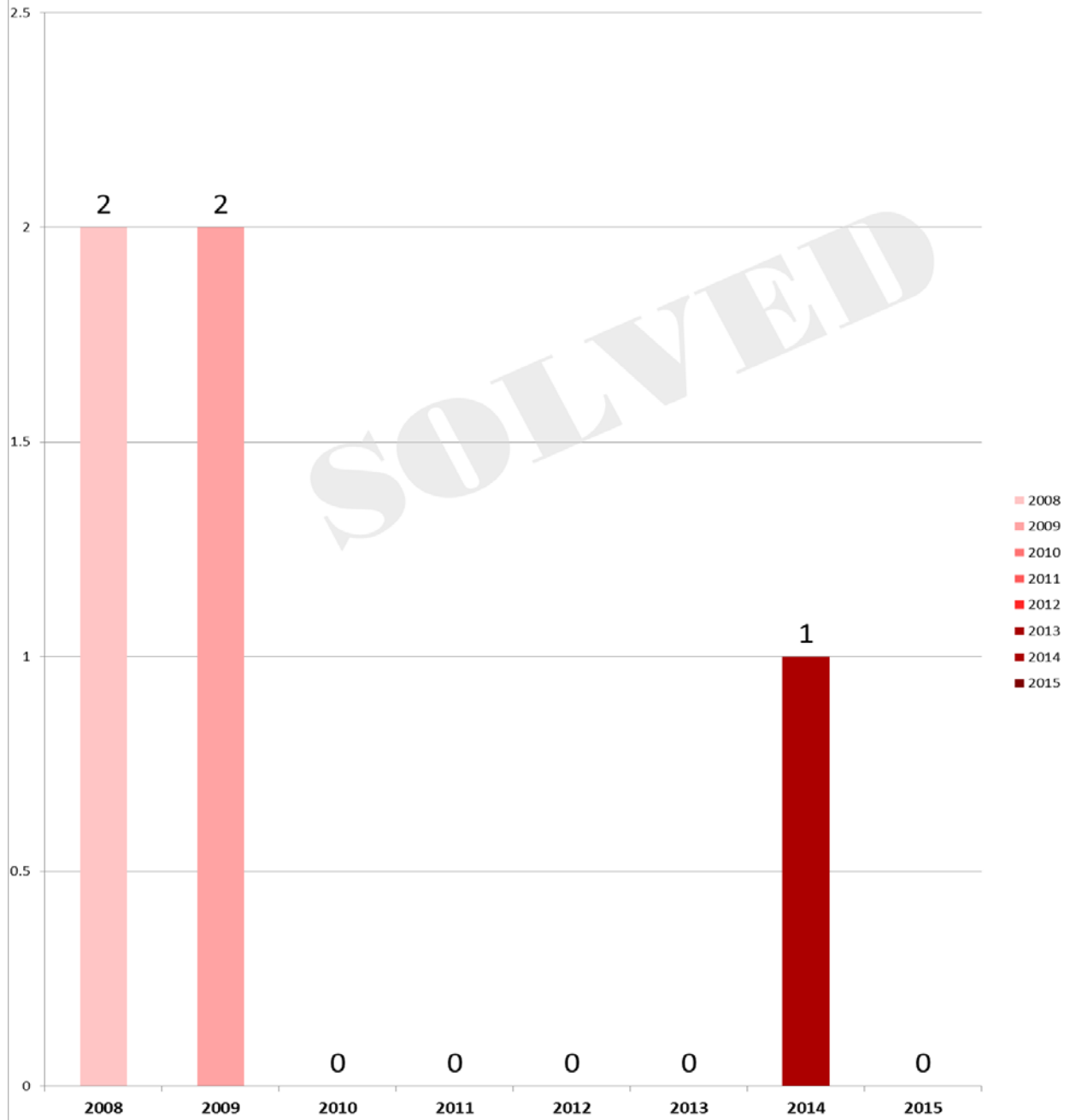
Simple Assault Non-Family



Rape



Murder



FOLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Patrol



Patrol Division

The Foley Police Patrol Division is the backbone of the police department. We serve a community of over fifteen thousand residents. Always in the public eye, patrol officers represent the police department and the city. As ambassadors of the city, we endeavor to perform our duties with the utmost respect for people, life, and property. Patrol is tasked with duties such as responding to emergencies, enforcement of motor vehicle laws, arresting perpetrators of criminal acts, and providing an advanced level of services. Our patrol division reaches beyond regular duties. Patrol also contains the Police Bicycle Unit, Accident Investigations Units, Code Enforcement Unit, Special Response Team, and the Sports Liaison Team. The Police Bicycle Unit is used in community outreach, public events, sporting events, parade details, and crime prevention. The four members of our Accident Investigation Unit are all certified at the top level of their field and are sought out by surrounding departments for consultation. We have two patrol officers who are trained in code enforcement and also handle animal complaints. Any of our police officers can and do enforce code and animal control laws within the city, but it is extremely beneficial to have officers that specialize in this area and ensure good care and custody of animals. Sports Liaison Officers volunteer on shift and while on patrol seek opportunities to interact and play sports with children and young adults in all neighborhoods throughout the city. Patrol Division is a complex and well oiled machine, providing a variety of services. While complex and performing multiple functions, Patrol Division is the first line of defense for a safe and peaceful community.

“As ambassadors of the city, we endeavor to perform our duties with the utmost respect for people, life, and property.”

-Lt. Otis Miller

Corrections collections

Corrections Section

2015, was another busy year for Foley Corrections. The total number of arrestees who came through the Foley City Jail was approximately 3,563 individuals. Foley City Jail not only holds arrestees for Foley arrests, but also for Summerdale and Elberta by contract. We also house for other agencies who need temporary housing until their arrestees can be transported to Baldwin County Corrections.

We have a thirteen correction officer staff, five of which are supervisors. All corrections staff work diligently to ensure the custody, care, and control of the inmates and the facility while providing a safe and secure environment.

The inmates are given opportunities to receive services while in our facility. With the intent of helping change lives, church services, drug counseling services, and AA/NA services are provided regularly for those who wish to attend.

Some inmates who remain in our facility for an extended amount of time begin to feel a sense of security with our corrections officers. Often times, when they are released, they will continue to have contact with corrections staff, as they will call to "check in," thank the officers for caring, and share positive decisions they are making since their release. Those contacts are due to our amazing staff members at Foley Corrections who express their concerns and care for the inmates through their daily interaction with them!

We celebrate another year of each corrections staff member returning safely to their families with NO corrections officers injured in 2015 in the line of duty.

"Some inmates maintain contact with our staff after their release, updating us on positive changes they are making..."

*-Shift Leader
Nicole Phillips*



Corrections demo at a Community Expo

COMMUNICATIONS

Foley Police Communications Section

The Foley Police Communications Section is the center of everything for the Foley Police Department. The section is staffed by ten communications officers who perform an array of duties that include answering phone calls, tracking police officers, and a host of clerical duties. The communications officers work in teams of two with a third person that overlaps the day and night shift. The shifts are twelve hours with every other weekend off. The communications officers interact with other police agencies all over the country when the need arises to share information. There have been instances where we have had contact with agencies outside the United States. In 2015, thousands of calls passed through our section. The calls ran the gamut of intensity from needing to speak with other personnel in the department to very serious crimes in-progress. Communications officers have to be ready to handle high intensity calls at the drop of a dime. This makes the ability to handle stress a very important tool in the police dispatch section. Dispatchers attended many training classes in 2015 to keep up with the ever changing technologies and equipment.

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-Shirley Mosley

We made it through 2015 and managed to have some fun times along the way. In 2016, the Foley Police Communications Section will continue to serve as a "lifeline" to officers, as well as, our citizens.



Training Day



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Foley Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division (CID) currently consists of eleven members to include five criminal investigators, one domestic violence investigator, two narcotics officers, one sergeant/polygraph examiner, one secretary, and one lieutenant. The primary function of this department is to investigate and solve all felony cases and serious misdemeanors reported to the police department. The Criminal Investigations Division investigates many cases every year. These cases include some violent crimes, domestic violence crimes, and property crimes. Every case assigned to CID is unique and requires tremendous teamwork and time. We work relentlessly to solve these cases because our victims are very important to us.

Criminal Investigations Division consists of eleven individual detectives that function as one very successful team; a team that has the reputation of being, arguably, one of the best in our area. Solving crime and putting criminals behind bars is our mission but serving our great citizens of Foley is our passion.

"Solving crime is our mission but serving our great citizens of Foley is our passion."

-Lt. Tony Fuqua



Criminal Intelligence Unit

The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) is comprised of the Criminal Intelligence Unit sergeant, the Police Fusion Center, and the Police Records Center. The overall mission of the CIU is to collect, compile, store, and provide data for the analysis of criminal activity. The Criminal Investigation Unit uses systematic and analytical processes to provide timely and pertinent information relative to crime patterns and trend correlations that assist field officers, investigators, and administrative personnel in planning the proactive deployment of resources for prevention and suppression of criminal activities. This also assists the department in meeting the basic objectives of crime prevention, apprehension, case clearance, and recovery of property and as Chief Wilson says, “helps us put the pieces of the puzzle together.”

CIU Sergeant Chuck Sutherlin is the direct supervisor of the unit and serves as the department's crime analyst and both the intra-agency & inter-agency intelligence sharing liaison. He reports to the Criminal Investigations Unit commander.

The employees assigned to CIU, Missy Gibson and Joe Wiseman, have two primary roles, the records management role and the crime analyst technician role. Both roles involve reception and referral duties as well.

The records management role consists of data entry, report validation, state and federal records disposition and reporting compliance.

The crime analyst technician function involves performing detailed research, collecting field reports, and providing crime data to the Criminal Intelligence Unit sergeant for analysis.

Additionally, employees provide secretarial support to the command staff and assist the Community Services Unit with various community events and other duties as assigned.





Accident Investigation Unit

The Accident Investigation Unit for the Foley Police Department now has four officers certified in all three phases of Traffic Homicide Investigation (THI). The three phases of this very challenging training are: Basic at Scene Traffic Homicide Investigation, Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation, and Traffic Crash Reconstruction. Officers received training in the third phase, Traffic Crash Reconstruction, during 2015 through the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM), on campus at the University of North Florida. Officers in this unit are also trained in the use of EDR (event data recorder) downloading equipment and techniques. The EDR tools and software allow the unit to image files that are saved on certain airbag modules, power control modules, and rollover sensors from the majority of modern vehicles involved in significant crash or "deployment" events. These files are very accurate and extremely useful in crash investigations. The data recorded normally includes a vehicle's speed, braking, and changes in velocity and direction during a crash event. The modules, or "computers," in your vehicle, usually start recording the data five seconds prior to the crash event. The tools and training available to this unit significantly increase the level of service provided to motorists involved in serious vehicle collisions on the roadways of Foley. The Accident Investigation Unit for the Foley Police Department understands that a vehicle crash can be a traumatic experience for the parties involved. Although we investigate crashes every day, working approximately one hundred wrecks a month, we appreciate the fact that this is not a common experience for most people. We strive to be compassionate, professional, and to provide the best possible service to the citizens of Foley, along with our visitors and guests.

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- Cpl Brandon Mothershed



Officer Joey Linder conducting an accident investigation

K-9 UNIT

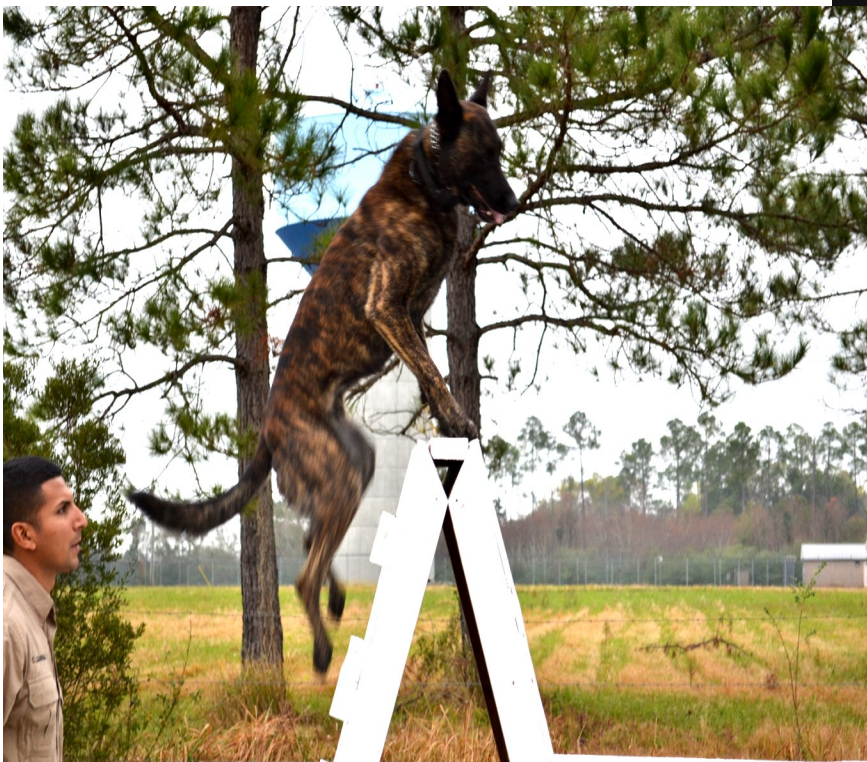


The Foley Police Department K-9 Unit is comprised of one corporal that is in charge of the unit, four officers, three patrol dogs, and one narcotics detection dog. This allows each patrol shift to have a K-9 working with them and at their disposal. K-9 officers are on an on-call basis and are subject to call as needed. Each handler is assigned a K-9 that works and lives with the handler. The K-9 vehicles are specially designed to carry the K-9. These vehicles are equipped with safety features to keep the K-9 cool and hydrated. They are even designed to notify the handler if the car gets too hot. Also, these specially designed units allow the K-9 to be deployed from the vehicle if the handler needs assistance.

The unit maintains a high level of readiness for a variety of areas of deployment. The handlers and K-9's are responsible for the following duties: responding to alarms, criminal apprehension, tracking fleeing criminals, tracking missing persons, building/area searches for suspects, crowd control, evidence search and recovery, and detection of illegal narcotics. This means a lot of training. Each handler trains on shift as well as on their personal time. The unit meets and trains together every week for a minimum of sixteen hours per month.



Photo contribution by Connor Wilson



*"The K-9 Unit helps
make the city of Foley a
safer place..."*

- Cpl. Carlos Lizaraga

Code Enforcement

"Most people are dog lovers, but not everyone, so dogs must be kept in check according to municipal ordinances."

- Ofc. Dan Sellers



Code Enforcement

There are two police officers assigned to code enforcement. Code enforcement officers help protect the safety and health of citizens by ensuring that buildings, dwellings, and land in the city of Foley are in accordance with housing and zoning ordinances. Additionally, ensuring that all new businesses to the area have obtained proper business licenses and permits. We also investigate the abandonment of vehicles, junk, trash, debris, and environmental or health hazards, as these fall under the category of maintaining the quality of life for all Foley citizens.

Animal control is also a part of code enforcement. There are numerous ordinances involving dogs. Most people are dog lovers, but not everyone, so dogs must be kept in check according to municipal ordinances. Officers often capture canines that are running at large. Every effort is made to locate the owner of the canine, to include posting photos on the Foley Police Facebook page. On one occasion, after pursuing for days and finally capturing this canine, it was determined that the owner, who lived in north Alabama, had been in Foley on vacation when his dog was lost. The owner had returned home thinking he would never see Roscoe again. Three months after Roscoe was lost, the two were reunited. It is stories like this that we enjoy most.

School Resource Officers



All in a day's work!

School Resource Officers

For the School Resource Officers, 2015 was another successful year. With tension between law enforcement and some citizens throughout the country, officers continued to work with students and teachers and strengthen that growing bond. Officers have been able to educate students on policies, procedures, and the judicial process. By being available on a daily basis, students are able to have questions answered and form educated opinions. Officers have participated in school dances, athletic events, and special events throughout the year.

Throughout the summer, officers assisted with the Kids Camp, Police Services Kiosk meet and greets, and instructed Active Shooter Classes at local campuses. The SRO's attended the annual TAASRO (The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers) conference which took place in Gulf Shores. While in attendance, all officers were able to complete their Advanced SRO certifications. SRO's also assisted our Professional Development Unit throughout the summer with range improvements.

When looking forward to 2016, the SRO's will continue to be active among the schools and throughout the community. As teachers and students have become more familiar with officer's presence, they are continually requesting officers to assist with programs both on and off campus. The SRO's look forward to educating, training, and working with the school community in the upcoming year. We will continue to mentor children and help them form their worldviews.

"The SRO's look forward to educating, training, and working with the school community in the upcoming year."

-Cpl. Dempsey Hunt

"The safety and security of our children and teachers is mission #1 at all of our schools."

-Chief David Wilson

Community Services Unit



It's all about our community!

"CSU is looking forward to continue building strong relationships with our community in 2016 through outreach programs, community events, and citizen programs."

-Cpl. Matt Cuellar

Community Services Unit

This past year was a great year for the Community Services Unit (CSU). CSU's main goal is to continue to build strong relationships with our community and to form a partnership with our citizens to solve problems and stop crime. We were able to do this through many different programs offered by Foley Police Department.

We enjoyed forming relationships with our citizens through programs such as Coffee with a Cop, Community Expos, Citizen's Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, Police Services Kiosk, police department tours, and much more. CSU also formed great relationships with our school aged citizens. Throughout the year, CSU spoke to students on topics such as drugs, what to expect during a police encounter, their future, social media, what it takes to become a police officer, and integrity.

The Police Explorer Program also had a successful 2015. Our explorers, students aged 14-18, assisted with many city events, charity functions, and dances for 5th and 6th graders. The Police Explorer Program is a tremendous asset to Foley Police Department and the city of Foley. CSU is looking forward to continue building strong relationships with our community in 2016 through outreach programs, community events, and citizen programs.



Professional Development Unit

Professional Development Unit

The Professional Development Unit coordinates all new employee orientation, in-service training, formal training, and field officer training for the department. The unit is also responsible for purchasing departmental uniforms, duty equipment, and emergency vehicles. Cpl. Aaron Morin and FTO Jarrett Holcombe are able to use their knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide the most up to date and advanced training for all sections of the department.

The Professional Development Unit had a productive year in 2015. Cpl. Morin and FTO Holcombe became certified as Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Instructors. They are able to teach state mandated Level 1 classes as well as the Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events (ERASE) class. PDU partnered with Columbia Southern University to host the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's First Responder Training Program. Officers from over a dozen agencies participated in the three day event. In light of current events, our officers received advanced training in Counter Ambush Tactics. Both of our training coordinators serve on the South Baldwin Special Response Team.

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- Cpl. Aaron Morin



Corporal Aaron Morin



Officer Jarrett Holcombe

Bicycle Unit



New Police Bike Unit members complete training course

Bicycle Unit

In September 2015, six police officers completed a police mountain bike course to become certified as police bicycle officers. Since that time, the Foley Police Bicycle Unit has assisted with the Tour de Foley, several of the city parades, and has been utilized on patrol to detect and deter crime.

Sports Liaison



The Sports Liaison Team has been well received in many of our communities.

Sports Liaison

The Foley Police Department has several patrol officers who make up our Sports Liaison Team. These officers are responsible for their normal patrol duties and assignments. In the course of patrolling communities and neighborhoods, they are looking for opportunities to contact and interact with our children in a recreational setting. Our Sports Liaison Team plays sports with the children, takes the time to speak with them on "their level" about what the police department does, and has even assisted with homework.



Officer Tommy Smith demonstrating his skill

FTT



Fugitive Tracking Team

The Fugitive Tracking Team (FTT) is a part-time team that can be activated as needed to track, pursue, and arrest dangerous and/or elusive fugitives. The team was officially formed in 2015 after its original members were called on to apply their unique talents and skills to apprehend a very violent offender who had eluded capture. Those officers' success in that mission led to the formal addition of the FTT to the many services provided to the citizens of Foley.

The FTT currently consists of a sergeant who serves as the team commander, a corporal who serves as the assistant commander, and three additional officers. These commanders and officers are selected based on their individual skills that are particular to fugitive tracking and apprehension.

The emblem for the FTT was chosen by its members. The Spartan helmet in the emblem is symbolic of the team as a whole. As one founding member stated, "The Spartan was a small, skilled, proficient, and unique force that is representative of the larger group."

The FTT has been called upon by federal, state, and local agencies from across the nation to track and apprehend fugitives who have attempted to seek sanctuary in and around our city. The FTT has also worked with law enforcement in many states to locate fugitives who have fled our city in attempts to avoid arrest.

Since its inception, the FTT has been directly responsible for the arrest of nine violent offenders and assisted patrol units in the arrest of three more. The crimes committed by these fugitives have ranged from Conspiracy to Commit Murder (in another county), Attempted Murder of a Police Officer (in another state), Vehicular Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, and Assault.

In Chief Wilson's words, "The Fugitive Tracking Team protects the flock by pursuing the wolf."



SRT



"I am very proud of our team and the dedication and excellence that each team member serves with. We train hard and are willing, at a moment's notice, to put ourselves in harm's way in order to save the lives of others."

*- Team Commander
Captain Thurston Bullock*

Special Response Team

Foley's tactical officers are part of a multi-jurisdictional SWAT team known as the South Baldwin Special Response Team. The team is comprised of officers and tactical medics from Foley, Gulf Shores, and Orange Beach Police Departments. Team members cross-train and specialize in tactics and equipment in order to resolve situations that go beyond a standard patrol response. To earn a place on the team, officers must go through a grueling tryout process and maintain a level of physical fitness and proficiency in marksmanship, while training on a regular basis. The team also participates in several demos for the public throughout the year as well as participating in the Annual Special Olympics Torch Run and Race to the Top of the Tower.



COMMAND SUPPORT GROUP



Amelia Smith
Office Coordinator to the
Police Chief and Command Staff



Kelly O'Donnell
Grant Coordinator
Administrative Assistant to the
Police Chief and Command Staff



Billy Nale
Police Department Chaplain
CISM Team Member

Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

*On my honor, I will never betray
my badge, my integrity, my
character or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage to
hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.*

*I will always uphold the
constitution, my community
and the agency I serve.*

2015

Award Recipients



OFFICER OF THE YEAR MIKE POWERS

"I have always valued things in life that I have worked hard to achieve. This is usually measured in results. As a police officer, I don't always know the outcome of the work I do. However, I do find satisfaction in originating the effort and passing the baton. Removing danger from a home, the street, and protecting my community is the beginning of a process that takes teamwork."

-Officer Mike Powers



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR SHIRLEY MOSLEY

"Being Chosen Public Servant Employee of the Year is such a special honor. The fact that this is an honor bestowed by my co-workers makes it even more special."

*-Chief Communications Officer
Shirley Mosley*

PROMOTIONS

David White – Lieutenant to Captain



Thurston Bullock – Lieutenant to Captain



Otis Miller – Sergeant to Lieutenant



Brian Millines – Corporal to Sergeant



PROMOTIONS

Randolph Stallworth – Officer to Corporal



Sheldon Richardson – Corrections Officer to Patrol Officer



Megan Rinaudo – Dispatcher to Shift Leader



Brennan Giles – Corrections Officer to Corrections Shift Leader



Foley Police Department Services

The Foley Police Department is a highly productive, community oriented police department that offers an advanced level of police services. With 61 police officers and a total force of 90+ employees, we are committed to serving you. Listed below are just some of the services or programs available to our citizens:

- **Specifically Directed Community Oriented Policing Assignments:** Patrol officers are often tasked with distributing brochures and surveys door to door for the Community Services Unit, such as Neighborhood and Business Watch Program brochures and an in-depth survey generated from the chief's office soliciting the input of citizens.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** The Neighborhood Watch Program has grown from two groups in 2007 to seventeen groups and counting. The Community Services Unit trains volunteers to recognize and report suspicious activity in a safe and timely manner in their respective communities. The active involvement of residents helps reduce burglaries and other property crimes, and develops strong relationships between citizens and police.
- **Community Education Program:** Foley Police Department, in conjunction with Faulkner State Community College Adult Education Program and South Baldwin Literacy Council, offers a GED Program. To date, many citizens who have obtained their GED have gone into productive settings such as higher education, the military, and employment in a variety of fields. Graduates have ranged in age from 16 to 80. The program averages ten graduates every six months, which, according to Faulkner's program manager, is an extremely good record for our area. We work hard to provide a memorable graduation experience for those who graduate from this program. The graduation includes a cap and gown ceremony, special music, a keepsake DVD, a keynote speaker, and refreshments.
- **School Resource Officer:** The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program was initiated in the 2008-2009 school year. The primary goal of the SRO is to ensure the safety of our students, administrators, parents, and community. The presence of the SRO helps deter illegal and disruptive behavior. One of the most important aspects of the School Resource Officer Program is the development of strong rapport and relationships between the SRO and students. All four public schools in Foley have an assigned SRO on campus. The SROs are specially trained and selected Foley Police Officers.
- **Animal Control Services:** We have two regular sworn Foley Police Officers whose duties as code enforcement officers include animal control duties. Though any of our police officers can and do enforce animal control laws within the city at any time of the day or night, it is extremely beneficial to use an officer who specializes in this area. This is especially true when taking enforcement action during the investigation of animal neglect/animal cruelty cases, dog bites, vicious animals, stray dogs, problematic dog owners, etc. The two officers also assist in patrol duties out in our streets.

- **Explorer Program:** Foley Police Department Explorer Post 77 is the oldest explorer program in the state of Alabama. The program is designed to give high school students a chance to see what a career in law enforcement would be like. Explorers are allowed to ride with patrol officers and assist with traffic control at various functions such as parades, festivals, football games, and the local rodeo. The explorers sponsor dances at the middle school and participate in Habitat for Humanity projects. At least four of our explorers have gone on to enter law enforcement in some capacity. There is no way to accurately account for the good will that this program has produced in the student population and their families.
- **Citizen's Police Academy:** The Citizen's Police Academy has become one of our most popular Community Oriented Policing Programs. The 12 week program provides 16 to 20 residents at a time, the opportunity to experience law enforcement from the "other side." Modules include time spent at the firing range, a K-9 demo, a Special Response Team demo, a visit from the sheriff's office to discuss civil processes, a visit from the district attorney and judges' offices to explain their role in the legal process, exposure to traffic stops, arrest procedures, and the ever popular "paperwork." This program has been effective in bringing about a change of attitude in some of our citizens who have been most critical of law enforcement in general. Two Citizen's Police Academies are held during the year.
- **Ladies' Firearms Course:** Another popular program is the Ladies' Firearms Training Course. More women are choosing to protect themselves with firearms than ever before. This program is in high demand, with classes being filled with every offering. Certified firearms instructors provide training in the safe and effective use of firearms and an explanation of laws that pertain to guns and self-defense.
- **Community Expo:** The Foley Police Department Community Expo is a large-scale quarterly outreach that rotates to various neighborhoods within Foley. The event includes games, food, and booths manned by officers and other police department personnel who explain various functions and resources available within the department. The expo also provides information regarding resources available in the community. Expo's may also include child fingerprinting, distribution of the Yellow Dot Program packets, K-9 demos, and other activities of interest.
- **Child Fingerprinting:** A popular outreach is the Child Fingerprinting Program offered by the Community Services Unit. This is done at the expo, but is also frequently done at other community events and commercial locations throughout the year. Kits include a photo and fingerprints of the child that can be used as needed to provide identification for law enforcement or other purposes. The kit includes an 8 x 11 printout and provides the parents with a CD with all the information on the printout, as well as a video and audio of the child.
- **Sports Liaison Officers:** Volunteer police officers, on shift and while on patrol, look for opportunities to play sports with children and young adults in all neighborhoods throughout the city. This fosters police and citizen relationships and trust. Football,

basketball, soccer, and sports of all kind are played. This has been a very popular program with the involved police, kids, and parents.

- **Police Services Kiosk:** Foley Police Officers set up a mobile kiosk that contains handouts, pamphlets, and informational material about different programs and services our department offers to its citizens. The police services kiosk is driven to different locations where the public and community gather. The officer accompanying this kiosk interacts with the visiting public and talks one-on-one with the citizens about the different programs and answer any police related questions the public may have. This has proven to be a great time of interaction and communication between the police, public, and community.
- **Business Enrichment Program:** Police officials, instructors, and detectives offer a wide range of topics that are taught to the business community, schools, and churches as a free public service. Some of the topics covered are school safety, church safety, shoplifting prevention, robbery prevention and safety, counterfeiting, fraud, and other similar courses. Chief Wilson has added a four hour leadership course that he teaches free of charge as a service. The course is titled Transformational Leadership – Turning Managers into Leaders and is a service to our local and regional businesses.
- **Senior Citizen I. D. Program:** This program provides the same services as the Child Fingerprinting Program, but is for seniors. Foley Police Department will maintain a database of basic information about participants and photos to be used in cases where dementia patients are found unattended.
- **House Checks:** Many of our residents are retired and travel extensively. Foley Police Department recognized that anyone who would be gone from home for an extended period of time would appreciate someone checking on their residence in their absence. This program has been very well received, and we have received numerous letters thanking us for going “above and beyond” in providing this service.
- **Yellow Dot Program:** The Yellow Dot Program provides citizens a packet that they can complete and leave in their car with critical instructions that might be needed by law enforcement or emergency medical technicians in case of an emergency on the roadway.
- **K-9 Demos:** K-9 handlers give numerous demonstrations throughout the year. This popular outreach provides the opportunity for children and adults to observe these highly trained K-9 officers and their handlers at work.
- **Foley Kid’s Camp:** In 2010, the first Kid’s Camp was held. The camp provides various activities for children with an emphasis on being safe while having fun, and always addresses basic topics such as “stranger danger” and staying safe while on the internet. If an activity such as boating is included, an integral part of the experience is teaching the children how to be safe while boating.

- **Defensive Tactics for Women:** This public service class is taught any time a group requests it. At the time of this writing, classes have included over 125 participants ranging in age from teenagers all the way to senior citizens. Instructors teach techniques to prevent a personal attack, as well as how to defend against an attack with broad-based self-defense techniques, including using such things as canes, oxygen tanks, books, and other common items that might be at hand.
- **Drug Collection Drop Box:** In partnership with the DEA, Foley Police Department established a drop box in the main lobby of the police department where citizens can turn in prescription drugs that are outdated or no longer needed. This helps keep unused drugs out of the hands of people who may abuse them as well as preventing the pollution of our waters from people flushing the pills.
- **Vehicle Assistance:** Foley Police Officers assist motorists that have keys locked in their vehicles or that need their cars jumped off. This free motorist assistance program is one of our more popular police services.
- **Close Patrols:** Citizens or businesses can arrange for extra drive-by patrols of homes or businesses. This can be a preventive measure to help reduce the likelihood of suspicious people in the area, vandalism, threats, and theft. Increased police presence in neighborhoods discourages criminal activity.
- **Funeral Escorts:** Foley Police Officers escort funeral processions and facilitate their passage through traffic by blocking intersections and directing traffic into the place of internment. This service reduces the likelihood of accidents and provides a compassionate service to grieving families.
- **Window Tint Inspection:** The State of Alabama regulates the amount of window tint that can be applied to vehicle windows. Any person who purchases a vehicle with tinted windows can bring it to the police department to make sure the tint is within legal limits in order to avoid getting a citation if it is too dark.
- **Coffee with a Cop:** The chief, other staff members, and Foley Police Officers meet with customers at local restaurants in a relaxed atmosphere in which police and citizens meet and greet.
- **Friday Night Dances:** Community Services Officers and other department personnel sponsor dances at the Foley Civic Center four times each year as fundraisers for the Foley Police Explorer Program. This also provides fifth and sixth graders the opportunity to socialize since the schools do not provide dances or any equivalent social activity for this age group.



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