



Vestal Police

2015

The Town of Vestal is located in Broome County, New York. It is bordered on the east by the City and Town of Binghamton, on the south by the State of Pennsylvania, to the west by Tioga County and on the north, the Susquehanna River. The major east-west commercial and commuter routes are State Route 17, State Route 434, and Vestal Road. The major north-south commuter routes are State Route 26 and State Route 201. The Vestal Police Department consists of 34 sworn officers, one dispatcher, and two police clerks. The Patrol Division is responsible for the handling of complaints, crime prevention, citizen safety, as well as all vehicular traffic within the town's fifty-three square miles. The department's detective division primarily conducts case investigations, assists patrols when needed, handles intelligence gathering, and evidence collection and processing.

In addition to the thoroughfares listed above, the town is primarily a suburban community with shopping areas including large shopping malls and smaller strip malls, restaurants, motels, and other major businesses. These businesses are located mainly along the Vestal Parkway East corridor. Within the Town of Vestal lies Binghamton University which has a population of approximately 17,000 students and 3,000 faculty and staff.

The town encompasses rural areas to heavily traveled commercial areas. Accordingly there is a strong demand for a variety of public safety services. Our priorities include efforts to increase traffic safety, active participation in community functions and activities, and assisting families and children at risk. Our department has developed a close liaison with our schools, both public and private, to ensure the safety of our youth. Included in the 34 sworn members is a School Resource Officer who works daily with the Vestal School district.

We make every effort to provide our employees with the best training because we recognize that quality training, that is both current and applicable to the functions of the department, will further our objective of making Vestal a safe place to live and visit. Officers of the Vestal Police Department use the enforcement of laws in a fair and consistent manner.

YEAR END REPORT 2015

➤ Department Workload

The department recorded 15,282 incident occurrences in 2015. 10,934 of these were numbered complaints deemed police incidents with an additional 4,348 “Quick Calls” recorded through the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. These “Quick Calls”, many of which are vehicle stops and officer initiated reports of suspicious behavior, represent patrol activity which does not require the filing of a written police report.

The department responded to 165 incidents in which a New York State Domestic Incident Report was completed. There were 43 adults and 5 juveniles arrested at these incidents. An additional 51 incidents were coded as domestics yet for various reasons no domestic report was filed. An additional 3 adults were arrested at these incidents.

➤ Detective Division Activity

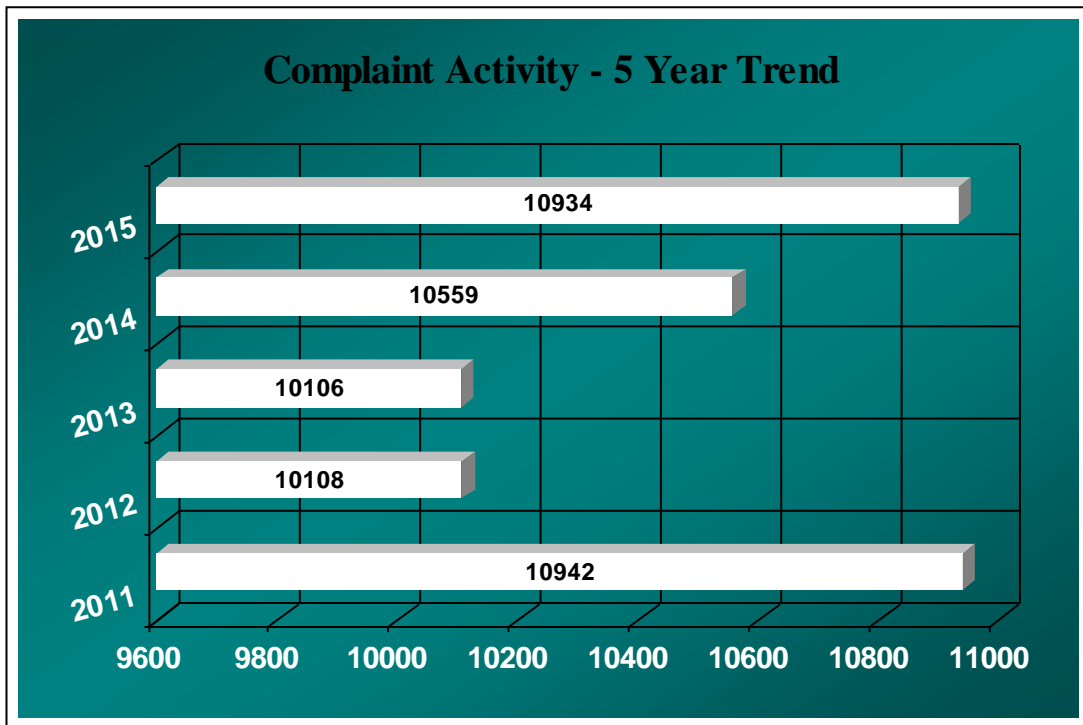
In addition to their investigative case load, the Detective Division is responsible for various other tasks. They are responsible for warrant control and maintenance. One hundred fifty-eight (158) new warrants were issued in 2015. One hundred twenty-six (126) warrants were executed in 2015. This number includes all warrants executed, including those that were still open from years prior. Warrant maintenance consists of ensuring that all active warrants have been entered into the E-Justice Portal Information Network and that all leads are pursued in searching for persons with warrants for their arrest.

The Detective Division is also assigned to process individuals arrested by this department at the time that they appear in the Town of Vestal Court for arraignment if they were not processed at the time of their arrest. This processing includes the fingerprinting, photographing, and completion of any unfinished paperwork regarding the arrest.

The Detective Division also processes crime scenes by collecting evidence and taking photographs. In addition to the evidence collected at a crime scene, officers from the Patrol Division may also collect evidence or property which needs to be maintained or stored at the police department. As of December 31, 2015 the department held 2,621 individual pieces of property and evidence (down from 2,680 in 2014) which was secured for various reasons. In 2015 there were 979 pieces of property and evidence submitted for various reasons. Nine hundred and thirty-one (931) of the items in storage were disposed of, destroyed, returned to its owner, or sent to the crime lab for processing and analysis. The Detective Division also performs a yearly audit of the evidence room.

➤ Training

The total number of training hours for the members of the Vestal Police Department in 2015 was 1,816 hours. Included in these hours were in-service training, recertification training, firearms training, tactical team training, and several other specialized trainings.



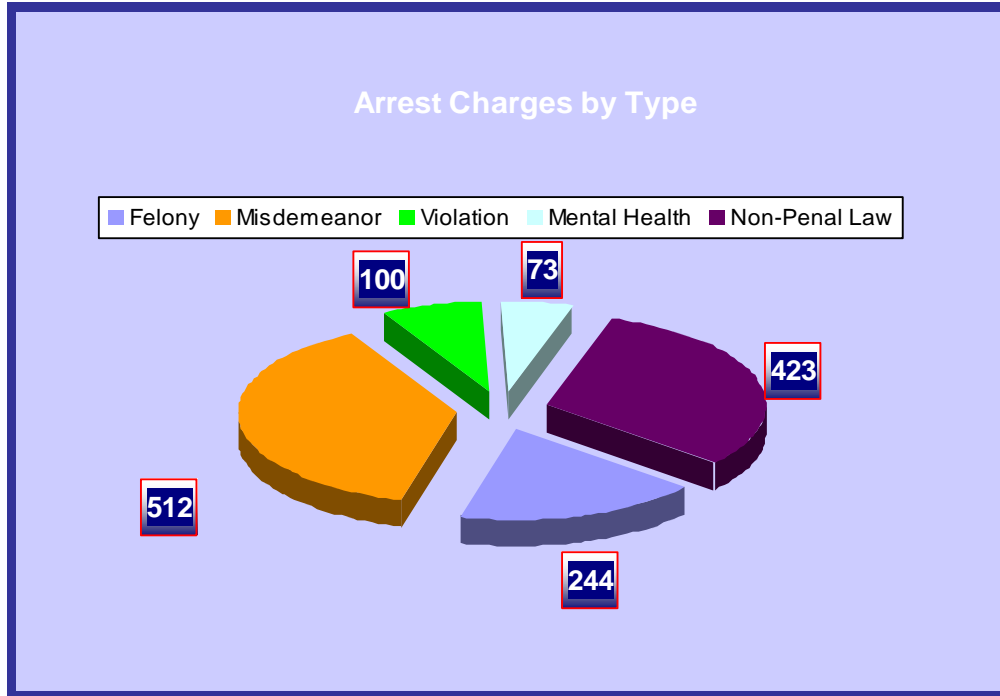
INCIDENT BASED REPORTING OFFENSES

| OFFENSE | NUMBER REPORTED 2015 | NUMBER REPORTED 2014 | NUMBER REPORTED 2013 |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Murder | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Negligent Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape (forcible) | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Robbery | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| Aggravated Assault | 6 | 5 | 8 |
| Simple Assault | 97 | 94 | 82 |
| Burglary | 62 | 38 | 39 |
| All Larceny | 566 | 552 | 552 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 13 | 19 | 9 |
| Criminal Impersonation | 70 | 61 | 45 |
| TOTAL | 825 | 771 | 744 |

SOURCE: NYS DCJS INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

➤ **Adult Arrests (Non-Traffic)**

Members of the department made 896 arrests with 1279 charges for adult offenses. A breakdown of 2015 adult arrest charges is as follows: 244 Felony charges, 512 Misdemeanors, 100 Violations, and 423 Non-Penal Law Offenses including 73 Mental Hygiene Law Arrests.

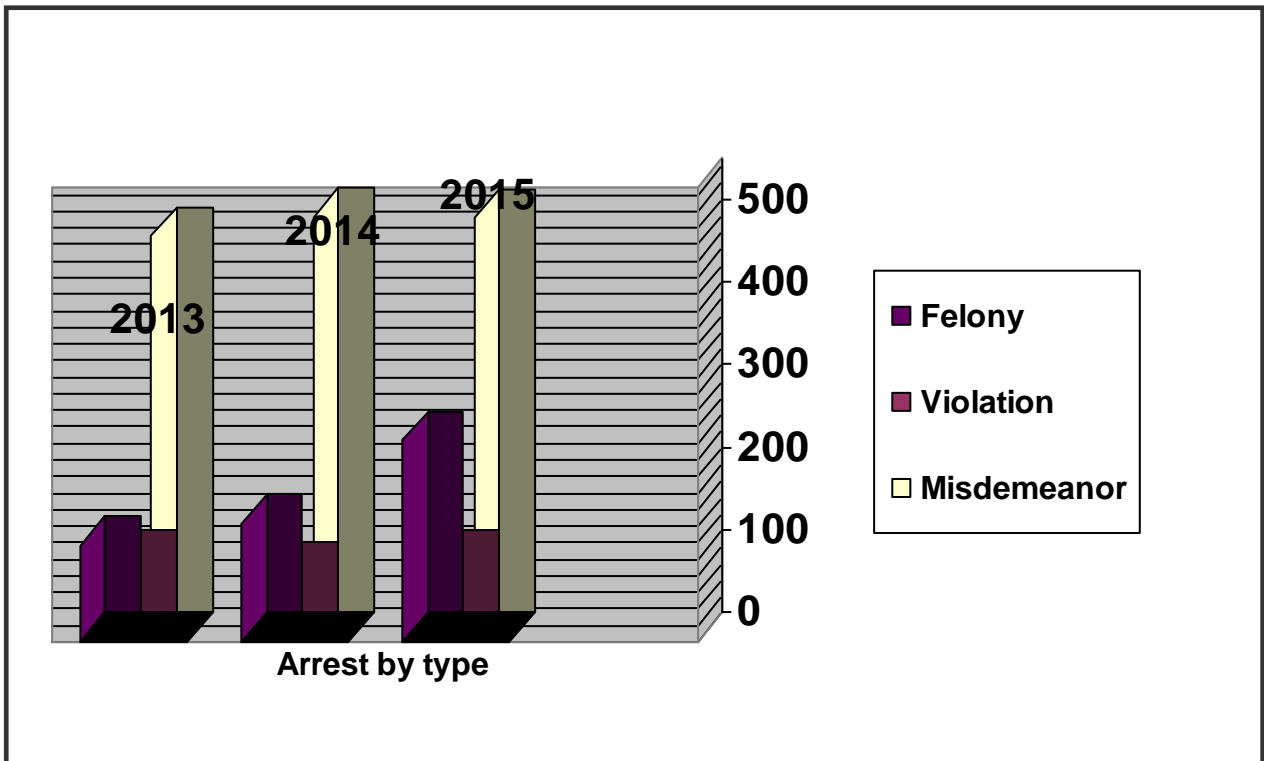


ALL ADULT CHARGES FILED 5 YEAR TREND
(INCLUDES AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED AND DWI ARREST)

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| 2011 | 1287 |
| 2012 | 1352 |
| 2013 | 1186 |
| 2014 | 1137 |
| 2015 | 1279 |

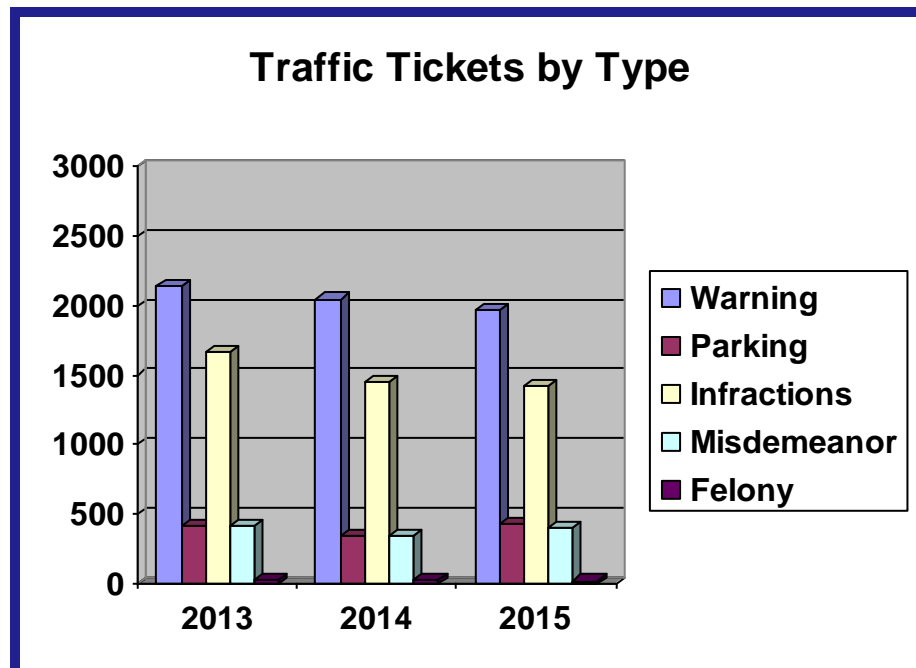
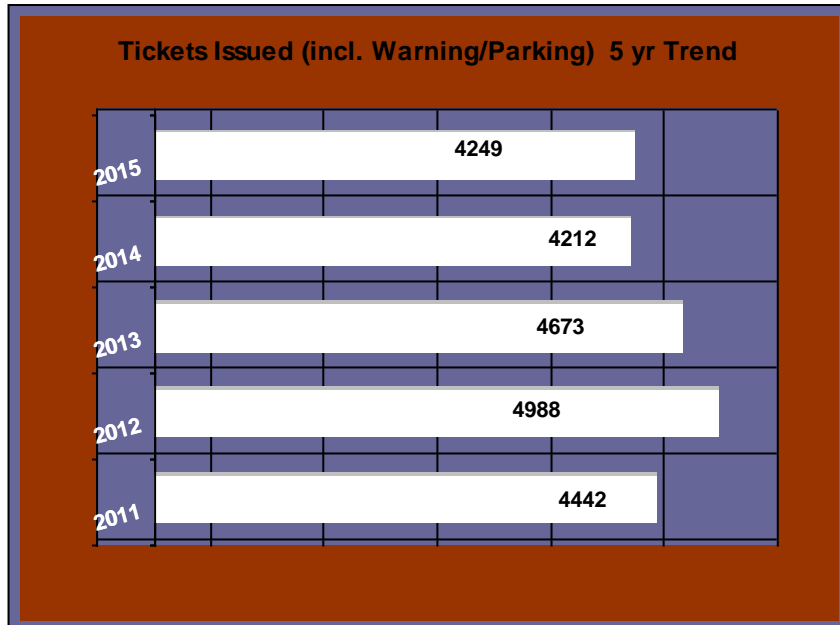
NON PENAL LAW ADULT ARRESTS IN 2015

| ARREST TYPE | NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2014 | NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2015 | CHANGE FROM 2014 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Town/County Ordinance Violations | 2 | 3 | +1 |
| Mental Hygiene Law | 65 | 73 | +8 |
| Alcohol & Beverage Control Law | 2 | 2 | - |
| Fugitive From Justice | 4 | 3 | -1 |
| Fail to Register Sex Offender Law | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Ag. & Markets | 6 | 0 | -6 |
| Public Health Law | 0 | 0 | - |
| Total | 80 | 81 | +1 |



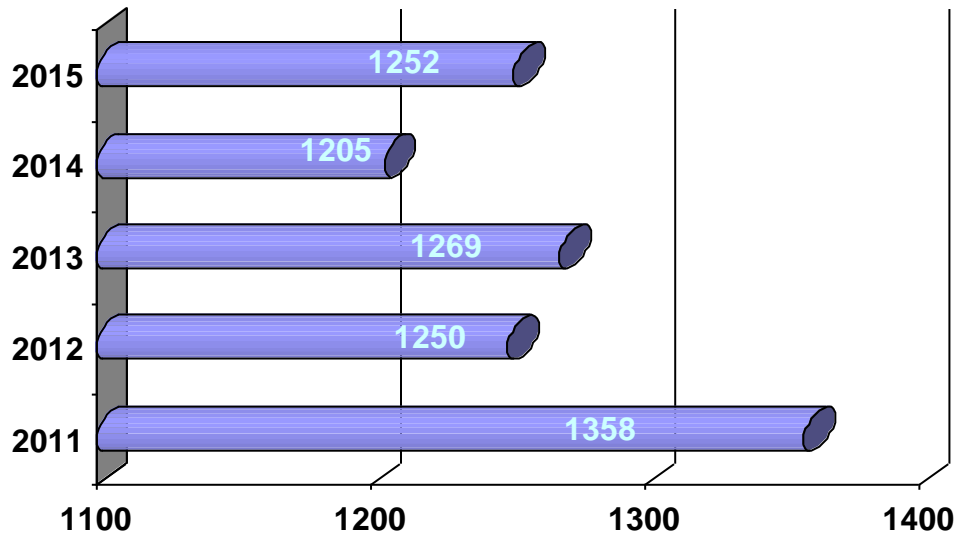
Vehicle & Traffic Enforcement

Members of the Department issued 1,846 Uniform Traffic Tickets in 2015. There were 21 felonies, 406 misdemeanors and 1,419 traffic infractions of the Vehicle & Traffic Law, Transportation, and Tax Laws. Officers also issued 433 parking tickets during the year. An additional 1,970 Warning Tickets were also issued to motorists.



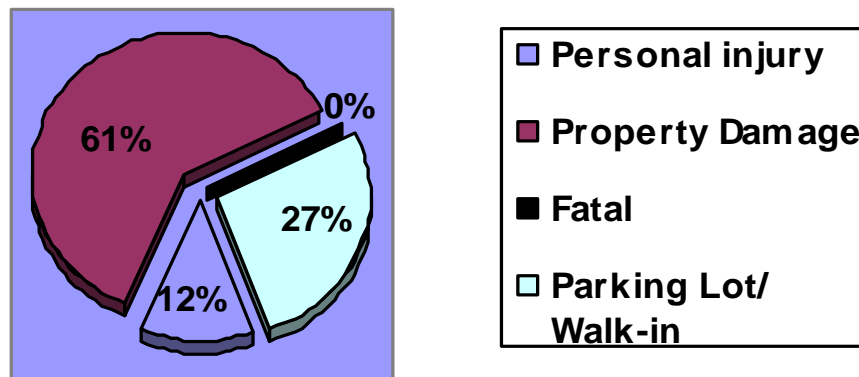
➤ **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Overall, 1,252 accidents were reported to the department in 2015. These accidents, after investigation and classification, consisted of: 150 Personal Injury Accidents, 764 Property Damage Accidents, 337 Parking Lot/Walk-in accidents, and 1 fatal accident.



REPORTED ACCIDENTS - 5 YEAR TREND

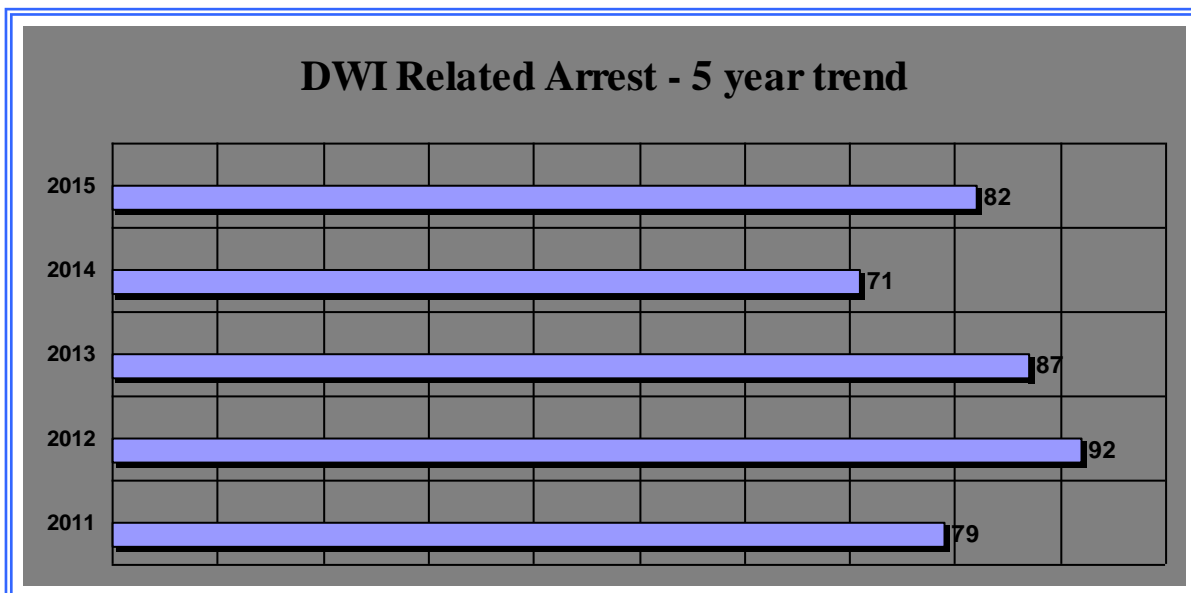
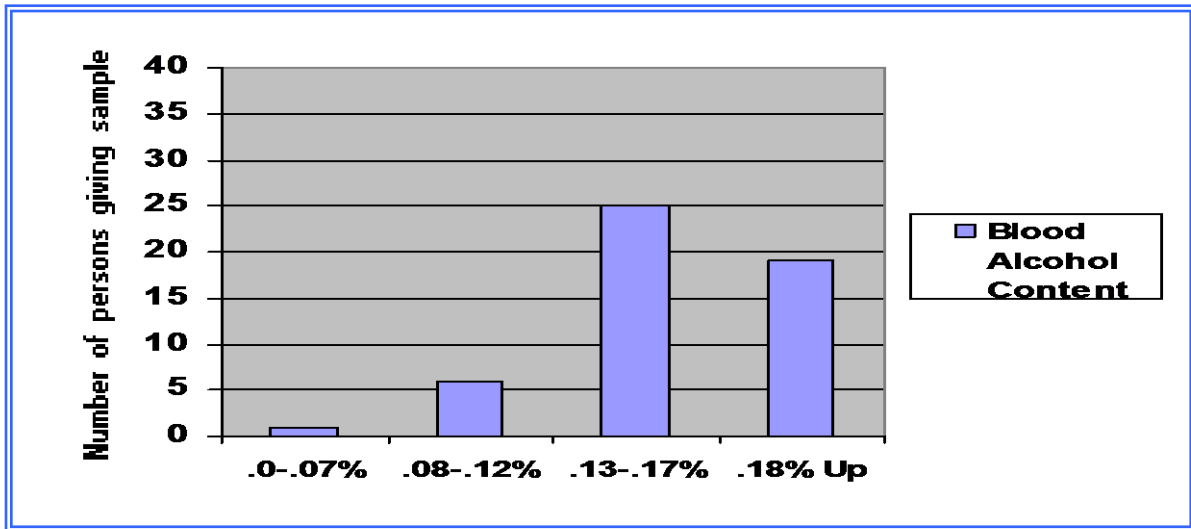
Motor Vehicle Accidents by Type



➤ **DWI Enforcement**

Members of the department made 82 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses in 2015. Of these 82 arrests, 12 were Felonies which means that the person arrested has a prior conviction for DWI in the past ten years or may have had a child in the vehicle. Of the 82 DWI arrests, 19 persons were found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.18% and over and were additionally charged with the section of 1192-2a “Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.” The department also made 14 arrests for driving while ability impaired by drugs.

The first Chart below compares the number of persons arrested who gave a breath sample and the range into which their blood alcohol content lies.



FIVE YEAR AVERAGE FOR DWI RELATED ARRESTS – 82 PER YEAR

➤ **Juvenile Offenses**

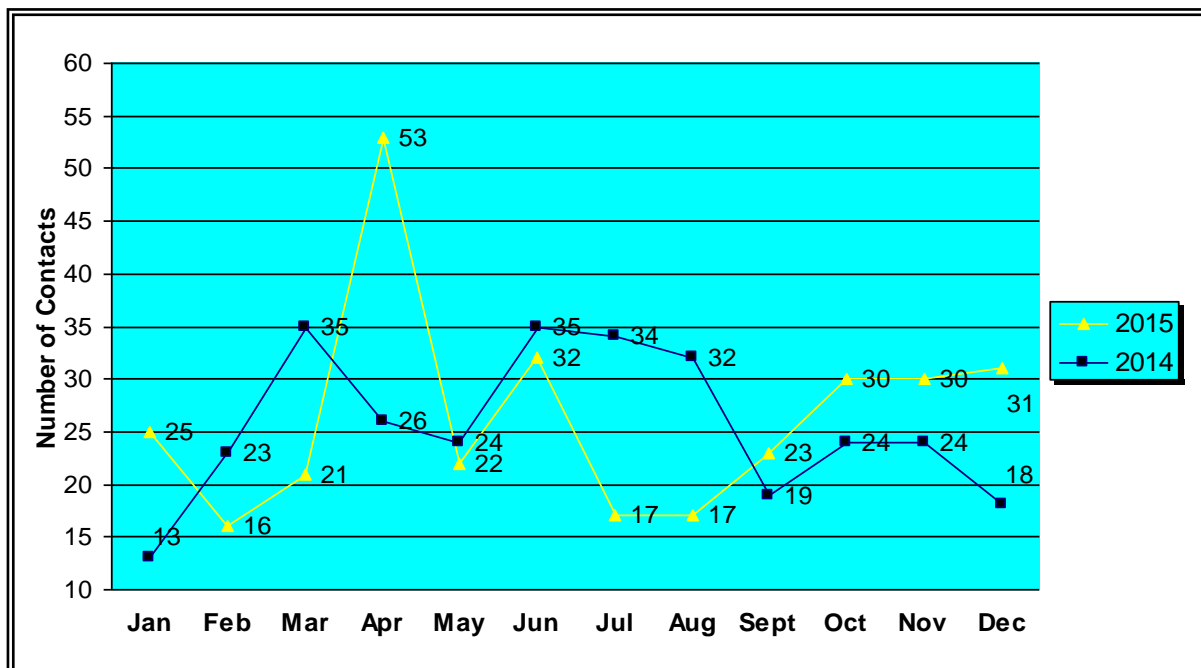
In 2015 the department had a greater amount than 2014 for the number of juveniles contacted. The month of April saw the largest number of officer contacts with persons under 16. During 2015 the department filed 35 Juvenile Delinquency Petitions and of those petitions five (5) of the offenses were felonies.

A total of 13 juveniles were arrested under the Mental Hygiene Law and were transported to the Crisis Center at Binghamton General Hospital for evaluation. The criteria for such an arrest are that the person is deemed to be harmful to themselves or others and are in need of immediate crisis intervention.

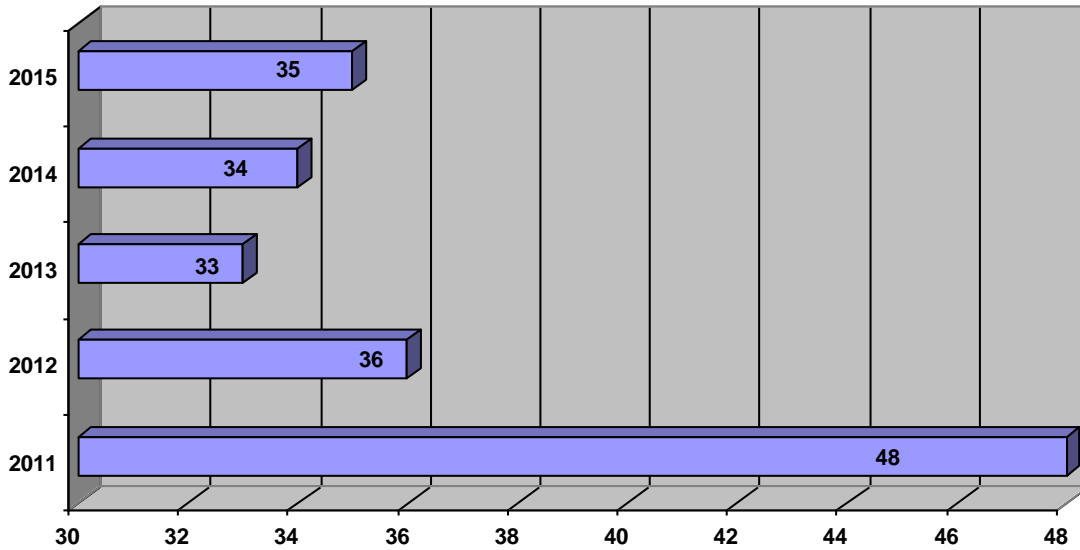
The Juvenile Office continues to maintain a strong working relationship with the Vestal Senior High School administration and the School Resource Officer. Additionally, the juvenile officer maintains ties with Broome County Probation, Broome County Attorney's Office, The Child Advocacy Center of Broome County, and other local police department's juvenile divisions.

JUVENILE CONTACTS - BY MONTH 2014 v. 2015

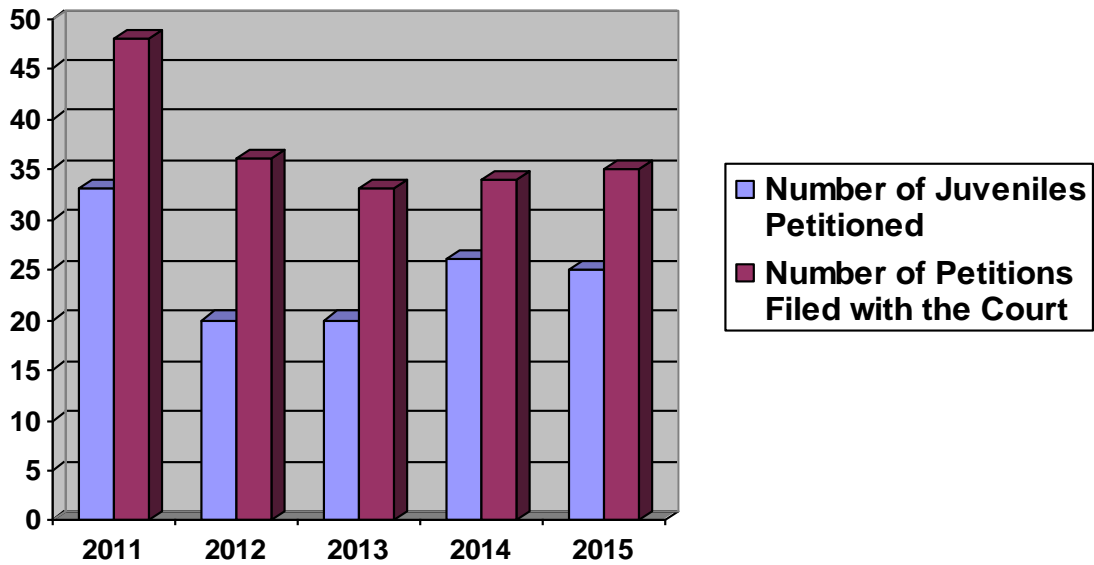
Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2015 = 317
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Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2014 = 307



Juvenile Petitions - 5 Year Trend



Juveniles Petitioned v. Number of Petitions Filed



JUVENILE PETITIONS - BY PENAL LAW SECTION

| <u>PENAL LAW SECTION</u> | <u>DEGREE OF CRIME</u> | <u>PETITIONS</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Burglary 3 rd | “D” Felony | 2 |
| Criminal Sexual Act 1 st | “B” Felony | 2 |
| Criminal Possession Forged Instrument 2 nd | “D” Felony | 1 |
| Menacing 3 rd | “B” Misdemeanor | 1 |
| Obstructing Gov’t. Administration 2 nd | “A” Misdemeanor | 2 |
| Petit Larceny | “A” Misdemeanor | 13 |
| Mental Health Law 9.41 arrest | N/A | 13 |
| Family Court Warrant | N/A | 1 |

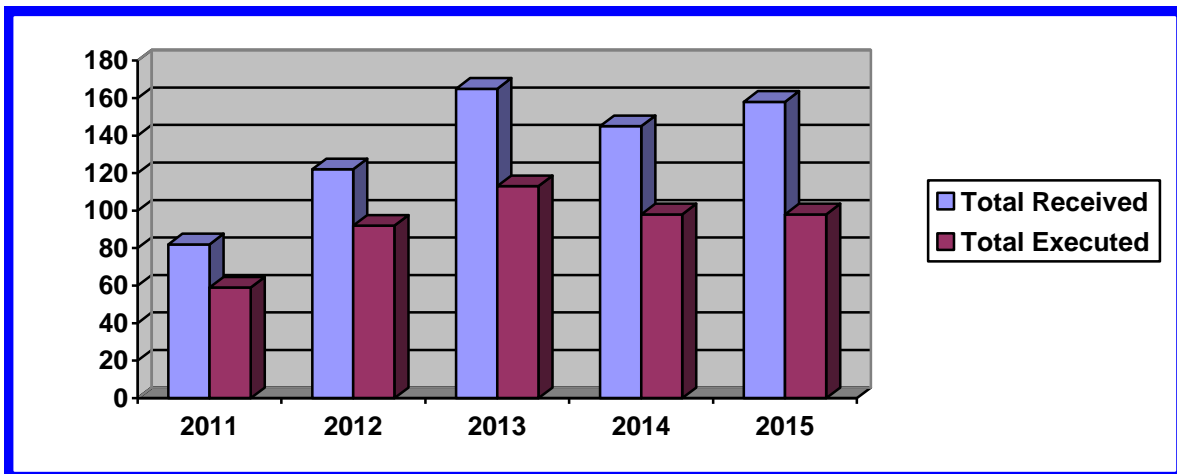
➤ **Warrant Control**

During the year 158 new warrants were received from the Town of Vestal Court. Seventy-three (73) of these were arrest warrants and 65 were bench warrants and 20 other entered warrants. Of these 158 warrants 98 were either executed or canceled with 60 remaining open at the end of the year.

One hundred twenty-six (126) of the total number of warrants (this includes warrants that are still open from prior years) in the Vestal Police Department files were either executed by members of the department or canceled by the court during 2015. As of December 31, 2015 the Department still had a total of 179 active warrants dating back to the year 2000.

WARRANTS RECEIVED IN 2015

| Type | Category | Issued | Executed/ Recalled | Total Open |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <u>Arrest</u> | Felony | 21 | 15 | 6 |
| | Misdemeanor | 50 | 31 | 19 |
| | Violation | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| | Total Arrest Warrants | 73 | 46 | 27 |
| <u>Bench</u> | Felony | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| | Misdemeanor | 56 | 30 | 26 |
| | Violation | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| | Total Bench Warrants | 65 | 37 | 28 |
| <u>Total Probation/other</u> | | 20 | 15 | 5 |
| <u>Total</u> | | 158 | 98 | 60 |



RESPONSE TO ALARMS

In 2015 The Vestal Police Department Patrols responded to 940 police related alarms. These alarms consisted of 630 business alarms, 300 residential alarms, and 10 deemed as “other”. The 940 alarms is an increase of 46 alarms from the 894 in 2014.

This however does not take into account Fire Alarms, Medical Alert Alarms, and Car Alarms that patrols may respond to. In 2015 Vestal Police Patrols handled a total of 10,934 calls for service with approximately 8.6 % of these calls being alarms which is about the same percentage as 2014.

The department communicates with owners of residences and local establishments where we have experienced problems with repeated false alarms. During the year numerous personal contacts were also made with these same people to educate them regarding the law and our procedures in the hopes of bringing them voluntarily into compliance prior to a town ordinance violation arrest.

5 Year Alarm Response Trends

