

# ***ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT***



## ***2015 ANNUAL REPORT***



### **A REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**



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**A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**





**SERVICE REPORT**

The Isle of Palms Police Department responded to 14,066 calls for service and investigated 1,703 incidents. This total revealed an overall 23% increase from the previous year.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2015	2014	+/-	% CHANGE
Calls for Service	49,028	53,785	-4,757	9% Decrease
Incident Reports	1,840	1,703	+137	8% Increase

**CRIME REPORT**

The South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) has divided crimes into two broad categories: Part 1 crimes and Part 2 crimes. Part 1 crimes are more serious in nature and include the more violent types of crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) and property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft, and arson). Part 2 crimes include all other categories.

PART 1 CRIME	2015	2014
Murder	1	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	0	0
Aggravated Assault	4	2
Burglary	19	33
Larceny	94	115
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	19
Arson	0	0
PART 2 CRIME	2015	2014
Sex Offenses	3	1
Assaults	17	36
Forgery	2	5
Fraud	32	14
Stolen Property Offenses	31	4
Vandalism	40	29
Narcotics Violations	39	40
Weapon Law Violations	3	2
Harassment	6	10
Disorderly Conduct	31	36
Driving Under the Influence	63	48
Alcohol Related Offenses	125	89
Resisting Arrest	1	1
Traffic Offenses	105	179
Warrant Arrests	17	24
All Other Offenses	1212	1015

**CASE CLEARANCE**

Of the 1,840 incidents investigated by the Police Department in 2015, 219 were assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigators closed 22%, or 49 cases solved. There are twenty-two active cases that have been carried over into 2016, leaving the remaining 148 cases closed as unsolved.

**COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

The Isle of Palms Police Department successfully completed a Gold Standard Assessment. The Gold Standard Assessment puts the Department in a higher tier among accredited law enforcement agencies. The Gold Standard Assessment focuses more on departmental practices versus just policy compliance. This is a higher level of accreditation and only about 10% of all CALEA accredited agencies are eligible to try for the Gold Standard. The Isle of Palms Police Department has been a CALEA accredited agency since 2002, and received its fifth award for accreditation in March 2014.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

Traffic law enforcement is one of the primary responsibilities of the Department's objective. Officers identify and remove those drivers whose behavior indicates that they are an immediate danger to the public; improve driving behavior that differs from the accepted or legal requirements through direct enforcement contact and driver observation of police enforcement activities and develop and encourage voluntary compliance with traffic laws and ordinances through a continuing enforcement program.

OFFENSE	2015	2014	+/-	% CHANGE
Traffic Stops	3,821	5,388	-1,567	29% Decrease
Driving Under the Influence	65	50	+15	30% Increase
Driving Under Suspension	67	99	-62	32% Decrease
Speeding Tickets	429	471	-42	9% Decrease
Other Tickets	891	1,429	-539	38% Decrease
Parking Tickets	5,104	2,692	+2,412	90% Increase
Warning Tickets	2,637	4,002	-1,365	34% Decrease
City Citations	455	177	+278	157% Increase
COLLISIONS	2015	2014	+/-	% CHANGE
	107	87	+20	23% Increase

**ARREST DATA**

In 2015 there were 676 arrests as compared to 527 in 2014; a 28% increase.

OFFENSE TYPE	2015	2014
Murder	1	0
Forcible Rape	1	1
Kidnapping / Abduction	1	0
Assaults	14	21
Burglaries	0	3
Larceny (shoplifting, theft from MV, Breach of Trust)	11	12
Motor Vehicle Thefts	0	4
Traffic Related Arrests	79	113
Driving Under the Influence	64	47
Crimes Against Person	1	10
Narcotic Related Arrests	49	54
Weapons Violations	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	35	35
Alcohol Related Arrests	390	208
Crimes Against Property	6	1
Warrant Arrest	14	11
Resisting Arrest	6	1
All Other Offenses	4	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>527</b>

### **BIAS BASED PROFILING**

It is the policy of the Isle of Palms Police Department to patrol in a proactive manner, to aggressively investigate suspicious persons and circumstances, while insisting that citizens only be stopped or detained when there exists a reasonable suspicion to believe they have committed, are committing, or about to commit, an infraction of the law.

COMPLAINTS	2015	2014	+/-	% CHANGE
Traffic Contacts	0	0	0	No Change
Field Contacts	0	0	0	No Change
Asset Forfeiture	0	0	0	No Change

### **COMPLAINTS / INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS**

The Professional Standards Office of the Isle of Palms Police Department is responsible for investigating every complaint, conducting a fair and impartial investigation of the complaint, and determining whether the complaint is valid or invalid.

EXTERNAL	2015	2014
Citizen Complaint	15	8
Sustained	4	3
Not Sustained	3	2
Unfounded	7	3
Exonerated	1	0
INTERNAL	2015	2014
Directed Complaint	5	4
Sustained	5	4
Not Sustained	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Exonerated	0	0

### **LIVABILITY VIOLATIONS**

Isle of Palms Police Department has a Sergeant assigned to this function in an effort to deal with the city's quality of life issues, which range from noise complaints, barking dogs, roll carts, and business licenses. Patrol Officers initially respond to reported incidents and the Livability Sergeant will conduct follow-up investigations as needed. In addition, the City of Isle of Palms has court once a month specifically for Livability violations.

NOISE VIOLATION YEAR	TOTAL	ISLAND RESIDENT	LONG TERM / OWNER	LONG TERM / AGENCY	SHORT TERM / OWNER	SHORT TERM / AGENCY	OTHER	WARNING CITATION	CITY CITATION
2015	201	39	0	0	37	71	54	105	39
2014	170	29	0	2	20	89	30	124	9

### **TRAINING**

Isle of Palms Police Department personnel received a total of 2,009 hours of training in 2015. The training included various topics such as, firearms and Taser qualification, Legal and Criminal Domestic Violence Updates, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and other advanced and in-service training.

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The Isle of Palms Police Department implemented "Coffee With A Cop" and continued with its already successful "Neighborhood Meet & Greet Events". These programs provide our citizens the opportunity to interact and get to know the Officers that are serving their community. During 2015, the Department held three "Coffee With A Cop" events and three "Neighborhood Meet & Greet" events. The Livability Sergeant continues to work with the Rental Property businesses with the Property Identification & Tagging program. Our ultimate goal is to work with citizens and businesses to keep our community safe!