

# **Craig Police Department**

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**TO:** *Jim Ferree, City Manager*

**FROM:** *Walter K Vanatta, Chief of Police*

**DATE:** *January 6, 2016*

**SUBJECT:** *Progress Report – December 2015*

## **1. *Crime Summary***

*See attachments. The department responded to 980 requests for service during the month of December. Community Service responded to 102 requests for service.*

## **2. *Community Service***

*CSOs Josh Wright and Jill Nelson handled the following calls during the month of December.*

- *Red tagged fifty-two abandoned vehicles. One vehicle was towed.*
- *No weed complaints*
- *No code violations*
- *Two junk/trash violations*
- *No Administrative Warnings were issued*
- *Three parking violation warnings were issued*
- *No parking citations were issued*
- *No code citations were issued*
- *No Abatements conducted; Cost of Abatements – \$0.00*

*Please see the attached Code Enforcement Activity Reports. The speed trailer was not set out in December.*

### 3. *Miscellaneous*

*December 4<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, was the HVE Grant Holiday Party DUI enforcement.*

*December 30<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup> was the New Year's Eve HVE DUI enforcement period.*

*An internal Strategic Planning Committee began the process for setting our strategic objectives for 2016.*

*A local business woman, who wishes to remain anonymous; approached me about helping with a secret Santa project. She donated \$300 for officers to give out to people who they may know that are having a difficult time this Christmas. We agreed each gift would be \$20.*

*Fifteen envelopes printed and each contained \$20 for officers to pass out, one per family. There were only two requirements – I requested officers be in uniform or wearing something that clearly identified them you as being with the police department; send me an email with the name of the person they gave it to. Ms. Lee appreciated all our efforts in the community. It was very thoughtful of her to think about us and giving us the opportunity to make someone smile.*

### 4. *SRO Activity*

*Officer Rimmer and Officer Fritz have been involved in the following activities for the month of December.*

*Officer Rimmer and Officer Fritz finished teaching DARE at Sunset and East Elementary Schools with the Methamphetamine and Marijuana class.*

- *Attended and mediated youth in conflict and truancy issues.*
- *Attended the Child Protection Team meetings that occur on Thursdays at the Moffat County Department of Social Services.*
- *Screened multiple reports of abuse, most forwarded to patrol.*
- *Assisted Patrol Officers on off campus incidents, providing cover on arrests, etc.*
- *Fight investigation with students and parent at MCHS.*
- *Handled multiple bullying issues at MCHS and CMS*
- *Grand Futures Board meeting*
- *SAPP Board Meeting*
- *MCHS, took runaway report*
- *MCHS, spoke to a staff member about a possible Restraining Order issue*

- Ridgeview, took report of abuse, finding that it had already been reported and investigated.
- MCHS, traffic complaint, parent complained that students were “doing donuts” in the snow in the parking lot, both students were spoken to by SRO and School, issued written warnings by SRO and sanctioned by the school administration
- MCHS, investigated a second student vs. student fight
- CMS, student failed to return home after school, was later found by family at the skate park,
- MCHS, took report of theft from gym locker
- MCHS, report of student with knives on campus
- MCHS, student with tobacco on campus
- MCHS, spoke with counselor about a student with possible suicidal ideations, had been screened by Mind Springs.
- MCHS, investigated a third fight.
- MCHS, on-view traffic complaint, spoke to parent about driving over the divider between the bus lane and the parking lot, verbal warning.
- CMS, lost student, found to be a miscommunication on the student taking the bus home.
- MCHS, investigated a report of a sex offender being let into the school by a staff member through the back door, he was later issued a trespass order.
- Sunset, assisted staff with a verbally defiant student.
- MCHS, spoke to a student about a civil matter.
- CMS, fire alarm accidentally pulled by a student.
- Attended cold weather range training.
- Debriefed School Administration about East Elementary ALICE drill.
- Met with three of the four elementary counselors about DARE language and aligning their curriculum to DARE.
- MCHS, drill and safety meeting.
- Sandrock, investigated a report of a teacher “grabbing” two students, investigation completed with parents deciding to have the matter handled by the administration.
- MCHS, took a report of a hit and run, adult student declined to have investigated, no damage.
- Sandrock Elementary, parking lot crash, issued City Summons for Careless Driving
- Sandrock, spoke to principal about a parent involved in a domestic violence situation requesting forwarding information about students.
- Attended Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy Graduation (Torrington, WY)
- MCHS, report of a possibly suicidal student, was found ok with mom at home and was given courtesy ride to school.

- Sandrock Elementary, spoke to staff member about a civil matter.
- Sunset Elementary, spoke to a parent of an adopted child and his birth family attempting to contact him, he was going to look into getting a restraining order.
- Ridgeview Elementary, assisted with morning duties.
- MCHS, Facebook harassment
- Served court papers for truancy issues and also worked on truancy specific students.
- Continued work at the Goal Academy and at the Boys and Girls Club
- MCHS – Investigated possible inappropriate actions by a teacher – unfounded.
- Ridgeview Elementary – Staff members harassed/stalked by a parent.
- Investigation of two reports of Sexual Assault on a child – both high school level. Not occurring at the school.
- MCHS – Student in possession of alcohol on school ground. Summons issued for incident.
- Sunset – Investigated a student assault on a teacher
- Investigated two possible sex assaults on a child at Sunset
- Officer Fritz also assisted the Patrol Division by working six days on patrol over Christmas break.

5. **Training**

*Nothing to report*

6. **Crime Victim Services Program – December 2015**

**CRIME**

43 INCIDENTS

64 TOTAL

55 VICTIMS

CHARGES

20 OF WHICH WERE BUSINESSES,  
GOVERNMENT, SOCIETY

INCIDENT	#	# CALL-OUTS
HOMICIDE		
ELDERLY ABUSE		
ASSAULT	4	
HARASSMENT	1	
MENACING	2	

DUI/DUID/DWAI	11	
HATE CRIME		
ROBBERY		
THEFT/BURGLARY	17	
ID THEFT/ FRAUD	6	
OTHER Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, Witness Intimidation)	18	
<b>TOTAL</b>	59	0

### TRAUMA

INCIDENT	#	# CALL-OUTS
AT RISK ADULT	1	
UNATTENDED DEATH	1	
SUICIDE		
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE		
VEHICLE ACCIDENT	3	
FIRE/ARSON		
OTHER		
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	1

SERVICE PROVIDED	# OF TIMES
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Crisis Counseling	
Follow-up	18
Information/ Referral	18
Criminal Justice Advocacy	
Emergency Financial Aid	
Victim Compensation Information	8
Victim Rights Notification	14
Personal Advocacy	
Shelter	
Phone Contact	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	63

7. *Upcoming Events*

*In February, we will be having our Employee of the Year awards dinner.*

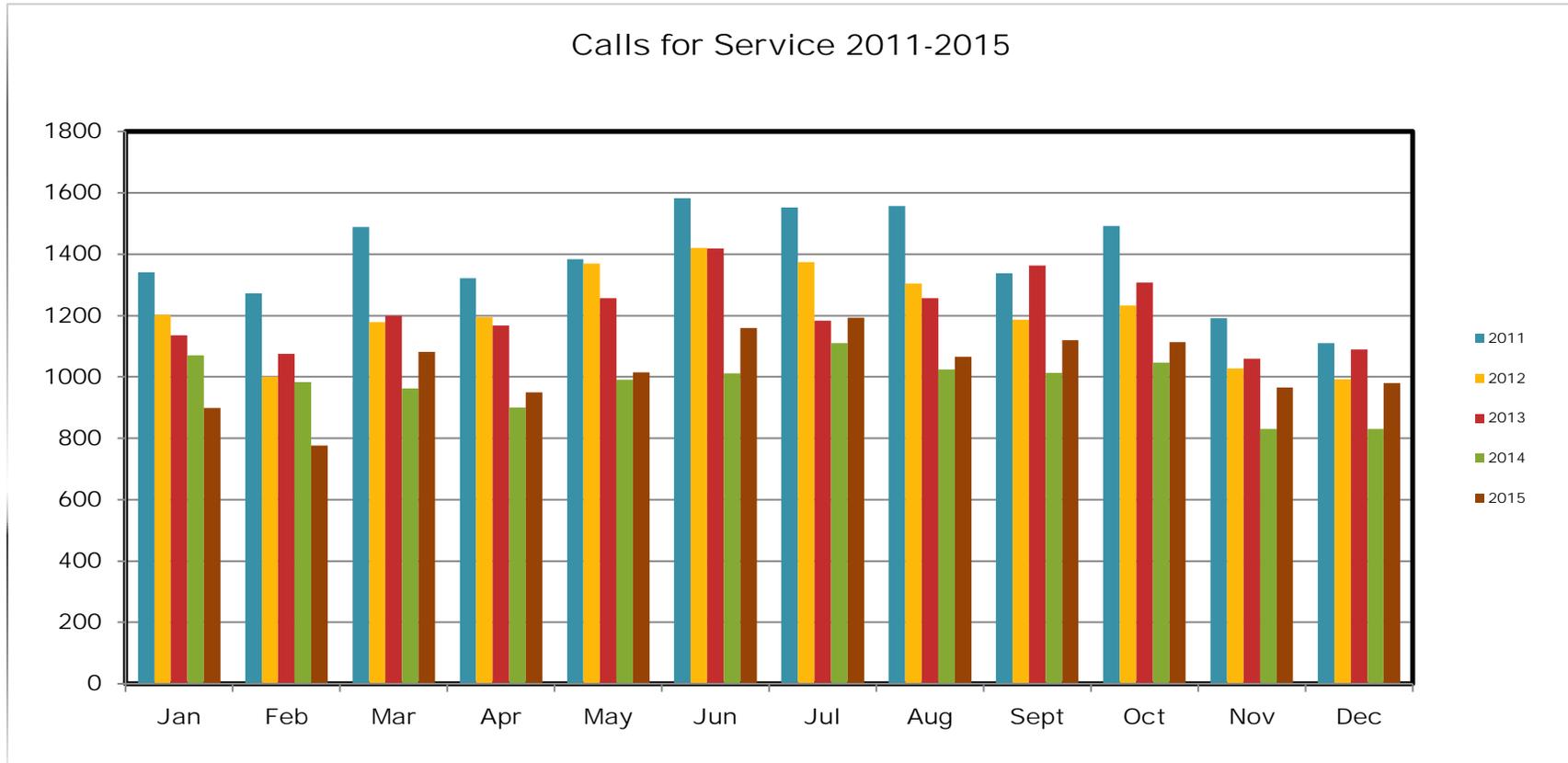
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Monthly Calls for Service  
Dec-15

911 Hang-Up	40	Pedestrian Contact	3
Abandoned Vehicle	64	Person Found	1
Accident - Hit and Run	10	Power/Gas/Phone Incident	13
Accident - Injury	1	Property Found/Recovered	6
Accident - Property Damage	30	Property Lost	2
Agency Assist	91	REDDI Report	7
Alarm	19	Road Kill	3
Animal Complaint	101	Road Rage	1
Animal Injured	1	Security Check	7
Assault	3	Sex Crime	1
Burglary	8	Shots Fired	6
Child Abuse/Neglect	19	Suicide - Attempted	4
Civil Problem	38	Suspicious Article/Person/Vehicle	34
Code Enforcement	9	Theft	23
Complaint	14	Threat	13
Controlled Burn	1	Tobacco Violation	2
Criminal Mischief	6	Tow Request	2
Curfew	1	Traffic Stop	72
Debris	1	Transport	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	Trespass	10
Disturbance	37	Unattended Death	2
Domestic Violence	11	Unknown Problem	7
Drug Violation or Incident	6	Vandalism	4
Drunk Pedestrian	3	Vehicle Recovery	1
Escape	2	Vehicle Stolen	1
Extra Patrol Request	73	VIN Inspection	17
Fraud	16	Warrant	11
Harassment	17	Weapon Violation	3
Kidnap	1	Welfare Check	37
Liquor Violation	1	Wildlife	3
Mental Health	3		
Missing Person/Runaway	6	<b>Total</b>	<b>980</b>
Motorist Assist	31		
Noise Complaint	7		
Parking Complaint	9		
Parole Check	1		

# Calls for Service

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>2011</b>	1341	1273	1489	1322	1384	1583	1552	1557	1338	1492	1191	1111	16633
<b>2012</b>	1203	1001	1179	1194	1369	1420	1374	1305	1187	1233	1028	993	14486
<b>2013</b>	1135	1076	1199	1168	1256	1419	1184	1256	1363	1307	1060	1089	14512
<b>2014</b>	1070	983	962	900	991	1012	1110	1025	1013	1046	830	830	11772
<b>2015</b>	899	777	1081	950	1015	1160	1193	1066	1120	1113	966	980	12320
<b>% inc/dec</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>5%</b>



## *An Interview with Moffat County Officer Ryan Fritz*

*by Cassandra Vigil – Grand Futures*



*Student Resource Officer, Ryan Fritz has been with the Craig Police Department for 6 years. His favorite part about his job is working with the youth. Ryan works with all 6 Moffat County public schools as well as GOAL Academy, the alternative school and Eagle's Nest Preschool. Ryan is also a member of the Moffat County Grand Futures Advisory Board. Two of his daughters are members of Moffat County Teen Council. I was fortunate to be able to sit down with Ryan and ask him some pretty tough questions about Moffat County, the life as a Craig police officer, and substance use in general. His answers are as follows.*

*What do you not like about your job?*

*The HARD PART is when you work with a particular child for a long time and they still decide to make bad decisions. When a kid is removed from the school I can't work with them. It is hard to see a kid self-destruct.*

*Describe your typical day on the job:*

*The awesome part about my job is there is not typical day. It can be hard because you can go from the highest high to the saddest low. He typically works four 10 hour days. Not only is he at all of the schools but he also covers all of the extracurricular activities.*

*What traits do you feel are necessary to be successful as a police officer?*

*A lot of patience and integrity. You have to be able to be trustworthy. People are literally trusting you with their lives at times. You have to be even-keeled and are not supposed to show emotion. Sometimes I know people do not like me but I still have to do my job. You have to think on your feet and react and adapt to any situation.*

*Would you recommend this career to someone else?*

*To the right person, it is worth looking into. They must understand the difficulties. I have the best job in the best organization in the best community.*

*If you had to choose, what is the single most difficult thing you believe Moffat County youth to be facing in high school?*

*Youth thinks Craig could have more. I think they need to look to see what is here before they look for more. Moffat County has a lot. You have to find what you are more interested in. Kids face the same things in this community as they do in every community, drinking, drug use, and the things that go along with it and it drags some kids down.*

*In regards to substances, what are some common themes for the reasons youth use?*

Peer pressure. Kids see adults doing it and it is hard to ignore, mainly alcohol and marijuana. It is illegal to do but once you reach a certain age...its ok. It's looked at as hypocritical. But just because it is legal doesn't mean it's smart.

*If you had infinite resources to implement one thing to change the way Moffat County High School youth view or use substances, what would you do?*

Some kind of program that takes youth to an intercity where they could meet people that through substance use are now living on the streets. They would be able to see what long-term use has done.

*Do you think legalization of recreational marijuana affected (negatively or positively) MCHS students?*

I think it is too early to tell. Legal or not, kids that want it are going to find it. All-in-all, I think kids perceive the use to be much higher than it is.

*Studies indicate that cigarette use in minors has been declining for years, yet the CDC claims that now use of electronic cigarettes is on the rise nationwide. Is this a trend you see catching on at MCHS?*

Yes. I have seen more e-cigs this year then even last year. The perception among youth is that they aren't harmful. Smokeless tobacco is high. A lot of the boys chew.

*What do you think is the best thing school administrators, counselors, and teachers can do when they find a student using drugs?*

Failing to hold kids accountable for their actions are denying them the opportunity to change. If we ignore it or take it lightly we are denying them that opportunity to change.

*Do you think students today receive sufficient education on substance abuse prevention?*

We could probably do more. It is a challenge to get classroom time. There is a fine line between not enough and too much.

*If there was one thing you could tell all MCHS students, one piece of advice or a comment, what would you say?*

There are plenty of times parents are right and know what they are talking about. Kids will learn for themselves. There is so much more to life then what we see right in front of us, don't get bogged down because no one else wants to look for what is out there. Are you going to follow someone down their road or make your own?

*What is the most common need for police assistance around the holidays*

Nation-wide a rise for suicide prevention

*In Moffat County, do you see rise in DUIs around the holidays?*

Yes. There is a push for higher enforcement as well. Around the holidays people often put themselves at risk doing things they normally wouldn't. People think the holidays are a time to "unwind".

*What advice can you give us on staying safe around the holidays?*

All year, people need to watch out for each other. People often look inward, me, me, me. We should start looking for people to help, to serve. Do they need a friend? A shoulder to cry on? People out there may need somebody.

## ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

### MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2015

<b>ANIMAL COMPLAINTS HANDLED:</b>		MOCO COMPLAINTS BY CSO	1
ANIMAL CONTROL	59	SUMMONS & COMPLAINTS	5
OFFICERS	43	VICIOUS DOGS WITH INJURY	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>102</u>	VICIOUS DOGS W/O INJURY	3

<b>ANIMAL IMPOUNDS:</b>	DOGS	PUPPIES	CATS	KITTENS	OTHER	TOTAL
CRAIG - Owner Relinquish	0	0	1	0	0	1
CRAIG - Stray	8	0	8	4	0	20
MOCO - Owner Relinquish	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOCO - Stray	6	1	1	0	0	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>

<b>IMPOUND DISPOSITION:</b>	DOGS	PUPPIES	CATS	KITTENS	OTHER	TOTAL
RELEASED TO OWNER	13	0	0	0	0	13
ADOPTED	1	1	1	1	0	4
EUTHANIZED	0	0	1	0	0	1
TRANSFERRED	0	0	8	3	0	11
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>

FERAL CATS: 0

**REMARKS:**

### YEAR TO DATE TOTALS 2015

<b>ANIMAL COMPLAINTS HANDLED:</b>		MOCO COMPLAINTS BY CSO	16
ANIMAL CONTROL	1164	SUMMONS & COMPLAINTS	50
OFFICERS	452	VICIOUS DOGS WITH INJURY	9
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1616</u>	VICIOUS DOGS W/O INJURY	14

<b>ANIMAL IMPOUNDS:</b>	DOGS	PUPPIES	CATS	KITTENS	OTHER	TOTAL
CRAIG - Owner Relinquish	15	3	4	19	0	41
CRAIG - Stray	170	9	79	80	2	340
MOCO - Owner Relinquish	7	10	5	0	0	22
MOCO - Stray	55	6	7	23	0	91
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>494</u>

<b>IMPOUND DISPOSITION:</b>	DOGS	PUPPIES	CATS	KITTENS	OTHER	TOTAL
RELEASED	177	4	6	2	2	191
ADOPTED	42	22	28	48	0	140
EUTHANIZED	1	0	20	14	0	35
TRANSFERRED	25	2	40	31	0	98
OTHER	2	0	1	27	0	30
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>494</u>

FERAL CATS: 30

**Code Enforcement Warnings**

WARNINGS BY ADDRESS							12/1/2015		
ADDRESS	NAME	DATE	VIOLATION				NOTES	Badge	Disposition
			Junk/Trash	Weeds	Vehicles	Code Viol			
500 Blk 1st Ave. W.		12/29/2015			White Pontiac		Red Tagged 12/29/15	561	
500 Blk 1st Ave. W.		12/29/2015			White Dodge		Red Tagged 12/29/15	561	
500 Blk 1st Ave. W.		12/29/2015			Blue Saturn		Red Tagged 12/29/15	561	
1800 Blk B St		12/16/2015			Black Ford		Red Tagged 12/16/15	561	C - 12/21/15
2100 Blk B St		12/30/2015			White Nissan		Red Tagged 12/30/15	561	
2000 Blk Baker		12/31/2015			White Truck Trailer		Red Tagged 12/31/15	560	
302 Birch	Zimmerman, John	11/10/2015	X				Warning 11/10/15	560	C - 12/2/15
322 Birch	Satterwhite, Katie	11/10/2015	X				Warning 11/10/15	560	C - 12/2/15
300 Block Breeze		12/5/2015			Green Chev		Red Tagged 12/05/15	560	C - 12/09/15
600 Block Breeze		12/30/2015			White Dodge		Red Tagged 12/30/15	561	
500 Block Colorado St.		12/2/2015			White Dodge		Red Tagged 12/02/15	560	C - 12/05/15
541 Colorado St.	Wood, James	12/2/2015	X				Warning 12/02/15	560	C - 12/11/15
1905 Crockett Dr.	Gillette, Terry	12/9/2015	X				Warning 12/09/15	560	C - 12/17/15
80 E. 4th St.		12/3/2015			Multiple		Warning 12/03/15	560	C - 12/09/15
430 E. 4th St.	James, Terry	10/12/2015	X				Warning 10/12/15	561	C - 12/15/15
000 Blk E 7th St		11/30/2015			Red Ford		Warning 11/30/15	561	C - 12/1/15
517 E. 7th St.		12/12/2015			Multiple		Warning 12/11/15	560	
400 Blk Elmwood		12/30/2015			White Chevy		Red Tagged 12/30/15	561	
3400 Blk Essex Ct		12/31/2015			Red/Black Dodge		Red Tagged 12/31/15	560	
1800 Blk Frontier		12/15/2015			Gold Pontiac		Red Tagged 12/15/15	561	C - 12/24/15
800 Block Green St		12/30/2015			White Chrysler		Red Tagged 12/30/15	561	
300 Block Hawthorn		12/18/2015			Red Ford		Red Tagged 12/18/15	560	
1400 Blk Heather		11/30/15			Gold Chrysler		Warning 11/30/15	561	C - 12/7/15
1400 Blk Heather		12/11/15			Trailer		Red Tagged 12/11/15	560	C - 12/18/15
1400 Blk Heather		12/18/15			White Dumprtruck		Red Tagged 12/18/15	560	C - 12/18/15
1500 Blk Heather		12/31/15			Black Ford		Red Tagged 12/31/15	561	
2272 Jeffcoat	Dilldine, Brian	06/09/15	X	X			Admin Warning 7/27/15	561	
592 Legion St.	Morchak, Ashley	11/05/15	X				Warning 11/5/15	560	C - 12/09/15
900 Block Legion		12/18/15			Silver Ford		Red Tagged 12/18/15	560	
900 Block Legion		12/18/15			Ford Truck		Red Tagged 12/18/15	560	
391 Lincoln		12/14/15			Red Ford		Red Tagged 12/14/15	561	C - 12/15/15
500 Block Pershing St.		12/03/15			Boat Trailer		Red Tagged 12/03/15	560	C - 12/09/15
600 Block Ranney St.		12/03/15			Blue Chev		Red Tagged 12/03/15	560	C - 12/09/15
600 Block Ranney St.		12/03/15			Trailer		Red Tagged 12/03/15	560	C - 12/09/15
445 Rose St.	Gross, Carl	11/25/15	X				Warning 11/25/15	560	C - 12/09/15
600 Block Rose		11/30/15			Red Oldsmobile		Red tagged 11/30/15	561	C - 12/7/15
1185 Rose St.	Wheaton, Barbara	02/26/15	X		Winnebago		Admin Citation 6/16/15	561	
800 Block Russell		12/05/15			Trailer		Red Tagged 12/05/15	560	C - 12/09/15
800 Block Russell		12/14/15			White Dodge		Red Tagged 12/14/15	561	C - 12/15/15
1400 Block Sage		12/17/15			White Dodge		Red Tagged 12/17/15	560	C - 12/18/15
300 Block Sandrock		11/30/15			Wht Volkswagen		Warning 11/30/15	561	C - 12/7/15
300 Block Sandrock		12/31/15			Hmd Trailer		Red Tagged 12/31/15	561	



Code Enforcement Warnings

T = TOWED
C = COMPLIED

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