



A Report to Our Citizens

FISCAL YEAR 2015

We make safer places for you to live, work and play.

Message from Chief Laraway

2015 was a year of transition for both the city of Star and our police department. We are thrilled to start a new era with Mayor Chad Bell – who has deep knowledge of Star – to work together to make our town a safe place to live, work and play.

Our department went through some changes in 2015, as officers Don Clough, Jacob Breckon, and Ian Hale moved on to other assignments at the Ada County Sheriff's Office.



The good news is we have a trio of young officers — Alan Speakes, Zack Hessing, and Austin Eckhardt — who specifically requested to work in Star because it is a dynamic and growing community. They join officer Aaron Williams, who has been patrolling the city since 2013, and Marc Bowman, who just finished his first year as full-time detective.

When not out on calls for service, our patrol officers concentrated a lot of effort in 2015 on investigating



car and home burglaries. Reducing property crime is a major priority for the Star Police and we had significant success doing that in 2015 — like when patrol officers identified and arrested a pair of 19-year-old men responsible for dozens of car burglaries over the winter or Detective Bowman doing the investigatory work to shut down a home on Elizabeth Street which became a destination for the storage of stolen property and significant drug traffic.

All this focus on problem areas paid off. Our officers ended up making more misdemeanor drug-related



STAR POLICE TEAM

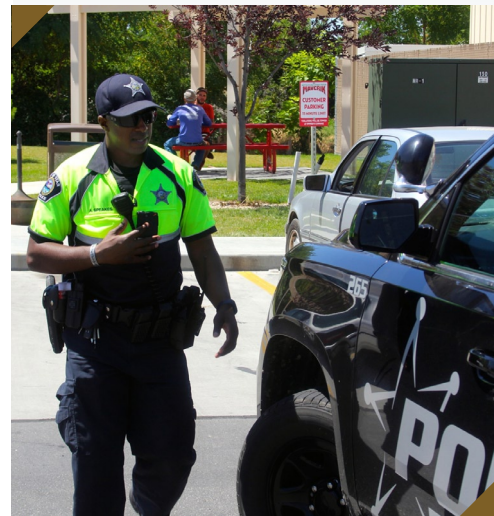
Chief John Laraway

PATROL DEPUTIES

Aaron Williams
Alan Speakes
Zack Hessing
Austin Eckhardt

DETECTIVE

Marc Bowman

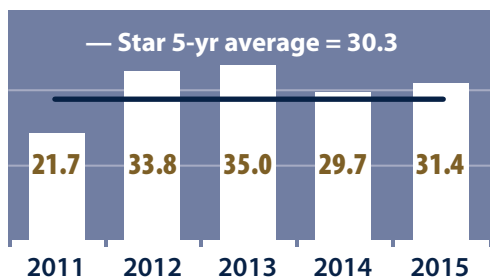


arrests than usual, which led to a slightly higher crime rate for Star in 2015. More importantly, our crime clearance rate was 61 percent — which is the highest it has been in the last five years.

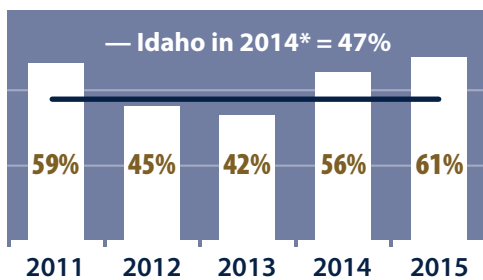
8 of the 30 (27%) crashes in 2015 involved personal injury. 0 were fatal.

Crime and Clearance

crimes per 1,000 population



% of crimes solved



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Crimes	119	128	204	227	212	249
Person	44	30	46	70	58	45
Property	64	70	123	118	91	100
Society	11	28	35	39	63	104

*Idaho Statistical Analysis Center. (2015, July 1). "Crime in Idaho 2014." Retrieved from <https://www.isp.idaho.gov/BCI/ucr/crimeinidaho2014.html>

Star Police FY15 Budget

Total Cost	\$738,818
Personnel	644,357
Vehicles	63,656
Operating Expenses	10,914
Equipment	9,955
Support Services	7,945
Shared Services Credit	- \$49,680
Total Contract	\$689,139

Contract policing is a cost effective way for the City of Star to have a reliable, well-trained and independent police force at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers. The cost of law enforcement was \$87 per Star resident in 2015, compared to more than \$200 per year for residents of other cities in the Treasure Valley.† The contract with the ACSO also includes a "shared services credit" that encourages County and Star deputies to respond to calls for service in each other's jurisdiction if they are the closest unit. This creates quicker response times and allows for immediate back-up during emergency calls.

†Based on FY15 proposed budgets and COMPASS population estimates for Garden City, Boise, Meridian, Nampa and Caldwell



Police Activity

Police activity has closely mirrored growth in Star's population. According to COMPASS, the city of Star has grown 34% over the past five years from 5,900 people to in 2011 to more than 7,900 in 2015.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	5-yr change
Citizen calls for service	1,157	1,298	1,480	1,512	1,697	+47%
Proactive policing contacts	6,509	8,377	8,349	7,988	6,241	-4%
Arrests	135	153	132	139	112	-17%
Traffic crashes	14	18	29	34	30	+114%



City of Star Police

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On average, Star deputies took 3 minutes 51 seconds to respond to high-priority emergency calls.