



**BIRMINGHAM  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**2015  
ANNUAL REPORT**

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## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

January 2016

Birmingham City Commission  
Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager

I would like to assure the citizens of Birmingham that the men and women of the Birmingham Police Department are committed to serving this community in excellence and believe in our mission statement which reads:

**The Birmingham Police Department is committed to fairness, compassion, and excellence in providing services sensitive to the priorities and needs of the community; the protection of life and property, the apprehension of criminal perpetrators, and the prevention of crime in accordance with the law.**

The chart below summarizes this report delineating calls for service, major crime categories, and arrest categories. Included is data from 25 and 50 years ago for comparison purposes.

	2015	2014	2013	1990	1965
<b>Total calls for service</b>	16,771	17,678	18,372	19,175	15,691
<b>Number of sworn officers</b>	31	30	30	37	37
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Criminal Sexual Conduct I, III</b>	2	2	3	2	2
<b>Robbery</b>	3	3	6	12	8
<b>Vandalism</b>	46	57	58	322	n/a
<b>Burglary</b>	23	26	32	92	109
<b>Larceny</b>	158	156	187	568	702
<b>Vehicle theft</b>	13	13	15	65	67
<b>Operating While Impaired</b>	107	110	110	321	26
<b>Fraud</b>	181	105	84	92	3
<b>Adult arrests</b>	389	524	586	592	218
<b>Juvenile arrests</b>	16	28	33	86	286

Crime data remains relatively consistent over the past three years. Burglary incidents continue at unprecedented lows. (23 in 2015, 26 in 2014, 568 in 1990) considering that there are over 10,000 residential, commercial, and industrial properties in the city.

On the other side, fraud reports have doubled over the past two years (181 in 2015, 84 in 2013). These cases involve credit card, internet scams, and other financial transactions and transcend local boundaries.

In an effort to address this trend we are exploring a cooperative task force of local agencies coordinated by either the Federal Bureau of Investigation or United States Secret Service.

We continue our efforts to maximize efficiency by entering into cooperative agreements with other jurisdictions in specialized and complex areas. Those include:

**CLEMIS** (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System) currently 103 local and 6 state / federal agencies. Records management, computer aided dispatch, and criminal database records.

**PSAP** (Public Safety Answering Point) 21 different 9-1-1 call centers throughout the county – shared operating agreement for consolidated dispatch services with Beverly Hills.

**MCAT** (Major Case Assistance Team) 8 agencies with experienced detectives available for major and complex criminal investigations.

**NET** (Narcotics Enforcement Team) 14 agencies conducting narcotics investigations throughout the area. Administered by Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

**SIU** (Special Investigations Unit) 5 agencies available for undercover operations, surveillance on known suspects and warrant apprehensions. Administered by Troy PD.

**OAKTAC** (Oakland County Tactical Unit) 24 agencies available with specialized equipment and trained officers for active shooter / hostage or other tactical situations.

The department provides coordination for 21 special events throughout the city and downtown foot patrol during high traffic summer and holiday seasons.

Our 9-1-1 police / fire / EMS dispatch center serves the City as well as the Village of Beverly Hills and monitors 31 video cameras including 12 throughout the downtown area.

Organizationally, there were several rank promotions in 2015. This was done to prepare for a police department staff realignment in 2016.

The patrol division will be divided into four teams working 12 hour shifts. Two day shifts (7AM–7PM) and 2 night shifts (7PM–7AM). This will provide for a supervisor (sergeant or lieutenant) on duty at all times and increase the number of patrol cars on duty at any given time. This one year trial was the result of an agreement between the Birmingham Police Officer's Association and the City.

Administratively, the deputy chief position will be eliminated in favor of a chief / 3 commander structure. A commander will be responsible for each of the Department's three divisions: Operations, Investigative, and Services.

Please contact the Birmingham Police Department at (248) 530-1870 or visit our website at <http://bhamgov.org>

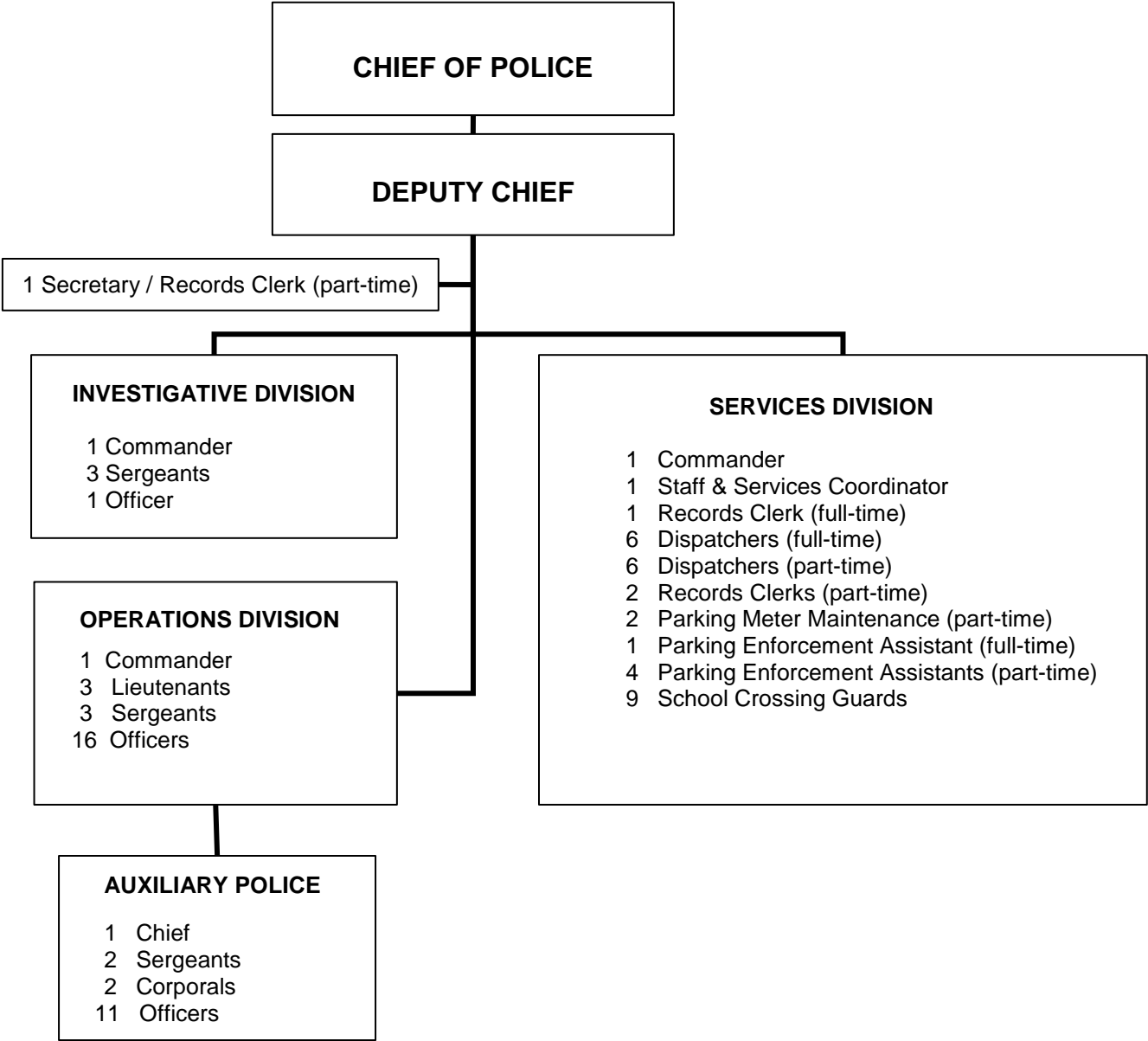
Finally, a personal note...This is my final annual report as I will be retiring after 42 years with the Department. I would like to thank the current and former City Commissioners and City Manager for their support of the department.

Most important though, it has been my pleasure to work with a group of the most committed men and women in this profession. They are the people that make this work.

Thank you to all.

Donald A. Studt  
Chief of Police

# 2015 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION  
2015**

<b>FULL TIME SWORN POSITIONS</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
CHIEF OF POLICE	1	1	1	1	1
DEPUTY CHIEF	1	1	1	1	1
COMMANDER	3	1	1	1	1
LIEUTENANT	3	4	4	4	4
SERGEANT	7	6	6	6	6
POLICE OFFICER	16	17	17	16	16
<b>SWORN OFFICER TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>FULL TIME CIVILIAN POSITIONS</b>		<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
PARKING ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANT	1	1	1	1	1
STAFF & SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	1	1	1	1
DISPATCHER	6	6	6	6	5
RECORDS CLERK	1	1	1	1	1
<b>FULL TIME CIVILIAN TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>FULL TIME EMPLOYEE TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>PART TIME CIVILIAN POSITIONS</b>					
PARKING METER MAINTENANCE	2	2	2	2	2
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD	9	9	8	8	10
CLERK / SECRETARY	3	3	3	3	3
PARKING ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANT	4	4	4	4	4
DISPATCHER	6	6	4	3	4
<b>PART TIME CIVILIAN TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>

**BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PERSONNEL REGISTER  
2015**

<b>CHIEF OF POLICE</b>		DONALD A. STUDT
<b>DEPUTY CHIEF</b>		MARK H. CLEMENCE
<b>COMMANDERS</b>	<b>SERVICES DIVISION</b>	MICHAEL ALBRECHT
	<b>INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION</b>	CHRIS BUSEN
	<b>OPERATIONS DIVISION</b>	SCOTT GREWE
<b>LIEUTENANTS</b>	<b>DAY SHIFT</b>	GREG WALD
	<b>AFTERNOON SHIFT</b>	CAROL MILLGARD
	<b>MIDNIGHT SHIFT</b>	CHRISTOPHER KOCH
<b>SERGEANTS</b>	<b>PATROL DAY SHIFT</b>	JOSEPH BUNTING
	<b>PATROL AFTERNOON SHIFT</b>	RYAN KEARNEY
	<b>PATROL MIDNIGHT SHIFT</b>	REBEKAH SPRINGER
	<b>INVESTIGATORS</b>	KATHERINE LONG
		RAYMOND FAES
		MICHAEL LYON
<b>POLICE OFFICERS</b>		MATTHEW BALDWIN
		SETH BARONE
		DAVID BUTTIGIEG
		TIM EXELBY
		JOSH HUSTED
		YACOUB ISEID
		MARC JEWELL
		RYAN KEARNEY
		MICHAEL MANZO
		GINA MOODY
		CASEY PEDERSEN
		MICHAEL ROMANOWSKI
		MARK MORRISON
		MICHAEL SIMPSON
		REBEKAH SPRINGER
		TYLER STUEF
		STEFAN SYTS
		PHILLIP WEBB
		JEFFREY WHIPPLE
		JORDAN ZALE



<b>DISPATCHERS</b>	<b>FULL TIME</b>	SHARON BLAIR ANITA BURNS JOYA DAVIS FRANK RUSSELL MELISSA TOOLE TEREZ WILLIS
<b>DISPATCHERS</b>	<b>PART TIME</b>	RENEE BACKLUND KENNETH HITCHCOCK JAMIE IRWIN THOMAS MAHER JOSEPH MISIAK VACANT
<b>STAFF &amp; SERVICES COORDINATOR</b>	<b>FULL TIME</b>	ELLEN DEVIEW
<b>RECORDS CLERK</b>	<b>FULL TIME</b>	JENNIFER DAVIS
<b>SECRETARY RECORDS CLERK</b>	<b>PART TIME</b>	JENNIFER BACON DARLENE ST. CHARLES VERONICA WILLIAMS
<b>PARKING ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANTS</b>	<b>FULL TIME PART TIME</b>	JAMES LOTRIDGE NICHOLAS HILL CHRISTINE PABIAN ROBERT PREW LINDA RODRIGUEZ
<b>PARKING METER MAINTENANCE AND COLLECTION</b>	<b>PART TIME</b>	DONALD CAMPBELL ALFONSO ROLDAN
<b>SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS</b>	<b>PART TIME</b>	RICK ARGUS ESTHER GADWA ALEXANDRA HARRIS LAURA KEATON KENNETH MCQUILLAN GEORGE OLTMAN, JR. IRIS POOLE AUDREY REED * STEFFANIE RHYMES ** MARY SCZESNY * DENNIS SHEPPARD ** CHESTER ZUCHLEWSKI

\* SHARED POSITION  
\*\* SUBSTITUTE

## **2015 PERSONNEL CHANGES**

### **PROMOTED**

Michael Albrecht to Commander  
Chris Busen to Commander  
Scott Grewe to Commander

Raymond Faes to Lieutenant  
Christopher Koch to Lieutenant  
Greg Wald to Lieutenant

Joseph Bunting to Sergeant  
Ryan Kearney to Sergeant  
Michael Romanowki to Sergeant  
Rebekah Springer to Sergeant  
Phillip Webb to Sergeant

Jamie Irwin from Parking Enforcement (part time) to Dispatcher (part time)

### **RETIRED**

Jerry Hall, Sergeant  
Terence Kiernan, Commander

### **RESIGNED**

Anthony Giannola, Police Officer  
Mark Morrison, Police Officer  
Hodari Brown, Parking Enforcement  
David Custer, Parking Enforcement

### **TRANSFERRED**

Joellen Haines, to Assistant to the City Manager

### **RECRUITED**

Seth Barone, Police Officer  
David Buttigieg, Police Officer  
Michael Manzo, Police Officer  
Stefan Syts, Police Officer  
Robert Prew, Parking Enforcement Assistant (part time)

## 2015 SENIORITY DISTRIBUTION

### OFFICER / SERGEANT

00-04 years of service	9
05-09 years of service	2
10-14 years of service	3
15-19 years of service	4
20-24 years of service	2
25-30 years of service	2
Total	22

### LIEUTENANT / COMMANDER

05-09 years of service	0
10-14 years of service	1
15-19 years of service	3
20-24 years of service	2
25-30 years of service	1
31-35 years of service	0
Total	7

### CHIEF / DEPUTY CHIEF

25-35 years of service	1
35+ years of service	1
Total	2

### DISPATCHERS

00-04 years of service	7
05-09 years of service	0
10-14 years of service	0
15-19 years of service	1
20 + years of service	1
25 + years of service	2
Total	11

SWORN OFFICER SENIORITY AVERAGE	13.06 YEARS
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SENIORITY AVERAGE (FULL TIME)	18.11 YEARS
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SENIORITY AVERAGE (PART TIME)	7.25 YEARS

## SUMMARY OF OFFENSES, ARRESTS, AND VIOLATIONS

The primary goal of the department is protection of life and property, prevention of crime, and apprehension of criminal perpetrators. We strive to deliver the best possible police service in a professional, courteous manner to the residents of the city and to those who work, travel, and shop here.

In 2015, we responded to 16,771 calls for police service, a decrease of 5.13% from the previous year. These calls are classified into three separate groups:

Group A includes: Robbery, forcible sexual assaults, larceny, burglary, damage to property, etc.

Group B includes: Operating While Intoxicated (OWI), disorderly conduct, liquor law violations, misdemeanor sex offenses, non-violent family offenses, etc.

Group C includes: Traffic offenses, traffic crashes, juvenile offenses, warrant arrests, general patrol activity, etc

Group A incidents were up 6.77%  
2015 = 599  
2014 = 561

Group A arrests were down 34.62%  
2015 = 34  
2014 = 52

Group B incidents were down 10.00%  
2015 = 198  
2014 = 220

Group B arrests were down 8.39%  
2015 = 131  
2014 = 143

Group C incidents were down 4.43%  
2015 = 15,965  
2014 = 16,705

Group C arrests were down 28.06%  
2015 = 622  
2014 = 253

Traffic citations were down 14.62%  
2015 = 6,819  
2014 = 7,987

Total parking violations were down 26.71%  
2015 = 25,010  
2014 = 34,127

**SUMMARY OF OFFENSES  
THREE YEAR TREND**

<b>OFFENSES</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>3 YEAR AVERAGE</b>
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0.00
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT I, III	2	2	3	2.33
ROBBERY	3	3	6	4.00
ASSAULT ALL	45	50	50	48.33
BURGLARY	23	26	32	27.00
LARCENY	158	156	187	167.00
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	13	13	15	13.66
ARSON	0	1	0	0.33
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT II, IV	3	1	2	2.00
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	17	6	4	9.00
FRAUD	181	105	84	123.33
EMBEZZLEMENT	8	6	6	6.66
VANDALISM	46	57	58	53.66
OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED	107	110	110	109.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>566.33</b>

## ADULT ARREST COMPARISON REPORT

OFFENSES	2015	2014	2013	3 YEAR AVERAGE
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT I, III	0	0	1	.33
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	.00
ROBBERY	0	0	3	1.000
ASSAULT	23	26	31	26.66
BURGLARY	0	0	7	2.33
LARCENY	10	25	31	22.00
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	1	4	2.00
ARSON	0	0	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL PART A</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>54.33</b>
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT II, IV	0	0	1	.33
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	0	1	1	.66
FRAUD	4	11	8	7.66
EMBEZZLEMENT	3	3	4	3.33
VANDALISM	1	4	4	3.00
OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED	100	94	97	97.00
OTHER PART B	23	30	53	35.33
<b>*TOTAL PART B</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>147.33</b>
WARRANT ARRESTS	85	116	85	95.33
MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING OFFENSES	97	137	153	129.00
<b>TOTAL PART C</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>224.33</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>426.00</b>

## ADULT ARREST BY MONTH REPORT

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>3 YEAR AVERAGE</b>
JANUARY	32	41	44	39.00
FEBRUARY	38	41	37	38.66
MARCH	33	45	54	44.00
APRIL	34	44	54	44.00
MAY	26	36	51	37.66
JUNE	26	30	49	35.00
JULY	26	25	47	32.66
AUGUST	18	50	51	39.66
SEPTEMBER	18	44	45	35.66
OCTOBER	33	49	31	37.66
NOVEMBER	27	43	44	38.00
DECEMBER	26	22	47	31.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>453.66</b>

## ACCIDENT SUMMARIES / TRENDS

ACCIDENT TYPE	2015 TOTAL	2014 TOTAL	2013 TOTAL	3 YEAR AVERAGE
FATAL INJURY	0	0	0	0.00
PERSONAL INJURY	66	87	70	74.33
PROPERTY DAMAGE	794	789	741	774.66
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	860	876	811	849.00
# PERSONS KILLED	0	0	0	0.00



## 2015 PARKING VIOLATIONS SUMMARY

<b>PARKING VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2015	25,010
2014	34,127
2013	31,535
2012	30,182
2011	31,844
2010	27,695
2009	33,827
2008	34,592
2007	40,614
2006	45,214
2005	44,394
2004	49,410
<b>METER VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2015	20,842
2014	29,629
2013	28,162
2012	27,935
2011	29,737
2010	25,252
2009	30,314
2008	30,584
2007	35,274
2006	39,883
2005	38,344
2004	42,870
<b>NON - METER VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2015	4,168
2014	4,498
2013	3,373
2012	2,247
2011	2,107
2010	2,443
2009	3,508
2008	4,008
2007	5,340
2006	5,331
2005	6,050
2004	6,540

## 2015 MOVING VIOLATIONS SUMMARY

<b>MOVING HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2015	3,355
2014	3,707
2013	4,039
2012	2,285
2011	2,040
2010	2,275
2009	2,429
2008	3,100
2007	4,320
2006	4,739
2005	3,846
2004	3,637
2003	2,725
2002	3,894
2001	4,174
<b>MOVING NON-HAZARDOUS VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2015	3,464
2014	4,280
2013	4,525
2012	4,325
2011	3,082
2010	3,054
2009	4,551
2008	2,378
2007	2,119
2006	2,390
2005	2,816
2004	2,813
2003	2,370
2002	2,702
2001	3,271



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

2015	16,771
2014	17,678
2013	18,372
2012	16,571
2011	16,983
2010	17,713
2009	16,031
2008	20,104
2007	18,749
2006	19,997
2005	20,003
2004	20,004
2003	19,628
2002	20,978
2001	19,276
2000	19,469
1999	21,150
1998	21,250
1997	20,950
1996	20,094
1995	19,269
1994	18,864
1993	19,900
1992	18,579
1991	19,286

## 2015 JUVENILE ARRESTS / DISPOSITIONS

	2015	2014	2013
<b>ARRESTS</b>			
MALE	12	24	28
FEMALE	4	4	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	16	28	33
FELONY *	1	5	8
MISDEMEANOR *	15	23	25
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>			
PARENTAL CONFERENCE	2	2	0
YOUTH ASSISTANCE	12	19	25
JUVENILE COURT	2	8	8

\* MAY REPRESENT MULTIPLE CHARGES



## **AUXILIARY POLICE REPORT**

The Auxiliary Police is comprised of dedicated volunteers who either live or work in the City of Birmingham.

Each member has been trained through the Police Academy Reserve Officer Training Program.

Auxiliaries assist regular officers during many special events held throughout the year and act as back up to the regular officers on patrol. Members of the Auxiliary Police are perhaps most visible while providing crowd, traffic control, and security for high school sporting events and also while participating in foot patrol assignments in the downtown area throughout summer.

In 2015 auxiliary officers provided 1,713.75 hours of service to the community.

### **AUXILIARY POLICE ROSTER AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015**

#### **CHIEF**

Kurt Gerber

#### **SERGEANTS**

Dean Auger  
Timothy Griswold

#### **CORPORALS**

Berge Avesian  
Brian Fitzerman

#### **OFFICERS**

Alex Calderone  
Don Campbell  
Robert Denton  
James Glavin  
Troy Hairston  
Brennan Hamilton  
David Jevahirian  
Robert Prew  
Kyle Ramfos  
Michel Saikalis  
Charles Tallinger