



VAIL POLICE DEPARTMENT
YEAR IN REVIEW 2015

FROM THE CHIEF



VAIL POLICE CHIEF
DWIGHT HENNINGER

2015 was an extraordinary year for Vail. I am extremely proud of the men and women of the Vail Police Department and the contributions they have made towards road safety, crime prevention and detection, community welfare, emergency preparedness planning and special event management. Their tenacious work, individually and collectively, helps sustain positive guest experiences and a high quality of life in the Town of Vail.

Exemplary police work from field officers and detectives resolved key cases and prevented many crimes. Impaired driving offenses, burglary, trespassing, vandalism and forgery are down when compared to our five-year average thanks to a strong police presence, great investigative skills and hard work.

To disrupt felony drug and related

crimes, the Vail Narcotics Unit investigated and prepared strong cases for prosecution against local traffickers. The unit and neighboring agencies are coming together to form a countywide Drug Task Force to continue to address dangerous drug crimes.

The 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships — the biggest ski event this nation has ever seen — galvanized us as a community. The Championships brought together town staff, the community, volunteers from near and far, federal, state and local authorities, numerous private sector partners, and leading authorities in law enforcement. We mobilized for the event in a way that showed the strength of working as one team. The long-term legacy of the event will live on in the plans that were developed and the training come forward to report

offenses they would not have reported prior to the committee's initiative. Committee members work together to provide resources and information through education and outreach to build trust with the immigrant community.

Scrutiny of policing and police is nothing new in the U.S. or abroad. A handful of high-profile incidents are shaking public confidence in law enforcement and respect for the rule of law.

Yet the same well-established doctrine by which Sir Robert Peel founded the modern police force in 1829 continues to define the philosophical principles and basic human values under which law enforcement operates today.

The team at the Vail Police Department embraces the values

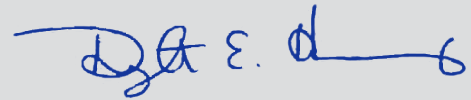
of Community Oriented Policing and remains vigilant in knowing our neighbors, supporting our businesses and welcoming our visitors. Our ultimate success as an agency will best be judged by the satisfaction and confidence that is placed in us by the public.

Technology and social media present tremendous opportunities for the department. Platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter allow us to connect with citizens and visitors, educate, inform and alert.

This Year-in-Review features the commitment of the department's men and women towards sustaining strong community-police relations and maintaining critical review of its strategies.

It describes programs we undertake to prevent crime, maintain order, and ensure road safety and offers data on our performance.

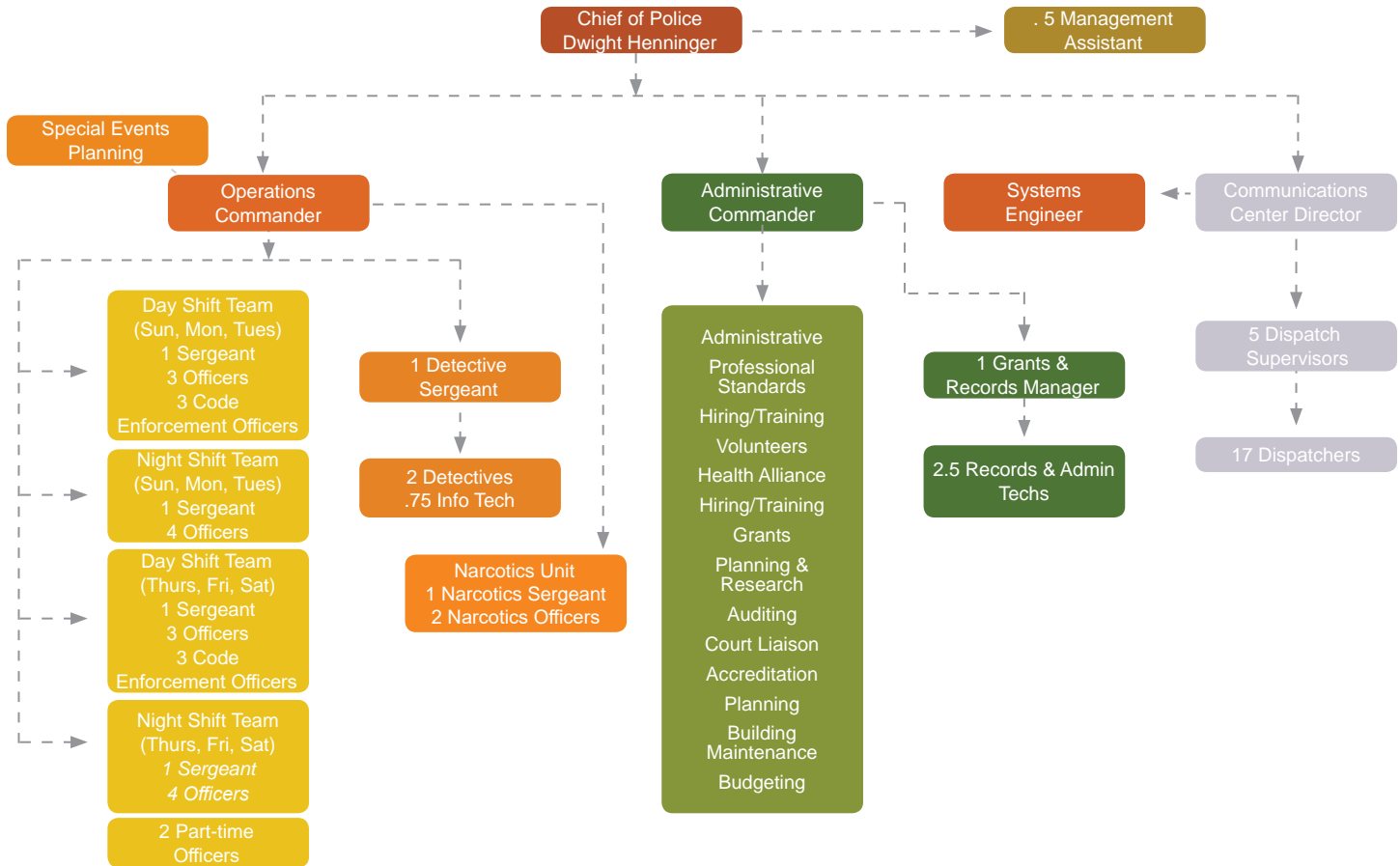
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Vail Police Chief
Dwight Henninger



ORGANIZATION





VISION

• To be the Model Resort Police Department in the Country

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Vail Police Department investigates all complaints. Complaints are generated through our internal audits or by citizens. At the conclusion of any professional standards investigation, the disposition will be one of the following findings: 1) sustained when misconduct occurred, 2) not sustained when an allegation is unsubstantiated, 3) unfounded when the allegation is false or did not involve the employee named, 4) exonerated when the employee acted lawfully and properly, or within policy.

In 2015, there were 10 professional standards cases, seven of which were for damaging a vehicle, two for violations of rules, and one for discourteous conduct.

Of the seven vehicle damage incidents, two officers received written reprimands, four received verbal counseling and one was exonerated.

Of the two sustained investigations for violation of rules, two received written reprimands. One case was generated by a complaint from a citizen and the

other violation of rules case was internally generated. The officer who received a discourteous conduct complaint from a citizen was exonerated.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The 2016-2020 Vail Police Strategic Plan was drafted using the broad involvement of sworn and civilian staff members from each department team and the input of community stakeholders. The plan and its objectives focus resources on key priorities and provide a base from which progress can be measured.

Each objective of the plan aligns with one of the six pillars of successful policing practices as outlined in the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report. Those six pillars are: Building Trust and Legitimacy; Policy and Oversight; Technology and Social Media; Community Policing and Crime Reduction; Officer Training and Education; and Officer Safety and Wellness.

USE OF FORCE

Use of force reports went down 27.5% from 2014 - 2015. The decrease is attributed to de-escalation and scenario-based training conducted in 2015. Of the 21 use of force reports, four were for destruction of deer, five for pointing a handgun, 10 for use of force but no injury and seven for use of force resulting in minor or alleged injuries. There were no taser deployments.

TRAINING OVERVIEW

Our department's policy is to provide each and every employee an opportunity for growth and development and ensure they are the most qualified and well-trained of any resort police department in the nation. Levels of training are significant, and training plans are reviewed with each employee to ensure their skills and decision-making abilities are where they should be.

Each supervisor has participated in the Leadership in Police Organization Program – a training based on a program developed at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Coursework focuses on the leadership process and the role a leader plays in influencing behavior of individuals to achieve organizational goals, serve the public and develop future leaders.

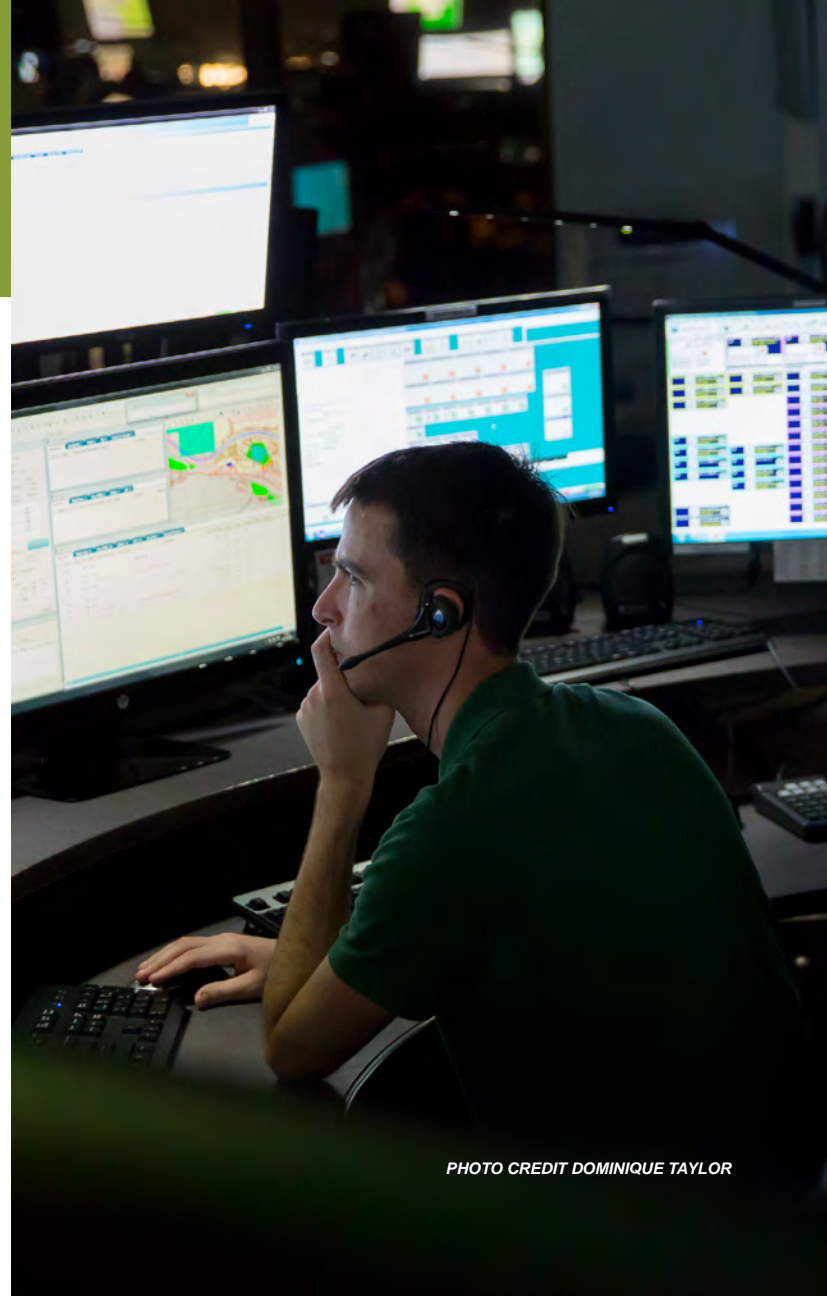
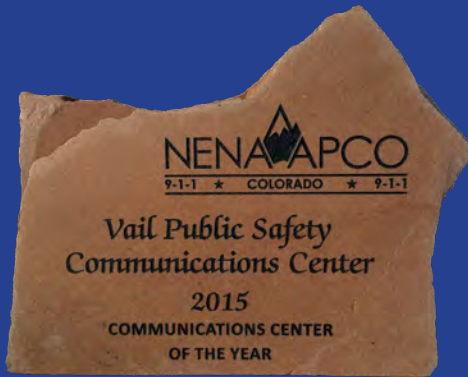


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The Center won the Association of Public Communications Officers 2015 STATE OF COLORADO COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OF THE YEAR AWARD!

This prestigious award is in recognition of the Center's professionalism, staffing position, training accomplishments and efforts for the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships.

COMMUNICATIONS

VAIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Dispatchers are involved everyday in the delivery and follow-through of every emergency and non-emergency call that comes through the Vail Public Safety Communications Center. They are responsible for balancing multiple situations and determining the best response to each call received.

These professionals hold certifications in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) and are members of the Association of Public Officers – International, which is the standard for public safety communications centers in the nation. EMD call-taking procedures give dispatchers professionally-accepted practices for providing life-saving instructions to callers. In 2015, 3,149 EMD calls were taken and handled by the Center's dispatchers.

The Center handled a total of 100,405 calls during 2015 in Eagle County. 9-1-1 calls accounted for 24.4% of the Center's incoming call volume.

The Center is part of the Vail Police Department and is funded through a consortium of the Eagle County 911 Authority and 12 user agencies. The 9-1-1 Authority contributes the largest share of funds. Remaining funds are allocated to user agencies based upon the percentage of the total number of calls for service averaged over the past three years. In 2015 the Town of Vail's share was close to 34%.

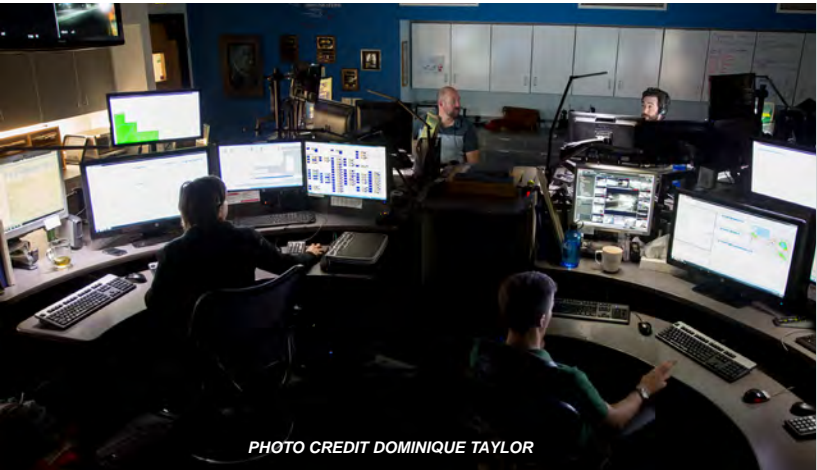


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The Communications Center serves as the public safety answering point for 9-1-1 calls originating from all Eagle County telephone exchanges. These calls can range from life or death medical emergencies to requests for road conditions. The dispatcher makes a determination as to the urgency of the call and jurisdiction responsible for responding to the call, and takes action on it. Our dispatchers also manage all emergency radio traffic in Eagle County including four law enforcement agencies and six fire agencies.



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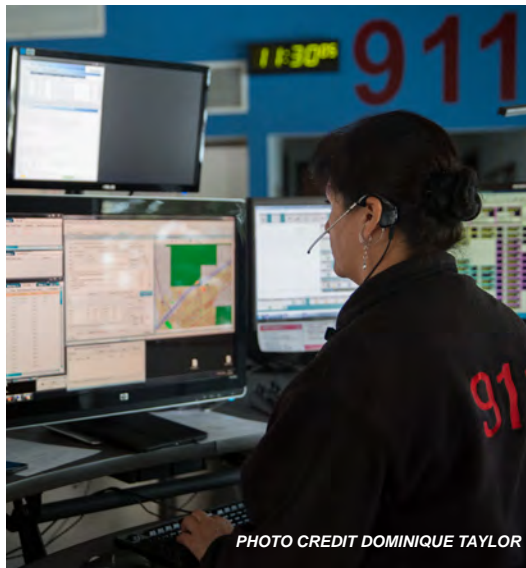


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President Obama presented the keynote speech at the 122nd International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Chicago. The President spoke of recommended strategies as outlined in the 21st Century Policing Task Force Report to strengthen public trust, foster strong relationships between law enforcement and communities, and keep officers and neighborhoods safe.

Chief Henninger is pictured second from the right.



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MISSION

To Provide our Community Safety and Security through High Quality Police Service

TARGETING CRIME & DISORDER

Department staff study crime and disorder trends and the factors driving those trends. Along with examining the effectiveness of crime awareness and prevention programs, a wide variety of consequences and its effects on crime are considered such as population growth, the legalization of marijuana and environmental characteristics.

Sexual Assaults

Historically, the Federal and Colorado Bureaus of Investigation converted incident-based rape crime to summary-based data. Beginning with 2013 data and forward, rape crime now includes rape, sodomy, and sexual assault with an object. Vail, like most law

enforcement agencies, saw an increase in crime counts for rape. Vail's increase from one in 2012 to eight in 2015 does not mean a crime trend increase in rapes. The increase partially reflects FBI's change in how rape is counted.

Impaired Driving

Impaired driving offenses are down 20% when compared to the five-year average. Seminars given to bar merchants regarding consequences of overservice of alcohol and regular saturation patrols where officers search for and arrest impaired drivers have been effective tools in reducing drunk driving offenses. Educational campaigns on the effects of driving under the influence of marijuana have also been effective. Only one marijuana-impaired driving offense occurred in 2015.

Fraud

Credit card offenses remain a challenge. There were 21 reported cases in 2015, which is double since 2012. Colorado is the state with the second highest rate of credit card fraud (412.4 per 100,000 population). Officers investigate fraud cases thoroughly including cases involving suspects planting viruses in point-of-sale systems and hacking consumer data.

Fraud involving the use of another person's ski pass to access the mountain occurred 48 times and resulted in the arrest of each offender.

Marijuana Violations

Violations of the Colorado Marijuana Law are observed in more non-residents than Colorado residents. Vail's increase from 27 recreational use violations in 2014 to 49 occurrences in 2015 are primarily attributed to visitors who do not understand or follow the law. The biggest misunderstanding is that marijuana cannot be consumed in public nor shipped or driven out of state.

According to the Colorado Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Task Force, U.S. mail parcel interceptions of Colorado marijuana, destined for 38 other states, increased 2,033% from 2010 to 2014.

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CRIME & DISORDER

Reported Crime and Activity						
	5-year range	2014	2015	5-year average	2015 / 5-yr avg change	Notes on 2015 data
Calls for Service	34,720-38,450	34,720	37,072	36,664	+ 1.1%	
Total Arrests	680-896	680	797	798.2	0%	Arrests are 17% higher than 2014 but the same as the five-year average
Violent Crime						
Homicide	0-2	2	2	1	+100%	Both cases were attempted homicide
Rape	0-8	3	8	2.4	+233%	Increase is partially a reflection of FBI changes on the definition of rape
Robbery	0-5	5	2	1.8	+11%	Both cases were unfounded
Assault	47-60	47	57	56.2	+1%	38 cases resulted in arrests and 8 were unfounded
Sex Assault	8-16	9	9	10.4	-13%	Rape crime data are included in these figures
Menacing (Weapon)	5-11	5	5	7.2	-31%	2 cases involved knives; 1 case a gun; 1 a hatchet; 1 a threat of a weapon
Kidnapping/False Imprisonment	2-6	3	2	3.2	-38%	Both incidents were domestic related
Threats/Intimidation	0-2	3	2	2.2	-9%	One was related to a sexual case
Stalking	0-3	2	3	2	+50%	One involved a co-worker, 1 a boyfriend, and 1 a stranger
Human Trafficking/Smuggling	0-2	2	0	.4	+100%	No incidents in 2015
Domestic Violence	32-47	42	37	38.8	-7%	Most incidents involved the use of alcohol and/or drugs
Property Crime						
Arson	0-2	2	0	.8	-100%	No incidents of arson in 2015
Burglary	20-36	26	20	26.4	-24%	Includes 6 forced entry
Theft	275-359	275	282	307.8	+8%	Includes 66 ski and snowboard thefts
Auto Theft	3-11	8	9	7.2	+25%	Vehicles and keys were left unsecured in 5 cases
Criminal Extortion	1-2	1	1	1.2	-17%	Threatened extortion following a sexual assault
Fraud	76-95	81	93	86.4	+8%	Includes 48 attempts to access Vail Mountain using another person's ski pass
Forgery	4-9	9	5	6	-17%	One case involved a rental scam
Trespassing	43-60	54	43	53.4	-19%	18 were vehicular trespasses
Vandalism	102-122	115	102	115	-11%	20% at public parking structures; remainder at very few repeat locations
Child Neglect/Abuse	2-5	4	3	3.4	-12%	One involved a child in a car driven into a guard rail by the father

Reported Crime and Activity						
	5-year range	2014	2015	5-year average	2015 / 5-yr avg change	Notes on 2015 data
Crimes Against Society						
Drug Offenses	55-131	55	136	139	-2%	Increase reflects higher incidences of marijuana violations & felony drugs
Impaired Driving	52-97	52	57	71.6	-20%	Bar merchants are educated on responsible alcohol service
Weapon Violations	1-5	1	2	2.6	-23%	Offenses are for illegal discharges and possessions
Liquor Law Violations	24-87	24	52	54.2	-4%	Half were underage drinking and half were drinking in the streets
Indecent Exposure	0-3	3	0	1.8	-100%	No incident in 2015
Prostitution	0-6	0	3	2.2	+36%	One incident involving 3 prostitution offenses at a hotel
Prowler	3-7	3	7	3.8	+84%	All incidents involved males looking into windows or trying to open doors
Quality of Life Issues						
Disorderly Conduct	42-84	42	47	59.6	-21%	Many cases involved alcohol overuse
Public Drunkenness	51-147	52	51	94	-46%	Subjects taken into custody to prevent danger to themselves or others
Harassment	62-79	62	46	65.4	-30%	Significant decrease
Noise Complaints	225-281	225	231	246	-6%	Within normal range
Animal Complaints	185-305	277	305	240	+27%	Vast majority involve barking dogs or animals at large
Code Violations	339-576	499	361	443.2	-19%	Code Enforcement Officers actively educate on and enforce ordinances
Suspicious Activity	534-704	611	704	628.4	+12%	Increase is a direct result of an informed community
Civil Standbys	113-166	124	107	133.2	-20%	Most cases involve roommate disputes, joint custody exchanges, evictions
Welfare Checks	47-56	54	56	52.4	+7%	Within normal range
Missing/Overdue Persons	64-88	88	64	73.2	-13%	Slightly lower than the five-year average
Runaways	0-6	4	0	5	-100%	No runaways in 2015
Suicidal Calls	27-39	27	39	34	+15%	Rapid response by officers prevented all but one suicide
Death Investigations	5-7	5	6	5.8	+3%	4 from natural causes, 1 from alcoholism, 1 from suicide
Bear Calls	5-123	32	17	38.6	-27%	Calls may rise in 2016 with further increase in bear population
Moose Calls	17-75	66	75	37.4	+50%	Moose sightings are on the rise
High Water Checks	0-340	66	3	86.2	-97%	Year 2010: 2nd highest peak flow on record on Gore Creek
Bar Checks	236-470	289	470	319.4	+47%	Extra precautions taken before+during Alpine World Ski Championships
Business/Residential Checks	213-607	581	607	353.4	+72%	Extra precautions taken before+during Alpine World Ski Championships

ROAD SAFETY

Traffic Management & Road Safety Strategies

- Encourage reporting of unsafe driving behaviors
- Promote pedestrian and bicycle road-sharing
- Skier drop off on Hanson Ranch Road
- Traffic Incident Management Plan
- Interstate 70 Education & Enforcement Campaign
- 65 Max Campaign to reduce speed and noise on I-70
- Collaboration with Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Department of Transportation and neighboring agencies
- Chain law inspections
- Safe tire tread inspections
- Radar trailer
- Speed awareness mannequin
- Neighborhood speed management
- Variable message signs
- Click-It or Ticket It
- Gore Range DUI Task Force
- Loading and delivery regulation enforcement
- Commercial Vehicle Passenger Transportation Ordinance
- Identifying data essential to traffic analysis
- POLICEintel – a law enforcement info sharing tool with traffic and crime bulletins



Traffic Volumes

Daily traffic volumes in 2015 on the I-70 Mountain Corridor range between 32,000-41,000 vehicles.

Traffic Educational, Enforcement & Response Activity					
	5 year range	2014	2015	5 year average	% change from avg
Motor Vehicle Accidents	393-477	477	449	429.4	+5%
Hit & Run Collisions	66-85	76	85	77.6	+10%
Traffic Activity					
Road Debris	150-182	182	154	166.4	-7%
Traffic Complaints	342-417	417	415	380.4	+9%
Traffic Stops	2,871-3,356	2,871	3,356	3,136	+7%
Traffic Control	281-548	383	548	382.6	+43%
Chain Law	33-58	44	51	47.8	+7%
Parking Issues					
Parking Problems	1,843-3,021	2,716	3,021	2,614	+16%
Parking Tickets	2,441-2,845	2,453	2,845	2,218	+22%
Abandoned Vehicles	66-87	81	55	75	-27%



Traffic Enforcement

Officers are relentless in clamping down on irresponsible and dangerous driving. A strong police presence on Interstate 70, South and North Frontage Roads, and on neighborhood streets targets errant motorists.

Education, engagement and enforcement efforts have included partnerships with the Colorado Department of Transportation to educate the motoring public on interstate road safety. One such educational campaign includes the Tread Safely Tire Program. With the Town's immediate proximity to the interstate and to Vail Pass, Vail Police have a special responsibility to target safety, reduce traffic collisions and to ensure traffic flows are unrestrained by pass closures due to crashes. During 2015, there were six pass closures that involved Town of Vail resources compared to 26 closures in 2014.

Chain Law

Vail Police and the Colorado State Patrol conduct chain law inspections each winter. As reported by the Colorado Department of Transportation, incidents caused by commercial vehicles without chains account for 57% of the total winter road closures in the mountain corridor. In April 2015, during one inspection station at the East Vail Chain Area, Vail officers and state troopers contacted 433 commercial vehicles and issued 26 tickets to truckers for not having chains.

Interstate 70 Education & Enforcement

	2014	2015
Total patrol time on the interstate (hours)	946	969
Citations issued for speeding	377	468
Custodial or summonsed arrests	109	109
Warnings issued	693	711
Accidents on the interstate	140	108
Interstate accidents as % of total accidents	29	24
Commercial vehicle warnings	38	32
Commercial vehicle citations	27	37

MAJOR CASES

VAIL DETECTIVES UNIT

Detectives managed 80 new cases in 2015 while also seeing existing cases through adjudication. In crimes against persons requiring extensive investigation, there were two cases of attempted homicide: a road-rage shooting and a good Samaritan assault. There were six cases of high level assaults, four felony sexual offense investigations, three child abuse investigations, a bomb threat and a crime against an at-risk adult. Detectives also investigated thefts, larceny, burglaries, suspicious fires and financial crimes.

Road Rage

On March 31, two vehicles engaged in “road rage” on Interstate 70 through the Glenwood Canyon. As the vehicles approached the 176 mile marker in Vail, the victim stated he could see Jose Serrano-Lerma brandishing a weapon in his side view mirror. Approaching the 178 mile marker, Serrano-Lerma fired one round from the handgun and struck the victim’s vehicle on the right front fender.

Vail officers responded to the call where they met with Colorado State Patrol troopers who had stopped the vehicle. A Smith and Wesson .357 caliber revolver was recovered from the vehicle. Serrano-Lerma was discovered to be a convicted felon on multiple charges and on probation in New Mexico. Serrano-Lerma was also wanted in New Mexico on a nationwide extraditable felony warrant.

The vehicle driven by Serrano-Lerma was stolen near a private residence in Albuquerque, NM. The owner

was held at gunpoint, kidnapped, bound, gagged, and subsequently escaped. Serrano-Lerma was sentenced to 10 years in prison for illegal discharge of a firearm and for two attempted first degree assault charges - one for each of the two occupants of the vehicle that Serrano-Lerma fired upon.

Return to the Scene of the Crime

On September 2, Vail officers were dispatched to a condominium complex for a burglary in progress. A 33-year-old male fled from the officers by jumping from a second-story balcony, fracturing his ankle. After taking the suspect into custody, it was learned there had been a recent burglary

in the same building. The offender, Brandon March, was on parole and found to be using two stolen credit cards, one

of which had been maxed out. On November 2, Brandon March pled guilty to one count of criminal trespass of a dwelling, a class 5 felony, and one count of criminal possession of financial devices, a class 6 felony. He was sentenced to time served and two years of parole to run consecutively with another two-year parole sentence from a separate case.



The Good Samaritan

On December 6, Vail officers responded to an assault call at a local hotel where a man had been knocked unconscious with life-threatening injuries. The offender, Paris Baeza, and his wife were hotel guests involved in a domestic dispute. Baeza was seen in the hotel hallway yelling while shoving and holding down his wife. The victim was also a hotel guest who left his room to help the woman. After a violent altercation, the victim was left unconscious.

Vail Police officers discovered Baeza hiding in his guestroom where his wife and children had covered him up with a bed sheet. The victim was airlifted via a Flight for Life helicopter to a Denver hospital and has recovered.

Baeza is a well-known attorney from Mexico who was vacationing with his family in Vail at the time of the incident. The victim was vacationing with his family from Florida. Baeza was charged with attempted first degree murder, domestic violence, false imprisonment, first degree aggravated assault, harassment and criminal attempt to commit felony.

Local Man pleads Guilty to Vehicular Homicide

On September 10, John Althouse, 34, of Vail pled guilty to vehicular homicide (reckless driving) and driving under the influence in a traffic accident that killed Harold Adcock III, 30. Adcock was a passenger in the Jeep Wrangler that Althouse was driving when it struck

a concrete overpass support below Interstate 70 at South Frontage Road and Aspen Lane in Vail on August 1, 2014.

The accident left the victim, Harold Adcock of Vail, pinned under the Jeep Wrangler. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Defendant Althouse suffered multiple injuries and was flown to Denver Health via a Flight for Life helicopter.

Evidence collected at the scene revealed that the Jeep Wrangler driven by Althouse left the road and careened from a grass embankment into a concrete overpass pylon supporting I-70.

Woman arrested for Fraud, Theft, and crimes against an At-Risk Adult

An at-risk adult in Vail became a victim of an organized fraud scheme. The victim, an elderly Vail resident, was relentlessly pursued through harassing telephone calls with fraudulent claims she had won money and a car. The victim was lured into wire transfers believing she had won a sweepstakes. Vail detectives searched financial records, obtained security video and collaborated with federal agencies in the months-long investigation. The suspect, Jamia Brooks, a resident of Virginia, was arrested and is awaiting extradition to Colorado.



MARIJUANA

The recent decriminalization of marijuana has created a multitude of issues that requires law enforcement attention. These issues include the decline of local youth's perception of marijuana as harmful or risky; the ease at which young people can obtain marijuana; the frequency of cases in which marijuana is being shipped out of state; and the level of consumption of marijuana produced and consumed outside the state-licensed marijuana industry.

While the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division has issued 16 marijuana business licenses in Eagle County, the Vail Town Council voted, upon recommendations from the Vail Police Department, to enact a ban on retail marijuana dispensaries within the town boundaries.

Of the 16 dispensaries in Eagle County, eight are for medical marijuana retail sales, four are for recreational retail sales, and four are for Optional Premises Cultivation (OPC).

FELONY DRUG CASES

VAIL NARCOTICS UNIT

In 2014, numerous pieces of local intelligence and a comprehensive report done in Summit and Eagle Counties by the Drug Enforcement Administration highlighted the critical urgency for law enforcement in the county to leverage resources and combat the growing drug problem within Vail and its neighboring communities.

As a result, in March 2015, the Vail Unified Drug Unit (VUDU) was formed and is currently staffed by one full-time narcotics sergeant and two narcotics detectives. The team is solely tasked with felony narcotics distribution investigations and making a local impact on high-intensity drug activity within the Town of Vail.

Collaboration with neighboring law enforcement agencies to design a multi-jurisdictional drug task force includes dedicating personnel to the unit and addressing rampant drug problems more comprehensively.

Vail Underground

In March 2015, VUDU launched an investigation after receiving intelligence regarding drug activity at a local bar - the Vail Underground. VUDU confirmed that three employees of the Vail Underground were distributing cocaine on site and several other ounce-quantity cocaine distributors were using the bar as a safe haven to conduct cocaine sales to staff and customers.

Investigation began with controlled purchases of gram quantities of cocaine at the Vail Underground but evolved to higher-level drug distributors in the Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) and to ounce deals of cocaine off site. The investigation identified cocaine suppliers who were responsible for providing multiple ounce quantities of cocaine to street-level dealers in the Vail area. Those suppliers were Front Range kilogram quantity cocaine distributors. Having fully exploited this DTO by identifying the sources of supply and co-conspirators, detectives took the case down.

Two search warrants and nine arrest warrants were executed with the use of the Eagle County Special Operations Unit due to the level of risk associated with the suspects, which included known weapons. The search warrants were executed without incident and led to the filing of additional charges against three adult males on felony level drug offenses and seizures of three vehicles used in the commission of felony drug sales and conspiracy.

Through the course of the investigation of the Vail Underground DTO, VUDU seized approximately 324.7 grams of cocaine (11.45 ounces) which has a street value of approximately \$33,000. Detectives also seized 13.3 grams of MDMA (Ecstasy, a schedule I controlled substance), heroin, ketamine, psilocybin mushrooms, morphine, clonazepam, \$2,335 in U.S. currency and six guns, one of which was confirmed stolen by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Approximately 750 doses of LSD having an approximate street value of \$9,000 were also seized and a total of 16 people were arrested.

A grand jury indicted all nine individuals involved in the Drug Trafficking Organization on drug offenses and conspiracy.

Hash Oil Extraction Lab

On December 11, Mark Petrina, a 28-year-old Vail resident, was arrested and is facing multiple felony charges. The arrest follows a joint investigation by the Vail Police Department and the Eagle County Sheriff's Office which confirmed reports of an illegal hash oil lab at Petrina's residence in the Intermountain neighborhood in West Vail. Investigators had secured and executed a search warrant for Petrina's home, located within a multi-unit complex. In addition to the illegal butane hash oil lab, investigators seized U.S. currency, marijuana and marijuana concentrate.

The process of butane hash oil extraction is known to be highly volatile and has resulted in three previous explosions in Eagle County since the legalization of recreational marijuana. At the time of his arrest, Petrina was the store manager of the recreational marijuana dispensary, Native Roots in Eagle-Vail. Investigators say the amount of the butane involved would be capable of producing hash oil product with a street value of approximately \$34,000. Petrina has been charged with extraction of marijuana concentrate and other offenses relating to marijuana.

Controlled Drug Purchase

On November 13, Detectives set up a controlled purchase of LSD and marijuana from Michael

Tennenhouse for 1,000 doses of LSD for \$2,800 and for one pound of marijuana for \$2,000 at an apartment complex near a day care center. A transaction was completed and officers recovered marijuana weighing 17.305 ounces and LSD weighing 11.1 grams.

Officers searched Tennenhouse's vehicle and located traces of cocaine in the vehicle's center console. Tennenhouse was charged with four felony offenses consisting of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, schedule or controlled substance-sale/possession/distribute, possession marijuana more than 12oz, and distribution of marijuana-sale/dispense/distribute.

Vail Drug Unit activity since its inception:
34 felony drug arrests, 6 gun seizures, drug seizures of 14 oz cocaine, 40 lbs marijuana, 2,000 doses LSD, and quantities of heroin, M.D.M.A. (Ecstasy), meth, mushrooms, and prescription pills.



GOALS & TARGETS MET

VICTIM FOCUS GOALS

Targets Met

Work with County and Municipal Courts to bring justice to victims

- ◆ Increased enforcement and prosecution of assaults and trespasses at liquor establishments that promotes a message of responsible behavior. Liquor violations dropped 4% when compared to our five-year average.
- ◆ Expeditiously managed and finalized criminal cases and civil matters with the Town Prosecutor and the Eagle County District Attorney within three months of clearing a case by arrest or warrant issued.

Reduce victimization

- ◆ Over 100 victim services booklets given to victims.
- ◆ Over 25 crime prevention seminars presented to schools, businesses and civic groups.

Eagle County Law Enforcement Immigrant Advisory Initiative

- ◆ Percentage of hispanics victimized by crime as compared to total service population dropped by 3%.
- ◆ Percentage of hispanics reporting crime as compared to total service population rose by 9%.

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VALUES

Partnership, Ownership, Leadership, Integrity, Character, Excellence.

COMMUNITY SAFETY GOALS

Targets Met

Significant reductions in several crime categories

- ◆ When compared to our five-year average, impaired driving offenses are down by 20%, burglaries are down by 24%, trespassing by 19% and vandalism by 11%.

Interstate 70 Education & Enforcement Campaign

- ◆ 18 hours per week spent on the interstate.

Language Interpreters Program

- ◆ Fluency in five languages.

Vail Mountain Patrol

- ◆ Over 270 hours spent on skis and boards to assist Ski Patrol and enforce laws.

Impaired Driving Task Force

- ◆ Over 186.5 hours of dedicated DUI/DUID enforcement.
- ◆ 57 impaired drivers were taken off the road.

Outreach initiatives

- ◆ 3 Department members volunteer as Sherpas for the Snowboard Outreach Society to help at-risk youth build

character, self-esteem, and leadership skills through outdoor adventure sports.

- ◆ Other initiatives: crime prevention seminars, free public safety training, Eagle County Law Enforcement Immigrant Initiative, Safe Bar Campaign, Tread Safe Campaign, neighborhood picnics, food drive, Coffee with a COP, National Night Out, National Take Drugs Back, Explorers Program, Operation Sticker Shock, and partnerships with schools, Eagle River Youth Coalition, partnerships with judicial staff and a substance treatment center.



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Financial Responsibility Goals Targets Met

Cost effective ways to improve safety at special events.

- ◆ 1,000 emergency preparedness and response personnel worked the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships.

- ◆ Established protocols for fiscally-conservative overtime schedules for police officers and dispatchers.

Smart financial investments in technology projects that identified long-term solutions to operational issues and streamlined workflows.

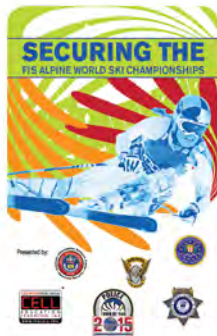
- ◆ Electronic ticketing system launched.
- ◆ Body-worn cameras purchased.



Preparedness Goals Targets Met

Awareness Training

- ◆ Partnered with the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization in Denver, to host Community Awareness Program (CAP®) training. CAP® empowers citizens to recognize and report suspicious activity and enhance community safety. It was created to complement the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's **If You See Something, Say Something Campaign**. Eight CAP® trainings were conducted in 2015 for 2,200 citizens through a series of Securing the Slope Workshops.
- ◆ 140 See Something/Say Something Campaign posters installed on Town and County buses and throughout town.



Threat and Terrorist Awareness

- ◆ Participation on the Western Slope Joint Terrorism Task Force to stay abreast of current threats and potential terrorist activity.

2015 Alpine World Ski Championships

- ◆ Planning and implementation framework established.
- ◆ 16 Security Working Groups (WG) staffed.
- ◆ Working Group operational plans tested and imparted to each public safety participant and a broad-section of the community.
- ◆ Regular table-top exercises, functional simulations, and walk-throughs of event facilities by first responders.



PREPAREDNESS

2015 ALPINE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

For two weeks in February, the Vail Valley hosted the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships (AWSC). The two weeks brought together 500 ski racing athletes and 220,000 spectators from 68 nations for an epic event watched by 800 million viewers around the world. A full program of side events, including medal ceremonies and free concerts, attracted large spectator attendance. To achieve the goals of the Organizing Committee, Chief Henninger, as chair of the Safety and Security Committee, established multi-jurisdictional partnerships with 160 traditional response agencies, private entities and infrastructure providers. Over 700 public safety responders with diverse roles and capacities participated in planning and preparedness measures. They included Colorado State Patrol, FBI, TSA, FEMA, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Guard and the Colorado Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

Safety and security plans were developed, tested and put in place to ensure the safety of large concentrations of people, to prepare for risk of domestic and international terrorist threats, to implement road traffic management efficiencies and to maintain safe pedestrian traffic flows. Those plans were communicated to a broad-section of the community. Regular table-top exercises, functional simulations and walk-throughs of event facilities guaranteed all first responders were ready to use the plans.



CORNERSTONES

The cornerstones of preparedness for emergencies and large-scale events is an effective Incident Command System that identifies an approach to event/disaster planning, staging and sustainability. The Security Committee for the AWSC, chaired by Chief Henninger, put into place 14 Working Groups and their operational plans to meet the safety and security needs at the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships:

- Crisis & Consequence Management
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Dignitary/VIP Protection
- Explosive Device Detection
- Fire/Life Safety/Hazmat
- Intelligence & Counter Terrorism
- Tactical/Counter Surveillance
- Transportation/Traffic Operations
- Training
- Interagency Communications
- Venues
- Legal
- Credentialing



MILESTONES

The milestones reached at this epic event are historic. One being the deployment of a Public Safety LTE Demonstration Network by the Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology which allowed interoperability with local, state and federal responders and private partnerships. The Department of Homeland Security determined the demonstration a tremendous success in helping to support the establishment of a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

Other milestones reached include improvements to the Event Command Post and County Emergency Operations Center; the final installment of a video camera network in pedestrian areas of Town; a model Safety & Security Plan for future large-scale events using Incident Command System protocols; and, the establishment of ecemergency.org to broadcast real-time public safety alerts and updates throughout the County.



RECOGNITIONS



Communications Supervisor Rebecca Pacheco received the Rotary's Distinguished Service Award for her exceptional leadership in addressing public safety issues and her advocacy for significant advances in policies and programs that benefit the safety of the people of Eagle County.

Sergeant Botkins and Officer Westering received the Department's life saving award and the Rotary's Distinguished Service Award for saving a drunken man after he had fallen over the edge of a 4th floor balcony. Together they grabbed him, and swung him onto a lower exposed walkway.

Awardees for the 2015 Eagle County Rotary Public Safety Recognition Program include (from left to right) Vail Police Chief Dwight Henninger, Sergeant Chris Botkins, Officer Craig Westering, and Vail Public Safety Communications Supervisor Rebecca Pacheco.

Chief Henninger received the Eagle County Rotary Public Safety Leadership Award for his efforts in leading the safety and security planning efforts for the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships. Chief Henninger effectively maximized local efforts to respond to critical incidents, threats of terrorist activity, dignitary protection, and the safety of the traveling public.



Vail Public Safety Communications Center Dispatcher Kelly Klein received a pink stork pin for assisting Eagle Police Chief Joey Stauer in delivering his first baby girl. Chief Stauer pulled over to the side of Interstate 70 just moments before the delivery.



Chief Henninger was presented with the Terrorism Liaison Officer Executive Award by the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) in May. CIAC is part of the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management within the Department of Public Safety. The award recognizes his collaborative work in maintaining a safe environment during the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships and in promoting the Terrorism Liaison Officer Program in the Northwest Colorado region.



INFO SOURCES

Direct Contact Details

Emergencies

When a crime is in progress or when somebody and/or their property are in immediate danger, dial 9-1-1. For deaf people in the event of emergency, contact us by sending a text message to 9-1-1.

Walk-in, Phone, Email

75 S Frontage Rd W, Vail, CO 81657

For the Vail Police Department, call the main administrative line at 970.479.2210.

For the Vail Public Safety Communications Center, call 970.479.2201.

Website

www.vailgov.com/police

Our webpage offers answers to frequently asked questions, information on crime statistics, police services, employment opportunities, and more.

Road Conditions

Dial 970.479.2226 for local conditions.

Dial 511 or visit www.cotrip.org for statewide conditions.

Report a Crime

In an emergency, call or send a text message to 9-1-1.

If an immediate police response is not needed, call 24/7 at 970.479.2201.

To speak in person to an officer, come to the front counter of the Police Department located at 75 S Frontage Rd W, Vail, CO 81657 and an officer will sit down and talk with you.

To report a crime via email at vailpolice@vailgov.com, you must provide your contact information so that an officer can get all the right information.

Report Suspicious Activity

Report unattended bags, objects or unusual behavior immediately by calling 877.509.CIAC.



Request Case Info

www.vailgov.com/policeinforequest

Call 970.479.2210

In order to obtain information about a case, you will need to submit a records request form which you will find online at www.vailgov.com/policeinforequest. If you would like a form faxed or mailed to you, call 970.479.2210 or stop by the police front counter to pick one up.

Commercial Vehicle Transportation

www.vailgov.com/commercialpermits

Dial 970.479.2210

The Vail Passenger Transportation Ordinance enforces a permitting system to track the number of shuttles, courtesy cars, limousines, taxis and buses in the Village Core and Lionshead in order to address staging, congestion and ease of service issues. A completed application is required to start the permitting process.

Public Safety Notifications

EC Alert

www.vail911.com/ec-alert

Receive information through this subscription service via cellular phone, pager and email regarding traffic incidents, evacuations, and other important information.

Everbridge

www.vail911.com/signup

Receive evacuation alerts and other high-importance infor-

mation based on geographic location via landline telephones and cellular phones.

Pulsepoint CPR/AED

www.vail911.com/signup

This mobile app increases sudden cardiac arrest survival rates in Eagle County by notifying app users that a citizen is in need of emergency intervention, his/her location, and the location of the nearest AED.

Social Media

Twitter handle is @VailPolice

www.facebook.com/VailPD

Instagram handle is @Vailcopolice

Three social media accounts help us stay connected to citizens, providing safety tips and information as well as breaking information about criminal activity. While the Department is not yet ready to use Facebook and Twitter as a method to report incidents, citizens do sometimes use them to reach out for that purpose, and they are directed to call the Communications Center for assistance. Question-and-answer sessions are offered on a monthly basis.

Marijuana Laws

www.vailgov.com/marijuana

Frequently asked questions about the impact of Colorado Marijuana laws in Vail. Visit www.cdiausa.org and click on "Press Release" to access a study titled, "Health Effects Associated with Indoor Marijuana Grows."

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