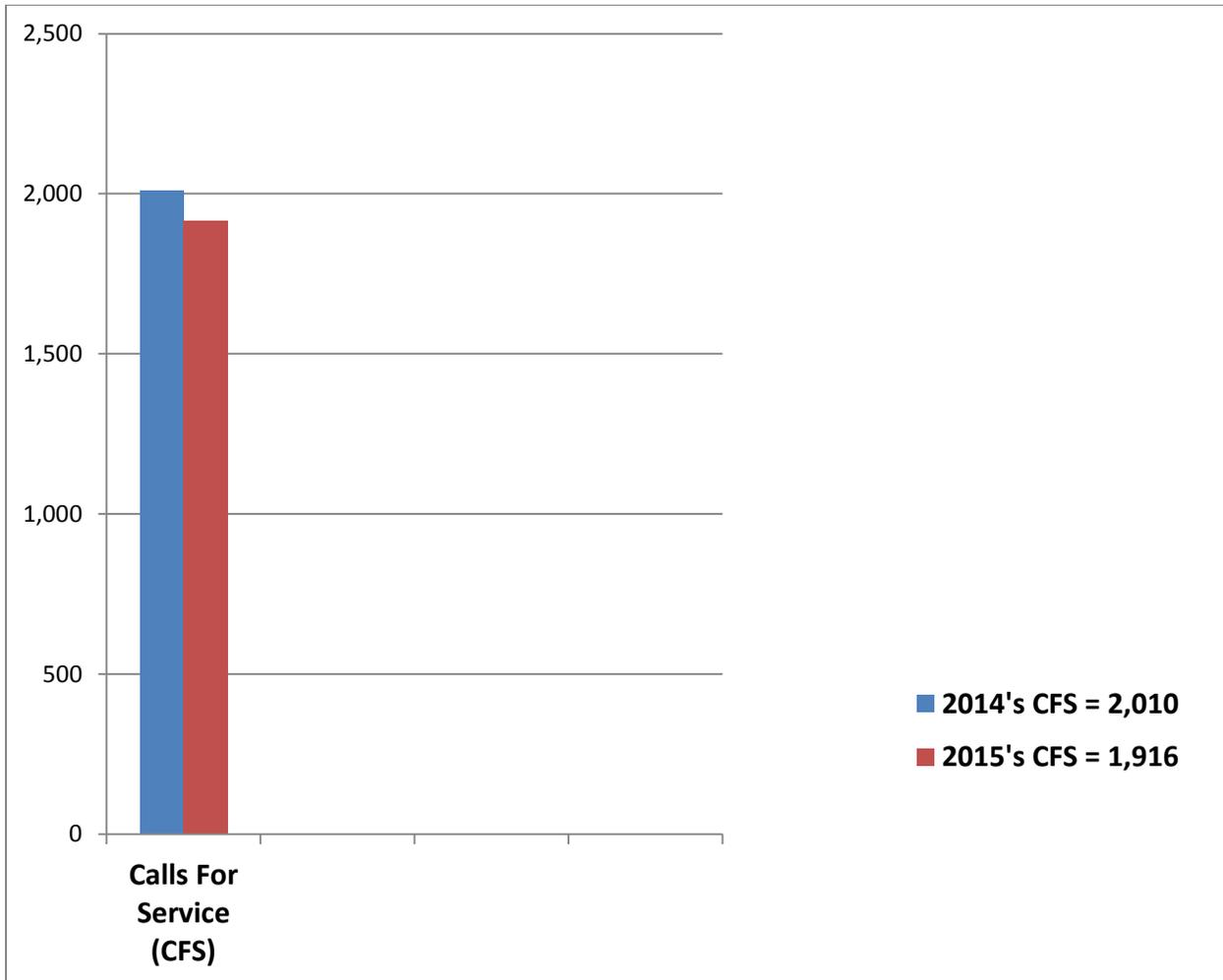


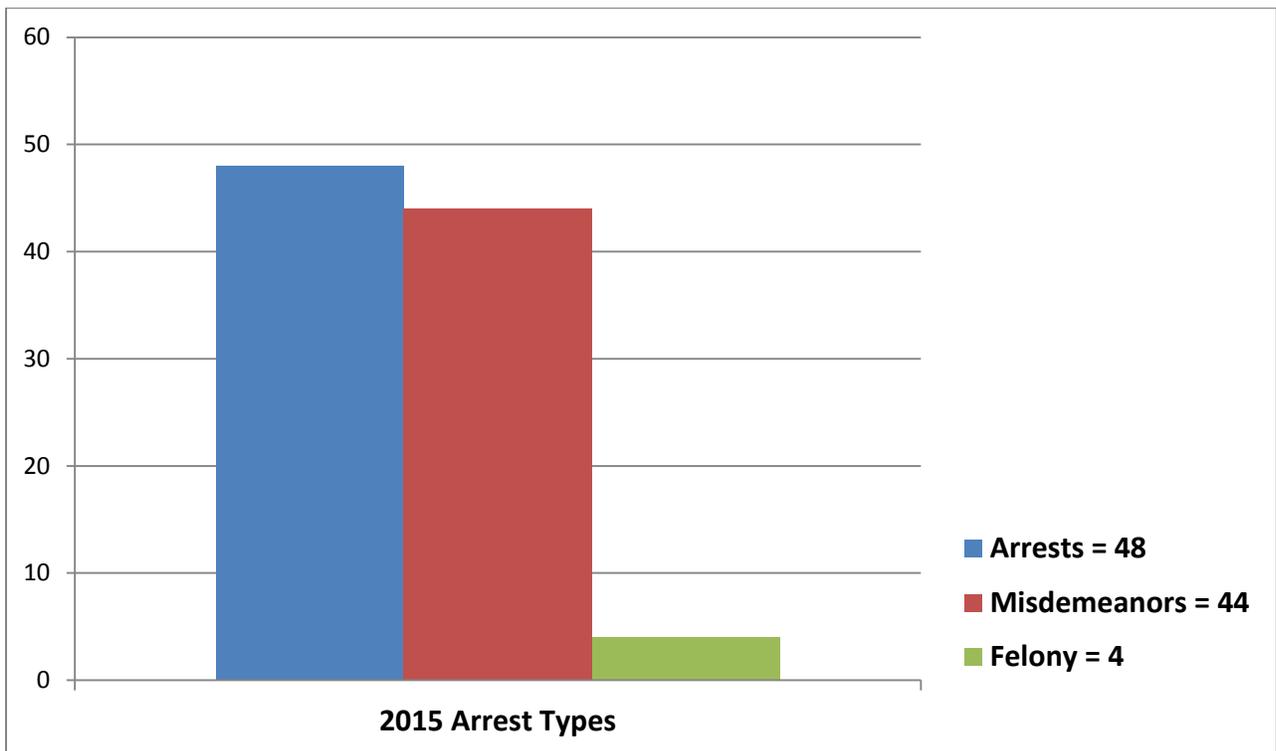
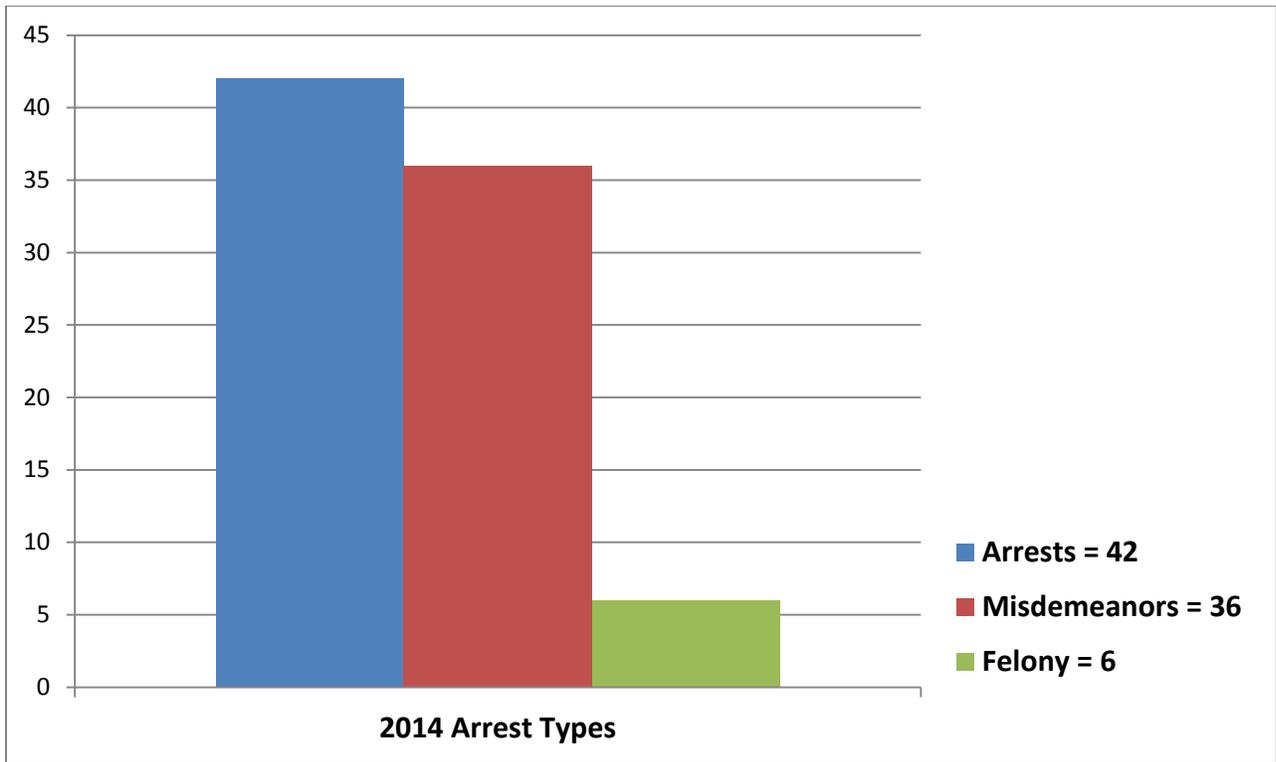
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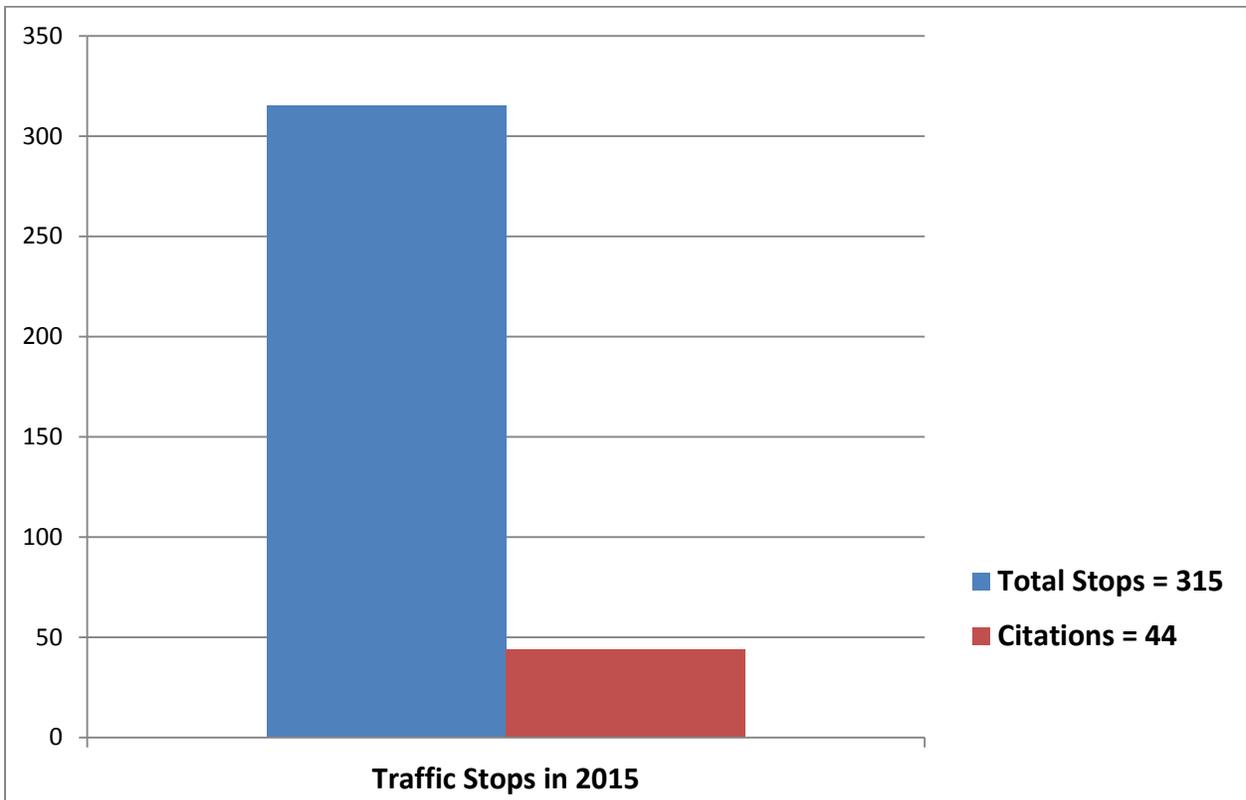
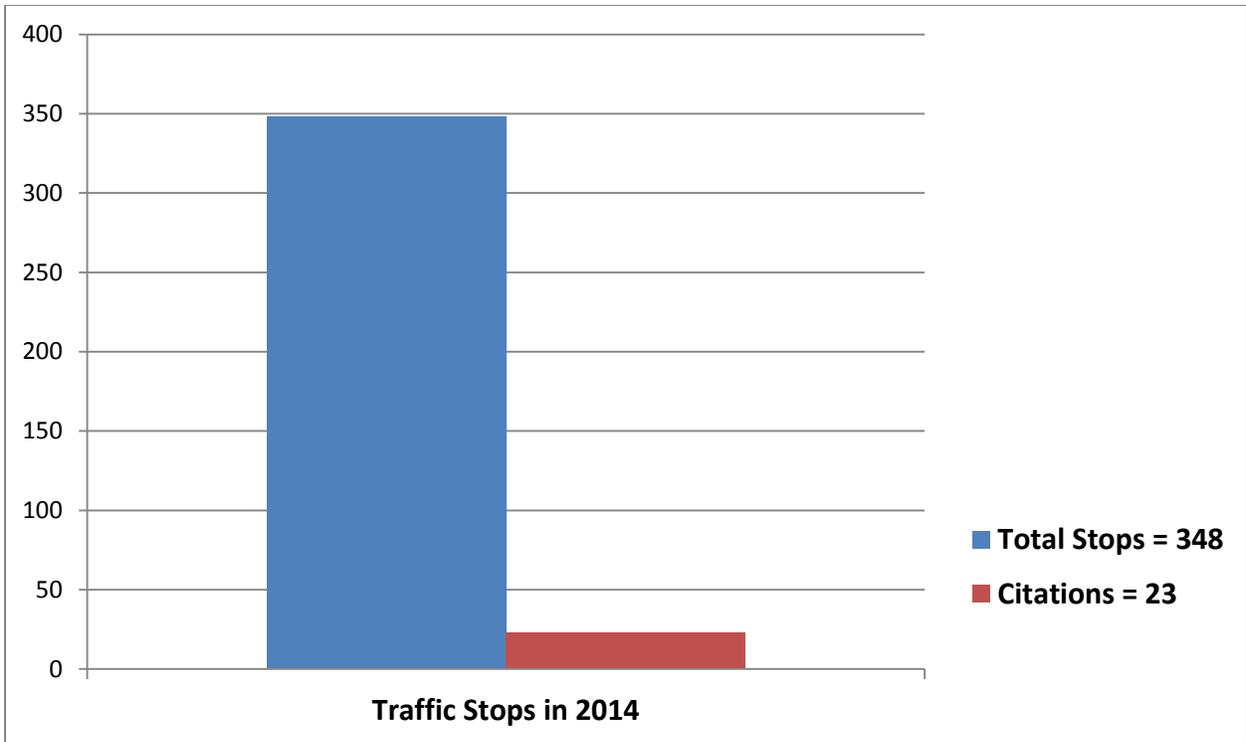
**2015 Eagle County Sheriff's Office Executive summary**

The following is provided to the Town of Minturn by the Eagle County Sheriff's Office in regards to Law Enforcement activities throughout the year of 2015.

In 2015 Eagle County Sheriff's Office Deputies were dispatched and/or initiated 1,916 Calls For Service (CFS) within the Town of Minturn. In comparison, the total number of dispatched and/or initiated CFS in 2014 was 2,010.







In May of 2015 Deputy Cusick took over as the first deputy solely assigned to the Town of Minturn and joined shortly after by Deputy Hart in November. Since May the Eagle County Sheriff's Office Deputies have done the following:

- Created and implemented new citations for the Town of Minturn. The previous citations which were used by the town were out dated, had incorrect payment procedures, incorrect mailing addresses, and didn't ascertain all required information from an offender. These old citations created more work for the court clerk because the clerk would have to track a person down in order to obtain and then correct information. The court clerk would also have to direct the offender where to send payments for citations, because this wasn't clear or incorrect. The new citations eliminate all rework which resulted in reducing wasted man-hours and reduced the caseload on the court clerk.
- Have worked closely with the interim court clerk, Jay Brunvand, and assisted in old Minturn PD cases that were in default or are still "stuck in the court system." This has allowed the town to collect money from back-payment on fines and has allowed offenders to correct their driver's license status due to errors from previous citations and incorrect court proceedings. So far the backdated payments have totaled around \$600.00. These fine were from cases that have been "stuck in the municipal court" for more than 7 years.
- Began a Neighborhood Information Network, which has allowed open communication between residents of Minturn and the ECSO. This network has allowed residents to receive updated safety information for the upcoming season, such as camping, hiking, or winter driving. This has also opened an informal communication forum between the residents of Minturn and the Eagle County Sheriff's Office.
- Worked closely with Public Works on several occasions and have been discussing streets throughout town. We've gone over sign placement, what is and isn't allowable in accordance with the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices). This has begun to make the streets flow better when it comes to traffic, which ultimately relates to the roadways being safer for cars and/or pedestrians. We have also assisted Public Works with snow removal during the first part of the winter; first an education program by offenders and then through citations on repeat offenders. Without Minturn's Public Works, ECSO operations within the town wouldn't have gone as smoothly as they have.

- Have begun a proactive approach to fixing complaints from residents within the town, and problematic areas which have been brought to our attention. We have worked closely with Judy at the Turntable and stop by on almost a weekly basis to help her and provided resources and information to her as she begun taking over as the manager. Because of this, and Judy's proactive approach, our Calls For Service have dropped at the Turntable from previous years.
- Had National Night Out in Minturn so the town residents can become more knowledgeable in Law Enforcement and how to better protect themselves. 8 deputies were available during the event and approximately 36 residents showed up.
- Have updated over 110 business contact information in the Town of Minturn. This was never done on a consistent basis before. Our dispatch center had businesses in town that have been closed for over 4 years, even though a new business had been opened for some time and was in the same location. This has and will result in a faster response time, not just from the ECSO, but by firefighters, and paramedics.
- After hearing of 2 reported thefts from some vendors at the Minturn Market we put together a security pamphlet which Michelle emailed out to the vendors. This was received with great enthusiasm, as we're told, and some vendors became aware of how complacent they had become. We've been told vendors actually set their booths up differently due to the pamphlets we created.
- Have met with UPRR and went over concerns from a law enforcement officer perspective in regards to their property in town. Although this has been difficult, they hear from me on a weekly basis asking when they will get me answers on my concerns and/or questions. This is still a work in progress.
- Have established a working relationship with the USFS, something this town hasn't really had before from a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) aspect. USFS Officer Stone has been more willing to enforce regulations near town when violators are on USFS property and not incorporated Town (camping down by the river).
- Aspen Wireless, through a contract with the Town of Vail, left several cable reels and trash behind the old train depot. Aspen Wireless cleaned up the site that was leased to them by UPRR, but only after an investigation and threat of arrests.

The clean-up was done the very next day upon finding and contacting Aspen Wireless and advising them of the criminal violations.

- Have cleaned up the campsites down by the river and an illegal dumping campsite at Two Elk Trail Head. 2 inmates helped with this and we filled an entire dump truck which was provided by Eagle County Road and Bridge. Not only that, but we began an investigation into the illegal dumping. The offenders for the illegal dumping at the campsites were found, information turned over to USFS and the offenders were cited.

- Have been working closely and consistently with Battle Mountain Resorts and Ramboll Environ (Water Treatment Company) in regards to trespassers in Gilman and Beldin areas as this is incorporated area. This is still a work in progress and is mainly a summer time issue.

- Have revised the school bus stops and route in conjunction with the Eagle County School District and CDOT. CDOT used leftover asphalt from paving jobs along US HWY 24 to pave a pull-off area for the school buses near Tigiwon when coming into town during the morning route. This has allowed for the traffic jams that would accumulate behind the school bus (average of 25 cars each morning) to dissipate and therefore reducing aggressive drivers through town. Since the beginning of the 2015 school year has started and with the new bus routes and pull-offs only 1 traffic complaints have been called in were a car had passed a stopped school bus. This has reduced the need for a patrol escort of the school buses through town, allowing ECSO to focus its efforts and policing on other aspects, increasing the overall safety of the town. This has also reduced the number of traffic stops in the morning hours due to aggressive/late drivers no longer having a need to be aggressive due to being late.

- Got CDOT to go into agreement with Public Works on sign replacement along US HWY 24 in Minturn, another reason for the stenciling. Previously the town paid for signs required to be in the roadway near crosswalks. These signs would get hit each year and the town would have to procure approximately 4 new signs a year at \$300 each. Since CDOT maintains US HWY 24, CDOT has agreed to allot Minturn's Public Works 4 signs a year since Minturn Public Works assists in the maintenance of US HWY 24. This has saved the town approximately \$1,200 a year.

- Although CDOT has agreed to pay for the crosswalk signs, eventually tax payers are still paying for the signs, but at a state level instead of a local level. Because of

this we have been in talks with CDOT in regards for concerns when US HWY 24 is paved in 2018. CDOT is working on using stenciling instead of signs near the crosswalks. This will reduce the number of MVAs (motor vehicle accidents) due to US HWY 24 being narrow due the required signs taking up space. Ultimately reducing costs for the town, CDOT, and motorist.

- Have taken it upon ourselves to help the town recoup some money from the costs of Minturn PD and used equipment/car. We have sold the Dodge Charger Minturn PD as it had sat in Public Works' parking lot for more than a year and a half. A small police department in Wyoming bought the Charger for \$3,500. This is \$3,500 the town didn't have before. Various other agencies around the state have been informed of old Minturn PD equipment, some are interested in purchases that may happen after the first of the year. Another agency is interested in buying the old LIDAR Minturn PD used. This piece of equipment takes a special certification and isn't used, the price in negotiation is around \$900, but isn't set in stone yet due to the interested person wanting to make payments. This will bring in money to the town from equipment not in-service, used, or not applicable to a mountain environment. So far this is nearing \$4,300 the town has recuperated.

- Detectives keep the County's registered sexual offenders program running and keep the website up to date for the citizens of Eagle County and Minturn.

- At the beginning of the year a shooting occurred within the town. An estimated 400 man hours was put forth investigating and following ups on leads and other information. This was done by the detectives at the ECSO. This case is still active.

The Eagle County Sheriff's continues to provide the highest level of service to the citizens and guests of Minturn as well as Eagle County.