

City Police Annual Summary for 1999, Camden
CITY POLICE ANNUAL SUMMARY
1999

The Police Department has the responsibility to maintain a safe community for our citizens, and I am very proud of our efforts in 1999. Continuing the Community Policing Philosophy, officers dedicated considerable effort into programs for prevention and problem solving in addition to enforcement efforts.

ALCOHOL & DRUG ENFORCEMENT: Officer Kempen instructed the 8th year of D.A.R.E. and 3rd year of V.E.G.A., courses which teach kids the dangers of drugs as well as addressing decision making skills and builds self esteem. Officer Gerdiman led the department again this year, accounting for 50% of the 67 arrests. Sgt. Beauchamp and Nitro dedicated over 335 hour to the canine program this year. The 128 arrests is a 16% increase compared to 1998.

COMMUNITY INTERACTION: Officers met with the public using a variety of methods: 30 formal meetings with citizens/civic groups, sponsoring the Citizens Police Academy as well as a public forum and the Chamber After Hours meeting. The department has web page on the Internet offering safety tips for adults and activities for younger users. Sgt. Patrickus served as a member of the Board of Directors for Citizens of Domestic Violence. Officer Oetting organized an Adopt-A-Thon raising \$380 for the Dogwood Animal Shelter and Officer Fiene spearheaded our efforts for Missouri Special Olympics raising \$1,510.

EQUIPMENT: Several pieces of equipment were purchased to enhance officer capabilities. Research by Officer Rector was instrumental in our weapons upgrade to the new Glock firearm. A portable breath testing unit (PBT) was added for DWI enforcement. Several purchases were made using money from a drug arrest/asset forfeiture: canine kennel, stop sticks and radios. Computers were upgraded in preparation of Y2-K. Fatal Vision Goggles were purchased as a visual aid on the affects of alcohol on motor skills.

EVIDENCE & PROPERTY ROOM: Additional bins, shelving and a refrigerator for perishable items were added to the property room thus increasing our capacity to nearly 2000 pieces. Officer Fiene spent considerable time disposing of older property and working toward computerization of these records.

PERSONNEL: The department had several new employees last year: Becky Osborn, Clerk Typist, Sandy Oetting, Community Service Officer; Kyle Wood, Officer. They are a welcome addition to the department.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT: Administrative Assistant Shadrick and Clerk Eidson worked diligently on the records management program. We have worked on this program for several years and have nearly completed our goal to have all case files older than three years on microfilm.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Officers Williams and Moss addressed several classes throughout the year discussing youth issues including violence prevention and peer pressure. A resource guide was developed to assist students who may be unaware of where to turn for help.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: Officer Manes and Williams conducted two Operation Safe-Way Aggressive Driving Campaigns in our efforts to keep our roads safe and prevent incidents of Road Rage. They used several techniques in their approach: local media advised citizens of the violations to be targeted, sign boards to advise motorists of the campaign, speed trailer reminded motorists of violations and enforcement efforts, concentrating on the violations and locations identified by the accident analysis.

PHOTOS FOR CITY ANNUAL REPORT 1999:



Feb 99: Officer Fiene (left photo) visits with a youngster and (right photo) Officer Manes demonstrates his firearm skills during a public forum



Left: Feb 99: Safety Pup visits Camdenon to remind youngsters about safety issues. Right: Apr 99: Officer Kempen meets with fifth graders on the dangers of drug use.



Left: Apr 99: During the Citizens Police Academy, students try out their skills on traffic stops. Thirteen citizens graduate from the class. Right: Jun 99: Sgt. Patrickus and Chief Webster, during a training course to learn proper installation and safety features for Child Safety Seats



Left: Aug 99: Camden Rotary Club makes a donation to the D.A.R.E. fund. Money is ear marked for supplies and materials specifically for the D.A.R.E. class. Right: Oct 99: Sgt. Beauchamp & Patrickus, Officers Fiene, Williams & Nitro meet with citizens during The Chamber After Hours. One citizen finds out first hand the affects of alcohol on motor skills while using the Fatal Vision Goggles.



Left: Aug 99: Officers Manes, Rector and Sgt. Patrickus practice CPR during the refresher training. Right: Oct 99: Clerk Osborn and Administrative Assistant Shadrick work very hard on reports and filing

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