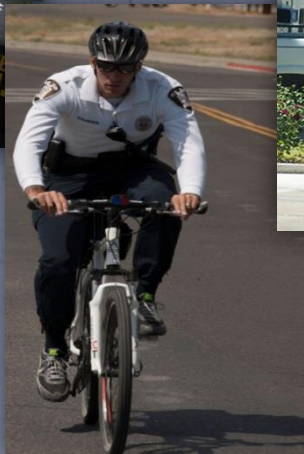


# ELKO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2014



**POLICE CHIEF BEN REED, JR.**

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# HISTORY & INFORMATION

## Historical

The City of Elko was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada March 14, 1917. At that time a Police Supervisor, W.R. Mayer was appointed to be the executive officer of his department and had under his special charge the enforcement of all police regulations. June 2, 1917, George Cotant was unanimously appointed City Marshall and J.C. Doughty was unanimously appointed Police Judge for the City of Elko, both with a monthly salary of \$1 each. Also on this date, F.H. Sutton was appointed Night Watchman with a monthly salary of \$100.

## Current Operations

The Elko Police Department currently has 47 positions. Of these 47 positions, 40 are sworn officers and seven are civilian, non-sworn, positions. Of the 40 sworn officers 28 are assigned to the Patrol Unit, six are assigned to the Detective Unit, and three are in Special assignments (i.e. School Resource Officers and the Narcotics Task Force). The final three sworn officers are part of the Administrative staff. The seven non-sworn positions are assigned as follows: one Records Supervisor, three full-time Records Techs, one part-time Records Tech, one Administrative Assistant, and one Animal Control Officer.

The Elko Police Department is a professional and progressive law enforcement agency that is continually moving forward. We always look for opportunities to improve training, education, technology, efficiency, and equipment for our staff. This translates into an improved level of service delivery to the citizens of Elko.



# ELKO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MISSION STATEMENT

### Mission Statement

We strive to provide consistent enforcement of all laws in a fair, firm, and professional manner to instill trust and build relationships with the community through problem solving to safeguard life and property.

### Department Motto:

Pride in Service

P - Prevent, reduce, disrupt criminal activity

R - Recruit, train and develop our employees

I - Initiate timely and open communication

D - Develop and implement solutions to our community's problems

E - Efficiently use innovation and technology



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### SUMMARY

The following is an Annual Report for the Elko Police Department, year 2014. The report includes summaries and charts for licensing permit data, crime comparison data, and records transactions data. Also included is a summary and list of significant events for 2014.

#### Licensing/Permits/Applications:

In 2014 the Elko Police Department processed a total of 110 licensing and permit applications. The licenses and permits breakdown into the following categories, (see chart 1): 2 brothel licenses, 42 special event liquor licenses, 11 liquor license applications, 10 parade permits, 6 solicitor/peddler applications, 4 temporary sexually oriented business licenses, 24 special event/vendor applications, and 11 temporary merchant applications.

#### Records Transactions:

The Records Department processed 1,989 application and fingerprint transactions. These transactions breakdown into the following categories (see chart 2): 175 work card applications (bartender cards, taxi drivers, etc.), 32 prostitute applications, 87 solicitor applications, 829 miscellaneous fingerprint transactions (gaming, nursing, teachers, daycare, etc.), and 866 insurance report records.

#### Crime Report:

In 2014 the Elko Police Department made 1,106 arrests, 1,023 adults and 83 juveniles. There were 553 traffic collisions reported and 1,664 traffic citations issued. 211 incidents of domestic violence were reported in 2014. The total calls for service in 2014 were 32,065, up 697 from 2013; this total generated 2,959 cases for the department.

Severe crimes in the City of Elko totaled 2,648 for 2014. This total is down by 900 incidents from 2013 severe crime totals.

- Severe crimes include murder/manslaughter, kidnapping/abduction, forcible rape/fondling, robbery, aggressive assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson, extortion/blackmail, burglary, theft, larceny, motor vehicle theft, counterfeiting/forgery, false pretenses swindling, credit card and ATM fraud, impersonation, embezzlement, stolen property offenses, destruction of property, drug/narcotic violation, drug paraphernalia, statutory rape, pornography/obscene material, gambling offenses, prostitute offenses, and weapon law violations. (see chart 3 for breakdowns)

Less severe crimes totaled 1,206 for 2014. This total is down by 350 incidents from 2013 totals.

- Crimes included as "less severe" are bad checks, curfew/loitering/vagrancy, disorderly conduct, DUI, family offenses (non-violent), liquor law violations, runaway juveniles, trespassing, and other minor offenses. (see chart 3 for breakdowns).



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#### Patrol Unit Highlights

##### Work Schedule

In August 2014, the Elko Police Department Patrol Unit rotated from the 10 on / 5 off, eight hour shifts to the 5 on / 5 off—2 on / 2 off, twelve hours shifts. This change in shift hours increased the number of sworn personnel working on the street and increased the number of days off for officers, allowing them to better recover between work rotations. This change had a positive effect upon the officers and the agency, and was implemented in a very efficient manner.

##### Uniform Shirts

In August 2014, the Patrol Unit adopted the navy blue uniform shirts. This both increased the professional appearance of the officers as well as their morale. Numerous positive comments were received from the General Public.

##### Community Policing

The last major change in the Patrol Unit for 2014 was the altering of the responsibility level of the Sergeants. The Sergeants were given more authority to direct the specific activity of their shifts with respect to temporary duty assignments with the Narcotics Unit or directed patrols for specific crime issues. This is a critical first step towards focused Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving as it directs the Sergeants to recognize issues based on reported crimes and then to develop a means to counter those crimes, rather than static patrols of areas which had been the past standard.



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#### Detective Unit Highlights

##### Murder Suspect Captured

Eduardo Estrada-Puentes was captured after the culmination of a multi-agency manhunt that began with the murder of his estranged wife in 2011. Estrada-Puentes is the sole suspect in the case and was believed to have fled to Mexico following the homicide. Those suspicions were confirmed with his capture near Puerto Vallarta in late October of 2014. He is currently incarcerated in Mexico awaiting extradition back to the United States to stand trial for the murder.

##### Southside Homicide

In the early morning hours of July 30, 2014, Richard Lawson was murdered in his residence located at 625 Wilson Ave. The case is still open and on-going.

##### Child Sexual Assault

Devon Hockemier was found and arrested in Reno, Nevada in the summer of 2014, at the end of a six month investigation. The original case included five counts of sexual assault without bodily harm, seven counts of solicitation of a minor to engage in acts constituting crime against nature, and seven counts of lewdness with a child under 14 years of age.

During the prosecution process of the first case, it was reported the Defendant sexually abused another child. The Elko Police Department investigated the second allegation and Hockemier was charged with 52 counts of lewdness with a child under 14 years of age and 52 counts of sexual abuse of a minor. This case was completed on September 18, 2014.



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## Records Unit Highlights

### Registered Sex Offenders

In May 2014, the Elko Police Department developed a formal process for tracking registered sex offenders.

There are four categories of registered sex offenders in the State of Nevada; No tier level assessment, tier one, tier two, and tier three. Each tier level is verified on a different schedule. No tier and tier one sex offenders are verified once a year. Tier level two sex offenders are verified three times a year. Tier three sex offenders are verified quarterly. The verification process includes a field visit by Patrol Officers and/or Detectives to the registered sex offender's residence, camp, or employment.

This program was started so that the Elko Police Department could show that verification was being accomplished and to track the data received by each verification. We strongly believe this process is critical to our mission to safeguard the City of Elko.



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#### Administrative Unit Highlights

##### Re-Organization

In January 2014, the Administrative Staff was re-organized from four managers to three. The current structure includes one Police Chief, two Lieutenants, and one Administrative Assistant. Along with Police Chief Ben Reed, Lieutenant Rich Genseal leads the Administrative Support Division and Lieutenant Tyler Trouten leads the Operations Division.

This adjustment not only allowed for an efficient Chain of Command, but also created one new Police Officer position in the Patrol Unit and one Administrative Assistant in the Administrative Unit, without increased costs.

##### Matrix Report

The Police Department as a whole has focused upon implementing most of the recommendations detailed in the final report by the Matrix Consulting Group, May 2013. The Administrative Officers in particular have worked diligently to implement nationally recognized best practices, streamline the Chain of Command, increase accountability, and provide an increased level of leadership. A full progress report was given to the City Council in August 2014, detailing significant progress toward full implementation of all Matrix recommendations.

##### Strategic Planning Session

In March 2014, all Police Department Supervisors and Managers met off-site for a two day Strategic Planning Session led by Jill Tingey of the UNR Cooperative Extension. The results of this session included better team work and communication, many new ideas, and numerous organizational changes. Many, but not all, of those recommendations have been implemented. The Police Chief plans to conduct another Strategic Planning Session in 2015.





# 2014 ANNUAL AWARDS

## ANNUAL AWARDS FOR 2014

### YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

#### Five Years of Service Certificate

Officer Jason Checketts  
Officer Michael Gustafson  
Officer Jared Lowry  
Officer Bart Ortiz  
Officer Klint Ratliff

#### Ten Years of Service Pin

Detective Michael Marshowsky

#### 15 Years of Service Bar

Officer Steve Spring  
Lieutenant Tyler Trouten

#### 20 Years of Service Plaque

Officer Chris Gevock

### LIFESAVING AWARD

Officer Jeremy Catalano

### LIFESAVING AWARD

Corporal Bryan Drake

### POLICE MEDAL

Detective Zach Hessing

### POLICE MEDAL

Detective Michael Marshowsky

### MEDAL OF MERIT

Officer Steve Spring



# 2014 ANNUAL AWARDS

## EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AWARD - (Volunteering)

Detective Mike Marshowsky  
Officer Michael Gustafson  
Officer Bart Ortiz

## EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AWARD - (Board of Reviews)

Sergeant Mike Palhegyi  
Corporal Bryan Drake  
Officer Chris Gevock  
Officer Klint Ratliff

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Chris Gevock

# CHART 1 - Licensing / Permits / Applications

Licensing / Permits / Applications YTD 2014 - Elko Police Department	
License/Event Type	Total
Brothel License	2
Special Event Liquor License	42
Retail Liquor License	11
Parade Permits	10
Solicitor/Peddler Applications	6
Temp Sexual Oriented Business License	4
Special Event / Vendor Applications	24
Temp Merchant Applications	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>110</b>

# CHART 2 - RECORDS TRANSACTIONS

## 2014 RECORDS TRANSACTIONS

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DOLLAR TOTAL</u>
Work Cards (Bartenders, Taxi Driver, etc.)	175	\$8,487.50
Prostitutes	32	\$3,952.00
Solicitors	87	\$2,175.00
Fingerprints (Gaming, ECSD, Nursing, etc.)	829	\$6,632.00
Insurance - Police Reports	866	\$8,660.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>\$29,906.50</b>

# CHART 3 – CRIME REPORT

SEVERE CRIME (TYPE)	2013	2014
Murder and Manslaughter	6	5
Kidnapping and Abduction	7	5
Forcible Rape	25	23
Forcible Fondling	22	25
Robbery	17	10
Aggravated Assault	56	43
Simple Assault	356	359
Intimidation	23	34
Arson	3	6
Extortion/Blackmail	2	2
Burglary	373	290
Theft	256	135
All other Larceny	966	738
Motor Vehicle Theft	109	62
Counterfeiting and Forgery	88	65
False Pretenses Swindling	118	80
CC/ATM Fraud	121	52
Impersonation	50	43
Embezzlement	48	31
Stolen Property Offenses	133	66
Destruction of Property	446	319
Drug Narcotic Violation	183	141
Drug Equipment	36	25
Statutory Rape	13	9
Pornography/Obscene Material	4	3
Gambling Offense	1	0
Prostitution Offenses	2	0
Weapon Law Violations	84	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>3548</b>	<b>2648</b>

## CHART 3 - CONTINUED

<b>LESS SEVERE CRIME</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Bad Checks	44	25
Curfew/loitering/Vagrancy	26	27
Disorderly Conduct	170	144
DUI	144	117
Family Offenses Non-Violent	53	46
Liquor Law Violations	65	38
Run-Away	47	36
Trespassing	84	76
All Other Offenses	923	697
<b>Total</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>1206</b>

# CRIME ANALYSIS – 5 YEAR AVERAGE (PAGE 1)

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>5Y AVG</u>	<u>2014 % UP/DOWN</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>% 2014 UP/DOWN</u>	
							<u>Raw number comparison</u>				
<b>Severe Crime</b>											
Murder and Manslaughter	0	1	3	5	6	3	5	67%	6	5	-17%
Kidnapping and Abduction	1	3	3	4	7	4	5	39%	7	5	-29%
Forcible Rape	14	13	13	25	25	18	23	28%	25	23	-8%
Forcible Fondling	8	15	8	15	22	14	25	84%	22	25	14%
Robbery	11	12	13	10	17	13	10	-21%	17	10	-70%
Aggravated Assault	72	56	66	54	56	61	43	-29%	56	43	-23%
Simple Assault	377	302	404	386	356	365	359	-2%	356	359	1%
Intimidation	27	18	35	27	23	26	34	31%	23	34	48%
Arson	5	5	6	11	3	6	6	0%	3	6	100%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	3	2	1	2	100%	2	2	0%
Burglary	203	238	181	242	373	247	290	17%	373	290	-22%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	135	149	101	176	256	163	135	-21%	256	135	-47%
All other Larceny	550	534	559	764	966	675	738	9%	966	738	-24%
Motor Vehicle Theft	55	56	45	98	109	73	62	-15%	109	62	-43%
Counterfeiting and Forgery	50	36	34	35	88	49	65	34%	88	65	-26%
False Pretenses Swindling	40	52	55	60	118	65	80	23%	118	80	-32%
CC/ATM Fraud	41	42	41	70	121	63	52	-17%	121	52	-57%
Impersonation	31	24	24	36	50	33	43	30%	50	43	-14%
Embezzlement	26	22	23	31	48	30	31	3%	48	31	-35%
Stolen Property Offenses	61	51	50	95	133	78	66	-15%	133	66	-50%
Destruction of Property	524	434	460	349	446	443	319	-28%	446	319	-28%
Drug Narcotic Violation	253	181	198	253	183	214	141	-34%	183	141	-23%
Drug Equipment	27	17	24	22	36	25	25	-1%	36	25	-31%
Statutory Rape	7	7	9	9	13	9	9	0%	13	9	-31%
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	5	4	2	3	67%	4	3	-25%
Gambling Offense	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	100%	1	0	-100%
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	200%	2	0	-100%
Weapon Law Violations	39	31	42	74	84	54	77	43%	84	77	-8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2557</b>	<b>2299</b>	<b>2399</b>	<b>2860</b>	<b>3548</b>	<b>2733</b>	<b>2648</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>3548</b>	<b>2648</b>	<b>-25%</b>

# CRIME ANALYSIS – 5 YEAR AVERAGE (PAGE 2)

## Less Severe Crime

Bad Checks	65	20	9	16	44	31	25	-19%	44	25	-43%
Curfew/loitering/Vagrancy	62	30	33	30	26	36	27	-25%	26	27	4%
Disorderly Conduct	208	190	193	241	170	200	144	-28%	170	144	-15%
DUI	273	151	195	155	144	184	117	-36%	144	117	-19%
Family Offenses Non-Violent	44	36	50	51	53	47	46	-2%	53	46	-13%
Liquor Law Violations	242	157	124	109	65	139	38	-73%	65	38	-42%
Run-Away	73	56	58	56	47	58	36	-38%	47	36	-23%
Trespassing	83	42	56	71	84	67	76	13%	84	76	-10%
All Other Offenses	1351	925	1007	1231	923	1087	697	-56%	923	697	-24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>1607</b>	<b>1725</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>-35%</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>-22%</b>

**5Y AVG = The number from the five columns**

**listed to the left of this number averaged**

**% UP/DOWN = The current year total against the**

**five year average.**

**Raw number comparison= this year and previous**

**year total comparison**



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