AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Police Chief Rick Bashor & Records Clerk Shellie Blades

DATE: March 20, 2015

RE: **2014 Police Statistics**

Issue:
The 2014 Police Statistics is a recap of the Police Department's activities for 2014 and is created to identify trends within the community, recognize areas which may indicate training is needed, and plan budgetary resources for the future.

A few highlights of this year's statistics report are detailed below. If Council has any questions regarding this report, we will be happy to address them at the meeting.

- The FBI definition for rape was updated in January 2013. Prior to that, the definition for rape had not changed since the 1950s and was extremely limited in scope. The increased counts for 2013 and 2014 (pg. 13 & pg. 31) are, to some degree, due to the expanded scope of this classification.

- A Council recommendation from the 2012 Statistics Report was a visual representation of the traffic accidents for the year. A new layer in the City's GIS mapping system was created to track accidents and was first included with the 2013 report. This year's maps (pgs. 20-24) also include some 'blow-ups' of the intersections with higher experiences of accidents.

- New in 2014 is a GIS map layer for crime. Beginning in 2014, every report involving crime was tracked on this new map (pgs. 14-18). Included with this year's report is an overview crime map as well as a few zoomed-in captures of public and high traffic areas.

- Drug incidents for 2014 were up 46% (pg. 10) in large part due to a focused effort from officers and detectives to identify and prosecute drug suppliers and users in the Cameron area (additional information on page 29).