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## **Police Department Completes Annual Report**

Springfield Police Chief Paul Williams characterizes 2012 as a year of "challenges and change" for the men and women of the Springfield Police Department. SPD has completed an annual department report that highlights the challenges of increasing criminal activity, as reported in the Uniform Crime Report, while featuring the department's aggressive efforts to reduce crime.

Included within this report are several changes that have taken place during 2012. Some of these changes range from the continuation of the department reorganization to the adoption of social media to better engage citizens.

The Springfield Regional Police and Fire Training Center also opened in 2012 and the department participated in a new community collaborative Crisis Intervention Team – a pre-booking jail diversion program designed to improve outcomes of police interactions with people who suffer from mental illness.

The annual report also reflects the efforts of the SPD in the form of crime statistics. Citizens will be able to look at the specific calls for service and crime data. These particular statistics include DWI investigations, methamphetamine labs encountered throughout the year, synthetic drug investigations, metal theft incidents, etc. In addition, citizens are able to see how the SPD is addressing these specific crime problems within the city.

The SPD encourages citizens to [download and review the report](#) (pdf), and welcomes feedback via the SPD website, at [www.springfieldmo.gov/spd](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/spd).

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