

# Public Safety Forum

## June 1, 2015



# Background

- 2010 Town sent out a bid for 24/7 patrols
- 2011 Town signs a (3 year, with 2 1-year extension option) contract with the St. Albans City Police Dept.
- 2012 Town signs a resolution to form the Police Advisory Board.
  - 4 Citizens, 1 Selectboard Member, Town Manager, and Police Chief

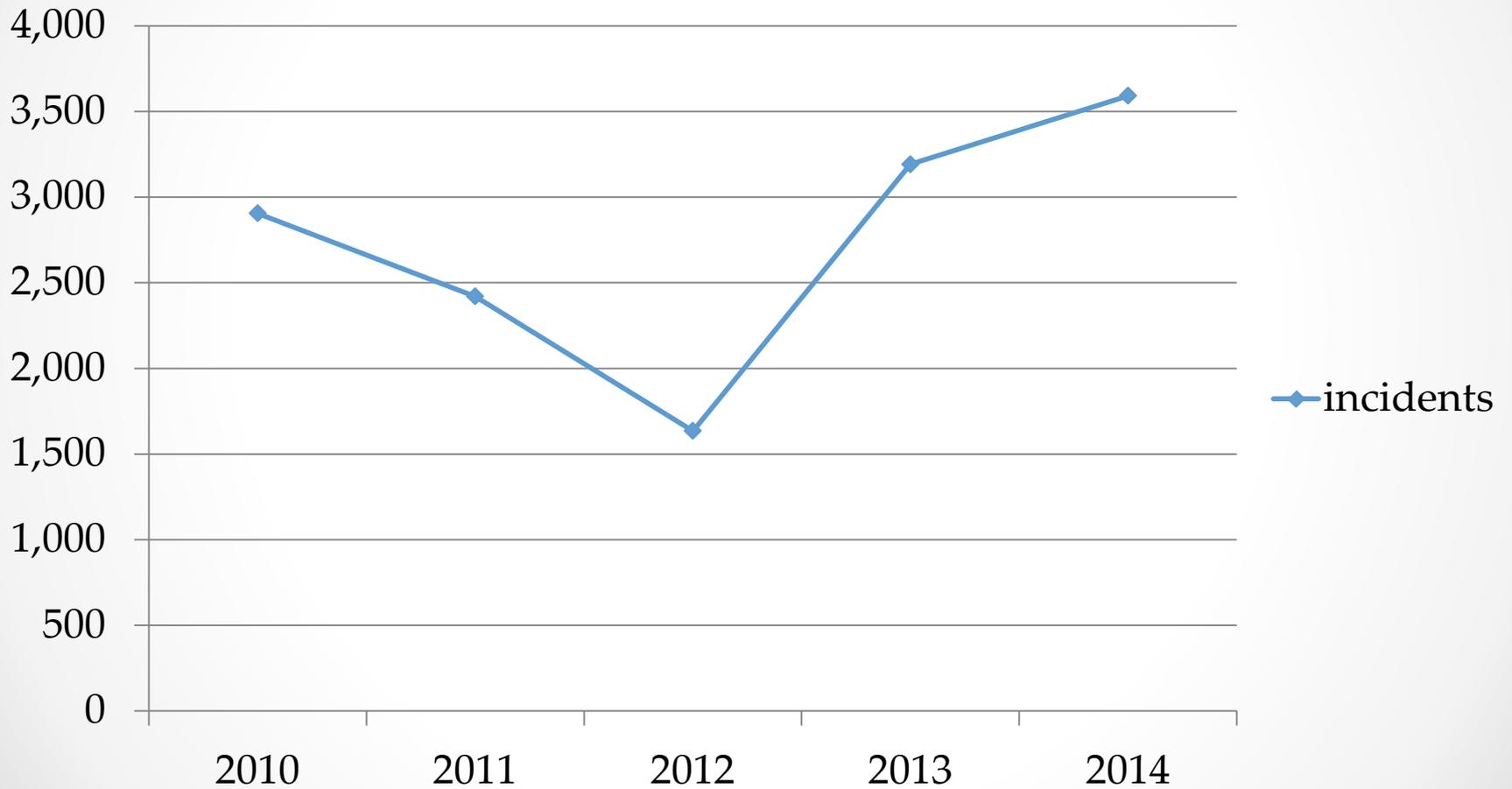
# Background cont'd

- 2013 Town studies public safety needs and hires VCLT Consultant and former Police Chief Doug Hoyt
- 2014 Town extends the St. Albans City Police Contract for last time, the contract ends 6.30.16
- The number of incidents begins driving public safety needs.
- It should be noted that in 2011-12, the City PD incident reporting system, had some tracking errors. See chart to follow.

# Incidents by Year

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2,905	2,420	1,635	3,191	3,591	n/a

# Incidents by Year



# PAB Seeks Information

- 2014-2015 Al Voegele on behalf of the Police Advisory Board seeks information from 14 municipal police departments via a survey
- PAB evaluates all Town options to include starting its own municipal department
- Survey assumes and develops costs of having a municipal police department for Town of 6,200, with up to 3,600 incidents or calls a year, w 11.4 officers.



# Report Results

- The costs for starting a town police department are cost prohibitive and could cost taxpayers 13 cents a year on the tax rate.
- It will take about 3 years to initiate its own town police department.
- Police Advisory Board recommends going out to bid for police services for a contract similar to existing contract (level of service).
- Town to hold a Public Forum Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> to hear public comments.



# Next Steps

- Request for proposals to be issued in June, 2015
- Selectboard plans to negotiate a contract after July 2015
- Town to use the next 2 years to determine if starting its own department is cost effective based on the 2015 bid results.

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