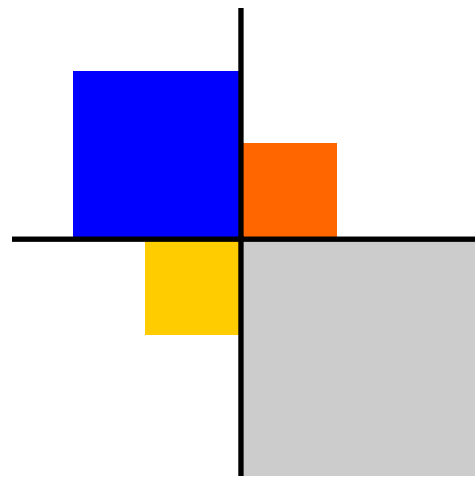


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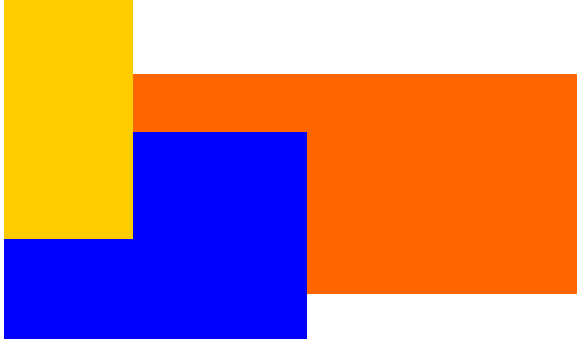
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Message from Chief Dillon

For the year ending 2009, statistics show a slight increase in overall criminal offenses. In comparison to previous years we show an increase in Identity Theft, Drug and Alcohol charges.

Here at the police department we have strived in keeping costs down due to budgets restraints without losing any services.

There were no big changes that occurred over the year, with the exception of adding a new crime report mapping that the residents of Amherst can access via the internet at www.crimereports.com.

We wish Ken Bring, Maureen Crawford, Robert Lockhart and Chip Ingersoll who have left our Auxiliary unit the best of luck in the future and thanks for their service.

New for 2009

- ◆ New Computer / Software received by a grant that helps enhance photographs.
- ◆ Digital Recording System installed in Detective Bureau from a generous donation from Amherst Eagles and American Legion.
- ◆ Replacement of one patrol cruiser and the purchase of a four wheel drive to be used in extreme weather.
- ◆ 2007 Ford Explorer, purchased using trade-in of seized vehicles, and old Ford Taurus from the Detective Bureau along with funds from the Law Enforcement Trust Account.
- ◆ Digital Video Recorder for Jail and Police Facility to replace the one that no longer runs. Funds from Law Enforcement Trust Account were used for this purchase.
- ◆ Hired New Part Time Officer Robert Hendershot Jr. Officer Hendershot comes with prior experience so he was easy to train.

AMHERST POLICE



2009 Roster

FULL TIME

Chief Lonnie Dillon

Captain Dennis Seger

Lieutenant Joseph Kucirek

Detective Sergeant Danny Jasinski

Sergeant Dan Makruski

Sergeant Mark Cawthon

Sergeant Brian Brancatelli

Patrolman Alex Molnar

Patrolman Harold White

Patrolman Luther Smith

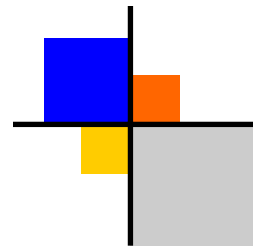
Detective John Balog

Patrolman Jacob Perez

Patrolman Mike Murphy Jr.

Patrolman Mike Rosebeck

Patrolman Eric Layfield

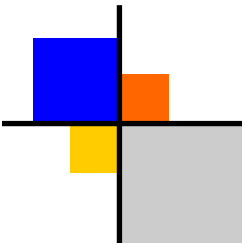


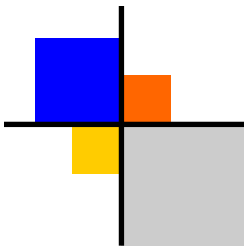
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Patrolman Troy Donaldson
Patrolman Kurt Oehlstrom Sr.
Patrolman Mike Taliano
Patrolman Zackary Horning
Patrolman Joshua McCoy

Dispatcher Teresa Antonopoulos
Dispatcher Keri Celik
Dispatcher Valerie Cruz
Dispatcher Nicole Cornwell
Dispatcher Jennifer Reichlin
Dispatcher Wilma Wiken

PART TIME

Patrolman Robert Lane
Patrolwoman Dianne Mahar
Patrolman Eugene Ptacek
Patrolman Les George
Patrolman James McCann
Patrolman Michael Failing
Patrolman Kyle Gelenius

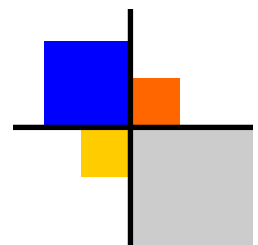


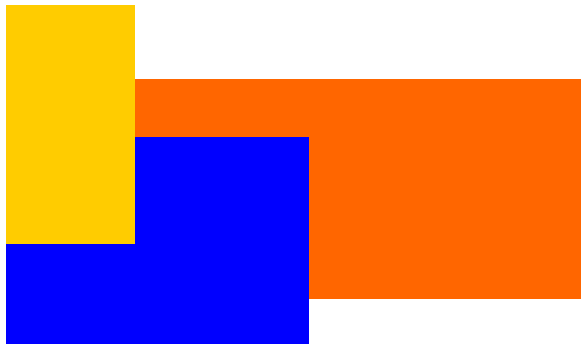


Dispatcher Maureen Crawford
Dispatcher Michelle Jahnsz
Dispatcher Christine Paterchak
Dispatcher Jessica Szuch

AUXILIARY

Kenneth Bring
Robert Rudolph
Maureen Crawford
Wilma Wiken
Charles Ingersoll
Robert Lockhart
Justin Fisher





2009 Response to Force

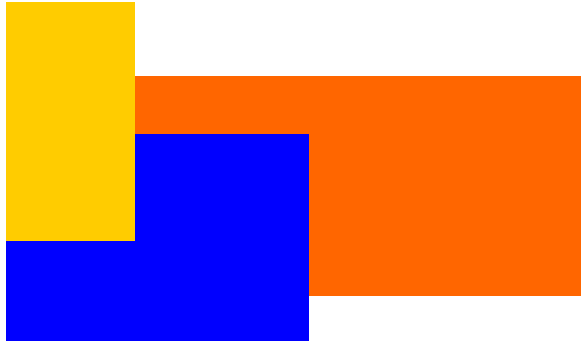
The Amherst Police Department reported 29 Response to Force reports for 2009. The following breaks down the types of responses to force, times, they occurred, and where they occurred. The total types of response to force implemented by Amherst Officer's totaled 70. This number is different than the actual reports because more than one type of response may have been needed to subdue a subject or more than one officer may have been involved in apprehending the suspect.

The following is a breakdown for each type of force used.

Balance Displacement	20
Display Weapons	10
ECD- new breakdown in 2005	
probes deployed	4
drive stun	5
ECD Displayed	1
Take Down	6
Striking Motor Points	11
Kicking	2
ASP	0
Joint Manipulation	10
Hand Strike	1

The following is a breakdown as to when a response to force was used according to each shift worked

0600-1400 hrs	2
1400-2200 hrs	6
2200-0600 hrs	21



2009 Response to Force

The following is a breakdown as to the location of the responses to force.

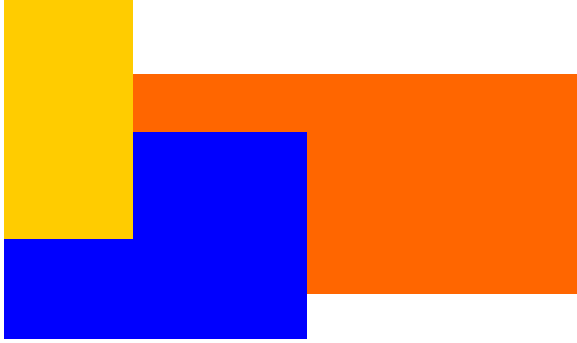
Residence	4
Business	0
Street/Highway	11
Restaurant	2
Jail	2
R. R. Tracks	1
Motel	0
Parking Lot	3
Inside Cruiser	0
Hospital	0
Alley	1
Bar	5
Park	0

The Amherst Police Department CAD System reported 10,418 total calls for service for 2009.

There were 5 minor injuries to suspects and 0 injuries to officers.

Submitted by

Capt. Dennis Seger



2009 Firearms Training & Qualifications

On May 18,19,20,and 21 we had firearms training with our handguns. We concentrated on training the officers on the Glock handgun. The nomenclature was reviewed and the basic firearm shooting principals were revisited.

Officers were taken through, drawing the weapon, getting on target (sight picture), trigger manipulation, and firing with speed and accuracy.

Officers were given special Glock weapons that fired simunition ammunition.

Instructors had set up traffic stop scenarios. Officers were advised to stop vehicles in different types of scenarios. Example are felony stops, traffic stop, and suspicious circumstances type stops. The instructors could change the scenario in mid stream to accommodate the officer's reaction to the traffic stop. Not all scenarios ended with the officer using his handgun.

The scenarios were made so the officers had to make decisions or choices on how the incident should be handled.

Example of these decisions: Use of the Taser, pepper spray, Asp, handgun, rifle, shotgun and or other means of controlling a suspect or victim of a crime.

Officers were also trained in shooting and moving techniques. After being shown these techniques the officers had to practice these techniques while using live ammunition and firing at targets.

On July 27 28, 30 and 31. we had Firearms qualification. On this date officers had to qualify on the state qualifications course. Our course is much more strenuous and complicated than the state course. Our course has been accepted by the Ohio State Peace Officers Training Academy.

Officers fired the M-4 Carbine, Glock 21 duty weapon, Remington 870 shotgun, Benelli 12 ga. shotgun. Plain cloths officers would also fire the Glock 30 firearm they carry.

Before each qualification the instructors advise the officers of safety rules and nomenclature of the weapons.

On these same dates the Amherst Police Auxiliary qualified with the 870 shotgun. The auxiliary qualify on the same shotgun course as the police officers.

November 9th, 11th, and 12th, we had qualifications for off duty weapons. Before the officers qualify they fire their duty weapons for accuracy and firearms manipulation.

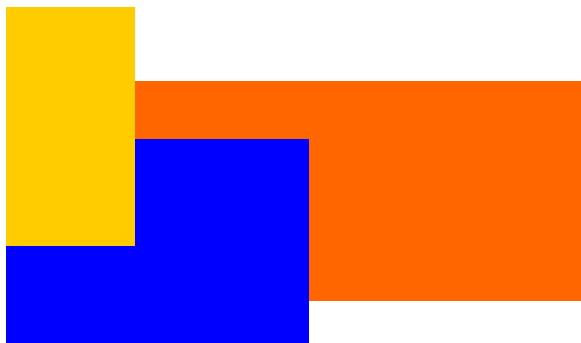
All officers of the Amherst Police Department are required to complete this firearms training.

Officers McCann and George were not available for this training. Officer McCann was deployed with the Coast Guard. Officer George was on sick leave.

On 09-22-09 Officer Rob Hendershot a newly re-hired part time officer was put through the Amherst Police firearms training and did qualify with the 870 shotgun, Glock 21 duty weapon and the M-4 carbine.

On 10-29-09 Officer McCann qualified with the Glock 21 duty weapon, 870 shotgun, and M-4 Carbine.

On 12-21-09 Officer George was back to work and qualified with the Glock 21 duty weapon, 870 shotgun, and M-4 carbine.



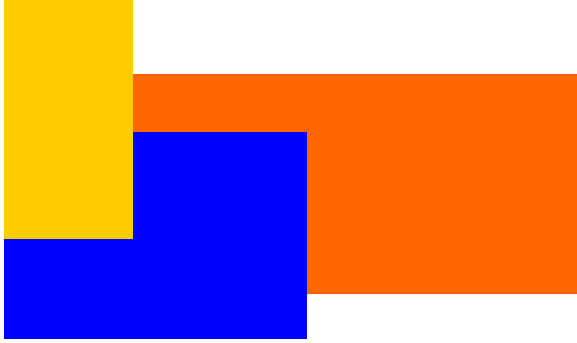
2009 Detective Bureau

Submitted by Detective D. Jasinski

The Amherst Police Detective Bureau investigated 178 cases in the year 2009. They are listed as follows.

Murder	1
Rape	4
Aggravated Burglary	3
Burglary	22
Robbery	3
Theft, Fraud, Forgery	64
Sex Offenses	22
Suicide	4
Suspicious death	1
Breaking and Entering	10
Arson	2
Auto theft	5
Abused Child	1
Telephone Harassment	5
Drug case	3
Criminal Damaging	1
Aggravated Menacing	1
Missing Persons	3
Receiving Stolen Property	2
Criminal Simulation	4
Miscellaneous	17

Seventy of the cases were cleared by an arrest or an indictment or the investigation was completed with no charges. Cases with arrest resulted in one hundred criminal charges against the perpetrators.



2009 Bike Patrol

The year 2009 with the Bike Patrol went smoothly, with the exception that the weather did not always cooperate with riding plans this year, as it seemed to have been slightly cooler with more rain events. Staffing was maintained at six officers and all rode at some point or another during the year. The Bike Patrol participated in all of the cities functions and most of the parades.

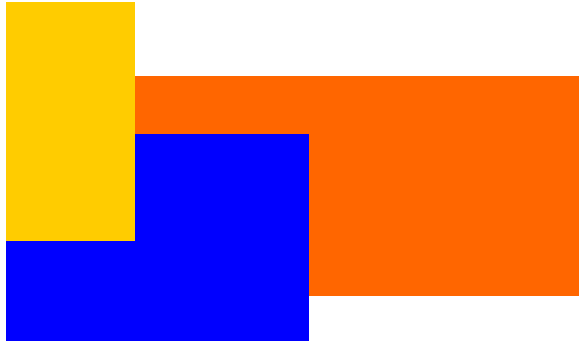
Goals Met for 2009

- ◆ Scheduled two four hour training sessions scheduled, unfortunately due to other operational scheduling commitments, they had to be cancelled.
- ◆ Maintained riding time during night shift, and afternoon shift, and increased ride time during the day shift.
- ◆ Continued to monitor and keep track of officer arrests made while actively on the bicycle
- ◆ Participated in all of the City's functions throughout the year (Parades, Jamboree, Skeleton Run etc)
- ◆ Spoke to groups about bicycle safety when called upon
- ◆ Continued working on the creation of a bicycle serial number program

Goals for the year 2010

- ◆ Continue the four hour bike training, hopefully being able to increase this to a monthly training, beginning in the spring and ending in the late fall, operational commitments permitting.
- ◆ Participate in all of the City's functions throughout the year
- ◆ Complete the bicycle serial number program, to assist in returning abandoned and stolen bikes to their owners.
- ◆ Create our own Helmet Smart Program similar to AAA's keeping it local
- ◆ Have officers wear bike uniforms for firearm training and include utilizing the bike for cover.
- ◆ Increase ride time during the day, afternoon and night shifts.

I anticipate that the year 2010 will be another great year for the Bike Patrol.



Auxiliary Police

Submitted by Aux. Rudolph

The following is the Annual Report for the Amherst Police Auxiliary Unit for calendar year 2009.

*All times do not include the final week of 2009, times are through 12-26-09.

The hours contributed by the entire unit cover a variety of events and details. Festivals such as the Amherst Jamboree and Dancing on Main Street, as well as city parades, and regular road patrols make up only part of the hours. A percentage of the hours worked by the Auxiliary Officers are with little notice, as they are often called to assist with power outages, serious accidents, downed trees, downed power lines, etc., and often in the middle of the night.

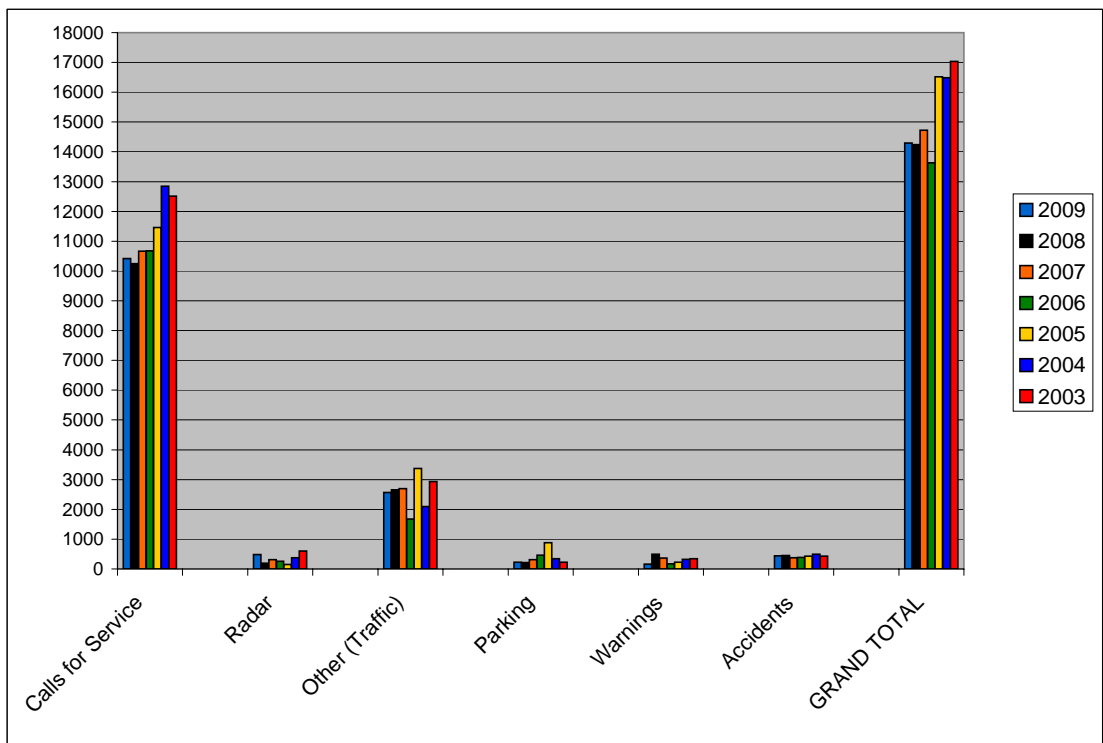
<u>Auxiliary Officer</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>
Auxiliary Lieutenant Ken Bring	127.22
Auxiliary Bob Rudolph	283.13
Auxiliary Maureen Crawford	1.18
Auxiliary Wilma Wiken	214.00
Auxiliary Chip Ingersoll	8.84
Auxiliary Justin Fisher	519.57
TOTAL UNIT HOURS	942.08

Year 2009 saw the departure of three of our auxiliaries. Ken Bring had announced his plans to step-down around the end of August. He was one of the charter members of the Auxiliary Unit and had stood as our longest serving member. Maureen Crawford and Robert Lockhart both left our unit in the fall of 2009 for personal reasons. Chip Ingersoll left due to his occupation and medical reasons.

This unit continues to exceeded expectations in all regards. Their professionalism and sense of duty remain exemplary. Members of the Amherst Police Auxiliary Unit volunteer their personal time to the City of Amherst in an effort to assist the department in keeping the city as trouble-free as possible. The time spent in this capacity is time taken away from their families and illustrates their dedication and passion for keeping the City of Amherst a safe and desirable place to live and raise a family.

2003 - 2009 Service and Enforcement Activity Totals

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Calls for Service	10418	10243	10662	10675	11462	12844	12508
Radar	485	198	313	254	145	381	603
Other (Traffic)	2571	2649	2699	1679	3374	2091	2931
Parking	223	215	316	467	880	349	221
Warnings	161	490	360	171	226	325	349
Accidents	437	449	375	385	427	491	426
GRAND TOTAL	14295	14244	14725	13631	16514	16481	17038

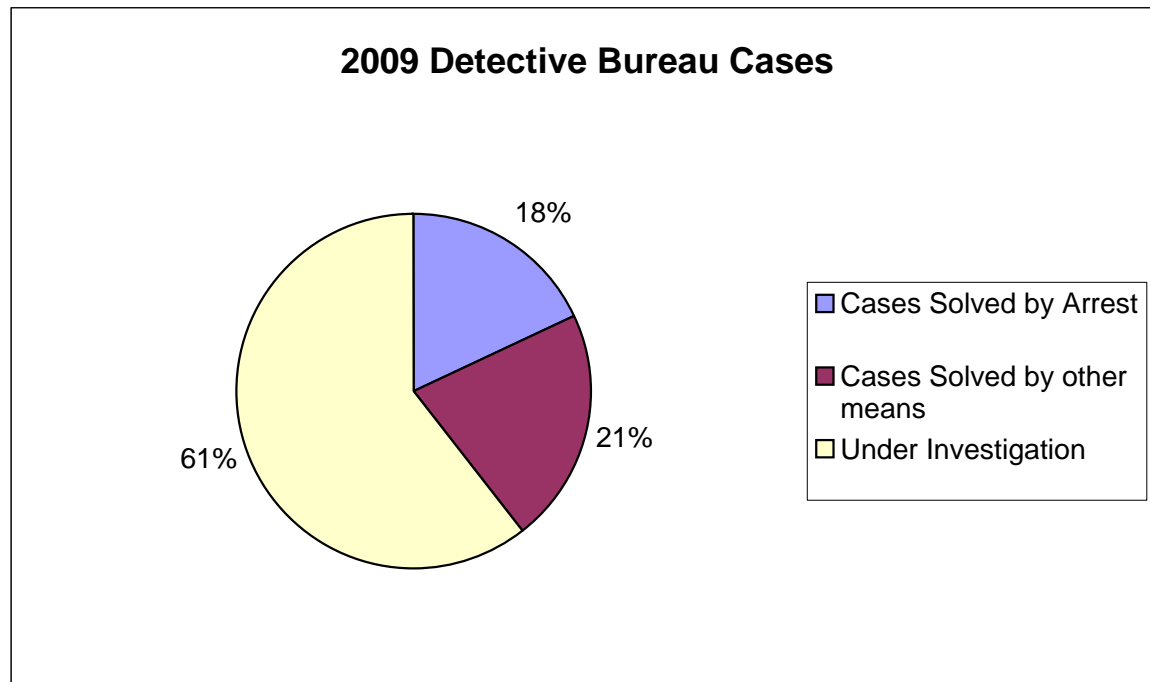


2009 ACTIVITY COMPARISON DATA

	Calls for Service	Adults Cited	Juveniles Cited
January	732	115	24
February	663	123	13
March	784	226	22
April	887	179	34
May	888	162	40
June	885	161	46
July	1123	309	69
August	1138	367	33
September	856	248	42
October	859	264	38
November	851	274	17
December	752	237	12
TOTALS	10,418	2,665	390

2009 AMHERST DETECTIVE BUREAU CASES

Cases Solved by Arrest	32
Cases Solved by other means	38
Under Investigation	108
TOTAL CASES	178



ADULT CRIMINAL OFFENSES ARREST COMPARISON REPORT

CRIMINAL OFFENSES:	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Grand Theft	4	3	1	2	2	4	7
Petty Theft - Shoplifting	64	58	45	99	77	52	48
Attempted or Complicity to Theft	13	6	12	15	11	9	6
Receiving Stolen Property	9	25	0	12	9	9	12
Passing Bad Checks	4	22	11	14	32	10	13
Forgery	3	33	4	22	13	14	29
Auto Theft - Unauthorized Use	0	1	1	4	4	6	1
Agg. Robbery - Robbery - Complicity	4	3	2	3	17	2	1
Breaking & Entering - Burglary	10	12	12	9	16	8	16
Felonious Assault	13	4	20	16	31	19	13
Simple assault	18	13	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
Extortion - Menacing	7	17	26	13	23	9	9
Homicide - Complicity	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Identity Theft	14	5	2	10	n/r	n/r	n/r
Rape - Sexual Imposition	2	12	1	0	9	1	0
Kidnapping Abduction	1	6	1	1	2	6	0
Public Indecency	1	1	0	3	1	1	1
Vandalism - Criminal Mischief - Damaging	19	24	12	11	7	17	17
Criminal Trespass - Trespass	24	11	7	7	10	55	3
C. C. W. - Discharging Firearm	16	9	8	12	17	10	9
Drug Offenses	317	256	365	419	369	370	186
Liquor Violations - Under Age Consumption	93	106	145	133	121	108	83
Open Container	32	32	84	52	62	82	61
Domestic Violence	24	16	22	13	28	27	22
Disorderly Conduct - Disturbing the Peace	84	70	102	111	108	89	29
Public Intoxication	107	93	76	15	9	21	2
Open Container in Motor Vehicle	5	10	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
Resisting Arrest - Fleeing	12	13	17	21	23	18	10
Assaulting a Police Officer - Abusing	4	4	1	3	5	6	0
Obstructing Official Business - Falsification	34	38	38	60	47	75	24
Barking Dogs - Animals Running at Large	3	7	5	10	11	10	4
Soliciting without a Permit	14	1	0	2	0	0	0
Unruly - Delinquent Child - Contributing	3	4	11	21	7	12	17
All Other Criminal Offenses	111	85	85	127	109	63	45
TOTAL	1069	1001	1116	1240	1180	1115	668

**n/r not reported seperately in previous years*

ADULT CHARGED TRAFFIC ARREST COMPARISON REPORT

TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENSES	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Speed	456	181	295	235	118	345	552
Expired, Suspended, No Operator's License	219	196	213	384	382	480	318
Failure to Control / Yield / Assured Clear Distance	113	96	108	97	111	175	143
Reckless Operation	19	32	22	15	24	14	20
Stop Sign	61	24	31	26	16	30	43
Red Light	54	33	41	61	37	84	68
Left of Center / Weaving Course	118	136	116	140	45	41	27
Improper Plates / Registration	93	114	116	192	179	242	235
Operating Vehicle Intoxicated / Physical Control	108	153	120	127	142	186	161
BAC	85	122	78	62	n/r	n/r	n/r
Railroad Obstructions	0	0	0	2	n/r	n/r	n/r
Prohibited Turn	51	47	37	54	29	16	11
Handicapped Parking	2	2	0	0	0	16	1
Seat Belt Violations	58	31	99	172	264	353	526
All Other Traffic Violations	159	180	172	251	370	339	278
TOTAL	1596	1347	1448	1818	1717	2321	2383

JUVENILE CRIMINAL OFFENSES ARREST COMPARISON REPORT

CRIMINAL OFFENSES:	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Grand Theft	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Petty Theft - Shoplifting	22	13	19	20	13	20	9
Attempted or Complicity to Theft	2	3	8	3	15	9	6
Receiving Stolen Property	7	1	9	4	2	1	2
Passing Bad Checks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Forgery	6	2	1	3	2	1	0
Auto Theft - Unauthorized Use	3	4	0	1	0	0	1
Agg. Robbery - Robbery - Complicity	0	0	8	1	0	4	0
Breaking & Entering - Burglary	6	4	12	7	10	10	10
Felonious Assault	2	2	15	4	20	7	7
Simple Assault	9	6	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Extortion - Menacing	6	5	5	0	8	0	4
Homicide - Complicity	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Identity Theft	3	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Rape - Sexual Imposition	1	4	2	0	1	0	0
Kidnapping Abduction	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Public Indecency	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Vandalism - Criminal Mischief - Damaging	25	10	21	21	17	7	4
Criminal Trespass - Trespass	3	14	32	19	10	0	9
C. C. W. - Discharging Firearm	2	1	13	4	1	1	1
Drug Offenses	31	41	41	60	58	43	23
Liquor Violations - Under Age Consumption	46	69	94	76	70	66	50
Open Container	2	1	11	0	0	1	5
Domestic Violence	10	7	11	8	3	2	3
Disorderly Conduct - Disturbing the Peace	2	9	23	24	21	18	4
Public Intoxication	2	3	9	0	0	0	0
Open Container in a Motor Vehicle	0	4	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Resisting Arrest - Fleeing	3	4	5	0	1	1	3
Assaulting a Police Officer - Abusing	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Obstructing Official Business - Falsification	10	29	21	6	11	8	2
Barking Dogs - Animals Running At Large	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soliciting without a Permit	0	0	nr	nr	nr	nr	nr
Unruly - Delinquent Child - Contributing	99	152	167	115	185	95	99
All Other Criminal Offenses	14	34	32	57	41	20	27
TOTAL	316	422	559	435	494	316	273

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JUVENILE CHARGED TRAFFIC ARREST COMPARISON REPORT

TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENSES	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Speed	28	18	26	19	18	36	57
Expired, Suspended, No Operator's License	4	8	10	7	12	17	9
Failure to Control / Yield / Assured Clear Distance	6	7	10	17	10	13	25
Reckless Operation	7	3	6	6	3	1	3
Stop Sign	3	8	5	1	8	5	9
Red Light	2	4	2	4	7	5	8
Left of Center / Weaving Course	4	5	2	4	1	0	0
Improper Plates / Registration	2	1	6	10	6	11	6
Operating Vehicle Intoxicated / Physical Control	3	3	2	3	0	6	3
Blood Alcohol Content	1	1	1	0	n/r	n/r	n/r
Improper Turn	1	0	3	2	3	4	0
Handicapped Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seat Belt Violations	3	2	2	10	23	18	21
All Other Traffic Violations	10	17	12	32	30	18	14
TOTAL	74	77	87	115	121	134	155

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2003 - 2009 Traffic Accident Comparison Data

Accidents	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
January	39	51	36	31	44	55	41
February	31	39	42	36	24	35	49
March	29	42	25	25	33	36	38
April	42	25	37	37	33	45	26
May	47	50	19	32	34	36	38
June	29	23	32	35	38	50	31
July	39	38	32	20	35	35	26
August	31	38	41	35	34	34	29
September	38	31	39	32	26	36	38
October	29	23	30	37	43	40	27
November	37	38	42	24	35	31	38
December	46	51	52	41	48	58	45
TOTALS	437	449	427	385	427	491	426

2009 Traffic Crash Severity Comparison

	Without Injury	With Injury	Private Property	Fatality	Monthly Total
January	26	4	9	0	39
February	16	2	13	0	31
March	14	5	10	0	29
April	22	2	18	0	42
May	23	4	20	0	47
June	11	4	13	1	29
July	25	6	8	0	39
August	17	4	10	0	31
September	21	9	8	0	38
October	16	3	10	0	29
November	29	2	6	0	37
December	30	4	12	0	46
Year Total	250	49	137	1	437

