

Middleton Police Department 2009 Annual Report

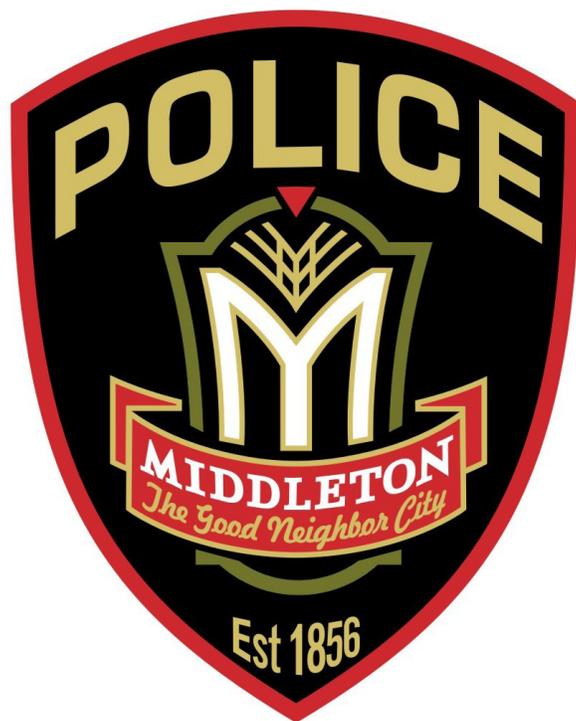


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 City Administrator Mike Davis
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 Police Commission Members
 Public Safety Committee Members
 Citizens of Middleton

February, 2010



On behalf of the members of the Middleton Police Department, I am pleased to present you with the Department's Annual Report for the year 2009.

2009 was another busy year for our Department. Our **calls for service increased again in 2009, up by 6% over calls in 2008.** I am pleased to report that our concentrated effort to reduce crime, particularly in the area of thefts, paid off as we experienced **an overall decrease in crime of 25% in 2009.**

As you may recall we experienced a significant increase in crime, particularly in the High School, in 2008. We worked with High School staff to find ways to reduce crime, particularly theft, in the school. As a result, crimes in the High school were **reduced by 42% in 2009.** We also experienced a **reduction in burglary (34%)** and **thefts from vehicles (41%)** in our community in 2009.

We conducted another community survey in 2009 and were pleased to learn that **91% of the respondents reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the performance of our Department.** We learned that the community still sees speeding as the number one problem in our community. We addressed those concerns in 2009 by starting a **Motorcycle Traffic Unit** that was used to concentrate on enforcement and by enlisting members of our newly created **Volunteers in Policing Program** to help us with a **Speed Watch Program.** This program enlists volunteers to monitor speeds in residential neighborhoods where we receive complaints. Overall, the Department **issued 27% more citations in 2009.** Another possible effect of our increased enforcement and education efforts was a **decrease of 11% in reported traffic accidents.** The results of the survey can be viewed on line at our web site.

We continue to explore ways to help keep our children safe and worked with the School District to start the **GREAT program** (Gang Resistance and Education Training) in our Middle School in 2009.

Construction of the **new Police/Municipal Court** facility started in 2009 and we are still on track to move into the new facility in late April of 2010. We pursued a number of grant opportunities in 2009 which helped us purchase more **Electronic Control Devices** (TASERS) and new narrow-band radios that will comply with the FCC mandates for 2013. We will continue to be on the lookout for grant opportunities in 2010. **Some of the initiatives that we are planning** in 2010 include providing access to **crime maps** to residents and visitors to our web site, expanding the **GREAT** program to include a block of instruction during the summer, and using **Voice Recognition Software** for report writing to help ease the workload of the clerical staff.

If you have any questions regarding this report, or if you would like to learn more about the Department, contact us at 827-1000 or through the our web site at www.middletonpd.com.

Sincerely,

Brad

Brad J Keil
 Chief of Police



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Middleton Police Department is "to make a positive difference in the quality of life in our community."

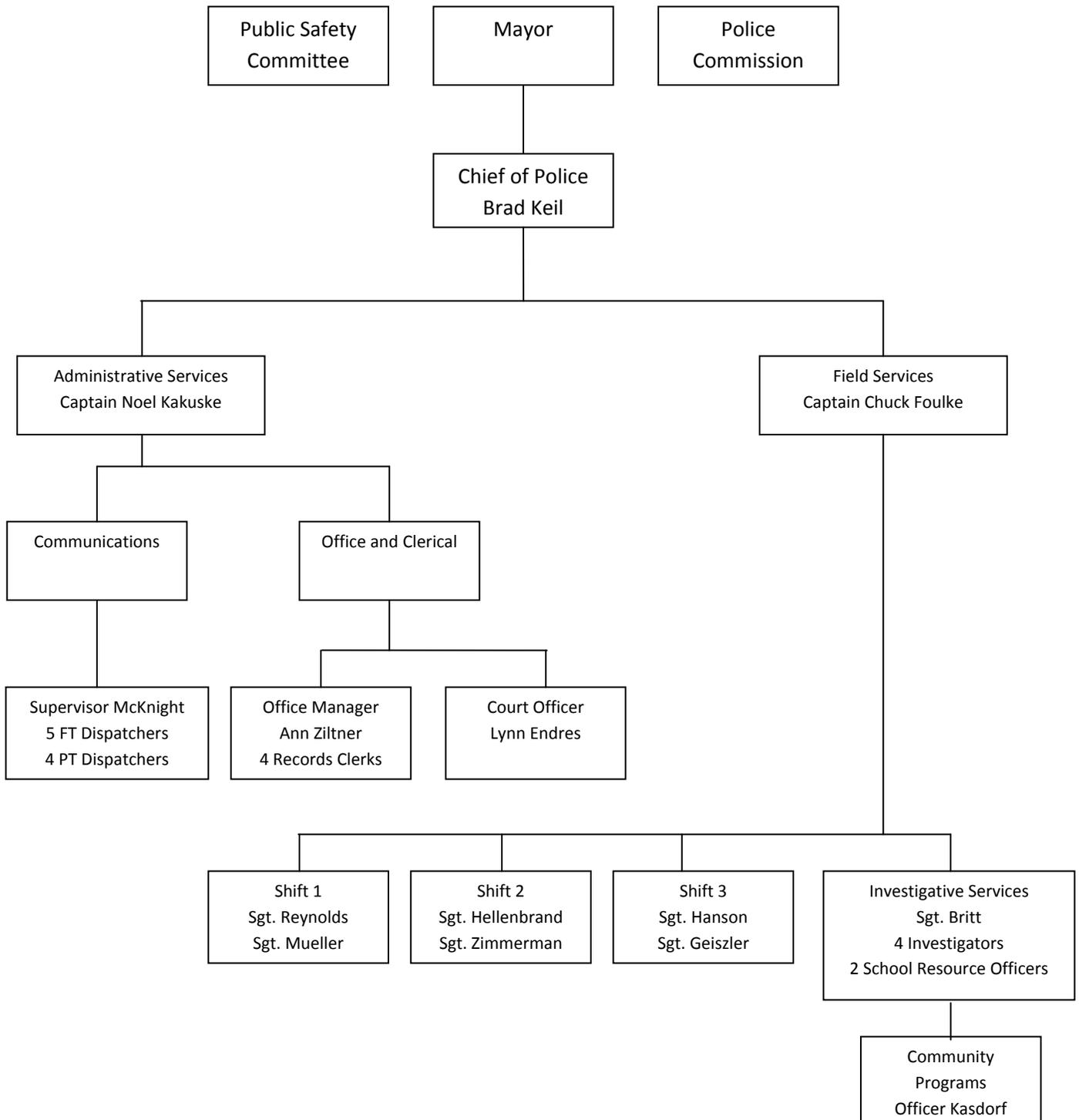


We will accomplish our mission by:

- ▲ **Partnering Proactively** with stakeholders in our community in order to **Identify and Solve Problems** that are of mutual interest to the police and the community;
- ▲ **Protecting** the Constitutional **Rights** and Personal Freedoms of all citizens;
- ▲ **Maintaining** Order;
- ▲ **Facilitating** the safe movement of persons and vehicles;
- ▲ **Mediating** and **Resolving** conflicts
- ▲ **Aiding** those in need;
- ▲ **Promoting** a sense of **Security** and helping citizens to feel safe;
- ▲ **Enforcing** laws and ordinances;
- ▲ **Apprehending** and Assisting in the prosecution of offenders;
- ▲ **Reducing** victimization and the opportunities for Crime;
- ▲ **Providing** emergency **Service**; and:
- ▲ **Constantly Evaluating** our **Effectiveness** in carrying out our mission.



Middleton Police Department 2010 Organizational Chart





CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

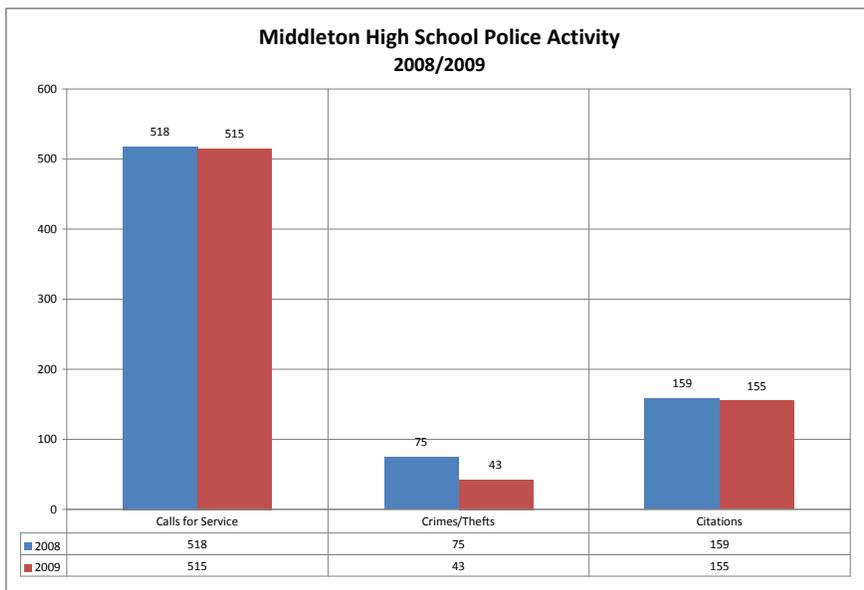
MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL



Since the early 1990's, the Middleton Police Department has partnered with MHS by placing a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) in the high school. The primary goal of the SRO program is to bridge the gap between law enforcement and students and to increase positive attitudes towards law enforcement. At MHS, the SRO also strives to partner closely with school staff on a daily basis to solve any issues that arise. The MHS SRO has an office in the high school and works there daily, handling any police-related incidents that occur, and also striving to focus on positive student interaction. One of the ways this is accomplished is by having the SRO appear in classrooms and instruct students on law enforcement topics, such as a unit on drugs and alcohol in health classes, as well as 4th and 5th Amendment issues in social studies. Through June of 2009, Officer Jeremy Geiszler was assigned as the SRO at MHS. However, over the summer he accepted a promotional opportunity within the Police Department, so consequently Officer Travis Kakuske took over the position effective at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

Historically, the Middleton High School (MHS) is one of the busiest locations in the city with respect to police call activity. With over 2,000 students and staff members in one place, this level of activity is to be expected. In 2009, there were 515 total police calls for service at MHS. This includes all police activity, from helping a student who may have locked their keys in their car to investigating any disturbances that took place. Also in 2009, there were 43 crimes investigated at MHS and 155 tickets issued. Crimes included incidents such as theft or any type of assault, and the most common tickets issued at the high school included loitering, truancy, and disorderly conduct.

One of the biggest challenges at MHS in 2009 was investigating and trying to lower the unprecedented number of thefts that were occurring. Most commonly, students were reporting the theft of their unsecured cell phones, iPods, calculators, and other valuables from the locker rooms. In early 2009, Officer Geiszler teamed with the administrative team at the high school to come up with solutions to the problem. One such solution was to create a video, directed towards students, encouraging them to always secure their valuables. The video provided tips for students to better protect themselves, and also educate them on the legal and school consequences for stealing.





After taking over the SRO position in the fall of 2009, Officer Kakuske continued with these efforts to lower the number of thefts. As part of this initiative, Officer Kakuske addressed parents at the freshmen orientation and also began placing notices in backpacks found unattended in locker rooms, reminding students to secure their things. Officer Kakuske also reached out to students about this issue via the school's morning video announcements, the Parent Connection newsletter, personal contacts, and also encouraging gym teachers to remind students about theft. As a result of efforts by Officers Geiszler and Kakuske, as well as school administration, **Middleton High School saw a 43% drop in crime and thefts from 2008 to 2009.**

KROMREY MIDDLE SCHOOL

2009 was another busy year for the Kromrey Middle School Resource Officer (SRO) and was filled with many changes. Officer Jill Tutaj finished her three-year term as the School Resource Officer at the end of the 2008-2009 school year and in September 2009, Officer Matt Sherry began his three year assignment.

The Kromrey Middle School position includes Kromrey Middle School and also the three elementary schools in the City of Middleton.

In the spring, the SRO works with the social workers from the elementary schools and does a review session of the Keeping Safe Program. This is a class which teaches protective behaviors to kindergartners through fourth grade. While doing the review, the officer also covers summer safety tips to the students.

Also in the spring semester, the SRO does a computer safety class for all fifth and sixth grade classes. This is a program that was received from Net Smartz. It is an interactive safety program which teaches students methods of being safe on the internet.



In September, SRO Matt Sherry began his assignment at Kromrey Middle School. SRO Sherry was sent to an 80-hour training to teach a program called G.R.E.A.T. to all sixth grade health students at Kromrey. The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. The goal of the G.R.E.A.T. Program is to help youth develop positive life skills that will help them avoid gang involvement and violent behavior. G.R.E.A.T. uses a community wide approach to combat the risk factors associated with youth involvement in gang-related behaviors. The lessons included in each curriculum are interactive and designed to allow students to practice positive behaviors that will remain with them during the remainder of their development years. Since the G.R.E.A.T. Program went nationwide in 1992, many law enforcement agencies and schools from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam have implemented the program. Currently, the G.R.E.A.T. Program is delivered in over 500 communities across the United States.

During the first full week of school at Kromrey, the SRO went into all of the sixth grade classes to speak with the students regarding being a police officer. Questions ranged from the uniform of a police officer to what it's like to be a police officer. Starting the following week, the SRO began teaching the G.R.E.A.T. program. The program was taught in nine classes and ran for 13 weeks. It was finished up with a graduation ceremony from the program. The program was successful and seemed to be enjoyed by the students.



During the 2009-2010 school year, the SRO continued to attend weekly and monthly meetings. The SRO also attended a staff meeting to provide information on mandatory reporting for child abuse. The SRO also continued to teach Keeping Safe to elementary students, kindergarten through fourth grade.

In 2009, Officer Kakuske also initiated the "Quick \$50" tips program at MHS. This program is organized by Madison Area Crime Stoppers and is geared towards generating tips about drugs and weapons in schools. With this program, students can anonymously provide information to the SRO, which may result in a \$50 cash reward if the reported items are seized. So far, the program has been very successful at MHS, as many tips have been received. One anonymous student did receive a cash reward for providing information that resulted in the recovery

of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at school.

Comparing 2008 and 2009, MHS saw a comparable number of total police calls for service, although the number of thefts decreased dramatically. There were 518 calls for service in 2008 at the school, compared to 515 in 2009. There was also a slight decrease (-2.5%) in the number of tickets issued at the school in 2009. The most dramatic change was the crime and theft rate, which dropped 43%. See the chart on the previous page for a further illustration of these statistics.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

KROMREY TASER DEMONSTRATION

On March 13, Middleton Police visited the 8th grade science class at Edward G. Kromrey Middle School to give a presentation on Tasers. Police explained how Tasers work and their use in law enforcement. Students were given a demonstration as the officer fired the Taser into a stationary target.



(Greenway Station) gave a timely presentation on "Surviving Today's Economy."

SAFE ASSURED MEDIA EVENT

On April 23, Middleton Police gave a demonstration of their new ID system at the Senior Center. Local pre-school children had ID's taken, and a local news station covered the event.

JAYCEES EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 5, Middleton Police braved the cold and snow to participate in the Jaycee's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeview Park. Despite the uncooperative weather, a good time was had by all.



SAFE ASSURED AMERICAN GIRL



DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (DBA)

EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 11, Middleton Police and McGruff participated in the 1st Annual DBA Easter Egg Hunt at Firemen's Park. Under much more favorable weather conditions, over 200 kids showed up to hunt for eggs and meet McGruff, Scoopie (Culver's mascot) and the Easter Bunny.



MBW SPRING SEMINAR

Middleton Business Watch hosted their spring seminar at City Hall. Guest speaker Chuck Oglesby from RED Management



On April 23, Middleton Police used their new Safe Assured ID system for employees' children at American Girl. American Girl and Mattel donated funds for the purchase of the system and the kits. The kits provide a digital record of a child's picture, video, audio and medical information on a secure mini-CD for parents.



KIWANIS KID'S DAY



On May 2, Middleton Police attended the Annual Kiwanis Kid's Day at Lakeview Park. An officer brought a car and Special Event Team (SET) crowd control/search warrant gear for the kids to see.

BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

On May 17, Middleton Police gave a presentation on child safety for the Susan G. Komen fundraiser at the Marriott Hotel.



BIG EVENT

On June 13, Middleton Police and VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) assisted downtown with the newly revamped Big Event. VIPS performed crossing guard duties and provided event information and directions to the large crowd.



FAMILY VIDEO CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

On June 20, Middleton Police, Fire and EMS had vehicles on display to interact with customers.



SCATZ MOM FUNDRAISER

On June 28, Middleton Police joined Fire and EMS to help support SCATZ with their fundraiser for Middleton Outreach Ministry.



THE LITTLE GYM "WHO'S YOUR HERO"



On June 29 through July 3, Middleton Police gave a presentation to campers on police service, calling 911 and safety. Battalion Chief Brad Subera gave a presentation on fire safety. The campers then got to tour a police car and fire truck and get their pictures taken.

4TH OF JULY PARADES

Middleton Police led parades in the Northlake, Stonefield and Middleton Hills Neighborhoods. Neighborhoods need to apply for parade permits through the City of Middleton.



EAA PANCAKE BREAKFAST



On July 12, Middleton Police and McGruff attended the annual fundraiser at the Morey Field Municipal Airport. Kids were able to meet McGruff and sit in a real police car. There was a long line for pancakes due to the tremendous turnout.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 5, Middleton Police held our fifth annual National Night Out celebration at Lakeview Park. There was a record community turnout. Once again officers from numerous law enforcement agencies were on hand with their vehicles, horses and K9s to meet with the public.

Both the National Guard Blackhawk and Med Flight helicopters flew in and landed at the park. New for this year was the DCSO armored vehicle. The Police Chief and City Administrator took a swim in the dunk tank, while children played in the bounce house and families enjoyed the great food from Rick's Catering. The children got gift bags and won door prizes which included bicycles, bike helmets and a UW autographed football. A special thanks to the members of Middleton Fire Company No. 1 and Springs Window Fashions for helping to fund the event. Also thanks to all of the Senior Center volunteers and the VIPs.

Middleton Police also attended the Fitchburg, Waunakee and Sun Prairie National Night Out events and in return they attended ours.

SWIM AND GYM

On August 13, Middleton Police gave a presentation to campers from Swim & Gym at Keva Sports Center.



UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

On August 28, Middleton Police and McGruff participated in the United Way of Dane County's Annual Day of Caring at Lakeview Park. The kids got to meet McGruff and tour a real police car. The kids enjoyed an afternoon of good food and activities. Several large mouth bass were caught in the pond to everyone's amazement.



GOOD NEIGHBOR FEST

VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) helped with the mini-parade on Friday, August 28 and the big parade on Sunday August 30. VIPS helped maintain control at intersections normally manned by police officers. This resulted in a significant overtime cost savings for the Police Department, as well as allowing several officers to have the parade off and not have to work.



BANK MUTUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

On September 11, Middleton Police and McGruff greeted customers at the bank along with the Middleton Fire Department.



NSI FAMILY SAFETY DAY

On September 12, Middleton Police, West Bend Mutual Insurance and the Dean Foundation sponsored the 3rd Annual Family Safety Day at the new Middleton Fire and EMS facilities. Participants included Harbor Athletic Club, MG&E, Middleton Senior Center, Oompa Toys, St. Mary's, Dane County Humane Society, Middleton High School, Liberty Mutual, Willy Bikes, Gonstead Chiropractic, The Gatekeeper, Independent Living, Nanny Connections, Middleton Fire and Middleton EMS. Guest speaker Glen Loyd gave a presentation on consumer fraud, EMS taught CCR (compression-only CPR, also known as cardiocerebral resuscitation) and Dean and Safe Kids inspected car safety seats.



COSTCO INTERNATIONAL SAFETY WEEK

Middleton Police had a squad on display and Halloween safety handouts for customers on September 15 in celebration of International Safety Week.



MHS HOMECOMING PARADE

On October 2, Middleton Police and VIPS provided traffic control for the Second Annual High School Homecoming Parade. MHS football players were able to ride on the Fire Department's brand new aerial ladder truck. There appeared to be more mini-floats, participants and watchers.



THIRD GRADE TOURS

On October 13, third grade students from Sauk Trail Elementary School toured the Police Department and City Hall. On October 16, third grade students from Northside Elementary School did the same. Students were taken through the dispatch center



and secure processing areas.



SHOP WITH A COP



On December 6, Middleton Police Department employees volunteered their time to take local disadvantaged youth shopping for their families at Target East with donated funds. A present-wrapping pizza party was held at the VFW before the children and their presents were returned home.

MBW FALL SEMINAR

On October 20, Middleton Business Watch hosted their fall seminar at City Hall. Guest speaker Attorney Brody Richter gave a presentation on the new federal "Red Flags" law and its impact on local businesses.



SENIOR CAR CLINIC

On October 24, Middleton Police and VIPS assisted the Middleton Senior Center's Safety and Crime Awareness Network (SCAN) with their Annual Senior Car Care Check-up at Middleton Ford. Hours were extended to accommodate all the seniors who signed up.



CULVER'S FUNDRAISER

On November 3, Middleton Police Officers served food to customers at Culver's. Culver's donated a portion of their sales to the Police Department's Community Awareness Fund which funds Shop with a Cop, National Night Out, Citizens' Academy, VIPS program, G.R.E.A.T. and more.



VIPS APPRECIATION DINNER

On December 2, Middleton Police Officers volunteered their time to serve a fine Italian meal to the VIPS volunteers in appreciation for all their efforts. The event included door prizes and awards.



POLICE DEPARTMENT TOURS

The Police Department regularly provides tours and safety presentations to the public on request. In 2009, the Department hosted over 18 tours for a total of over 360 guests. Most tour requests come from local Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

CITIZENS' ACADEMY



For ten weeks from April 1 through June 3, Middleton Police held their Sixth Annual Citizens' Academy. Twelve students, including city officials, stay at home moms, retired persons, school officials, local business employees and a high school student, completed classes in Defense and Arrest Tactics, Traffic Law, Investigations, Drugs and Gangs, Emergency Vehicle



Operations Course, Firearms and more. For their community service project, the class helped prepare the site for the new community garden. A graduation ceremony was held at the Middleton Senior Center with assistance from the VIPS.

STOP AND SEAT

Middleton Police continue to use child safety seats, donated by the Dean Foundation and ATC, as an alternative to issuing child safety seat citations. Drivers are given a loaner seat and the opportunity to join Dean's "Every Ride a Safe Ride" program to avoid a ticket.



CRIME PREVENTION NOTICES

Middleton Police issue notices to residents and businesses informing them of possible crime risks that they observe in the community.



SCAN

The Middleton Police Department continues to partner with Middleton Senior Center's Safety and Crime Awareness Network.



SPEED WATCH

Volunteers in Police Service members were trained in the use of portable radar units. VIPS monitored traffic at numerous locations in the city, recording vehicle speeds. Vehicles traveling in excess of 8 miles per hour over the speed limit (5 miles per hour in school zones) were sent warning letters by the Police Department.



SAFE ASSURED ID

The Middleton Police Department has a state of the art digital identification system purchased with funds donated from American Girl and Mattel Toy Store. The system can be used for children, adults and seniors. It produces a digital record of photo, video, audio and personal information on a secure mini-CD. The information on the CD is encrypted and can only be accessed by law enforcement. The CD can be presented to any law enforcement agency in an emergency.

VIPS VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

The Middleton Police Department has over 35 active volunteers. Volunteers assist with special events, fund-raising, weather radio sales, police recruit testing, Speed Watch, Safe Assured ID and more. Members of VIPS serve on the Middleton Volunteer Partnership Board (MVP Inc.) which oversees and manages the VIPS program.



MIDDLETON BUSINESS WATCH PARTNERSHIP



The Middleton Business Watch has over 300 members with seven members serving on the MBW Board. The MBW was founded in 2004 to alert local businesses to crimes and also provide relevant training through biannual seminars. In 2009, seminars were on "Surviving Today's Economy" and the new federal "Red Flag" law.

WITH WINGS AND A HALO BACK PACKS



Middleton Police officers distribute donated back packs with books to children in crisis.

PEDESTRIAN FLAG CROSSINGS



The Middleton Police Department has partnered with Safe Communities to provide orange pedestrian flags at dangerous crossings. New flags were installed this year on Clovernook Road, Maywood Avenue and Parmenter Street.



CRIME PREVENTION SURVEYS

The Middleton Police Department takes requests for crime prevention surveys from local residents and businesses. Police will conduct a physical survey and provide a report and suggestions on how to improve security.



VACATION CHECKS

Middleton residents are encouraged to notify the Police Department when they are on vacation for an extended period of time. The residence will be checked periodically while the owner is gone and it is valuable to have contact information in case there is a problem.





2009 TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT

2009 was a busy year for our traffic enforcers. There were several special enforcement projects together with the usual directed traffic patrols and the implementation of an entirely new program for the Department. Our one-year grant for OWI patrols ended in September.

There were 409 accidents reported in 2009 compared to 453 in 2008, a 9.7% reduction. Middleton officers issued citations at 85% of accident scenes, which is the highest percentage among the larger Dane County law enforcement agencies.

Top nine intersections for traffic accidents

(Total accidents with those that involved an injury in parentheses)

	2008	2009
University/Parmenter	14 (3)	14 (4)
University/Park	9 (1)	10 (3)
Allen/Century	10 (2)	9 (2)
University/Cayuga	7 (0)	11 (1)
University/Deming	13 (3)	4 (1)
University/Hwy 12 E	7 (0)	9 (1)
Century/Q	7 (2)	7 (1)
University/Bristol	10 (3)	3 (1)
Century/Donna/FLW	1 (1)	5 (3)

Directed traffic patrols encompassed 590 hours. Speeding, seat belt usage and stop sign/signal violations were the most frequently targeted offenses. Actual enforcement numbers were:

- Speeding - 479 citations with 151 warnings
- Seat Belt violations - 145 citations with 13 warnings
- Stop Sign/Signal violations - 73 citations with 28 warnings
- Registration - 58 citations with 109 warnings
- OAR/OAS - 56 citations
- Equipment - 1 citation with 57 warnings
- Driver's License violations - 14 citations with 4 warnings
- Failure to yield to Pedestrian - 1 citation with 4 warnings
- Failure to yield - 3 citations with 4 warnings
- OWI - 2 citations
- Inattentive - 2 warnings,
- Lane Deviation - 4 warnings
- Failure to Notify DOT of Address Change - 3 citations with 1 warning
- U-Turn - 1 citation with 2 warnings.

Municipal citations were

- Obstruction 2
- Underage Alcohol 2
- Disorderly Conduct with Motor Vehicle 1

- Possession Marijuana 1
- Possession Drug Paraphernalia 1.

In addition, warrants were served on three people.

July was the first month in which seatbelt violations were subject to primary enforcement where officers may stop a vehicle based on occupants not wearing seat belts, rather than the past practice of secondary enforcement where there had to be another violation for an officer to stop a vehicle. Statistics nationwide have shown that primary enforcement states have a significantly higher percentage of seatbelt users as well as lessened rates and severity of injuries in accidents. In 2009 officers wrote 1,179 seat belt violation citations compared to 498 in 2008, a 236% increase which should translate to fewer injuries and deaths of Middleton drivers. Statewide seatbelt usage went up from 74.8% of vehicle occupants to 80%. Middleton has always had a somewhat higher percentage than the state average.

The Department's officers wrote 4,013 Speeding citations in 2009, compared to 3,001 in 2008. This is a 34% increase.

Citations in 2008 and 2009

	2008	2009
OWI citations:	551	609
Operating While Under Influence of Drugs,	8	13
Absolute Sobriety	15	22
Causing Injury by OWI	6	4

That is a 10% increase of OWI arrests over 2008.

Our \$10,000.00 OWI grant project resulted in 193.5 hours spent on 25 patrol dates, resulting in 221 traffic stops with 188 citations and 118 warnings being issued. There were 33 arrests for OWI.

Once again we participated in the nationwide Click It or Ticket campaign which was unfunded again this year. During the two week period, 92 Seat Belt violation citations were issued.

Our involvement in the unfunded Over the Limit Under Arrest campaign during August resulted in 11 OWI citations, 19 OAR/OAS citations, 4 Open Intoxicant citations, 6 Registration citations, 44 Speeding citations with 19 warnings as well as 2 Obstructing and 1 Possession False ID arrests.

Sgt. Mueller attended the periodic Dane County Traffic Commission meetings. The Commission is mandated by statute and includes members from Safe Communities, traffic engineering, EMS, fire departments, Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies. This forum provides an excellent opportunity to learn of the innovative methods being utilized by other government bodies and to share our experiences in the field of traffic safety.



Unfortunately no one was able to attend the annual Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety due to budget constraints. This is the first time in years that the Middleton Police Department was not represented there.

Mark Walther and Sgt. Mueller were able to attend the local traffic incident management meetings held at the Madison eastside DOT offices. Representatives of fire, EMS, DOT, traffic engineers and law enforcement attend to learn about the best practices of how to safely set up an accident investigation zone and minimize the time required to clear such incidents.

Summer saw the Green-Yellow-Red campaign for motorcycle safety once again being held in Middleton. This program has proven to be a winner as the National Highway Safety Administration has endorsed it and recommended that it be implemented in other states as well. The Middleton Police Department played a large role over the first three years of this fine program.

Safe Communities again had its annual Slow Down campaign and the City of Middleton again took part in this driver education program to remind drivers of the presence of children.

Middleton implemented a Motorcycle Officer program in 2009. Quaker Steak and Lube stepped forward to fund the purchase

of a Harley Davidson Electra Glide police motorcycle and the training for Officer Mike Wood. He completed the course in March, in April we took delivery of the motorcycle and in May he began patrol, handling an accident and writing a citation out of it in his very first hour of patrol. His enforcement productivity exceeded expectations.

The Motorcycle Officer program received much positive recognition. A local television story did a prime time news story, spending about two hours with Officer Wood. The Wisconsin Journal and Middleton Times-Tribune had stories on the program as well. In addition, the nationally distributed magazine "The Mounted Officer" had a full page story with a photograph about our program. That magazine is distributed to all motorcycle officers in the nation. The fall issue also had a story about the annual Safe Harbor Ride which ended at Quaker Steak and Lube in Middleton and included a photograph that had our motorcycle in it. We hope to get another officer trained in 2010 so that the motorcycle can be utilized to its fullest extent.





OPERATIONS DIVISION

FIELD SERVICES

FIELD SERVICES ACTIVITY

In 2009, the Middleton Police responded to 20,337 calls for service; 9,142 were field initiated and 11,195 were dispatched. Officers issued 6,130 traffic citations and 1,869 warnings, and they made 367 criminal arrests and investigated 367 crashes.

This compares to 2008 when the Middleton Police responded to 19,132 calls for service; 8,157 were field initiated and 10,975 were dispatched. Officers issued 4,808 traffic citations and 1,768 warnings, with 389 criminal arrests and investigation of 469 crashes.

PERSONNEL

The organization of the Middleton Police Department is divided into two divisions, Administration and Operations. Administration is commanded by Captain Noel Kakuske, and the Operations Division is commanded by Captain Charles Foulke. Operations consists of uniformed patrol and investigative services, which includes detectives, school resource officers and community services.

UNIFORMED PATROL

The authorized strength of the Middleton Police Department is 36 sworn officers. This breaks down to the Chief, two Captains, seven Sergeants, four Detectives, two School Resource Officers, one Community Awareness Officer and 19 Patrol Officers.

In mid-year, the supervision of the patrol division was increased from five Sergeants to six, with the promotion of Sergeant Jeremy Geiszler. The total of six patrol Sergeants allowed the Department to assign two Sergeants to each shift (1st detail: 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM: Sergeants Reynolds and Mueller; 2nd detail: 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM: Sergeants Hellenbrand and Zimmerman; 3rd detail: 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM: Sergeants Hanson and Geiszler). This ensures that there is a supervisor on duty for each shift virtually 24 hours a day, every day. The Department mandates supervisory coverage from 3:00 PM to 7:00 AM every day (1st detail typically has a supervisor working even if the shift commander is on vacation, sick or in training and the officers on this shift are the most veteran in the Department). Typically, on a nine day rotation, two Sergeants will be working the same shift on three days. The Department has found this overlap to be beneficial so that one Sergeant can concentrate their activities in the field and

supervise officers while the other Sergeant can concentrate on administrative or collateral duties.

In 2009, the minimum staffing levels for 1st detail was three officers, for second detail three officers and a Sergeant and for third detail three officers and a Sergeant. By mid-year, it was evident that the City was in the midst of a budget crisis and the Department looked closely at reducing overtime costs. A committee of administrators, supervisors and officers looked at a variety of solutions, including going from eight hour shifts to twelve hour shifts as well as changing some officers to cover shifts (for example 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM or 7:00 PM to 3:00 AM) and flexing these officers (within the bounds of the collective bargaining agreement) to cover shift shortages. By year's end, the decision was made to move into 2010 using the cover shift/flexing method to address the overtime issue. The Department saw a net increase of officers in late 2009 because officers successfully completed their Field Training and were placed on solo patrol and will also see an increase in 2010 with the return of Officer Ken Smith who was deployed to Iraq in 2009, the return of two officers from family leave and one officer currently in Field Training, but expected to go to solo patrol in the spring.

It is hoped that the new staffing method, as well as the increase of officers available for patrol assignment, will reduce the overtime expenditures significantly as well as have officers on patrol during times when demand for citizen requests for officers are at their most critical.

NEW OFFICERS

Four new officers joined the Middleton Police Department in 2009:



Officers Moen and Riffenburg are shown above, reciting the Law Enforcement Oath of Office, administered by Chief Keil. The officers were sworn in on Tuesday, April 7, as their friends, family, co-workers and elected officials looked on.



On April 6, 2009, Kathleen Riffenburg and Scott Moen joined the Middleton Police Department.

Kathleen Riffenburg joined the Middleton Police Department by way of the Bakersfield, California Police Department, where she was an officer for over six years. Prior to her employment at BPD, Kathleen was a Naval Corpsman and received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Hawaii. Kathleen relocated to the Middleton area with her 12 year old son, Micah.

Scott Moen was born and raised in LaCrosse and is a 2005 graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Scott worked for the Whitewater Police Department for two years prior to coming to Middleton.

Both Officers Riffenburg and Moen successfully passed their four month Field Training (paired with veteran officers specially taught to train new officers) in August. The officers are on probation for 18 months and will still be mentored by a Field Training Officer and will participate in a problem-based learning exercise combining community policing activities while working with apartment complex management, city staff and community based organizations.

On April 21, 2009, Jesse Sellek joined the Middleton Police



Officer Jesse Sellek receives congratulations from Mayor Kurt Sonnentag (left) and Chief Keil (right).

Department. Officer Sellek previously lived in Henderson, Nevada where he served as a Patrol Officer with the Henderson Police Department. He is a graduate of Western Illinois University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Jesse grew up in northern Illinois and has family there and in the Madison area.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Jesse's family, Middleton employees and elected officials. Officer Sellek successfully passed his four-month Field Training in September. He will also be on probation for 18 months, will be mentored by a Field Training Officer and will participate in the problem-based learning exercise.

Officer Julie Normann joined the Middleton Police Department on Monday, October 5, 2009. Officer Normann grew up in the Grafton, Wisconsin, area and has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and a minor in Spanish from Concordia College. Officer Normann graduated from the Fox Valley Technical College Police Academy in April of 2009.

Officer Normann is expected to be in Field Training until the spring of 2010.

The addition of Officer Normann brings the Department up to its full authorized strength of 36 sworn officers, although at year's end, the Department was missing four officers, one deployed to Iraq, two on extended family leave and one in field training.

In September, Officers Stroik and Quamme completed Phase 5 of their Field Training. The officers accomplished a problem-based learning exercise. Each officer was assigned an apartment complex and instructed to work closely with apartment management and tenants to learn what problems



On October 7, Officer Normann was sworn in as a police officer by City Clerk Trish Amble. She is shown above receiving the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor plaque from Chief Keil. The swearing in ceremony was attended by Officer Normann's family, friends, members of the Police Department, city staff and elected officials.



and issues they were experiencing and then work with fellow officers, city staff and community agencies to try to solve these problems. Officer Stroik was assigned to the Outlook Point Apartment Complex and Officer Quamme to the Arbor Lakes Apartment Complex. The officers presented their findings to members of the Field Training teams as well as to members of the Police Department administration and alders for the respective complexes.

Officer Chris Formby successfully passed his probationary period in June of 2009.

Officer Stroik successfully passed his probationary period in November of 2009.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

Investigative Services includes Detectives, School Resource Officers and the Community Services Officer. The division is commanded by Sergeant Steve Britt.

The Middleton Police Department has four detectives, Craig Faga, Patty Faust, Dave Haselow and Dan Jones. The fourth position is a rotating one. Detective Jones will rotate back to patrol in early 2010 and be replaced by Officer Kim Olson.

Jill Tutaj and Jeremy Geiszler finished their terms at Kromrey Middle School and Middleton High School respectively in June. Two new SRO's, Matt Sherry and Travis Kakuske, began working in the schools at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year in September.

Officer Dave Kasdorf completed his second year as the Community Awareness Officer. Dave is in charge of all proactive programs.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN 2009

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

In December 2008 and January 2009, the Middleton Police Department conducted another round of alcohol compliance checks. The purpose of this effort was to determine the degree to which licensed establishments complied with laws relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage persons. In July of 2007, the compliance rate was 33%, and in December of 2007, 85%. The current round of 34 checks yielded a compliance rate of only 47%.

On December 1, 2008, all licensed establishments in the City of Middleton were notified in advance by letter that compliance checks would be done. Two citizen volunteers, one 19 and the other 20 years old were used. No attempts were made to misrepresent the volunteers' ages or to distract the business employee. If requested, the volunteers provided their actual Wisconsin photo driver's license which clearly indicated that they were not of legal drinking age. The Wisconsin driver's license was printed vertically, indicating they were under the legal drinking age at the time of issuance, and also had the date

that they would be 21 years old clearly printed on the front. If questioned by a business employee, the volunteers verbally provided their actual age. The volunteers worked under the supervision of police officers and were under continuous observation.

Eighteen persons were cited for selling alcoholic beverages to an underage person, which is a \$361.00 fine. They may also face sanctions from their employers. The City's alcohol licensing committee reviewed the compliance check results.

MI09-290, 01/09/09, Denny's Restaurant, Robbery

The High School Resource Officer learned of a robbery/drug deal gone bad that occurred in the parking lot of Denny's Restaurant. A 17 year old Middleton man was arrested for Strong Armed Robbery and two counts of Intimidating a Victim.

MI09-719, 02/01/09, 4:30 PM, Middleton Airport, 8300 Airport Road, Bomb Threat

An employee at the Middleton Airport discovered what appeared to be a pipe bomb taped to a fuel tanker truck parked next to two in-ground fuel tanks in the taxi-way of the airport. The device was a 6" metal pipe, capped at both ends with wires coming from each end to a battery taped to the middle of the pipe. Police, Fire and EMS were notified and staged a safe distance away. The airport was closed, Airport Road was closed and two nearby businesses were evacuated. A command post was established and CV-1, a mobile command post, was requested. The Dane County Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team responded to the airport. Agents from the FBI, ATF, WI DCI and TSA responded to the command post site. EOD removed the device from the fuel tanker and it was taken further out on the runway and rendered safe. The device was determined to be a hoax device. The Middleton Police Department and FBI jointly investigated this case. A person of interest has been identified, but the case is still pending awaiting lab results.

MI09-763, 02/04/09, UW Medical Foundation, 7974 UW Health Court, Protest

A group of Madison area medical providers were contemplating providing late term abortions at a facility in Madison. University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics scheduled a Board of Directors Meeting at their Middleton facility to vote on the matter.

Information was gathered which indicated up to 1000 people may show up to demonstrate or counter demonstrate the vote. Because of a past history of conflicts between the opposing groups, the Middleton Police Department requested the assistance of the Dane County Sheriff's Department Special Events Team and officers from the University of Wisconsin Police Department. The mobile command post, CV-1, was utilized and approximately 80 police officers were staged in the facility. The majority of the officers were unseen by the public, but nearby and ready to assist if needed. The event went off without violence or arrests and both sides were able to express their point



of view.

MI09-935, 02/11/09, 1:40 AM, 6200 block of Middleton Springs Drive, Arson and Burglary

Police and Fire were notified of a trailer on fire near a residence on Middleton Springs Drive. Middleton Fire Department was able to put out the fire, but it also caused damage to the residence. Investigation revealed the fire was deliberately set and that numerous items were stolen from the trailer. Twenty-three year old Christopher Ripp of Middleton was subsequently arrested and charged with Arson and Theft.

MI09-990, 02/13/09, 5:26 AM, 3600 block of Valley Ridge Road, Arson, Reckless Endangerment

Police and Fire were notified of a fire at the rear of an occupied duplex on Valley Ridge Road. The fire was quickly knocked down by Middleton Fire Department. Police and fire investigators quickly determined that the fire was deliberately set. Investigation revealed that this was just one of a series of events which occurred in Dane County that evening including a fight, stabbing, two vehicle chases and two incidents of shots fired in Middleton, an arson fire in Cross Plains and an arson fire in Madison. Nineteen year old Collin Tubbs and 23 year old Christopher Ripp were arrested and charged with 39 felony counts for the crime spree throughout the County. Both subjects pled guilty in a plea bargain and received substantial jail terms.

MI09-1771, 03/16/09, 3:31 PM, Phillips 66, Armed Robbery

A man entered the convenience store, produced a pistol and robbed the store of money. He ran out on foot and then got on a moped.

MI09-2588, 04/15/09, 3:34 PM, 5400 Century Avenue, Theft from Vehicle

Neighbors reported seeing three men breaking the window of a car. It was determined that a number of items were taken from the car including a cell phone. The investigating officer called the stolen cell phone number and pretended to be the victim. He told the person who answered the phone that his cell had important business numbers in it and offered to pay the person \$600.00 to return it. Incredibly, the suspect agreed. They agreed to meet at the McDonald's in Shorewood Hills, where two of the men were taken into custody by officers and detectives. Marshaun D. Williams, 27, and Victor Uscanga, 17, both of Madison, were charged with numerous crimes.

MI09-2579, 04/15/09, 3:18 AM, Capital Ice, Burglary

Capital Ice reported two burglaries earlier in the month. Police put a portable alarm and video in the business. The alarm went off and the police observed the suspect inside, but he was able to exit before a perimeter could be set up. Officers were able to get a plate number as the suspect sped away and arrested him later in the morning. Nineteen year old Deon Howard, Madison, was arrested for two counts of burglary.

MI09-5469, 07/30/09, 1:22 AM, Hody Bar, 1914 Aurora Street, Robbery

A man said he was approached by two men in the bar and then went outside with them. He said they robbed him after threatening him with a gun (which he did not see). Lessie Stewart of Stoughton was identified as one of the suspects and was arrested in Waterloo, Iowa, and was extradited back to Wisconsin.

MI09-6116, 08/23/09, 2:00 AM, 6300 Pheasant Lane, Reckless Endangerment

Middleton Police were called to Meriter Hospital at 7:15 AM to interview the victim of a stabbing who had come to the emergency room on his own. Investigation revealed that a 21-year-old male had been involved in an argument with his 18-year-old girlfriend, Rachel E. Geffers, in their apartment in the City of Middleton. During the argument, Geffers got a knife from the kitchen and stabbed the male once in the chest causing a puncture wound about two inches deep. The male drove himself to a relative's residence, and the relative drove him to the hospital. Geffers was booked at the Dane County Jail on a charge of First Degree Reckless Injury-Domestic Related.

MI09-6400, 08/31/09, 11:36 PM, Family Video, Armed Robbery

On 08/31/09, at 11:36 PM, Middleton Police were dispatched to Family Video, 5430 Century Avenue, for the report of an armed robbery. The suspect displayed a black semi-automatic handgun and demanded money. The clerk provided an undisclosed amount of money and the suspect fled southbound, last seen headed toward the Overlook Pointe Apartment Complex.

MI08-7571, 11/21/08, 5100 Block of Brindisi Court, Homicide (heroin overdose)

In November of 2008, a 25 year old Middleton man died of a heroin overdose. This death and two subsequent heroin overdose deaths resulted in the development of a multi-jurisdictional heroin task force. Agents from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, D.E.A., Dane County Sheriff's Department, McFarland, Sun Prairie, Deforest and Middleton Police Departments comprised this team.

This major investigation spanned ten months and eventually linked a group of eight Chicago street gang members to the heroin delivery organization. These individuals were responsible for the vast majority of all heroin sold in Dane County for the past several years. Detectives were able to establish this group's involvement in the three overdose deaths, dozens of additional overdoses and more than six kilos of delivered heroin.

This investigation resulted in the execution of numerous federal search and arrest warrants in early August. Two of these high risk warrants were executed in the City of Middleton. The investigation into this elaborate drug organization is continuing to date.



The case should conclude with indictments in United States Federal Court in the coming months. The death of the Middleton man has resulted in homicide charges against Nathan Kimbrough of Madison.

MI08-7029, on-going through 2008 and 2009, Fargo Court, Stalking

On October 28, 2008, an adult female resident of Fargo Court in Middleton reported a series of ongoing harassment issues. The harassment began with inappropriate e-mail correspondence and the apparent tampering with a home computer. Over the next several months, the harassment continued to escalate. The suspect began leaving vulgar notes, pouring trash onto the victim's yard and eventually damaging property of the victim and her friends.

Middleton Police Detectives installed surveillance cameras and began periodic manned surveillance in the neighborhood. While conducting the physical investigation, detectives also drafted several subpoenas and conducted an investigation into the paper trail left by the suspect.

After several months of ongoing harassment and escalating damage, Patrick Machovec was eventually identified as a suspect in this case. On 04-10-09, Middleton Police Detectives executed a search warrant on the Machovec residence in the city of Madison.

As a result of this warrant, detectives gathered evidence of Machovec's long term stalking of several different former girlfriends in the Dane County area. Detectives also uncovered evidence of Machovec producing dozens of unlawful pornographic videos.

The investigation into this on-going situation concluded in September of 2009 with a request to the Dane County District Attorney's Office for over a dozen felony computer, stalking and unlawful pornography charges to be drafted.

MI09-7393, 10/05/09, 7:45 AM, Branch Street Retreat, Burglary

Police were called to the Branch Street Retreat at 7:45 AM, where an employee reported that when she entered the business to clean it, she interrupted a burglary and was physically attacked by the suspect. By viewing video recordings, it was determined that a burglary had occurred, but that it had occurred much earlier in the morning. It is unknown why the woman fabricated the story about being attacked, but charges are pending for Obstructing a Police Investigation against her. As for the burglary, the suspect cut telephone lines to prevent the police from being notified of a burglar alarm (which also disrupted service to about 75 nearby residences and businesses). This is at least the fifth similar bar burglary where telephone lines have been cut in the Dane County area this fall. Middleton detectives are working with their counterparts from Madison and the Dane County Sheriff's Department on this

case.

DRUG RELATED ARMED ROBBERIES

The Dane County area has seen an increase in armed robberies this fall, with Middleton being no exception. Middleton Police investigated four armed robberies in October.

Luckily, no one was injured in any of the armed robberies here, but an armed robbery in Madison had a tragic ending when the suspect pointed a pistol at a Madison Police Officer and the suspect was shot and killed by the officer. Middleton investigators have worked closely with other area law enforcement agencies.

Three of the four Middleton armed robbery cases have been cleared by arrest or a suspect has been identified. One common theme seen in these cases is that the suspects are addicted to heroin. The Middleton Police Department has seen an increase in heroin-related crimes for about the last year.

MI09-7400, 10/05/09, 3:17 PM, Milio's, Armed Robbery

A masked man entered Milio's sub shop, produced a handgun and robbed the store. A suspect has been developed in this case, but not formally charged at the time of this report.

MI09-7430, 10/06/09, 11:47 PM, PDQ, 2002 Parmenter Street, Armed Robbery

A masked man wearing a hoodie entered the convenience store, displayed a handgun and robbed the store. Luke Whitehead, 22, of Madison, was arrested on Armed Robbery charges. Kelly Whitehead, 21, of Madison, was arrested for Party to the Crime: Armed Robbery (get-away driver).

MI09-7639, 10/13/09, 8:45 PM, PDQ, 6519 Century Avenue, Armed Robbery

A suspect wearing a Halloween mask told the clerk he had a gun and demanded money.

The suspect fled on foot with money. Investigation revealed that the clerk and the suspect were roommates. Quinn McConnell, 22, of Waunakee, was charged with Armed Robbery. The clerk, 23 year old Kisha Shaw, of Waunakee, was charged with Party to the Crime: Armed Robbery. Middleton detectives served a search warrant at the Waunakee residence and located evidence of numerous residential burglaries. Investigation continues.

MI09-7828, 10/20/09, 9:30 PM, McDonald's, 2626 Allen Boulevard, Armed Robbery

A suspect entered McDonald's, said he had a gun and demanded money. When another employee came into the restaurant, the suspect fled without obtaining any money.

MI09-8566, 11/17/09, 12:32 PM, Pheasant Branch Conservancy, Lewd Behavior

Two women walking in the nature preserve came upon an adult male masturbating. He asked the women if they wanted



to join him. They declined and called the police. An 18 year old male was arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior.

MI09-8642, 11/20/09, 12:58 AM, Scatz Nightclub, Weapons Violation

Employees of Scatz nightclub observed an argument between two men over a pool game. One man pulled up the front of his shirt, displaying the butt of a pistol. The man was kicked out and the police were notified. A Cross Plains man was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, the gun was a facsimile weapon.

MI09-8976, 12/03/09, 8:25 PM, 2600 Block of Branch Street, Homicide

On 12/03/09, the bodies of 32-year-old Tracy Judd and 23-month-old Deja Adair were located in the trunk of a vehicle which had been left in an apartment parking lot in the 2600 block of Branch Street. The bodies were originally discovered by Madison Police officers and detectives, investigating another homicide case where an adult female and her daughter were also murdered.

Middleton police officers and detectives worked with their counterparts at Madison Police Department and the Dane County Sheriff's Department to fully investigate the case and identify a suspect. Tyronne Adair was determined to be responsible for the murders of four people. His body was found near Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, on 12/07/09, dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

2006 SHOOTING WRAPPED UP

On July 23, 2006, a Middleton resident was shot in the leg in the parking lot of the Arbor Lakes Apartment complex in what was determined to be a gang-related shooting. After a lengthy investigation, the last defendant was convicted after a four-day jury trial in early December. Miguel Miranda Lopez, Pablo Alozando, Jose Marquez and Victor Cervantes have been convicted of 1st Degree Reckless Endangerment and Discharging a Firearm from a Vehicle at a Person (Party to the Crime).

BAR ISSUES

In 2009, the Police Department dealt with two problem nightclubs.

In April, the Department warned management of Scatz, 2248 Deming Way, that the high number of call activity was in violation of Middleton's Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. Management from Scatz and the Police Department worked together and prepared an abatement plan. In the opinion of the Police Department, the abatement plan did not work so on September 30, Scatz was brought before the City Council in a special session to determine if the business was a Chronic Nuisance and to determine what course the city would take in the future. After testimony, the City Council ruled that Scatz was a Chronic Nuisance, that in the future, after three calls in a month, Scatz would be charged for police services and that Scatz would be billed for the cost of police services between the date of the first Chronic Nuisance warning and the Council meeting, an amount over \$1,800.00.

There have been sporadic calls for service at Scatz since, but the volume of calls, violence and the need for police resources has decreased.

In September, the Department sent a notice to Club XS (formerly Pachuco's), 8152 Forsythia Street, notifying management that the high number of call activity was in violation of Middleton's Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. An abatement plan was developed between the Police Department and management of Club XS, but because of continued calls for service at the nightclub of a violent nature, the Department requested that the City Council suspend the club's liquor license. Prior to a hearing, Club XS agreed to close for a two week period, which included New Year's Eve and to abide with the Abatement Plan.

On a positive note, police staff worked with representatives of area establishments serving alcohol to come up with standardized best practices, especially during special events.

DEPARTMENT SURVEY

The Middleton Police Department developed a community survey form to determine what concerns the citizens have and how the Police Department is meeting their needs. A total of 600 survey forms were hand-delivered by Middleton Police Officers to businesses, homes and apartments in August and September. Over 300 survey forms were returned and tabulated. The results are available on the Department's web site. This survey was sponsored and paid for by the William Sonny Simon VFW Post #8216.



2009 MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

5 years: **Mike Wood** (03/24/2004) and **Brad Keil** (05/01/2004)

10 years: **Troy Hellenbrand** (02/08/1999)

15 years: **Steve Britt** (07/12/1993)

20 Years: **Greg Dixon and Jerry Raffel** (04/24/1989)

MIDDLETON POLICE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS



Middleton Police Department Field Training Team: Sgt. Terry Hanson, Officers Rob Engelhart, Greg Dixon, Jerry Raffel, Rich O'Connor, Donna Hamilton, Jeremy Geiszler, Mike Wood and Travis Kakuske. The Field Training Team is tasked with the important duty of training newly hired officers to be Middleton Police Officers. The officers they train range from highly trained and experienced veteran officers who have transferred to the Middleton Police Department, to officers who just graduated from college and have no police experience. Field Training lasts an average of four months, with constant supervision after that for the duration of the time they are on probation (18 months). The Field Training process is intense, both for the new officer and the trainer. The Middleton Field Training Team trained four new officers in 2009.

Jerry Raffel

Jerry has been a Middleton Police Officer since 1989. Jerry was the School Resource Officer for Middleton High School for three years, ending his assignment last June. Jerry has been a positive role model for the youth of the community, not only as an SRO, but also in his role as an Assistant Basketball coach for the Middleton High School and youth football coach. Since returning to patrol, Jerry has worked proactively in the community and joined the Field Training Team.

Jill Tutaj

Jill became a Middleton Police Officer in 2001 and is currently wrapping up a successful three year tenure as the School Resource Officer at Kromrey Middle School. Jill has worked effectively with students, teachers, administrators, staff and parents of students in the elementary schools, the middle school and the high school. Jill has truly touched many lives. Jill is also to be commended for her work in organizing and participating in Shop With a Cop, Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, and volunteers for Meals on Wheels.



Chief Keil and Mayor Sonnentag commend Jill Tutaj for her service



Chief Keil recognizes Dan Jones

Dan Jones

Dan joined the Middleton Police Department in 2002. In the summer of 2008, he was assigned to the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, a group of Federal, State, County and Municipal law enforcement officers assigned to investigate drug trafficking and gangs in Dane County. Webber, as he was nicknamed in the drug unit, initiated an investigation which resulted in an indictment of Donita J. Thomas in US Federal Court. Thomas has been charged with six counts of distributing crack cocaine and one count of possession of 5 grams or more of crack cocaine with the intent to deliver. Thomas faces a maximum sentence of 40 years.

Although the drug unit wanted Dan to stay with them, he came back to the Middleton Police Department and has been the lead detective on a number of significant cases since his return.

Chief Keil (left) congratulates Jeremy Geiszler who was promoted to Sergeant, effective July 1, 2009. Travis Kakuske who was assigned to Middleton High School as the SRO and Matt Sherry who was assigned to Kromrey Middle School, effective in the fall of 2009. Mayor Sonnentag (right) also attended the ceremony.



Chief Keil (left) and Mayor Sonnentag (right) present Linda Kessenich with her recognition

Linda Kessenich

Linda has been a Records Clerk with the Middleton Police Department since 1985. Linda's quest for excellence has led to a records management system that is the envy of other departments because of its accuracy and lack of repeat entries. Linda's typing and grammatical skills make us all look good. Linda has worked closely with Global Records, the records management system used by Middleton, Fitchburg, Sun Prairie and Verona Police Departments and is a member of the user group committee which advises the company on upgrades and improvements.

Linda is also a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.



Gwen Ruppert receives her award from Chief Keil and Mayor Sonentag

Tom Adler and Gwen Ruppert

Both Tom and Gwen are part-time Dispatchers for the Middleton Police Department. Tom has been with the Department since 1985 and is a full-time Lieutenant with the Madison Fire Department. Gwen has been with the Middleton Police Department since 1991 and is a full-time detective with the Dane County Sheriff's Department. Part-time dispatchers have a challenging role to fill: the shifts are often short notice, odd hours, and have to somehow mesh with the full-time jobs and "free time" in their lives. One of the biggest challenges for a part-time dispatcher is the ever changing domain of the communication center. Technology is constantly changing, personnel is added, the city is growing, the center is getting busier and often the shifts they work are separated by days or weeks. Yet Tom and Gwen remain steady, dedicated dispatchers and are eager to help when needed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION MIDDLETON GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD



Mark Kruck:

On July 19, 2009, Mr. Kruck was in his yard when he observed a vehicle slow down and the driver throw something out of the car into his yard. Mark discovered that it was a purse and notified the police of his observations and a description of the car. A nearby police officer stopped the car. He discovered that the purse had recently been stolen from a woman at the Middleton Library. Mr. Kruck's willingness to get involved and his accurate description of the vehicle and direction of travel were most instrumental in getting the victim her purse and contents back and the charging of the person responsible for taking it.



Karen Strandt-Conroy

Karen is an Associate Principal in charge of Student Services at the Middleton High School. Karen has always been a supporter of the police and School Resource Officers, an invaluable ally. Karen acts as the liaison between the Police Department



and the schools, reserves rooms for the Police Department for training and meetings, has been on interview panels for new officers and promotions and was an inaugural member of the Middleton Police Department Citizen's Academy in 2005.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS



Lisa Foster (second from left) and SRO Jeremy Geiszler are commended by Chief Keil (left) and Mayor Sonnentag (right).

SRO Jeremy Geiszler and MHS Nurse Lisa Foster:

On January 5, 2009, Middleton High School Teachers Aid Patrick Fitzgerald collapsed in a classroom. Both SRO Jeremy Geiszler and MHS Nurse Lisa Foster were summoned to the room. Lisa arrived first and determined that Fitzgerald was not breathing and did not have a pulse. She began CPR and was then joined by SRO Geiszler. Jeremy assisted Lisa by performing chest compressions while Lisa continued rescue breathing. After approximately two minutes, Fitzgerald began breathing on his own and sustained a pulse. Fitzgerald made a full recovery and has returned to work.



Chief Keil (left to right) reads the commendation for Dr. Karofsky and Tyson Hall as Mayor Sonnentag looks on.

Dr. Peter Karofsky and Tyson Hall:

On April 18, 2009, Bob Pigorsch was playing tennis with his granddaughter at the Middleton High School tennis courts when he collapsed. His family determined that he was not breathing and did not have a pulse and called 911. Tyson Hall was in the Middleton High School parking lot, volunteering his time with the Kiwanis Service Club, collecting re-usable medical supplies. He was talking to his cousin on his cell phone. His cousin, a Middleton Firefighter, told him about the heart attack call. Tyson ran over to the tennis courts and began CPR. Dr. Peter Karofsky arrived at the tennis courts to play and saw that CPR was being performed. He assisted Tyson and they performed two-person CPR until the Paramedics arrived. Mr. Pigorsch survived the heart attack with no long-term effects. The emergency room doctors told the family that he would not have survived except for the quick actions of Tyson and Dr. Karofsky.



TRAINING

IN-SERVICE

In 2009, the Middleton Police Department, along with our training partners, Sun Prairie and Fitchburg Police, provided 32 hours of in-service training. Topics included firearms, Use of Force, less lethal qualification (OC spray, Taser and bean bag shotgun), defense and arrest tactics, legal update, autism training and CPR recertification. The majority of in-service training is taught by officers from Middleton, Sun Prairie and Fitchburg who are State certified as instructors in such courses as firearms, defense and arrest tactics, Taser, less lethal, CPR and CCR, emergency vehicle operation and vehicle contacts. The Middleton Training Team is comprised of Sergeants Troy Hellenbrand, Steve Britt, Darrin Zimmerman, Jeremy Geiszler, and Officers Craig Faga, Greg Dixon, Dave Kasdorf and Rich O'Connor.

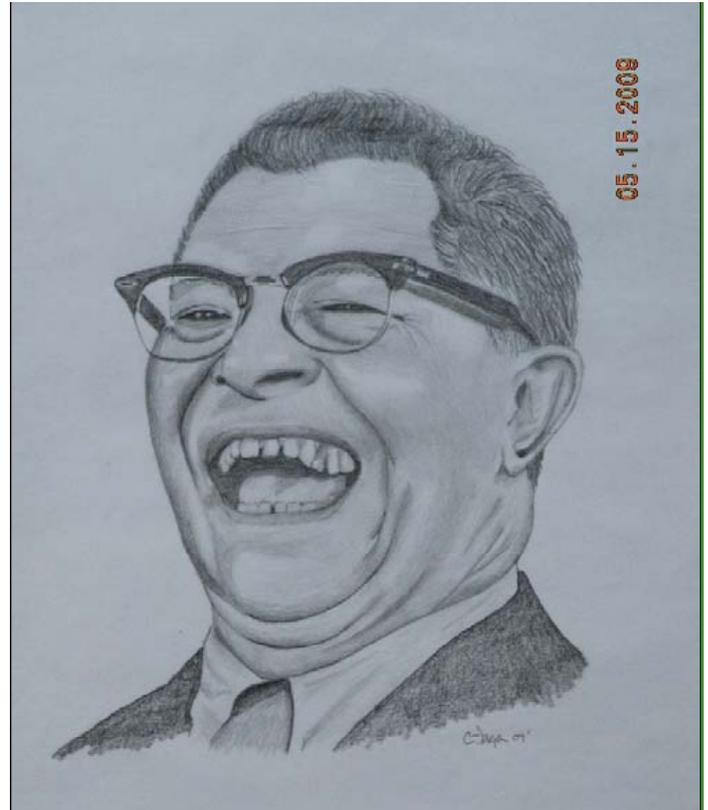
SPECIALIZED TRAINING

The Department offered over 2700 hours of specialized training to officers in 2009. Because of budgetary concerns, specialized training was significantly curtailed in the second half of 2009. Some of the specialized training is listed below:

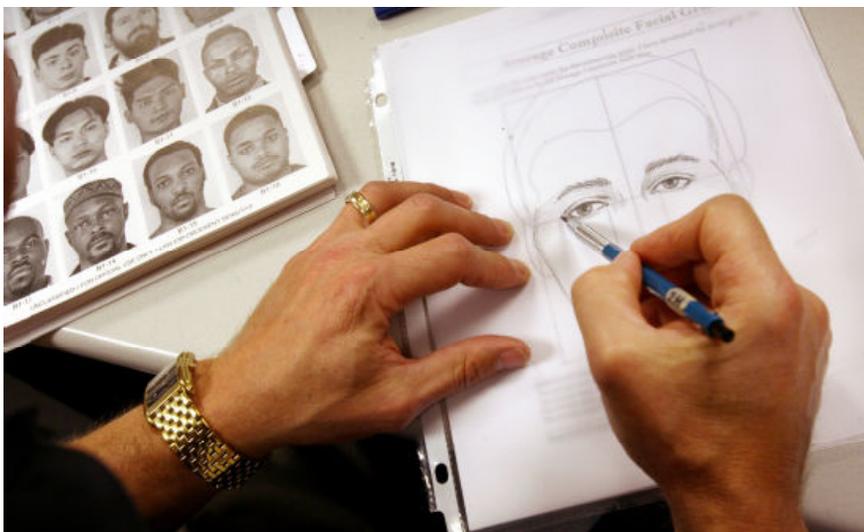
- Northwestern University Death Investigation School, 40 hours
- Northwestern University Motorcycle Training in Louisville, KY, 80 hours.
- Northwestern University Supervision of Police Personnel. National Association of School Resource Officers Basic Course, 40 hours.
- WI Department of Criminal Investigation Death Investigation, 80 hours, Britt. Sergeant Britt attended this two week course put on by the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation and finished second in the class of 42 on the final examination.

FORENSICS DRAWING

Detective Craig Faga attended a Forensic Drawing for Law Enforcement class and was re-certified as a Certified Forensic Artist through Stuart Parks Forensic Associates. The Middleton Police Department is proud of the work performed by Detective Faga in this area. He has a reputation as one of the best Forensic Artists in the state. Detective Faga and other forensic artists were featured in a front page article in the Sunday, June 7, 2009, edition of the *Wisconsin State Journal*.



One of Detective Faga's class assignments was to produce a sketch of Vince Lombardi.



Detective Faga at work on a forensic drawing. This photo accompanied the Wisconsin State Journal article



COMMAND STAFF TRAINING

A goal of the administration of the Middleton Police Department is to have all Command Staff personnel (Sergeants and above) attend a Command School long course (typically ten weeks long). Chief Keil and Lieutenant Foulke have graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. Lieutenant Kakuske and Sergeant Hellenbrand have graduated from the Northwestern University Staff and Command School and Sergeant Reynolds has graduated from the Wisconsin Executive Development Institute.

In 2009, Sergeant Hanson joined the list of Middleton Police Command staff who have successfully completed a command school.



Sgt. Hanson graduates from Staff and Command School. Pictured from left to right: Captain Foulke, Captain Kakuske, Sergeant Hanson and Chief Keil

On November 13, 2009, Sergeant Terry Hanson graduated from Northwestern University's 289th Class of Police Staff and Command. The ten week school was held in Sun Prairie, WI. The class consisted of 25 students from 16 departments in south central Wisconsin. The School of Police Staff and Command is an intensive ten-week program that prepares law enforcement managers for senior positions by uniquely combining academic principles with practical applications. Sergeant Hanson's staff study research paper was on the feasibility of the Department going from eight hour to 12 hour shifts.

Graduation ceremonies were held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Madison and included a luncheon and key note address by Terrance Gainer, the United States Senate Sergeant at Arms. Attending the ceremony from the Middleton Police Department were Chief Keil and Lieutenants Kakuske and Foulke. Also in attendance was Terry's wife, Leanne.

Sergeant Steve Britt is attending the FBI National Academy in 2010.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Department encourages officers to reach higher levels of education by paying for their tuition if the courses are work related, if they are from an accredited university and if the officer gets at least a "B" in the class. In 2009, three officers received tuition reimbursement. Officer Travis Kakuske received his Bachelor's Degree from Upper Iowa University and Sergeants Steve Britt and Barry Reynolds are working on their Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree respectively.

FITNESS TEST

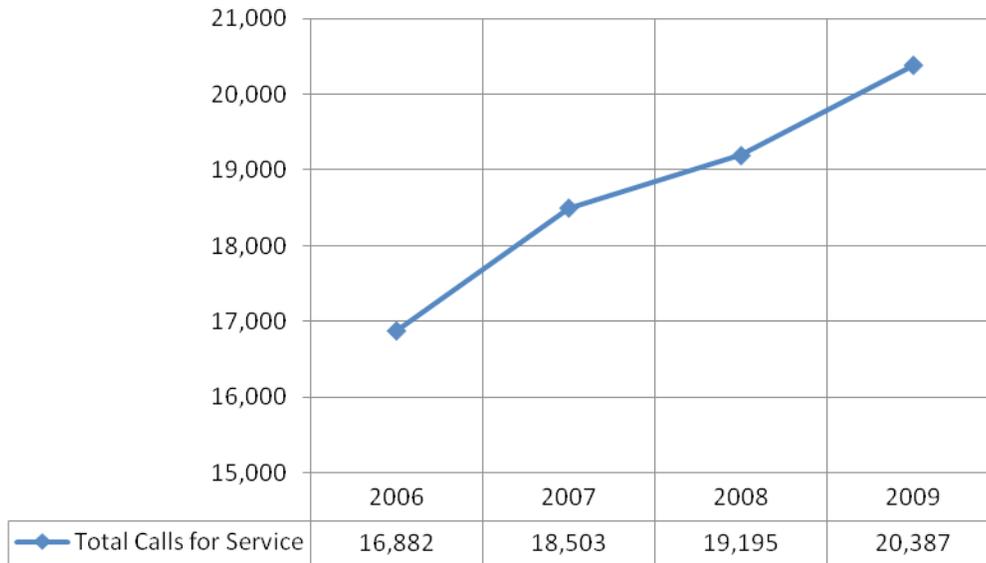
The Department holds a voluntary Physical Fitness Test twice a year which consists of a 1.5 mile run within 15 minutes and 54 seconds, 300 meter run within 68 seconds, upper body strength test of bench press of .68x his/her total body weight one time or 25 push ups, 25 sit ups in one minute and minimum vertical jump of 15.5 inches. Officers passing the test twice during the year receive \$250.00. This year, the following officers passed the test: Chief Brad Keil, Lieutenant Charles Foulke, Sergeants Troy Hellenbrand, Steve Britt, Darrin Zimmerman and Jeremy Geiszler, Officers Craig Faga, Rich O'Connor, Dave Haselow, Jesse Sellek, Scott Moen, Mike Wood and Kim Olson. Several officers donated their money to the Physical Fitness fund, which is being used to purchase athletic/workout machines for the fitness room in the new Police Department.



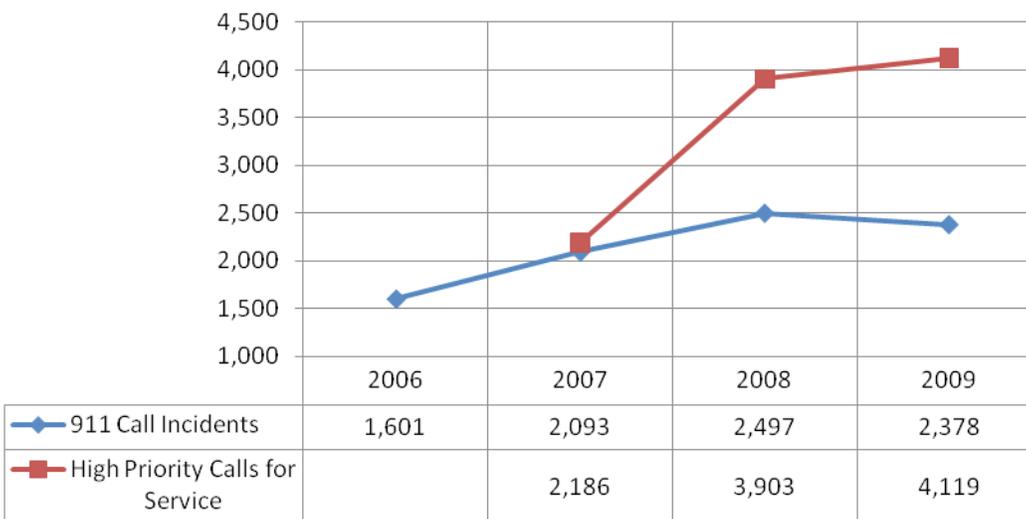
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Communications Center Requests for Service

(Does not include simple inquiries, referrals, & transfers)

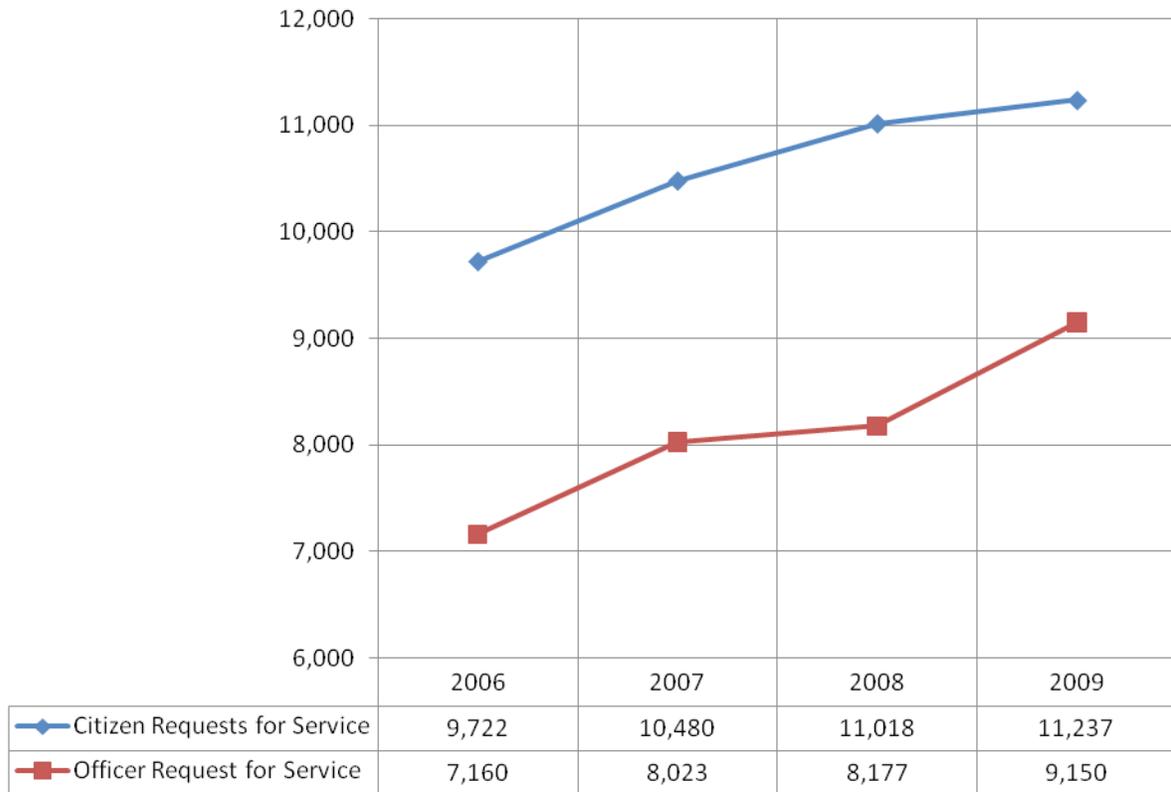


911 & High Priority Calls



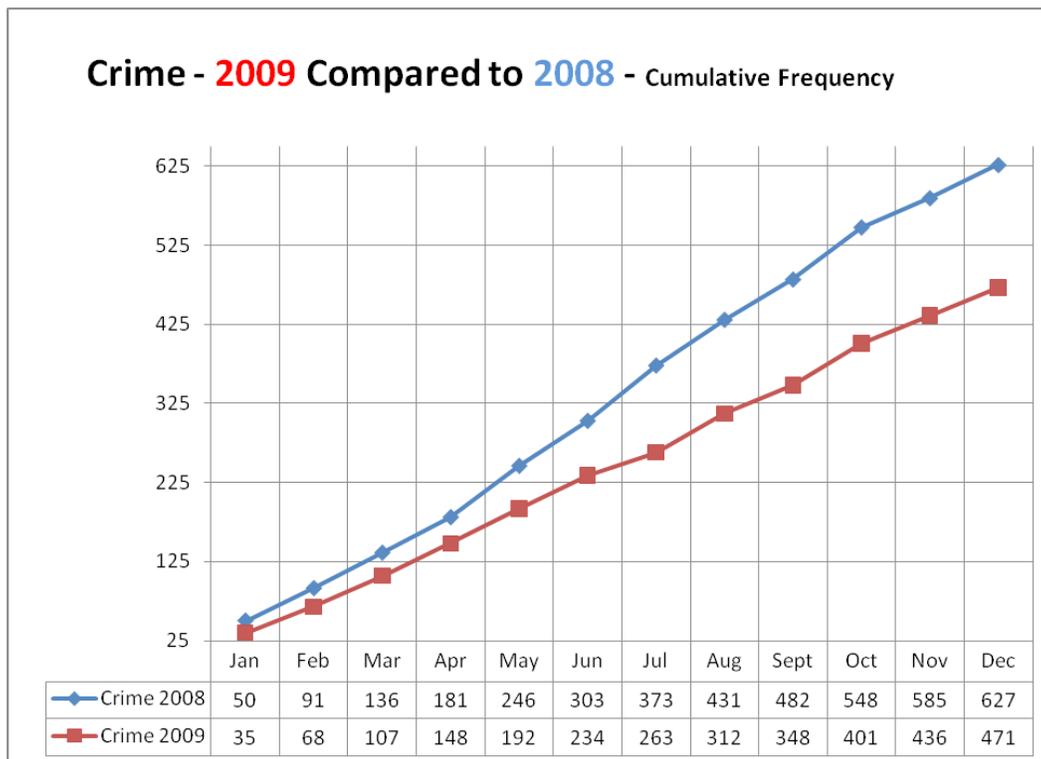
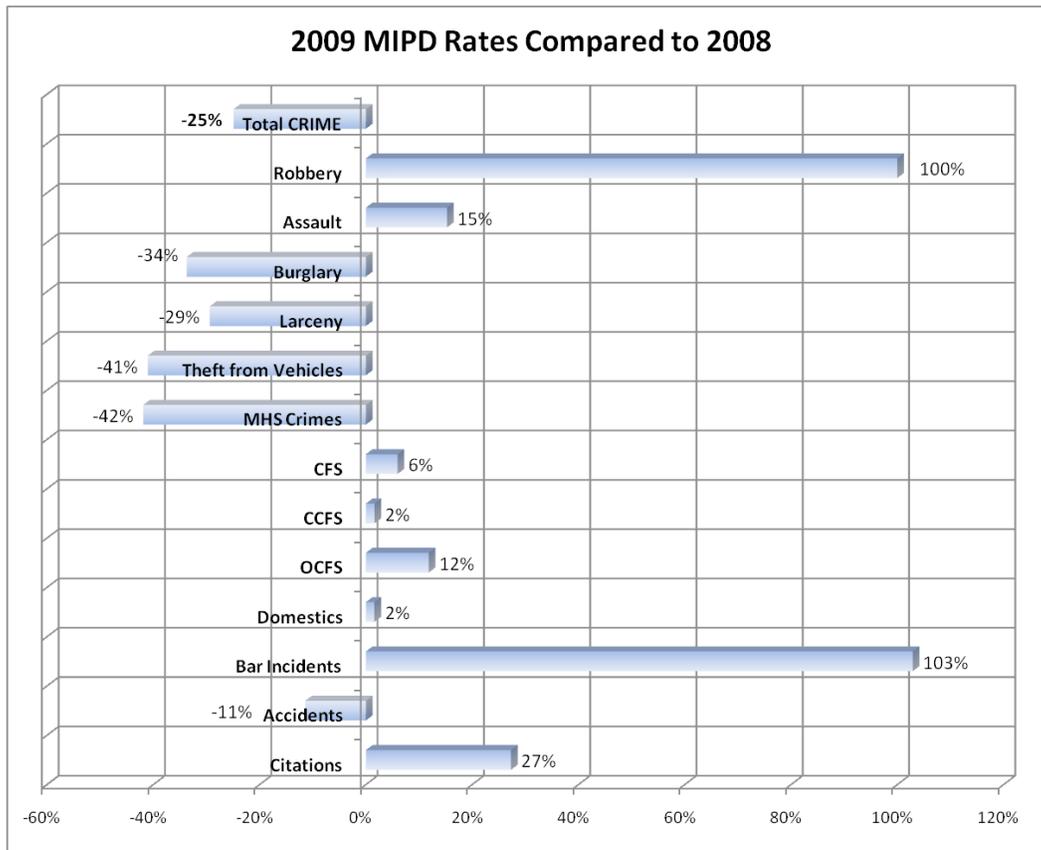


Citizen & Officer Requests for Service



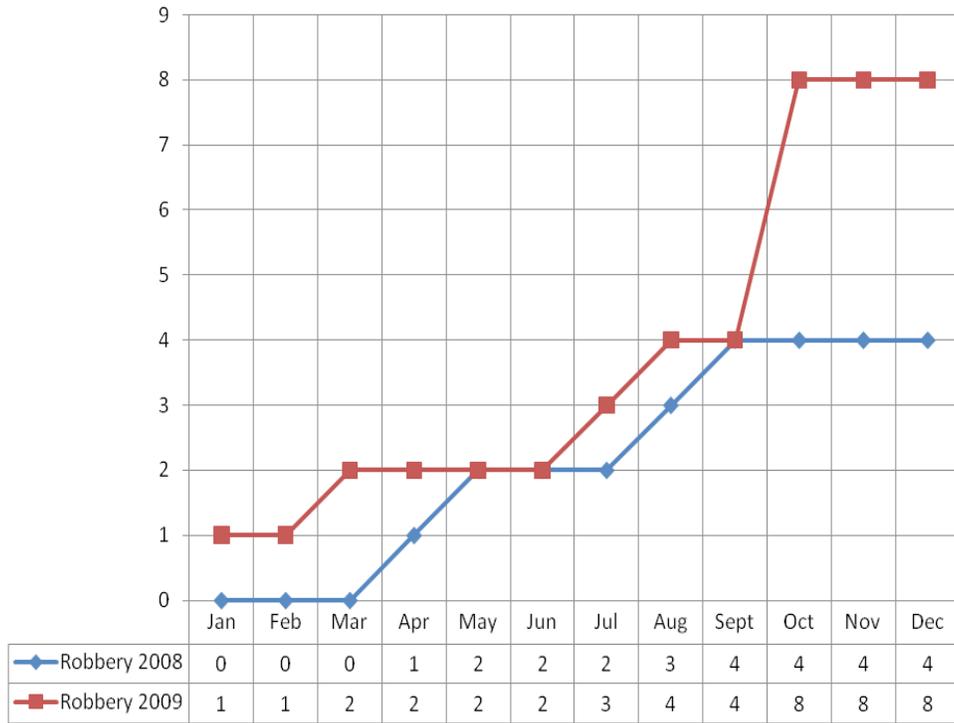


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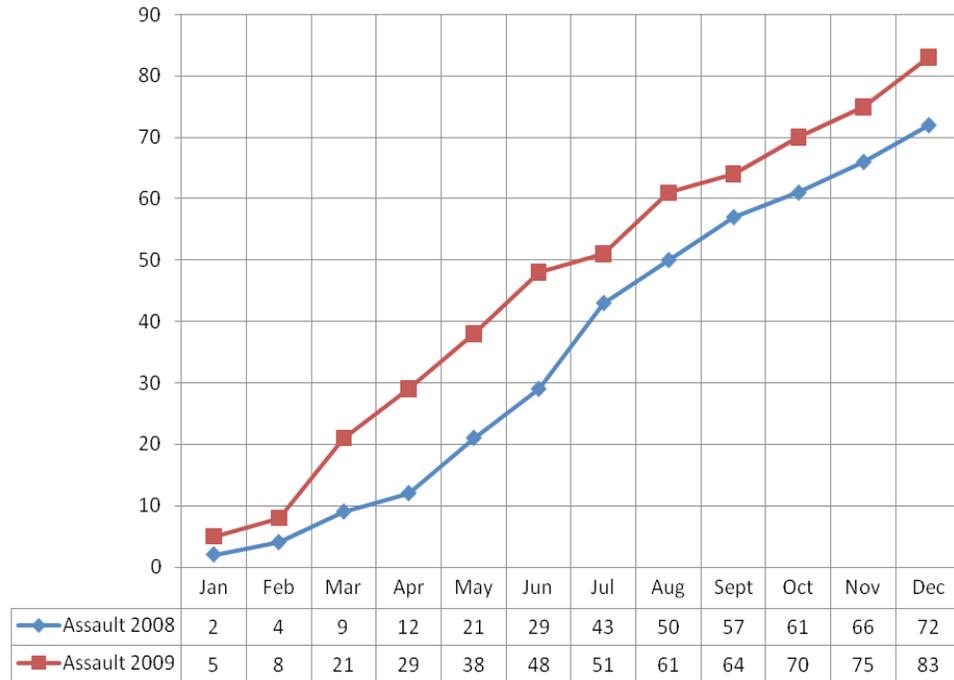




Robbery - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency

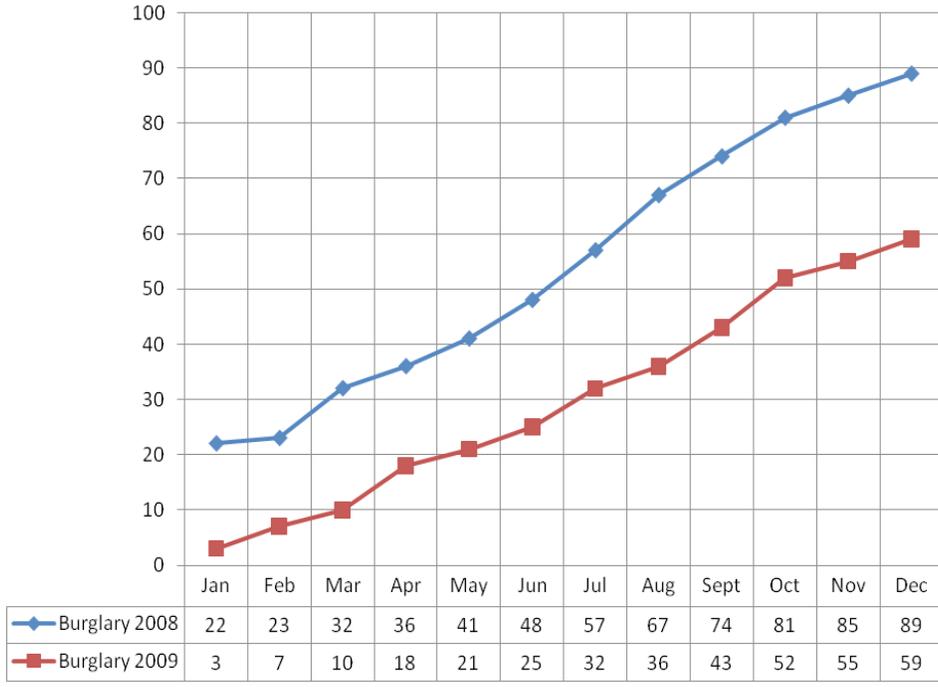


Assaults - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency

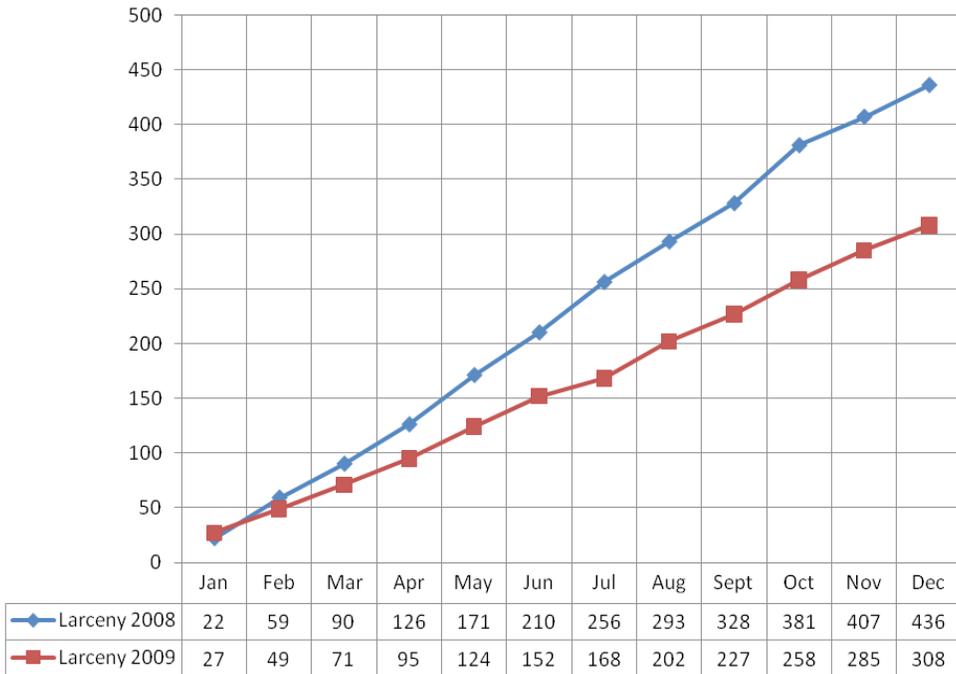




Burglary - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency

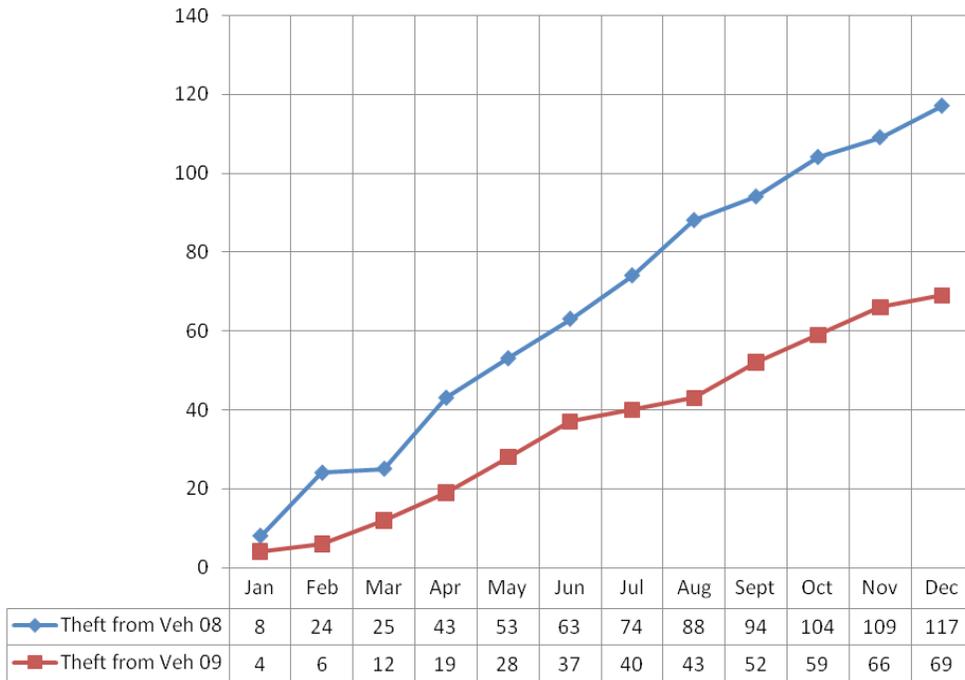


Larceny - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency

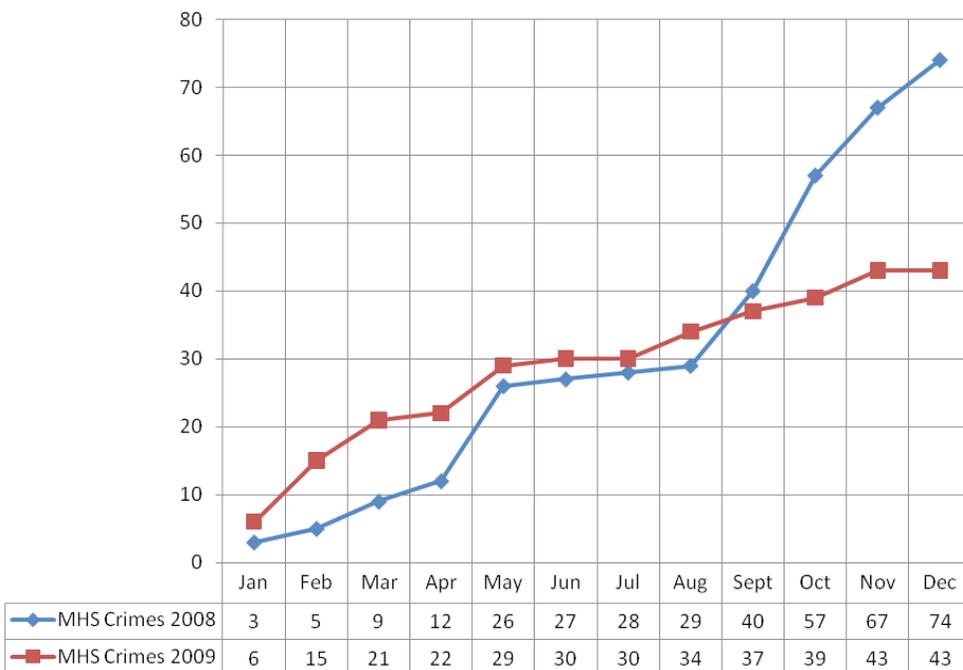


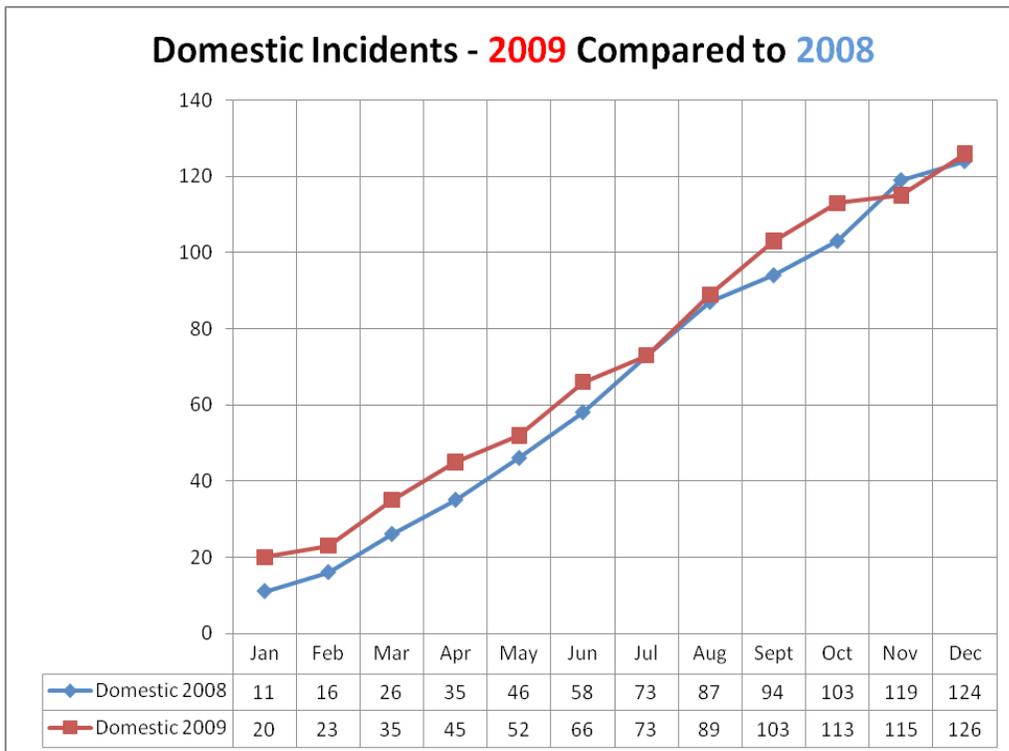
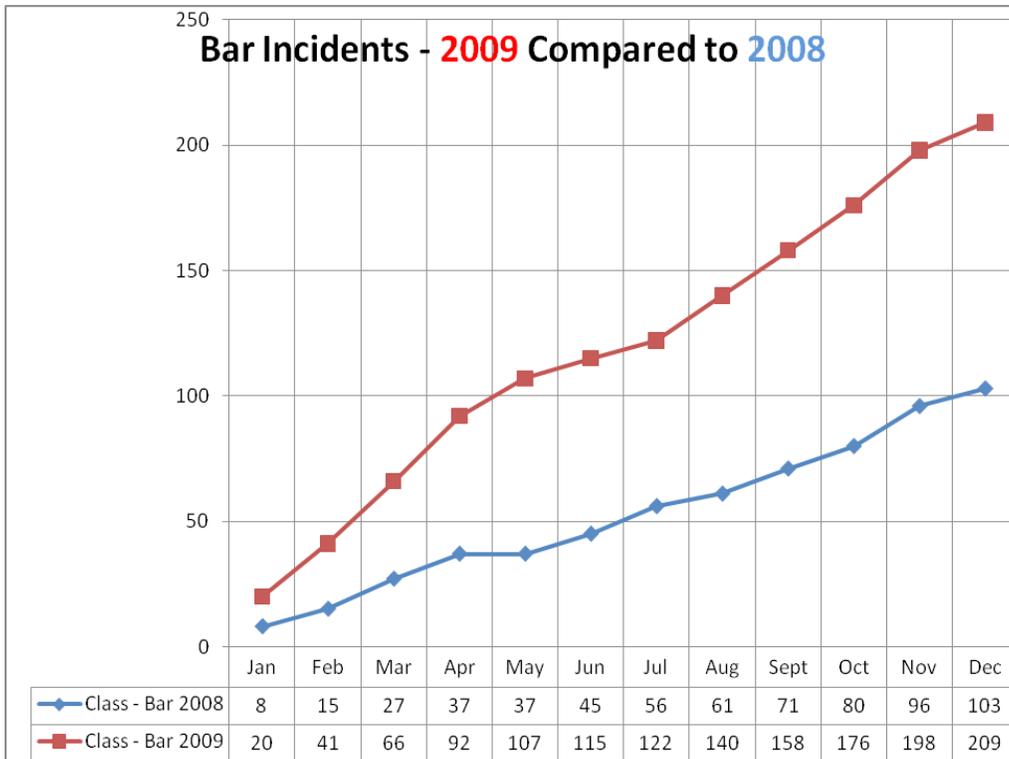


Theft from Vehicles - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency



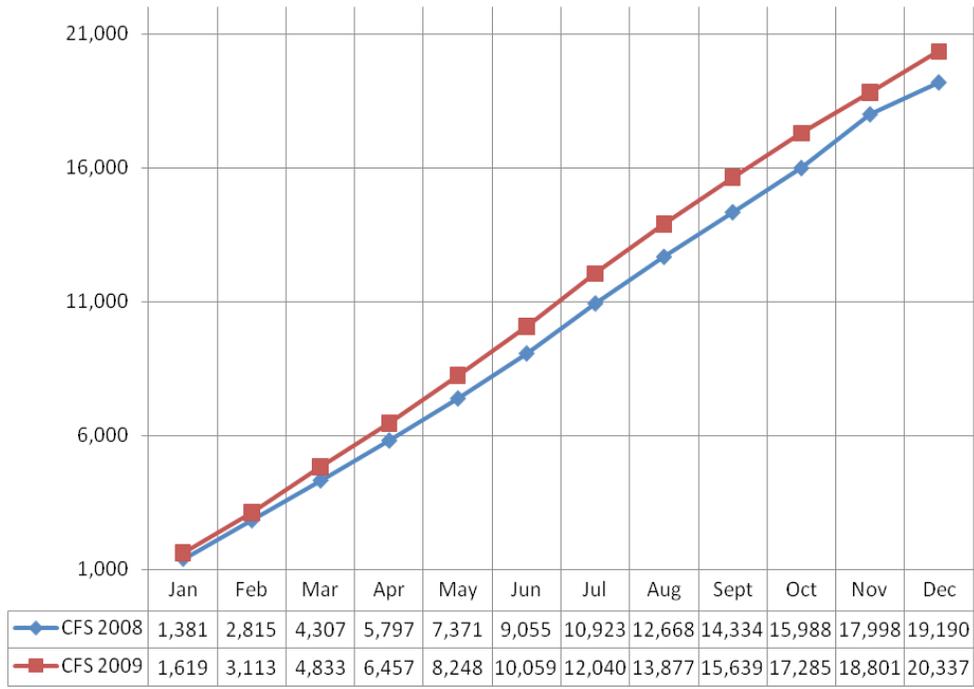
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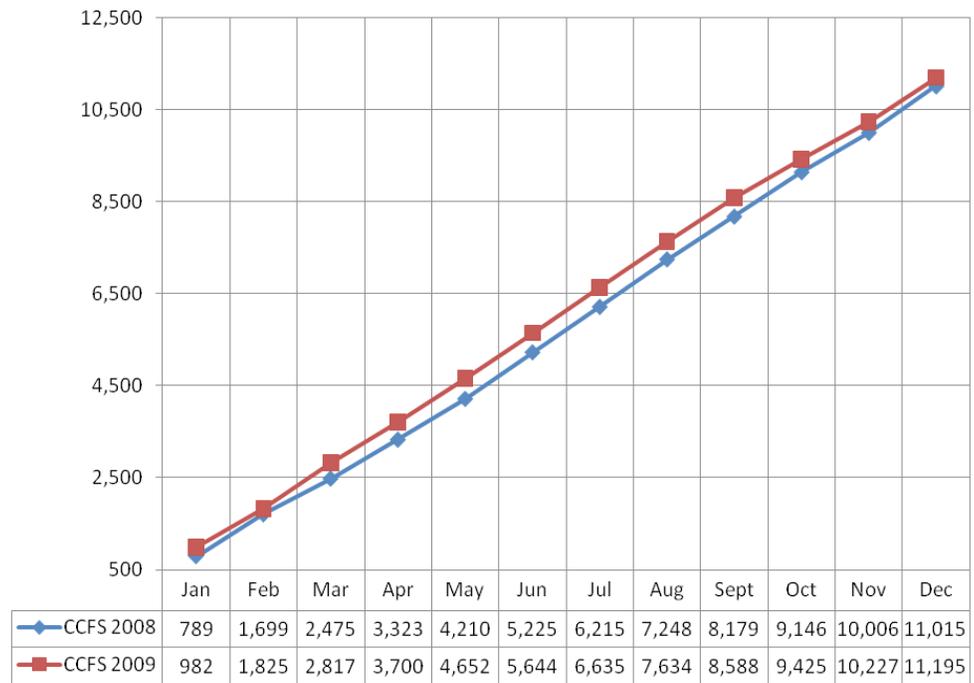




Calls For Service - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency

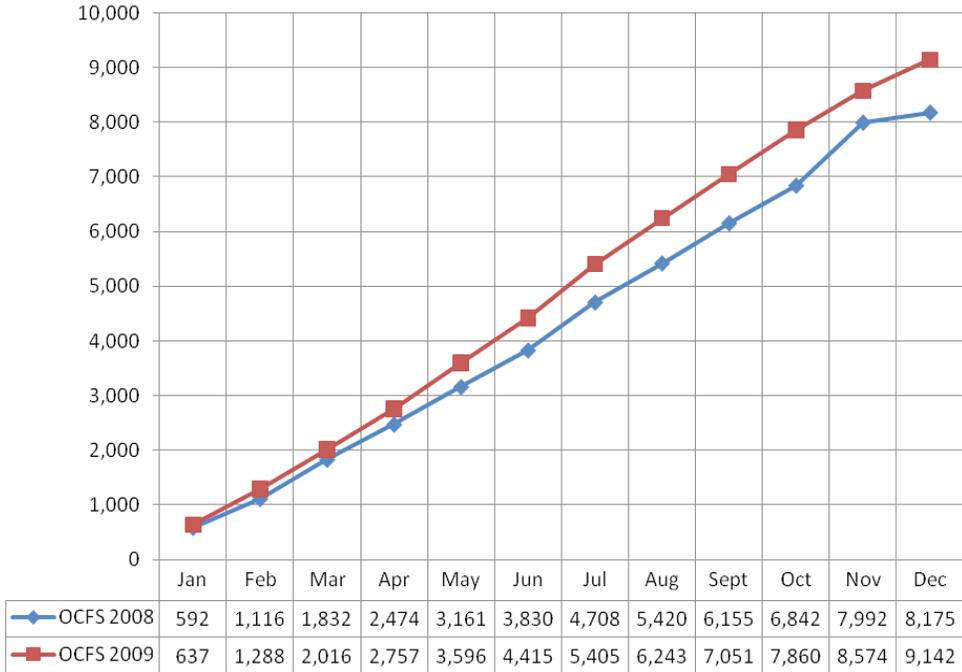


Citizen Calls For Service - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency

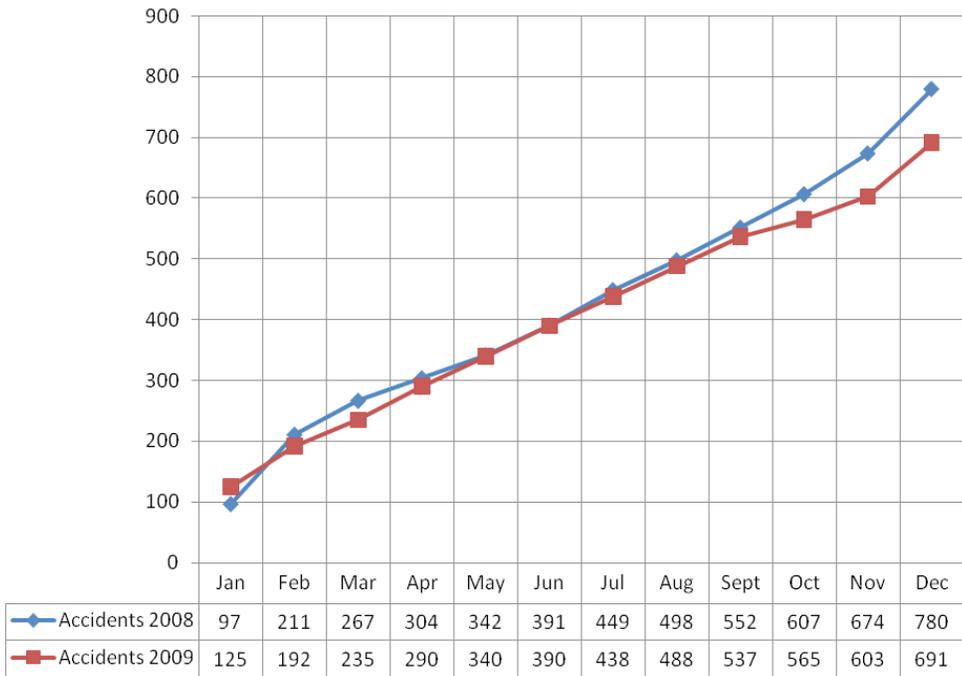


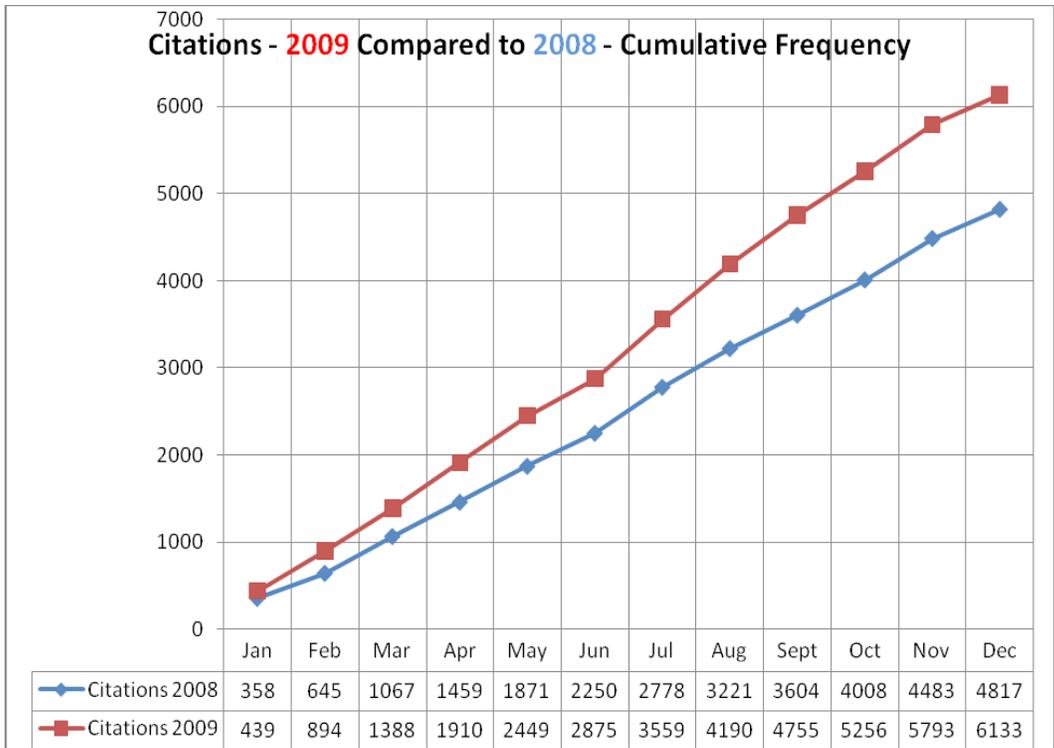


Officer CFS - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency



Accidents - 2009 Compared to 2008 - Cumulative Frequency







This year's Annual Report cover features the nearly completed Police/Municipal Court building for Middleton. This new \$7.86 million facility is slated for completion at the end of March 2010. Located on Donna Drive near the corner of Donna Drive and Parmenter Street, the facility will house a larger Court Room to accommodate the increase in court appearances and police training needs, a state-of-the-art communications center, an Emergency Operations Center, a larger holding area with a drive-through sally port and underground parking for police vehicles. The facility was designed to accommodate the future growth and needs of the Department for decades to come.