

Stow Police Department



Annual Report 2004

City of Stow Police Department



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Louis A. Dirker Jr.
Chief of Police

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Mayor Fritschel,

It gives me great pleasure to present you with the 2004 Annual Report of the Stow Police Department. The report provides an overview of the department and we have added several new sections to the report in an effort to make it more comprehensive.

This is the second Annual Report that we have published since I was selected as the Police Chief. The report is intended to inform the City Administration, City Council and the Citizens of the City of Stow of the fine work that is performed by the members of the Stow Police Department, both sworn and non-sworn.

One of the most important developments that occurred in 2004 was the completion of a Staffing Analysis of the department. The analysis was conducted by the Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy Research of The University of Akron. The staff of the Police Department is working with the City Administration and City Council to insure that the citizens of the City of Stow receive the best police protection possible. We look forward to implementing the recommendations of the Center.

As I mentioned last year, the Stow Police Department embraces the Community Oriented Policing Philosophy. I once again want to stress that the officers and members of the Department realize that they cannot undertake the task of protecting and serving the community by themselves, but rather they believe that the Department needs to rely on the participation and support of the citizens of the City of Stow; this is the basis of a Community Policing Philosophy. The Police Department will continue to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the citizens of the great city of Stow, Ohio.

Louis A. Dirker, Jr.
Chief of Police

City of Stow Police Department Sworn Personnel

Chief of Police

Louis A. Dirker, Jr.

Command Staff

Lt. Richard G. Myers

Lt. Anne M. Stirn

Lt. Richard J. Pastoria, Jr.

Shift Supervisors

Sgt. Ronald L. Jones
Sgt. Daniel N. Drummond

Sgt. Jeffrey E. Film
Sgt. Matthew A. Reed

Sgt. Steven S. Dunton
Sgt. Michael A. Titus

Police Officers

Paul E. Schulz
David J. Hall
Timothy J. Reiheld
David M. Semonin
Joseph J. Hepler
Barry C. Smith
Theodore L. Bell
Stephen W. Miller
Stephen J. Heim

Michael L. Barker
Albert L. Hamilton
Michael K. Foley
Kenneth A. Mifflin
James J. Barker
Jeffrey A. Breznak
Jonathan V. Bastock
Jamie C. Dawson
Nicholas F. Dolezal

Randy A. Brink
Douglas E. Dawes
Thomas J. Gottas
Edith F. Gaffney
Jeffrey D. Swanson
Kevin M. Green
Bryan J. Snaveley
John L. Ginther

City of Stow Police Department Civilian Personnel

Animal Control Officer

Shelby McKinney

Communications

Ginger Semonin, Supervisor

Donna Seiler
Stephanie Despot-Cook
Shelly Myers
Angela Cunningham
Patricia McCoy
Tammy Boley

LoAnn Groghan
Dawn Wilson
Jamie Beck
Jessica Calvert
Kade Kotheimer

Records

Cheryl L. Black, Supervisor

Deborah Berkey

Michelle Badgley

Monica Dunton

Stow Youth Services

Renee L. Armbruster, Supervisor

Teresa Ramsey

Sue Spinelli

Kathy Christ

City of Stow Police Department Non-Sworn Personnel Reserve Unit

Commander

Col. Charles Howard

Command Staff

Capt. Ron King

Capt. Christopher Gatti

Supervisors

Sgt. Roger Flanagan
Sgt. Kevin Mayer

Sgt. Traci Dunbar
Sgt. Myron Allison

Reserve Officers

Joseph Kutinsky
Anthony Berlingieri
Angela Kutinsky
Ernest Witcher
Aaron DeMent

Richard Santucci
William Montalto
John Quinlan
Dionna Bucey
Sifet Kulic
Christopher Smith

Andreas Johansson
Steven Coates
Jaynes Bartram
Joshua Hill
Victor Williams

CHIEF OF POLICE

Louis A. Dirker, Jr., has served as Chief of Police since February of 2003. Dirker began his law enforcement career with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and retired from that organization after serving as Chief of Police. Chief Dirker holds a Masters Degree from the University of Akron in Technical Education. He served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps prior to his career in law enforcement. He is an OPOTA certified instructor and teaches at the University of Akron Police Academy.



Chief Louis A. Dirker, Jr.

Since joining the Stow Police Department, Chief Dirker has established programs to alleviate the negative effects of being critically understaffed in the police department. He purchased and implemented a dictation system enabling officers to spend less time writing narrative reports and increasing their ability to remain “on the road” and available for calls hopefully reducing their response times as well. He also conceived the idea of the Shift Augmentation Plan in which statistical data is used to determine peak activity hours and deploying additional personnel for those hours.

In 2004, Chief Dirker piloted two studies. The first was to evaluate the feasibility of expanding local jail operations to include the housing of misdemeanants and those persons held for court. The most significant finding of the study was the statement “.....with minimal start up costs and *with proper staffing* the Stow City Jail could be operating as a five-day facility to house sentenced misdemeanants.” The second study, a staffing analysis conducted by the Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy Research, The University of Akron, concluded: “The staffing level of the Stow Police Department is dangerously low, to the point where the safety of officers and citizens is at unnecessary risk.” Thus, both studies revealed a desperate need for personnel.

In 2004, a civil service exam for police officers was conducted in order to establish a viable list of persons who may be eligible for hire. In 2005, Chief Dirker will seek to hire and train the recommended number of officers to ensure safe and effective operations of the Stow Police Department.

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division is the largest division in the department with twenty-eight (28) members. The Division is commanded by Lt. Rick Pastoria who oversees the operations of the three shifts, the School Resource Officer (SRO) and the D. A. R. E. program. Lt. Pastoria has been a member of the Stow Police Department for twenty-four (24) years. He is a United States Army Military Police veteran, a certified D.A.R.E. Officer and has a B.S. in Statistics with a minor in Applied Mathematics from the University of Akron. He and his wife reside in Stow with their two sons.

Because the department faces a critical staffing shortage generating safety concerns, the Shift Augmentation Plan (SAP) was implemented in September of 2003. Lt. Pastoria has developed a statistical model based on number and type of calls which identifies peak periods through the course of each month-long period. During those peak periods additional officers are assigned to patrol duties in an effort to reduce our response times to citizens' requests for assistance.



Lt. Rick Pastoria

The Uniform Division is divided into three (3) shifts: Day Shift 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Afternoon Shift 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM; and Night Shift 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM.

DAY SHIFT

Sgt. Ronald L. Jones and Sgt. Daniel N. Drummond provided the leadership for day shift in 2004. This shift accounted for 134 adult arrests, 63 juvenile arrests and initiated 1, 441 traffic stops. Of these traffic contacts, 755 warnings and 1,055 traffic citations were issued.

One of the shift's priorities is to maintain a relationship with the schools in each officer's district. Total Adopt-A-Cop visits for 2004 was 327 visits among all the schools which include K-6th grade.

AFTERNOON SHIFT

Under the direction of Sgt. Steven S. Dunton and Sgt. Matthew A. Reed, afternoon shift focused on increasing traffic enforcement, increasing OVI arrests and increasing police visibility in retail areas in an effort to curtail shoplifting and related thefts in these locations. This latter program is referred to as Cops and Shops.

Afternoon shift was very successful in that total traffic citations, both written warnings and traffic citations, increased 114% from 2003. OVI (vehicle operators driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs of abuse) arrests totaled 31 and was an increase over 2003 of twenty-five percent. Though it is not possible to measure what crime was actually deterred by Cops and Shops, it is believed officer presence and visibility to the public has some effect. Officers were able to be present in various retail areas 182.5 hours during the year for a total of 735 visits.

NIGHT SHIFT

Night shift concentrated on several areas during their tour: traffic contacts; OVI arrests; warrant arrests; drug arrests; and the issuance of poor security notices. Sgt. Jeffrey E. Film and Sgt. Michael A. Titus supervised the night shift and encouraged officers to achieve their goals.

The total number of traffic stops for the night shift officers, including the shift sergeants, exceeded 1,600. Officers assigned to night shift and those working the Law Enforcement Overtime Grant combined for 185 OVI arrests, 94 drug-related arrests, and 112 warrant arrests. Sixty-three 'Poor Security Notices' were issued to residents and/or businesses when officers observed a specific vulnerability to security of the property or premises.

Sgt. Film and Ofc. Stephen W. Miller were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their individual efforts in getting impaired drivers off our roadways. Each officer received the Red Ribbon Award.



SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND UNITS

Adopt-A-Cop

This program is designed to foster positive relationships between police officers and members of the school community. During school hours, the officers promote interaction with students, teachers, volunteers, parents and staff.

Some Adopt-A-Cop activities for 2004 included: K-9 visits with Bruno and Knight; serving as a member of the school safety committee; 3rd Grade seat belt program.

Bike Patrol

Several officers have been trained for this type of patrol on specially equipped bicycles. Bike Patrol has been useful in discovering criminal activity in progress because officers can approach the area undetected. Officers in Bike Patrol have been utilized primarily for community events such as the July 4th parade and Firecracker Run.

Forty-eight hours were recorded for Bike Patrol members during 2004.

Cops and Shops

Afternoon shift officers were each assigned a retail plaza or major retail area within his or her district. Officers were encouraged to establish relationships with business owners, managers, employees and patrons to foster cooperation in identifying problems and solving or managing these problems together.

Safety Education



Officer Jim Barker

The D.A.R.E. program is taught to 6th and 7th graders by Ofc. James Barker. Ofc. Barker developed a Microsoft Power Point presentation of the core curriculum and has shared this program with other agencies. Seat belt safety is taught to all third graders each school year.

The SRO, D.A.R.E. instructor and other officers share in the responsibility of instructing area students on a wide range of historical, Constitutional, law enforcement subjects as well as safety issues.

K-9

This program was established in 1994 as a means to augment police services to the community and rapidly evolved into a highly trained and professional unit. The K-9 Unit's primary duties are to apprehend criminal offenders, detect the presence of narcotics and to provide public demonstrations to increase public awareness and understanding of the nature and function of the unit.



Knight and Bruno

This year, Bruno, who had partnered with Ofc. Theodore L. Bell for several years, was forced to retire due to a physical disability as a result of aging. In honor of his loyal service to his partner and this agency, Bruno is featured on the cover of this year's annual report. During his tour of duty, Bruno seized over 4.5 pounds of cocaine, over 5 pounds of marijuana, over \$70,000.00 in cash and property, recorded thousands of drug paraphernalia seizures and dozens of felony arrests. On more than one occasion, Bruno's presence was enough to prevent harm to officers and innocent bystanders during potentially violent situations.

In 2004, Bruno assisted Ofc. Bell in seizing a total of \$2,000.00, assisted outside agencies seven times, checked 316 vehicles for drugs and assisted in ten felony arrests.

In late 2004, the department acquired a new K-9 member, Nero, who completed training with Ofc. Bell in December.

Ofc. Stephen Miller and his partner, Knight, conducted ten tracks in 2004 with four finds. One of those finds included a suspect who had fled from police and was subsequently tracked by Knight. Upon being discovered, this subject was found to be suffering from the effects of severe cold. Knight may have prevented this man from succumbing to the elements while hiding from police. Knight assisted Ofc. Miller in seizing \$2,150.00, checked 131 vehicles for drugs, assisted outside agencies twenty times and assisted in nine felony arrests.

Metro SWAT

Metro SWAT is a specialized, flexible and mobile team of police officers from participating political subdivisions which will respond to member communities when special weapons and tactics are needed. The unit consists of highly trained personnel with specific skills in the areas of marksmanship, tactical response and containment, deployment of chemical munitions and hostage negotiations.

In 2004, the Metro SWAT team had twenty-seven activations. These call-outs ranged from warrant services, Presidential VIP details and barricaded hostage incidents. The most severe call-out occurred in Copley where an armed subject robbed a bank, fled and then broke into a residence taking two subjects hostage. Through negotiations, the suspect was arrested and the hostages were released unharmed. One call-out in Stow involved a suspect who had assaulted his live-in girlfriend and her male friend with a handgun. It was reported that the suspect then barricaded himself in the residence. An entry made by the Metro SWAT team revealed the suspect was no longer at the residence. He was later picked up by law enforcement officials in another jurisdiction.

Neighborhood Watch

These groups are comprised of residents of a particular neighborhood who work together with officers to identify, solve and prevent crime-related problems in which they reside. In order for the department to serve these groups more effectively, all groups meet monthly at the Stow Safety Center. This Community Wide Neighborhood Watch Meeting is a forum to discuss neighborhood issues and to receive crime prevention or other related education.

School Resource Officer

In 1996, the Stow Police Department and the Stow – Munroe Falls High School instituted the School Resource Officer Program. The duties and responsibilities of the SRO include: providing safety and security within the school community by being a uniform presence, completing random checks of physical security, monitoring ingress and egress of staff, students and visitors, and patrolling the grounds; instruction in law enforcement related matters; and answering calls for service within the school and adjacent property.

Ofc. Barry C. Smith has served in this position since January, 2004.



Officer Barry Smith

Local Law Enforcement Overtime Grant

In 2003, this program was known as the 'Selective Traffic Enforcement Program' and was very successful. For federal fiscal year 2004, beginning October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2004, the Stow Police Department received federal funds through the Governor's Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$35,983.

STATED GOALS	OUTCOMES
Increase the total number of OVI arrests by 5% (181 or more arrests)	205 OVI arrests were made during FFY 2004
Decrease the average speed on SR8 to +3mph	Final survey revealed the average speed decreased to 63.51mph in the 65 mph zone
Increase seatbelt usage by 5% (76% compliance)	Final survey revealed in a finding of 77.5% compliance
Reduce the total number of injury accidents by 5% (177 or fewer)	184 injury accidents occurred during FFY 2004

Stow Police Reserve Unit

The Stow Police Reserve Unit is a volunteer organization comprised of non-sworn personnel who provide numerous services including crowd and traffic control at various community events, vacation watches, vehicle lockouts and child fingerprinting. Reserve officers play an important role in the planning of the deployment of regular and reserve officers for the July 4th Parade and Firecracker Run. It is their largest event of the year and involves most members of the unit in crowd and traffic control as well as aiding event attendees and regular officers.



Reserve Unit

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is under the command of Lt. Anne M. Stirm who has served with the Stow Police Department since January, 1986. Lt. Stirm received her Bachelor's degree and Associate of Applied Business degree from the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. All services and operations under Support Services are under the supervision or direct responsibility of Lt. Stirm.



Lt. Anne Stirm

ANIMAL CONTROL & SPECIAL SERVICES



Shelby McKinney

Shelby McKinney, as a member of Support Services, serves as the Animal Control Officer but also is the person responsible for maintaining and equipping department vehicles. ACO McKinney responded to 289 calls for service which includes animal at large calls, lost pets, nuisance animals (wild or domestic) and sick or injured animals. In addition, ACO McKinney assisted 297 citizens who had locked themselves out of their personal vehicles in 2004.

RECORDS DIVISION

This division, under the supervision of Cheryl Black, is primarily responsible for all police department record keeping and associated procedures in maintenance of criminal, confidential and other files. Personnel in Records most often perform data entry, prepare documents for court, respond to public records requests and process crash reports, criminal reports and officer narratives. All personnel are well versed in laws relevant to their departmental function specifically the release of public records and retention of these records.

This division also controls and protects all lost or recovered property, evidence, seized or relinquished firearms and maintains an inventory of departmental property. Contraband or illegal items are forfeited or destroyed as required by court order. Property capable of being released and department property replaced or damaged is prepared for auction by this division.



STOW YOUTH SERVICES

The Stow Youth Services provides alternative rehabilitation for juveniles who have been arrested by local police. Under the direction of Renee Armbruster, this program diverts teens and youth from the juvenile court system and provides



accountability and assistance to participants and their parents through a cooperative effort. Any juvenile who resides in the City of Stow and becomes involved with police is eligible for referral. Walk-ins are also considered for SYS involvement as needed.

Any juvenile who lives in the City of Stow or Munroe Falls is eligible for referral following police involvement. Parents seeking support are encouraged to work closely with the unit.

Of the 590 juvenile cases, 252 were handled by Stow Youth Services and 277 were sent to the Summit County Juvenile Court. Forty-eight cases were forwarded to diversion units in other jurisdictions. Thirteen cases are still pending into 2005. The offenses committed most

frequently referred to SYS were, in descending order: drug and/or alcohol related incidents (118); unruly/runaway (93); theft (90); curfew (60); disorderly conduct (42); tobacco violations (37); assault (18); truancy (18); and criminal mischief (13).

Juveniles are often placed on a six month contract with mutually agreed upon consequences that are closely monitored. Giving back to the community is considered an important part of the rehabilitation process for youthful offenders. Therefore, young offenders participate in such projects as washing department vehicles, picking up litter, mulching at City parks and making quilts for terminally ill children under Project Linus.

Programming

Internship: SYS offered a mentorship to one intern this year for 200 hours.

Presentations: Forty-three presentations were provided to a total of 1,494 participants. Presentations included the Parent Program, Tobacco Education, Stow/Munroe Falls Community Showcase, Saturday Family Workshop, True Colors, No More Bullies and Restorative Justice.

Safety Town: Two hundred pre-kindergarten aged children attended two separate sessions in the summer of 2004. Topics included fire safety, safety belts, pedestrian safety, bike safety, bus safety, personal safety and playground

safety. SYS coordinated this program with the help of two teachers and 80 teen volunteers.

Restorative Justice Program: This is a six hour intensive program intended to repair the harm caused by an offender and rebuild the victim-offender relationship. It is designed to serve juvenile offenders who victimize others where an amends is in order and appropriate for both parties. Twelve juveniles participated in this program in 2004.

Tobacco Intervention Program: Juveniles that have been charged with a tobacco violation are required to attend this four hour program designed to make the student aware of how deep their involvement is with tobacco and future consequences of continued use. Forty-eight students completed the program during 2004. Each student must pay \$15.00 to attend the program. Payments for 2004 totaled \$720.00.

Crossing Guards: Crossing guards are utilized at various locations throughout the community to assist students in safely coming and going to school. These men and women are also asked to participate in community service programs and work with youth assigned to perform service hours.

One Crossing Guard, Margaret Biggs, was recognized for twenty years of service.

Illusions: The Illusions Teen Program continues to be successful with an average of 362 seventh through ninth grade students at each dance. Five roller skating parties were held for fifth and sixth grade students with an average of 60 students in attendance. Community volunteers have continued to donate their time for the success of the program.



Community and Local Support

Target provided \$1,500.00 to help defer costs for the Parenting Program.

The Summit County Juvenile Court continued a grant of \$15,600.00 for SYS. For the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2004, an additional \$15,000.00 was received for handling referrals from Munroe Falls. This collaboration between the Stow Police Department and the Munroe Falls Department was facilitated with the assistance of Judge Teodosio, Summit County Juvenile Court.

TRAINING DIVISION

Departmental training is provided by outside sources, in-service instruction and/or review by department members. Some officers are trained to instruct in several areas including less lethal force options, firearms, defensive tactics, intermediate weapons training, i.e., OC spray, ASP baton, Taser. Each year, the Training Division develops a Training Calendar which focuses on skills training for all officers in the department. This calendar furnishes shift supervisors with advance notice to maintain staffing levels on particular dates and establishes a routine schedule of training to follow year to year. Shift supervisors also conduct monthly training with their shift members and cover critical issues such as the vehicle pursuit policy and the use of force policy. This training focuses on procedure, policy and lower level skills training.

This year, Rapid Deployment training was conducted at Indian Trails Elementary School in conjunction with officers from Silver Lake Police Department. This training prepares officers to confront active shooters such as in a workplace or school environment. Role players, simunitions, sound effects and use of a school environment help to make this training scenario as realistic as possible.

Outside training is provided by the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy and many other private law enforcement training organizations. The State of Ohio sponsored a free, week long in-car video instructor training in April, 2004. For attending this training, our department received, at no cost, a new Mobile Vision in-car video system which is now in use in Patrol Division.

Two officers were hired in 2004 and participated in the Field Training & Evaluation Program (FTEP). This program is a consistently administered period of formal on-the-job training, coaching and performance assessment with the goal of developing an officer capable of delivering competent solo patrol services in accordance with law and agency policy and procedure. Upon release from the FTEP, each officer is evaluated on a monthly basis throughout their first year.

Three sergeants were promoted in December, 2003, and subsequently participated during 2004 in the Career Development Program (CDP) which is a mentorship program for newly promoted sergeants. The primary goal of the CDP is to provide relevant and timely training to the recently promoted individual focusing on new duties and responsibilities. This approach is expected to result in the newly promoted sergeant being recognized as an effective leader and a qualified supervisor. A training timetable was developed for these members in order to present a foundation of training for this rank and to meet the goal of providing relevant training in a timely manner.



Officer Barker utilizing the firing range located in the basement of the Stow Safety Center

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Detective Bureau is under the command of Lt. Rick Myers, a 27 year law enforcement veteran who holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. The bureau is comprised of six (6) Detectives who primarily work during daytime hours but are on 24 hour call. When a report is filed and a preliminary investigation is conducted by the Uniform Division not culminating in an arrest, the report is submitted to the Investigations Division. The case is then assigned to a Detective if enough facts and evidence are present to warrant additional investigation. The Bureau investigates many types of offenses such as Financial Crimes including Identity Theft and Fraud, Burglary and Robbery, Sex Crimes and Child Abuse, drug related offenses and other serious crimes.



Lt. Rick Myers

Investigators process crime scenes, seize and analyze evidence, identify and speak to witnesses and victims of crime, recover stolen property, submit evidence to the criminal lab (BCI – Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation) for scientific analysis and identify and arrest offenders.

Special Assignments

Because investigating certain crimes requires a higher degree of technical skill and knowledge, each Detective is trained in a specific area of expertise. These areas include Handwriting analysis for financial crimes, Polygraph, Narcotics investigations, Homicide, Auto Theft, Sex Crimes and Burglary. While all are generalists, this specialization promotes successful investigations and better serves the needs of the community. One investigator is assigned part time to the Summit County Drug Unit and focuses great effort to combat drug offenders within the City of Stow. This joint cooperation helps to stem the tide of arrival and manufacture of narcotics into Summit County and ultimately into Stow. Many persons selling and distributing illegal narcotics within the City have been charged and arrested in 2004. The Bureau also provides a separate phone line (330.689.DRUG) for citizens to provide anonymous drug tips and information on other crimes to better assist the Department.

Two (2) Detectives are members of the U.S. Marshal Violent Fugitive Task Force. These members work in conjunction with various agencies in Summit and adjacent counties to apprehend wanted felons within the local area. Investigators also assist in multi-jurisdictional investigations in conjunction with federal, state and local agencies. During 2004, eight (8) fugitives with arrest warrants from Stow PD were arrested by the Task Force for crimes such as:

Grand Theft	Forgery	Domestic Violence
Auto Theft	Attempted Rape	Gross Sexual Imposition
Felonious Assault	Kidnapping	

The search and apprehension of these suspects ranged from Cleveland to Canton. Samples of the apprehensions include incidents in Stow such as:



- In November 2004, a male held another male hostage, struck him with a handgun and threatened to shoot him and a female. Metro SWAT was summoned to the scene but the suspect had fled prior to their arrival. The fugitive was apprehended in Akron.
- In August 2004, the female victim called a repair service to come to her home for a problem with a satellite dish. While at her home, the repairman sexually assaulted the victim. Warrants for his arrest were issued and he was apprehended in Canton.
- In July 2004, a male responded to an advertisement in a local newspaper regarding a car for sale. The 81 yr old

victim gave her car keys to the suspect for a test drive and he never returned with the car. The suspect had committed the same acts in Akron and Medina. He was arrested while hiding at a residence in Akron on numerous warrants from Stow and the other communities.

During 2004, the Task Force received the Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award from the Ohio Attorney General.

Internal Affairs

The Bureau Commander is responsible for investigating complaints upon police officers and other Department employees. Persons desiring to file a complaint on an officer or other police employee must first make a report with a supervisor at the station. This can be done on a 24 hr basis.

Noteworthy Investigation Division Events

Some crimes are never solved and many are still under investigation. But in 2004, several noteworthy cases resulted in the successful arrest, conviction and incarceration of offenders in prison or other sentences imposed by the courts. Some of these include:

Burglary/Vandalism Arrests

- 20 yr old male was charged with breaking into a residence and stealing \$1,800 in cash and an automobile.
- 36 yr old male broke into a residence and stole \$10,000 worth of jewelry and other items
- three adult males broke into the yard of a sanitation company and smashed the windows from 12 vehicles

Theft, Fraud and Forgery Arrests

- 26 yr old male forging 11 checks from an elderly victim
- 37 yr old male fraudulently obtaining Oxycontin from a pharmacy
- 31 yr old male charging over \$16,000 on a business' credit card
- 42 yr old male charging over \$8,300 on a credit card belonging to an elderly victim
- 34 yr old female health care worker charged with stealing almost \$38,000 from an invalid victim
- 22 yr old employee arrested for stealing over \$53,000 from a Kent Rd. restaurant
- 23 yr old male was charged with breaking into nine (9) vehicles and stealing vehicles and using the credit cards for purchases
- 19 yr old male charging over \$4,700 on a credit card belonging to a 45 yr old female

Sexual Assaults and Child Abuse

- 31 yr old male charged with the Rape and Sexual Battery of a 19 yr old female
- 47 yr old male arrested on warrants from Maricopa County, Arizona on four (4) counts of sexually molesting children
- 37 yr old male charged with Attempted Rape and Gross Sexual Imposition of a 42 yr old female while at her home to repair a satellite dish
- 39 yr old male extradited from the state of Washington on two (2) counts of Rape for attacking a 42 yr old disabled female
- 20 yr old male charged with molesting a 14 yr old female while in a local church
- 28 yr old male charged with soliciting sexual relations from a 14 yr old female
- 31 yr old male charged with engaging in sexual relations with a 15 yr old female
- 22 yr old male charged with physically assaulting his 8 week old daughter causing serious physical injuries

Drug Offenses

- Dismantled a illegal methamphetamine lab and an indoor marijuana grow with accompanying arrests
- 34 yr old male charged with providing marijuana to his 15 yr old daughter and 14 yr old friend
- Interdicted a shipment of marijuana through the mail resulting in charges on two (2) suspects

- Numerous undercover purchases of narcotics, marijuana, cocaine and crack with accompanying charges on multiple persons
- Through association with the Summit County Drug Unit, Stow participated directly and indirectly in 480 arrests for drug offenses including confiscation of substantial amounts of narcotics and other illegal substances including seizure of 60 firearms valued in excess of \$8 million in Stow and other Summit County communities thereby substantially hindering local area drug trafficking and violence.
- Stow received over \$60,000 in seized forfeiture monies from drug dealers in 2004



During the year, Det. Jeff Breznak was newly assigned to the Detective Bureau. Breznak comes to the Bureau with a background in drug investigations and 18 yrs experience in the criminal justice system.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Communications Division is under the direction of Ginger Semonin and is staffed by ten full-time and two part-time persons. Referred to as Dispatchers, these dedicated people are the first link between citizens and the safety forces. The Communications Center provides services for police, fire and EMS for both the City of Stow and the Village of Silver Lake. All non-emergency, 9-1-1 emergency calls and most administrative calls are received through the Center. Each shift is generally staffed by two persons who are certified by the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch to administer life-saving techniques via the telephone prior to EMS arrival. It takes approximately four months of full-time employment to complete the training program which consists of classroom activity and on-the-job training. It is their job to obtain complete, accurate and appropriate information from callers; to evaluate and prioritize the complaint or request; and to determine what, if any, further action is necessary and then dispatch proper personnel. They are expected to perform these duties competently and efficiently, at times under adverse conditions and extreme pressure.

The Center disseminates information to the police from the Ohio Law Enforcement Administrative Data System (LEADS) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) to provide officers with up to date license plate and driver's license information, warrant information and offender criminal history.

Dispatchers provide many non-emergency services to the community. Residents who have lost a pet or found another's pet may report it to the Center. Business owners may provide contact information in the event their premises are found open during business hours. Dispatchers also monitor the RUOK program which calls participating residents each day during specific hours to monitor their personal welfare. If the participant fails to respond to the phone call, a police officer is sent to the residence to establish his or her welfare.

Since 2001, the Center has had the capability to directly receive 9-1-1 calls from cellular phones. Ideally, any call received from a cellular tower in the City of Stow should be directed to the Communications Center in Stow. However, when a cellular tower is "busy" the signal skips to another tower which may be in another jurisdiction. The Communications Center may receive a 9-1-1 call for another agency and the Center may receive one for a neighboring jurisdiction.

It is not unusual for a dispatcher to receive ten to fifteen calls, many from cellular phones, to report a motor vehicle crash. The Center receives approximately 15,000 calls per month, averaging 483 per day and two per hour. Over ten percent of these calls are emergency 9-1-1 calls.

Dispatchers have a demanding job. Members form a dedicated cadre of public servants who are part of the first line of defense for the safety forces responding for the welfare of its citizens.



NEW MEMBERS

Stephen J. Heim

Officer Heim came to our department in August of 2004 with several years of experience as a police officer. Since attending the University of Akron's Basic Police Academy in 1995, he has worked as a part-time officer for Waynesburg Police Department, Hartville Police Department and the Copley Police Department (full-time hours).



Stephen J. Heim and Nicholas F. Dolezal

Nicholas F. Dolezal

Officer Dolezal also joined the Stow Police Department in August, 2004. Officer Dolezal received his Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, in 1998. He served in the United States Army for two years and was honorably discharged in 2002. Prior to serving the City of Stow, Officer Dolezal was a law enforcement officer for the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Officer Dolezal and Officer Heim replaced Officer Sherry Maag and Officer Todd Wollenzier who left the organization in June and August, respectively.



Nero

Nero, a Czech-bred black sable German Shepherd, officially joined the K-9 Unit in December, 2004, following a six week training program at the Von Der Haus Gill Kennels. Nero replaced Bruno and now serves as Officer Ted Bell's partner. On his first track, Nero located an adult male subject after he fled from police on foot from a traffic stop. The subject was wanted for a parole violation and several warrants from Stow and surrounding jurisdictions.

Annual Activity

2003 2004 %

CALLS RESPONDED TO	2003	2004	%
11P - 7A	2860	2799	(2)
7A - 3P	6261	6196	(1)
3P - 11P	6231	6672	7
TOTAL CALLS	15352	15667	2

CITATIONS ISSUED	2003	2004	%
OUI	230	212	(8)
RADAR/SPEED	1665	1736	4
TRAFFIC	2306	2877	25
TOTAL CITES	4201	4825	15

OTHER CITATIONS	2003	2004	%
PARKING	183	316	73
ANIMAL CITATIONS	11	6	(45)

YOUTH DIVISION REFERRALS	2003	2004	%
STOW PD ARRESTS	652	534	(18)
OTHER AGENCY ARRESTS	126	104	(17)
WALK-IN CASES	6	10	67

ADULT ARRESTS	2003	2004	%
FELONY/MISDEMEANOR	807	932	15
WARRANTS	218	236	8
OTHER CITY CHARGES	0	22	2200

ACCIDENTS	2003	2004	%
FATAL	1	2	100
INJURY	162	183	13
NO INJURY	620	601	(3)
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	783	786	0

PART I CRIMES	2003	2004	%
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
RAPE	13	8	(38)
ROBBERY	8	2	(75)
ASSAULT/AGGRAVATED	5	5	0
BURGLARY	117	95	(19)
THEFT	589	583	(1)
AUTO THEFT	18	22	22
ARSON	8	3	(63)

OTHER REPORTS	2003	2004	%
PRIVATE PROPERTY CRASH	237	222	(6)
ASSAULT/MINOR	54	64	19
CHECKS	36	44	22
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	305	297	(3)
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	181	214	18
DOMESTIC RELATED	337	385	14
FRAUD/FORGERY	55	99	80
JUVENILE RELATED	153	136	(11)
LIQUOR LAWS	89	81	(9)
MENACING	45	34	(24)
NARCOTICS RELATED	109	108	(1)
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	35	35	0
SEX CRIMES	14	21	50
TELEPHONE CRIMES	169	154	(9)
WEAPONS	7	14	100

MISCELLANEOUS	2003	2004	%
ANIMAL/SERVICE CALLS	767	888	16
ALARMS	1157	1013	(12)

CASH RECEIVED	2003	2004	%
BIKE LICENSE	\$78	\$7	(91)
COURT FINES	\$88,690	\$143,137	61
DOG FINES	\$240	\$80	(67)
DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$5,485	\$6,226	14
DRUG FUND	\$2,480	\$4,235	71
EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	\$252	\$193	(24)
FORFEIT FINES	\$0	\$71	7110
MISCELLANEOUS	\$316	\$10	(97)
PARKING FINES	\$2,235	\$2,765	24
PHOTO COPIES	\$637	\$303	(53)
RECORD CHECKS	\$1,357	\$1,340	(1)
TOTAL DOLLARS	\$101,770	\$158,366	56

K-9 Annual Activity

2003

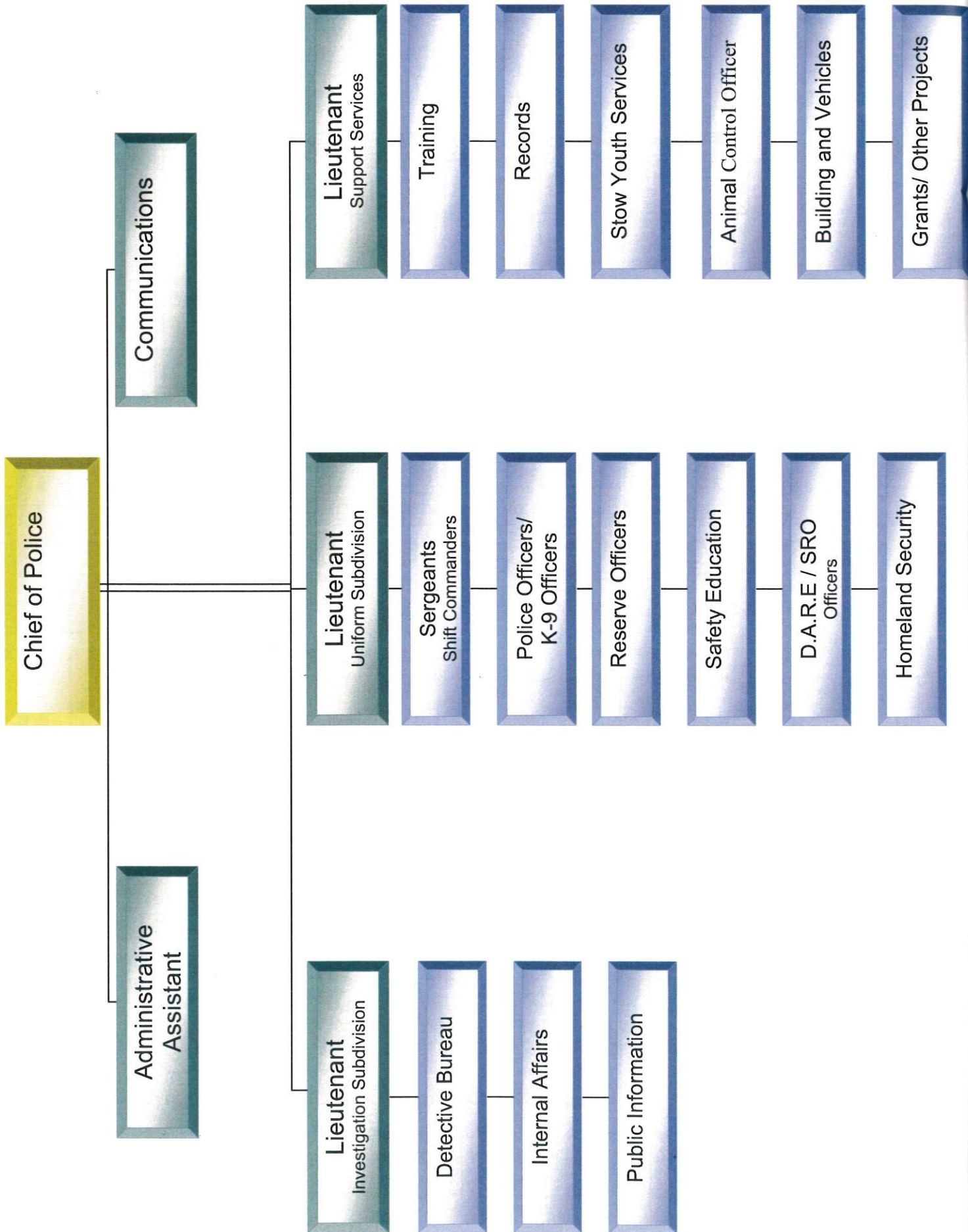
2004

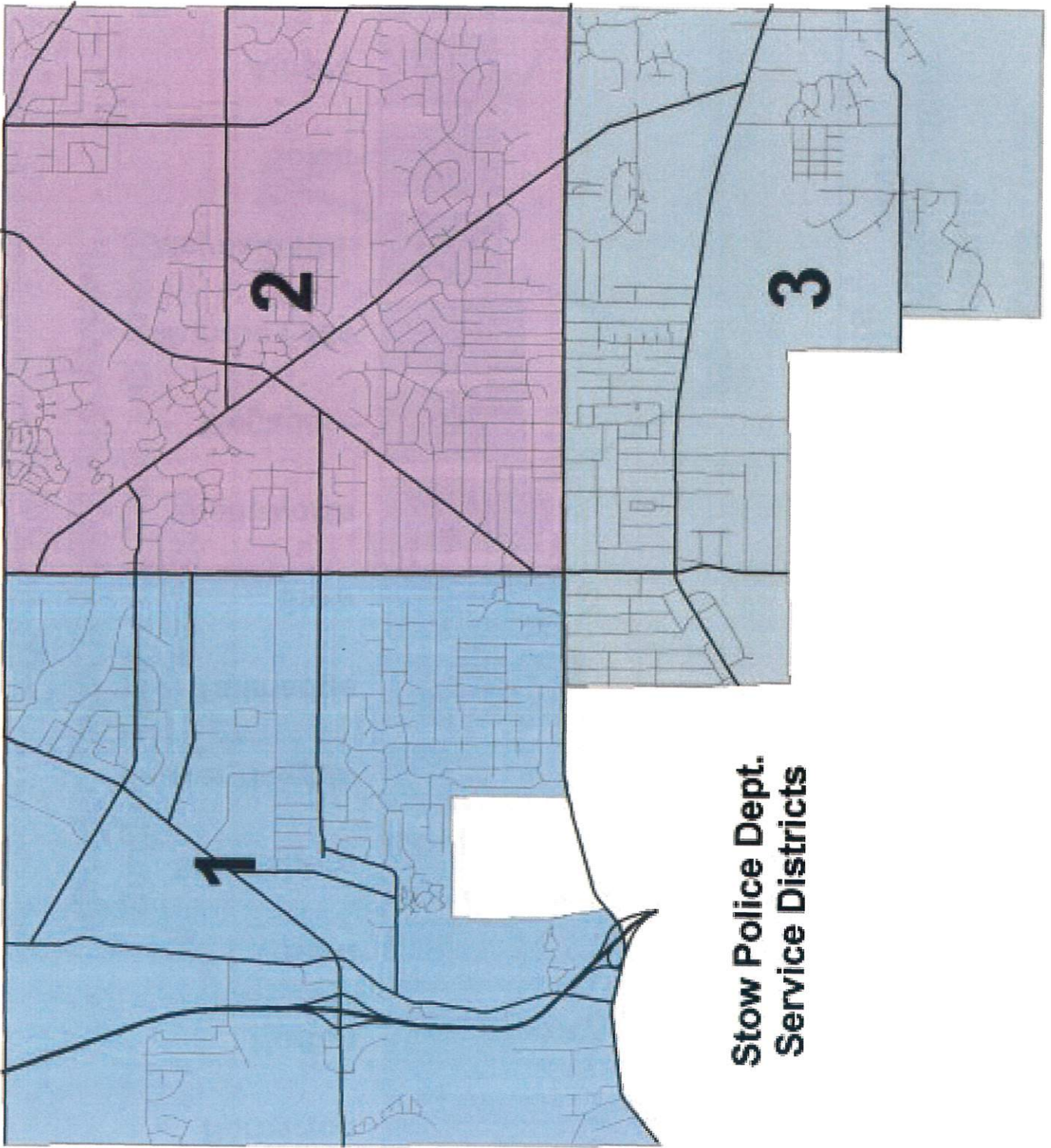
	K-9 Bruno	K-9 Knight	K-9 Bruno	K-9 Knight
Currency Seized	1107	n/a	2000	2150
Currency Forfeited	380	n/a	2000	pending
Tracks Conducted/Live Finds	7/1	11/8	one	10/4
Building Searches	5	6	3	n/a
Vehicles Checked for Drugs	240	131	316	131

Drug Seizures

Marijuana	786 gm	134.4 gm	2.5lbs	150 gm
Cocaine	10 gm	n/a	7g	4.2 gm
Crack	n/a	2.3 gm	n/a	.5 gm
Hashish	.5 gm	8 gm	n/a	n/a
Acid/LSD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Opium	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Meth &/Or Amphetamine	11.9 gm	11 gm	n/a	1 gm
Drug Paraphernalia Seizures	50	25	50+	25+
Psilocybin	n/a	n/a	29 gm	n/a
Heroin	23.3 gm	n/a	1g	n/a
Oxycodone	n/a	n/a	n/a	14.5 pills
Assists to Outside Agencies	7	22	7+	20+
K-9 Apprehensions	0	1	0	0
Felony Arrests	7	11	10	9
Demonstrations	4	2	1	1
Total Deployments	259	178	321	178

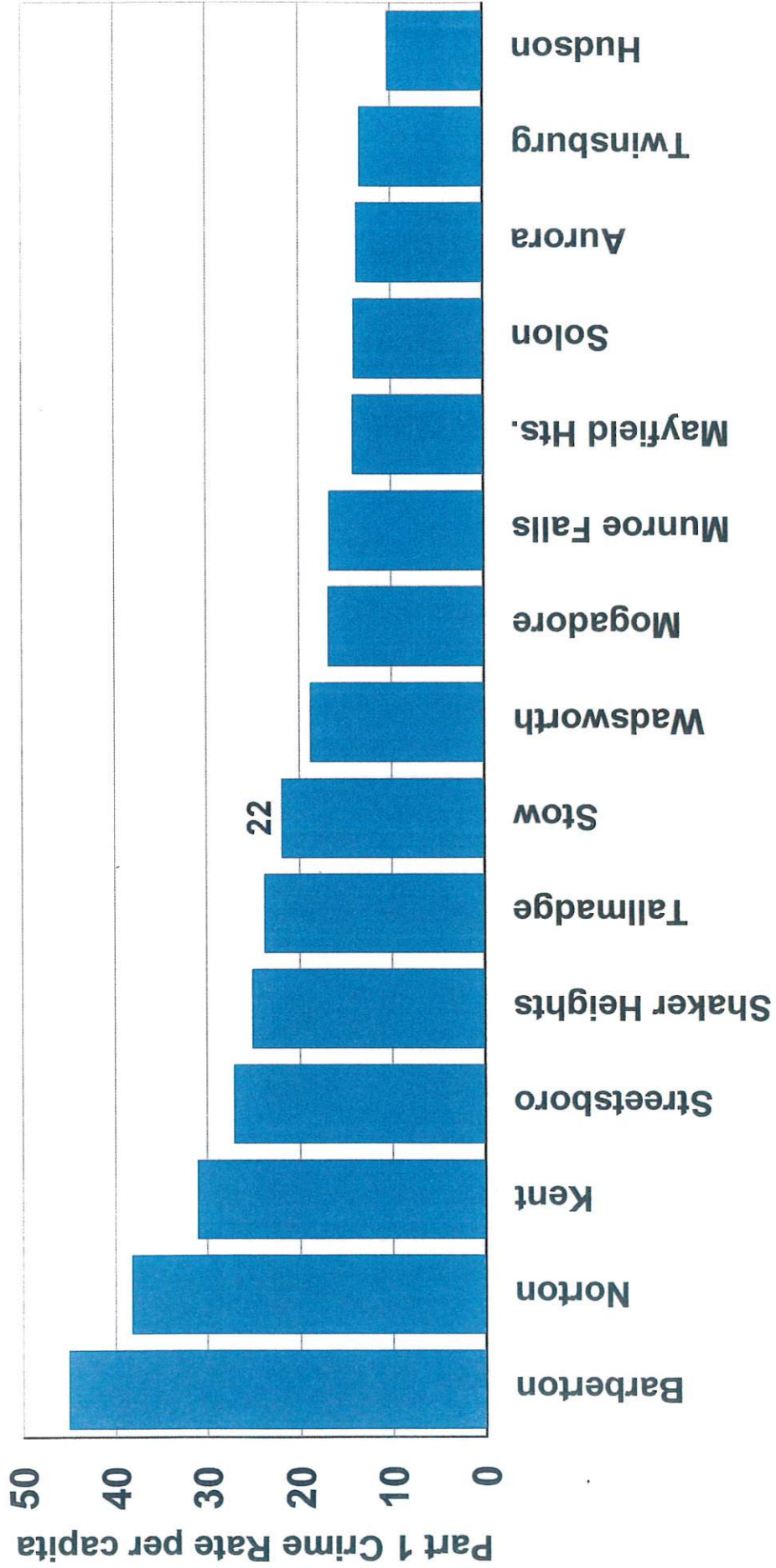
K-9 Bruno retired on October 18, 2004 due to a physical disability associated with aging. Career seizures for Bruno total over 4 1/2 pounds of cocaine, over 5 pounds of marijuana, over \$70,000 in cash and property seizures, hundreds of drug paraphernalia seizures and dozens of felony arrests.





**Stow Police Dept.
Service Districts**

Part 1 Crime Rate Per Capita (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Agg. Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson) shown per 1000 residents



Cities

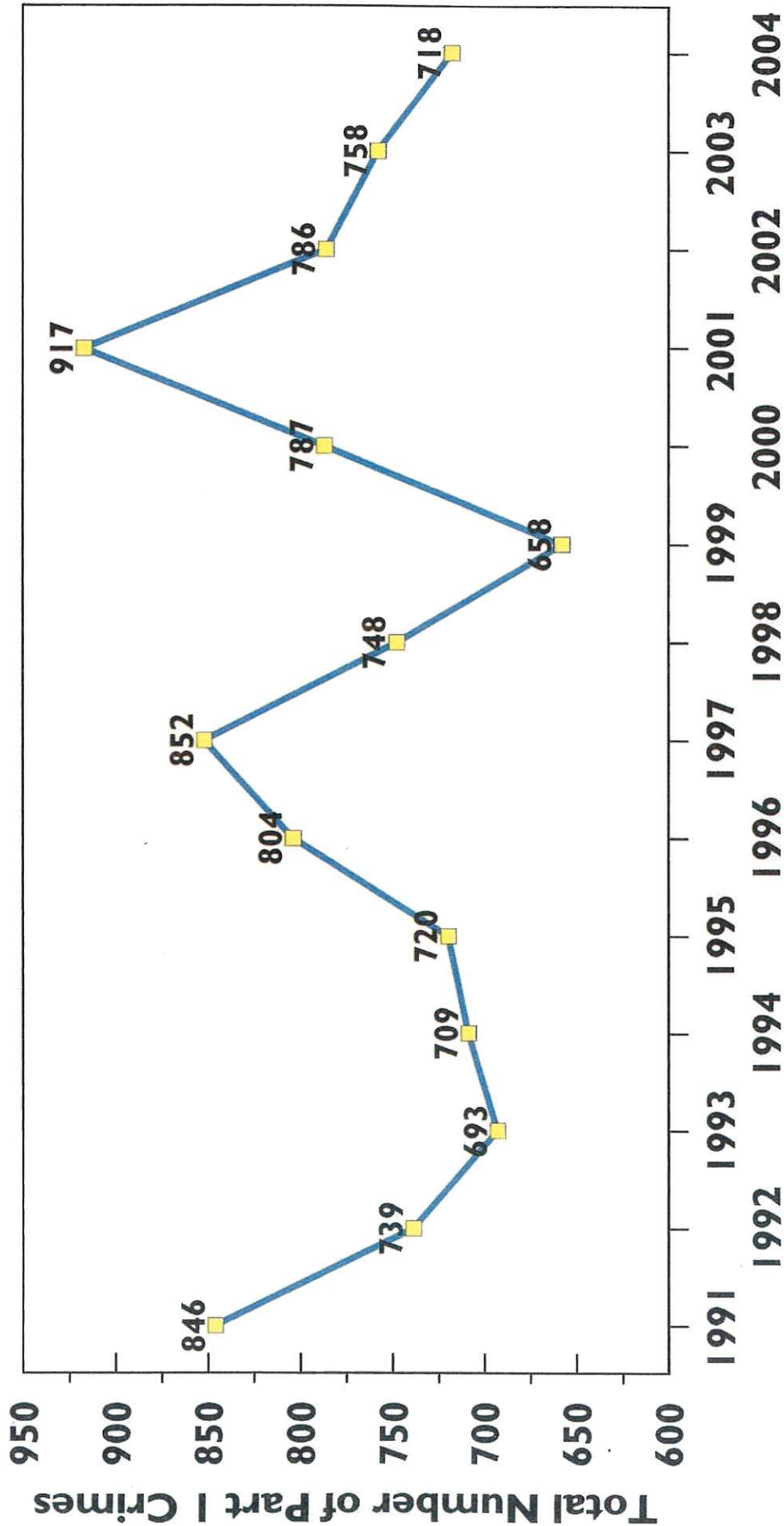
Individual crime rates were provided by either the FBI or the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System.
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Stow Police Department

Part 1 Crimes

(Murder, Rape, Robbery, Agg. Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson)

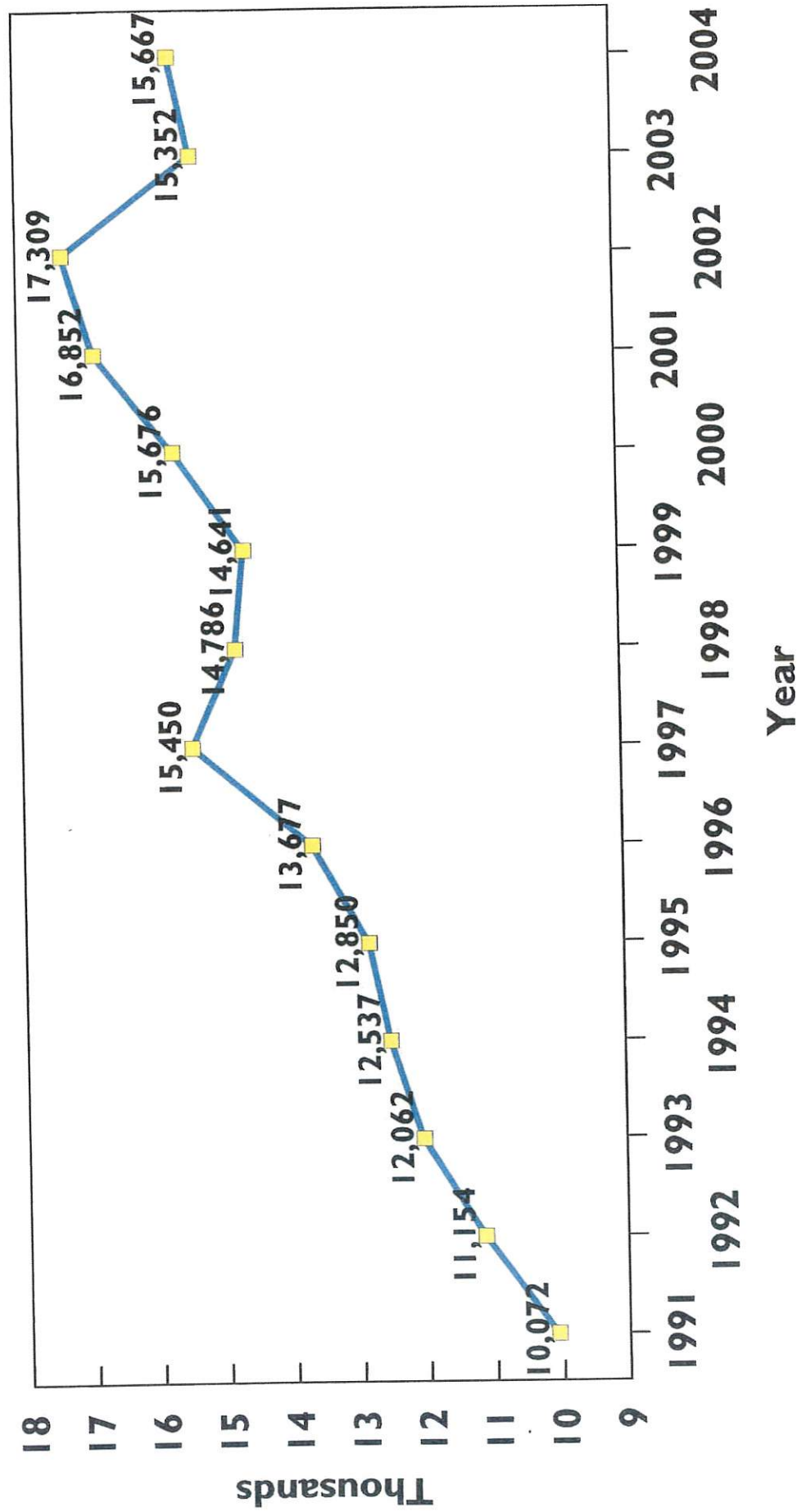
1991-2004



Years

Numbers provided by the Stow Police Department's Record Division or the FBI.
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Stow Police Department Number of Calls Responded to 1991-2004

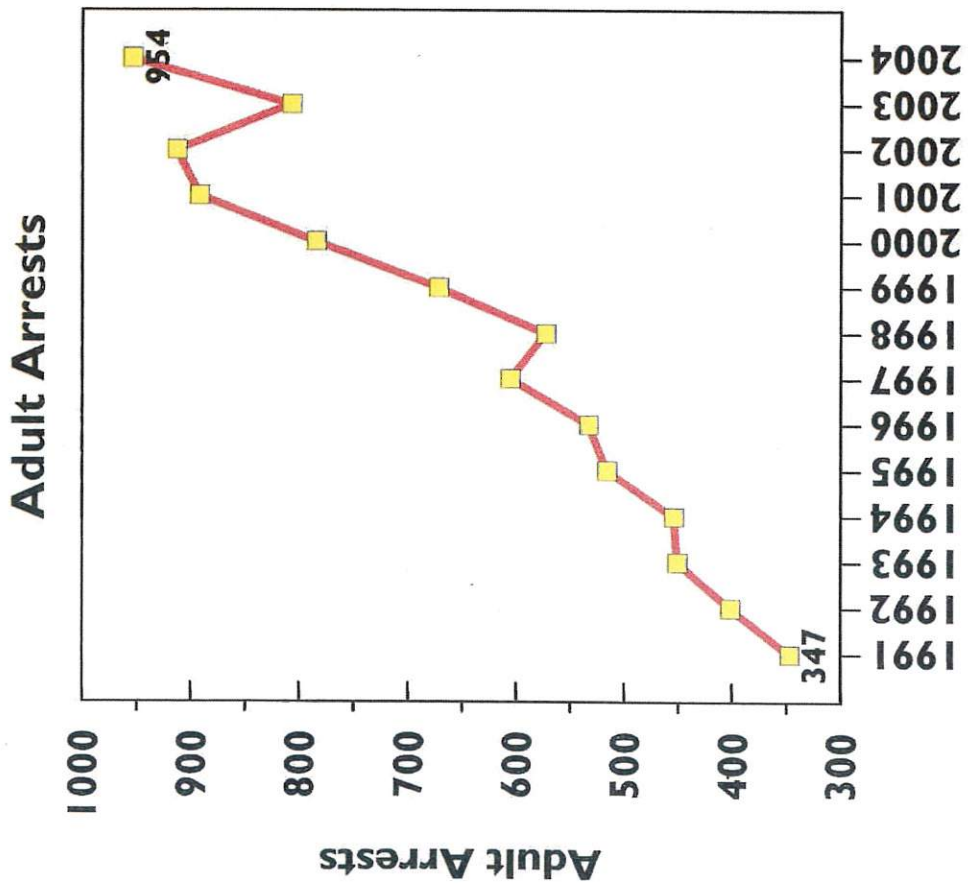


These "Number of Calls Responded to" are calls for police service. They do not include the self-initiated activity of traffic stops.
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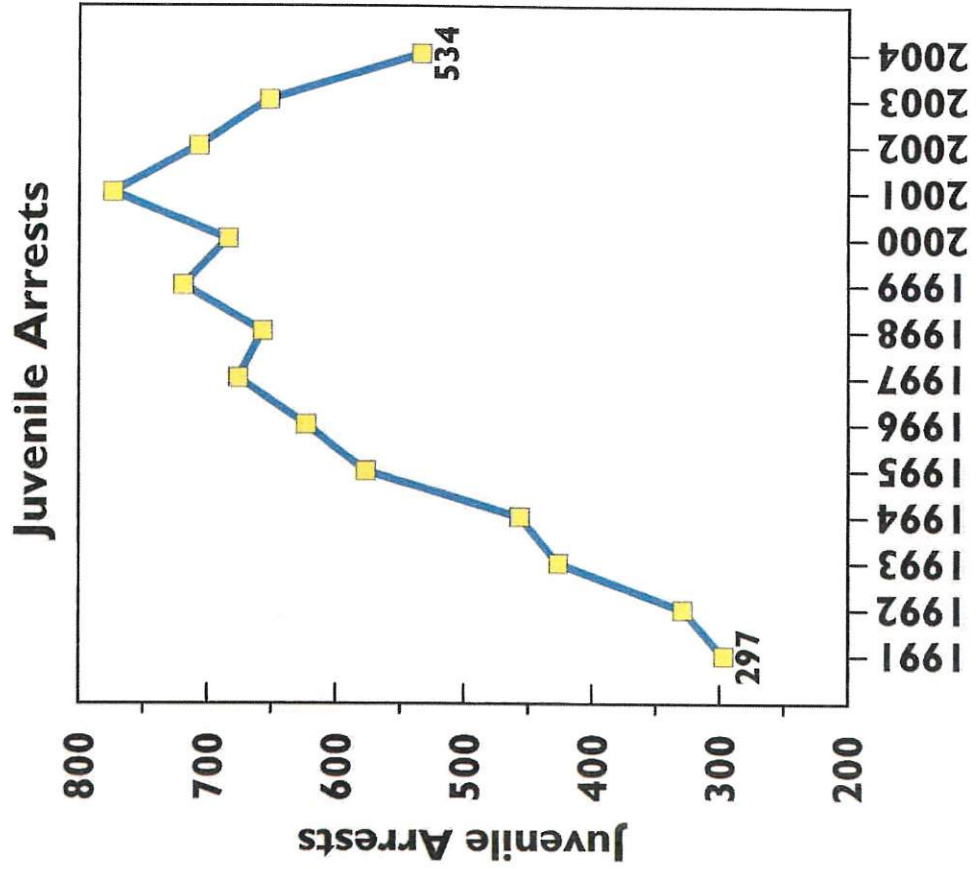
Stow Police Department Adult & Juvenile Arrests

1991-2004

(does NOT include Warrant Arrests)



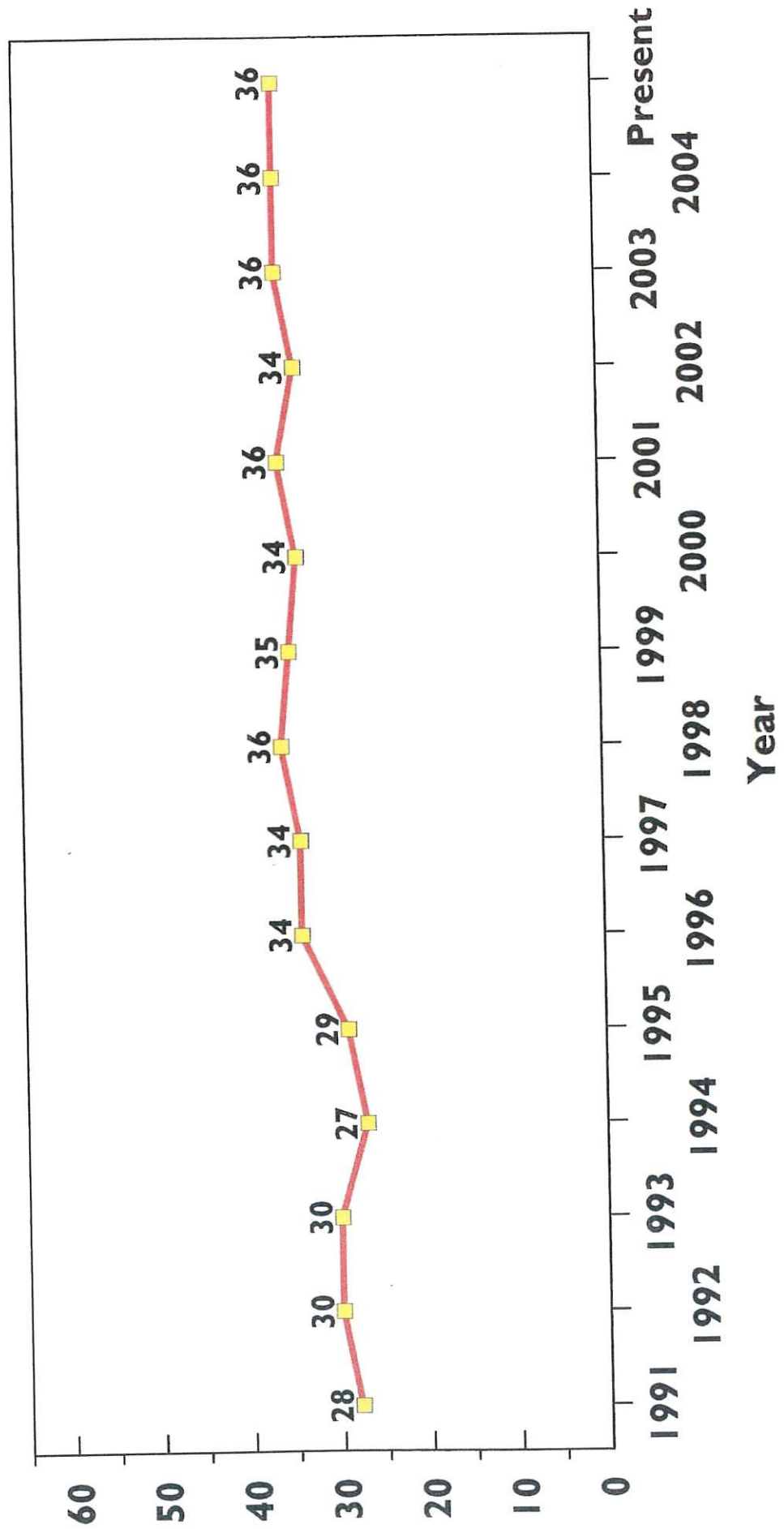
Does NOT include the 236 warrant arrests made in 2004
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Stow Police Department

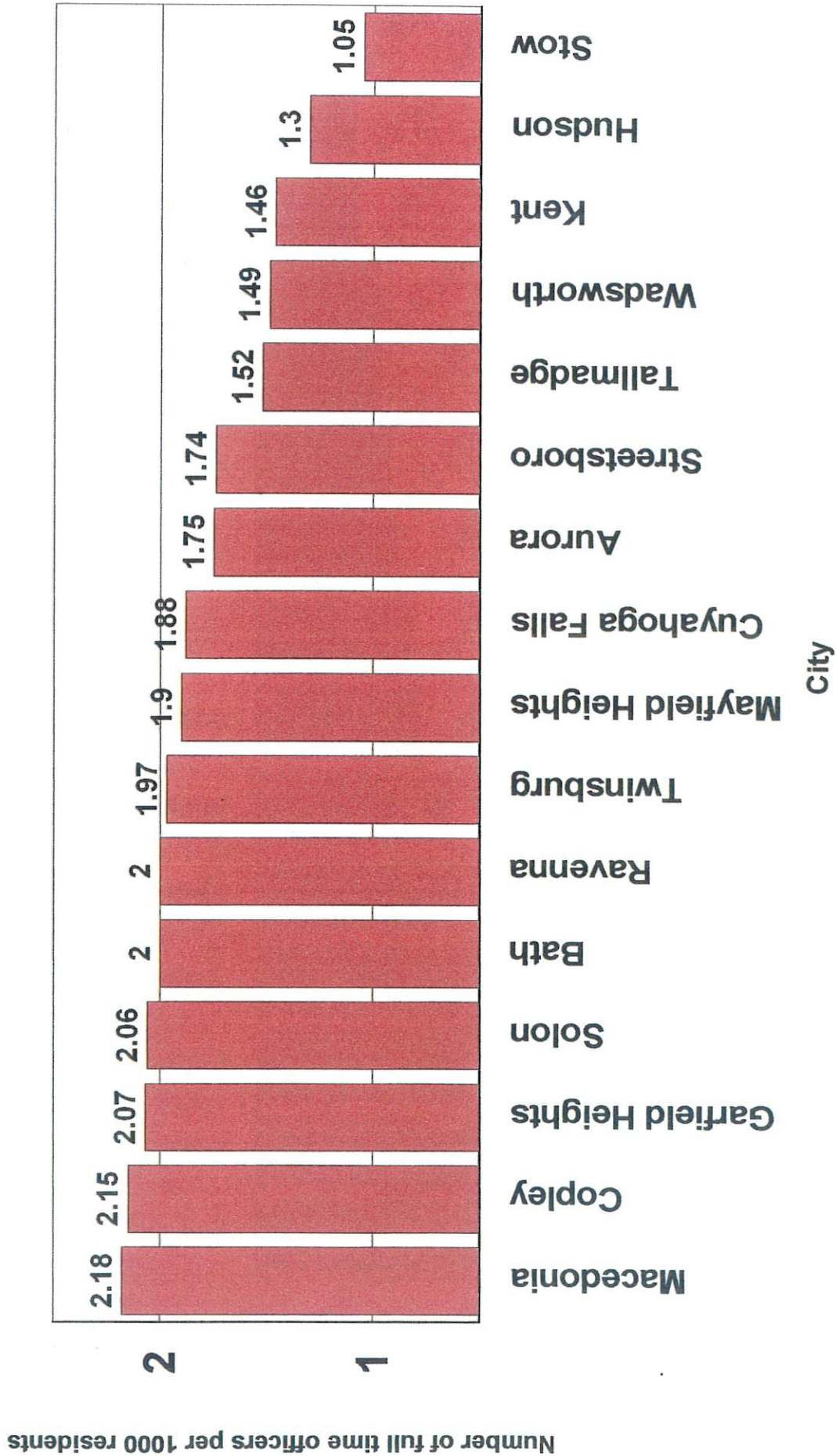
Number of Full Time Police Officers

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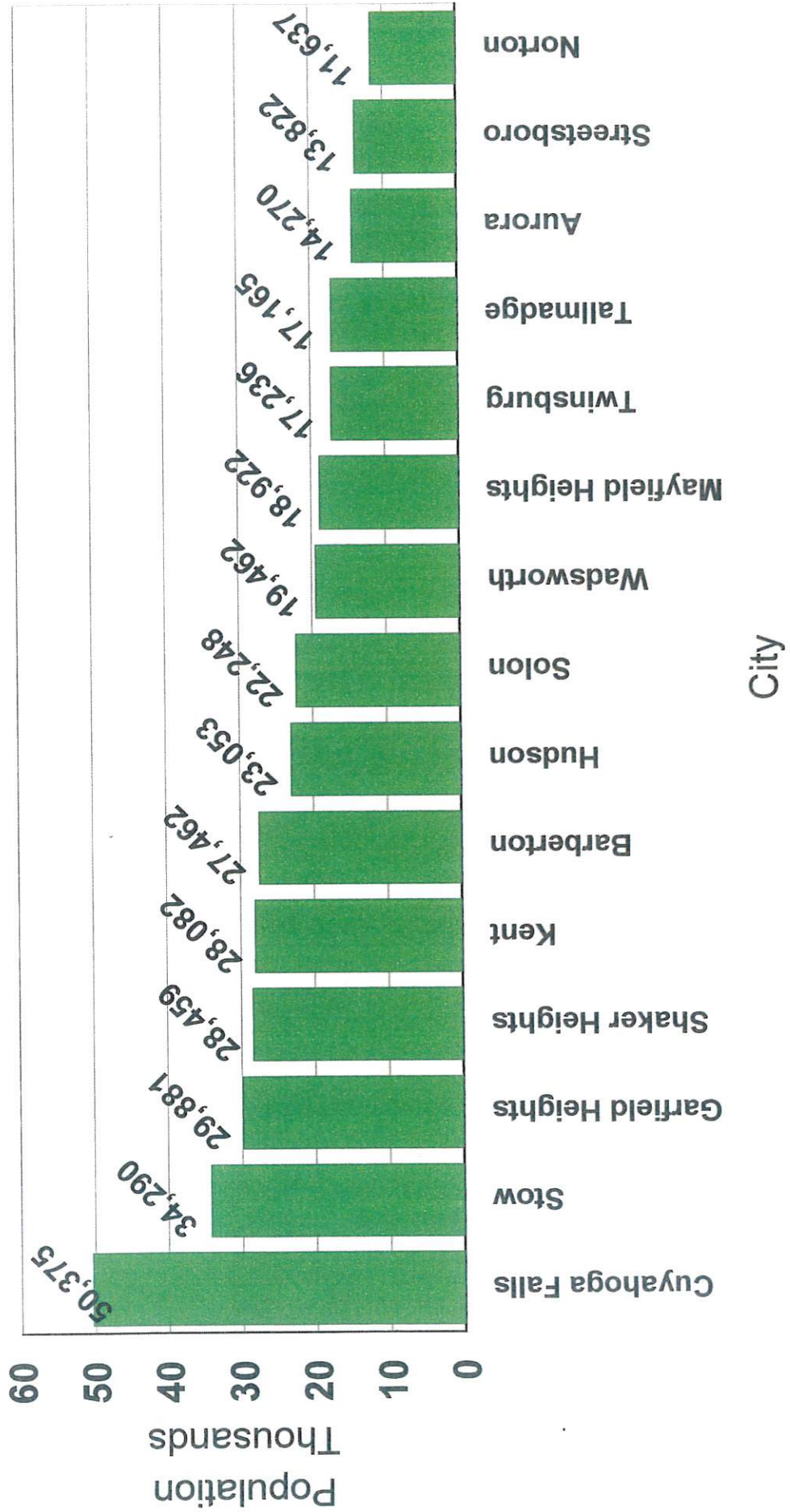
Number of officers at the end of each year.
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Number of Full Time Police Officers per 1000 residents



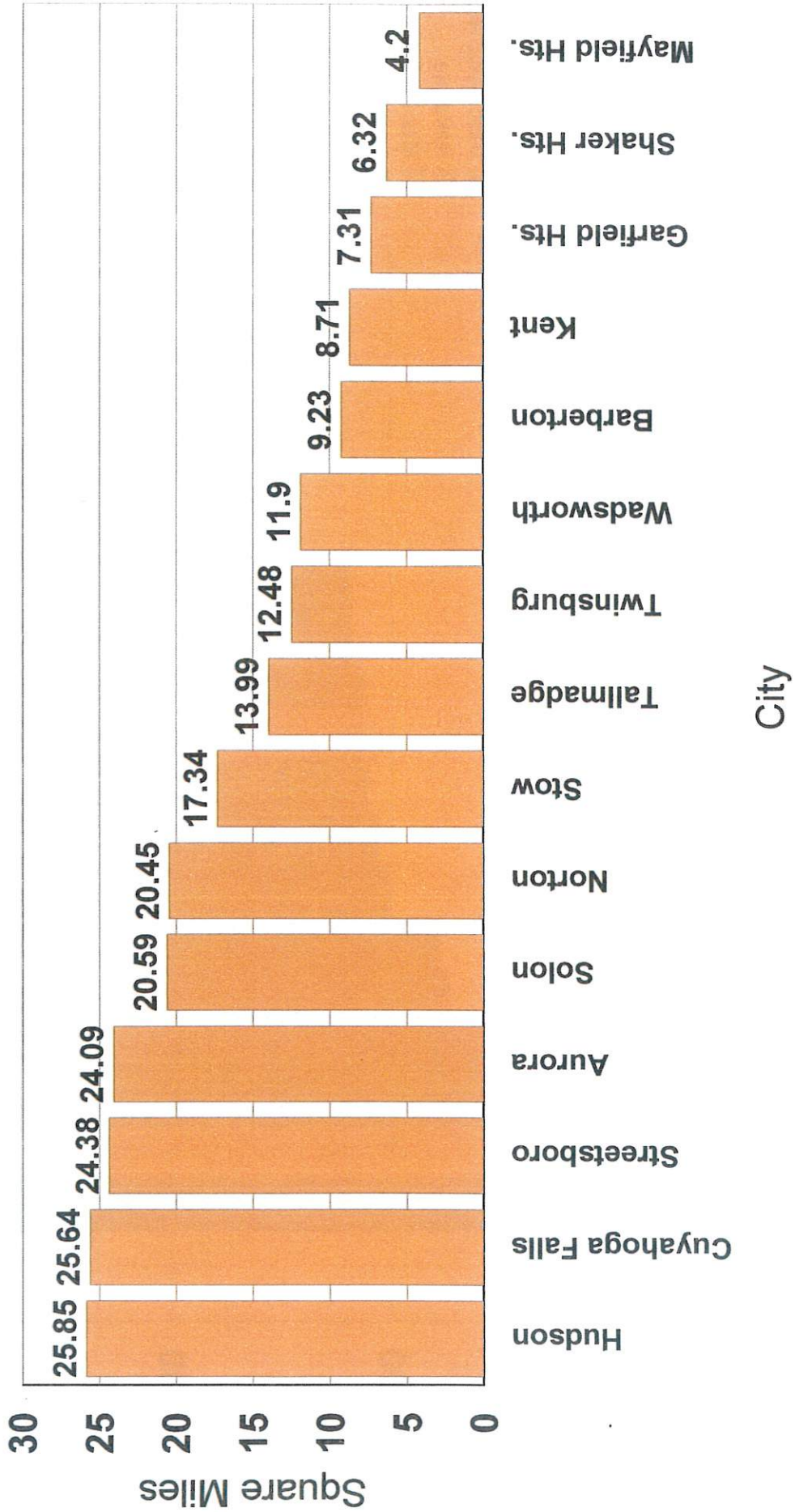
The National Average for cities with populations from 10,000-24,999 is 1.9 full time officers per 1000 residents. For cities with populations between 25,000-49,999 the National Average is 1.8 full time officers per 1000 residents. The following communities also have part-time officers : Macedonia (2), Bath (3), Twinsburg (2), and Copley (6).

Population Estimates of area Cities



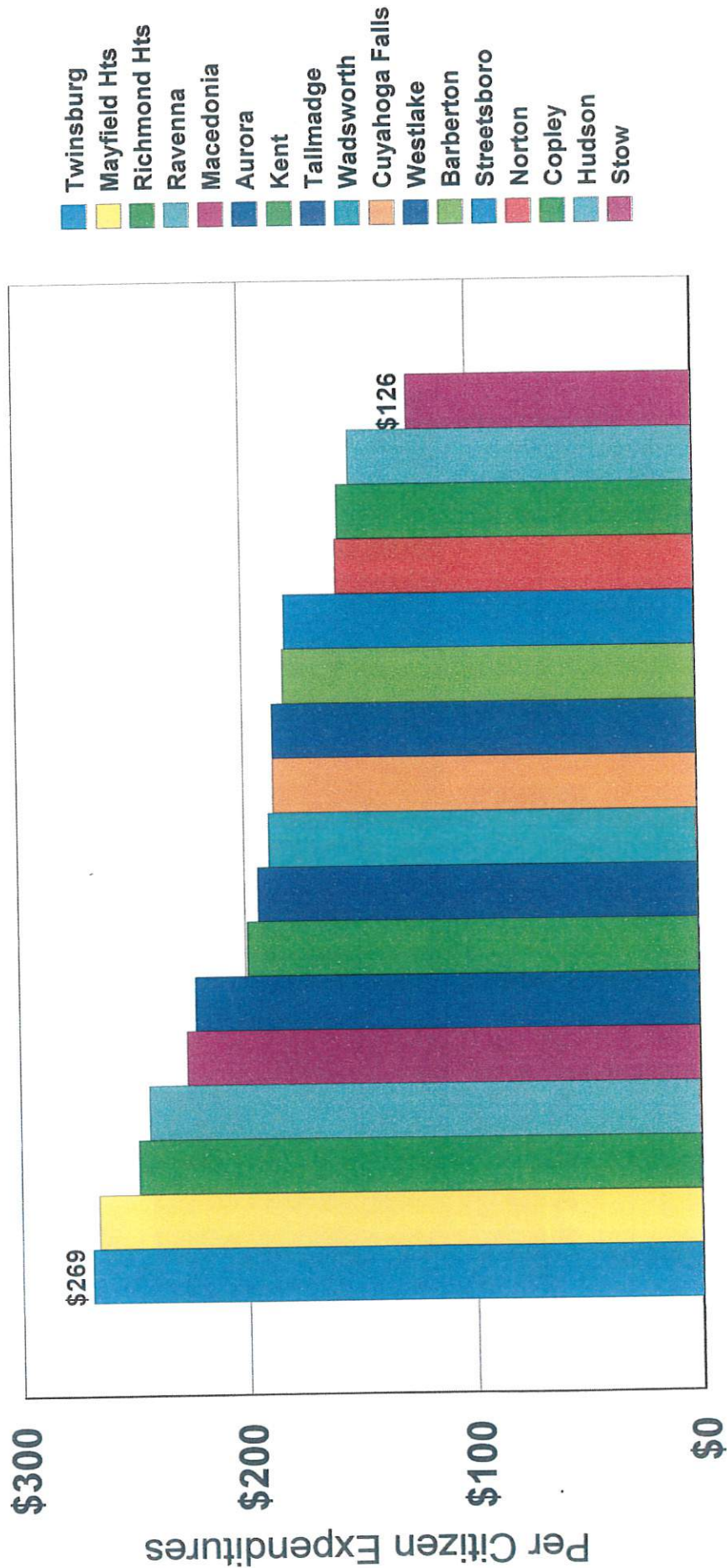
Population Estimates of Ohio Department of Development as of July 1, 2003.
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City Size by Square Miles



Information taken from the 2000 U.S. Census.
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Per Citizen Budgeted Expenditures for area police departments



Figures calculated by dividing city's police operating budget by population. Budgets provided by each city's Finance Department or their Police Department. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, operating expenditures in 2000 averaged \$179 per resident.