



Stow Police Department



Annual Report
2006

City of Stow Police Department



3800 Darrow Road
Stow, Ohio 44224
Telephone: 330-689-5700
FAX: 330-689-5799
Records Division: 330-689-5790
Detective Bureau: 330-689-5770
Stow Youth Services: 330-689-5760
E-Mail: stowpd@stow.oh.us

Louis A. Dirker Jr.
Chief of Police

Mayor Karen Fritschel,

On behalf of the Stow Police Department I present to you the 2006 Annual Report. As in the past, the report provides an overview of the Police Department and information on what has occurred in the department over the past year.

This year we had two Officers retire from the department. Officer Mike Barker and Officer Mike Foley both retired in September. Thanks to your efforts and the efforts of City Council and the Finance Department the Police Department was authorized to hire two additional Police Officers in 2006. Because of the retirements and the increase in staffing levels, the City of Stow administered an entry level test for the position of Police Officer. The replacement Officers and the two additional Officers will be hired in the first quarter of 2007.

This year Shelby McKinney, the Animal Control Officer retired. The position of Animal Control Officer was reassessed and a new position description was drafted that more accurately reflected the duties performed. The title of the position was changed to Community Services Officer. Edward Young was hired to fill the position.

The department hired former officer Mike Foley to fill the part time position of Administrative Services Coordinator. Among the duties assigned to this position are the monitoring of the alarm ordinance and the operation of the Parking Violations Bureau.

The City of Stow continues to be involved in a Council of Governments with several other jurisdictions to investigate the possibility of coordinating in the implementation of a new 800 MHz radio system.

The Police Department continues to stress service to the community and continues to provide the best in training and equipment to the Officers.

Sincerely,

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. Stirm

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
Heather M. Prusha

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
Andrew J. Calvey

Randy A. Brink
Douglas E. Dawes
Thomas J. Gottas
Edith F. Gaffney
Jeffrey D. Swanson
Kevin M. Green
Bryan J. Snavely
John L. Ginther
Robert S. Molody
Ryan M. Schulz

City of Stow Police Department Civilian Personnel

Administrative Assistant

Deborah Berkey

Communications

Ginger Bates, Supervisor

Donna Seiler
Tammy Boley
Dawn Wilson
Angela Cunningham
Linda Lees

LoAnn Groghan
Stephanie Despot-Cook
Jamie Beck
Jessica Dolezal
Patricia McCoy

Community Services Officer

Edward Young

Records

Cheryl L. Black, Supervisor

Jami Lord

Michelle Badgley

Monica Dunton

Lindsay Harvey

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

Lt. Richard Roberts
Sgt. Roger Flanagan
Sgt. Kevin Mayer

Lt. Bruno Niewierowski
Sgt. Traci Dunbar
Sgt. Myron Allison

Reserve Officers

Joseph Kutinsky
Anthony Berlingieri
Angela Kutinsky
Ernest Witcher
Ron Winkler
Rick Kirtley

Carl Allen
William Montalto
John Quinlan
Dionna Bucey
Christopher Smith
Robert Frisina

Chris Angeletti
Steven Coates
Jaymes Bartram
Dean Stuart
Donovan Kelley

CHIEF OF POLICE

Louis A. Dirker, Jr., has served as Chief of Police since February of 2003. Chief 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.

In 2006, Chief Dirker completed the Certified Law Enforcement Executives Program sponsored by the Ohio Chiefs of Police. The Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program promotes professional development benefiting not only the individual, but also the agencies in which they work and practice and their communities. It is designed to elevate the standards of excellence for law enforcement executives.

Chief Dirker served as the President of the Executive Committee for the Metro SWAT unit and as Chairman of the Summit County Police Officers Traffic Committee in 2006.



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.

The Shift Augmentation Plan (SAP), implemented in September of 2003, continues to boost manpower at critical times. Lt. Pastoria 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.

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 the day shift in 2006. The shift responded to 5,150 calls for service. This shift also made 195 adult arrests, 114 juvenile arrests, and initiated 1,075 traffic stops. Of these traffic contacts, 655 warnings and 800 traffic citations were issued.

One of the shift's priorities is to maintain a relationship with the schools in each officer's district. A total of 396 visits were made to the elementary schools by the day shift officers as a part of the Adopt-A-Cop program.

AFTERNOON SHIFT

Under the direction of Sgt. Matthew A. Reed and Sgt. Michael A. Titus, the afternoon shift focused on increasing traffic enforcement in high accident areas, increasing OVI arrests and increasing police visibility in retail areas in an effort to curtail shoplifting and related thefts in these locations.

The shift responded to 5,805 calls for service and also conducted 503 visits to area stores and shopping centers as part of the Cops in Shops program. Though it is not possible to measure what crime was actually deterred by Cops in Shops, it is believed officer presence and visibility to the public has some effect. The officers also initiated 2,371 traffic stops in 2006 that resulted in 1,946 citations and 1,120 written warnings. The shift made 520 adult arrests and 207 juvenile arrests during the year.

NIGHT SHIFT

The night shift concentrated on increasing traffic stops and informing residents of poor security issues. Sgt. Jeffrey Film and Sgt. Steven Dunton supervised the night shift and encouraged officers to achieve their goals.

The shift initiated 2,145 traffic stops that resulted in 309 arrests for drunk driving. This was a 66% increase over the total number of drunken driver arrests made in 2005. Over five hundred 'Poor Security Notices' were issued to residents and/or businesses when officers observed a specific vulnerability to security of the property or premises. The night shift

responded to 2,023 calls for service during the year. The officers also made a total of 800 adult arrests and 191 juvenile arrests.

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 2006 included: K-9 visits with Nero and Knight; serving as a member of the school safety committee; lunch time visits.

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

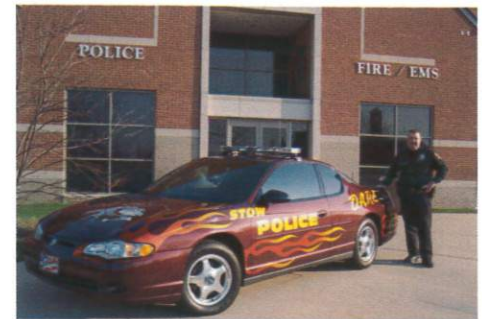
D.A.R.E. is a cooperative program being conducted by law enforcement and the schools to prevent drug abuse and to help students learn how to make healthy decisions.

In September 2003, the D.A.R.E. program was consolidated under the direction of Officer Jim Barker who serves as the sole provider of instruction for the local schools.

Since 1991, over 8000 sixth graders have participated in the D.A.R.E. program. Officer Barker developed a Microsoft Power Point presentation of the core curriculum and has shared this program with other agencies. Officer Barker instructs in 4th, 6th and 7th grades in the public schools and at Holy Family School.

The School Resource Officer (SRO), D.A.R.E. instructor and other officers share in the responsibility of instructing students on a wide range of Historical, Constitutional, Law Enforcement subjects as well as safety issues.

Seat belt safety is taught to all third graders each school year.



Officer Jim Barker

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

In 2006, Officer Ted Bell with his K-9 (Nero) and Officer Steve Miller and K-9 Knight checked hundreds of vehicles for narcotics that resulted in numerous charges, arrests, and forfeitures.



Nero

Since 2001, our K-9's have located over 35 people on tracks, including suicidal persons, violent subjects, and fugitives. Officers Bell and Miller and their dogs have also helped numerous other agencies with checking vehicles and with tracking suspects or lost individuals.

In April 2006, Officer Miller and Knight assisted the Aurora Police Department in locating a 75 year old Alzheimer's patient that had entered a wooded area after walking away from his home. In June, Officer Miller tracked and apprehended a suspect that ran into Stow after committing a burglary in Hudson.

Metro SWAT

Metro SWAT is a dedicated, flexible and mobile team of police officers from 20 participating political subdivisions which will respond to member communities when special weapons and tactics are needed. The unit consists of 47 highly trained personnel with specific skills in marksmanship, tactical response, containment, deployment of chemical munitions, and hostage negotiations. The team has six medics, two team doctors and a team psychologist.

In 2006, the Metro SWAT team had sixteen activations. These call-outs ranged from warrant services, crowd control, and barricaded hostage incidents. Seven out of the sixteen callouts were for suicidal persons who were armed with a firearm. In several incidents, the weapons had been fired from within the structure. The most severe callout occurred when an armed barricaded suicidal female in Fairlawn, Ohio, threatened to harm herself and anyone who tried to intervene. Negotiations failed and a shot was heard from within the structure. Upon entering the structure, it was found that the woman had taken her own life with a handgun.

In the year 2006, there was one activation in the City of Stow. On November 29, 2006 the Metro SWAT team was activated by the City of Stow Police Department to assist with a suicidal male who was suspected to be high on methamphetamine and contemplating suicide. Patrol officers arrived on scene and were told by the suspect that they were going to be harmed if they tried to enter his residence. One of the officers reported hearing a gun being charged in the residence. Numerous attempts were made to resolve the situation by the negotiation team; however, the suspect refused to cooperate. After a short period of time, the suspect was taken into custody by the tactical unit. He was taken to the hospital for medical treatment.

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. Officer Barry Smith has served as the School Resource Officer since January 2004. The duties and responsibilities of Officer Smith 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.



Officer Barry Smith

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 (sworn) 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 Reserve unit to assist in crowd and traffic control as well as aiding event attendees and regular officers.

There are currently 26 reserve officers in the unit. In 2006, the reserves put in over 8,300 hours assisting the police department. They performed 1201 vacation checks on residences, 119 vehicle lockouts, and assisted at 35 special details (varying from child ID fingerprints for parents to traffic control at school/community events and the July 4th parade). Reserve officers were also called in for emergencies five times in 2006.

Mentorship Program

The mentorship program was established in 2001 and is a cooperative effort between the Stow Police Department and area High Schools. The program is for seniors who attend Stow Munroe Falls High School or seniors who are residents of Stow and attend a local private high school. This program takes students who are interested in becoming a police officer and provides them with insight into the Law Enforcement environment. The seniors ride along with officers and are provided the opportunity to see what a police officer does on a day-to-day basis. The senior has the opportunity to ask questions and determine if a career in law enforcement is right for them. Since its inception, over 30 students have been mentored by various officers on the department.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is under the command of Lt. Anne M. Stirm. All services and operations under Support Services are under the supervision or direct responsibility of Lt. Stirm.

JAIL

The Stow City Jail is a twelve-day facility intended to be used for pre-trial detainees, sentenced misdemeanants and those persons who are booked immediately following arrest and released. Once the Stow Police Department is fully staffed, it will become feasible to house inmates under the mandates prescribed by Ohio's Minimum Jail Standards. One thousand two hundred and six adult prisoners were processed through the Stow City Jail in 2006.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Shelby McKinney served as the Animal Control Officer (A.C.O.) up until his retirement in May. A.C.O. McKinney responded to the majority of the calls for service which includes animal at large calls, lost pets, nuisance animals (wild or domestic) and sick or injured animals. His duties also included maintaining and equipping departmental vehicles and handling numerous necessary departmental errands.

RECORDS DIVISION

The Records division is staffed with four full-time employees and one part-time employee. 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 records personnel.

In July, 2006, Monica Dunton and Lindsay Harvey joined as the newest members of the Records division. Monica is a full-time records clerk and Lindsay works as a part-time employee. The Records division is currently working in cooperation with the Stow-Munroe Falls High School's Cooperative Business Education Program. This program has allowed Lindsay to work at the police department while attending school.



Monica and Lindsay

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.



Of the 756 juvenile cases, in 2006, 344 were handled by Stow Youth Services and 351 were sent to the Summit County Juvenile Court. Seventy cases were forwarded to diversion units in other jurisdictions. The offenses committed most frequently referred to SYS were, in descending order: drug and/or alcohol related incidents (145); theft (122); curfew (117); unruly/runaway (97); disorderly conduct (46); tobacco violations (41).

Stow Youth Services also offers programs to assist in the rehabilitation of youth such as: Restorative Justice Program, Tobacco Intervention Program, Community Service and Parent Program. Stow Youth Services also offers internships, Safety Town, and Illusions Teen Program.

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. Outside training is provided by the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy and many other private law enforcement training organizations.

This year, Rapid Deployment training was conducted at Holy Family School. 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.

Officer Ryan M. Schulz was the only officer hired in 2006 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.



INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Detective Bureau is under the command of Lt. Rick Myers, a 29 year law enforcement veteran. 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.

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. The Bureau 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. In conjunction with the U.S. Marshal Northeast Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force, the Stow Detective Bureau arrested numerous persons on warrants with a total of (29) counts of theft crimes and (11) counts of sexually oriented crimes. One male was apprehended in Michigan and extradited back to Ohio for sexual crimes.

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 hour basis.

Noteworthy Investigation Division Events

Some crimes are never solved and many are still under investigation. This is not an all inclusive list but some of the Division's 2006 investigations included:

- A (22) yr old male was arrested for Rape for sexually assaulting a (12) yr old girl on numerous occasions.
- A (45) yr old male nurse was arrested for assaulting and abusing an (83) yr old male Alzheimer's patient in a nursing home.
- Six (6) males were charged in a Burglary/Theft ring in which over \$38,000 worth of equipment was stolen from Stow homes and sold or stored in Cleveland and a tri-county area.
- A (14) yr old male was charged with Rape for sexually assaulting a (2) yr old girl.
- A (22) yr old male was arrested for selling illegal drugs in the vicinity of an elementary school.
- A (41) yr old male was arrested for Pandering Sexually Oriented Material of children on his computer.
- A (63) yr old male was arrested for defrauding a local business of \$70,000.
- With the assistance of the Summit County Drug Unit, the Stow Police executed a search warrant and found a lab processing crystal methamphetamine. Two residents were charged in the raid.
- A (37) yr old male was arrested for breaking into his workplace, turning on the natural gas and setting fire to the business causing \$10,000 in damage.
- A (35) yr old male was arrested for engaging in a sexual relationship with a (15) yr old girl with whom he'd met on the internet.
- A (42) yr old female was charged with committing an \$8,700 identity theft against a (52) yr old female.
- Two males were charged for posing as plumbers and stealing \$16,000 worth of coins from inside the home of a Stow resident.
- Numerous drug buys using undercover informants resulting in arrests were made during the year. Over \$99,000 in cash was received from drug forfeitures.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Stow Communications Center is under the direction of Ginger Bates and is staffed by one part-time and nine full-time telecommunicators (dispatchers). Emergency services dispatchers have a very demanding job. These dedicated individuals are the first link between the citizens and the safety forces of the City of Stow and the Village of Silver Lake, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. All non-emergency, 9-1-1 emergency calls and most administrative calls are received through the Communications Center. Each shift is generally staffed by two dispatchers who are certified by the National Academy of Emergency Medical dispatch to administer life-saving techniques via the telephone prior to EMS arrival. As a dispatcher, these individuals are improving their skills everyday on the job and through continuing education programs throughout the year. It is their job to obtain complete, accurate and appropriate information from callers; evaluate and prioritize the complaint and dispatch the proper personnel. They are expected to perform these duties in a high stress environment at times under extreme pressures, sometimes involving life and death emergencies. The Communications Center has the capability to directly receive 9-1-1 calls from cellular phones.

On July 12th, 2006, Dispatcher Angela Cunningham received a commendation for assisting a caller with CPR instructions for an adult male.

On July 24th, 2006, Dispatcher Jessica Dolezal received a commendation for assisting a caller through CPR instructions on a five month old infant.

The Communications Center averages 500 calls per day, over 15,000 calls per month. These calls are requests for service not only of Stow and Silver Lake Police and Stow Fire and EMS (Stow Fire Department services the Village of Silver Lake's Fire and EMS needs) but all other non-emergency, administrative and general question calls. In 2006, the Communications Center entered approximately 127 incidents and miscellaneous details per day for all dispatched entities.



RETIREMENTS AND NEW MEMBERS

Retirements



Shelby McKinney

A.C.O. Shelby McKinney

Animal Control Officer (A.C.O.) Shelby McKinney retired May 31st after serving the City for thirty years. The title of Animal Control Officer was somewhat deceiving because Shelby did so much more for the department. He handled lock outs during his shift, ran departmental errands, and maintained the fleet of police cruisers.

Ofc. Michael Foley

Police Officer Michael Foley retired September 18th. Ofc. Foley joined the Stow Police Department in 1990. He worked at the Kent State Police Department and for the Solon Police Department before coming to Stow.

Michael interviewed and was hired in November for the part-time position of Administrative Services Coordinator to handle parking violations and false alarm issues.



Michael Foley



Michael Barker

Ofc. Michael Barker

Police Officer Michael Barker retired September 30th. Ofc. Barker joined the Stow Police Department in 1980. He served as an Ohio State trooper prior to coming to Stow.

New Members

Ofc. Ryan M. Schulz

On January 3rd, 2006, Ryan M. Schulz joined his father as a police officer on the Stow Police Department. Ryan attended the police academy through the month of May. After that, he entered the three month field training phase at the department. Ryan was released to work on his own in September.



Ryan and Paul Schulz



Edward Young

C.S.O. Edward Young

Edward Young joined the Department in October as the newly designated position of Community Services Officer (C.S.O.). His duties include those previously held by Shelby McKinney as the Animal Control Officer.

Pastor David Klein

In 2006, Pastor David Klein was sworn in as the department's chaplain. A police chaplain's main concern is providing services to the members of the police department they serve regardless of their faiths or religious affiliations. This includes everything from attending official departmental ceremonies to providing emergency counsel to the police officers and their families. Pastor Klein has attended over 50 hours of training by the International Association of Police Chaplains and has been internationally certified as a police chaplain.



Pastor David Klein

Cruiser Safety

A cruiser safety committee was formed in early 2006 to determine ways to reduce the number of incidents of cruisers being struck from behind. The committee recommended that the rear "POLICE" be made larger and reflective. A reflective barricade pattern was added to the cruisers and the overhead light bars on new cruisers were changed from the "strobe" type to an all Linear-LED light bar that features an ultra bright, ultra wide angle technology. Each cruiser was also equipped with at least five traffic cones to help with traffic control at the scene of accidents.



Statistical Information

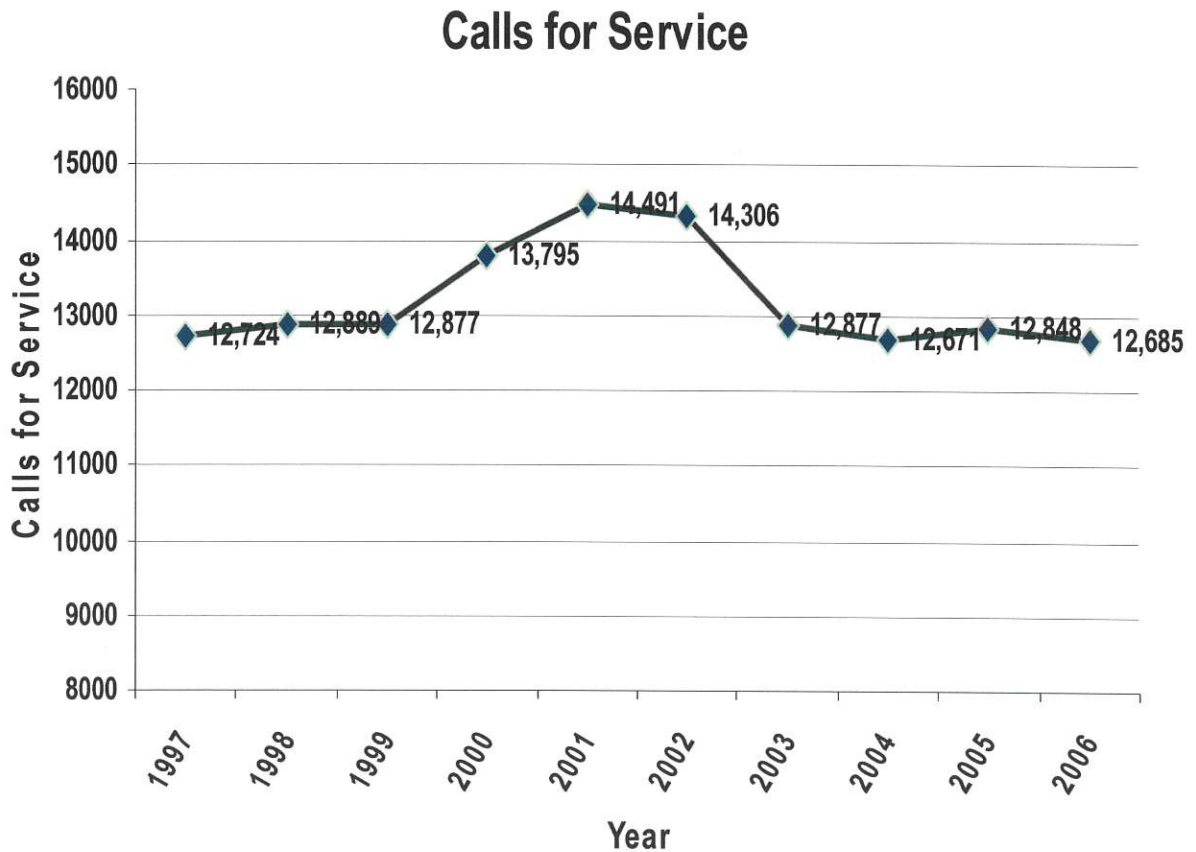
ANNUAL ACTIVITY

The following table and graphs reflect the activities for the Department in 2006:

	2005	2006	%		2005	2006	%
CALLS RESPONDED TO				OTHER REPORTS			
11P-7A	2065	2023	-2	PRIVATE PORPERTY CRASH	221	182	-18
7A-3P	5268	5150	-2	ASSAULT/MINOR	44	51	16
3P-11P	5962	5805	-3	CHECKS	34	50	47
TOTAL CALLS	13295	12978	-2	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	301	382	27
				DISORDERLY CONDUCT	164	171	4
CITATIONS ISSUED				DOMESTIC RELATED	447	353	-21
OUI	239	350	46	FRAUD FORGERY	89	58	-35
RADAR/SPEED	1026	1113	8	JUVENILE RELATED	121	157	30
TRAFFIC	2649	3133	18	LIQUOR LAWS	70	102	46
TOTAL CITES	3914	4596	17	MENACING	47	43	-9
				NARCOTICS RELATED	110	162	47
OTHER CITATIONS				OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	27	40	48
PARKING	121	150	24	SEX CRIMES	16	14	-13
ANIMAL CITATIONS	8	9	13	TELEPHONE CRIMES	146	163	12
				WEAPONS	9	18	100
ADULT ARRESTS							
FELONY/MISDEMEANOR	992	1231	24	MISCELLANEOUS			
WARRANTS	278	325	17	ANIMAL/SERVICE CALLS	836	781	-7
OTHER CITY CHARGES	3	16	433	ALARMS	1096	904	-18
YOUTH SERVICES REFERRALS				CASH RECEIVED			
STOW PD ARRESTS	647	847	31	BIKE LICENSE	\$43	\$11	-74
OTHER AGENCY ARRESTS	151	197	30	COURT FINES	\$114,666	\$128,219	12
WALK-IN CASES	4	5	25	DOG FINES	\$180	\$100	-44
				DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$3,606	\$7,106	97
ACCIDENTS				DRUG FUND	\$2,250	\$5,704	154
FATAL	0	2	200	EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	\$2,098	\$62	-97
INJURY	163	145	-11	MISCELLANEOUS	0	\$798	79,786
NO INJURY	594	502	-15	PARKING FINES	\$1,435	\$2,295	60
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	757	649	-14	PHOTO COPIES	\$50.95	\$61	20
				RECORD CHECKS	\$1,270	\$630	-50
PART I CRIMES				TOTAL DOLLARS	\$125,599	\$144,986	15
HOMICIDE	0	0	0				
RAPE	12	8	-33				
ROBBERY	7	8	14				
ASSAULT/AGGRAVATED	4	7	75				
BURGLARY	81	114	41				
THEFT	554	765	38				
AUTO THEFT	21	13	-38				
ARSON	6	7	17				
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	685	922	35				

Calls for Service

We have changed the way we count and record calls for service on several occasions over the years. Initially, we counted every incident as a call for service. Over time we have removed calls dispatched to the Community Services Officer, calls handled by Reserve Officers, and all calls initiated by Stow Police Officers (including traffic stops and all administrative details). Currently, calls for service must come from the outside. Based on the current definition of calls for service, the calls for the last ten years appear in the below graph.



Response Times

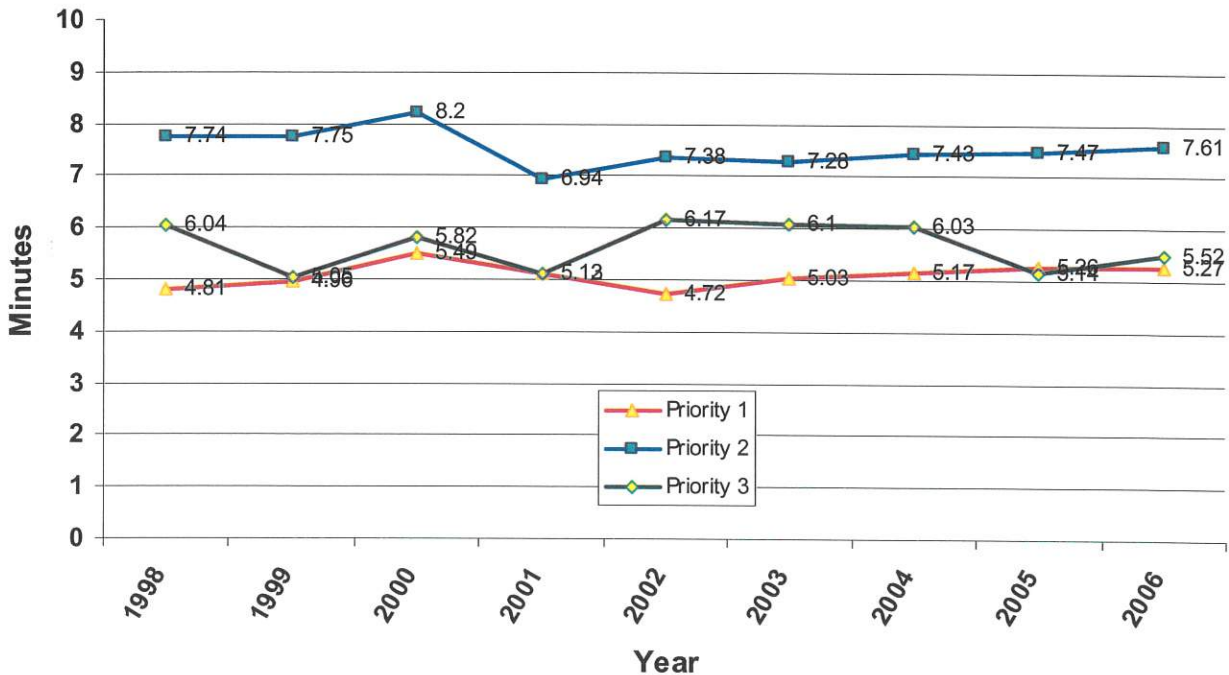
The below graph illustrates the average response times for priority 1, 2, and 3 calls. Our response times are well above the National averages. Some examples of the priorities of "in progress" calls are as follows:

Priority 1: Officer Needs Immediate Help
Domestic Violence call

Priority 2: Robbery
Crash – with Injury
Shooting/Stabbing
Homicide
Child Abuse
Arson
Kidnapping

Priority 3: Motor Vehicle Pursuit
Burglary
Sexual Assault
Sudden Death
Crash – Unknown Severity

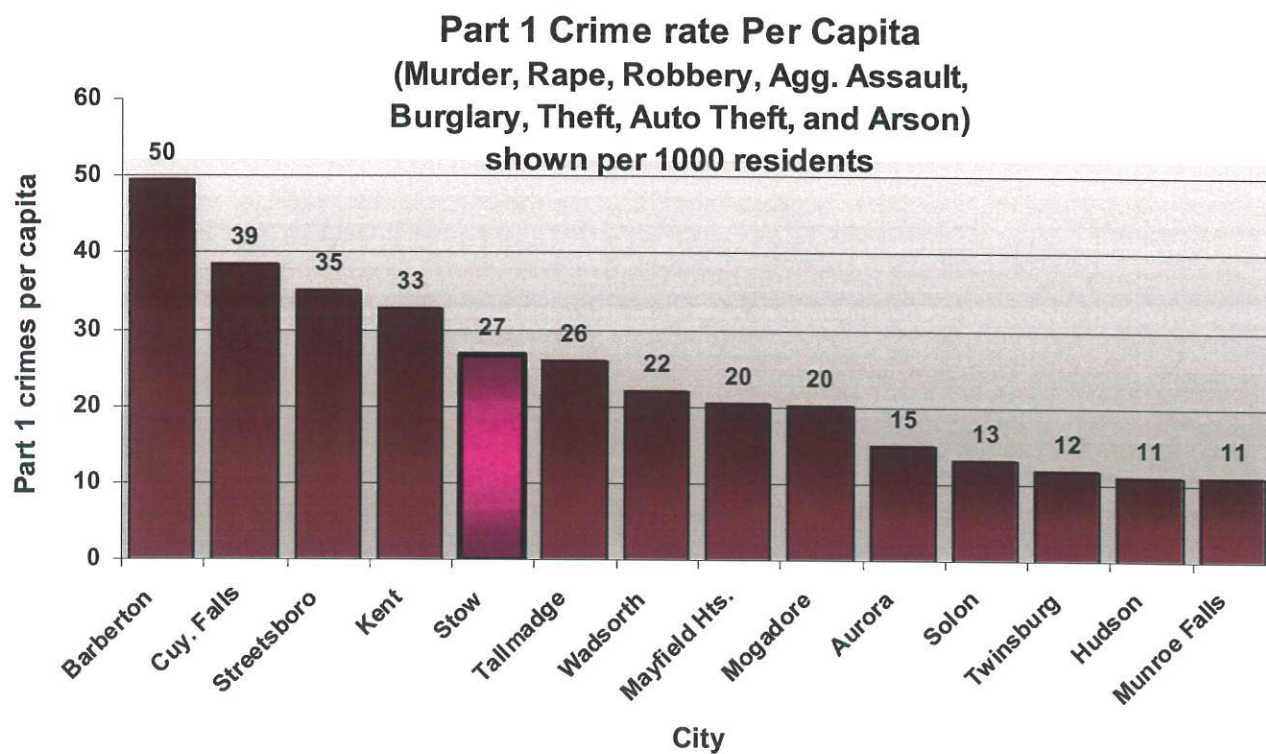
**Response Times
Priority 1, 2, and 3 calls
1998-2006**



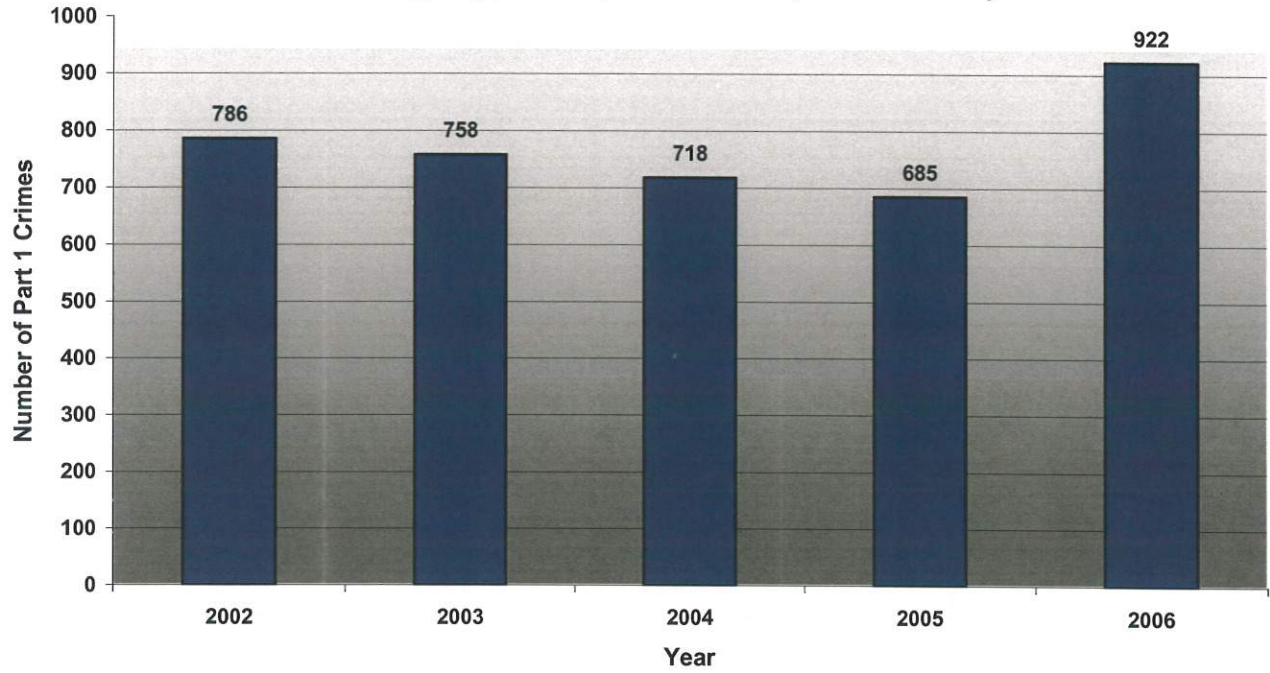
Crime

The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program classifies most criminal acts into Part I and Part II offenses. Part I offenses, including select violent and property crimes, are used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement.

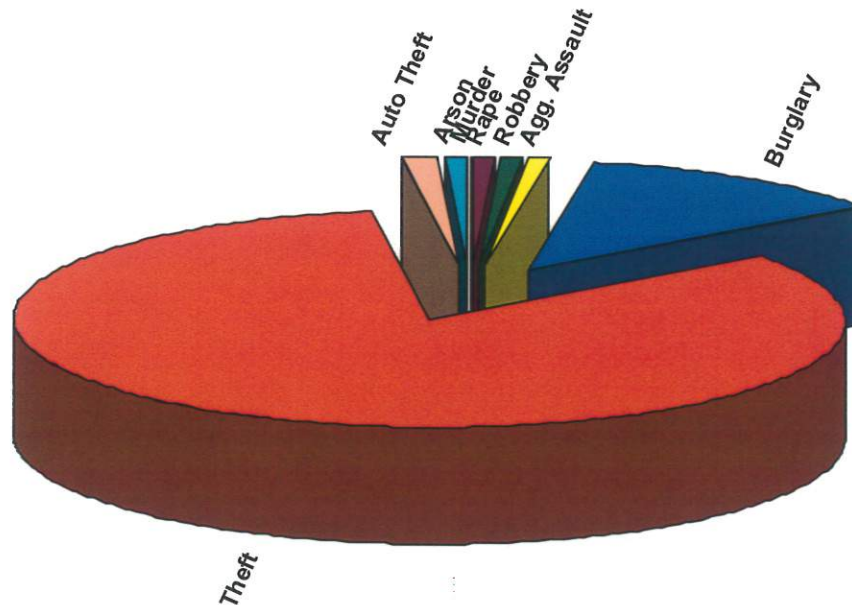
Stow's serious crimes (Part I Crimes) increased by 35% in 2006. The largest numerical increases were in burglaries and thefts. The greatest percentage increase was in aggravated (felonious) assaults. The following graph compares Stow's Part I crime (per capita) with other nearby communities. The next two graphs show Stow's total Part I crimes, as well as, our degree of crimes by category.



**Stow's Part 1 Crimes--Total
(Murder, Rape, Robbery, Agg. Assault,
Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson)**

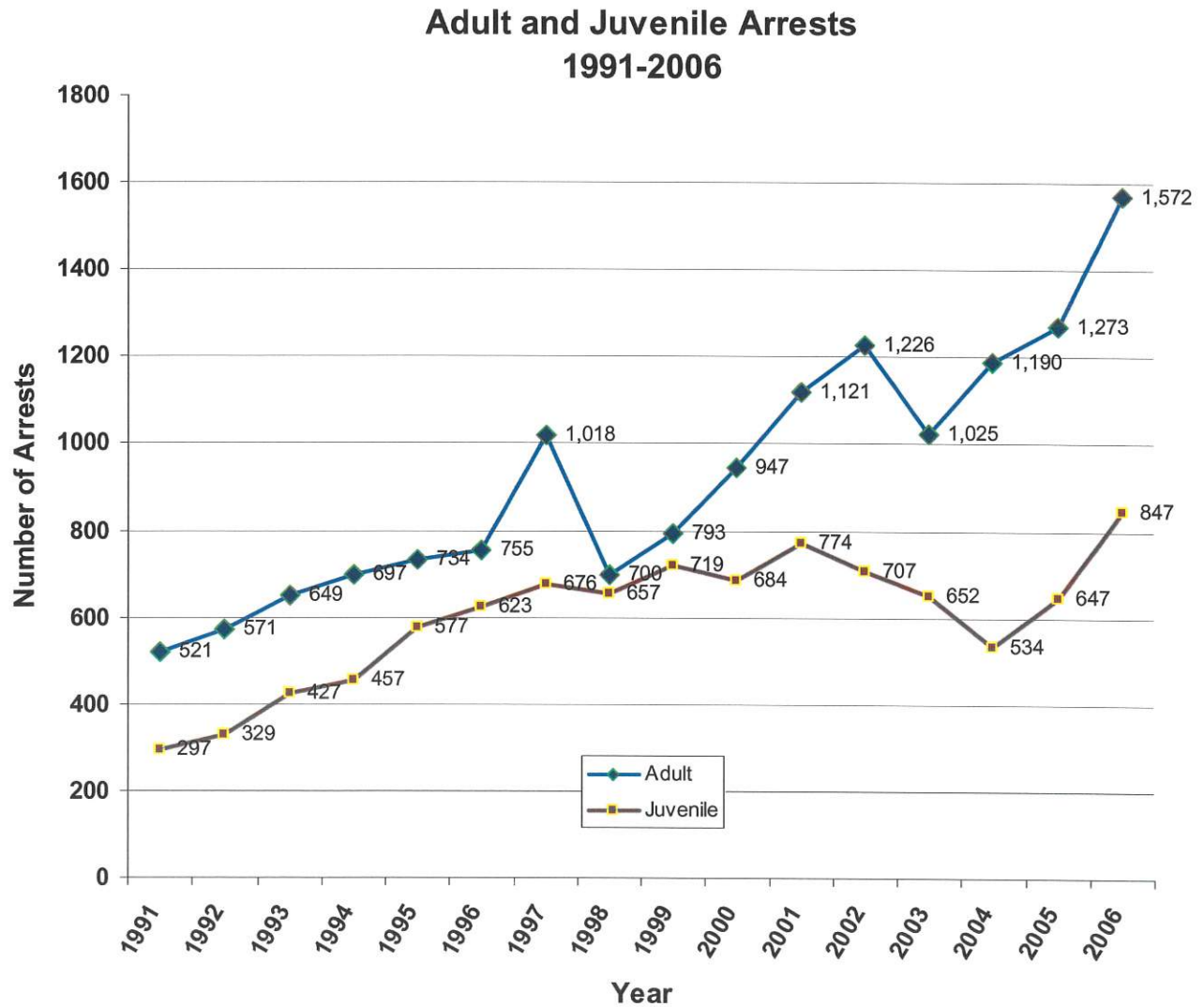


**Stow's 2006 Part 1 Crimes
(Murder, Rape, Robbery, Agg. Assault,
Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson)**



Arrests

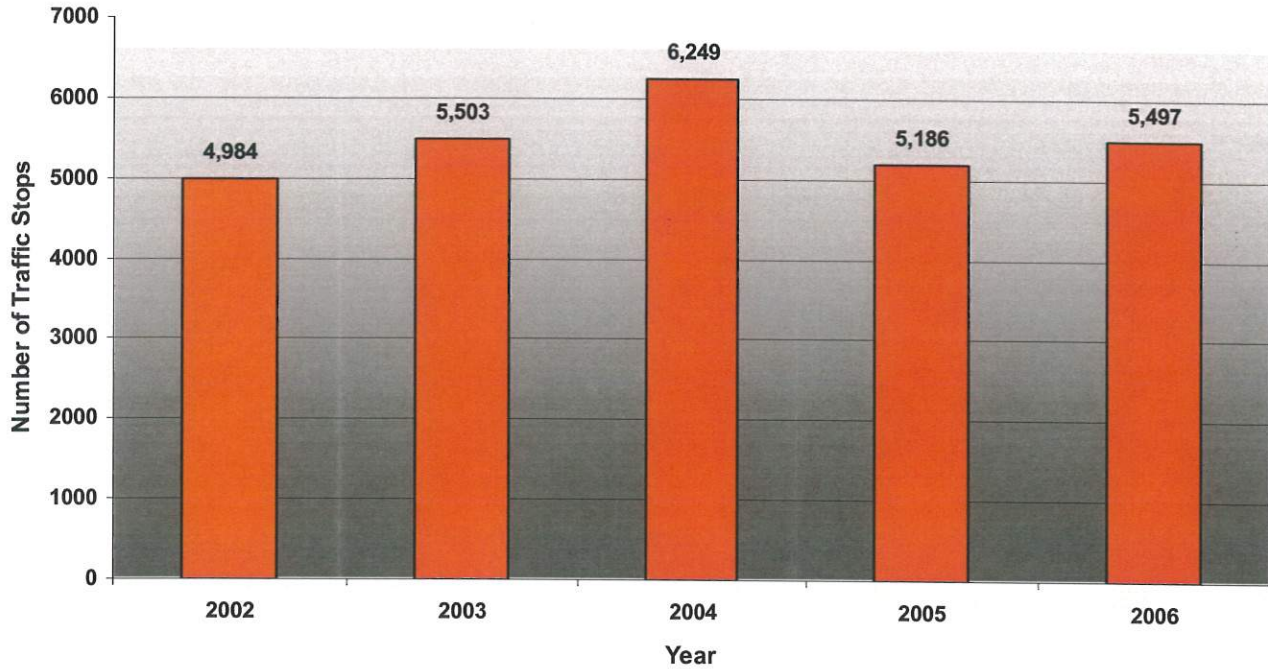
In 2006, the officers of the Stow Police Department arrested 1,527 adults and 847 juveniles for committing various crimes. Both of these numbers were records for the Department. The below graph illustrates the number of adult and juvenile arrests since 1991.



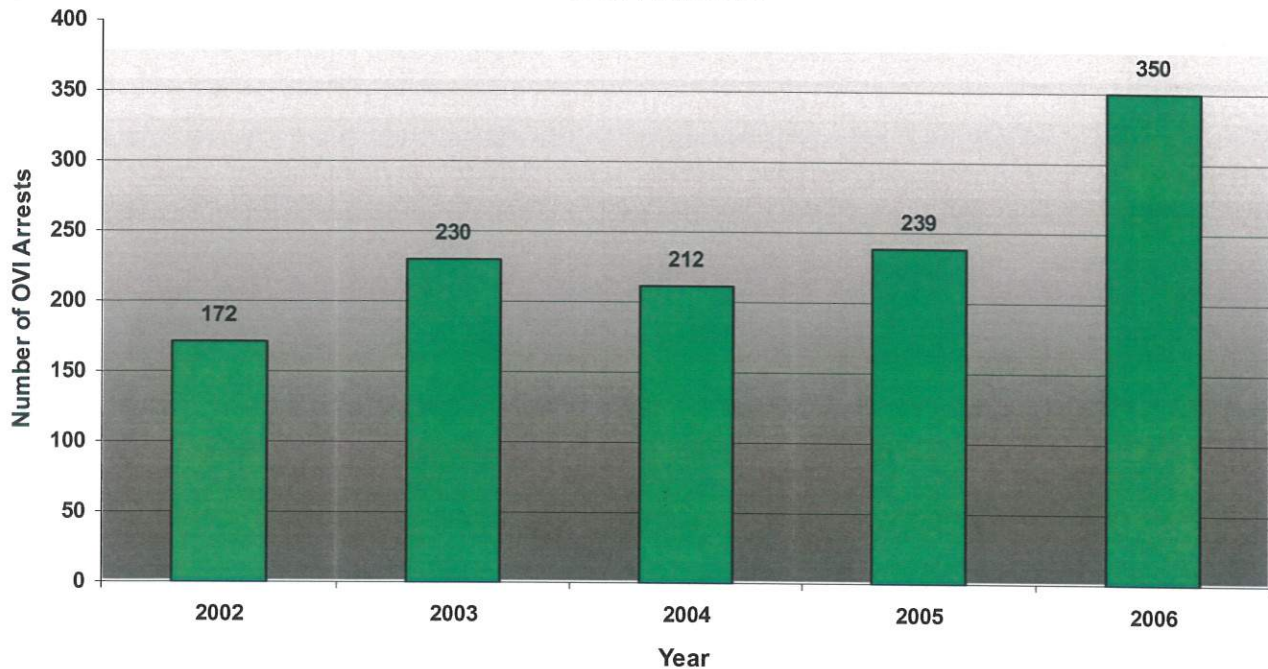
Traffic Enforcement

The number of reported automobile accidents declined by 14% in 2006 over the previous year. Officers made 5,497 traffic stops for the year and issued 4,596 citations. In 2006, Stow officers set a departmental record (350) for the number of persons arrested for Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated.

Traffic Stops



OVI Arrests



2006 OPERATING BUDGET/EXPENDITURES*

Account Description	Budget Amount	Expenditure
Retirement pay	\$19,483.00	\$19,482.05
P.E.R.S	\$67,019.00	\$62,861.63
Group Fringe Benefits	\$585,454.00	\$562,684.48
Uniforms-Police	\$55,000.00	\$47,304.73
Uniforms-Police Reserve	\$12,098.00	\$11,768.95
Uniforms-Crossing Guard	\$1,000.00	\$0
Uniforms-Dispatch & Others	\$3000.00	\$1,608.00
Office Supplies	\$25,428.89	\$23,975.46
Incidentals-General	\$74,438.64	\$66,861.67
Incidentals-Education	\$40,000.00	\$23,708.44
Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$45,148.82
Supplemental Support	\$13,592.00	\$11,671.10
Consult/Contract Professional	\$7,475.00	\$6,175.00
Miscellaneous Services	\$85,528.86	\$68,104.72
Utilities	\$17,260.23	\$13,103.57
Transportation	\$91,846.00	\$74,524.47
Boarding of Prisoners	\$545.86	\$406.74
Equipment & Building Repair	\$137,405.91	\$128,302.90
Equipment Rental	\$13,725.00	\$9,720.00
Furniture-Fix outlay	\$7,899.00	\$6,868.59
Equipment & Building Outlay	\$24,902.85	\$15,157.03
Police Officer Pension	\$288,204.00	\$256,154.02
Worker's Comp	\$112,083.00	\$112,082.32
Elected & Director Salary	\$77,471.00	\$77,470.42
Employee Salaries	\$2,231,149.00	\$2,173,285.88
Overtime-Regular Police	\$376,787.00	\$376,786.65
Overtime-Other Police employees	\$40,098.00	\$40,097.10
Civilian Salary	\$390,588.00	\$365,360.71
Reserve Officers/Crossing Guard Salary	\$70,032.00	\$62,803.66

*Figures provided by Stow Finance Department