

# City of Stow Police Department 2007 Annual Report



# City of Stow Police Department



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Louis A. Dirker Jr.  
Chief of Police

Mayor Karen Fritschel,

I am proud to present the 2007 Annual Report of the Stow Police Department. The Annual Report is a comprehensive overview of the Police Department and also offers a summary of items of interest and statistical information.

In 2007, we hired three additional Police Officers to bring the total number of sworn Officers to 42. We will be hiring two more officers in 2008, which will bring the authorized strength of the department to 44 sworn Officers. On behalf of the Officers of the Police Department, I once again want to thank the Administration and City Council for their support in the past year.

In 2007, we initiated the fitness assessment program for our Officers. The assessments were conducted in May and September. The results were very gratifying and the overall fitness level of the department was above average. We also convened a committee to make recommendations on revising the uniform regulations. The committee did an excellent job and the uniform regulations were rewritten to accommodate some of the recommendations. The committee recommended the adoption of a special uniform for training. This has been very well received and allows our Officers to present a very professional appearance during training sessions.

The City of Stow signed a contract with the Macedonia Police Department to utilize their municipal jail for the housing of our prisoners. This was a great innovation that allows the Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Court to sentence prisoners. It provides a holding facility that our Officers may use for arrestees.

The Squad Room was expanded and remodeled to allow more space in which Officers can work. New furniture was purchased and some of the computers were upgraded providing for a more up-to-date work environment.

In an effort to better utilize the supervisory staff and to reduce their replacement overtime, I have requested that one of the positions for the grade of Captain be filled. This will be very beneficial to the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the Police Department.

I am very proud of the Officers of this department. I can say with a high degree of certainty that the Officers of the Stow Police Department are some of the finest Officers with which I have had the honor to serve. Their dedication and devotion to duty are truly exemplary and I am proud to be a part of this very special team.

Sincerely,

Louis Dirker  
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  
Douglas E. Dawes  
David M. Semonin  
Joseph J. Hepler  
Barry C. Smith  
Theodore L. Bell  
Stephen W. Miller  
Stephen J. Heim  
Heather M. Prusha  
Brian R. Haddix  
Justin C. Smith

David J. Hall  
Timothy J. Reiheld  
Kenneth A. Mifflin  
James J. Barker  
Jeffrey A. Breznak  
Jonathan V. Bastock  
Jamie C. Dawson  
Nicholas F. Dolezal  
Andrew J. Calvey  
Jesse J. Reedy  
Erik N. Dirker  
Robert Frisina

Albert L. Hamilton  
Thomas J. Gottas  
Edith F. Gaffney  
Jeffrey D. Swanson  
Kevin M. Green  
Bryan J. Snavely  
John L. Ginther  
Robert S. Molody  
Ryan M. Schulz  
Michael B. Murphy  
Mark J. Frecka

# City of Stow Police Department Civilian Personnel

## Administrative Assistant

Deborah Berkey

## Communications

Ginger Bates, Supervisor

Donna Seiler  
Tammy Boley  
Dawn Wilson  
Angela Cunningham  
Kara Bennington

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

Caitlin Brugmann

## Stow Youth Services

Renee L. Armbruster, Supervisor

Teresa Ramsey

Sue Spinelli

Kathy Christ

## Administrative Services Coordinator

Michael Foley

# 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

Chris Angeletti  
Steven Coates  
Jaymes Bartram  
Dean Stuart  
Donovan Kelley

# *Chief of Police*

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# Chief of Police

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Serving since February 18, 2003, Louis A. Dirker, Jr. is the seventh Chief of Police of the Stow Police Department

Prior to joining the Stow Police Department, Chief Dirker served with distinction with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department from May 1974 until his retirement in January of 2001. While with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, he served as a Patrol Officer and as a Detective prior to being promoted to Sergeant. Dirker was Commander of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Special Response Team from 1989 until 1999. Chief Dirker rose through the ranks of the department attaining the rank of Chief of Police on April 30, 1999.

Dirker attended the University of Akron and earned a Bachelor Degree in Political Science in 1970. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1970 to 1973 when he was discharged as a First Lieutenant. He has since earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Criminal Justice and a

Master of Science in Technical Education Degree from the University of Akron. Dirker also attended the 200th session of the FBI National Academy.

After retiring from the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and prior to his assuming duties as the Chief of Police in the Stow Police Department, Dirker worked for the Cleveland Municipal School District from October 2001 until February 2003. He held the position of Deputy Director of Safety and Security with the school district.

Chief Dirker is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (Advisory Services), the Ohio Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates; he is a past president of the Summit County Police Chief's Association and is the current president of the Executive Committee of Metro SWAT. Chief Dirker is a graduate of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program and is also an instructor at The University of Akron Police Academy and Kent State Police Academy where he is also a member of the Advisory Board. Chief Dirker is a proud member of FOP Lodge #82.

Chief Dirker and his wife Miriam have been married for thirty-eight years and have six children. Two of Chief Dirker's sons are also Police Officers with his son Erik, joining the Stow Police Department in 2007 from the Silver Lake Police Department.

# *Uniform Division*

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# Uniform Division

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The Uniform Division is the largest division in the department with thirty-four (34) members, all of whom are sworn peace officers. The Division is commanded by Lt. Rick Pastoria who oversees the operations of the three duty shifts as well as the School Resource Officer (SRO) and the D. A. R. E. program.

The Uniform Division is divided into three (3) duty shifts: Day Shift operates from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM and bears much of the responsibility for interacting with schools, local businesses and banks. Afternoon Shift runs from 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM and is traditionally the busiest of the three shifts, handling the evening rush hour. Night Shift covers 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM and is usually responsible for the majority of the department's OVI enforcement and arrests as well as overnight business checks and neighborhood patrols.

## Day Shift

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Under the experienced leadership of Sgt. Ronald L. Jones and Sgt. Jeffrey Film, Day Shift continued to make great strides in 2007. The shift responded to 4,847 calls for service, not including traffic stops and officer initiated contacts. Day Shift also made 190 adult arrests, 89 juvenile arrests, and initiated 1,050 traffic stops. Of these traffic contacts, 421 warnings and 629 traffic citations were issued.

One of the shift's ongoing priorities is to maintain a solid, professional relationship with the schools in each officer's district. A total of 439 visits were made to the elementary schools by the day shift officers as a part of the Adopt-A-Cop program.



## *Afternoon Shift*

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

As a whole, the shift responded to 5,694 calls for service (not including self initiated activity) and also conducted frequent visits to area stores and shopping centers as part of the Cops in Shops program. Although 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.

Afternoon shift officers also initiated 2,509 traffic stops in 2007 that resulted in 1,974 citations and 1,182 written warnings. The shift made 470 adult arrests and 221 juvenile arrests during the year.



## *Night Shift*

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The night shift was supervised in 2007 by Sgt. Steve Dunton and Sgt. Dan Drummond.

The goal on night shift is to keep high visibility through neighborhood/business patrol and traffic enforcement. We believe this will help deter drunken driving, break-ins, and thefts from vehicles.

In 2007, night shift officers wrote over 300 poor security notices. Officers leave one of these forms at a home or business if they find security problems such as open or unlocked doors or valuable property left out overnight. These notices are an effective way of reminding citizens and business owners to be security conscious and prevent crime. Many of them call in to thank officers for these reminders.

Night shift officers also made over 1,220 traffic stops in 2007 resulting in 129 OVI arrests as well as hundreds of other arrests for Driving Under Suspension, warrants, and drug possession.

# *Special Units and Initiatives*

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## **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 2007 included: K-9 visits with Nero and Knight; serving as a member of the school safety committee; lunch time visits.

## **Cops in Shops**

Afternoon shift officers are each assigned a retail plaza or major retail area within their district. Officers are then encouraged to establish ongoing professional relationships with business owners, managers, employees and patrons to foster cooperation in identifying problems and solving or managing these problems together with the goal of reducing crime and enhancing the safety of the public.

## **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.



## **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.

## **Community Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T)**

CIT is a collaborative effort between law enforcement and the mental health community to help law enforcement officers handle incidents involving mentally ill people. Ofc. Al Hamilton, Ofc. Tim Reiheld, Ofc. Jonathan Bastock, Ofc. Jamie Dawson, Ofc. John Ginther and Ofc. Robert Molody have volunteered for special training to intervene and help members of our community who suffer from mental and emotional disorders and are in crisis to regain control of their lives and direct them to community resources which can help.



These officers completed an intense 40 hour training course and had to complete both written and practical exams at the Northeast Ohio University College Of Medicine (NEOUCOM) in conjunction with Akron Police and The Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence (CJ/CCoE).

CIT is a community-based collaboration between law enforcement, NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill), mental health consumers, mental health providers and local universities. Volunteer patrol officers receive 40 hours of training in mental illness and the local mental health system. The training is provided free of charge by the mental health community, providers, consumers and family members. The training focuses on providing practical techniques for de-escalating crises. The Supreme Court of Ohio, Advisory Committee on Mentally Ill in the Courts (ACMIC) has worked to encourage Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training state-wide.

Crisis Intervention Team programs across the country help direct persons with mental illness into treatment instead of inappropriate incarceration. The forty-hour training provides practical techniques for de-escalating crises. Officers learn to integrate their police training with some different approaches to a person they believe to have a mental disorder. Role playing is utilized to make the experience as close to reality as possible.

Our team responds individually or in pairs to incidents where individuals may need an officer to look beyond the immediate situation and laws which may have been breached and see where these persons in crisis need to look to find essential services and intervention.

## **Child Abduction Response Team**



The Stow Police Department is proud to participate in the Summit County Child Abduction Response Team (CART), a division of Ohio CART.

Sgt. Mike Titus, Ofc. David Semonin and Ofc. Jonathan Bastock join with a network of trained public safety personnel and other individuals from various agencies, jurisdictions, and disciplines who are prepared to respond 24/7 to specific 'at risk' missing, endangered or abducted children. The goal of the Child Abduction Response Team (CART) is to rapidly flood an area with trained personnel and resources to search for and rescue these missing children.

Some startling statistics involved in these cases include:

- An estimated 1.3 million children are missing annually ( US)
- Stranger Abductions account for 100-200 per year
- 60-150 children are murdered each year in the course of an abduction
- Most are sexually and physically abused
- Most of the time, if the abductor intends to murder the child, this is done *within the first 3 hours* of the abduction
- Rapid search and rescue response is critical
- Most local jurisdictions have never had a stranger abduction case
- Most local jurisdictions do not have the needed resources

Ohio CART is designed to overcome the obstacles in these investigations and to help law enforcement officers "BRING THEM HOME ALIVE".

## **Senior Services Officer**

Part of the commitment of the Stow Police Department to Community Policing is to provide where possible and practicable, officers who can help resolve problems and concerns and direct citizens to community resources which can effectively address special needs within our community.

Senior Citizens are an important group whose needs are unique within our community. Ofc. Al Hamilton, our Senior Services Officer, is specially trained and experienced to address the unique needs of Stow's Senior Citizens. Ofc. Hamilton works closely with seniors on an ongoing basis to assure that our department is responsive to their concerns and needs.



# D.A.R.E. - Safety Education



Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries around the world. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

The Stow D.A.R.E. program is a cooperative effort being conducted by the Stow Police Department and the Stow-Munroe Falls School District to prevent drug abuse and to help students learn how to make healthy decisions.

In September 2003, Chief Dirker consolidated the D.A.R.E. program under the direction of Officer Jim Barker who has served for the past four years as the sole provider of instruction for the local schools.

Officer Barker also incorporates elements of the Gang Resistance Education And Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.) in his instruction. G.R.E.A.T., like D.A.R.E., is a school-based, a police officer-led series of classroom lessons. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership.

Since 1991, over 8,500 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Law Enforcement subjects as well as safety issues.

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

# K-9 Unit

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

Since 2001, our K-9's have located well over 100 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 2006, Officer Ted Bell with 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.

**K-9 Nero**

In 2007, our two K-9 teams were responsible for charging or assisting in charging over 324 drug offenses. In addition, our K-9 unit handled or assisted in over 850 incidents including traffic stops, tracks, building searches, demonstrations, drug sweeps and calls for service; everything from suspicious persons to burglaries.

CAD statistics for K-9 activity in 2007 are as follows:

## **K-9 Knight**

### **Bell/Nero**

- Charged or assisted in charging over 204 drug related offenses.
- Handled or assisted in over 477 traffic stops, self-initiated activities, and calls for service, combined.

### **Miller/Knight**

- Charged or assisted in charging over 120 drug related offenses.
- Handled or assisted in over 370 traffic stops, self-initiated activities, and calls for service, combined.

Together, both teams charged over 324 drug related offenses and handled or assisted in over 847 incidents.

# Metro S.W.A.T.

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Metro SWAT is a dedicated, flexible and mobile team of police officers from 21 participating political subdivisions which will respond to member communities when special weapons and tactics are needed. The unit consists of 49 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 2007, the Metro SWAT team had twenty-four activations. These call-outs ranged from warrant services, crowd control, and barricaded hostage incidents. Four out of the twenty-four callouts were for suicidal persons who were armed with a firearm.

The most severe callout was a high risk warrant service in Kent, Ohio. The team was summoned to serve two Attempted Aggravated Murder warrants on two known armed individuals who had stabbed and shot two victims during a robbery. The suspects were located in two different residential neighborhoods in Kent and were taken into custody without incident.

In 2007, there were four activations in the City of Stow. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Metro SWAT team was activated to assist with a suicidal male who was suspected of using drugs 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. The suspect was armed with two knives. 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.

On May 24, 2007, the Metro SWAT team was activated for a suicidal female armed with a knife. The female was taken into custody and taken to the hospital for medical treatment.

On October 29, 2007, the City of Stow Police Department garnered national media attention when they responded to a Kent Rd. residence for a despondent male who was wanted for questioning for the rape of a juvenile female. The suspect advised officers that he had a rifle and was going to kill anyone that entered the residence. The Metro SWAT team was activated and after a six hour standoff the suspect surrendered without incident.

On November 26, 2007, the Metro SWAT team was activated for a suicidal male who perched on the Seasons Rd. overpass on S.R. 8. The male was negotiated off of the bridge and taken to a mental health facility for evaluation.

# Summit-Metro Crash Team

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The Stow Police Department is a charter member of The Summit Metro Crash Response Team (SMcRT), Summit County's first multi-jurisdictional crash response team. The team is assembled from Crash Investigators from fifteen police agencies throughout Summit County and include officers from Akron, Bath, Boston Heights, Copley, Fairlawn, Hudson, Norton, Macedonia, Munroe Falls, Richfield, Summit County Sheriff's Office, Summit County Metro Parks, Silver Lake, Stow, and Twinsburg, SMcRT also works closely with the Summit County Engineer's Office, the Summit County Medical Examiner and municipal and county prosecutor's offices.



The Unit is divided into three response teams that rotate on-call each week. Unit Commanders and Team Leaders are all Level III Crash Reconstructionists who have training in Vehicle Dynamics, Crush Deformation, Low Speed Impact, Commercial Vehicles, Motorcycles, Occupant Kinematics, Lamp and Tire Analysis, Evidence Collection and Court Room Testimony.

The Unit is investigative only and does not initiate any enforcement action. Investigators support and advise the requesting agency as to the causes and factors involved in the crash and can provide an agency with a professional and scientific analysis and reconstruction of a serious crash. Participation in the unit serves to multiply our resources in a crash emergency, both in terms of manpower as well as equipment all of which is shared among the participating agencies. This assures a quick and professional response in an emergency as well as an expert investigation and end report.

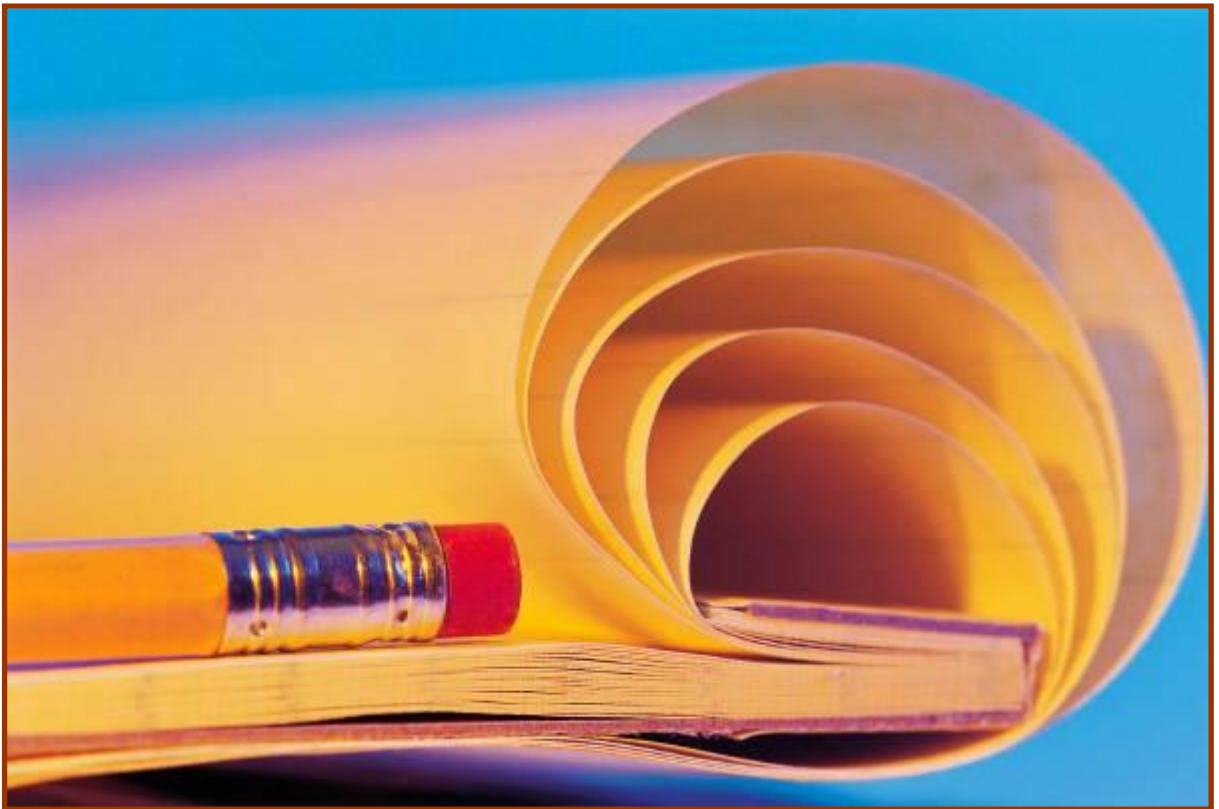
Ofc. Jonathan Bastock and Ofc. Stephen Heim are current members of the team. Ofc. Bastock is a Level III Crash Reconstructionist and serves as a Response Team Leader, one of two Operations Commanders for the Unit and is a member of the Executive Steering Committee. Ofc. Heim is a Basic Crash Investigator and is a member of a Response team.

The team responded to nine (9) call-out's involving fatalities and serious injuries in various jurisdictions throughout Summit County in 2007.

# *Support Services Division*

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# Support Services Division

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Under the command of Lt. Anne M. Stirm, the Support Services Division bears the responsibility for directly overseeing all internal services; equipment purchasing, maintenance and repair; ongoing personnel training and certification and physical operations of the department. The Support Services Commander also has direct supervision of Youth Services, the Community Services Officer and the Stow City Jail.

## Jail

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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 are to be released pending arraignment.

Once the Stow Police Department has sufficient overall staffing to open the jail and keep it operating on a 24/7 basis, it will become feasible to house inmates under the mandates prescribed by Ohio's Minimum Jail Standards.

Currently, the City of Stow is contracting with the City of Macedonia to utilize their jail facilities for pre-trial detainees as well as sentenced misdemeanants. This relationship with Macedonia is already beginning to help the Stow Police Department to clear a backlog of over 900 arrest warrants held by this department to a current level of 700 outstanding warrants. This also permits us to hold misdemeanor offenders for court when there is a realistic expectation that the offender will flee the jurisdiction or violate the terms of their bond.



In the future, it is anticipated that our own jail may be used similarly to reduce backlogs of arrest warrants and to house misdemeanor offenders either sentenced by the Stow Municipal Court or waiting for arraignment on charges such as OVI, Assault, Theft, Criminal Damaging and Disorderly Conduct.

# Stow Youth Services

The Stow Youth Services (SYS) 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 698 cases referred to Stow Youth Services during 2007, 328 were handled by SYS and did not have a referral to Summit County Juvenile Court. 310 cases were sent to Summit County Juvenile Court due to prior court involvement or jurisdictional reasons. 55 cases were forwarded to other area youth divisions. 5 cases were still pending into 2008. The offenses committed most frequently referred to SYS were, in descending order: drug and/or alcohol related incidents (120); theft (82); curfew (104); unruly/runaway (95); disorderly conduct (63); tobacco violations (41).

Out of the 328 cases handled at Stow Youth Services, 191 teens were placed on Community Supervision with a weekly follow up contact with a caseworker. 81 were counseled and released and given appropriate consequences for their particular illegal involvement. 39 of the cases were referred to another outside agency for therapeutic assistance. 13 cases were handled by mediation with the victims by youth services staff. 4 cases were dismissed.

There were 103 cases reported to Children Services Board, 25 were placed into Protective Services and substantiated. 9 cases are still pending dispositions.

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.

## **INTERNS:**

Stow Youth Services offered an internship to two interns this year. These interns completed a total of 700 hours with Stow Youth Services. The interns received training on this diversion program and all the programming involved.

Lisa Lange	January 16, 2007 – August 17, 2007	500 Hours
Mishelle Lynch	August 31, 2007 – December 31, 2007	200 Hours

## **PRESENTATIONS GIVEN:**

Stow Youth Services gave 51 presentations to a total of 2,510 participants in courses including Tobacco Education, Parenting, Safety Town, Restorative Justice, Neighborhood Watch, Family Workshop, National Crime Safety Night Out, Stow Health Expo and more.

Safety Town was a great success this year with 200 pre-kindergarten aged children graduating from this program. They were taught topics such as: fire safety, safety belts, pedestrian safety, bike safety, bus safety, personal safety, and playground safety. The permanent Safety Village was used for the first time this year. This allowed students to learn bike safety and pedestrian safety in a real life setting. The Village was a huge success with a great positive response from the community.

## **Illusions Teen Program:**



The Illusions program has continued to be a very successful program for 2007. In all, there were seven dances held throughout the year for all seventh through ninth grade Stow/Munroe Falls students.

These dances are usually held at the Stow National Guard Armory on Allen Road and boast an average attendance of 289 students at each dance. These events are chaperoned by SYS personnel, the School Resource Officer, civilian Police Department staff and volunteers from the Stow Police Reserve Unit

## **Restorative Justice Program:**

The Restorative Justice Program primary purpose is to repair the harm and rebuild relationships in the community between the victim and the offender. The concept of accountability is given a more holistic approach in this program. It is designed to serve juvenile offenders who victimize others where an amends is in order and appropriate for both parties. This six hour intensive program consists of the following components: 1. Face to Face Victim/Offender Mediation, 2. Group Processing with offenders on the particular incident and what brought them to offend and an education on victimization, 3. Meaningful Community Service Project. 24 juveniles participated in this program in the year 2007.

## **Tobacco Intervention Program:**

Juveniles that have been charged with a tobacco violation are required to attend our Tobacco Intervention Program. This curriculum is a four hour class that is usually broken down into two evenings. The program is designed to make the student aware of how deep their involvement is with tobacco and future consequences of continued use. We also discuss helpful tips on beating the addiction. 49 students completed the Tobacco Intervention Program in the year 2007. The students were charged \$15.00 each to help pay for the curriculum bringing in \$735.00.

# 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 Echo Hills Elementary 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 familiarize officer's with school floor plans and to make this training scenario as realistic as possible.

The department welcomed five new officers into the department, Ofc. Brian Haddix, Ofc. Michael Murphy, Ofc. Jesse Reedy, Ofc. Justin Smith and Ofc. Erik Driker.

These five new officers participated in the Field Training & Evaluation Program (FTEP) which was completely redesigned and reorganized for 2007 comparable to the Sokolove model. 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 mentored and evaluated on a monthly basis throughout their first year. Two new officers, Mark Frecka and Robert Frisina also joined the department and were attending the University of Akron Police Academy during the latter part of 2007. Both are anticipated to begin the FTEP process in February 2008.



# Community Service Officer

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Community Service Officer, Ed Young joined the Department in October of 2006 and has assumed many of the tasks performed by the prior Animal Control Officer's position as well as expanded responsibilities within the department.

Trained by the National Animal Control Association (NACA), Young handles all calls involving domestic and wild animals, with the exception of animal trapping. Sick or injured animals are handled based upon whether they are wild or domestic and lost pets are added to a list maintained by the Communications Division and owners contacted if possible. Additionally, animal complaints from neighbors are handled by the

CSO who works to mitigate the problems through personal contact and intervention or citation when the circumstances warrant.

Not restricted to animal control, Young also assists in maintaining the department's inventory of police vehicles, scheduling and overseeing needed service and repairs and coordinating upgrades and installation of new equipment.

When necessary, Young also handles citizen "lock-outs" and traffic control in order to support patrol officers, firefighters, and other city personnel at emergencies. Young is also an important level of support for command and civilian staff within the department, handling miscellaneous tasks as needed to facilitate completion of both routine and special projects.

In 2007, Young responded to 509 calls for service in addition to numerous other departmental duties. Young also issued 10 citations for persistent or flagrant animal violations which is indicative of the level of success Young has maintained in his efforts to mediate solutions to animal violations within the City of Stow.

# *Records Division*

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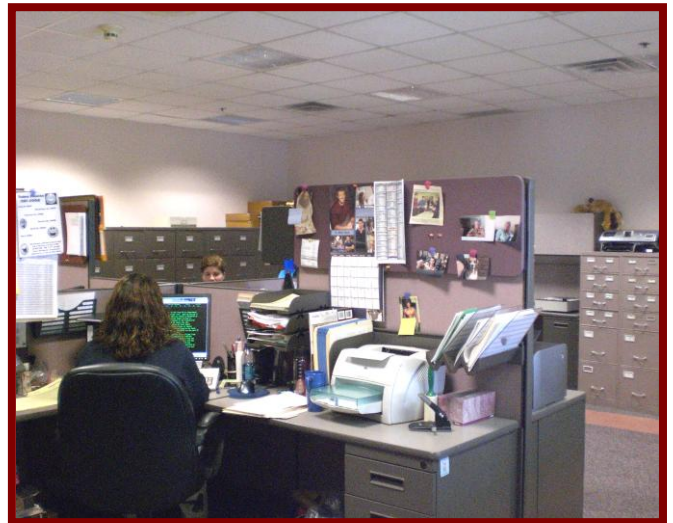
The Records division is staffed with four full-time employees and one part-time employee. This division, under the supervision of Cheryl Black, is primarily responsible for all police department record keeping and associated procedures in maintenance of criminal, confidential and other files. Personnel 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 2007, the Records Division processed 4,952 criminal cases in addition to 4,009 traffic citations, 2,516 traffic warnings and 448 parking citations. The Records Division also entered 4,428 items into our evidence/property room in connection with police investigations as well as found property. There were 860 state crash reports filed in 2007 and 593 warrant requests filed with the Cuyahoga Falls Muni Court.

In June, 2007, Caitlin Brugmann, a senior at Stow-Munroe Falls High School joined us as the newest member of the Records division. Caitlin works as a part-time employee as part of our ongoing cooperative effort with the Stow-Munroe Falls High School's Cooperative Business Education Program. This program has allowed Caitlin to work at the police department while attending school. Caitlin has lived in Stow for eight years and is planning on a career in Criminal Justice with a focus on Forensics. She is enrolled in the University of Toledo for next year, but plans first to attend basic training with the Ohio National Guard, beginning in June.

Preparations were made throughout 2007 for needed upgrades in both hardware and software to be implemented in 2008-09 and extensive meetings were held throughout the year as new software was evaluated and new technology was presented. Proposed upgrades have the potential to significantly streamline the processing of police records and public information requests.



# *Investigative Division*

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The Detective Bureau is under the command of Lt. Rick Myers, a thirty year law enforcement veteran. The Bureau is comprised of six (6) Detectives who primarily work during daytime hours but are on 24 hour call. 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.

## **Special Assignments**

Because investigating certain crimes requires a higher degree of technical skill and knowledge, each Detective is trained in and works a specific area of expertise such as Polygraph, Narcotics investigations, Homicide, Auto Theft, Sex Crimes and Burglary. One investigator is assigned part time to the Summit County Drug Unit and works to thwart the manufacture and distribution of drugs in 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. Additionally, four patrol officers have specialized advanced training and serve as Evidence Technicians, assisting Detectives in collection and preservation of evidence. When needed, these Ev-Techs come under the direction of the Investigative Division and can respond to a crime scene 24/7 to collect evidence, freeing the detective to concentrate on the investigation.

## **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.

## **New Detective**

This year saw the retirement of Det. Randy Brink, a 37 year veteran of law enforcement. Det. Jeff Swanson filled the slot and brings (17) years law enforcement experience to the Division including employment with the Stark County Sheriff's Department where he supervised the transport of all juvenile prisoners throughout the State of Ohio, was an identification officer in the ID Bureau and served as a member of the Entry Team of the Stark County Sheriff's SWAT unit. He has completed numerous law enforcement training classes and brings a well rounded experience package to the Investigations Division.

## **Noteworthy Investigation Division Events**

Some of the Division's 2007 investigations included:

- A (20) year old male was arrested for sexually assaulting two children, ages (6) and (8). He was sentenced to (9) years in prison.
- A (63) year old male was charged for sexually assaulting a (12) year old female.
- A (30) year old male was charged for Theft by Deception in the fraudulent sale of a \$12,000 car engine.
- A (40) year old female was arrested for embezzling over \$218,000 from her employer.
- Two adults age (36) and one juvenile age (17) were charged for committing (34) serial Burglary/Thefts of residences in the City. Over \$1100 in property was recovered.
- A (36) year old male was charged for committing numerous daytime residential burglaries. Over \$4000 in property was recovered.
- A (44) year old male was arrested for the Rape of a 15 year old female. He was charged with the Rape of a second (15) year old female with whom he was alleged to have had a sexual relationship since age (10).
- A (44) year old was charged with the Burglary of the residence of an (86) year old female. A large quantity of jewelry and a handgun were recovered. The male was sentenced to (2) years in prison.
- A (20) year old male was charged with Rape for entering the home of a (20) year old female and sexually assaulting her.
- Our drug task force member participated in a substantial drug seizure that resulted in the seizure of over \$3 million in cash, 1600 pounds of marijuana and (3) kilos of cocaine which affects drug trafficking in Summit county and Stow.
- Three persons were arrested for operating a major steroid drug manufacturing lab in Stow with seized drugs valued at over \$30,000. Many of the materials used were obtained from China and shipped to the U.S.
- Two persons, male age (30) and female, age (23) were charged with committing (13) residential Burglaries totaling over \$69,000 of property including jewelry, handguns and electronic equipment. The female has been sentenced to (6) years in prison and the male is serving prison time in Nevada where upon release will be extradited on the Stow charges and (14) related charges from other cities in Summit county to face prison time in Ohio.
- A (49) year old female was arrested for stealing checks and the identity of a (63) year old female resulting in a total loss of over \$27,000.

# Communications Division

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# Communications Division

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The Stow Communications Center is under the direction of Ginger Bates and is staffed by nine (9) full-time and one (1) part-time telecommunicators (also known as Dispatchers), who are certified by the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch.

Emergency services dispatchers are a dedicated team with a very demanding job. The members of the Communications Center must function effectively in some of the most chaotic circumstances in an emergency and are the first link between the citizens and the safety

forces of the City of Stow. They are also the first line of defense for the responding safety forces, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. All 9-1-1 emergency calls, all non-emergency calls, and most administrative calls are received through the Communications Center.

The Communications Center disseminates highly sensitive, confidential information to the police from the Ohio Law Enforcement Administrative Data Systems (LEADS) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) provide a direct link to the officers with up to date, pertinent information regarding Amber Alerts, Homeland Security and Terrorism, as well as, warrant information, offender criminal history, driving/licensing records and stolen items. Dispatchers are qualified to administer life-saving techniques via the telephone prior to EMS arrival and required to maintain their LEADS/NCIC and EMD certifications bi-annually.

Dispatchers also provide many non-emergency services for the community. They become the after hours answering point for many other city departments including (but not limited to) Water, Street, Urban Forestry, Parks & Recreation and Animal Control. Residents who have lost or found a pet may report it to the Communications Center. The Communications Center maintains contact information on businesses in the event that contact needs to be made during non-business hours. The dispatchers 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 their home to establish his or her welfare.

During the year of 2007, the City of Stow upgraded communications equipment which now displays an approximate caller location and cellular phone number. This has immensely

changed the way we are able to handle cellular 9-1-1 calls. We are now able to identify a general location for cellular callers. Previously, we had no equipment capable of showing caller locations or even their cellular phone number.

Through 2007 the Communications Center averaged 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 but all other non-emergency, administrative and general question calls. In 2007, the Communications Center entered approximately 125 incidents and miscellaneous details per day for all dispatched entities.

On January 8, 2007, Dispatchers Dawn Wilson and LoAnn Groghan received a commendation for assisting a caller with CPR instructions for a three month old infant.

On February 27, 2007, Dispatchers Donna Seiler and Tammy Boley received a commendation for their work during a bank robbery at Fifth Third Bank (911 Graham Rd). They effectively determined a description of the fleeing suspect and relayed the information to responding officers.

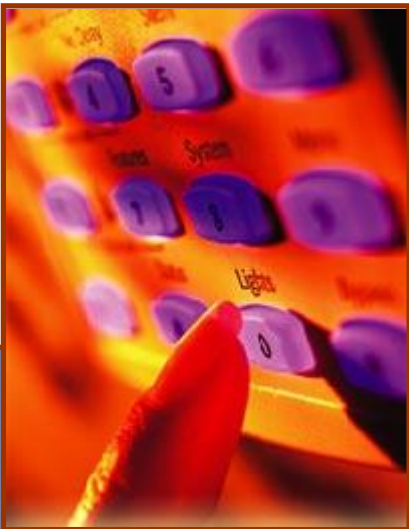
The week of April 8-14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week. Our dispatchers made four gift baskets and distributed them to the dispatchers in Hudson, Kent, Tallmadge and Cuyahoga Falls police departments.

On May 22, 2007, the Communications Center was audited by LEADS. The auditors meticulously review our records that are entered into their system (i.e. stolen vehicles, wanted persons, stolen property etc.). We were found to have a 2% error rate which is very low and achieved through our dispatchers' attention to detail.

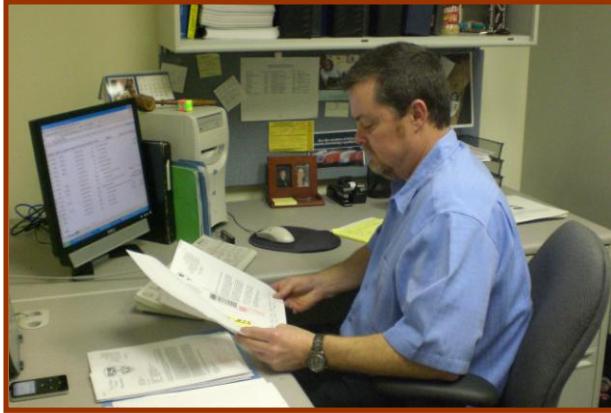
# *Administrative Services Bureau*

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# Parking Violations Bureau



The Parking Violations Bureau (PVB) has been in existence now for just over one year and is managed by Administrative Services Coordinator, Michael Foley, a retired Stow Police Officer. The majority of 2007 has been spent establishing the PVB itself; developing procedures and policies, creating forms, making contacts, and other fundamental necessities.

The PVB currently has documented \$2,548.00 in outstanding fines owed. The current method for collecting on those fines is—depending on the

offense—to pursue payment through civil court, impound the motor vehicle, and/or block the offender’s registration through the BMV (the DETER program). The PVB joined the DETER program on October 13, 2007, so the program’s effect on our ability to achieve compliance will not be known for at least a full year—when license registrations become due for renewal. The PVB has not pursued civil collections mainly due to the high court costs associated with filing the request. Turning over our delinquent fines to a collection agency is another option which is being investigated.

Beginning January 1, 2008, the PVB will begin assessing additional fines and costs associated with the offender defaulting on a citation. The code allows for an additional \$100.00 fine per violation, plus costs.

## 2007 Parking Violations Statistics

	2006	2007	% Change
Handicapped Cites	67	257	+283%
Other Parking Cites	131	210	+60%
Total Fines Collected	\$2,295.00	\$14,720.00	+541%
Pending Fines	Dismissed by Council	\$2,548.00	n/a

# *False Alarm Reduction*

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Another arm of the Administrative Services Bureau is False Alarm Reduction. To date, the vast majority of Stow alarm users have applied for and been granted alarm licenses as required by Stow Ordinances. There is an anticipated “trickle effect” in the future as new businesses move into the City or change ownership. The four businesses that have failed to license their alarms were mailed a fine notice on December 31, 2007. The letter stressed that the fine was in addition to the required license and licensing fee.

According to the Poor Security Notices (PSN's) that are written by officers for alarm calls, Stow Police officers responded to 520 false alarms in 2007.

## 2007 Alarm Bureau Statistics

Alarm Licenses Issued	281
License Fees Collected	\$14,050
Licenses Pending	4
Business Alarms Jan 1-May 31	160
Billable Alarms Jan 1-May 31	\$1950
Business Alarms June 1-Dec 31	192
Business Alarm Fines Paid <sup>1</sup>	\$3000
Alarm Fines Pending Payment	\$1000
Residential Alarms Jan 1-Dec 31	168
Total Alarms Responded to 2007	520
Total Alarms Cancelled Enroute 2007	222
Total Alarms Received by PD 2007	742

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<sup>1</sup> Billing for false alarms did not commence till June 1, 2007.

# Retirements and New Members



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## Retirements

### **Det. Randy Brink**



On July 22, 2007, after 37 years of law enforcement experience, Detective Randy Brink retired from active duty. Randy began his career in June, 1970 in Flint Michigan where he served until joining the Stow Police Department in July 1982. Randy was assigned to the Detective Bureau in 1996 where he gained training and experience as a document examiner. Although retired, Randy is still active in the Stow FOP Lodge as the Lodge Vice-President. Randy looks forward to spending more time with his grandchildren, his wife and family.

## New Members

### **Ofc. Brian Haddix**



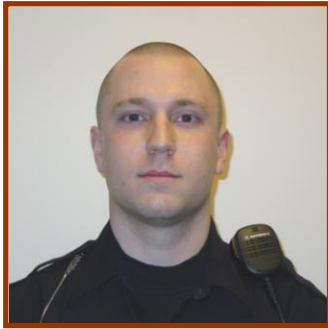
Growing up in Avon, Ohio, Brian earned an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice at Lorain County Community College and graduated from the OPOTA Basic Police Training Academy. Prior to being hired here, Brian was a Reserve Officer for Wakeman, OH and had additional police experience as a Police Officer at Community Health Partners Hospital and as an Auxiliary Police Officer at North Ridgeville PD. Brian is 24 years old is currently single and has four siblings. He recently moved and now lives in Stow

### **Ofc. Michael Murphy**



A Stow native, Mike started as an Auxiliary Officer with Munroe Falls PD in 2001. He was quickly promoted to Assistant Commander in 2002 and graduated from the Akron University Police Academy That same year. Mike joined the Springfield Twp. Police Department in 2004 and worked there part time, even as he joined the Munroe Falls Police Department part time in 2005. Mike split his time between those departments until joining Stow in 2007. Mike is unmarried and continues to live in Stow.

### **Ofc. Jesse Reedy**



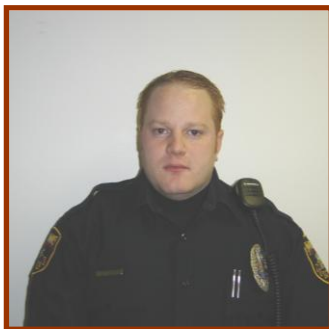
Jesse was employed as a Journeyman Machinist at RF Cook here in Stow, where he worked for 8 years. Due to the poor condition of the economy after 9/11, Jesse began to think about other careers and Law Enforcement seemed the most interesting to him. However, things improved and he put off changing careers for a couple of years. But Jesse thought that if he was ever going to get into law enforcement, he would have to do it while he was young enough. Putting himself through the Akron University Police Academy, he began working as an auxiliary officer for Marlboro Township, while still working full time as a machinist. Jesse committed to a full time law enforcement career in 2007 when he joined the Stow Police Department.

### **Ofc. Justin Smith**



Justin is a 1998 graduate of Lisbon High School and graduated with an Associates Degree in Fish and Wildlife Management in 2000 from Hocking Technical College. Justin then graduated in April 2001 from OPOTA Hocking Technical College. His Law Enforcement career began in August of 2001 with the Stark County Park District where he was a Park Ranger from August 2001 until March 2004 when he moved to the Summit County Metro Parks and continued as a Park Ranger there until joining the Stow Police Department. Justin was married in October of last year.

### **Ofc. Erik Dirker**

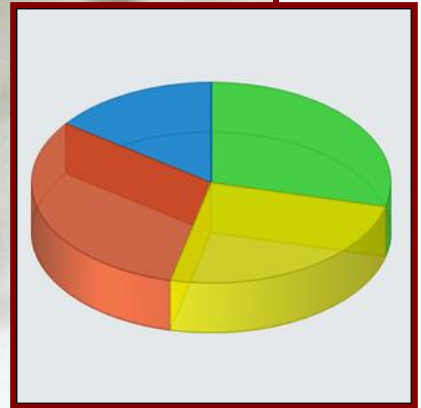
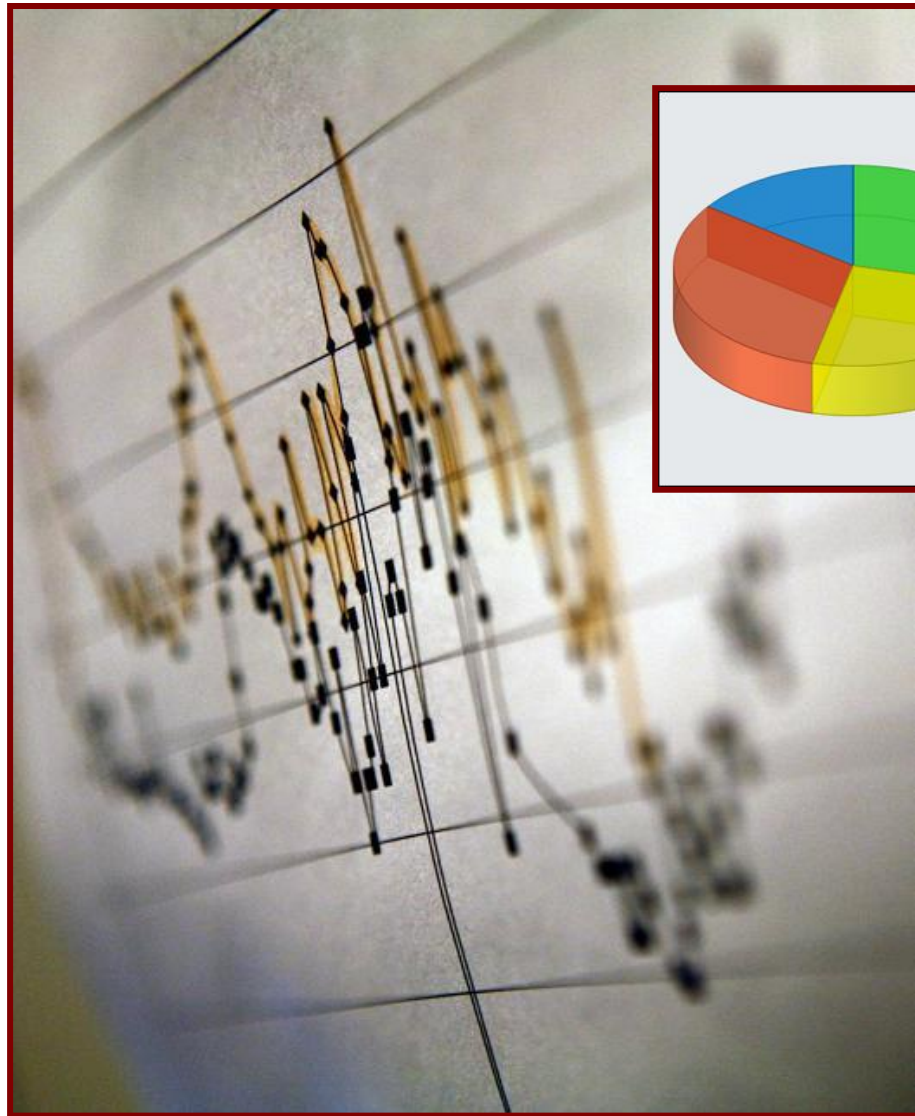


Having grown up in Cuyahoga Falls, Erik attended Woodridge High School and served 4 years in the Marine Corps as a Scout Sniper. After his military service, Erik graduated from the Akron University Police Academy and subsequently served with the Silver Lake Police Department for almost 4 years. Erik is married; he and his wife have a young son and recently announced that they are expecting their second child in the Fall of 2008.

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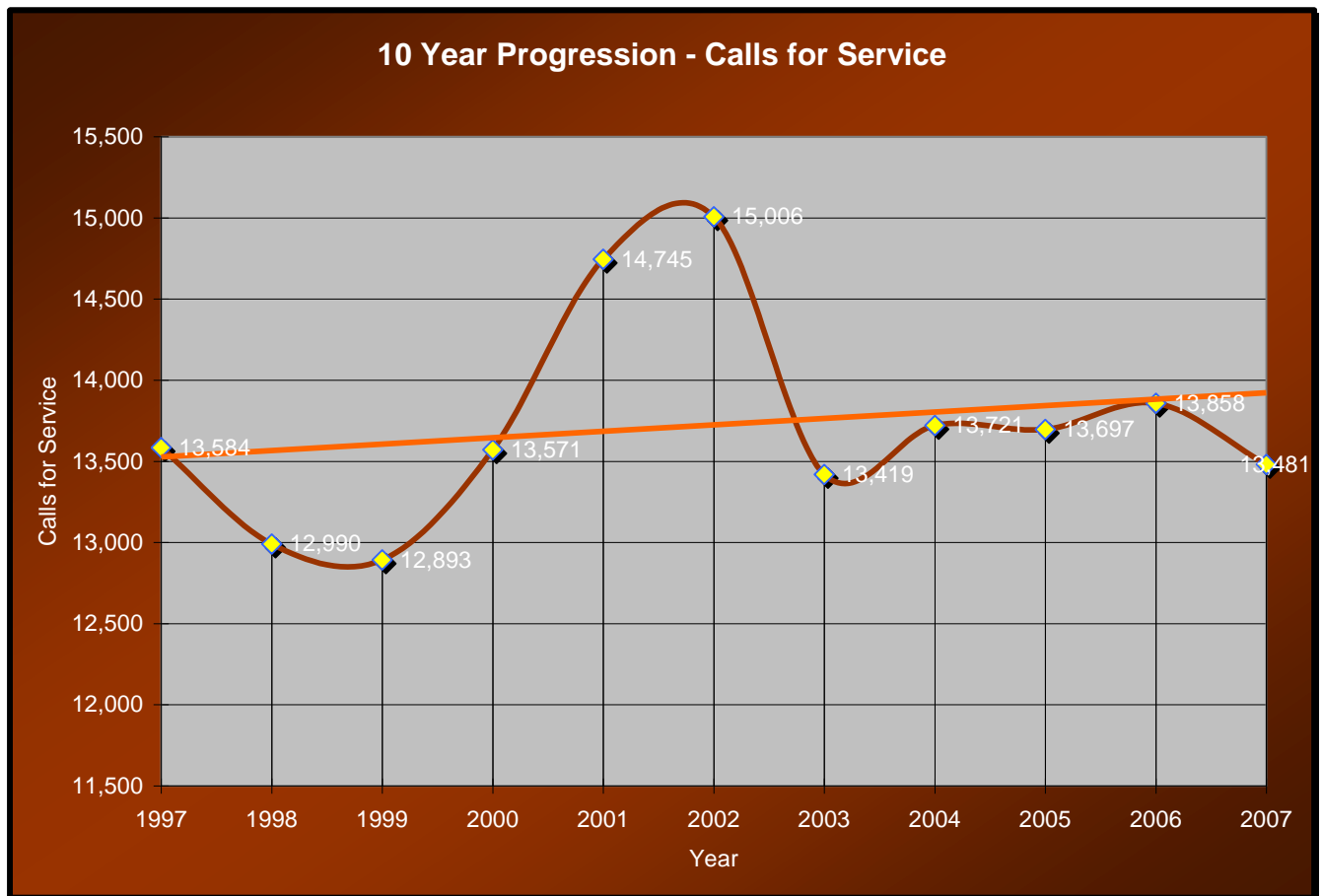
## ANNUAL ACTIVITY

The following table and graphs reflect the activities for the Department in 2007:

	2006	2007	%		2006	2007	%
<b>CALLS RESPONDED TO</b>				<b>OTHER REPORTS</b>			
11P-7A	2023	1969	-3	PRIVATE PORPERTY CRASH	182	188	3
7A-3P	5150	4847	-6	ASSAULT/MINOR	51	67	31
3P-11P	5805	5640	-3	CHECKS	50	37	-26
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>12978</b>	<b>12456</b>	<b>-4</b>	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	382	380	-1
				DISORDERLY CONDUCT	171	200	17
<b>CITATIONS ISSUED</b>				DOMESTIC RELATED	353	371	5
OUI	350	198	-43	FRAUD FORGERY	58	114	97
RADAR/SPEED	1113	1334	20	JUVENILE RELATED	157	195	24
TRAFFIC	3133	2465	-21	LIQUOR LAWS	102	118	16
WARNING	2908	2514	-14	MENACING	43	45	5
<b>TOTAL CITES</b>	<b>7504</b>	<b>6511</b>	<b>-13</b>	NARCOTICS RELATED	162	247	52
				OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	40	30	-25
<b>OTHER CITATIONS</b>				SEX CRIMES	14	17	21
PARKING	150	444	196	TELEPHONE CRIMES	163	146	-10
ANIMAL CITATIONS	9	9	0	WEAPONS	18	27	50
<b>ADULT ARRESTS</b>							
FELONY/MISDEMEANOR	1231	968	-21	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
WARRANTS	325	249	-23	ANIMAL/SERVICE CALLS	781	802	3
OTHER CITY CHARGES	16	5	-69	ALARMS	904	824	-9
<b>YOUTH SERVICES REFERRALS</b>				<b>CASH RECEIVED</b>			
STOW PD ARRESTS	847	727	-14	ALARMS	\$0	\$14,040	14040
OTHER AGENCY ARRESTS	197	136	-31	BIKE LICENSE	\$11	\$1	-91
WALK-IN CASES	5	6	20	COURT FINES	\$128,219	\$139,322	9
				COURT FINES	\$0	\$1,600	1600
<b>ACCIDENTS</b>				DOG FINES	\$100	200	100
FATAL	2	0	-100	DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$7,106	\$4,796	-33
INJURY	145	144	-1	DRUG FUND	\$5,704	\$5,100	-11
NO INJURY	502	521	4	EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	\$62	349	463
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>2</b>	FORFEITED CASH	\$0	\$738	738
				MISCELLANEOUS	\$798	\$5,541	594
<b>PART I CRIMES</b>				PARKING FINES	\$2,295	\$14,720	541
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	PHOTO COPIES	\$61	\$80	32
RAPE	8	10	25	RECORD CHECKS	\$630	\$315	-50
ROBBERY	8	14	75	<b>TOTAL DOLLARS</b>	<b>\$144,986</b>	<b>\$186,803</b>	<b>29</b>
ASSAULT/AGGRAVATED	7	3	-57				
BURGLARY	114	131	15				
THEFT	765	758	-1				
AUTO THEFT	13	12	-8				
ARSON	7	12	71				
<b>TOTAL PART I CRIMES</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>2</b>				

## Calls for Service

The Police Department has changed the way calls for service are counted and recorded on several occasions over the years. Initially, every incident counted as a call for service. Over time, 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 and fingerprinting details) have been removed. Additionally, all Alarm Drops have also been removed. Over the years, Alarm Drops alone accounted for over 1,000 calls per year. Currently, calls for service must come from outside the department and involve an officer making a report in order to be counted. Based on the current definition of calls for service, the calls for the last ten years appear in the graph below.



As can be seen, there is a general trend upwards over the past ten years with significant fluctuations just before and just after the turn of the millennia.

Please remember that these numbers DO NOT include all activity for the Police Department. These are strictly calls for service as PRESENTLY defined and do not include traffic stops, alarm drops, calls handled by the Community Service Officer or Reserve Officers, calls cleared by dispatchers, etc.

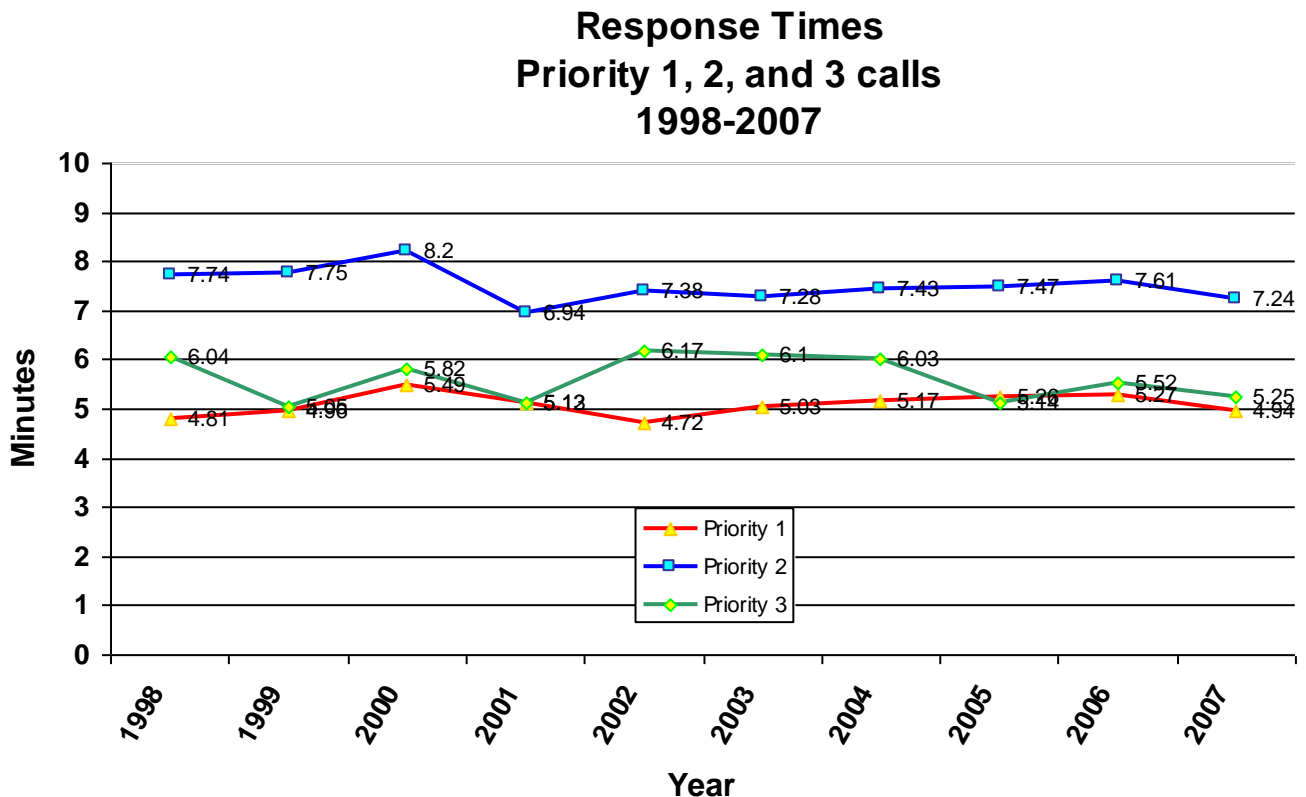
## Response Times

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

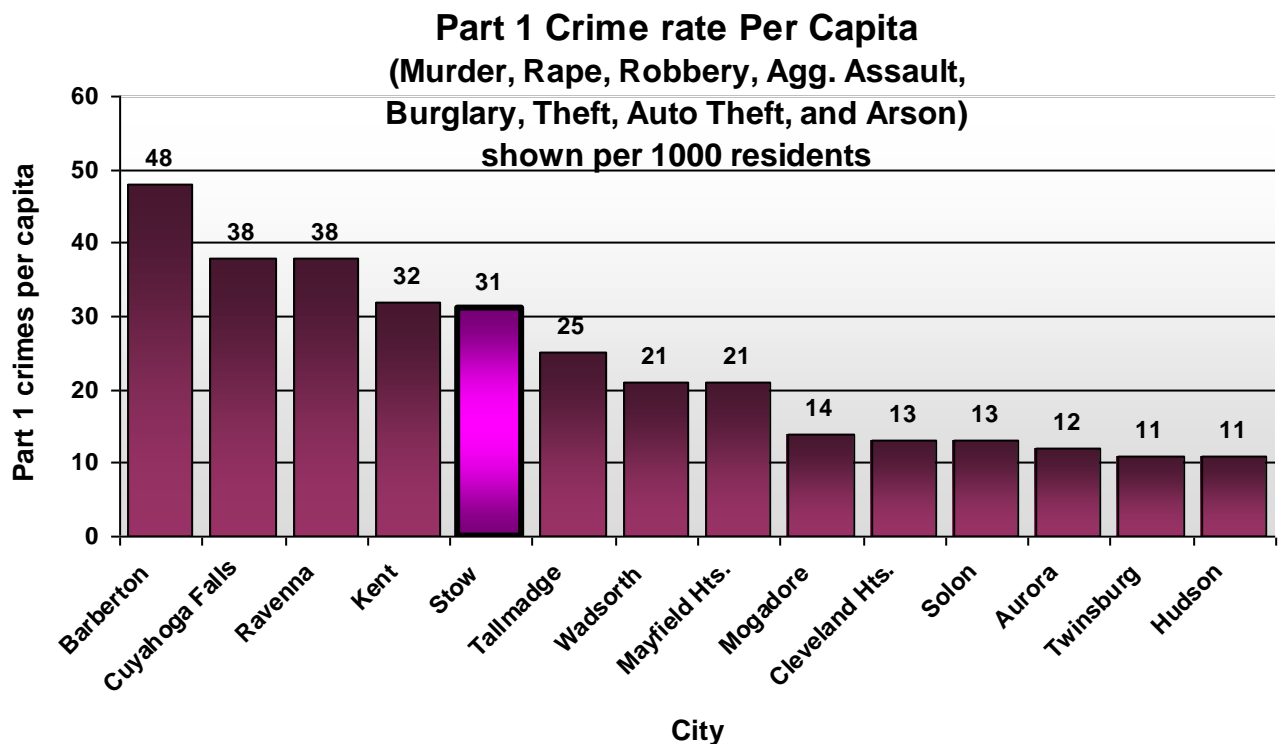
**Priority 3:** Motor Vehicle Pursuit  
Burglary  
Sexual Assault  
Sudden Death  
Crash – Unknown Severity



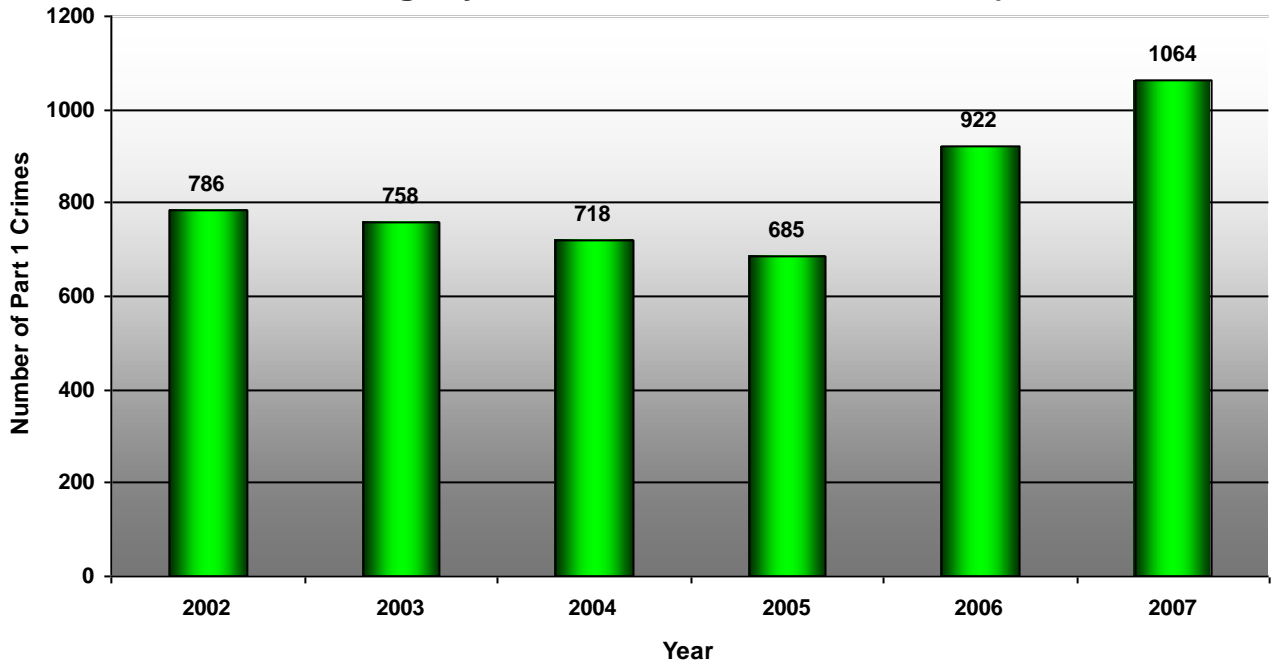
## Crime

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.

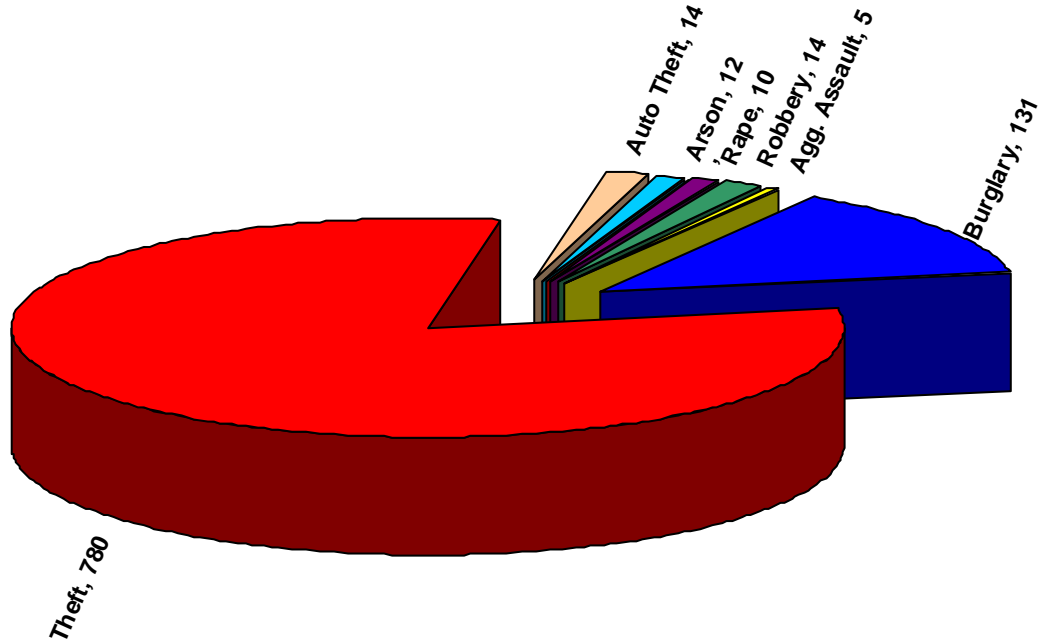
While most surrounding communities saw a 2-4% reduction in Part I Crimes, Stow's serious crimes (Part I Crimes) increased by 14% in 2007. The following graph compares Stow's Part I crime (per capita) with other nearby communities. The next two graphs show Stow's total Part I crimes, as well as, our degree of crimes by category.



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

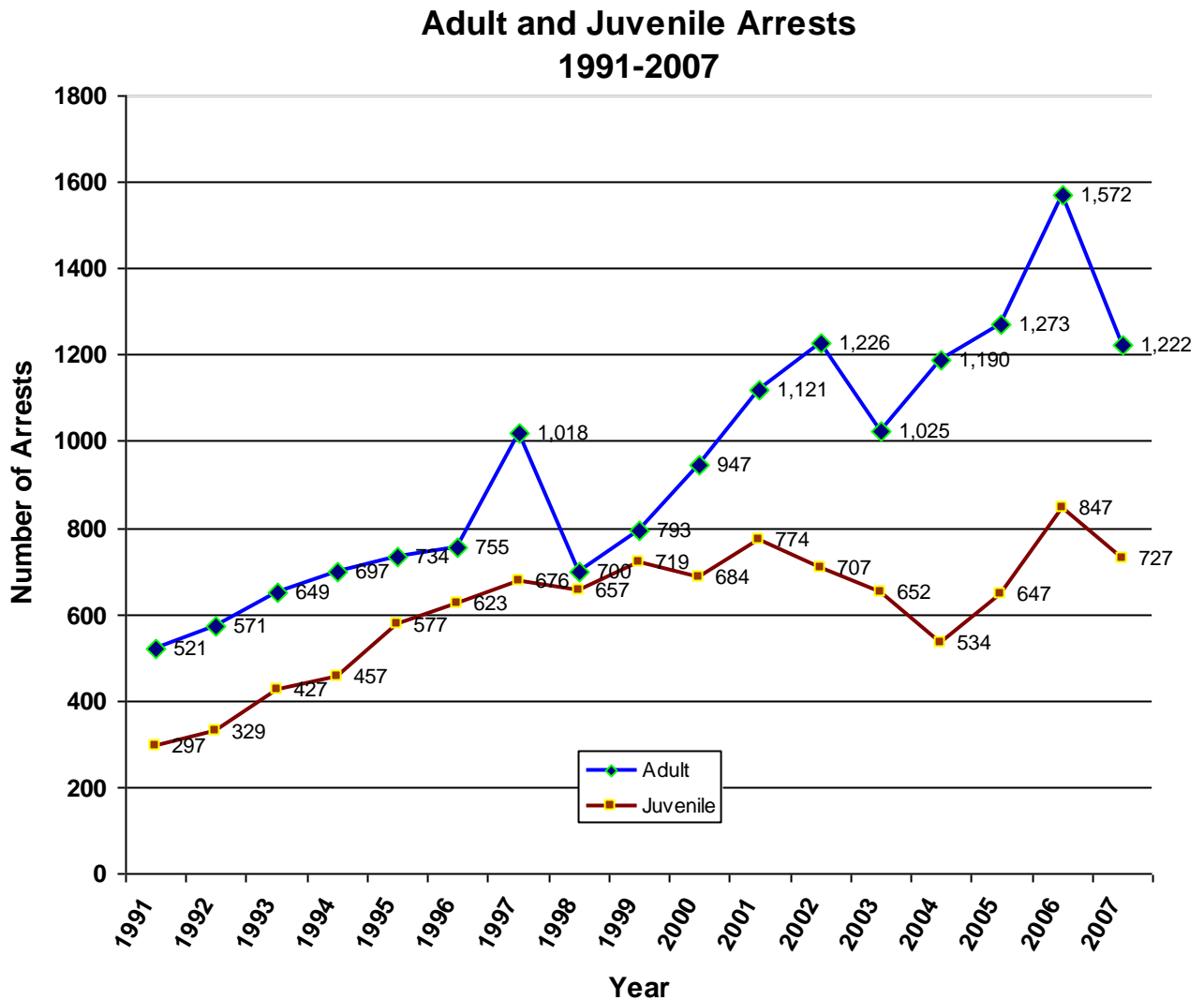


**Stow's 2007 Part 1 Crimes  
(Murder, Rape, Robbery, Agg. Assault,  
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## Arrests

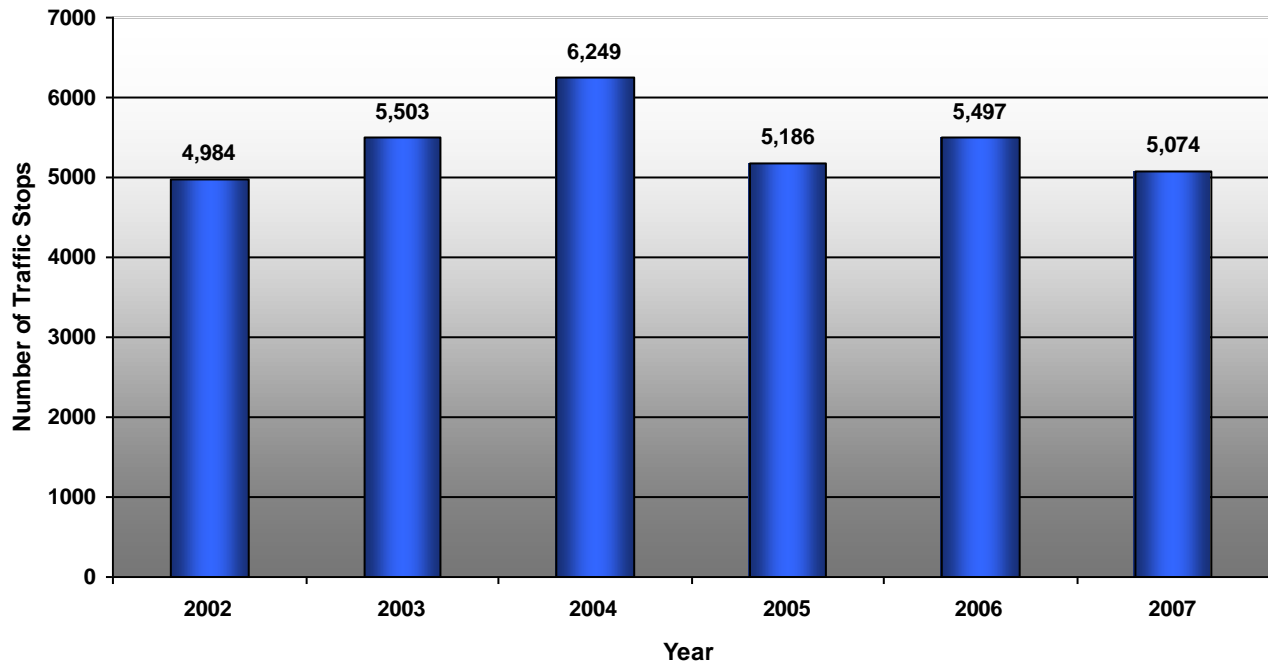
In 2007, the officers of the Stow Police Department arrested 1,222 adults and 727 juveniles for committing various crimes. The graph below illustrates the number of adult and juvenile arrests since 1991.



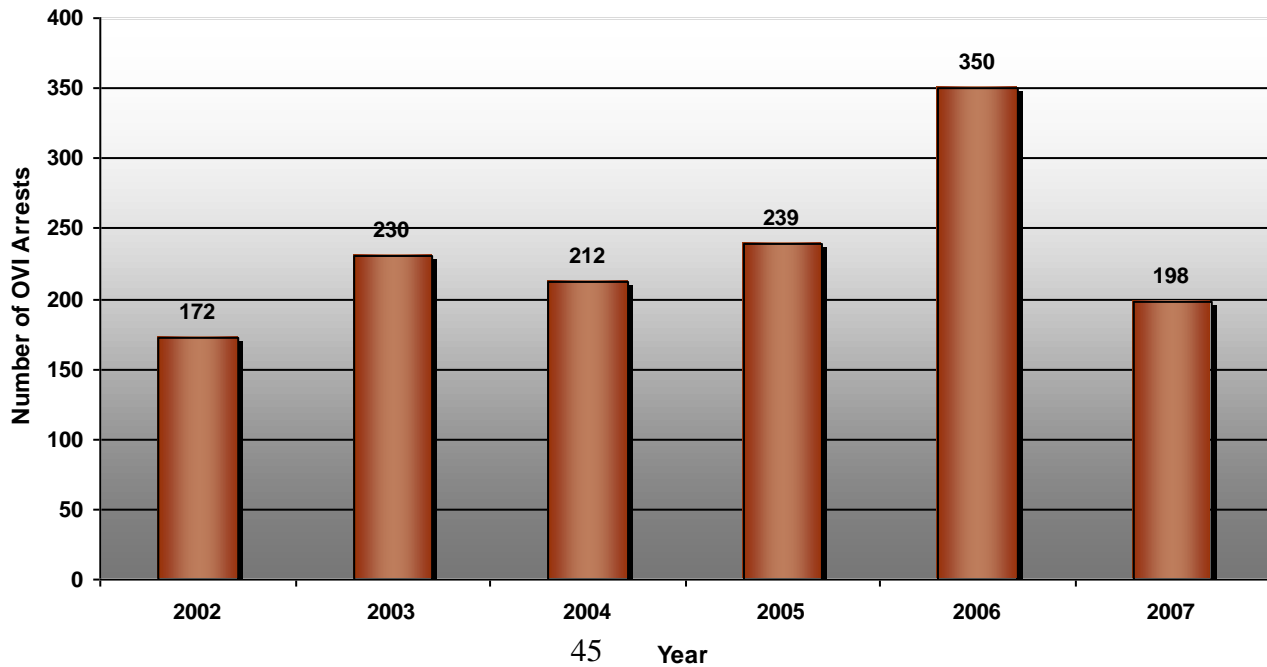
## Traffic Enforcement

Officers made 5,074 traffic stops for the year and issued 3,799 citations. In 2007, Stow officers arrested 198 people for Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated.

### Traffic Stops



### OVI Arrests



## 2007 Police Operating Budget/Expenditures

Account Description	Budget Amount	2007 Expenditures
BOARDING OF PRISONERS	383.88	106.50
CONSULT. CONTR PRO FEE	-0-	-0-
CONTRACT SERVICE INDI.	-0-	-0-
CONTRACT. EMP. SALARY	-0-	-0-
DIS.CLER.CUST.YD.S&W	421,397.00	421,396.37
ELECTED & DIRECTOR SALARY	82,386.00	82,385.61
EMPLOYEES SALARIES	2,431,255.00	2,431,254.91
EQUIP. & BLDG OUTLAY	2,913.91	629.03
EQUIP. & BLDG REPAIR	134,449.60	104,961.53
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	28,470.00	18,291.34
FURNITURE-FIX. OUTLAY	7,412.76	6,569.63
GROUP FRINGE BENEFITS	540,595.00	540,594.20
INCIDENTALS	3,011.00	3,010.50
INCIDENTALS	-0-	-0-
INCIDENTALS - EDUCATION	36,480.00	36,479.24
INCIDENTALS-GENERAL	41,958.12	36,246.28
INSURANCE	44,296.00	44,295.56
INVESTIGATION FUND	-0-	-0-
MATERIALS - GENERAL	18,302.00	16,350.04
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	112,524.96	73,587.49
OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,908.30	20,735.00
OTHER OFF-CROS GRD S&W	72,160.00	72,159.80
OVERTIME-OTHER POL EMP	-0-	-0-
OVERTIME-OTHER POLICE	35,000.00	28,799.23
OVERTIME-REGULAR POL.	389,678.00	382,732.05
P.E.R.S.	71,539.00	71,538.89
RETIREMENT PAY	80,000.00	79,777.90
SERVICE PYMT POL RESER	700.00	700.00
SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT	8,021.00	5,160.01
TRANSPORTATION	102,132.50	97,344.96
UNEMPLOY. COMPENSATION	-0-	-0-
UNIFORMS-CROSSING GRDS	-0-	-0-
UNIFORMS-DISP. & OTHER	2,000.00	-0-
UNIFORMS-POL RESERVE	10,103.00	10,102.45
UNIFORMS-REGULAR	53,599.00	53,598.00
UTILITIES	14,476.40	11,733.28
WORKERS' COMPENSATION	117,843.00	117,842.43
<b>TOTAL REPORT</b>	<b>4,883,995.43</b>	<b>4,768,382.23</b>

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