

City of Stow Police Department 2009 Annual Report



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Louis A. Dirker Jr.
Chief of Police

March 17, 2010

Mayor Karen Fritschel,

The past year has been a very trying time for all agencies in the State of Ohio and the City of Stow was no exception. Every department in the city was challenged to curtail expenditures and to operate in a more efficient manner. I am proud to say that the Stow Police Department was able to make promised cuts in overtime expenditures due to the restructuring of the department. The overtime expenditures dropped from a high of over \$441,000.00 in 2004 to a low of under \$250,000.00 in 2009. The department saved over \$100,000.00 in overtime in 2009, which includes reimbursements from programs sponsored by other agencies. The department made other cuts and obtained grant funding where possible to further assist the city in reducing budgetary expenditures.

In 2009 the Awards and Commendation Policy was finalized and ribbons and other awards will be given out to the Officers in 2010.

Purchase of the equipment for a sixth dispatch position in the Dispatch Center was authorized. This purchase will enable the department to actively pursue dispatching contracts with other agencies, which is one of our continuing goals. The department is currently responding to several such inquiries.

The Police Department continues to submit requests for grant funding and we were awarded a grant for two Crown Victoria Police Interceptors this year. The department was also awarded a grant to purchase personal protective gear for our Officers and equipment for the jail. The most exciting news in relation to grants is the award we received for 21 portable Motorola radios and 5 mobile repeaters. The purchase of this equipment will enable the Police Department to convert to the 800 MHz radio system in 2010. Lieutenant Anne Stirm and Lieutenant Mike Titus are to be commended for their aggressive pursuit of grant funding.

The AS400 was upgraded, which enhanced the capabilities of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and the Records Management System (RMS). The upgrade makes the system more user-friendly and accessible.

As in the past we will endeavor to provide the best service possible to the citizens of the City of Stow and do so in the most efficient and effective manner possible. We will continue to provide the best training and the best equipment to our Officers so that they are able to carry out their mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louis A. Dirker, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Louis A Dirker, Jr.
Chief of Police

CITY OF STOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

2009 SWORN PERSONNEL

Chief of Police

Louis A. Dirker, Jr.

Command Staff

Capt. Richard G. Myers

Lt. Anne M. Stirm

Lt. Jeffrey E. Film

Lt. Michael A. Titus

Shift Supervisors

Sgt. Ronald L. Jones
Sgt. Matthew A. Reed

Sgt. Steven S. Dunton
Sgt. Jeffrey A. Breznak

Sgt. Daniel N. Drummond
Sgt. Bryan J. Snavely

Police Officers

Paul E. Schulz
Douglas E. Dawes
David M. Semonin
Joseph J. Hepler
Barry C. Smith
Jonathan V. Bastock
Stephen J. Heim
Heather M. Prusha
Jesse J. Reedy
Erik N. Dirker

David J. Hall
Timothy J. Reiheld
Kenneth A. Mifflin
James J. Barker
Kevin M. Green
Stephen W. Miller
Nicholas F. Dolezal
Ryan M. Schulz
Michael B. Murphy
Robert D. Frisina

Albert L. Hamilton
Thomas J. Gottas
Edith F. Gaffney
Jeffrey D. Swanson
Theodore L. Bell
John L. Ginther
Robert S. Molody
Brian R. Haddix
Justin C. Smith
Jason L. Bailey

CITY OF STOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

2009 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Administrative Assistant

Deborah Berkey

Communications

Supervisor: Ginger Bates

Donna Seiler
Stephanie Despot-Cook
Jessica Dolezal
Nancy Linzey
Patricia McCoy
Jason Hurd

LoAnn Groghan
Dawn Wilson
Kara Bennington
Tina Alarcon
Angela Krendick
Amy Anter

Tammy Boley
Jamie McShane
Sheryl Dunn
Sara Shuster
Bobbi Smyth
Steven Tayerle

Community Services Officer

Edward Young

Records Staff

Supervisor: Cheryl L. Black

Michelle Badgley

Jami Lord-Smith

Monica Dunton

Administrative Services Coordinator

Michael Foley

Stow Youth Services

Supervisor: Renee L. Armbruster

Teresa Ramsey

Sue Spinelli

Kathy Christ

CITY OF STOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

2009 NON-SWORN PERSONNEL

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. Donovan Kelley

Reserve Officers

Christopher Smith
Jaymes Bartram
Ron Winkler
Michael Dolbow
John Anderson

Joseph Kutinsky
Ernest Witcher
Dean Stewart
Thomas Sedor
Gregory Hunter

Angela Kutinsky
Chris Angeletti
Richard Kirtley
Sandra Tusai
Alisha Greenawalt

CHIEF OF POLICE



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Since being sworn in on February 18, 2003, Louis A. Dirker, Jr. has served as the seventh Chief of Police of the Stow Police Department

Prior to joining the Stow Police Department, Chief Dirker served 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, a past president of the Summit County Police Chief's Association and is a member of FOP Lodge #82. Chief Dirker is a graduate of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) program. He is also an instructor at The University of Akron and Kent State University Police Academies.

UNIFORM DIVISION



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The Uniform Division is the largest division in the department with twenty-seven (27) members, all of whom are sworn peace officers. Last year, due to the reorganization of the department, the Division was commanded by Captain Rick Myers who oversaw the day to day operations of the three duty shifts as well as all other functions of the division.

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 and Night Shift which runs from 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM and traditionally leads the division in OVI and alcohol related incidents and arrests.

DAY SHIFT

Under the experienced leadership of Lt. Anne Stirm and Sgts. Ron Jones and Steve Dunton, Day Shift continued to keep pace in 2009. The shift responded to 4780 calls for service, not including officer initiated activity. Day Shift also made numerous adult and juvenile arrests, as well as 1,557 traffic stops and other officer initiated contacts. Additionally, citations were issued for various parking violations throughout the city.

Day shift officers also made over 350 visits to the Stow City Schools as part of the Adopt-A-Cop program, our ongoing effort to maintain a solid, professional relationship with the schools. As part of the Chaplaincy program, our two chaplains (Fr. Mamich and Pastor Klein) put in over 139 hours of service time, riding along with officers and assisting with victims when necessary and supporting our officers throughout the year.



AFTERNOON SHIFT



Under the fresh command of Lt. Michael Titus, and Sgts. Jeff Breznak and Bryan Snively, the Afternoon shift officers continued to focus on traffic enforcement in high accident areas, OVI detection and arrests, criminal investigations and increasing police visibility in retail areas in an effort to curtail shoplifting and related thefts in these locations.

As a whole, the shift responded to 6,567 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. The shift strives to maintain high visibility around area businesses and other areas where large groups of people gather.

Afternoon shift officers also conducted 2,350 traffic stops, issued 1,422 traffic citations and 1,470 warnings for traffic violations. 689 adult arrests and 192 juvenile arrests were also made throughout 2009 for crimes such as Theft, Burglary, Domestic Violence, OVI (Operating a Vehicle Intoxicated), etc.

Afternoon shift officers also investigate numerous traffic crashes, ranging from simple fender benders to more serious collisions which may involve injuries or severe property damage. As one of two shifts that cover traditional “Rush Hour” traffic, the shift responds frequently to these types of calls and must juggle the responsibilities of maintaining traffic flow, protecting the scene, investigating the incident and clearing the roadway.

Afternoon shift officers are highly trained and the shift boasts four Evidence Technicians, two advanced Crash Reconstructionists, as well as two state certified instructors and a SWAT team member.

Always ready, afternoon shift officers serve with distinction.



NIGHT SHIFT

The Night shift was supervised in 2009 by Lt. Rick Pastoria from January up until his retirement in May. Lt. Jeff Film assumed command of the night shift platoon beginning in June. Experienced front line supervisors were Sgts. Dan Drummond and Matt Reed.

The goal on Night shift is to maintain high visibility through neighborhood/business patrol and traffic enforcement. This type of proactive patrol will help reduce alcohol related crashes and deter burglaries, break-ins, and theft from motor vehicles.



Night shift officers responded to 1728 calls for service in 2009. There were 150 drunk drivers arrested and over two hundred other subjects arrested for offenses that included but are not limited to outstanding warrants, alcohol related offenses, driving under suspension, thefts and drug offenses.

On 05-01-09 at 4:20 a.m. the BP located at 3349 Kent Rd was robbed at gunpoint and the store cashier was shot in the abdomen. Officers located the vehicle fleeing the area and pursued it into Tallmadge, Ohio. The suspects wrecked their vehicle and attempted to flee on foot when they were apprehended with the use of K-9 Nero. The involved parties were convicted of Robbery and Attempted Murder.

On 08-01-09 at 3:59 a.m. Officers responded to a Northview Drive residence for a report of an armed intruder. Upon arriving on scene, officers heard gunshots in the residence and made entry. The suspect was observed with a shotgun struggling with the home owner. The suspect then pointed his weapon at the officer who was forced to return fire. All four victims in the residence were recovered unharmed due to the swift and immediate actions of the responding officers.

PROMOTIONS



As a result of the Lt. Rick Pastoria retiring in May, two promotions were made within the department. Michael Titus was promoted to Lieutenant and Bryan Snively was promoted to Sergeant, both assigned to Afternoon Shift.

Lt. Titus brings with him over 15 years of experience with the Stow Police Department and has an established vision for the department and the shift having served as an afternoon shift supervisor for several years prior.

Sgt. Snively is a nine year veteran of the department and has shown himself to be meticulous and professional throughout his career.

Both officers have worked well together and with the afternoon shift personnel for several years and are well acquainted with the unique challenges that the shift poses to its officers and supervisors. Additionally, both Lt. Titus and Sgt. Snively have earned the respect of their line officers and work well to support and motivate their team.

The department is fortunate to have a rich well of experience and knowledge in our supervisors and command staff.

Congratulations to both!

SPECIAL UNITS AND INITIATIVES



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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Since 1996, the Stow Police Department and the Stow – Munroe Falls High School have supported 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

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 on the third Thursday of each month from September through May 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.



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.



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, Det. David Semonin, Ofc. Jonathan Bastock and Dispatchers Ginger Bates, and Tammy Boley 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.



Once active in 2009, Ohio CART is designed to overcome the obstacles in these investigations and to help law enforcement officers "Bring them home alive".

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 mentors students 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 seniors have 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.



BICYCLE UNIT

The Stow Police Department, in an effort to expand our operations and in the spirit of community policing, resurrected the Bike Patrol Unit in the spring of 2008. The BPU showed some promise but due to the need to keep as many officers on the road during a shift as possible, the BPU has been inactive for 2009.

D.A.R.E. & SAFETY 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 cooperative effort being conducted by the Stow Police Department and the Stow-Munroe Falls School District.

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 six years as the sole provider of instruction for the local schools.

Officer Barker also incorporates elements of the G.R.E.A.T. Program in his instruction. G.R.E.A.T., like D.A.R.E., is a school-based, police officer-led series of classroom lessons. With prevention as its primary objective, the program educates young people about the dangers of delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership.

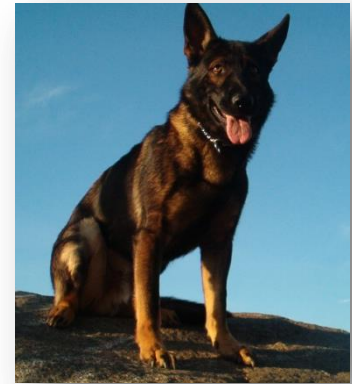
Since 1991, over 8500 sixth graders have participated in the D.A.R.E. program. Officer Barker developed a Microsoft Power Point presentation of the core curriculum which serves as a model for other police agencies. Officer Barker instructs in 4th, 6th and 7th grades in the public schools and at Holy Family School.

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

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

Established in 1994 this program augments 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 hundreds of people on tracks, including suicidal persons, violent subjects, and fugitives. Officers Ted Bell and Steve Miller and their dogs have also helped numerous other agencies with checking vehicles and tracking suspects or lost individuals.



K-9 Nero

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



K-9 Knight

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.

In May 2009, K-9 Nero's courage and training were prominent when two men robbed The BP gas station at the intersection of Kent and Darrow Roads. One of the employees tried to follow the suspects into the parking lot, and was subsequently shot in the stomach.

The robbers fled and were chased by Stow Police into Tallmadge, where the suspects' car crashed on Tallmadge Circle. One of the men refused to comply with officer's commands, and when it appeared he might be reaching for a weapon, Nero was sent after the suspect.

The suspect was subdued by Nero and was arrested; the man is now serving 14 years in prison.

Nero's courage under fire makes us all proud. Officer Bell told the media, "it's not my favorite option because I don't want him to get shot but at the same time I know that's what he's been trained for, and I know he's going to do it without asking why, without any hesitation, he's going to go in there and make the apprehension for us."

To date, the K-9 Unit continues to serve the citizens of Stow with distinction and have been instrumental in hundreds of drug seizures and arrests as well as locating suspects and lost individuals.

METRO SWAT

Metro SWAT is a 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 50 highly trained personnel with specific skills in marksmanship, tactical response, containment, deployment of chemical munitions, and hostage negotiations. The team has six medics, three team doctors and a team psychologist.



In 2009, the Metro SWAT team had twenty-four activations. These call-outs ranged from warrant services, crowd control, and armed barricaded/hostage incidents. Eight out of the twenty-four callouts were for suicidal persons who were potentially armed with deadly weapons. The team served five high risk warrants and peacefully resolved three barricade situations. There were several noteworthy callouts in 2009.

The most critical incident that the team responded to in 2009 was a murder/hostage barricade incident that occurred in Lakemore, Ohio. On January 8th at 3:41 p.m., the team was responded to Lakemore Twp. where a father held his small son hostage with a rifle after killing his wife, the boy's mother. After a lengthy standoff, SWAT officers were able to tactically intervene when the suspect walked away from his rifle and son in the basement. Upon being confronted, the suspect refused to listen to officer's commands and went for his weapon. The officers engaged the suspect with a less lethal round that had no effect. He was then confronted with a lethal round and taken into custody. The suspect survived the incident and was convicted of multiple Felony charges including Aggravated Murder and Kidnapping. The suspect was sentenced to life in prison.

On 02-04-09 at 8:54 a.m., the Metro SWAT Team responded to a residence on Cox Dr. in Stow where it was reported that a father had physically and sexually assaulted his two daughters. The daughters fled the scene and reported that their father was barricaded in the residence with a handgun. The suspect was found by SWAT personnel, deceased in the residence by a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

On 09-15-09 at 6:11 p.m., the Metro SWAT Team responded to a residence on Deidrick Rd. in Stow to serve a search warrant for possession of fireworks/explosives. The warrant was served and the residence was secured without incident. Over 7,000 lbs of fireworks and 1,700 lbs of high explosives were located within the residence. Officers also found hundreds of grams of marijuana along with baggies and scales used to sell such drugs. The suspect was convicted of similar charges and received a five year prison sentence.

METRO CRASH TEAM



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 with Crash Investigators from fifteen police agencies throughout Summit County and include officers from Cuyahoga Falls, Bath, Boston Heights, Copley, Fairlawn, Hudson, Norton, Macedonia, Peninsula, Richfield, Summit County Metro Parks, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge and Twinsburg. SMcRT also works closely with the Summit County Engineer's Office, the Summit County Medical Examiner and the Summit County Prosecutor's office.

The Unit is divided into three response teams that rotate on-call each week. One or more members of each team are Level III Crash Reconstructionists or Level II Technical Crash Investigators 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. Other team members are Basic Crash Investigators who assist the Reconstructionists in data collection and evidence preservation.

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 which are shared among the participating agencies. This assures a quick and professional response in an emergency as well as an expert investigation.

Jonathan Bastock is a Level III Crash Reconstructionist and serves as the Operations Commander for the Unit and is also member of the Executive Steering Committee. Ofc. Rob Molody is a Level III Crash Reconstructionist and is member of Response Team 3.

SMcRT had eight activations in 2009 and assisted Stow Police with three of those crashes which occurred in our city. Two crashes involved serious permanent injuries to the victims and one involved a fatality.

Agencies participating in SMcRT are not charged any fees for the services or equipment used by the team and therefore participation saves agencies money and personnel time in investigating these serious collisions.

YOUTH SERVICES



The Stow Youth Services provides alternative rehabilitation for juveniles who have been arrested by local police. This program diverts teens from the Juvenile Court System and provides accountability and assistance to the teens and their parents. This is a cooperative effort between the youth, parents and Stow Youth Services staff. Any juvenile who lives in the City of Stow who becomes involved with the police is eligible for referral. Walk-ins are also considered when parents need help providing the proper information to their child. All juveniles are placed on a six month contract that is closely monitored and given effective logical

consequences to abide. Other programs that are provided are: 6 hour Mandatory Parent/Student Educational Groups, Tobacco Education Class, Restorative Justice Program, Safety Town and the Illusions Teen Program.

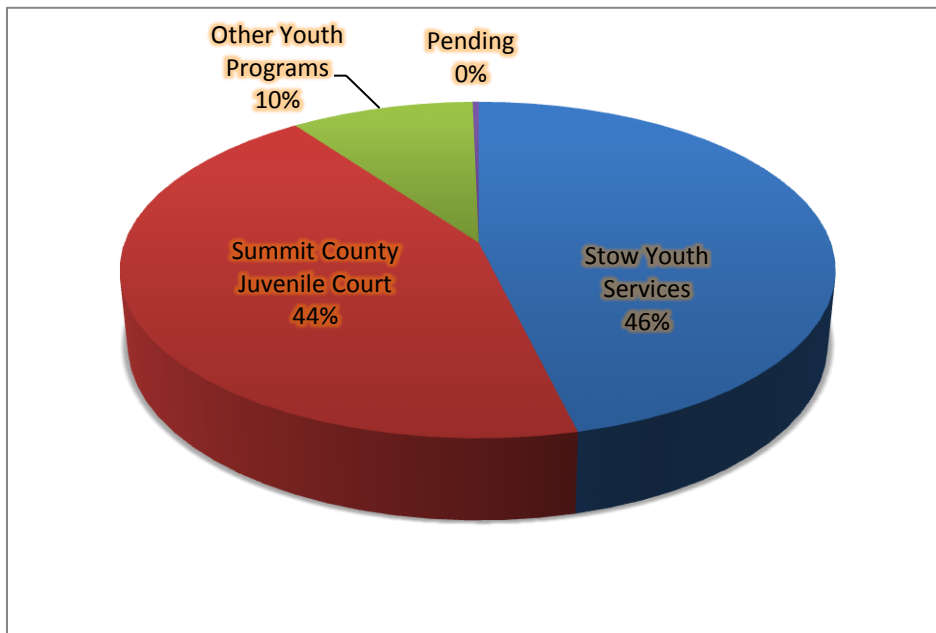
As in past years, Summit County Juvenile Court awarded our department a grant; this year it was \$19,000 for our Youth Services Program for fiscal year, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Stow Youth Services continues to assist parents by having drug screen tests available. Upon request by parents or a legal guardian, we will provide them with either a urine drug screen test or a hair testing kit. We sell both of these at the actual cost of the individual kit.

2009 STATISTICS

	2009	2008	2007	2006
Total Official Cases	633	698	698	756
Arrested by Stow Police Dept	575	650	627	714
Arrested by Other Police Dept	39	42	32	29
Walk In Cases	3	1	9	6
CSB Cases	87	108	103	177

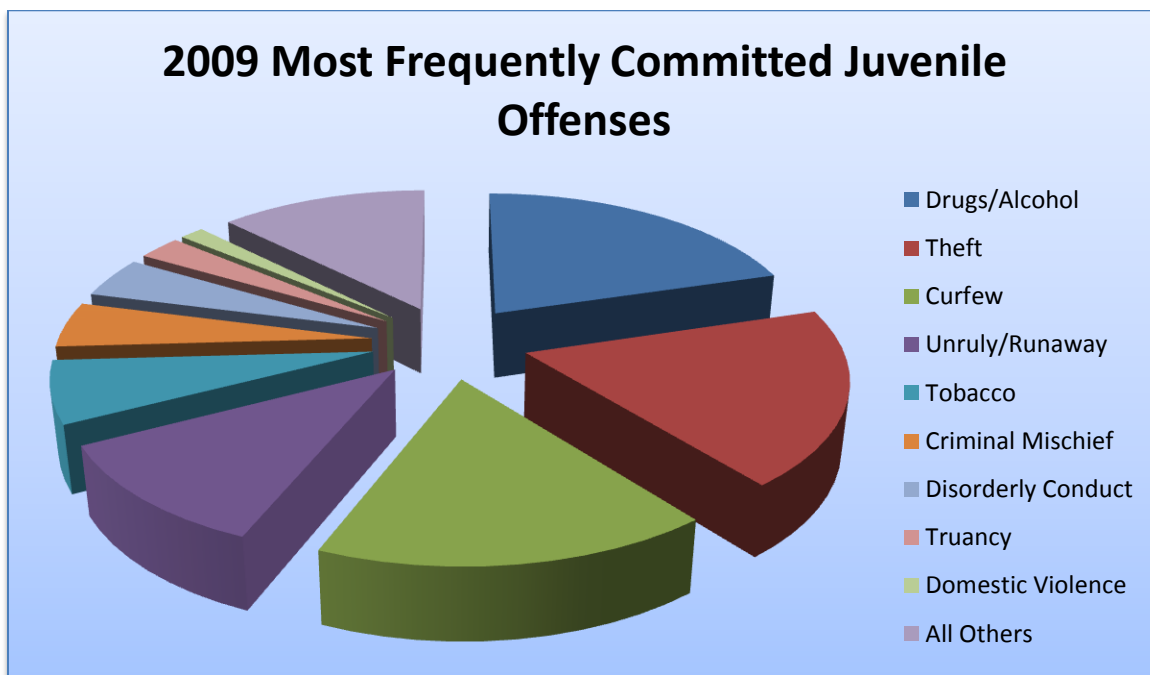
Out of the 633 cases submitted to Stow Youth Services, 287 were handled in-house by Youth Services and did not have a referral to Summit County Juvenile Court. 272 cases were sent to Summit County Juvenile Court due to their court involvement or jurisdiction reasons. 60 cases were forwarded to other area youth divisions. Two cases were pending into 2010.



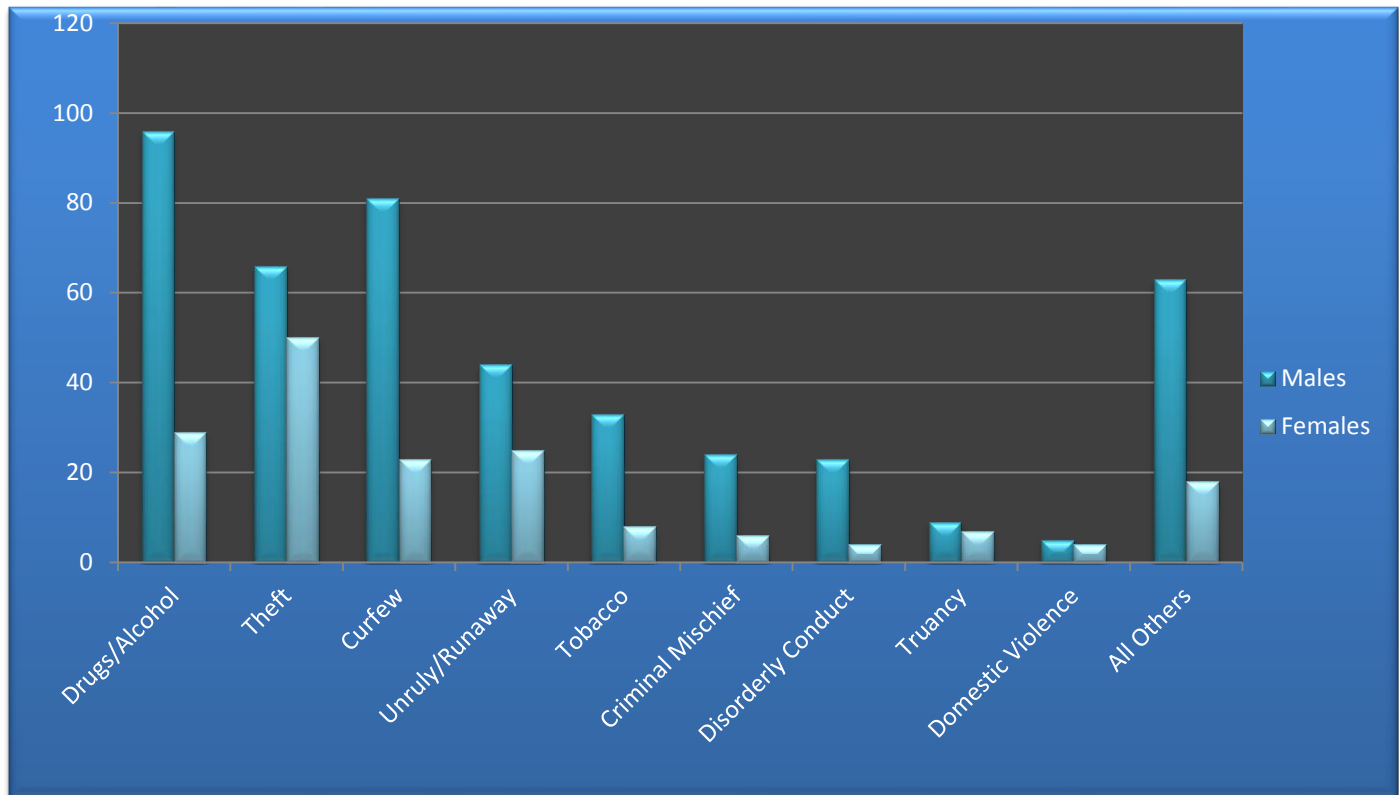
Out of the 287 cases handled at Stow Youth Services, 178 teens were placed on Community Supervision with a weekly follow up contact with a caseworker. 72 were Counseled and Released and given appropriate consequences for their particular illegal involvement. 33 of the cases were referred to another outside Agency for therapeutic assistance. 3 cases were handled by Mediation with the victims by youth services staff. 1 case was dismissed.

There were 87 cases reported to Children Services Board, 21 were placed into Protective Services and substantiated. 14 cases are still pending dispositions.

OFFENSES



2009 OFFENSES COMMITTED BY SUSPECT'S SEX



458 juvenile offenders committed 614 charges.

*Out of the 458 juvenile offenders referred by Stow Police Department to Stow Youth Services, 144 were not appropriate for Stow Youth Services because 81 juvenile offenders lived outside Stow's Jurisdiction, 15 cases were Felonies, and 48 cases went to other local Diversion Programs. Therefore, 209 juvenile offenders were handled by Stow Youth Services (65%) while 115 juvenile offenders were referred to Summit County Juvenile Court (35%).

INTERNS:

Stow Youth Services offered an internship to three interns this year. These interns completed a total of 450 hours with Stow Youth Services. The interns received training on this diversion program and all the programming involved.

Stow Youth Services offered an internship to two College interns this year. These interns completed a total of 579 hours with Stow Youth Services. The interns received training on this diversion program and given practical experience to help them be successful with their future careers. Two High School Students observed many aspects of the Criminal Justice System to help them decide what area they would like to pursue.

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN:

Stow Youth Services gave 39 presentations to a total of 1116 participants.



We continued to utilize crossing guards to assist with community service programs. We added volunteer Judy Konya to assist us with some of our community service projects. The community service jobs included: washing cruisers and fire trucks, cleaning up the grounds, mulching at Adell Durbin Park and Project Linus (making quilts for terminally ill children). We have added some tedious cleaning jobs with Stow Munroe Falls Schools, Summit County Fairgrounds and the National Guard Armory. We also cleaned up some of the city streets along with the “Clean Up Stow” project run by Tom McKinney.

The Parenting Program continues to grow and expand to our community's needs. We have a Kimpton Co-ed Age Group and a High School Co-ed Age Group that meets simultaneously with the parents groups. This six hour mandated program has continued to assist parents with effective parenting techniques and strategies. The evaluations received have continued to be very positive. We used facilitators: Melissa Stewart and Faith Lang, college interns, and Ashley Mizer, college volunteer, to help facilitate student groups along with our staff.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

Safety Town (200 Students)



Safety Town was a great success again this year with 200 pre-kindergarten aged children graduating from this program. Each child was charged \$30 which brought in \$6000 to offset the costs of Safety Town supplies. They were taught topics such as: fire safety, safety belts, pedestrian safety, bike safety, bus safety, personal safety, and playground safety. Stow Youth Services coordinated this program along with the implementation of two teachers and 80 teen volunteers. The permanent Safety Village was used. 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.



Restorative Justice Program:

The Restorative Justice Program primary purpose is to repair 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. 6 juveniles participated in this program in the year 2009. Due to the loss of overtime in the Stow Youth Services Department, the Restorative Justice Program has been cut for 2010.



Illusions Teen Program:



Five dances were held for all seventh through ninth grade Stow-Munroe Falls students with an average of 166 students attending the dances. Many organizations have begun holding dances giving students the opportunity to attend a dance or two every weekend. This resulted in lower attendance for the Illusions Dances. Therefore, fewer dances are being planned for 2010. Stow Youth Services personnel, department interns and volunteers worked the events. Community volunteers have continued to donate their time for the success of the program.

Rocky's Rollerskating parties were discontinued in 2009 due to lack of attendance the prior year.

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. 48 students completed the Tobacco Intervention Program in the year 2009. The students were charged \$15.00 each to help offset the cost of the curriculum.



I Matter Group (IM)

I Matter (IM) is a newly formed program for Youth Services. The target population is students in the Middle School that are having problems in the home and/or school setting. IM is an energetic group that uses hands-on examples in a fun and exciting way to teach students about families and relationships. This group is designed to utilize experiences and insights from each student to teach others. This is a safe and fun environment for students to learn how to work towards their full potential. The topics covered at IM are: Family Traits, Anger Management, Self Esteem, Communication, Accountability, Let it Go, Peer Pressure, and a Visit to the Homeless Shelter. IM involved six students this school year. At the end of the year, the group went to the Haven of Rest and delivered cookies that they had made together. It was an inspirational field trip for the students. We have five families interested in attending group next school year.



Community and Professional Participation for 2009:

Summit County Juvenile Diversion Meetings

Ohio Police Juvenile Officers Association-Associate Director and Active Memberships

Summit County Juvenile Court Truancy Task Force

Stow/Munroe Falls High School Youth Leadership Committee

Stow/Munroe Falls High School Career Fair

SOS Wellness Fair at Stow/Munroe Falls High School

TRAINING

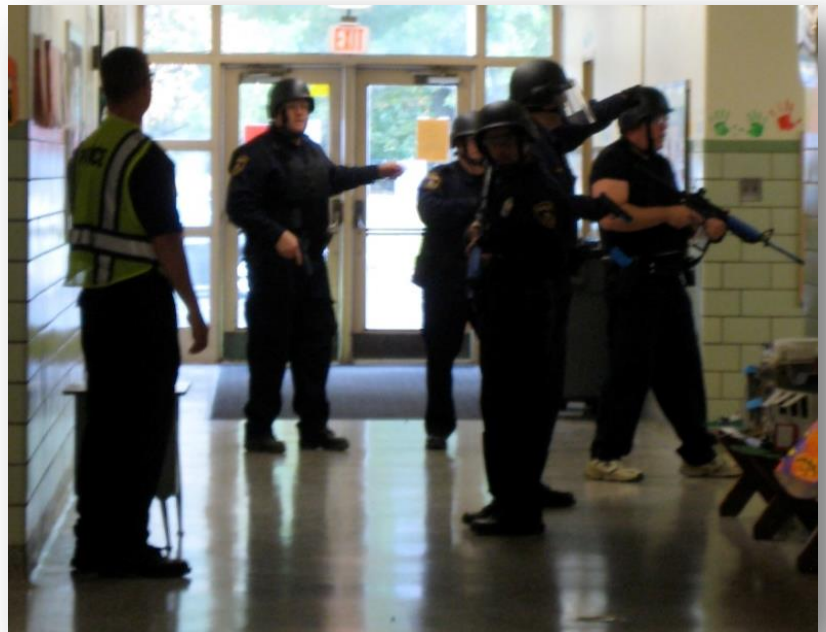


Ongoing departmental training is provided to Stow Officers by outside sources, in-service instruction and/or review by department members. Some Stow officers are trained and certified to instruct in several areas critical areas including less lethal force options, firearms, defensive tactics, intermediate 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 in-service or roll call training with their shift members and cover critical issues such as the vehicle pursuit policy and the use of force policy as well as legal updates. 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 public and private law enforcement training organizations.

This year, Rapid Deployment training which prepares officers to confront active shooters in an environment such as in a school or workplace; was conducted at Stow-Munroe Falls High School and at Fishcreek Elementary School. During this training, role players, simunitions (low-velocity marking rounds fired from actual firearms), sound effects and use of a school environment help familiarize officers not only with school floor plans but with circumstances and possibilities to make each training scenario as realistic as possible. Officers from the Kent Police Department participated in this training alongside Stow Officers.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER



Trained by the National Animal Control Association (NACA), Ed Young handles all calls involving domestic and wild animals, with the exception of animal trapping. Sick or injured animals are triaged 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 answered 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 installs of new equipment.

When necessary, Young also answers citizen "lock-out" calls 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 both routine and special projects.

In 2009, Young responded to 772 calls for service and issued 4 citations for animal related incidents.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION



The Detective Bureau is comprised of six (6) Detectives. 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 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 Drug Unit was recognized by the Ohio Attorney General in 2008 for its outstanding achievements in the war on drugs. The Bureau provides a separate phone line (330.689.DRUG) for citizens to provide anonymous drug tips. One investigator is a member of the U.S. Marshal Northeast Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force.

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.

Some noteworthy investigations from the Detective Bureau include:

1. A (28) yr old male was charged with committing (11) burglaries with a total loss of \$9300.
2. Two males, age (38) and (47), were arrested for intentionally setting a house and unattached garage on fire causing a loss of \$625,000.
3. Two males, age (38) and (45), were charged for their participation in an organized crime ring in Northeast Ohio engaging in fraud and identity theft which is responsible for approximately \$1 million in loss from local retailers.
4. A (17) yr old male was charged with spray painting religious hatred messages on a local church.
5. A (21) yr old male was arrested for numerous car break-ins and electronics equipment was recovered. Following his arrest, he then stole over \$10,000 of electronics equipment from a Stow company and was indicted in this case also.
6. A (23) yr old male was arrested for stealing \$7,000 from a victim so he could obtain a sex change operation.
7. Our member of the U.S. Marshal Northeast Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force participated in one of the largest manhunts in the history of Cleveland by successfully apprehending a (33) yr old male who had executed two women and three children with a handgun. As officers moved in for the apprehension, the suspect took his own life.
8. A (35) yr old male was charged with committing two bank robberies in Stow and a third in Streetsboro.
9. A (55) yr old male was charged with sexually assaulting and a victim for a four year period from the time she was age (12).
10. A (12) yr old male was charged with sexually assaulting a (9) yr old female.
11. The Bureau investigated numerous reports of males attempting to contact or entice children into their vehicles. No arrests have yet been made.

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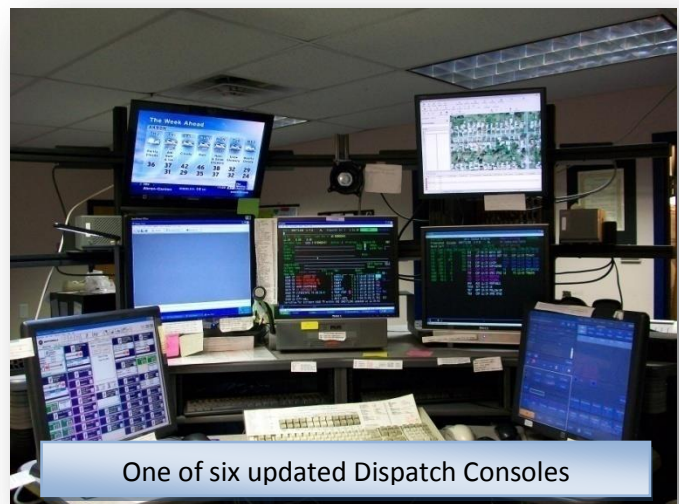


The Stow Communications Center is under the direction of Ginger Bates and is staffed by fourteen (14) full-time and five (5) part-time telecommunicators (also known as Dispatchers), who are certified by the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch. Emergency services dispatchers are a dedicated 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 lifesaving techniques via the telephone prior to EMS arrival and required to maintain their LEADS/NCIC and EMD certifications biannually.

Dispatchers also provide many non-emergency services for the community. They become the afterhours 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



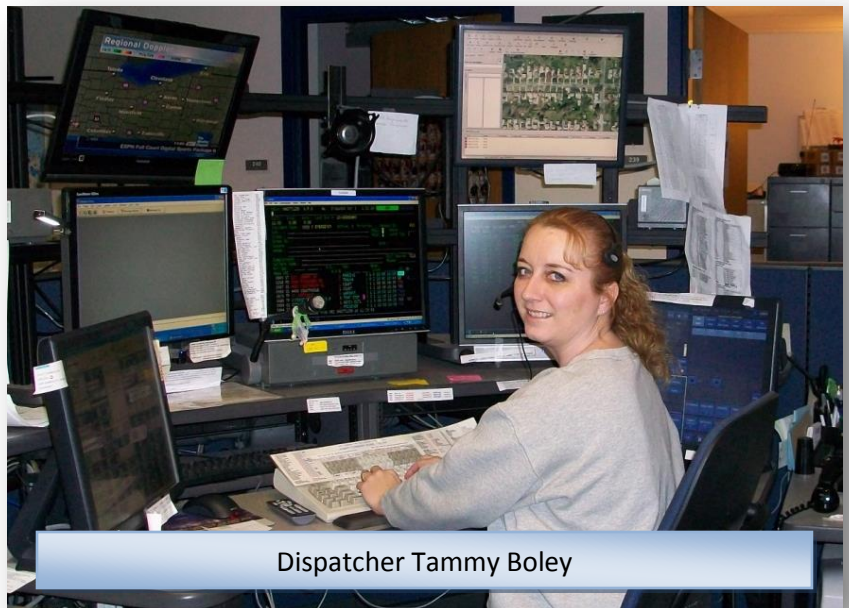
personal welfare. If the participant fails to respond to the phone call, a police officer is sent to their home to establish his or her welfare.

The year of 2009 was full of many changes for the Stow Communications Center. The dispatchers spent the year learning new policies and geography as Stow began police and fire dispatching services for the City of Tallmadge and the Village of Mogadore in 2008. Additionally, on April 1, 2009, Stow began fire dispatching services for Randolph Township in Portage County.

Through 2009 the Communications Center averaged 500 calls per day, over 15,000 calls per month. These calls are requests for service not only of Stow Police and Fire/EMS, Tallmadge Police and Fire/EMS, Mogadore Police and Fire/EMS and Randolph Fire/EMS but all other non-emergency, administrative and general question calls. During 2009, the Stow Dispatchers answered 39,948 cellular and landline 9-1-1 calls or an average of 109 calls per day.

In 2009, the Communications Center entered approximately 179 incidents and miscellaneous details per day for all dispatched entities.

- ❖ On January 8, 2009, Dispatchers Donna Seiler, Dawn Wilson, Sheryl Dunn and Ginger Bates received a commendation for their work during a bank robbery and subsequent pursuit of a suspect.
- ❖ On January 21, 2009, Dispatchers Stephanie Despot-Cook, Jamie McShane, Nancy Linzey and Wendy Carvill received a commendation for their work regarding a missing elderly female with dementia from Tallmadge who was found in the City of Stow.
- ❖ On May 1, 2009, Dispatchers Kara Bennington and Sara Shuster received a commendation for their work during an aggravated robbery and attempted murder.
- ❖ On August 1, 2009, Dispatchers Kara Bennington and Ginger Bates received a commendation for their work during an officer involved shooting.
- ❖ The week of April 12-18th, 2009 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week. The Stow dispatchers made three gift baskets and distributed them to the dispatchers in Hudson, Kent and Cuyahoga Falls police departments.



Dispatcher Tammy Boley

RECORDS DIVISION



RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division is staffed with four full-time employees, under the supervision of Cheryl Black. It 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.

Both hardware and software upgrades were implemented during 2008-09 and included an MS Word interface which increases productivity in Records. Future proposed upgrades have the potential to significantly streamline the processing of police records and public information requests.

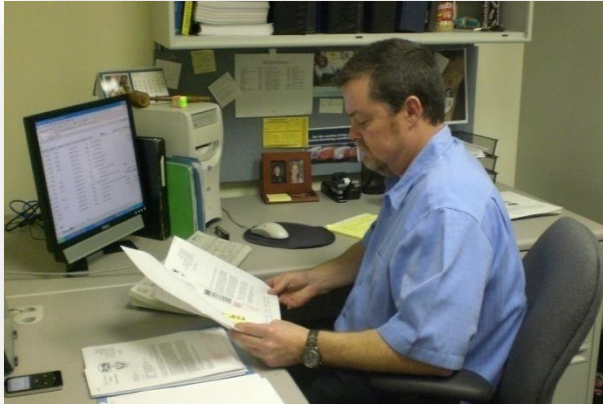


In 2009 the Records Division transcribed 3412 case narratives, processed 558 warrants, 911 crash reports, 4609 cases files and entered 2639 warning cites, 2216 traffic cites, 199 parking cites and 3689 property items.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU



The Parking Violations Bureau (PVB) has been in existence now for just over three years and is managed by Administrative Services Coordinator, Michael Foley, a retired Stow Police Officer. The majority of 2007 was spent establishing the PVB itself; developing procedures and policies, creating forms, making contacts, and other fundamental necessities. However, 2008 began to give our first look at how effective the bureau has become.

PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU (PVB)

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Cites Issued HC/Non-HC	67/131	255/212	273/188	125/203
Delinquent Fines to date		\$2548.00	\$6189.00	\$8918.84
Total Fines Collected	\$2295.00	\$14720.00 ¹	\$42031.84	\$21825.92

On March 26, City Council adopted several new parking ordinances as well as a new fine structure. The rate increase did not start until May 26 when the new parking forms were ready. For the month of June, the police department wrote warning citations only for the new violations. This step, combined with two articles in the Stow Sentry newspaper, was an effort to educate the public of the new laws.

On July 6, officers were advised to not enforce the new ordinance-“No Parking on the Fire Hydrant Side of Street”-due to conflicts with existing signage throughout the city. That ban has yet to be lifted.

¹ Fines prior to February 27 were dismissed by council decreasing the total yearly amount for 2007.

FALSE ALARM REDUCTION



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.

False Alarm Reduction

	2007	2008	2009
Alarm Licenses Issued	281	23	26
License Fees Paid	\$14,050.00	\$1150.00	\$1300.00
Alarm Fines Paid	\$3000.00 ²	\$4900.00	\$5450.00
Alarm Fines Pending Payment	None	\$900.00	\$250.00
Non-Residential Alarms	352	365	341
Residential Alarms	168	173	188
All Alarms Cancelled Enroute	222	219	192
Total Alarms Received by PD	742	757	721

² Billing for false alarms did not commence till June 1, 2007.

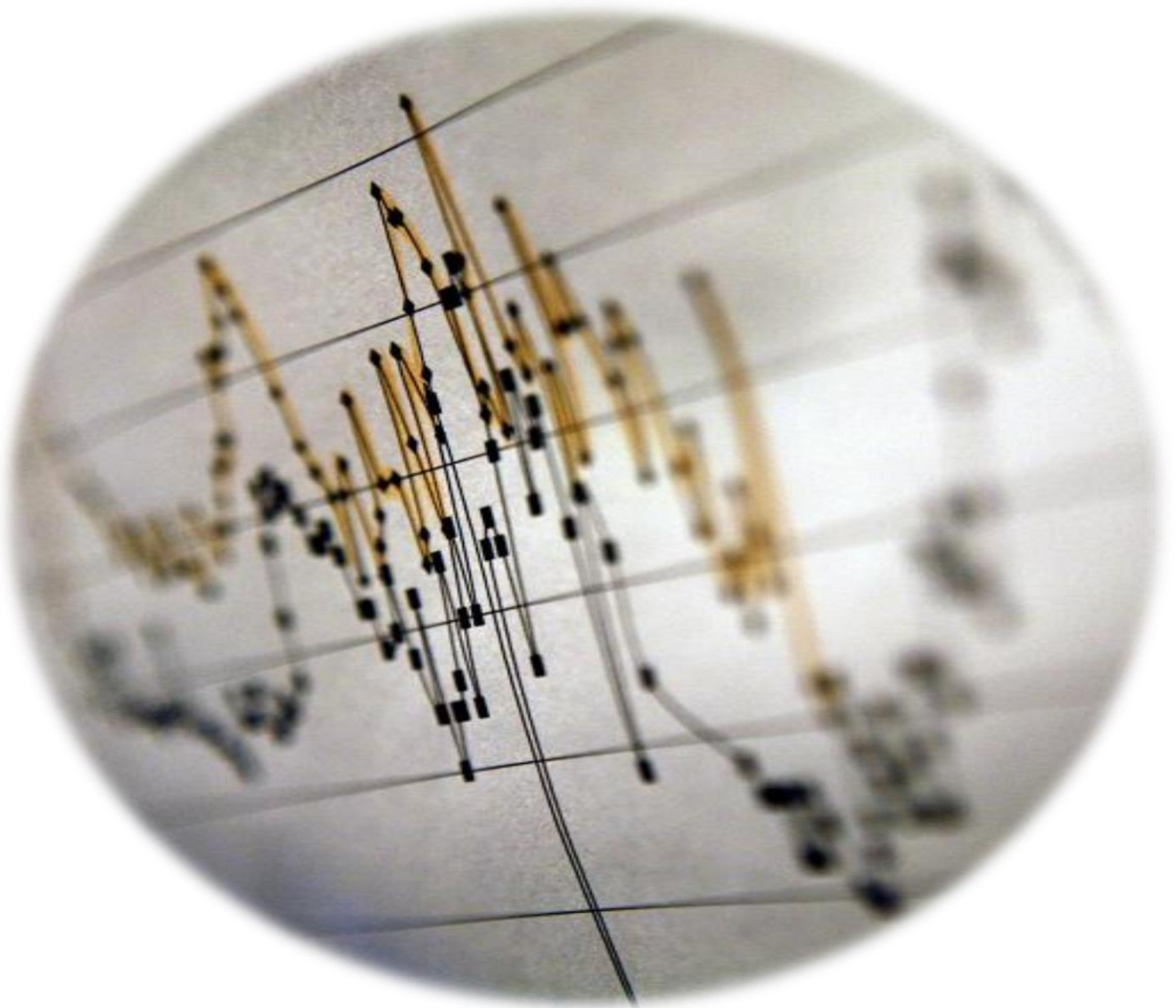
Vehicles Abandoned at Impound

Per the Ohio Revised Code, when a vehicle is abandoned at a tow yard its title is subject to forfeiture. Normally, these cars are awarded to the tow yard to dispose of as they see fit. However, an agreement between the City and Joe's auto in 2007 has allowed the city to recoup costs and obtain vehicles that have been seized or abandoned.

The City acquired several vehicles through forfeiture in 2009;

- 1) 2002 Oldsmobile Alero; criminal forfeiture. Sold at auction. Net to City \$2355.00
- 2) 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt; abandoned forfeiture. Given to City Hall.
- 3) 2003 Ford F-150; abandoned forfeiture. Given to Service Department.
- 4) 2000 Jeep Cherokee; criminal forfeiture. Pending.
- 5) 2001 Ford Explorer; criminal forfeiture. Given to Joes Auto for scrap.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION



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2009 ANNUAL ACTIVITY

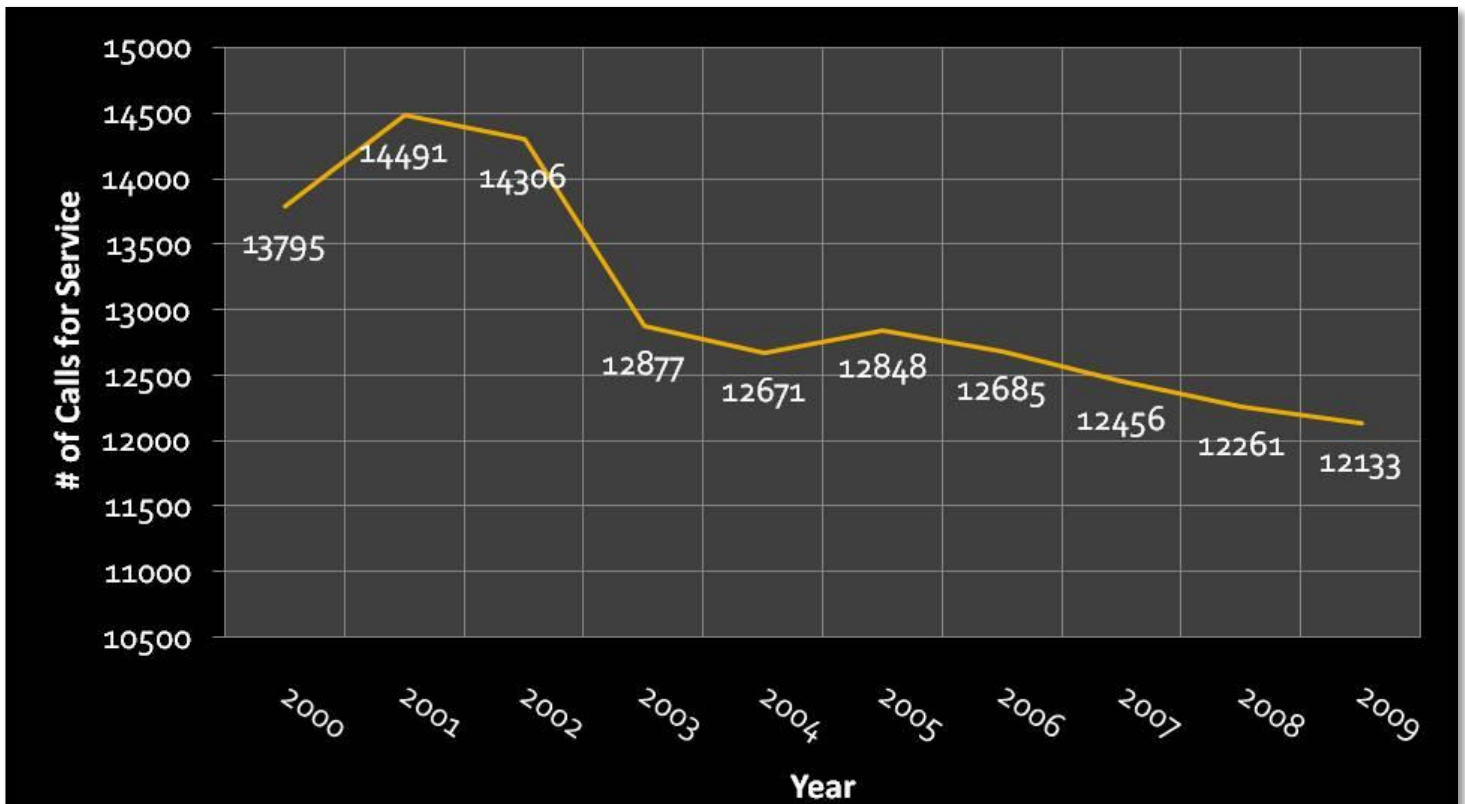
	2008	2009	%
<u>CALLS RESPONDED TO</u>			
11P-7A	1865	1728	-7
7A-3P	4911	4780	-3
3P-11P	5485	5552	1
TOTAL CALLS	12261	12060	-2
<u>CITATIONS ISSUED</u>			
OUI	236	178	-18
RADAR/SPEED	864	660	-24
TRAFFIC	2374	2082	-12
WARNING	3092	2649	-14
TOTAL CITES	6546	5569	-15
<u>OTHER CITATIONS</u>			
PARKING	423	201	-52
ANIMAL CITATIONS	10	4	-60
<u>ADULT ARRESTS</u>			
FELONY/MISDEMEANOR	802	774	-3
WARRANTS	283	229	-19
OTHER CITY CHARGES	1	1	0
<u>YOUTH SERVICES</u>			
<u>REFERRALS</u>			
STOW PD ARRESTS	567	575	1
OTHER AGENCY ARRESTS	134	116	-13
WALK-IN CASES	1	3	200

	2008	2009	%
<u>ACCIDENTS</u>			
FATAL	1	1	0
INJURY	128	135	5
NO INJURY	437	562	29
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	566	698	23
<u>PART I CRIMES</u>			
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
RAPE	12	9	-25
ROBBERY	9	11	22
ASSAULT/AGGRAVATED	3	9	200
BURGLARY / B&E	157	138	-12
THEFT	642	674	5
AUTO THEFT	10	14	40
<u>ARSON</u>	6	5	-17
TOTAL PART I CRIMES	839	860	103
<u>OTHER REPORTS</u>			
PRIV PROPERTY CRASH	164	210	28
ASSAULT/MINOR	66	47	-29
CHECKS	28	23	-18
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	337	225	-33
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	153	102	-33
DOMESTIC RELATED	417	397	-5
FRAUD FORGERY	114	110	-4
JUVENILE RELATED	188	181	-4
LIQUOR LAWS	138	104	-25
MENACING	47	36	-23
NARCOTICS RELATED	250	207	-17
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	36	32	-11
OPEN BURNING	17	36	112
SEX CRIMES	20	11	-45
TELEPHONE CRIMES	150	157	5
WEAPONS	16	32	100
TOTAL OTHER REPORTS	2141	1910	-11

	2008	2009	%
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
ANIMAL/SERVICE CALLS	776	772	-1
ALARMS	692	738	7
<u>CASH RECEIVED</u>			
ALARMS	6250	6750	8
BIKE LICENSE	17	38	124
CONFISCATED LICENSE	1085	595	-45
COURT FINES –STOW MUNI	177136	152394	-14
COURT FINES - SCCP	29	1125	3754
CRUISER USE	2474	6095	146
DOG FINES	240	120	-50
DUI ENFORCEMENT	1881	2161	15
DRUG FUND	1246	2300	85
FORFEITED CASH	4250	1260	-70
IMMOBILIZATION	1500	1100	-27
PARKING FINES	40947	21826	-47
PHOTO COPIES	135	304	126
RECORD CHECKS	215	170	-21
TOTAL DOLLARS	237405	196238	-17

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for service are recorded only when they originate outside the department. We discount calls dispatched to the Community Services Officer, calls that are handled by Reserve Officers, and all calls initiated by Stow Police Officers (including traffic stops and all administrative details). Based on that current definition of calls for service, the calls for the last ten years appear in the graph below.



Total Calls for Service 2000-2009

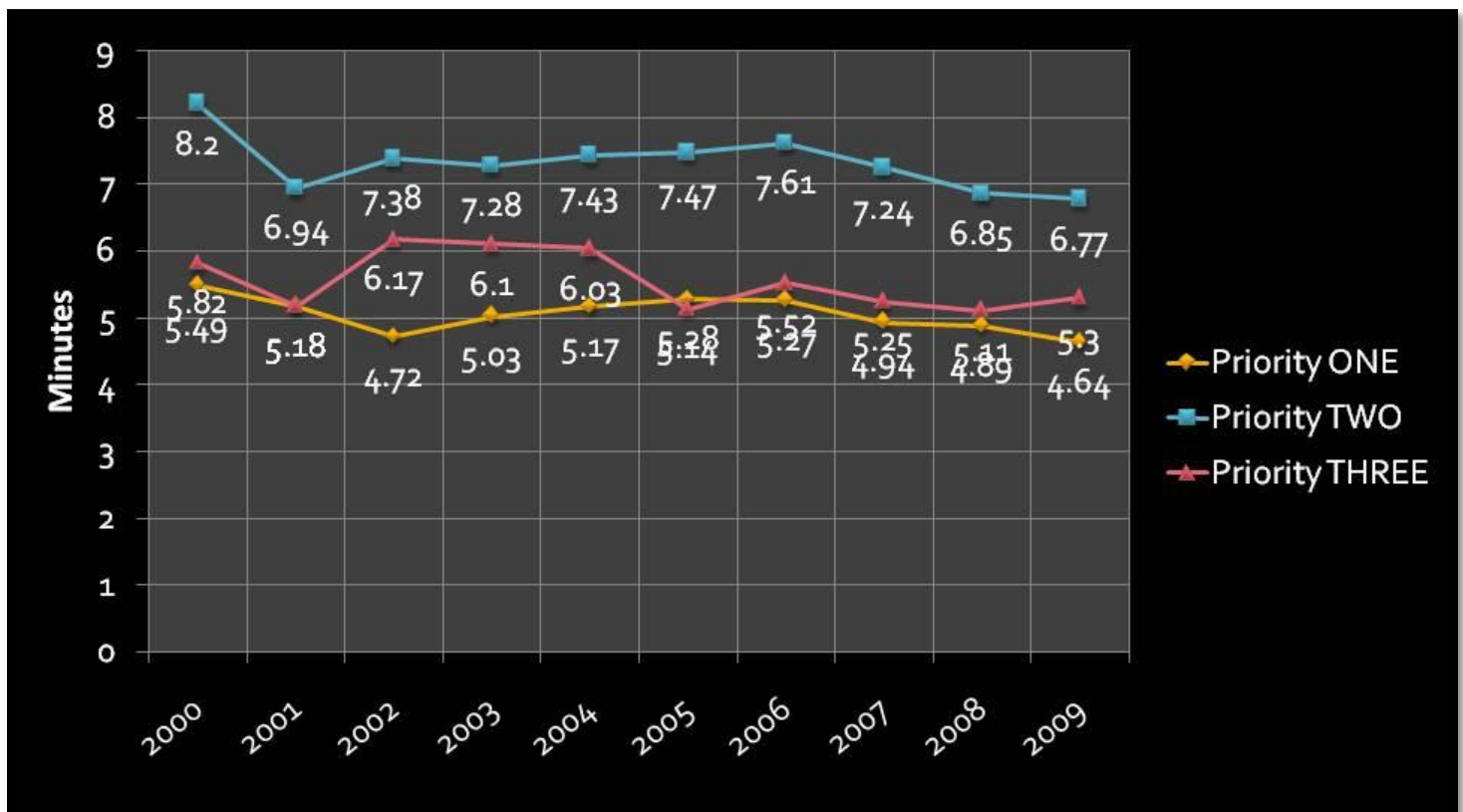
RESPONSE TIMES

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



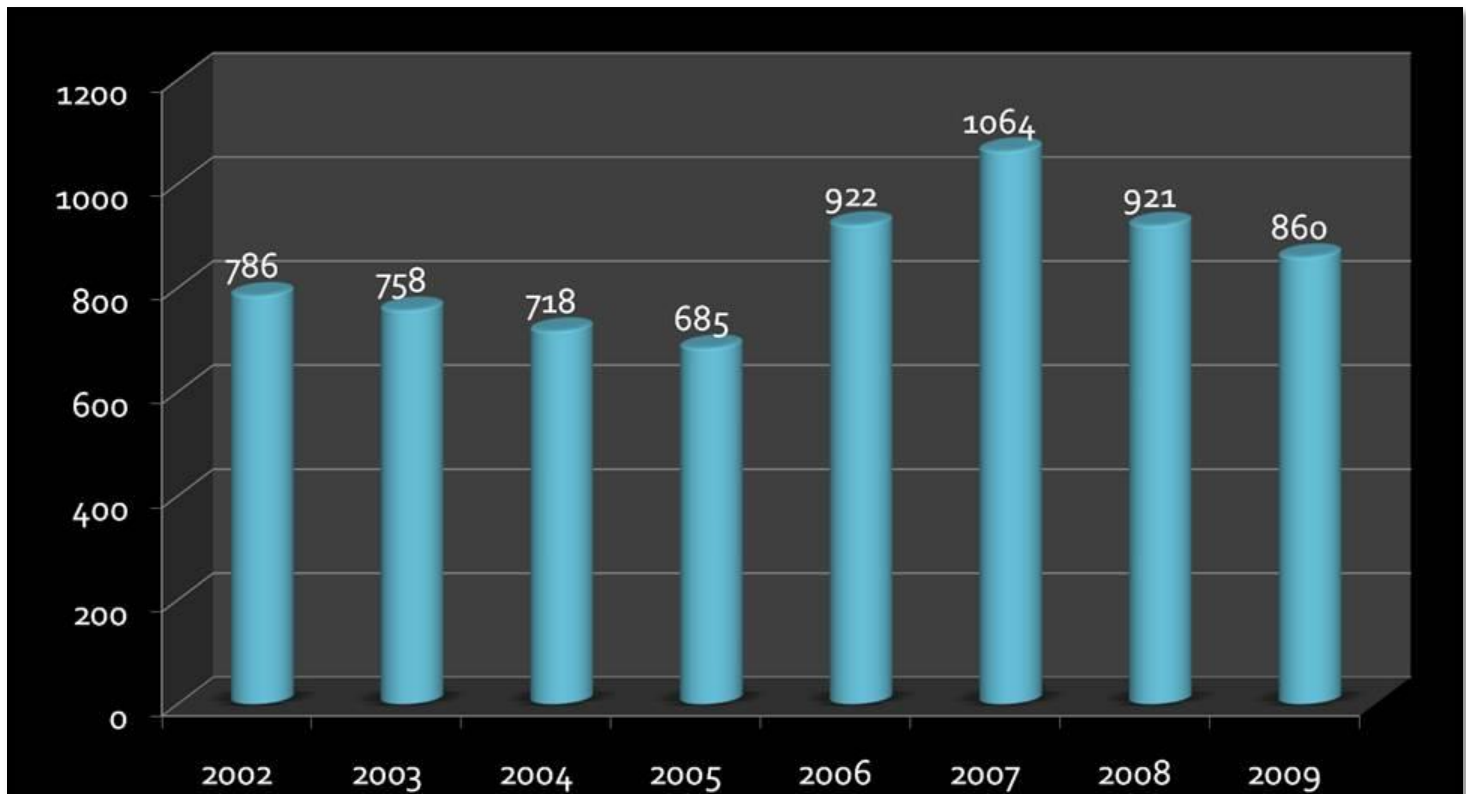
Officer Response Times 2000-2009

CRIME STATISTICS

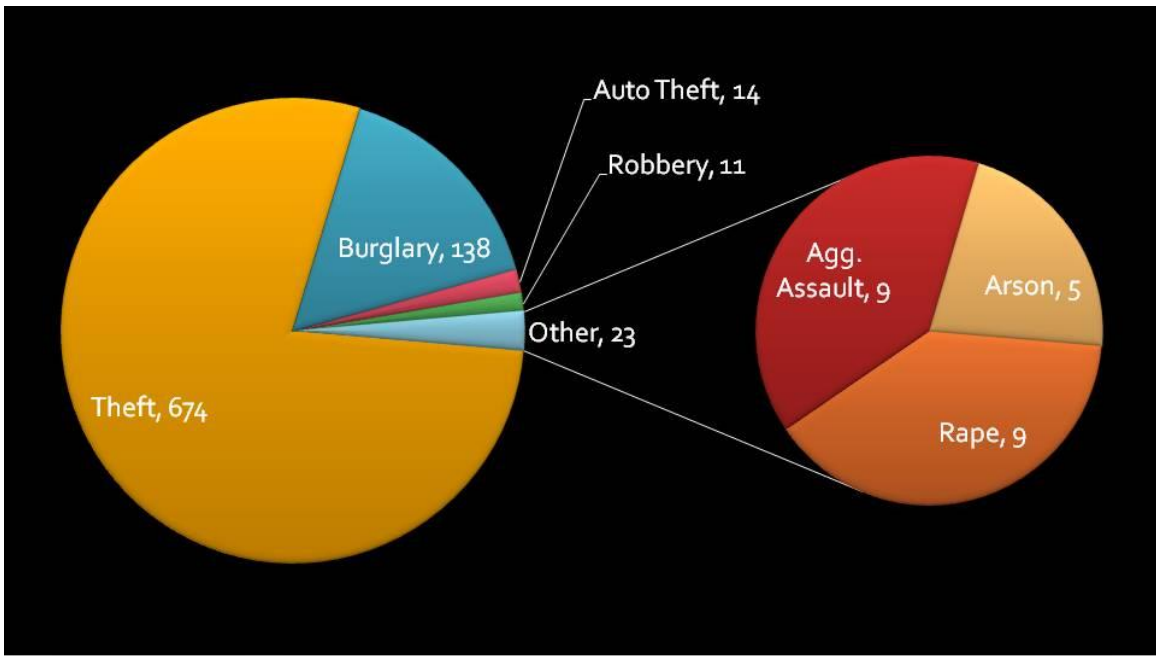
The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program classifies most criminal acts into Part I and Part II offenses. Part I offenses, including select violent and property crimes, are used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement.

The following graphs compare Stow's total Part I crimes as well as our percentage of crimes by category and Stow's Part I crime (per capita) in relation with other nearby communities.

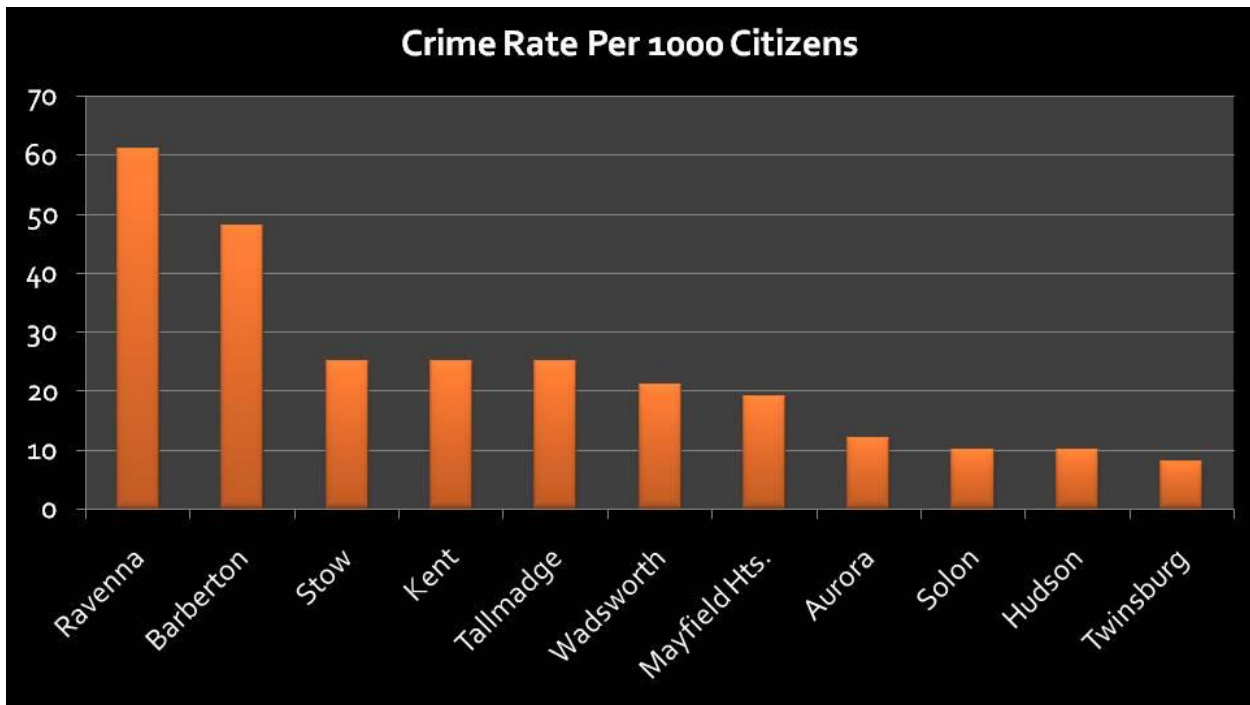
- NOTE: The cities of Cuyahoga Falls, Mogadore and Cleveland Heights have previously been included for comparison. These cities did not report their UCR statistics to the FBI in 2009 and are therefore omitted from this year's comparisons.



Total Part I Crimes 2002-2009



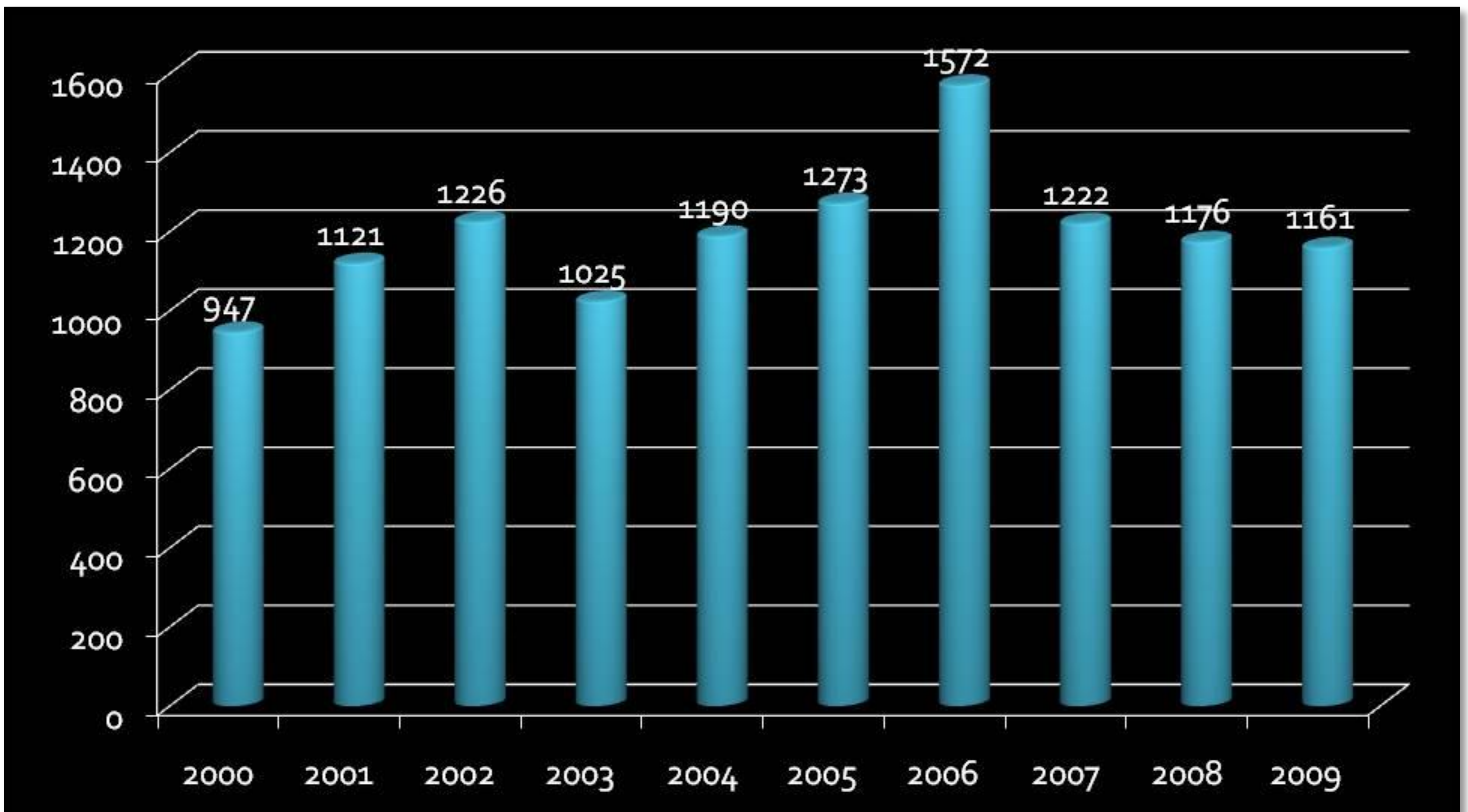
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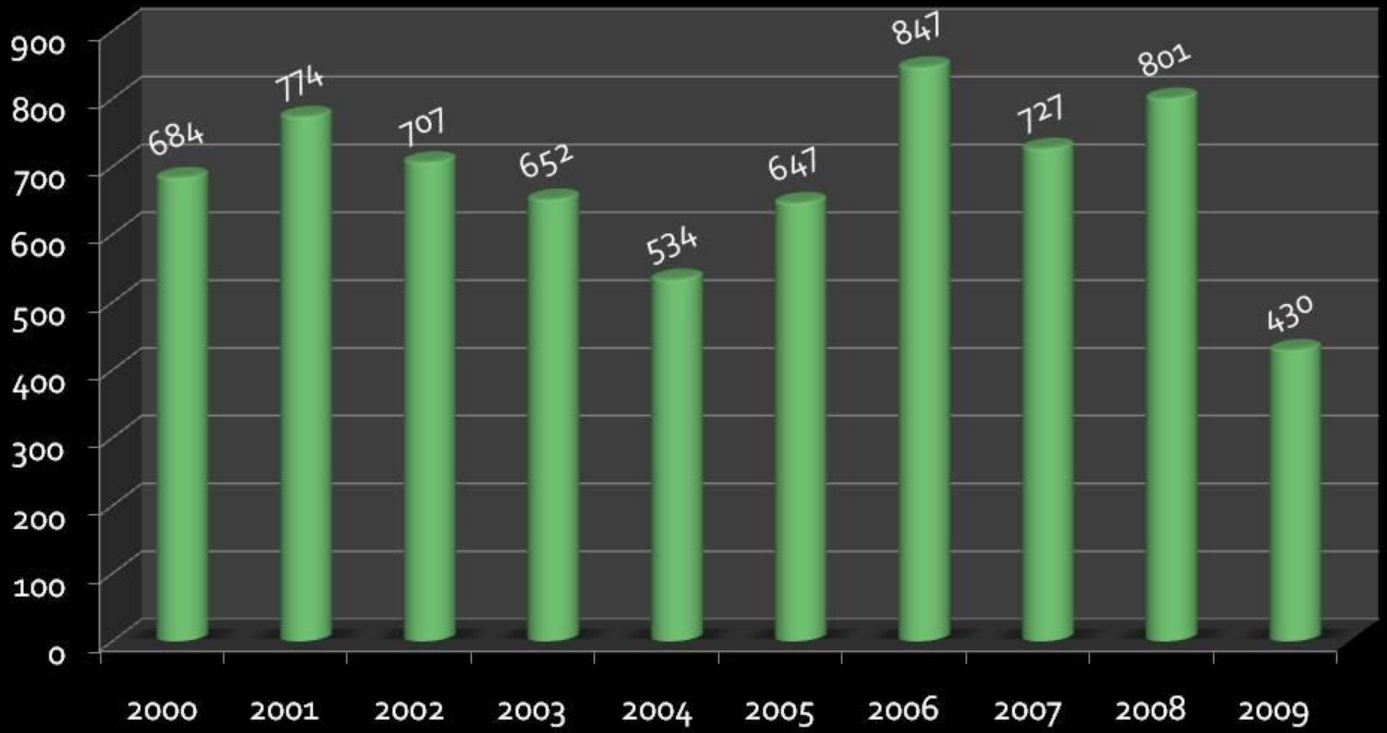
Part I Crime Rate Per Capita

ARREST STATISTICS

In 2009, the officers of the Stow Police Department arrested 1,161 adults and 430 juveniles for committing various crimes. The graph below illustrates the number of adult and juvenile arrests since 2000.



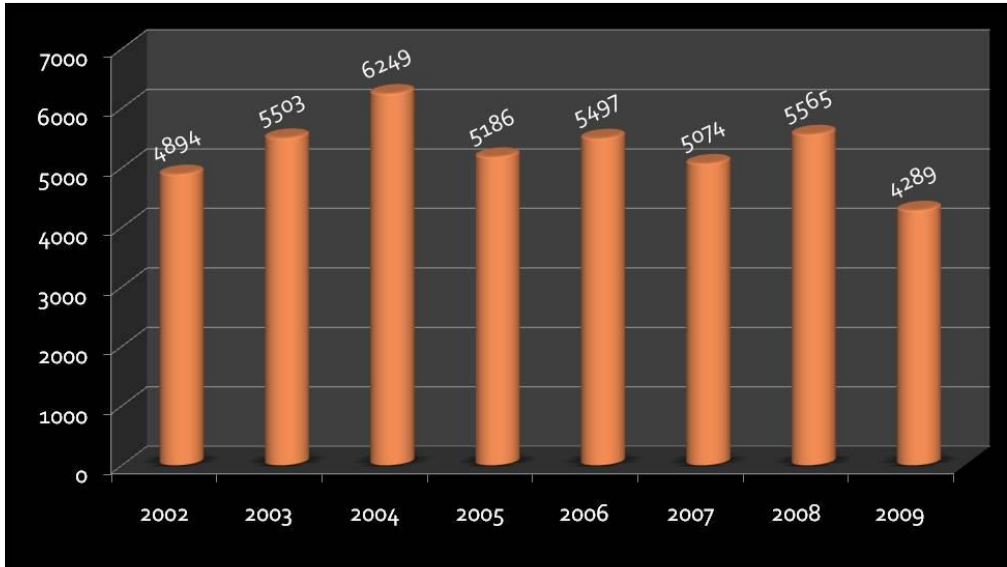
Total Adult Arrests 2000-2009



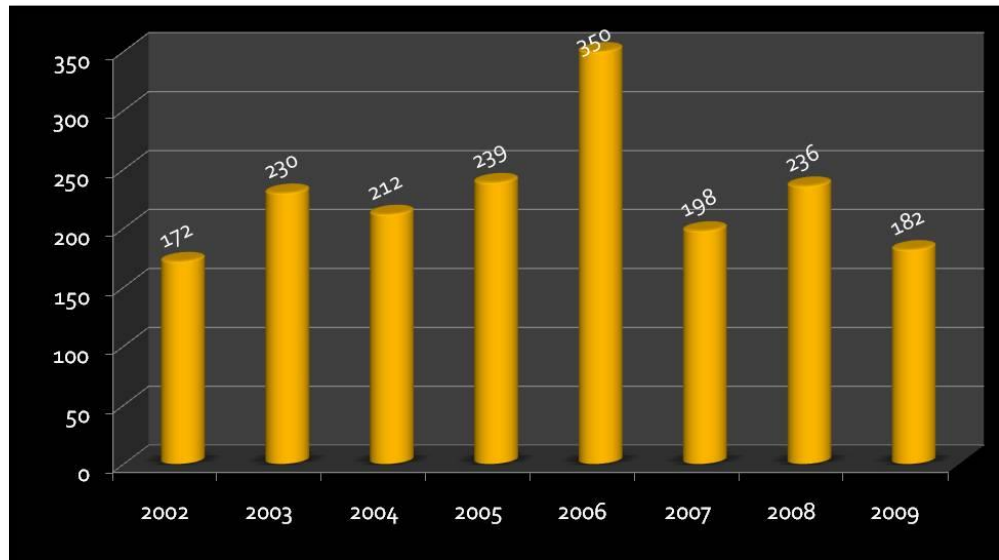
Total Juvenile Arrests 2000-2009

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Officers made 4,289 traffic stops in 2009. Stow officers also arrested 182 people for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.



Total Traffic Stops 2002-2009



OVI Arrests 2002-2009



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