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Officer Jessica Black teaching S.H.A.R.E. to fifth grade students; Members of the Wilmette Police Department softball team; Photo from the August 23, 2007 storm; Officer Valerie Davis examining an item of evidence.

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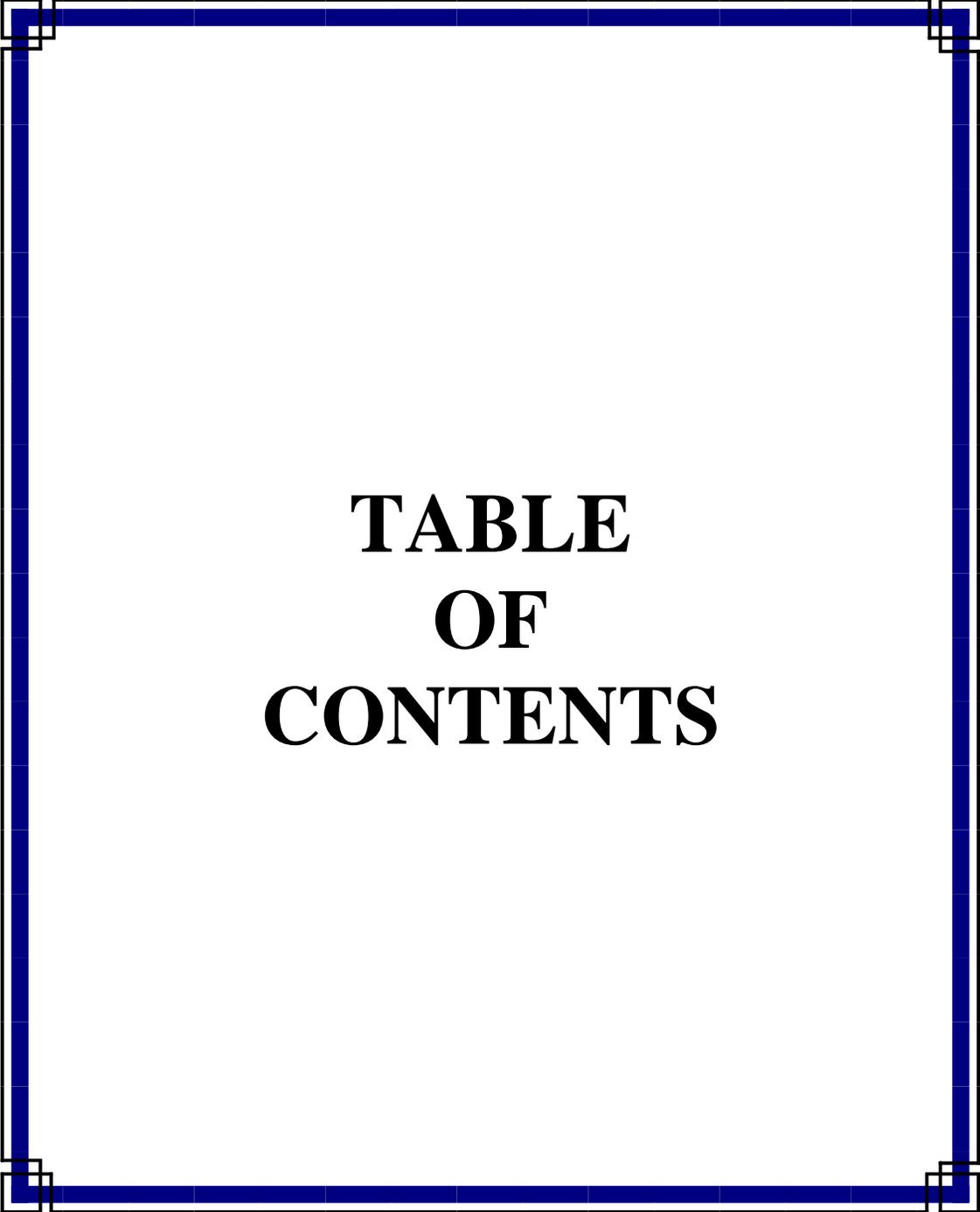
Village Manager Michael J. Earl:

It is my pleasure to present the 2007 Police Department Annual Report. This report summarizes crime and accident trends, police programs and personnel highlights from the year. We would like to draw attention to several noteworthy pages in this report:

- The average age of Wilmette Police Officers is 39 and the average experience level is 13 years, as shown on **page 5**.
- Part I offenses (serious crimes) were lower in 2007 than in any year for which we can find records. **Page 13** shows the twenty year decline in Part I crimes.
- The decline in false alarms continued in 2007. The ten-year comparison on **page 18** shows the effectiveness of Village Ordinances in helping to reduce these unnecessary calls, which take police officers away from other necessary duties.
- Residential burglaries rebounded in 2007 from the historic low of 18 in 2006. **Page 20** contains a 15-year comparison, including the increase in 2007. The Burglary task force (**page 29**) actively investigates these crimes.
- For two consecutive years the number of motor vehicle crashes has been below 1,000, as shown on **page 36**. The number of injury crashes also remains very low. While the redesign of Lake Ave. has led to dramatic crash reductions along Lake Ave. at Ridge and at Hunter, note that crashes have increased at Locust Rd. (**page 38**). These are largely left-turn crashes. There were no fatal crashes in Wilmette during 2007.

We are grateful for the leadership of Chris Dunn, Chair of the Wilmette Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, who completed his final term at the end of 2007. Chris provided exceptional leadership in ensuring that the Board hired police officers for both excellence and diversity, and promoted our most ethical leaders to the rank of Police Sergeant.

George Carpenter
Chief of Police



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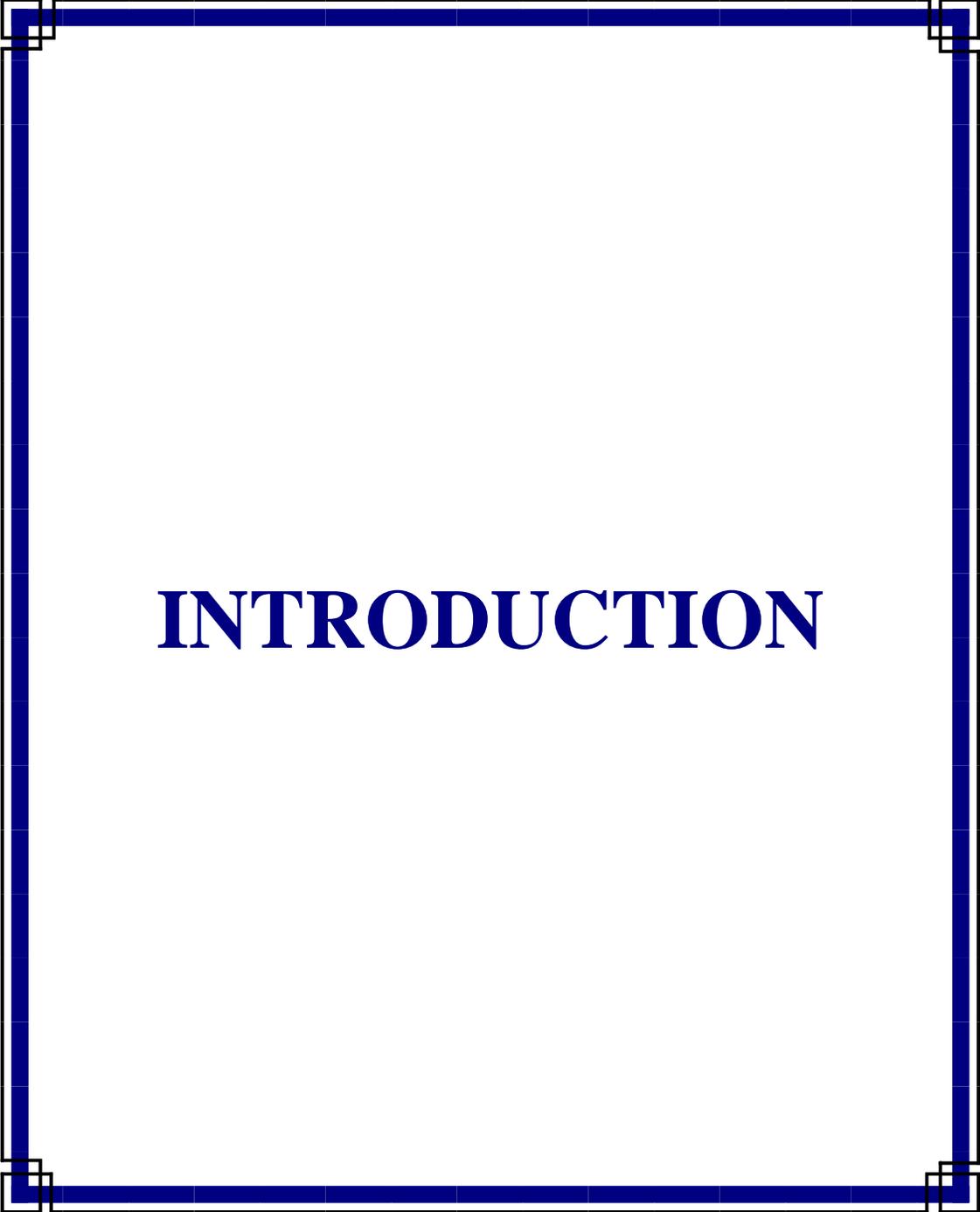
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INTRODUCTION

WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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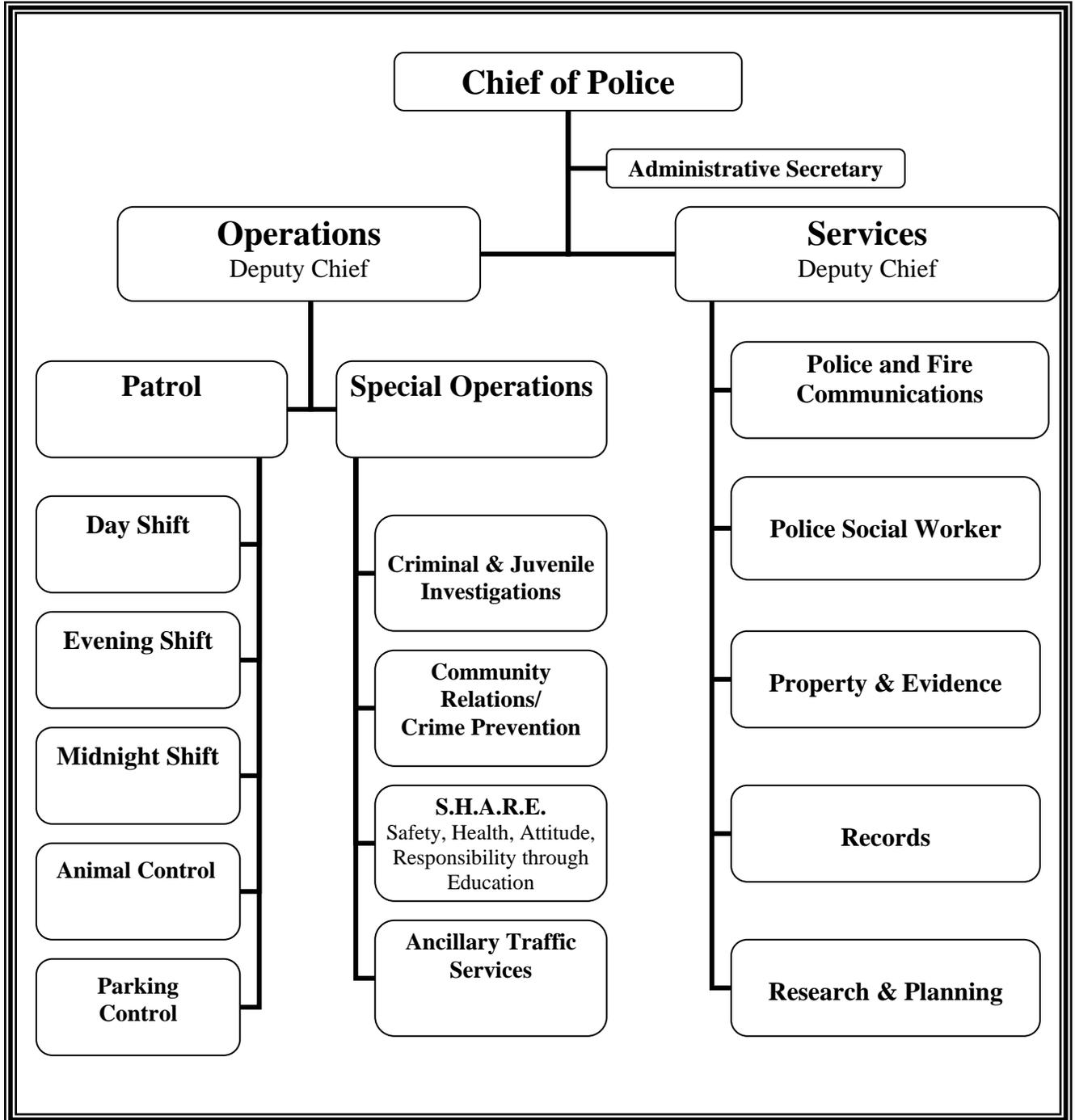
We, the members of the Wilmette Police Department, are dedicated to providing impartial law enforcement, community-oriented services and police protection in our Village, while maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards.

VALUES

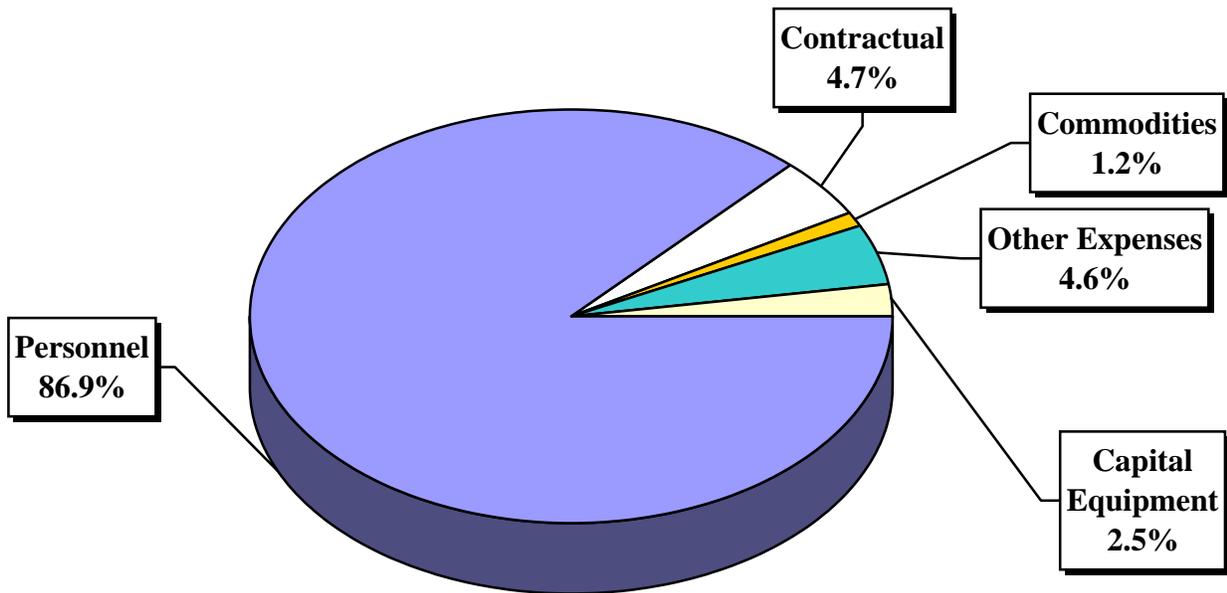
We believe that law enforcement has its foundation in values. To fulfill our mission we are committed to:

- Acknowledging our responsibility and accountability to the citizens of Wilmette, our source of authority;
- Performing our duties within the spirit and to the letter of our laws and the Constitution;
- Remaining sensitive to human needs and treating each person with respect, compassion and dignity;
- Approaching each situation as unique and responding creatively with empathy and the prudent use of discretion;
- Promoting mutual trust between the Department and the residents and institutions of Wilmette;
- Enhancing the safety and feeling of security for residents; and
- Fostering a quality work environment that encourages open communication and affords trust, respect and support for each member.

Wilmette Police Department Organizational Chart



**WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2007 BUDGET**



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Personnel	\$7,318,265
Capital Equipment	\$213,000
Contractual	\$399,610
Commodities	\$100,500
Other Expenses	\$391,040
Total	\$8,422,415



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Villages and cities develop emergency plans in the unfortunate event a disaster imperils their communities. Wilmette Village leaders and supervisors have conducted training and participated in annual exercises to better prepare their departments in the event of an emergency.

On August 23, 2007 a severe storm struck Wilmette causing widespread power outages, flooding, and property damage to residences and trees. The Emergency Operation Center was quickly activated, and Village Department Heads coordinated efforts with their respective departments to provide assistance, to communicate with the residents, and relay these needs to ComEd and other service providers over the next several days.





PERSONNEL

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The Village of Wilmette allocated the Wilmette Police Department 67 positions by budget: 46 police officers, 18 full-time and (3) three part-time civilian employees. The department was at its allotted complement of police officers during 2007 and was understaffed one part-time employee at the end of the year.

The Wilmette Board of Fire & Police Commissioners has required a bachelor degree for entry level police officers since 1991. At that time, 42% of Wilmette police officers had a four year degree. Today, as shown below, 89% have a four-year degree. The goal of this requirement is to ensure that the police department is reasonably representative of the average education level of Wilmette residents, which is among the highest in the nation. In addition, seven (7) bilingual or multilingual officers provide the Department the ability to meet the needs of seven (7) language groups commonly encountered in Wilmette’s increasingly diverse service population.

Police Officer Education Level

<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Education</u>
46	100%	Two or More Years of College
41	89%	Bachelor Degree or Higher
6	13%	Master Degree
2	4%	Juris Doctorate

Age & Seniority Distribution of Police Officers

The average age of a Wilmette Officer is 39.4 years, with 13.3 years of experience.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Seniority in Years</u>	<u>Number</u>
21-24	0	0-4	10
25-29	7	5-9	11
30-34	5	10-14	6
35-39	8	15-19	6
40-44	13	20-24	6
45-49	9	25-29	6
50+	4	30+	1

PROMOTIONS



Sergeant Michael McGarry

Officer Michael McGarry was promoted on July 17, 2007 to Sergeant. Sergeant McGarry has served the Department since 1995 and has been an investigator for the past six years. He has been the Operations Commander for the regional Burglary Task Force since its inception in 2004.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Telecommunicator George Miagusko



Officer Christopher Neubauer

Telecommunicator George Miagusko was hired on September 4, 2007. He was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. He previously worked for United Airlines as a Supervisor in ramp services for arriving and departing flights.

Police Officer Christopher Neubauer was hired September 21, 2007. He grew up in Elmhurst, Illinois and previously worked 3 years as a writer for Pro Football Weekly magazine. Chris has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois with a major in Journalism.

DEPARTURES



Telecommunicator Christy Tempo



Telecommunicator Barb Cutro

Telecommunicator Christy Tempo left on April 20, 2007 to obtain a position as a telecommunicator in a law enforcement agency closer to her residence. She had served the Department since 2004. She now works as a Telecommunicator in Lake Zurich, just minutes from her home.

Part-Time Telecommunicator Barbara Cutro resigned November 13, 2007. Barb had served the Department since July 15, 1996. She now works as a Telecommunicator in her home town of Vernon Hills.



[See page 35 for information]

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees celebrated significant employment anniversaries with the Wilmette Police Department during 2007. We would like to thank each one of them for the years they have dedicated to the Village of Wilmette and their outstanding commitment to ethical, professional police service.

Years of Service	Employee
Twenty-Five	Steven Eder Don George Martin Paulson
Twenty	Ron Andrews Ron Drag Brian King David Sparks Dan Walsh
Fifteen	Olivia Chui Patrick Collins
Ten	Susan Budd
Five	Valerie Davis Raimond Pavely

S.H.A.R.E.

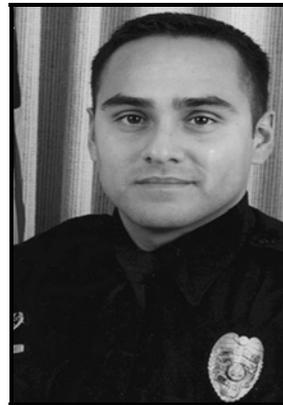
In cooperation with the Wilmette Schools, SHARE officers teach drug and violence prevention education in every fifth grade classroom in Wilmette.

SHARE stands for **Safety, Health, Attitude and Responsibility through Education**. It is a seven-week program designed to equip young students with the ability to develop specific life-skills. SHARE was first taught to 5th grade students during the 2007 school year. In order to prevent drug abuse and teach life skills to students, the SHARE curriculum focuses on the following objectives:

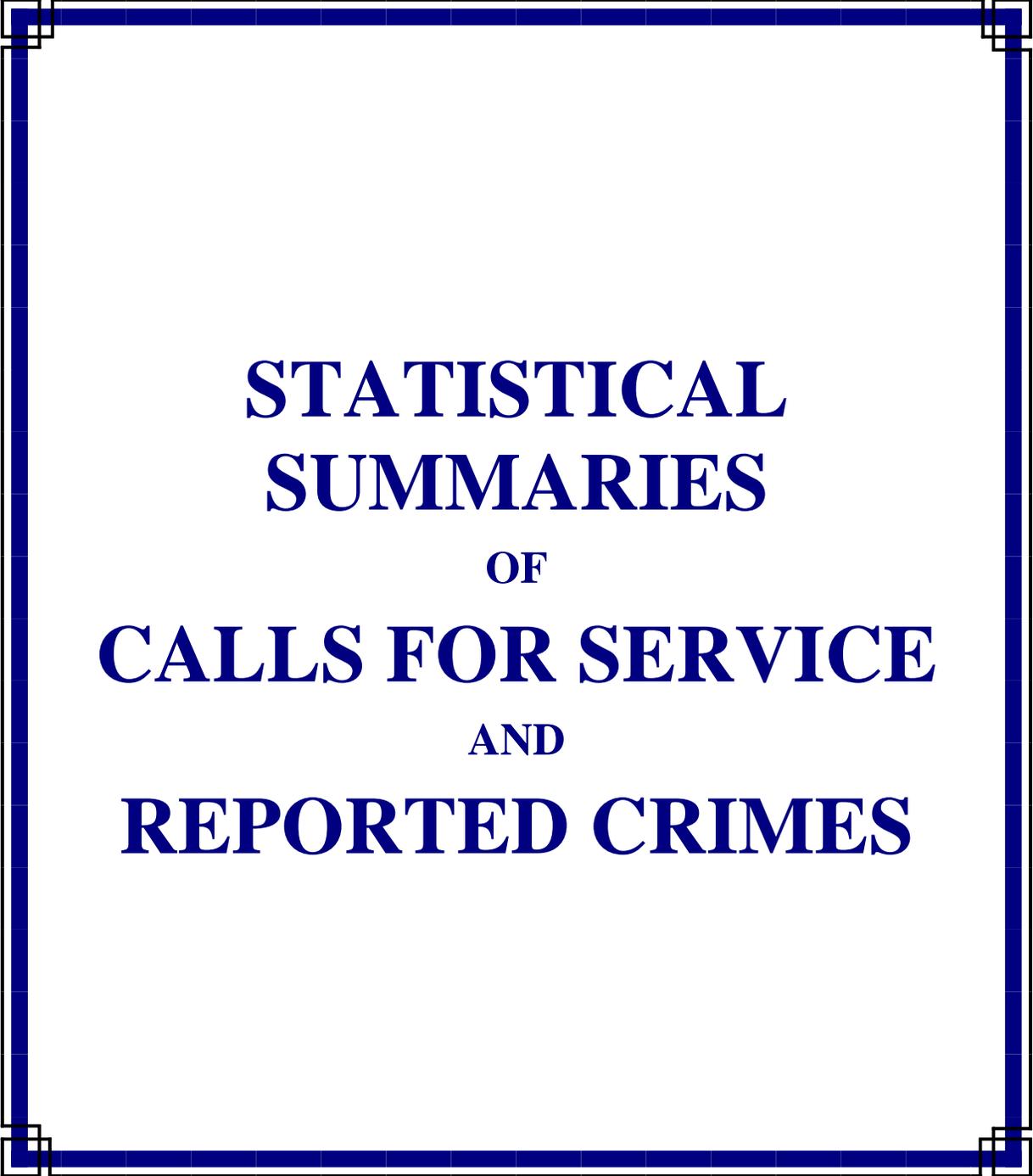
- Learning to recognize and resist peer pressure to experiment with tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.
- Enhancing self-esteem.
- Avoiding bullying.
- Internet safety.
- Building interpersonal and communication skills.
- Learning about good choices and peer pressure.



Officer Sally Bullock

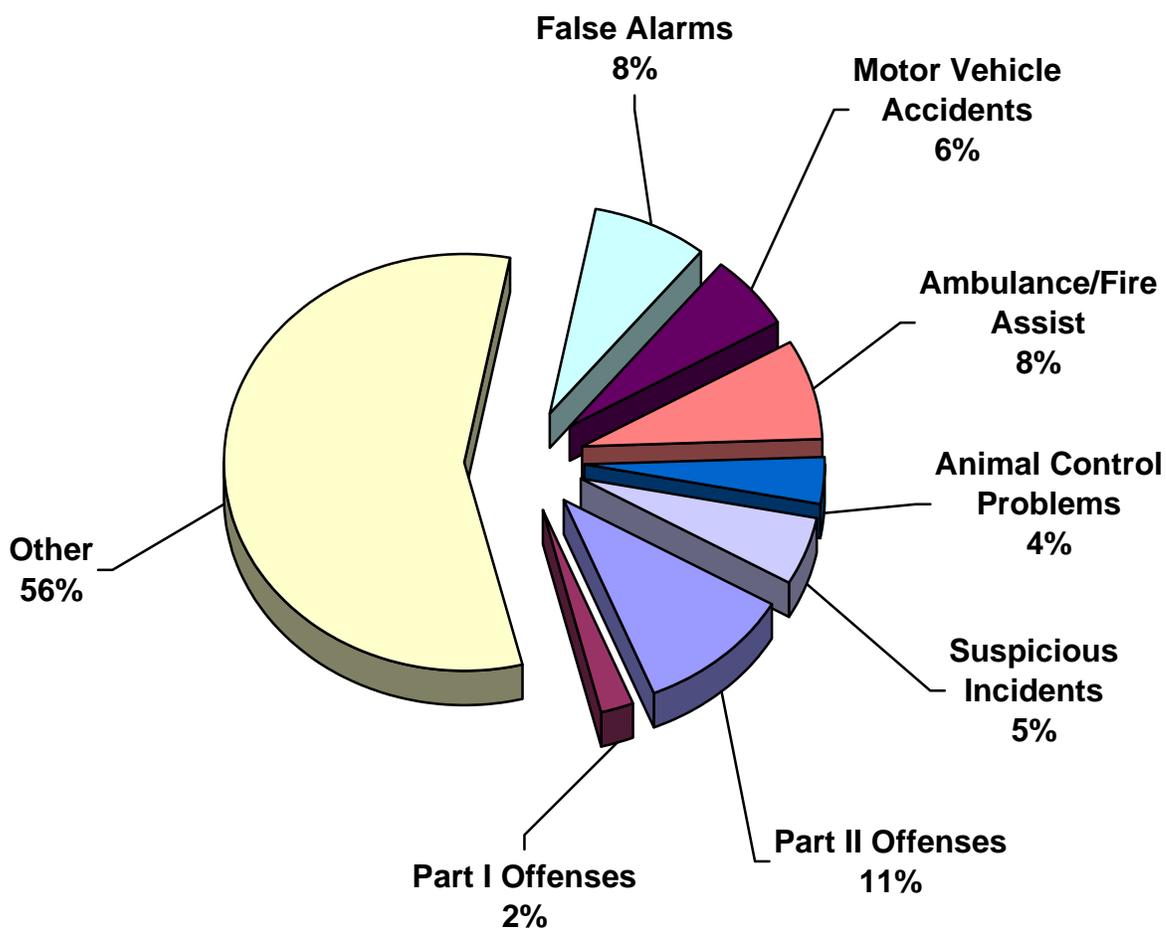


Officer Alex Mercado



**STATISTICAL
SUMMARIES
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CALLS FOR SERVICE
AND
REPORTED CRIMES**

2007 Calls For Service



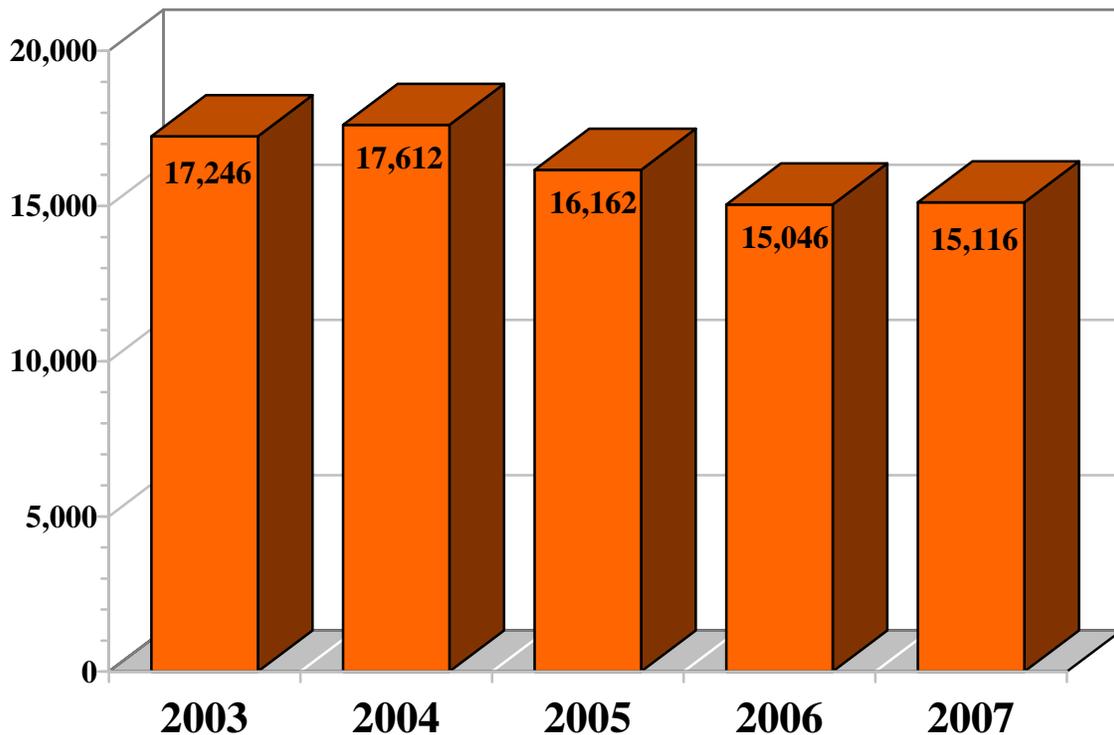
Consistent with the Uniform Crime Reporting System of the Federal Bureau of Identification, Wilmette's Calls for Service are divided into three classifications: Part I Offenses, Part II Offenses, and Calls for Police Service. Subsequent pages of this report address each classification separately.

In 2007 there were 15,116 total Calls for Police Service* in Wilmette. Of these, 367 calls were for Part I Offenses and 1,703 for Part II Offenses. Seven (7) specific police services are shown separately in the chart above.

* Total requests for police services on pp. 11-12 reflect all Calls for Police Services regardless of disposition. Some of these calls may be later determined to be unfounded, re-classified, or referred to other law enforcement agencies. Beginning on page 13, only those offenses which were "verified" upon investigation are included.

TOTAL REQUESTS FOR POLICE SERVICE

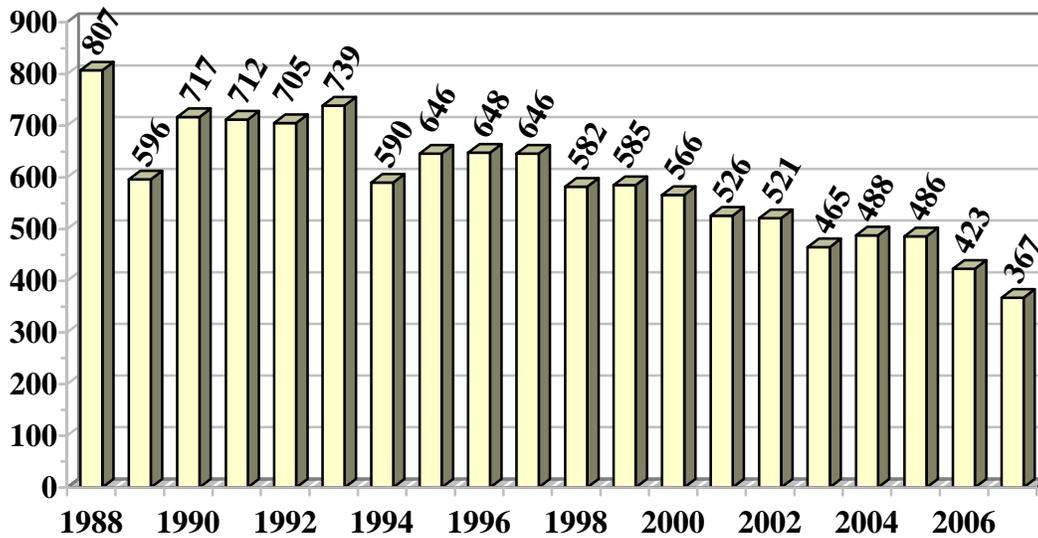
Five-Year Comparison



In November, the Department began using a new computerized record management system to record all calls for police service. This system enhances the categories of calls for service into more specific types. This will alter the manner in which comparisons for police calls for service can be made in regards to the past, but will allow for a more thorough analysis to allocate future police resources and personnel. Statistics on the following pages marked with an asterisk (*) are fields in which the new record management system may impact these multi-year comparisons.

PART I OFFENSES

Twenty-Year Comparison



Note the significant decrease in serious crime in Wilmette through the past two decades.

Part I Offenses as defined by the FBI include: homicide, criminal sexual assault, armed robbery, robbery, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, burglary, burglary to a motor vehicle, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part I Offenses continue to be low in Wilmette in comparison to most other communities in Illinois and in the United States. The number of Part I Offenses in 2007 is 367, a 13.2% decrease from 2006 and the lowest total in the past 20 years.

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FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF PART I OFFENSES

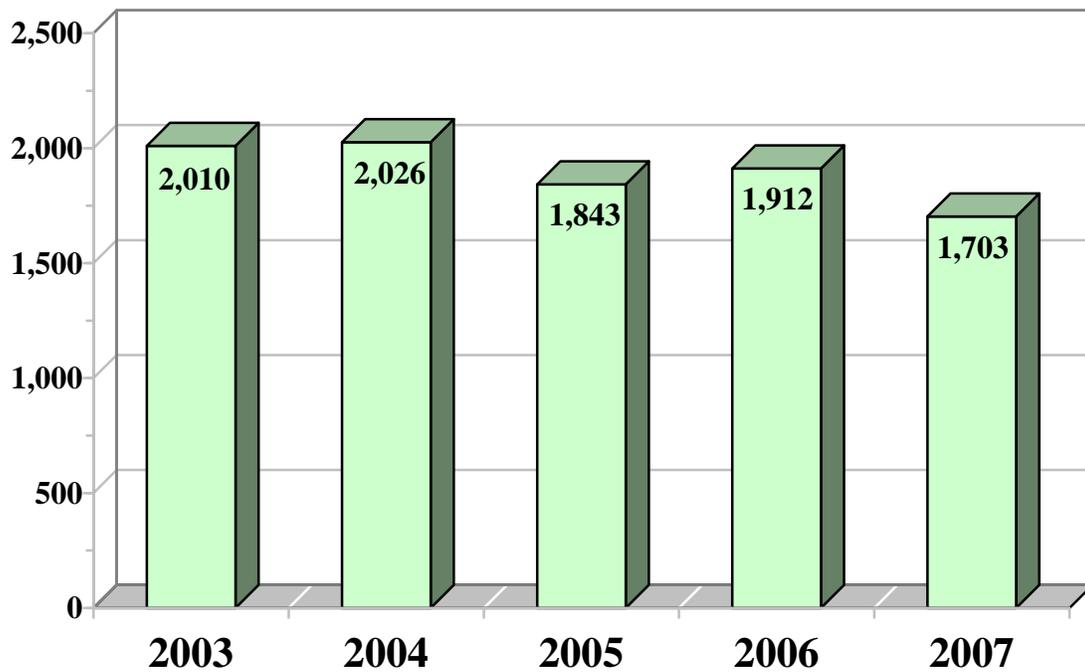
<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Homicide*	0	0	3	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	2	3	2	1	1
Robbery	0	2	5	4	3
Aggravated Battery	5	2	3	4	4
Aggravated Assault	2	1	0	1	1
Burglary**	54	78	98	90	88
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	67	91	57	101	76
Theft	230	226	305	271	277
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	18	9	13	12
Arson	1	2	4	3	3
TOTAL	367	423	486	488	465

* Two of the three Homicides in 2005 were attempts that did not result in an actual death.

** Includes commercial, residential and non-residential burglaries. These numbers also include attempt burglaries and home invasions.

PART II OFFENSES

Five-Year Comparison



Part II Offenses as defined by the FBI include: simple battery, simple assault, theft of services, criminal trespass, vandalism, unlawful use of a weapon, offenses involving children (e.g., minor in possession of alcohol, runaways), serious motor vehicle traffic violations (e.g., driving under the influence), disorderly conduct and other miscellaneous criminal offenses.

The 1,703 Part II Offenses in 2007 represents a 10.9% decrease from 2006.

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF PART II OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Simple Battery	52	57	58	66	99
Simple Assault	6	5	5	12	7
Deception	94	80	80	69	76
Other Thefts ^a	18*	14	15	16	18
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	214*	258	242	244	286
Weapons Offenses	2	5	10	5	5
Sex Offenses ^{aa}	8*	8	16	4	1
Offenses Involving Children [#]	31*	56	33	39	53
Cannabis Violations	55	57	55	54	56
Motor Vehicle Offenses ^{##}	882*	1,043	1,030	1,210	1,036
Disorderly Conduct	163	159	169	149	166
Miscellaneous Criminal Offenses	178*	168	130	158	207
TOTAL	1,703*	1,912	1,843	2,026	2,010

**Statistics for these fields will vary due to new records management system that was implemented in November 2007.*

^a Other Thefts include Theft of Service, Theft of Mislaid Property and Possession of Stolen Property.

^{aa} Sex offenses include Sexual Exploitation of a Child, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, Criminal Sexual Abuse, Indecent Exposure and Child Pornography.

[#] Offenses Involving Children include Curfew, Runaway Juveniles and the Sale of Tobacco to Minors.

^{##} Motor Vehicle Offenses include all misdemeanor traffic arrests such as Driving Under the Influence, Driving on a Suspended or Revoked License, Drag Racing, Fleeing & Eluding Police, Reckless Driving, insurance violations and Driving without a License.

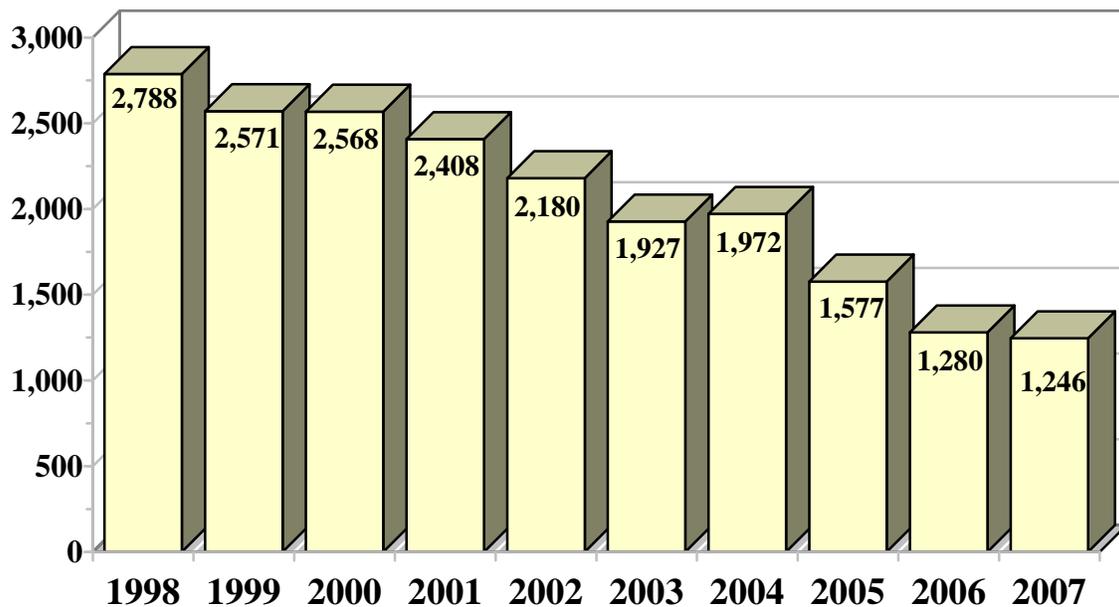
FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF NON-CRIMINAL SERVICE REQUESTS

<u>SERVICE REQUEST</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Abandoned Vehicle	33	40	45	57	63
Aid to Another Department	415	331	559	834	906
Ambulance Assist	1,005	853	981	1,075	1,125
Animal Problem	584	972	853	837	790
Dispute or Disturbance	224	245	219	201	274
Domestic Trouble	136	122	132	108	97
Driving Complaint	223	214	188	201	191
Field Interview	131	108	136	152	135
Fire Department Call	233	163	239	149	247
Hazardous Roadway*	97	88	94	113	111
Juvenile Nuisance Problem	272	224	219	204	214
Lock Out of Automobile	472	448	587	581	523
Lost or Found Property	275	257	291	291	261
Lost License Plates/Driver's License*	29	38	46	32	29
Mischief Complaint	37	86	52	72	51
Missing Person	68	72	59	62	46
Motorist Assist	252	290	280	274	307
Noise Complaint	180	180	160	201	194
Open Doors/Window	151	200	150	200	185
Other Ordinance Violation	270	172	214	211	200
Parking Complaint	576	565	606	671	737
Public Accident (Non-Traffic)	21	34	34	31	23
Request for Fingerprint	125	134	122	112	98
Special Patrol	517	461	399	616	643
Safety/Health Hazard*	213	160	266	252	329
School Crossing	93	80	185	105	71
Sign/Signal Malfunction*	62	54	93	86	130
Suspicious Circumstance*	846	938	940	1,045	1,044
Well-Being Check	305	407	349	306	311

* Fields with an asterisk may vary from prior years due to a new Records Management System which identifies different criteria.

FALSE ALARMS

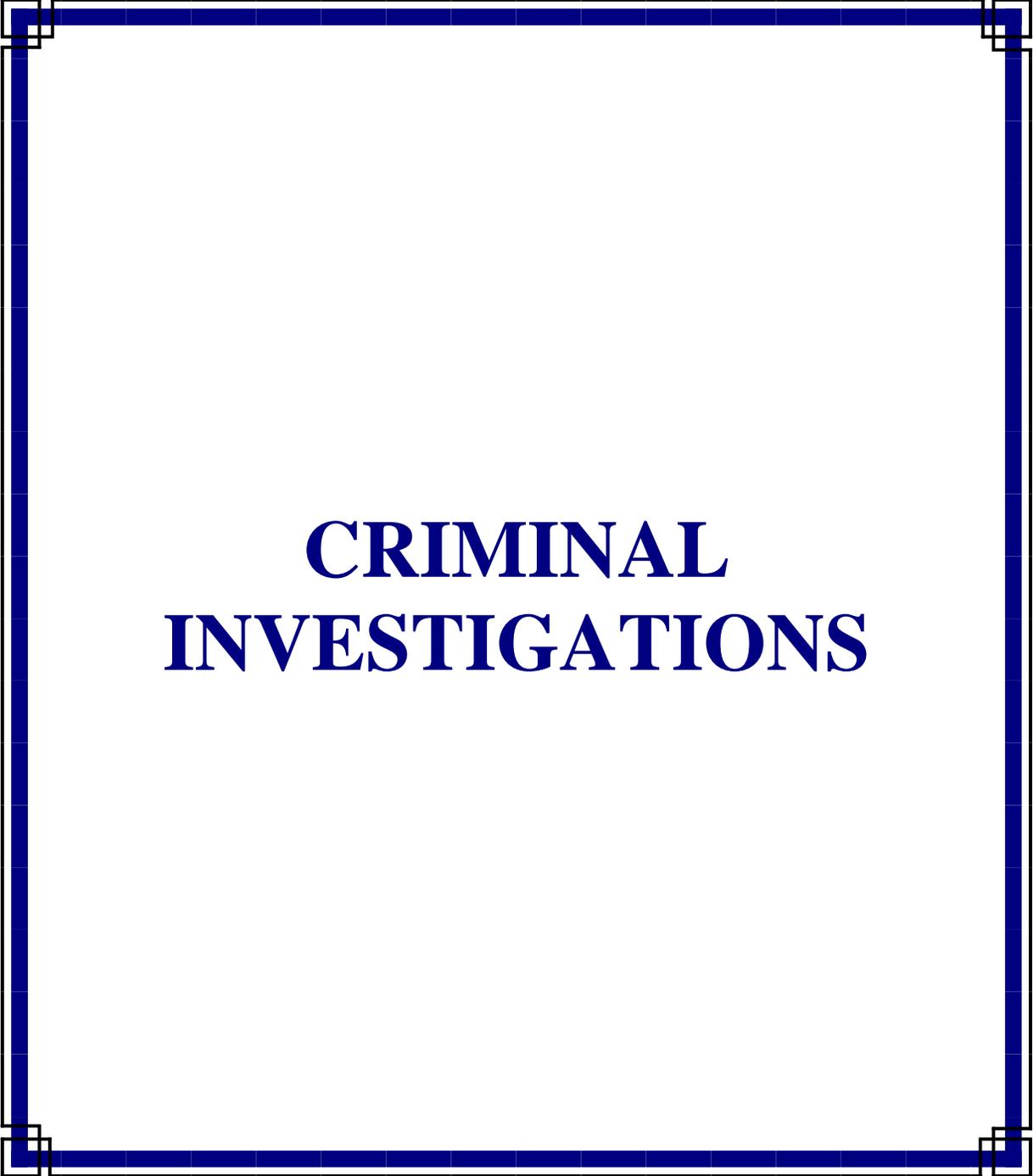
Multi-Year Comparison



In 1998 the Wilmette Village Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance requiring alarm holders to obtain **alarm user permits**. The above chart shows the steady decline in the number of false alarms since the adoption of that ordinance. The 1,246 false alarms in 2007 represent the lowest number since the inception of the alarm ordinance and is a 55% reduction since 1998.

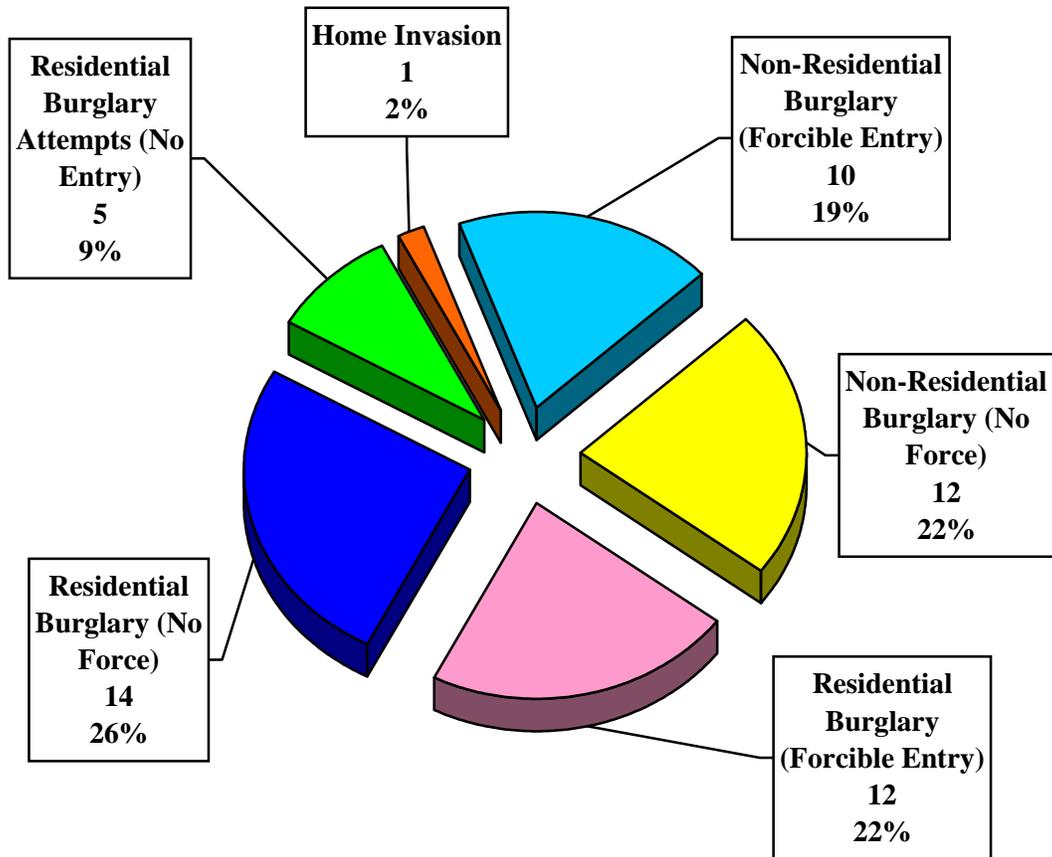
The Police Department continues to register alarm permits. The permits allow the Police to better identify and assist residents and businesses that experience repeated false alarms due to mechanical malfunction or owner error. Collectively, the permits enable the Department to identify patterns of problems specific to the alarm provider and then to deal directly with alarm companies to ensure the repair or maintenance of defective alarm systems.

Questions regarding the Police Alarm Systems Ordinance (Village Ordinance 5-6) may be directed to Deputy Chief Kyle Perkins, the Village's Alarm Administrator, by telephone at 847-853-7545 or e-mail at perkinsk@wilmette.com.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

BURGLARIES BY TYPE 2007



Burglaries are categorized as either residential (those involving a private dwelling or a garage attached to a residence), non-residential (those involving any other type of building such as a business or detached garage) or Home Invasion*.

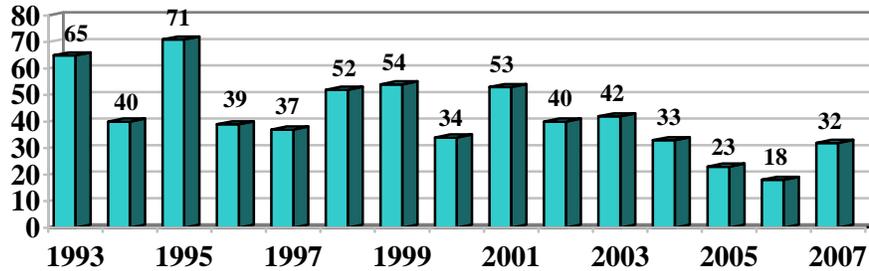
The charts on the following pages present the five-year and multi-year trends Wilmette has experienced in each type of burglary.

*Home Invasion is an offense related to Burglary and requires the following additional elements:

- The offender knows or has reason to believe that one or more persons is present; and
- While armed with a dangerous weapon, uses or threatens the use of force or intentionally causes any injury to any person or persons in the dwelling.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

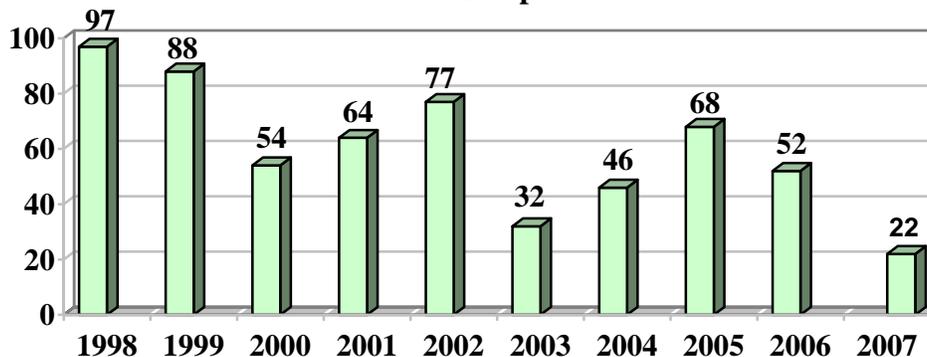
Fifteen Year Comparison



The number of residential burglaries in 2007 increased 77.7% from 2006. The number was still lower than 12 of the prior 14 years.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Ten Year Comparison

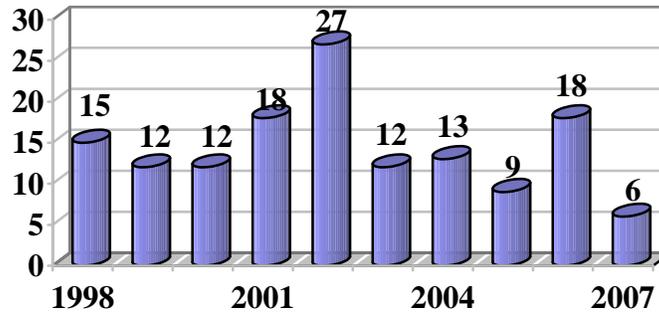


The number of non-residential burglaries decreased 57.7% from 52 in 2006 to 22 in 2007 and is at the lowest level since 1998. More than 50% of non-residential burglaries involve no forced entry. The Police Department advises residents to keep doors to their homes, garages, and vehicles locked.

The Wilmette Police Department Community Relations Officer can be contacted for a **free** security survey of your home or business. She will also offer suggestions on a variety of personal security issues from identity theft to computer and credit card security.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

Ten Year Comparison

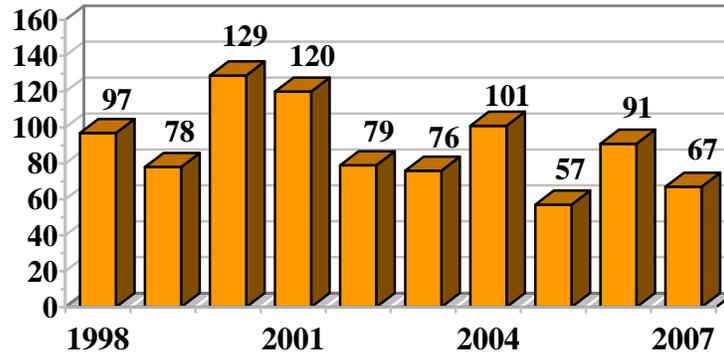


Lowest in 10 years!

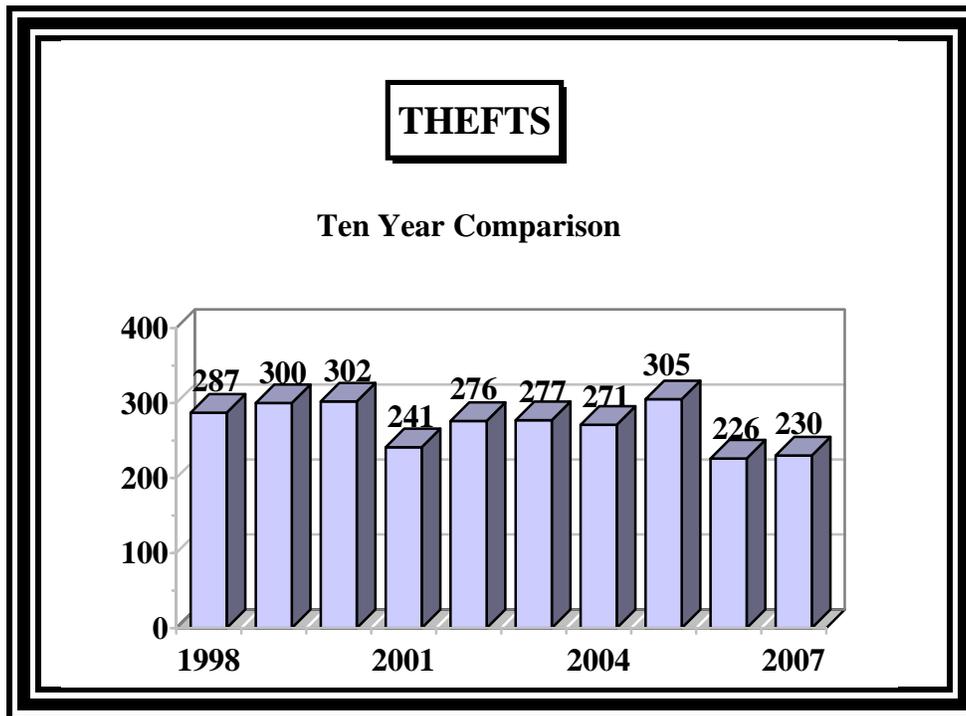
Please lock your car doors at ALL times.

BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE

Ten Year Comparison

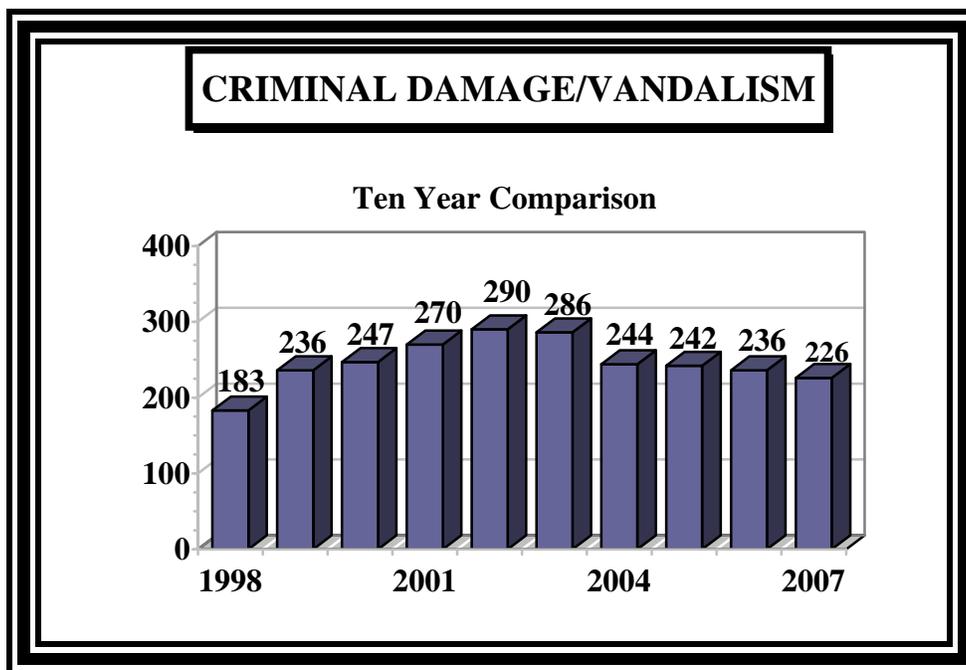


The number of Burglaries to Motor Vehicle in 2007 decreased by 20.8% from 2006. This is the second lowest figure in the past 10 years. The Wilmette Police Department recommends residents keep the doors to their vehicles locked even when secured in a garage. Always remove items such as GPS units, laptop computers, MP3 players and cell phones from your vehicle when the vehicle is not in use.



In 2007 the number of thefts were essentially the same as in 2006, and less than the average of the past 10 years.

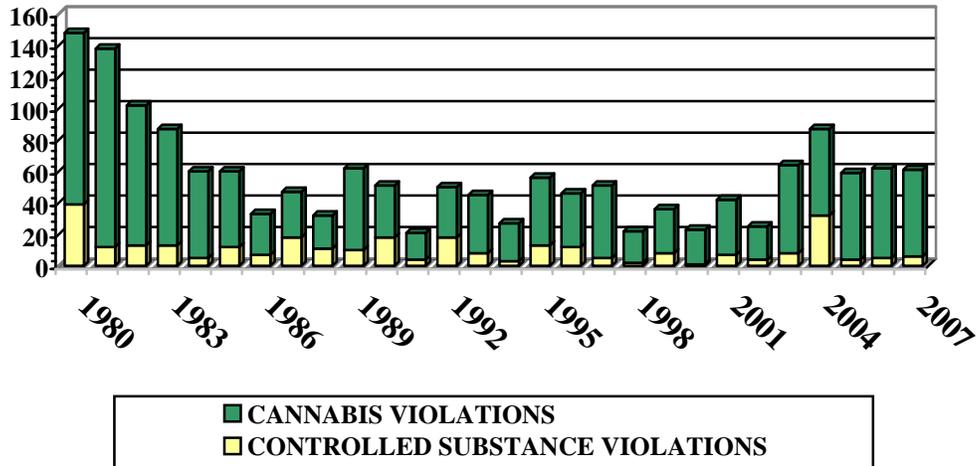
The police wish to remind residents never to leave unattended items in their yards or in front of their homes. Lock your unattended bicycles and store them in a secured area.



The 226 incidents of Vandalism, Criminal Damage or Trespass to Property in 2007 is the lowest level since 1999.

DRUG RELATED OFFENSES

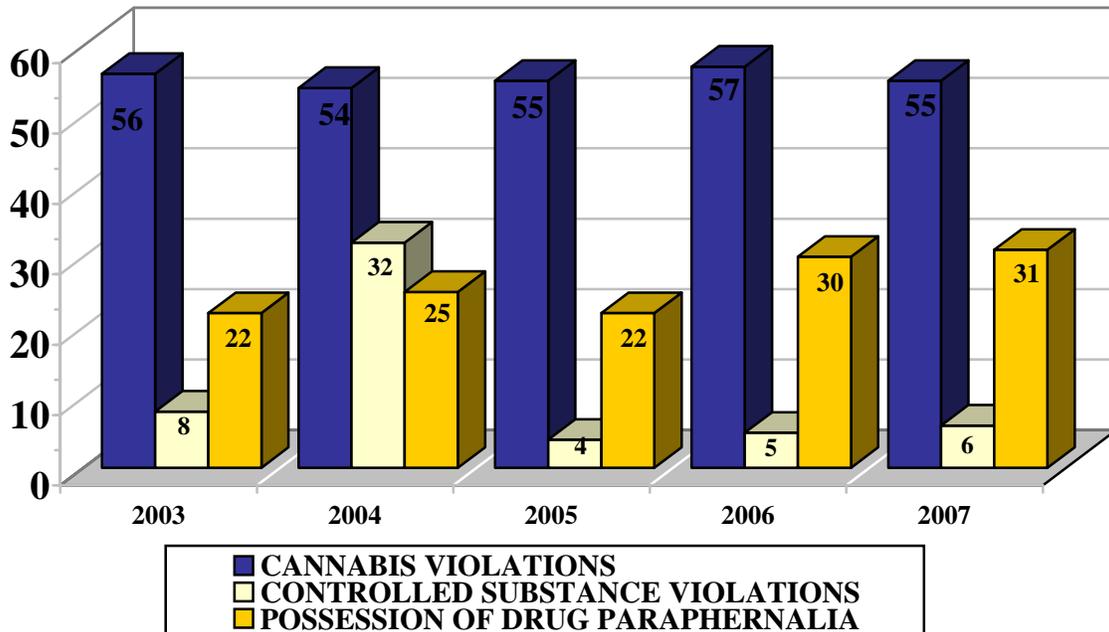
Multi-Year Comparison



Drug related offenses in Wilmette from 1980 to the present are shown in the above chart. The offenses are shown in detail for the past five years in the chart below.

DRUG RELATED OFFENSES

Five Year Comparison



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



In 2007 the Investigations Unit was staffed by (clockwise from top left): **Commander Patrick Collins**, **Sergeant Kyle Murphy**, **Investigators Chris Morgret**, **Solveig Sullivan**, **Nicholas Rizzo**, **Roger Ockrim**, and **Michael McGarry**. In May, Detective McGarry was promoted to Sergeant and reassigned to Patrol. Officer Chris Morget was assigned to Investigations in August when Investigator Rizzo was rotated back to Patrol.

This unit is responsible for conducting thorough follow-up investigations of all cases brought to the attention of the department, including: identifying, apprehending and assisting in the prosecution of criminal offenders; locating witnesses; collecting physical evidence; recovering property; and preparing cases for court.

Investigators are responsible for tracking crime patterns, collecting and disseminating intelligence information to patrol personnel and to representatives of other law enforcement agencies, and maintaining open lines of communication between the police department, the schools, community groups and court officials. Wilmette Investigators also serve as the Department's Juvenile Officers and are certified as such by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

Several of the significant investigations the Wilmette Police Department conducted in 2007 are detailed in this section. Some of the cases are still awaiting adjudication and did not have court dispositions at the time of this publication.

Criminal Sexual Assault

In October of 2007, Investigators learned of a suspicious incident in another town involving a former Wilmette resident who had a Child Pornography charge pending from a previous Wilmette arrest. Through interviews, Investigators discovered a new Wilmette victim of Criminal Sexual Assault. The investigation led to the arrest of a suspect. He was subsequently brought to trial, convicted, and sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault

In January of 2007, Wilmette Investigators were made aware of a Lake County man who was suspected of luring juvenile males into sexual encounters via internet sites such as FaceBook.com and MySpace.com. The suspect would then extort the juveniles for money. Wilmette Investigators worked with Cook and Lake County State's Attorney Sex Crime Units. A meeting was set up between a juvenile and the suspect. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody in Wilmette. Search warrants were served in Lake County resulting in the seizure of computer evidence, along with videos of sexual acts involving juvenile males. Evidence identifying numerous victims was recovered from the suspect's computer. Lake County officials indicated this was the largest case of its kind they had investigated and was one of the first documented investigations in which FaceBook.com had been used for this purpose. The offender faces federal charges for the Manufacturing of Child Pornography. He faces a possible life prison term.

Home Invasion

In March of 2007, Investigators responded to a Wilmette home where two masked and armed offenders had entered through an unlocked door. The family was bound, and the offenders stole a large amount of US currency from the home. The victims were not injured. Investigators have followed up numerous leads and the case remains open.

Residential Burglary

On February 14th, Wilmette Investigators began to look into a report of an elderly man who was deceived into letting a man enter his home under the ruse of being a contractor. While being distracted, a second suspect entered the victim's home and stole jewelry. Investigators developed a suspect, who was later identified by the victim. An arrest was made, and the offender is awaiting trial.

In November, Wilmette Investigators began to analyze a developing residential burglary pattern. It was determined that the pattern involved Evanston and Skokie as well. In a coordinated effort, Wilmette Investigators worked with their counterparts from those departments as well as the NORTAF Burglary Task Force. The Wilmette Police Department increased its patrols and dedicated units specifically to address this crime pattern. Following over two months of surveillances, Investigators were able to conduct a search warrant of a suspect's home that yielded over a hundred thousand dollars in stolen property, some of which was linked to Wilmette victims. Three Evanston men were arrested and face numerous charges from multiple jurisdictions.

Burglary to Auto/ Auto Theft

In July, an Evanston resident was arrested by Wilmette Patrol Officers in connection with a burglary to motor vehicle. He made admissions to Investigators and detailed his involvement in other burglaries in Wilmette. This suspect had just been released from a Juvenile Detention Facility following a previous Wilmette arrest in 2006. He was now charged as an adult with Burglary.

On October 1st, Wilmette Patrol Officers arrested an Evanston juvenile for possession of stolen property as he was riding in Wilmette at 4:00am on a bike he had just stolen out of Evanston. This juvenile had been previously arrested by this Department for burglary to auto. He was petitioned back to Juvenile court.

On December 12th, Wilmette Officers arrested two Evanston men suspected of entering unlocked autos. Through interviews, Investigators were able to determine the men to be responsible for burglaries to autos, auto thefts, and a residential burglary over the previous two weeks. Investigators recovered two stolen automobiles, and executed a search warrant in Evanston which resulted in the recovery of numerous articles of stolen property from Wilmette and Evanston victims.

Drugs

On February 15th, the Wilmette Police concluded a surveillance of a Wilmette home suspected in drug activity. A search warrant was obtained and executed resulting in a charge against the resident for possession of Cannabis with intent to deliver.

Battery

On November 18th, a woman reported she was inappropriately touched during a massage session at a local massage therapist. Investigators were able to determine that a battery had occurred and the suspected massage therapist was charged. The company subsequently terminated his employment.

Criminal Damage to Property

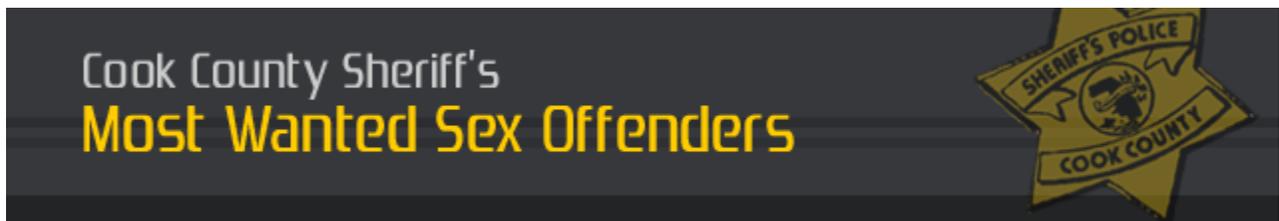
In December, a series of “taggings” with spray paint and markers had begun in and near the Central Business District. The markings were not gang related and were suspected to have been done by local juveniles. In January of 2008, Investigators responded to a juvenile nuisance call at a local restaurant and were able to identify the suspects of the recent criminal damage by similar markings one suspect had drawn on a pack of gum he had in his possession. The juveniles were responsible for over 20 reported cases and are currently going through a court diversionary process through New Trier Township, known as Peer Jury.

False Police Report

In August of 2007, a Buffalo Grove man reported his car stolen in Wilmette. Investigators looked into the report and learned the vehicle reported stolen had actually been involved in a hit and run accident in Lake County two days prior and the driver had fled the scene. The Illinois State Police had not yet identified the offender or made an arrest. The man was attempting to avoid responsibility for the accident by reporting his car had been stolen. He was charged with filing a false police report.



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Officer John Falk
Forensic Specialist



Officer Solveig Sullivan
Forensic Team Leader



Sergeant Edmund Trage
Investigator

NORTH REGIONAL MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE

The North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) consists of investigators and forensic specialists from thirteen local police departments. NORTAF assists member municipalities in the investigation of homicides, non-parental kidnappings, and school shootings. Three Wilmette Police Department personnel, Officers John Falk and Solveig Sullivan and Sergeant Ed Trage, are assigned to the task force.

2007 Activation Summary

NORTAF was called out to assist member agencies on 5 investigations during 2007.

On February 3rd, NORTAF was activated for a shooting in Evanston involving two victims, in which one was killed and the other injured. Evanston patrol officers arrested a suspect fleeing the crime scene and requested assistance. The offender was linked to the crime with physical evidence located on his person and inside his vehicle. The offender was charged with Murder and is currently awaiting trial.

On February 21st, NORTAF was activated for a murder investigation in Niles in which a resident was shot and killed during an apparent Home Invasion. No arrests were made during the initial activation. However, several suspects were developed and NORTAF was re-activated in November. Two of three suspects have been located and Niles Police Detectives are actively pursuing this criminal investigation. (Both were charged with murder in March 2008.)

On June 28th, NORTAF investigated a shooting death that occurred in an alley in Evanston. The victim was shot as a result of a physical confrontation with rival gang members. Investigators located the offender in Wisconsin and he is currently awaiting trial for Murder.

In August, NORTAF was activated after a victim was found deceased inside a vacant building in Evanston. NORTAF investigators later determined he had committed suicide almost a year earlier. At the time, his disappearance was attributed to his eviction from the building.

On September 18th, NORTAF was activated to investigate the shooting of a victim in Evanston who had life threatening injuries. NORTAF developed several suspects and Evanston Police Detectives are currently pursuing the investigation.



Investigator Michael McGarry
Operations Commander



Officer David Sweet
Investigator

NORTAF BURGLARY TASK FORCE

In April 2005 the thirteen NORTAF member agencies authorized the permanent addition of the Burglary Task Force for the purpose of investigating burglary patterns that affect multiple member agencies. Two Wilmette Police personnel are assigned to the Burglary Task Force. In the past year the Task Force was activated on four occasions. And it has expanded on its operations by scheduling training and intelligence gathering in an effort to provide the highest level of expertise and experience to the thirteen NORTAF member communities.

2007 Activation Summary

On March 7th, the Task Force was activated following a pattern of commercial burglaries occurring to gas and convenient type stores that sell lottery tickets and cigarettes in the communities of Skokie, Niles, Morton Grove, and Lincolnwood in which the offender smashed out the front glass doors. The Task Force developed a suspect and began a surveillance which eventually led to the suspect's arrest following an attempt to break into the rear of a business causing an alarm to activate.

On April 30th, the Task Force began investigating a series of burglaries to autos in which GPS units were being stolen. The burglaries were occurring in shopping center parking lots in the communities of Skokie, Glenview, Morton Grove and Northbrook. The Task Force developed leads based on other arrests and soon thereafter conducted surveillances on several subjects. Consequently, two subjects were arrested, one during a suspected drug deal. And in each arrest, stolen GPS units were found in their possession. A third subject was arrested following controlled buys of GPS units.

On May 18th, a pattern of burglaries to condominiums were occurring in Wilmette, Northbrook, Wheeling, Glenview, and also in the communities of Palatine and Highland Park. The suspects were targeting cash, silver, figurines, jewelry and furs. The suspects were using pay as you go cell phones to call the victim's residence to determine if there was anybody home. This pattern matched that of an investigation the Task Force conducted in 2006 where they had identified possible suspects. A surveillance commenced, however the pattern stopped and the alleged suspect subsequently turned himself in on a separate charge in order to serve his sentence.

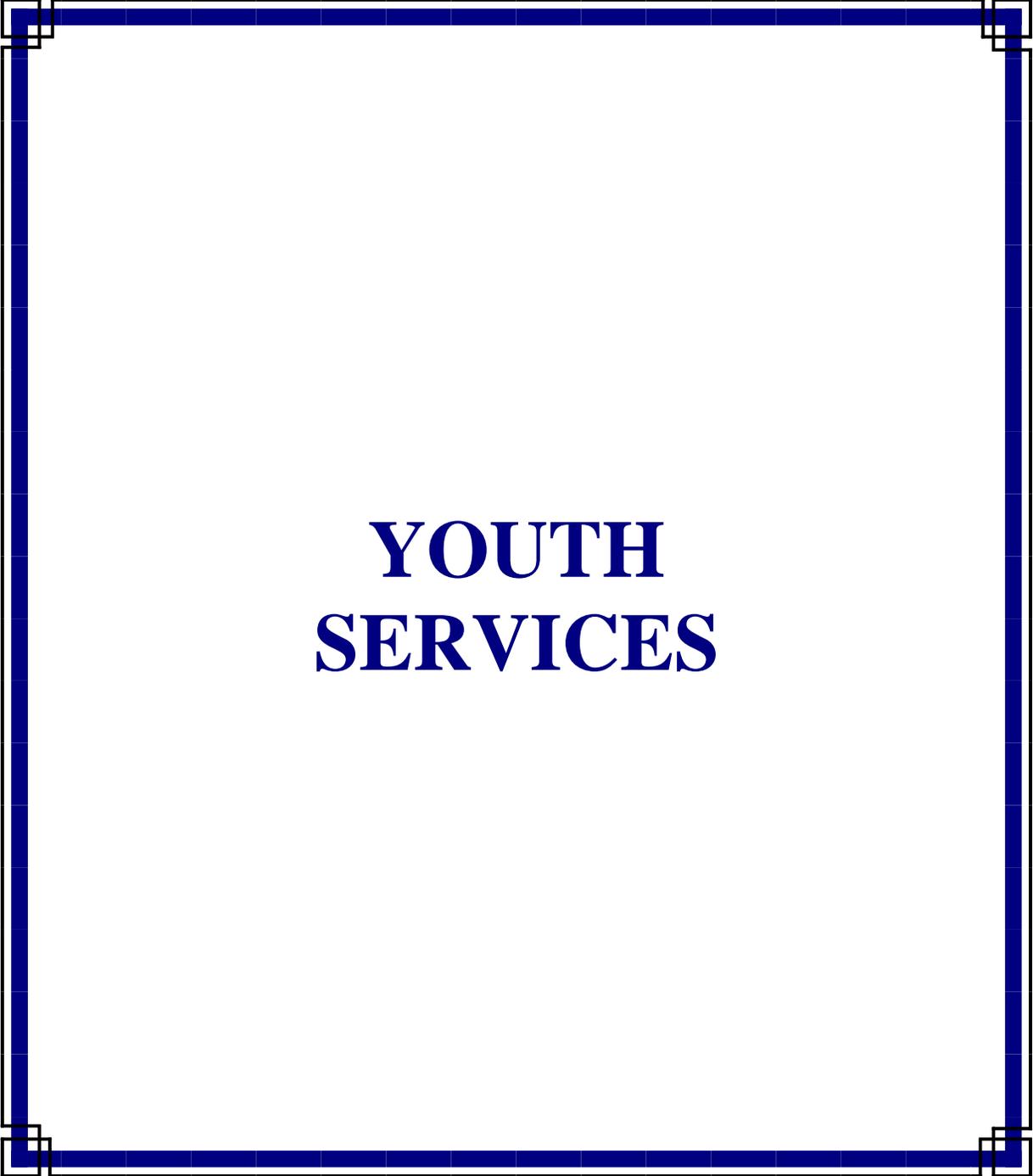
The last activation of 2007 began on October 19th and involved the investigation of a pattern of burglary to motor vehicles and robberies where the victims were jewelry sales people. Skokie, Glenview and Wheeling all experienced these crimes and the Task Force began conducting surveillance on an identified suspect.

Over the next 44 days the Task Force enlisted the help of the ATF, Chicago Police Department, and four other agencies. Within a 20-day period from the end of November to mid-December, nine subjects were arrested by the Task Force:

- On November 28th, five subjects were arrested in Arlington Heights while robbing a jewelry salesman. The arrests resulted in all five being charged with robbery and vehicular invasion.
- On December 4th, two subjects in Norridge committed a burglary to a vehicle owned by a jewelry store owner. One of the subjects was apprehended; the other fled from police but was identified.
- On December 14th, the same two subjects from the December 4th incident, while under the surveillance of the Task Force, were observed committing a retail theft in Norridge. They were subsequently arrested and charged with felony retail theft.
- On December 17th, two suspects were arrested in Aurora after the Task Force observed them committing a retail theft in Aurora and also in Geneva. Both were charged with felony retail theft and other charges.



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YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH SERVICES

Underage Tobacco and Liquor Compliance Program

Tobacco Enforcement Program

Both Illinois statute and Wilmette ordinance prohibit the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. In 2007 the Wilmette Police Department received a \$1,760 grant from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission to fund the costs associated with conducting periodic inspections of all sixteen tobacco retailers within the Village.

The Police Community Relations Officer selects and trains underage agents. Closely monitored by supervising police officers, these agents enter retail establishments and attempt to purchase tobacco products. If asked for identification, the underage agent produces one. Establishments that do not sell tobacco products to the underage agents are recognized with a letter of congratulations from the Police Department. Officers issue local ordinance citations to any retailer selling a tobacco product to the underage agent.

The Police also forward a copy of each citation to the Wilmette Liquor Control Commission, which has jurisdiction over tobacco licenses. A public hearing is held, and possible sanctions imposed may include monetary fines and/or suspension or revocation of the establishment's tobacco vendor license.

During 2007, three (3) unlawful tobacco sales were made to the underage agents, each resulting in citations, hearings and assessed fines.

Alcohol Enforcement Program

Both Illinois statute and Wilmette ordinance also prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual under the age of 21. Although not supported by a grant, the Police Department conducts a series of inspections similar to those conducted for tobacco retailers for stores that sell liquor to minors. During 2007, seven unlawful sales of alcohol were made to Wilmette's underage agents.

These programs are important to the community because they provide a system of regular inspection and enforcement to ensure local vendors are not selling alcohol or tobacco products to minors. Furthermore, these programs increase voluntary compliance with local ordinances.

YOUTH INVESTIGATIONS

Restorative Justice is a theory in criminal justice that focuses on the repair of the crime and its impact on the victim and the community as a whole. It is an innovative approach that is particularly attractive to youth investigators because the goal is to keep the juvenile offender out of the formal criminal justice system. In order to restore the community, the juvenile offender may be required to provide financial restitution to the victim, perform community service, or participate in a service to help educate the affected youth to avoid recidivism.

The philosophy of Restorative Justice has daily implications for the Wilmette Police Department in regards to our contacts with juvenile offenders and how cases are eventually adjudicated.

During 2007 the Wilmette Police Department arrested 160 youths, which is a 10.% decrease from the 178 juvenile arrests in 2006 (See the table on page 34 for a Five-Year Summary of Juvenile Arrests by Offense.) Some of the arrests include multiple offenses. Juvenile offenses are divided into three categories: *Alcohol* offenses, which refer to arrests for possession or consumption of alcohol only for juveniles under 18 years of age; *Status* offenses, which include curfew and runaway violations; and *Criminal* offenses, which are violations of state statutes.

2007 Juvenile Petitions to Juvenile Court

In 2007 the Wilmette Police Department filed one (1) delinquency petition with the Juvenile Court of Cook County for possession of stolen property.

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP PEER JURY PROGRAM

The Peer Jury Program was created in 1998 to offer first-time non-violent juvenile offenders an opportunity to avoid a formal petition to the Cook County Juvenile Court. From the very inception of the program, the Wilmette Police Department has been an active partner with Peer Jury in fulfilling its commitment to holding our youth accountable and reducing recidivism.

The program is a collaboration of the New Trier Township Board of Trustees, area police departments, private and public high schools, and Township social service agencies. The Peer Jury has a proven record of dramatically reducing repeat offenses in a cost effective manner. Juvenile offenders are required to confront their guilt and serve a sentence that may include community service, writing assignments, and apologizing to parents and victims.

During 2007 the Wilmette Police Department submitted six cases for various minor offenses (see table below). All six (6) youths successfully completed their sentences.

WILMETTE PEER JURY REFERRALS – 2007

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>SENTENCE</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Criminal Damage to Property	15 Hours Community Service \$2,222.25 Restitution	YES
Criminal Trespass	30 Hours Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass	15 Hours Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass	15 Hours Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass	45 Hours Community Service	YES
Display of Air Rifle	15 Hours Community Service	YES

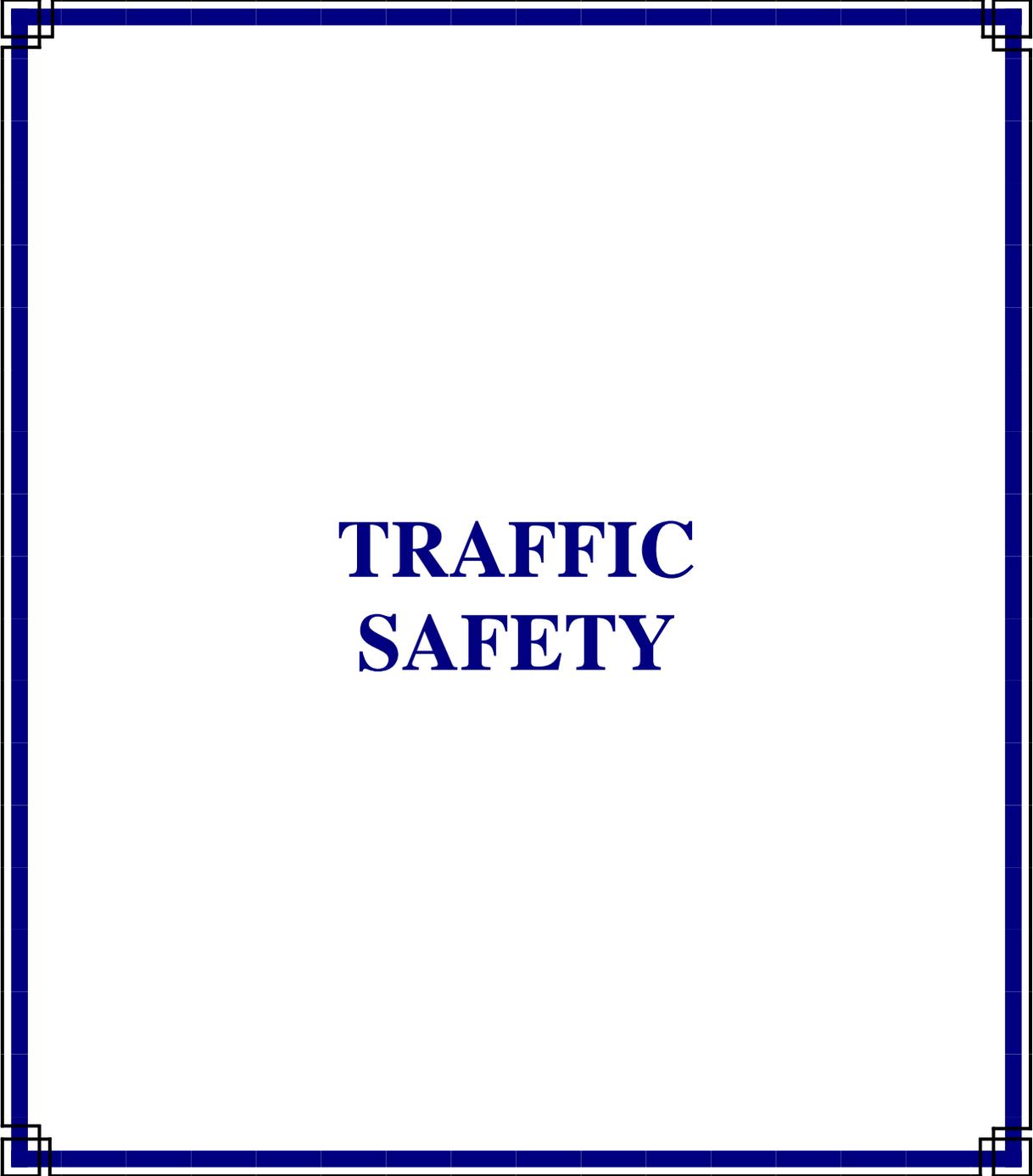
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FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF JUVENILE ARRESTS BY OFFENSE

<u>Offense</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
<u>Alcohol Offenses</u>					
Alcohol Offenses	26	66	31	45	25
<u>Status Offenses</u>					
Curfew	15	13	11	2	17
Runaway	1	1	14	20	2
Total Status Offenses	16	14	24	22	19
<u>Criminal Offenses</u>					
Arson	0	5	0	0	0
Assault	1	1	2	1	0
Battery	1	1	11	7	16
Burglary	1	2	0	8	1
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	3	5	2	1	1
Burglary Tools	0	0	0	2	0
Criminal Damage	3	13	10	18	13
Deception	0	0	1	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	21	9	15	12	7
Drugs	23	12	32	2	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	1	3
Other	4	1	2	2	1
Resisting / Obstructing	1	3	1	2	0
Robbery	0	0	3	0	0
Theft	8	2	16	11	13
Traffic	34	26	34	29	
Trespass, Non-Residential	5	12	0	3	1
Trespass to Residence	7	0	1	6	2
Trespass to Vehicle	0	2	2	3	5
Weapons	6	0	0	1	1
Total Criminal Offenses	118	98	124	114	102
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>146</u>



TRAFFIC SAFETY



Alive at 25 – New Defensive Driving Course

During the fall of 2007, the Police Department began offering a new course called **Alive at 25** for teen drivers. This is a program of the National Safety Council and is taught by certified instructors from the Police Department. “Wilmette is among the first communities in Illinois to offer this program, which we believe may significantly improve teen driver safety in Wilmette,” said Chief George Carpenter. Students attend one Saturday morning session from 8am – 12:30pm. The cost is \$50. To obtain the dates of future classes, register for a class, or for more information, call 847-853-7553. For further information about the program, go to our website at www.wilmette.com/police and click on Defensive Driving Class, Alive at 25.



*Comments from some of the students who participated in the class taught by **Officer Valerie Davis and Officer Terry Fitzpatrick:***

“I think this class is a great idea. It goes that extra step to teach the consequences of poor driving.”

“The instructors made this very exciting.”

“Videos were shocking & eye-opening. Statistics were shocking. Many things that were said will make me be more cautious on the road and think twice about doing stuff.”

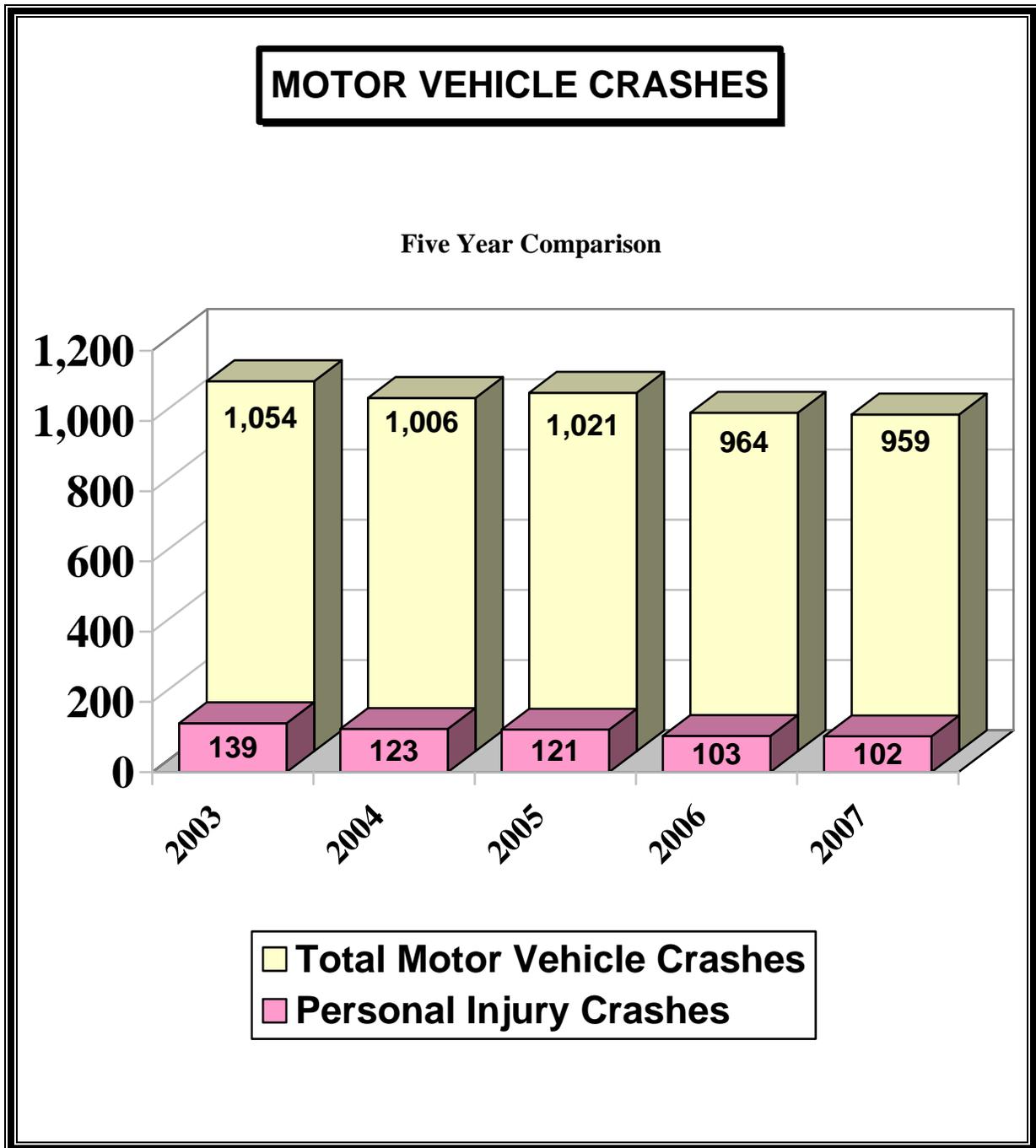
“It's very important to be aware of the seriousness in driving, and spreading awareness about responsibility of your actions while in a car.”

“I thought it was a very good class because it raises awareness for the accidents and things that can change your life and the people around you. I really think this was useful.”

“Really learned a lot, will think twice about driving.”

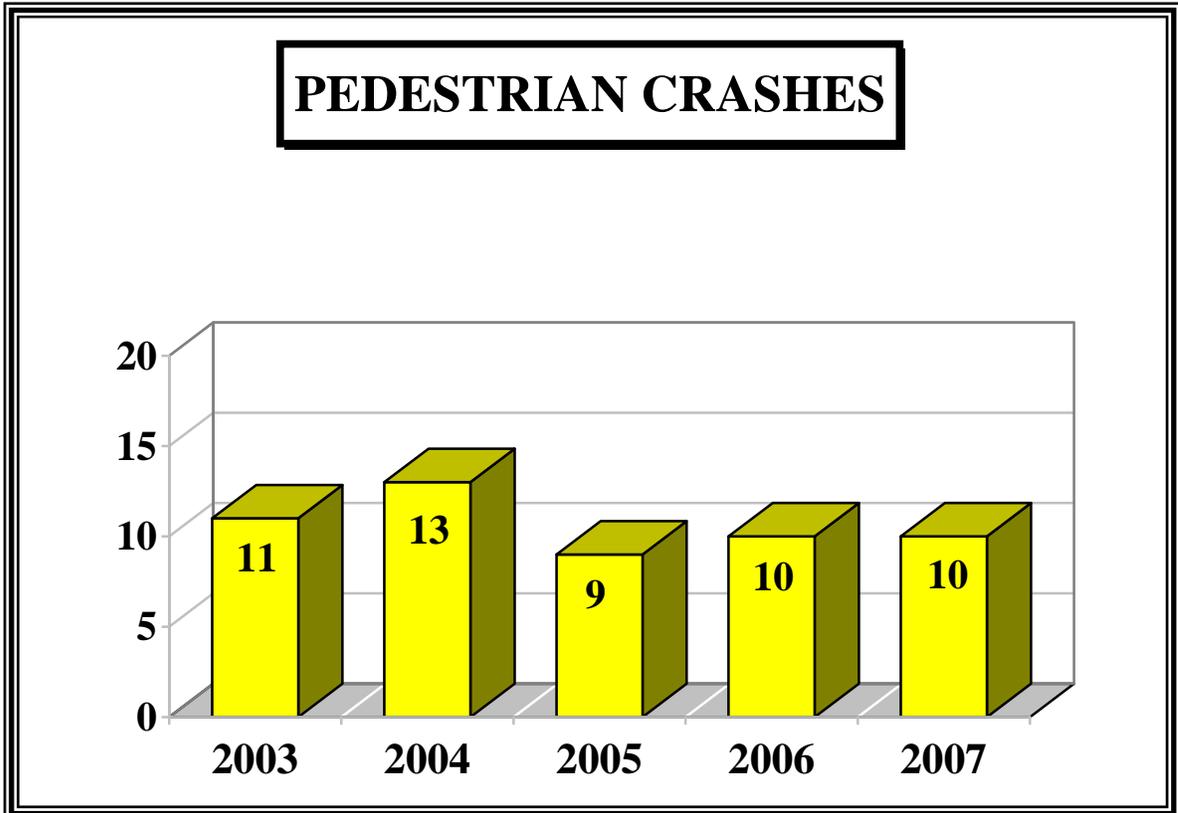
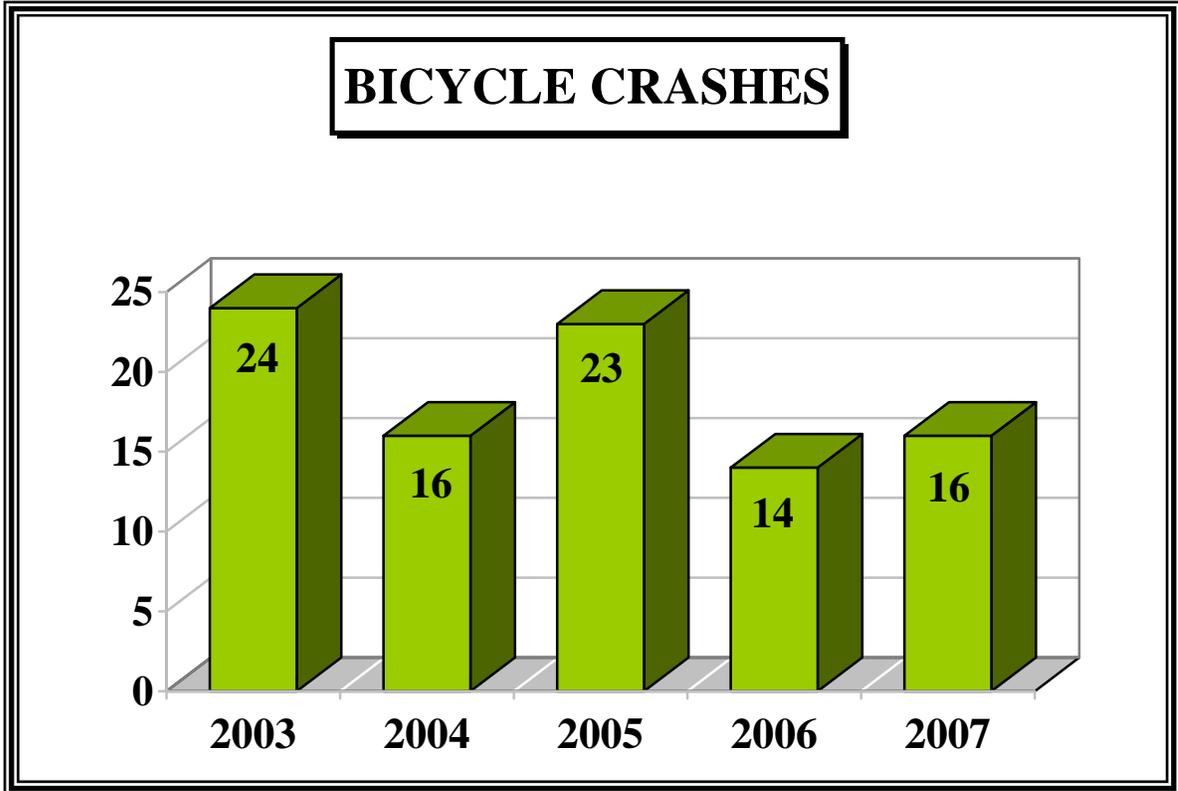
“This class made me realize the dangers of driving and how to be a safer driver.”

TRAFFIC SAFETY



Total motor vehicle crashes in 2007 decreased slightly from 2006. The numbers of crashes in 2007 are the lowest Wilmette has experienced during the years displayed above for both property damage and personal injuries. There were no fatal crashes in 2007.

Five Year Comparison



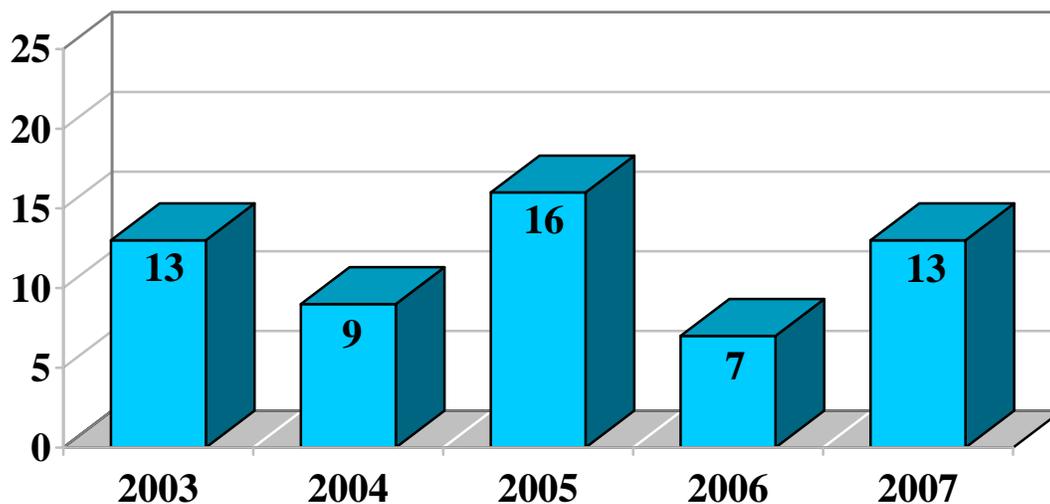
TOP CRASH INTERSECTIONS				
BY FREQUENCY				
2007	Location	2007	2006	2005
1)	Lake Ave. & Skokie Blvd.	26	27	25
2)	Lake Ave. & Locust Rd.	14	6	4
3)	Lake Ave. & Sheridan Rd.	11	12	7
	Lake Ave. & Laramie Ave.	11	8	7
	Green Bay Rd. & Central Ave.	11	7	10
6)	Skokie Blvd. & Wilmette Ave.	10	3	5
7)	Green Bay Rd. & Lake Ave.	9	9	12
8)	Skokie Blvd. & Glenview Rd.	8	11	21
9)	Lake Ave. & Ridge Rd.	7	9	24
	Skokie Blvd. & Hibbard	7	3	4
11)	Green Bay Rd. & Linden Ave.	6	9	4
	Skokie Blvd. & Illinois Rd.	6	18	15

The above table lists the most crash-prone intersections in Wilmette (with at least 6 accidents) during the most recent three year period. Many factors affect these locations: traffic volume, weather conditions, roadway construction, and new commercial development. Often accidents may not occur at an intersection, but are intersection related due to traffic congestion. For this analysis, we have only considered accidents that occurred at the intersection.



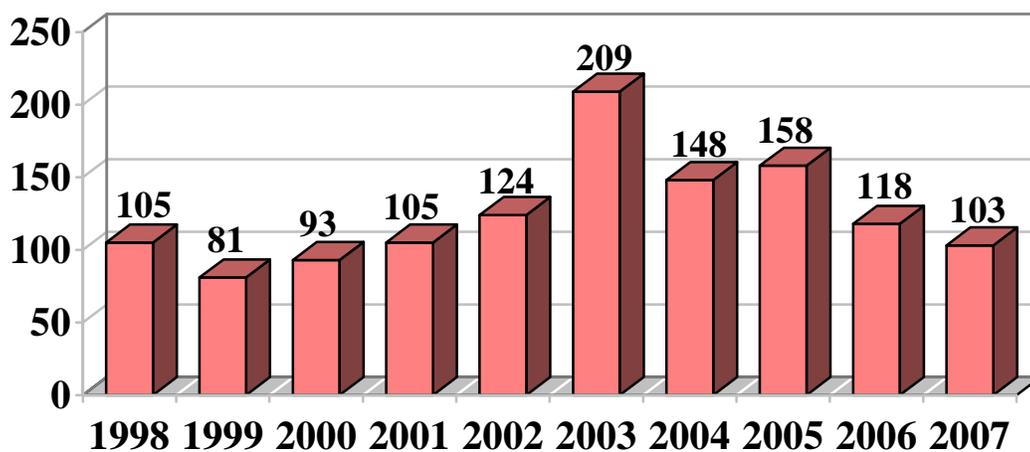
DUI CRASHES

Five Year Comparison



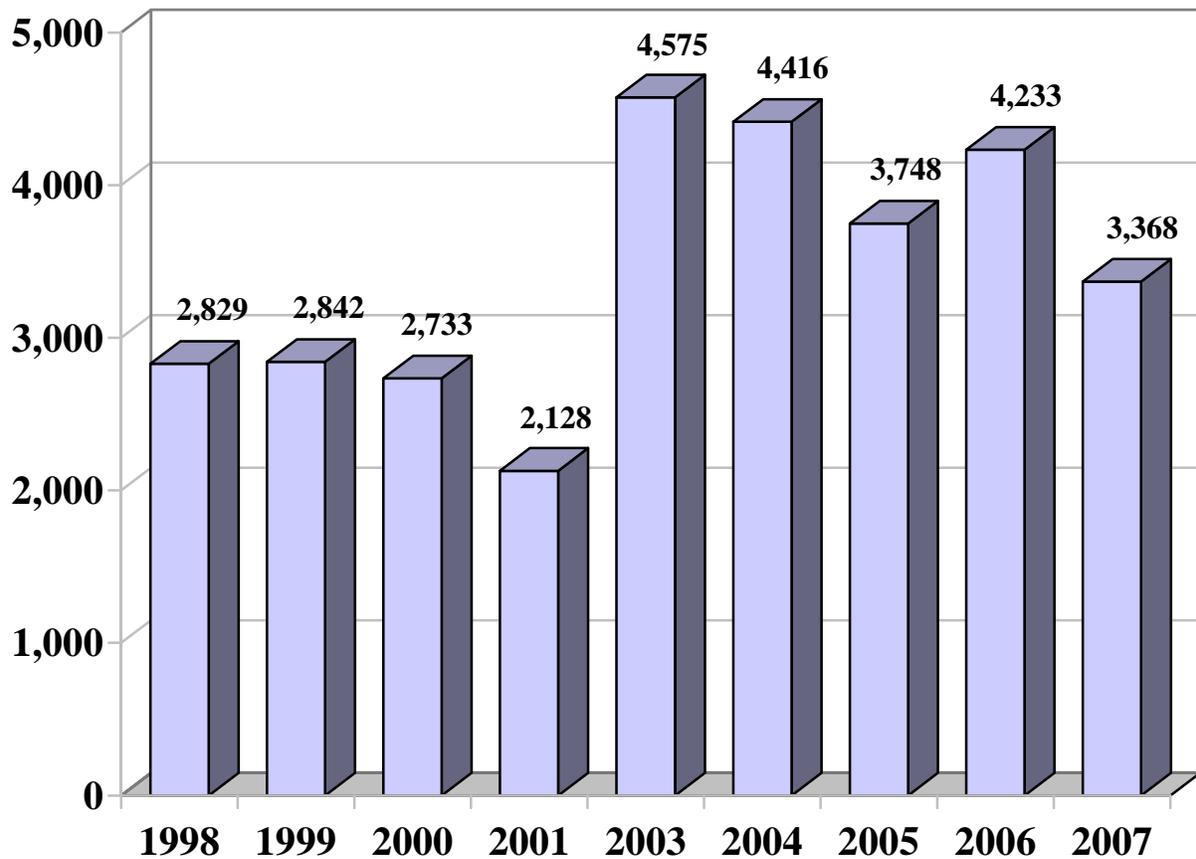
DUI ARRESTS

Ten Year Comparison



MOVING VIOLATIONS

Ten Year Comparison

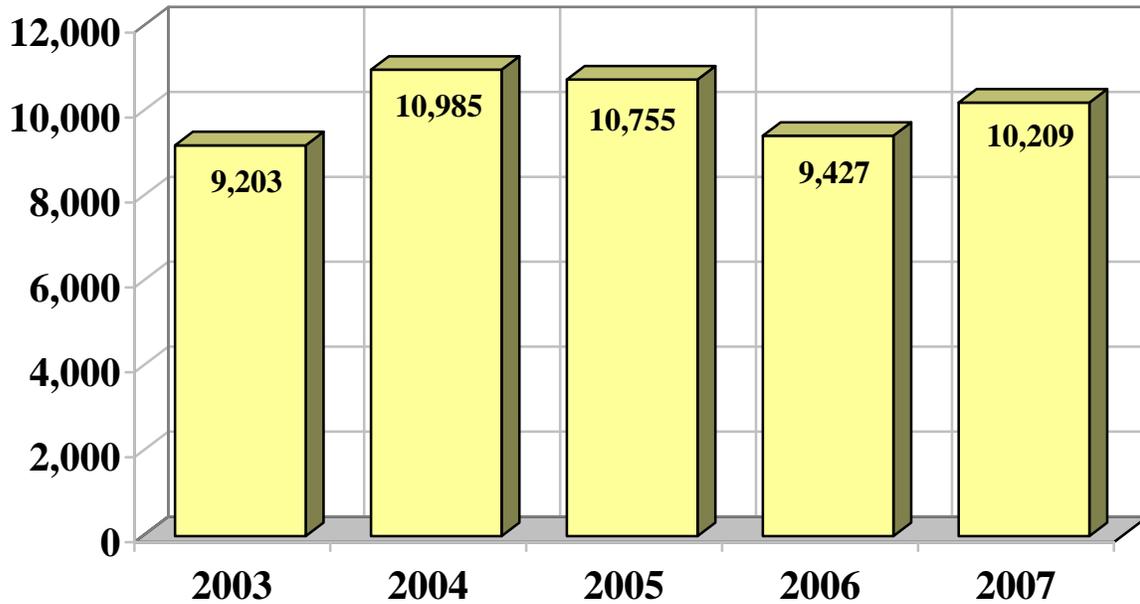


The traffic enforcement philosophy of the Wilmette Police Department remains focused on promoting traffic safety at high accident locations, in school zones, and in areas where residents have voiced concerns. High police visibility in problem areas continues to serve as a significant deterrent for potential violators. But we cannot be everywhere. Please make a personal commitment to driving within the posted speed limit on every Wilmette street.

The Police Department is particularly grateful to the seven members of the Wilmette Transportation Commission, whose decision-making and sound judgment lead to improved traffic safety every year in Wilmette.

Parking Violations

Five Year Comparison



<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Restricted Hours/Overtime	2,844	2,183	2,473	4,130	2,843
No Parking Zone	1,675	1,121	1,665	1,396	1,063
No Parking 2AM – 5AM	624	691	1,079	685	697
Gillson Park	397	459	774	563	449
No Village Vehicle License	630	840	845	919	1,166
Meter Violations	811	603	668	503	430
Parked on Private Property	51	53	45	89	51
Handicap Parking	38	41	120	86	67
Parked During Snow Removal	202	106	426	647	188

Members of the Wilmette Police Department work closely with residents, merchants, and various Village committees and commissions to improve the parking conditions in Wilmette. The result of this collaboration has been a greater availability of parking for motorists in identified problem areas.

Adult School Crossing Guards

The Village of Wilmette provides protection for children crossing streets on their way to and from school by employing trained adult crossing guards. Community Service Officer Ronald Andrews supervises the crossing guards and conducts the necessary traffic studies and training.

Wilmette's 2007 crossing guards and their years of service are listed below by their assigned location.

Central School/ St. Francis School

9th Street and Lake Avenue	Alec Childress	1 year
9th Street and Greenleaf Avenue	Sue Daniels	5 years
9th Street and Central Avenue	Robert Minton	5 years
Forest and Wilmette Avenues	Herb Sheriff	16 years

Mc Kenzie School

Wilmette and Prairie Avenues	Annette Movitz	12 years
1400 block of Lake Avenue	Thomas Haltom	2 years
15th Street and Wilmette Avenue	Larry Daniels	2 years
Highland Avenue and Ridge Road	Gwendolyn Hall	3 years

Harper School

Illinois Road and Iroquois Road	Richard Terry	2 years
Thornwood Avenue and Hunter Road	Conrad Wolski	10 years
Hunter Road and Lake Avenue	Jean Bodkin	10 years

Romona School

Wilmette Avenue and Skokie Road	Betty Smith	2 years
Romona Road and Wilmette Avenue	Terrance Wright	2 year

Highcrest Middle School

Illinois and Hunter Roads	Andrea Dennis	1 year
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St. Joseph's School

Lake Avenue and Ridge Road	Glydean Lane	8 years
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Wilmette Jr. High

Lake Avenue and Locust Road	Joe Childress	3 years
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Major Crash Investigations



Officer Daniel Huck Officer Stephen Leigh Sergeant Michael McGarry Officer Christopher Morgret

The Wilmette Police Department responds to approximately 1000 traffic crashes a year. In order to properly handle these calls for service, officers are sent to an eighty-hour accident investigation class. However, some traffic crashes result in serious injury or a fatality that require the reconstruction of the crash in order to determine the cause(s) and possible prevention of future crashes of this nature. In 1999, the Wilmette Police Department decided to increase its investigative ability of crashes by sending several officers to become accident reconstructionists. This required officers to attend 240 hours of special crash investigation and reconstruction training and passing a state examination. In 1999 Officer McGarry completed the training courses, achieved state certification in 2002 and also achieved national certification in 2002. In 2001, Officer Morgret completed the training courses, achieved state certification in 2002, and also achieved national certification in 2004. In 2004, Officer Leigh completed the training courses and achieved state certification. In 2007, Officer Huck completed the training courses. These accident reconstructionists, along with other officers trained in evidence processing, photography, and accident investigation make up the Major Traffic Crash Investigation Unit and respond to serious injury and fatal traffic crashes.

The Major Crash Investigation Unit was activated on three occasions, for two crashes in Wilmette, and one crash in a neighboring jurisdiction that requested the team's assistance.

On May 18, 2007, the team investigated a serious injury traffic crash at Illinois Road and Iroquois Road that occurred when a vehicle struck a Wilmette Crossing Guard. Fortunately, the Crossing Guard has recovered and returned to work. The driver of the vehicle was cited with Disobedience to a Crossing Guard.

On July 19, 2007, the team investigated a serious injury traffic crash at Panera Bread Company, 1199 Wilmette Avenue that occurred when an elderly driver caused her auto to drive into the restaurant and striking and injuring a number of patrons. The elderly driver was cited for numerous traffic violations and her driver's license was cancelled by the Secretary of State.

On September 17, 2007, the team assisted Skokie Police Department in the investigation of a fatal traffic crash that occurred near the intersection of Golf Road and Skokie Boulevard. A driver struck a pedestrian who was crossing mid-block. The results of the investigation were turned over to Skokie Police Department.



The Bicycle Task Force began in the 1990s to advocate safe bicycle practices in Wilmette. In 2003, the Wilmette Police Department approached the task force to assist them in spending \$3,000 of the grant funding on youth safety issues. Until this time, the elementary schools had volunteer-run bicycle safety day for second graders. With the grant, the task force hired bicycle ambassadors from the Chicagoland Bike Federation to improve the program. The program later expanded to include in-class trainings for fourth and sixth graders. The funds also went to biannual community bicycle events promoting bicycle safety and to teaching proper helmet fittings. Another student activity was a poster contest. Designed for students in kindergarten through fourth grade from both public and parochial schools in Wilmette, the children were to create a poster promoting proper helmet usage and bicycle safety. Some teachers turned the contest into a class project. Although the program's grant funding ended in 2006, Wilmette continued to support the program financially.



Officer John Falk with Bike Safety Students

The Bicycle Task Force also initiated a Bike Hike to Highcrest Middle School. Each May, when fourth graders at Harper Elementary and McKenzie Elementary School prepare to move to Highcrest Middle School, they are taught how to safely bicycle to the middle school. Any fourth grader who wants to bicycle from the elementary school to the middle school completes an insurance form, puts on a helmet and joins their classmates and dozens of parents for the bicycle ride. Before leaving, the students participate in a quick safety lesson, and they stop to

meet the crossing guards during the bicycle ride. Upon arrival at the middle school, students are told where to find the bicycle racks and are introduced to the teachers who will meet them at the bicycle racks every morning before school. In Wilmette, bicycle safety enforcement is not confined to the school year. In 2002, the volunteer Wilmette Youth Commission partnered with the Wilmette law enforcement office to encourage bicycle safety during the summer. When law enforcement officers saw a child wearing a helmet while bicycling, they could award the child with a coupon for treats, such as pizza, ice cream and soda provided by local merchants. Since 2002, officers have distributed about 2,000 coupons each summer.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUITS

2007 Pursuit Analysis

The Wilmette Police Department engaged in two motor vehicle pursuits during 2007. In one case an officer responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on the side of the entrance ramp from Lake Avenue to south bound I94. The vehicle drove off when the officer arrived. The pursuit was terminated by the officer after the offending vehicle reached speeds of over 70 MPH and refused to stop. A second pursuit involved a 24 year old resident of Wilmette, who refused to stop for a police vehicle that was attempting to curb him for speeding. The driver struck a tree while attempting a turn a short distance from where the officer first spotted him. He was subsequently arrested and charged with DUI and Fleeing and Eluding.

Year	Number of Pursuits
2007	2
2006	3
2005	1
2004	0
2003	2

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

During 2007 the Department received seven complaints regarding the conduct or performance of its employees.

Internal Investigation Disposition Summary

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Totals
Rudeness			2		2
Neglect of Duty	1				1
Violation of Code of Conduct/Improper Procedure	3		1		4
Totals	4		3		7

2007 USE OF FORCE REVIEW

During calendar year 2007, there were fourteen (14) documented use of force incidents involving Wilmette Police personnel.

Date	Original Incident	Resistance by Suspect	Force Deployed
01/03/07	Felony Stop/Retail Theft	None	Firearm Displayed
01/04/07	Domestic Disturbance	Slapped Officer	Empty hand arm bar
03/01/07	Retail Theft	Attempted to Flee	Tackle, arm bar, pressure point
04/03/07	Warrant Arrest	Spitting at Officers	Empty hand controls
06/13/07	Subject armed w/knife	Uncooperative	Firearm Displayed
06/15/07	Mental Subject	Removed clothes and charged officer	OC Spray
07/11/07	Domestic Felony Warrant	None	Firearm Displayed
07/16/07	Fight in Progress	Attempt to Flee	Empty hand control
08/25/07	Accident	Resist Arrest	OC Spray, Empty hand control
09/15/07	Retail Theft	Challenge/Threaten	Tackled
10/03/07	Homicidal Subject	None	Firearm Displayed
10/22/07	Burglary Suspect	Refuse verbal commands/attempt to flee	Present Weapon/Tackled
11/02/07	Suicidal Subject	Threaten Officers w/knife	Display Weapons/OC Spray/Empty hands control
12/07/07	Suicidal Subject	Refuse to exit vehicle	Empty hand control

Injuries

There were no significant injuries to suspects or officers.

Offender Demographics

There were a total of fifteen (15) offenders in fourteen (14) incidents. All but two of the offenders were male. All but one of the offenders had a previous criminal arrest history and seven (7) of the fifteen (15) were under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of arrest.

Officer Characteristics

The number of officers present in the use of force incidents ranged between one (1) and seven (7). The officers' tenure ranged in from one (1) year to thirty (30) years. All involved members were uniformed officers.

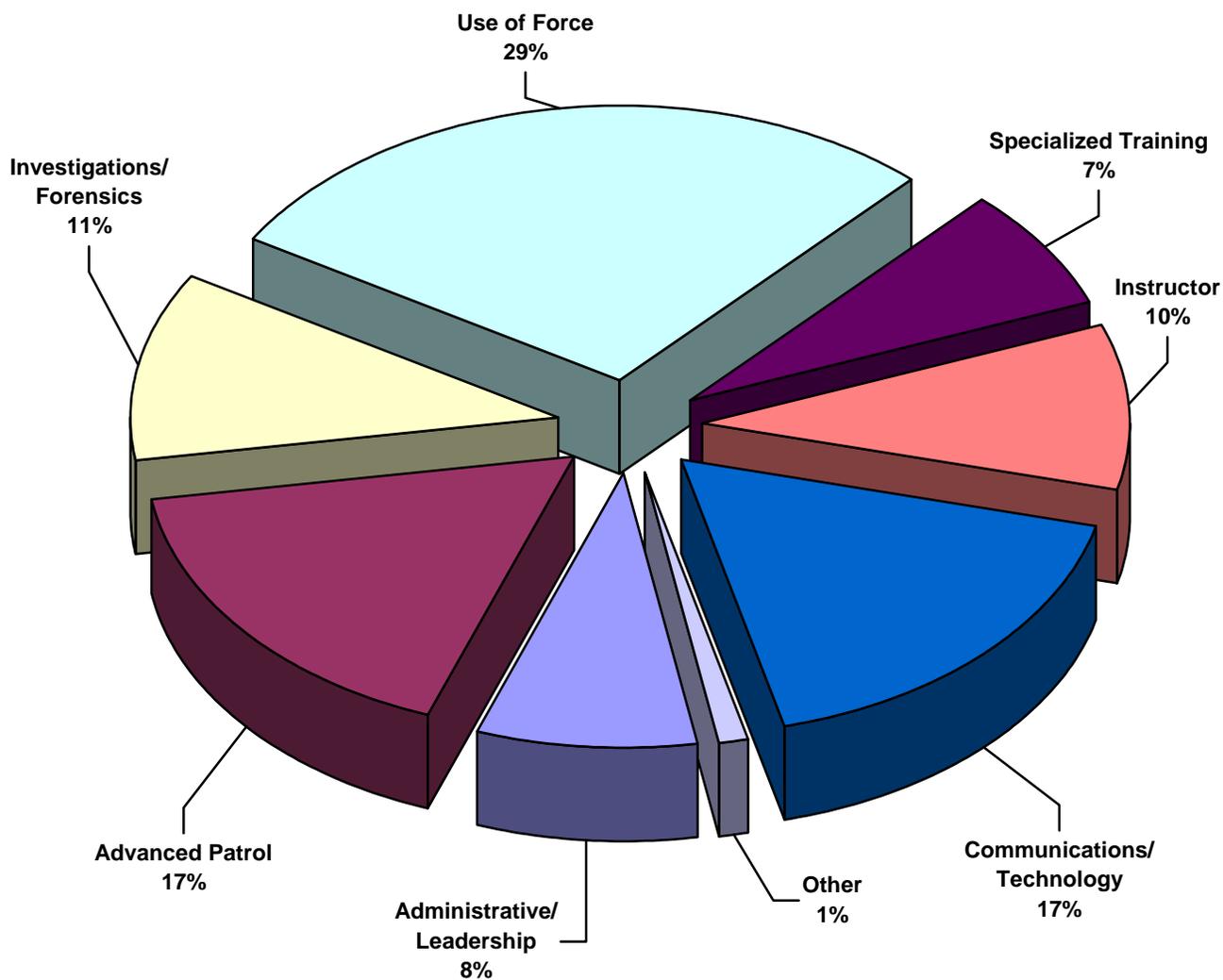
TRAINING

The Wilmette Police Department uses many sources to accomplish basic, advanced, specialized and management training for its personnel. Apart from 440 hours of academy training, the Department provided personnel with 5,625 hours of in-service training in 2007. The average amount of training was **107 hours per police officer** and **40 hours per civilian employee**. This is a high number of training hours when compared with most other local law enforcement agencies, and helps to ensure that Wilmette personnel are knowledgeable, skilled and ethical professionals.

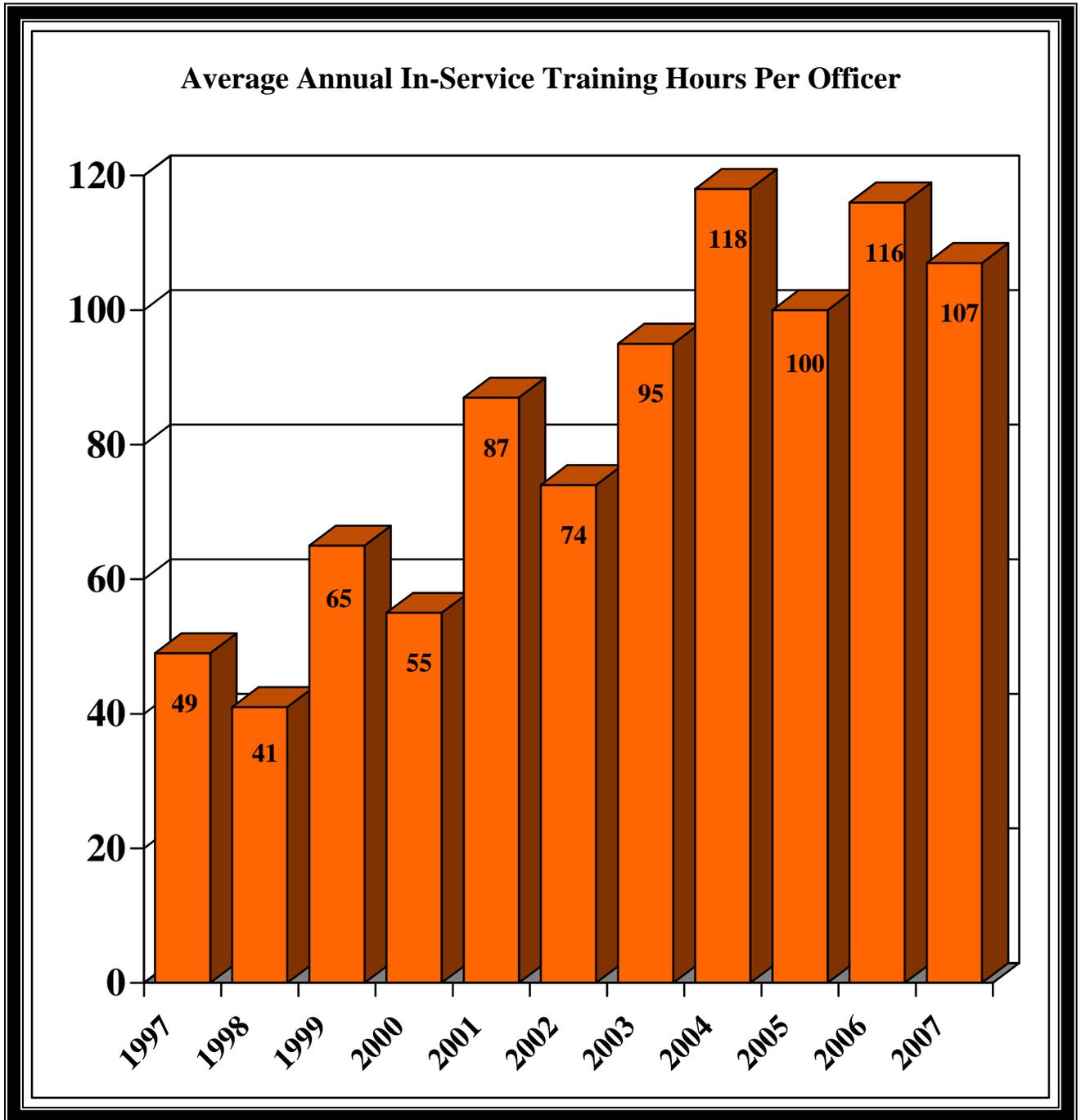
GOVERNMENTAL	PRIVATE	PROFESSIONAL
Center for Domestic Preparedness	BOWMAC Corporation	Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Chicago Joint Terrorism Task Force	Colt Defense, LLC	Arrest Law Bulletin
Cook County Sheriff's Emergency Management Agency	Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)	Computer Crime Bulletin
Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)	Imprimus Forensic Services	Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
Department of Homeland Security	John Reid and Associates	Illinois Police Accreditation Coalition (I-PAC)
Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)	National Association of Professional Drivers (NAPD)	Illinois Tactical Officers Association (ITOA)
Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations	Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA)	International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB)	Northwestern University Center for Public Safety	IACP Training Key
Illinois Regional Institute for Community Policing	Pendaflex Learning Center	International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA)
Illinois State Police (ISP)	PowerPhone	Law Enforcement Intelligence Report
Illinois Wireless Information Network (IWIN)	PPCT Management Systems, Inc.	Law Enforcement Legal Review
North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF)	Public Agency Training Consultants	Law Enforcement Officers Bulletin
Northeast Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT)	RAR Communications	Narcotics. Law Bulletin
Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)	Seyfarth & Shaw LLP	National Emergency Numbers Association (NENA)
Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)	University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning, and Development	Search and Seizure Bulletin

In-Service Training

2007 In-Service Training



In Service Training



There is no “industry standard” for tracking training hours. So as not to skew the average numbers, the Wilmette Police Department chooses to exclude from the calculation the hundreds of hours of training new officers receive at the Basic Training Academy, and the lengthy administrative and management training programs. Therefore, the average training hours shown above do not include the longer courses some personnel have attended during the year, and is a truer representation of what all personnel receive on average.

2007 TRAFFIC STOP DATA COLLECTION and ANALYSIS

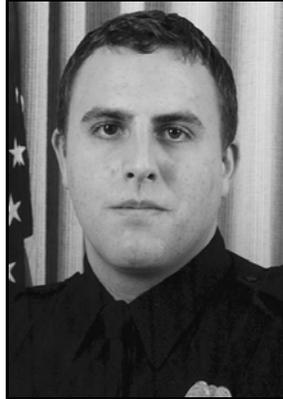
Traffic Stops							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total Stops		2,451				684	
Percentage Stops		78.18%				21.82%	
Estimated Driving Population*		80.39%				19.61%	
Ratio		0.97				1.11	
Reason For the Stop							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total		2,451				684	
Moving Violations		2,128	86.82%		519	75.88%	
Equipment Violations		122	4.98%		59	8.63%	
Licensing / Registration Violations		201	8.20%		106	15.50%	
Outcome of the Stop							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total		2,451				684	
Citation		1,621	66.14%		463	67.69%	
Verbal Warning / Stop Card		830	33.86%		221	32.31%	
Vehicle Searches							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total Stops		2,451				684	
Consent Searches		1				1	
		Wilmette Residents	Non-Residents	Caucasian Drivers		Minority Drivers	
Stops		23.8%	76.2%	Male	Female	Male	Female
Outcome of Stop	Citation	58.6%	68.9%	66.3%	66.0%	72.1%	60.2%
	Verbal Warning	41.4%	31.1%	33.7%	34.1%	27.9%	39.8%

*as determined by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.



**DEPARTMENTAL
RECOGNITION**

2007 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Michael Robinson

The Police Officer of the Year Award is presented to the officer who has made the most significant contribution to the Police Department throughout the year, and who, through his dedication, loyalty and consistently high quality of work, sets himself apart as an officer to be emulated. The Awards Board selected **Officer Michael Robinson** as the Department's Police Officer of the Year in 2007. Michael has served the department since 2003. During his tenure he has proven to be an assertive Officer who is dedicated to providing high level of service to the Village of Wilmette. In 2007, Officer Michael Robinson self initiated several noteworthy cases.

He identified a crack cocaine dealer in Evanston and was instrumental in the multi-agency investigation leading to an arrest resulting in multiple Class X felonies.

On February 15, 2007, while on patrol Mike made observations of suspicious activity of a Wilmette resident, which was consistent with that of illegal drug activity. Through patience and persistence, Officer Robinson was able to obtain a search warrant resulting in a charge of Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver.

On June 25, 2007, Officer Robinson conducted a traffic stop on a former resident of Wilmette, who had been suspected in the delivery of illegal drugs. In the course of the traffic stop Officer Robinson discovered the driver to be transporting over 150 grams of cannabis in the Village. The driver was subsequently arrested and successfully prosecuted.

On September 27, 2007 Officer Robinson initiated a traffic stop on a Wilmette man who was suspected in drug activity. In his possession were controlled substances, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and cash. He was ultimately charged with possession with the intent to deliver and was successfully prosecuted.

Officer Michael Robinson's dedication and efforts reflect highly on the Wilmette Police Department. Through his consistently high quality of work and tireless approach to the identification and apprehension of criminal activity he has set himself apart as an Officer to be emulated.

2007 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Telecommunicator Matthew Siegel

The Awards Board selected **Telecommunicator Matthew Siegel** as the department's Civilian of the Year in 2007. Matt has worked with the Wilmette Police Department for over 23 years. During his tenure Matthew has been regarded as one of the most efficient and dependable Telecommunicators this agency has seen. During the most stressful of situations Matt consistently displays the ability to manage emergency calls at the highest of levels.

In 2007 Matt was instrumental in the success with the conversion to Computer Aided Dispatching for the Wilmette Police Department. He worked on the transition from the infant stages to its successful application by helping to identify issues and addressing them accordingly.

In August of 2007, the Village of Wilmette experienced one of the worst weather-related storms in recent memory. Matt worked non-stop for many hours in the Communications center answering 9-1-1 calls and assisting the Emergency Operations Center to prioritize Police and Public Works response. He handled these demanding tasks with professionalism and patience while delivering the highest quality of service to this community.

Matthew Siegel consistently displays the loyalty, dedication and skill to the Village of Wilmette that sets him apart as an employee to be emulated.

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LIFE SAVING AWARD



Officer Steven Eder



Officer Diane Grassi

Officers Steven Eder and Diane Grassi received **Life Saving Awards** for their actions on August 16, 2007. Wilmette Officers responded to numerous 9-1-1 calls of a subject on the Skokie Blvd. overpass to the Edens Expressway. Upon Officers Eder's and Grassi's arrival they encountered a male subject sitting on the wall with his legs hanging over the edge above the expressway. The subject failed to respond to Officer Eder's commands, and both Eder and Grassi took positions near the subject. During their attempts to converse with the subject, he slowly raised his arms and his body weight shifted forward. At this point Officers Eder and Grassi rushed towards the subject, grabbed him, and pulled him to safety. It was later learned that the subject suffered from mental illness and had attempted suicide in the past. The selfless and heroic acts of Officer Steve Eder and Officer Diane Grassi undoubtedly saved the life of this man.

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD



Sergeant Kyle Murphy

Sergeant Kyle Murphy is the recipient of the Department's 2007 Marksmanship Award. He won "Top Gun" honors by achieving the highest combined qualification scores on the Department issued Beretta 96D pistol and the Colt AR-15 patrol carbine.

2007 TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD



Officer Landon Girard

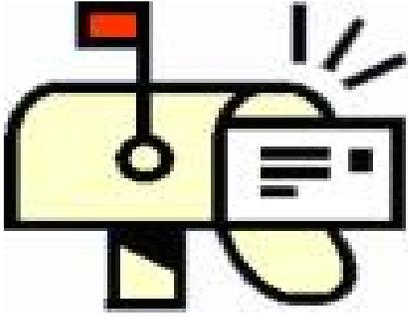
The Traffic Safety Award is presented to the employee who has made the most significant contribution in the area of promoting or improving traffic safety. The Awards Board selected **Officer Landon Girard**, a member of the Department since 2003, as the recipient of the 2007 Traffic Safety Award.

Officer Landon Girard has distinguished himself through his assertive enforcement of traffic violations. In 2007, Landon made 285 traffic stops resulting in 118 traffic arrests. Those arrests include seven driving under the influence arrests, 36 driving with suspended/revoked driver's license citations, 10 no-valid driver's license citations, 28 suspended/revoked registration citations, 36 no-valid registration and three illegal transportation of alcohol.

In addition to traffic enforcement, Officer Girard also recognizes that underage drinking often has tragic consequences when combined with driving. During 2007 he made 11 arrests for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor and nine arrests for possession of a false identification by a minor. Some of these arrests were made after observing the offender enter a local liquor store and make a purchase using false identification.

Finally, Officer Girard has recognized that two specific violations (speeding violations and seat belt/child restraint violations) have an impact on the severity of traffic crashes. He issued 93 speeding citations and 67 citations for seat belt/child restraint violations.

Officer Landon Girard's dedication and high quality of work has promoted traffic safety in the Village of Wilmette and reflects highly on this Department's continuous commitment to traffic safety.



Complimentary Letters

Officer Steven Eder

Thank you for your understanding and compassionate service to me in my predicament following the August flooding. Your coming by was such a consolation to me and your follow-up so comforting. Thank you very much for your sensitivity in appreciating how vulnerable I'd become...as a senior living alone.

Officer Terry Fitzpatrick

I am having issues with my 15 year old son. When Officer Fitzpatrick spoke with him, he was so direct and clear. He handled my son's attitude and sarcasm with grace and brilliance, always having the right answer for my son's thought on the matter. I just wanted to let you know what an amazing job Officer Fitzpatrick did with my son. He took my concerns seriously and helped, not only my son, but our entire family.

Officer Josh Hornbacher

Wow, what a consistently great police department we have in Wilmette! We left our garage door open one night, all night recently, for the first time in almost 11 years of living in Wilmette, and we received a post card from your department alerting us of this problem. Thanks to Officer Hornbacher, for cruising our street at 2:55am and catching our inattention. We wish to thank Officer Hornbacher and we want him to know how his attention to detail in the middle of the night is very much appreciated.

Deputy Chief Brian King, Commander Patrick Collins, Detective Roger Ockrim

Thank you for the excellent service your department has continuously provided to Loyola Academy. The professionalism, competence and spirit of service these policemen bring to the job is outstanding. They are a great credit to the Police Department and the entire Village of Wilmette.

Officer Sally Bullock

I wanted to get a quick thank you in the mail to let you know how much it meant to me to have your understanding during a frantic situation. Your calmness helped me calm down and realize that the situation as not as dire as had originally seemed to be.

Officer David Sparks

I wish to thank the Wilmette Police Department and specially Mr. David Sparks. I was upset and his professionalism, kindness and patience were outstanding.

Sgt. Dan Walsh

I am the person who was bitten by a dog on the Wilmette dog beach recently, and I just wanted all of you to know how grateful I am to Officer Dan Walsh for his help. Without his diligence and perseverance, I would have had to undergo a series of rabies shots. Officer Walsh was kind, thoughtful, and smart and used impressive detective skills to locate the owner of the dog. I am very appreciative of all the time he took to help one single Wilmette resident.

Detective Roger Ockrim

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Wilmette Police Department and in particular Detective Roger Ockrim relative to the pending fraud case committed against our company (a private airline based in New York City). Detective Ockrim for the past one and a half years has demonstrated a level of professionalism and efficiency that has resulted in a Grand Jury indictment of the individual. Detective Ockrim's cooperation and assistance with our investigator is not only very much appreciated, but further demonstrated his commitment to ensuring that the subject be brought to justice. We sincerely believe that Det. Ockrim is a valuable asset to the Wilmette Police Department.

Officer Dave Sweet

Thank you so much for all that your men did to save my life at Michigan Shores. We are so thankful you can be called upon.

Officer Thomas Dworak

We would like to thank the Police Department for the professionalism, thoughtfulness and care with which all members responded to our emergency. Officer Dworak was particularly helpful, staying with us through the afternoon and early evening, advising us on procedures to protect ourselves and our home and possessions.

Secretary Susan Budd and CSO Ron Andrews

My husband and I wanted to thank the Wilmette Police Department for loaning us car seats for our twin grandsons when they visited us last month. Susan Budd and Ron Andrews were so helpful and really went above and beyond to make sure that (our grandsons) were safe! (including installation!)

Telecommunicator Tom Manning, Officer Thomas Dworak

I was parking my automobile in the Edens Shopping Plaza. I got out of my car and quickly locked my door, carelessly forgetting to turn off the motor and take the car keys out of the ignition. Your dispatcher quickly contacted a police officer and within minutes, one responded. He was one of the nicest, respectable, and good-natured officers I have met. The officer reassured me that it wasn't as bad as I thought and within minutes he had the door to my car opened. Again, I would like to thank you and your department for responding to this kind of call.

Officer Landon Girard

On Saturday, you found me and two of my friends at Edens Plaza. We were there to do something that we didn't realize at the time was that bad but now realize is a bad thing to do. I'm sorry and will never do it again.

Telecommunicator Fred King

My husband and I came down Highland Ave within minutes of a terrible lawnmower accident. The patrolman who was summoned to translate for the injured worker and his associates was exceptionally compassionate and kind to the very frightened workers. We were proud of his service.

Crossing Guard Larry Daniels

Just a short note to mention how great the crossing guard at 15th Street and Wilmette Avenue is. The second day I had a new dog, he got out. I jumped in the car, screaming out the window did anyone see him. Children were coming home from school and gave me various whereabouts. Crossing Wilmette Ave., I asked Larry-who was flagging me down hearing my shouts. He told me he spotted a dog at 100 mph charging down 15th St, and he had to stop traffic for him. I'm impressed with such a quick thinker in an emergency situation. And, Larry is always so pleasant. I'm thankful you pick such great people to be the children's crossing guards.

Detective Roger Ockrim

"It takes a village to raise a child" becomes clear at certain moments in time. I thank you for speaking to my daughter regarding the real dangers of drinking at any age, and losing control. She heard you.

Wilmette Police Department

Our pride in being citizens of Wilmette increases when we review the mission values, accomplishments and activities undertaken to ensure that the safety services, extended to the villagers, are of such high standards. Thank you for the wonderfully presented 2006 Annual Police Report. Indeed, the report is a document of the department's dedication to civic duty and responsibility!

Officer Mark Gamba

Just a note to thank Officer Gamba for unlocking my car this evening. I really appreciate the prompt and polite response.

Deputy Chief Kyle Perkins

Thank you for speaking at the PTO meeting. Your presentation was appreciated by all who attended. Many people who attended mentioned to me that they learned more about internet safety from your presentation. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us.

Officer Landon Girard

My wife and I want to make you aware of the extraordinary service of one of your officers. We were awakened by a phone call from the Wilmette Police Department just before midnight, saying that our front door was wide open and asking if I could meet the officer at the front door. Indeed the door was open. This kind officer was attentive enough to notice the door in a very dark area, and then carefully checked to make sure that there was not an intruder involved. We applaud this officer's attention to detail and want to thank him for his kindness and extraordinary service.

Telecommunicator Matt Siegel

I live in Wilmette and had a strange incident recently. It was not an emergency, but it made me uncomfortable to the point that I was advised to call the Wilmette Police Department and submit a non-emergency report. An officer named Matt Siegel answered and handled my complaint. I just want you to know that Officer Siegel handled the situation with such professionalism that I was so impressed and amazed. It was not an emergency, however he still handled it with respect and understanding. I hope you appreciate what a kind and professional officer you have in your department.

Cmdr. Pat Collins and Sgt. Kyle Murphy

I am writing to sing the praises and give great thanks for the assistance of two of your officers this morning. I had locked my keys in my car. Standing there in the below zero weather, I debated my options. Just when I had steeled myself to head off on the eight block hike home, I look up and saw Wilmette's finest coming up the road. I flagged them down and asked if they wouldn't mind giving me a lift home for my extra key. Being gentlemen and good officers, they drove me home. I couldn't find my key right away and sent them off to their real job with a thank you. On my way back to the car, who did I see, but my two officers. They were worried about the car, so they went back and opened the door with a new tool they had. They were also worried about me and came back to my house to pick me up. Since I wasn't home they went on a search to get me out of the cold. What great guys, great officers, and true gentlemen.

Officer Valerie Davis

Thank you so very much for being so nice and understanding this a.m. We really appreciate your kindness.

Officer Jeff Hemesath

On December 25, I made a call to the police department because I had locked myself out of my home. It was about 8:30pm on Christmas night. I was alone and did not know what else to do. You sent an officer to my house and he was wonderful and I just wanted to thank him again for his kindness and help.

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**NEW
LEGISLATION**

NEW LEGISLATION



New laws aimed at keeping our teenagers safe is the focus of this section on new legislation. To view the full text of all legislative changes you can visit the web site for the 95th General Assembly at <http://www.ilga.gov>. For more information on the new teen driving laws, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.il.us.

NEW TEEN DRIVING LAWS

Legislation to improve teen driving laws with the aim of reducing traffic crashes and fatalities involving young drivers took effect January 1, 2008.

The legislation is based on recommendations made by the Illinois Secretary of State's Teen Driver Safety Task Force, composed of legislators, traffic safety experts, law enforcement officials, educators, judges and victim advocates.

Leading national traffic safety experts have lauded the legislation as one that will save lives. According to a study conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, this new law could reduce fatal traffic crashes involving 16-year-old drivers by as much as 38 percent.

The law includes the following nine (9) provisions:

1. The permit phase was extended from three (3) months to nine (9) months. This proposal will give the novice driver more time behind the wheel to learn under the watchful eye of parents through a variety of weather conditions common throughout Illinois.
2. Changes the nighttime driving restriction from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from Midnight to 11 p.m. on weekends for all drivers under the age of 18. The nighttime driving restriction includes exemptions for teens that are traveling to and from school activities and work.

The risk of fatal crashes involving 16 and 17-year-old drivers is three times higher from 10:00 p.m. to midnight than from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., according to a study by the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health.

3. Doubles the period - from six months to 12 months - that restricts a new driver to a maximum of one unrelated teen passenger.

The Johns Hopkins Study also concluded that the driver death rate for 16-year-old drivers rose sharply for each additional passenger in the vehicle. Based on studies and testimony, the task force concluded that distractions from other teen passengers are one of the leading causes of traffic crashes involving 16-year-old drivers.

4. Requires drivers under age 18 who are ticketed for traffic violations to appear before a judge with a parent or guardian to receive court supervision. This legislation also requires the attendance of traffic school as a requisite for court supervision for drivers under the age of 21. This ensures that the parent or guardian is fully aware of the minor's traffic violation and understands the requirements and ramifications of court supervision.
5. Tickets the passengers age 15 to 20, in addition to the drivers, who violate the passenger restriction law. The task force felt that a teenager's actions are often motivated by consequences or lack thereof. This proposal places responsibility on both the passengers and the driver to abide by the passenger limitation provision.
6. Requires student drivers to complete a minimum six hours of actual, on-the-street driving with a certified driver education instructor. This proposal eliminates the provision that allows students in high school driver education classes to take a proficiency exam after completing just three hours of practice driving. In addition, it removes current exemptions that allow the use of driving simulators and driving ranges as a substitute for street driving with a certified driver education instructor. This provision takes effect July 1, 2008.
7. Implements a true Graduated Driver Licensing system that requires new drivers to earn their way from one stage to the next. Under this proposal, once issued a learner's permit, a teen would be required to drive conviction-free for nine months before he or she would be eligible for a driver's license. The teen would then also have to drive conviction free for six months in addition to reaching age 18 before moving from the initial licensing phase to the full licensing phase.

Until graduating to the full licensing phase, these young drivers would be subject to the limitations of the initial phase that include the nighttime driving restriction and cell phone ban among others.

8. Implements a stricter law in which the drivers' licenses of those under age 21 would be suspended for each additional conviction following a driver's initial suspension for two moving violations in a 24-month period. This provision puts young drivers on

notice that once their drivers' licenses have been suspended, each additional conviction until they turn 21 will result in another suspension of their driving privileges.

9. Establishes tough, new penalties - including license revocation and vehicle impoundment - for drivers who are involved in street racing. Street racing has become a deadly phenomenon that encourages drivers to race on city streets, highways and interstates. Harsh, no-nonsense penalties are needed to combat and punish this deadly, thrill-seeking behavior.

Additionally, the following three new laws also apply to teen drivers.

1. A person under the age of 19 who holds an instruction permit or a graduated license may not drive a vehicle on a roadway while using a wireless phone, except for emergency purposes.
2. Parents have the right to view their teen's (under the age of 18) Secretary of State driving record at no cost on-line.
3. A person under age 21 may receive a three-month driver's license suspension for any court supervision for possession, consumption, purchase or receipt of alcohol.



Penalties Increased for Parents Who Allow Underage Drinking (Parental Responsibility)

Senate Bill 158 increases the penalty to a Class 4 felony for parents who knowingly allow underage alcohol consumption in their home and the drinking leads to serious injuries or death. (*Previously it was a misdemeanor.*)