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Village Manager Tim Frenzer:

It is my pleasure to present the 2008 Wilmette Police Department Annual Report.

Last year we reported that Part I offenses were the lowest for any year in which we could find archived records. During 2008 this trend was reversed and Wilmette experienced a 40% increase in these crimes. The increase was primarily in Burglary to Motor Vehicle and both Residential and Non-Residential Burglaries (see pg. 20).

The Wilmette Police also made significantly more arrests than in other years. More than 30 suspects were charged with burglary-related offenses in 2008, and during the last quarter of the year, the number of new offenses slowed significantly.

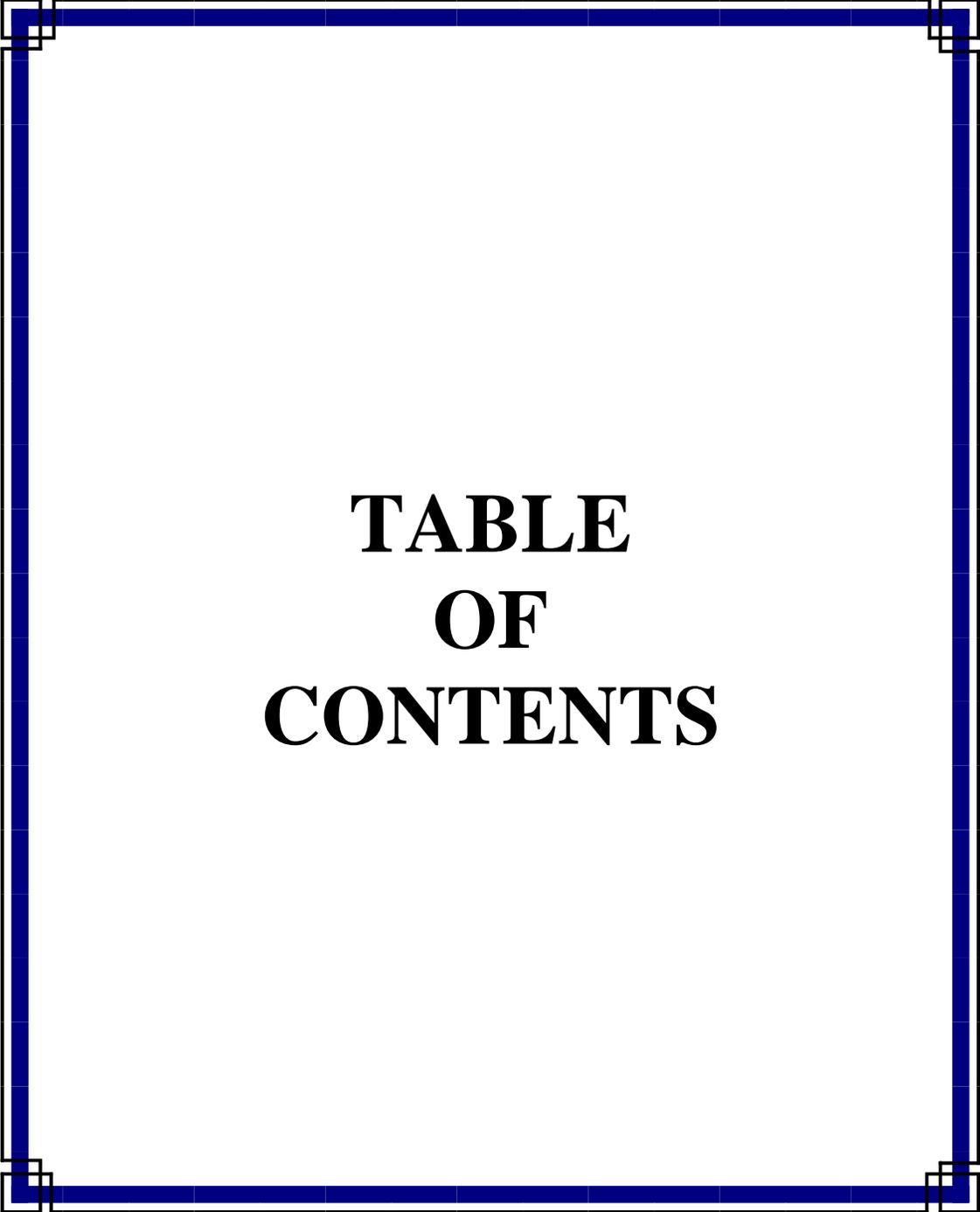
We introduced a new public awareness campaign designed to persuade residents to remove valuable items from their cars and lock car doors at all times. The campaign included posters announcing "Free Stuff" in unlocked vehicles. We plan to continue the campaign in 2009 due to its success last year.

I am very proud of the accomplishments of our staff in administrative areas also. Accreditation Manager Dan Huck successfully prepared us for our seventh accreditation award since 1986. He oversaw the updating of approximately 75 written policies, and in December he led a successful on-site inspection by CALEA assessors.

The current economic recession has challenged us all. The Wilmette Police Department regularly seeks grants to supplement the authorized budget. In 2008, grants enabled us to conduct holiday traffic enforcement campaigns, inspect stores that sell tobacco and alcohol products, purchase bullet resistant vests for police officers, and install enhancements to dispatching and records management computer programs. We pledge to continue seeking grant opportunities in 2009.

Sincerely,

George Carpenter
Chief of Police



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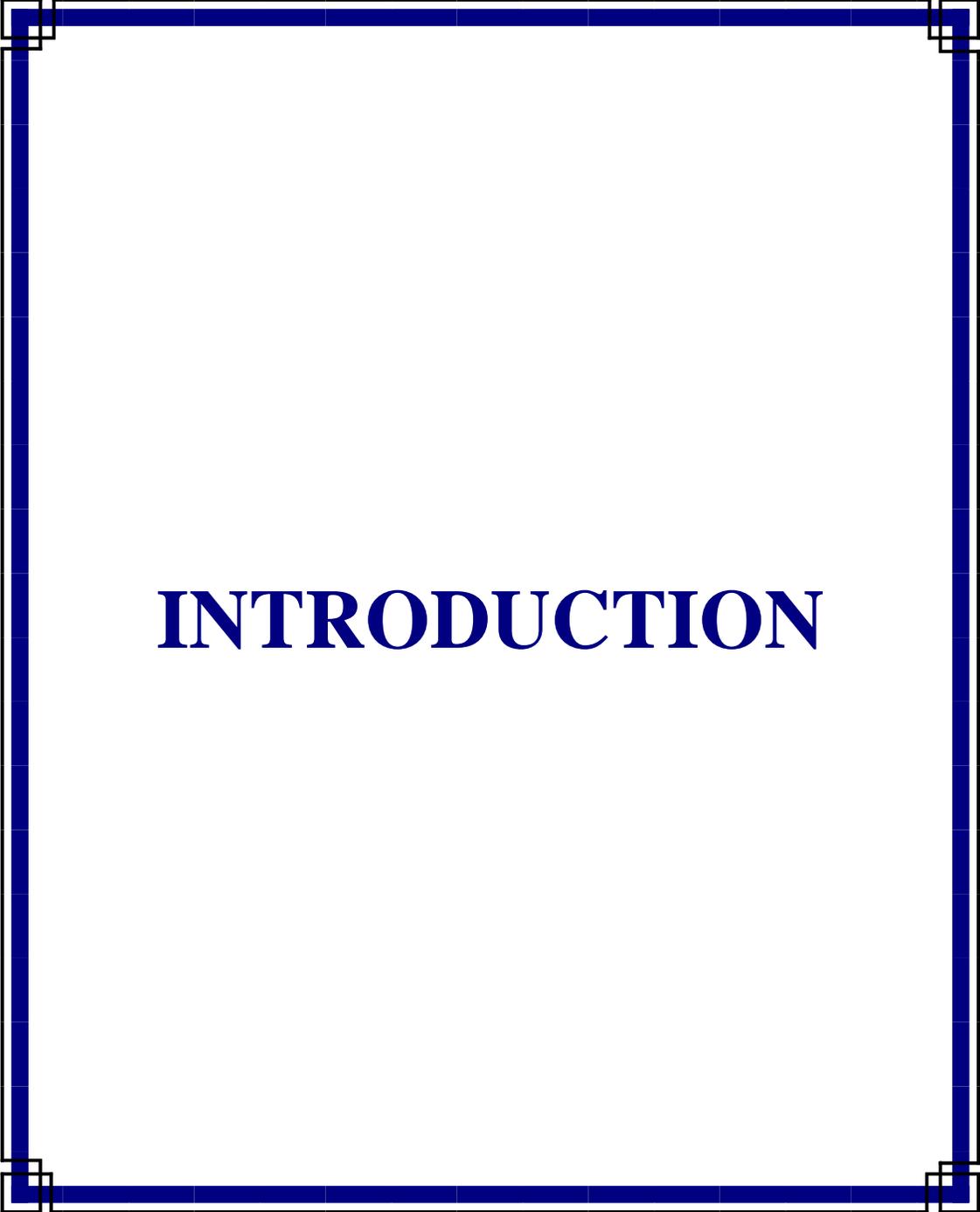
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INTRODUCTION

WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION

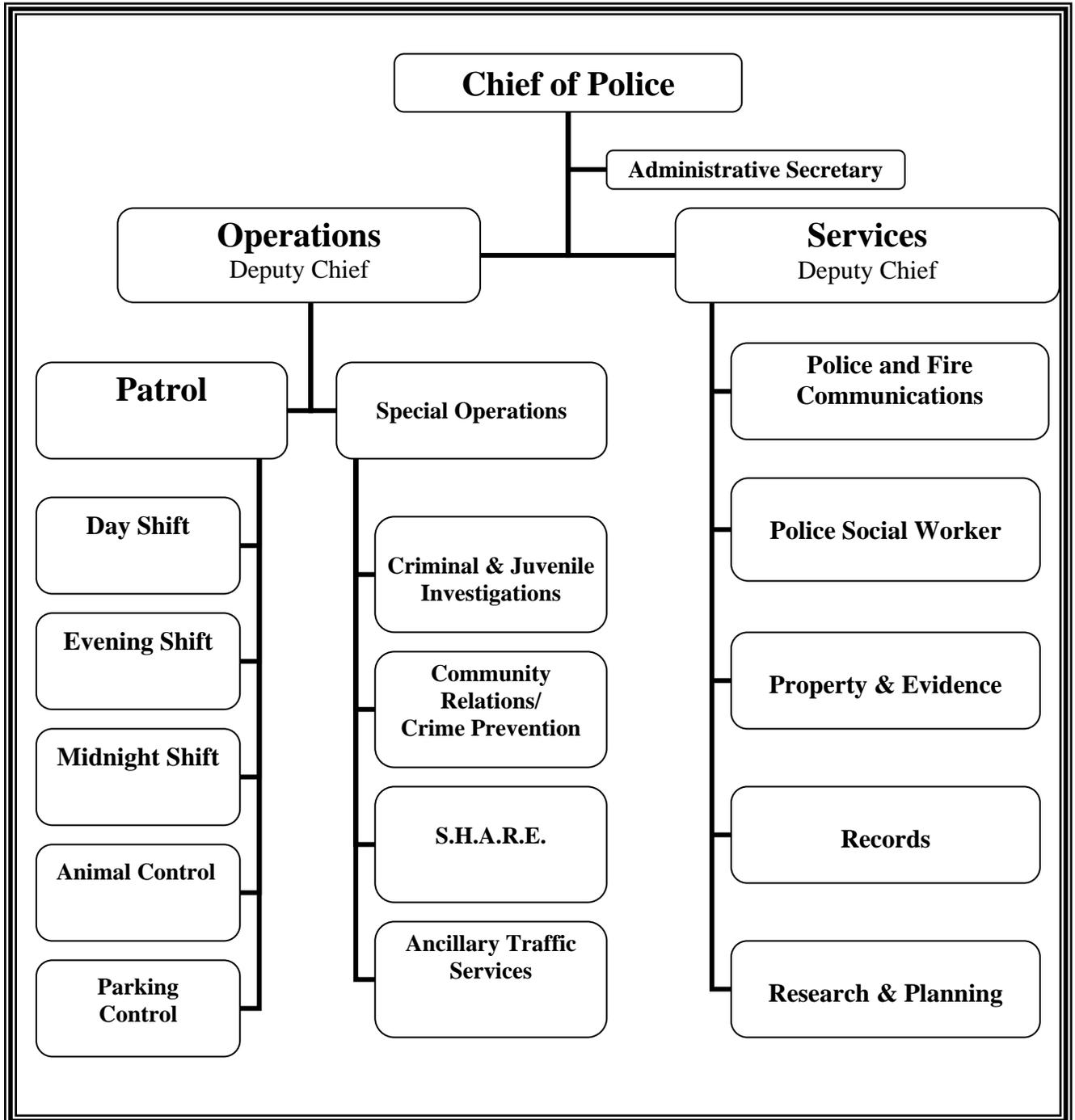
We, the members of the Wilmette Police Department, are dedicated to providing impartial law enforcement, community-oriented services and police protection in our Village, while maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards.

VALUES

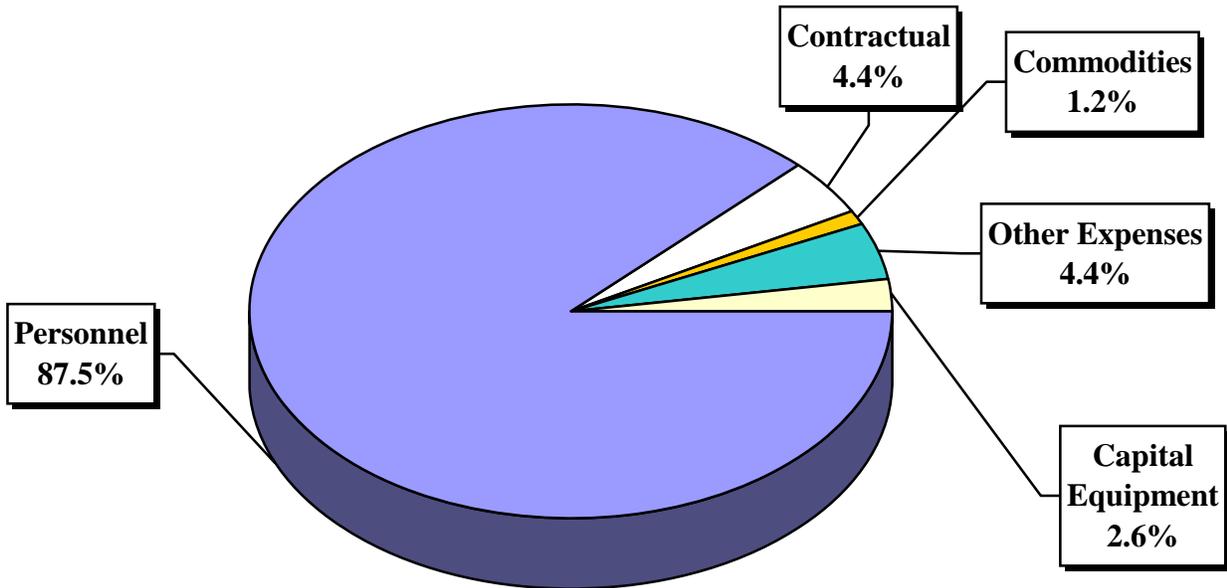
We believe that law enforcement has its foundation in values. To fulfill our mission we are committed to:

- 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
2008 BUDGET**



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Personnel	\$7,766,600
Capital Equipment	\$226,900
Contractual	\$389,635
Commodities	\$104,040
Other Expenses	\$388,625
Total	\$8,875,800



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Municipalities, counties and states develop emergency plans to prevent, respond to and mitigate a disaster. Wilmette conducts training and annual table-top exercises to better prepare their departments in the event of an emergency.

A vital component of an emergency management plan involves the use of methods or media in which to communicate emergency information to the community that not only may save lives, but can assist the coordination of relief efforts. After a thorough review of the available programs, the Village implemented CodeRED, a telephone notification system.

On September 13, 2008 a severe storm passing through the Village required the activation of the CodeRED System. A connection was made to over 7500 phone numbers with emergency storm-related information conveyed to Village residents.

You may add your cell phone number or other secondary number to the CodeRed system by going to www.wilmette.com. then go to online tools, emergency notification sign-up. If you do not have access to the internet or have questions, please call Communications Supervisor Eric Peterson at 847-853-9693.



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 understaffed two police officers by the end of 2008 and was understaffed one part-time civilian employee and one full-time civilian employee at the end of the year. Another full-time civilian employee retired and the future assignment of the position has been suspended.

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, 90% 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>
44	100%	Two or More Years of College
40	90%	Bachelor Degree or Higher
7	16%	Master Degree
2	4.5%	Juris Doctorate

Age & Seniority Distribution of Police Officers			
The average age of a Wilmette Officer is 40.5 years, with 14.1 years of experience.			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Seniority in Years</u>	<u>Number</u>
21-24	0	0-4	3
25-29	5	5-9	14
30-34	5	10-14	7
35-39	8	15-19	6
40-44	12	20-24	7
45-49	8	25-29	6
50+	6	30+	1

WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2008 PERSONNEL ROSTER

SWORN PERSONNEL

Chief of Police	Deputy Chiefs	Commanders	Sergeants
George Carpenter	Brian King Kyle Perkins	Patrick Collins Matthew McConnell James Neiweem	Michael McGarry Kyle Murphy Martin Paulson Edmund Trage Daniel Walsh Thomas Welter

Police Officers

Lawrence Betz	Mark Gamba	Alex Mercado	José Perez
Jessica Black	Landon Girard	Christopher Morgret	Nicholas Rizzo
Sally Bullock	Diane Grassi	Christopher Neubauer	Michael Robinson
Valerie Davis	Jeffrey Hemesath	Jeffrey Newman	Ray Santana
Ronald Drag	Joshua Hornbacher	Roger Ockrim	David Sparks
Thomas Dworak	Daniel Huck	Claudia Olivo	Solveig Sullivan
Steven Eder	Andrew Jurmu	Julie Parisi	David Sweet
John Falk	Kevin Kiddle	Raimond Pavely	David Tesch
Terrence Fitzpatrick	Stephen Leigh		

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Administrative Secretary	Data Processing Operators	Telecommunications
Susan Budd	Joan Stazy – Supervisor	Eric Peterson-Supervisor
Animal Control	Janet Burrows	Telecommunicators
Joseph Wideman	Susan Green	Freddie King
	Joan Miller	Paul Miller
Community Service Officers	Parking Control	Matthew Siegel
Ronald Andrews	Don George	Barry Weiner
Thomas Manning	Allen Stec (part-time)	Diana Wight
Ron Testa	Police Social Worker	George Miagusko
	Olivia Chui, MSW, LCSW	Part-Time
		Telecommunicators
		Bruno Alvarez
		Lynda McGarry

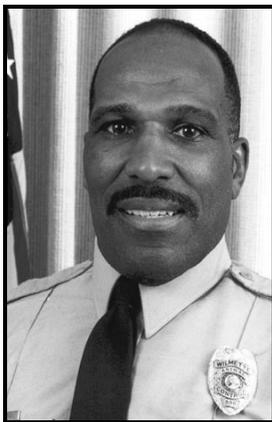
NEW EMPLOYEES



**Part-Time Telcommunicator
Bruno Alvarez**

Part-Time Telecommunicator Bruno Alvarez started with the Department on June 30th. He is currently employed at Winnetka PD as a full-time telecommunicator and is fluent in Spanish. He previously held the position of CSO at Morton Grove PD and Winnetka PD.

DEPARTURES



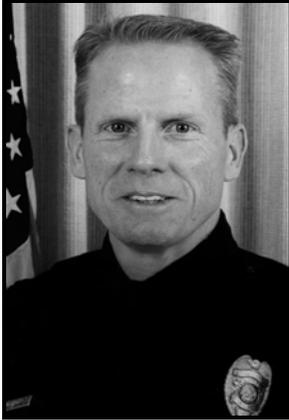
**Animal Control Officer
Joe Wideman**



**Telecommunicator
Paul Miller**

Animal Control Officer Joe Wideman retired on October 6th after serving the Village for over 38 years. Joe started with the Department on March 1, 1970.

Telecommunicator Paul Miller resigned his position on December 27th. Paul served the Department for just over 6 years. He took a position with a public policy think tank as their Director of Communications.



**Police Officer
Terry Fitzpatrick**



**Police Officer
Josh Hornbacher**

Officer Terry Fitzpatrick retired on February 16th after 30 years of service. Terry started with the Department on February 16, 1978. He was one of the most decorated officers to have ever served the Department.

Officer Josh Hornbacher resigned his position in November after serving the Department since March of 2003. He has accepted a position as a police officer in Anchorage, Alaska.

In Memoriam

Retired Sergeant Chester Hutton passed away in Highland Park on February 7, 2008 of cancer. Sgt. Hutton retired in 2000 after serving the Department for 23 years.

Retired Lieutenant Jerry VanHeltebrake passed away in Nashville, Tennessee in June of 2008 of lung cancer. He was with the Department from 1954 until 1976 and was one of the first college graduates employed with the organization.

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

The following employees celebrated significant employment anniversaries with the Wilmette Police Department during 2008. 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	Thomas Dworak
Twenty	Dan Huck Jeff Hemesath
Fifteen	Kevin Kiddle Julie Parisi
Ten	Stephen Leigh Roger Ockrim Solveig Sullivan
Five	Mark Gamba Landon Girard Jose Perez Michael Robinson Ray Santana Dave Tesch

S.H.A.R.E.

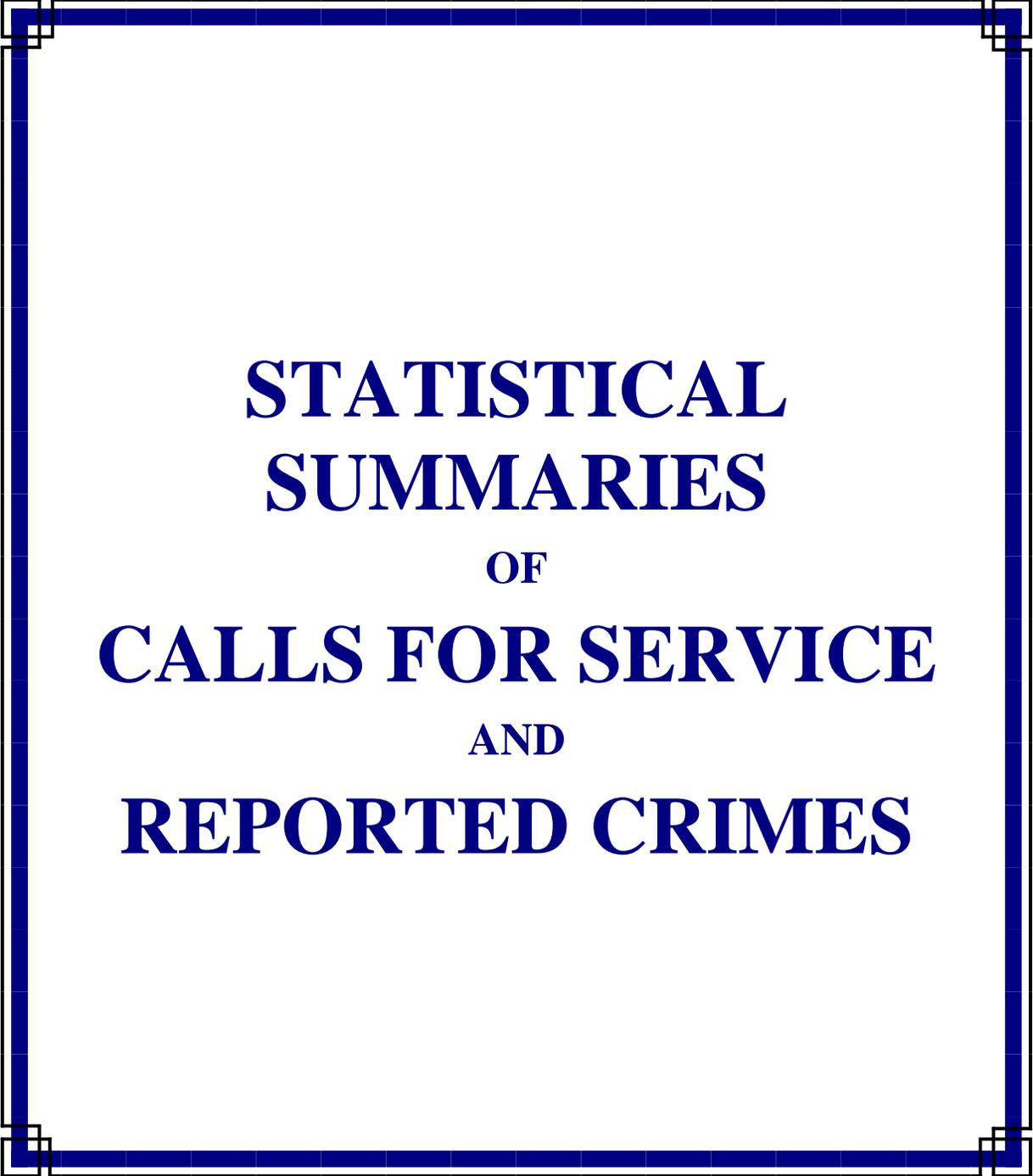
In cooperation with the Wilmette Schools, S.H.A.R.E. officers teach drug and violence prevention education in every fifth grade classroom in Wilmette.

S.H.A.R.E. stands for Safety, Health, Attitude and Responsibility through Education. It is a 7-week program that is designed to equip young students with the ability to develop life-skills. It is a new program in Wilmette that was first taught to 5th grade students during the 2008 school year. In order to prevent drug abuse and teach life skills to students, the S.H.A.R.E. 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.

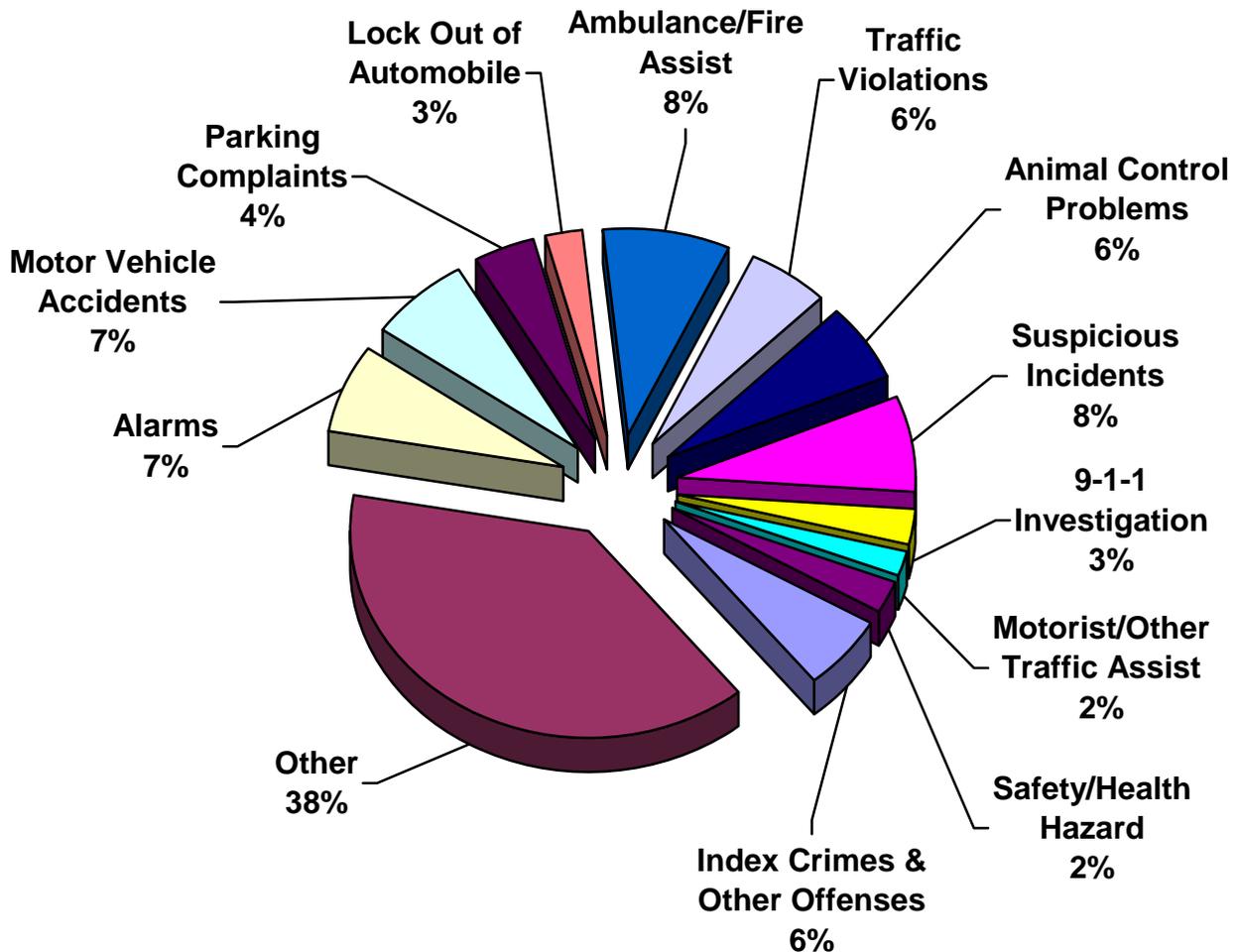


Officer Jessica Black



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

2008 Requests for Service



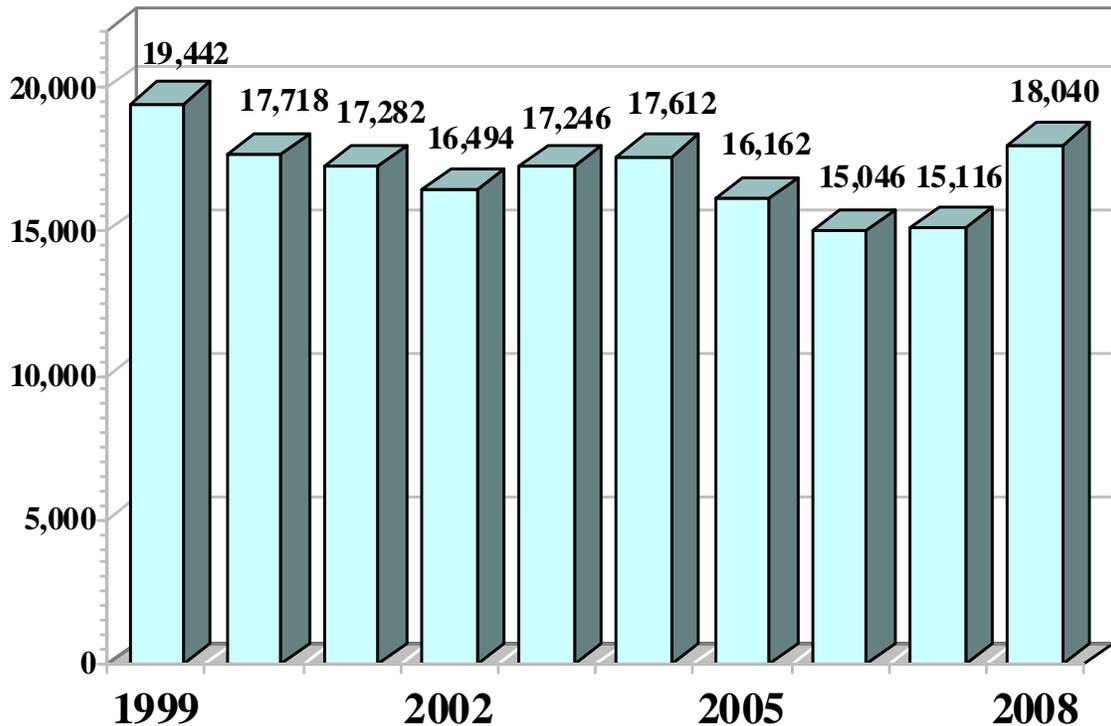
Wilmette's Requests for Service are defined as those calls that due to their nature, require an incident number for identification and tracking purposes. The types of requests include traffic stops that include such offenses as: DUI, no insurance, no valid registration, suspended/revoked license/permit, citizen assists, alarms, noise/other complaints where an officer responds, to name a few. Index Crimes and Other offenses are combined for this chart, but are analyzed later in this report.

In 2008 there were a total of 18,040 Requests for Police Service* in Wilmette.

* 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

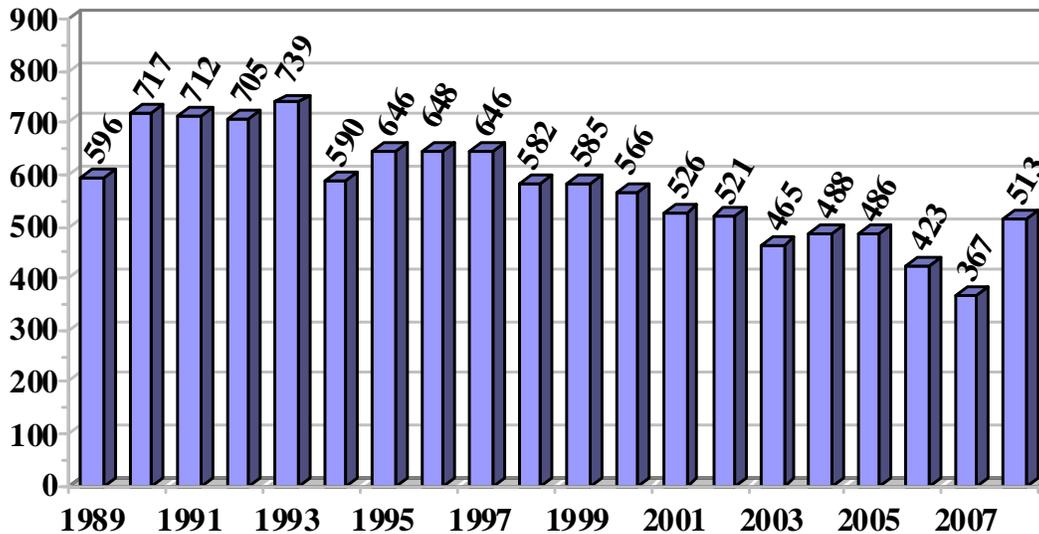
Ten-Year Comparison



In November of 2007, the Department began using a new computerized record management system to record the requests for police service. This system enhances the categorization of the calls for service into more specific types and has allowed for a more thorough compilation of the Department's service to the Community. The Wilmette Police Department's 18,040 Requests for Service in 2008 was the highest total since 1999.

INDEX CRIMES

Twenty-Year Comparison



Index Crime Offenses as defined by the State of Illinois include: homicide, criminal sexual assault, armed robbery, robbery, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, burglary, burglary to a motor vehicle, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. The State of Illinois compiles this information and reports it to the FBI.

Index Crime Offenses continue to be low in Wilmette in comparison to most other communities in Illinois and in the United States. The number of offenses in 2008 was 513, a 40% increase from 2007 and the highest total since 2002.

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FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF INDEX CRIME OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Homicide*	0	0	0	3	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	2	2	3	2	1
Robbery	6	0	2	5	4
Aggravated Battery	0	5	2	3	4
Aggravated Assault	2	2	1	0	1
Burglary**	110	54	78	98	90
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	134	67	91	57	101
Theft	252	230	226	305	271
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	6	18	9	13
Arson	3	1	2	4	3
TOTAL	513	367	423	486	488

* 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.

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF OTHER OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Simple Battery	50	52	57	58	66
Simple Assault	10	6	5	5	12
Deception	90	94	80	80	69
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	229	214	258	242	244
Weapons Offenses	5	2	5	10	5
Sex Offenses*	5	8	8	16	4
Offenses Involving Children**	27	31	56	33	39
Driving Under the Influence	81	104	118	158	148
Disorderly Conduct	89	163	159	169	149
Identity Thefts	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	630	674	741	771	736

* 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.

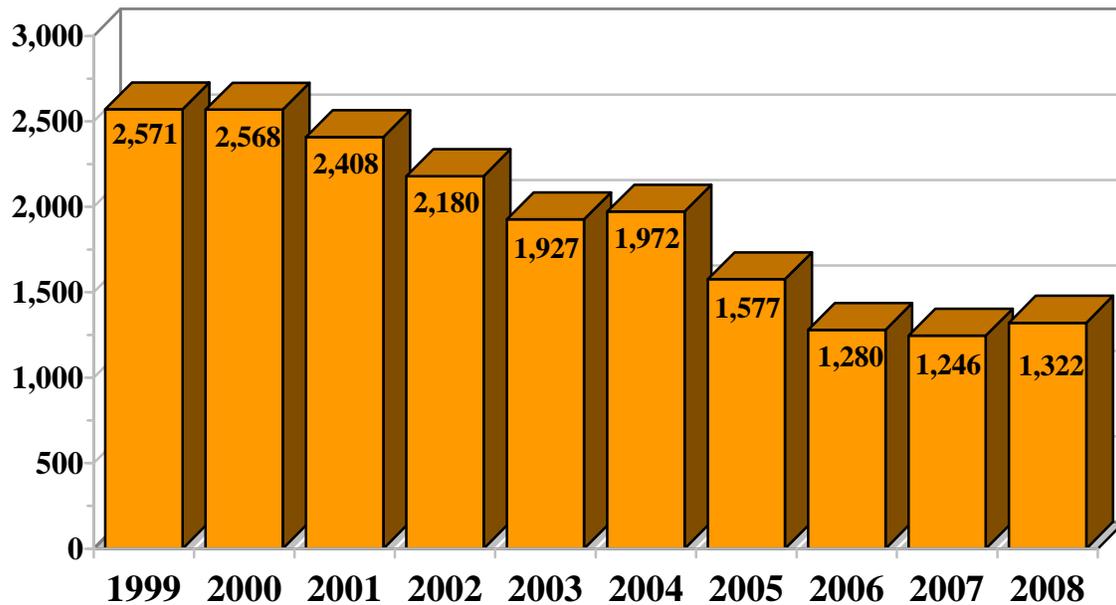
FIVE YEAR SUMMARY NON-CRIMINAL SERVICE REQUESTS

<u>SERVICE REQUEST</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Abandoned Vehicle	30	33	40	45	57
Aid to Another Department	371	415	331	559	834
Ambulance Assist	1,016	1,005	853	981	1,075
Animal Problem	1,134	584	972	853	837
Dispute or Disturbance	259	224	245	219	201
Domestic Trouble/Child Custody Issues	144	136	122	132	108
Driving Complaint	265	223	214	188	201
Field Interview	86	131	108	136	152
Fire Department Call	606	233	163	239	149
Juvenile Nuisance Problem	318	272	224	219	204
Lock Out of Automobile	476	472	448	587	581
Lost, Found, or turned in Property	279	275	257	291	291
Mischief Complaint	34	37	86	52	72
Missing Person	74	68	72	59	62
Motorist Assist	375	252	290	280	274
Noise Complaint	212	180	180	160	201
Open Doors/Window	202	151	200	150	200
Other Ordinance Violations	138	270	172	214	211
Parking Complaint	771	576	565	606	671
Public Accident (Non-Traffic)	18	21	34	34	31
Request for Fingerprint	119	125	134	122	112
Special Patrol	391	517	461	399	616
Safety/Health Hazard	467	213	160	266	252
School Crossing	97	93	80	185	105
Suspicious incident/vehicle/person	1,422	846	938	940	1,045
Well-Being Check	296	305	407	349	306
Construction Complaints*	35	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Landscaper/Leaf Blower Complaints*	45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Solicitor Complaints*	128	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
9-1-1 Investigation*	520	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Crime Prevention Postcards*	335	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Traffic Details*	273	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Traffic Details-School Zones*	107	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Child Safety Seat Assistance*	73	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Clergy Fund Requests*	169	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Freedom of Information Requests*	62	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Premise Checks*	123	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Citizen Assists*	296	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

***Those fields denoted with an asterisk(*) are now retrievable under the new Records Management Program implemented by the Department in Nov. 2007.**

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 a slight decrease in the number of false alarms, but still well below the average before the adoption of the ordinance.

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.



National Do-Not-Call Registry

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have established a National Do-Not-Call Registry. The registry is nationwide in scope, applies to all telemarketers (with the exception of certain non-profit organizations), and covers both interstate and intrastate telemarketing calls. On January 1, 2005, all telemarketers and sellers were required to search the registry at least every 31 days and drop all registered numbers from their call lists.

Commercial telemarketers (with the exception of certain non-profit organizations) are not allowed to call you if your number is on the registry, thus reducing the number of unwanted phone calls to your home or cellular phone.

Register your telephone numbers by phone or by internet, at no cost. Your number stays on the registry for 5 years and can be renewed. You must call from the number you want to register. You can remove your name at any time.

Register by phone: 1-888-382-1222
TTY: 1-866-290-4236
Internet: www.donotcall.gov

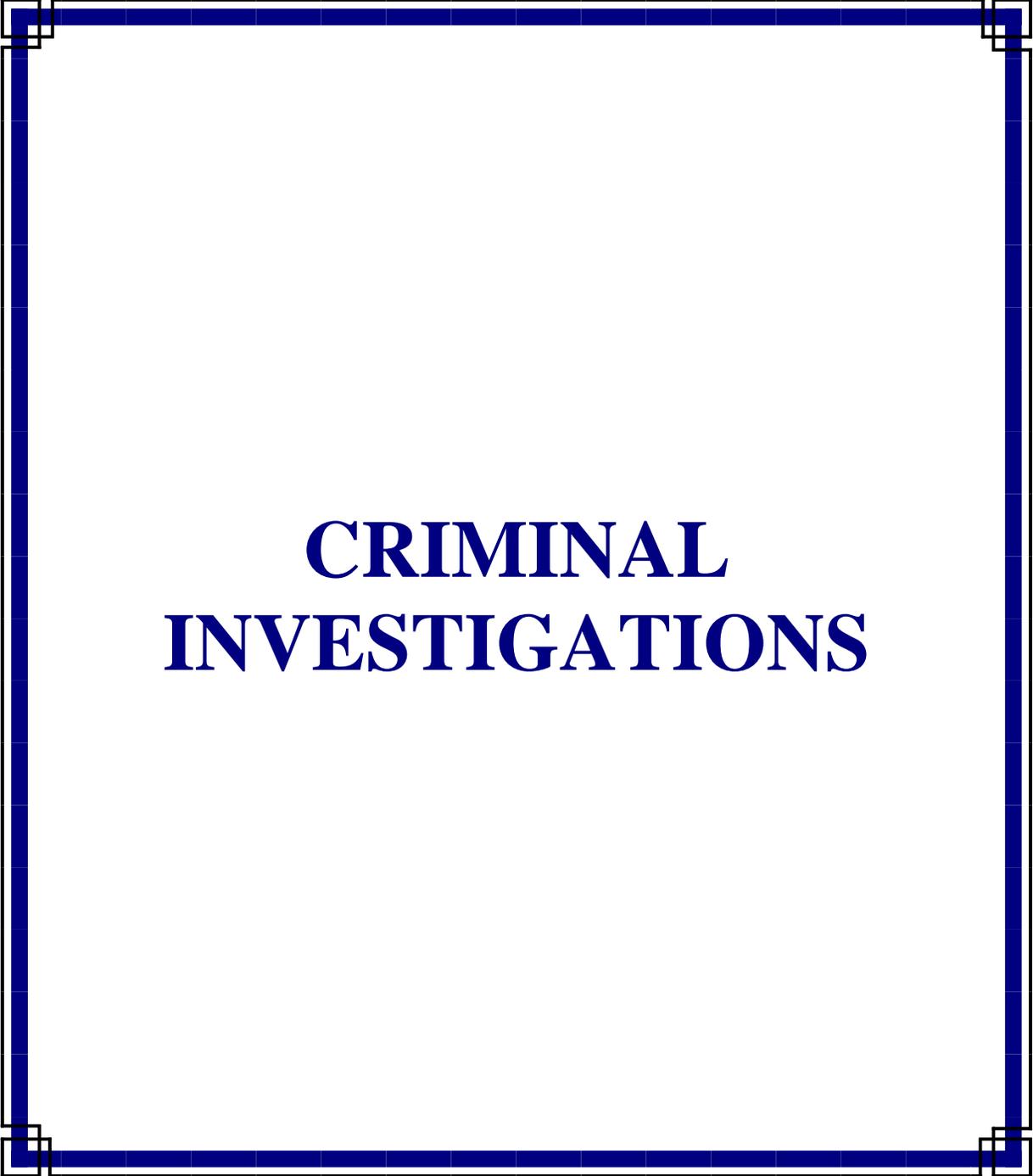
The registry does not prevent all unwanted calls. It does not cover the following:

- Calls which are not commercial or do not include unsolicited advertisement.
- Calls from organizations with whom you have established a business relationship.
- Calls for which you have given prior written permission.
- Calls by or on behalf of tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

In addition, telemarketers and sellers are required to:

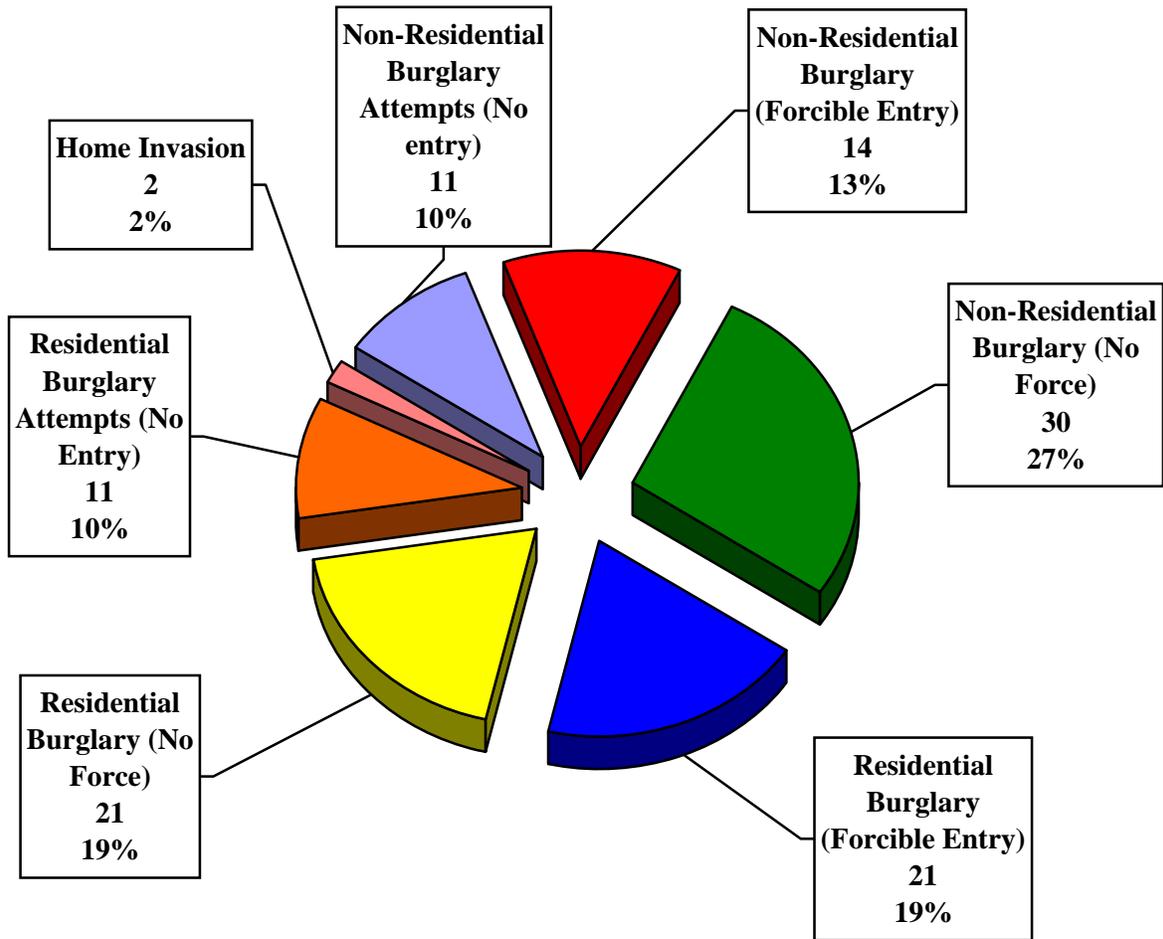
- Transmit caller ID information and cannot block their numbers
- No calls before 8am or after 9pm
- Must provide callers name, company name, telephone # and address (contact information)

FCC complaints regarding suspected violations email: www.donotcall@fcc.gov, telephone 1-888-call-fcc (1-888-225-5322), TTY (1-888-835-5322) or by mail 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

BURGLARIES BY TYPE 2008



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*.

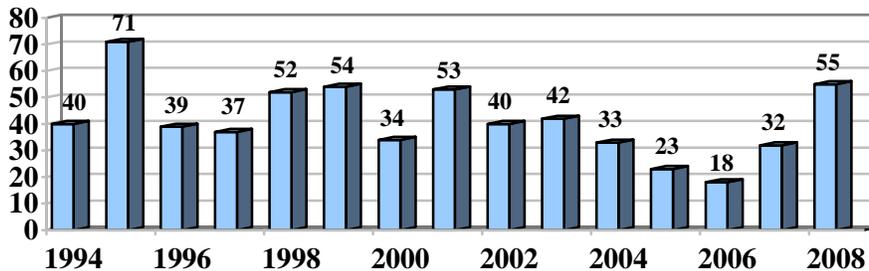
The charts on the following pages present the five and multi year trends Wilmette has experienced in each type of burglary.

*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

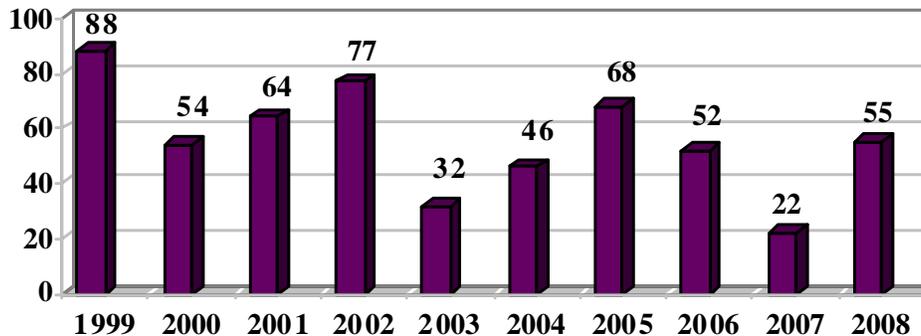
Fifteen Year Comparison



The number of residential burglaries in 2008 went up 71% from 2007.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Ten Year Comparison

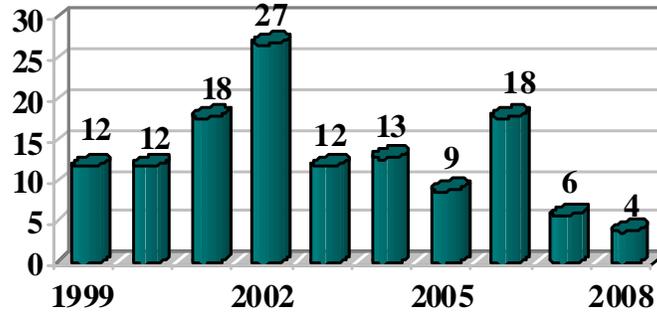


The number of non-residential burglaries increased from 22 in 2007 to 55 in 2008. Over 50% of Non-residential burglaries involve no forced entry. The Police Department advises residents to keep doors to their homes, garages, and vehicles locked.

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

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

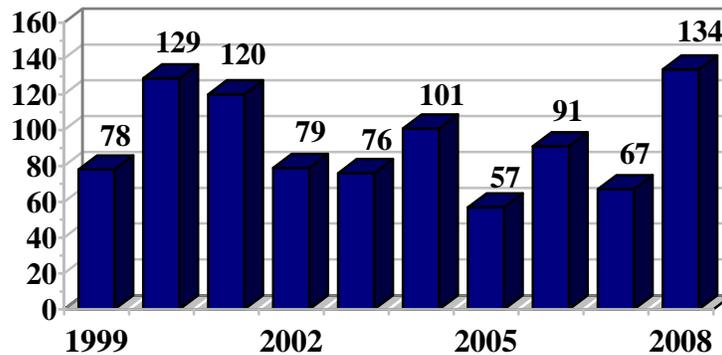
Ten Year Comparison



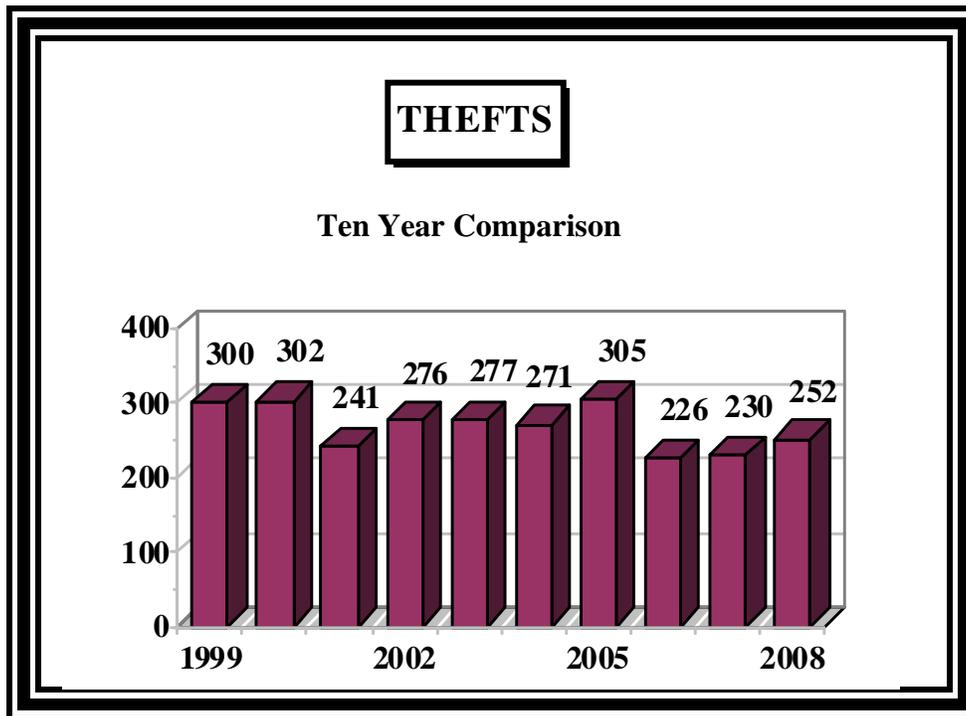
Please lock your car doors at ALL times.

BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE

Ten Year Comparison

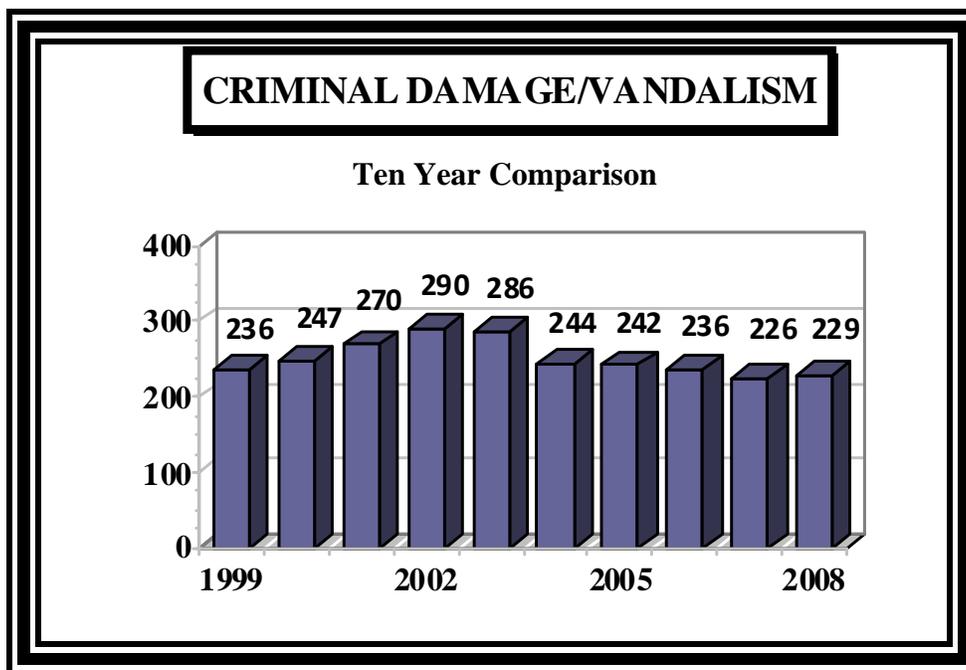


The number of Burglaries to Motor Vehicle in 2008 increased by 100% from 2007. This is the highest figure in the past 10 years. The Wilmette Police Department recommends residents keep the doors to their vehicles locked even when secured in a garage. Items such as laptop computers, MP3 players, and cell phones should not be kept in vehicles overnight.



In 2008 the number of thefts increased slightly to 252. This is less than the average in the past 10 years.

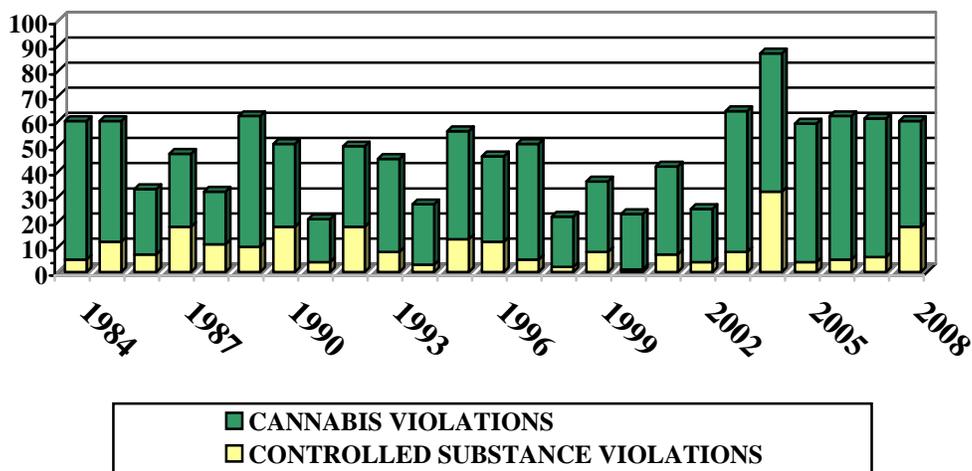
The police wish to remind residents never to leave unattended items in their yards or in front of their homes. Lock your unattended bicycles and store them in a secured area.



The 229 incidents of Vandalism, Criminal Damage or Trespass to Property in 2008 is the second lowest level since 1998.

DRUG RELATED OFFENSES

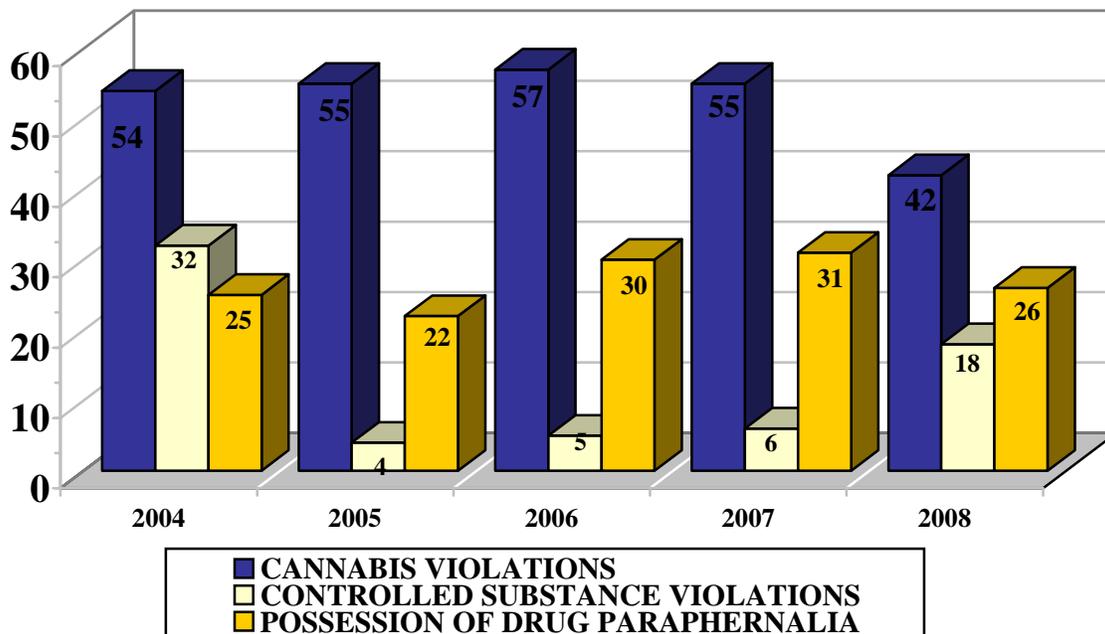
Multi-Year Comparison



Drug related offenses in Wilmette from 1984 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 2008 the Investigations Unit was staffed by (clockwise from top left): **Commander Patrick Collins, Sergeant Kyle Murphy, Investigators Chris Morgret, Solveig Sullivan, Roger Ockrim, and Michael Robinson.**

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 2008 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.

Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault

In February of 2008, Investigators began looking into a complaint of a physician residing in Wilmette who may have been supplying illegal drugs. The case evolved into a Wilmette search warrant where hundreds of pieces of evidence were recovered. The offender was indicted on Criminal Sexual Assault, Possession of Child Pornography, Felony Possession of Marijuana, and Delivery of a Controlled Substance. The offender was convicted in November of 2008 and is now a registered sexual offender who has lost his medical license.

Sexual Offender

In May of 2008, an investigation began into an unauthorized videotaping of a female customer at a local tanning salon. The offender was identified, arrested later that night and charged with unlawful videotaping. Investigators executed a search warrant of the Glenview suspect's home and computers. The computers and storage devices were forensically analyzed and thousands of images and videos involving child pornography were identified. The offender was indicted on Possession of Child Pornography.

Home Invasion

In December of 2008, Wilmette Investigators monitored a radio broadcast of a subject wanted for home invasion in another community that might be staying in Wilmette. The offender had reportedly entered the home of a family and held them at gunpoint. He bound the family and placed them in a closet, while he stole property. Investigators went into the area of the suspect home, observed the offending vehicle and suspect, and placed him under arrest. Investigators also assisted in executing a search warrant at the offender's address.

In December of 2008 multiple armed offenders forcibly entered a Wilmette home and bound the homeowner and their child. The offenders then stole property and cash from the home and fled. The investigation is ongoing.

Robbery

In April 2008, Wilmette Investigators began looking into a reported strong arm robbery near 4th and Linden. Investigators learned the victim had gone to the location in attempts to purchase illegal drugs and the "seller" robbed the victim by taking the victim's money and battering the victim. The offender was identified and later arrested on an arrest warrant.

In October 2008 a night manager from a local business was confronted by an armed offender. A struggle ensued and the offender fled after his unsuccessful robbery attempt. The manager was unharmed and the investigation is ongoing.

In December 2008 a woman was exiting a local business with her daughter when a male subject tackled her and punched her in the face and head. He removed the diamond ring from her finger and fled on foot. The investigation continues.

Residential Burglaries

In January of 2008 Detectives participated in a multi-agency burglary investigation with NORTAF. Suspects in numerous burglaries were placed under surveillance and ultimately a search warrant was executed on a suspect's home. Found in the home, was \$52,000 in cash, ¼ pound in cocaine, marijuana, nine firearms and numerous burglar proceeds. Wilmette Detectives identified proceeds belonging to five Wilmette victims. This crew was linked to 11 Wilmette Burglaries. Three suspects were arrested and charged with numerous burglaries.

In November of 2008 Wilmette Detectives began an investigation into Ruse entry Burglaries. Wilmette developed a suspect and initiated a surveillance operation. NORTAF Burglary Task Force was activated and assisted. During the surveillance, undercover Wilmette Officers witnessed an offense in a neighboring community which resulted in felony warrants for attempted residential burglary and aggravated home repair fraud for two suspects.

The surveillance continued and another date, undercover Wilmette Officers followed a suspect vehicle occupied by 5 subjects to another community where they committed a ruse entry and stole 3 Rolex watches and a ring from an elderly man. Wilmette Officers took 5 subjects into custody and recovered the victim's property. The offenders have all been charged with Residential Burglary and the court case is pending.

Burglary

In January 2008, Wilmette Detectives investigated a burglary at Loyola Academy in which \$15,000 in electronic equipment was stolen. A latent fingerprint was recovered and sent to the Northeastern Regional Crime Laboratory for analysis. A positive identification was made through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The offender was a former student and currently attending an out-of-state college. He was interviewed upon his return to Illinois. Four other subjects were later arrested including one juvenile. Two additional burglaries were discovered which had been unreported. The four adults were each charged with burglary and the juvenile was petitioned to juvenile court. The majority of the property was recovered.

Burglary to Auto

In July of 2008, during the course of an investigation into burglary to autos, Wilmette Investigators developed information that a known "fence" was taking in stolen property again. Working with the Evanston Police, Wilmette executed a search warrant which netted numerous weapons and the suspect was subsequently charged.

Financial Identity Theft

In August 2008, an investigation into a credit card fraud case developed information on a criminal enterprise involving the skimming of credit card numbers, encoding of the numbers and subsequent fraudulent purchases. The suspect was also involved in the distribution of Crystal Methamphetamine. In September, a high risk search warrant was executed with the Skokie Police Department in Skokie. Recovered was evidence of the manufacturing of credit cards, 16 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine, a 9mm pistol, computer equipment and \$15,000 in cash. A total of five subjects were arrested and indicted on charges including Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Financial Identity Theft, Organizer of a Continuing Financial Crimes Enterprise and Conspiracy to Commit Financial Crimes. The court case is pending

Financial Exploitation of the Elderly

In February of 2008 Wilmette investigated a case of Financial Exploitation of the Elderly. The suspect was a former personal banker at a local financial institution who had befriended an elderly customer. The offender then continued to represent himself as a bank employee while making home visits. He cashed \$65,700 in checks from the victim, saying the money was being used to pay her bills. The offender was charged and the court case is pending.

In May 2008 Wilmette investigated a report of a woman who had befriended an elderly man who resided in an assisted living facility in Wilmette. The suspect and her husband had tricked the elderly man into giving them in excess of \$400,000 within a few weeks. Investigators determined the money had been used to purchase two new luxury vehicles, new jewelry and other expensive retail items. Two offenders were identified and arrest warrants were issued.

Drugs

In June 2008, an anonymous tip was received about an employee at a local business who was conducting cocaine transactions. Working undercover, a Wilmette Investigator purchased cocaine from the suspect within 500 feet of a park and 1000 feet of a school. Three additional transactions were made. Three offenders were arrested and a search warrant was executed in Chicago. More than 300 grams of cocaine (street value of \$8,000), \$3,000 in cash, two handguns, steroids, the controlled substance ecstasy and four vehicles were seized.

In October 2008, Wilmette investigated a suspected drug dealer who supplies Wilmette auto burglary suspects. The dealer was observed attempting to make a drug transaction and was approached by undercover Wilmette officers. The offender dropped 1 ½ pounds of marijuana and fled on foot. The drugs, having a street value of \$5,000, were recovered and an arrest warrant has been issued for the offender, who remains at large.

Bike Thefts

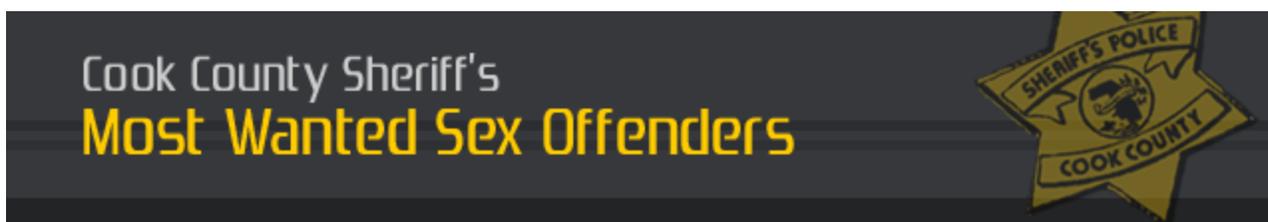
In September of 2008, Wilmette investigated a rash of bicycle thefts at the Wilmette Metra Parking Lot. In October 2008, a victim identified his bike for sale on E-Bay. Investigators purchased that bike on E-Bay and arranged a location to meet to complete the transaction. They met in a local parking lot. At the time of his arrest, he had in his possession the stolen bicycle from Wilmette, burglary tools and personal items which identified him as a suspect in a theft from a neighboring community. A Search was conducted at a Chicago home and an additional 17 stolen bicycles were recovered. Victims have been identified from numerous communities throughout Cook and Lake Counties.

Thefts

In May 2008 in response to numerous reports of thefts of copper from construction sites, Wilmette placed construction sites under surveillance. In two days, five offenders were arrested for entering these sites and removing copper pipes. All offenders have been charged and court cases are pending.



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Forensic Specialist



Officer Solveig Sullivan
Forensic Team Leader



Sergeant Kyle Murphy
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 Kyle Murphy, are assigned to the task force.

2008 Activation Summary

NORTAF was called out to assist member agencies on 6 investigations during 2008.

February 10th: NORTAF was activated for a homicide in Evanston. In September 2007, the victim was shot outside a friend's home and died in February 2008 as a result of the injuries. NORTAF developed several suspects and Evanston Police Detectives are currently pursuing the investigation.

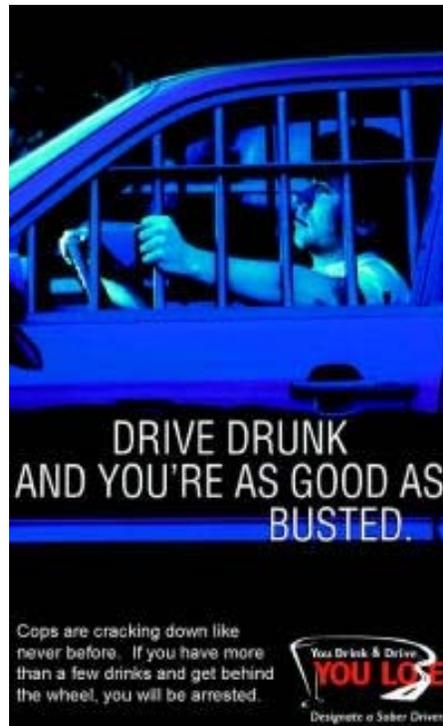
May 2nd: NORTAF was activated for a suspicious death in Evanston. The resident was found in her home unresponsive and on fire. The investigation revealed that the woman was terminally ill and that she had committed suicide. Forensic evidence recovered, supported the findings.

July 7th: NORTAF was activated in Evanston for the investigation into the death of a 16-month old infant. It was discovered that the boyfriend of the child's mother had beaten the infant to death. The offender has been charged and is awaiting trial.

August 25th: NORTAF was activated to handle the forensic investigation in an officer involved shooting in Skokie. The offender had fled a bank robbery in Northbrook and a Skokie officer attempted to stop the vehicle. The offender attempted to murder the officer, resulting in the offender's death.

November 7th: NORTAF was activated to handle the forensic investigation at a home where 3 bodies were discovered. It was learned that the victims had apparently died of natural causes and their remains were kept in the home by a relative. The deaths had occurred in 2008, 2003 and sometime in the late 1970's.

December 11th: NORTAF was activated for a suspicious death in Northfield. A woman was found deceased in her bathtub by her husband. The investigation revealed the death was accidental in nature. This was supported by forensic evidence recovered by evidence technicians and the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.





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.

2008 Activation Summary

February 4th : The Task Force was activated for a pattern of 45 Residential Burglaries and Attempted Residential Burglaries in Wilmette, Evanston, Morton Grove and Skokie that dated from December 2007. On February 15th, a search warrant was executed in Evanston and proceeds from several burglaries were seized. A subsequent search warrant resulted in the recovery of stolen electronic equipment, jewelry, firearms and other proceeds from these burglaries. Two offenders were arrested at the scene and a third offender was later arrested. A total of 52 burglary cases were attributed to these offenders, including 11 in Wilmette.

April 7th: The Task Force was activated after the same Residential Burglary pattern developed in Wilmette, Skokie, and Morton Grove. The Task Force was activated for 10 days, but no arrests were made.

June 30th: A pattern of overnight burglaries to autos in which portable GPS units were being stolen in the communities of Wilmette, Morton Grove, Skokie, Lincolnwood, and Niles necessitated the activation of the Task Force. The Wilmette Police Department's arrest of an auto burglar led the Task Force to a search warrant in Evanston. No auto burglary proceeds were recovered, but several allegedly stolen firearms and electronics were discovered.

November 6th: The Task Force, through surveillance and follow-up investigations, positively identified one of the members of a crew committing two condominium unit burglaries in a building in Palatine.

November 10th: The Task Force was activated to investigate two active criminal groups concurrently. One team focused their attention on a self-admitted American Gypsy suspect committing ruse entry Residential Burglaries targeting elderly homeowners in Wilmette, Evanston, Winnetka, Northfield, Glencoe, Lincolnwood, and Northbrook. The other team investigated a series of burglaries to condominiums and hotels rooms in Glenview, Wilmette, and Northbrook.

November 17th: The Task Force identified a known Gypsy offender entering a Palatine residence committing Home Repair Fraud after applying a driveway sealant. The offender made restitution and no formal charges were made.

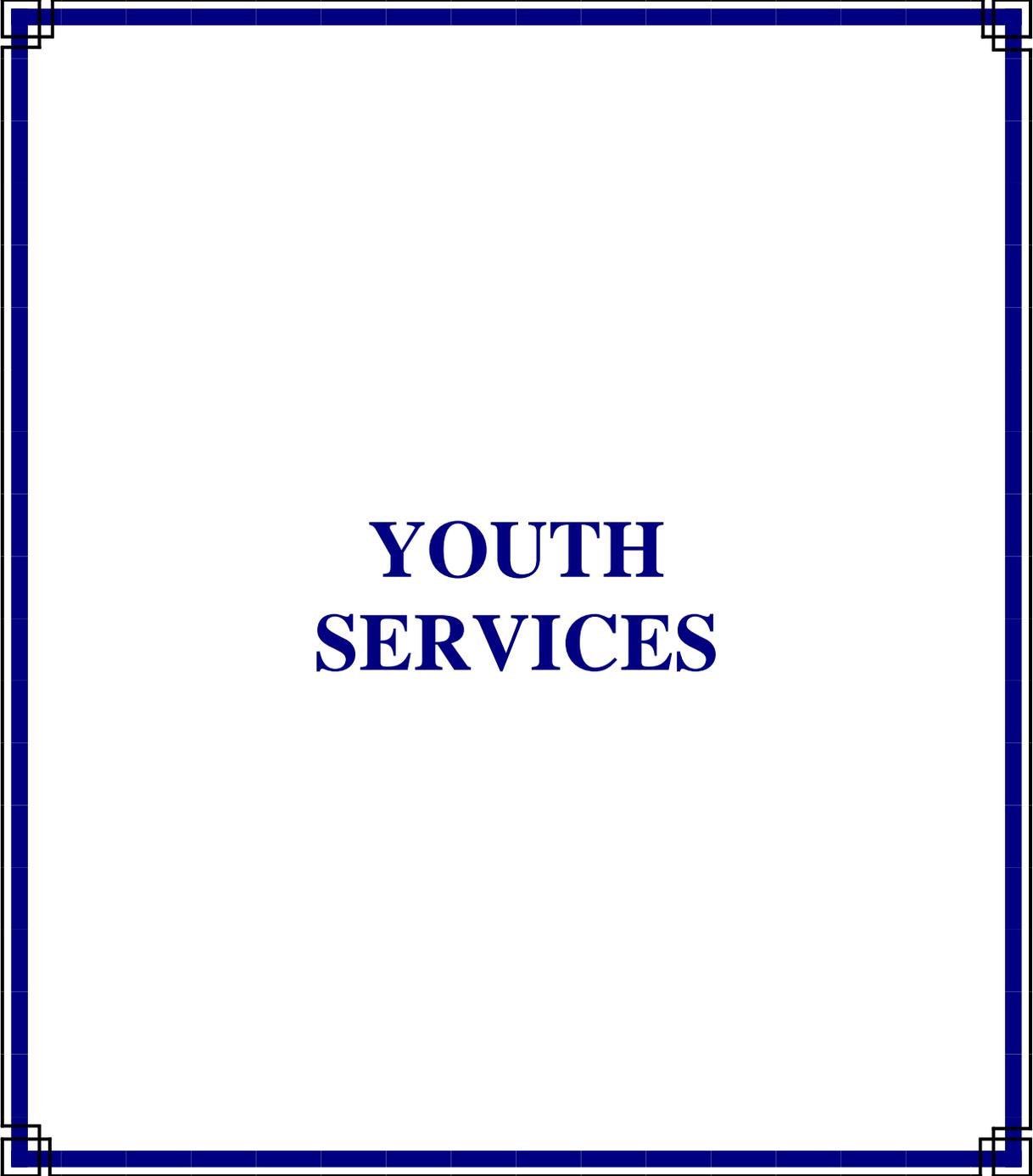
November 18th: The same offender and an accomplice entered a Deerfield residence committing Aggravated Home Repair Fraud after applying a driveway sealant. Subsequent investigation led to the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approval of two warrants on both offenders.

November 20th: The Task Force positively identified one of the condominium suspects committing felony retail theft at a clothing store in South Barrington. South Barrington PD obtained a felony Retail Theft warrant.

November 24th: The Task Force assisted Northbrook PD on a residential burglary in progress and arrested two Polish male Gypsies. Both were charged with Attempt Residential Burglary and Possession of Burglary Tools. These arrests cleared a significant number of daytime burglaries in Northbrook, Glenview, Northfield and Lincolnwood.

November 25th: The Task Force identified five Gypsies entering the residence of an 89 year old man in Aurora stealing over \$20,000 worth in jewelry. They were charged with Residential Burglary, Felony Theft over \$5,000, and Felony Theft over \$10,000 (victim at least 60 years of age). On the same date, Des Plaines PD arrested another Gypsy offender on a Residential Burglary warrant from Lincolnwood PD for an incident in late August 2008. This offender was also connected to ruse entries in Wilmette and Skokie.

The information in this report is provided courtesy of Sgt. Randall Rathmell, NORTAF Burglary Commander.



YOUTH SERVICES

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Underage Tobacco and Liquor Compliance Program

Tobacco Enforcement Program

The sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18 is prohibited by statute and ordinance. In 2008 the Wilmette Police Department again received a 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 2008, four (4) unlawful tobacco sales were made to the underage agents, each resulting in citations, hearings and assessed fines.

Alcohol Enforcement Program

The sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual under the age of 21 is prohibited by statute and ordinance. The Police Department conducts a series of inspections similar to those conducted for tobacco retailers for stores that sell liquor. During 2008, four (4) unlawful sales of alcohol were made to underage agents.

In Alcohol Enforcement efforts by patrol personnel, six (6) minors were charged with Possession of False ID Card, four (4) charges were filed for Parental Responsibility, and seventy-nine (79) individuals under the age of 21 were charged with unlawful possession/consumption of alcohol.

These programs are important to the community because they provide a system of 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 2008 the Wilmette Police Department filed 167 charges against 94 juveniles, which is a 4% increase from the 160 charges made against juveniles in 2007 (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.

2008 Juvenile Petitions to Juvenile Court

In 2008 the Wilmette Police Department filed five (5) delinquency petitions with the Juvenile Court of Cook County. One of the youths was charged with multiple criminal offenses resulting in the following 6 (six) charges; Retail Theft, Criminal Damage to Property, Criminal Trespass, and Burglary.

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 2008 the Wilmette Police Department submitted fourteen (14) cases for various minor offenses (see table below).

WILMETTE PEER JURY REFERRALS – 2008

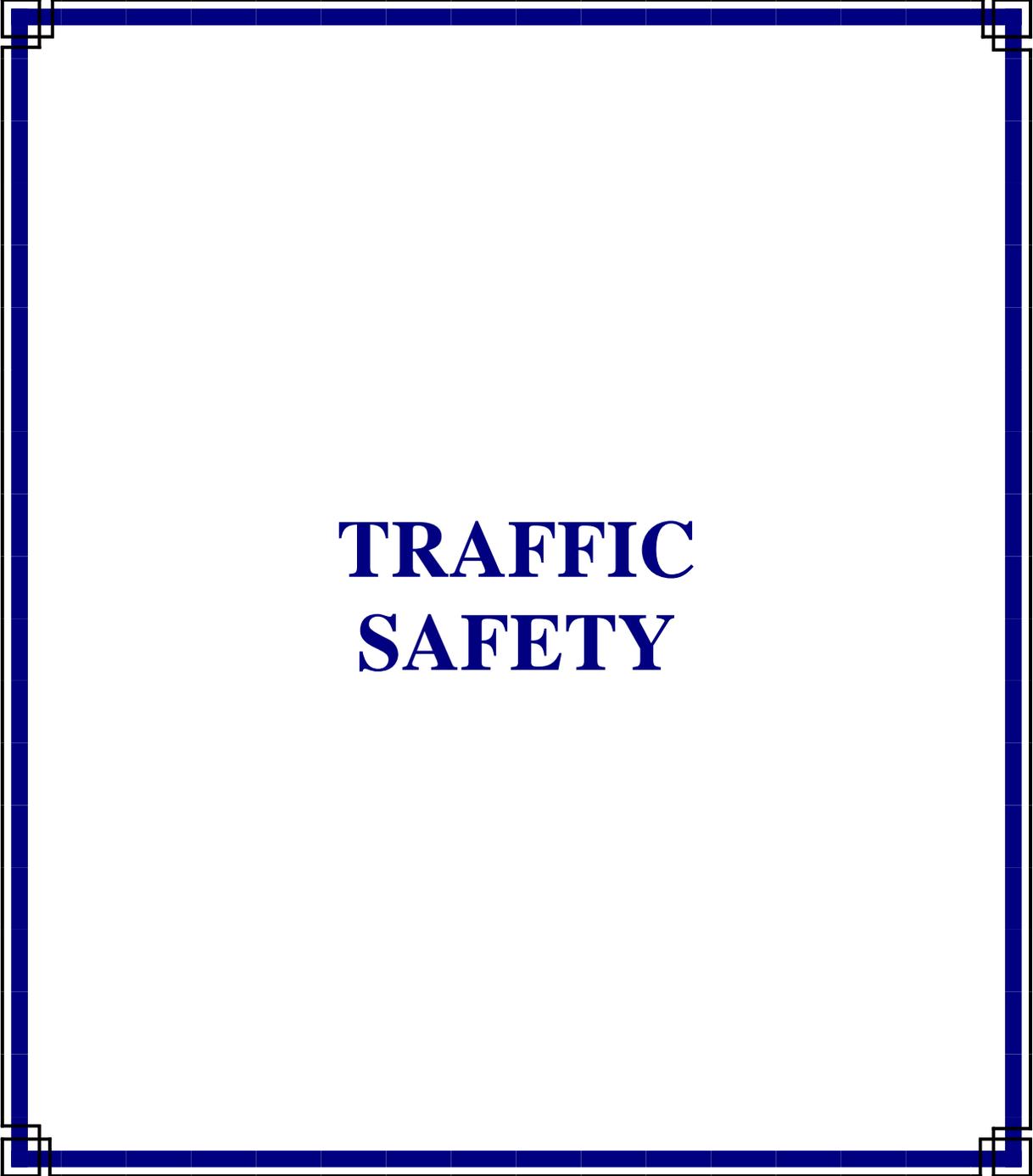
<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>SENTENCE</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Criminal Damage to Property	70 Hours Community Service	YES
Criminal Damage to Property	75 Hours Community Service	YES
Criminal Damage to Property	80 Hours Community Service	YES
Battery	40 Hours Community Service	YES
Battery	40 Hours Community Service	YES
Theft	100 Hours Community Service	YES
Criminal Damage to Property	45 Hours Community Service	NO Referred to Juvenile Court
Possession of Cannabis	10 Hours Community Service & Essay	YES
Theft	60 Hours Community Service	PENDING
Criminal Damage to Property	40 Hours Community Service	PENDING
Criminal Damage to Property	40 Hours Community Service	PENDING
Criminal Damage to Property	90 Hours Community Service	PENDING
Criminal Damage to Property	100 Hours Community Service	PENDING
Criminal Damage to Property	100 Hours Community Service	PENDING

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF JUVENILE ARRESTS BY OFFENSE

<u>Offense</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<u>Alcohol Offenses</u>					
Alcohol Offenses	17	26	66	31	45
<u>Status Offenses</u>					
Curfew	14	15	13	11	2
Runaway	0	1	1	14	20
Total Status Offenses	14	16	14	24	22
<u>Criminal Offenses</u>					
Arson	0	0	5	0	0
Assault	2	1	1	2	1
Battery	2	1	1	11	7
Burglary	1	1	2	0	8
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	0	3	5	2	1
Burglary Tools	0	0	0	0	2
Criminal Damage#	72	3	13	10	18
Deception	0	0	0	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	9	21	9	15	12
Drugs*	13	23	12	32	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	0	1
Other	6	4	1	2	2
Resisting / Obstructing	0	1	3	1	2
Robbery	0	0	0	3	0
Theft	12	8	2	16	11
Traffic	14	34	26	34	29
Trespass, Non-Residential	4	5	12	0	3
Trespass to Residence	0	7	0	1	6
Trespass to Vehicle	1	0	2	2	3
Weapons	3	6	0	0	1
Total Criminal Offenses	136	118	98	124	114
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>160</u>

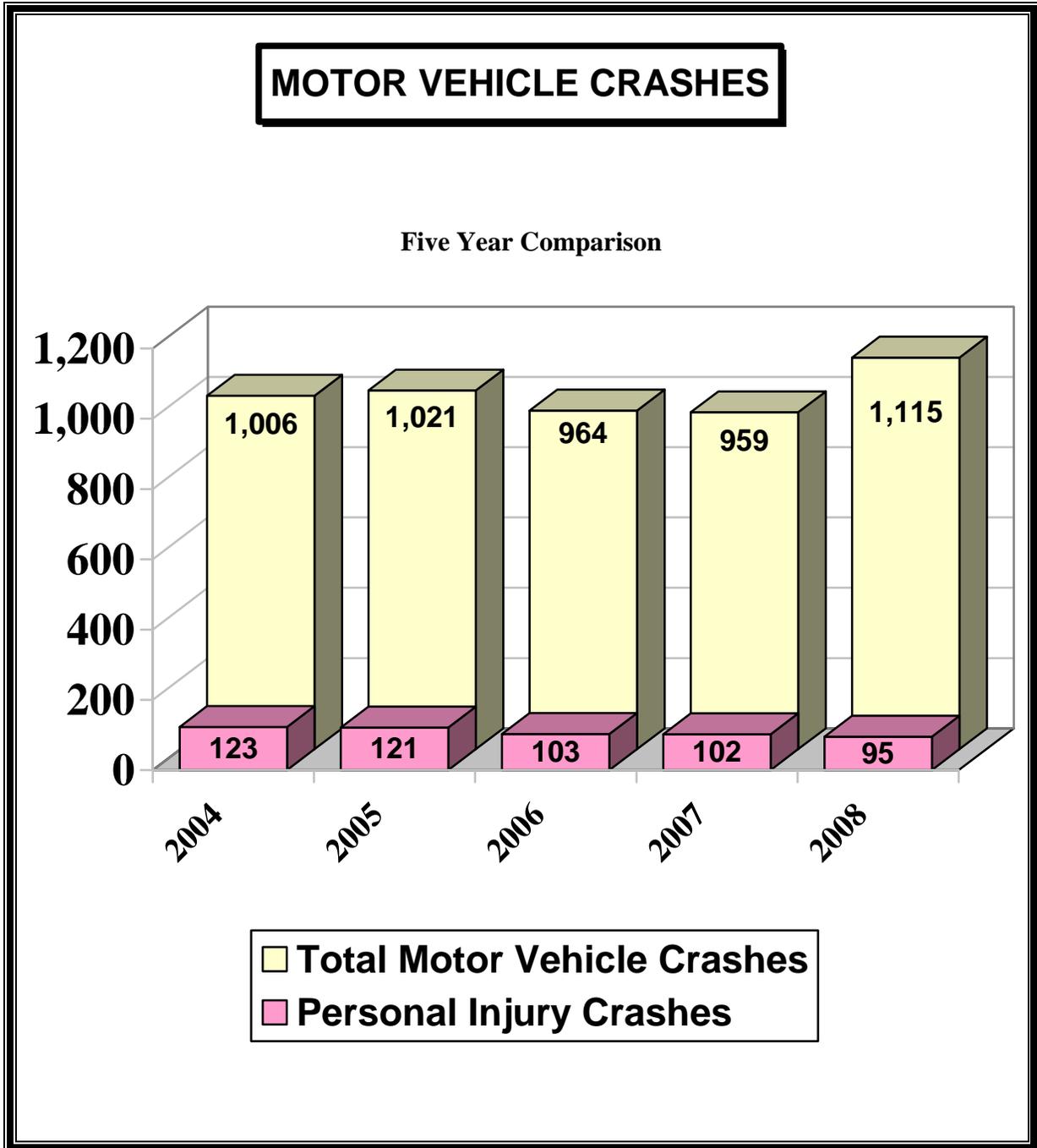
#The 72 Criminal Damage charges were the result from the arrests of 11 juveniles

*Includes Drug Paraphernalia and Cannabis violations



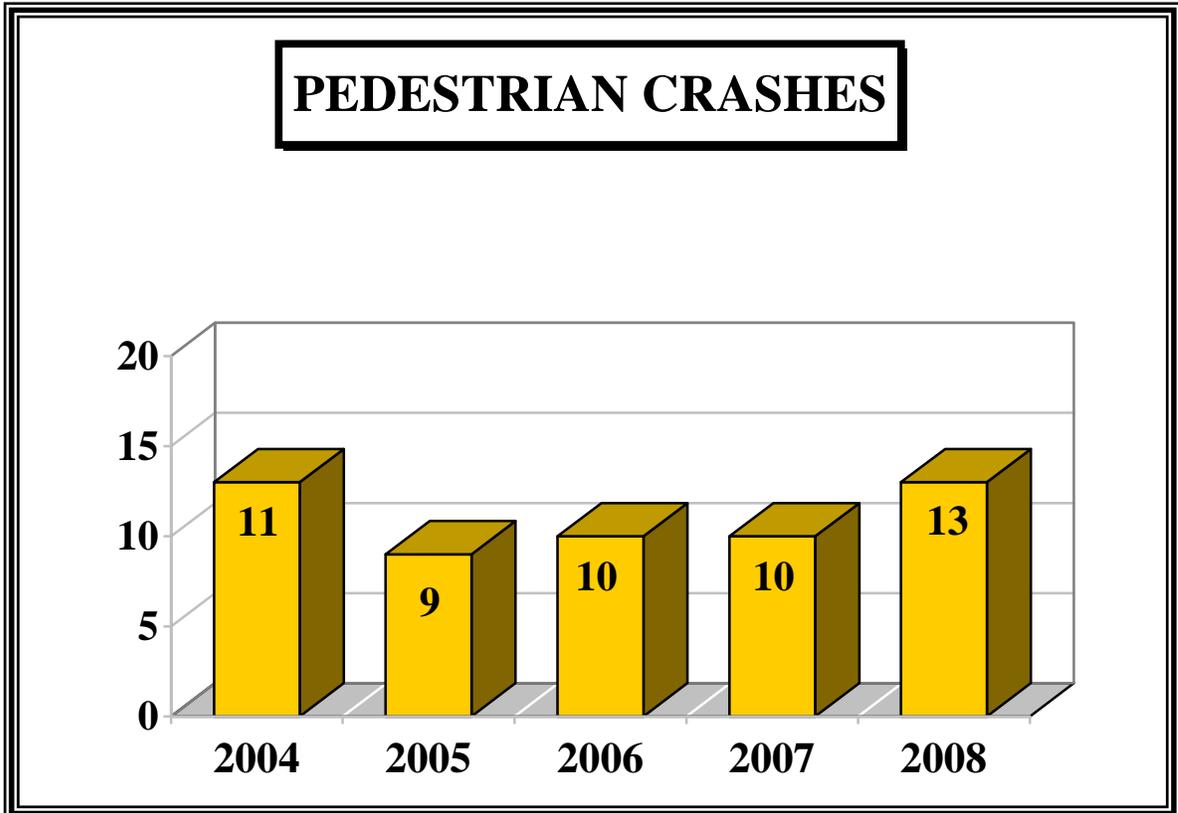
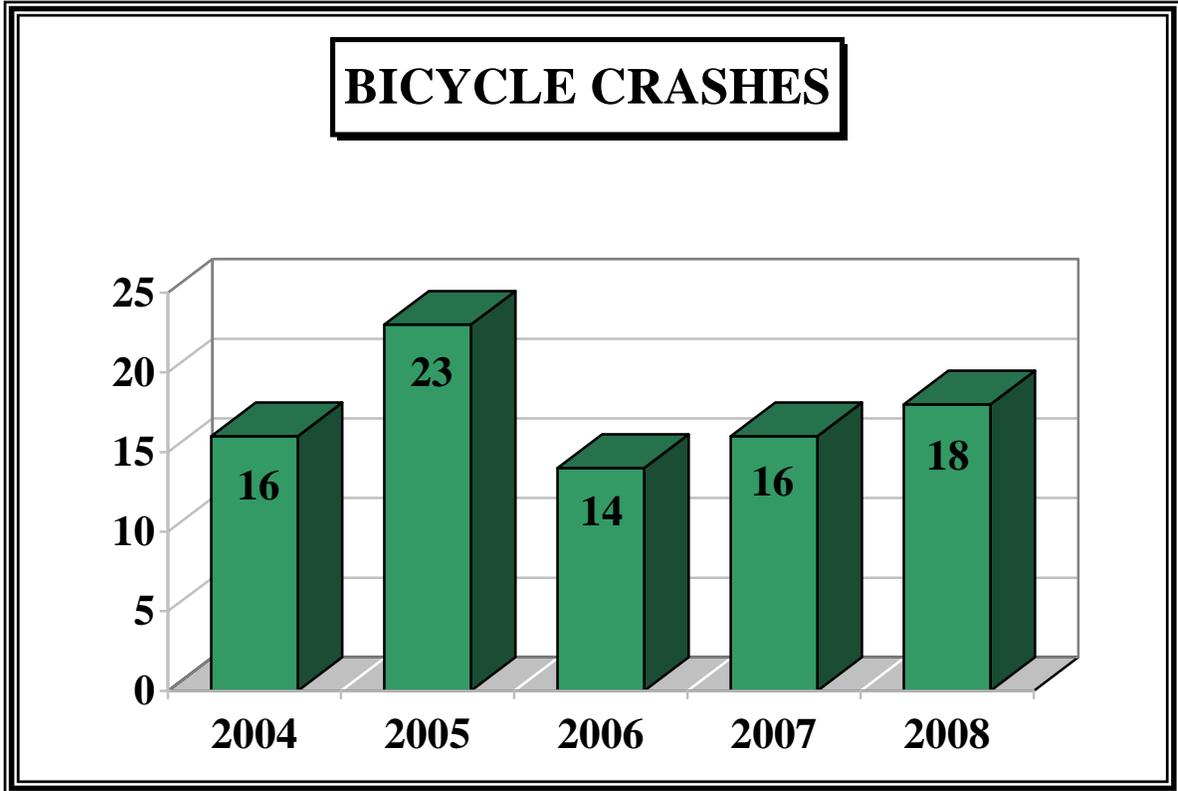
TRAFFIC SAFETY

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Total motor vehicle crashes in 2008 increased from 2007. The number of crashes in 2008 is the highest total since 2000.

Five Year Comparison



TOP CRASH INTERSECTIONS

BY FREQUENCY

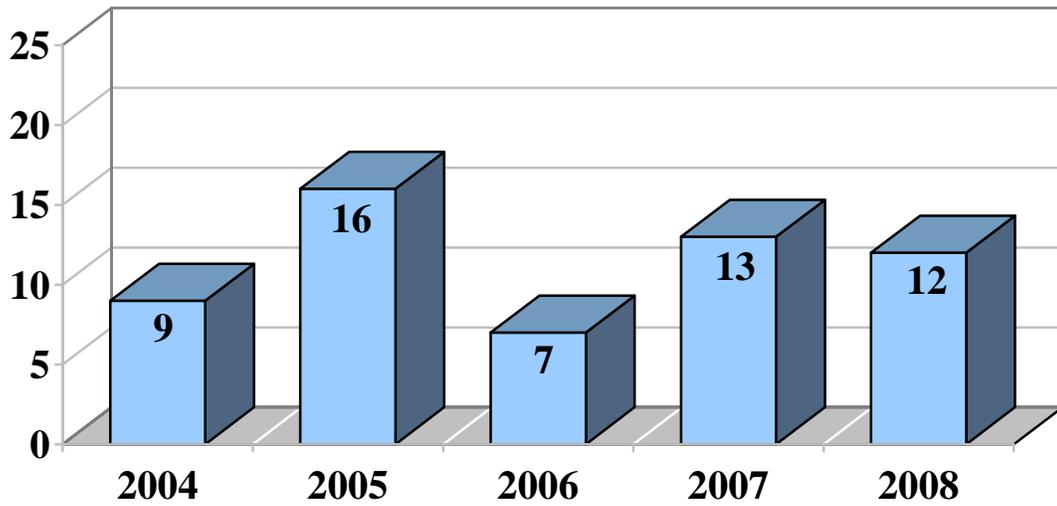
2008	Location	2008	2007	2006
1)	Lake Ave. & Skokie Blvd.	17	26	27
2)	Green Bay Rd. & Lake Ave.	15	9	9
3)	Lake Ave. & Laramie Rd.	13	11	8
4)	Green Bay Rd. & Wilmette Ave.	12	5	9
5)	5 th St. and Lake Ave.	8	2	1
6)	Sheridan Rd. & Linden Ave.	8	5	6
7)	Skokie Blvd. & Wilmette Ave.	7	10	3
8)	Skokie Blvd. & Old Glenview Rd.	7	4	8
9)	15 th St. & Lake Ave.	7	2	2

The above table lists the most crash-prone intersections in Wilmette for 2008 (with at least seven accidents). Many factors affect these locations: traffic volume, weather conditions, roadway construction (such as the Sheridan Road project during 2008), 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.

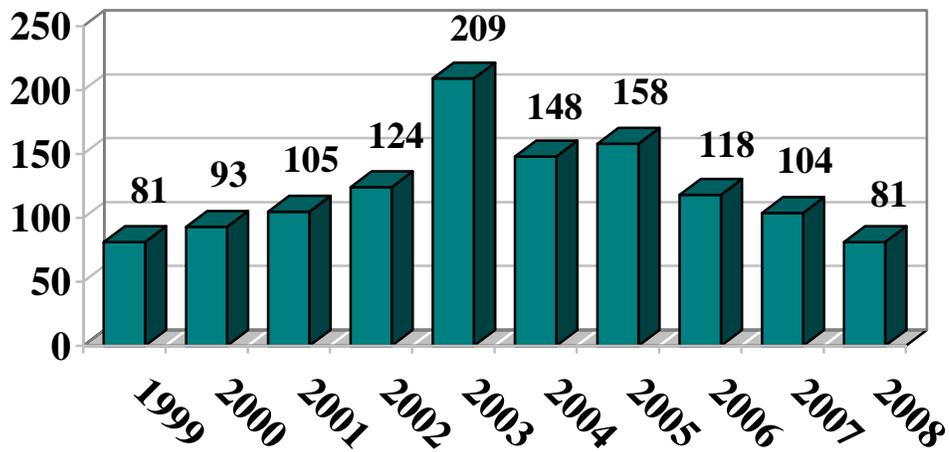


DUI CRASHES

Five Year Comparison

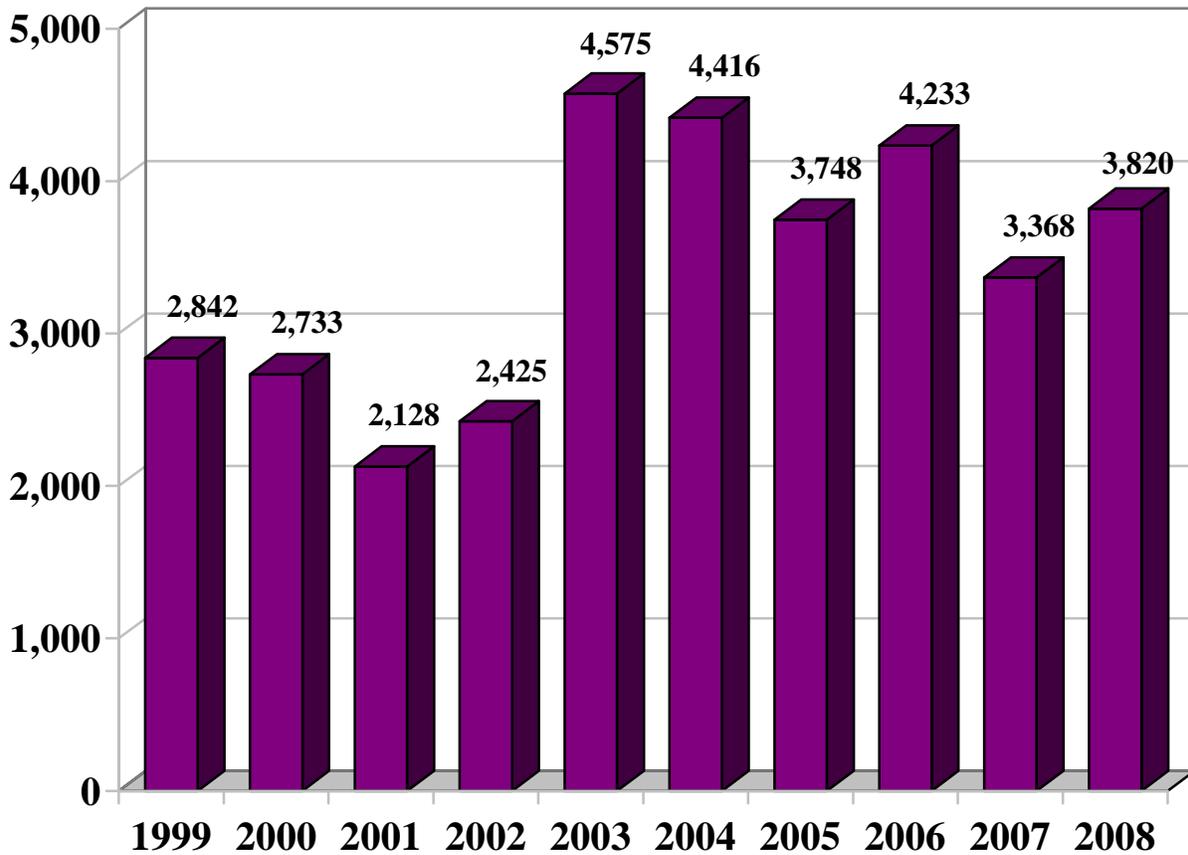


DUI ARRESTS



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.

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
NO VALID INSURANCE	431	324	352	359	414
SPEEDING	1,179	1,086	1,330	1,273	1,412
FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELT	223	275	460	249	133
DISOBEYED STOP SIGN	141	46	42	45	77
DISOBEYED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE*	327	109	177	205	236
REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS**	137	162	140	138	157
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE	74	64	81	74	91
IMPROPER LANE USAGE	154	147	183	208	207
ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOL	29	25	32	24	31
DISOBEYED TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL***	76	70	93	116	92
FAILURE TO YIELD-TURNING LEFT	59	48	54	73	79
SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONE	37	11	12	15	65
DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED/REVOKED	76	140	132	123	157
FAILURE TO YIELD AT STOP/YIELD INTERSECTION	57	29	31	37	32

*includes disobeying no right turn on red signs, signs prohibiting turns for a designated time period, Do Not Enter, and other traffic flow regulatory signs.

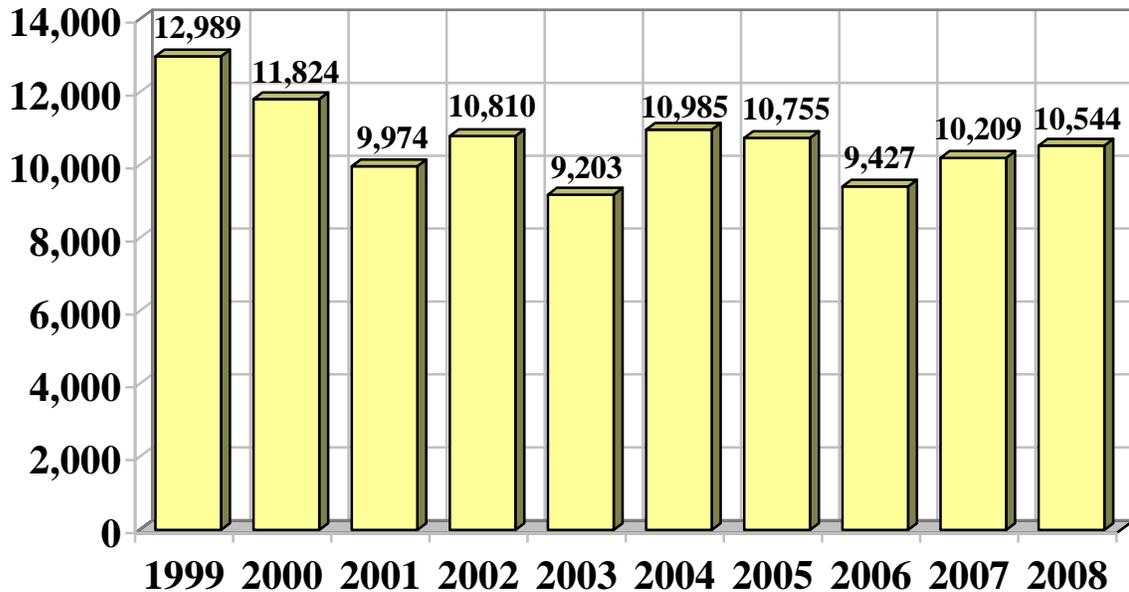
**includes suspended registration, expired registration stickers, improper use of registration, no registration and other registration violations.

***includes Disobeying a red light, turn arrow violations, and other traffic flow regulatory light signals

By tracking the types of violations along with accident locations, the Department is provided with more information by which to allocate traffic enforcement in an effort to help reduce accidents.

Parking Violations

Ten Year Comparison



<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Restricted Hours/Overtime	2,262	2,844	2,183	2,473	4,130
No Parking Zone	1,340	1,675	1,121	1,665	1,396
No Parking 2AM – 5AM	763	624	691	1,079	685
Gillson Park	479	397	459	774	563
No Village Vehicle License	874	630	840	845	919
Meter Violations	660	811	603	668	503
Parked on Private Property	77	51	53	45	89
Handicap Parking	54	38	41	120	86
Parked During Snow Removal	791	202	106	426	647

The Wilmette Police Department works closely with residents, merchants, and the Wilmette Transportation 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 2008 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	2 years
9th Street and Greenleaf Avenue	Sue Daniels	6 years
9th Street and Central Avenue	Robert Minton	6 years
Forest and Wilmette Avenues	Herb Sheriff	17 years

Mc Kenzie School

Wilmette and Prairie Avenues	Terrence Wright	3 years
1400 block of Lake Avenue	Thomas Haltom	3 years
15th Street and Wilmette Avenue	Larry Daniels	2 years
Highland Avenue and Ridge Road	Gwendolyn Hall	4 years

Harper School

Illinois Road and Iroquois Road	Richard Terry	3 years
Thornwood Avenue and Hunter Road	Conrad Wolski	11 years
Hunter Road and Lake Avenue	Jean Bodkin	11 years

Romona School

Wilmette Avenue and Skokie Road	Betty Smith	2 years
Romona Road and Wilmette Avenue	Annette Movitz	13 years

Highcrest Middle School

Illinois and Hunter Roads	William Walsh	1 st year
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St. Joseph's School

Lake Avenue and Ridge Road	Glydean Lane	9 years
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Wilmette Jr. High

Lake Avenue and Locust Road	Joe Childress	4 years
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NORTAF Major Crash Assistance Team



Ofc. Chris Morgret
Crash Specialist



Ofc. Stephen Leigh
Team Leader



Ofc. Sally Bullock
Forensics Specialist



Ofc. Larry Betz
Forensics Specialist

In the mold of the other NORTAF Task Forces, the Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) was developed in order to assist member agencies with the investigation of a major crash occurring in their respective community. Experienced Crash Investigators and Forensic Specialists were organized into teams and provided with equipment and additional training. The Task Force was activated on February 19, 2008 and their expertise was repeatedly demonstrated during the twelve (12) activations in 2008.

2008 Activation Summary

March 20th: MCAT was activated for an accident in Skokie in which a victim suffered serious head trauma and was unconscious at the scene.

May 1st: MCAT was activated for a crash in Niles, in which a motorcyclist struck a vehicle that was emerging from a side street. The victim motorcyclist suffered severe head trauma and later died from his injuries.

May 25th: MCAT was activated for a crash in Niles in which a vehicle had struck and broken a utility pole. The victim had a history of heart and lung problems and was unconscious at the scene. He died several weeks later.

July 14th: MCAT was activated for a crash in Evanston in which a bicyclist was struck by a vehicle exiting a private drive with a green traffic signal in Evanston. The bicyclist suffered severe head trauma, but survived the injury and is receiving therapy.

July 23rd: MCAT was activated for a crash in Evanston in which a pedestrian was entering her vehicle when struck by an unknown vehicle and driver. The victim was later released from the hospital, but the offending vehicle and driver had not been identified.

July 24th: MCAT was activated for a crash in Glenview after a motorcyclist lost control while performing "wheelies". The victim suffered severe head trauma, but survived and is receiving therapy.

August 23rd: MCAT was activated for a crash in Niles in which a pedestrian, while crossing the street that did not have a crosswalk and was struck by a vehicle turning right. The victim suffered severe head injuries and fractures to her leg and hip.

On **August 23rd** in Glenview, a pedestrian had been drinking and was running across a street when struck by a vehicle. The victim suffered a severe head injury and was admitted to the hospital for an undetermined amount of time.

On **October 3rd** in Morton Grove, a pedestrian was located in the middle of a street for unknown reasons. The road was dimly lit and the victim was struck by a vehicle causing severe head injuries from which the victim did not survive.

On **October 12th** a team responded to Glenview in which a driver lost control of his vehicle and drove off the road. The passenger side of the vehicle collided with a tree, crushing the victim passenger. The offender was charged with two charges including Driving under the influence involving a death. The case is still pending in court.

On **November 26th** a team responded to Skokie to investigate an accident in which a driver lost control of his vehicle and subsequently drove off the road. The vehicle flipped over and struck an electrical pole. The victim suffered a broken neck and died from his injuries. It was later determined that the rear brakes of the vehicle were not operating.

On **December 4th** in Skokie, a driver was discovered lying on the ground with the driver's door resting on her chest. The vehicle was found with the gear selector in the reverse position. The victim received chest injuries and was suffering from hypothermia.





PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUITS

2008 Pursuit Analysis

The Wilmette Police Department did not engage in any vehicle pursuits during 2008.

Year	Number of Pursuits
2008	0
2007	2
2006	3
2005	1
2004	0

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

During 2008 the Department received six complaints regarding the conduct or performance of its employees.

Internal Investigation Disposition Summary

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Totals
Rudeness			1		1
Negligent Reporting		1			1
Improper Procedure	1				1
Slow Response	1				1
Bias Policing		2			2
Totals	2	3	1		6

2008 USE OF FORCE REVIEW

During calendar year 2008, there were 9 documented use of force incidents involving Wilmette Police personnel.

Date	Original Incident	Resistance by Suspect	Force Deployed
2/7/08	Felony Stop-Burglary in Progress	None	Firearm Displayed
2/14/08	Domestic Battery	Barricaded himself behind door	OC Spray
3/4/08	Drug Arrest	Attempt to ingest narcotics	Empty Hand Control
3/22/08	Retail Theft	Resisted Arrest	Empty Hand Control
4/12/08	Retail Theft	Resisted arrest-became combative	Empty Hand Control
6/28/08	Disturbance Call	Offender fled on foot	Tackle/Empty Hand Control
7/14/08	Arrest	Combative, swinging fists	Empty Hand Control
8/6/08	Domestic Battery	Obstructed Officers in arresting offender	Empty Hand Control
8/8/08	DUI	Combative	Empty Hand Control

Injuries

There were no significant injuries to suspects or officers.

Offender Demographics

There were a total of fifteen (15) offenders in nine (9) incidents. All but three of the offenders were male. Six (6) of the fifteen (15) offenders had a previous criminal history and three (3) appeared impaired by drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident.

The number of officers present per incident ranged between two (2) and three(3). The officers tenure ranged from three (3) years to thirty (30) years of service. All but two of the officers involved were in uniformed patrol.

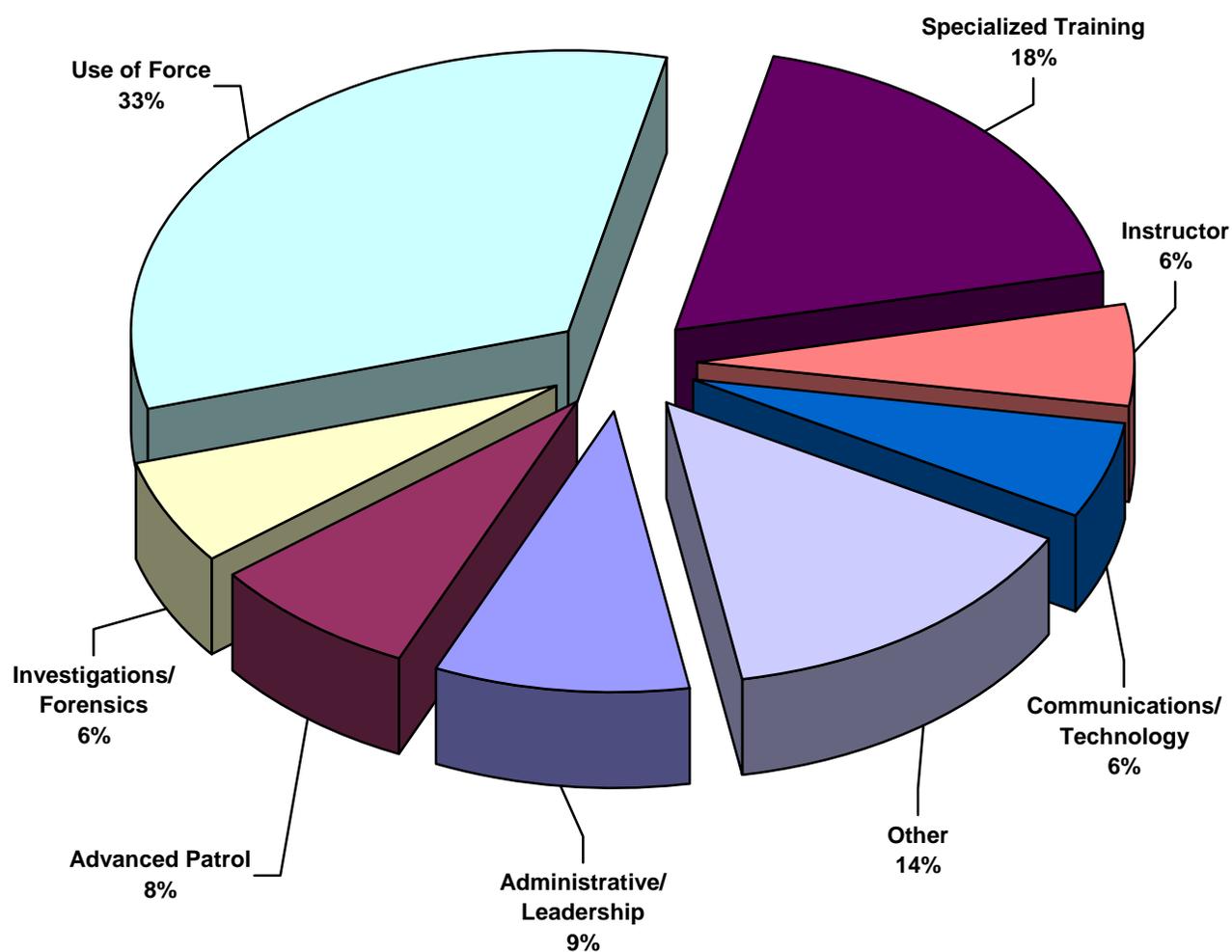
TRAINING

The Wilmette Police Department uses many sources to accomplish basic, advanced, specialized and management training for its personnel. The Department provided personnel with over 3,750 hours of in-service training in 2008. The average amount of training was **88 hours per police officer** and **17 hours per civilian employee**.

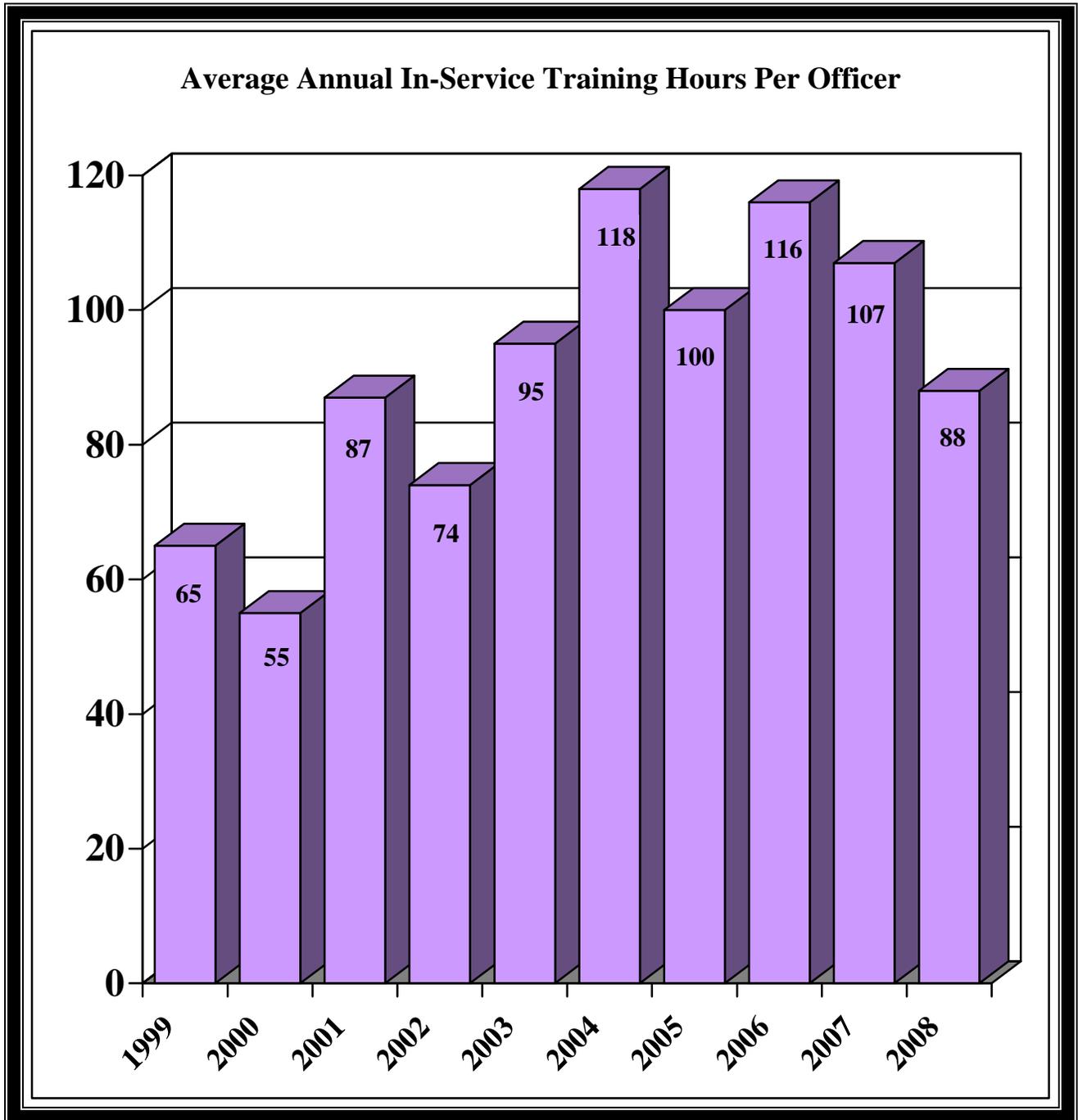
GOVERNMENTAL	PRIVATE	PROFESSIONAL
Center for Domestic Preparedness	BOWMAC Corporation	Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO)
Chicago Joint Terrorism Task Force	Colt Defense, LLC	Arrest Law Bulletin
Cook County Sheriff's Emergency Management Agency	Commission on Accreditation for 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

2008 In-Service Training



In Service Training



Training hours decreased in 2008 due to necessary budget reductions. Although some reductions in overall training hours must occur in this economy, training in high risk police activities including use of force are not affected.

The data on the following page is collected as required by statute for the purpose of tracking Wilmette's traffic stops by race. We are proud that the data reflect the objective and professional manner in which Wilmette Officers conduct traffic enforcement activities.

2008 TRAFFIC STOP DATA COLLECTION and ANALYSIS

Traffic Stops							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total Stops		3,051				754	
Percentage Stops		80.21%				19.79%	
Estimated Driving Population*		80.39%				19.61%	
Ratio		1.00				1.01	
Reason For the Stop							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total		3,051				754	
Moving Violations		2,646	86.73%		601	79.81%	
Equipment Violations		169	5.54%		75	9.96%	
Licensing / Registration Violations		236	7.74%		77	10.23%	
Outcome of the Stop							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total		3,051				754	
Citation		2,039	66.83%		513	68.13%	
Verbal Warning / Stop Card		1,012	34.17%		240	31.87%	
Vehicle Searches							
		Caucasian Drivers				Minority Drivers	
Total Stops		3,051				754	
Consent Searches		2				1	
		Wilmette Residents	Non-Residents	Caucasian Drivers		Minority Drivers	
Stops		24.0%	76.0%	Male	Female	Male	Female
Outcome of Stop	Citation	65.3%	67.6%	67.2%	66.4%	68.7%	67.3%
	Verbal Warning	34.7%	32.4%	32.8%	33.6%	31.3%	32.7%

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



**DEPARTMENTAL
RECOGNITION**

2008 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Landon Girard

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 Landon Girard** as the Department's Police Officer of the Year in 2008. Landon 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.

During the year, Officer Girard's contributions to the Department were significant in that he was one of the most effective officers in traffic enforcement, issuing over 450 traffic citations. 227 of the citations were for speeding and 66 were for seatbelt violations. 60 citations were for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. He arrested more than 10 people for possession of cannabis and/or a controlled substance.

On February 7, 2008, Officer Girard responded with other Officers to an alley on the eastside of Wilmette. Officer Girard helped arrest four subjects that were attempting to flee the scene of a burglary to auto. The investigation that followed revealed that these suspects had committed a large number of burglaries in Wilmette and six surrounding communities. A large amount of property was recovered and returned to these victims.

Officer Girard routinely investigates cases that he is assigned beyond the point of what is considered acceptable or satisfactory. When needed throughout the year, he enthusiastically assisted the Investigations Unit with tactical operations in their response to specific crime patterns as well as volunteered for special details on shift. He not only performs the duties required of him as a patrol officer without hesitation, but offers assistance to other officers.

Officer Landon Girard has proven himself to be a committed, thorough, and highly skilled officer who is self-directed in his patrol activities. Officer Girard'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.

2008 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Data Processor Joan Miller

The Awards Board selected **Data Processor Joan Miller** as the department's Civilian of the Year in 2008. Joan has worked with the Wilmette Police Department since 1990. During her tenure Joan has been regarded as one of the most efficient and dependable data processors this agency has seen.

The Records Section is responsible for data processing and records keeping functions of this Department. In 2008, this section handled 18,040 incidents, over a thousand which were arrests. Additionally, nearly 15,000 citations were processed in Records. Joan Miller has been instrumental in accomplishing these tasks. Specifically, Data Processor Miller is responsible for ensuring that the processing of all arrests is complete and the court forms are properly completed and sent to court. Joan also handles all of the different types of bonds for the Wilmette Police Department and ensures their completion. Joan also manages the permits for massage therapists and solicitors within the Village. She accomplishes these endless tasks by putting a steady shoulder to the grindstone. She can constantly be found at her desk working through the piles of citations and arrest reports while balancing the day to day tasks that all of the employees in the Records Section must do to allow the Police Department to function.

Data Processor Miller's excellence really shines by more than just the amount of work she accomplishes on a daily basis but on how she goes about it. She continually has a superb work attitude that definitely contributes to the success of the Records Section in accomplishing their tremendous workload. Her demeanor, even in the middle of an upheaval, is one of tranquility and professionalism.

Joan Miller consistently displays the loyalty, dedication, and skill to the Village of Wilmette that has set herself apart as an employee to be emulated.

LIFE SAVING AWARD



Officer John Falk

Officer John Falk received the Life Saving Award for his actions on January 14, 2008. Officer Falk responded to the scene of a woman choking at the Wilmette Golf Course. Upon his arrival, he found the elderly woman in a wheel chair cyanotic, and unable to breathe. Officer Falk made several attempts at the Heimlich maneuver without success. He repositioned the woman on the floor, and with the assistance of restaurant staff, he was able to dislodge the object from the woman's airway.

According to Fire Department personnel, "Officer Falk's quick actions saved this woman's life." Officer John Falk's quick response and decisive actions merited his recognition with the Wilmette Police Department Life Saving Award.

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2008 TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD



Officer Diane Grassi

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 Diane Grassi**, a member of the Department since 2000, as the recipient of the 2008 Traffic Safety Award.

Officer Diane Grassi has distinguished herself through her assertive enforcement of traffic violations. In 2008, Officer Grassi made 92 traffic arrests, and had a total of 339 traffic stops, issuing 549 traffic citations for the year. The 92 arrests made by Officer Grassi include: 32 driving under the influence citations, 23 driving with a suspended/revoked driver's license citations, 20 suspended/revoked registration citations, 3 illegal transportation of alcohol citations, and 72 operation of uninsured motor vehicle citations.

Officer Grassi also recognizes that two specific violations, speeding and seat belt/child restraint violations have a direct correlation to the severity of traffic crashes. In 2008, she issued 105 speeding citations and 82 citations for seat belt/child restraint violations.

Officer Diane Grassi's dedication and outstanding traffic enforcement efforts have promoted safety in the Village of Wilmette and reflects highly on this Department's continuous commitment to traffic safety.

EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD

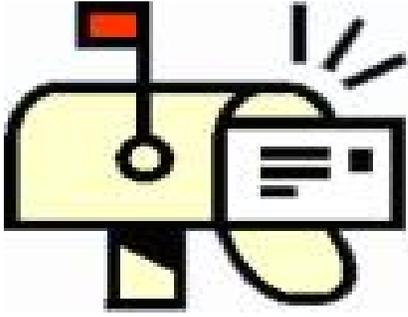


Parking Control Officer Don George

On Sunday September 21st at 5:40am, a helicopter crashed into a home in Kenosha, Wisconsin. According to Kenosha authorities, the helicopter crashed sideways through the roof of the home, pushed down a grand staircase of the two-story home, then went out the front of the house and skidded across the street where it burst into flames.

At the time of the crash, the home was occupied by two adults and three children, ages 2, 6, and 9. Parking Control Officer Don George, and his son Bryan, heard the crash from their home a block and a half away, and drove to the scene. Don retrieved a ladder and placed it inside the house to help rescue the family from the second floor of the heavily damaged home. The existing staircase was displaced and unstable. Don and his son were assisted by two other neighbors. Although the home was not on fire, fuel from the helicopter saturated the heavily damaged structure and the stability of the house was in doubt.

Don George's actions that early morning were both decisive and heroic. He risked his own personal safety for the safety of others. For this dramatic act of selflessness and courage, Don is awarded the Exceptional Merit Award.



Complimentary Letters

Officers Kevin Kiddle and Mike Robinson

My father passed away in March. Officer Kevin Kiddle's kindness, professionalism and sensitivity to myself and my sister that day was something that I will never forget. Detective Robinson tactfully and courteously read my father's toxicology report to me. I wish to commend and thank you for your officers who were kind and courteous during a difficult time.

Detective Roger Ockrim

We are writing to tell you how pleased we are with the assistance that Detective Roger Ockrim gave us in recovering money fraudulently taken from us by an unscrupulous workman. Officer Ockrim was extremely responsive and efficient in following up with the information provided. He was successful in recovering our stolen money and handled himself very professionally. We feel fortunate to live in a community that provides this kind of service to its citizens.

Officer David Sparks

Yesterday evening I accidentally locked the keys in my car for the first time. I called your non-emergency line. Officer Sparks spoke to me respectfully and calmly and immediately put me at ease. It took a fair amount of effort to unlock my car but he never exhibited any annoyance or aggravation. He was determined and proficient. He was extremely helpful, friendly, and polite. He is everything I ever thought a police officer was supposed to be. I am delighted to know that such an individual is a part of my community.

Officer Jeff Hemesath

Yesterday my daughter was involved in a traffic accident in Wilmette. Officer Hemesath was a saint. He reassured her that nobody was hurt and everything would be OK. He was calm and in control. He treated her with respect and complete professionalism. In this day of cell phone cameras we have seen officers who are less than professional. I thought you would want to know that one of your finest is truly the finest.

Police Social Worker Olivia Chui

It is with our deep and heartfelt appreciation that I am writing to thank you for your support of New Trier High School during our recent crisis. Your presence, sensitivity, compassion and availability to support our school, both students and staff were and continue to be invaluable.

Officers Landon Girard, Raimond Pavely and Dave Tesch and Deputy Chief Kyle Perkins

We wish to thank the Wilmette Police Department for their quick response and heroic effort to help my husband. Their professionalism and sincere sensitivity was greatly appreciated.

Detective Solveig Sullivan

I want to commend the work done by Detective Sullivan. I had an incident where through the internet I was a victim of fraud. Detective Sullivan resolved the matter effectively and professionally, resulting in my receiving all lost money.

Sgt. Ed Trage, Records Clerks Sue Green and Jan Burrows

Sgt. Trage was the arresting officer for my mom with a DUI. I wanted to thank you so much for the kindness and the courtesies you extended to my 83 year old mom and also to me.

Commander Pat Collins

Thank you for the great tour of your Police Station last week. We learned a lot! My favorite part was learning . . .that you shouldn't chase after someone if you see them committing a crime; that there was someone in the lock-up; seeing all the bikes that the police had recovered.

Officer Dave Tesch

We found our 50 pound dog had died. She was in the kitchen. I am 79 years old, and not able to pick her up. I called the police, and asked for help. In minutes a young police officer came to my aid. He picked up the dog, and put her in my car. I want to thank the officer and the Wilmette Police Dept. Your department not only protects me, but proves you're a friend.

Commander Pat Collins, Officers Claudia Olivo and Mike Robinson

We'd like to thank you and the Wilmette Police Department for making our recent circus fundraiser a fun and safe village event. Thank you in particular for taking the time to review possible traffic and other contingencies with us. We are indeed lucky in this community to have village departments that collaborate together, and work with us on such events.

Officer Dave Sweet

This weekend I had the opportunity to meet Officer David Sweet and I would like to personally thank him for the professionalism showed to me while I prepared the children and field for our soccer game at Avoca on Sunday.

Officer Jessica Black

I wanted to let you know how impressed I was when Jessica Black visited yesterday to talk to a group of children. There were 30+ young kids in attendance, and she held everyone's attention beautifully. She was so friendly yet commanding (in a good way) at the same time.

Officers Landon Girard and Dave Tesch

I happened to see an extraordinary event involving two Wilmette Police officers and the outstanding job they did in helping a man who had collapsed. I saw these two officers perform CPR, use the portable AED, and even clear his airway. They worked continuously until the Wilmette Fire Department arrived and relieved them. They acted extremely professional and had control of what appeared to be a very tense and difficult situation. The work of these two officers is a tribute to the selection of the fine officers in your department and the training and leadership in your command. They deserve high praise for the effort they undertook.

Officers Julie Parisi and Nick Rizzo

Thank you for your department's quick response to a hit and run. My family was extremely impressed by the quick response and that two officers responded. You have an excellent police department to be proud of.

Officers Dave Sparks and Nick Rizzo

I would like to thank you for the professional way a situation was handled by your department regarding a loss of a car. My wife's car was missing and David Sparks was here to help us. He was most helpful during a very stressful situation. The next day, Nick Rizzo found the car and he also did a fine job. I was very much impressed by the quality and the professional manner that was exhibited by Wilmette officers. You have fine young men working at your station.

Animal Control Officer Joe Wideman

I would like to thank Officer Joseph Wideman for his expertise and guidance in helping remove a raccoon family from our property. His professionalism and calmness helped defuse a potentially dangerous situation for our family.

Officer Jose Perez

I want to thank the officer that handled the burglary at my house. The officer was very courteous and professional.

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