

Syracuse Police Department 2008 Annual Report



Tradition

Service

Innovation

Excellence

Mission Statement

As members of the Syracuse Police Department, our mission is to protect all lives and property and maintain a feeling of security in the community, and to enforce all federal, state and local laws over which the Department has jurisdiction. Our mission is carried out with a commitment to the philosophy and principles of community policing.

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Matthew J. Driscoll, Mayor

April 1, 2009

Honorable Matthew J. Driscoll
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Mayor Driscoll:

I respectfully submit the Syracuse Police Department's 2008 Annual Report.

The information and statistics captured in this report are indicative of the outstanding dedication and performance of the employees of the Police Department. You can be assured that the employees of the Police Department will continue to work diligently to ensure a safe and secure city for the residents of Syracuse.

We are appreciative and thankful for the support that the department has received from your administration.

Sincerely,

Gary Miguel
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Miguel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Evaluation of 2008 Goals and Objectives

Continue to expand the diversity of Syracuse Police Department personnel by identifying and utilizing innovative methods for the recruitment and hiring of minority officers.

Work in conjunction with the Syracuse University Advertising Department to implement an advertising campaign to increase the number of minority candidates available for hire by the Syracuse Police Department.

Accomplished: Members of the Recruitment Section worked with the Syracuse University Advertising Department to design and create advertisements for the Department. These advertisements were utilized on local television, radio and displayed on CENTRO buses locally and in the central and western New York areas.

This advertising campaign was very successful. As a result of this effort, 333 minority candidates and 211 females of all races were recruited to take the November 2008 Police Officer civil service exam. Over the past 3 years, the average number of minority candidates who were recruited to take the November civil service exam was 105 and the number of females was 95.

Increase the percentage of qualified minority candidates to be hired for academy classes.

Accomplished: By increasing the pool of minority candidates to take the Police Officer civil service exam, the percentage of qualified minority candidates who signed up to take the test increased by 3.5% as measured against the total field of applicants(1398). The actual number of minority candidates increased by 317% to 333, up from 105 candidates. The previous three year average for minorities was 105.

Implement a training program for Recruitment Officers.

On Going: Did not implement a training program for Recruitment Officers in 2008 due to the large response from candidates to the recruitment advertising campaign, and the associated work that resulted from assisting and processing these candidates.

Increase the number of high school and college Job Fair visits.

On Going: The number of high school and college job fair visits were not increased for 2008 due to the large response from candidates to the recruitment advertising campaign and the associated work that resulted from assisting and processing these candidates.

Enhance the 2008 Syracuse Police Department's public display utilized at the New York State Fair.

Accomplished: The Department's 2008 New York State Fair display was enhanced through the use of new multi media items and displays. A video of the 2008 Police Academy was played while the booth was opened.

Improve the exchange of information to the community with better communication options.

Increase responsiveness to neighborhood complaints and decrease turn-around time by tracking cases and giving them priority status.

On Going: We continue to work toward a standardized form to track neighborhood complaints so they may be prioritized throughout the police department and promptly and satisfactorily addressed. By using the appropriate units such as Community Policing, Traffic, CRT, SID and the Crime Analysis Section, information can be distributed to officers and the community during neighborhood meetings.

Employ proven resources to enable the Department to provide effective methods of detecting and combating criminal activity.

Further develop the Criminal Intelligence Section by augmenting staff resources using allocated grant funding and provide additional workspace to quarter the Section's operations.

Accomplished: Utilizing funding provided to the Syracuse Police Department from the NYS IMPACT grant, the Syracuse Police Department added one field intelligence officer to the Criminal Intelligence Section increasing the total staff from five to six. Furthermore, the Syracuse Police Department became a fully active partner in the recently formed Regional Crime Analysis Center by staffing the Center with members of the Criminal Intelligence Section. The Center, which is located in a newly renovated section of the Public Safety Building, is designed to reduce violent crime across the region by focusing law enforcement efforts through the use of crime analysis and criminal intelligence. The Center is staffed with individuals from the Syracuse Police Department, Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, New York State Police, Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, Onondaga County Probation Office, HIDTA program (High Intensity Drug Trafficking) and Finn Institute. Utilizing

Evaluation of 2008 Goals and Objectives

the expertise of the various contributing agencies, the Center is actively working to recognize crime patterns and develop reliable intelligence that will assist in crime reduction.

Continue participation in Project IMPACT operations to assist in the reduction of gun and gang violence within the City of Syracuse.

Accomplished: The Syracuse Police Department is the primary IMPACT jurisdiction in Onondaga County. As such, the Syracuse Police Department is an active partner in the IMPACT philosophy. The Syracuse Police Department along with IMPACT executive partners, meet regularly to develop and implement new tactics and strategies to fight gun violence and other violent crime in the City of Syracuse. The IMPACT partnership was instrumental in forming the CORE (Chronic Offender Recognition and Enforcement) Strategy which is designed to reduce violent crime by targeting the top repeat violent offenders in the region. The offenders are targeted through the entire criminal justice process from enforcement to prosecution and supervision. Gun violence has continued to decline; from 297 incidents in 2007 to 239 incidents during 2008 (a 19.5% decrease). Violent crime has fallen from 1,435 incidents during 2007 to 1,351 in 2008 (a 5.9% decrease).

Improve the efficiency of Departmental operations and information sharing.

Purchase and install a case management system for the Investigations Bureau that will be utilized by all investigative components to track and assign cases and share information.

On Going: To improve the efficiency of Departmental operations and information sharing with the purchase and installation of a case management system, several software packages were reviewed. Three companies were chosen to demo their software to members of the Planning & Research Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Family Services Division and the Abused Persons Unit. One software package by PTS stood out as being very close to what our department requires from a technical and an investigative standpoint.

A trial version of the software was loaded onto selected PC's to give evaluators the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the product and receive some "hands on" use. As a result of this trial period, a list of customizations that needed to be built into the software was submitted to the company. This project is still in progress and moving forward. It is slated to be in place and operating in the first half of 2009.

Improve the physical security of Departmental facilities.

Improve the physical security infrastructure of the Patrol-East and Special Investigations complexes by installing cameras and additional electronic access control systems at each location.

Accomplished & On Going: Several tasks were completed to improve the physical security infrastructure of the Patrol-East and Special Investigations complexes.

An additional access control device was added at the Patrol-East complex to further secure the locker room areas.

Late in the year, a walkthrough was conducted to begin the process of installing wiring for electronic access control systems on several doors at the Special Investigations Division.

A walkthrough to determine the placement of wiring and security cameras at the Patrol-East complex was completed. Additionally, the process of purchasing these additional cameras was started.

The implementation of these security measures has several steps. Installation and implementation of access control devices and security cameras will continue into 2009.



Recruitment

In order to maintain the staffing levels necessary to provide the most effective level of police protection to city neighborhoods, the Syracuse Police Department added 24 new police officers to its ranks in 2008.

Early in the year the Department enlisted the help of Syracuse Common Councilor Van Robinson to assist us in our continuing effort to recruit qualified minorities and women to become Syracuse Police Officers. With the assistance of Councilor Robinson and the Common Council, the Department was able to increase its' recruitment budget to \$100,000.

In 2008, the Syracuse Police Department's Recruitment Section launched a new recruitment campaign geared toward attracting more female and minority candidates. The Syracuse University Advertising Program Design class professor contacted the Recruitment Section and expressed a desire to use SPD as a class project where they would design an advertising campaign for the department. At the completion of the class the Recruitment Section had several ideas that were used to create advertising which was utilized on radio, television and CENTRO bus billboards.

As a result of these efforts, the following data reflects some of the impact of the advertising campaign: 86 individuals registered for the for test as a result of hearing the radio advertisements, 129 individuals signed up as a result of seeing the television ads and 63 individuals responded as a result of the CENTRO billboard advertisements. In 2008, 1,398 individuals registered to take the police civil service exam through the Recruitment Section. This new advertising campaign resulted in an almost 200% increase in minority participation on the civil service exam and a 100% increase in female participation.

The Recruitment Section also designed and circulated a new Career Opportunity brochure during 2008. The brochure includes up to date data on pay, benefits and the general requirements for a Syracuse Police Officer. The Syracuse Police Department continues to recruit the most qualified individuals to provide police services to the citizens of this city.

Continue to expand the diversity of Syracuse Police Department personnel by identifying and utilizing innovative methods for the recruitment and hiring of minority officers.

- Increase the percentage of qualified minority candidates for employment as Syracuse Police Officers.
- Implement a training program for Recruitment Officers.
- Increase the number of high school and college Job Fair visits.

Improve service to the community by enhancing the exchange of information with the community through a variety of delivery systems.

- Increase responsiveness to neighborhood complaints and decrease turn-around time by tracking cases and giving them priority status.

Employ known and effective initiatives to enable the Department to provide effective methods of detecting and combating criminal activity.

- Continue participation in Operation IMPACT operations to assist in the reduction of gun and gang violence within the City of Syracuse.

Improve the efficiency of Departmental operations and information sharing.

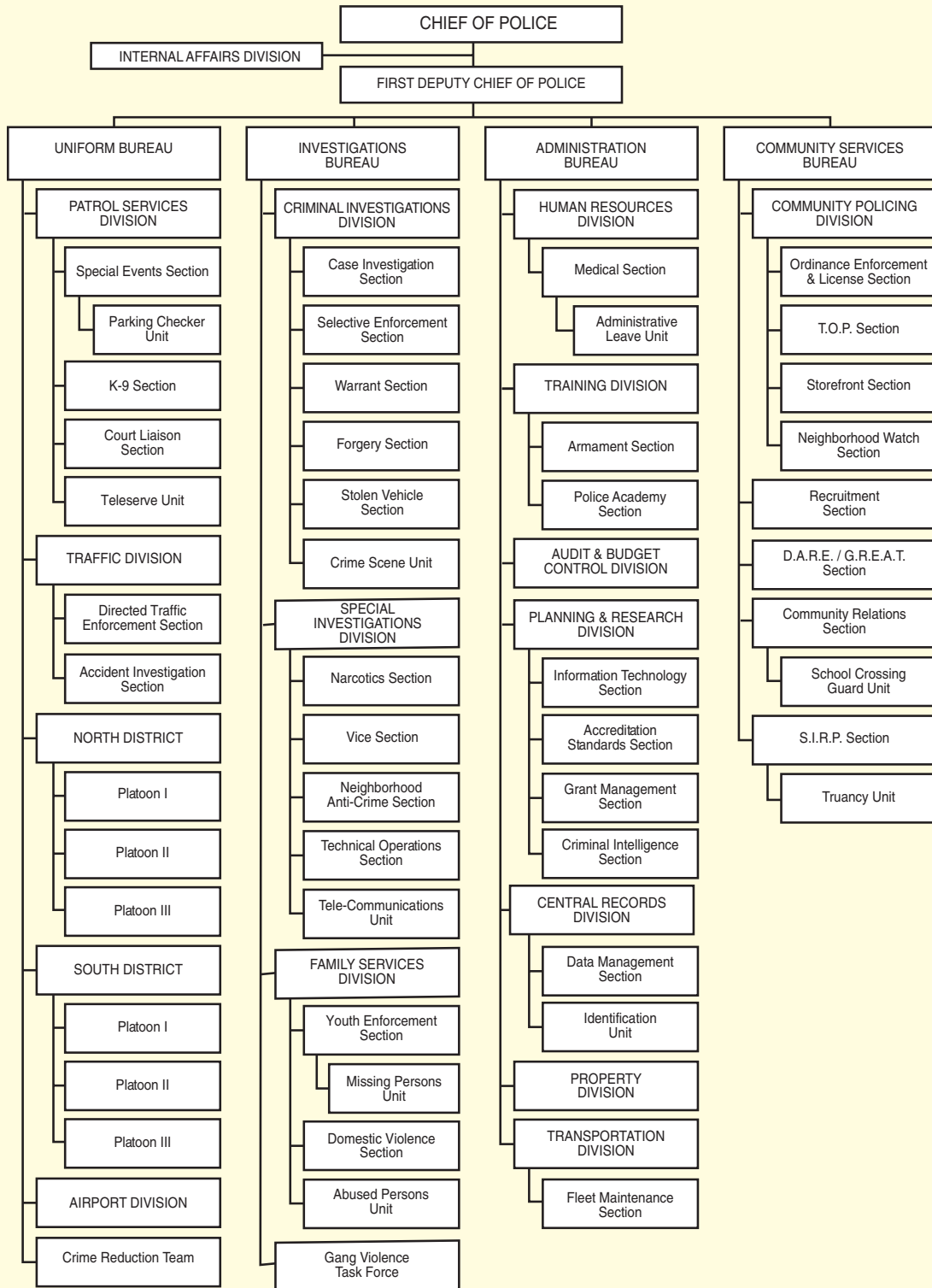
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Organizational Chart

The department maintains a table of organization that identifies the organizational components and establishes the chain of command and clear lines of authority.



The City of Syracuse covers a land area of 25.8 square miles and has a population of approximately 141,683. The Mayor-Council Style Government governs the city. As of December 31, 2008 there were 497 sworn officers and 119 civilian personnel employed by the Police Department, with an operating budget of approximately \$42,678,485.

General Goals of the Department

Prevention of Crime - Crime is a problem that affects all segments of our society, and is a concern of everyone. The department shall endeavor to involve the community in generating mutual understanding regarding the nature and extent of the crime problem and to involve the community in crime prevention efforts necessary to reduce crime.

Deterrence of Crime - Although there are certain crimes that cannot be prevented, crimes committed against innocent victims in public places and crimes against property can be deterred by proactive police operations and an involved community. These types of crimes are deterred by the criminal's fear of immediate apprehension or by the increased likelihood of his detection. The deterrence of crime requires the investigation of behavior that appears to be criminally directed. The department shall strive to organize its personnel to deter crime and inspire public confidence in the safety and security of the community.

Apprehension of Offenders - Once a crime has been committed; it is the duty of the department to initiate the criminal justice process by identifying and apprehending the offender, obtaining necessary evidence and by assisting in the prosecution of the case. The department must strive diligently to solve all crimes and to bring offenders to justice. The certainty of swift and sure punishment serves as an effective deterrent of crime.

Recovery and Return of Property - While the actual cost of crime is difficult to measure, it is possible to observe the mounting cost of lost and stolen property. This loss, as well as the other costs must be borne ultimately by victims. In order to minimize the losses due to crime, the department shall make every reasonable effort to recover lost or stolen property, to identify its owners, and to ensure its prompt return.

Public Service - Because other public or private agencies may be unavailable, the public relies upon the police for assistance and advice in both routine and emergency situations. Saving lives, aiding the injured, locating lost persons, keeping the peace, facilitating the safe and orderly movement of traffic, and providing for many other miscellaneous needs are basic services provided by the department. It is the department's responsibility to respond to all calls for service and to render such aid or advice, as is necessitated or indicated by the situation.

Victim/Witness Assistance - It is essential to our law enforcement efforts that we protect the rights of victims and witnesses. Therefore, the department shall strive to avoid the traumatization of victim/witnesses by assisting them through an awareness of the psychological trauma associated with their circumstances and providing them with the necessary information regarding resources that are available to them.

Accreditation - Law enforcement accreditation is a process used to identify an agency's level of professionalism as measured by standards established by experts and practitioners in the law enforcement field. It is a goal of the department to maintain its accreditation status with New York State Bureau for Municipal Police.

Innovation - The Syracuse Police Department has an exemplary history as a leader in forging new and innovative policing methods and programs. It is a goal of the department to continue this tradition. Members are encouraged to think critically and creatively, present and promote ideas directed towards continuously improving the department and the services it provides to citizens in the City of Syracuse.

Chief of Police, Gary Miguel is the Chief Executive Officer of the Syracuse Police Department and is the final authority in all matters of department policy, operations, and discipline. The Chief of Police is accountable to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Syracuse.



Gary Miguel
Chief of Police

The Office of the Chief of Police

- Ensures that the department's mission is executed efficiently and effectively.
- Creates a vision of the desired future state of the department.
- Develops strategic goals and objectives.
- Empowers and leads subordinates.
- Plans, organizes, directs, staffs, coordinates and controls all departmental functions.
- Reports to the Mayor and the Common Council.

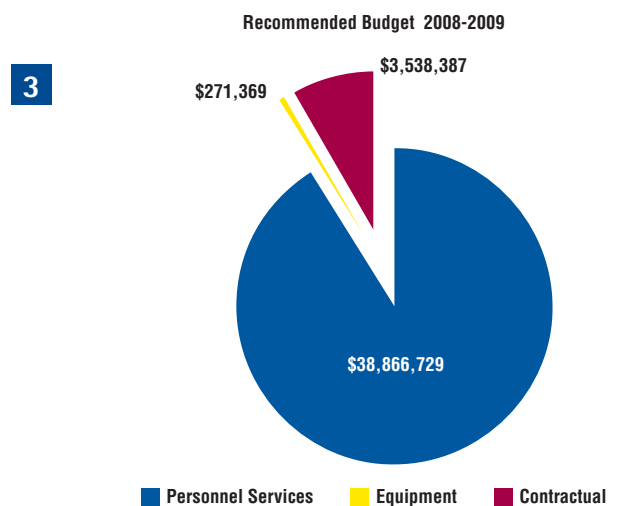
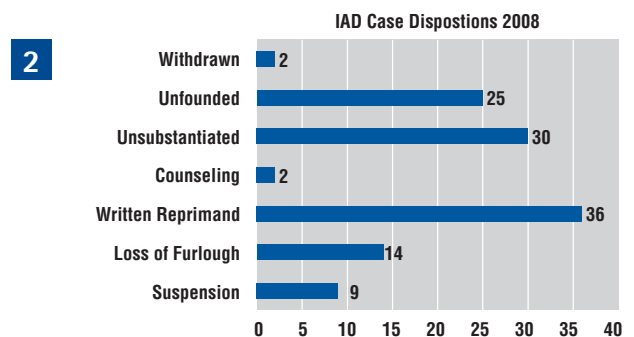
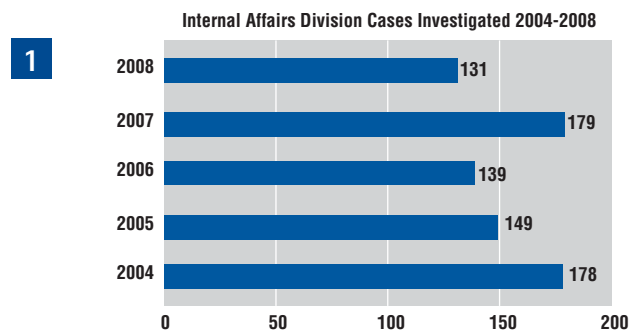
The **Administrative Staff** of the Office of the Chief of Police acts as a liaison between the Chief of Police, 1st Deputy Chief, and Bureau Chiefs. The staff handles internal and external communications directed to the Office, and represents the Office of the Chief of Police in matters as directed.

The **Public Information Officer** is responsible for acting as a liaison between the department and the media, coordinates all inquiries from the media, prepares news releases issued by the department, and acts as a spokesperson when requested or directed.

The Internal Affairs Division

- Facilitates the process of receiving internal and external complaints alleging employee misconduct.
- Investigates complaints against members of the department.
- Maintains documentation of complaints.
- Prepares charges (criminal, civil, and departmental) when appropriate.
- Assists in the representation of the department in arbitration.

See Graphs 1 and 2



Report On Administration Bureau Operations

The Administration Bureau is commanded by First Deputy Chief of Police Michael Heenan who is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the department's operations, and daily administrative functions. The Administration Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions.



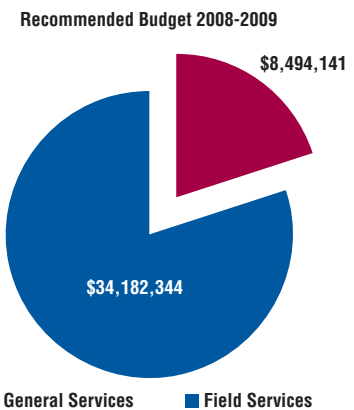
Michael Heenan
First Deputy
Chief of Police

The Audit and Budget Control Division

- Prepares and manages the Department's budget.
- Oversees and maintains records concerning the requisitioning of agency property and expenditures.
- Administers employee status, medical services, payroll, and program information.
- Conducts cost analysis.
- Maintains overtime information and records

See Graphs 3 and 4.

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The Human Resources Division

- Recruits and selects all department members.
- Establishes and maintains procedures that conform to federal and state regulations for hiring.
- Conducts comprehensive background investigations.
- Maintains human resources records.
- Maintains all documentation relating to the appointment, transfer, retirement, termination, secondary employment, and commendations.
- Prepares orders relating to the assignment of personnel and maintains the departmental roster.
- Prepares personnel status reports.

See Graphs 5 through 8

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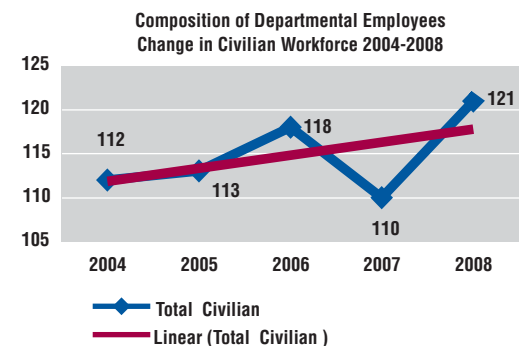


Medical Section

- Maintains and validates employee records of attendance; furlough, sick, injured, military and administration.
- Monitors medical leave procedures and administers time accumulated and/or used by all employees.
- Prepares reports for the New York State Police and Firemen's Retirement System and Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

See Graph 9

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The Training Division

- Coordinates and administers departmental training programs.
- Coordinates and administers the Police Officer Basic Academy.
- Administers training to peace and police officers from outside agencies.
- Plans and develops departmental training standards and programs.
- Monitors training methods and identifies training needs necessary for adherence to state and federal laws, and department policies.
- Prepares and distributes training bulletins.
- Administers in-service and field training officer programs, physical fitness evaluations, firearms training and qualifications, and police academy programs.
- Maintains records of training, standards, programs and lesson plans.



The Training Division achieved several notable accomplishments during 2008.

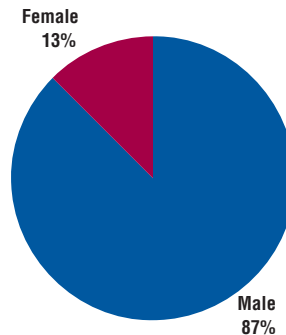
The Armament Section, which is assigned under the Training Division, completed a department wide transition training to the newly issued Smith & Wesson M & P .45 handgun and also completed the training of 39 officers with use of the new .223 patrol rifles which will be deployed in 2009.

Defensive tactics instructors received enhanced DT instruction. As a result of this training, officers will benefit from a new, reality based, pressure tested program which will be introduced during In-Service training in 2009.

The new Law Enforcement Combat Veterans Program was launched in 2008. This program was designed by Sgt. Dan Belgrader and was utilized several times during the year. It focuses on the task of assisting SPD officers returning from over seas military duty with transitioning back into

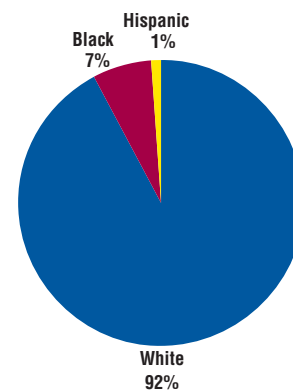
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Sworn Personnel by Gender 2008



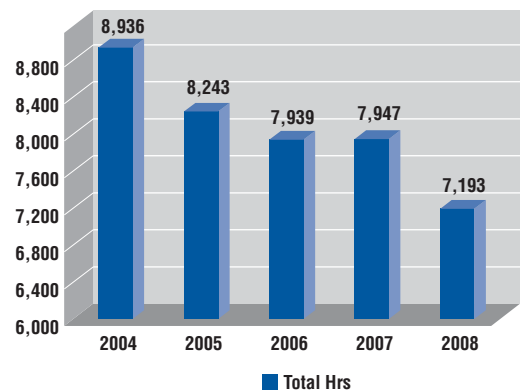
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Sworn Personnel by Race & Ethnicity 2008



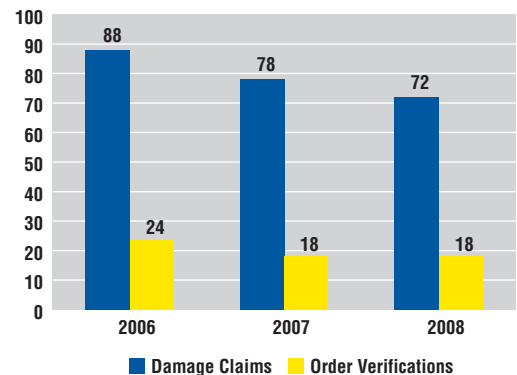
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Department Personnel Sick & Injury Hours



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Inspections Division



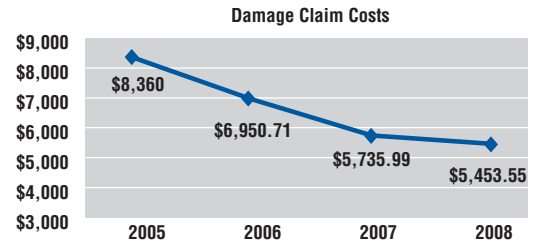
Administration Bureau Operations



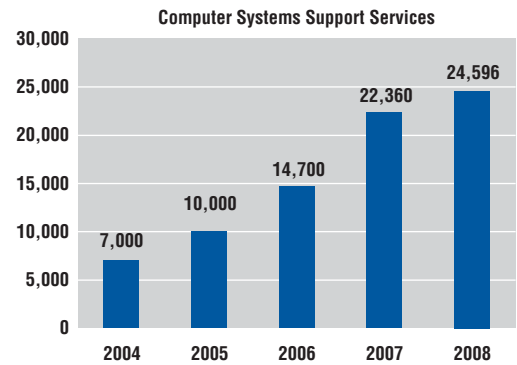
full time police duty. The program encompasses weapons qualifications, judgmental shooting drills and updates for Use of Force, legal updates, departmental Rules & Regulations and computer systems. The program allows returning officers two weeks of administrative leave and a period of time assigned with an officer, who is a military veteran, in order to work as a double unit before returning to single officer work.

Training Division Activity	2006	2007	2008
Police Academy Classes			
Total Officers Certified	26	20	24
Outside Agencies Attending	4	0	0
University Security Officers	9	0	0
Community Service Officers	0	4	4
In-Service Training Sessions			
Total Officers Trained	479	458	494
Outside Agencies Attending	4	0	0
Police Officers	276	387	356
Training Topics Instructed	7	7	7
Supervisors	71	71	56
Training Topics Instructed	5	7	7
Command Officers	31	31	28
Training Topics Instructed	7	7	2
Certified Course Instruction			
NYS BMP OPS	7	3	4
Refresher	1	1	8
Seminars	7	6	4
Specialized Training	7	7	3
Outside Agencies Attending	4	1	8
Total Officers Trained	223	250	212

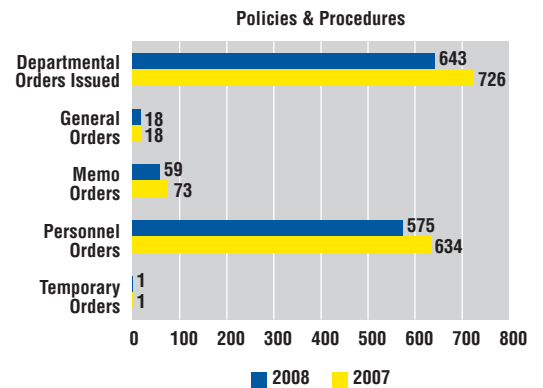
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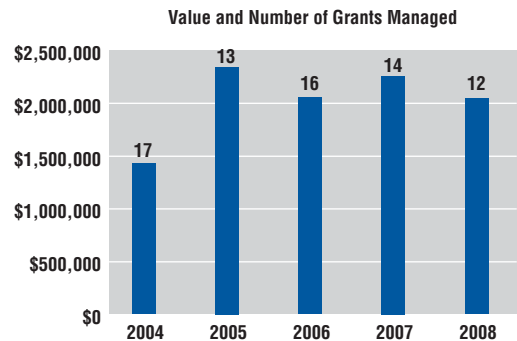
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The Inspections Division

- Conducts staff and line inspections.
- Evaluates efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of departmental operations and systems.
- Evaluates compliance of goals and directives.
- Ensures that departmental policies and procedures are being followed.
- Reports deficiencies to the First Deputy Chief of Police.

See Graphs 10 and 11

The Planning and Research Division

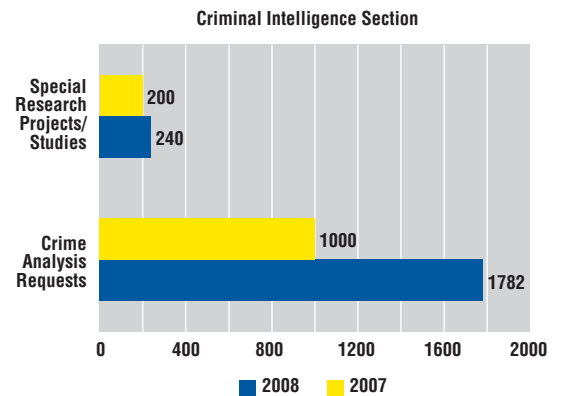
- Develops, prepares, publishes and maintains records of all departmental rules and regulations and orders, except Human Resource Division orders.
- Conducts research and planning projects as directed by the Chief of Police.
- Responds to surveys and statistical data requests from individuals, media and organizations.
- Prepares and publishes the department's annual report.
- Develops, manages and provides forms control services.
- Ensures departmental compliance with NYS Accreditation Program standards.
- Maintains and implements department Information & Technology systems and provides computer system support services.
- Prepares and assists in the management of departmental grants.

See graphs 12-14

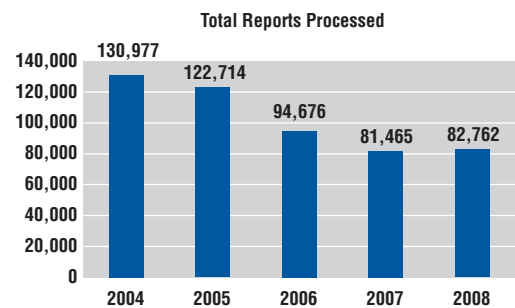
Criminal Intelligence Section

The Criminal Intelligence Section was formed in February 2007 through a grant provided by the New York State IMPACT initiative. The Department's pre-existing Crime Analysis Section was combined with the new Criminal Intelligence Section. The function of the section is to collect, evaluate, analyze and disseminate intelligence related to criminal activity, narcotics issues, gangs, serial crime events and quality of life problems. The Section identifies crime trends by analyzing factors such as time, method of operation and hot spot identification. The field intelligence officers gather more in depth information through street interviews with officers and the public, debriefings of arrested individuals, and criminal informants. The section provides services to all law enforcement agencies throughout Onondaga and adjacent counties by distributing work products and completing intelligence bulletins. During 2008 Criminal Intelligence

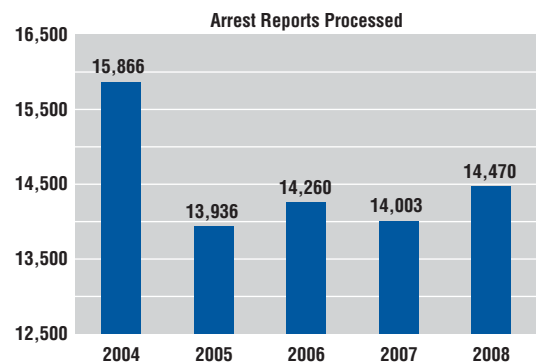
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Administration Bureau Operations

Section detectives were involved in several successful debriefings that contributed to solving two cold case homicides and one shooting with injuries case. The section has created and is currently maintaining several new databases which assist in the tracking of shots fired incidents, gun arrests/dispositions and gang information.

Criminal Intelligence Section Activity 2008

Bulletins Distributed

<i>Officer Safety</i>	51
<i>Wanted for an Offense</i>	107
<i>General Police Information</i>	68
<i>Anonymous Tips Received</i>	190
<i>Inmate Release Notices</i>	39
<i>Crime Analysis Products</i>	1,782
<i>Total Bulletins</i>	226

See graph 15

Central Records Division

- Processes, maintains and distributes police records to include incident and follow-up reports, criminal process, and criminal history information.
- Processes freedom of information requests and NYSPIN Teletype operations.
- Creates computer information databases and record indexes.
- Provides photocopying and mailing services.

The **Identification Section** processes and maintains arrest records, photographs, fingerprints and FBI updates on all individuals arrested by the Syracuse Police Department and Onondaga County Sheriff's Office. It also seals defendant records as ordered by the court, supplies criminal history transcripts, administers the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System, and Onondaga County Sheriff's - Syracuse Police computer generated photograph system.

The **Data Management Section** inputs Syracuse Police Department information into CNYLEADS (Central New York Law Enforcement Analysis Database System); as well as the Countywide Criminal History Information Reporting System and generates Uniform Crime Reports and statistical requests as required.

See graphs 16-18.

The Property Division

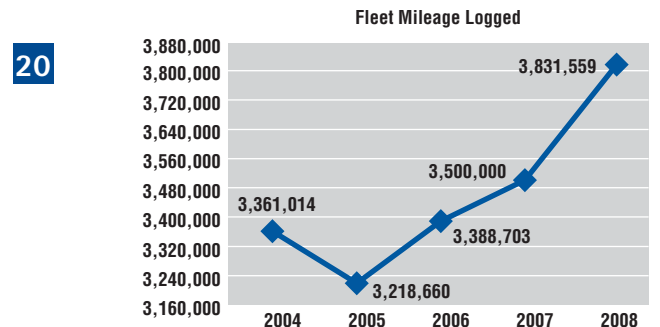
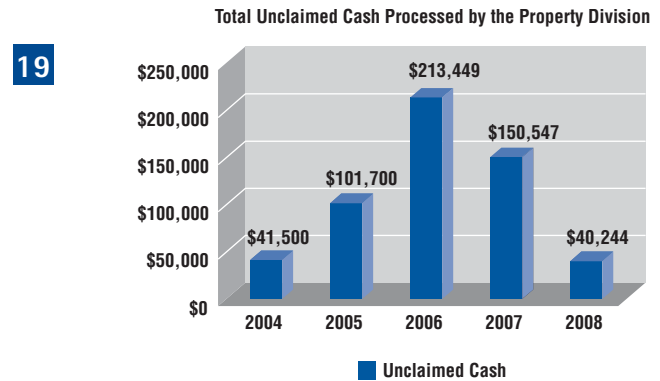
- Is responsible for the custody and disposal of physical evidence, found or recovered property, and all property held for safekeeping.
- Maintains all departmental inventory records.
- Orders and stores supplies.
- Prints departmental forms.

See graph 19.

The Transportation Division

- Maintains all departmental vehicles and prepares vehicles for auction.
- Prepares specifications for the purchase of new vehicles.
- Completes vehicle repair work and maintenance on fleet vehicles.
- During 2008, 51 vehicles were purchased for the police department.
- 44 vehicles were taken out of service and sent to auction.
- The total number of vehicles in the police department's fleet for 2008 was 324.

See graph 20.



Report On Uniform Bureau Operations

The Uniform Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police David Barrette who is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. These services include street patrol, traffic control and enforcement, responding to calls for service and emergencies and community oriented policing operations. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions.



David Barrette
Deputy Chief of Police

The Patrol Division

- Responds to all calls for police services.
- Conducts thorough preliminary investigation of all offenses.
- Conducts follow-up investigations in cases where responsibility is not yielded to another division or section.
- Apprehends offenders and recovers stolen property.
- Enforces laws and regulations.
- Conducts crime prevention and suppression activities.
- Maintains close liaison with the community and fosters positive police community relations.

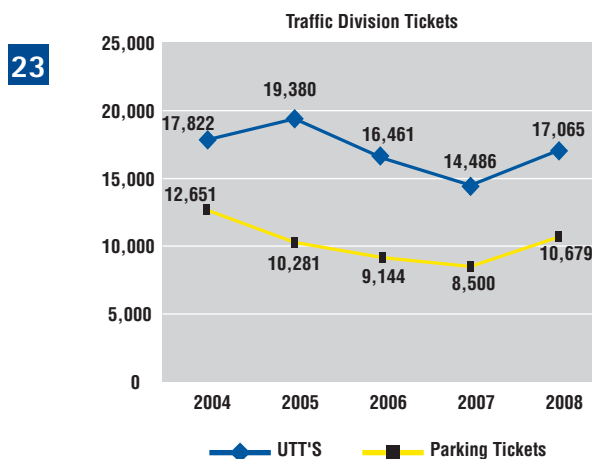
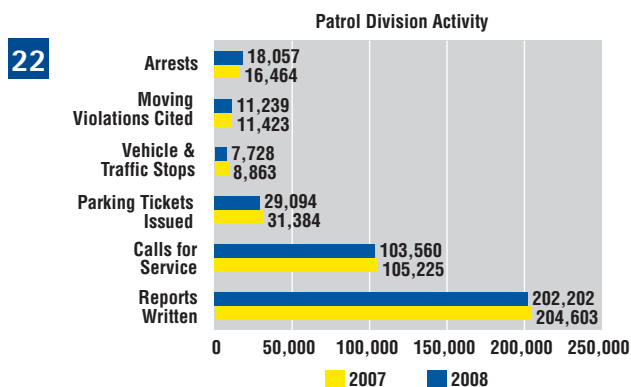
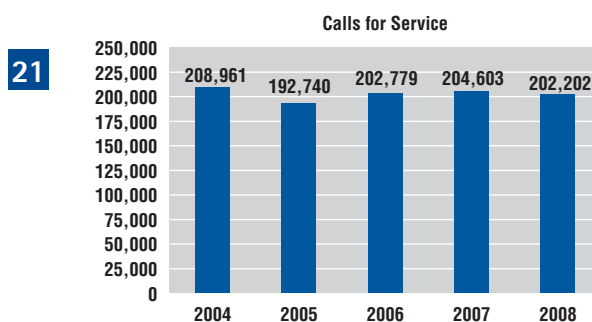


See graphs 21 and 22

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Uniform Bureau. It consists of the First, Second, and Third Platoons. The First Platoon's hours of duty are 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, with roll calls at 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM daily.

First Platoon Activity 2008

Felony Arrests	999
Misdemeanor Arrests	3,102
Violation Arrests	2,407
Appearance Tickets	974
Warrant Arrests	1,156
Vehicle & Traffic Stops	3,944
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	4,947
Parking Tickets Issued	12,973
Social Event Checks	25
DWI Arrests	92
Calls for Service	68,370



Uniform Bureau Operations

<i>With Report 1s</i>	13,728
<i>Without Reports</i>	54,642
<i>Number of Reports</i>	24,781
<i>Vacant House Checks</i>	356
<i>Property Checks</i>	15,785
<i>Business Checks</i>	6,711

The Second Platoon's hours of duty are 06:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with roll calls at 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

Second Platoon Activity 2008

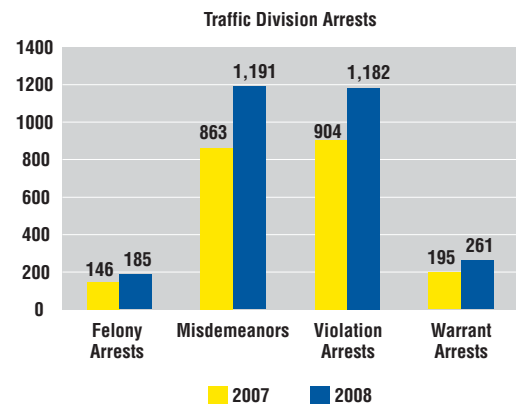
<i>Felony Arrests</i>	591
<i>Misdemeanor Arrests</i>	1,630
<i>Violation Arrests</i>	690
<i>Appearance Tickets</i>	371
<i>Warrant Arrests</i>	603
<i>Vehicle & Traffic Stops</i>	1,485
<i>Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued</i>	2,434
<i>Parking Tickets Issued</i>	8,595
<i>Social Event Checks</i>	40
<i>DWI Arrests</i>	27
<i>Calls for Service</i>	47,935
<i>With Reports</i>	12,717
<i>Without Reports</i>	35,216
<i>Total Reports</i>	32,044
<i>Vacant House Checks</i>	92
<i>Property Checks</i>	4,929
<i>Business Checks</i>	3,200

The Third Platoon's hours of duty are 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with roll calls at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM daily.

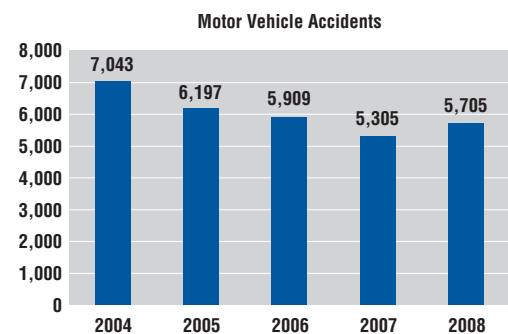
Third Platoon Activity 2008

<i>Felony Arrests</i>	964
<i>Misdemeanor Arrests</i>	3,080
<i>Violation Arrests</i>	1,820
<i>Appearance Tickets</i>	1,324
<i>Warrant Arrests</i>	1,014
<i>Vehicle & Traffic Stops</i>	2,299
<i>Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued</i>	3,858
<i>Parking Tickets Issued</i>	7,526
<i>Social Event Checks</i>	285
<i>DWI Arrests</i>	135
<i>Calls for Service</i>	85,897
<i>With Reports</i>	20,546
<i>Without Reports</i>	65,439

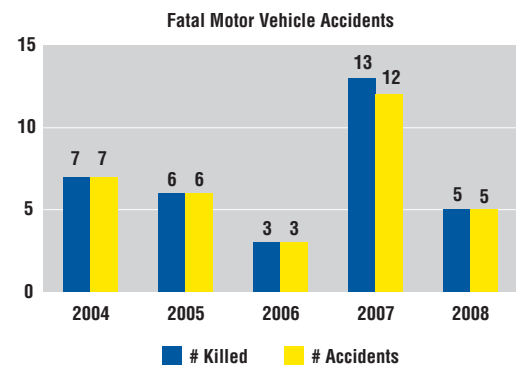
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Uniform Bureau Operations

<i>Number of Reports</i>	46,735
<i>Vacant House Checks</i>	482
<i>Property Checks</i>	6,195
<i>Business Checks</i>	5,170

Platoon Comparisons 2009

The following chart depicts the average annual workload per officer assigned to the First, Second and Third Platoons for the categories listed:

<i>Platoon</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>
<i>Felony Arrests</i>	22	12	16
<i>Misdemeanor Arrests</i>	67	32	51
<i>Violation Arrests</i>	52	14	30
<i>Appearance Tickets Issued</i>	21	7	22
<i>Warrant Arrests</i>	25	12	17
<i>Vehicle and Traffic Stops</i>	86	29	38
<i>Traffic Tickets Issued</i>	108	48	64
<i>Parking Tickets Issued</i>	282	169	125
<i>DWI Arrests</i>	2	1	2
<i>Calls for Service</i>	1,486	940	1,432
<i>With Reports</i>	298	249	342
<i>Without Reports</i>	1,188	691	1,091
<i>Total Reports</i>	539	628	779

The Patrol Services Division

- Serves as the administrative arm of the Uniform Bureau Deputy Chief.
- Disseminates directives and information.
- Obtains equipment necessary for operations.
- Analyzes statistical data of patrol activity systems and processes.
- Monitors levels of efficiency and effectiveness.
- Oversees the operations of the Special Events Section, K-9 Section, Court Liaison, Teleserve Unit.



The **K-9 Section** is comprised of seven canine teams. Each team receives special training in building searches, area searches, tracking, obedience, and either narcotics or explosive detection. K-9 Activity for 2008 is as follows:

<i>Calls for Service</i>	5,039
<i>Felony Arrests</i>	54
<i>Misdemeanors</i>	162
<i>Violations</i>	170
<i>Building Searches</i>	285
<i>Explosive Searches</i>	216
<i>K-9 Tracking</i>	26
<i>Open Area Searches</i>	73
<i>Building Perimeter Checks</i>	567
<i>Stolen Property Recovered</i>	\$42,375
<i>Traffic Tickets Issued</i>	251
<i>K-9 Demonstrations</i>	33
<i>Attendance</i>	1,011
<i>Officer Protection</i>	371
<i>Drug Searches</i>	174
<i>Marijuana Seized</i>	2 oz.
<i>Cocaine Seized</i>	1 oz.
<i>Drug Money Seized</i>	\$67,400

The **Special Events Section** plans and coordinates staffing and traffic control operations for numerous community events conducted in the City of Syracuse.

<i>Major Community Events</i>	104
<i>Carrier Dome Events</i>	93
<i>Officers Assigned to Dome Events</i>	947
<i>Dome Attendance 2008</i>	670,841

Uniform Bureau Operations

The **Tele-serve Section** handles calls from citizens that are of a specific non-emergency nature.

Reports Written	84
Mail Complaints	1,617
Total Calls Handled	3,332

The **Court Liaison Section** processed 4,412 subpoenas, as well as notices scheduling pre-trial hearings and conferences to individual officers during the year 2008.

The Traffic Division

The Traffic Division is a pro-active traffic enforcement component of the department and is responsible for enforcing NYS laws and City of Syracuse ordinances governing vehicles and traffic.

See graphs 23 and 24

The **Accident Investigation Section** reviews, processes, stores and maintains motor vehicle accident reports and provides statistical and requested report information concerning motor vehicle accidents that occur in the City of Syracuse. The following graphs depict various motor vehicle accident and vehicle and traffic related statistics.

See graphs 25 through 27

The Airport Division

- Provides police services and airport security at the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.
- Ensures compliance with, and the enforcement of, Federal Aviation Regulations and standards, and local, state, and federal laws.
- During 2008 officers working at the Airport performed 233 pistol permit verifications.

Syracuse Hancock International Airport Activity 2008

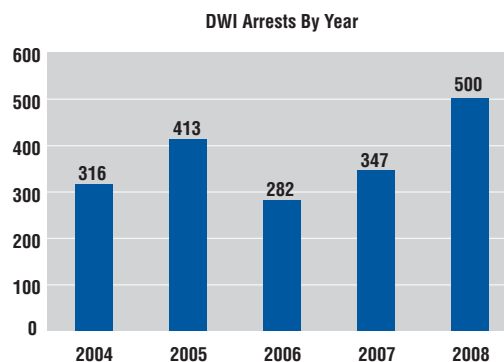
Felony Arrests	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	10
Violation Arrests	17
Vehicle & Traffic Stops	173
UTT's	150
Parking Tickets Issued	4,796
SIDA Checks	35,556
In Flight Emergencies	25
Total Calls	6,562
With Reports	719
Without Reports	5,731
Property Checks	35,542

The Crime Reduction Team

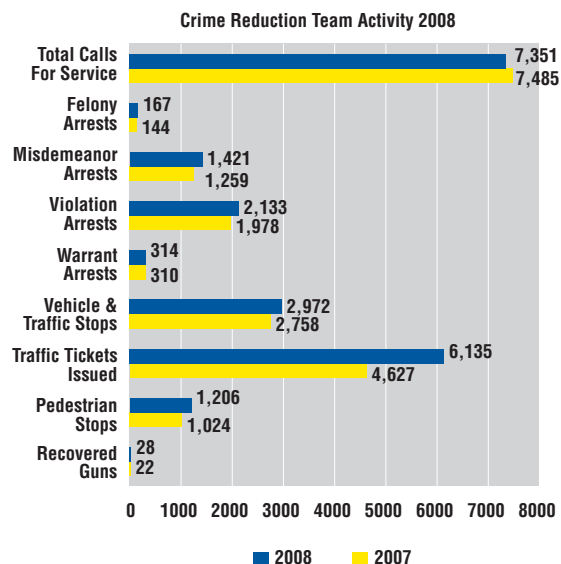
The main function of the Crime Reduction Team is to reduce crime and violence in the City of Syracuse through proactive patrol tactics and strict enforcement of city ordinances, penal and vehicle & traffic laws. The team concentrates its' activities in designated troubled neighborhoods, responds to shots fired calls and supports uniform patrol operations when necessary. The following graph depicts statistical information for the Crime Reduction Team for 2008.

See graph 28

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The Investigations Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief Michael Kerwin who is responsible for overseeing the investigation of crimes committed against persons, property and serious or unusual incidents after the initial response and investigation by patrol. The Investigations Bureau also investigates narcotic and vice activity. This Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions.

The Criminal Investigations Division

- Conducts follow-up felony investigations initiated by the Patrol Division.
- Assists in primary investigations when requested.
- Clears crimes through arrest and recovery of stolen property, executes search and arrest warrants and apprehends fugitives.
- Acts as a liaison with representatives from federal, state, and other municipal agencies, and exchanges information concerning known criminals and criminal activity.
- Coordinates information with prosecuting agencies during investigations for upcoming court cases.

The **Case Investigation Section** conducts criminal investigations, primarily of felony crimes against persons such as homicide, rape, robbery, assault, and unattended deaths. The section also investigates criminal acts involving the loss of, or damage to, property such as burglary, arson, and larceny.

See graphs 29 and 30

The **Forgery Section** conducts follow-up investigations of all economic crime investigations that are beyond the capabilities of the Patrol Division. The section assists and advises patrol personnel in processing patrol initiated fraud arrests and investigations. The Forgery Section further coordinates investigations and acts as a liaison with businesses, banks and other law enforcement agencies.

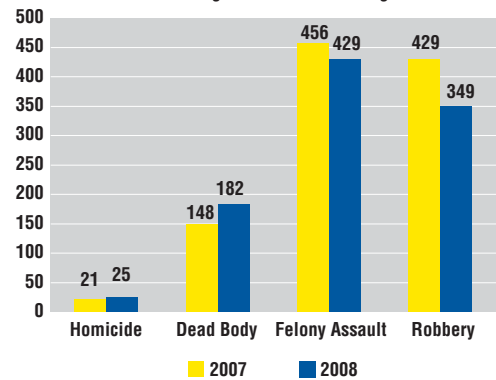
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Michael Kerwin
Deputy Chief of Police

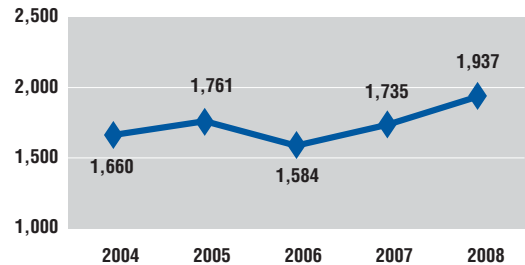
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CID Crimes Against Persons Investigations



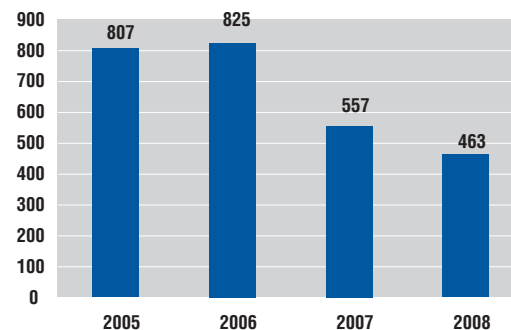
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Burglaries Reported



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Forgery Investigations



The **Stolen Vehicle Section** conducts investigations of stolen motor vehicles and coordinates the return of recovered stolen vehicles to victims. It serves as a liaison and coordinates investigations with international, federal, state and municipal agencies, and insurance organizations. It disseminates statistical data relative to vehicle theft crime trends and patterns. Graph # 33 depicts the trend in the number of stolen vehicles and the department's recovery rate for the period 2004 through 2008.

See graphs 33 and 34

The **Warrant Section** is responsible for the execution of outstanding misdemeanor and felony arrest warrants. The section develops information on the whereabouts of suspects, and coordinates investigations with other law enforcement agencies in order to apprehend fugitives.

See graph 35

The **Selective Enforcement Section** is responsible for reducing selected crimes and crime patterns by utilizing pro-active enforcement strategies and tactics. This section assists and supports the Crimes Against Persons and Property Sections in conducting major investigations.

See graph 36

The Special Investigations Division

- Conducts investigations into organized crime, narcotics trafficking and vice-related activity.
- Coordinates enforcement action and develops inter-agency cooperation, coordination, and communication relative to metropolitan wide narcotics enforcement efforts.

The **Narcotics Section** is responsible for the suppression of narcotics trafficking, from street level to major criminal conspiracy activity. The Section maintains and develops intelligence files relative to narcotics distribution, develops informants, executes search warrants, makes arrests, and initiates counteractive measures to combat illegal drug activity.

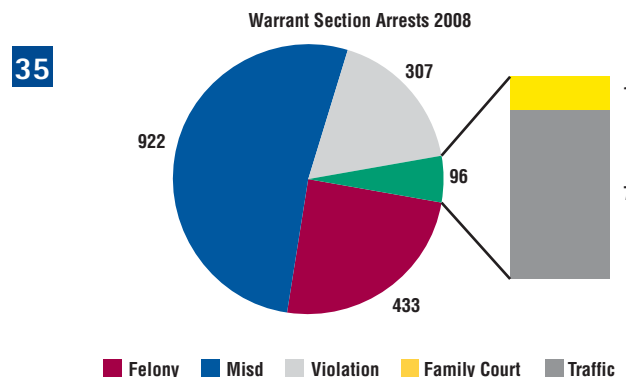
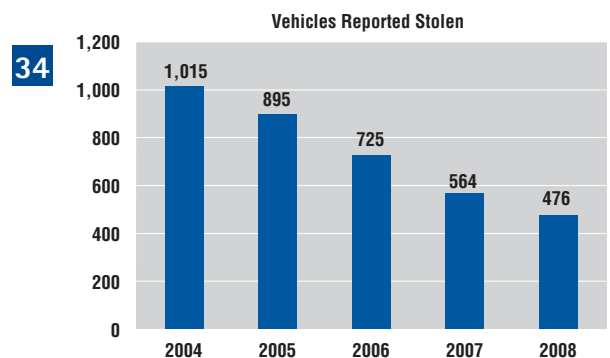
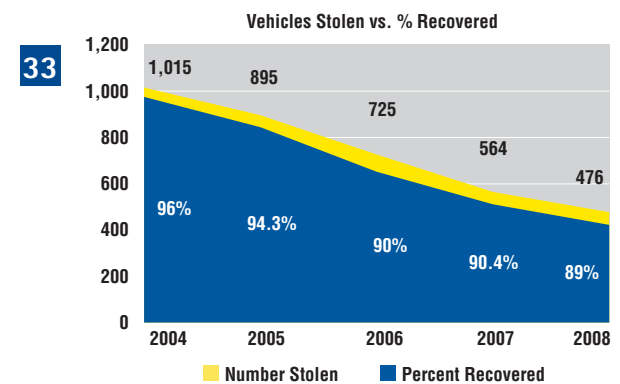
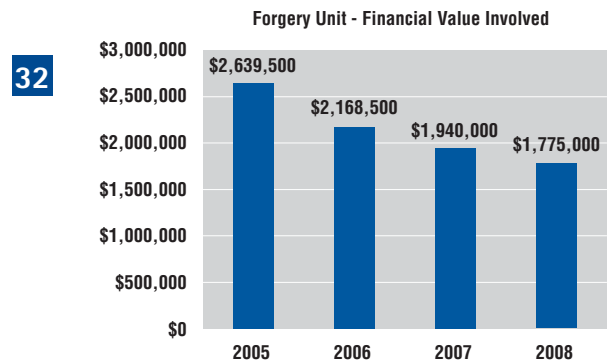
See graphs 37 and 38

The **Vice Section** is responsible for the suppression of prostitution, pornography and illegal gambling from street level to the criminal conspiracy level.

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The **Neighborhood Anti-Crime Section (NACS)** is responsible for providing directed and proactive patrol in response to citizen complaints of street corner drug dealers and their customers.

See graph 40



Investigations Bureau Operations

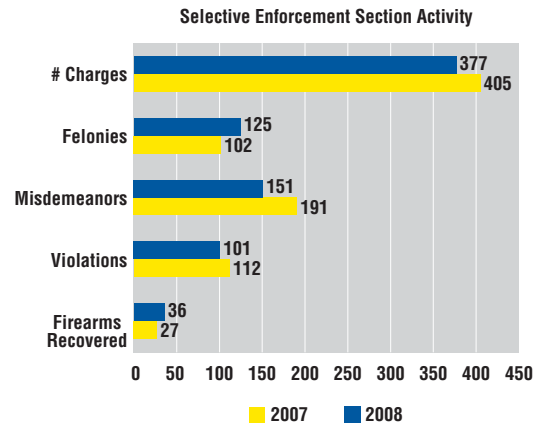
The **Gang Violence Task Force** is responsible for collaborating with other agencies to aggressively target violent gangs and their members. The Task Force utilizes long term investigations which are prepared and presented to the federal court system for prosecution. As the result of an investigation started the year before, in March 2008, twelve violent gang members were arrested. Detectives singled out and charged each of these gang members federally with individual narcotics and weapons charges. All but three of the persons arrested has pled guilty to their crimes.

Arrests	2008
Felony	160
Misdemeanor	194
Violations	272
Infractions	20
Warrants	55
Total Arrests	701

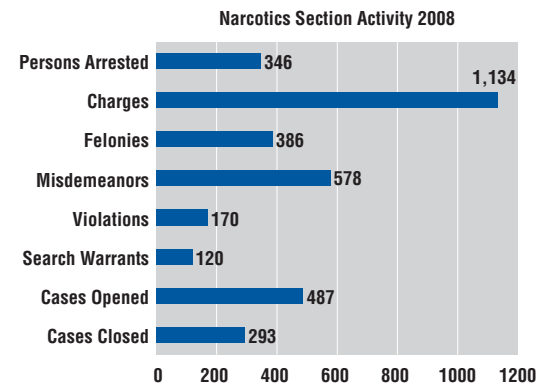
The **Technical Operations Section** is responsible for the maintenance, operation and deployment of electronic surveillance equipment. This section provides technical support to various departmental units. It investigates processes and tracks narcotic forfeiture cases. The Technical Operations Section identifies and tracks transient narcotics dealers and larger multi-jurisdictional narcotic organizations as well as groups operating in our area. Members act as a liaison with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The section also provides protective escort operations for resident and visiting dignitaries.

Technical Operations	2008
Audio-video Operations	55
Photographic Operations	21
Forfeiture Operations	
Federal Currency & Vehicle Cases	62
Cash Amount	\$241,244
State & Local Currency & Vehicle Cases	263
Cash Amount	\$177,660
Protective Escort Operations	
Escort Details	8
Advance Operations	11
Intelligence Operations	
Operations & Projects	17

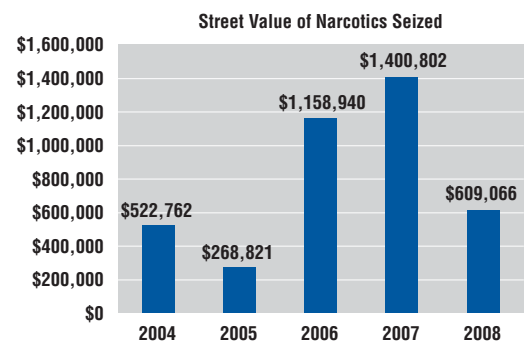
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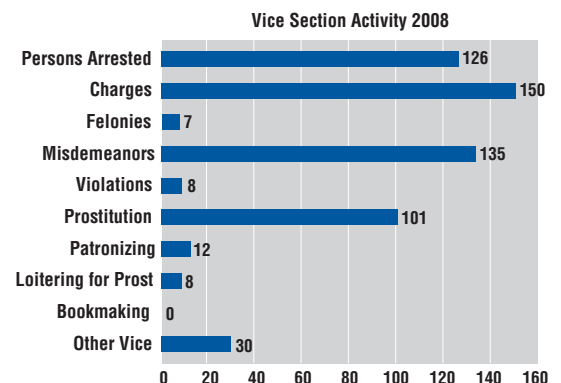
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The Family Services Division

- Initiates and conducts follow-up investigations regarding youth and family related matters.
- Conducts follow-up investigations on all felony level, sex-related offenses.
- Oversees the operations of the Youth Enforcement Section, Domestic Violence Section, Missing Persons and Abused Persons.

The **Abused Persons Unit** is responsible for investigating sex offenses, including child pornography, all felony physical child abuse and neglect incidents, and identifying and apprehending offenders. The unit works closely with Onondaga Child Protective Services, Rape Crisis, Department of Probation; and New York State Parole.

See graphs 41 and 42.

The **Domestic Violence Unit** is dedicated exclusively to victims of domestic violence. The unit conducts follow up investigations on domestic violence incidents that fall outside the investigative role of the Patrol Division.

See graphs 43 and 44.

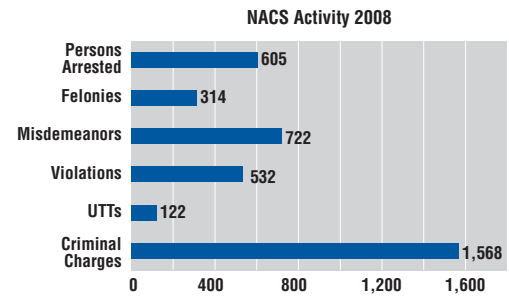
The **Youth Enforcement Section** has primary responsibility for investigation of crimes perpetrated by juveniles. The section is responsible for the diversion of offenders by making referrals to appropriate agencies, acts as a liaison with other youth service providers and other agencies concerned with the problems and needs of youth. It maintains juvenile records and reports, and coordinates juvenile operations with other divisions within the department. This section assists other departmental units with Family Court, Social Services referrals and crime prevention activities.

See graphs 45 and 46.

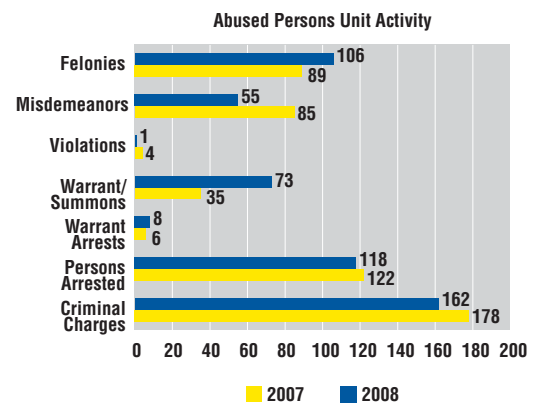
The **Missing Persons Unit** is responsible for conducting investigations of missing persons.

See graphs 47 and 48.

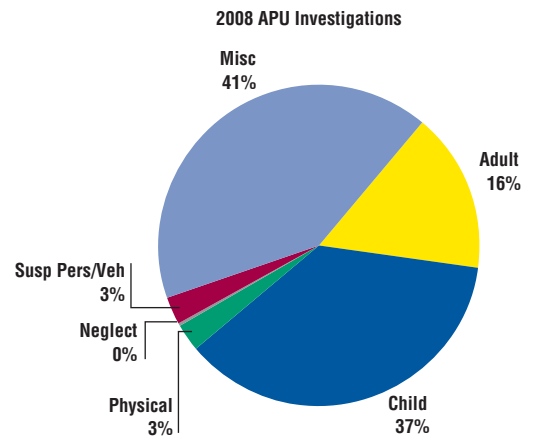
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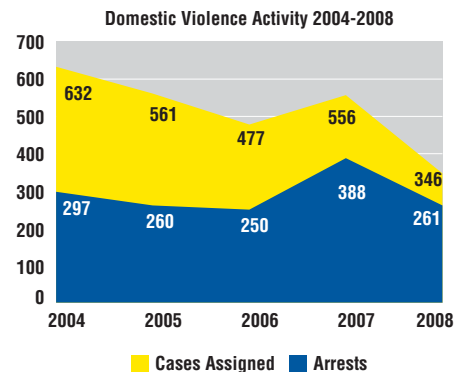
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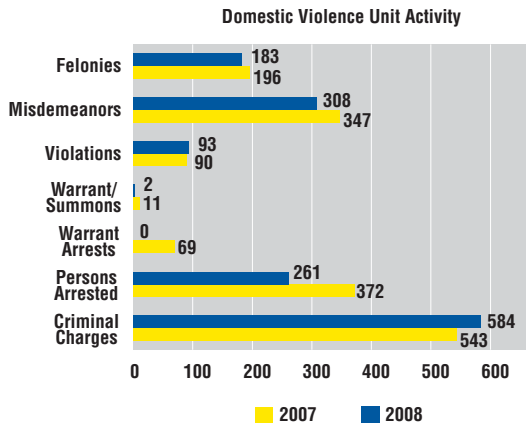
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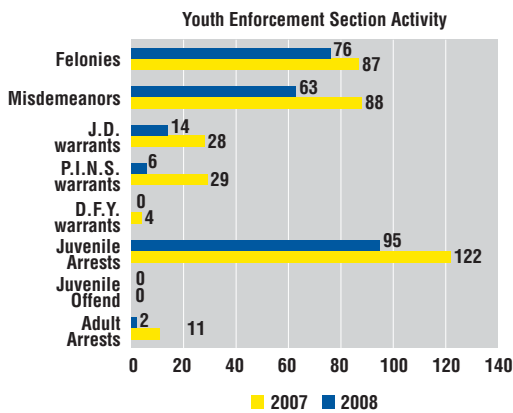
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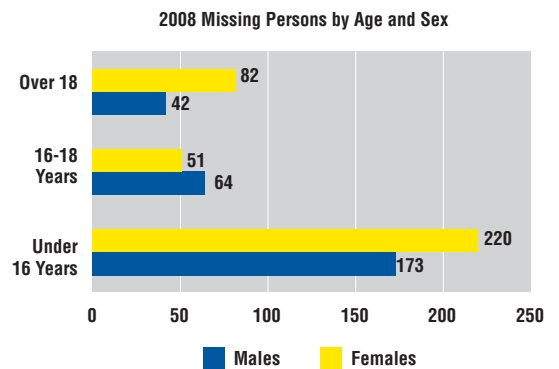
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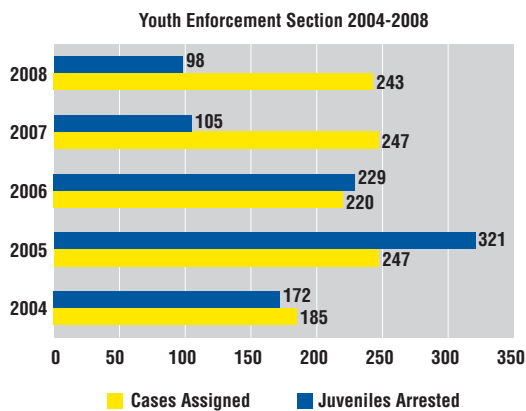
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Report On Community Services Bureau Operations

The Community Services Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police Frank Fowler who is responsible for providing community based services to the public. These services include recruitment, community relations; team oriented policing, ordinance and license enforcement, nuisance abatement, neighborhood watch, storefront operations, school resource and information officers, and the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) programs. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions and Sections.

The Community Policing Division

- Implements and advances community policing principles, strategies and operations.
- Coordinates community policing with all components of the Department.
- Oversees the operations of the Team Oriented Policing, Ordinance Enforcement & License, Storefront and Neighborhood Watch Sections.

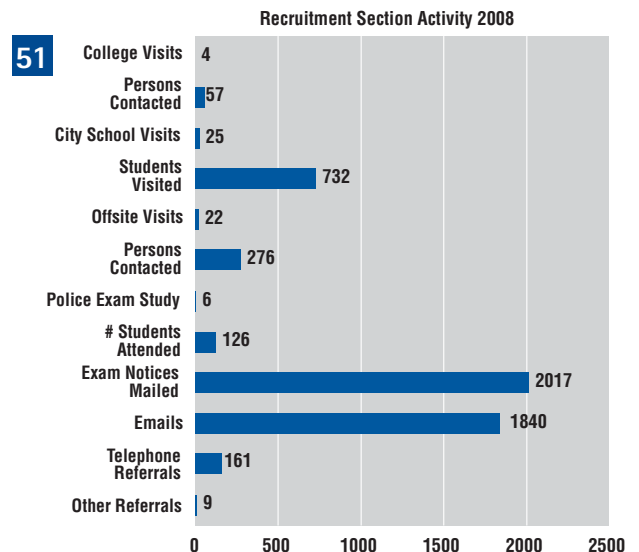
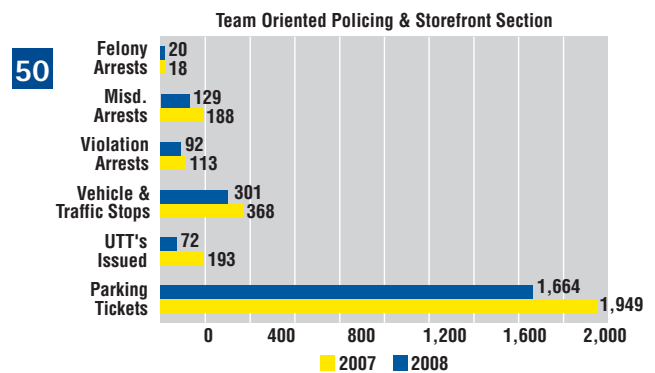
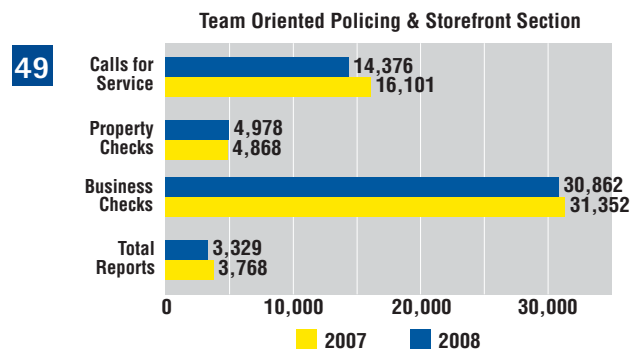
The **Team Oriented Policing and Storefront Sections** (TOPS) are a key element in the Community Policing approach utilized by the Syracuse Police Department. There are five TOPS units that are located in Eastwood, Butternut Square, Valley Plaza, Otisco St. and the Southwest Community Center. Teams of officers are deployed from mobile bases of operation set up in specifically targeted neighborhoods. The Storefront Section utilizes three storefront policing centers situated for convenient access to the public in the North and East sides of the city. Personnel answer complaints, develop working relationships with area residents and business owners, and strive to solve underlying problems in neighborhoods.

See graphs 49 and 50

The **Ordinance Enforcement & License Section** inspects, enforces and processes violations of city licenses and ordinances. Enforcement efforts are coordinated with departmental units, and other city departments such as Animal Control, Codes and Zoning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation to achieve compliance and eradicate conditions of physical decay in neighborhoods.



Frank Fowler
Deputy Chief of Police



Ordinance Enforcement Activity 2008

Total Complaints	1,314
Abandoned Vehicle Complaints	736
Red Tag Vehicle Tows	225
Trash & Debris	72
Salvage Certificates	739
Vehicle Releases	57
Snow Complaints	239
Miscellaneous Complaints	578
Red Tags Issued	1,749
Parking Tickets	226
Assists to Other Departments	296
Tows	40

The **Neighborhood Watch Section** serves as a department liaison with 69 Neighborhood Watch Groups situated throughout the City of Syracuse. The Section also assists in the development of additional groups. Crime prevention education is conducted through routinely scheduled meetings where groups are established. The section acts as a liaison with other departments toward solving complaints and community problems. Neighborhood Watch Section Activity 2008 is as follows:

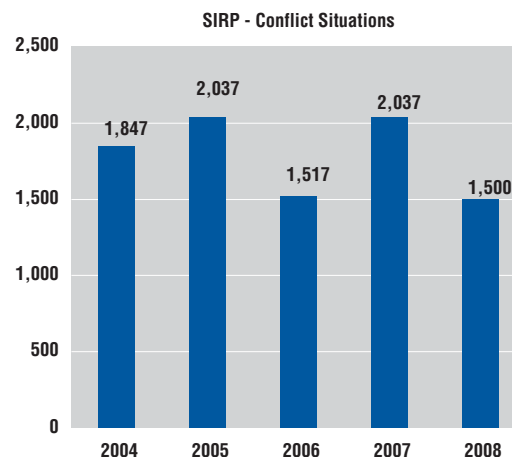
Active Neighborhood Watch Groups	69
New Neighborhood Watch Groups Formed	7
Total Meetings, Special Events and Gatherings	338
Newsletter Publications	4

Major Special Events	4
Spring Members Meeting/March	1
Halloween Safety/October	15
Fall members meeting/November	1
Light up the Night Picnic/June	1
Major Programs Administered	4
Watchlink Program	1
Neighborhood Watch Cellular Telephone	1
New Database Information Gathering System	1

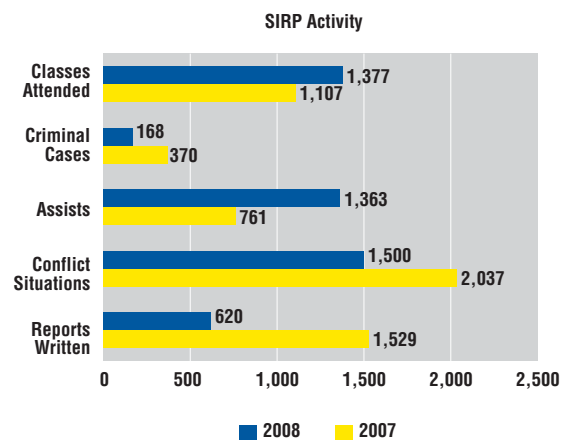
The **Recruitment Section** is responsible for recruiting the most qualified applicants available for actual and anticipated vacancies within the department. Recruitment personnel strive to develop and maintain a racial and ethnic composition within the department that mirrors the demographic composition of the City of Syracuse.

See Graph 51.

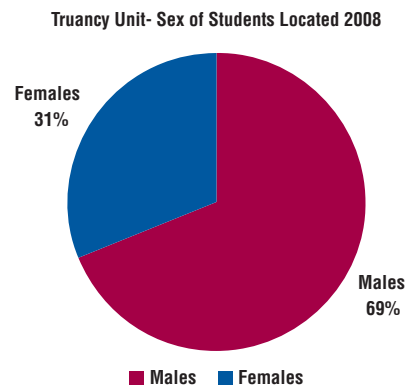
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The **Community Relations Section** is responsible for educating the public in the area of crime prevention for home, business security and personal safety. The Section also provides specifically tailored educational programs to Senior Citizens and Youth. The Section seeks to enhance interaction and establish long term relationships between the police, individuals and groups, in order to solve community problems.

Programs/Presentations	2008
<i>Operation Safe Child</i>	2500
<i>Crime Prevention</i>	20
<i>McGruff</i>	15
<i>Civilian Rider Program</i>	400
<i>Safety Speaking Engagements</i>	20
<i>Business Security Seminars</i>	5
<i>TRAID/SALT meetings</i>	1

The **School Information Resource Section** is a contingent of detectives who are permanently assigned to the City of Syracuse School District. Detectives are responsible for handling all police matters within the school, and to interact with students and teachers and to provide advice when requested. They make class presentations on a variety of subjects, conduct physical plant security checks, and work with various school groups and clubs.

See graphs 52 and 53.

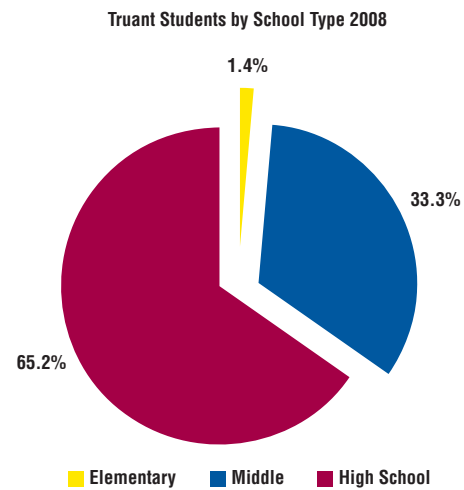
The **Truancy Outreach Unit** is responsible for locating students truant from school. The unit works with the City of Syracuse School District toward achieving the safe return of truant students to parents or guardians, or their respective school for appropriate corrective action. The unit coordinates its activity with educators, counselors, school staff, program volunteers and parents. The goals of the program are to:

- Reduce the risk of victimization of youths.
- Encourage the continuance of education.
- Return students to the education environment.
- Assists education officials by providing appropriate counseling or corrective action.

See graphs 54 and 55.

The **Drug Abuse Resistance Education Section** is responsible for administering and conducting Project D.A.R.E. lesson plans in the City of Syracuse School District, making presentations to various community and business groups, administering the Mini-Police Academy for youth, and Officer Friendly programs (Stranger Danger, Good-Touch/Bad -Touch). The section plans drug

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abuse resistance education programs and implements programs designed to prevent delinquency in matters such as substance abuse and victimization.

D.A.R.E.	2007	2008
<i>Students Educated</i>	1,583	1,667
<i>Number of Classes Taught</i>	770	750

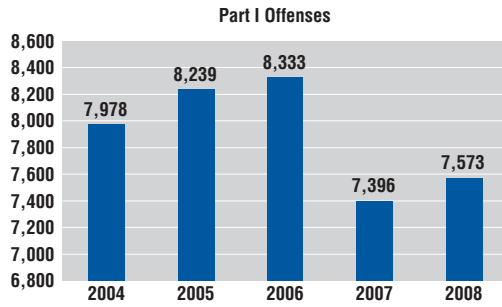
Officer Friendly	2007	2008
<i>Students Educated</i>	7,163	7,006
<i>Number of Classes Taught</i>	1,101	1,104

The **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)** program was introduced in Syracuse during 2003. The officers assigned to D.A.R.E teach the curriculum. This federally funded program gives students accurate facts about gang involvement. During thirteen weeks of instruction, the program teaches skills needed to peacefully resolve conflicts and overcome the stresses that may lead to gang involvement.

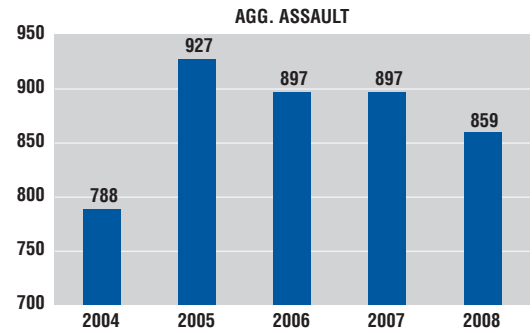


G.R.E.A.T.	2007	2008
<i>Students Educated</i>	2,074	2,089
<i>Number of Classes Taught</i>	1,242	1,215

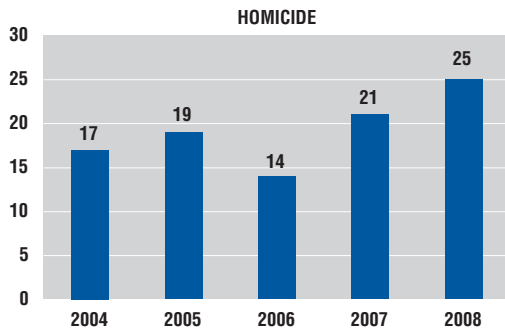
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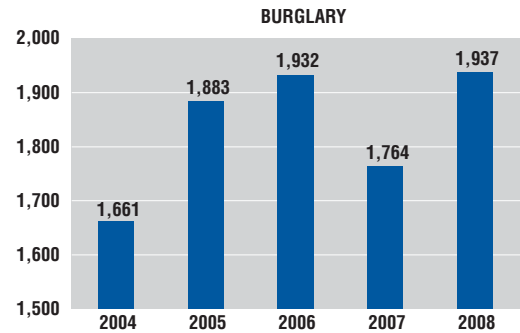
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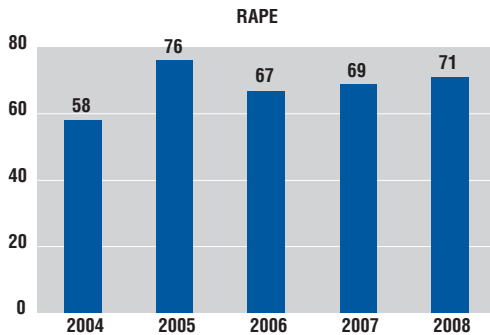
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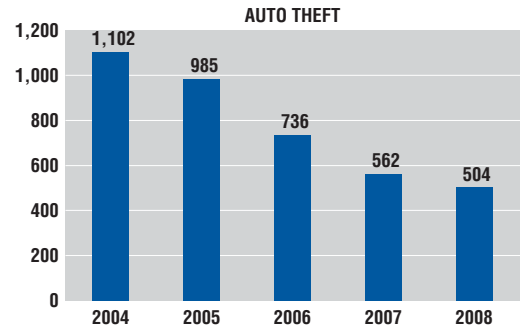
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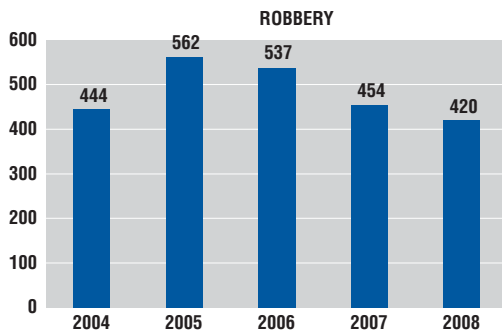
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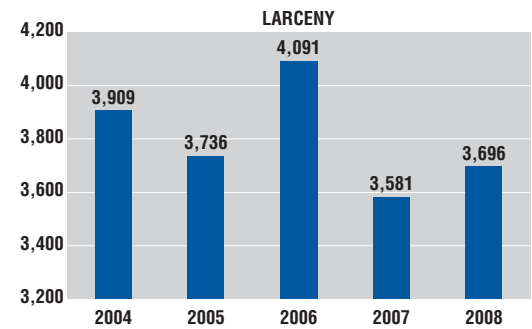
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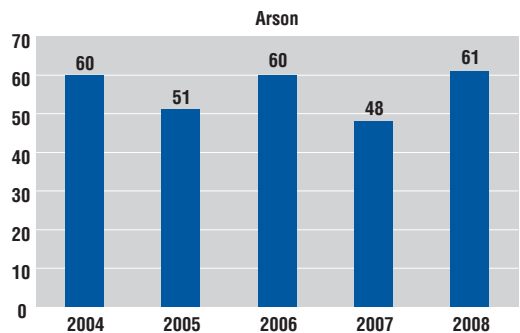
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Awards, Promotions and Retirements

Departmental Awards 2008

Hendrick's Award

Police Officer Brian Davis
Police Officer David Metz

Post-Standard Medal

Detective Robert Lenhart

John C. Dillon Award

Detective Matthew MacDerment

Jerome P. Slater Award

Police Officer Alvin Herrington

Chief's Achievement Award

Lieutenant Shawn Broton
Sergeant Peter Heise
Sergeant Thomas Rathbun
Detective Michael Musengo
Detective James O'Brien

Mayor's Achievement Award

Police Officer Aylan Briedis
Police Officer Patrick Coyle
Police Officer Varoosh Zarian

Wallie Howard Jr. Award

Detective David Jones

Timothy Laun Award

Sergeant Joel Cordone

Meritorious Service Medal

Detective Kevin Birardi
Detective James O'Brien

Distinguished Service Award

Detective Ronald Bricco
Detective Timothy Galanaugh

PBA President's Award

Police Officer Nancy Simiele

PBA Merit Award

Police Officer Edward Doner
Police Officer David Mathewson
Police Officer Robert Ocker
Police Officer Shawn Prue

PBA Valor Award

Police Officer James Mills

Officer of the Month Recipients 2008

January –

Police Officer William Sushereba
Police Officer David Glisson
Police Officer Scott Henderson

February –

Police Officer Jenny Terrero
Police Officer Kevin Hamberger
Police Officer Pamela Otis

March –

Police Officer Jeffrey McManus
Police Officer Joseph Evans

April –

Police Officer Alvin Herrington
Police Officer Brian Williams
Police Officer Matthew Arduini

May –

Police Officer Jeremy Decker
Police Officer Timothy Dietz
Police Officer Richard Hargraves

June –

Police Officer Christopher Dominick
Police Officer Scott Prutsman
Police Officer Robert Harrington

July –

Police Officer Joseph Hilliker
Police Officer Tracy Greco
Police Officer Nicholas Stuper

August –

Police Officer Aaron Anderson
Police Officer Charles Lester
Police Officer Dzenan Selimovic

September –

Police Officer John Kritzer
Police Officer Donald Schultz
Police Officer James Shulsky

October –

Police Officer Angela Holmes
Police Officer Leo Dadey
Police Officer Kristie Hack

November –

Police Officer Scott Boles
Police Officer Todd Mooney
Police Officer Jason Sands

December –

Police Officer Wilfred Houtman
Police Officer Kevin Hamberger
Police Officer Ty Cogan

Promotions 2008

To the Rank of Captain

Lieutenant Timothy Gay

To the Rank of Lieutenant

Sergeant John Kavanagh

To the Rank of Sergeant

Police Officer Gary Bulinski
Police Officer Brian Fougner
Police Officer Richard Perrin
Police Officer Geno Turo

Departmental Retirements 2008 Years of Service

Captain Richard Goldacker

September 17, 1973 – May 30, 2008

Lieutenant Frank Chmarak

June 27, 1986 – May 14, 2008

Lieutenant Ronald Rockwood

April 8, 1988 – October 2, 2008

Sergeant Kevin Bastedo

August 10, 1981 – January 2, 2008

Sergeant Rutha DeJesus

December 16, 1981 – June 5, 2008

Sergeant John Douglass

November 21, 1972 – January 5, 2008

Sergeant Donald Hilton

April 8, 1988 – July 31, 2008

Sergeant Regan Roach

July 10, 1995 – March 24, 2008

Police Officer David Buske

February 13, 1985 – July 25, 2008

Police Officer John Hayes

December 17, 1971 – July 11, 2008

Police Officer Daniel Jones

December 16, 1993 – May 29, 2008

Police Officer Steven Marte

September 23, 1988 – September 25, 2008

Police Officer Darrel Millet

April 8, 1988 – June 9, 2008

Police Officer Joseph Reilly

April 8, 1988 – April 14, 2008

Police Officer Jeffrey Snogles

June 22, 1990 – September 5, 2008

Police Officer William Sushereba

September 1, 1978 – June 21, 2008

Police Officer John Werbeck

August 8, 1974 – April 30, 2008

Police Officer Joseph West

August 12, 1970 – January 12, 2008

Retirees' Deaths 2008

Sergeant Donald "Dutch" Shea 80 yrs.,
died 02 Jan '08, served 1949-1971

Police Officer James E. Lynch 90 yrs.,
died 11 Feb '08, served 1949-1979

Police Officer Henry J. "Hank" Kaupp 71 yrs.,
died 20 Apr '08, served 1958-1978

Sergeant Thomas "Coo-Coo" Schaefer 78 yrs.,
died 05 Aug '08, served 1957-1987

Captain Robert F. "Bob" Barrett 81 yrs.,
died 06 Sep '08, served 1956-1981

Police Officer Charles E. "Charlie" Kraft 82 yrs.,
died 13 Sep '08, served 1947-1954

Investigator Robert W. "Bob" Alling 71 yrs.,
died 26 Oct '08, served 1963-1983

Police Officer Bruce E. Schafer 63 yrs.,
died 11 Dec '08, served 1972-1992





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