



**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2010 AT 5:00PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**1. MINUTES**

A. Minutes of June 16, 2010 for adoption **5:00 – 5:05 PM**

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

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**3. REPORTS**

A. Office of the Chief's Report **5:05 - 5:30 PM**

**4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Decision Item: C10-04: Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw **5:30 - 5:45 PM**

B. Decision Item: C10-05: Police Facility **5:45 – 5:55 PM**

C. New Photo Radar Sites **5:55 - 6:00 PM**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010 AT 5:00 PM  
AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Chair R. Jackson  
Vice-Chair L. Walsh  
Inspector M. Morton  
Alderman J. White  
Alderman T. Clugston  
Mr. R. Forsyth  
Chief A. McGrogan  
Inspector R. Wagle  
Inspector G. Motz  
Inspector M. Morton  
CAO R. Barnard

**ALSO:** Ms. R Sittler

**ABSENT:**

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**1. MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2010 MEETING**

**Alderman White, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, moved the minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED.**

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**3. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT**

Report attached to these Minutes.

**Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, moved the Office of the Chief report be adopted as presented. CARRIED**

**4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Five citizens came forward to communicate issues that concerned them:

Citizen #1 concerned about:

- Seat belt check stop locations. Finds that some of the selected locations are reckless and dangerous as they are hidden and drivers come upon them with little warning. Feels that check stops leave a negative perception with the public.
- Noise level of motor cycles with straight pipes. Inquired about a bylaw to enforce this issue.
- Police officers driving while distracted. Has noticed police looking at computer screens in their police cars.
- Use of sirens in the middle of the night.

## REVIEWED BUT NOT FORMALLY ADOPTED

- Police cars exceeding the speed limit while driving without emergency equipment activated.

Citizen #2:

- Concerned about the about of animal waste found in Kin Coulee and inquired about the possibility of the City posting a signboard in the park with pet regulations. Also concerned about the new Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw stating that the tethering of dogs in the back of pick up trucks would no longer be allowed. Also expressed frustration with the lack of knowledge and interest of the public about bylaws.

Citizen #3:

- Wondered if the Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw was more of an owner control bylaw and about educating pet owners. Would like Council to consider the fines in the new bylaw, and the off leash fine in particular, to ensure they remain in perspective.

Citizen #4:

- Frustrated with the process for handling barking dog complaints as he lived next to a neighbour with a barking dog. Would like to see the process changed to enable bylaw officers to lay charges against an offender without requiring the neighbours to have to appear in court.
- Also inquired about the number of charges laid against offenders for having animals off leash in marked leashed areas. Would like to see the City fence the off leash areas to increase the safety of path users.

Citizen #5:

- Inquired if a cat's previous license for life under the existing cat bylaw would be superseded by the proposed responsible pet ownership bylaw licensing fees. Commented that he felt the Supreme Court of Canada would not allow a City bylaw to impose restrictions on the number of pets a person can own as long as they were properly cared for.

Each community member was given an opportunity to be contacted by the Service to discuss each matter further. Those that wished to do so were given appropriate contact numbers.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### A) VERSATERM DONATION TO WOMEN'S SHELTER

Chief McGrogan and Police Commission chair Ryan Jackson presented a cheque for \$2,935.00 to Acting Executive Director Dianne Finch, of the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society. This cheque represents the 2009 Versaterm contribution as a donation back to

worthy causes in the community. Versaterm is the vendor of the MHPS record management system.

**B) INFORMATION ITEM – RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP BYLAW**

Inspector Morton provided a review of the information item pertaining to the proposed Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. Following this meeting, the Information Item will be forwarded to the City Legal Department for review. Once the legal review is complete, a Decision item will be brought forward to the next Police Commission meeting.

**C) RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPEED SIGNS / SAFETY MESSAGING TRAILER**

Inspector Motz provided information on the pros and cons of both the speed display signs and safety-messaging trailer. A safety-messaging trailer will cost approximately \$23,000, is limited to seasonal use and requires transportation to and from deployment sites. The pole mounted speed display signs are the preferred option as they cost approximately \$6,500 per unit and do not require daily deployment. They can be used as a traffic-calming device and deployed to areas as required.

Mr. Walsh inquired if it would be possible for community service groups to sponsor speed signs and a discussion was held about who would manage the placement of the signs. It was determined that both of these issues would be discussed later if a decision was made to proceed with purchasing signs.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM**



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION JULY 15, 2010

### Chief's Report

#### Training and Seminars

- Criminal Intel Analysis Training Course- One member attended this six day program that provided techniques to solve real-world problems through tracking and monitoring criminal events.
- In Service TACT training occurred this month.

#### Human Resources Update

- Constable Dana Adams resigned on June 30, 2010 to pursue policing in Regina, SK.
- Constable David Adams resigned on July 1, 2010 to pursue policing in Regina, SK.
- Constable Colin Burritt passed away after a long battle with cancer on July 5, 2010.
- Constable Jay Helgeson resigned on July 21, 2010 to pursue external business interests.

#### Activity Update

- On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Executive Team met with the supervisory group which included the Staff Sergeants, Superintendent of Bylaw and our Civilian Manager to discuss planning steps for 2011 and beyond. Budget development for 2011 was initiated.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> the Police Service assisted during the flooding of the Seven Persons and Ross Creek. Three of our members assisted as Duty Directors while patrols assisted Municipal Works with traffic control and other miscellaneous efforts. Extra costs incurred by the Police Service were negligible.
- On June 23<sup>rd</sup> Chief McGrogan and Inspector Wigle attended two meetings in Calgary. The first related to the plan to engage the vendor on the API-3 project. The Solicitor General has committed to funding one member during the roll-out phase. Medicine Hat is expected to transition from Versadex to the new product in late 2011. The second meeting was a meeting of the Alberta Chiefs relating to the ALERT model and the MOU for funding. After some discussion it was determined that a letter would be sent to Mr. Bill Meade seeking clarification on several issues.

- June 28<sup>th</sup> Dan Chervenka of Securix Consulting presented his findings of a study of our current IT structure which included his recommendations moving forward. Dan Anderson and a number of senior members of his ICS team were present. After some very positive discussion it was agreed by both groups that the Police Service would continue to retain the services of Dan Chervenka to oversee the implementation of an improved structure which includes policy, embedded IT staff and a Service Level Agreement.
- The Service is creating a promotional video of the Service, as well as participating in the City of Medicine Hat's promotional video. To prepare for the Service's promotional video, two police cars will be re-decaled.

## **Operational Services**

### **Patrols Section**

- The two Patrol Sergeants initiative continues to work well. Roles and responsibilities are still being reviewed, and an evaluation is scheduled for this fall to identify best practices.
- The Service implemented a shift from 5:00 PM to 5:00 AM to cover the 7:00 PM shift change. Initial feedback on this shift is positive. The overtime is continually monitored to determine if this shift has the desired affect of reducing overtime costs.
- The Patrol team charged 26 impaired drivers in June 2010.
- May 2010 saw an influx of vehicle thefts. This trend seems to be continuing with 15 vehicle thefts in June.

### **Bylaw Section**

- Members attended 768 Bylaw related complaints in June. To date this year, the total calls for service are down 20% from the same period in 2009. In 2010, we have experienced 12% less citizen complaints than during the first six months of 2009; and 13% less from the first six months of 2008. This drop is believed to be as a result of our pro-active enforcement initiatives over the past few years.
- There were eleven aggressive dog incidents in June, resulting in four charges. Two complaints were found to be without cause, and there were six incidents that resulted in warnings because of insufficient evidence. The most significant incident of this nature involved a two year old male being bitten in the face by a dog belonging to a friend of the mother's. The dog was playing with several children at the owner's residence. The child received several stitches below the eye and jaw. It was unclear what took place prior to the dog bite, other than the dog was playing with several children, with no adult supervision.

### **Prisoner Security**

- The Service continues to assist the Alberta Corps of Commissionaires with the screening and security clearance of applicants for the Cell Block.

### **High Visibility Response Team (HVRT)**

- June was a busy month with Spectrum being a great success.
- June stats are:

❖ Arrests	111
❖ Warrant executions	88
❖ Tickets	209
❖ Criminal Code Charges	83
• 2010 total to the end of June:	
❖ Arrests	302
❖ Warrants	204
❖ Tickets	524
❖ Criminal Code Charges	238

### **Police Pursuits**

- No Police Pursuits during this reporting period.

## **Administrative Services**

### **API3 (Alberta Police Information Initiative)**

- The Governance meeting was held in Calgary on June 23, 2010. Issues surrounding various governance groups, approval processes, MOUs and legacy data conversion were discussed, clarified and made priorities for project.
- The vendor (Sierra Group) is now on site with the Secretariat and Project Delivery Committee.
- Demos of the Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System and Mobile occurred the week of the July 5, 2010.
- Product functionality appears to be as good as or better than current system.
- Initial six month MOU secondment commenced July 1, 2010.
- Individual service domains with Provincial Master Name Index is the model that is moving forward.
- The model is quite configurable and has extensive leveraging of mapping features and entity tree.
- The Service currently has scheduled for a September 2011 rollout, though attempting to get bumped up in consideration of status of our current servers supporting Versadex product.

### **Information Coordinator**

- 431 Police Information Certificates (PIC) issued in June.
- 2102 PIC issued to date in 2010, on track to meet or exceed PIC issued in 2009
- 114 correspondence requests handled by the Unit during the month, well over month average.

### **False Alarms**

- False alarms in June = 130
- Warning letter = 22
- Invoices sent out = 3

### **Recruiting**

- The recruitment team has identified three individuals from the experienced candidate pool, who are finishing final stages of the recruitment process. Review of results and suitability scheduled for July 23, 2010.

- Preparation for attendance to the Atlantic Police Academy and the development of a Service video continue.

### **Occupational Health and Safety**

- The Service has commenced recruitment of a part-time Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Coordinator for the Service, expected to be in place by September.
- A Task/Job Hazard Assessment tool and committee has been formed. The Committee utilized the assistance of the City's OH&S supervisor to provide some independent insight. The Committee examines risk of tasks associated to policing and also reviews concerns expressed by public on potential hazards they feel the police create. An example would be the Checkstop concern raised by a member of the public during last Commission meeting. Findings are being analyzed at this time and a protocol is being developed for this type of activity.
- Part of OH&S is workplace wellness. The Service has made a renewed commitment in two areas:
  - Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM): The Service has secured the services of Regina Police Service CISM team to hold two, two day courses in October. Courses are for group and individual intervention. Approximately thirty people have been identified for attendance.
  - Respectful Workplace: Fostering of a safe, respectful and positive work environment, free of serious or repeated behavior that is discriminatory, unprofessional, intimidating or sarcastic in nature. Draft policy/procedure as well as resolution mechanisms have been developed and are being reviewed for implementation.

## **Support Services**

### **Major Crimes Section**

- Major Crime Section (MCS) is investigating numerous complaints of a male, identifying himself as a Food Inspector, attempting to gain personal information from staff in an apparent effort to commit identity thefts. The phone number is registered in California but most likely originated overseas. An aggressive media campaign by the Provincial Government, the Medicine Hat Police Service and the local Health Inspectors has been implemented in an attempt to educate the public and local businesses about this scam.
- The MHPS ICE investigator is currently involved in a file where a male is accused of luring children on the internet along with having possession of large amounts of child pornography. To date three computers have been seized and the file is continuing.

### **Organized Crime Section (CFSEU & MHIIU):**

- CFSEU arrested a male, wanted on numerous outstanding warrants from Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, who was also reported to be in possession of a firearm. A CDSA and Criminal Code warrants were executed resulting in the seizure of 320.85 grams of marijuana, 3 vials of cannabis resin, 5 ecstasy pills, \$1650.00 Canadian currency and a silver pellet gun. Charges have been laid.

- In June, CFSEU executed a CDSA search warrant on the residence of a Medicine Hat male who was a subject in a 2009 investigation. The search produced 9.5 pounds of marihuana, 13 grams of cocaine, 10 grams of cannabis resin and a pair of brass knuckles. The male was charged with numerous drug related offences as well as 13 breach of release condition offences. The parents of the accused also face drug charges.
- CFSEU executed a CDSA search warrant in Medicine Hat after several undercover marihuana purchases were made. The search produced about 1 pound of marihuana and \$450.00 in Canadian cash. Charges have been laid.

#### **Community Safety Unit:**

- All CSU members participated in the planning and execution of the Chief Gordon Earl Leadership Legacy Foundation BBQ which was held in the Police Service parking lot on June 12, 2010. The BBQ was a huge success with a total of approximately \$2400 raised for the foundation, after expenses. Nine \$100 scholarships were presented to deserving grade six students that possess and demonstrated leadership skills within their school and their community.
- CSU participated in 186 hours of community events / lectures which included MH Safe Communities Association presentation, CRANE ( Community Response to Abuse & Neglect of Elders), Frauds and Scams, Facebook & Texting, Sexual Assaults, Impaired driving and Crime Stoppers.
- May saw CSU respond to 57 calls for service and spend over 42 hours in student mediations.

#### **Traffic Unit:**

- During June, the Traffic Unit investigated 41 of the Services' MVC calls (164), 2 impaired drivers, 1-24 hour suspensions and issued an average of 39 traffic violations each.
- The Unit participated in 9 hours of community presentations including the Party Program and the Chief Gordon Earl Leadership Legacy Foundation BBQ.
- There was one over-dimensional load escort in June.

#### **Forensic Identification Unit:**

- FIU members provided crime scene analysis on 93 calls for service in June which included numerous assaults, break & enters, DNA orders, mischief's, sexual assaults, sudden deaths, stolen auto's, and MVC's.

#### **Specialized Traffic Enforcement:**

- During June, S/Sgt. West presented an officer safety course, geared specifically around their nature of work, to all full and one part- time operator.
- South Boundary Road, between Southridge Drive and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southland Drive, have been identified as high speed areas through complaints. In keeping with the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security requirements, a traffic speed study was conducted which supported the concerns. The Executive Team approved these locations as new photo radar sites and after a 3 month public awareness process, the sites will be enforcement ready after October 1, 2010.

## Photo Radar June Comparison 2009 – 2010

<b>Category</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Vehicles Monitored	83,985	89,016
# of Violators	5,312	4,409
Violations Issued	3,906 or 4.65 % of vehicles	3,845 or 4.32 % of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	15 kmh over limit	15 kmh over limit

- June was a busy month for the Unit considering the weather. They monitored 5,031 more vehicles and issued 61 fewer violations than June of 2009.
- One mandatory Court offence was issued in June for travelling 159 km/hour in a posted 80 zone west on the TransCanada highway.
- The Unit completed 392 enforcement hours in June 2010 compared to 389 hours in June 2009.
- The safety messaging / speed trailer was deployed 30 days in the month of June.

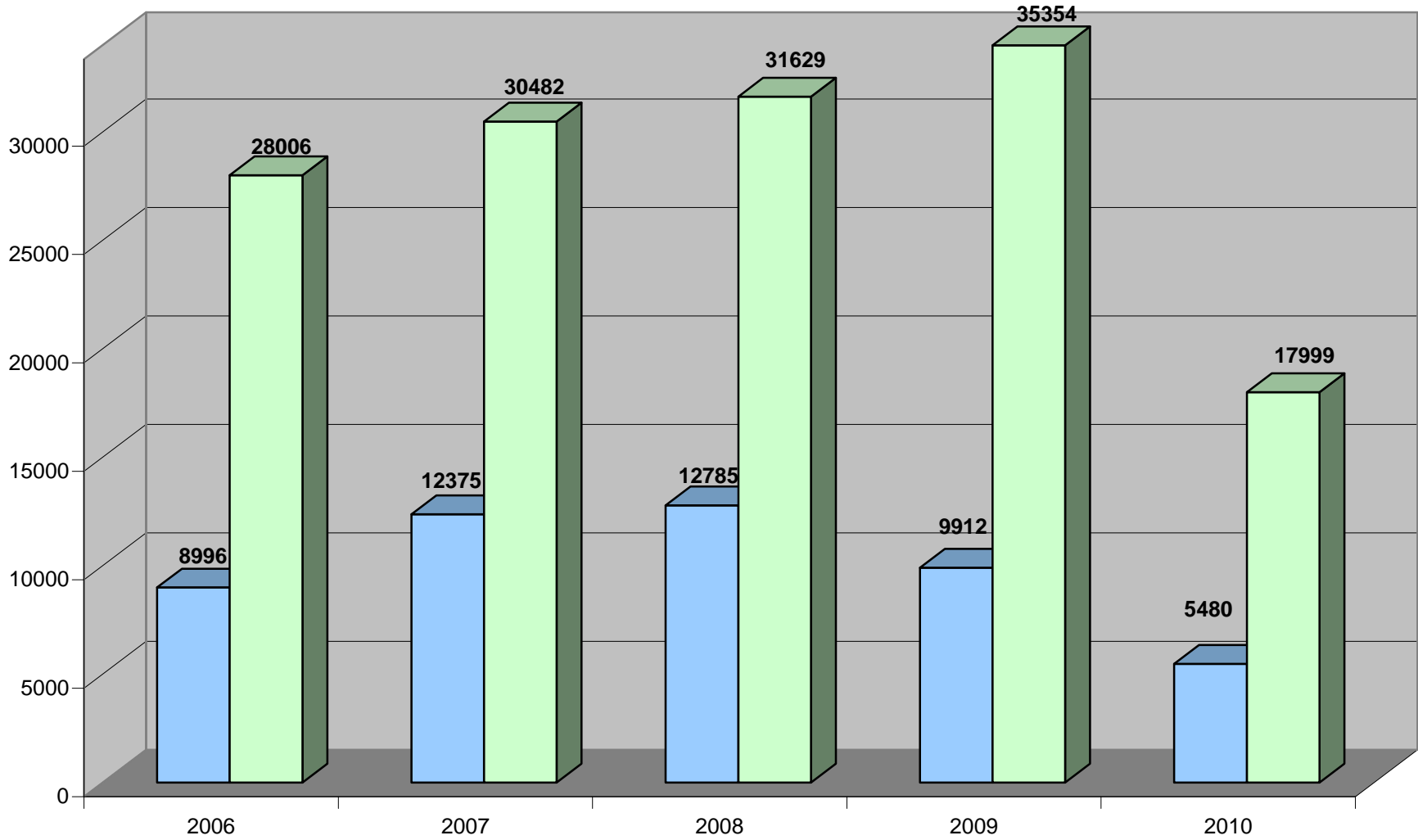
## Victim Services

### Victim Assistance Statistics – April, May, & June 2010

Sexual Assault	9		
Domestic Disputes / Assaults	61		
Suicide / Attempted Suicide	24		
Break / Enter / Theft	81		
Attempt / Break / Enter	0		
Assaults	56		
Robbery	5		
Sudden Death	14		
Motor Vehicle Accidents W / Injury	0		
Motor Vehicle Accidents W / Fatality	0		
Other	127		
Total Files	377		
Processed Within - 2 Days	236		
Processed 3 - 4 Days	61	After 5 Days	80
Number of Victims	411		
Letters Mailed	411		
Phone Calls	1103		
Call Outs	12		
Home Visits	2		
Hospital Visits	0		
In Station	13		
Court Attendance	19		
Domestic Violence Court Attendance	12		
Ride-A-Longs	1		
Files Completed	462		
Referrals	291		



# Tickets Issued



■ Officer ■ Photo Radar

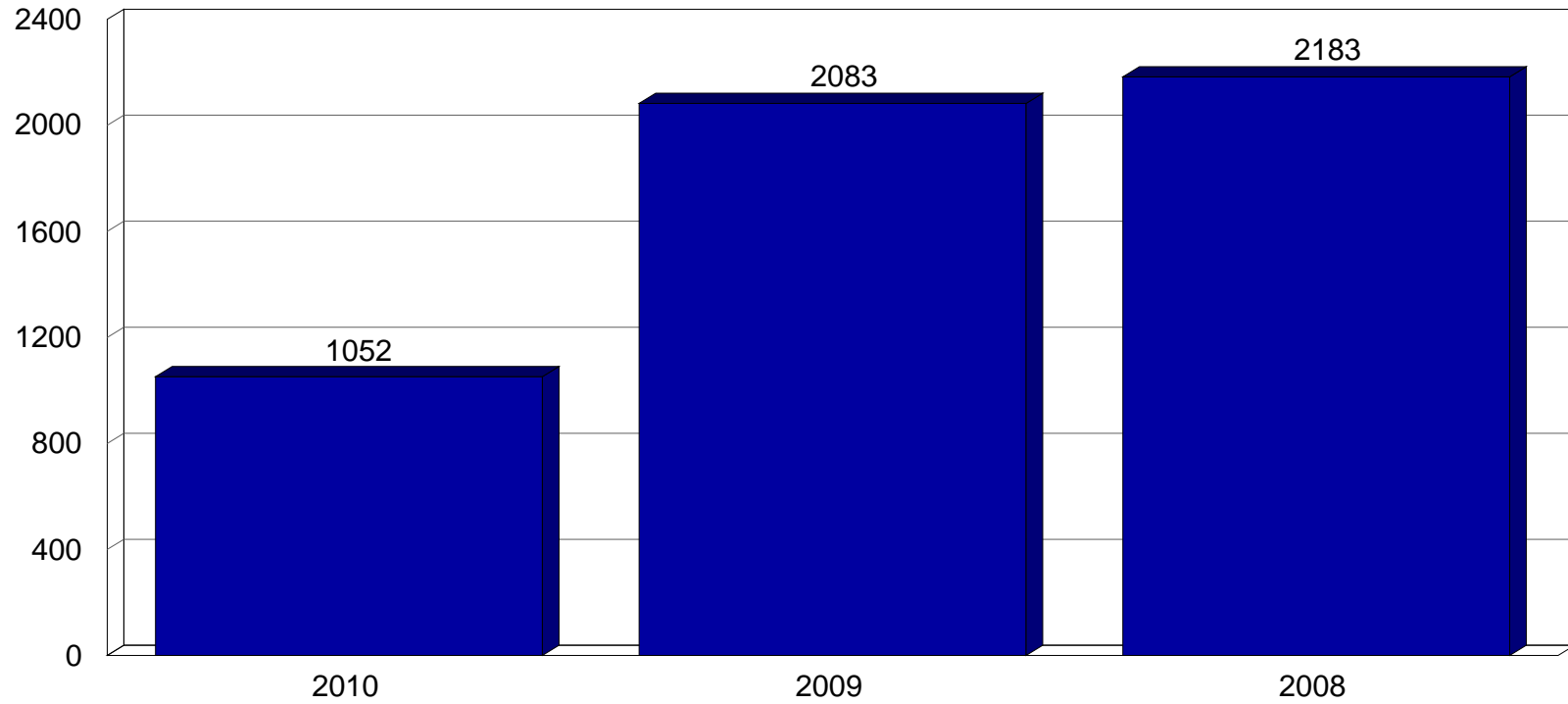
# Alarm Calls By Year

Stats gathered from CAD data

June 30, 2010

■ Alarms

Occ Num



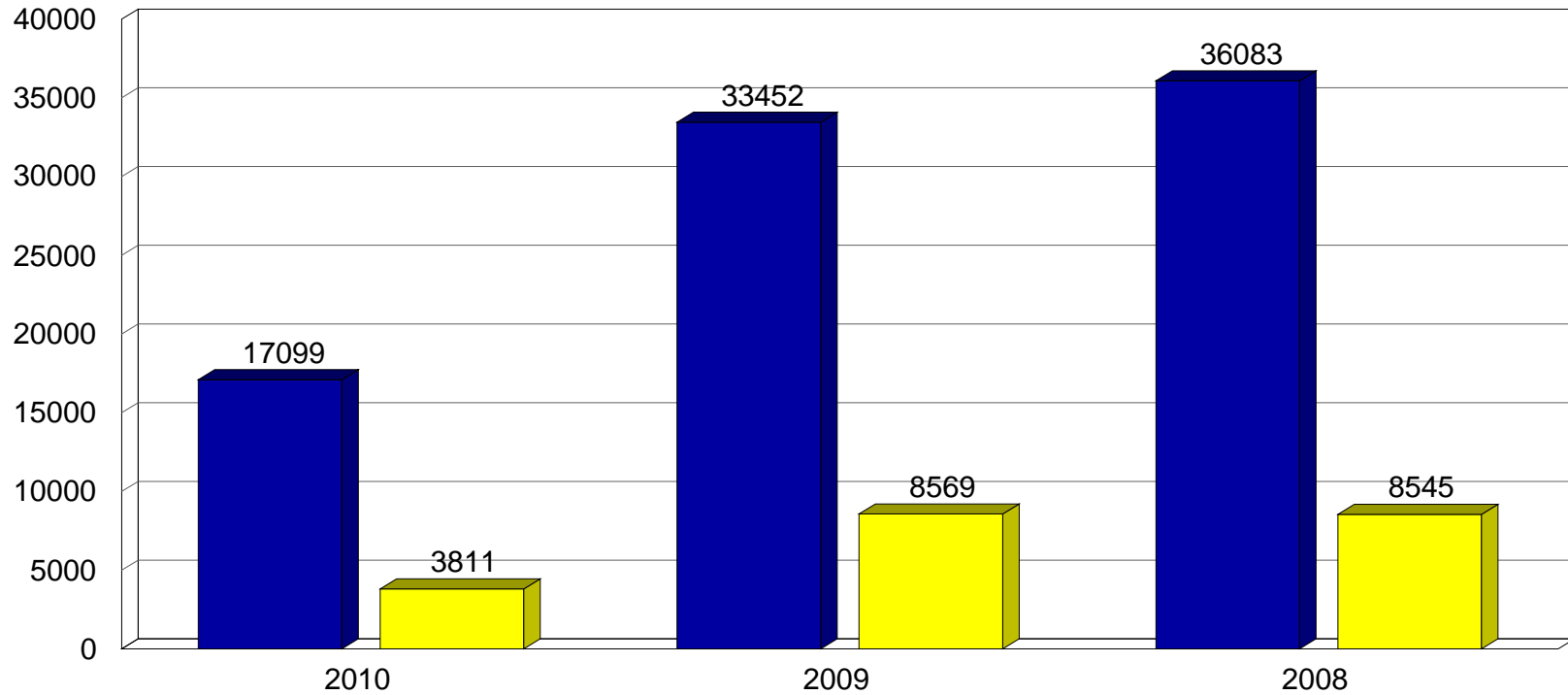
# All Call and Bylaw Call Types

Stats gathered from CAD data

June 30, 2010

■ All Call Types  
■ Bylaw

Occ Num



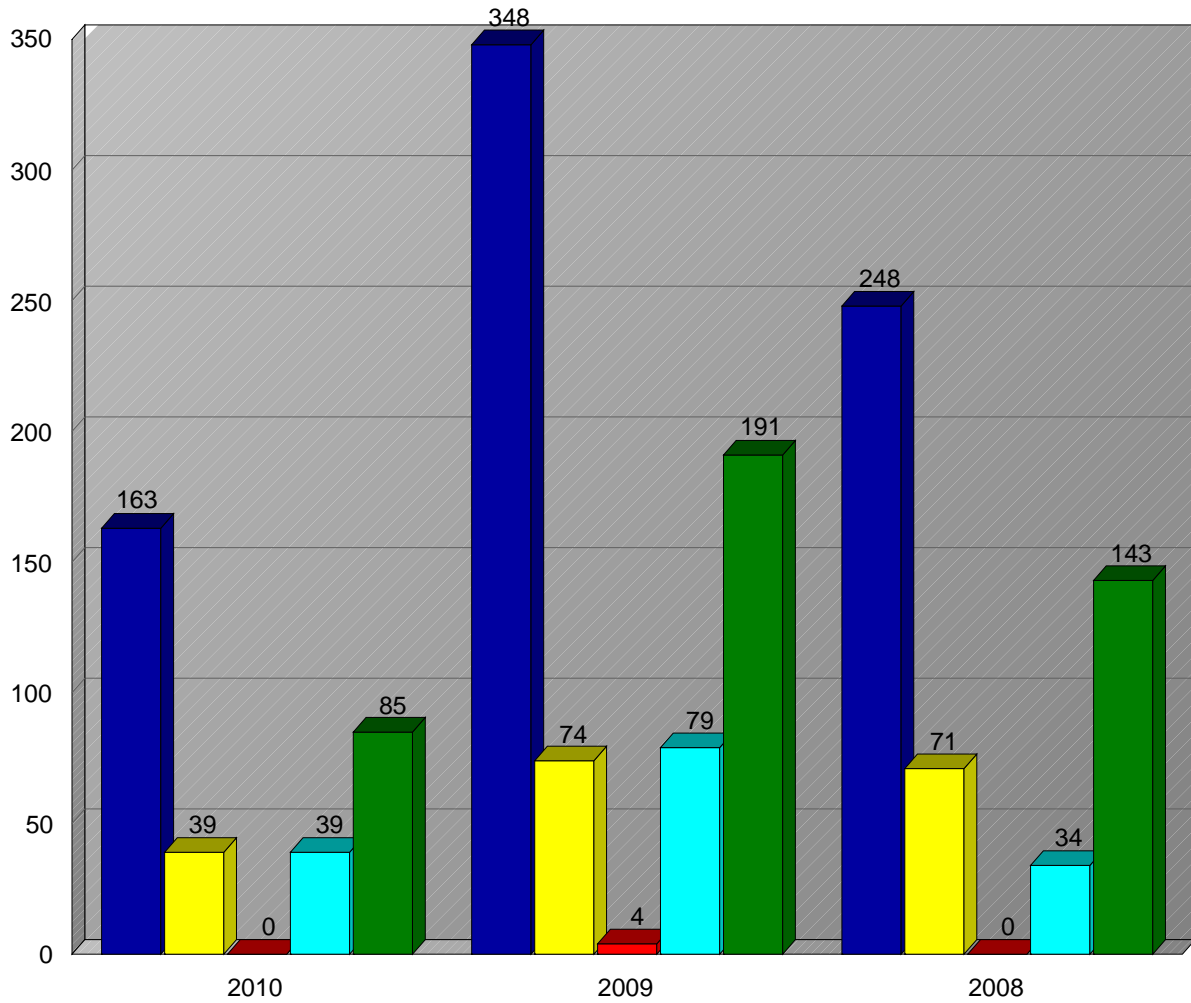
# B&E By Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

June 30, 2010

- B&E
- 2120 B&E BUSINESS
- 2120 B&E FIREARMS
- 2120 B&E OTHER
- 2120 B&E RESIDENCE

GO Count



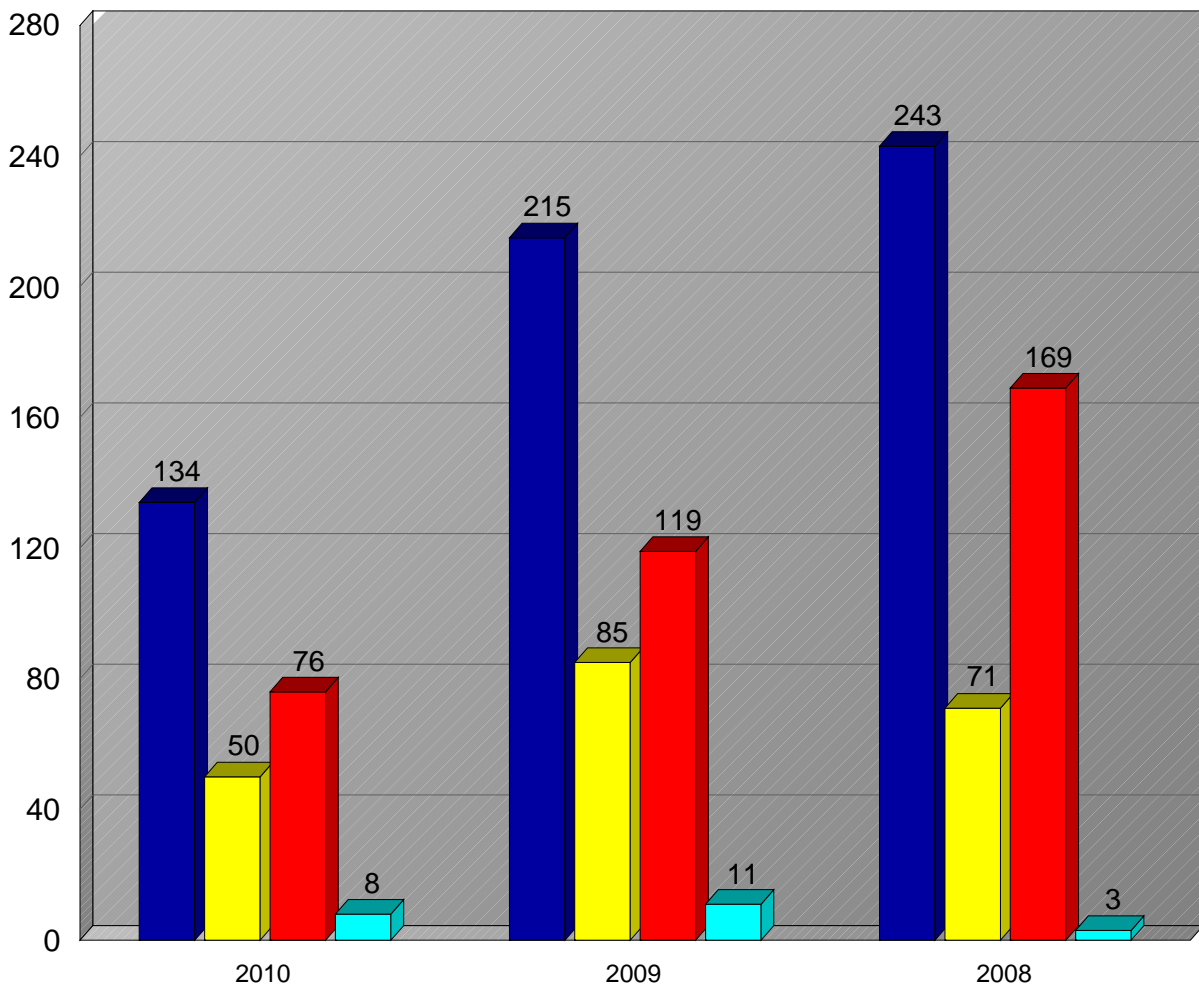
# CDSA(Drugs) byYear

Stats gathered from RMS data

June 30, 2010

- CDSA (Drugs) Total
- Trafficking
- Possession
- Other

GO Count



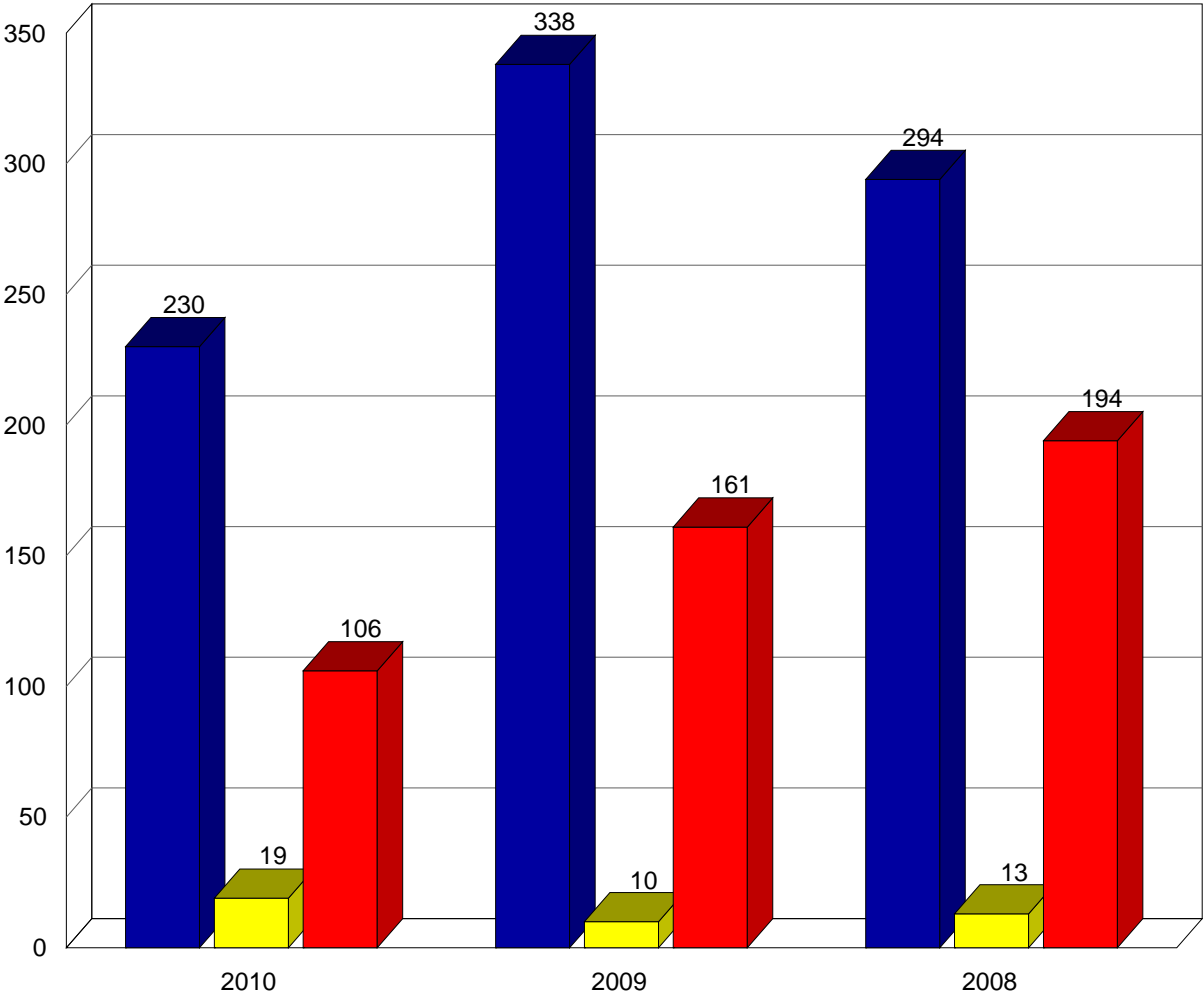
# Impaired Charges by Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

June 30, 2010

- Impaired
- Refusal
- 24 Hr Suspension

GO Count



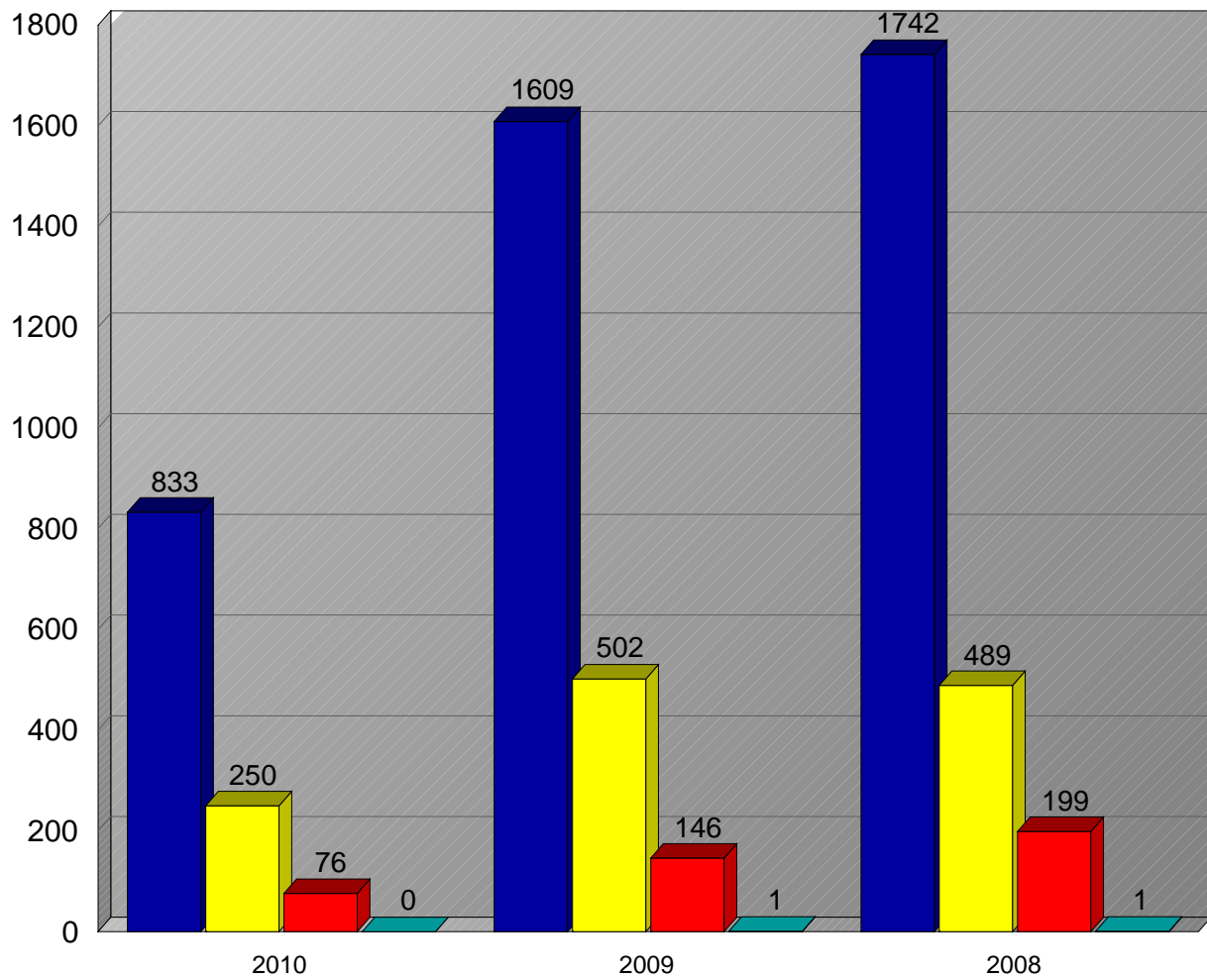
# Motor Vehicle Collisions

Stats gathered from RMS data

June 30, 2010

- MVC
- Hit and Run
- MVC Injury
- MVC Fatality

GO Count



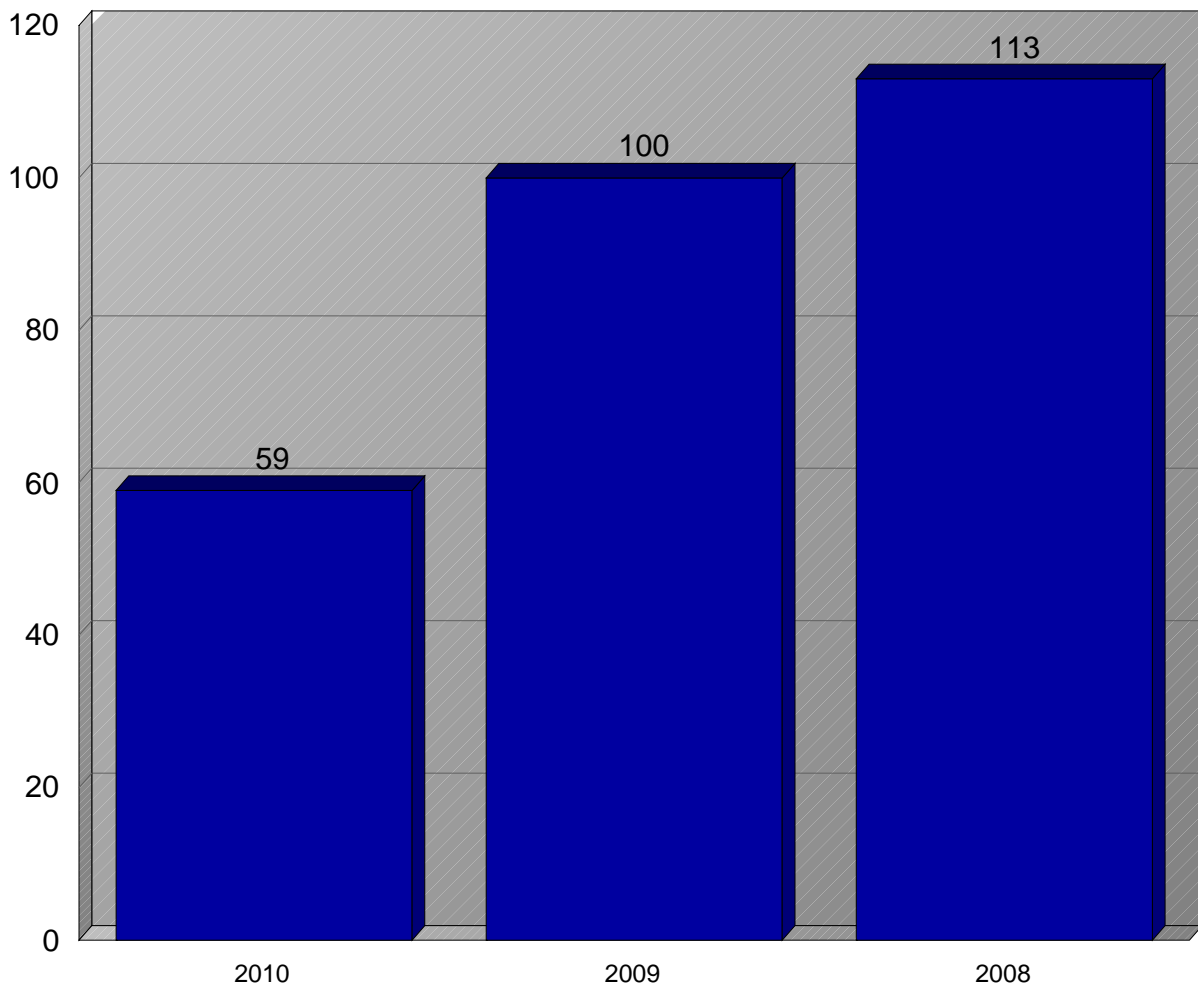
# Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

June 30, 2010

■ Theft MV

GO Count



# Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

June 30, 2010

- Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Robbery
- Other Violent Violations

GO Count

