



**OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009 AT 5:00 PM  
MEDICINE HAT POLICE SERVICE BOARDROOM**

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**1. MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of March 19, 2009 for adoption

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Police Commission Policy Chapter B Amendments - Complete
- B.

**3. REPORTS**

- A. Office of the Chief Report

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Introduction of New MHPS Members – Chief McGrogan
- B. Alberta Serious Incident Response Team – Chief McGrogan
- C.
- D.
- E.

**5. CORRESPONDANCE**

- A.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION  
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009 AT 5:00 PM  
AT THE POLICE SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDROOM**

<b>PRESENT:</b> Chair R. Jackson Vice-Chair L. Walsh Alderman J. White Alderman T. Clugston Chief A. McGrogan Inspector R. Wigle Inspector M. Morton Inspector G. Motz	<b>ALSO:</b> Ms. R. Sittler
	<b>ABSENT:</b> Mr. R. Forsyth

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**1. MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2009 MEETING**

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

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

**A) Police Commission Policy Chapter B**

Rita reported that Chapter B Section 9 of the Commission policy has been amended by removing points #3 & 4 as discussed at the previous meeting.

Inspector Wigle reported that Kristine Wolski of the Alberta Solicitor General has reviewed the procedure and has put forward four recommendations. S/Sgt Lemire has been tasked with reviewing the recommendations and they will be brought forward to Commission when ready.

**3. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT**

Report attached to these Minutes.

Alderman White requested more information about the Drug Recognition training and legislation. Inspector Wigle and Chief McGrogan reported that two MHPS members have been trained so far but that there are many unanswered questions about how the legislation can be effective and enforced. **Action: Inspector Wigle will provide a full report on this legislation at the next Commission meeting.**

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

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Introduction of New MHPS Members**

Four new MHPS members; Kevin Weisgerber, Dominic Scrimger, Shanda Glover, and Colin Burritt introduced themselves to the Commission and were sworn in as police officers

by Chief McGrogan. The new recruits will begin their training at the Centre for Advancement in Community Justice in Lethbridge on May 4.

**B) Alberta Serious Incident Response Team**

Chief McGrogan reported that the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) have asked the MHPS to supply resumes of investigators who could be seconded to conduct investigations throughout the province as needed. The investigator's salary would be paid by the MHPS but all other costs incurred during the investigation process would be paid by ASIRT. Six investigator's resumes have been forwarded to ASIRT for their consideration.

**5. CORRESPONDANCE**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.**



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION APRIL 23, 2009

### Chief's Report

#### Training and Seminars

- **Solicitor General Senior Officer Training** – seven members are completing this on going Level 2 course delivered through on-line lessons mixed with problem based scenarios.
- **Advanced Mobile Surveillance Course** – two members attended this ALERT funded Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta (CISA) course which covers mobile surveillance techniques.
- **Alberta Police Based Victim Service Conference** – VA Coordinator attended
- **Provincial Traffic Safety Plan Enforcement Committee Meeting** – Traffic Sgt attended this meeting to discuss new issues under the traffic safety plan.
- **Alberta Police Based Victim Service Association Basic Training** – VA Assistant attended to be trained as a new coordinator in an administrative position.
- **Major Crime Investigative Techniques Course** – one member attended Canadian Police College course which provides criminal investigators with the knowledge, skills and procedures to conduct thorough investigations of major crime scenes.
- Professional Development Day will be held on April 30 and May 5.
- In Service Training – Firearms, Control Tactics, Carbine Instructors, Special Operators Entry Carbine / Subgun, K9, TACT, EVOC Training occurred during the month of April

#### Human Resources Update

- Four new members will commence employment on April 28, 2009 and one member on May 4, 2009.

#### Budget Update

- Variance report is complete for the month of March and our budget is in line with expectations for neutral year-end variance.

#### Law Enforcement Framework Roundtable Review

- Chief McGrogan attended above roundtable with representatives of Commissions, Police Associations, AUMA, and Solicitor General. Sessions discussed issues relating to future service delivery, governance and funding as it related to police.

#### RCMP Integrated Border Enforcement Team

- RCMP Integrated Border Enforcement Team requested to second a member of our Service for a two year term. Chief McGrogan met with delegates of the RCMP on April 7th to review terms of reference and memorandum of understanding. The

proposal appears solid and fits our succession planning needs. Chief McGrogan will be seeking Commission approval to continue to explore the secondment outlining justification and benefits to the service.

### Emergency Services Table Top Exercise

- On March 25, 2009, Chief McGrogan and Inspector Motz participated in an emergency services table top exercise at the Emergency Headquarters office. Approximately forty participants were present and found it very beneficial. MHPS will be re-aligning our police contribution to emergency services by assigning three new assistant “duty directors”.

## Operational Services

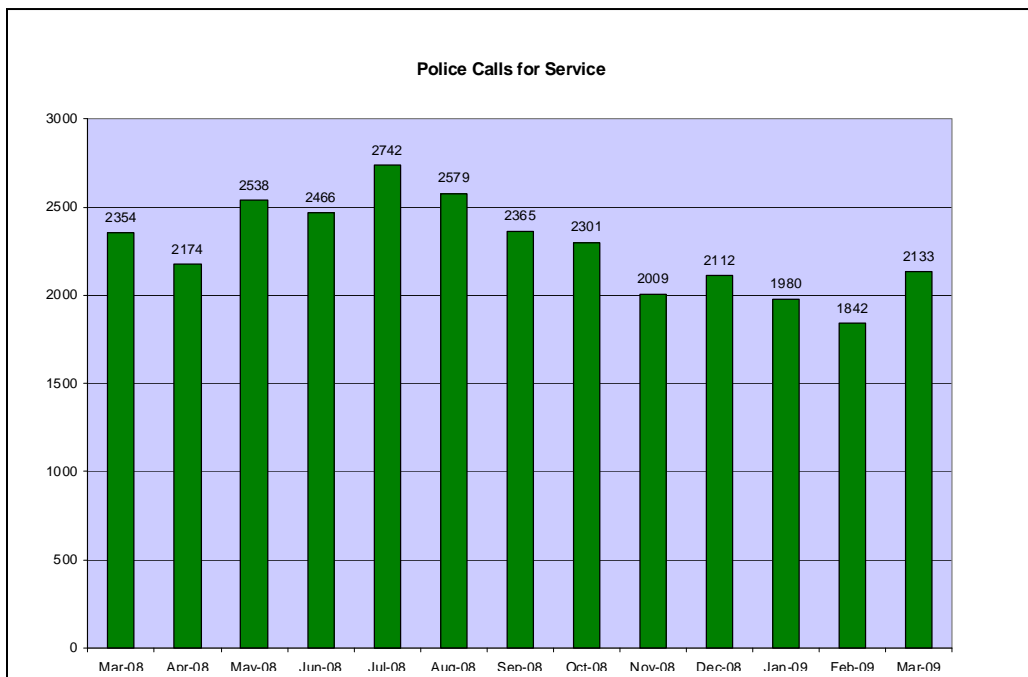
### Canine

- Two members of the Canine Unit attended a dog broker in Chicago Illinois, to identify a new Canine to replace a retiring member and his dog. After extensive testing and medical checks, a 14-month-old German Sheppard selected and transported to Medicine Hat on April 10, 2009. A contest will be run (for 12 year olds and under) to pick an appropriate name for the new member of the Unit.

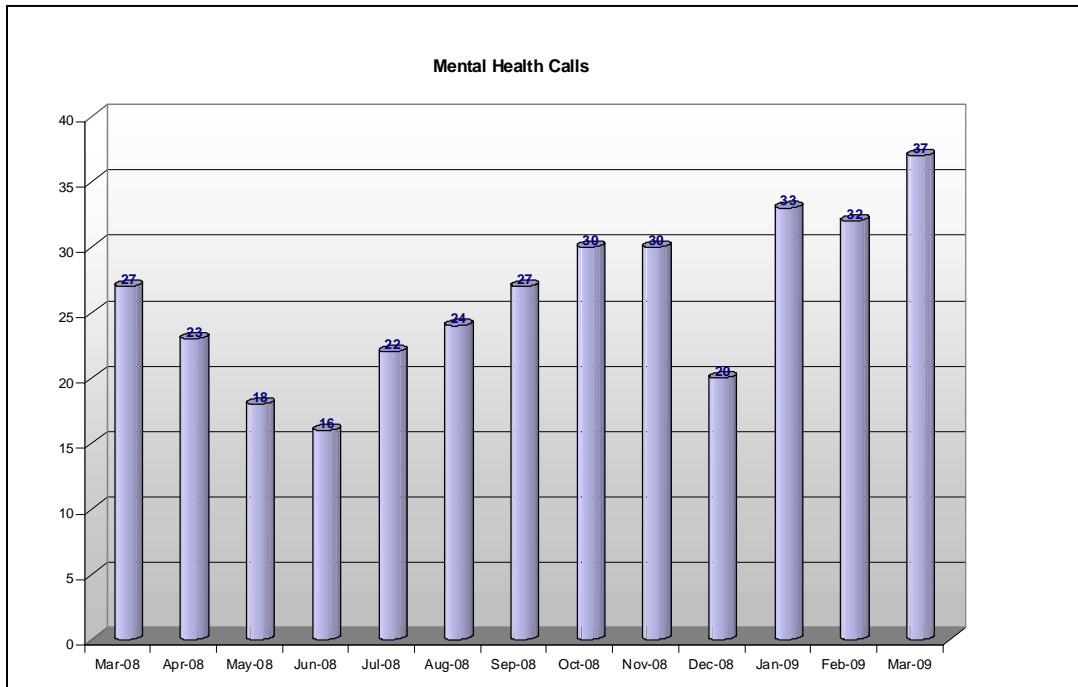
### Patrol Section

- Trends in selected call types:

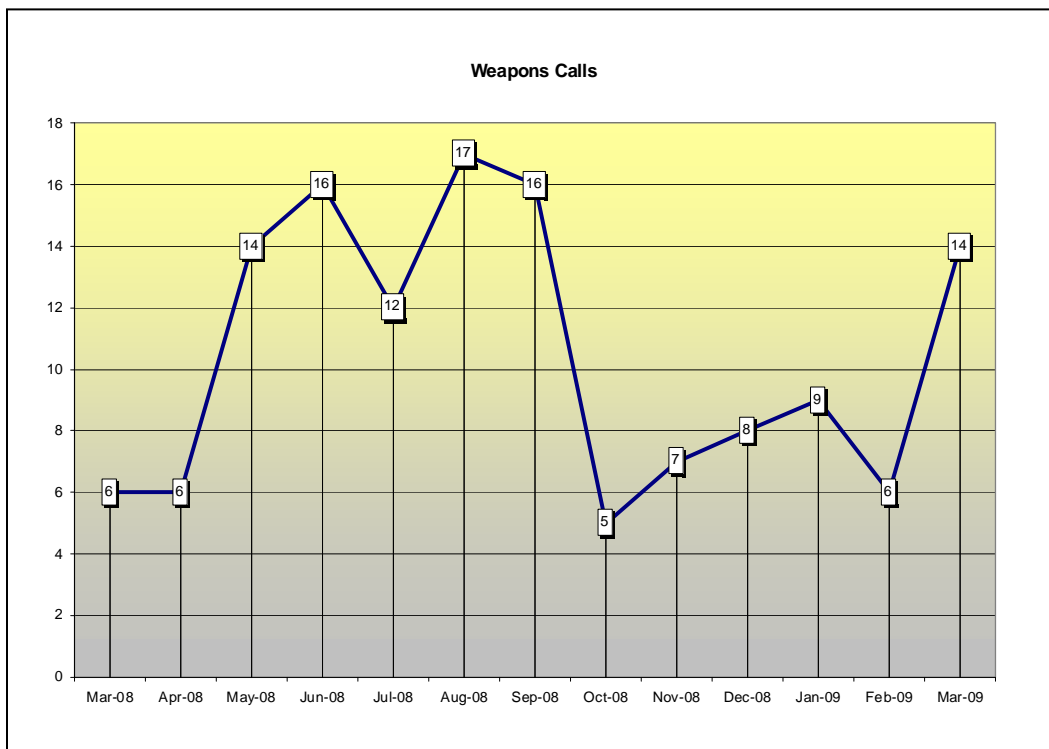
### Calls for Service



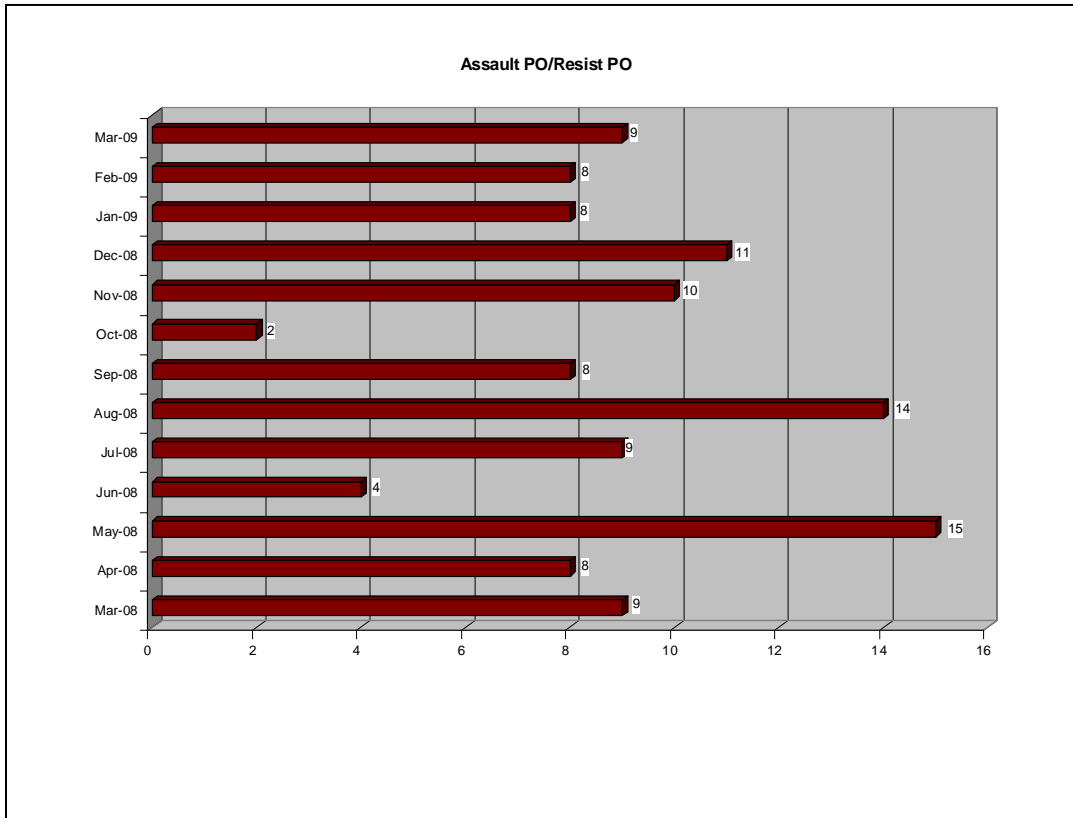
## Mental Health Calls



## Weapons Calls



## Assaults Against Police/Resisting Arrest



### Traffic Unit

- Two members of the Unit have completed the Drug Recognition Expert course. Classroom training occurred from Feb 22 to March 7, 2009. Practical training occurred in Phoenix Arizona on March 17 to 21, 2009. Members have briefed Service and are liaising with government agencies to cover off processes prior to implementation in Service.
- The Service responded to 204 motor vehicle collisions in March, the Unit investigated 94 of them.
- STEP program for March was occupant restraints. Accordingly, the Unit collaborated with the Sheriffs, Dept. of Transportation, Office of Traffic and the Safety City Society in an awareness / enforcement campaign. 119 violation tickets issued and 7 child safety seat inspections completed.

### Specialized Traffic Enforcement Unit

- Safety Messaging Trailer first message aligned with the STEP program and the message was (Click it or Ticket, Buckle Up).

## March 2008 to March 2009 Statistic Comparison

Category	2008	2009
Vehicles Monitored	75,470	77,260
# of Violators	3,980	2,457
Violations Issued	3,186 or 4.22 % of vehicles	1,791 or 2.32% of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	14	15 km over posted limit

Number of violators down considerably due to the poor road conditions in March

### Community Resource Unit

The Unit focused on activities surrounding Fraud awareness month

- Sessions on fraud and identity theft presented at the mall on consecutive Saturdays
- Fraud presentations made at different venues including the library and the Wellington Condominium complex.
- Other major activities for the Unit included:
- Five members of the Unit received level 2 certification in threat assessments and will be utilizing their training in multidisciplinary risk assessments of students who present risks to themselves or others.
- Three members received certification in car seat safety. The members will be collaborating with the AMA to put on five to six occupant restraint clinics in 2009.
- Unit caught up with the delivery of DARE training to the grade schools, delayed several months from the usual September commencement.

### Bylaw Section

This was the first month Bylaw was not required to do prisoner security or train Commissionaires. The statistics for the Unit clearly identifies a consistent and proactive approach to bylaw awareness and enforcement. In the month of March the Unit:

- Attended 833 calls for service, up 17% from March 2008;
- Initiated 354 calls or 42.5% of total calls;
- Increased licensing of cats by 72% and dogs by 27% from March 2008;
- Cut response times to dog at large complaints by 50%, 40 minutes March 2008 down to 20 minutes in March 2009.
- Document service increased 25% from March 2008.

### Pursuits

There were no pursuits in March.

## Support Services

### Major Crimes Section

- S/Sgt. Lemire has been moved from MCS to an Administrative Staff Sergeant position in the Office of the Chief. Newly promoted S/Sgt Brent Secondiak has taken over as the MCS S/Sgt.
- The Fraud awareness initiative for the month of March was very successful locally and well received and attended by the public. Many questions were asked with regards to the types and prevalence of fraud crimes. In addition, a lot of information was disseminated about how people can protect themselves from these types of potentially devastating crimes.
- A Lethbridge resident has been charged for obtaining \$3000 worth of 'Mall Bucks' by means of a bad cheque. Further investigation revealed that he had written bad cheques and obtained about \$15K worth of goods from Lethbridge, some of which have been recovered. The subject is currently in the court process for both the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge offences.

### Organized Crime Section

- As you will remember from May 2008, the MHPS collaborated with the RCMP in the development of two business case proposals for ALERT funded units in south eastern Alberta. The first was for an expansion of the existing MH Integrated Intelligence Unit and the second involved the formation of a new Integrated Enforcement Team. Those businesses cases have been approved for the 2009 - 2010 business year. As of April 01, 2009 those units became a reality as the MHPS filled the ALERT funded positions for both the Intel and Enforcement teams. We are currently awaiting the placement of RCMP personnel (which is anticipated in June 2009) and continue to work through the acquisition of equipment for the teams. Once these teams are fully staffed, the Organized Crime Section will consist of a total of 21 personnel, 13 MHPS members, 5 RCMP members and 3 ALERT funded civilian positions (2 analysts and 1 support staff). Under this arrangement, the MHPS will fund 8 positions while ALERT will fund 13. We are anxious to get the full team operational and excited by the potential regional enforcement impact on criminal activity.
- During March a street level cocaine trafficker was charged with a number of CDSA offences after several U/C drug purchases.
- Numerous charges were laid after the successful conclusion of a month long investigation into the trafficking of Cannabis Marihuana and Psilocybin (Magic Mushrooms).
- In March, members of the Organized Crime Section arrested and charged the 2 individuals involved in cocaine and ecstasy trafficking within the City of Medicine Hat. A total of \$10,000 worth of cocaine and ecstasy was seized.
- During March, members of the Organized Crime Section concluded an investigation involving the cultivation of Cannabis Marihuana. The investigation resulted in two (2) separate search warrants being executed with the assistance of the Southern Alberta Marihuana Investigative Team (SAMIT). The total amount of Cannabis Marihuana plants seized from both residences was 262 plants with a total estimated street value of \$262,000.00. Police also seized \$50,000.00 worth of Cannabis Marihuana growing equipment.

### Forensic Identification Unit

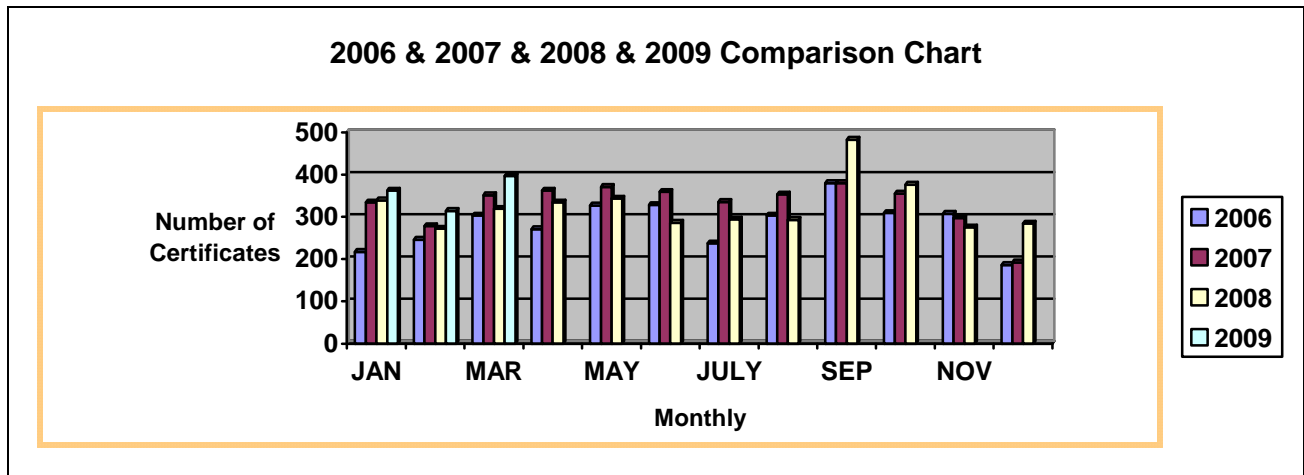
- FIU has had a busy month, compounded by being short staffed due to illness and courses. Over the past month, FIU attended 70 calls for service. Of significance were; 1 arson, numerous sudden death scenes, 2 sexual assaults, 3 assault causing bodily harm, 6 stolen autos, and numerous assaults and break and enters.

### Professional Standards Section

- The new records storage system has been installed which allows the Service to more efficiently use the current space and create future cost savings.

### Police Information Checks:

- First quarter statistical update is as follows:



### Historic PIC Stats – Month to Month – Year to Year Comparison

	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	217	334	339	362
February	246	278	272	314
March	303	351	319	397
April	271	362	334	
May	327	371	343	
June	328	359	286	
July	237	335	295	
August	303	353	293	
September	380	380	483	
October	309	355	376	
November	307	297	275	
December	186	192	284	
Yearly totals	3414	3967	3899	1073

### **Monthly PIC Income**

January	\$15,025.00	\$14,170.00	\$13,518.00
February	\$10,420.00	\$10,226.00	\$11,530.00
March	\$16,235.00	\$12,885.00	\$13,936.00
April	\$16,420.00	\$14,305.00	
May	\$14,505.00	\$13,310.00	
June	\$14,260.00	\$11,975.00	
July	\$13,925.00	\$13,065.00	
August	\$16,365.00	\$13,495.00	
September	\$14,275.00	\$18,450.00	
October	\$13,485.00	\$12,825.00	
November	\$11,065.00	\$10,115.00	
December	\$6,515.00	\$10,855.00	
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>\$162,494.00</b>	<b>\$155,676.00</b>	<b>\$38,984.00</b>

### **2009 Received - CORRESPONDENCE – (hard copy) Stats**

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
<i>Insurance Companies</i>	39	34	36	109
<i>Law Firms/Offices</i>	7	9	9	25
<i>Corrections Services Canada - Parole &amp; Institutions</i>	12	18	8	38
<i>City of Med Hat</i>	20	4	10	34
<i>Alta Justice - Victims of Crime Benefits</i>	4	4	3	11
<i>Police - Other</i>	6	11	4	21
<i>Alta Corrections - Probation &amp; Institutions</i>		2	2	4
<i>Private Individuals</i>	5	3	2	10
<i>Police - Alberta</i>	5	7	3	15
<i>Canadian Firearms Centre - Govt of Canada</i>	1	1	2	4
<i>Private Business/Corporations</i>	1	3	2	6
<i>Miscellaneous</i>				
<i>National Parole Board - Govt of Canada</i>				
<i>Workers Compensation Board</i>	1	1	3	5
<i>Social Services</i>				
<i>Alta Transportation Safety Branch</i>			1	1
<i>Medical Examiners office</i>		1		1
<i>Family and Social Services</i>			1	1
<i>Alta Justice - Motor Vehicle Accident Claims</i>	2	3		5
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## Victim Assistance Unit

- Karen Teare, the program coordinator, has returned to work after a lengthy time away due to illness. We are very excited and happy to have Karen back with us.
- 17 of our volunteers attended the Alberta Police Based Victim Service Provincial Conference in Banff. This conference focused on the issues that Victim Assistance personnel may come across in the field. Courses from Homicide to Elder Abuse were discussed.

### Victim Assistance Statistics- January- March 2009

Sexual Assault	19		
Domestic Disputes / Assaults	80		
Suicide / Attempted Suicide	29		
Break / Enter / Theft	86		
Attempt / Break / Enter	1		
Assaults	53		
Robbery	6		
Sudden Death	16		
Motor Vehicle Accidents W / Injury	0		
Motor Vehicle Accidents W / Fatality	1		
Other	120		
Total Files	411		
Processed Within - 2 Days	240		
Processed 3 - 4 Days	71	After 5 Days	100
Number of Victims	442		
Letters Mailed	430		
Phone Calls	1310		
Call Outs	9		
Home Visits	3		
Hospital Visits	1		
In Station	25		
Court Attendance	16		
Domestic Violence Court Attendance	12		
Ride-A-Longs	0		
Files Completed	422		

## API-3 Update

- API3 continues to move forward and develop clarity regarding participation of the RCMP. The API3 Project Governance Committee, is traveling to Ottawa to meet with the RCMP IT staff to finalize the details around the RCMP PROS interface with API3, including what and how much data will be shared.
- The API3 Project Governance Committee met with the Steering Committee and the smaller police agencies and First Nations chiefs, in Red Deer on April 7, 2009. A thorough briefing was given to enhance their understand and level of comfort around the procurement process, system requirements, content of the Release For Proposal, evaluation process and the timeline.
- Following these meetings, an inaugural Governance Council meeting was held with the Chiefs from Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Camrose, Taber, Lacombe, Blood Tribe Police and Lakeshore Regional Police Service, as well as the Senior Executives from the RCMP, Sheriffs Branch and Solicitor General and Public Security. The Governance Council was established as follows:

Chief Rick Hanson, Calgary Police Service – Chair

Chief Mike Boyd, Edmonton Police Service

Chief Tom McKenzie, Lethbridge Regional Police Service

Chief Andy McGrogan, Medicine Hat Police Service

Assistant Commissioner Rod Knecht, RCMP

Chief Darrel Kambeitz, Camrose Police Service – Smaller Police Services Representative

Chief Robert Byers, Blood Tribe Police Service – First Nations Police Representative

Chief Al Sauve, Sheriffs Branch

Assistant Deputy Minister Bill Meade, Solicitor General and Public Security

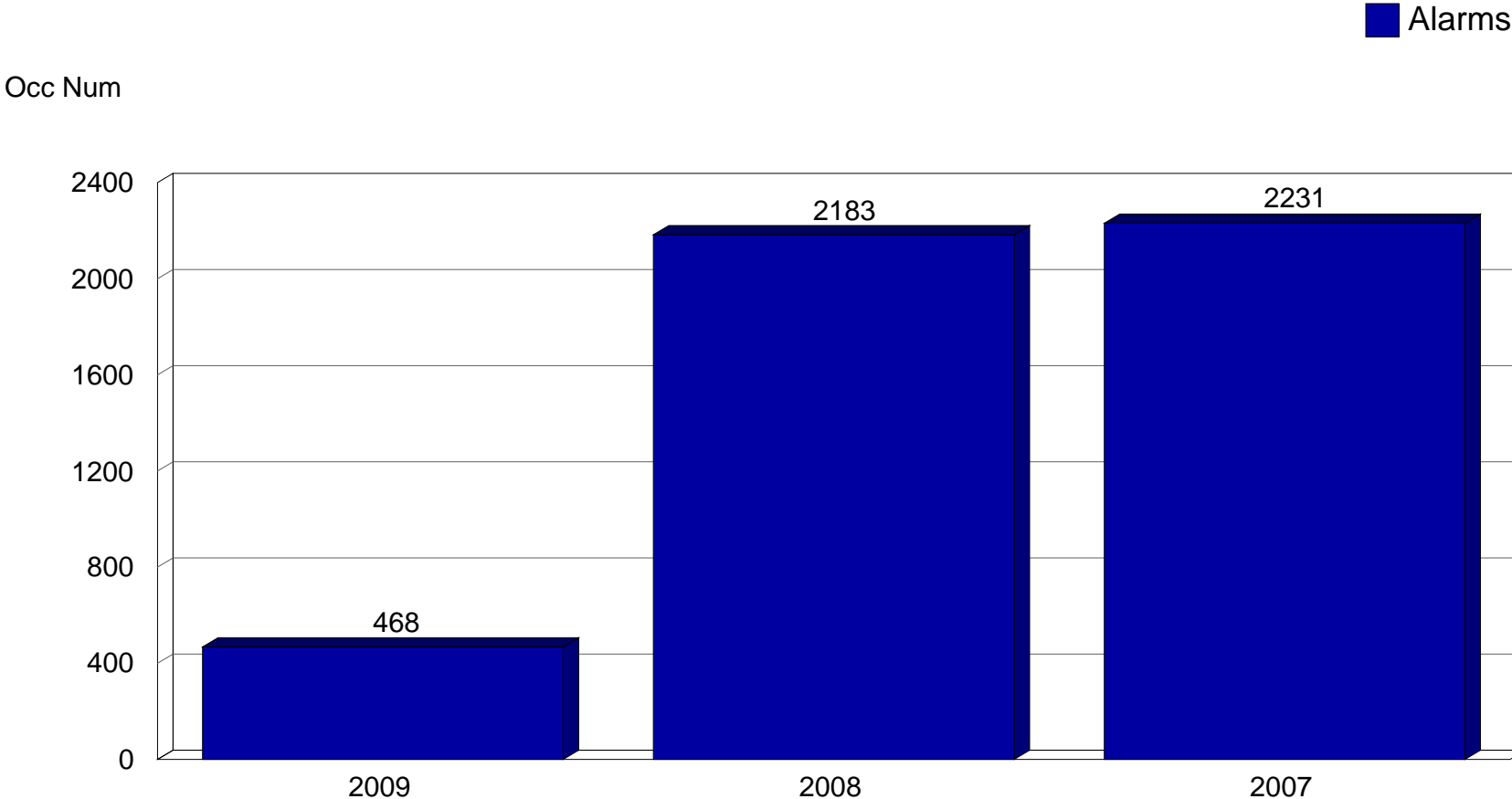
- Commitments were made to remain on the previous timeline, which will identify a successful vendor by the end of November 2009 and the first rollout to Calgary and the Sheriffs Branch in the last quarter of 2010.

## Statistical Update

- See attached graphs

### Alarm Calls By Year

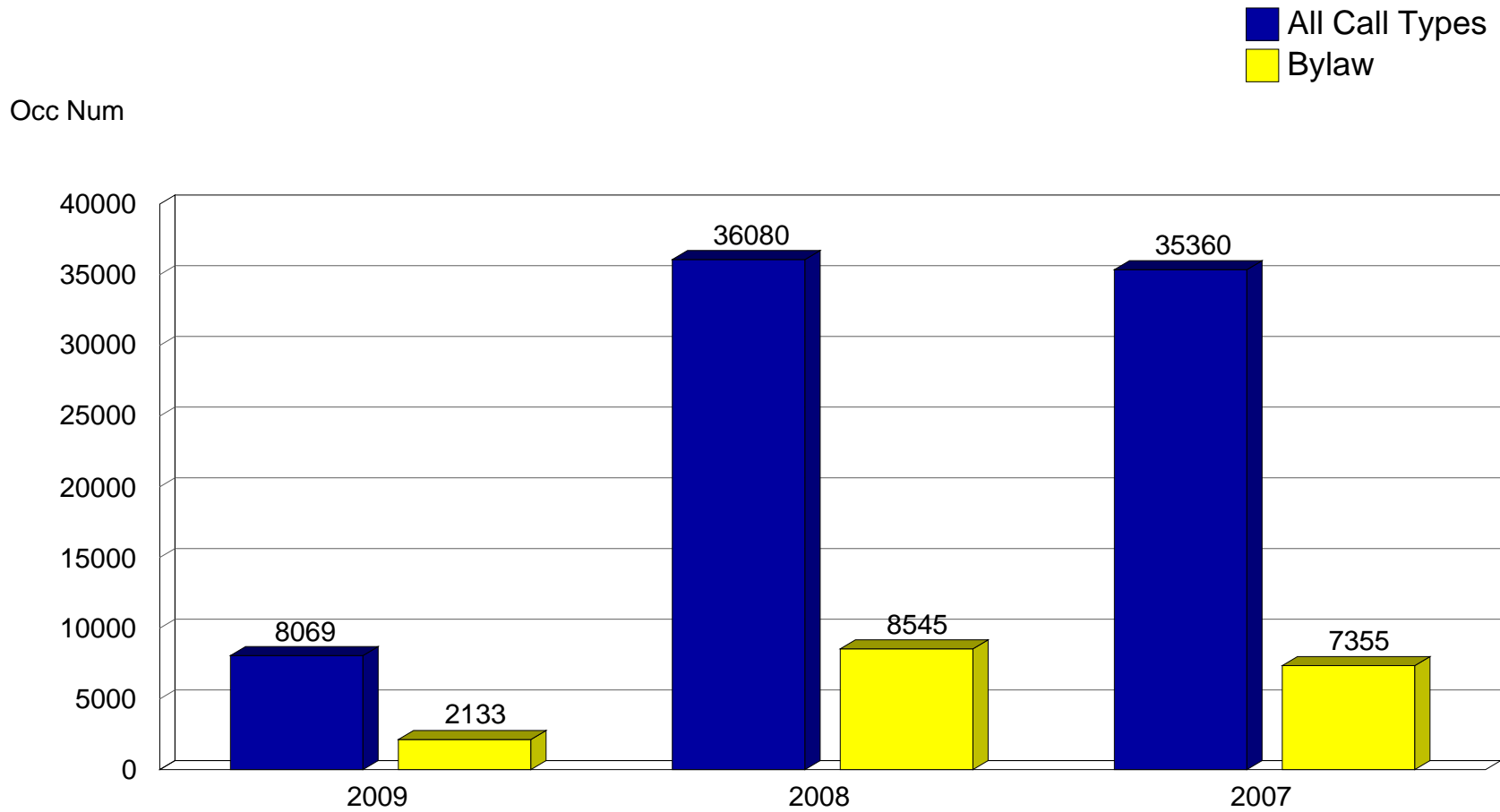
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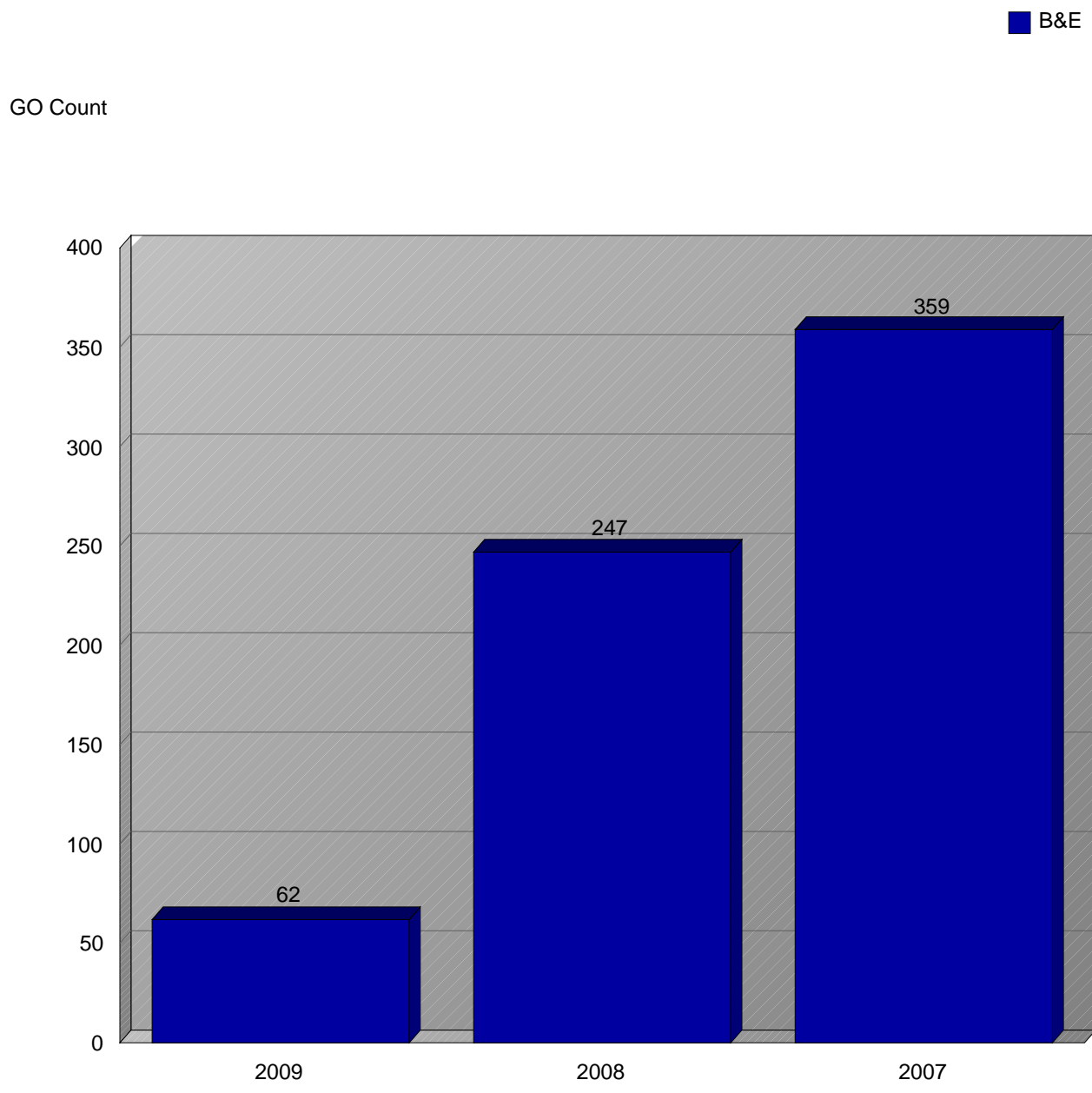
### All Call and Bylaw Call Types

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### B&E By Year

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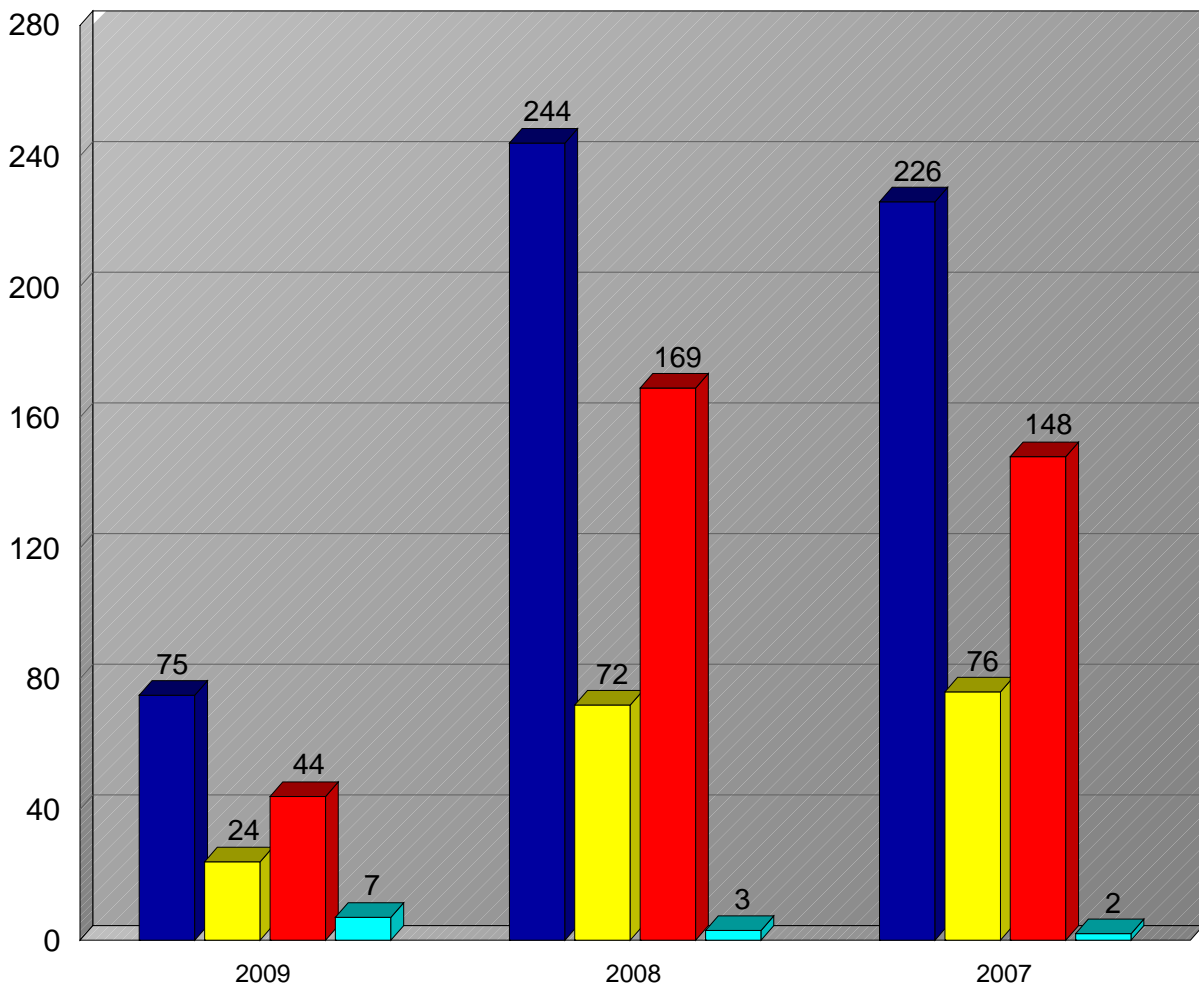
	2009	2008	2007
B&E	62	247	359

### CDSA(Drugs) byYear

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- CDSA (Drugs)
- Trafficking
- Possession
- Other

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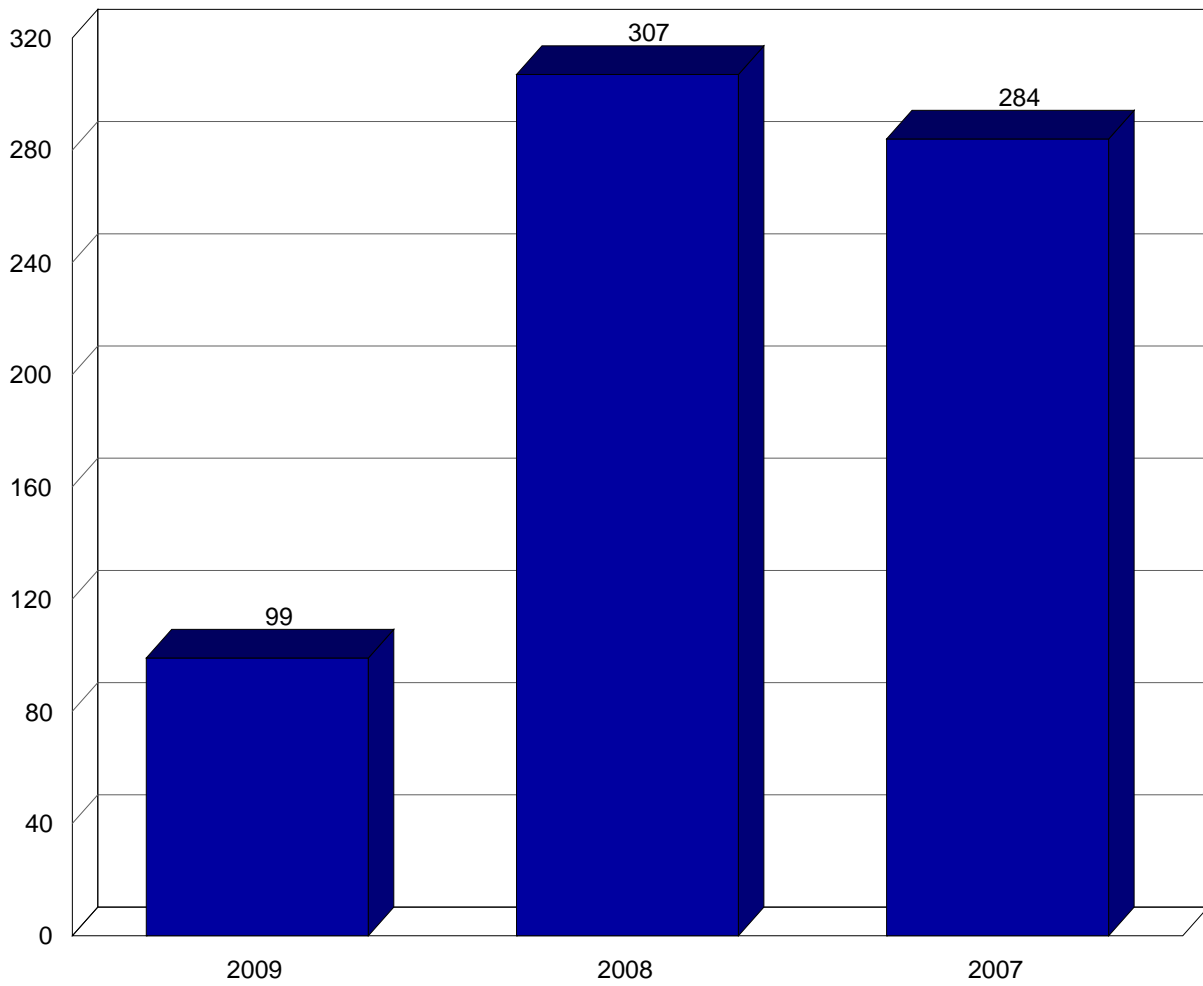


April 8, 2009

**Impaired Charges by Year**  
Year to Year Comparisons  
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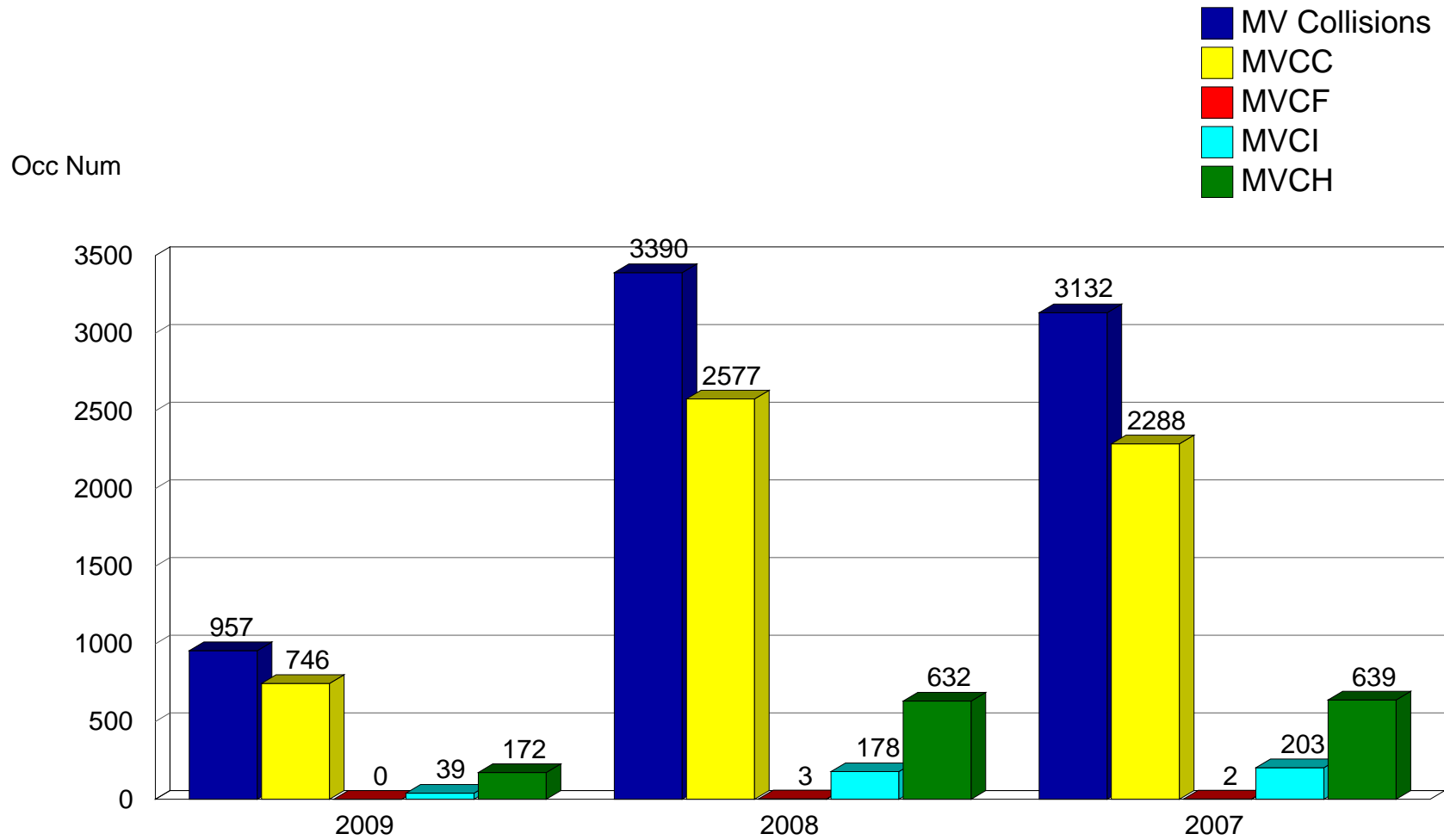
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### Motor Vehicle Collisions Call Types

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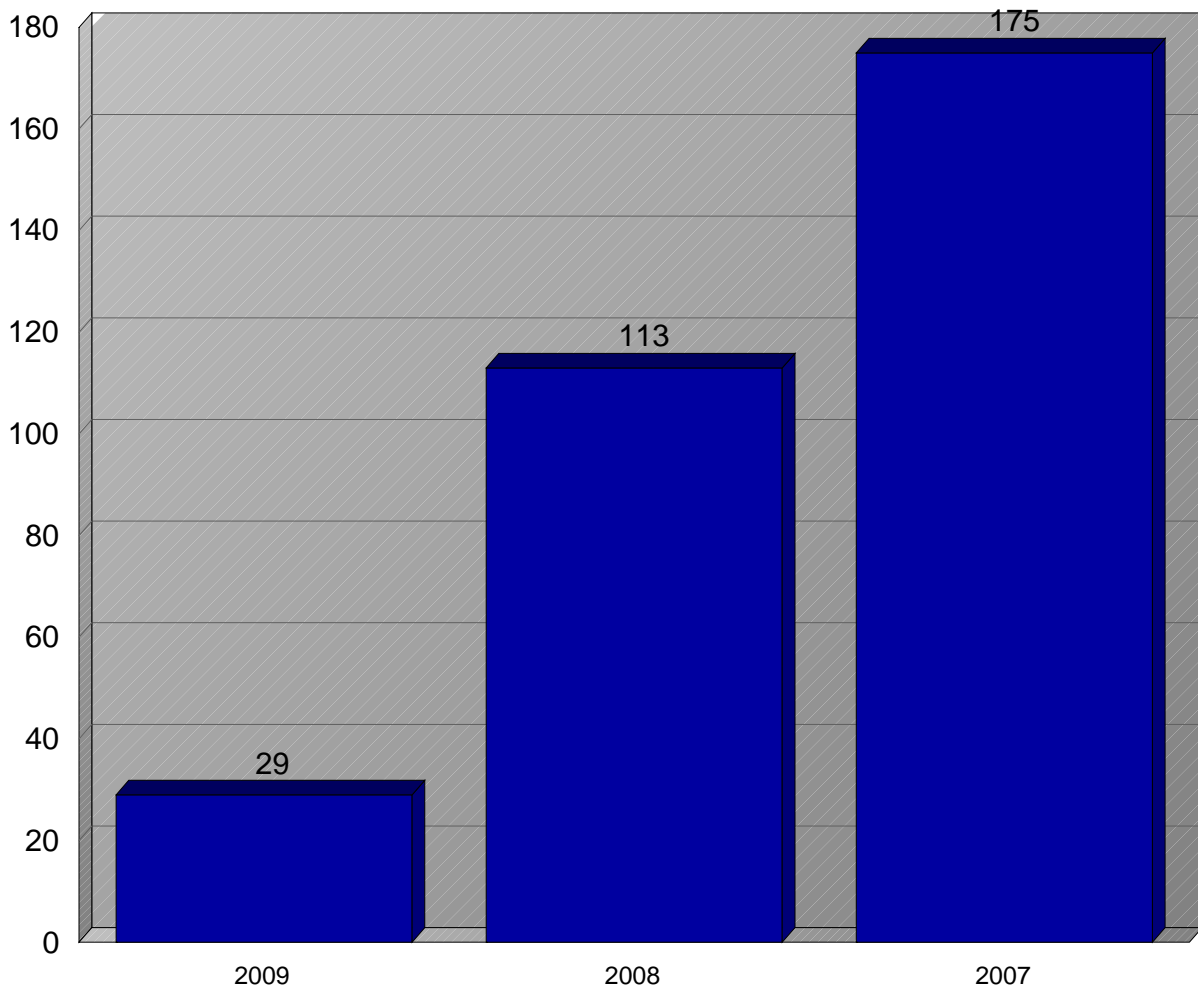


### Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

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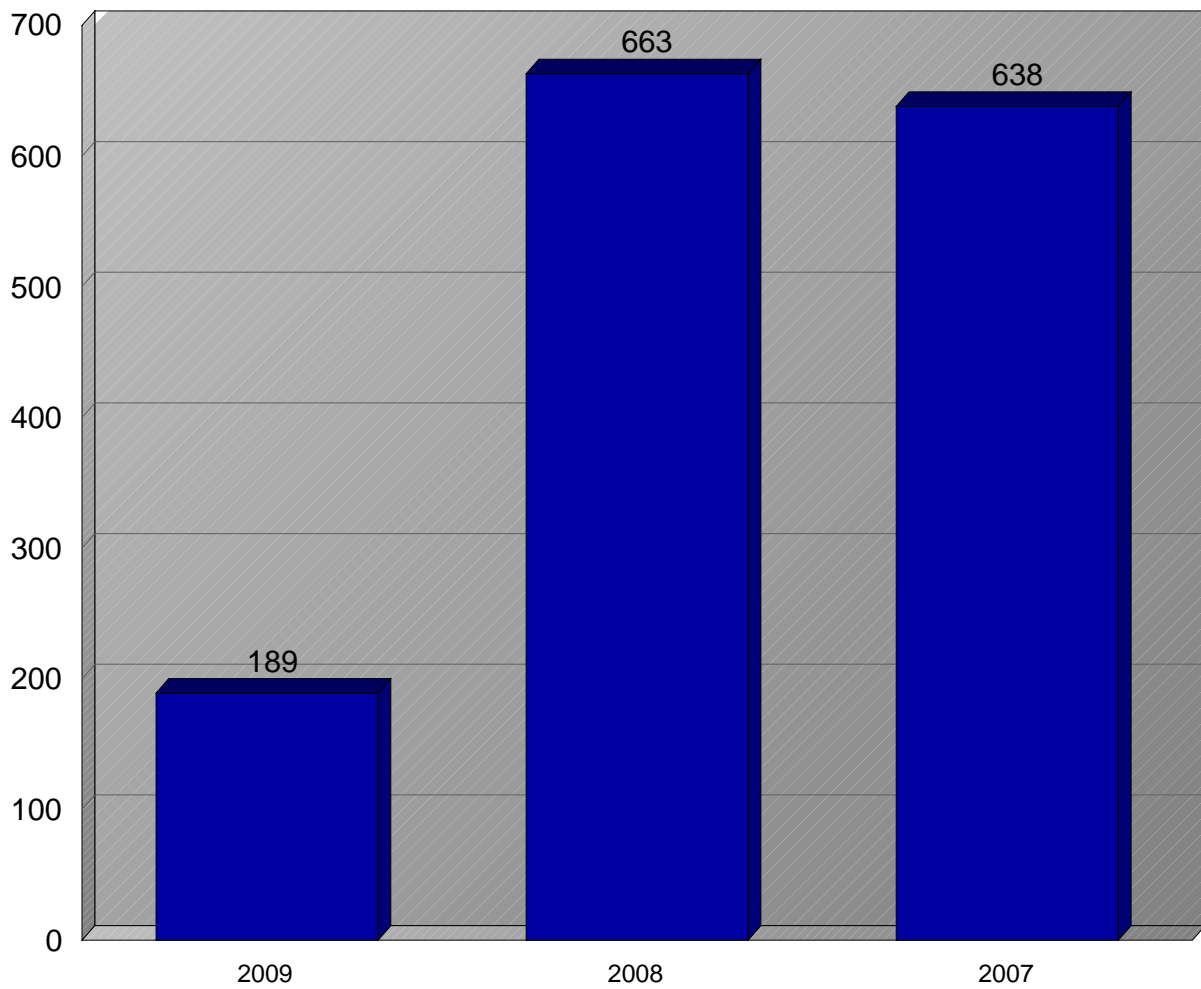


### Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

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■ Violent

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## Contracted Parking Enforcement

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	634	666	855	772	345	525	532	272	508	325	456
February	665	598	541	721	322	467	530	229	329	361	556
March	681	543	782	655	389	540	507	272	467	487	657
April	602	539	581	669	419	523	636	355	317	337	
May	386	318	418	357	329	550	596	455	339	336	
June	327	398	371	316	285	451	420	408	446	382	
July	345	250	313	270	242	365	318	370	487	447	
August	321	350	365	292	289	629	266	295	372	327	
September	599	518	446	362	377	527	378	280	294	304	
October	703	742	734	426	449	646	278	541	423	393	
November	609	644	528	414	478	605	297	602	380	375	
December	387	428	468	438	656	516	231	560	420	305	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6259</b>	<b>5994</b>	<b>6402</b>	<b>5692</b>	<b>4580</b>	<b>6344</b>	<b>4989</b>	<b>4639</b>	<b>4782</b>	<b>4379</b>	<b>1669</b>

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Total</b>	<b>5994</b>	<b>6402</b>	<b>5692</b>	<b>4580</b>	<b>6344</b>	<b>4989</b>	<b>4639</b>	<b>4782</b>	<b>4379</b>	<b>1669</b>