



**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009 at 5:00 PM**  
**MEDICINE HAT POLICE SERVICE BOARDROOM**

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1. **MINUTES**

A. Minutes of November 19, 2009 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. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw & Off Leash  
Park Recommendations **5:30 – 5:50 PM**

B. Confidential Decision Item –P09-04 **5:50 – 5:55 PM**

C. Decision Item P09-05 **5:55 – 6:00 PM**

D. Change in venue for meetings **6:00 – 6:05 PM**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION  
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009 AT 5:00 PM  
AT THE POLICE SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDROOM**

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

**ALSO:** Ms. R Sittler

**ABSENT:**

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

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

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**3. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT**

Report attached to these Minutes. In addition Inspector Wigle provided an update on the Drug Recognition Export Program. The Service currently has two (2) trained Drug Recognition Experts and four (4) members trained to Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST). One (1) member is currently trained to train other officers in SFST and over the next several weeks a plan will be put in place to train all operation staff of the Service.

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

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP BYLAW & OFF LEASH PARK RECOMMENDATIONS**

Inspector Wigle presented a report containing recommendations for changes to the City's off leash parks. The Service conducted this research to help facilitate a review of off leash areas once the Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw is passed by Council.

The report (attached to these minutes) was accepted for information and will be forwarded to Council for their consideration.

**B) CONFIDENTIAL DECISION ITEM P09-04**

**Mr. Walsh, seconded by Alderman Clugston, moved that Confidential Decision Item P09-04 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.**

**C) DECISION ITEM P09-05 – ENDORSEMENT OF 2010 – 2012 BUSINESS PLAN**

**Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Alderman White, moved that Decision Item P09-05 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.**

**D) MHPS REGIMENTAL PARADE**

Inspector Morton reported that the Medicine Hat Police Service Regimental Parade would be held on January 13, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Cypress Centre. At the parade Chief McGrogan will announce the 2010 goals and objectives of the Service and several medals will be presented to staff. Members of the public are welcome to attend the ceremony, following which there will be an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and celebrate with the police service staff.

**E) CHANGE IN VENUE FOR MEETINGS**

Chair Jackson announced that effective January 21, 2010 the Police Commission meetings will be held in City Council chambers. A press release will be prepared announcing the change in location as well as changes to format of the meetings where questions and comments from the public will be allowed during a portion of the meeting.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.**



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION DECEMBER 17, 2009

### Chief's Report

#### Training and Seminars

- ISEP 200 Course – Cohort #3 – Three members of Patrols  
Purpose: Investigator Level Two course sponsored by the AB Solicitor General
- Executive Management Course – One training sergeant and one staff sergeant  
Purpose: Prepares candidates for Executive roles within their police agencies
- Professional Development Days were held on December 3 and 8
- In service Tech, EDU, TACT and K9 training occurred this month

#### Human Resources Update

- Four experienced members initiated employment effective November 30th. Since joining us they have been involved in orientation training which includes firearms certification, control tactics, report writing, records management, occupational health and safety. The members will be deployed to patrol teams this week.
- Six inexperienced members have been offered employment and are expected to report for duty on January 11, 2010.

#### Activity Update

- Facility Update - Rebanks Pepper Littlewood Architects Inc. have been selected to conduct our building needs and feasibility assessment. They will have the project completed by April of 2010. Seven firms were considered.
- The Police Service has initiated a review of our Police Car markings. Several designs have been reviewed by the Executive team and a short list is being presented to members for feedback. The Service is looking for ways to involve the community in providing feedback about our marked Police vehicle design.
- The Executive team attended a one day strategic planning day with members of the Community Resource Unit. The main topics were the proposed replacement of the DARE program and the establishment of a Safe Community advisory committee composed of members of the community that would assist the Service in safe community initiatives.

## Operational Services

### Specialized Traffic Enforcement Unit

- The Unit experienced an unusually high enforcement rate for November, partially contributable to the mild weather and the ability to deploy the remote box more.
- There were 20,765 or 31% more vehicles monitored in Nov 09 than Nov 08 (See Figure 1)

**Figure1. Photo Radar Comparison 08 to 09**

Category	2008	2009
Vehicles Monitored	67,423	88,188
# of Violators	3,244	5009
Violations Issued	2,598 or 3.85 % of vehicles	3738 or 4.24% of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	15 km over limit	15 km over posted limit

- The safety messaging/speed display trailer was deployed 21 days.

### Patrols

- Patrols attended 42 Mental Health calls, continuing the disturbing trend that has been reported for several months.
- The Service is awaiting a decision whether it will receive funding for an officer through the Police and Crisis Team (PACT) funding request submitted by Alberta Mental Health and Addictions. The Service wishes to have a dedicated officer to train members and be a liaison with other agencies (Mental Health, Diversion Program, Crown etc.).

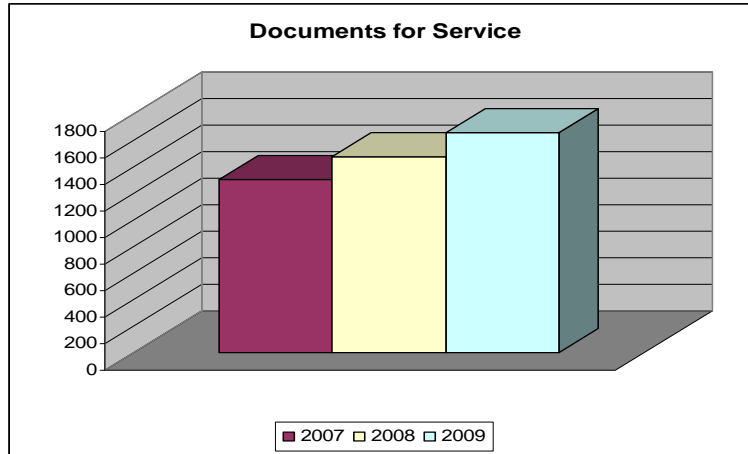
### Traffic Unit

- The Unit participated in "Operation Care and Control" an impaired driving initiative during the weekends of Nov 13 and 20, 2009. The operation is a partnership between MHPS and MADD. To date there have been 18 impaired driving charges laid, 5 24-hr suspensions issued and 1 suspended driver charge. The operation continues in December.
- On November 14, 2009 members of the Traffic Unit in conjunction with Fish and Wildlife conducted a check stop on the Highway 41A entrance to the city. The members were checking all hunters coming back to the city for firearms offences and impaired drivers. One impaired driver and one 24-hour suspension issued.
- There were 232 motor vehicle collisions reported in Nov, 57 were investigated by the Traffic Unit.

## Bylaw Section

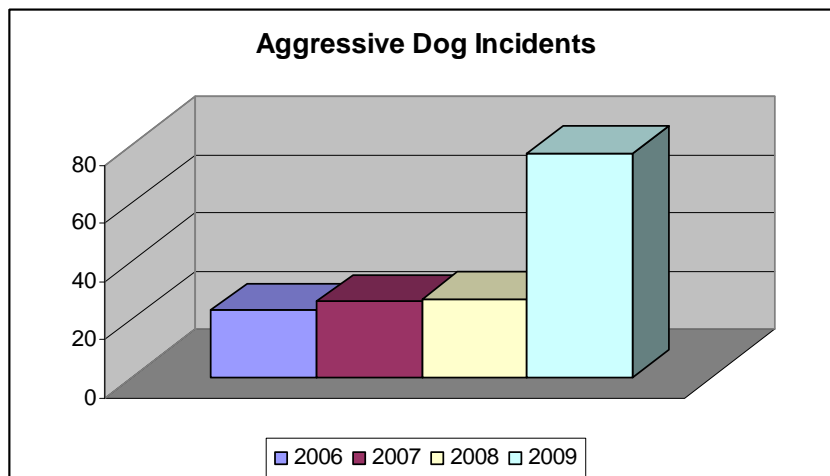
- The Unit responded to 499 calls for service, the lowest in two years, it did however allow the Unit to focus on document service.
- There were 941 document services and attempts, second highest ever recorded and up 38.6% from Nov 08.
- In the past two years the number of court documents required to be served has increased by approximately 27% as illustrated in Figure 2.

**Figure 2.**



- The aggressive dog trend previously reported continues, with four aggressive dog complaints and 6 related charges occurring in Nov. One such incident occurred when two pit pulls in an off-leash in Kin Coulee, ran from their owner who was texting at the time. The dogs charged towards a woman utilizing the area, fortunately no injuries were sustained.
- To November 30, there have been 77 Aggressive Dog incidents reported, a 71 % increase from the 23 incidents in 2006 (See Figure 4). 14% of these incidents occurred on or near off-leash areas. These trends point to a very dangerous situation, one that can be mitigated by adopting standards for off-leash areas.

**Figure 3.**



## **Canine**

- There were 15 deployments throughout the month, three contributing to the arrest of a suspect.
- One of the tracks resulted in the arrest 7 youths involved in a series of vehicle entries.
- There was 1 contact (bite) as the result of a male attempting to injure the dog after being apprehended running away from the scene of a B&E.

## **Support Services**

### **Major Crimes Section (MCS)**

- On November 13th, 2009, an armed robbery occurred at the Starlite Convenience store on Allowance Avenue, during which the suspect produced a knife. The suspect was located a short time later by Patrols. MCS became involved and obtained a full confession from the suspect who is facing several related charges.
- On the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2009, Patrols responded to a Crestwood residence for a report of a lone male who had just broken into the home occupied by a female. MCS later interviewed the victim who displayed several inconsistencies in the recollection of this offence and later admitted to fabricating the entire event. MCS also interviewed the same female regarding a complaint that she had made earlier this year alleging she was sexually assaulted in the area of the Medicine Hat Lodge. She has since admitted that this offence was fabricated as well. The 26 year old has been charged with two counts of Public Mischief for making false complaints.
- MCS has concluded the sexual assault investigation reported last month, concerning a 23 yr old male arrested after two girls reported offences subsequent to viewing a school presentation. In November a third sexual assault complaint was received involving the same accused from an occurrence in 2005. Further charges of Sexual Assault and Sexual Interference have been laid.
- On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 MCS concluded an investigation that had been on-going for nearly a year. A local RV business had been dealing with a disgruntled customer who had issues with the purchase of a holiday trailer. The customer is alleged to have harassed and threatened the business owners and staff throughout the year with several arrows found lodged in trailers during the same period. After review, MCS were able to arrest and charge the accused for Criminal Harassment.
- On November 4, 2009 a male, recently separated from his wife and on condition to have no contact, unlawfully entered her residence and proceeded to the bedroom where she slept with her 10 yr old daughter and began to stab her repeatedly. The accused fled the scene before Police arrival but was found a soon after suffering from self-inflicted injuries. He died several days later from these injuries. The victim received facial and defensive lacerations during the attack and has since been released from hospital. MCS is continuing the investigation.
- MCS has concluded an alleged Sexual Assault investigation from December 1, 2009 in which a male was accused of unlawfully entering a residence and sexually assaulted a female, resulting in minor injuries. As MCS was investigating the incident, suspicions emerged as to the legitimacy of her allegations. Further

- On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, around 6:00 AM, Police responded to a complaint of a home invasion / robbery in the southwest hill area. Two masked males armed with a firearm entered the residence, unlawfully confined the occupants and assaulted the primary occupant with the weapon, while demanding property and money. They then fled. MCS have since arrested the two accused and recovered the clothing worn and weapon used in the commission of this offence, along with approximately 180 tablets of ecstasy and items stolen during the home invasion. Both males provided full confessions and have been charged with various related offences.

### **Organized Crime Section (OCS)**

- RCMP members Sgt Smuk and Cst Jeff Sehn have arrived and began orientation with CFSEU. The additional CFSEU RCMP constable should be here in early March 2010. The MHIIU RCMP member will be here in January 2010 but will be deployed to the Olympics until March.
- In November, MHIIU turned over a file to CFSEU for enforcement. A residential search warrant was executed which resulted in a 2 lbs of marihuana, 10 grams of mushrooms, 2 vials of hash oil, a .22 calibre firearm as well as ammunition. The street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$7,000. Three Medicine Hat residents have been charged with numerous CDSA and breach of firearm prohibition offences.
- CFSEU arrested two street level cocaine traffickers in November after purchases were made. Both have been charged accordingly.
- MH CFSEU assisted the Southern Alberta Integrated Gang Enforcement Team (SAIGET) as well as the Calgary Gang Enforcement Team (GET) with an investigation which originated out of Medicine Hat. From the information passed on by MH CFSEU, SAIGET / GET executed a residential search warrant in Calgary which yielded a small amount of cocaine, marihuana and hashish; drug paraphernalia and packaging materials; a .22 calibre Luger handgun and ammunition (stolen out of Red Deer); over \$100,000 in Canadian cash; plus the accused 2004 Audi seized as offence related property.
- During November, CFSEU concluded an investigation that MHIIU had passed to them for enforcement. The accused, a Medicine Hat resident, was arrested upon his return from Edmonton and found to be in possession of ½ a kilogram of powder cocaine, a small amount of ecstasy, and \$1700 cash. The residence was also searched where a small amount of cocaine and packaging materials were located. Total street value of the drugs seized was approximately \$52,000. The male faces numerous CDSA charges in addition to having his 2006 Honda Ridgeline seized under civil forfeiture.

### **Professional Standards Section:**

- In mid November, Cst. Taylor transferred into the Training Unit full time to assist Sgt Brandt in meeting the increased training demands.

- Sgt Humphries was transferred to Patrol team #4 to take on the Sergeant duties and Cst Carrisa Witkowski was placed into Court detail on a temporary basis until a full time constable is transferred into the unit.

### **Forensic Identification Unit:**

- November was another busy month for Ident with calls for service involving sudden deaths & workplace injuries, home invasions, armed robberies, fires/arsons, injury MVC's, numerous assault files and DNA orders & warrants.
- Sgt. Fischhofer attended a F.S. & I.S. (National Forensic Lab meeting) in Calgary in late November attended by Crown Prosecutors, Forensic Supervisors from C.P.S., E.P.S., L.R.P.S., Solicitor General office reps, and RCMP crime lab managers from across Canada. The committee continues to address problem issues and influence timely turnarounds with respect to the crime labs. As a direct result of these consultation committees, turnaround times continue to improve. Sgt. Fischhofer has been named the Chair of the Committee for 2010.
- Cst Allen has put a significant amount of time & effort in creating the new MHPS photo board, ensuring the project reflected positively & professionally on the Police Service.
- A reverse DNA hit has identified a suspect in a 2004 armed robbery from Boylan's Drugmart. MCS is now following up.
- As technology continues to grow, FIU finds themselves dealing with more & more calls involving cell phone video, text messages, and security footage. FIU continues to adapt to the required documentation of this type of electronic evidence.
- Exhibit storage/space is one of the major challenges with FIU as the number of investigations continues to grow. With only a couple of meters of storage space left, CPO Ambrosi is continuing to audit and dispose of concluded exhibits in order to create room.

### **API-3 Update**

The API3 Evaluation Team has completed the evaluation and compiled a gap analysis identifying any shortfalls in the proposals compared to the requested functionality in the RFP.

The Evaluation Team will meet with the vendors to discuss the shortcomings and ambiguous references in their proposals. A recommendation has been presented to the Operations and Governance Councils for ratification.

The recommendation was ratified on December 14, 2009. API3 will engage the preferred vendor in contract negotiations to finalize all aspects of the end-to-end solution. The contract will obligate preferred vendor to deliver on all components outlined in their proposal and contract within the set price and timelines.

The pilot implementation is scheduled to rollout to Calgary in late 2010.

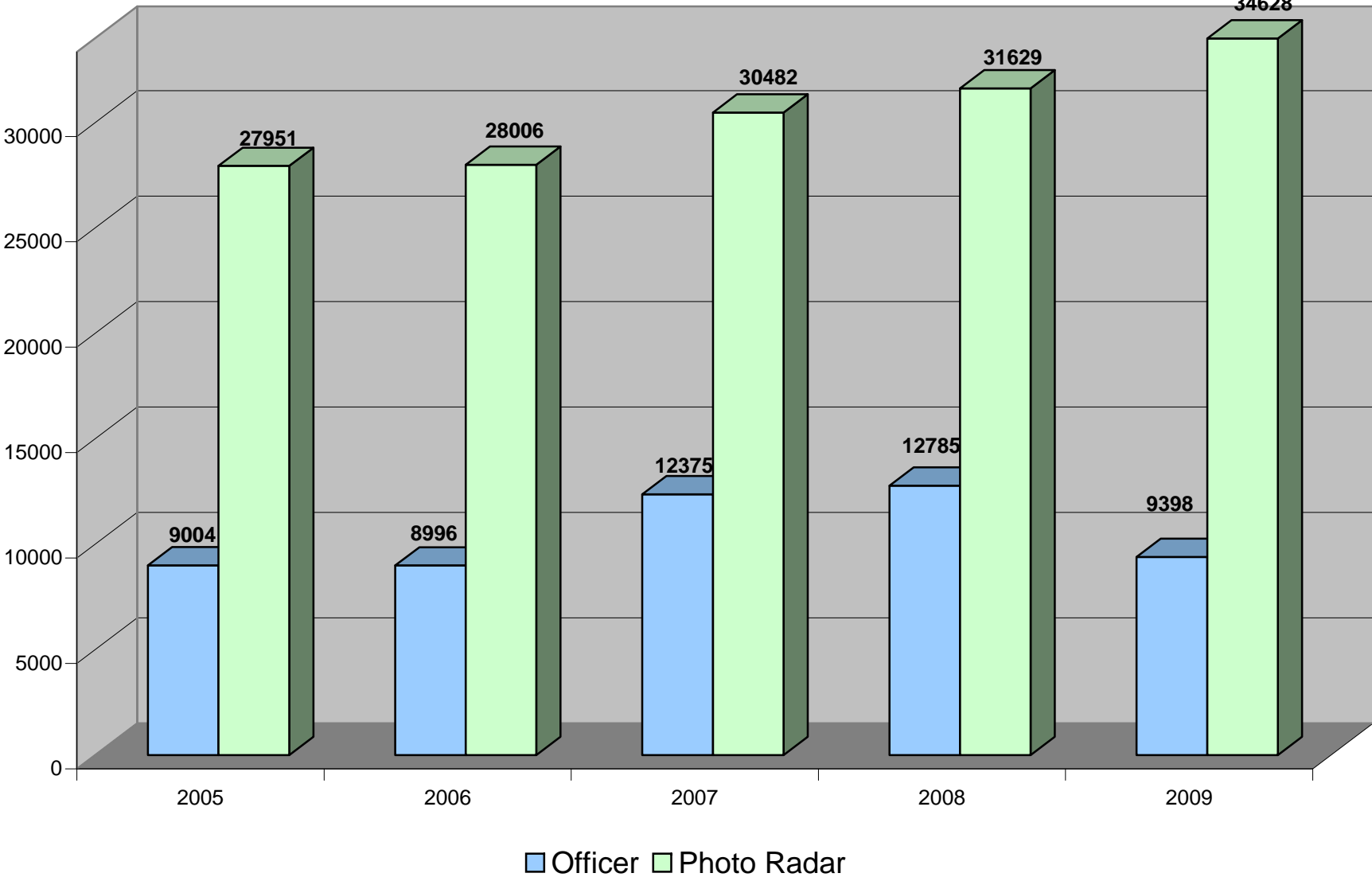
### **Statistical Update:**

- See attached graphs

## Municipal Bylaw & Enforcement Section Statistics 2009

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
<b>Animal Control Complaints</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>160</b>		<b>2096</b>
Warnings	47	55	167	143	115	81	89	66	47	32	44		886
Charges	23	24	45	58	64	57	61	47	42	26	46		493
<b>Property Standards Complaints</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>		<b>1680</b>
Warnings	194	123	80	42	119	52	97	110	332	8	14		1171
Charges	30	22	36	19	13	37	45	40	45	21	19		327
<b>Traffic Complaints</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>179</b>		<b>2684</b>
Warnings	99	79	75	53	61	61	63	65	35	47	30		668
Charges	546	667	1039	837	667	442	392	349	380	630	585		6534
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>1162</b>
Warnings	38	39	54	39	50	95	103	88	56	38	27		627
Charges	6	6	4	5	12	8	9	11	5	6	3		75
<b>Other Bylaw &amp; Misc. Complaints</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>44</b>		<b>1278</b>
Warnings	21	15	21	30	15	17	107	87	88	16	9		426
Charges	5	5	20	29	26	12	24	7	58	4	2		192
<b>Total # of Complaints</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8900</b>
<b>Officer Initiated Complaints</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>86</b>		<b>2738</b>
<b>Officer Initiated Complaint %</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>30.8</b>
<b>Bylaw Ed. &amp; Enf. Program Calls</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>57</b>		<b>1538</b>
<b>Total # of Warnings</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3778</b>
<b>Total # of Charges</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7621</b>
<b># of Prisoners up to 25 Feb 2009</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>142</b>											<b>292</b>
<b>Hours of Prisoner Security</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>512</b>											<b>1097</b>
<b>Average Prisoner Hours Per Day</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>20.5</b>											<b>19.7</b>
<b>Documents Serves/Attempts</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>941</b>		<b>7105</b>
<b>Dog Licenses Sold</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>343</b>		<b>5632</b>
<b>Cat Licenses Sold</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>101</b>		<b>1561</b>

### Tickets Issued



# Alarm Calls By Year

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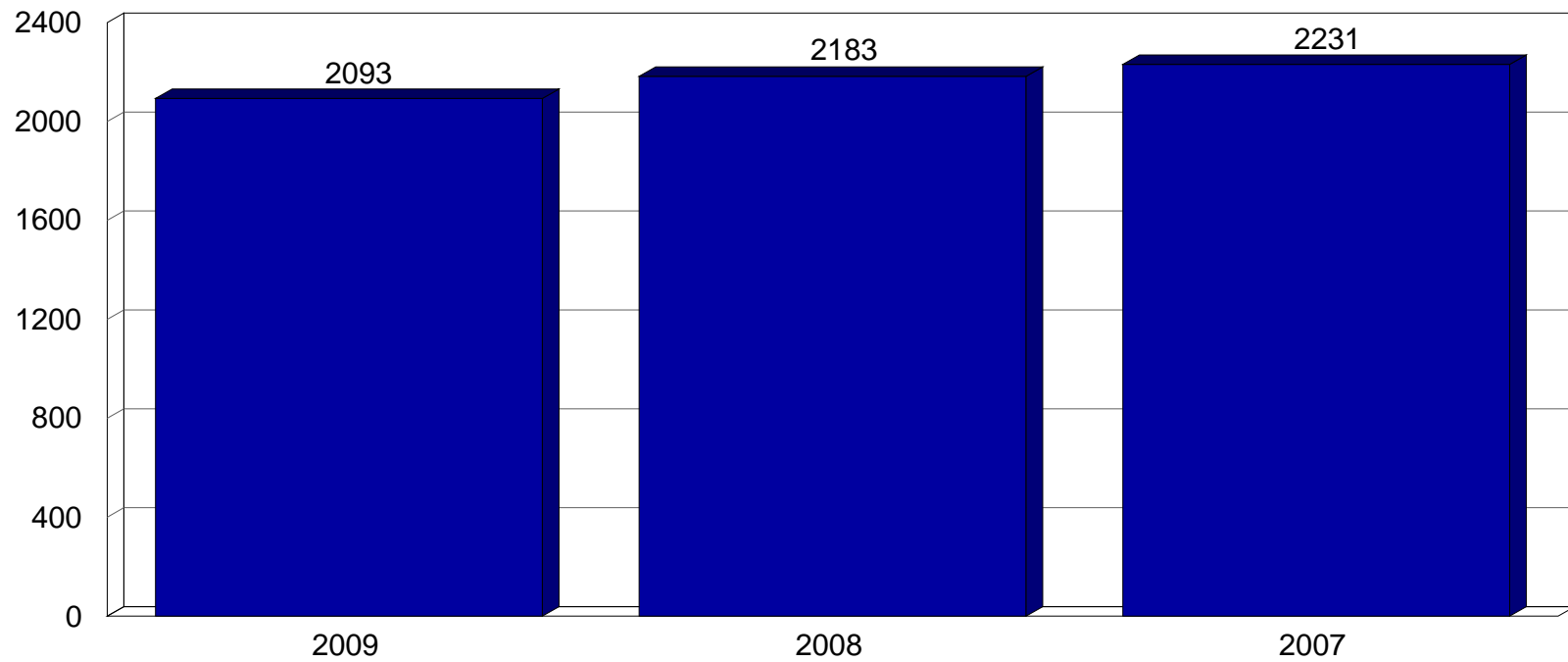
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■ Alarms

Occ Num



# All Call and Bylaw Call Types

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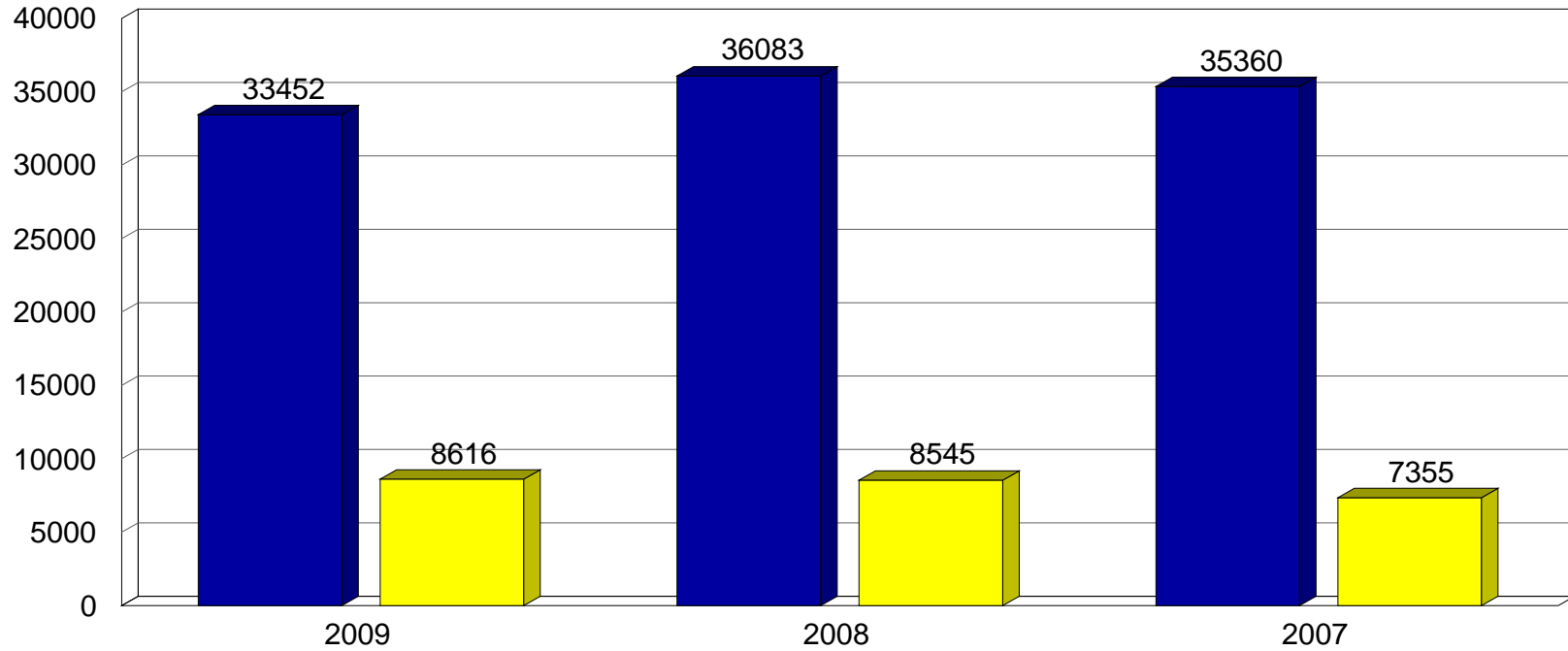
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**All Call Types**  
**Bylaw**

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# B&E By Year

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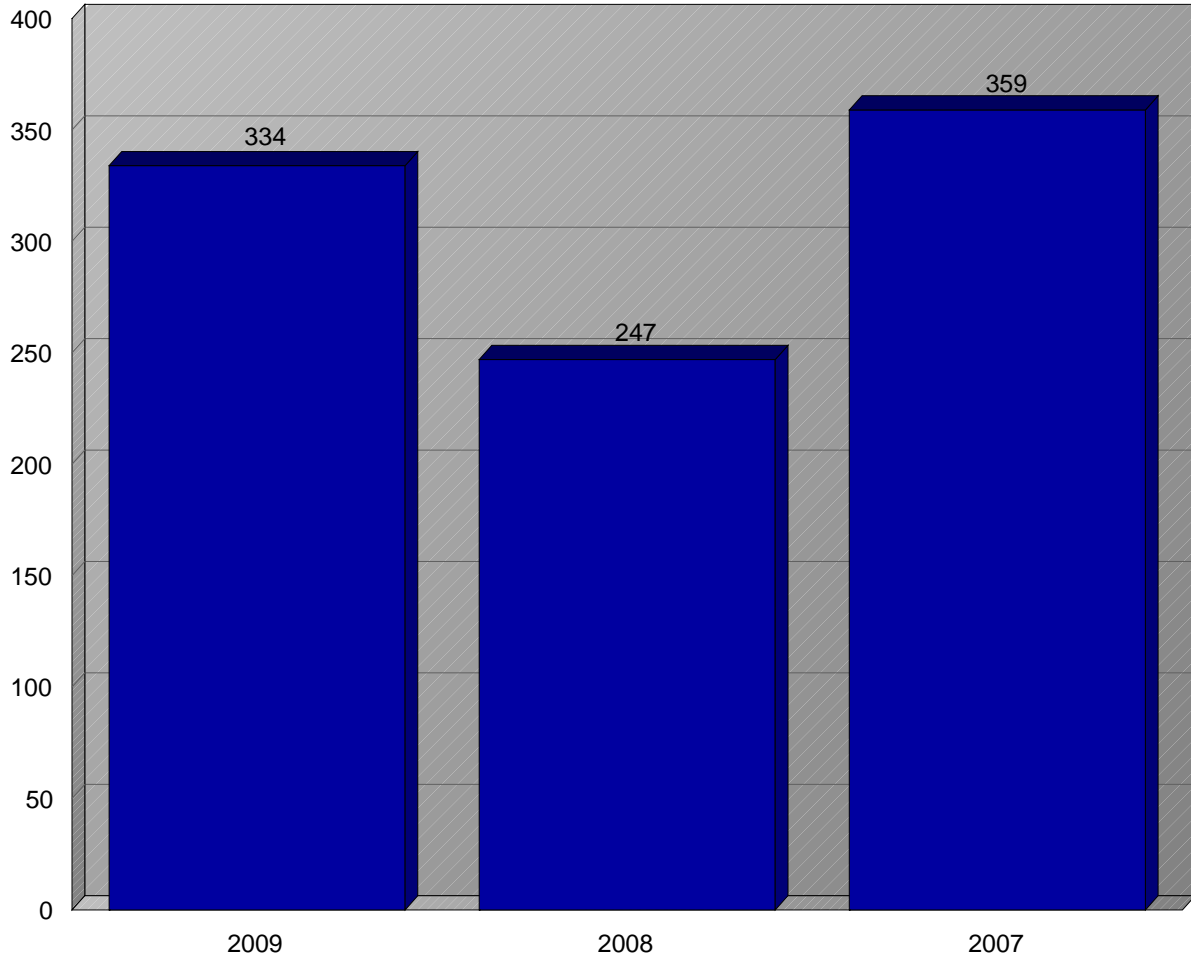
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GO Count



# CDSA(Drugs) byYear

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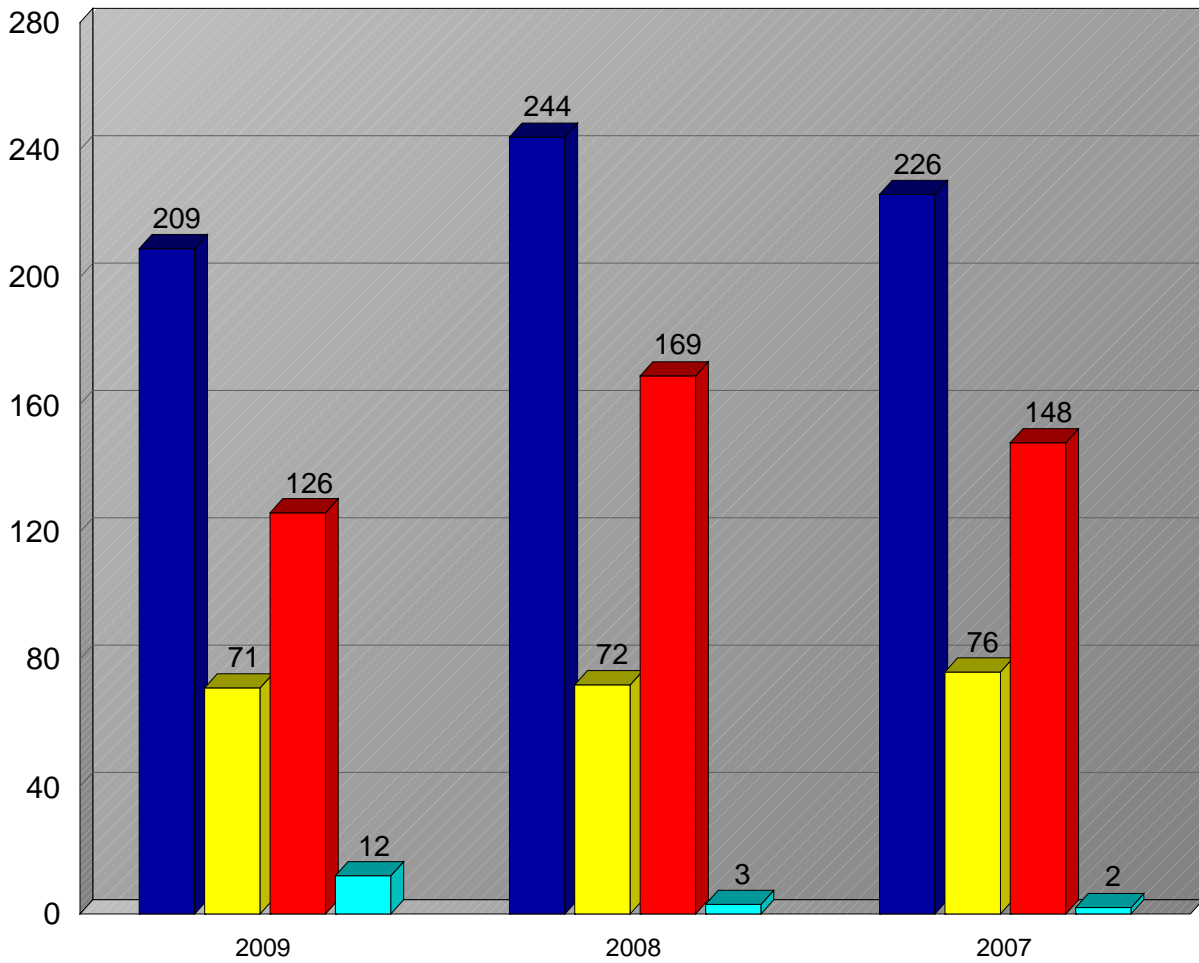
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- CDSA (Drugs)
- Trafficking
- Possession
- Other

MEASURES



**Impaired Charges by Year**  
**Year to Year Comparisons**  
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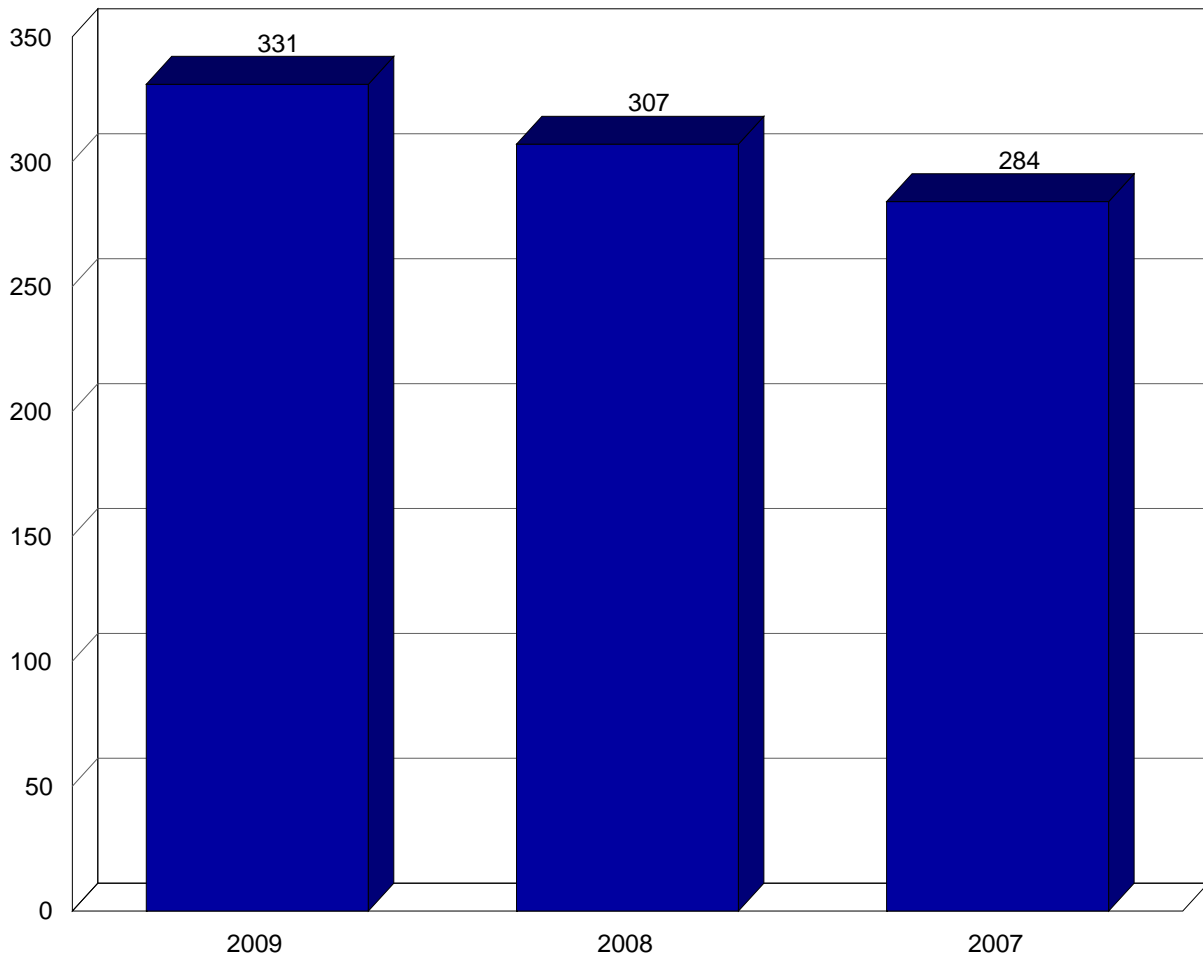
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MEASURES



# Motor Vehicle Collisions Call Types

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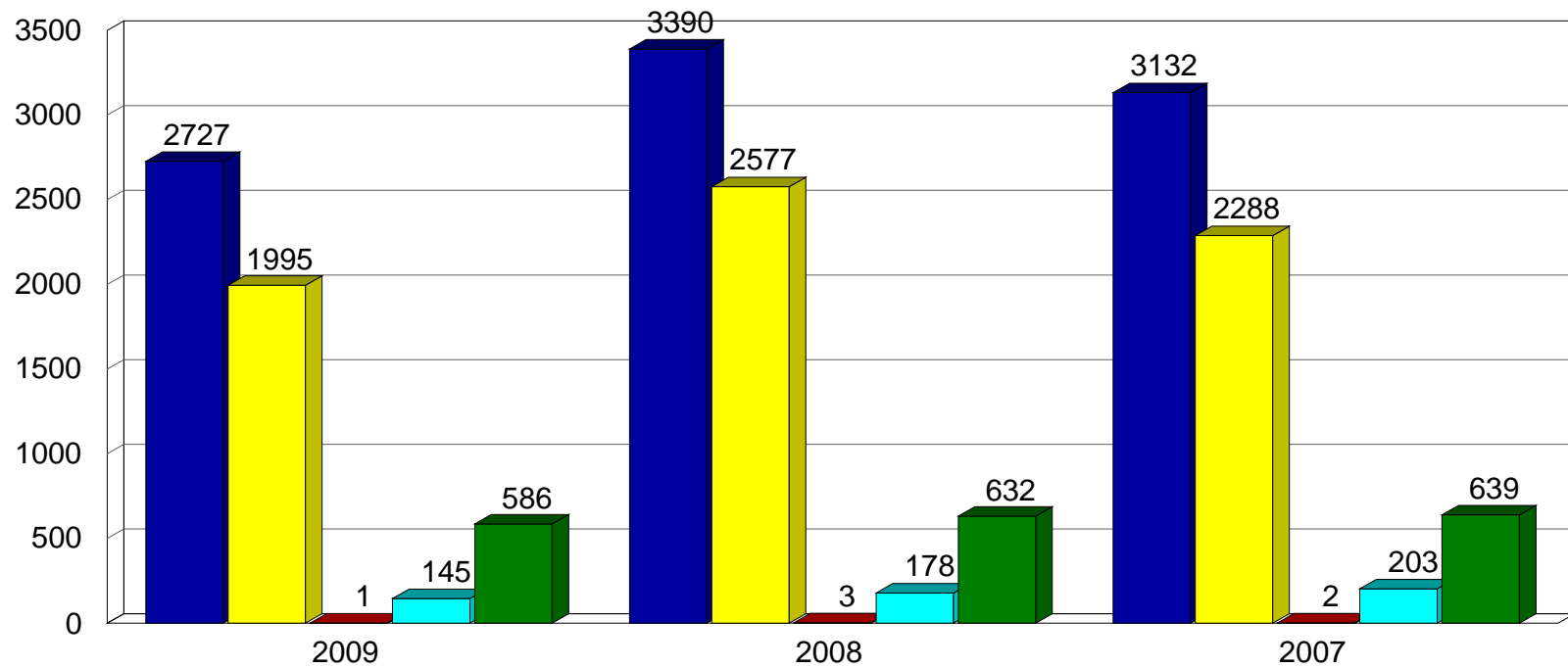
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- MV Collisions
- MVCC
- MVCF
- MVCI
- MVCH

Occ Num



# Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

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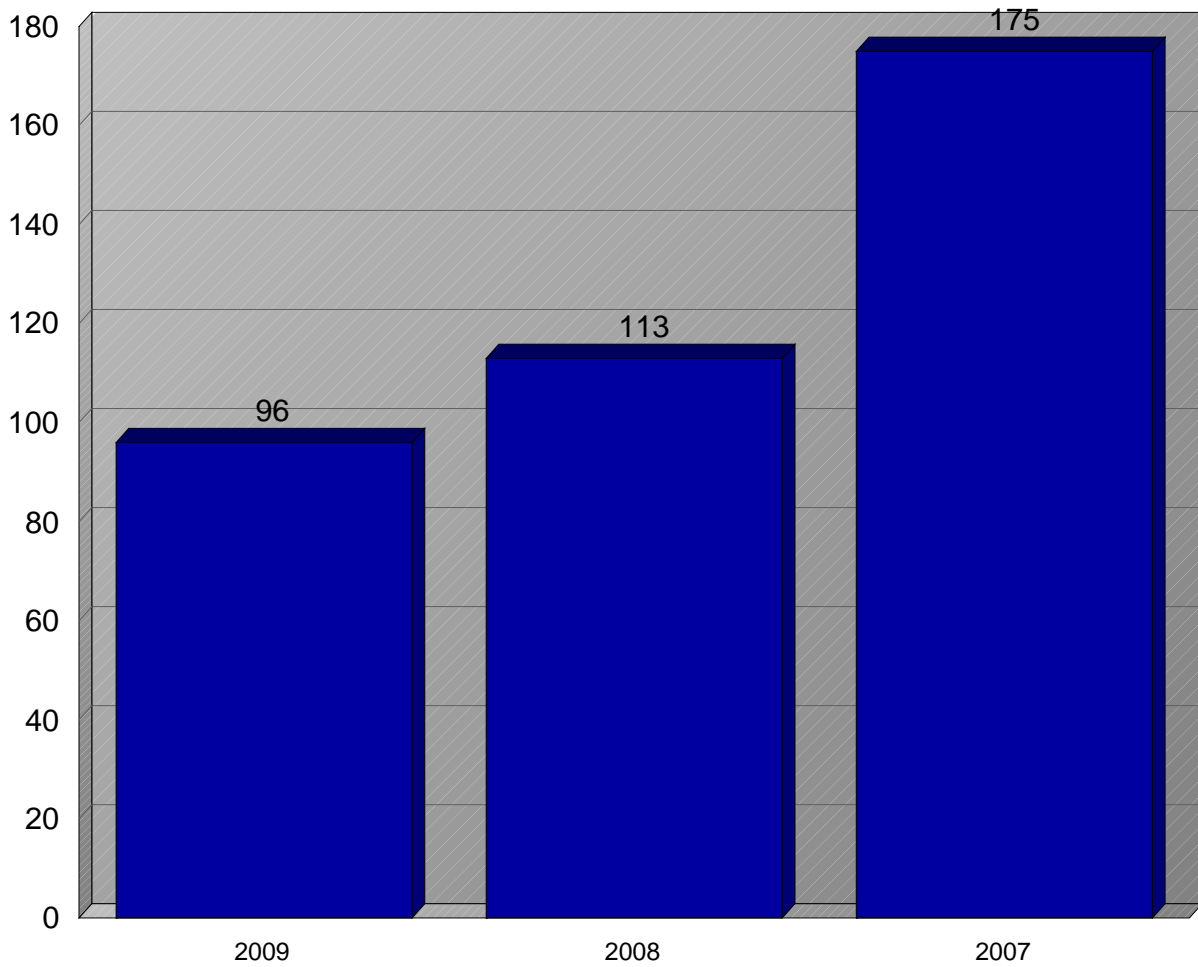
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■ Theft MV

GO Count



# Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

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All Area Total

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■ Violent

GO Count

