



CONFIDENTIAL
OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009 at 5:00 PM
MEDICINE HAT POLICE SERVICE BOARDROOM

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of May 21, 2009 for adoption **5:00 – 5:05 PM**

2. ACTION ITEMS

A.
B.

3. REPORTS

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Property Standards Decision Item (Chair) **5:30 – 5:35 PM**
B. Behaviour Bylaw Update (Insp Wigle) **5:35 – 5:40 PM**
C.

5. CORRESPONDANCE

A. PC09-10 – AB Solicitor General Invitation to
Conflict Management Workshop June 20/21 **5:40 – 5:45 PM**
B.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 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
Chief A. McGrogan
Inspector R. Wigle
Inspector M. Morton
Inspector G. Motz

ALSO: Ms. R. Sittler

ABSENT: Mr. R. Forsyth

1. MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2009 MEETING

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

A) Property Standards Decision Item

Inspector Wigle reported that although members of the Bylaw Enforcement Unit are currently not designated as Weed Inspectors under the Weed Control Act of Alberta, they have been dealing with weed issues under authority of the Unsightly Property Bylaw. The Weed Control Act provides designated inspectors with powers and authorities that more effectively deal with weed control issues. As such a decision item was discussed that would request Council appoint members of the Bylaw Enforcement Unit of the MHPS as Weed Inspectors.

Alderman White seconded by Mr. Walsh, moved that Decision Item C09-02 be forwarded to City Council requesting members of the Bylaw Enforcement Unit of the MHPS be designated weed inspectors. CARRIED

B) Behaviour Bylaw Update

Inspector Wigle provided a review of Behaviour Bylaws from other cities and presented a draft of a Behaviour Bylaw that if in place could be used as a tool by police in dealing with public behaviour issues.

Alderman White recommended that as other communities have found a Behaviour Bylaws to be an effective tool in keeping the community safe, and that this issue be examined by City Council

Mr. Walsh, seconded by Alderman White, moved that the Police Commission endorse the draft Behaviour Bylaw, and that a decision item be forwarded to the City Solicitor for review. CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDANCE

A) PC09-10 – Conflict Management Workshop – Course Cancelled

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION JUNE 18, 2009

Chief's Report

Training and Seminars

- AACP Use of Force Meeting – a member of the MHPS, who is a subject matter expert in Control Tactics, chairs this AACP working committee which held a meeting in Canmore.
- Canadian Association of Police Educators Conference – two members from the Training unit attended this week long conference in Edmonton. The Police Service assisted in the sponsorship of this event.
- Calibration & Advanced Maintenance on Intox 5000C – two members of the Traffic unit attended this conference in Montana.
- Encase Forensic Computer Training – one member attended California to participate in this learning opportunity.
- Solicitor General Senior Officer Investigator Training – seven members are completing the level 2 investigator course which requires both online and action learning sessions.
- In Service TACT, EDU and Canine training occurred this month.

Human Resources Update

- The five recruits hired in May are in their second month of training at the Centre for Advancement in Community Justice. Progress reports indicate that the MHPS candidates are doing very well.
- An experienced officer recruitment process is proceeding on target. The recruitment board is meeting this month to determine timelines for an in-experienced recruitment process.

Activity Update

- On May 22, 2009 the Executive Team met for a full day to initiate the 2010 – 2012 business plan and to identify areas that are a priority.
- Chief McGrogan attended Edmonton, upon request of the RCMP, to assist in the interview process to identify the new Southern Alberta Operations Officer.
- Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) representatives met with Chief McGrogan to discuss the potential secondment of MHPS investigators who would assist in investigations throughout the Province.
- The Facility Project Manager, S/Sgt Tim McGough, has completed the required RFP and terms of reference to determine a company who would complete an extensive facility needs assessment
- On June 1st and 3rd members of the Executive Team participated in part of the Lethbridge Regional Police Service strategic planning session hosted at Elkwater.
- Chief McGrogan assisted Fire Service with their recent recruitment process.

- On June 8th the MHPS participated in a Municipal Sustainability/ Develop Planning session with numerous city commissioners and general managers.
- On June 11th and 12th Chief McGrogan and S/Sgt Lemire attended a Law Enforcement Occupational Health and Safety conference in Edmonton.
- The MHPS 2008 Annual Report is almost complete and will be ready for printing in July.
- A review of the May 2009 variance report will be provided during the meeting.

Operational Services

Patrol Section

- On May 23rd and 24th, several Break and Enters (and attempts) occurred at five local businesses. A patrol member recognized one of the suspects in a surveillance video. After some ground work, including matching foot wear from one of the B&E scenes, four individuals were arrested. Interviews resulted in some admissions and the recovery of the disguises worn during the commission of the offences. As a result three individuals face forty charges.

Traffic Unit

- Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in Impaired Driving investigations update. The Service continues to work through challenges before a decision on program rollout can be made. These include: availability and cost for training members in the Standard Field Sobriety Testing, acquisition of suitable containers and security labels, development of policy and procedure and maintaining expert status of DREs.
- May was a busy month for the Photo Radar Unit, both in the number of vehicles monitored and the number of violations issued.

Category	2008	2009
Vehicles Monitored	83,522	93,364
# of Violators	3,925	5,817
Violations Issued	3,164 or 3.79% of the vehicles	4380 or 4.69% of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	14 km over limit	15 km over posted limit

- Two mandatory court violations were issued in May
 - May 10th, vehicle travelling 101 kms in a 50 km zone, East bound on Strachan Road SE
 - May 28th, vehicle travelling 105 kms in a 50 kms zone, South bound on College Ave SE
- Speed / Safety messaging trailer deployed 26 days during the month.

Community Resource Unit

- The Unit participated in a new committee consisting of Municipal Works, Planning, Traffic and CRU, with a mandate of dealing with community issues. The committee met to discuss traffic issues in the Parkview area. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles were discussed for implementation.
- The Unit conducted a daytime and nighttime CPTED audit for the Medicine Hat

College.

- Fraud awareness seminars targeted at seniors were conducted at several condominiums and at the local library.

Bylaw Section

- Calls are up 9% over the same period in 2008.
 - Officer initiated up 62%
 - Cat and Dog License sales up 22% and 77% respectively
 - Document service up 56%
- On May 30th a Loose Load Check Stop and Information Day was conducted at the landfill.
 - 217 vehicles were checked and 82 warnings/proper load demonstrations were completed.
 - Unit will be placing photos of how to correctly secure a load on the MHPS website and CDs will be available at station.
- 11 aggressive dog complaints received in May resulting in 19 charges. Two hearings for vicious dogs were scheduled and a third was cancelled after the owner turned the dog over to be euthanized.

Mountain Bike Unit (MBU)

- MBU reports the following activities in the Downtown and Flats area.
 - 103 arrests made during the month
 - 162 violation tickets issued (Liquor, Traffic, Bylaw, other)
 - 79 Warrants executed
 - 50 Criminal code charges laid

Support Services

Major Crimes Section (MCS):

- On May 28th 2009, Police received 911 calls for a report of an injured / deceased male at 515E Washington Ave SE. At the scene, a deceased male was located inside the residence and a second male was badly injured. MCS investigators have since confirmed the death is a homicide. Numerous witnesses have been interviewed and the scene has been thoroughly examined by FIU. A number of warrants have been obtained in an effort to gather further evidence. Michael Stenkey has been charged with one count of second degree murder and one count of aggravated assault. MCS continues to investigate the incident and complete disclosure requirements.
- Near the end of May, MCS investigators were called to the scene of a suspicious death at the pedestrian under pass located at North railway St and 2nd St SE Medicine Hat. A 27 year old male was found deceased at the entrance of the underpass, with no apparent cause of death. The investigation has shown that the victim had fallen from the underpass and died as a result of his injuries.
- On May 25th, 2009 MCS investigated a fire on 1st Street SW where a 40 year old male was found deceased inside a residence and a 43 year old female escaped with severe burns. The investigation has shown that the blaze was non-accidental, and no charges are being laid.
- On May 13th, 2009 Police attended to a residence in the 800A block of 3rd St SE, for a report of a dispute with a weapon. Patrols officers began the initial investigation and MCS assisted. One individual has been charged with Assault

- MCS investigators have explored several investigative techniques in relation to a growing number of stolen ATV's from the city. Two adults have since been charged with Possession of Stolen Property Over \$5000.00
- On May 24, 2009 Police became involved in an investigation regarding several break and enters, most notably being the Outdoorsman where numerous firearms were stolen. Through great teamwork between Patrols and MCS, several accused have since been charged and all of the firearms have been recovered.

Organized Crime Section (OCS):

- In late May, OCS executed a residential search warrant in Medicine Hat and seized 2 kilograms of hashish, over 600 grams of marihuana, as well as over \$6,000 in cash. The total street value of the drugs seized was \$45,000.
- OCS arrested 3 cocaine traffickers involved in distribution in Medicine Hat and with connections back to Brooks. A quantity of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, morphine and cash was seized.
- In early June, OCS executed 2 search warrants on brothers who were trafficking cocaine, MDMA, ecstasy and marihuana in Medicine Hat. A total of \$15,000 worth of drugs were seized and charges laid.

Forensic Identification Unit (FIU):

- FIU responded to 97 calls for service in May. Of significance were the sudden death investigation at the pedestrian underpass, the death as a result of the fire on 1st St SW and the homicide investigation.
- Congratulations to Cst. Carrie Bohnet who was recently declared and recognized by the Courts as a fingerprint expert.

Statistical Update:

- See attached graphs

Alarm Calls By Year

Figures are updated at 6:00 and 18:00 daily

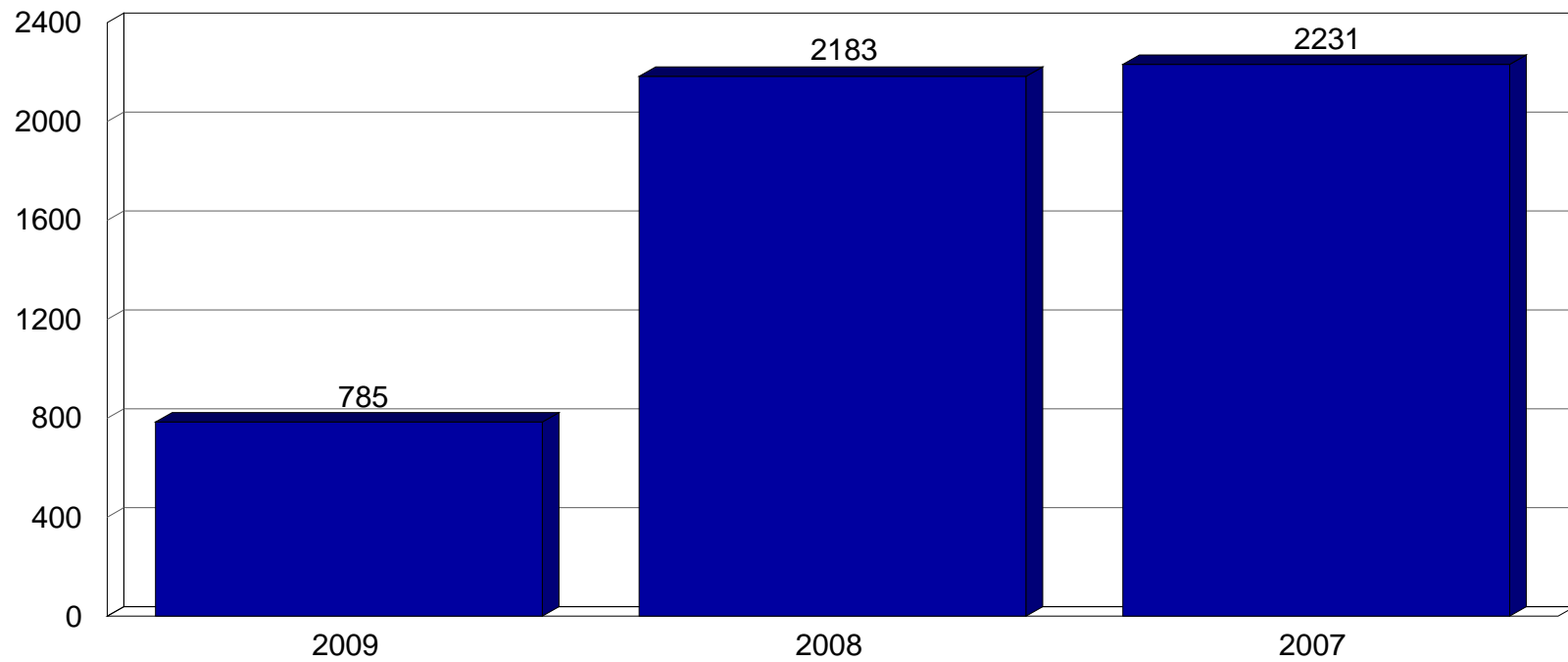
All Areas

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June 1, 2009

■ Alarms

Occ Num



All Call and Bylaw Call Types

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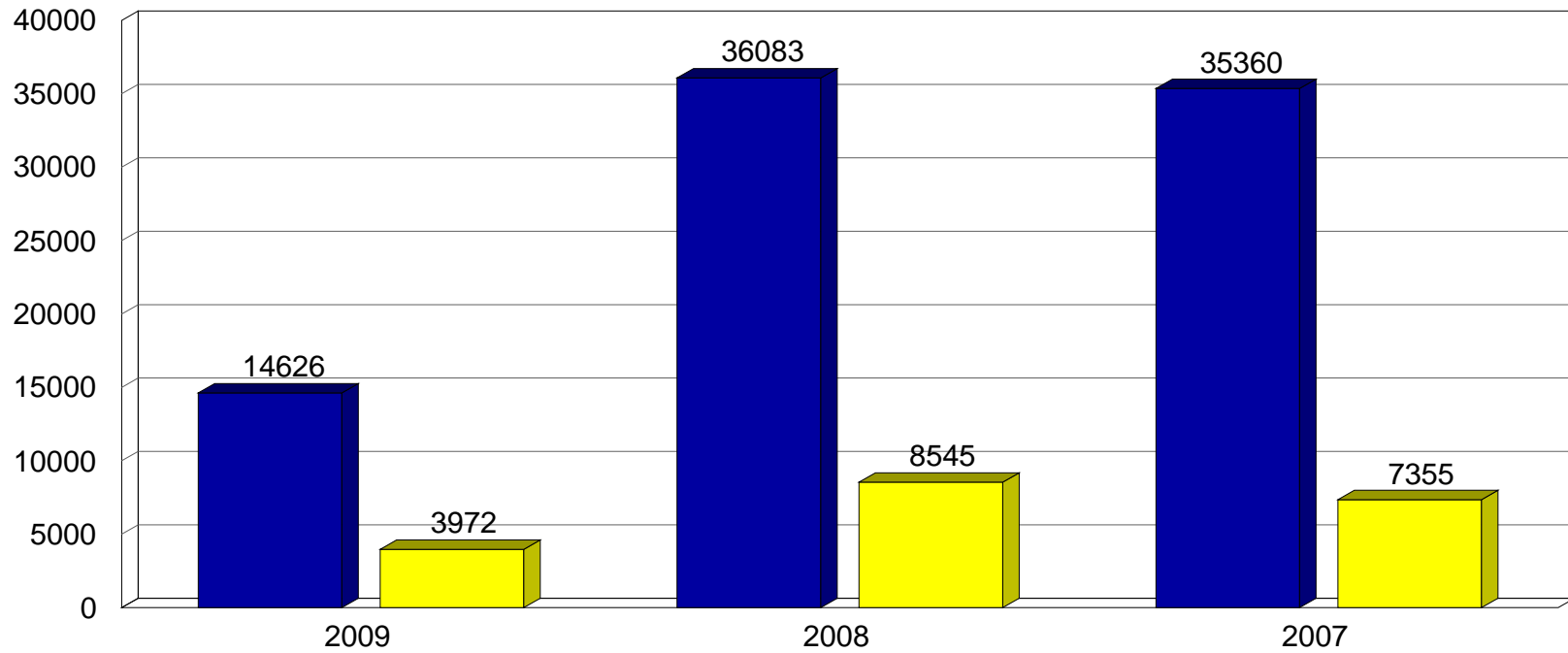
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June 1, 2009

■ All Call Types
■ Bylaw

Occ Num



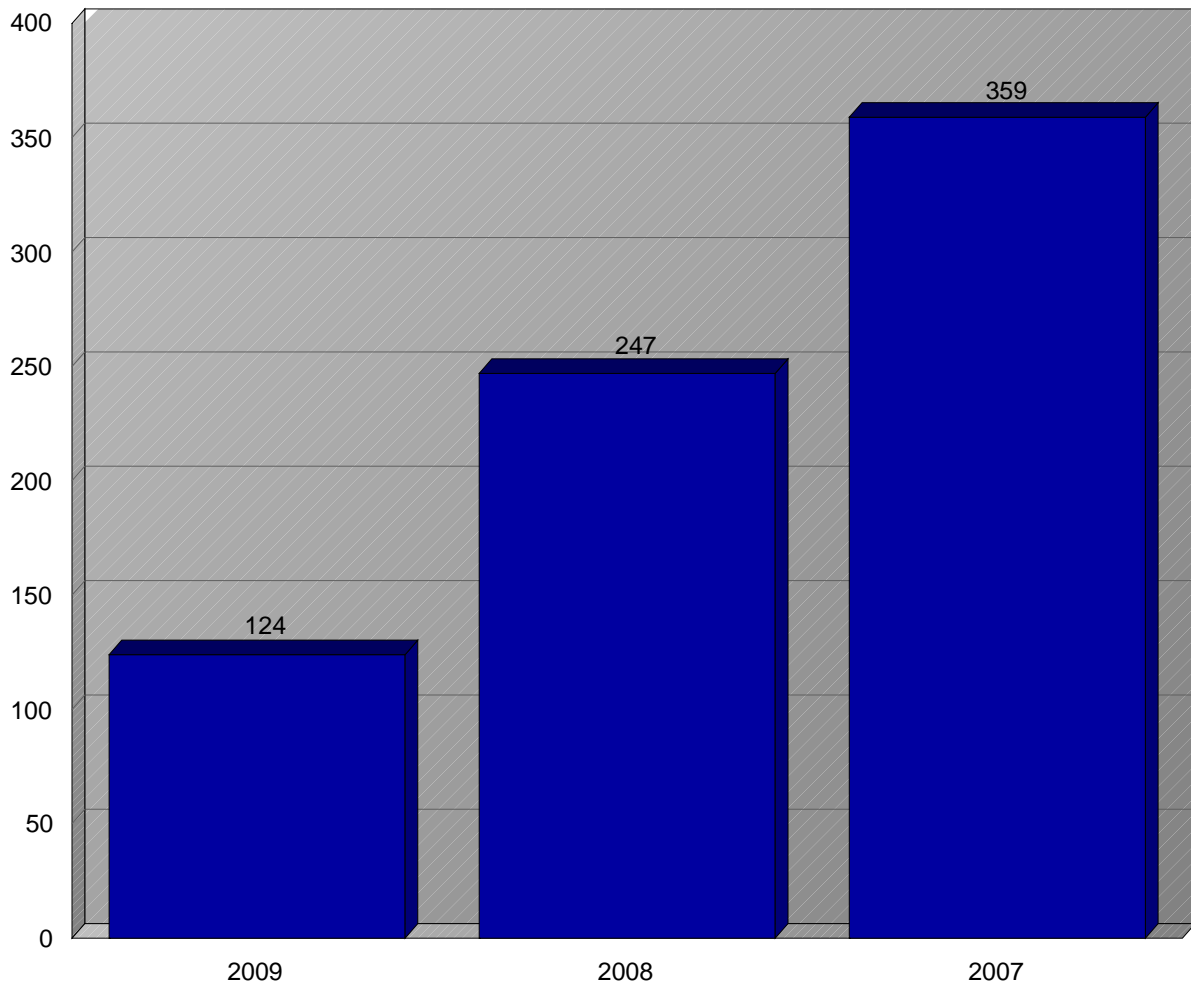
B&E By Year

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June 1, 2009

■ B&E

GO Count



CDSA(Drugs) byYear

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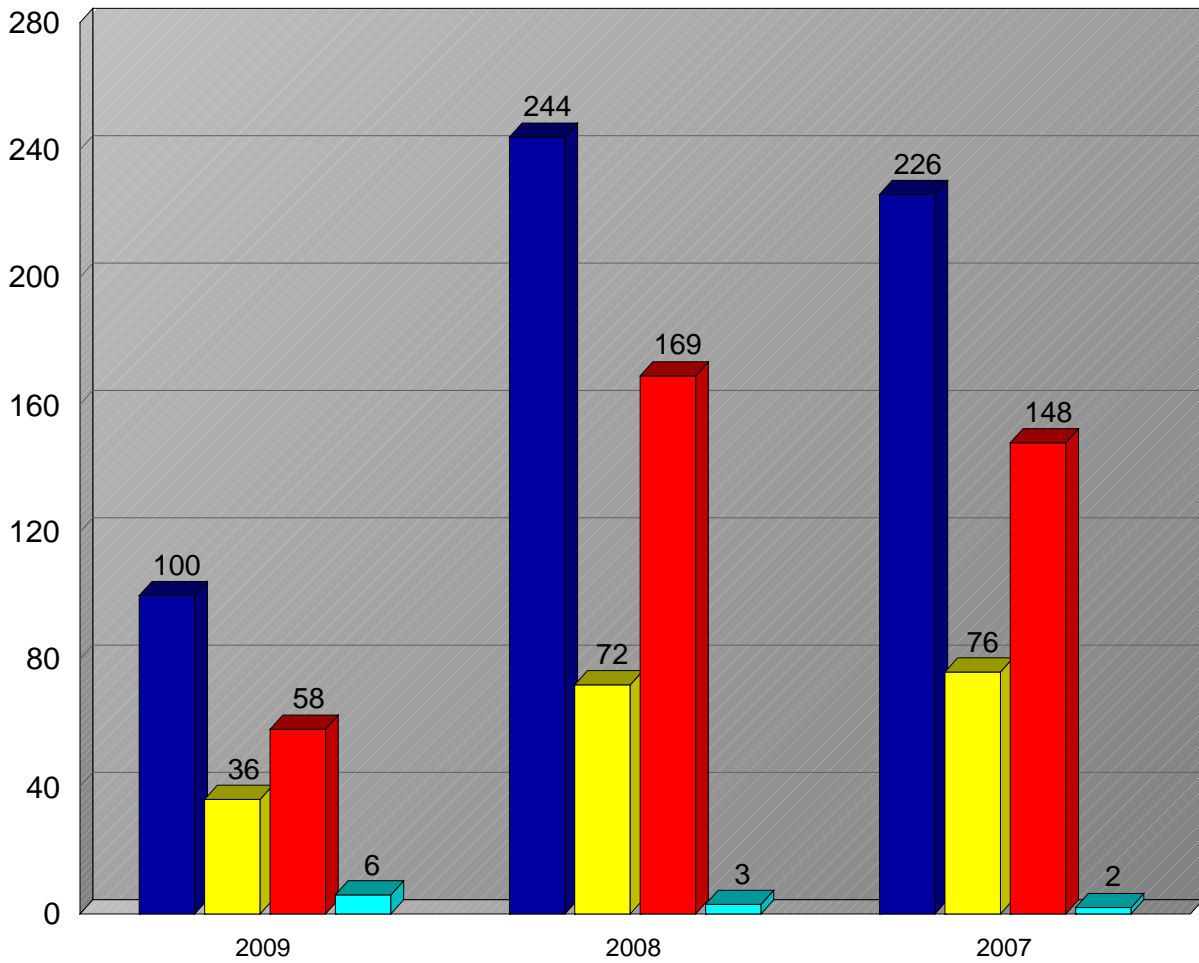
All Area Total

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June 1, 2009

- CDSA (Drugs)
- Trafficking
- Possession
- Other

MEASURES



Impaired Charges by Year
Year to Year Comparisons
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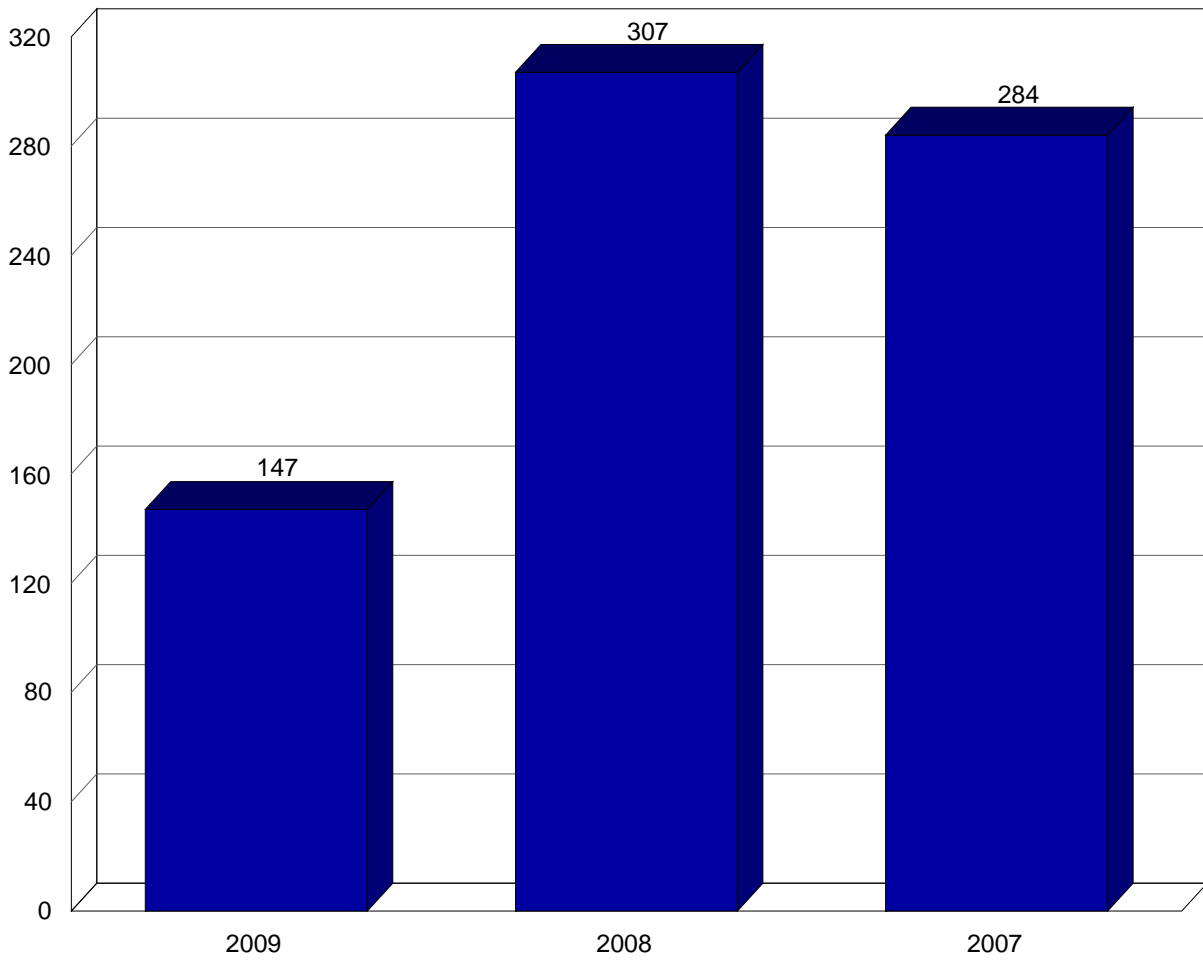
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■ IMPAIRED

MEASURES



Motor Vehicle Collisions Call Types

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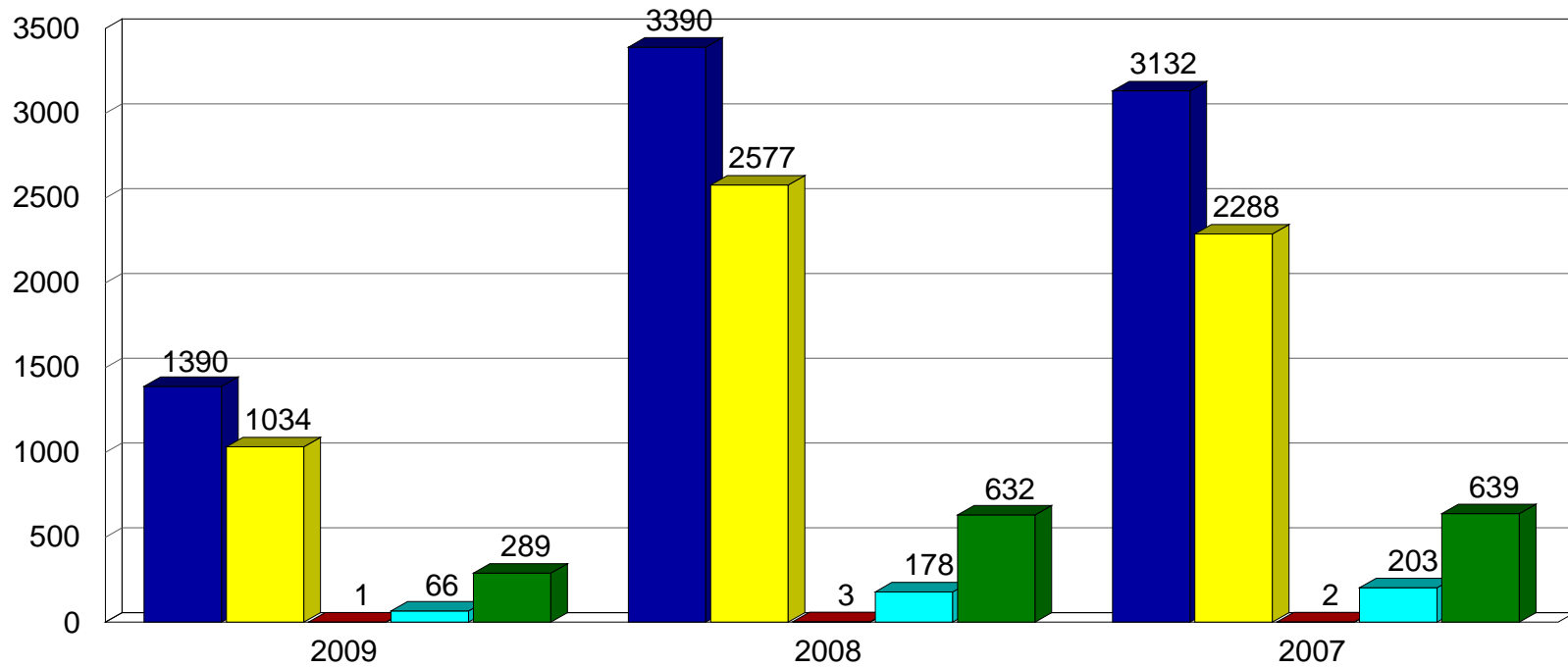
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June 1, 2009

Occ Num

- MV Collisions
- MVCC
- MVCF
- MVCI
- MVCH



Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

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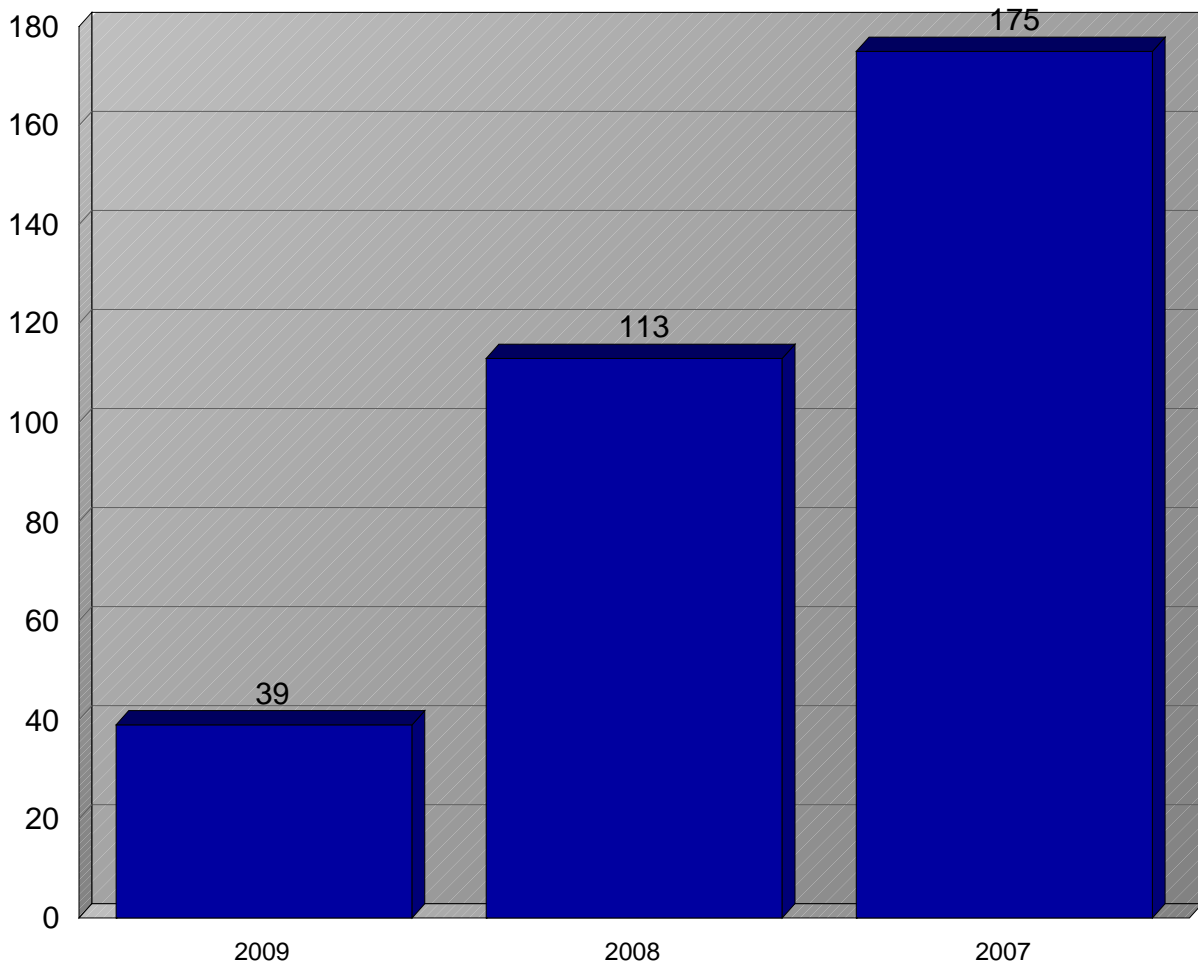
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June 1, 2009

■ Theft MV

GO Count



Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

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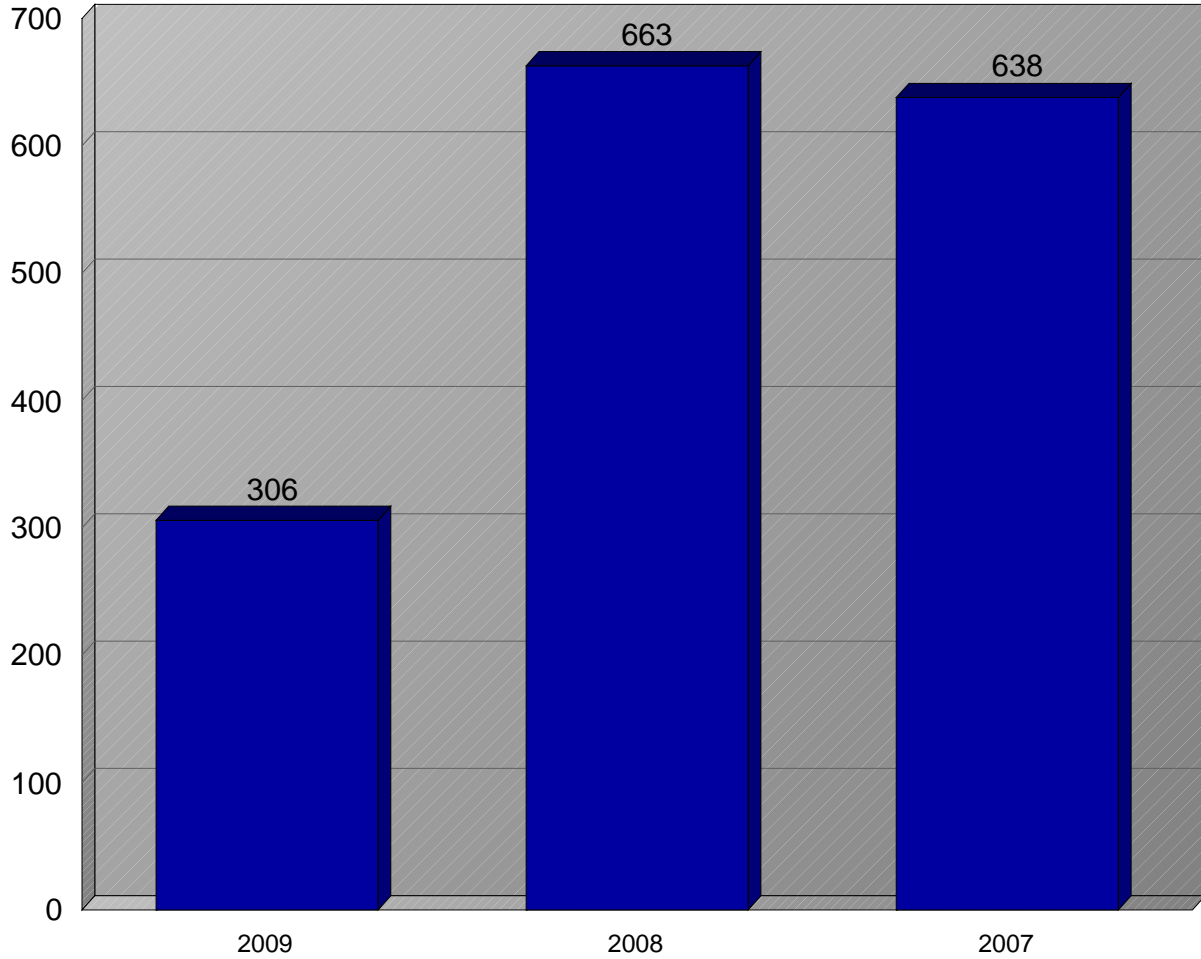
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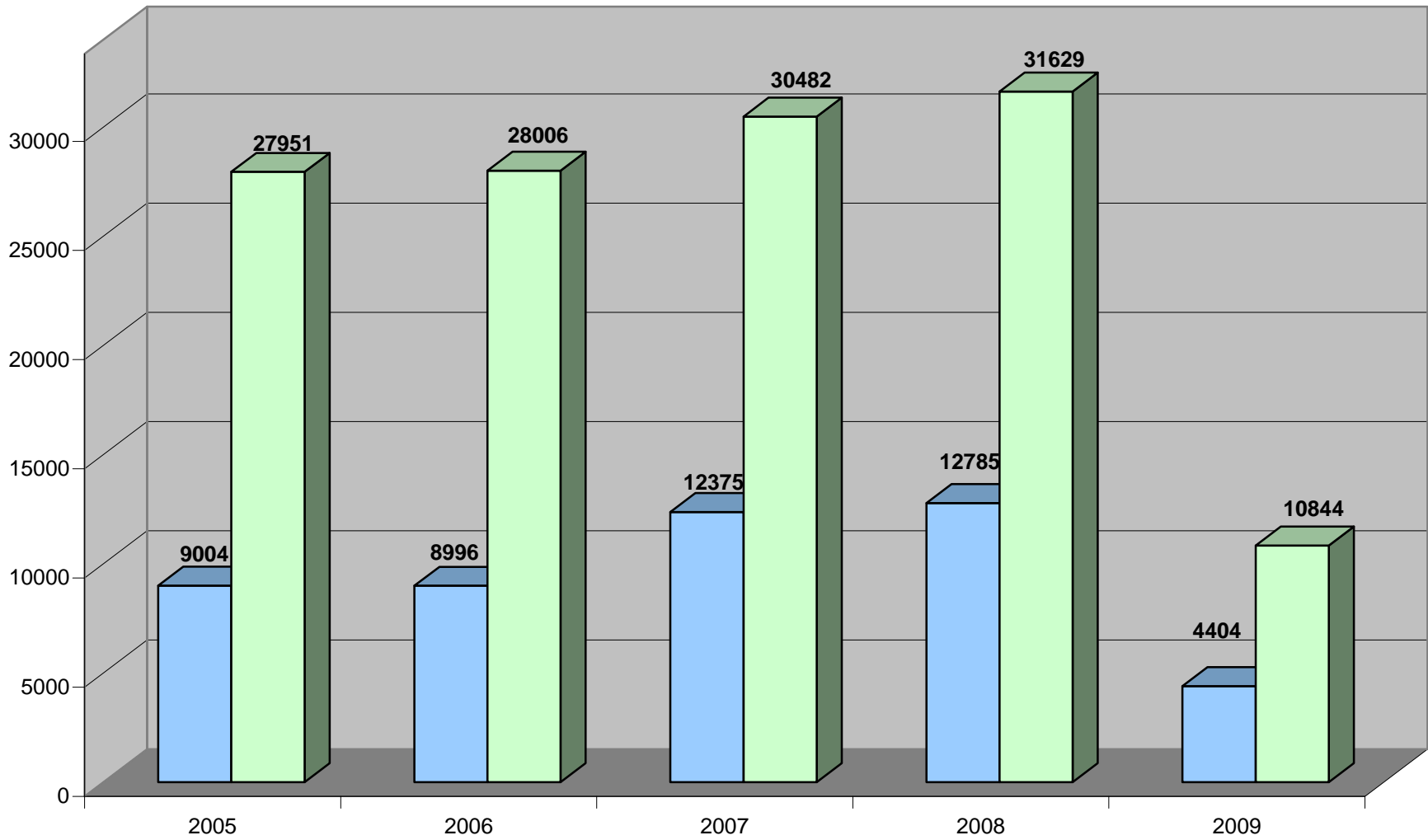
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■ Violent

GO Count



Tickets Issued



■ Officer ■ Photo Radar

