



CONFIDENTIAL
OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 at 5:00 PM
MEDICINE HAT POLICE SERVICE BOARDROOM

1. **MINUTES**

A. Minutes of October 15, 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. MHPS 2010-2012 Business Plan **5:30 – 6:00 PM**

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009 AT 5:20 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 R. Wigle
Inspector G. Motz

ALSO: Ms. R Sittler

ABSENT: Inspector M. Morton

1. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2009 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.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

A) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT REGARDING H1N1 VACCINATIONS

Chair Jackson reported that the Alberta Association of Police Governance has directed a letter to both the Alberta Minister of Health and the Alberta Solicitor General expressing concern about lack of priority access of police officers to the H1N1 vaccine.

Chief McGrogan also reported that he was disappointed in province's planning in this regard but also that the actions of any police officers who demanded priority access to the vaccine at local clinics was not sanctioned by the Office of the Chief and that members of the Service had been counselled.

B) MHPS 2010-2012 BUSINESS PLAN

Chief McGrogan presented the Service three year business plan.

C) DECISION ITEM P09-03 – APPROVAL TO PURCHASE VEHICLE WITH DONATED FUNDS

Mr. Walsh, seconded by Alderman White, moved that Decision Item P09-03 - Approval to purchase a vehicle for the Victim Assistance Unit be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Discussion was held about the tendering process for City vehicles and whether an opportunity existed for partial sponsorship of this vehicle from a local car dealership. Chief McGrogan expressed concern over delaying process while looking for sponsorship.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Chief's Report

Training and Seminars

- Domestic Violence Training – Thirty-six members attended an 8 hour training session along with community partners including Child and Youth Services, Crown Prosecutors office, Mental Health, Probation, John Howard Society and Victim Services
Purpose: Training provided on issues surrounding the successful investigation and prosecution of family violence files as well as a general understanding of the dynamics of family violence and stalking. – Facilitator Ms. Val Campbell I-TRAC ALERT (the remainder of the Service is scheduled for training on November 26, 2009)
- Untidy, Unsightly Properties Workshop – One Community Peace Officer
Purpose: Review of legislative options, bylaws, judicial review, policy and procedure, right of entry
- AB Association of School Resource Officers Conference – Two members of Community Resource Unit
Purpose: Network and discuss best practices with school resource officers around Alberta
- Negotiator Refresher Course – One member of the Major Crime Section
Purpose: Discuss psychology of conflict management communication skills and techniques for dealing with disturbed persons, including practical scenarios
- Stalking & Threat Assessment – Two members of the Major Crime Section
Purpose: Discuss what constitutes stalking, psychology of stalking and domestic violence stalkers
- Animal First Aid & Dog Control Workshop – One Community Peace Officer
Purpose: Discuss animal emergencies, effective restraining and transportation, bleeding wounds, CPR and the animal protection act
- ISEP 200 Course – Cohort #3 – Three members of Patrols
Purpose: Investigator Level Two Course sponsored by the Solicitor General
- International Law Enforcement Torch Run Conference – One member
Purpose: To provide an opportunity to liaise with members of the law enforcement community and to establish a working network of resources
- Diverse Voices Family Violence Conference – One Victim Assistance Coordinator
Purpose: Discuss family violence and victim assistance response
- Safeguarding Undercover Operators Supervisor Course – Two members of the Organized Crime Section
Purpose: Discuss the recruitment, selection, management and transition of police personnel involved in undercover operations including the psychological care of undercover operators
- Advanced Vehicle Theft Investigative Techniques – One member of the Major Crimes Section
Purpose: To provide knowledge, skills and procedures to assist in the investigation of vehicle theft offenses

- Incident Commander Course - One member of Patrols
Purpose: To provide knowledge, skills and procedures for planning and directing operations in hostage / barricaded persons situations
- Standardized Field Sobriety Instructors Course – Three members of the Traffic Response Unit
Purpose: To train members to be qualified instructors to train other members
- Advanced Conflict Management Workshop – Two members of Professional Standards
Purpose: Skills refresher and practice of police complaints scenarios
- Confidential Informant Handling Workshop – ASLET – Three members of Organized Crime Section
Purpose: For law enforcement investigators with an interest in or already assigned to covert units or sections
- C8 Armourer Course – One member of the Firearms unit
Purpose: To receive certification to service C8 weapons
- In-service Firearms, Control Tactics, K9 and TACT training occurred this month

Human Resources Update

- Four experienced members have been offered employment commencing November 30, 2009. Three members join us from Calgary Police Service and one was a former member of the RCMP.
- CACJ recruit training has been confirmed to begin in Medicine Hat on January 11, 2010. Lethbridge Regional Police Service and our Service will each have six members in the program. The recruitment team is in the final stages of the selection process.
- Constables Troy Nevil, William Glover and Shanda Glover resigned from the Service.

Activity Update

- Facility Update – Seven architecture firms are presently being evaluated for the Needs Assessment & Building Program Proposal. The final vendor selection is scheduled for November 24, 2009
- Chief McGrogan and Inspector Wigle attended the fall Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police (AACP) meetings in Lethbridge earlier this month. Several resolutions were passed including:
 - Auto Theft Crime Prevention Strategy
 - New License Plate Issue with Reflective Paint
 - Alberta Community Diversion Courts
 - Disclosure of Personal Information to Law Enforcement Agencies
- The Chief attended an annual meeting held in Edmonton where Chief Crown Prosecutors and Chiefs of Police come together to discuss common issues, concerns and practices. Disclosure of court records including costs transcription of video and audio records were discussed at length.
- The Service is presently updating our career development planners and evaluations to align the competencies with the Canadian Police Sector Council's Policing Competency Framework.

Operational Services

Specialized Traffic Enforcement Unit

- The Unit monitored 94,443 vehicles in October 2009, which is an increase of 5,922 vehicles over the same period in 2008.
- The Unit completed 384.5 enforcement hours October 2009, which is an increase of 11 hours over 2008, suggesting a dramatic increase in vehicle volume
- Average of 11.2 violations issued per hour

Category	2008	2009
Vehicles Monitored	88,521	94,443
# of Violators	5101	5,521
Violations Issued	4196 or 4.74 % of vehicles	4,297 or 4.55% of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	15 km over limit	15 km over posted limit

- Safety messaging trailer deployed 27 days promoting four safety messages

Traffic Unit

- Operation Care and Control was launched on November 9, 2009, and is an aggressive impaired driving campaign focusing on areas around licensed premises (bars, pubs, special event locations).
- Check Stop conducted on October 10, 2009 in partnership with MADD, 1443 vehicles checked, four impaired/refusal charges laid, four twenty-four hour suspensions
- Seatbelt Operation held October 26 to 28 in partnership with Alberta Sheriffs, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and a representative from Safety City. 55 seatbelt violations, 25 other TSA violations, various Option 4s issued.
- Cst. Brian Bohrn completed second part of Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) training in Leduc and is just completing an apprenticeship program with the province. Qualified to do commercial vehicle investigations.
- 255 vehicle collisions in October, 89 investigated by Unit
- Extensive involvement in community meetings and safety association events (17)

Community Resource Unit

- The Unit is expanding programming to seniors on Personal/Building Safety, and Intruder Awareness. Session held at Wellington Condo on October 7. Condo Association of Medicine Hat wishes presentation, which will further open doors to various other senior complexes
- Unit provided site security a three venues during Premier's visit on October 8
- Present at November 6,7,8, 2009 tradeshow, discussions and materials on fraud, identity theft and CPTED issues.

Bylaw Section

- There were 9 Aggressive Dog Incidents reported in October, resulting in 10 charges to date with five still under investigation.
- A major investigation has unfolded as a result of a Child Welfare Investigation. A house in the flats was found to have over 100 cats, 6 dogs, a pot bellied pig and numerous birds and reptiles. 89 cats and 2 dogs have been removed to date. Another 11 cats are to be removed this week and placed with rescue societies. The family has been co-operative with the investigation. Charges laid under both the Cat and Dog Bylaws.
- The Focus Group meeting for the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw occurred. Positive feedback received. Significant concerns with off-leash areas, consistent with Service concerns. Section continues to work on off-leash best practices document, which will be tendered to Commission at December meeting.

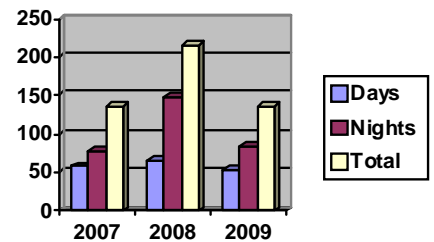
Canine

- Following graphs provides three-year comparison of calls for service and arrests resulting from use of K-9.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2007	2008	2009 (to Oct 31)
Days	58	66	52
Night	77	149	83
Total	135	215	135

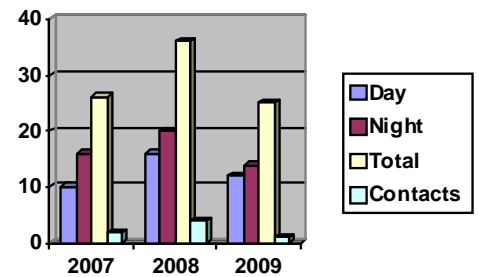
- 2007 and 2009 had new dog teams trained



ARREST

	2007	2008	2009 (to Oct 31)
Day	10	16	12
Night	16	20	14
Total	26 (19.2%)*	36 (16.7%)*	25 (18.5%)*
Contacts	2	4	1

*Clearance Rate - Percentage of deployments where the use of the dog resulted in arrest.



Support Services

Major Crimes Section (MCS)

- On the 23rd of October 2009 members of the MCS executed a Search warrant on a residence in the 100 Block of 7th St SE. Police have recovered a 37" Flat screen Plasma TV and an Acer Laptop computer. Two persons have been charged with Possession of Stolen Property.
- MCS is investigating a complex fraudulent investment scam perpetrated against a Medicine Hat victim since 2002. A total of over \$535,000.00 was obtained. The investigation is continuing and is expected to last several months.

- In October of 2009 a Sexual Assault presentation was given to a group of young teenage females at a local school. After the presentation, two females approached school officials indicating that they had both been sexually assaulted. MCS began investigating the allegations and have since charges a 23 year old Medicine Hat male with numerous related offences. The accused has been released with strict conditions awaiting the next court appearance. MCS have since received complaints of similar fact offences from more teenage victims involving the same accused and are currently investigating those offences.

Organized Crime Section (OCS)

- CFSEU completed the reports and required disclosure documentation for Project "Kush" during the first week of October.
- CFSEU conducted a street level drug investigation where purchases of cocaine and marihuana were made. A Medicine Hat male has been charged with two counts of trafficking.

API-3 Update

The Proof of Concept is complete. Inspector Morton has completed his portion of the paper evaluation. Inspector Morton is in Regina this week testing the proposed solution in a live environment. Over the next three weeks, the final evaluation stages will be concluded. Once a gap analysis is determined, the findings will form part of the Vendor contract for implementation.

Statistical Update:

- See attached graphs

Alarm Calls By Year
Figures are updated at 6:00 and 18:00 daily

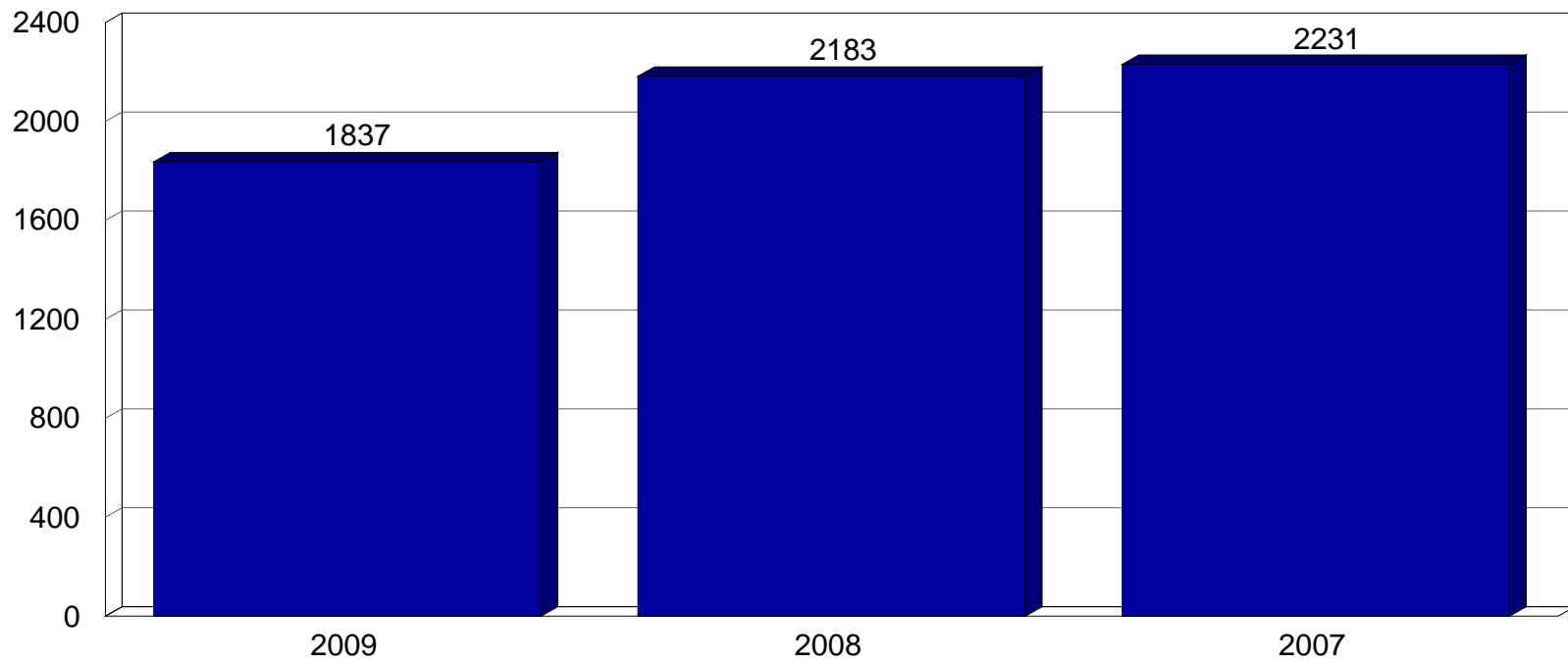
All Areas

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Nov 2, 2009

■ Alarms

Occ Num



All Call and Bylaw Call Types

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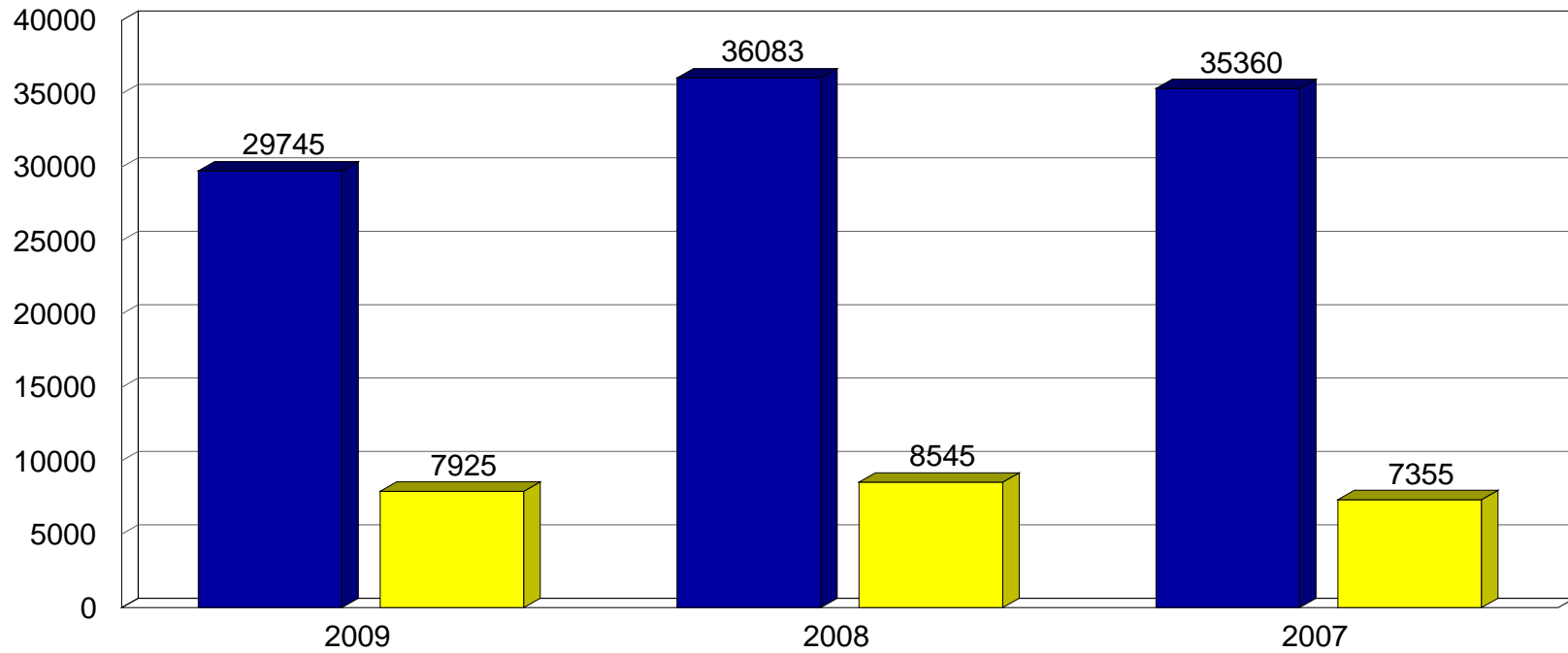
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All Call Types
Bylaw

Occ Num



B&E By Year

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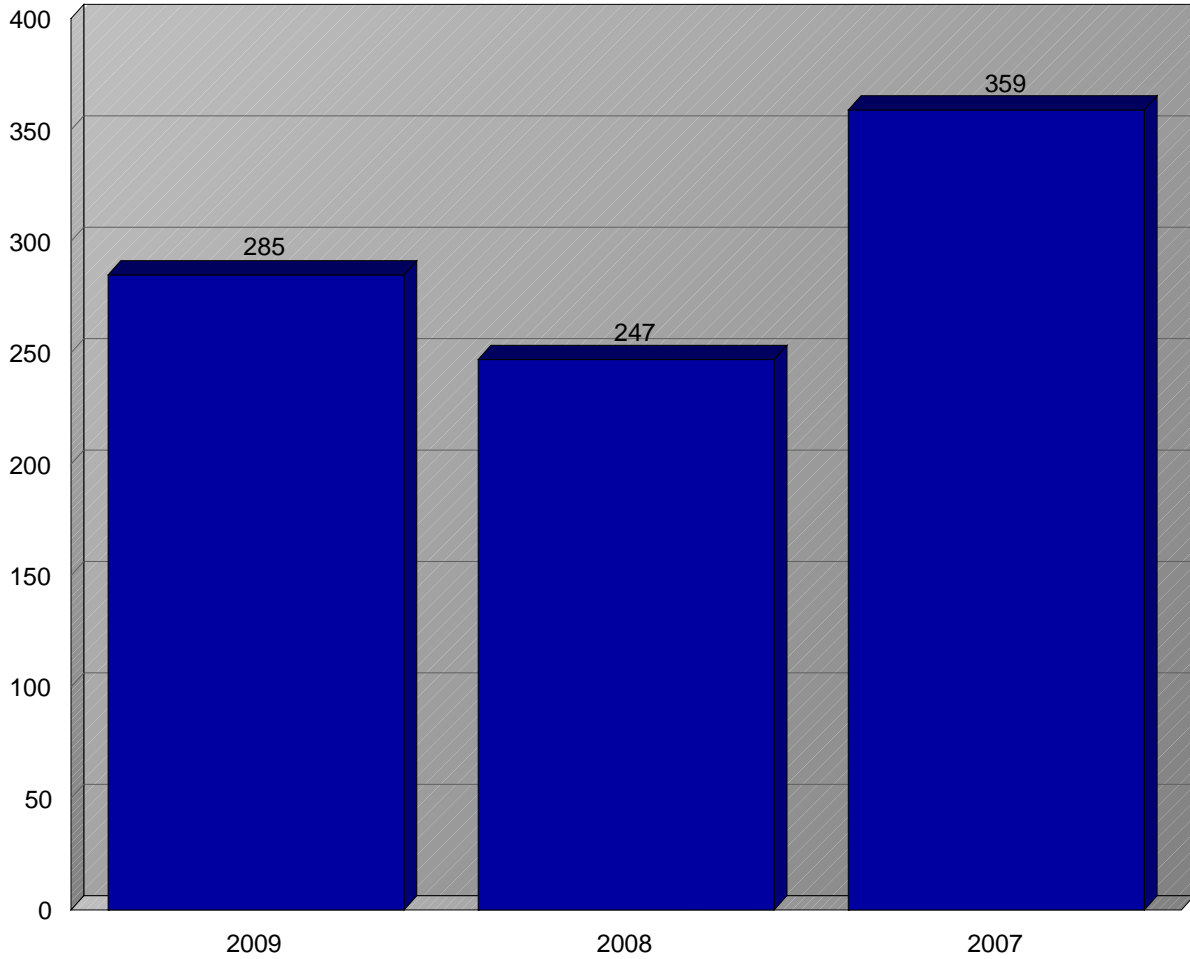
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■ B&E

GO Count



CDSA(Drugs) byYear

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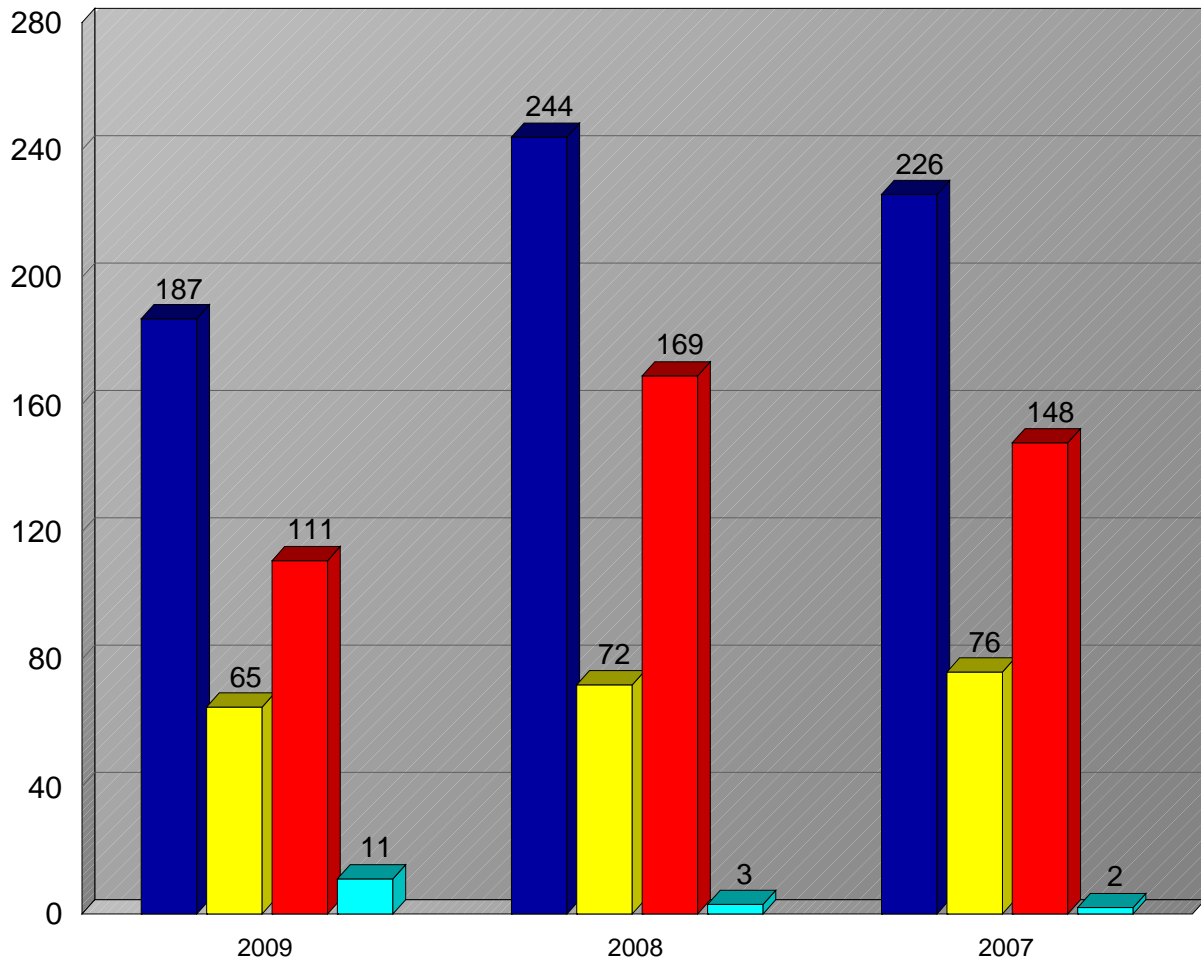
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- CDSA (Drugs)
- Trafficking
- Possession
- Other

MEASURES



Impaired Charges by Year
Year to Year Comparisons
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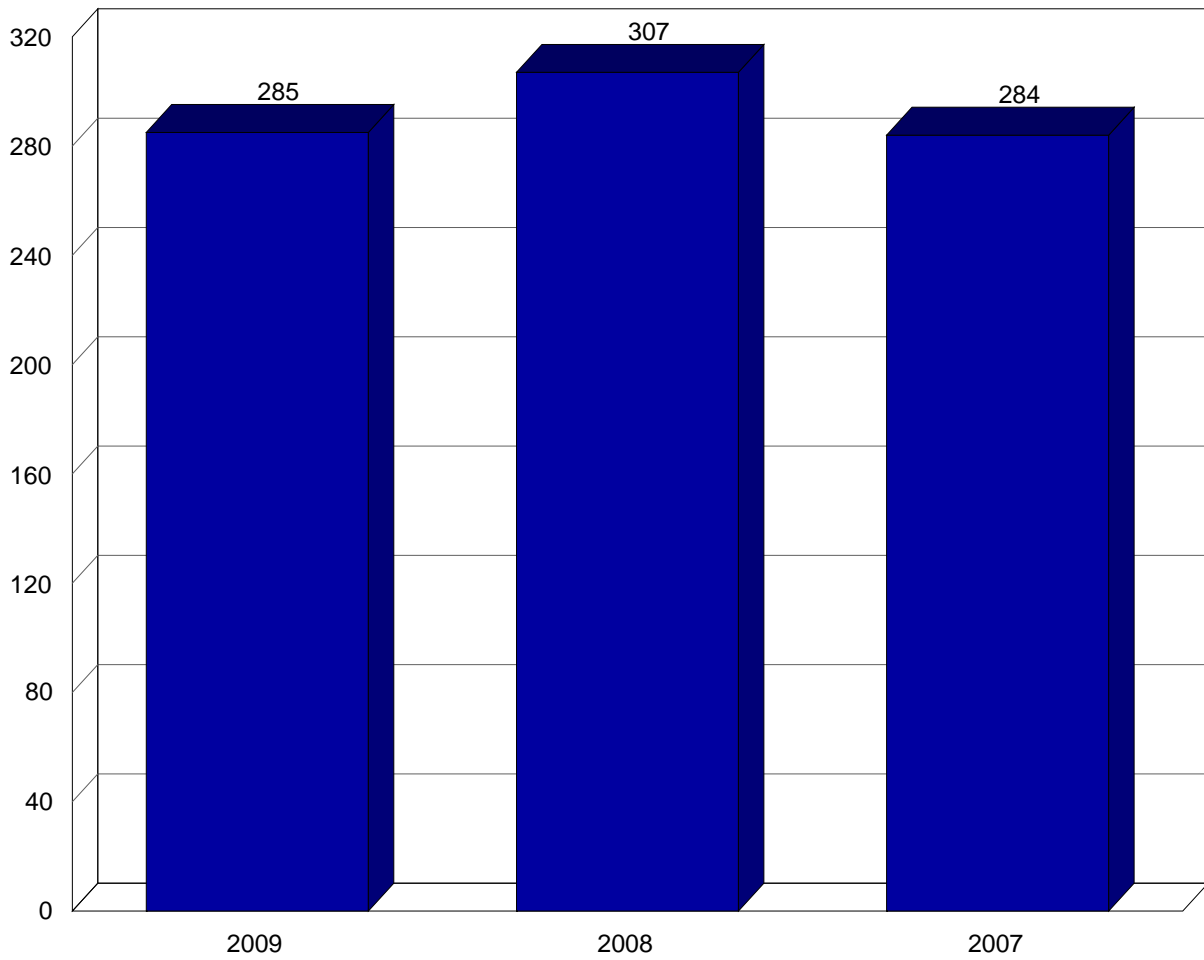
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■ IMPAIRED

MEASURES



Motor Vehicle Collisions Call Types

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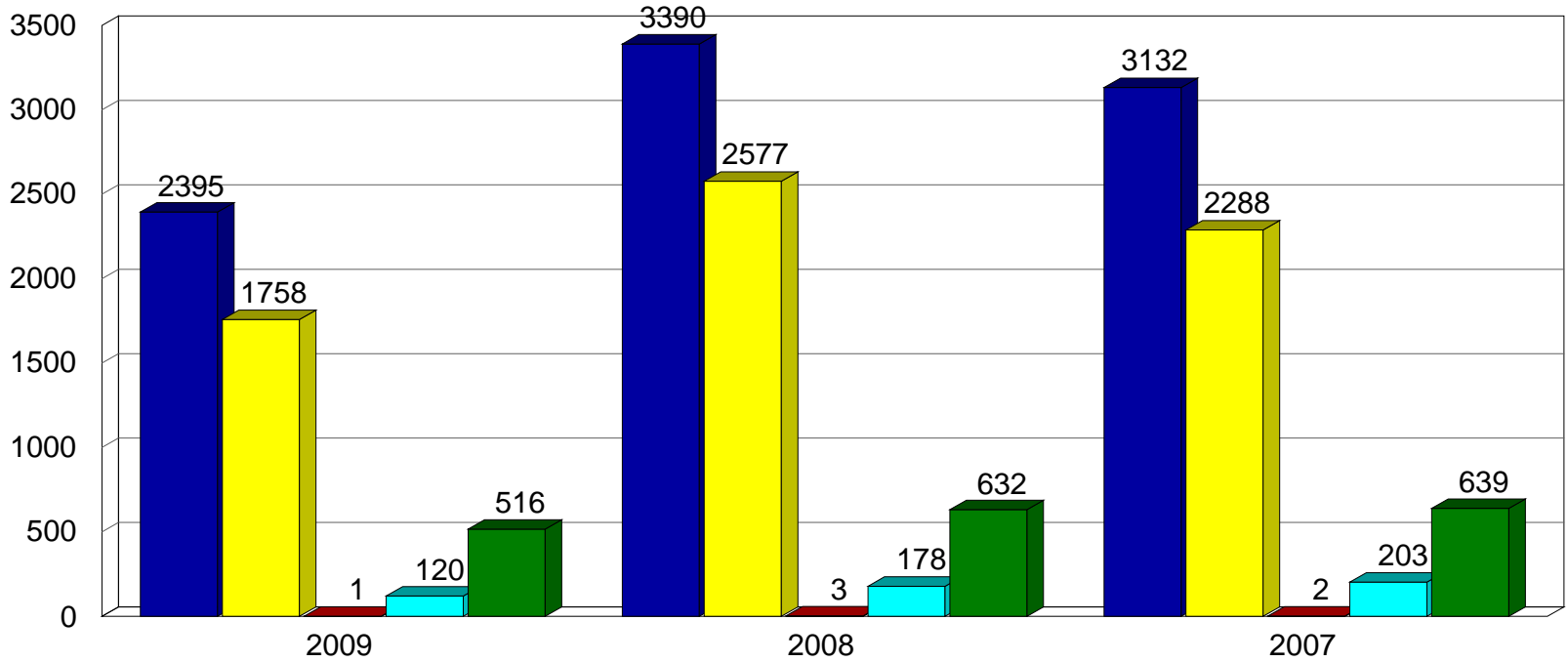
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- MV Collisions
- MVCC
- MVCF
- MVCI
- MVCH

Occ Num



Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

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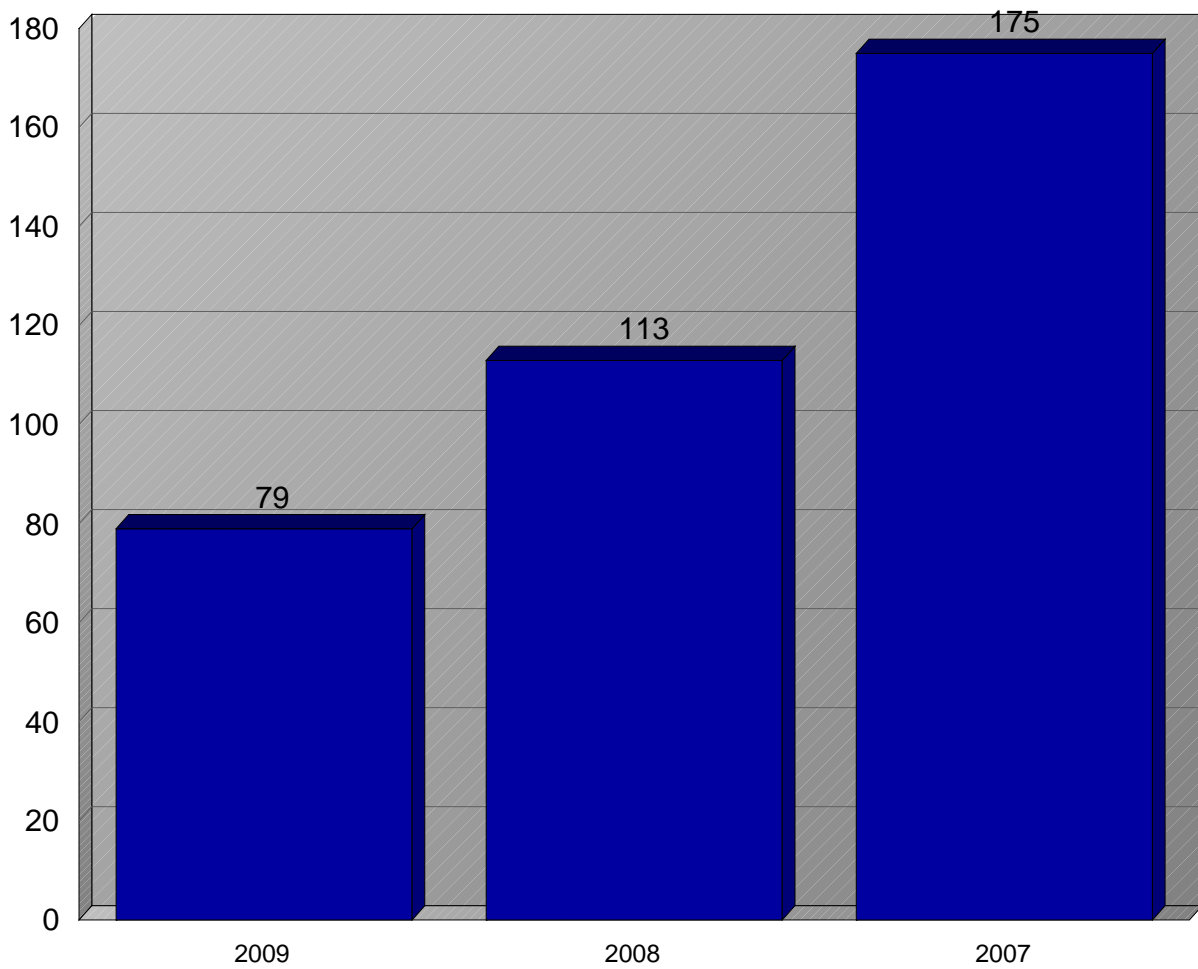
All Area Total

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■ Theft MV

GO Count



Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

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

All Area Total

Layer 1 of 1

Nov 2, 2009

■ Violent

GO Count

