



CONFIDENTIAL
OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009 at 5:00 PM
MEDICINE HAT POLICE SERVICE BOARDROOM

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of September 17, 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

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5. CORRESPONDENCE

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B.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 R. Wigle
Inspector M. Morton
Inspector G. Motz

ALSO: Ms. R. Sittler

ABSENT:

1. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 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. In addition, Inspector Wigle reported "Operation Care and Control", will commence in November and will focus on impaired drivers in our community. A public awareness campaign for this project will start at the end of October.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION OCTOBER 15, 2009

Chief's Report

Training and Seminars

- Major Case Management course – ASLET – Four members of the Organized Crime Section
Purpose: prepares police investigators to use the major case management model
- Making Our World Safer for Children – One member of the Family Crime Unit
Purpose: Prepares frontline personnel in dealing with adults and children who are victims in domestic violence.
- Canadian Police Knowledge Network – Two members of the Training Unit
Purpose: to assist the Service in maximizing the use on on-line learning and to discuss leadership and innovation in Canadian Police Training
- Basic Stealth Entry – Two members of the Tactical Arrest Control Team
Purpose: Prepared new tactical members in the principles of stealth high risk building entries.
- Alberta Traffic Safety Enforcement Committee meeting – One member of the Traffic Response Unit attended this meeting
- Organized Crime & Fraud Consultation meeting – One member of the Major Crime Section
- AMEA Animal Control Committee meeting – Two Community Peace Officers
- Wiretap & Monitoring Officer Workshop – ASLET – Two supervisors of Organized Crime
Purpose: to learn more about wiretap case law, affidavits & authorizations, video intercept and wiretap risk management
- Dynamic Entry / Warrant course – Two members of the Tactical Arrest Control Team
Purpose: Prepared new tactical members in the principles of high risk building entries and surrounding law related to search warrants.
- Confidential Service for Victims of Abuse (CSVA) Training – One member of I-TRAC
Purpose: Federal program that assists victims of intimate or familial violence who are at risk of serious injury or death with secure identity changes and relocation.
- Forensic Computer Training – Encase – One member attended
Purpose: to develop skills in the proper utilization of Encase software as it relates to computer crimes – succession planning for Integrated Child Exploitation.
- Western Regional Polygraph Seminar – One member attended
Purpose: To update and continue the learning regarding case law and human rights issues related to the polygraph
- CVSA Alliance Training course – One member of the Traffic Response Unit
Purpose: Provided training and the authority to conduct inspections of commercial vehicles to ensure compliance with the AB Traffic Safety Act.
- IA Pro Initiative meeting – Two members of the Professional Standards Section
Purpose: To prepare the Service to integrate with the Province with software that tracks Professional Standards issues and discipline.
- National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials – Chief Attended

Purpose: Western region representatives of Corrections Services Canada, Parole and Police met to discuss common interests relating to justice, police and Correctional issues.

- In Service Firearms, Control Tactics, Tech, High Volume Traffic Stop, Pipeline, Ground Fighting, Knife Defense, K9, EDU and TACT training occurred this month.
- Versaterm Conference: Two members of Information Processing Section attended
Purpose: Versaterm provides our records management system and the yearly conference is designed to inform users of upcoming updates and innovations and explore best practices. One of our members, Hank Claussen, was a presenter at the conference, sharing best practices as it relates to our V-Cap program which is an analytical tool that assists us with information and statistical data.

Human Resources Update

- Three members have resigned from the Service in the past month. Two members moved on to seek other professions and one member resigned to join the Lethbridge Regional Police Service for family reasons.
- The recruitment team is in the final stages of identifying several experienced officers to bring to the executive team to recommend hiring. An inexperienced group is also being identified by the end of November.

Activity Update

- A rough draft of the 2010 – 2012 business plan has been completed for distribution. After review by the commission the final report will be ready for the November meeting as originally planned.
- Over 50 consultant engineering service companies have shown interest in the needs assessment and building plan. The closing date is October 15, 2009. The planned completion date of this phase is March 2010.
- As we are nearing year end we are watching the budget variance carefully to ensure that we remain on track with a neutral variance. The September variance demonstrates that we are on target for a positive variance at year end.
- Premier Ed Stelmach visited our city on October 8th, 2009. There was some concern raised by some of our Provincial partners that the Premier's visit could potentially be interrupted by demonstrating groups that may compromise the safety of the Premier and the Community. Our Service prepared an operation plan and several members of our Service were deployed to assist the Premier's security detail at scheduled events throughout the day.
- Our Service was audited by Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC). It was discovered that we have one of the lowest data entry error rates and were complimented by the auditors for our thoroughness. This speaks highly of our Police Information Clerks and our quality assurance clerk's efforts.
- Our Service completed a Pandemics plan and Service wide training in Pandemic and Influenza preparedness. Staff Sergeant Jack Lemire was instrumental in completing a comprehensive plan and City Occupational Health and Safety Team Leader, Susan Reynolds delivered the training to our staff. The plan has been complimented as a model for other departments and Services to use as a template.
- Our Service continues to work closely with several groups that are working toward attaining a detox/rehab centre in our community. We support two initiatives to garner funding from the Safe Community initiatives that would advance treatment and care for those who may be in need of treatment and care. We also continue efforts to secure proceeds from the new Alberta Civil Forfeitures Act. It is the position of the Service and the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police that proceeds be directed back into the communities to fund initiatives such as these.

Operational Services

Mountain Bicycle Unit (MBU)

- The Mountain Bike Unit season ended on September 15, 2009, allowing resources to be directed to the Field Training of new recruits.
- Approximately 80% of MBU's time was spent in the downtown and surrounding area.

ACTIVITY	2007	2008	2009	% Increase Over 2008
Arrests	350	400	468	17 %
Warrants	225	382	445	16.5 %
Tickets	480	426	626	47 %
Charges	198	226	268	18.5%

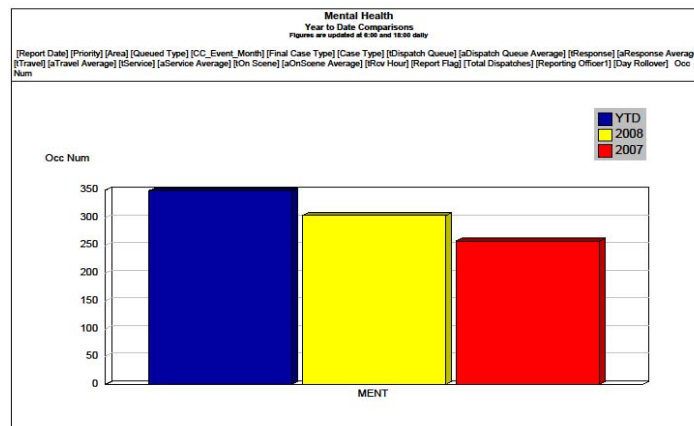
- In relation to enforcement the Unit had an exception year:

MBU STATISTICS

- A survey conducted at the conclusion of the season with the downtown businesses received a 40% response rate (80 out of 200). The vast majority of the respondents showed a high level of satisfaction with MBU. Several respondents would like to see an expansion of the program and additional measures being taken in the 500 block of Third Street.

Patrol Teams

- Mental Health calls continue to rise, as illustrated on the graph:



- The Service expects this trend to continue as a result of:

- The closure of acute care beds and the emphasis of the government to place individuals in Community Living Spaces.
- The Mental Health Amendment Act that places greater responsibilities on police services; and,
- The Mental Health Diversion Program.
- The Service is supporting a funding request by the local Alberta Health Services Mental Health and Addictions Branch for PACT funding (Police and Crisis Team). The funding request submission to the Alberta Safe Communities Secretariat could result in dedicated resources in the area to manage the various initiatives and responsibilities.

Specialized Traffic Enforcement Unit

Specialized Traffic Enforcement Unit Stats

Category	2008	2009
Vehicles Monitored	71,959	82,446
# of Violators	3952	4339
Violations Issued	3190 or 4.43% % of vehicles	3354 or 4.07% of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	15 km over limit	15 km over posted limit

- The Unit monitored 12.7% (10,500) more vehicles in September 2009 than September of 2008 and only experienced an increase in violations of 4.8% (164).
- A new hardware upgrade was approved for both photo radar systems and has been ordered.
- The safety messaging / speed display trailer was deployed 22 days throughout the month.

Traffic Unit

- During the month of September, the Police Service responded to 235 motor vehicle collisions in total. Traffic Unit members handled 101 of the 235 collisions.
- Unit had extensive community involvement during the month including: Board level involvement at S.E.A.T.S. and S.E.A.S.A.S., attendance at the provincial meetings on the new breath testing instrument; a M.A.D.D. executive meeting; PARTY Programming at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital; involvement in the child safety seat clinic at the Medicine Hat Health Unit; attendance at the AMA School Safety Patrol meeting and a presentation of a lecture on novice drivers; various public service announcements; and attendance to provincial DRE and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing meetings.

Community Resource Unit

- The Unit completed nine new presentations for school children. Topics include: Grade 4 Friendship Foundation and Tobacco (Positive Choices and Outcomes); Grade 6 Tobacco, Alcohol, Marijuana and Cyber & Bullying (Positive Choices and Outcomes); and Grade 8 Drugs and Cyber (Positive Choices and Outcomes). Delivery of the new programs will commence over the next few months.
- The Unit presented to a variety of groups including the College, Environmental Utility department, Redi Enterprises and local high schools. The presentations were well

received with topics including; date rape drugs, staying safe with difficult and irate customers and drug recognition.

- Sgt. Stull has accepted a board position with the local McMann group, to strengthen our commitment to assisting youth in our community.

Bylaw Section

- CPO Jangula and CPO Heyens received Inspector Compliments for their outstanding initiative in relation to weed control in the Hampton, Vista and other areas of the community. While conducting weed enforcement they noted several hundred residential lots requiring compliance with the Bylaw and Act. The members obtained maps and systematically issued hundreds of notices and followed up on the notices to ensure compliance.

City	Grande Prairie	Edmonton	Red Deer	Calgary	Lethbridge	Regina	Saskatoon	Brandon	Medicine Hat
Population	55000	782439	89000	1041892	85492	194000	209000	50000	65000
% Population With licensed Dog	.70%	6.80%	7.30%	10%	n/a	10%	n/a	1.3%	10%

- During research for the business case on off-leash areas, evidence surfaced that that Medicine Hat has one of the highest dog licensing compliance rates in Western Canada.

PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION WITH LICENCED DOG

- Calls for Service in September were highest of the year at 1054, with a 24% increase from September 2008. The majority of the calls related to weeds which involved over 300 calls in the Vista, Hamptons and Southlands subdivisions.
- We had 490 or over 46% of our calls for service were officer initiated, the great majority involved enforcement of the Weed Control Act.
- Some interesting stats have emerged related to Document Service and Fail to Attend for Prints files:
 - In 2007, 15% of documents went un-served, in 2008 that number dropped to 13% and this year it has dropped to 9%.
 - Last year at this time there were 69 files generated for persons failing to attend for fingerprints. This year that number has dropped to 40, which is a 42 % decrease.

Canine

- Constable White and Police Service Dog “Duco” were certified in September. On October 8, 2009, they had their first good track, resulting in the apprehension of two individuals who had been in possession of a stolen auto and who had fled the scene.

Support Services

Major Crimes Section (MCS)

- MCS has recently concluded an internal theft investigation from a local pharmacy. It is alleged the store manager had been stealing cash from the till for several years.

Following an investigation, the manager confessed, has been charged and is scheduled to appear in court. Approximately \$25,000 was stolen.

- MCS is currently investigating the strong-arm robbery of a transient male that occurred in the downtown area. The victim was beaten by two unknown subjects and had property stolen. The file is still under investigation.
- The Service ICE investigator currently has 8 outstanding files to be investigated, ranging from Possession of Child Pornography to luring children on the internet. A 40 year old Medicine Hat male was recently charged for Possession and Distribution of Child Pornography.
- MCS have charged a 20 yr old male with sexual assault on a 17 yr old female. Evidence gathered is consistent with the allegation. The two are known to each other.
- On September 4th, 2009 the MCS executed a search warrant on a residence in the SW hill area of Medicine Hat and seized 16 high-end cellular phones, which had been taken during Break and Enter in Lethbridge, on August 20, 2009. Total amount of stolen property recovered is valued at \$9,600.00. A 20 yr old male and 17 yr old female are scheduled to appear in court.
- The Alberta Relationship and Threat Assessment Initiative (ARTAMI) under ALERT, has been changed to the Integrated Threat and Risk Assessment Centre (I-TRAC). The name change is more in keeping with the mandate to provide expertise and excellence in threat assessments, as well as develop and deliver provincial training. Because the potential for violence extends beyond the home and into public places and the fact that some partner agencies required the assessment expertise to be expanded, I-TRAC assessors can complete risk assessments for school violence, workplace violence and other violence in general.

Organized Crime Section (OCS)

- On September 11 2009 CFSEU concluded an investigation into the trafficking of powdered MDMA (ecstasy). Street level purchases of MDMA were made from three males and a CDSA search warrant was executed at a Medicine Hat residence. In total, 7 ounces of MDMA was seized with a street value of over \$11,500. Charges of trafficking and possession for the purpose of trafficking in MDMA have been laid against five males.
- Information was received that a male was planning to break into a commercial warehouse and steal several items of property. CFSEU commenced surveillance on the suspect from Lethbridge. He was observed to commit a commercial break and enter in the Brier Park area and was arrested as he left the scene. He was in possession of numerous stolen auto accessories worth several thousand dollars and was charged with Break, Enter and Theft along with possession of crack cocaine.
- Project Kush was successfully concluded at the end of September. This investigation focused on the production of cannabis marijuana in the region, which had ties to organized crime in Calgary. Seized as result of the investigation was: 1,900 marijuana plants, at various stages of growth, with a potential street value of over \$2.4 million, over \$500,000 worth of grow related property and equipment, over \$70,000 in cash, and over \$1.1 million worth of real estate in the process of being subjected to civil forfeiture. Eight people have been charged with various offences including production, possession for the purpose of trafficking as well as proceeds of crime. Five have been released on bail and three have arrest warrants issued.

Forensic Identification Unit (FIU)

- FIU attended to over 100 calls for service requiring forensic expertise during the month of September.

- Two FIU members participated in a Forensic Facial Composite Drawing course hosted locally by the Hat Art Club and the Police Service. The course was instructed by the internationally renowned, Carrie & Rick Parks, who have taught all over the world including the FBI, Secret Service, Texas Rangers, etc. There was a healthy mix of students from of law enforcement (CPS, LRPS, MHPS, RCMP), civilians, military personnel (Winnipeg) and even an archaeologist (from Nova Scotia). Our local members are ready to apply their newly acquired skills.

Victim Services

- VSU continues to recruit new volunteers and have interviewed 40 candidates, but to date, only have 10 application packages returned from those interested in continuing in the process.
- In response to the October 5, 2009 City Council discussions concerning issues surrounding suicides, VSU can provide the following information:
 - When the Police deal with a suicidal person, the Mental Health Crisis Team and/or the Emergency Room Doctor see that person. After assessment, a decision about programming is introduced. Victim Services typically follows up with the family and/or friends affected by the situation. VSU may also interact directly with the individual to ensure that supports are in place and the situation is being resolved. Our statistics and demographics are sent to the local Canadian Mental Health Office, who in turn co-ordinate an interagency group called the Suicide Prevention Council, with VSU at the table. This group identifies trends and promotes programming that will assist our community. Over the years, several important initiatives have grown out of this partnership including the Rural Help Card; fridge magnets; Mental Health First Aid; Telephone Book inserts; Direct Services Training x 2 per year; Yellow Ribbon Campaign; Assist & Youth Assist; George Chuvalo Program; and the World Suicide Prevention Day Publication (48,000) (which is on-line at the suggestion of Alderman Schneider).
 - In the case of a completed suicide, VSU would provide support and referral to the family. Again, working closely with the Suicide Prevention Council to ensure that there are no gaps in service and support. Many support groups and events have grown out of this Council such as Hope & Healing; Suicide Bereavement Support Group; Annual Memorial Service; and Individual Support.
 - In this region, there is funding for only **one** Suicide Prevention Coordinator with nothing for program delivery. All other funds have to be obtained through fund raising efforts. We are one of very few communities that have four suicide prevention trainers. VSU is part of a larger provincial group called "Alberta Men's Mental Health Network", as that group has been identified as higher risk. The Calgary Distress Line now serves everyone within the 403 area code, but no longer provides service to the Farm Help Line.

API-3 Update

- The project is in the evaluation process at this time. A vendor will be secured by the end of this year. The Chiefs of Police are meeting in Lethbridge in the fourth week of October to discuss the progress of the project.

Statistical Update:

- See attached graphs

Municipal Bylaw & Enforcement Section Statistics 2009

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Animal Control Complaints	113	92	248	271	267	234	213	188	172				1798
Warnings	47	55	167	143	115	81	89	66	47				810
Charges	23	24	45	58	64	57	61	47	42				421
Property Standards Complaints	247	164	113	87	77	113	185	198	406				1590
Warnings	194	123	80	42	119	52	97	110	332				1149
Charges	30	22	36	19	13	37	45	40	45				287
Traffic Complaints	238	255	325	371	320	201	195	180	189				2274
Warnings	99	79	75	53	61	61	63	65	35				591
Charges	546	667	1039	837	667	442	392	349	380				5319
Noise Complaints	59	58	89	97	137	146	161	157	121				1025
Warnings	38	39	54	39	50	95	103	88	56				562
Charges	6	6	4	5	12	8	9	11	5				66
Other Bylaw & Misc. Complaints	52	31	58	119	151	181	222	174	166				1154
Warnings	21	15	21	30	15	17	107	87	88				401
Charges	5	5	20	29	26	12	24	7	58				186
Total # of Complaints	709	600	833	945	952	875	976	897	1054	0	0	0	7841
Officer Initiated Complaints	176	138	354	416	315	220	215	206	490				2530
Officer Initiated Complaint %	24.8	23.0	42.5	44.0	33.1	25.1	22.0	23.0	46.5	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	32.3
Bylaw Ed. & Enf. Program Calls	229	143	110	89	96	185	184	193	166				1395
Total # of Warnings	399	311	397	307	360	306	459	416	558	0	0	0	3513
Total # of Charges	610	724	1144	948	782	556	531	454	530	0	0	0	6279
# of Prisoners up to 25 Feb 2009	150	142											292
Hours of Prisoner Security	585	512											1097
Average Prisoner Hours Per Day	18.9	20.5											19.7
Documents Serves/Attempts	433	525	954	762	723	528	391	552	625				5493
Dog Licenses Sold	415	411	652	624	616	689	546	485	464				4902
Cat Licenses Sold	84	58	201	260	227	208	120	111	74				1343

B&E By Year

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

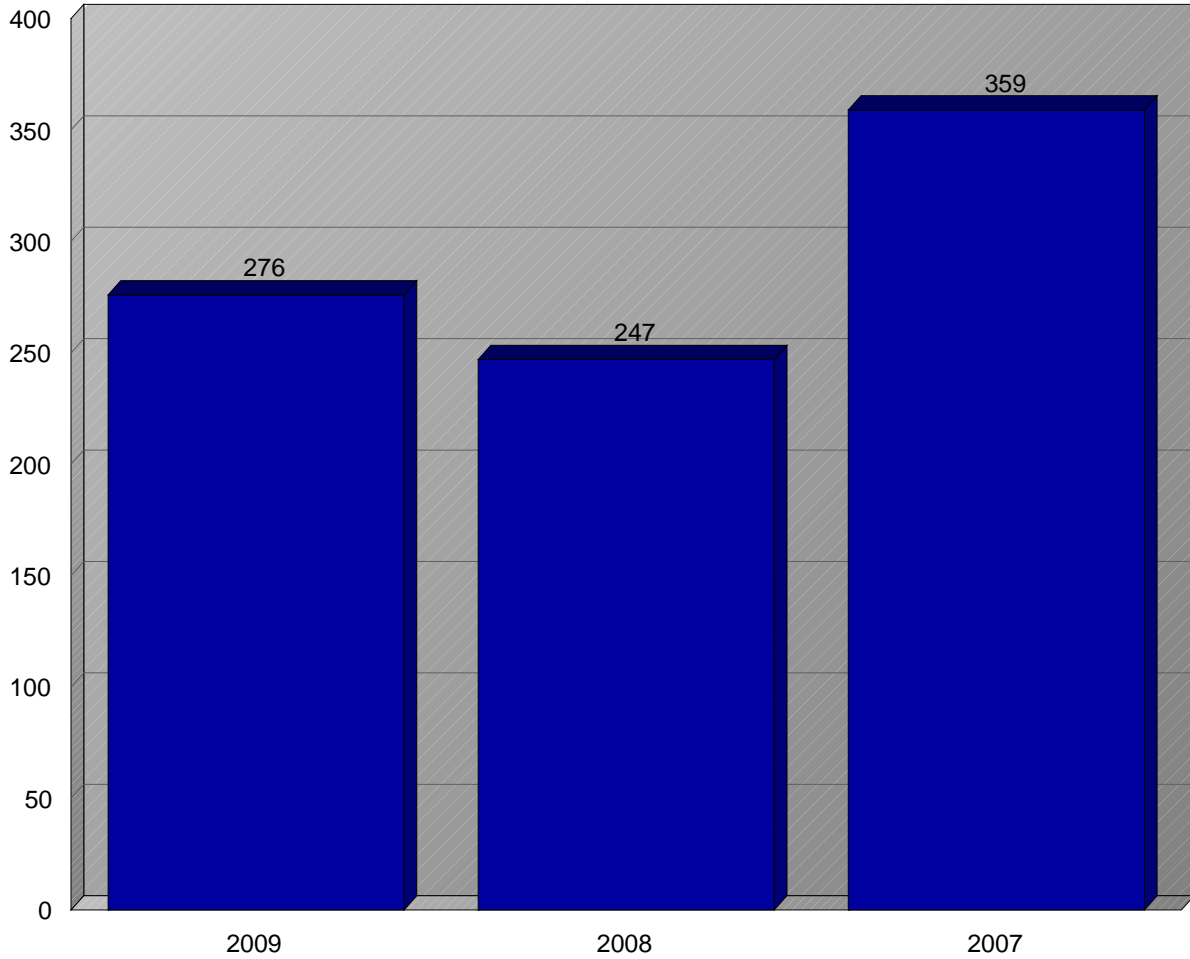
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■ B&E

GO Count



Alarm Calls By Year
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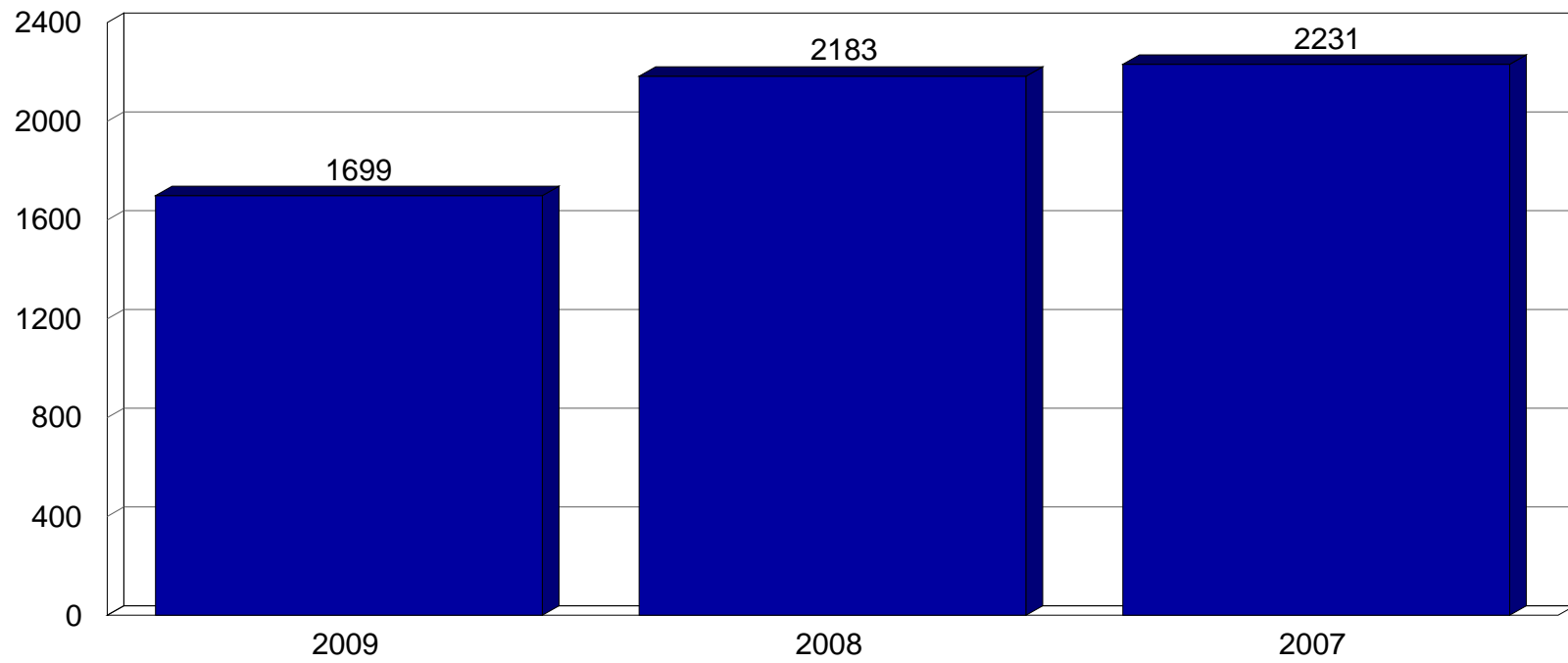
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■ Alarms

Occ Num



CDSA(Drugs) byYear

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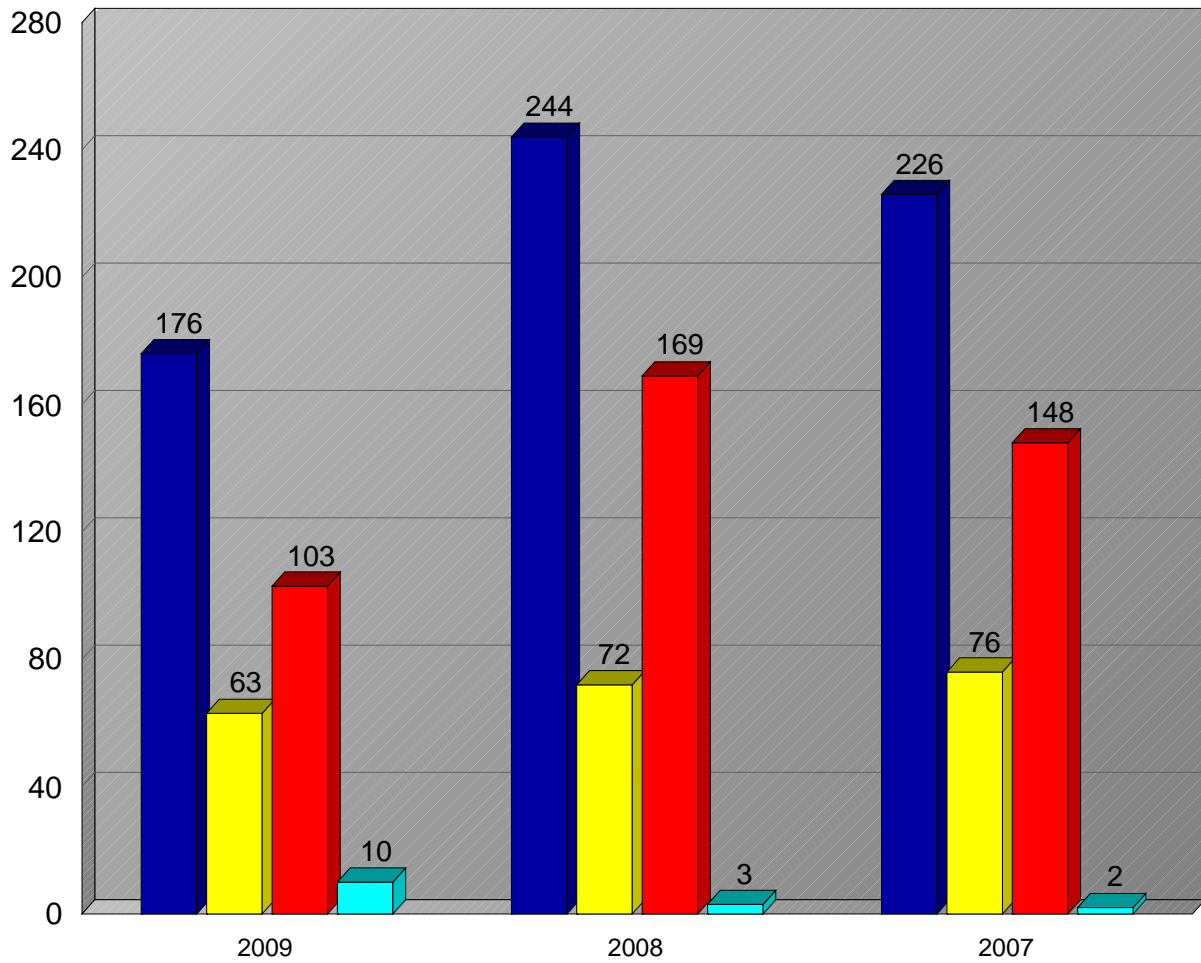
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- CDSA (Drugs)
- Trafficking
- Possession
- Other

MEASURES



Impaired Charges by Year
Year to Year Comparisons
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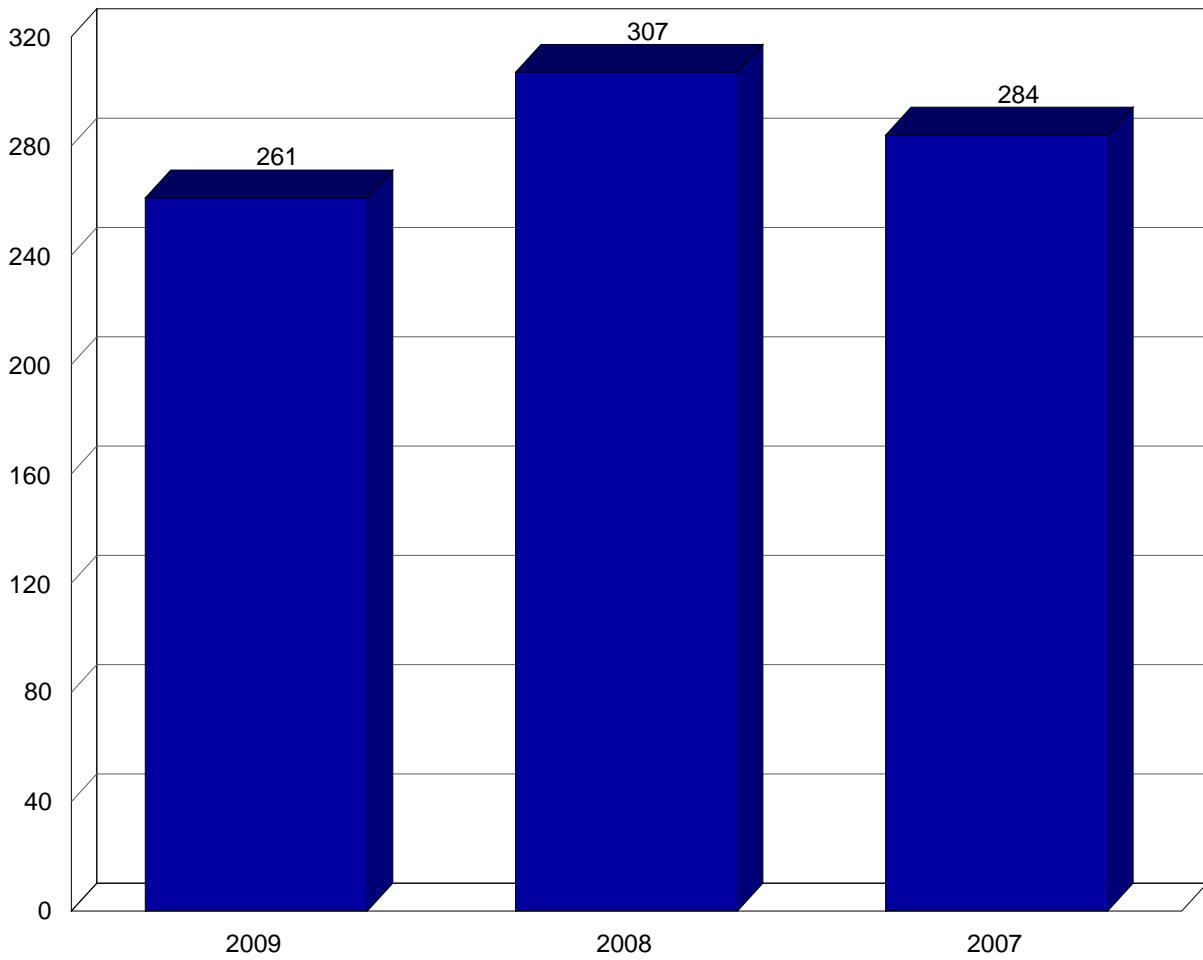
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■ IMPAIRED

MEASURES



Motor Vehicle Collisions Call Types

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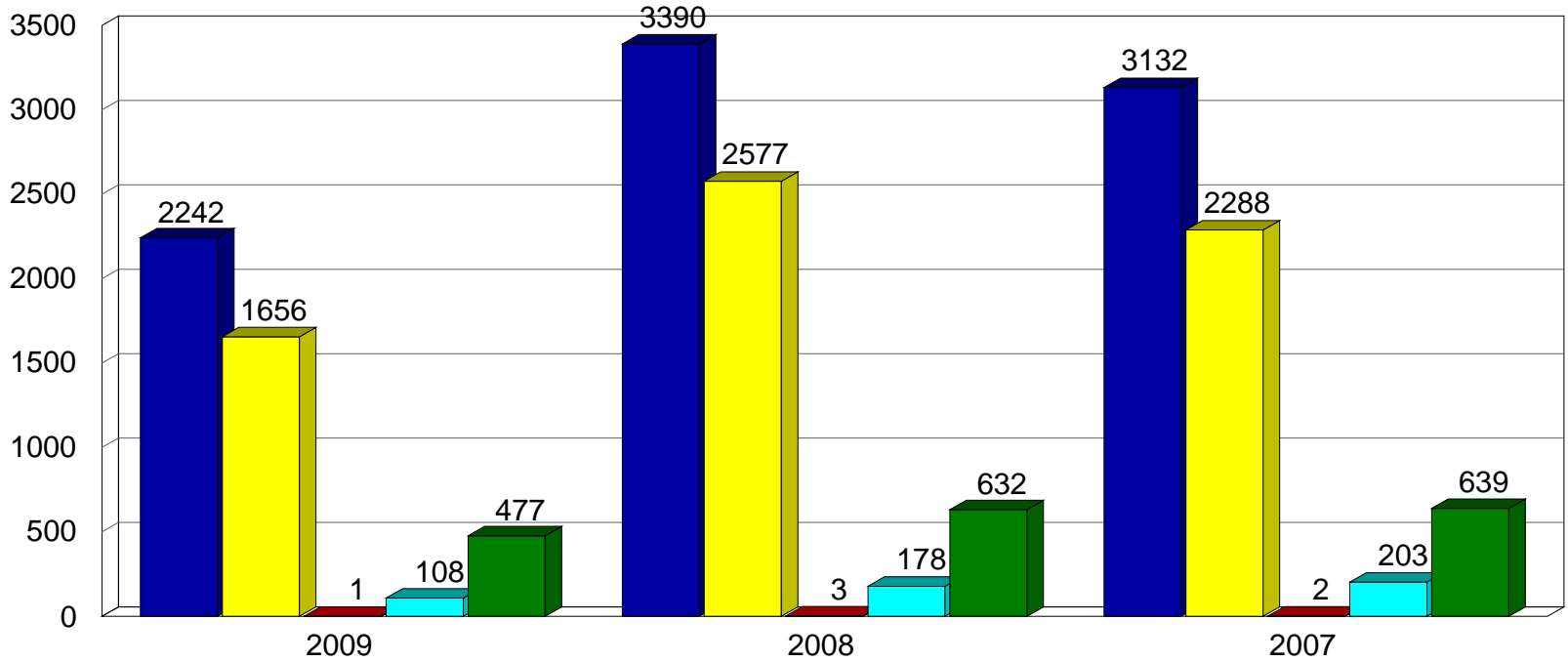
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- MV Collisions
- MVCC
- MVCF
- MVCI
- MVCH

Occ Num



Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

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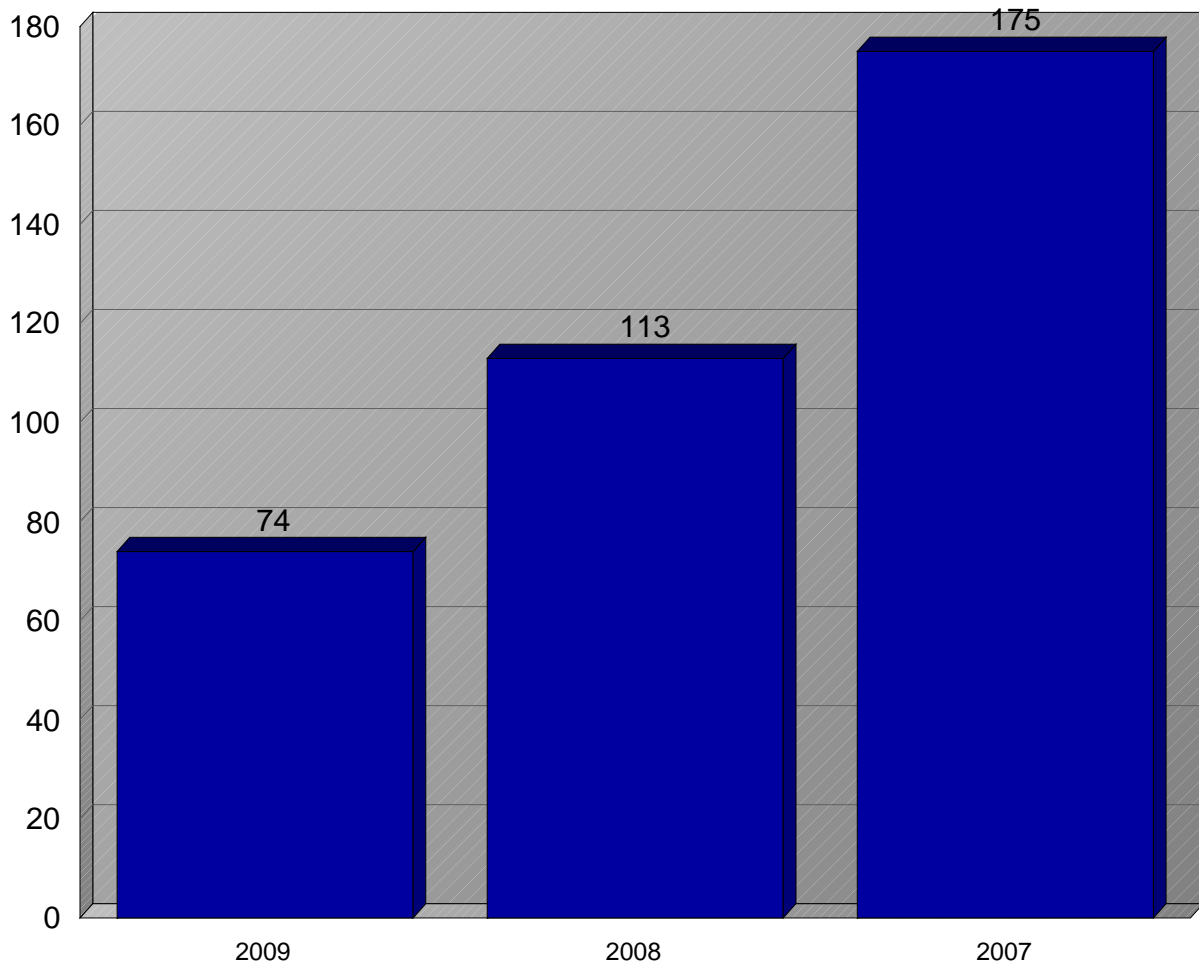
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■ Theft MV

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Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

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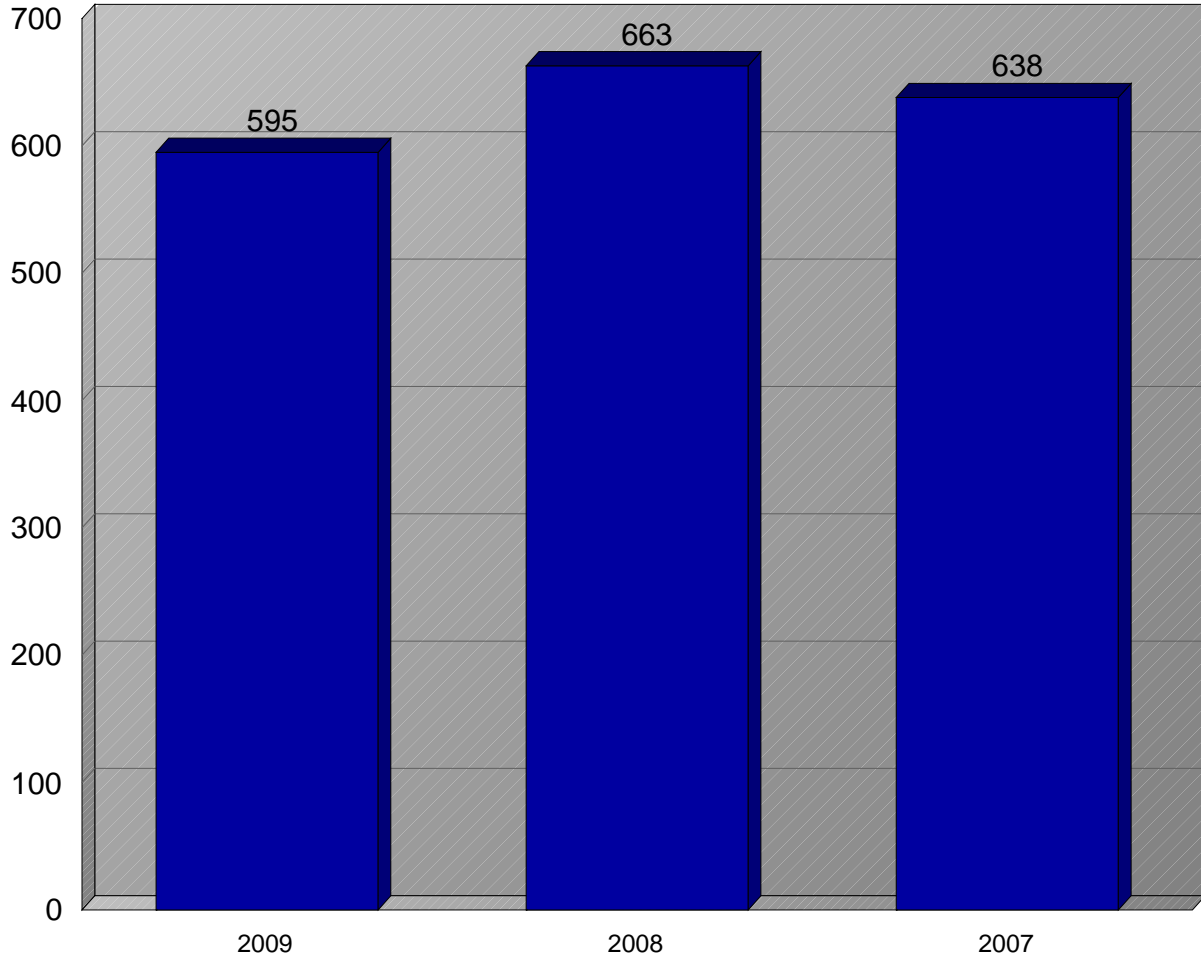
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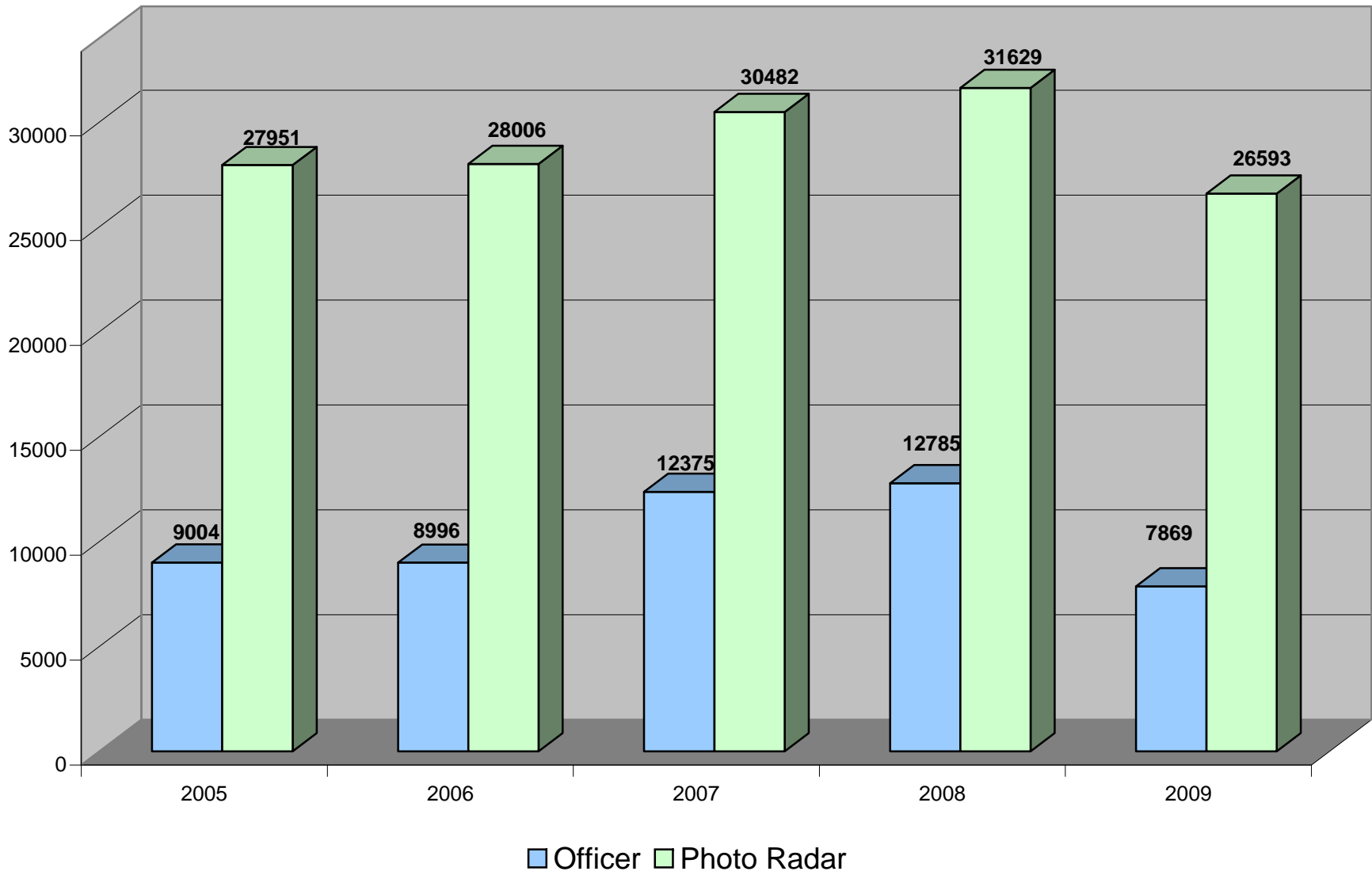
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■ Violent

GO Count



Tickets Issued



All Call and Bylaw Call Types

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All Areas

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All Call Types
Bylaw

Occ Num

