



CONFIDENTIAL
OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 AT 5:00PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of January 19, 2010 for adoption **5:00 – 5:05 PM**

2. ACTION ITEMS

A.

3. REPORTS

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

4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Medicine Hat Safe Community Association – Insp Wigle **5:30 – 6:00 PM**

B.

C.

D.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010 AT 5:00 PM
AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

ALSO: Ms. R Sittler

ABSENT:

1. MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2010 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. Inspector Motz provided a presentation analyzing the statistics for 2009 impaired related offenses.

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

4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

One citizen addressed the Commission regarding his concerns about the removal of the planters on 3rd Street indicating that he felt they added to the historic feel of the downtown area and slowed traffic.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Medicine Hat Safe Community Association

Inspector Wigle introduced the newly formed Medicine Hat Safe Community Association and provided a presentation highlighting the history of events that prompted the formation of the association and what its purpose and objectives will be. Public are invited to attend Public Information sessions, which will be held on March 4, and 8, at the Medicine Hat Public Library, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM where you can learn more about this new group and the exciting new programming they support for the community in the areas of: Safe Schools, Safe Communities and Safety by Design.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Chief's Report

Training and Seminars

- CPT Recertification Course – Two members attend this course in Lethbridge
- Successful Conflict Resolution in the Workplace – One civilian staff member attended this workshop at the Medicine Hat College
- TACT, K9, and Search Warrant Course in service training will occur this month.
- The CACJ recruit training being held in Medicine Hat is going very well and the reports regarding the Medicine Hat members are very positive.

Human Resources Update

- A Patrol constable requested and was granted a 12 week parental leave which will occur from mid-June to mid-September 2010.
- The Service is currently recruiting for an Executive Assistant for the Office of the Chief as well as for a Receptionist position.
- On February 10th, the Premier announced, the funding of 100 police officers province wide as the final part of his three year commitment to add 300 new frontline officers. MHPS will receive funding for 1 additional officer. It is anticipated that we will begin recruiting for an experienced officer as soon as we are able.
- Five Service members have deployed to the Olympics Games as part of the security contingent. Their deployments vary in length from 19 to 35 days.

Activity Update

- The 2009 year-end variance report shows a healthy positive variance.
- The Service has begun to implement the various phases of our business plan strategies for 2010. The creation of three distinct divisions (Administrative, Support and Operational Services) along with the promotion and deployment of personnel is in progress.
- Facility Update – We continue to await a work plan update from Rebanks Pepper Littlewood Architects as they work on our building needs and feasibility assessment. We have scheduled an meeting with Council to present the findings in May.

Operational Services

Patrols Section

- Moving forward with our 2010 – 2012 Business Plan, we have identified the new Patrols sergeants. Sgt. Thompson, Sgt. Witkowski, Sgt. Schiebelbein and Sgt. Both will be transferred to their teams in April. We have scheduled a sergeants and staff sergeants meeting for February 24, to develop roles, responsibilities and expectations for the new positions.
- The Service and Association are working together to examine staggered shifting in Patrols to ensure proper street coverage during shift change.
- The Patrol staff sergeants are compiling statistics on the number of bail hearings we conduct and the amount of time we dedicate to this task. We are hoping to identify some changes in this process to enable the staff sergeants to focus on file and investigational management and personnel development.

Bylaw Section

- January 2010 calls for service were up 13 % over December 2009 and officer initiated complaints were up 36%.
- Document service slowed down during the last part of 2009, however there was a 61% increase over January 2009.
- There were four aggressive dog incidents in January resulting in three charges so far, with one incident still under investigation. No injuries were reported in any of the complaints and all were deemed to be fairly minor in nature.
- Bylaw Section will be participating in the Spring Trade Show at the Cypress Centre from March 5 to 7, 2010. They will be focusing on education and hope to include information on the new Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

Mountain Bike Unit

- MBU is gearing up for another season. We have identified Cst. Devin Klein as the newest member. Members returning from last year are Cst. Kirt Murray, Cst. Blake Czember and Cst. Chris Schlenker.
- The unit is presently developing their 2010 Operational Plan, outlining their goals and objectives, which will include specific strategies to deal with the downtown core issues. Once the Operational Plan has been approved by the Executive Team it can be presented at March Police Commission meeting.

Prisoner Security

- While working in the cell block on December 23, 2009, Commissionaire Alex Grant noticed a RCPM prisoner acting suspiciously in the cell. Grant checked on the prisoner and realized that he was trying to harm himself by using the string from his sweat pants. Grant contacted the Staff Sergeant and almost immediately CPO Heather Rann attended the cell block and the two of them entered the cell and removed the string from around the prisoner's neck. First aid was provided until EMS attended. The prisoner survived and CPO Rann and Commissionaire Grant received a Service Recognition Award for their decisive action.

Administrative Services

- Correspondence/ Security Unit January Stats

Police Information Checks

Historic Stats – Month to Month – 5 Year Comparison

	2006	2007	2008	009	2010
Jan	217	334	339	362	328
Feb	246	278	272	314	
Mar	303	351	319	397	
Apr	271	362	334	337	
May	327	371	343	357	
Jun	328	359	286	338	
July	237	335	295	298	
Aug	303	353	293	299	
Sep	380	380	483	445	
Oct	309	355	376	315	
Nov	307	297	275	262	
Dec	186	192	284	216	
Total	3414	3967	3899	3940	328

VOLUNTEER STATS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	Total
Volunteer	63								
Govn't									
Subsidized	19								
Total	82								

Check First: Volunteer Police Information Checks

- Last spring, the Government of Alberta introduced the Volunteer Police Information Check Program which covers a nonprofit/voluntary sector organization's costs of access police information checks (PICs) as one part of effective volunteer screening practices for eligible volunteers (volunteers who are in positions of trust and authority with minor children, seniors 65 and older, and persons with disabilities). The program is applicable to communities where the police services currently charge for volunteer police information checks.
- The PIC program is a valuable resource for the nonprofit/voluntary sector as it reduces administrative costs and removes a barrier to volunteerism.

API3

- Deputy Minister requested letters of support for the project from the five core agencies. Agencies provided same on February 11, 2010. Still waiting for the contract to be awarded.

False Alarms

- 177 false alarms received in Jan 2010
- 23 Warning letters were sent out to locations where 2 or more false alarms were received in Jan 2010

Information Processing Section

- Effective February 1, Sid Amundson assumed the role of Civilian Manager of the IPS Section and is currently completing a review of the Section

Support Services

Major Crimes Section (MCS)

- Further to the January 3, 2010 12th SE home invasion investigation, MCS have since charged the 19 year old male responsible with numerous related criminal code offences including armed robbery, assault, and unlawful confinement and using a firearm during the commission of an offence.
- Further to the January 4, 2010 armed robbery at the Gas Plus and a January 7, 2010 armed robbery at Hops & Scotch Liquor Store, MCS have now charged a 29 year old male and a 37 year old female with numerous charges including robbery, wearing a disguise and using a firearm. Both are in custody awaiting their next court date. Collaborating with Brooks and Redcliff RCMP, police were able to seize evidence linking these two accused to other robberies including one in Redcliff and one in Duchess, from which they were arrested.
- MCS have cleared up two break and enters that occurred near the end of December 2009. A 28 year old male has been charged and since pled guilty to both offences.
- MCS continues to investigate the January 18, 2010 stabbing of Cst. Barry Steier in his home. His wife remains in custody awaiting a bail hearing, charged with

- On January 11, 2010, MCS arrested a 44 year old male in relation to the October 29 and December 23 pharmacy armed robberies. Numerous interviews and search warrants afforded evidence to charge the accused with numerous criminal code offences.

Organized Crime Section (CFSEU & MHIU)

- In early January 2010, CFSEU arrested and charged a Medicine Hat female for trafficking cocaine after an undercover investigation. She is currently before the courts.
- CFSEU have charged a Medicine Hat male with 3 counts of trafficking MDMA and Ketamine
- CFSEU assisted the MCS with surveillance and the eventual arrest of a local robbery suspect.
- CFSEU also assisted the Brooks RCMP with an undercover operation to gather evidence on their armed robbery investigation. It proved successful and was connected to two of MHPS robberies as well as a Redcliff robbery.
- CFSEU charged three individuals with possession for the purpose of trafficking marihuana and cannabis resin after their return to Medicine Hat. Close to \$3,000 in drugs were seized.
- Near the end of January, CFSEU and MHIU completed an investigation initially concerning the theft of high-end quads and motor bikes from Medicine Hat. A search warrant was executed on a farmstead near Leader, Sask., with the assistance of the Leader RCMP. Seized were two quads and a dirt bike, which had been stolen from Medicine Hat in 2008 with a combined value of approximately \$18,000. The search also located two unregistered firearms that were not properly stored. A small amount of marihuana, cash and drug paraphernalia were also found which lead investigators to adjust their focus. A further CDSA search located 6.6 pounds of marihuana with a street value of approximately \$66,000. A 47-year-old Leader man is currently before the courts on numerous property, drug and firearm offences.

Forensic Identification Unit:

- FIU members provided crime scene analysis on 85 calls for service, plus several suspect finger print matches lifted from crime scenes, DNA hits confirming suspects from a sexual assault, robbery and a manslaughter, a number of composite sketches, as well as a physical evidence match from Hit & Run MVC.
- FIU was also involved in several school presentations throughout the month.

Community Safety Unit:

- The Community Safety Unit has been focusing on assisting the elderly in our community's' many seniors complexes. The initial phase dealt with fraud and scam protection while the current focus involves CPTED (Crime Prevention

- Inspector Wigle's Safe Medicine Hat Safe Communities Association presentation will include other activities undertaken by the unit.

Traffic Response Unit:

- The unit had extensive participation in community meetings and safety events throughout January.
- During the month of January, the Police Service responded to 267 motor vehicle collisions, with 66 investigated by the Traffic Unit.
- Members of the Traffic Unit were heavily involved with the Olympic torch Relay events, from escorting the run to assisting the Community Safety Unit with security.
- Two members of the Unit are currently in Vancouver providing assistance to the security forces at the Olympic Games.

Specialized Traffic Enforcement:

- The unit experienced a slightly higher than normal enforcement rate for January, partially attributable to some milder weather.
- There was a 14% increase in the number of vehicles monitored from January 2009 to January 2010 and a disturbing 80% increase in the number of violators.
- We are encouraged to see a slight downward trend in the number of MVC's which have occurred in Photo Radar sites from 2008 to 2009.
- The Unit completed 400 enforcement hours in January 2010 compared to 335 in January 2009.
- The safety-messaging / speed trailer was deployed only two days in January however the unit continues to develop safety messages and slogans in coordination with the Traffic Unit and Communications Coordinator Rita Sittler.
- The new photo radar equipment will be installed the week of February 15 -18, 2010.

Photo Radar January Comparison 2009 - 2010

Category	2009	2010
Vehicles Monitored	56,437	64,221
# of Violators	813	1,461
Violations Issued	572 or 1.01 % of vehicles	971 or 1.51 % of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	16 km over limit	15 km over limit

Victim Services:

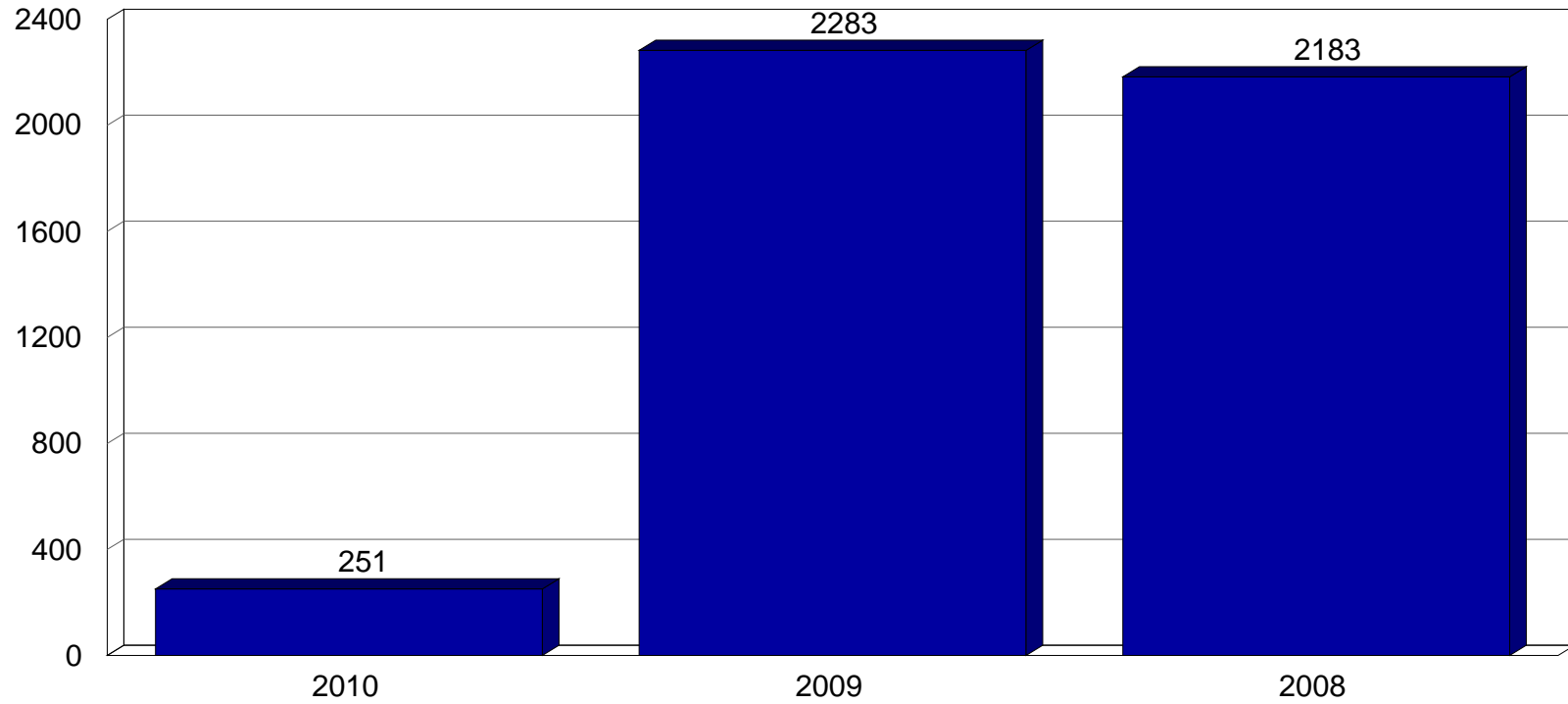
- The Victim Services Unit began training a group of 12 new volunteers.

Alarm Calls By Year

Stats gathered from CAD data

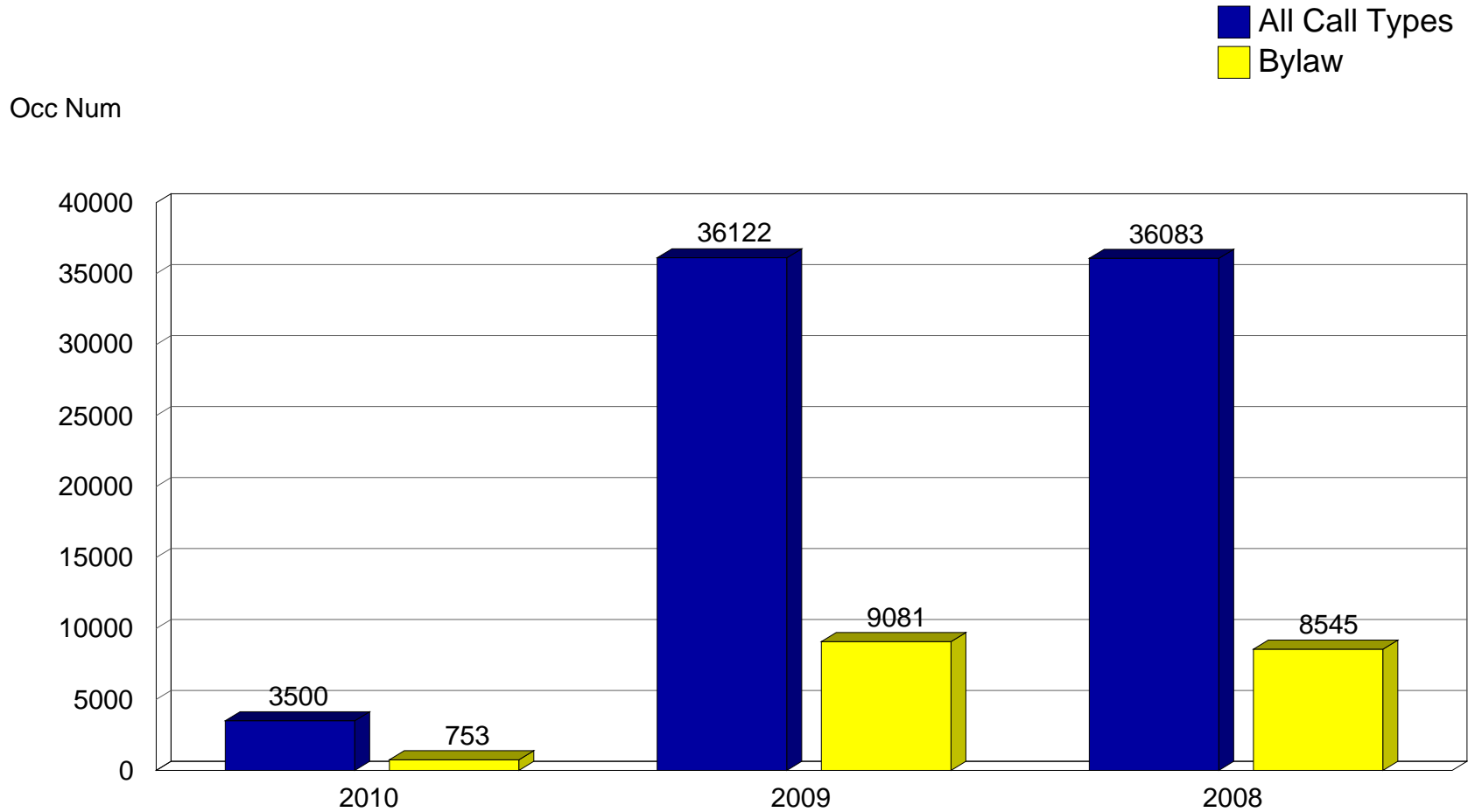
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All Call and Bylaw Call Types

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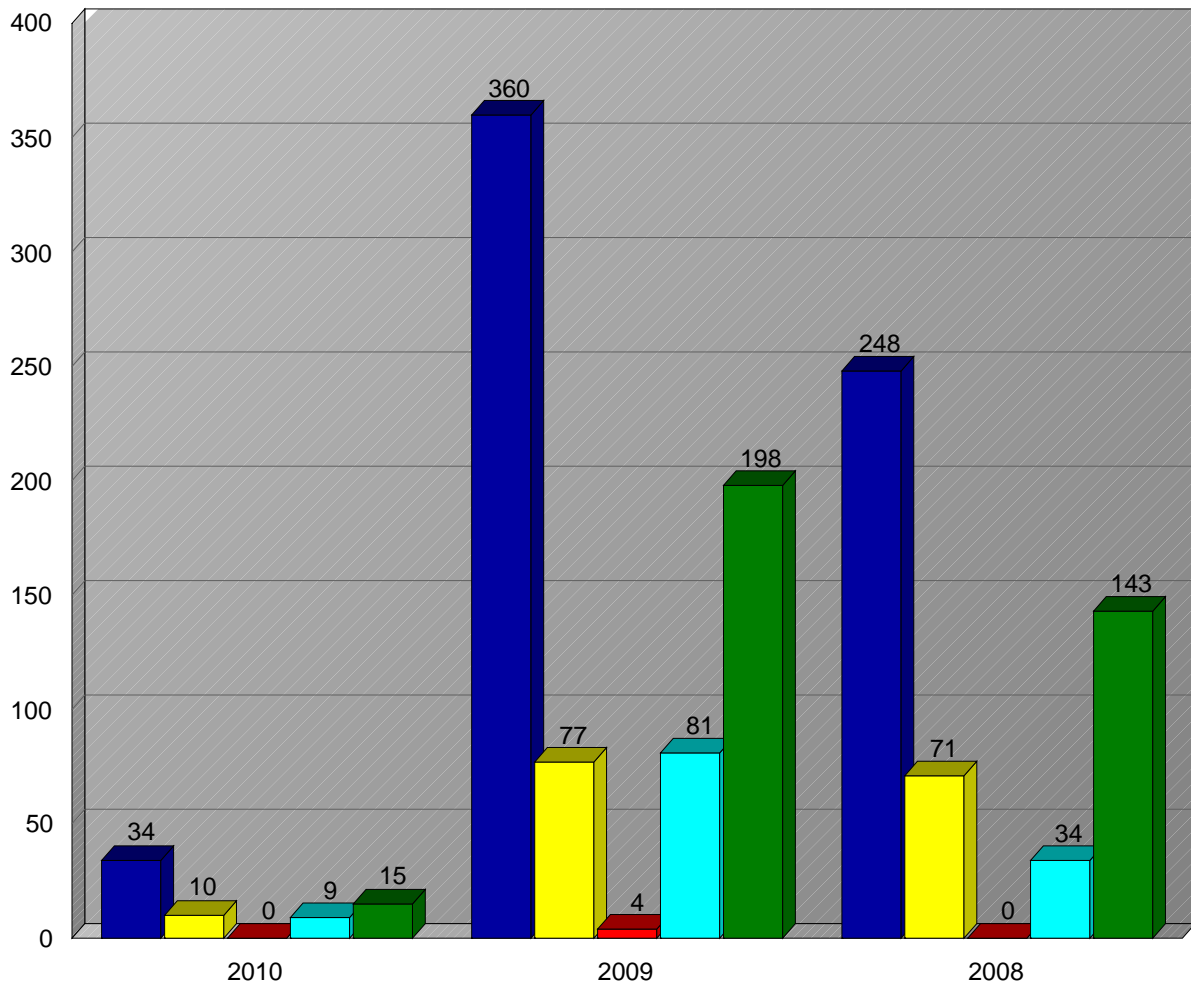


B&E By Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

- B&E
- 2120 B&E BUSINESS
- 2120 B&E FIREARMS
- 2120 B&E OTHER
- 2120 B&E RESIDENCE

GO Count

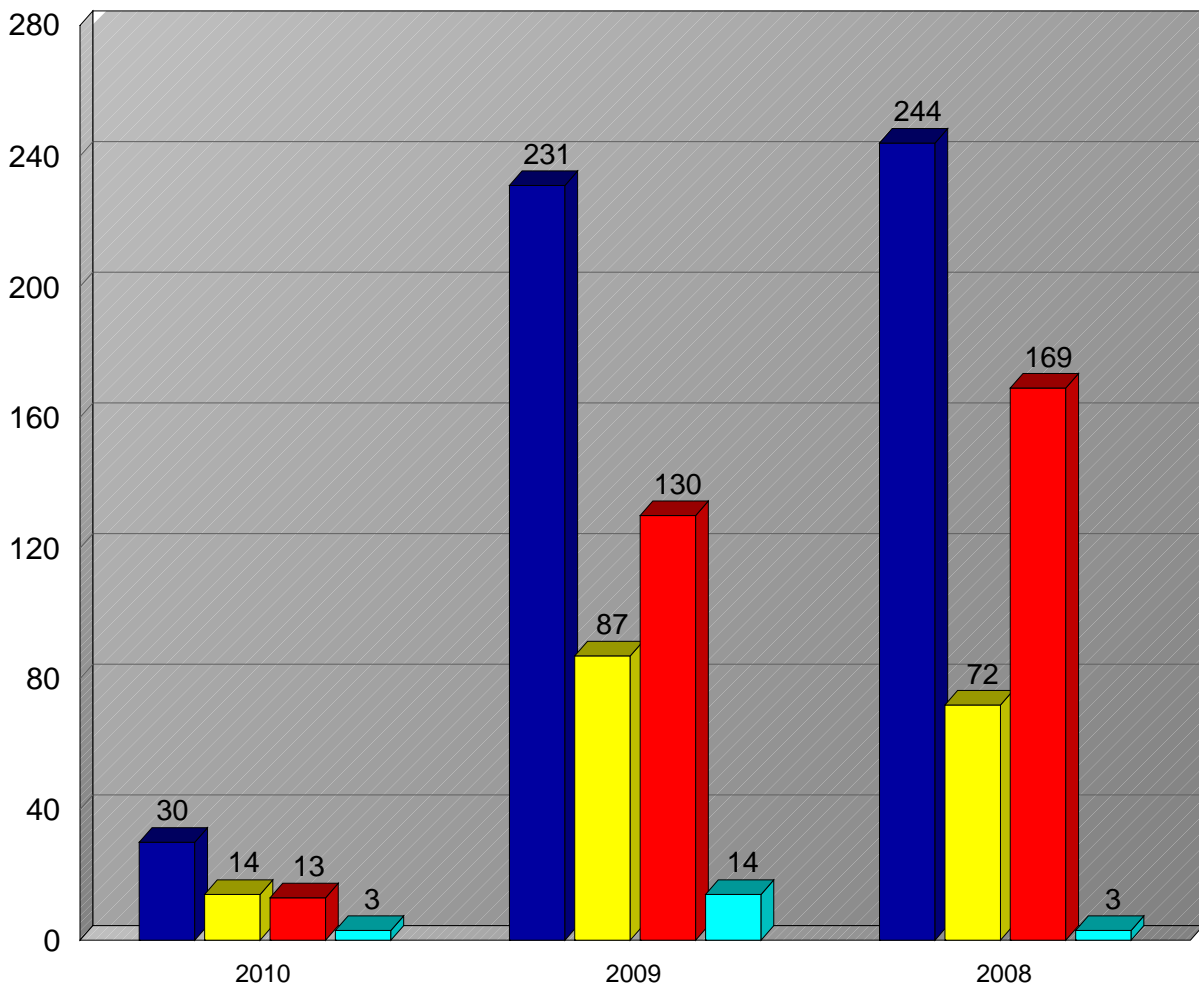


CDSA(Drugs) byYear

Stats gathered from RMS data

- CDSA (Drugs) Total
- Trafficking
- Possession
- Other

GO Count

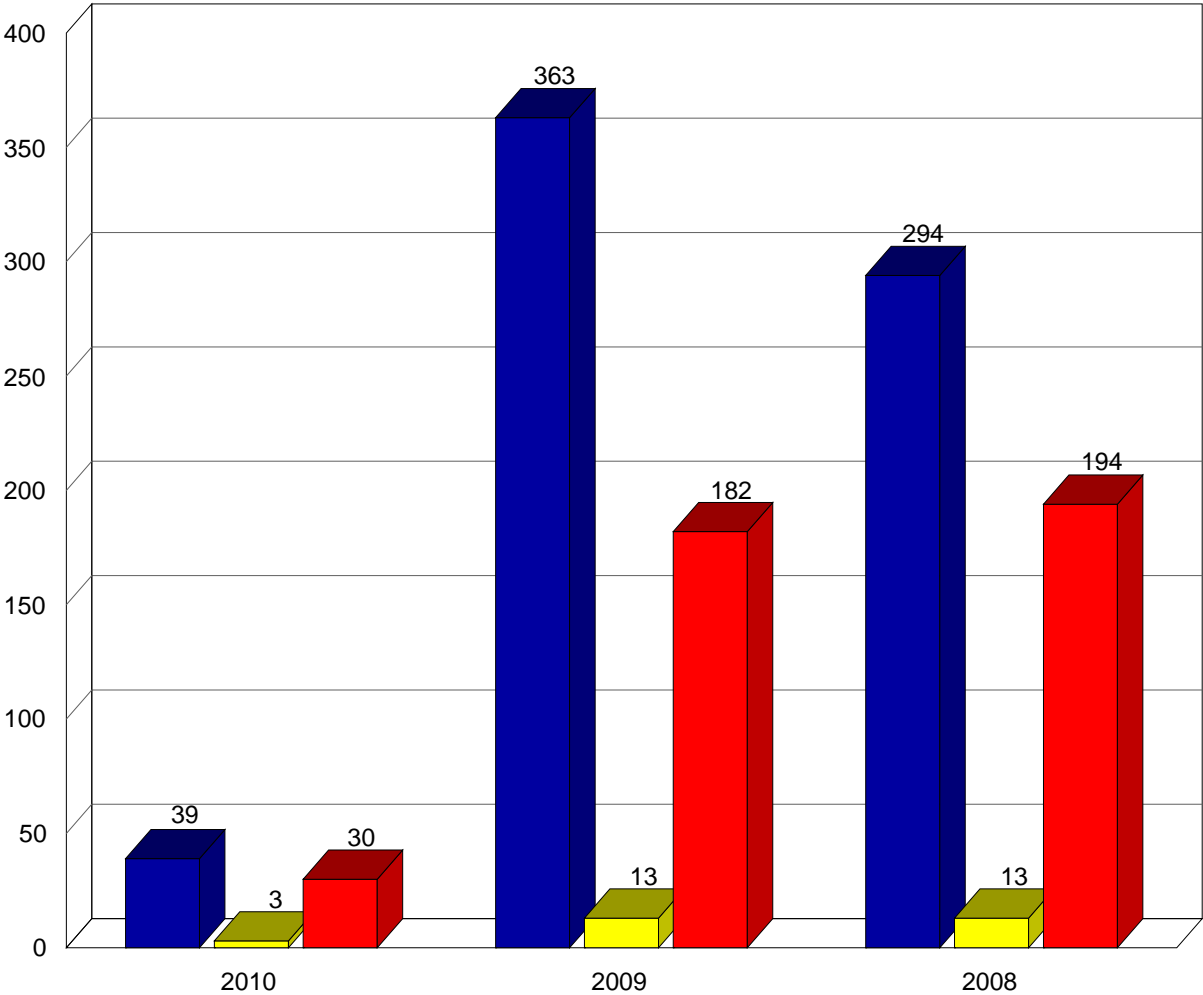


Impaired Charges by Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

- Impaired
- Refusal
- 24 Hr Suspension

GO Count

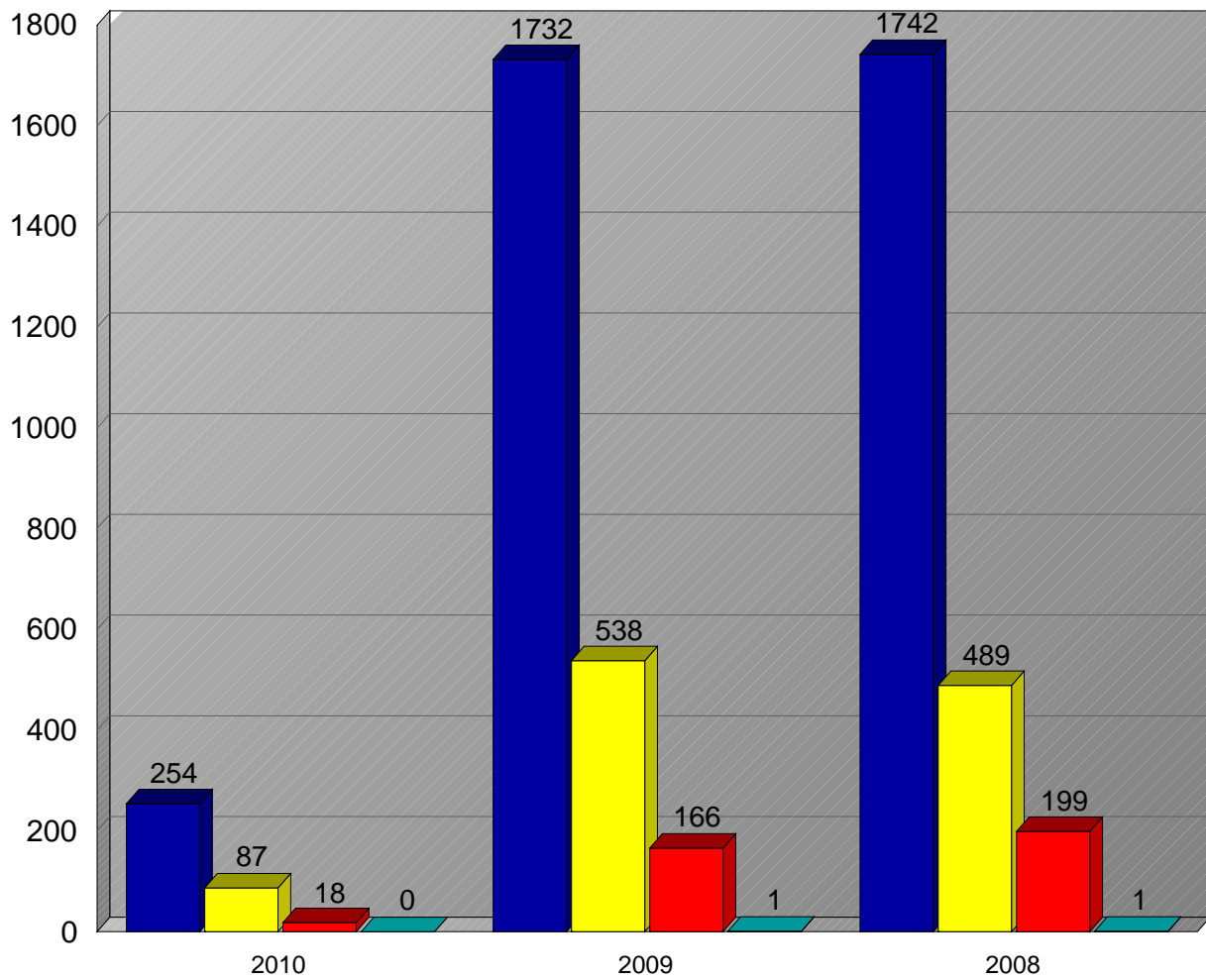


Motor Vehicle Collisions

Stats gathered from RMS data

- MVC
- Hit and Run
- MVC Injury
- MVC Fatality

GO Count

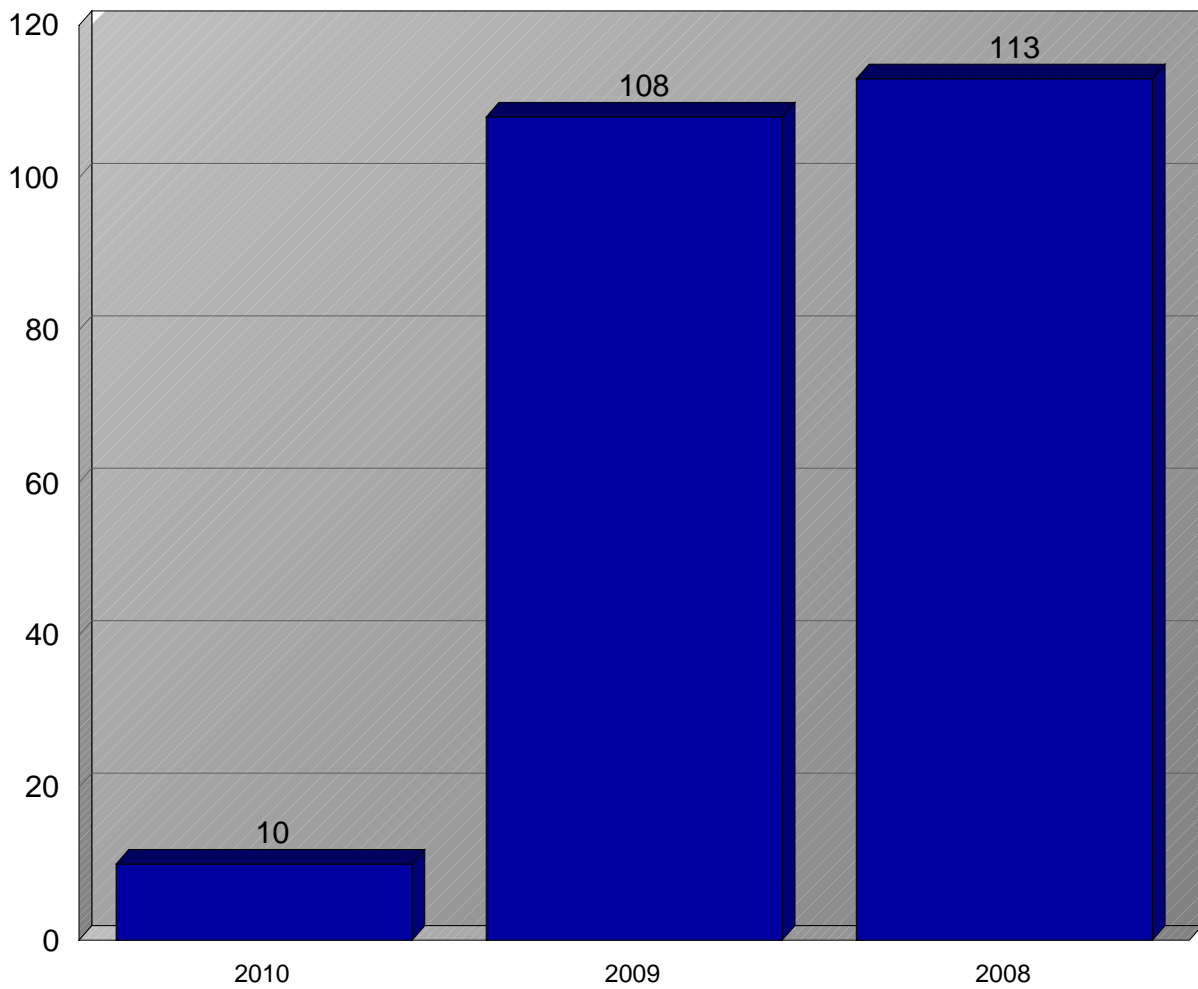


Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

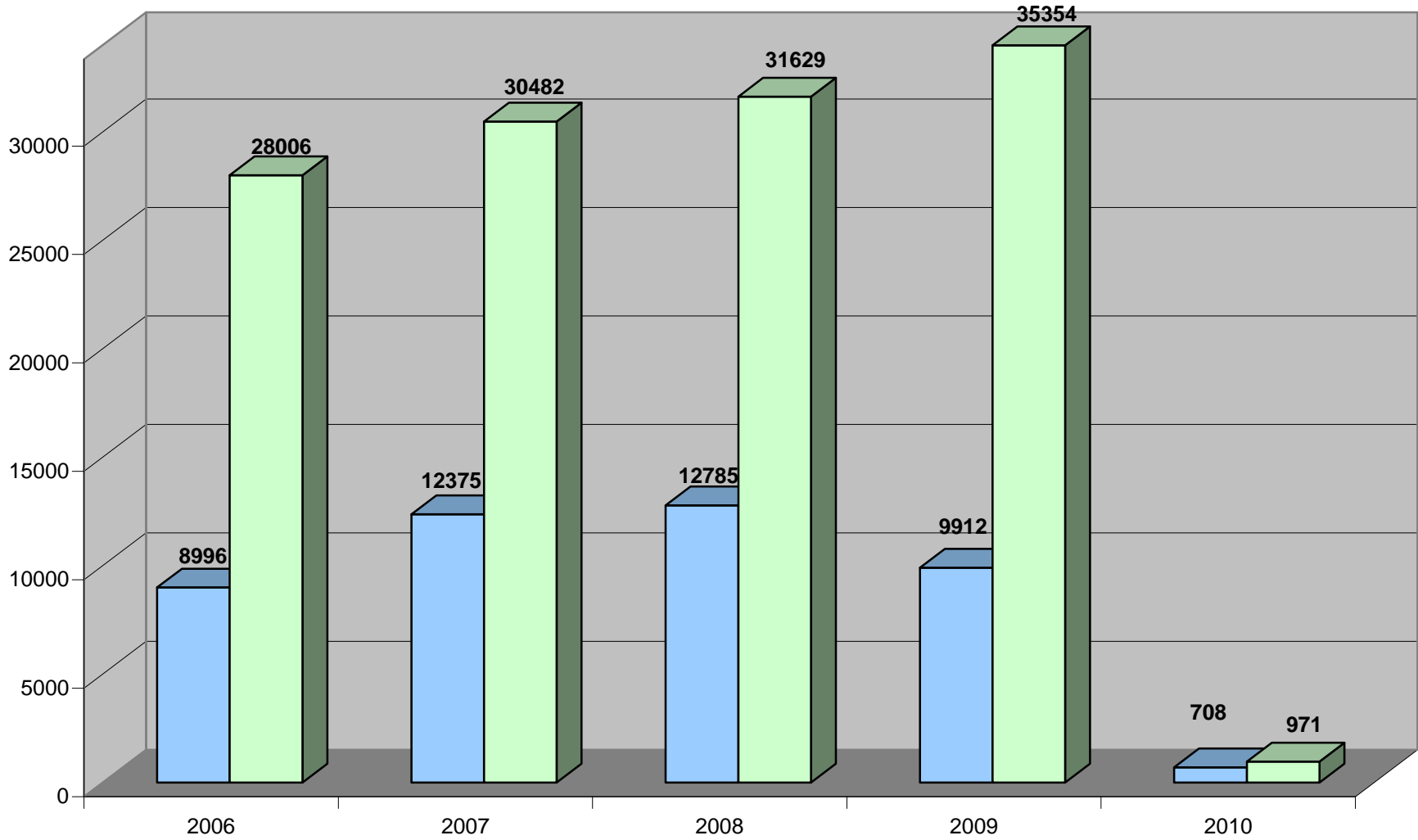
Stats gathered from RMS data

■ Theft MV

GO Count



Tickets Issued



■ Officer ■ Photo Radar

Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

