



**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**OPEN POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**  
**WEDNESDAY ,JUNE 16 2010 AT 5:00PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**1. MINUTES**

A. Minutes of May 13, 2010 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. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Versaterm Donation to Women's Shelter **5:30 – 5:35 PM**

B. Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw **5:35 – 5:40 PM**

C. Response to Request for Information about Speed Signs **5:40 – 5:45 PM**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
MEDICINE HAT POLICE COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2010 AT 5:00 PM  
AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**ALSO:** Ms. R Sittler

**ABSENT:**

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**1. MINUTES OF MAY 16, 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.

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

**4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Five citizens came forward to communicate issues that concerned them:

Citizen #1 concerned about:

- Seat belt check stop locations. Finds that some of the selected locations are reckless and dangerous as they are hidden and drivers come upon them with little warning. Feels that check stops leave a negative perception with the public.
- Noise level of motor cycles with straight pipes. Inquired about a bylaw to enforce this issue.
- Police officers driving while distracted. Has noticed police looking at computer screens in their police cars.
- Use of sirens in the middle of the night.

- Police cars exceeding the speed limit while driving without emergency equipment activated.

Citizen #2:

- Concerned about the about of animal waste found in Kin Coulee and inquired about the possibility of the City posting a signboard in the park with pet regulations. Also concerned about the new Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw stating that the tethering of dogs in the back of pick up trucks would no longer be allowed. Also expressed frustration with the lack of knowledge and interest of the public about bylaws.

Citizen #3:

- Wondered if the Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw was more of an owner control bylaw and about educating pet owners. Would like Council to consider the fines in the new bylaw, and the off leash fine in particular, to ensure they remain in perspective.

Citizen #4:

- Frustrated with the process for handling barking dog complaints as he lived next to a neighbour with a barking dog. Would like to see the process changed to enable bylaw officers to lay charges against an offender without requiring the neighbours to have to appear in court.
- Also inquired about the number of charges laid against offenders for having animals off leash in marked leashed areas. Would like to see the City fence the off leash areas to increase the safety of path users.

Citizen #5:

- Inquired if a cat's previous license for life under the existing cat bylaw would be superseded by the proposed responsible pet ownership bylaw licensing fees. Commented that he felt the Supreme Court of Canada would not allow a City bylaw to impose restrictions on the number of pets a person can own as long as they were properly cared for.

Each community member was given an opportunity to be contacted by the Service to discuss each matter further. Those that wished to do so were given appropriate contact numbers.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) VERSATERM DONATION TO WOMEN'S SHELTER**

Chief McGrogan and Police Commission chair Ryan Jackson presented a cheque for \$2,935.00 to Acting Executive Director Dianne Finch, of the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society. This cheque represents the 2009 Versaterm contribution as a donation back to

worthy causes in the community. Versaterm is the vendor of the MHPS record management system.

**B) INFORMATION ITEM – RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP BYLAW**

Inspector Morton provided a review of the information item pertaining to the proposed Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. Following this meeting, the Information Item will be forwarded to the City Legal Department for review. Once the legal review is complete, a Decision item will be brought forward to the next Police Commission meeting.

**C) RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPEED SIGNS / SAFETY MESSAGING TRAILER**

Inspector Motz provided information on the pros and cons of both the speed display signs and safety-messaging trailer. A safety-messaging trailer will cost approximately \$23,000, is limited to seasonal use and requires transportation to and from deployment sites. The pole mounted speed display signs are the preferred option as they cost approximately \$6,500 per unit and do not require daily deployment. They can be used as a traffic-calming device and deployed to areas as required.

Mr. Walsh inquired if it would be possible for community service groups to sponsor speed signs and a discussion was held about who would manage the placement of the signs. It was determined that both of these issues would be discussed later if a decision was made to proceed with purchasing signs.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairperson Jackson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM**



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSION JUNE 16, 2010

### Chief's Report

#### Training and Seminars

- DdTective AVID Video Course – one member of FIU attended this week long course which provides a comprehensive approach to casework for both digital and analog video evidence
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Occupational Health & Safety Forum – one member of Professional Standards attended this four day course which focused on health, safety and wellness in law enforcement
- Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference – two members of the Family Crimes Unit attend this three day conference which discusses enhanced research, proactive collaboration and prevention of domestic homicide
- Vitalize 2010 Conference – one member of the Victim Assistance Unit attended a conference to discuss unique professional development and training opportunities for those working or volunteering on behalf of non profit organizations
- Fraud Investigation Course – one member of the Major Crimes Section attended this two week course which is intended to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes of a general criminal investigator to prepare for a specialization in fraud investigation.
- PROS End User Course – one civilian IPS member attended this four day course required for the member to access the RCMP record management system.
- Police Applicant Tracking System Course – Part 3- one member of the Recruitment Team attended this four day course to train on the new PATS provincial system for entering and monitoring recruit testing and applications.
- 2010 School Resource Officer Training Workshop – one member of the Community Safety Unit attended this four day workshop for formal training on gang issues, bomb threats, bullying, internet crime, lock down procedures and drug issues related to their duties as a school resource officer
- In Service Carbine Recertification, Effective Presentations, Negotiator, TACT, EDU, Street Supervisor and K9 training occurred this month

#### Human Resources Update

- Nicole Mastel was hired as a casual in the Information Processing Section

## Activity Update

- The finalized Police Service facility needs assessment report was received and presented to City Council on May 17<sup>th</sup> as an information item.
- A BBQ was held on June 12 to raise funds for the Chief Gord Earl Leadership Legacy foundation. Event was hosted by the CSU and the Medicine Hat Safe Community Association, where several police units and specialty teams were on display. Nine local Grade 6 students received scholarships from the fund. This year's event raised approximately \$2,300 for the fund.
- The Executive Team will be in Elkwater on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Staff Sergeants to review progress of strategies outlined in the 2010 – 2012 MHPS Business Plan, followed by a day of strategic planning for 2011-2013.

## Operational Services

### Patrols Section

- The new recruits reported to their assigned team following their graduation and a couple of weeks of hard skills training. One recruit was held back on light duties due to an injury sustained in training, but has since recovered and joined his team. Everyone appears to be doing well.
- From May 18 to 24, 2010, Patrols participated in the Nation Road Safety Week by conducting various road safety enforcement and education initiatives.
  - Statistics for Patrols for Road Safety Week:

▪ Speeding	27
▪ Seatbelts	8
▪ Other moving Violations	7
▪ Improper plates, license, insurance	8
▪ Equipment	2
▪ Warnings	10

Inclusive of the above statistics Patrols continued their focus on Road Safety within our community by arresting 30 impaired drivers and issuing 881 traffic violations.

- During the later part of May 2010, a local male was stealing Dodge Ram trucks from local dealers and hotel lots. Cst. Dola located the male in close proximity to a stolen truck and during the investigated laid six charges of possession of stolen property in relation to these stolen trucks.
- On June 1, 2010, Cst. Lole and Cst. Franklin conducted a vehicle stop on the south east hill. As a result, two grams of cocaine and \$1600.00 cash were seized. Charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking were laid against a local man.

### Bylaw Section

- Superintendent Fred Crittenden was honoured at the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association conference, where he was the recipient of a Recognition Award. Supt. Crittenden received the award in appreciation for his work with the AMEA over the past 20 years. He has served in the roles of

- In May, Bylaw experienced the highest call volume so far this year; averaging 24 calls per day. There were 9 Aggressive Dog Incidents resulting in 5 charges. None of incidents were of a very serious nature. There were also 120 property standards calls; up 60% from the previous month.
- A pitbull dog belonging to Ron Campeau was declared vicious. The owner and dog have since moved to Westbank, B.C and Animal Control in Central Okanagan have been notified.
- CPO Oliver investigated an Animal Neglect file resulting in one cat being put down and charges to the cat owner of failing to provide the necessities of life.
- CPO Rann, CPO Jangula, Supt. Crittenden and Insp. Morton attended the annual Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association Conference in Red Deer on May 10th to 14th. CPO Rann was re-elected as the Association Publicity Chairperson. Sessions attended included:
  - The Relationship between Governance and Enforcement (2 day course)
  - Developing an Enforceable Bylaw,
  - Driver's License Identity,
  - Statement Taking and Interviewing Techniques,
  - The Role of the Law Enforcement Review Board and CPO's and
  - Role of the Traffic Safety Coordinators in Alberta.
- CPO Jangula completed an online Animal Abuse Investigation Course through the Alberta SPCA.

### **Prisoner Security**

- The Corps of Commissionaires has been conducting prisoner security for the past eighteen months. Recently, three Commissionaires have expressed that they may be leaving their position. As a result, a selection process was initiated and five applicants have been short listed for interviews and the top three or four candidates will be scheduled for the polygraph. All successful applicants will receive training in the cell block. The intent is to have at least two, and likely three, casuals to assist with summer coverage.

### **High Visibility Response Team (HVRT)**

- HVRT assisted with special duties for the Triathlon for the YMCA and the Relay for Life at Kin Coulee.
- May 2010
  - Arrests - 91
  - Warrants - 63
  - Tickets - 161
  - Criminal Code Charges - 72
- 2010 Season Total
  - Arrests - 191
  - Warrants - 116
  - Tickets - 315
  - Criminal Code Charges – 155

## **Police Pursuits**

- On May 27, 2010 at approximately 2:30 AM, Cst. Guerard and Cst. Unrau attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of Parkview Drive N.E. and 12<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. The driver was believed to be impaired. The vehicle failed to stop and took evasive action through alleys and streets in the area. Speeds were estimated to be between 40 Km/hr and 55 Km/hr. The driver unintentionally drove into a driveway on 20<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. and was forced to stop. The driver was arrested and charged with Exceed .08, Impaired Driving; Fail to Stop for Police Officer, Dangerous Driving, Possession of a stolen vehicle and Breach of a Recognizance. There was no damage or injury and the risk to the public was minor due to the low speeds. The dangerous driving charge was laid due to the level of impairment of the driver and the numerous near misses of park vehicles.

## **Administrative Services**

### **API3 (Alberta Police Information Initiative)**

- An announcement from the Solicitor General regarding the awarding of the API3 contract is imminent.
- The Governance group and Operations Council are scheduled to meet on June 23, 2010 to discuss:
  - Identifying resourcing plans and expectations from Services
  - Plans including resourcing needs for Service Delivery Organization
  - Plans to fast track roll-out to Calgary Police Service
  - Examination of leveraging Edmonton Police Service Gateway/Configurations/Tables/Values
  - Request made for the signing of a Stakeholder Participation Agreement.
  - MHPS has requested that outstanding issues surrounding legacy data, personnel MOU and training requirements be dealt with prior to transitioning to the next stage of project.

### **Information Coordinator**

- Total Certificates completed May = 340
- PIC 2010 year to date = 1671

### **False Alarms**

- False alarms in May = 125
- Warning letters sent out = 8
- Invoices sent out = 1

### **Peace Officers in Hospital**

- The relatively new Peace Officer Act of Alberta allows certain organizations and ministries to engage individuals as Peace Officers and obtain appointments from the Solicitor General. The Peace Officers have a wide range authorities, but in each case an agreement must be reached with the police service of jurisdiction.
- The Service finalized an MOU with the Director South of Alberta Health Protective Services recently.

- The local hospital will see Peace Officers on twenty-four hours a day with an agreement to enforce the Mental Health Act and Tobacco Reduction legislation in hospital.

### **Recruiting**

- Service is looking at possibly recruiting graduates of the Atlantic Police Academy. There is a large class graduating in August. The students at this academy pay to attend and training standards are recognized by various services and the CACP.
- The Service is currently examining possibility of sending a few members of the Recruitment Team to PEI to short list candidates for final selection in early September.

### **Training**

- Service just completed an in-house Effective Presentation Course. This course is considered an important foundational course for effective communication, presenting of ideas, acquiring resources and instructing on different topics. Eleven members were trained.

## **Support Services**

### **Major Crimes Section**

- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Robert STONE of Whitehorse, Yukon died in that community's detox centre, after having been in RCMP custody hours prior. The Medicine Hat Police Service was requested to conduct an independent examination of the entire incident. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, S/Sgt Secondiak and Cst Holt of the MCS travelled to Whitehorse to gather information. Once the full autopsy results are released, the final report will be forwarded to the Yukon ME's office and the RCMP.
- The MCS investigated the May 18<sup>th</sup> armed robbery to the Dunmore Road Mac's Store and the May 19<sup>th</sup> robbery to the Dunmore Road Shell Gas Bar where a male entered each business armed with a knife and demanded cash and cigarettes. Investigators were able to identify the suspect from surveillance video and located him in a vehicle. The knife, clothing worn during the robbery and offence related property have been recovered. The 25 year old male and his 22 year old female accomplice have been charged accordingly.
- During May, the Family Crime Unit became involved in a very serious domestic assault investigation where the accused is alleged to have assaulted his wife over a period of months. He threatened to kill the victim and her child and used a knife and a cigarette to injure the victim. The accused has been charged with various related offences and was in custody awaiting court.
- The MHPS ICE investigator is currently involved in a file where a male is accused of luring children on the internet along with having possession of large amounts of child pornography.

### **Organized Crime Section (CFSEU & MHIU):**

- In early May, CFSEU arrested two Medicine Hat area residents as they returned from Calgary. A vehicle search located over \$11,000 worth of powder cocaine. Further CDSA search warrants at a Medicine Hat residence and a Seven Persons residence produced a small amount of crack cocaine, drug packaging material, score sheets and a .22 caliber rifle. Both males are charged with numerous drug and firearm related offences.
- Acting on Source information, CFSEU arrested and charged 2 local residents with possession of cocaine after seizing a small quantity.
- In mid-May, CFSEU made an undercover purchase of marijuana from a Medicine Hat resident. A subsequent residential CDSA search warrant located over \$400 in cannabis marijuana and nearly \$1,700 in cash. The male has been charged with numerous drug related offences, bail violations and proceeds of crime. His common-law was also charged.
- CFSEU made three undercover purchases of powder cocaine from a Medicine Hat female, the last being 1.5 ounces (approx \$3,300). She was charged with trafficking.
- CFSEU executed a residential CDSA search warrant in late May which produced over \$600 in marijuana and \$500 in cash. A Medicine Hat resident was charged.

### **Community Safety Unit:**

- May was another busy training month for CSU. The supervisor and six constables completed a total of 166 hours of external and in-service training, which included the Intoxilyzer Re-Certification, EVOC instruction, and training, First Aid instruction and training.
- CSU participated in 70 hours of community events / lectures, which included MH Safe Communities Association presentation, CRANE (Community Response to Abuse & Neglect of Elders), Frauds and Scams, Facebook & Texting, Sexual Assaults, Impaired driving and Crime Stoppers.
- Four CSU members participated in "Operation Family Identification" at London Drugs on May 12, 2010. The program was well received as the members assisted London Drugs staff in fingerprinting children for identification cards.
- The MHPS 'Cop Cards' program received its kick off at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Chief Gordon Earl Leadership Fund BBQ.
- EPIC (Encouraging Positive Informed Choices) pilot presentations began in early May and will conclude in early June. The schools receiving the grade 6 EPIC courses were Vincent Massey and Ross Glen in the public system and Notre Dame and St. Mary's in the Catholic system. All reviews received from schools have been very favourable. City wide roll out of the EPIC program is scheduled for the fall
- CSU members responded to 65 calls for service and spend over 27 hours in student mediations in May..
- Cst Chow conducted CPTED audits at the Fairview Village Condo Complex and at St. Francis School to address traffic concerns in the area.
- Both the Public School District #76 and the Catholic Board of Education have signed a new School Resource Officer contract for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

### **Traffic Unit:**

- During May, the Traffic Unit investigated 48 of the Services' MVC calls (139), 4 impaired drivers, 3-24 hour suspensions, 2 DRE tests and issued an average of 25 traffic violations each.
- One Traffic Unit member worked several shifts at the Dunmore weigh scales in conjunction with Alberta Commercial Vehicle Enforcement conducting commercial vehicle inspections.
- In May, the Unit was involved in nearly 197 hours of training or in-service instruction including Drug Recognition in Phoenix; Emergency Vehicle Operator Course; CACJ lectures; annual Intoxilyzer re-certification in Missoula; and TAC Team.
- The Unit also participated in 19 hours of community presentations including AMA lectures; AMA School Safety Award ceremonies; Party Program lectures at the hospital; and Traffic Safety lecture at the Veiner Center.
- On May 18, 2010 two members of the Traffic Unit attended two separate locations on the TransCanada Highway (Redcliff, Medicine Hat) in joint forces with the RCMP, Sheriffs, EMS, 2 local towing companies, Safety City, Alberta Traffic safety, Alberta Health Services and Volker Stevin. Two checkpoints were set up for the "Give Us Room To Work" initiative geared towards the Safest Roads In Alberta 2010 campaign. 1080 vehicles were stopped and provided with educational material about the safety of emergency vehicles and personnel working on the highway.
- May 18-24 was "Road Safety Week" and the Traffic Unit, along with Patrols, initiated several traffic safety education and enforcement initiatives such as seatbelt check stops, impaired check stops, speed enforcement, intersection-related enforcement, crosswalk education and enforcement, helmet violations, equipment violations, etc.
- There were four over-dimensional load escorts during May.

### **Forensic Identification Unit:**

- During the recent homicide Preliminary Hearing of Michael Steinkey, Sgt. Fischhofer was recognized by the Courts as an expert in Blood Spatter Analysis. The evidence was significant in being able to communicate the sequence of events that occurred in the stabbing death and helped place the accused at the scene of the crime. This achievement is a first of its kind in the history of the MHPS!!!!
- CPO Mike Hutchings has proven to be a welcome addition to the FIU team. In addition to assisting CPO Ambrosi with exhibit management, he has been busy with the fingerprint administrative flow, corresponding with Calgary AFIS fingerprint data base, preparing ID cards for both our Police Service members and the Fire Service, edited and printed Photo Radar pictures that are slated for trial and worked on at least 12 court photo packages including 2 Manslaughter trials.
- FIU members provided crime scene analysis on 87 calls for service in May, which included numerous assaults, break and enters, DNA orders, mischiefs, sexual assaults, armed robberies, stolen autos, and MVCs.

- FIU has been quite successful in the identification of fingerprints at crime scenes in May with 2 robberies and a grow operation as highlights.
- FIU members participated in several training opportunities in May, including the Medical Examiner's 'Golden Triangle' conference, Emergency Vehicle Operators Course re-certification, Effective Presentations and a Technical Surveillance course.

**Specialized Traffic Enforcement:**

**Photo Radar May Comparison 2009 - 2010**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Vehicles Monitored	93,364	87,970
# of Violators	5,817	4,692
Violations Issued	4,380 or 4.69 % of vehicles	4,086 or 4.64 % of vehicles
Average Speed over Limit	15 km/h over limit	14 km/h over limit

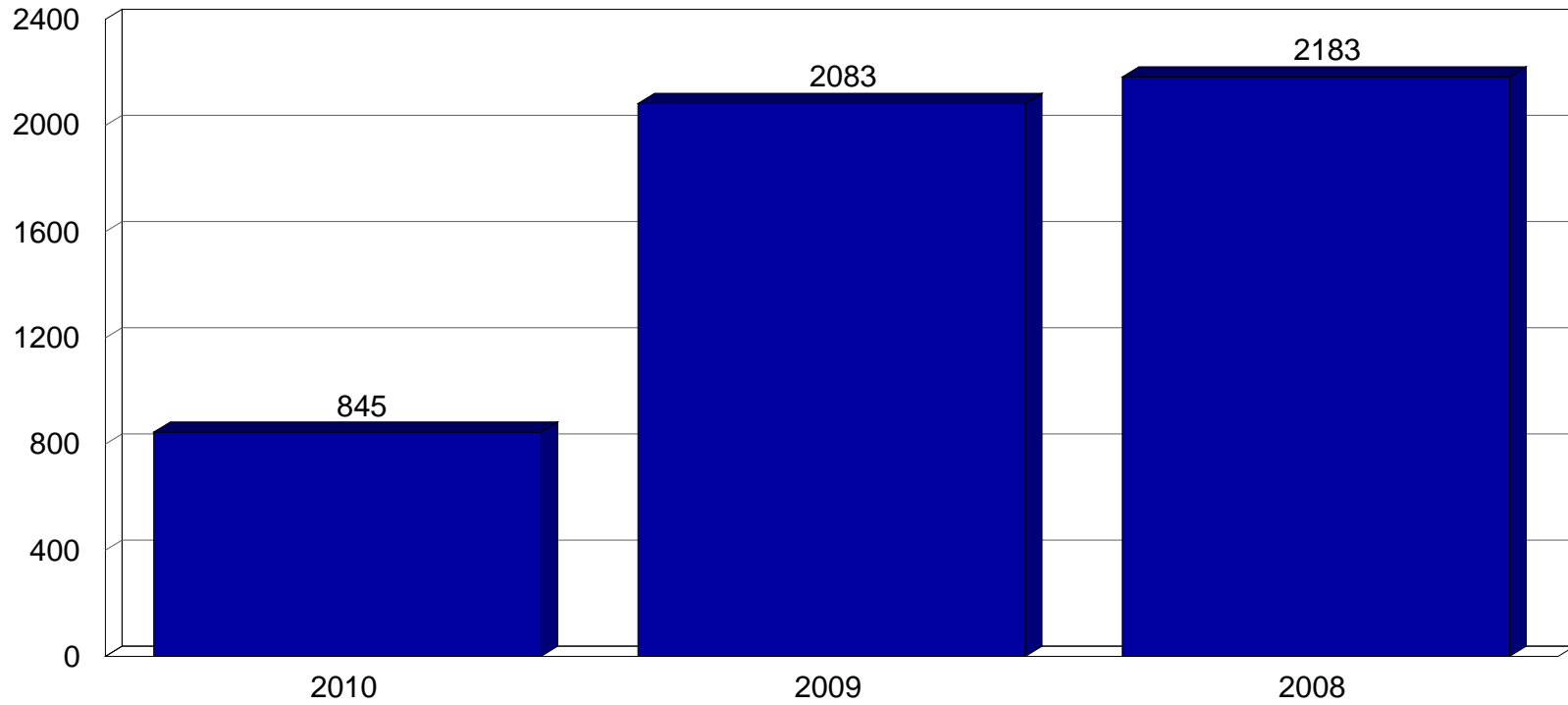
- Interesting to note that the percentage of violations issued to vehicles monitored and the average speed of violators were both down.
- One mandatory court offence was issued in May for travelling 113 km/h in a posted 50 zone westbound on Gershaw Drive SW.
- The Unit completed 413 enforcement hours in May 2010 compared to 411 hours in May 2009
- The safety messaging / speed trailer was deployed only 17 days in the month of May due to mechanical issues.

# Alarm Calls By Year

Stats gathered from CAD data

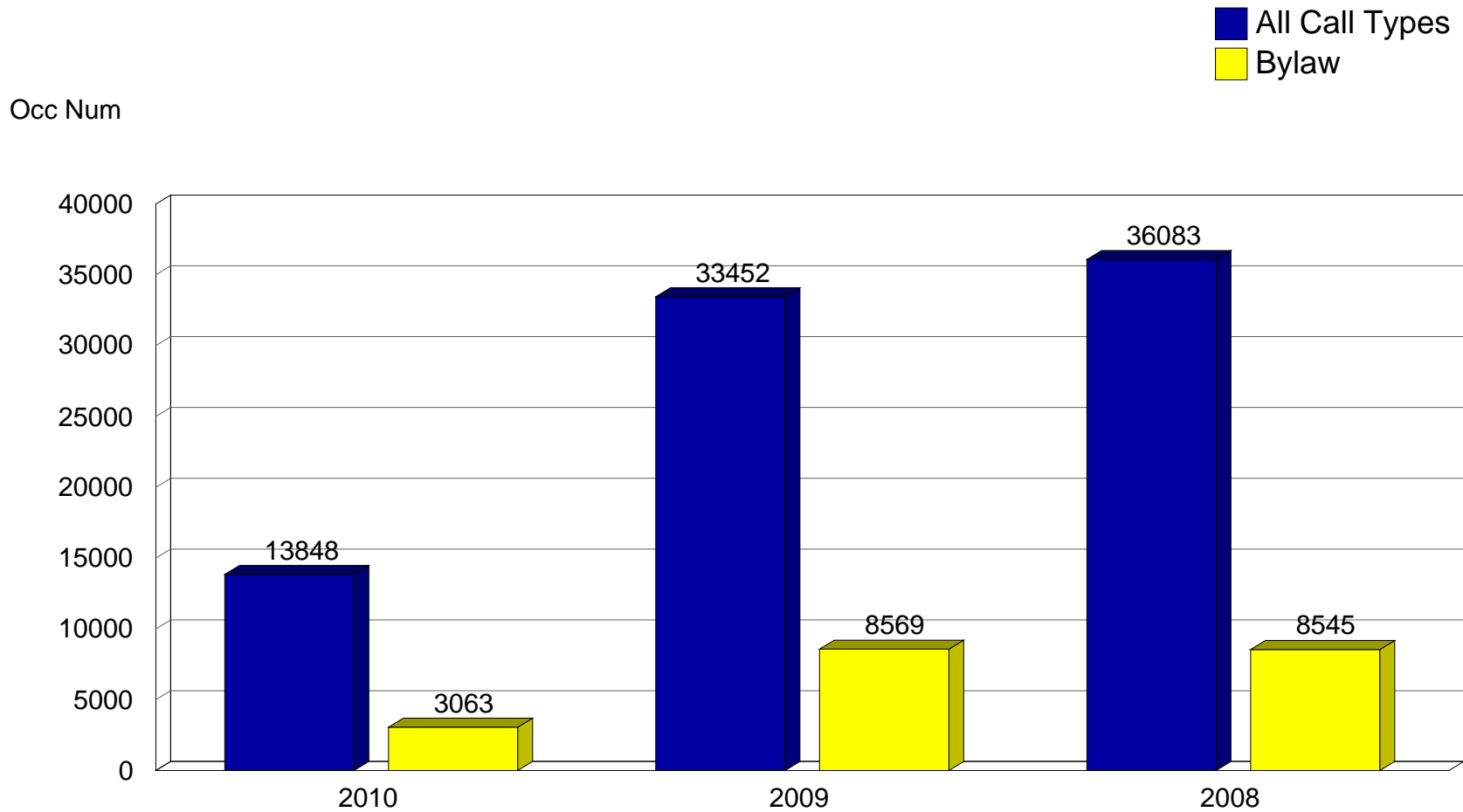
■ Alarms

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# All Call and Bylaw Call Types

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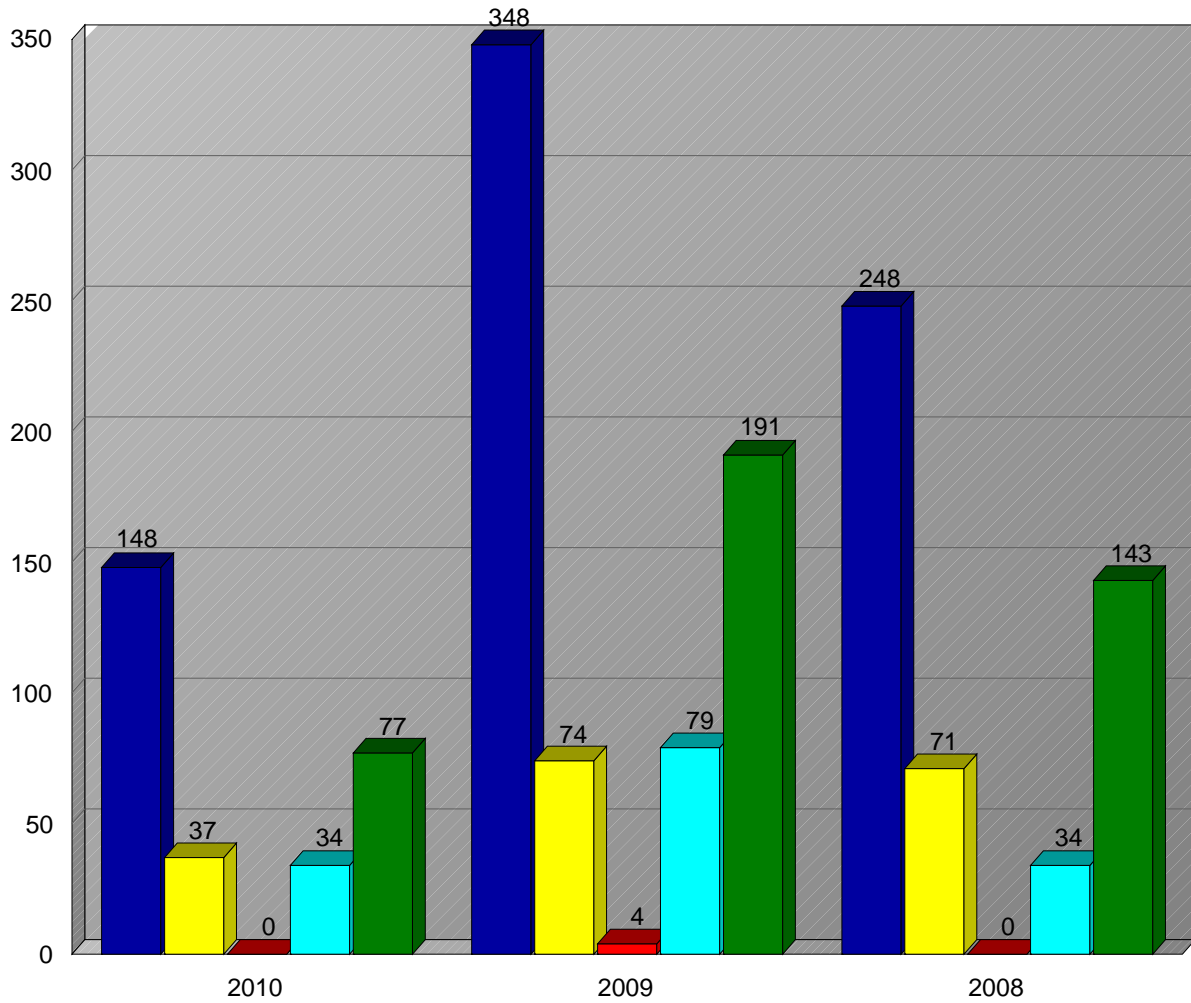


# B&E By Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

GO Count

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

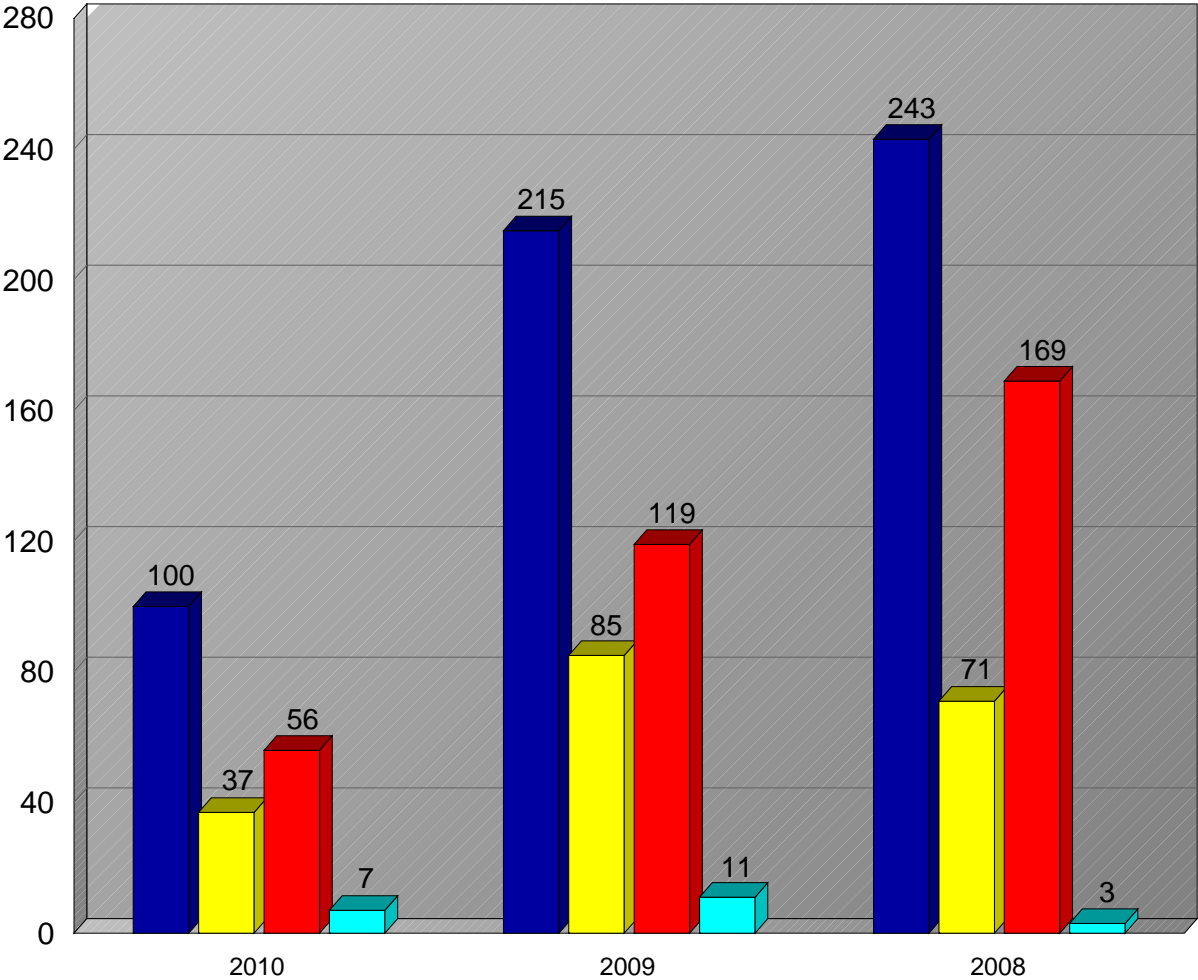


# CDSA(Drugs) byYear

Stats gathered from RMS data

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

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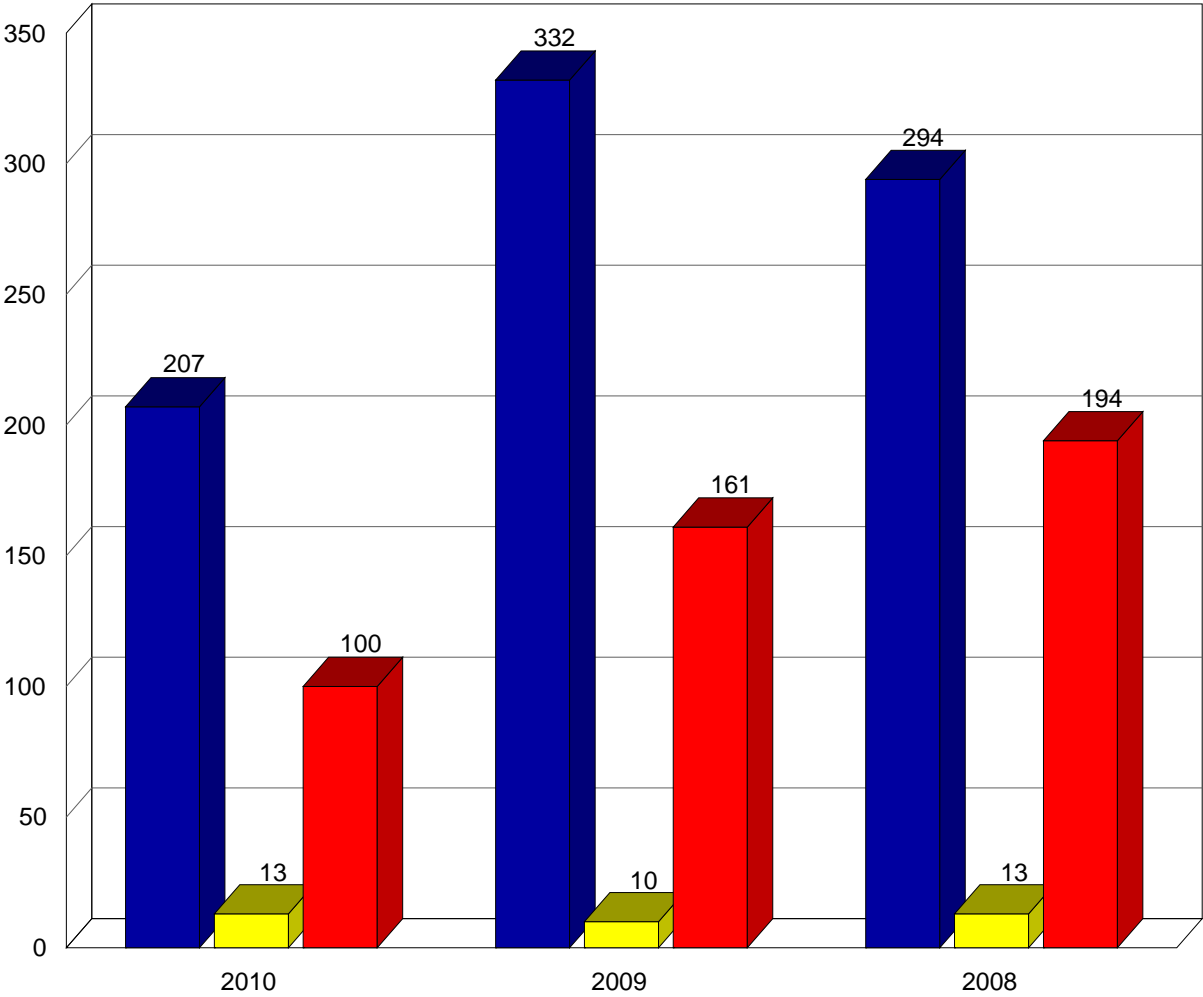


# Impaired Charges by Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

- Impaired
- Refusal
- 24 Hr Suspension

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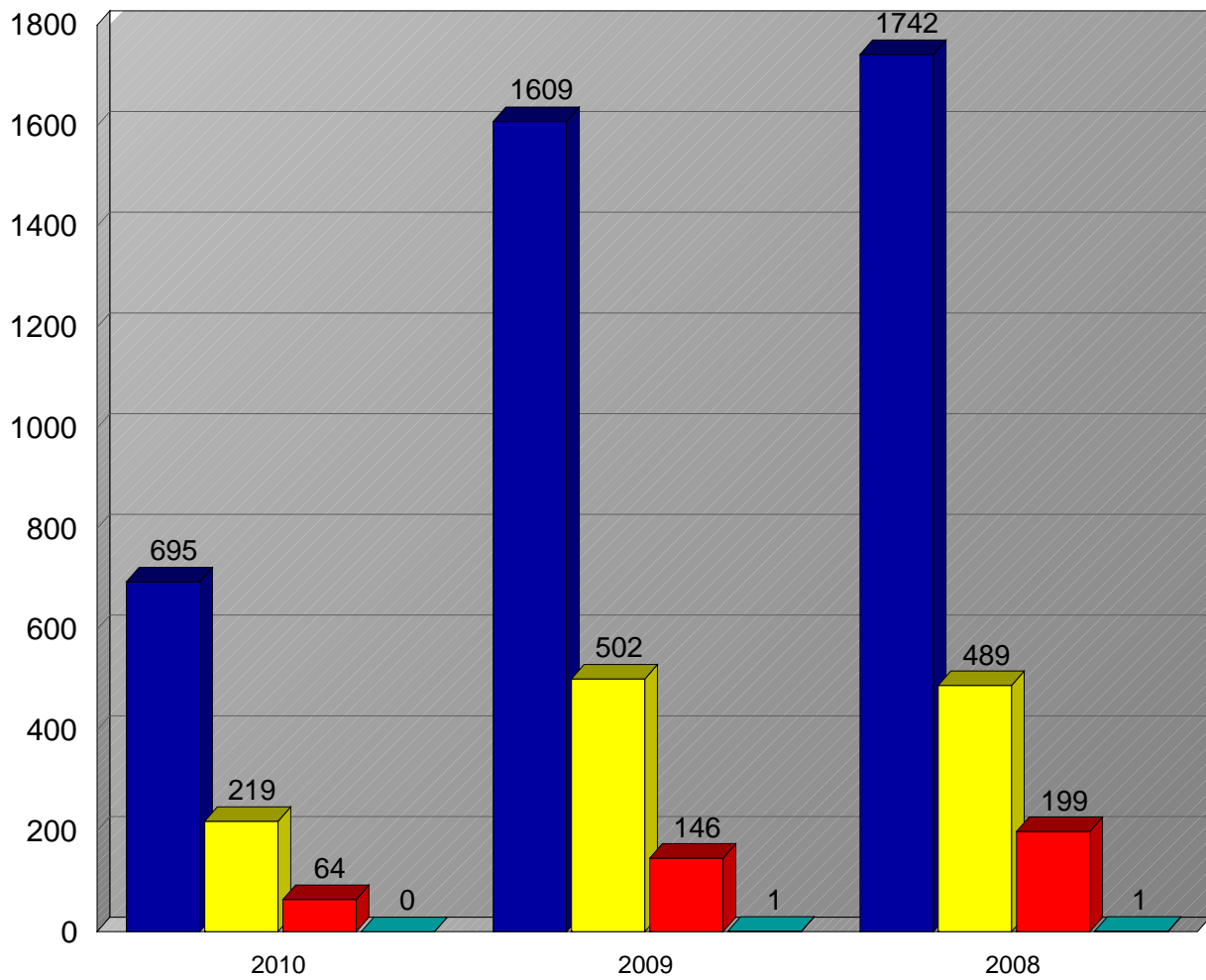


# Motor Vehicle Collisions

Stats gathered from RMS data

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

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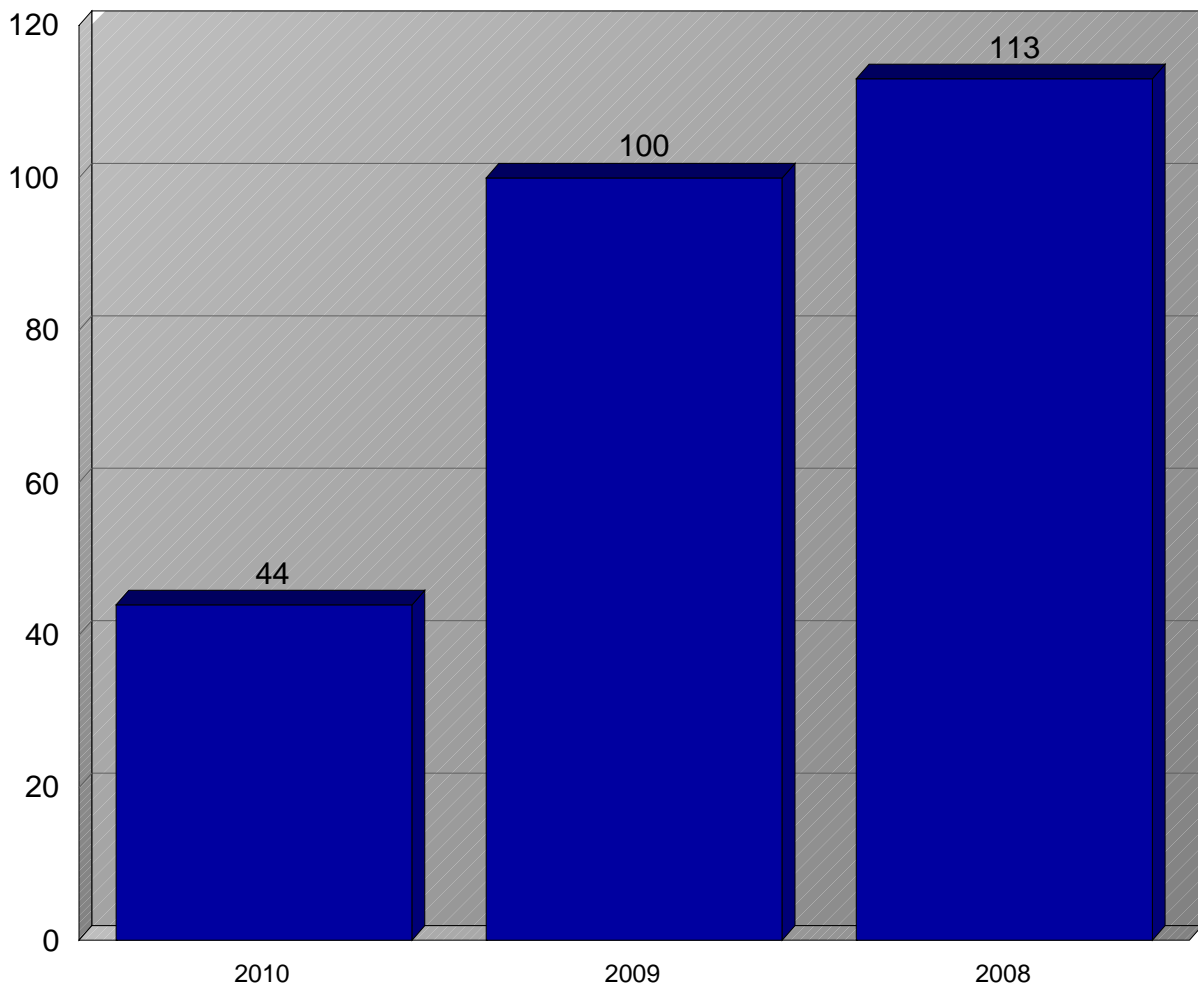


# Theft of Motor Vehicle by Year

Stats gathered from RMS data

■ Theft MV

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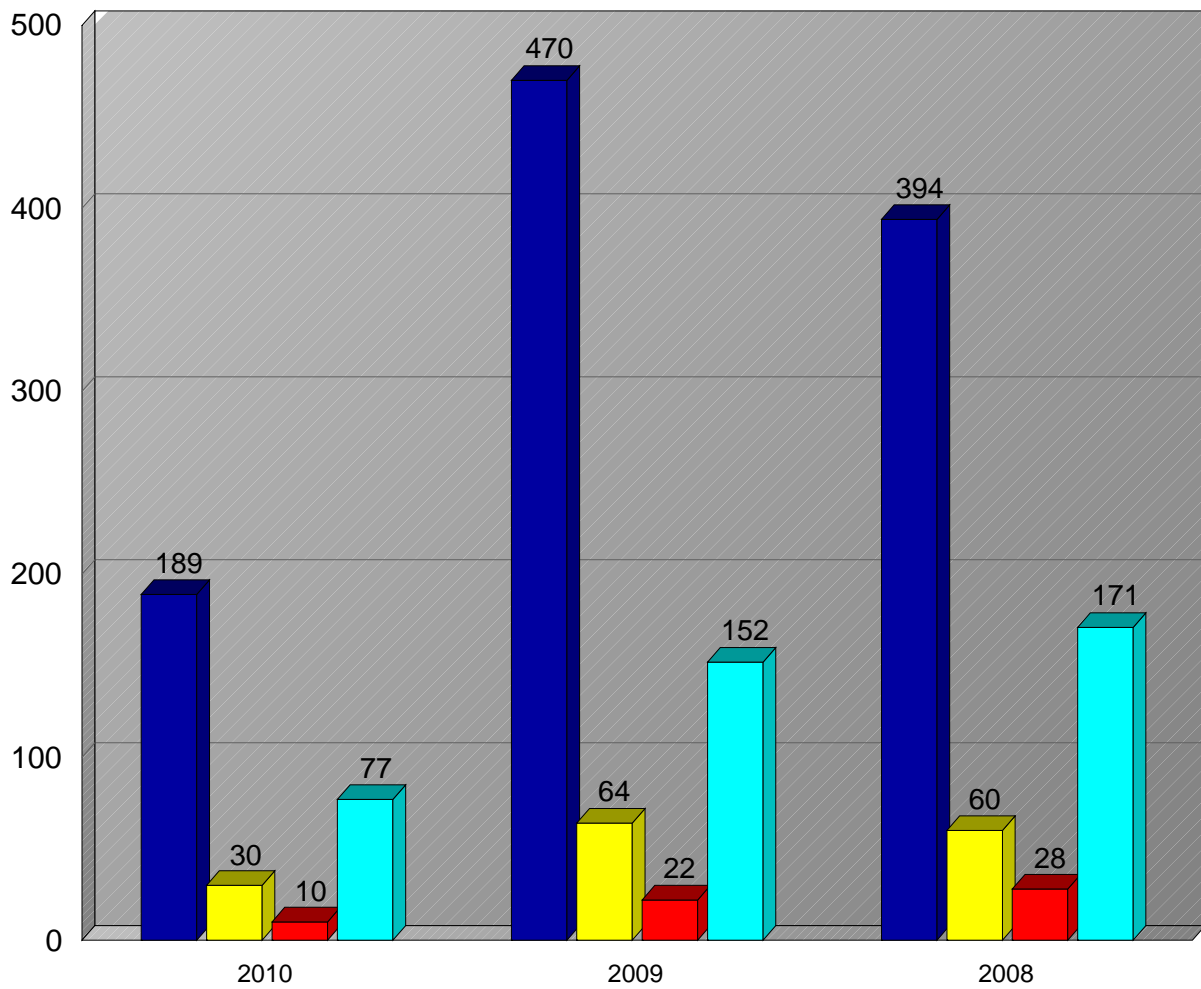


# Violent (Crimes Against People) by Year

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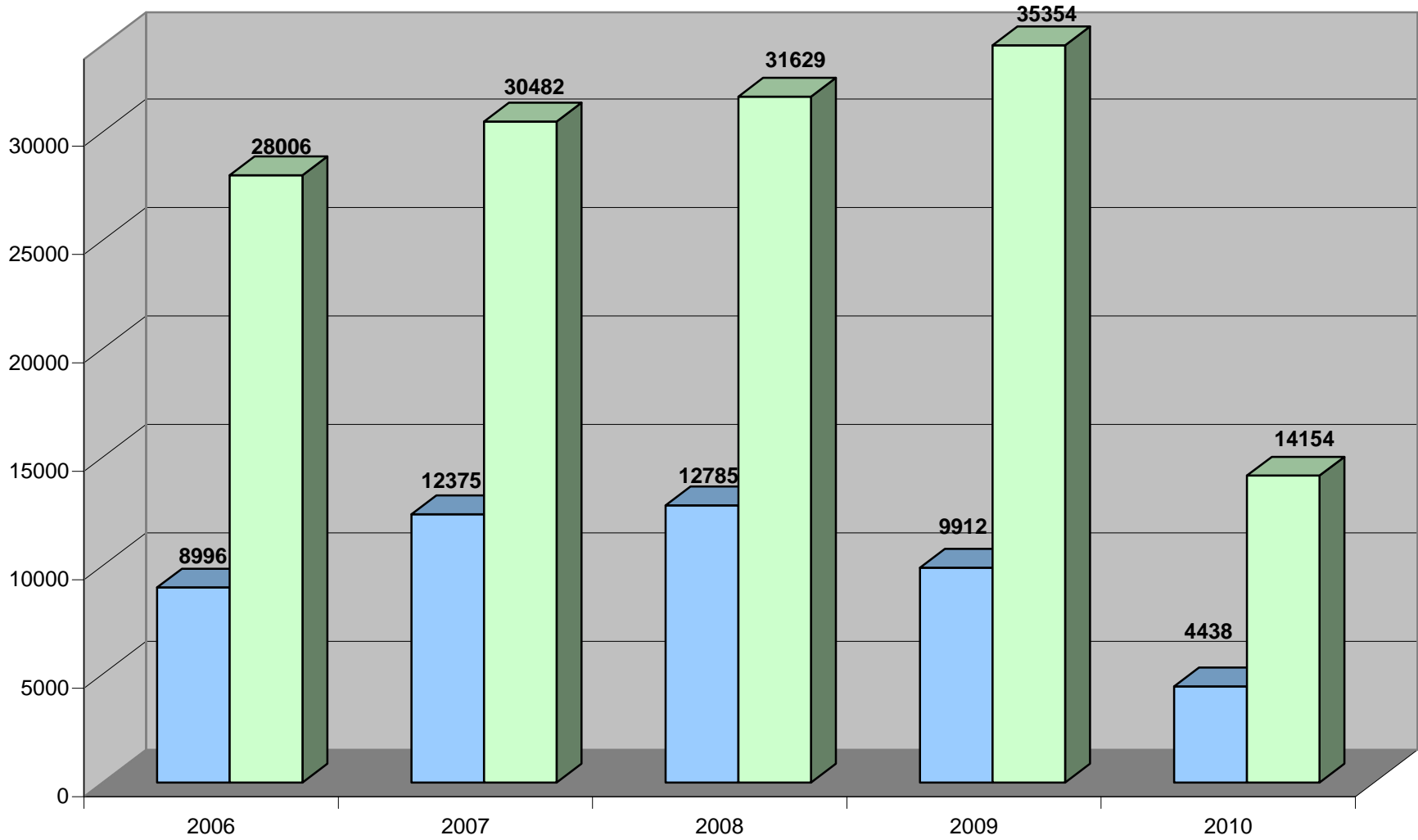
- Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Robbery
- Other Violent Violations

GO Count





# Tickets Issued



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