# SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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# **Mission Statement**

As members of the Syracuse Police Department, our mission is to protect all lives and property and maintain a feeling of security in the community, and to enforce all federal, state and local laws over which the Department has jurisdiction. Our mission is carried out with a commitment to the philosophy and principles of community policing.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor

01 April 2010

Honorable Stephanie Miner Office of the Mayor City Hall Syracuse, New York 13202

Dear Mayor Miner:

I respectfully submit to you the Syracuse Police Department's 2009 Annual Report.

The information and statistics captured in this report are indicative of the outstanding dedication and performance of the employees of the Syracuse Police Department. You can be assured that the members of this Police Department will continue to work diligently to ensure a safe and secure city for the residents of Syracuse.

Sincerely,

Frank L. Fowler Chief of Police

Continue to expand the diversity of Syracuse Police Department personnel by identifying and utilizing innovative methods for the recruitment and hiring of minority officers.

• Increase the percentage of qualified minority candidates for employment as Syracuse Police Officers.

Accomplished & On Going: During 2009 a new public web site for the Syracuse Police Department was created and launched. The Recruitment Section played a large role in initiating and funding this complete over haul to the site. As part of the new site, a much improved and interactive Recruitment page was designed. Prospective candidates can now contact SPD recruiters on-line, leave contact information and access updated information regarding the Syracuse Police Department. Recruiters can download candidate information directly from the website and organize and manipulate that data in commercially available spreadsheet applications. This has replaced hundreds of hours of manual data entry, hand addressing and filling of envelopes and has saved hundreds of dollars in postage and materials. There are several links available to obtain forms and information on police officer civil service exams. The improvements to the site generated a 72% increase in contacts.

The results of the 2008 advertisement campaign were evident in 2009 with an increase of 884 more informational phone calls completed and 320 more walk in appointments conducted. The Syracuse Police Department will continue its' endeavor to identify innovative ways to increase the percentage of qualified minority candidates for employment as Syracuse Police Officers.

• Implement a training program for Recruitment Officers.

**On Going:** An extensive search was conducted for Recruitment Officer training. To date, a program has not been located that meets the training needs of the Department. The search for such a program will continue in 2010.

# • Increase the number of high school and college Job Fair visits.

Accomplished: The number of high school visits remained the same for 2009; however, the Recruitment Section generated a 66% increase in the number of contacts that were made during the visits. College visits were increased 400% with a 405% increase in contacts which created a 250% increase in Job Fairs for the year. Improve service to the community by improving the exchange of information with the community through a variety of delivery systems.

• Increase responsiveness to neighborhood complaints and decrease turn-around time by tracking cases and giving them priority status.

Accomplished: To increase responsiveness to neighborhood complaints, during 2009 a Neighborhood Impact Statement complaint form was created. This form can be used to initiate a Nuisance Abatement review of a property. These forms can be presented as evidence at Nuisance Abatement hearings. The creation and utilization of the Neighborhood Impact Statement form not only improves communications between the police department and city residents, but also keeps them involved and informed in the progression of an abatement case from start to finish.

The police department worked with Neighborhood Watch groups to develop better tracking of specific complaints through the use of various forms and the Neighborhood Watch database in an effort to develop a flow of communication between the Department and Syracuse residents. This procedure allows the Department to gather specific information on complaints from the original source. As a result, the chances of omitted details or a miscommunication is decreased and the chance of a successful outcome to the complaint is increased.

Employ known and effective initiatives to enable the Department to provide effective methods of detecting and combating criminal activity.

• Continue participation in Project IMPACT operations to assist in the reduction of gun and gang violence within the City of Syracuse.

Accomplished: In 2009 the Onondaga Crime Analysis Center (OCAC) was tasked by the Project IMPACT Executives to execute their new long-term strategy relative to the handling of arrests for individuals arrested on firearm related offenses. The new strategy consisted of the following:

- 1. Accurate tracking of data related to gun incidents.
- 2. Notification and referral of all eligible cases to the US Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- 3. Analysis of case dispositions to determine future training needs.

4. Analysis of arrests to determine new enforcement strategies.

To accomplish these goals OCAC developed a procedure and database to track firearm related arrests throughout the lifecycle of the cases. The tracking of this data allows OCAC staff to analyze the trends in offender demographics, bail setting, dispositions and other information critical to the IMPACT partners in evaluating existing practices and developing new strategies.

As a result of these efforts the Syracuse Police Department arrested 230 individuals for possessing or using a firearm resulting in a 22% reduction in shooting related injuries from 2008 to 2009.

Additionally, the Syracuse Police Department in conjunction with other state and local IMPACT partners arrested 69 individuals resulting in the seizure of 14 firearms, 20.5 pounds of crack cocaine, 134 pounds of marijuana and over \$50,000.00 in cash.

# *Improve the efficiency of Departmental operations and information sharing.*

• Purchase and install a case management system for the Investigations Bureau that will be utilized by all investigative components to track and assign cases and share information.

Accomplished: In 2008 the Intelligence & Technology Division along with the Investigations Bureau began an extensive effort to modernize and streamline the information gathering and sharing operations within the Investigations Bureau. To advance this goal it was determined that a new computer based "case tracking" system would be implemented allowing the divisions within the bureau to more efficiently and effectively enter, assign, track, and manage investigations and related information. A vetting process was undertaken to identify the best system to meet departmental needs. It was decided that the best solution would be to implement a commercially available product and then customize it to meet system requirements. The selections were narrowed down to three possible systems. Onsite demos of the products were conducted and it was determined that only one of the products met the requirements of both the Investigations Bureau and the Information & Technology Division.

During 2009, a case management system was purchased from PTS Solutions. The company performed many requested customizations to the system before and after its installation onto SPD's network. During the fall of 2009 user training and extensive testing was conducted. Further fine tuning to the system was completed. The system went live in December 2009 and Investigations Bureau personnel began entering their cases in the new system.

This software provides extensive tracking of cases, including but not limited to: case particulars, investigator assignment, case tasks to be performed, tasks completed, case disposition status and solvability factors. Supervisors have the ability to review newly received cases and electronically assign them to detectives. The software has extensive search capabilities and provides the Investigations Bureau with a powerful tool for recalling case information stored within the system's database. All Investigations Bureau and Traffic Division personnel have the ability to utilize the system.

# *Improve the physical security of Departmental facilities.*

• Improve the physical security infrastructure of the Patrol-East and Special Investigations complexes by installing cameras and additional electronic access control systems at each location.

Accomplished: Physical security to the Patrol-East complex was improved with the installation of two exterior security cameras. The pan, tilt, zoom cameras were programmed to scan the entire exterior of the Patrol-East facility. The capability was added to view and when necessary, control these cameras from all viewing stations in the Public Safety Building.

Security at the Special Investigations complex was enhanced with the installation of electronic access control devices on all exterior doors. These control devices are part of the Syracuse Police Department's door lock security system. Authorized personnel are now able to enter the building using the same access cards or fobs used to enter the Public Safety Building and Patrol-East complexes.

# The Onondaga Crime Analyst Center



Lead Crime Analyst Paula Fisher works at the Onondaga Crime Analysis Center.

Crime analysis is an integral part of any successful crime reduction strategy. The integration of all agency databases, accurate incident reporting, and focused intelligence gathering based upon data-driven analysis is a crucial element of the intelligence-led policing model. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), in conjunction with the Syracuse Police Department, Onondaga County Sheriffs' Office, Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, Onondaga County Probation and the New York State Police established a Crime Analysis Center in Syracuse to fulfill this crime analysis need. The Crime Analysis Center builds upon partnerships established under Operation IMPACT and expands that strategy to all law enforcement agencies in the county. The Onondaga Crime Analysis Center (OCAC) has a staff of 16 employees, 15 full-time and one part-time. In addition to a director, who is appointed and employed by DCJS, there are two supervisors, two senior crime analysts, four crime analysts, six field intelligence officers (FIOs) and one crime analyst associate. The center integrates crime data from the five Crime Analysis Center partners - the Syracuse Police Department, Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Onondaga County Probation Department, and the New York State Police - with data from the 13 other municipal police agencies in the county (Baldwinsville, Camillus, Cicero, Dewitt, Geddes, East Syracuse, Jordan, Liverpool, Manlius, Marcellus, North Syracuse and Skaneateles) and the public safety departments at Onondaga Community College and Syracuse University. The center's staff provides: case research support, statistical analysis and reporting, crime mapping and hotspot analysis, crime pattern identification and analysis (identifying patterns before they become trends), and intelligence development. The OCAC functions as an integral part of the Syracuse Police Department's "Intelligence Oriented Policing" strategy. "Intelligence Oriented Policing" is a strategy whereby department staff and tactical resources are deployed based upon statistical analysis of crime pattern data. The Syracuse Police Department is a proud member of the Onondaga Crime Analysis Center and is fully committed to its success and vision.

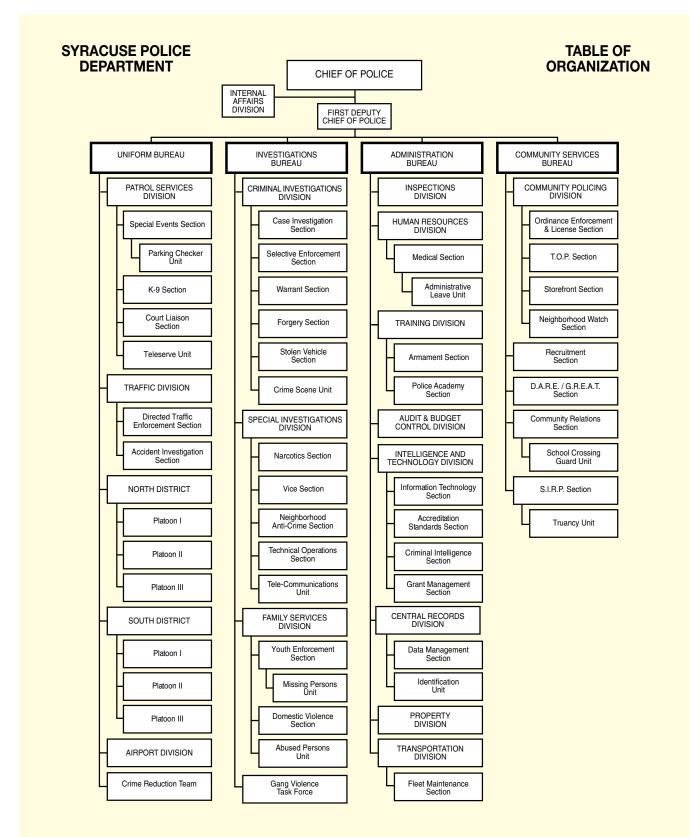
## *Improve the Syracuse Police Department's interaction and response to community concerns.*

- Develop Quality Neighborhood Empowerment Teams (Q-NETS) to address quality of life complaints in a timely and effective manner through focused collaborative efforts to include joint meetings, brainstorming sessions, problem solving, tracking and follow-up.
- Develop and deploy a warrant website whereby the citizens of Syracuse can check for individuals with warrants. This objective will be done with an eye toward the safe apprehension or surrender of wanted parties.
- Automate the Syracuse Police Department's teleserve operation through the use of an interactive website giving citizens the ability to retrieve complaint reports online, thereby improving the efficiency of the Department and becoming more responsive to citizen needs.
- Develop a relationship with the deaf advocacy group in Syracuse to improve the Police Department's ability to respond to the needs of the deaf community.

# Implement new technology to combat crime within the City of Syracuse.

- Purchase and install a street level closed circuit camera system within strategic locations throughout the city. These cameras would be recorded and viewed in an effort to reduce crime throughout the City.
- Purchase and deploy handheld computers to Investigative Units within the Syracuse Police Department. These handheld computers would provide investigative units with the ability to access key law enforcement resources remotely from the field improving investigative efficiency.
- Purchase and deploy a software program that would allow Field Training Officers to accurately track new officers in the Departments field training program. More accurate tracking of new officers' performance will help ensure the quality of officers given permanent assignment.

The department maintains a table of organization that identifies the organizational components and establishes the chain of command and clear lines of authority.



The City of Syracuse covers a land area of 25.8 square miles and has a population of approximately 141,683. The Mayor-Council Style Government governs the city. As of December 31, 2009 there were 499 sworn officers and 120 civilian personnel employed by the Police Department, with an operating budget of approximately \$43,315,982.

# General Goals of the Department

**Prevention of Crime –** Crime is a problem that affects all segments of our society, and is a concern of everyone. The department shall endeavor to involve the community in generating mutual understanding regarding the nature and extent of the crime problem and to involve the community in crime prevention efforts necessary to reduce crime.

**Deterrence of Crime –** Although there are certain crimes that cannot be prevented, crimes committed against innocent victims in public places and crimes against property can be deterred by proactive police operations and an involved community. These types of crimes are deterred by the criminal's fear of immediate apprehension or by the increased likelihood of his detection. The deterrence of crime requires the investigation of behavior that appears to be criminally directed. The department shall strive to organize its personnel to deter crime and inspire public confidence in the safety and security of the community.

**Apprehension of Offenders –** Once a crime has been committed; it is the duty of the department to initiate the criminal justice process by identifying and apprehending the offender, obtaining necessary evidence and by assisting in the prosecution of the case. The department must strive diligently to solve all crimes and to bring offenders to justice. The certainty of swift and sure punishment serves as an effective deterrent of crime.

**Recovery and Return of Property –** While the actual cost of crime is difficult to measure, it is possible to observe the mounting cost of lost and stolen property. This loss, as well as the other costs must be borne ultimately by victims. In order to minimize the losses due to crime, the department shall make every reasonable effort to recover lost or stolen property, to identify its owners, and to ensure its prompt return.

**Public Service** – Because other public or private agencies may be unavailable, the public relies upon the police for assistance and advice in both routine and emergency situations. Saving lives, aiding the injured, locating lost persons, keeping the peace, facilitating the safe and orderly movement of traffic, and providing for many other miscellaneous needs are basic services provided by the department. It is the department's responsibility to respond to all calls for service and to render such aid or advice, as is necessitated or indicated by the situation.

Victim/Witness Assistance – It is essential to our law enforcement efforts that we protect the rights of victims and witnesses. Therefore, the department shall strive to avoid the traumatization of victim/witnesses by assisting them through an awareness of the psychological trauma associated with their circumstances and providing them with the necessary information regarding resources that are available to them.

Accreditation – Law enforcement accreditation is a process used to identify an agency's level of professionalism as measured by standards established by experts and practitioners in the law enforcement field. It is a goal of the department to maintain its accreditation status with New York State Bureau for Municipal Police.

**Innovation –** The Syracuse Police Department has an exemplary history as a leader in forging new and innovative policing methods and programs. It is a goal of the department to continue this tradition. Members are encouraged to think critically and creatively, present and promote ideas directed towards continuously improving the department and the services it provides to citizens in the City of Syracuse.

# Report On Office of the Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Frank L. Fowler is the Chief Executive Officer of the Syracuse Police Department and is the final authority in all matters of department policy, operations, and discipline. The Chief o f Police is accountable to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Syracuse.

# The Office of the Chief of Police

- Ensures that the department's mission is executed efficiently and effectively.
- Creates a vision of the desired future state of the department.
- Develops strategic goals and objectives.
- Empowers and leads subordinates.
- Plans, organizes, directs, staffs, coordinates and controls all departmental functions.
- Reports to the Mayor and the Common Council.

The **Administrative Staff** of the Office of the Chief of Police acts as a liaison between the Chief of Police, 1st Deputy Chief, and Bureau Chiefs. The staff handles internal and external communications directed to the Office, and represents the Office of the Chief of Police in matters as directed.

The **Public Information Officer** is responsible for acting as a liaison between the department and the media, coordinates all inquiries from the media, prepares news releases issued by the department, and acts as a spokesperson when requested or directed.

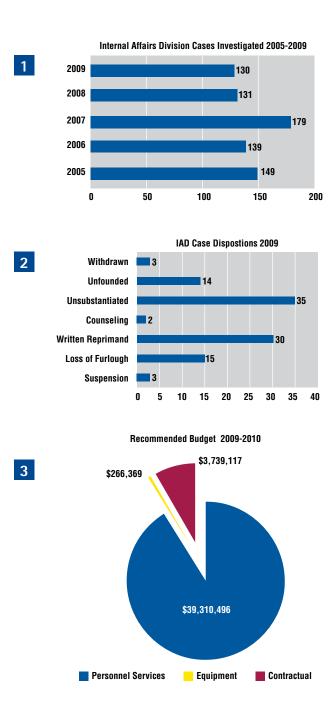
# The Internal Affairs Division

- Facilitates the process of receiving internal and external complaints alleging employee misconduct.
- Investigates complaints against members of the department.
- Maintains documentation of complaints.
- Prepares charges (criminal, civil, and departmental) when appropriate.
- Assists in the representation of the department in arbitration.

See graphs 1 and 2



# Frank L. Fowler Chief of Police



# **Report On Administration Bureau Operations**

The Administration Bureau is commanded by First Deputy Chief of Police David C. Barrette who is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the department's operations, and daily administrative functions. The Administration Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions.

## The Audit and Budget Control Division

- Prepares and manages the Department's budget.
- Oversees and maintains records concerning the requisitioning of agency property and expenditures.
- Administers employee status, medical services, payroll, and program information.
- Conducts cost analysis.
- Maintains overtime information and records.

See graphs 3 and 4

## The Human Resources Division

- Recruits and selects all department members.
- Establishes and maintains procedures that conform to federal and state regulations for hiring.
- Conducts comprehensive background investigations.
- Maintains human resources records.
- Maintains all documentation relating to the appointment, transfer, retirement, termination, secondary employment, and commendations.
- Prepares orders relating to the assignment of personnel and maintains departmental roster.
- Prepares personnel status reports.

See graphs 5 through 8

# **Medical Section**

- Maintains and validates employee records of attendance, furlough, sick, injured military and administration.
- Monitors medical leave procedures and administers time accumulated and/or used by all employees.
- Prepares reports for the New York State Police and Firemen's Retirement System and Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

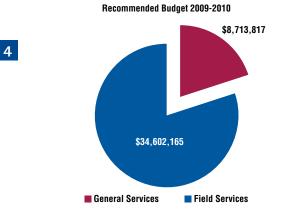
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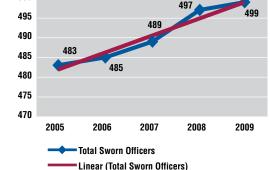
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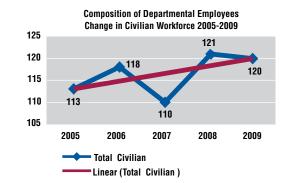
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**David C. Barrette** *First Deputy Chief of Police* 





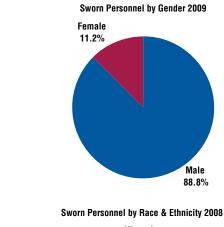




# The Training Division

- Coordinates and administers departmental training programs.
- Coordinates and administers the Police Officer Basic Academy.
- Administers training to peace and police officers from outside agencies.
- Plans and develops departmental training standards and programs.
- Monitors training methods and identifies training needs necessary for adherence to state and federal laws and department policies.
- Prepares and distributes training bulletins.
- Administers in-service and field training officer programs, physical fitness evaluations, firearms training and qualifications and police academy programs.
- Maintains record of training, standards, programs and lesson plans.

Training Division Activity	2007	2008	2009
Police Academy Classes	1	1	1
Total Officers Certified	20	24	0
Outside Agencies Attending	0	0	1
Community Service Officers	4	4	0
In-Service Training Sessions			
Total Officers Trained	458	494	453
Police Officers	387	356	364
Training Topics Instructed	7	7	7
Supervisors	71	56	62
Training Topics Instructed	7	7	7
Command Officers	31	28	27
Training Topics Instructed	7	2	2
Certified Course Instruction			
NYS BMP OPS	3	4	5
Refresher	1	8	2
Seminars	6	4	5
Specialized Training	7	3	7
Outside Agencies Attending	1	8	5
Total Officers Trained	250	212	233

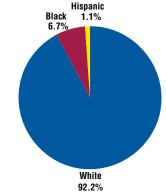


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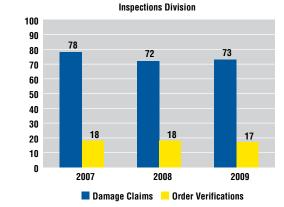
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**Department Personnel Sick & Injury Hours** 



## The Inspections Division

- Conducts staff and line inspections.
- Evaluates efficiency, effectiveness and quality of departmental operations and systems.
- Evaluates compliance of goals and directives.
- Ensures that departmental policies and procedures are being followed.
- Reports deficiencies to the First Deputy Chief of Police. See graphs 10 and 11

# The Intelligence and Technology Division

- Develops, prepares, publishes and maintains records of all departmental rules and regulations and orders, except Human Resource Division orders.
- Conducts research and planning projects as directed by the Chief of Police.
- Responds to surveys and statistical data requests from individuals, media and organizations.
- Prepares and publishes the department's annual report.
- Develops, manages and provides forms control services.
- Ensures departmental compliance with NYS Accreditation Program standards.
- Maintains and implements department Information & Technology systems and provides computer system support services.
- Prepares and assists in the management of departmental grants.

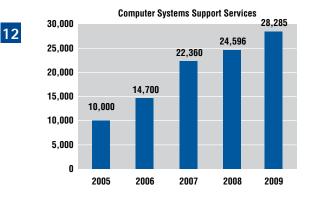
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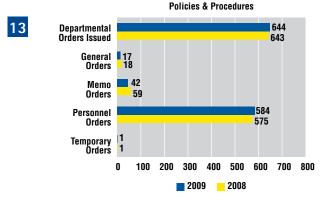
### **Criminal Intelligence Section**

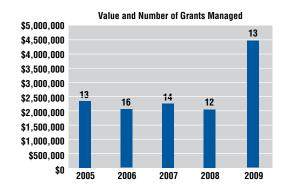
The function of the Criminal Intelligence Section is to collect, evaluate, analyze and disseminate intelligence related criminal activity, narcotics issues, gangs, serial crime events and quality of life problems. The Section identifies crime trends by analyzing factors such as time, method of operation and hot spot identification. The field intelligence officers gather more in depth information through street interviews with officers and the public, debriefings of arrested individuals and criminal informants. The section provides services to all law enforcement agencies throughout Onondaga and adjacent counties by distributing work products and completing intelligence bulletins.

See graphs 15-16









# **Central Records Division**

- Processes, maintains and distributes police records to include incident and follow-up reports, criminal process and criminal history information.
- Processes freedom of information requests and NYSPIN Teletype operations.
- Maintains computer information indexes and records.
- Provides photocopying and mailing services.

#### See graphs 17-19

The **Identification Section** processes and maintains arrest records, photographs, fingerprints and FBI updates on all individuals arrested by the Syracuse Police Department and Onondaga County Sheriff's Office. It also seals defendant records as ordered by the court, supplies criminal history transcripts, administers the State Automated Fingerprint Identification System and Onondaga County Sheriff's – Syracuse Police computer generated photograph system.

The **Data Management Section** inputs Syracuse Police Department information into CNYLEADS (Central New York Law Enforcement Analysis Database System) as well as the Countywide Criminal History Information Reporting System and generates Uniform Crime Reports and statistical requests as required.

## The Property Division

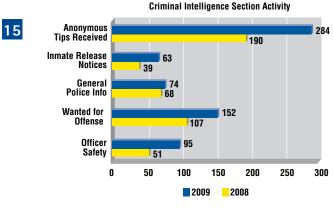
- Is responsible for the custody and disposal of physical evidence, found or recovered property and all property held for safekeeping.
- Maintains all departmental inventory records.
- Orders and stores supplies.
- Prints departmental forms.

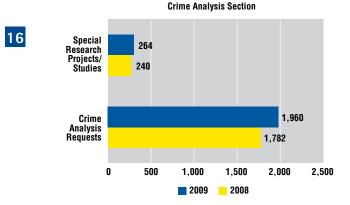
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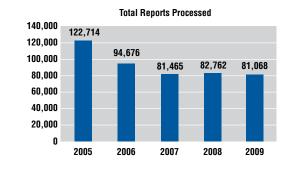
## The Transportation Division

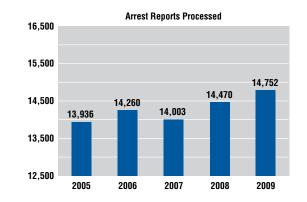
- Maintains all departmental vehicles and prepares vehicles for auction.
- Prepares specifications for the purchase of new vehicles.
- Completes vehicle repair work and maintenance on fleet vehicles.
- During 2009, 24 vehicles were purchased for the police department.
- 19 vehicles were taken out of service.
- 26 vehicles were sent to auction.
- The total number of vehicles in the police department's fleet for 2009 was 338.

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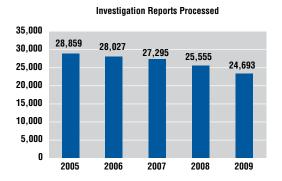


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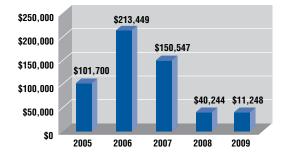
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# Administration Bureau Operations

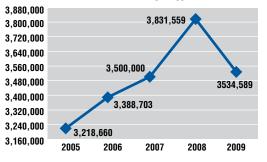




Total Unclaimed Cash Processed by the Property Division



Fleet Mileage Logged







# **Report On Uniform Bureau Operations**

The Uniform Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police Rebecca E. Thompson who is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. These services include street patrol, traffic control and enforcement, responding to calls for service and emergencies and community oriented policing operations. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions.

## The Patrol Division

- Responds to all calls for police services.
- Conducts thorough preliminary investigation of all offenses.

Conducts follow-



up investigations in cases where responsibility is not yielded to another division or section.

- Apprehends offenders and recovers stolen property.
- Enforces laws and regulations.
- Conducts crime prevention and suppression activities.
- Maintains close liaison with the community and fosters positive police community relations.

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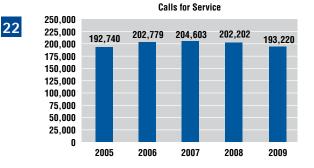
The **Patrol Division** is the largest component of the Uniform Bureau. It consists of the First, Second, and Third Platoons. The First Platoon's hours of duty are 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, with roll calls at 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM daily.

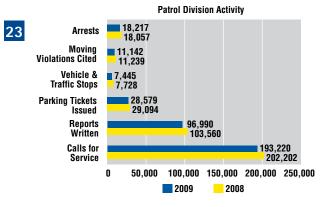
#### First Platoon Activity 2009

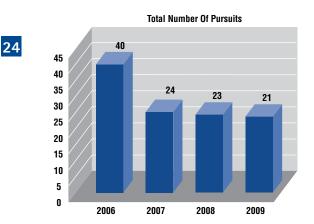
Felony Arrests	980
Misdemeanor Arrests	3,036.5
Violation Arrests	2,070
Appearance Tickets	706
Warrant Arrests	971.5
Vehicle & Traffic Stops	3,503
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	4,404
Parking Tickets Issued	14,001
Social Event Checks	36
DWI Arrests	116
Calls for Service	61,926



**Rebecca E. Thompson** *Deputy Chief of Police* 







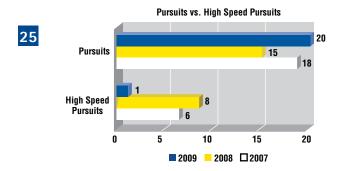
With Reports	13,979
Without Reports	47,506
Number of Reports	23,985
Vacant House Checks	580
Property Checks	14,928
Business Checks	8,646

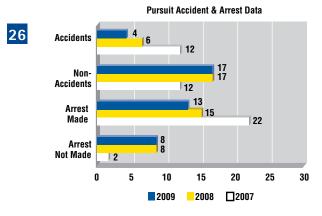
The Second Platoon's hours of duty are 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with roll calls at 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

#### Second Platoon Activity 2009

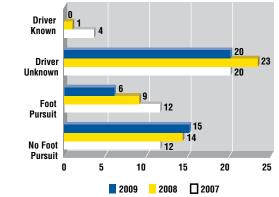
Felony Arrests	968
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,558
Violation Arrests	748
Appearance Tickets	416
Warrant Arrests	600
Vehicle & Traffic Stops	1,726
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	2,912
Parking Tickets Issued	8,307
Social Event Checks	47
DWI Arrests	61
Calls for Service	47,555
With Reports	13,058
Without Reports	34,520
Total Reports	30,275
Vacant House Checks	369
Property Checks	4,508
Business Checks	2,477

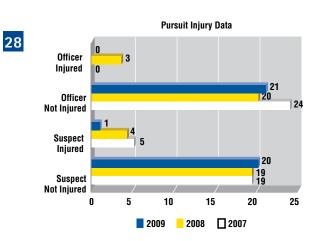
The Third Platoon's hours of duty are 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with roll calls at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM daily.











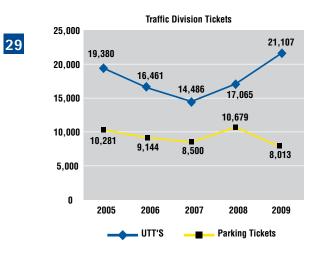
#### Third Platoon Activity 2009

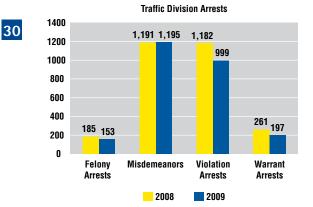
Felony Arrests	1,314
Misdemeanor Arrests	2,868.5
Violation Arrests	2,148.5
Appearance Tickets	1,541
Warrant Arrests	953.5
Vehicle & Traffic Stops	2,216
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	3,826
Parking Tickets Issued	6,271
Social Event Checks	87
DWI Arrests	50.5
Calls for Service	83,739
With Reports	19,986
Without Reports	63,770
Number of Reports	42,730
Vacant House Checks	394
Property Checks	4,531
Business Checks	4,004

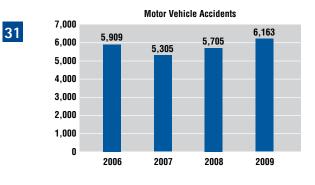
#### Platoon Comparisons 2009

The following chart depicts the average annual workload per officer assigned to the First, Second and Third Platoons for the categories listed:

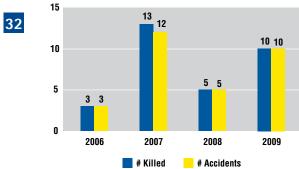
Platoon	First	Second	Third
Felony Arrests	20	20	22
Misdemeanor Arrests	62	32	47
Violation Arrests	42	16	35
Appearance Tickets Issued	14	9	25
Warrant Arrests	20	13	16
Vehicle and Traffic Stops	71	36	36
Traffic Tickets Issued	90	61	63
Parking Tickets Issued	286	173	103
DWI Arrests	2	1	1
Calls for Service	1,264	991	1,373
With Reports	285	272	328
Without Reports	970	719	1,045
Total Reports	489	631	700







Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents



## The Patrol Services Division

- Serves as the administrative arm of the Uniform Bureau Deputy Chief.
- Disseminates directives and information.
- Obtains equipment necessary for operations.
- Analyzes statistical data of patrol activity systems and processes.
- Monitors levels of efficiency and effectiveness.
- Oversees the operations of the Special Events Section, K-9 Section and Court Liason.

Each year the **Patrol Services Division** conducts an analysis of Syracuse Police Department vehicle pursuits.

During 2009 twenty-one pursuits were analyzed. Charts 24-28 depict the results of that analysis.

The **K-9 Section** is comprised of seven canine teams. Each team receives special training in building searches, area searches, tracking, obedience and



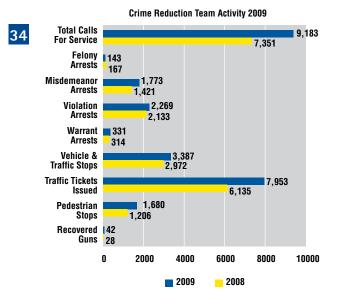
either narcotics or explosive detection. During 2009 two K-9 teams were sent to Ontario County in response to a school shooting. They assisted with sweeping the school for explosives. The percentage of calls handled, drug, building and area searches, perimeter checks and tracks all increased in 2009 over that of 2008. Canines made 54 apprehensions which resulted in the arrest of 80 individuals. K-9 Activity for 2009 is as follows:

Calls for Service	5,298
Felony Arrests	59
Misdemeanors	140
Violations	194
Building Searches	381
Explosive Searches	176
K-9 Tracking	47
Open Area Searches	145
Building Perimeter Checks	733
Stolen Property Recovered	\$45,000
Traffic Tickets Issued	350
K-9 Demonstrations	34
Attendance	1,888

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**DWI Arrests By Year** 



Officer Protection	401
Drug Searches	307
Marijuana Seized	1 1/4 oz.
Cocaine Seized	3/4 oz.
Drug Money Seized	\$118,615

The **Special Events Section** plans and coordinates staffing and traffic control operations for numerous community events conducted in the City of Syracuse.

Major Community Events	86
Carrier Dome Events	96
Officers Assigned to Dome Events	1,245
Dome Attendance 2009	717,709

The **Tele-serve Section** handles calls from citizens that are of a specific non-emergency nature.

Reports Written	23
Mail Complaints	1,439
Total Calls Handled	3,243

The **Court Liaison Section** processed 4,513 subpoenas, as well as notices scheduling pre-trial hearings and conferences to individual officers during 2009.

### The Traffic Division

The **Traffic Division** is a pro-active traffic enforcement component of the department and is responsible for enforcing NYS laws and City of Syracuse ordinances governing vehicles and traffic.

#### See graphs 29 and 30

The Accident Investigation Section reviews, processes, stores and maintains motor vehicle accident reports and provides statistical and requested report information concerning motor vehicle accidents that occur in the City of Syracuse. The following graphs depict various motor vehicle accident and vehicle and traffic related statistics. See graphs 31 through 33

The Airport Division

- Provides police services and airport security at the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.
- Ensures compliance with, and the enforcement of, Federal Aviation Regulations and standards and local, state and federal laws.
- During 2009 officers working at the Airport performed 254 pistol permit verifications.

Syracuse Hancock International Airport Activity 2009

Felony Arrests	27
Misdemeanor Arrests	15
Violation Arrests	15
Vehicle & Traffic Stops	360
UTT'S	89
Parking Tickets Issued	1,705
SIDA Checks	44,097
In Flight Emergencies	35
Total Calls	6,516
With Reports	627
Without Reports	5,803
Property Checks	38,667

### The Crime Reduction Team

The main function of the **Crime Reduction Team** is to reduce crime and violence in the City of Syracuse through proactive patrol tactics and strict enforcement of city ordinances, penal and vehicle & traffic laws. The team concentrates its' activities in designated troubled neighborhoods, responds to shots fired calls and supports uniform patrol operations when necessary. The following graph depicts statistical information for the Crime Reduction Team for 2009.

See graph 34

# **Report** On Investigations Bureau Operations

The Investigations Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief Shawn M. Broton who is responsible for overseeing the investigations of crimes committed against persons, property and serious or unusual incidents after the initial response and investigation by patrol. The Investigations Bureau also investigates narcotic and vice activity. This Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions.

## The Criminal Investigations Division

- Conducts follow-up felony investigations initiated by the Patrol Division.
- Assists in primary investigations when requested.
- Clears crimes through arrest and recovery of stolen property, executes search and arrest warrants and apprehends fugitives.
- Acts as a liaison with representatives from federal, state and other municipal agencies and exchanges information concerning known criminals and criminal activity.
- Coordinates information with prosecuting agencies during investigations for upcoming court cases.

The **Case Investigation Section** conducts criminal investigations, primarily of felony crimes against persons such as homicide, rape, robbery, assault and unattended deaths. The section also investigates criminal acts involving the loss of or damage to property such as burglary, arson and larceny.

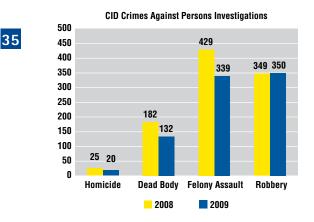
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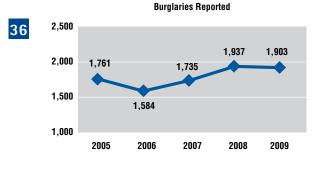
The **Forgery Section** conducts follow-up investigations of all economic crime investigations that are beyond the capabilities of the Patrol Division. The section assists and advises patrol personnel in processing patrol initiated fraud arrests and investigations. The Forgery Section further coordinates investigations and acts as a liaison with businesses, banks and other law enforcement agencies.

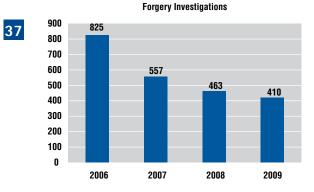
#### See graphs 37 and 38



Shawn M. Broton Deputy Chief of Police







# **Investigations Bureau Operations**

The Stolen Vehicle Section conducts investigations of stolen motor vehicles and coordinates the return of recovered stolen vehicles to victims. It serves as a liaison and coordinates investigations with international, federal, state and municipal agencies and insurance organizations. It disseminates statistical data relative to vehicle theft crime trends and patterns. Graph #40 depicts the trend in the number of stolen vehicles and the department's recovery rate for the period 2005 through 2009.

#### See graphs 39 and 40

The Warrant Section is responsible for the execution of outstanding misdemeanor and felony arrest warrants. The section develops information on the whereabouts of suspects and coordinates investigations with other law enforcement agencies in order to apprehend fugitives.

#### See graph 41

The Crime Scene Unit is responsible for processing all major crime scenes and incidents for the purpose of the preservation and collection of evidence.

Crime Scene Unit	2008	2009
Homicides	25	20
Officer Involved Shootings	1	2
Suspicious Deaths/Incidents	2	3
Vehicles Processed	23	47
Crime Scene Sketches	42	230
Cases Photographed	6,072	6,500

The Selective Enforcement Section is responsible for reducing selected crimes and crime patterns by utilizing pro-active enforcement strategies and tactics. This section assists and supports the Crimes Against Persons and Property Sections in conducting major investigations.

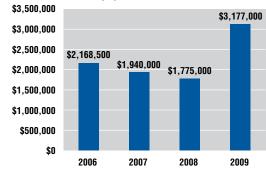
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### The Special Investigations Division

- Conducts investigations into organized crime, narcotics trafficking and vice-related activity.
- Coordinates enforcement action and develops inter-agency cooperation, coordination and communication relative to metropolitan wide narcotics enforcement efforts.

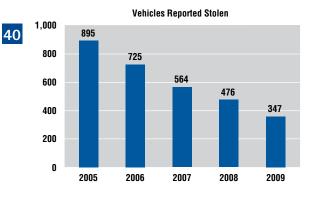
The **Narcotics Section** is responsible for the suppression of narcotics trafficking from street level to major criminal conspiracy activity. The section maintains and develops intelligence files relative to narcotics distribution, develops informants, executes search warrants, makes arrests and initiates counteractive measures to combat illegal drug activity.

See graphs 43 and 44

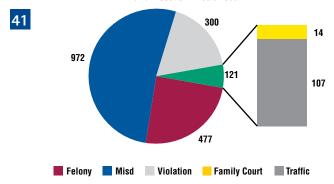


Forgery Unit - Financial Value Involved





Warrant Section Arrests 2009



The **Vice Section** is responsible for the suppression of prostitution, pornography and illegal gambling from street level to the criminal conspiracy level.

#### See graph 45

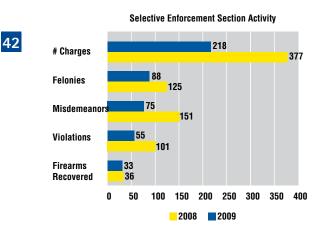
The **Neighborhood Anti-Crime Section** (NACS) is responsible for providing directed and proactive patrol in response to citizen complaints of street corner drug dealers and their customers.

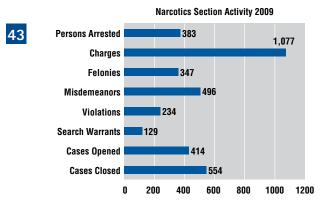
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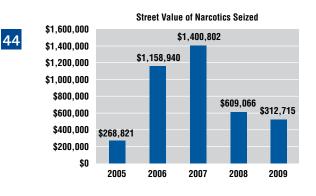
The **Technical Operations Section** is responsible for the maintenance, operation and deployment of electronic surveillance equipment. This section provides technical support to various departmental units. It investigates processes and tracks narcotic forfeiture cases. The Technical Operations Section identifies and tracks transient narcotics dealers and larger multi-jurisdictional narcotic organizations as well as groups operating in our area. Members act as a liaison with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The section also provides protective escort operations for resident and visiting dignitaries.

Technical Operations 2009	
Audio-video Operations	28
Photographic Operations	14
Forfeiture Operations	
Federal Currency & Vehicle Cases	55
Cash Amount	\$876,872
State & Local Currency & Vehicle Cas	es 186
Cash Amount	\$133,173
Protective Escort Operations	
Escort Details	8
Advance Operations	10
Intelligence Operations	
<b>Operations &amp; Projects</b>	11

The **Gang Violence Task Force (GVTF)** is responsible for collaborating with other agencies to aggressively target violent gangs and their members. The Task Force utilizes long term investigations which are prepared and presented to the federal court system for prosecution. In 2009, GVTF was supplemented with the addition of three permanent United States Marshals. These additions have enabled the Gang Violence Task Force to increase its capacity to locate and track gang members. During 2009 GVTF concluded a long term investigation on the "110" gang. The investigation resulted in the arrest of twelve gang members who were indicted on federal narcotics









and weapons charges. The "110" gang was found to be responsible for approximately four gang related homicides, numerous drive by shootings and crack cocaine and marijuana distribution.

## The Family Services Division

- Initiates and conducts follow-up investigations regarding youth and family related matters.
- Conducts follow-up investigations on all felony level, sex-related offenses.
- Oversees the operations of the Youth Enforcement Section, Domestic Violence Section, Missing Persons and Abused Persons.

The **Abused Persons** Unit is responsible for investigating sex offenses, including child pornography, all felony physical child abuse and neglect incidents, and identifying and apprehending offenders. The unit works closely with Onondaga Child Protective Services, Rape Crisis, Department of Probation and New York State Parole.

#### See graphs 47 and 48

The **Domestic Violence Unit** is dedicated exclusively to victims of domestic violence. The unit conducts follow up investigations on domestic violence incidents that fall outside the investigative role of the Patrol Division.

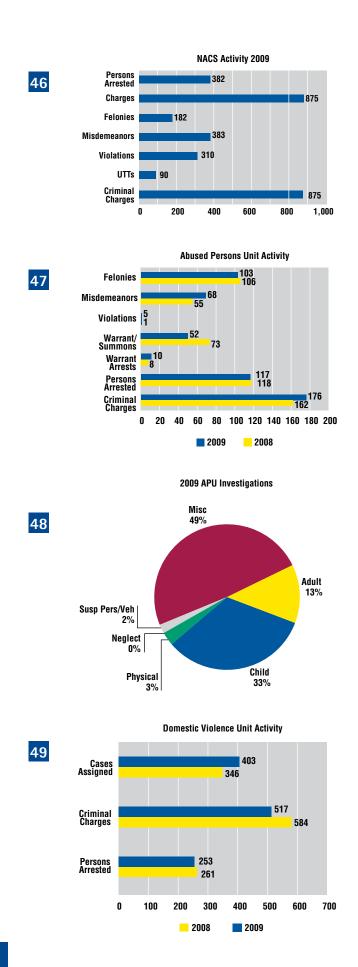
#### See graph 49

The **Youth Enforcement Section** has primary responsibility for investigation of crimes perpetrated by juveniles. The section is responsible for the diversion of offenders by making referrals to appropriate agencies, acts as a liaison with other youth service providers and other agencies concerned with the problems and needs of youth. It maintains juvenile records and reports and coordinates juvenile operations with other divisions within the department. This section assists other departmental units with Family Court, Social Services referrals and crime prevention activities.

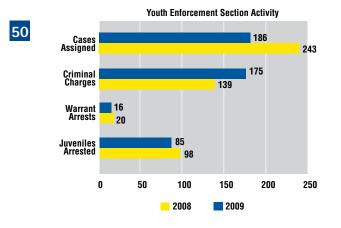
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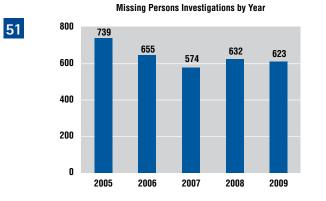
The **Missing Persons Unit** is responsible for conducting investigations of missing persons.

See graphs 51 and 52

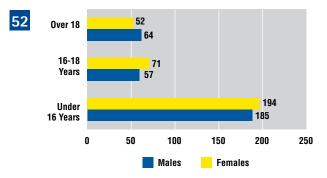


# **Investigations Bureau Operations**





2009 Missing Persons by Age and Sex



# **Report On Community Services Bureau Operations**

The Community Services Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police Joseph L. Cecile who is responsible for providing community based services to the public. These services include recruitment, community relations, team oriented policing, ordinance and license enforcement, nuisance abatement, neighborhood watch, storefront operations, school resource and information officers and the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) programs. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions and Sections.

## The Community Policing Division

- Implements and advances community policing principles, strategies and operations.
- Coordinates community policing with all components of the Department.
- Oversees the operations of the Team Oriented Policing, Ordinance Enforcement & License, Storefront and Neighborhood Watch Sections.

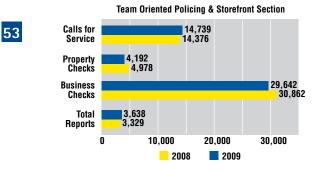
The Team Oriented Policing and Storefront Sections (TOPS) are a key element in the Community Policing approach utilized by the Syracuse Police Department. There are six TOPS units that are located in Eastwood, Butternut Street and Park Street, Butternut Square, Valley Plaza, Otisco St. and the Southwest Community Center. Teams of officers are deployed from mobile bases of operation set up in specifically targeted neighborhoods. The Storefront Section utilizes four storefront policing centers situated for convenient access to the public in the North and East sides of the city. Personnel answer complaints, develop working relationships with area residents and business owners, and strive to solve underlying problems in neighborhoods.

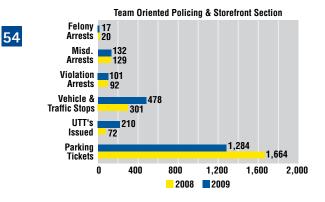
#### See graphs 53 and 54

The **Ordinance Enforcement & License Section** inspects, enforces and processes violations of city licenses and ordinances. Enforcement efforts are coordinated with departmental units and other city departments such as Animal Control, Codes and Zoning, Public Works and Parks and Recreation to achieve compliance and eradicate conditions of physical decay in neighborhoods.



Joseph L. Cecile Deputy Chief of Police





#### **Ordinance Enforcement Activity 2009**

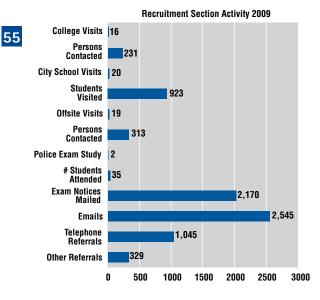
Total Complaints	1,400
Abandoned Vehicle Complaints	879
Red Tag Vehicle Tows	211
Trash & Debris	63
Salvage Certificates	628
Vehicle Releases	68
Snow Complaints	328
Miscellaneous Complaints	521
Red Tags Issued	3,220
Parking Tickets	65
Assists to Other Departments	249
Tows	30

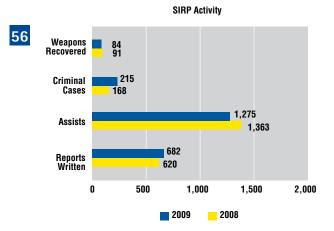
The **Neighborhood Watch Section** serves as a department liaison with 75 Neighborhood Watch Groups situated throughout the City of Syracuse. The Section also assists in the development of additional groups. Crime prevention education is conducted through routinely scheduled meetings where groups are established. The section acts as a liaison with other departments toward solving complaints and community problems. Neighborhood Watch Section Activity 2009 is as follows:

Active Neighborhood Watch Groups	75
New Neighborhood Watch Groups Formed	5
Total Meetings, Special Events and Gatherings	336
Newsletter Publications	4
Major Special Events	4
Spring Members Meeting/March	1
Halloween Safety Patrols/October	10
Fall members meeting/November	1
Light up the Night Picnic/June	1
Major Programs Administered	4
Watchlink Program	1
Neighborhood Watch Cellular Telephone	1
New Database Information Gathering System	1

The **Recruitment Section** is responsible for recruiting the most qualified applicants available for actual and anticipated vacancies within the department. Recruitment personnel strive to develop and maintain a racial and ethnic composition within the department that mirrors the demographic composition of the City of Syracuse.

See graph 55





The **Community Relations Section** is responsible for educating the public in the area of crime prevention for home, business security and personal safety. The Section also provides specifically tailored educational programs to senior citizens and youth. The Section seeks to enhance interaction and establish long term relationships between the police, individuals and groups in order to solve community problems.

Programs/Presentations	2009
Operation Safe Child	800
Crime Prevention	20
McGruff	37
Civilian Rider Program	270
Safety Speaking Engagements	20
Business Security Seminars	5

The **School Information Resource Section** is a contingent of detectives who are permanently assigned to the City of Syracuse School District. Detectives are responsible for handling all police matters within the school and to interact with students and teachers and to provide advice when requested. They make class presentations on a variety of subjects, conduct physical plant security checks and work with various school groups and clubs.

#### See graph 56

The **Truancy Outreach Unit** is responsible for locating students truant from school. The unit works with the City of Syracuse School District toward achieving the safe return of truant students to parents or guardians, or their respective school for appropriate corrective action. The unit coordinates its activity with educators, counselors, school staff, program volunteers and parents. The goals of the program are to:

- Reduce the risk of victimization of youths.
- Encourage the continuance of education.
- Return students to the education environment.
- Assists education officials by providing appropriate counseling or corrective action.

#### The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Section

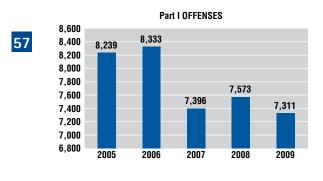
**(D.A.R.E.)** is responsible for administering and conducting Project D.A.R.E. lesson plans in the City of Syracuse School District, making presentations to various community and business groups, administering the Mini-Police Academy for youth, and Officer Friendly programs (Stranger Danger, Good-Touch/Bad –Touch). The section plans drug abuse resistance education programs and implements programs designed to prevent delinquency in matters such as substance abuse and victimization.

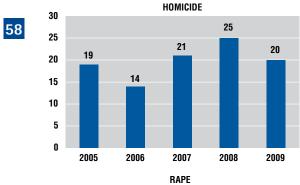
D.A.R.E.	2008	2009
Students Educated	1,667	1,444
Number of Classes Taught	750	700
Officer Friendly	2008	2009
Students Educated	7,006	7,005
Number of Classes Taught	1,104	1,360

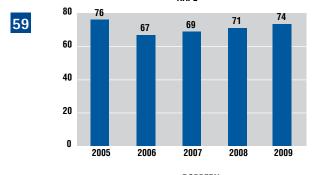
The **Gang Resistance Education and Training** (G.R.E.A.T.) program was introduced in Syracuse during 2003. The officers assigned to D.A.R.E teach the curriculum. This federally funded program gives students accurate facts about gang involvement. During thirteen weeks of instruction, the program teaches skills needed to peacefully resolve conflicts and overcome the stresses that may lead to gang involvement.

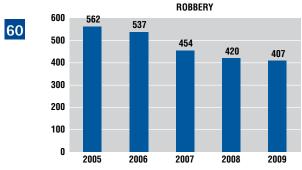
G.R.E.A.T.	2008	2009
Students Educated	2,089	1,861
Number of Classes Taught	1,215	990

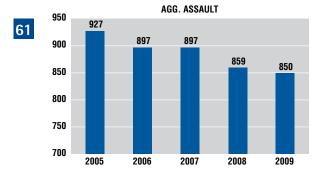
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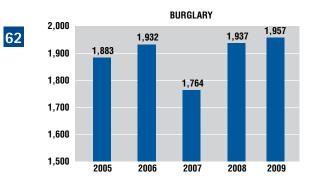


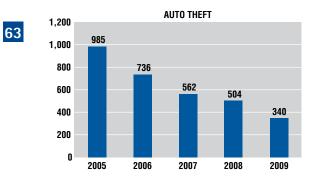


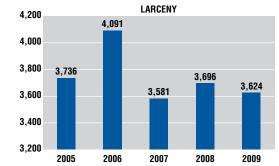


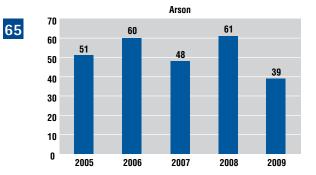












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## **Departmental Awards** 2009

Post-Standard Medal Police Officer Jeffrey Fleming Police Officer Scott Fura

John C. Dillon Award Detective Terrence McGinn

Jerome P. Slater Award Police Officer Arthur Williams

Chief's Achievement Award **Detective Gregory Armstrong** 

Mayor's Achievement Award Sergeant Christopher Stehle

Wallie Howard Jr. Award **Detective James Burns** 

**Timothy Laun Award Detective Sergeant Gerald Birardi** 

Meritorious Service Medal **Detective Sean Lynch** Detective Thomas Skardinski

#### PBA President's Award Police Officer Alvin Herrington

Police Officer Gordon Quonce III Police Officer William Summers

#### PBA Merit Award

**Detective Sergeant John Linnertz** Detective Matthew Fraher Police Officer Thomas Glauberman Police Officer Martin Judge **Detective Timothy MacDerment** Police Officer William Schroeder Police Officer John Serrao Police Officer Don Schultz

SPD Life Saving Award Police Officer Darrin Ettinger

# Promotions 2009

To the Rank of Captain Lieutenant Shawn Broton Lieutenant Joseph Sweeny

To the Rank of Lieutenant Sergeant Daniel Belgrader Sergeant Dennis Murphy Sergeant Richard Shoff Sergeant William Wicks

To the Rank of Sergeant Police Officer Ralph Bowering Police Officer David Brown Police Officer Kimberly Calverase Police Officer Ivan Jimenez **Police Officer Patrick Phelps** Police Officer Michael Schroeder Police Officer Jonathon Tucker Police Officer Michael Yarema

### Officer of the Month **Recipients 2009**

#### Januarv –

Police Officer Donald Patti Police Officer Marcellus Roundtree Police Officer Shannon Einbeck February -Police Officer Jeffrey McManus Police Officer Robert Newman Police Officer Jeffrev Beauchine March -Police Officer Gordon Quonce III Police Officer Shawn Prue Police Officer Patrick Coyle April – Police Officer Anne Beaupre Police Officer Michael Bates Police Officer Andrew Stockton May -Police Officer Joshua Damon Police Officer Charles Lester Police Officer James Milana June – Police Officer Andrew Quinn Police Officer Jeffrey Fleming Police Officer Varoosh Zarian July – Police Officer Matthew Lalonde Police Officer Joseph Evans Police Officer Mamoun Abraham August – Police Officer Jason Springer Police Officer John Kaufman Police Officer John Fay September -Police Officer Andrew Wigton Police Officer Jenny Terrero Police Officer Daniel Rathbun October -Police Officer Daniel Shipe Police Officer Leo Dadey Police Officer Edward Doner November -Police Officer Becki Jandzio Police Officer David Mathewson Police Officer Andrew Rawson

December -

Police Officer Darrin Ettinger Police Officer Rodney Fitzgerald Police Officer Alfonso Varlaro

## **Departmental Retirements** Years of Service

Chief of Police Gary Miguel September 17, 1973 - December 30, 2009 First Deputy Chief of Police Michael Heenan August 10, 1981 - December 30, 2009 **Deputy Chief of Police Michael Kerwin** August 1, 1978 - December 30, 2009 Captain Robert Driscoll February 8, 1971 - February 4, 2009 Sergeant Gerald Birardi April 1, 1974 - May 30, 2009 Police Officer Patrick Boynton August 25, 1989 - September 20, 2009 Police Officer Anthony Diglio March 31, 1989 - December 28, 2009 Police Officer Richard Douglass February 5, 1971 - March 31, 2009 Police Officer Jagueline Ferguson April 8 1988 – October 16, 2009 Police Officer James Jakowski February 9, 1971 - August 8, 2009 Police Officer Terrilee Johnson March 31, 1989 - March 31, 2009 Police Officer Julia Jones April 8, 1988 - April 9, 2009 Police Officer Christine King March 31, 1989 - March 31, 2009 Police Officer Anthony Martino September 23, 1988 - May 23, 2009 Police Officer Patrick Merritt March 31, 1989 - March 31, 2009 Police Officer Chad Munroe August 25, 2009 - August 24, 2009 Police Officer Andrew Musto April 15, 1994 - March 9, 2009 Police Officer Michael Pedrotti September 1, 1978 - September 9, 2009 Police Officer Michael Toia November 14, 1986 - June 30, 2009 **Retirees' Deaths 2009** Police Officer Charles E. Gorman died 19 Feb. 2009, served 1952-1972 Police Officer James L. O'Mara died 28 Feb. 2009, served 1962-1984 Police Officer Gordon C. Quonce

died 19 Feb. 2009, served 1986-2007 Police Officer Otis "Bucky" Thompson died 09 Oct. 2009, served 1953-1984

Police Officer George Turo died 07 Dec. 2009, served 1948-1971



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