

## **MISHAWAKA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Ken Witkowski, Chief*

The Mishawaka Police Department consists of 103 Police Officers and 23 Civilian Support Staff dedicated to the safety of the City of Mishawaka residents and visitors, by enforcing the law, protecting property and reducing civil disorder. The responsibilities of the MPD include: conservation of public harmony and order; deterrence, detection and solving of crimes, enforcement of state laws and city ordinances, providing non-law enforcement services to the public, assisting in the safe movement of vehicular traffic, and to providing other emergency services as needed.

*...dedicated to the safety of the City of Mishawaka residents and visitors...*

Chief Ken Witkowski administers the five divisions of officers and support staff: Uniform, Traffic, Investigative, Services, and Training. The Uniform Patrol Division consists of six beats and is commanded by Division Chief Mark Tavernier. The three daily shifts are as follows: Day Shift - 6:30 am to 2:30 pm which is supervised by one Captain and has a total of 22 officers; the Afternoon Shift - 2:30 pm to 10:30 pm which is supervised by one Captain and has a total of 23 officers, and the Midnight Shift -10:30 pm to 6:30 am which is also supervised by one Captain and consisting of a total of 23 officers.

### **Remembrances**

On January 9, 2010, Cpl. James J. Szuba and his K9 Partner Ricky were “killed in the line of duty.” Cpl. Szuba and K9 Ricky were responding to assist another officer who had reported a dangerous driver that was fleeing at a high rate of speed. Cpl. Szuba’s patrol vehicle was struck by the vehicle, killing Cpl. Szuba and K9 Ricky. This was the fourth MPD officer killed in the line of duty since the Department’s inception. The City of Mishawaka is extremely grateful and proud of his heroic and dedicated service to our community.

As a Police Officer, Cpl. Szuba was committed to firearm safety. He shared his knowledge and passion with his fellow officers by devoting himself to training and sharing his passion with them. On January 9, 2011, one year after his death, the City renamed and dedicated the Police Firing Range located at 363 East Douglas Road as the Cpl. James J. Szuba Memorial Firing Range. Although a symbolic tribute, Jim’s ultimate sacrifice will live in Mishawaka history well beyond the firing range which now bears his name.

Some of the other tributes and memorials made to Officer Szuba include:

- The Indiana General Assembly – House Resolution No. 31 (memorializing Cpl. James Szuba) was introduced and adopted by voice vote on February 16, 2010.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - The City added Cpl. James J. Szuba to the City’s Fallen Officer Memorial in front of the police station. K-9 Ricky was provided his own smaller stone in the Department’s memorial.

- Officer Szuba's name was placed at the Indiana Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial on September 29, 2010.
- Cpl. Szuba, along with all law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty (in 2010), will be recognized for their service and sacrifice this year during National Police Week from May 15th through 21<sup>st</sup> (2011), at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. To further honor Cpl. Szuba, who made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people, his name will be carved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall.

On June 19, 2010, Cpl. L. Scott Daggy was found deceased at his home.

The City of Mishawaka is extremely grateful to both of these officers for their dedicated service to the citizens of our community.

### **Retirements**

On December 31, 2010, Lt. Gary Bingaman retired after 39 years of service. On December 31, 2010, Sgt. Ron Vervynckt retired after 37 years of service. We are extremely grateful to Lt. Bingaman and Sgt. Vervynckt for their dedicated service to the citizens of Mishawaka.

### **New Officers**

On January 5, 2010, Police Recruit, Brian Long was sworn in as a Probationary Officer. On December 16, 2010, Scott Robinson and David Ruiz were hired as Police Recruits. They are now in training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana. They will graduate in the spring of 2011.

### **Promotions**

On July 10, 2010, Patrol Officers: Nathan DeVreese and Bruce Faltynski were promoted to Corporals. In October, 2010, Patrol Officers Adam Northcutt and Ryan Corbett were promoted to Corporal. Cpl. Anthony Stachowiak was named the new K-9 Officer and his K-9 partner is named "Max."

### **Awards**

Sgt. Kevin Will was named Officer of the Year, 2009. Sgt. Will stands out, not only for his past year's achievements, but for his exceptional and high-energy work ethic as well. Sgt. Will is an 18-year veteran of the Police Department and is currently assigned to the Investigative Division on the afternoon shift. He primarily handles and investigates robberies and serious assault cases. Sgt. Will's cases are conducted with passion and enthusiasm. He is a self-motivated and persistent investigator who leaves no stone unturned in his follow-ups. His supplements to cases are very detailed, specific and complete, which eases the job



**Outstanding Sgt. Will is named  
Officer of the Year**

of the Prosecutor. In 2009, he was assigned nearly 100 cases. Of the cases he was assigned, approximately two thirds were investigated and referred to the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office for charges. His excellent investigative skills are significant advantage when it comes to prosecution. Sgt. Will is a leader and an asset to our Investigative Division.

### **Officer of the 1st Quarter**

On July 6, 2010, Capt. Gebo, Corporals Joe Makowski and Brandon Ruth were awarded the "Officers of the First Quarter" at the Board of Public Works Meeting.



**First Quarter** *instinct and active observation*

On February 17, 2010, Capt. Gebo, while on duty, noticed a male subject (unknown to the neighborhood) walking in front of condominiums in the area of Victoria Court. When the subject noticed Capt. Gebo's squad car, he suddenly turned and ran between the condominiums and disappeared.

Acting on suspicion, Capt. Gebo quickly called Sgt. Reppert and his partner Ptm. Brian Long, knowing they were in the area, advised them of what he had observed and noted the subject's direction of travel. Soon after, Sgt. Reppert announced that he had the subject in

custody after it was discovered that he was hiding under part of a wooden fence and was in possession of a large amount of jewelry and coins.

Eventually, after officers combed the area and tracked fresh footprints in the snow, it was discovered the subject had gained entry into a condominium by throwing a brick through the sliding glass patio door. All of the stolen property the suspect possessed belonged to the homeowners of the condominium. Also taken in the burglary was a .32 caliber handgun that the subject had buried in the snow near where he was found. The total value of the property stolen and recovered was approximately \$20,000. The subject was arrested for Burglary, a Class C Felony, and ultimately was convicted in Federal Court and sentenced to serve 14 years.

If it were not for Capt. Gebo's sharp instincts and astute observation, this subject, a known burglar to other agencies and given the nickname Chameleon, would have gotten away with this burglary and, most likely, would have gone on to commit other crimes.

Corporals Joe Makowski and Brandon Ruth, who are assigned to the Uniform Division - Midnight Shift, were also nominated for "Officers of the First Quarter" by Capt. Bob Wilson. On January 21, 2010, officers were dispatched to the 7-Eleven Store on 12th Street in response to an Armed Robbery where the suspect announced to the store clerk that he had a handgun and demanded money. Once the clerk gave the money to the suspect he fled on foot.

While checking the area of Village Green, Cpl. Joe Makowski observed a person matching the description of the subject walking between mobile homes. Cpl. Makowski then notified Cpl. Brandon Ruth for assistance. Both officers then attempted to locate the suspect on foot. Cpl. Ruth, while checking in the area, located footprints in the snow and both he and Cpl. Makowski followed the footprints that lead to the suspect. He was found hiding near a shed behind a residence.

The suspect was then ordered out at gun point and taken into custody without incident. He was then taken back to the 7-Eleven where the clerk identified him as the robber. Corporals Makowski and Ruth were commended for their outstanding teamwork and the extra effort they put forth in locating and apprehending this violent offender.

### **Officer of the 2nd Quarter**

On September 28, 2010, Cpl. Mike Robinson was awarded “Officer of the Second Quarter” at the Board of Public Works Meeting. On April 24, 2010, Cpl. Robinson was dispatched to the 1100 Block of West 11th Street to investigate suspicious persons running westbound down the alley. A citizen called the Mishawaka Police Department stating she saw the suspects running down the street carrying what appeared to be a pillow case with items inside. They cut through a yard and ran down the alley. She then dialed 911.

When Cpl. Robinson arrived at the location, dispatch advised that the suspects were on Lincolnway in front of the Family and Children’s Center. When Cpl. Robinson drove through the FCC parking lot and onto Lincolnway, he noticed the suspects walking separately down the sidewalk. They no longer had possession of the pillow case. After detaining the suspects, with the assistance of other officers, they were positively identified by a witness. A suitcase, left behind by the suspects when the witness observed them, was discovered in an alley with a flat screen television inside. Also, one of the suspects had in his possession 31 - \$2 bills. It was later confirmed that the television and money were taken by the suspects in a burglary on West 7th Street. When the suspects took off running from the scene, they dropped the pillow case that contained additional stolen property from the burglary. Cpl. Robinson later checked the area for the pillow case, but was unable to find it. However, the next morning Cpl. Robinson re-canvassed the area where the suspects had been seen. He discovered a plastic tarp off of an alley, lifted it up and found two pillow cases filled with numerous video games, a lap top computer, cameras, a Nintendo game player and many pieces of costume jewelry and several watches. The property was positively identified by the victim of the burglary.



**Second Quarter *determination***  
*and extra effort*

The suspects were ultimately arrested for Burglary, Criminal Mischief, Resisting, and Disorderly Conduct. Cpl. Robinson was commended on his thoroughness in handling this incident and his determination and extra effort put forth in later discovering the additional stolen property.

### **Officer of the 3rd Quarter**

On November 9, 2010, Sgt. Wes Thompson and Corporals Kim Sheldon and Dan Holt were awarded Officers of the Third Quarter at the Board of Public Works Meeting. On August 30, 2010 at 1:48 am, while in the 900 Block of West Edison Road, Corporals Sheldon and Holt heard a large bang followed by cracking sounds coming from the north. After further investigation, it was discovered that one of the apartment buildings at Hickory Village was engulfed in flames. They immediately notified dispatch and requested the Fire Department and additional officer assistance.



**Third quarter** *putting personal safety aside*

Dispatch then advised the officers that they had just received a 911 call from a resident at one of the apartments who was involved in a domestic dispute and that the fire may be related. Corporals Sheldon and Holt, along with Sgt. Wes Thompson, at great risk to their own safety, proceeded to enter the burning building to evacuate the tenants. Unable to make it to the third floor of the building due to the heavy smoke, the officers were able to awaken tenants on the third floor by throwing rocks at their windows. The tenants all escaped without injury. However, one was rescued from his balcony by the Fire Department.

As a result of their quick thinking and bravery, Officers Thompson, Sheldon and Holt prevented serious injuries and potentially saved the lives of several tenants in the building. Their actions on this particular day bring great credit upon themselves and reflect highly upon the Mishawaka Police Department.

### **Officer of the 4th Quarter**

The “Officer of the 4th Quarter” award recognizes Cpl. Eric Beckham for observing a suspicious person in an alley behind a jewelry business. Cpl. Beckham and his partner watched the suspect put on a ski mask and make his way to the front of the business. The two of them left their observation post and made their way on foot to the front of the business. They saw the suspect enter the business, exit a short time later and run directly at them.

They took the suspect and an accomplice into custody without incident. Cpl Beckham followed up with interviews of witnesses and



**Fourth quarter** *excellent police skills*

obtained a confession from the suspect. A warrant was obtained to search the suspect's home to gather additional evidence. Cpl Beckham demonstrated excellent police skills in this incident which resulted in putting a criminal behind bars.

### **Dispatcher of the Year**

Dispatcher Stacy Madison was named Dispatcher of the Year, 2009. Mrs. Madison is a 7 year veteran of the Communications Center and is assigned to the Day Shift.

Stacy was honored for maintaining a calm and professional demeanor in the Communications Center. She is a very dependable employee and handles every dispatch situation in a timely and courteous manner. She is always willing to go the extra mile to assist not only her co-workers in the Communications Center, but Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Paramedics and the citizens of our community. Mrs. Madison is a valuable asset in the Communications Center and the City Of Mishawaka is fortunate to have an employee of her caliber as a front line first responder.



*Calling all cars Stacy Madison awarded  
Dispatcher of the Year*

### **D.U.I. Task Force**

On November 19, 2010 the D.U.I. Taskforce was given the "Best in State" D.U.I. Taskforce Award by the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving. The D.U.I. Taskforce has received the Best in State award 3 out of the last 4 years, and has maintained the top 2 positions in the state since 2002.

***"Best in State" D.U.I. Taskforce***

### **Duties**

The Uniform Division provides public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations. The officers identify, pursue and arrest suspects and perpetrators of criminal acts. Additionally, the officers record facts and prepare reports that document incidents and activities. This requires the officers to review facts of various incidents to determine if criminal acts or statute violations were involved. They also render aid to accident victims and other persons requiring first aid and evaluate complaint and emergency-request information to determine response requirements. Furthermore, the officers must testify in court to present evidence or act as a witness in traffic and criminal cases. Finally, they monitor reports and investigate suspicious persons and situations, safety and hazards, and unusual or illegal activity in patrol areas.

### **Uniform Crime Reporting**

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was established in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to respond to the need for reliable and uniform national crime

statistics. Today, several annual statistical publications are produced from data provided by nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States.

The Uniform Crime Reporting	Change from 2009
Homicides	unchanged
Rapes	increased 6%
Robberies	decreased 40%
Assault	increased 2%
Burglaries	increased 14%
Larcenies/Thefts	decreased 2%
Auto Thefts	decreased 17%
Arsons	decreased 6%

### **False Alarms**

Officers were dispatched to 1,161 False alarms, of which 300 citations were written at \$25.00 per citation totaling \$7,500.

### **Traffic Division**

The Traffic Division is commanded by Capt. Tim Spencer who is assisted by Sgt. Scott Parker. The Traffic Division is responsible for the collection, review, correction and transmission of all crash reports as well as crash supplements filed by the Department. They are also responsible for reviewing, investigating, supplementing and referring all criminal cases assigned to the Division. Roughly 2,666 reports were channeled through the Division including 2,037 crash reports and 629 criminal case reports. This does not include supplemental reports generated by the Traffic Division.



Capt. Spencer and Sgt. Parker serve as lead investigators for all serious injury and fatal vehicle crashes that occur within the City. Both are also assigned to the St. Joseph County Fatal Alcohol Crash Team (FACT) along with Capt. Mike Arney, Lt. Tim Williams, Sergeants Bryan Fox and Mark Flemming, and Corporals Ron Hantz and Bob Ashburn.

The Traffic Division is responsible for the review and recommendation of all requests for residential handicap parking, taxicab driver's permits, and taxicab company permits. The Division occasionally compiles traffic studies, collects volume and speed data, as well as crash data compilation and analysis. Also, the Division coordinates traffic control for all special events within the City.

There were 629 criminal cases investigated by the Traffic Bureau in 2010. The total number of collisions in 2010 was 2,307. There were 380 collisions resulting in injuries and 2 collisions that resulted in fatalities. 1,655 collisions resulted in property damage.

**Investigative Division**

The Investigative Division is commanded by Division Chief Michael Samp consisting of two shifts. The Day Shift is under the direction of Capt. Mike Armev, assisted by 1 Administrative Secretary, who supervises 6 Detectives. The Afternoon Shift is under the direction of Capt. Pasquale Rulli who supervises 3 Detectives.

The Mishawaka Investigations Bureau is tasked with the investigation of crimes that occur within the City Of Mishawaka. Cases referred to the Investigations Bureau are reviewed to determine if solvability factors are present. The case is then either assigned to an investigator for investigation, assigned to an outside agency that specializes in specific crimes or is directly referred to the Saint Joseph County Prosecutors Office for review and prosecution. If no solvability factors are present, the case is closed and kept on file in the event that further information becomes available.

Investigative Division Cases	
No Investigation	2,878
Direct Referral to the Prosecutor’s Office	2,825
Assigned to Investigators	2,712
Closed by Investigators	2,622
Assigned to the NET Unit	438
Referred for prosecution by investigators	411
Cases Referred to the Traffic Division	410
Total warrant arrest only cases	167
Total property only cases	234

There is one Mishawaka Police Officer assigned to the County Metro Homicide Unit, one Mishawaka Police Officer assigned to the Metro Special Operations Unit, and two Mishawaka Police Officers assigned to the Special Victim’s Unit.

**Community Relations Officers**

The Community Relations Officers handle various public relationship events such as Neighborhood Watch meetings, tours for boy scouts and schools, reading to kids, bike safety rodeos, and participation in the Tri Ad Senior Citizens Organization. The unit recently partnered with Nixle.com, a California-based Internet messaging-service provider. This provider offers a standardized, secure, and certified communication platform for local police departments, municipalities, and their agencies to communicate important, neighborhood-level information to the residents of their communities. This has been a successful tool in improving how we obtain crime information and how we announce this, and other important information to the public. Finally, the unit also handles neighborhood complaints, such as drug houses, speeding, neighbor disputes and other “quality of life” issues.

**Street Crimes Unit**

There are three officers assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. The goal of this Unit is to concentrate efforts in high crime areas of the city and work in conjunction with the Department's Investigative Division to identify criminals and solve crimes. So far, the SCU has worked very hard to embody their mission and has proven quite successful. Because of their determination and self-motivation, the Unit has taken criminals, weapons and drugs off the streets, and as a result, the City has seen fewer crimes in high crime neighborhoods.

### **DARE**

The DARE instructor is Lt. Tim Williams. In 2010, Mishawaka's DARE program was awarded a grant of \$5,000.00 from the Drug Free Community Council to help pay for awards and graduation t-shirts for the DARE students. The DARE program is currently made accessible to all twelve public and parochial elementary schools in the City of Mishawaka. Lt. Williams recognizes students from each class with an award for the best essay. The winning essays from each semester compete against each other to be crowned City Champion. In 2010, two City Champion essays were chosen and sent to compete for the State Champion essay contest. Nina Hernandez from Emmons, and Hope Fowler from Hums were named City Champions for having the best essays. Lt. Williams was certified at the 2009 DARE conference to instruct the new middle school program, "Keepin' it REAL." This past fall of 2010 was the second year Lt. Williams conducted the middle school program at St. Monica and Covenant Christian School. Lt. Williams was also appointed President of the Drug Free Community Council and serves on the committee for Criminal Justice and Prevention.

### **Bicycle Safety Program**

St. Joseph Community Pediatrics and Lt. Williams teamed up to provide a bicycle safety program to all of the 3rd grade students in Mishawaka. Therefore, in 2010 Mishawaka 3rd graders received approximately 950 bicycle helmets, which were furnished by St. Joseph Community Pediatrics of Mishawaka.

### **Stranger Danger**

Lt. Williams also provides Stranger Danger education for local schools. Lt. Tim Williams talks about Child Lures, Internet Safety and Bullies. WNDU Channel 16 and United Way helped produce a Stranger Danger Video that is used to educate students and care givers about the lures used to kidnap children. The 15 minute video features Jack Nolan from WNDU and Lt. Tim Williams along with other local police officers.

### **School Resource Officers**

Cpl. Steve Madison is the School Resource Officer assigned to John Young Middle School and Cpl. Jeff Giannuzzi is the School Resource Officer assigned to Mishawaka High School. One of their duties includes serving as a liaison between the school community and the Mishawaka Police Department. The officers conduct short-term educational projects such as speaking to classes, the student body, parents and the school staff. Each officer coordinates with the school administration to provide a safe and secure environment. The officers initiate and follow up on cases involving students enrolled in school.

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Police Department*

### **Services Division**

Chief Steve Ravotto is assisted by 5 Civilian Support Staff administrators to lead the Services Division. This includes the Departments budget, the Training Division and the Property Room where evidence is collected for safekeeping pending apprehension or recovery.

The Services Division is also responsible for maintenance, purchasing equipment and office supplies, and maintaining inventories. In addition, the Division maintains department records, processes reports and citations, oversees data entry and updates dispositions on cases in the Records Management System. The Division also prepares statistics, including the monthly Department of Justice, Uniform Crime Reports, records tracking activities, and assists the public with record checks, accident and case reports, gun permits, and fingerprinting.

Statistics Records Management System (NetRMS)	
Arrest Reports	1,869
Code 1's (Information only)	218
Crime Reports	5,629
Property Reports	626
Supplemental Reports	4,292

Citations	
UTT	3,371
Parking	1,218
Warning	367
Ordinance	147
Operating While Intoxicated	195

### Grants 2009-2010

The following Grants were awarded by the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving. All grants provided funding for overtime pay so officers could work extra hours primarily focusing on Seat Belt Enforcement Patrols, Sobriety Check Points, and Saturation Patrols for Impaired and Dangerous Drivers. Operation Pull Over & Big City/ Big County "Click It or Ticket" Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving Awarded \$171,500.00 for overtime allowing officers to participate in saturation patrols for Blitzes 61, 62, 63 and 64.

Check Point Statistics	
D.U.I. Arrest	249
Seat Belt Violations	3,193
Criminal Felony Arrests	26
Child Restraint Violations	289
Criminal Misd. Arrests	106
Other Traffic	2,972
Driving While Suspended	679
Speed	3176
Total Traffic Stops	13,473

Seat Belt Percentage for Mishawaka as of 12-31-10:  
 97% wearing seat belts while driving passenger vehicles  
 92% wearing seat belts with pick up trucks included

D.U.I. Taskforce Indiana awarded \$100,000.00 to pay overtime allowing officers to participate in Sobriety Check Points, and Saturation and Wolfpack Patrols targeting Impaired and Dangerous Drivers.

Check Point Statistics	
Misd. D.U.I. Arrests	393
Other Traffic	2,100
Felony D.U.I. Arrests	49
Speeding	1,683
Other Alcohol	113
Crim. Felony	22
Driving While Suspended	471
Crim. Misd	151
Underage Alcohol	53
Warnings	2,306
Total Traffic Stops	7,424

Officers working the D.U.I. Taskforce averaged 5.61 contacts per hour and a D.U.I. arrest every 2.92 hours. In November the D.U.I. Taskforce was given the “Best in State” D.U.I. Taskforce award by the Governor’s Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving and presented the Chairman’s Award. The D.U.I. Taskforce has maintained the top 2 positions in the state since 2002, and has received the Best in State award 3 out of the last 4 years.

**Aggressive Driving**

Also awarded was \$80,000.00 to pay overtime allowing officers to participate in Sobriety Check Points, Saturation and Wolfpack Patrols targeting Impaired and Dangerous Drivers.

Check Point Statistics	
Misd. D.U.I. Arrests	24
Other Traffic	694
Felony D.U.I. Arrests	4
Speeding	2,355
Other Alcohol	19
Criminal Felony	13
Driving While Suspended	298
Criminal Misd	49
Underage Alcohol	10
Warnings	2,297
Total Traffic Stops	6,992

Officers working the Aggressive Driving grant averaged 4.1 contacts per hour and 2.8 traffic tickets every hour.

**Child Passenger Safety**

The Mishawaka Police Department is a “permanent fitting station” insuring the proper installation of child car seats in vehicles. The Department checked 200 car seats, replacing 86 in

2010. They also sponsored 8 Car Seat Safety Clinics, while assisting at 52 other clinics. Lt. Tim Williams is a Child Passenger Safety Instructor for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Over the last two years Lt. Williams has instructed 3 Child Passenger Safety Technician Courses throughout Indiana. Since the establishment of the permanent fitting station the Department has checked 10,531 seats, replaced 2,594 and participated in 273 safety clinics.

### **Training Division**

Sgt. Bryan Fox is the Training Officer for the Training Division of the Mishawaka Police Department. The Mishawaka Police Department's Training Division identifies the need for sworn officers to receive real-life training. This training is described as "scenario based" and "hands on."

Officers are presented with situations to observe on a daily basis and are trained to deal with and react to those situations under the guidance of certified instructors. The officers are critiqued on how they respond to each situation. This type of training gives the officer confidence and self-assurance to deal with the situation during training before he or she is faced with a similar situation on the street. The training includes building searches, reacting to school violence and simulations, Combat Firearms Training, STOPS (Strategies and Tactical of Patrol Stops) Training, Surviving Ground Assaults for Patrol Officers, Crime Scene Processing and Investigations and Drug Recognition. Each Mishawaka Police officer must receive 24 hours of training as mandated by the State of Indiana.

The Department furnishes Instructors to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Plainfield, Indiana, to train approximately 800 police officers from counties across the State of Indiana. These instructors are held in high regard with ILEA and its staff.

Chief Ken Witkowski holds a seat on the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board in which meetings are held six times a year. The meetings are conducted at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Indianapolis. The Department also conducts regular Training Board meetings to recognize any training needs, issues or concerns that may need to be addressed. Training has been cited as the most important responsibility in any law enforcement agency. Training serves to better prepare the officer to act decisively and correctly in a broad spectrum of situations.

Training results in greater productivity, self-reliance, effectiveness, and fosters cooperation and unity of purpose. Mishawaka Police officers received 8,376 hours in training in 2010, averaging approximately 81 hours per officer.

### **Mishawaka Public Safety Dispatch Center**

The Mishawaka Public Safety Dispatch Coordinator is Char Monges. There are 14 full-time dispatchers and 2 part-time dispatchers. Their duties include using a computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system to receive emergency calls from the public requesting police, fire, medical or other emergency services. These dispatchers determine the nature and location of the emergency, determine priorities, and dispatch police, fire, ambulance or other emergency units as necessary and in accordance with established procedures. They receive and process 911 emergency calls, maintain contact with all units on assignment and maintain status and location of police and fire units.

Dispatch Statistics	
Police Dispatches	45,174 down 3,324 from 2009
Total in-coming calls	106,911 down 178 from 2009
911 Calls	27,366 up 2,566 from 2009
Fire/EMS Dispatches	5,757 up 576 from 2009

It is also the responsibility of the dispatchers to monitor direct emergency alarms, answer non-emergency calls for assistance and to enter, update and retrieve information in the computer system. They receive requests for information regarding vehicle registration, driving records and warrants, and provide pertinent data. They operate a variety of communications equipment, including radio consoles, telephones and computer systems in this 24/7 facility. Dispatchers monitor several public safety radio frequencies. All Dispatchers are certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers, and are required to process and prioritize incoming calls for police, fire and EMS assistance.

### **Crime in the City Continues to Drop**

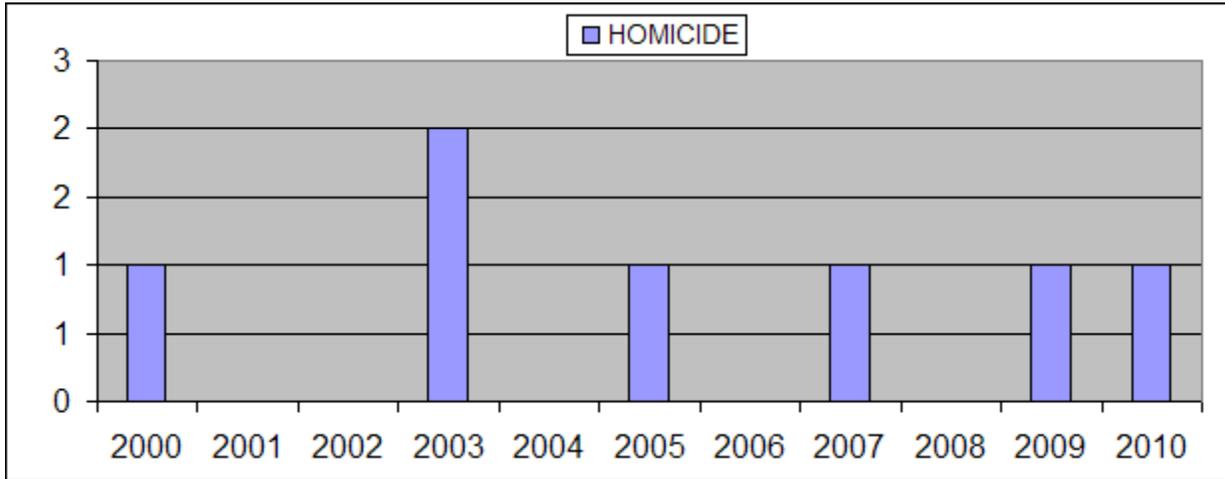
Although crime is unacceptable at any level, it is a reality for every City. In the City of Mishawaka, our primary goal is to continue to decrease crime levels. The overall low crime statistics in 2010 are a testament to these continued efforts by our Police Department and our involved citizens. The following statistics continue to illustrate that our clean and safe neighborhood reputation is well deserved.

- Homicide- One homicide occurred in the City in 2010. Over the last decade, the City has experienced no more than two homicides in any given year, with four of those years having none at all. Homicides continue to be a rare occurrence in the City of Mishawaka.
- Rape- 17 rapes occurred in 2010. Over the last decade, the number of rapes in any given year have ranged between 12 and 24, with the average being 17. Considering Mishawaka's population has increased over the decade, the 17 rapes in 2010 represent a decrease in the number of occurrences as a percentage of the population.
- Robbery- 52 robberies occurred in 2010. Over the last decade there has been an average of 63 robberies per year. The 52 that occurred in 2010 represents a 17% decrease from the 10 year average.
- Assault- 764 assaults occurred in 2010. This is the second lowest amount recorded since the year 2000 with the lowest total of 748 having occurred in 2009. 764 assaults is 23% below the ten year average of 991 per year.
- Burglary- 523 burglaries occurred in the City in 2010 and represents the only crime statistic that had a notable increase. Burglaries tend to increase with downward turns in the economy. The last progressive increase that occurred was in the early 2000's after the last recession and 9/11. The 523 burglaries that occurred is 86 more than the ten year average of 437, and 64 more than occurred in 2009.

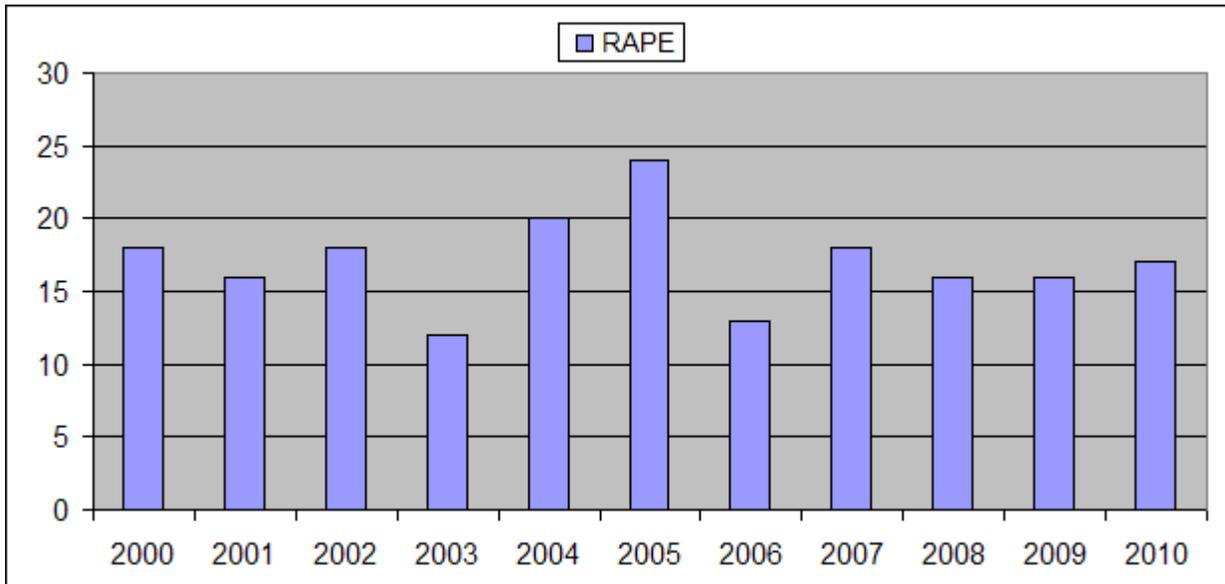
- Larceny- 2,386 instances of larceny occurred in 2010. This is the single lowest yearly total in the past decade. This is 23% lower than the 10 year average of 3,084 per year. This is also 462 less than the 2,848 instances documented in 2009.
- Auto Theft- 156 instances of Auto Theft were reported in 2010. This is the single lowest yearly total in the past decade. The City has averaged 198 per year over the last decade. This is 31 instances less than the 187 cases reported in 2009.
- Arson- 14 Arsons were reported in 2010. This is the single lowest yearly total in the past decade. The City has averaged 23 arsons per year over the last decade.

## UNIFORM CRIME REPORT - COMPARISON CHART 2000 - 2010

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>HOMICIDE</b>	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1

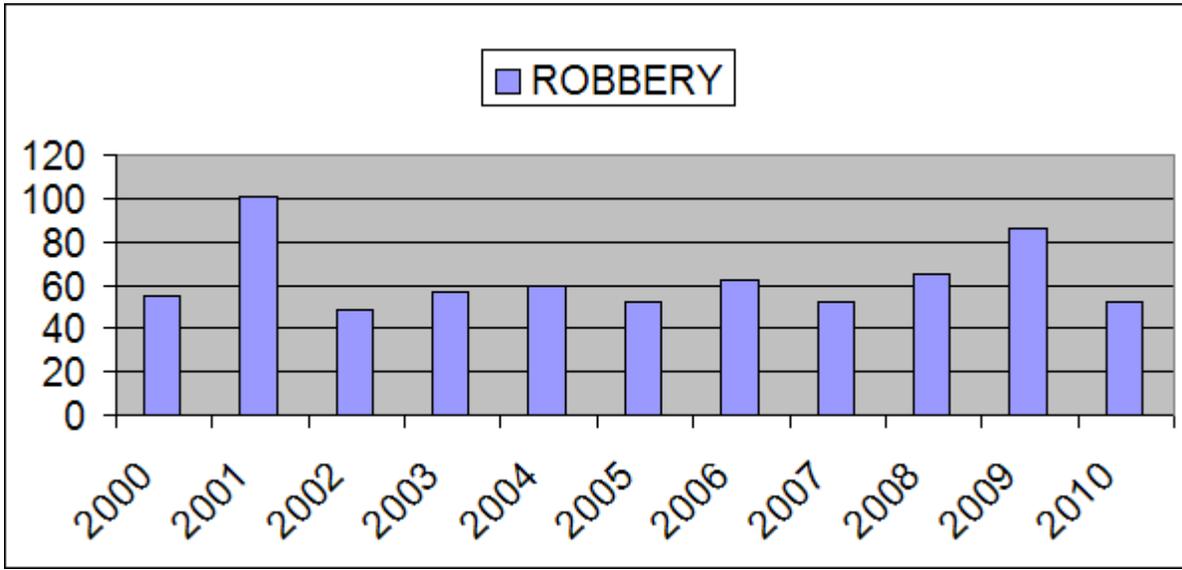


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>RAPE</b>	18	16	18	12	20	24	13	18	16	16	17

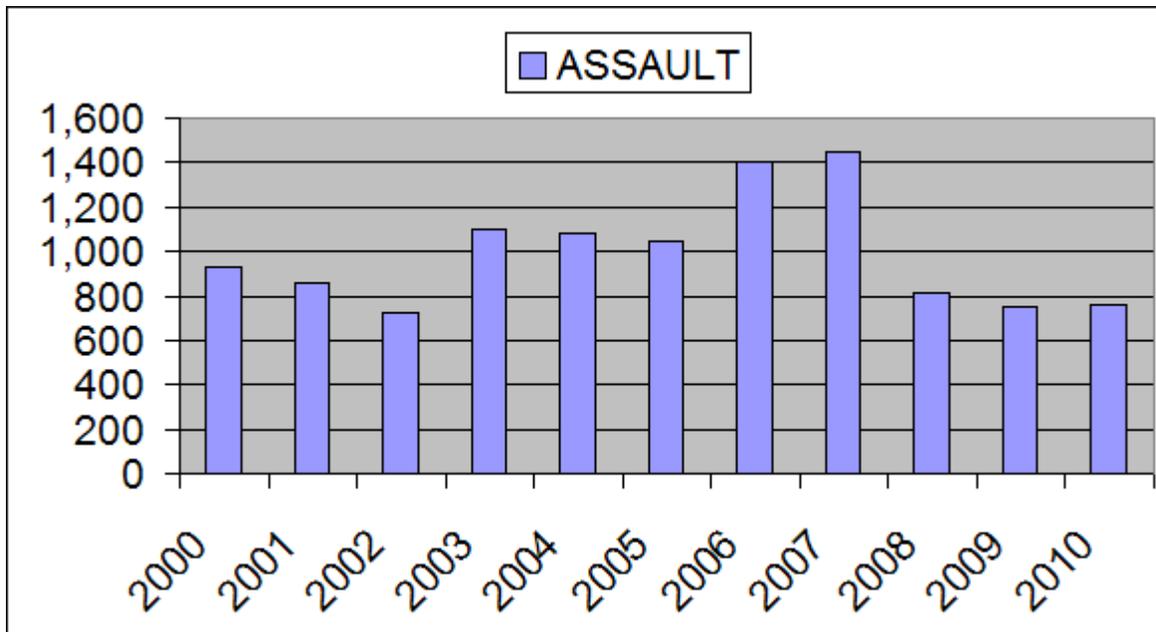


**UNIFORM CRIME REPORT - COMPARISON CHART 2000 - 2010 (Continued)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>ROBBERY</b>	55	101	49	57	60	52	62	52	65	86	52

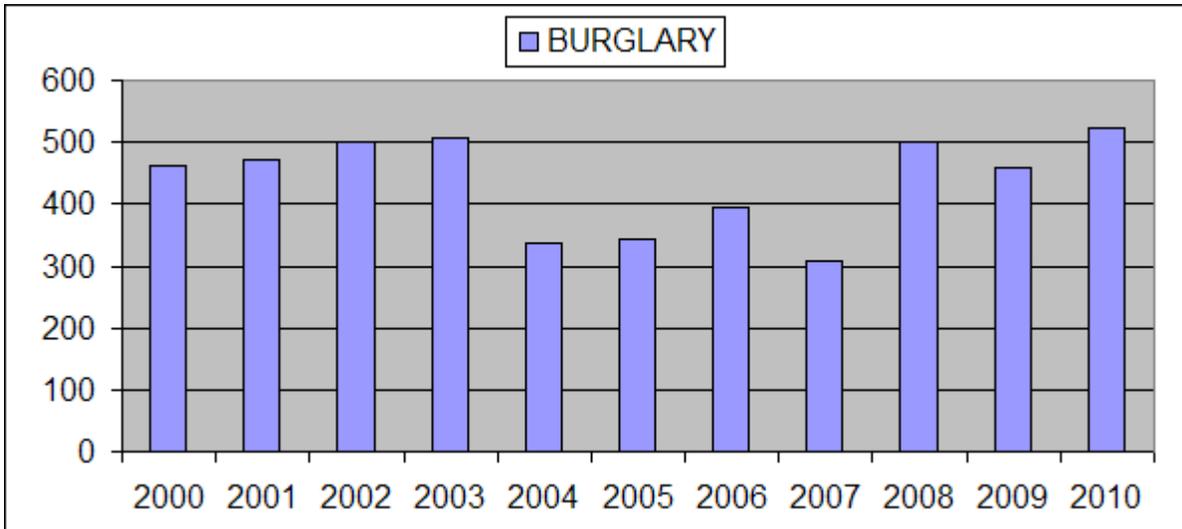


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>ASSAULT</b>	931	861	720	1,096	1,080	1044	1403	1452	811	748	764

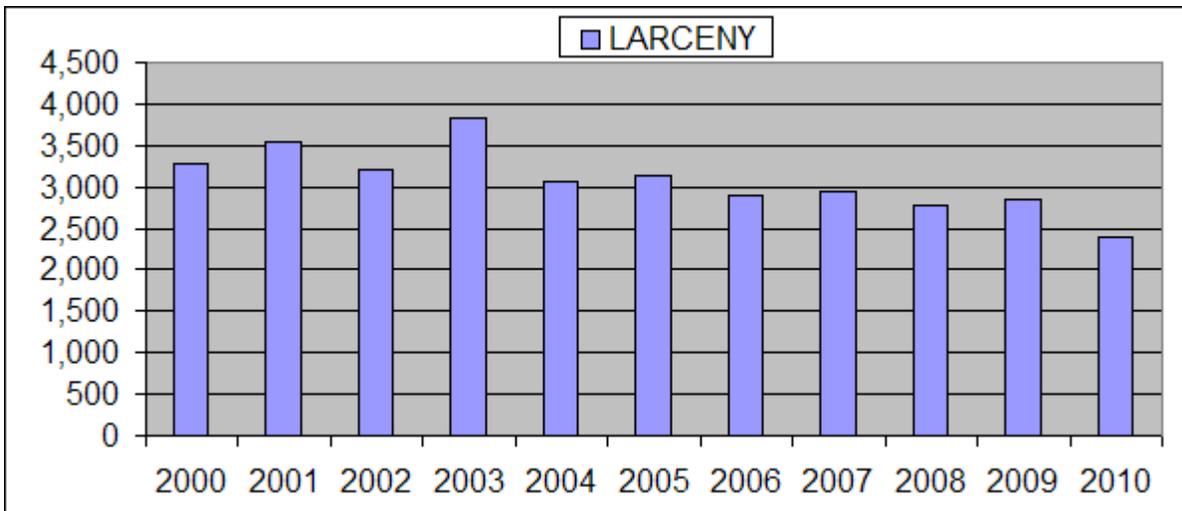


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<b>BURGLARY</b>	462	473	501	507	336	342	395	309	500	459	523

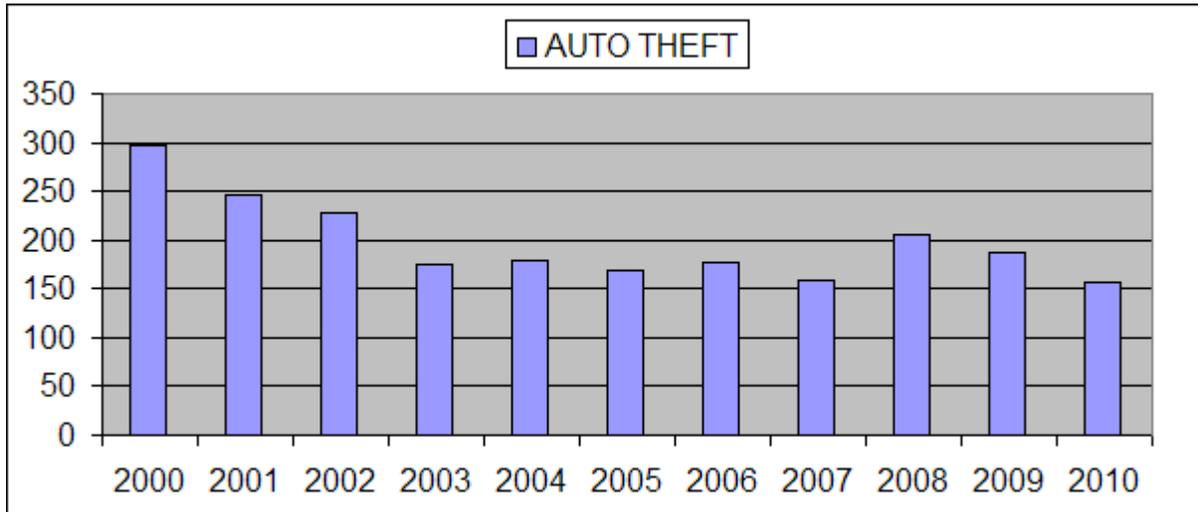


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>LARCENY</b>	3,280	3,554	3,219	3,818	3,072	3,129	2,885	2,954	2,776	2,848	2,386

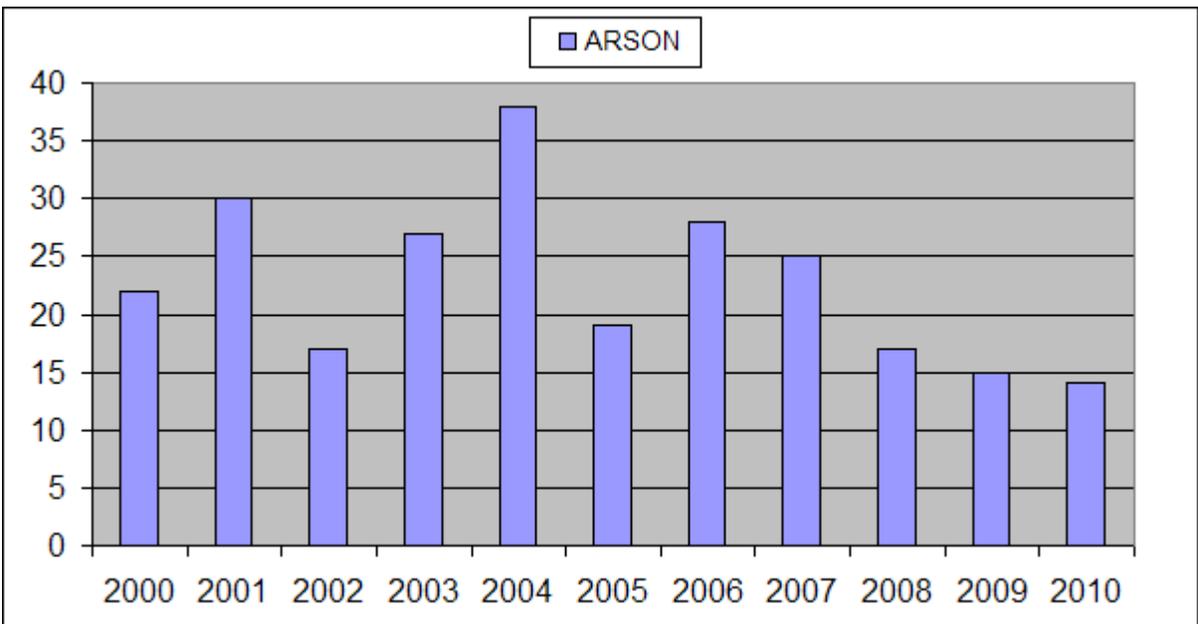


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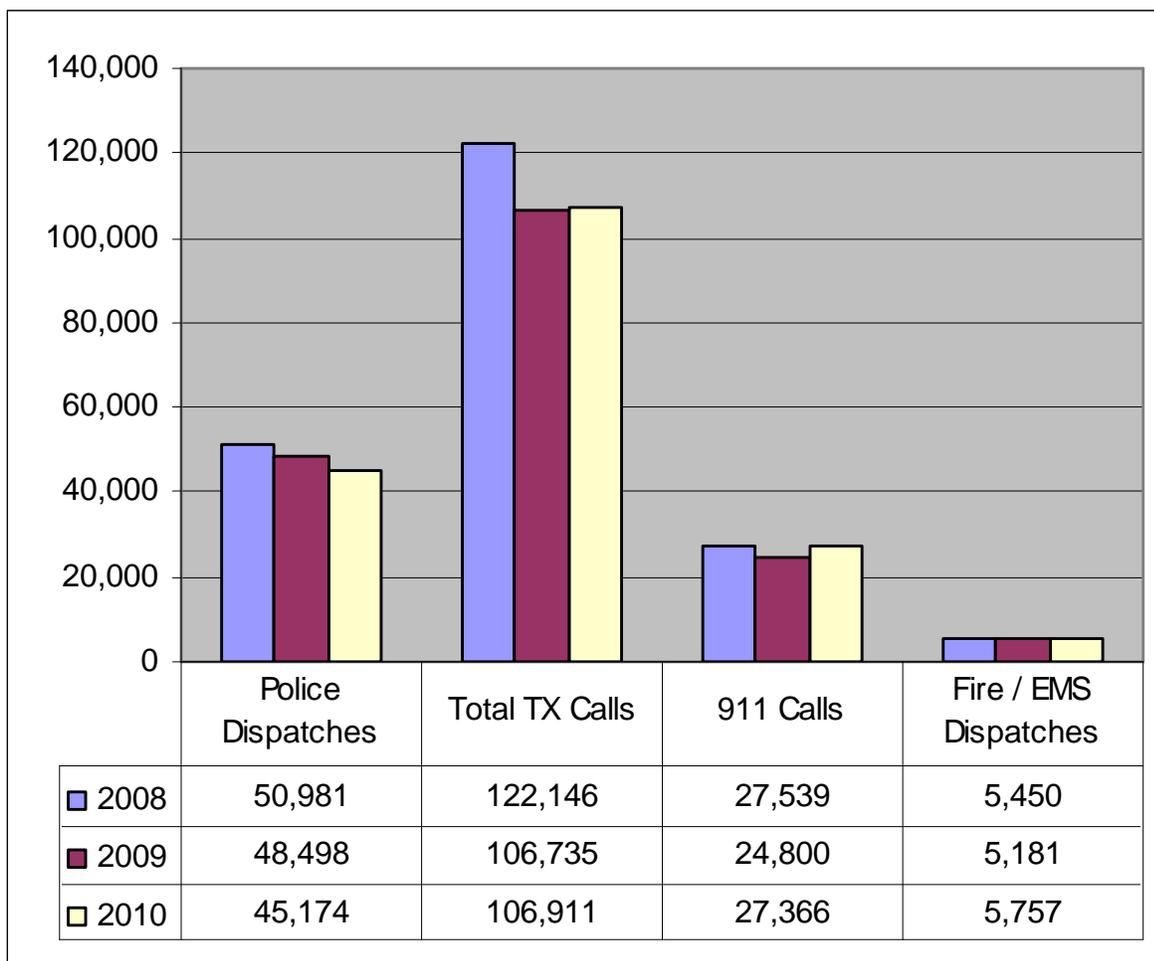
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	297	247	228	176	179	168	178	158	206	187	156



<b>ARSON</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
	22	30	17	27	38	19	28	25	17	15	14



## DISPATCH ACTIVITY



## CFS By Beat

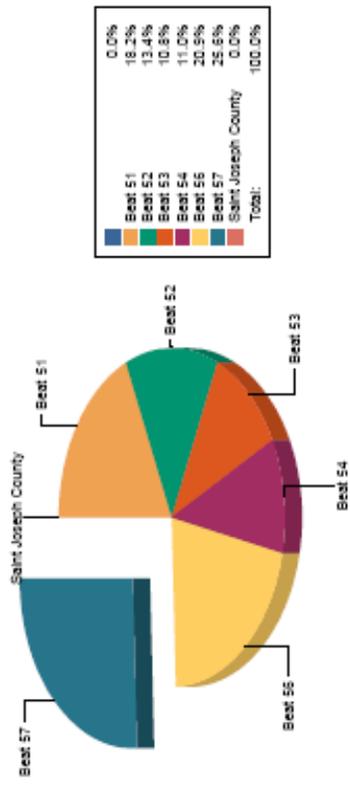


From Dates 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010

CFS	Total	Beat 51	Beat 52	Beat 53	Beat 54	Beat 56	Beat 57	Saint Joseph
<b>Total</b>	17,282	3,255	2,359	1,915	1,828	3,057	4,254	2

Case Reports	CFS							
	Total	Arrest Report	Code 1	Crime Report	Property	Supplemental	Beat 56	Beat 57
<b>Total</b>	17,601	2,867	237	6,414	765	7,218	3,057	4,254
Beat 51	593	177	13	126	35	242	3,057	4,254
Beat 52	3,262	616	44	1,104	141	1,357	3,057	4,254
Beat 53	2,400	446	23	784	85	1,062	3,057	4,254
Beat 54	1,840	267	33	718	86	836	3,057	4,254
Beat 55	1,837	226	31	763	75	742	3,057	4,254
Beat 56	3,082	761	22	1,068	103	1,108	3,057	4,254
Beat 57	4,485	474	71	1,829	240	1,871	3,057	4,254
Saint Joseph Co	2	0	0	2	0	0	3,057	4,254

### IBR Offenses per Beat, Year to Date

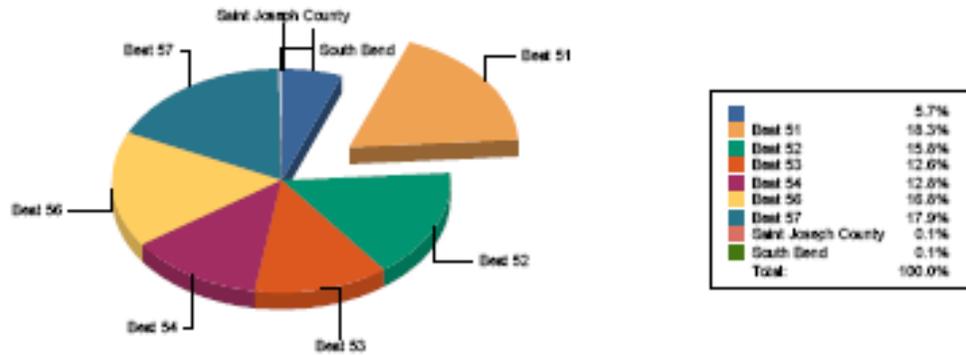


### IBR Reported Offenses from 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2010

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	Beat 61	Beat 62	Beat 63	Beat 64	Beat 65	Beat 66	Beat 67	saint Joseph	Total
Aggravated Assault	215	161	122	97	129	208	2	934	
All Other Larceny	11	4	8	7	14	14	0	58	
All Other Offenses	37	23	28	27	6	58	0	179	
Arson	133	77	122	106	160	252	0	850	
Bad Checks	0	4	3	2	1	3	0	13	
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0	0	0	2	8	1	0	11	
Counterfeiting/Forgery	156	62	61	73	57	103	0	512	
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud	6	14	7	6	19	16	0	68	
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	12	6	3	7	15	91	0	134	
Disorderly Conduct	208	151	120	140	171	199	0	989	
Driving Under the Influence	36	16	17	15	23	29	0	136	
	31	29	20	14	27	25	0	146	

### Calls For Service Year 2010



	Total	Beat 51	Beat 52	Beat 53	Beat 54	Beat 55	Beat 56	Beat 57	Saint Joseph County	South Bend
<b>Total</b>	45,175	2,591	3,256	7,134	5,798	5,772	7,583	8,068	31	40

	Total	Advised (Protective Orders,	Cancelled	Citation/Pr oxy Arrest	Code 1 No Report Needed	Code 2 Report	Custodial Arrest	Falsellum an Error	Red Tag	Report All Others; Crash,
<b>Total</b>	45,150	763	727	5,073	26,195	6,485	1,221	1,989	445	2,261
	2,587	23	25	597	1,534	142	72	33	97	64
<b>Beat 51</b>	8,253	136	92	1,033	5,037	1,071	253	266	93	272
<b>Beat 52</b>	7,132	132	87	1,185	4,038	775	209	291	61	354
<b>Beat 53</b>	5,699	101	106	573	3,593	741	107	205	40	233
<b>Beat 54</b>	5,767	122	128	533	3,475	727	105	376	61	240
<b>Beat 55</b>	7,582	126	166	626	3,875	1,121	266	589	27	786
<b>Beat 56</b>	8,068	123	123	489	4,612	1,906	208	229	66	312
<b>Saint Joseph County</b>	31	0	0	16	12	2	1	0	0	0
<b>South Bend</b>	40	0	0	21	19	0	0	0	0	0

