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# *Binghamton Police Department*

## *Mission Statement*

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*To enhance the quality of life in the City of Binghamton through progressive police service in partnership with the community.*

## *Vision Statement*

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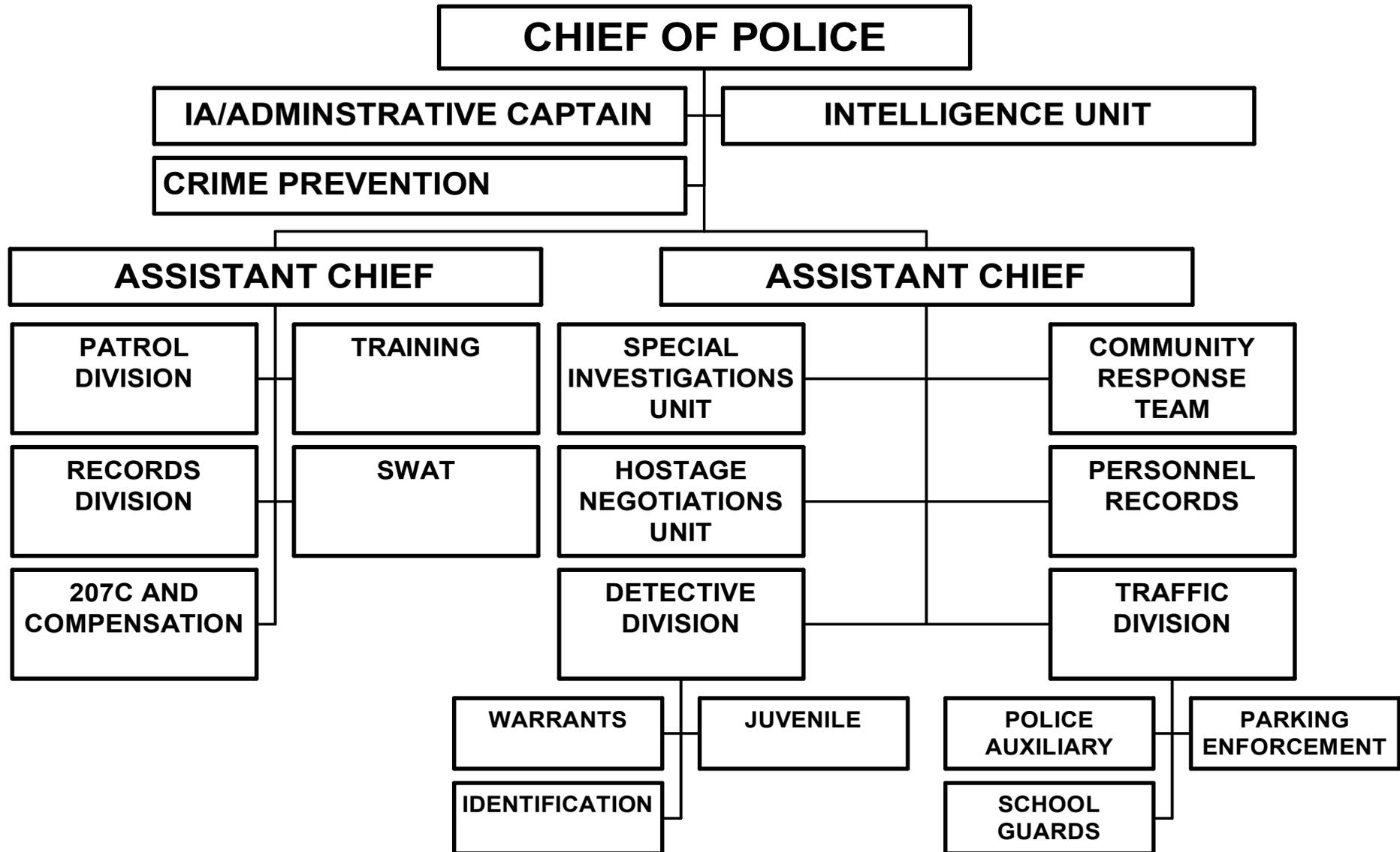
*The finest people providing the best police services for our community.*

## *Value Statement*

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- Fairness:** Maintaining Impartiality & Objectivity*
- Integrity:** Adhering to the Highest Level of Ethics & Honesty*
- Respect:** Demonstrating Understanding & Sensitivity to All*
- Service:** Always Putting Others Before Self*
- Trust:** Belief in the Community & Each Other for the Common Good*

# BINGHAMTON POLICE BUREAU



# THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Binghamton is a city located in upstate New York, and is the county seat of Broome County. The population of the City of Binghamton, according to a 2006 US Census estimate, is 45,217. The City of Binghamton has an area of 11 square miles.

The Greater Binghamton Area consists of approximately 252,000 residents in Broome and Tioga counties.



# The Binghamton Police Department

The Binghamton Police Department was founded in 1867, and consisted of 12 men. Today's Police Department currently is budgeted for 129 officers and 10 civilian employees.

The Binghamton Police became a New York State Accredited Police Department in 1995, meeting the 144 standards set forth by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Public Safety.

The Binghamton Police Department answered 64,739 calls for service in 2009.



## MAJOR OFFENSES REPORTED 2009

	2007	2008	2009
<b>Homicide</b>	3	1	15
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	19	14	9
<b>Robbery</b>	67	84	59
<b>* Aggravated Assault</b>	125	149	125
<b>Burglary</b>	254	340	265
<b>Larceny</b>	1809	1976	1689
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	34	32	26
<b>Total Part One Crimes Reported</b>	<b>2311</b>	<b>2596</b>	<b>2188</b>

\*Aggravated assault and menacing are added together per NY State DCJS

## MAJOR OFFENSES CLEARED 2009

	Total Reported	Total Cleared	National Average	BPD Cleared
<b>Homicide</b>	15	15	64%	100%
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	9	6	41%	67%
<b>Robbery</b>	59	29	27%	49%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	125	83	55%	66%
<b>Burglary</b>	265	52	13%	20%
<b>Larceny</b>	1689	355	20%	21%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	78	23	12%	29%

## 2009 INDEX CRIME RATES PER 10,000 POPULATION.

CITY	2009 POPULATION	INDEX CRIME	VIOLENT CRIME	VIOLENT CRIME BY FIREARM	PROPERTY CRIMES
Binghamton	44,455	599.5	62.1	4.7	537.4
Niagara Falls	50,909	651	110.6	16.5	540.4
Schenectady	61,807	607	107.1	26.7	499.9
Troy	47,268	582.8	82.9	16.9	499.9
Utica	57,831	563.5	82.7	23.9	480.9

*\*All statistics provided by DCJS as of 3/31/2010*

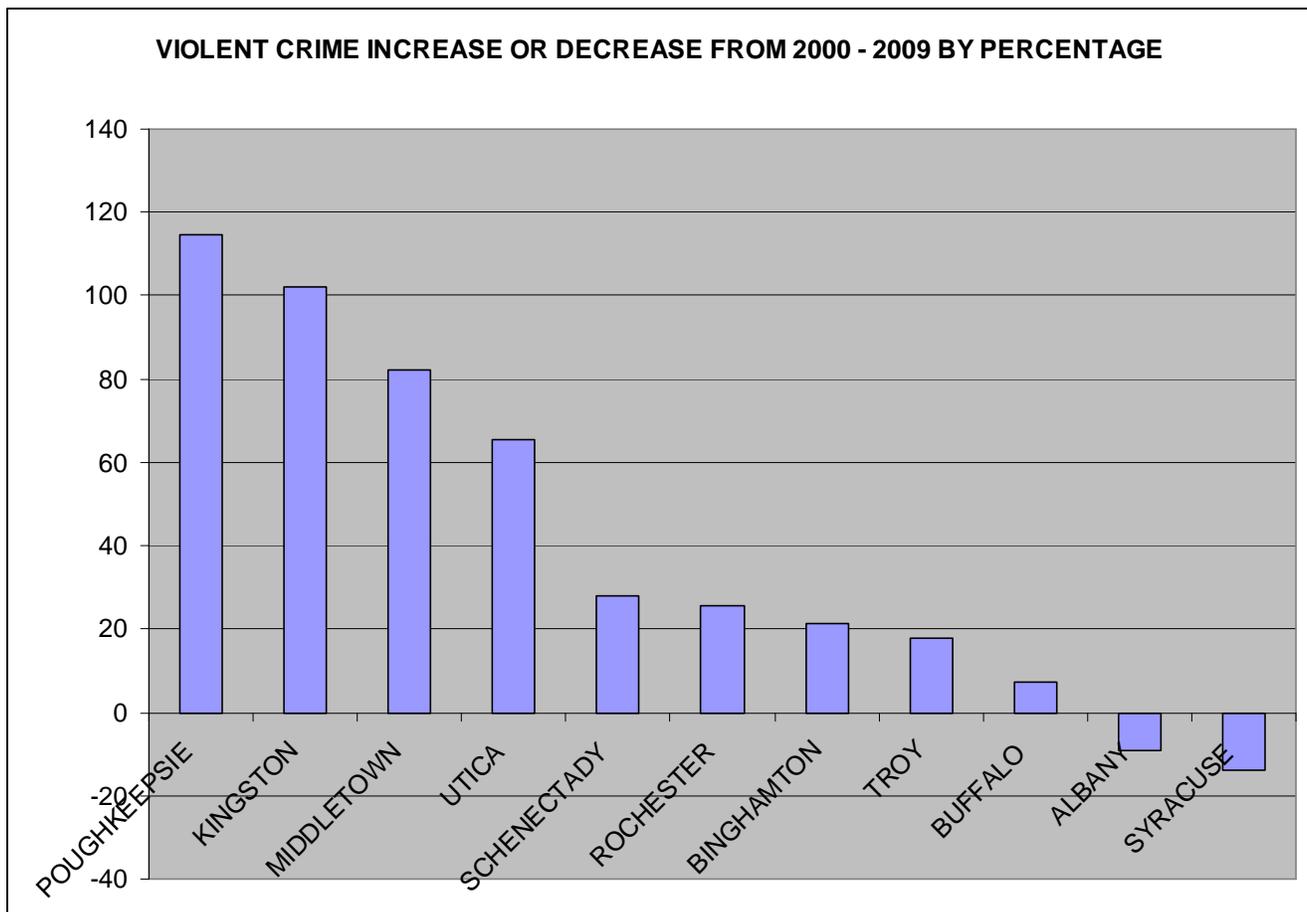
### FIREARM ACTIVITY 2009 AS PER DCJS STATISTICS

SHOOTING INCIDENTS INVOLVING INJURY	2008	2009
SHOOTING VICTIMS (Persons Injured)	1	6
INDIVIDUALS KILLED BY FIREARM	1	14
CRIME GUNS RECOVERED	21	31
G-GUN SUBMISSIONS	19	22
GUNS SUBMITTED FOR TESTING	20	25

# RISE IN VIOLENT CRIMES FROM 2000 – 2009 BY PERCENTAGE

<b>POUGHKEEPSIE</b>	<b>114.7</b>
<b>KINGSTON</b>	<b>102.1</b>
<b>MIDDLETOWN</b>	<b>82.4</b>
<b>UTICA</b>	<b>65.5</b>
<b>SCHENECTADY</b>	<b>28.1</b>
<b>ROCHESTER</b>	<b>25.6</b>
<b>BINGHAMTON</b>	<b>21.3</b>
<b>TROY</b>	<b>17.9</b>
<b>BUFFALO</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>ALBANY</b>	<b>-9.3</b>
<b>SYRACUSE</b>	<b>-14</b>

All statistics provided by DCJS.



## 2009 TRAFFIC STATISTICS

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Reports of Motor Vehicle Accidents	2,489	2367
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	268	269
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Property Damage Only	2,221	2,098
Accidents with DWI Arrest	56	49
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>5034</b>	<b>4783</b>
 <u>MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES</u>		
Driving with more than .08 BAC	74	86
Driving While Intoxicated	127	134
Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs	2	6
Reckless Driving	13	9
Leaving Scene of an Accident with Injuries	8	4
Inadequate Brakes	1	0
Driving While License Revoked or Suspended	400	377
Driving While Registration or Privileges Revoked or Suspended	99	87
Other Misdemeanors	9	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>713</b>
 <u>SELECTED TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS</u>		
Speeding	452	381
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	140	92
Unlicensed Operator	211	174
Illegal Turns	107	82
Following Too Closely	55	64
Failed to Yield the Right of Way	142	101
Failed to Keep Right	48	11
Unsafe Lane Change	72	16
No Insurance	123	105
Unsafe Backing	32	35
Equipment Violations	149	83
Seat Belt Violations	112	93
Window Tint Less than 70%	96	38
Muffler/ Baffle Violations	22	15
Red Light Violations	95	82
Uninspected Motor Vehicle Violations	323	219
Failed to Obey a Traffic Control Device	100	136
Cellular Telephone Violations	157	176
Other Infractions	169	226
<b>TOTAL INFRACTIONS ISSUED</b>	<b>2605</b>	<b>2129</b>
 Parking Tickets	 14,808	 17,689

# 2009 Annual Report- Patrol Division

The patrol division of a police department is the core from which all police activity and operations begin. The Patrol Division's responsibilities include responding to citizen calls for assistance, responding to crimes reported and crimes in progress, domestic disturbance response, preventative patrols, community outreach, traffic and parking enforcement as well as many others.

The Binghamton Police Patrol Division is divided into three 8 hour shifts. Additionally a five officer Community Response Team (CRT) is deployed in high need areas as indicated by specific neighborhood activity. A two officer downtown walking post services the downtown business and club scene.

The Patrol Division had 74 officers assigned to the three shifts at the outset of 2009, and through retirements and resignations, ended with 70 officers.

In 2009 the police department responded to **64,739 service calls**. Of those 33,758 calls required a written report and 10,572 activities, 17,689 parking tickets, and 2,922 traffic tickets.

Number of officers assigned to patrol: January 2009:	74
December 2009:	70

Calls for service by shift:

Day shift:	23 officers	06:45am-2:45pm:	20,897
Afternoon shift:	26 officers	2:45pm-10:45pm:	29,355
Night shift:	25 officers	10:45pm-6:45am:	15,250

Annual average calls for service per officer assigned by shift:

Day shift	909 calls per officer
Afternoon shift	1129 calls per officer
Night shift	610 calls per officer

Arrests by shift	Day shift	Afternoon shift	Night shift
Felony	89	64	62
Misdemeanor	230	379	267
Violation	109	267	343
City ordinance	40	51	51
Warrants	61	78	46
Misc.	41	22	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>770</b>

**Total arrest by patrol: 2,204**

Ratio of arrests to calls for service:

Day shift: 1 arrest for every 36.46 calls

Afternoon shift 1 arrest for every 34.09 calls

Night shift 1 arrest for every 19.80 calls

The day shift and afternoon shift had a significantly higher call volume per officer than the night shift; however the ratio of arrests relating to calls was significantly more frequent on the night shift.

## DOMESTIC INCIDENT ACTIVITY

Domestic violence exacts a costly toll on all communities. The Binghamton Police Department is committed to making the response to domestic incident calls as effective as possible. In 2009 Chief of Police Zikuski attended a state-wide conference hosted by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services on response to domestic violence, strengthening existing working relationships with various agencies involved in providing services to victims of domestic violence. A local committee will continue to examine and improve law enforcement response to domestic incidents in 2010, with all area police agencies participating.

The total number of Domestic Incidents responded to in 2009 was 2606.

### **2009 Domestic Incident Arrests by Charge :(325 total arrests)**

#### Violations:

Trespass	2
Unlawful Possession Marijuana	2
Disorderly Conduct	21
Harassment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	91

#### **116 Total Violation Arrests**

#### Misdemeanors:

Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup>	44
Menacing 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
Reckless end.2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Stalking 4 <sup>th</sup>	2
Criminal Trespass 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Criminal Trespass 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7
Criminal Mischief 4 <sup>th</sup>	34
Petit Larceny	3
Unauthorized use MV 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Obst. Gov. Admin 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3
Resisting arrest	11
Criminal Contempt 2 <sup>nd</sup>	55
CPCS 7 <sup>th</sup>	1
Agg harassment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	13
Loitering 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Endangering the Welfare Child	18
Criminal Poss Weapon 4 <sup>th</sup>	1

#### **171 Total Misdemeanor Arrests**

#### Felonies:

Assault 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10
Menacing Police Officer	1
Murder 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Rape 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Burglary 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Criminal Mischief 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5
Criminal Mischief 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Grand larceny 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Robbery 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Escape 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Criminal Contempt 1 <sup>st</sup>	12
Agg Criminal Contempt	1

#### **38 Total Felony Arrests**

# BROOME COUNTY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT TASK FORCE

2009

The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force is a combination of members from the Broome County Sheriff's Office and the Binghamton Police Department. Since the inception of the task force in 2003, it has been the mission to aggressively pursue criminal activity relating to the illegal possession and sale of narcotics and disrupt prostitution related activities within the County of Broome and the City of Binghamton. In 2009 there were a total of thirteen members assigned to the task force, these members included: 1-Lieutenant, 1-Sergeant and five investigators from the City of Binghamton Police Department and 1-Detective Sergeant and five investigators from the Broome County Sheriff's Office.

In 2009 the task force continued to work simultaneously with the Binghamton Police Department's Community Response Team. A strong and successful relationship exists between investigators of the task force and members of the Community Response Team (CRT). A case from March of last year exemplifies this positive relationship. CRT members conducted a street stop on several subjects acting in a suspicious manner within the city. During the interdiction stop CRT requested assistance from the task force and within minutes investigators were on the scene. This interdiction commenced an investigation by the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force which uncovered a large scale cocaine network operating within the city and county. The investigation yielded approximately seven kilos of cocaine, \$140,000, several vehicles and several firearms and to date eight subjects have been charged. The task force was also able to locate and arrest the supplier in Union City, New Jersey. The Community Response Team falls under the command of the Special Investigations Unit. This has led to the cohesiveness between units that allows for such investigations to develop.

In 2009 the task force remained vigilant in pursuing its mission and continuously addressed threats arising from narcotic, prostitution, gang and underage drinking complaints. Members continued to employ proven tactics to target these types of threats and rid the respective jurisdictions of narcotics and prostitution. As these activities and threats were ever changing, members remained flexible to change and adapted. As there was a steady increase in the amount of cases the task force handled, members remained determined to succeed and did so as the statistical data shows an increase in not only cases but also in arrests.

Another important objective the task force continuously works to achieve is its relationship with outside agencies while working to combat illegal drug activity countywide. Members are continuously reaching out to members of outside agencies to include them in investigations that the task force is conducting in their respective jurisdictions. The task force offers their services in assisting them with their own investigations.

One example was in March 2009. The task force conducted an undercover street operation with the Endicott Police Department which resulted in six felony narcotics arrests, six misdemeanor drug arrests and several violation arrests. One of these subjects was an active Blood gang member. Investigators recovered a sawed off shotgun and seized a vehicle. Investigators also work closely with New York State Division of parole officials by sharing intelligence to target repeat drug offenders. In October investigators and parole officers conducted an investigation into a parolee and found him to be in possession of a loaded handgun, ¼ ounce of crack cocaine and \$902 in cash. The subject was subsequently charged with felony narcotics and weapon offenses. This type of interagency cooperation is enhancing narcotics enforcement efforts throughout the area.

### **Objectives for 2010**

- The task force will be revisiting its forfeiture protocol in the up coming year as we look to increase upon our seized assets. Task Force supervisors will be regularly meeting with representatives from the District Attorney’s Office so that an agreement on forfeiture protocol can established.
- The task force will continue to bolster its efforts to enforce the Alcohol Beverage Control laws by networking with investigators from the State Liquor Authority and the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- The task force will continue to strengthen its relations with outside agencies to include federal, state and local narcotics agents.
- The task force will focus on illegal gang activity by targeting organized criminal operations through long term multi-agency investigations.

### **Task Force Activity**

Investigations	319
Search Warrants (Includes Body, Gun and Vehicle)	178
Gang members arrested	20
Confidential Informant Buys	112
Undercover Buys	101
Recovered Firearms	26
Recovered Currency	\$127,343.00

## Breakdown of 2009 Arrests

Felony Narcotics Possession	111
Felony Narcotics Sale	100
Misdemeanor Narcotics Possession	68
Marijuana Related Felony	12
Marijuana Related Misdemeanor	14
Marijuana Related Violation	83
Felony Weapons Possession	14
Felony Weapons Sale	1
Misdemeanor Weapons Possession	6
Prostitution Related Arrests	19
Loitering	10
Criminal Nuisance	1
Tampering With Physical Evidence	6
False Personation	2
Resisting Arrest	5
Reckless Endangerment	1
Criminal Possession of a Hypodermic Instrument	5
Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia	23
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	11
Arrest/Bench Warrants	17
Felony Possession of Stolen Property	3
Misdemeanor Possession of Stolen Property	1
Felony Grand Larceny	1
Felony Conspiracy	1
Felony Escape	1
Public Health Law Violation	9
Disorderly Conduct	1
Traffic Offenses	3
Promoting Prison Contraband	1
Underage Drinking Offenses-ABC-65-C	9

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TOTAL: 539

## NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

### **Parolees/Gang Member Arrested After Police Stand-off and Search Warrant Execution:**

In January 2009, after a three hour stand-off, two suspects were arrested at 3654 Hoover Avenue in the Town of Union. The two suspects were on New York State Parole and were being sought on active Parole Warrants. Both suspects had a criminal history of narcotic arrest. One suspect, who resided at the Hoover Avenue residence, was a known gang member of the “Bloods” street gang. He was being targeted by the task force after information was developed that he was trafficking narcotics and was in possession of a handgun. After the Broome County Sheriff Office SWAT stormed the residence and secured the two suspects a search of the residence was conducted by Investigators. The search yielded in a quantity of marihuana, a defaced .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun, and ammunition. Both suspects were taken into custody and arrested on each respective Parole Warrant. The suspect who resided at the Hoover Avenue residence faced additional weapon charges.

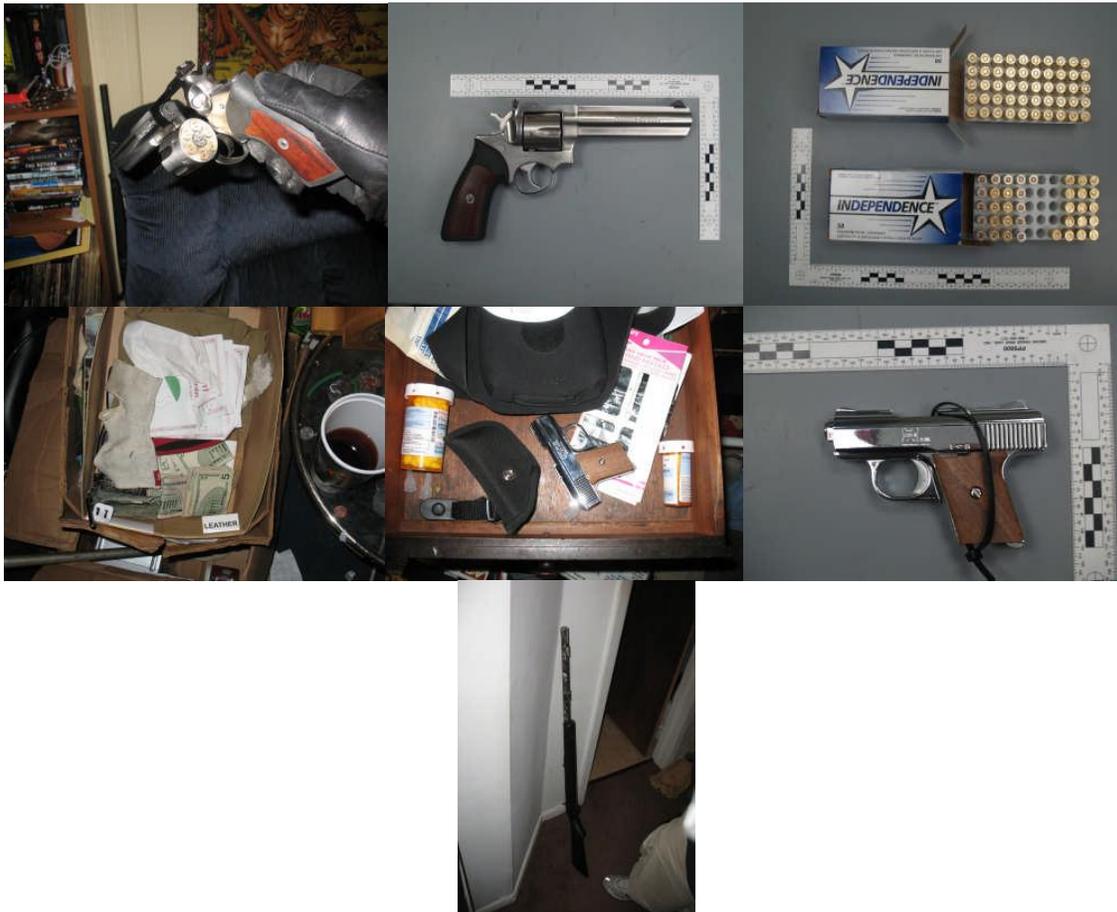


### **Recovery of Stolen Handguns & Arrest of Individuals Involved in the Trafficking of Stolen Handguns:**

In April 2009, members of the task force arrested a suspect in the City of Binghamton on the street. He was carrying a loaded 9 mm semi-automatic handgun concealed in his waistband. Investigators then executed a Search Warrant at his residence located at 1 Tracy Street, Binghamton. The search conducted by Investigators yielded a second firearm, a .45 caliber handgun. The suspect was arrested and charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.



Recovery of the stolen handguns launched a series of investigations. Members of the task force teamed up with Investigators from the Chenango County Sheriff Office. Investigators developed information that an individual from Chenango County was stealing handguns and selling them in the Binghamton area. In June 2009, Investigators arrested a second person in connection with buying stolen handguns. Investigators executed a Search Warrant at an apartment located at 14 Crandall Street in the City of Binghamton. A search of the apartment resulted in the discovery of two 12 gauge shotguns, .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun, .357 caliber revolver, ammunition, a quantity of marihuana and U.S. Currency. The recovered .357 revolver was reported stolen out of Chenango County. The suspect was charged with related weapon charges and possession of marihuana charges.



As a result of this three month investigation, task force members arrested a suspect responsible for committing burglaries in Chenango County, stealing firearms and selling them on the streets in the City of Binghamton.

### **Arrest & Recovery of Marihuana, Handgun and U. S. Currency:**

After a four week investigation into a suspect selling marihuana, members executed a Search Warrant on his person, vehicle and residence located at 6 Young Avenue in the Town of Union. Investigators discovered a large quantity of marihuana, a loaded .25 caliber handgun, and \$4,000.00 U. S. Currency.



### **Arrest & Recovery of Heroin and U. S. Currency:**

In November 2009, Binghamton Police Department Intelligence Officer developed information that an individual wanted by New York State Parole was going to arrive at the Shortline Bus Station located at 105 Chenango Street in the City of Binghamton. In addition, information was developed that the individual was using the bus to transport a quantity of heroin from New York City and then selling the heroin in the Binghamton area. Task force members set up surveillance in the area of the bus station. Shortly after midnight, the suspect was observed departing a Shortline bus. He was taken into custody and arrested on an active Parole Warrant. Investigator's discovered that he was in possession of 897 bags of heroin and \$4,500.00 cash. The heroin recovered had an estimated street value of \$18,000.00.



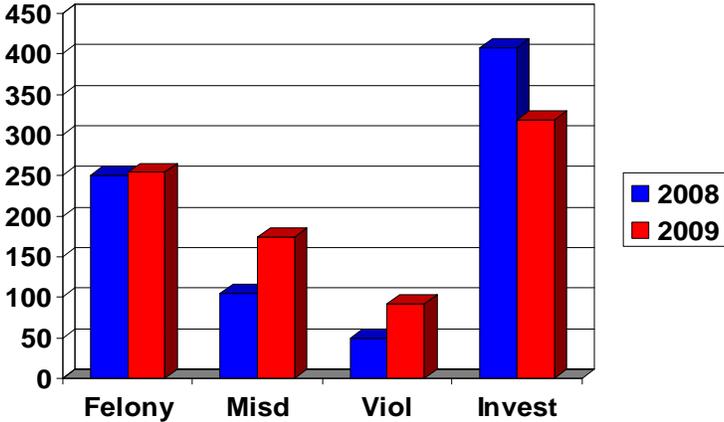
## **Largest Drug/Cash Seizure in Task force History:**

In 2009, members of the task force started an investigation into a cocaine distribution ring. As the investigation grew, the task force teamed up with the New York State Police Special Investigation Unit Binghamton Office. In order to further the investigation, members used surveillance, wiretaps, and Search Warrants to build its case against identified suspects. In addition, Investigators learned that local traffickers were being supplied by a suspect who resided in the State of New Jersey. The several months long investigation led to the largest drug/cash seizure since the start of the task force. Investigator's recovered approximately seven kilos of cocaine, approximately \$140,000.00, numerous vehicles used to facilitate cocaine trafficking, and several firearms. Several persons were arrested in connection with this investigation including the supplier, who was identified and arrested in Union City, New Jersey. U.S. Attorneys Office adopted the case and is currently prosecuting arrested suspects.

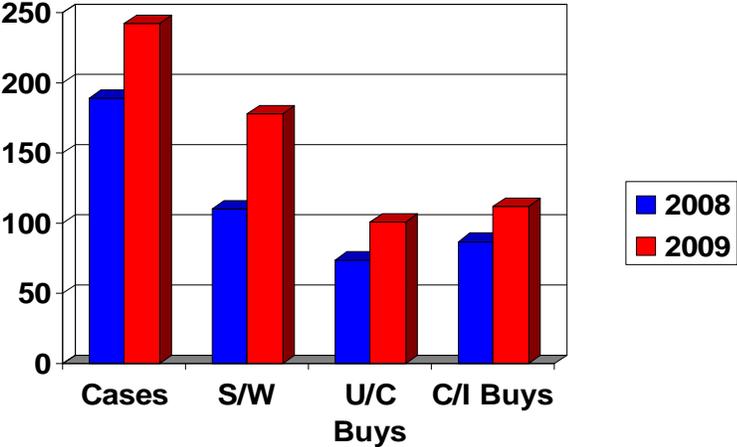




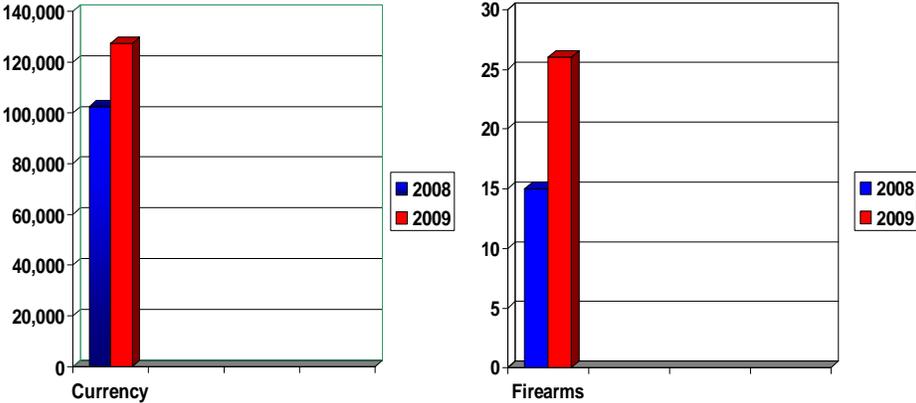
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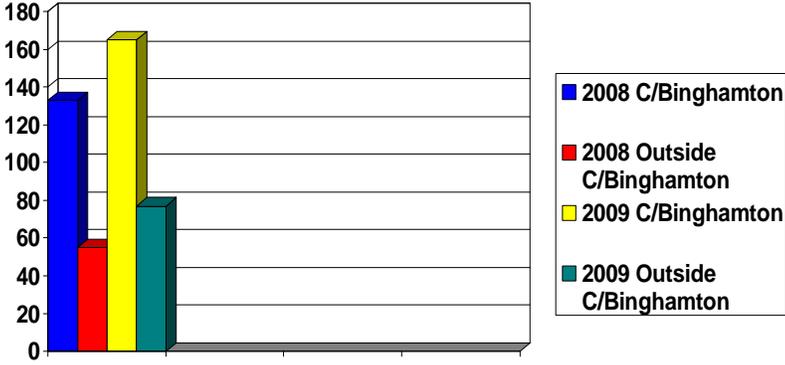
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# 2008/2009 Statistical Comparison Cont. Location of Investigations



# Crime Prevention Unit

There are three Officers are assigned to the Binghamton Police Crime Prevention Unit, one Sergeant and two Officers. The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for the following:



## Neighborhood Watch Initiatives

The Binghamton Police Department realizes that crime is a problem that affects all segments of our society, and is a concern of everyone. The Binghamton Police Department will make every attempt to involve the community in generating mutual understanding and cooperation between the residents and Police Department.

Involving the community will enhance both police and residents knowledge of the nature and extent of the crime problem in the city. The police and community members working together against crime will be a major step in crime deterrence.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve. Simply put neighborhood watches are “neighbors helping neighbors”.

The Binghamton Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will assist in establishing Neighborhood Watch groups.

## GRANTS

- Grant Researching
- Grant Writing
- Grant Accounting
- Grant Progress Reports

Operation Impact, the Weed and Seed Initiative, Homeland Security, JAG Parks, Crime Stoppers and several BYRNE legislative grants are among many being managed by the Crime Prevention Unit. These grants bring hundreds of thousands of dollars to the police department and to the City of Binghamton.

## Annual Report

The Crime Prevention Unit is also responsible for creating the Binghamton Police Department’s Annual Report. Statistics are gathered from the various divisions within the department and are consolidated into one report. The report is then converted to .PDF form and put on CD’s for easy dissemination.

## **Police Week Awards**

The Crime Prevention Unit is also responsible for the department's annual awards ceremony, whereas the Chief of Police and his staff recognize outstanding actions performed by police officers, as well as citizens in a ceremony at City Hall. Certificates of Recognition, as well as life saving awards, are given out during this ceremony.

## **Police Tours**

The Crime Prevention Unit works cooperatively with the Mayor's Office and Fire Department to assist with tours of the police department. The tours are scheduled upon request. Due to security limitations restricting citizens from much of the department, a virtual tour is being created so more of the department can be showcased without actually taking citizens into those secure areas of the building.

## **Citizen Police Academy**

The relationship between the community and law enforcement should be a natural partnership striving toward mutual goals. The Citizen's Police Academy is an ideal environment in which to develop assessment, communication, evaluation and networking within this partnership.

The Citizen's Police Academy is an 8 to 10 week program for civilians from the community. Classes are held once a week in the evening hours, mostly at police Headquarters in City Hall. Citizens who attend are familiarized with each component of the Binghamton Police Department. It gives the participant a direct feel for the critical decisions officers are called upon to make during their careers.

The culmination of the academy for those in attendance is a graduation ceremony attended by members of the department's executive staff. Graduates are also presented with a certificate of completion. The Citizen's Police Academy is an excellent means of learning about the police department and police work in general.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the Citizen's Police Academy should call the Crime Prevention Unit at (607) 772-7093.

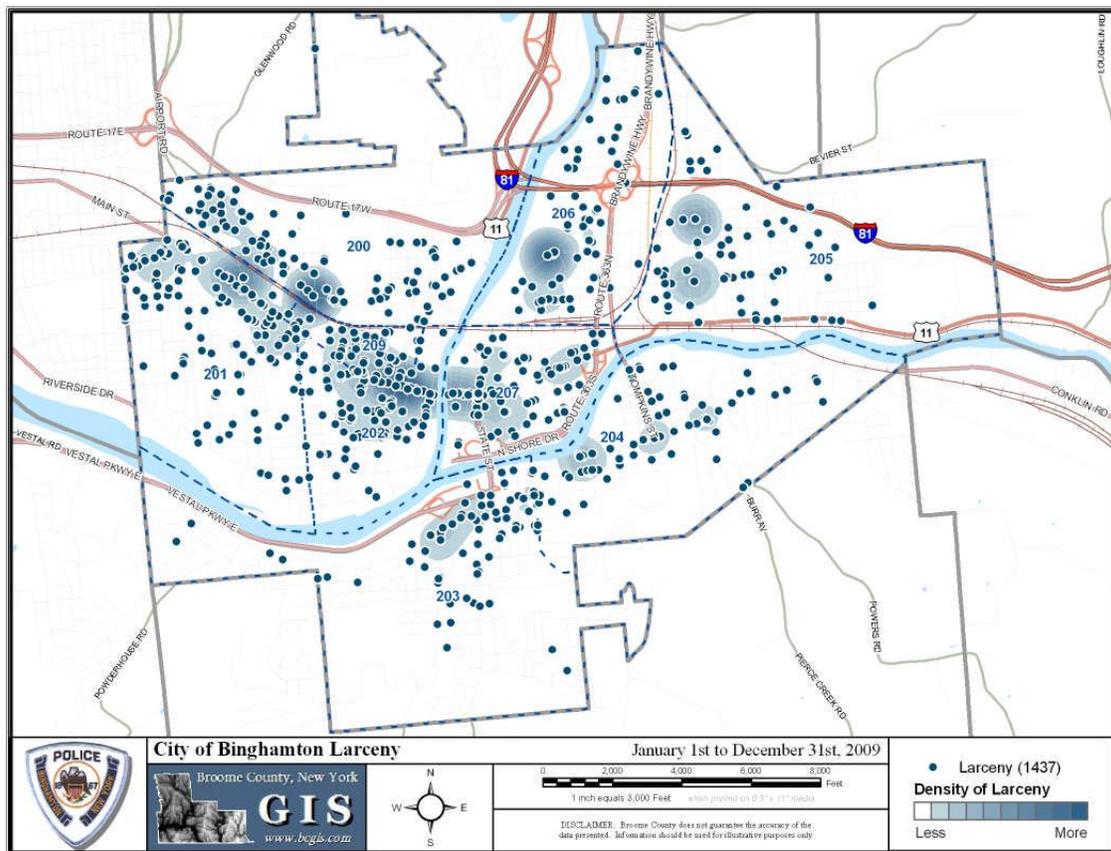
## **Internship Program**

The Crime Prevention Unit also oversees the department's internship program. We can place up to three students per semester within the department to assist them with their educational requirements.

## Crime Analysis

Several years ago the Binghamton Police Department, as well as many other police agencies in Upstate New York, began working with DCJS on a project called Operation Impact. The BPD now engages in a collaborative approach that is data-driven, and focused on crime reduction. We now work within our own local law enforcement framework to analyze timely and accurate crime data, to gather and share field intelligence and to employ effective strategies in an effort to develop long term, sustained crime reduction.

The Binghamton Police Department has partnered with Broome County GIS to provide crime analysis and GIS police mapping services. At present Broome County GIS provides maps and statistics on type I and type II crimes on a weekly, monthly and year-to-date basis. These maps are used by police administration for strategic planning.



In addition to their regular duties, the Crime Analysts perform special projects at the request of the Department.

## National Night Out

National Night Out is designed to:

- 1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- 2) Generate support for, and participate in local anticrime programs;
- 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- 4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Binghamton Police Department participates with several neighborhood groups on National Night Out. Events and entertainment are held at several Binghamton City parks and locations. This year NNO will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010. For further information contact the Binghamton Police Crime Prevention Unit at (607) 772-7093.



## Safety Presentations

Safety presentations or any presentations relating to matters of the Binghamton Police Department are conducted upon request. In 2009 the Crime Prevention Unit continued creating several new presentations regarding personal and public safety, and has plans to further develop these programs in 2010. We have also continued to develop and give educational programs to combat one of our fastest growing crimes, Identity theft, as well as following up on our well received "Protecting Children Online" class.

The recent phenomenon of "Sexting", whereas teenagers send sexual images of one another via cell phone, quickly became a priority and several classes were given at local schools and community groups to attempt to combat this practice.

## **Crime Stoppers**



The Crime Prevention Unit also chairs the Binghamton Chapter of Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization of citizens against crime. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards of up to \$1000 to anyone furnishing anonymous information that leads to the arrest of criminals, including those committing serious felony crimes, and fugitives. Information is received through anonymous Crime Stoppers tips, either through a secure tip line or through a secure web connection manned by a professional program coordinator. Each caller is assigned a code number for the purpose of insuring anonymity.

Binghamton Crime Stoppers presented 26 cases in 2009, and successfully closed 15 of them by arrest. Binghamton Crime Stoppers also has received several tips related to narcotics and other crimes. These tips were forwarded to various local police agencies.

## **Computer Forensics and Digital Evidence Recovery**

The Crime Prevention Unit dedicates an Officer two days a week to the Broome County CATS lab. The CATS lab is widely recognized as the premier forensics lab in the northeast and currently does computer forensic examinations for 8 counties in NYS. This Officer is also part of the FBI led Southern Tier Cyber-Predator Task Force. While the examiners duties still mainly involve computer forensics, the needs for doing data recovery from items such as cell phones, digital cameras, or PDAs, has grown exponentially.

The Crime Prevention Unit also works closely with the Detective Bureau regarding the collection and conversion of video evidence, including many visits to off site locations where the business owners are unable to do so properly or securely.



## **School Resource Officer**

The Crime Prevention Unit also dedicates an Officer to Binghamton High School on a full time basis. This Officer works closely with school officials to maintain a safe environment and helps to build positive relations between the students and the police department.

## **Web Site Maintenance**

The Crime Prevention Unit also maintains and updates three websites, Binghamton Crime Stoppers, Broome County Toys for Tots, and the Police Department page on the City of Binghamton web site.

In 2009 we continued “Binghamton’s Most Wanted”, a web page on the city of Binghamton’s web site highlighting fugitives currently being sought, and working closely with the Warrant Division to keep this page current.

In 2009 the Binghamton Police Department joined the millions of people who engage in social networking by creating and updating a page on Facebook, highlighting the departments activities through the year.

## **Nixle Notification System**

In 2009 the Binghamton Police Department enrolled in the Nixle notification system. The Nixle system allows the police department, via the Crime Prevention Unit, to send text messages or e-mails to people to alert them about events going on in the community. This allows us to send out alerts on everything from traffic problems to missing kids, and in case of emergencies, we can inform citizens on how to proceed or reroute them away from an emergency situation.

Registering for this free service is easy at [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com).

## **Public Cameras**

The Crime Prevention Unit currently maintains the eighteen public cameras located throughout the city. The demand to retrieve video from these cameras has greatly increased, and these videos have now become a vital piece of evidence in many cases. On one notable occasion an alert Officer was monitoring a camera and watching the activities at a local hotspot for narcotics activity, when he saw what appeared to be a handgun in a subject’s hand. The Officer was able to coordinate with the responding Officers and they were able to arrest the suspect and recover a loaded handgun and avoid a potentially tragic situation.

## **Booking and DWI Room Camera System**

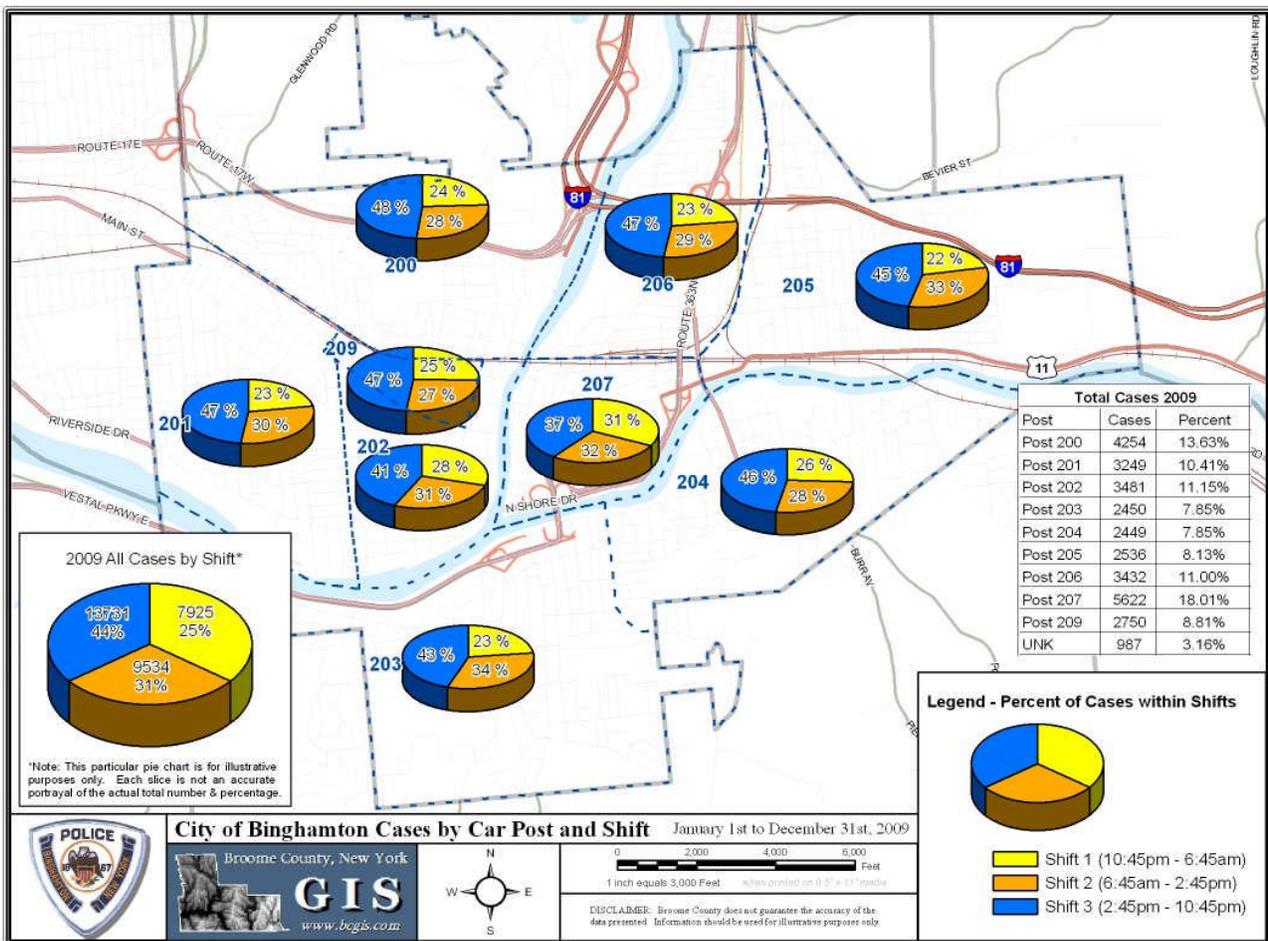
In 2009 the Crime Prevention Unit worked closely with an outside vendor to install cameras in the booking areas and DWI room at police headquarters. These cameras enable the police department to digitally record the actions of every person in our custody from the time they enter the building until the time they leave. These videos have been very successful in disproving allegations against the department and its officers, and helps avoid costly litigation.

These videos are all archived at a work station in the crime prevention office.

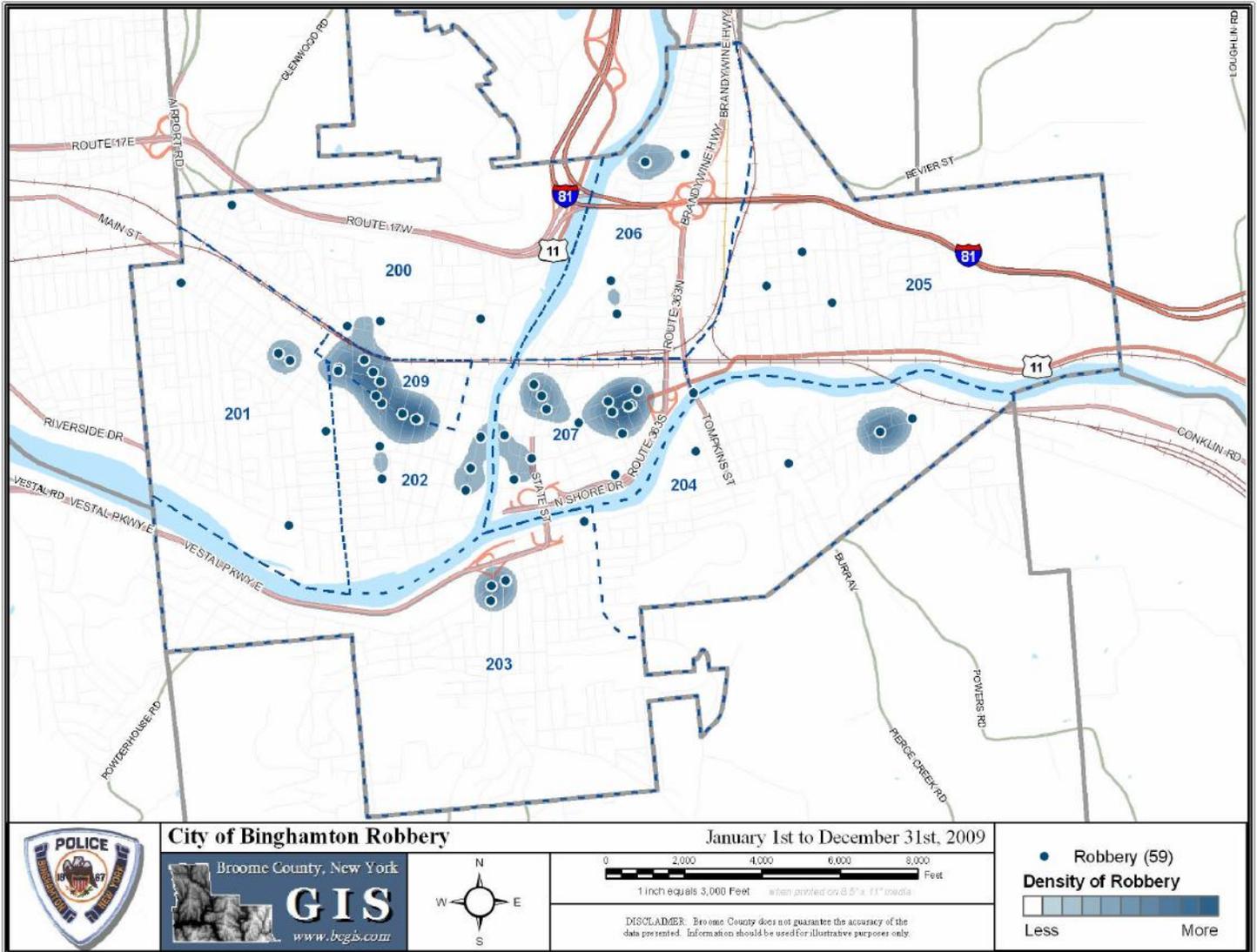
In 2009 we began producing data maps based upon our crime statistics. These maps are produced for the Chief of Police and his command staff with statistics provided by our Crime Prevention Unit to the Crime Analyst. The maps are generally produced each week to show weekly, monthly, and year to date statistics. The Crime Analyst also uses these statistics to create crime bulletins to be disseminated within the department.

In 2009 a study was also performed that allowed us to break down calls by patrol shift and by car post, this study was used by the Chief to utilize manpower more efficiently.

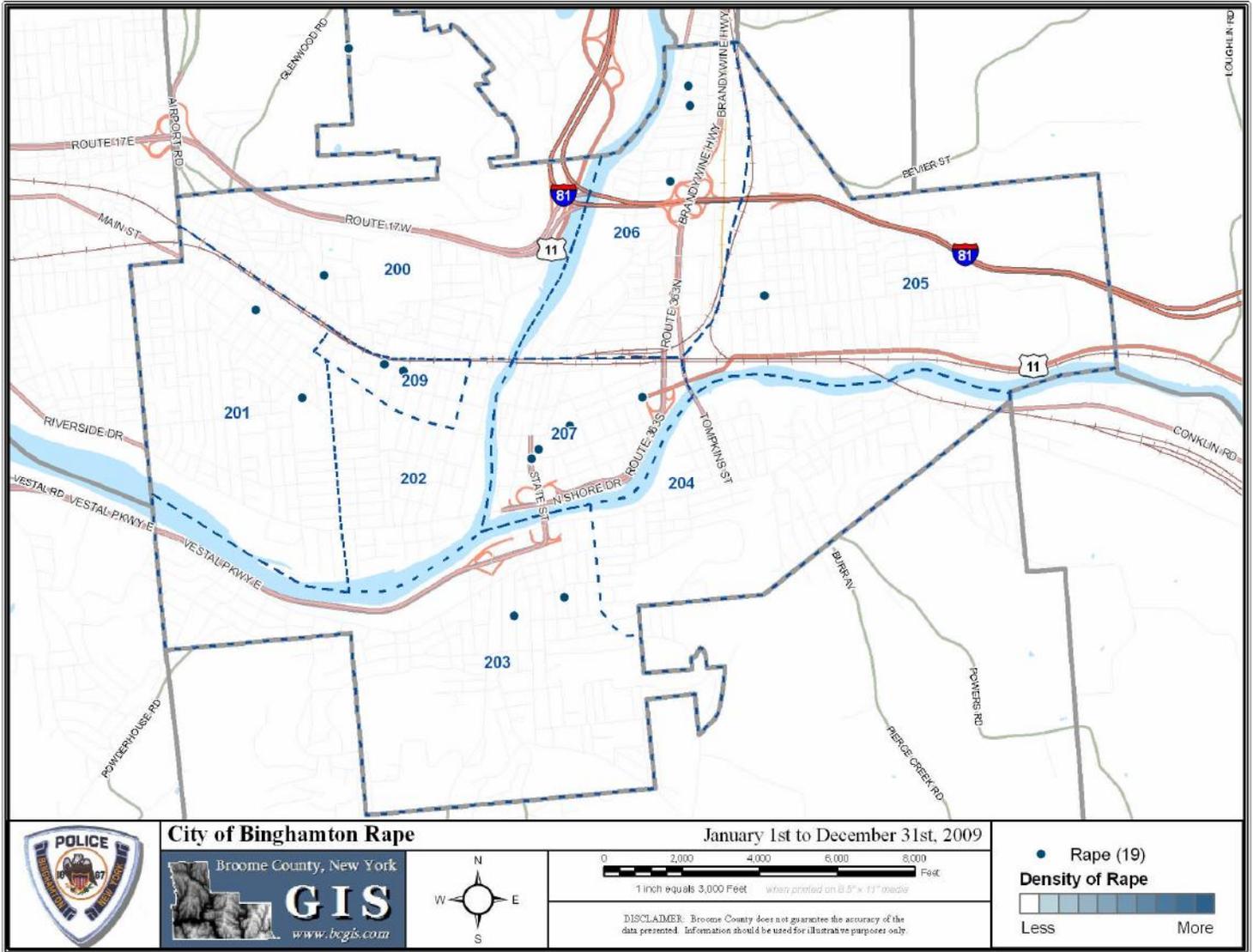
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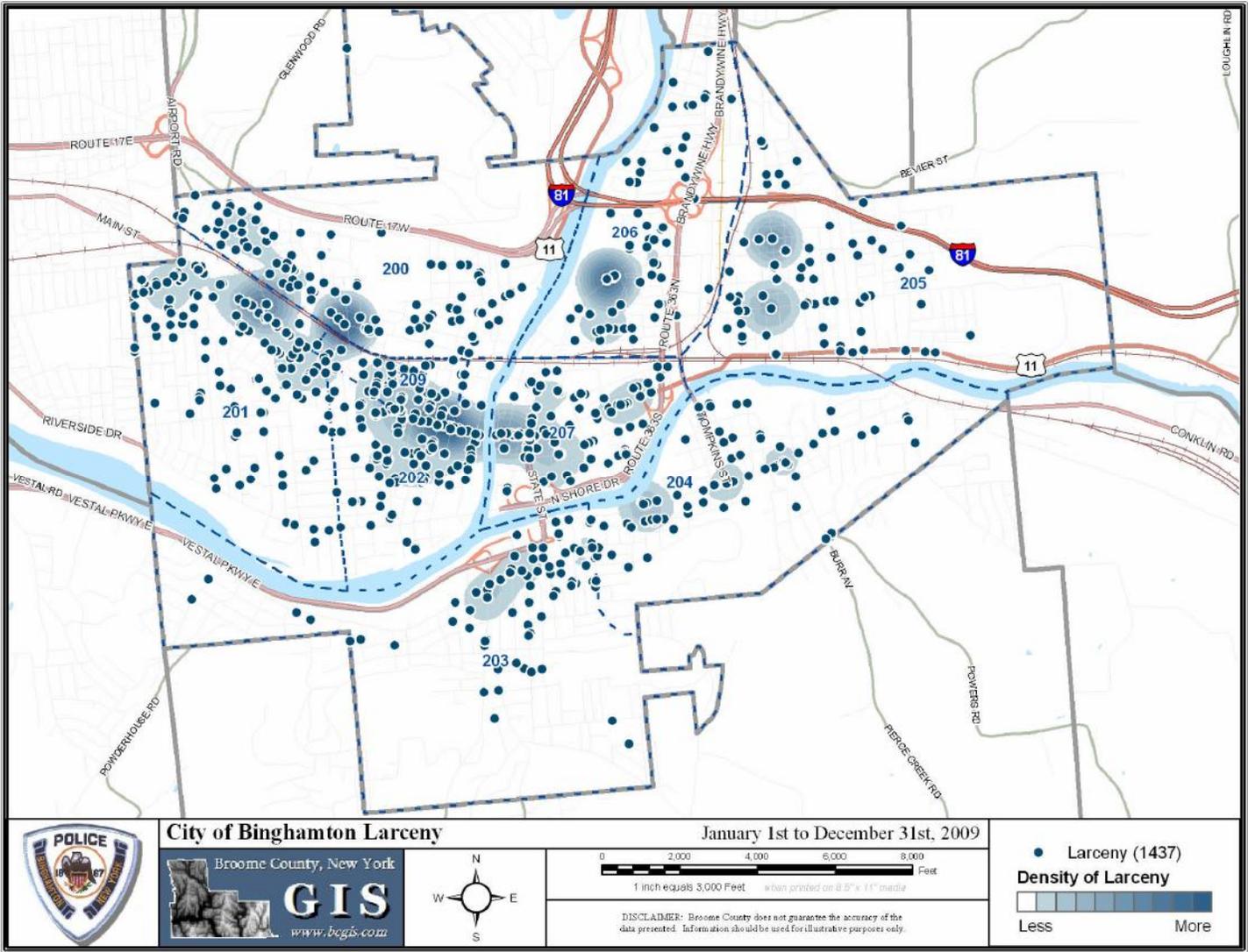
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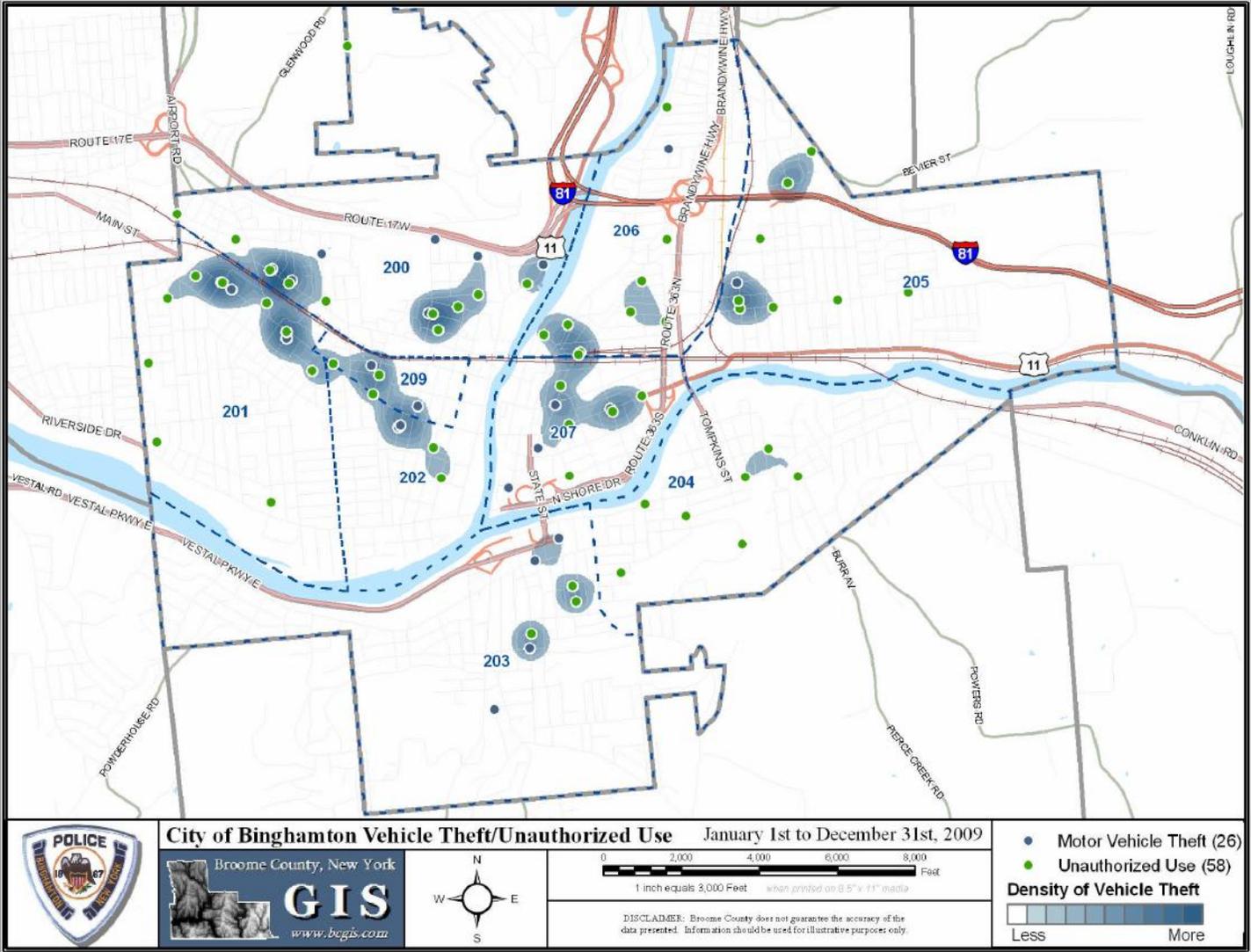
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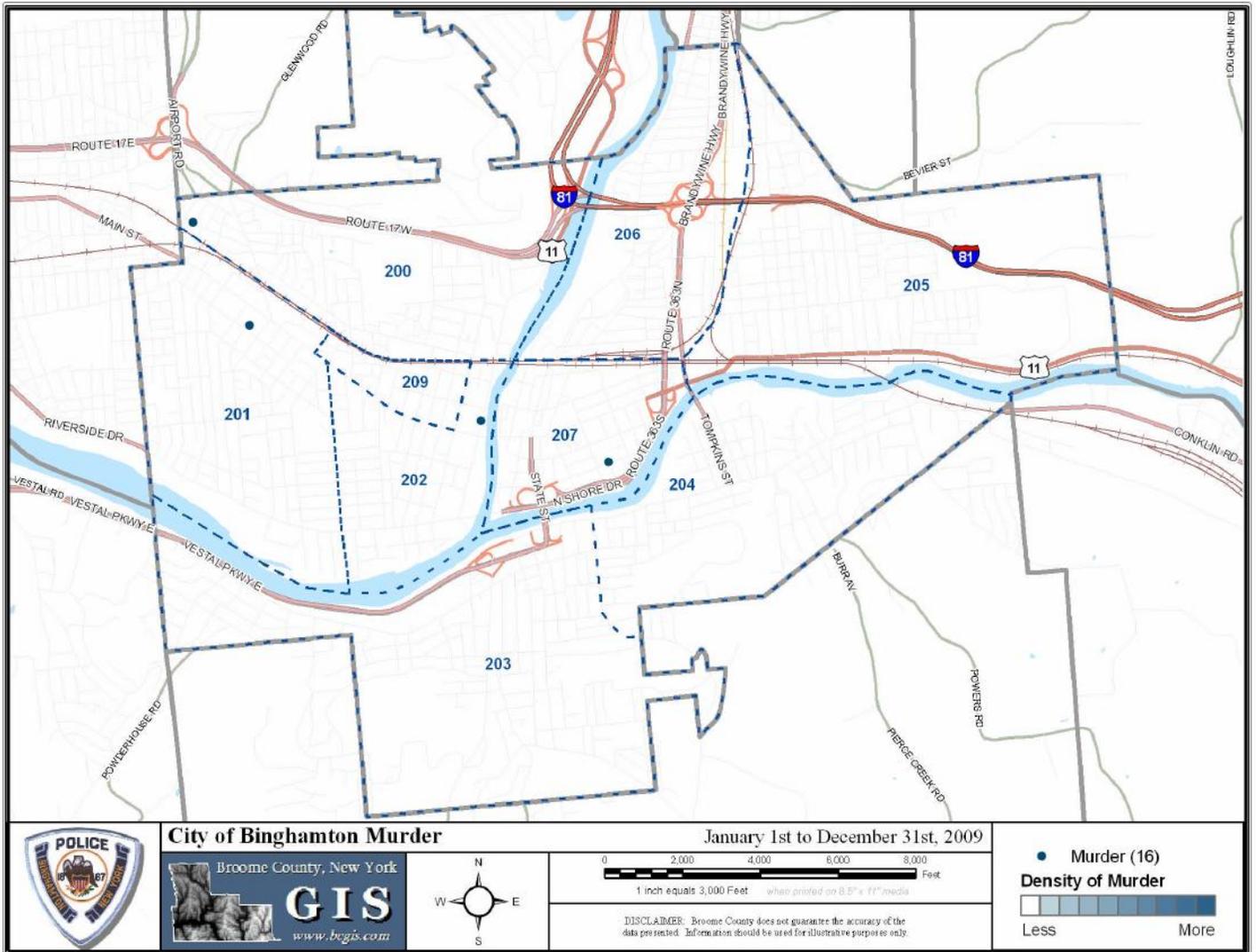
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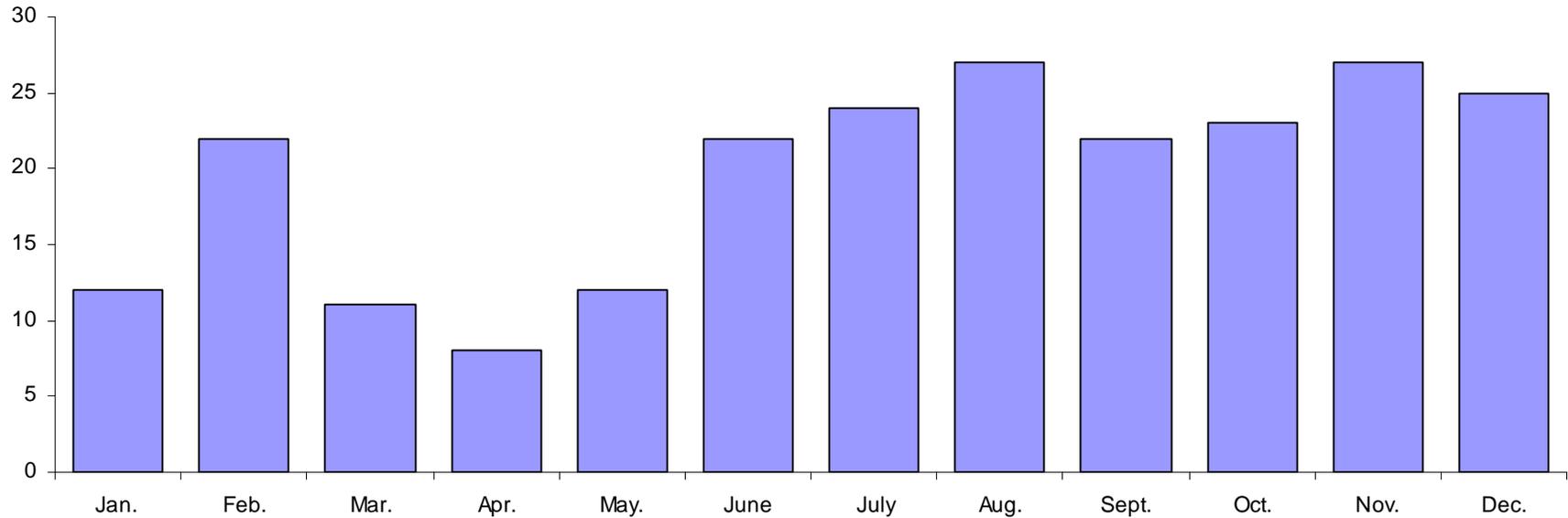
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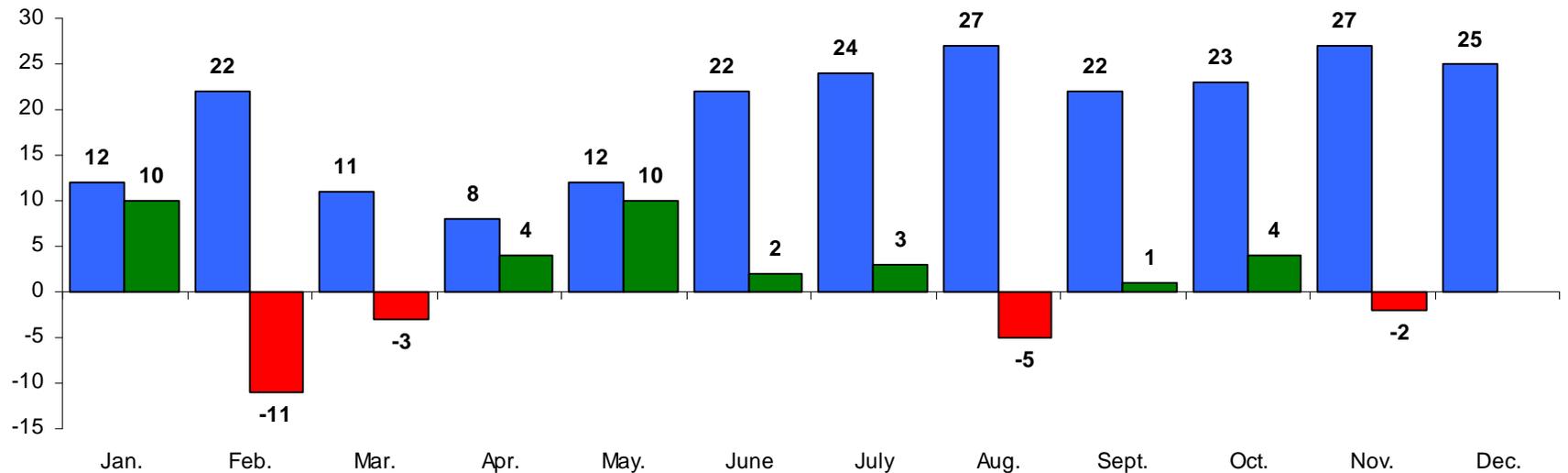
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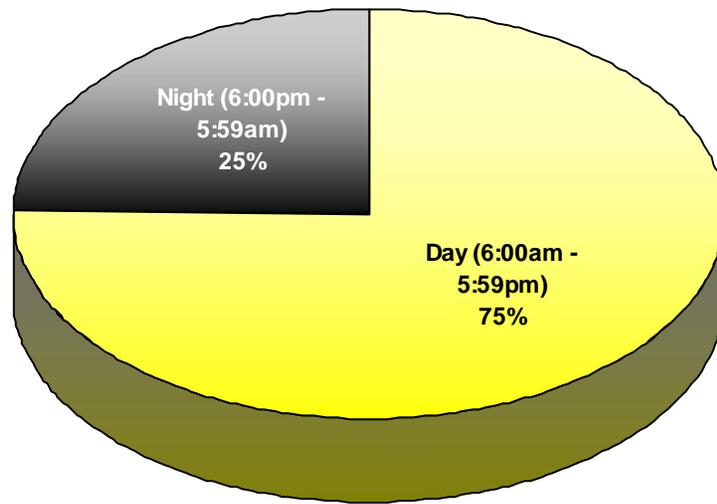
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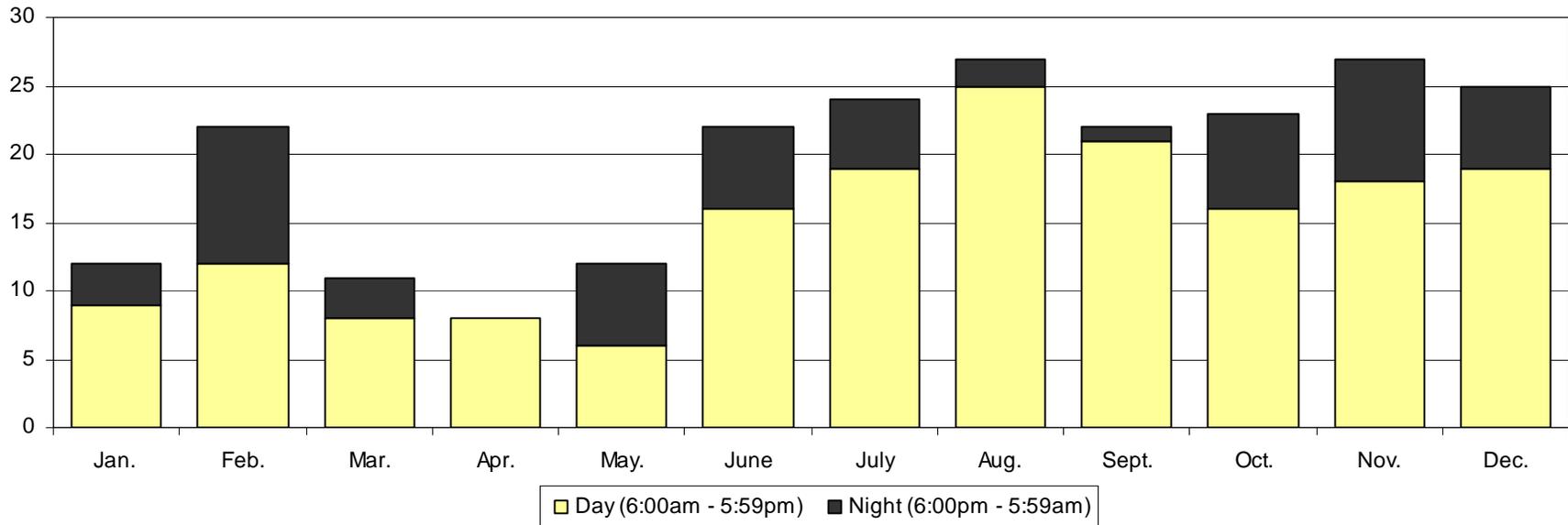
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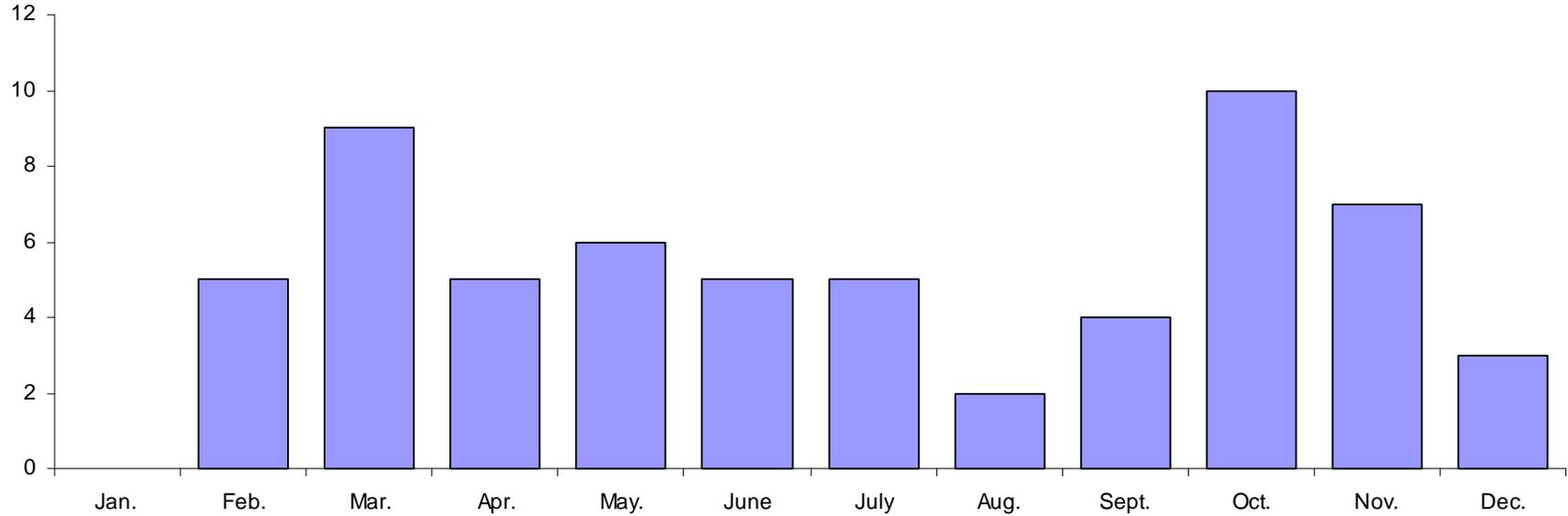
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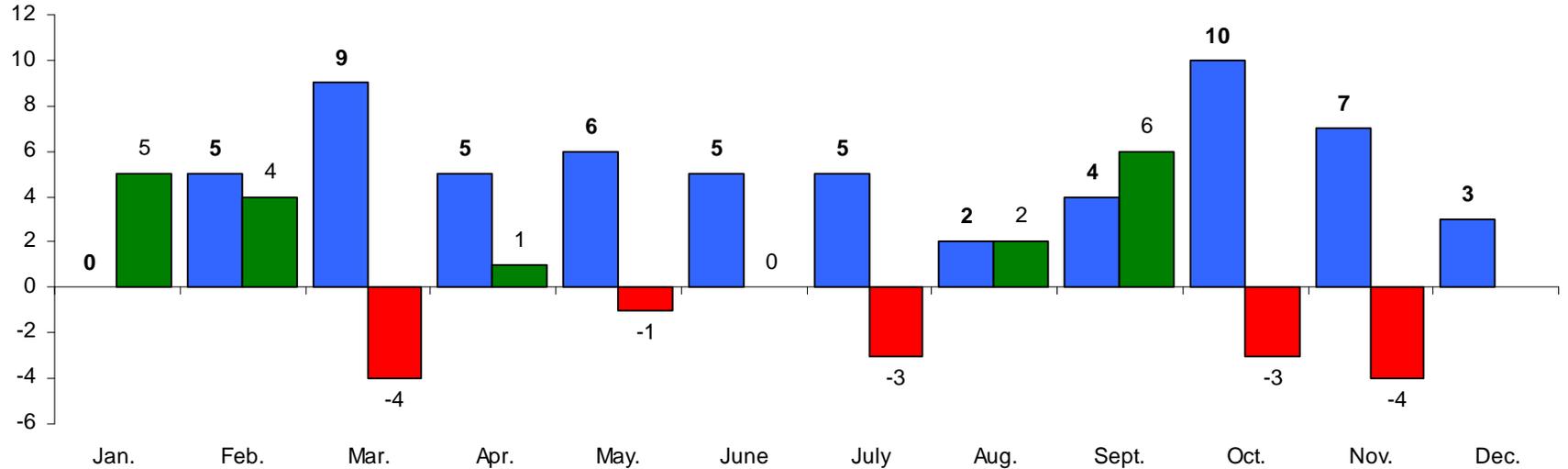
2009 Grand Larcenies by Month (Day/Night)



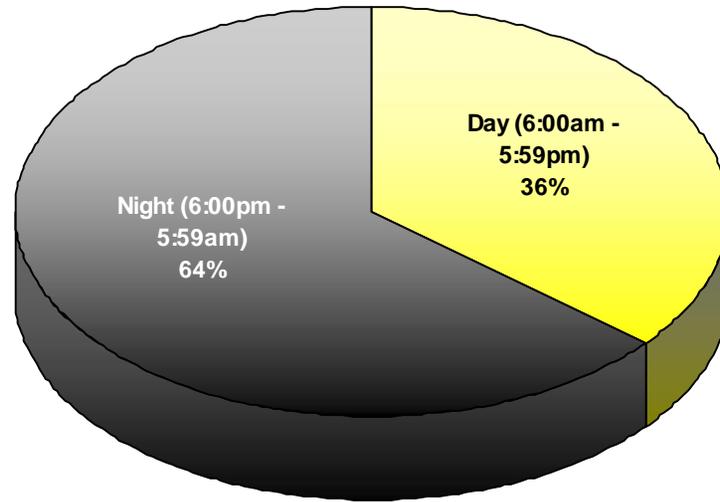
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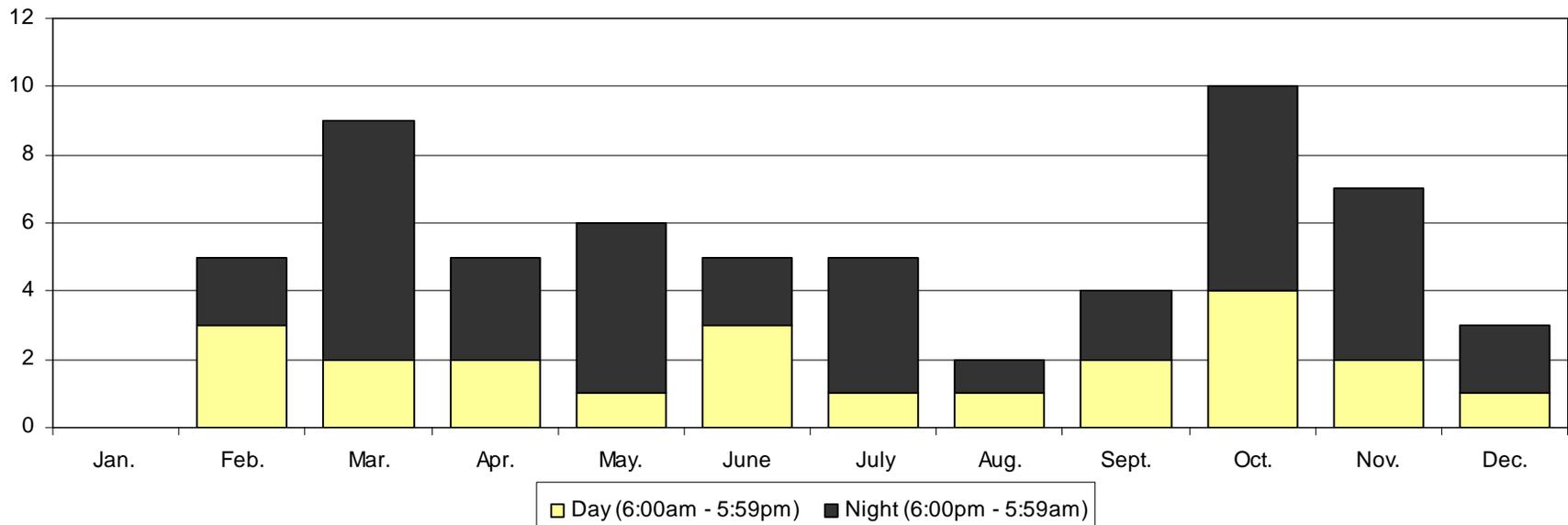
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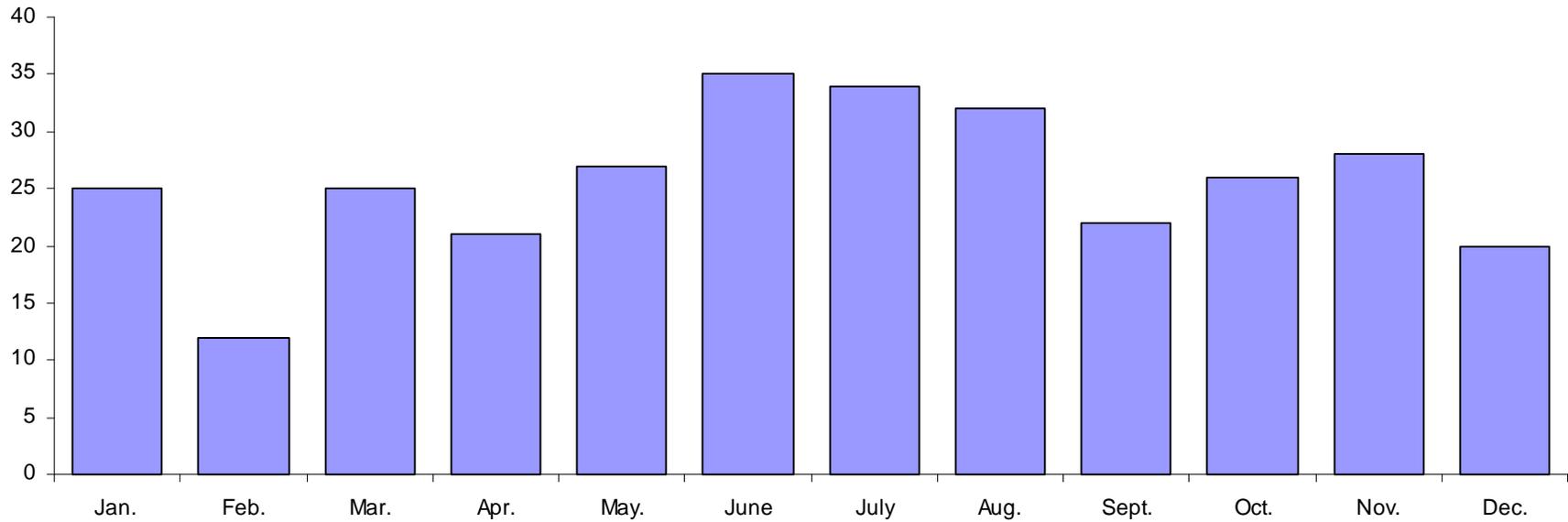
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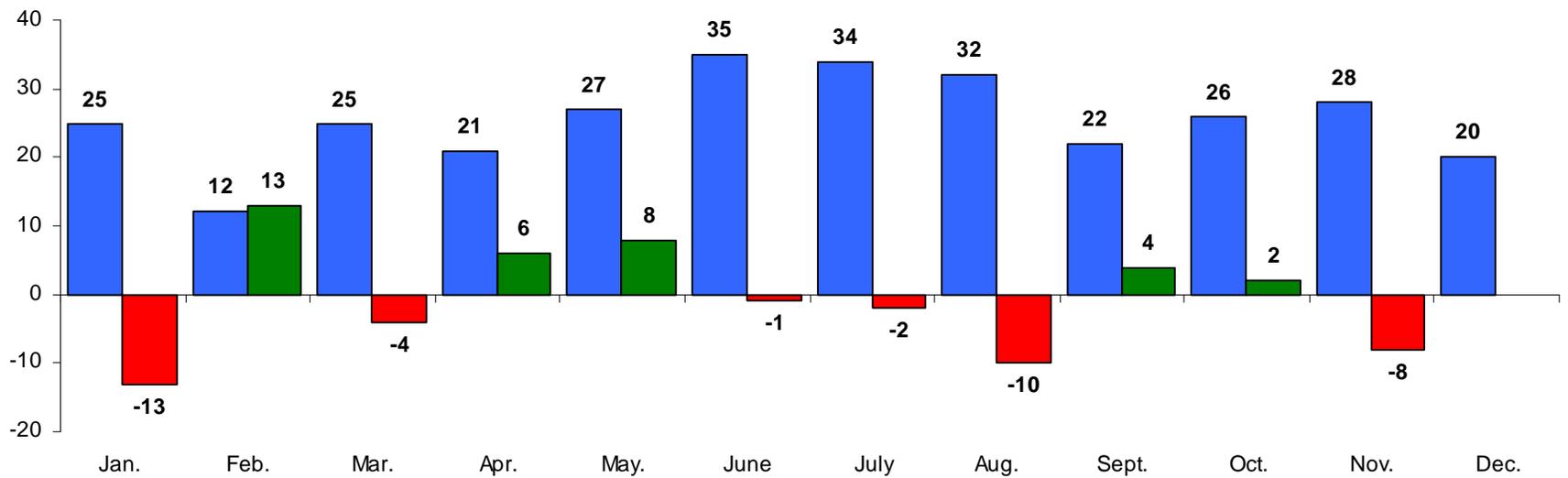
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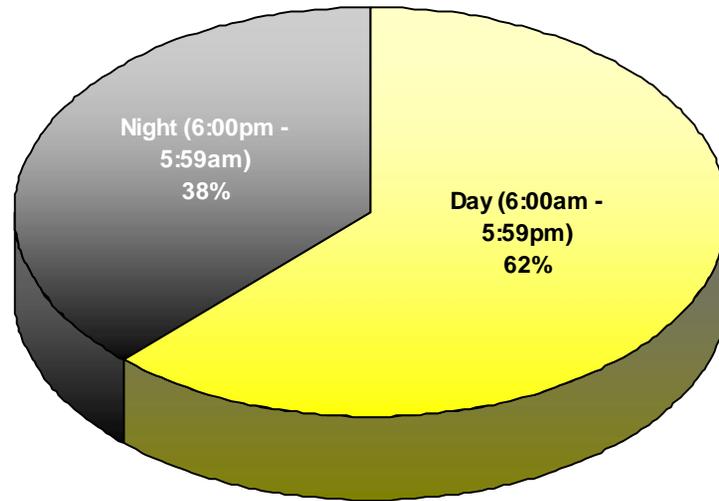
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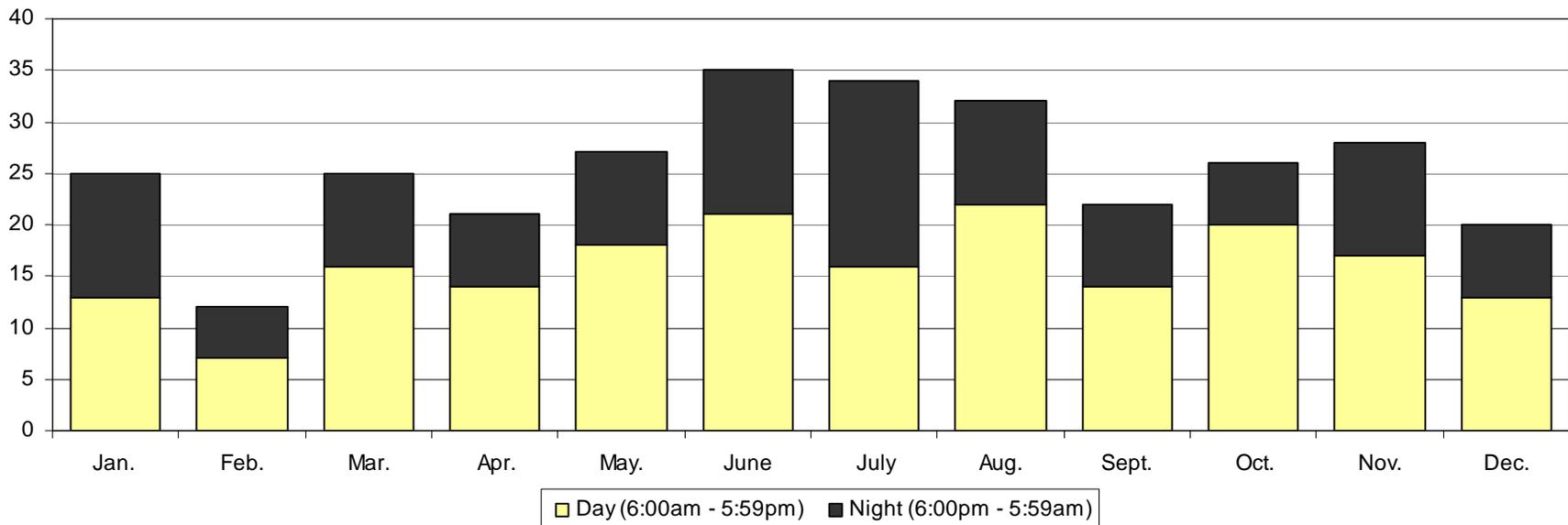
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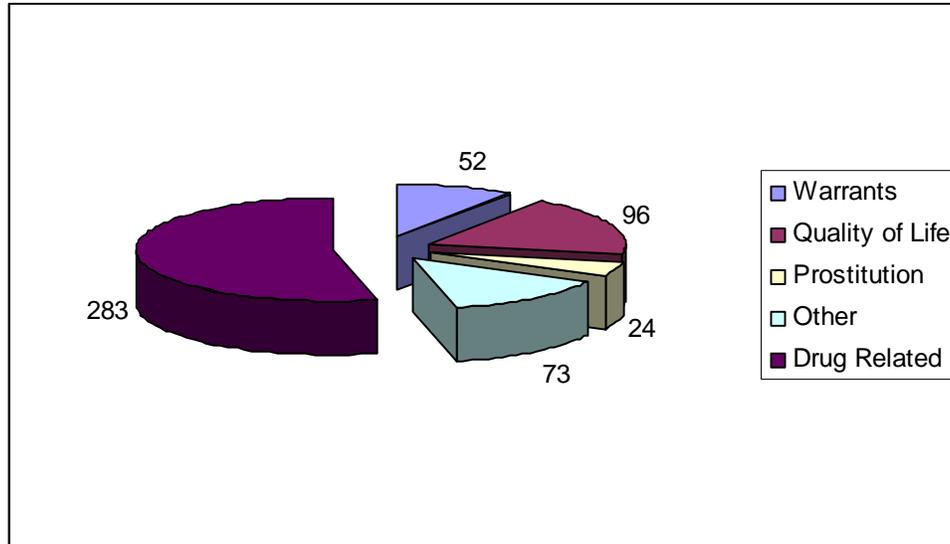
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2009 Burglaries by Month (Day/Night)



# THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



The Community Response Team (CRT) in its sixth year of operation made a total of 528 charges on 411 individuals. Members continued to work within city neighborhoods to drive down illegal street activity and combat nuisance properties. The unit targets nuisance properties and problem locations with plainclothes and uniform patrols and conducts frequent surveillance operations. The recent inception of surveillance cameras within certain neighborhoods has provided members a means to continually monitor patterns of illegal activity and then take the necessary enforcement actions. Members continued to aggressively attack illegal drugs in the community by making 283 arrests for drug related offenses. Likewise, members worked to curb illegal prostitution activity by making 24 arrests for Prostitution.

*In addition to the unit's enforcement efforts, members were given the opportunity to participate in a youth basketball league, positively affecting the community on a different level. Members played with teens on a weekly basis allowing for a mutual respect to be developed between the officers and youth. Both the officers and youth were offered a means to see each other in a different light and to connect with one another through friendly competition.*

The proactive style of policing, which hallmarks CRT, often dramatically affects criminal activity by taking measures to detect and prevent crime. Members frequently enforce quality of life offenses and take action on minor violations, which has led to arrests for more serious offenses.

The benefits of having a community policing unit like the Community Response Team are exemplified by the ease in which members are contacted by citizens via their department cell phones. This method of police citizen interaction has existed since CRT's inception back in 2005 and has consistently worked to resolve neighborhood conflicts and build relationships with city residents.

In the latter part of 2009, members from CRT began teaming up with the city's Code Enforcement officers in an effort to combat chronic nuisance properties. Properties such as 27 Edwards Street, whose occupants caused great unrest and distress within the neighborhood, are no longer a problem as a result of this initiative. A walk-through by CRT and Code Enforcement officers yielded numerous code violations which rendered the property uninhabitable. Further assistance was then provided by Corporation Counsel which has led to the boarding up of the property and exile of its tenants. These walk-throughs were conducted at several other properties on Edwards Street and will continue in city neighborhoods in the future. This type of interactive cooperation with other facets of city government is a completed objective from 2008.

2009 saw the inception of Drug Activity-Nuisance Complaint forms which are to be completed by members as they receive tips from the community. These forms are then forwarded to the unit's Lieutenant who reviews them and forwards them to the appropriate avenue for a follow-up. This method is effective in that it avoids duplication of work between units, for example the drug task force and CRT. The method also creates a system of accountability with the supervisor maintaining and periodically reviewing the forms to ensure that appropriate action is taken. This is a completed objective from 2008.

The Community Response Team regularly assists investigators from the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force by gathering and forwarding intelligence, cultivating confidential informants and providing manpower during the execution of search warrants and other task force operations. CRT members assisted the task force with the execution of 34 search warrants during 2009.

An example of the cooperation that exists between units was highlighted during a vehicle stop on the west side in the spring of 2009. After receiving a tip about a male with a gun, CRT members and investigators from the task force converged on a vehicle and took two males into custody. Both males were found to be in possession of loaded handguns and investigators later learned that the males had planned to carry out a shooting at another location.

The Community Response Team assisted the Detective Division with 15 investigations in 2009 to include one homicide, one burglary, two shootings, two serious assaults and assisted investigators with the shooting at the American Civic Association.

The Community Response Team assisted the Patrol Division in 2009 with 135 calls for service. Members routinely provide backup to officers and supply manpower during serious incidents and emergencies. Members also frequently saturate areas with the highest criminal activity which frees patrol officers to handle other matters on their respective posts. A notable case in which members assisted the Patrol Division occurred when CRT officers went with patrol to check a south side residence for an assault suspect. At this location, CRT officers developed information that the suspect had just left the residence and was headed towards Vestal Avenue. These officers then located the suspect in the company of several other males and the suspect provided a false name. CRT officers then detained this male with patrol's assistance and found the male to be in possession of a loaded firearm. The male was subsequently charged with felony weapons possession and felony assault. Another male in the group was found to be in possession of a controlled substance and was charged with the possession.

### **Nuisance Properties**

The Community Response Team in conjunction with Broome County Special Investigations Task Force, landlords and city agencies continued to play an important role in curbing drug activity and lawlessness at the following properties;

**Alaska Mart – 254 Chenango St.  
Rock B Tavern - 157 Conklin Ave.  
62 Dickinson St.  
259-261 Main St.  
155 Susquehanna St.  
27 Edwards St.  
31 Edwards St.  
33 Edwards St.**

**6 Jay St.  
Janette Ave.  
45 Pine St.  
13 Robinson St.  
5 Edwards St.  
32 Cypress St.  
260 Washington St.  
18 North St.**

**Training:**

**CRT members were afforded the following training opportunities in 2009:**

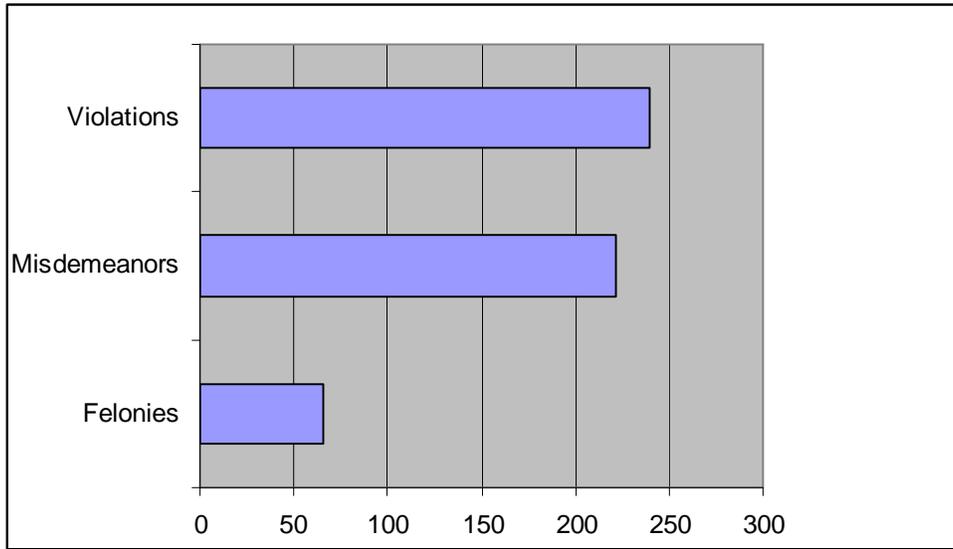
- One day Active Shooter training session.
- Three day Street Crime School
- One day methamphetamine school
- Three day Patrol Interdiction School

The community policing style practiced by the Community Response Team continues to positively affect city neighborhoods. The unit continues to address community concerns through effective problem solving and proactive policing. CRT officers are able to dedicate their time to focus on adverse conditions in neighborhoods hence delivering lasting solutions. The true success of the Community Response Team lies within the interactive relationships members have built within the community.

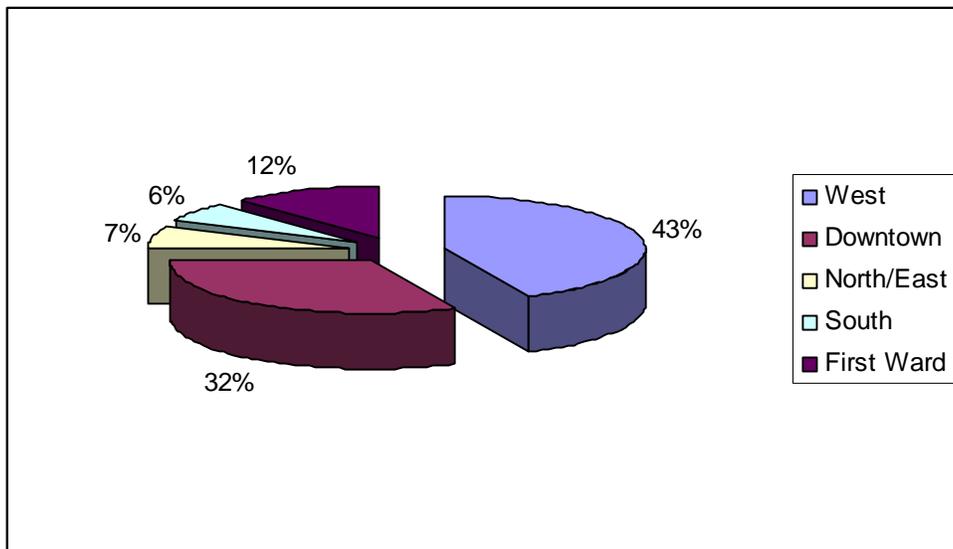
**2010 Objectives:**

- Shifting hours of members to adapt to changing crime patterns
- Augment the Patrol Division on complaints that can be more appropriately handled by community policing officers
- Complete code enforcement referrals on a frequent basis
- Conduct sweeps of nuisance properties with code officers on a frequent basis

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM 2009 ARREST BREAKDOWN



## 2009 ARRESTS BY LOCATION



CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
ABC VIOLATION	1		1		2						1		5
AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT							1						1
AGGRAVATED UNLIC. OPER.	3	4	1	2			3	1	5		1	1	21
ASSAULT - FELONY		2						1	1				4
ASSAULT - SIMPLE	1			1		1				1			4
BENCH WARRANTS	2		3	1	3	1	3	2	6	1		4	26
BURGLARY		2			1	1				1			5
CPCS - NARCOTICS (FEL)	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	4	2	3	2	3	26
CPCS - NARCOTICS (MISD)	4	7	2	3	11	2	4	10	10	7	5	6	71
CRIM. POSS. MARIH. (MISD)		2	1	1	2	1	2			1	1		11
CRIM. POSS. STOL. PROP. (FEL)											1		1
CRIM. POSS. WEAPON (FEL)				2				1		1	3	1	8
CRIM. POSS. WEAPON (MISD)				2	1								3
CRIM. SALE MARIHUANA												1	1
CRIMINAL CONTEMPT				1									1
CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION							1				1	1	3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (FEL)						1							1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (MISD)					1								1
CRIMINAL POSS. HYPO. INSTR.					1								1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS (MISD)					2								2
CRIMINAL POSS. DRUG PARA.								1			1	1	3
CSCS - FELONY NARCOTICS	1	1		1			1						4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT ENDANGERING WELFARE CHILD		6	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		17
FAILURE TO APPEAR		4											4
FALSE PERSONATION							1	1					2
FORGERY					1								1
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE			1										1
GRAND LARCENY					1				1			1	3
GROWING CANNABIS				1		1			1	1			4
HARASSMENT						1				1			2
IMIT. CONT. SUBST. (MISD)				1		1			1				3
ISSUING A BAD CHECK								1					1
LOITERING	3		3		3		1	1	5	2	6		24
MENACING					1			1					2
OBSTR. GOV'T. ADMINISTR.		1	1	1	1	1		1		2			8
PETIT LARCENY	1	1		1					1				4
PROSTITUTION	4	1						5	2	4	7	1	24
PUBLIC LEWDNESS										1			1

RECKLESS DRIVING								1					1
RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT								1					1
RESISTING ARREST	1	1		2			2	1	1	3			11
ROBBERY										2			2
TAMPER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	1			1			1		1	3	1	1	9
TRESPASS VIOLATION	6		1	8		2	1						18
UNLAWFUL POSS. MARIHUANA	11	12	17	14	5	11	6	10	15	6	4	15	126
UNLAW. SALE/ALCOHOL-MINOR			4										4
VIOLATION CITY ORDINANCE	1		4	2	7	4	8	9	3	5			43
VIOLATION OF PAROLE		1		1	1			1	2		2		8
<b>CRT SPINDLE TICKET TOTALS</b>	<b>42</b>												
(Minus Joint Inv. w/Detectives/SIU)	2												2
<b>ANNUAL REPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>528</b>

# Binghamton Police K-9 Annual Report 2009



The Binghamton Police K-9 Unit has four K-9 teams which provide the department with narcotics detection, tracking, evidence recovery, building searches, criminal apprehension and explosive detection. Three of the dog teams are assigned respectively to the department's shifts and one team is detailed to the Special Investigations Task Force/Community Response Team. All four dogs are trained to locate people and evidence; each dog has a detection specialty, three being narcotics dogs and one an explosives detection dog.

2009 saw a major shift in the training for the city's four K-9 handlers. The unit moved its operations from the Southern Tier Police K-9 Association to the Depot in Hillcrest. The Binghamton Police Department led the move as we teamed up with the Broome County Sheriff's Office at this facility and was soon followed by Vestal, Cortland County, Norwich City, Chenango County, Tioga County, Chemung County and other area agencies. The move was implemented to increase accessibility to state certified trainers in hopes of modernizing and advance police K-9 training methods.

In 2009 the K-9 unit assisted in the recovery of approximately \$18,000 worth of illegal narcotics, \$7,000 in United States currency and one handgun. K-9 searches also resulted in charges being filed on 16 individuals.

The Binghamton Police K-9 Unit handled 105 calls for service in 2009 with the following breakdown:

Narcotics – 53

Explosive Search – 5

Tracking – 21

Apprehension/Protection – 7

Article Search – 11

Building Search - 9

The police dogs were deployed by shift/unit in following manner:

SIU/Community Response Team – 32

Relief one – 18

Relief two – 21

Relief three - 35

Handlers also completed 15 demonstrations, including time spent at the Police Athletic League in the summer months.

A notable case occurred when members of the Special Investigations Unit Task Force were executing a search warrant at a residence on the city's north side after arresting a subject on the street for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance. K-9 Storm, while searching the basement, began indicating along a wall for the presence of narcotics. We then located several screws amongst the woodwork in the wall and subsequently found a hidden wall trap which contained crack cocaine with a street value of approximately \$10,000.

The occupant was charged with felony narcotics possession and the case was bolstered. **(See photos notable case #1)**

Another notable case occurred when members from the task force took down a wire investigation which had occupied investigators for over four months. Investigators were conducting a search warrant at a home on the city's north side and after an initial search no drugs had been found. K-9 Storm, assigned to the task force, was then deployed in the home and began indicating for the odor of narcotics near a washer and dryer in the basement. Investigators then located folded up tissue paper containing a quarter ounce of powder cocaine above the appliances. Both occupants were subsequently charged with felony narcotics offenses and investigators were able to further corroborate their investigation with the finding of the illegal drugs. **(See photos notable case #2)**

On another occasion Patrolmen Patten and her partner "Razor" were dispatched to a west side location to assist members of the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force. The task force had executed a search warrant on a vehicle and after a careful search found no illegal narcotics. "Razor" was deployed in the vehicle and began pulling at the rubber lining for the sunroof. Located therein were six large chunks of suspected crack cocaine with a street value of \$2,000. Both occupants were subsequently charged with felony narcotics charges and the vehicle was seized.

**(See photos notable case #3)**

### **2010 Objectives:**

- Assign dog handlers to shifts based on needs for police K-9 services
- Integrate periodic training within an officer's shift

**Notable Case #1 – Hidden Wall Compartment**



**Notable Case #2 – Hidden on top of Basement Cupboard**



**Notable Case #3 - Hidden in Vehicle Sunroof Lining**



# BINGHAMTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



**2009**

Annual Training Report

## **BPD Training Division Overview**

The Binghamton Police Department Training Division advanced greatly in 2009. There were many changes and new programs implemented. Sgt. Ed Munson who was the head of the Training Division for the past 10 years retired in March and Sgt. Martin Burnett was assigned as the new Training Director in late January. The Training Division continued its high standard of training for all members during the annual In-Service Training as well as sending numerous officers to outside specialized training. Members of this department attended approximately (45) specialized training seminars in 2009 along with hosting a "Street Crimes" seminar and was the co-sponsor for DNA training in conjunction with DCJS and John Jay College.

In the early part of the year the annual In-Service Training was held for all members of the department. The BPD Training Division offers (5) days of training, doubling the state requirement. A large percentage of our training is provided by BPD DCJS Certified Instructors for both In-Service as well as the Regional Basic Police Academy.

The Departments annual firearms qualifications were held at the Tioga County Outdoor Range for two weeks both in the spring and fall. Every officer qualified with their respective service weapons as well as any specialized weapon(s) they are trained in.

The BPD Indoor range was utilized during the annual In-Service as well as host to numerous outside agencies such as Port Dickinson PD, IRS and US Probation. Civilian handgun training was also conducted on the indoor range.

As a result of the ACA Tragedy in April of this year, the Training Division coordinated a multi agency training session in October regarding "active shooter" reality based training scenario. BPD members included Administration, SWAT, Hostage Negotiations and CRT as well as members of the Vestal PD, UHS ESU and the Binghamton Fire Dept.

### **New Programs**

#### **Line of Duty Learning**

In 2009 the Training Division obtained a membership to "In the Line of Duty Learning" streaming video library. This training program can be accessed 24hrs a day, 7 day a week. In an effort to continue to provide quality training to our members, in July of this year the Training Division implemented a new program in which each patrol relief and CRT shows (3) videos each month to all officers assigned. The videos contain a wide variety of real law enforcement encounters, training material and safety reminders that cover many areas of law enforcement from traffic stops, shoot/don't shoot scenarios, verbal skills, complacency, crime scenes and diffusion techniques just to name a few.

**Handgun Safety Class**

The Training Division held Handgun Safety Classes for civilians throughout the year. There were (6) classes held (each class is eight hours long) for a total of 65 civilians trained.

**VA**

The Training Division obtained recognition from the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Certified Training Facility and assisted in enabling (4) BPD members to receive GI Benefits.

**Retirees**

The Training Division also obtained a membership to the Broome County Sportsmen's Club and began qualifying retired BPD Officers with their handguns in accordance with the H.R. 218 Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act allowing retired officers to carry handguns across state lines. In 2009 (17) retired officers were qualified.

**Patrol Rifle Course**

In 2009 the Training Division implemented a new Patrol Rifle (AR-15) Training and Qualification Course. The course is (2) days and consists of classroom instruction and outdoor range time with officers firing upwards of 300 rounds and confronted with numerous stress courses and engaging moving targets as well as transitioning to secondary weapons. This course will be held in the coming years with a goal of training all members of this department.

**New Equipment**

The BPD Armory(s) were cleaned and reorganized adding new equipment and supplies. The Training Division obtained (17) new DNA collection kits that were placed in the patrol and SIU vehicles to be utilized in processing crime scenes and search warrants. The firearms equipment has been upgraded to include new tactical slings for the AR-15 Patrol Rifles. The Training Division also purchased new UTM man marking cartridges along with (5) Glock and (1) AR-15 conversion kits to be utilized in future reality based training scenarios and shoot/don't shoot drills. There were (16) new soft body armor vests purchased this year and distributed to officers who's warranty had expired on their existing vests. An additional 10,000 rounds of ammunition for the AR-15 patrol rifles was purchased to accommodate the newly implemented Patrol Rifle Training and Qualification Course. The Training Division also purchased new Miranda Warning cards that were distributed to every officer.

The Training Division and PAL offices were newly painted and the carpet replaced in the Training Office.

The SWAT Team, Hostage Negotiations Team and the K-9 Unit all had a productive training year.

## Training Hours Summary

The Binghamton Police Department devoted 12,671 hours to training in 2009

<b>Training</b>	<b>Hours Per Officer</b>	<b>Number of Officers</b>	<b>Total Training Hours</b>
In-Service	40	134	5360
Firearms Qualification	8	132	1056
AR-15 Riffle Qual./Training	16	12	192
SWAT	*	9	1560
HNU	*	6	408
K-9	*	5	1405
Instructors at Basic Academy	*	4	244
Specialized Schools/Training	**	128	2324
Civilian Instruction			
Civilian Police Academy	*	*	16
Handgun Safety Class	48	2	96
Forensic Instruction	10	1	10
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>12671</b>

\* The number of hours per officer for SWAT, HNU, K-9 and Academy instructors varied because not all officers attended every training session.

\*\* The number of hours per officer for Specialized Schools/Training varied depending on the specific course.

<b>Specialized Course</b>	<b>Number of Officers</b>	<b>Hours of Course</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Statement Analysis	5	16	80
Colt AR-15 Armorer	1	24	24
Law Enforcement Accreditation	1	8	8
Hostage Negotiations Seminar	5	16	80
DNA Recognition/Collection	19	8	152
Motor Vehicle Collision Invest.	2	80	160
NCAVC	1	8	8
Digital Camera Training	1	8	8
Internal Investigations	2	16	32
Police Executive Training	4	8	32
Street Crimes Seminar	4	24	96
Reality Based Training	2	40	80
Officer Shooting Investigations	2	16	32
Human Trafficking Seminar	7	4	28
Training Directors Conference	1	16	16
NYSP Sex Offender Seminar	1	32	32
Suicide Prev./Interv. Instructor	1	24	24
Remington Armorer School	2	16	32
Field Intelligence Officer	1	12	12
Advanced Bloodstain Analysis	1	40	40
Firearms Instructor School	3	80	240
DNA Trends and Issues	6	16	96
Patrol Interdiction	4	24	96
Adobe Photoshop CS3	1	8	8
Hand Held Forensics	1	32	32
Taser Instructor	3	16	48
NYSP Homicide Seminar	2	40	80
Basic Investigative Photography	2	40	80
Child Abuse Investigation	1	8	8
Crime Scene & Evidence Tech.	2	80	160
Hostage Negotiations	2	40	80
Opening Doors diversity Seminar	2	16	32
Federal Toolbox Training	5	8	40
Labor Mgt./ Freedom of Info.	4	8	32
Pipeline Awareness & Education	2	2	4
Budgeting & Planning Seminar	2	16	32
NYSPIN Advisory Committee	1	16	16
Reducing Domestic Violence	2	8	16
Human Resources/Legal Updates	4	16	64
Child Fatality/Abuse Investigations	6	8	48
Managing Police Training	2	16	32
SIDS Investigations	2	8	16
Police Mental Health	2	16	32
NYS Sex Offender Management	2	4	8
In Custody Death Investigations	2	24	48
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>2324</b>

## **DETECTIVE DIVISION**

The Binghamton Police Department Detective Division is comprised of eight detectives that hold the responsibility of following up on criminal investigations as well as non-criminal matters. Investigations can range in nature from a suspicious incident to major felony crimes and all levels of crimes in between. The largest amount of time and resources is spent on solving violent crimes. It has become increasingly difficult and more labor intensive to bring some of these cases to the successful resolutions as a result of both victims and witnesses being uncooperative. During 2009 the members of the Detective Division were assigned a total of 1136 cases.

Our Detectives work closely with several different human services agencies within our community. Among those we work closely with is the Child Advocacy Council (CAC). At present one Detective is assigned to participate on the Child Abuse Review Team, this team reviews child abuse cases within Broome County to assure that all investigative leads and procedures have been utilized to the fullest extent. Also, a representative from the Detective Division is a member of the Executive Board of Directors of the Child Advocacy Center. The board is a multi-disciplinary team comprised of Law Enforcement, Social Services, area Hospitals and the District Attorneys Office. The board is tasked with making decisions affecting protocol and procedures of the CAC.

A member of the Detective Division is also a member of the Broome County Sexual Assault Team. This is a team that works within the community to establish protocol for the treatment of victims of sexual abuse. Their goal is to educate victims, as well as potential victims, to appropriate courses of action and make them aware of services available to them. Another of our detectives belongs to the Broome County Computer Crimes against Children task force.

It is a priority to maintain a high level of training in the Detective Division and at present all of our Detectives are highly trained in a variety of investigative areas. In an effort to keep training current the following training was attended by various members of the unit for the year 2009.

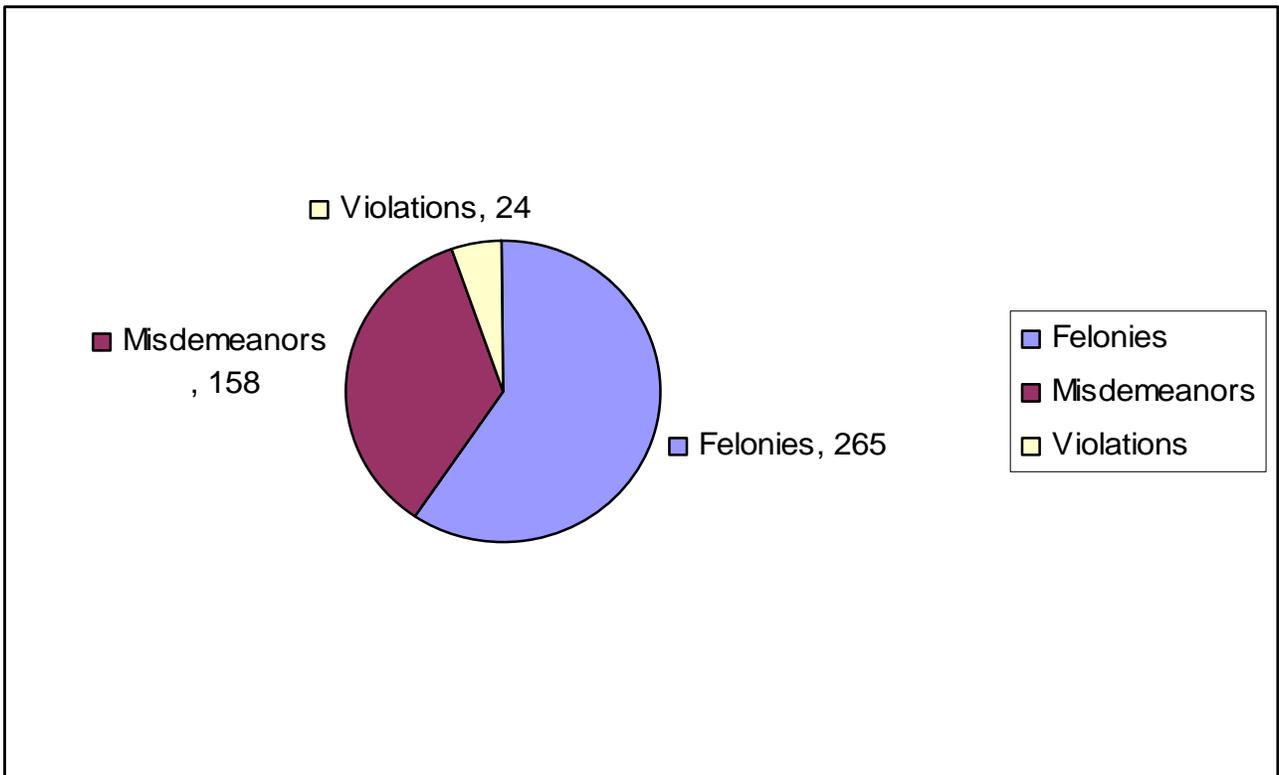
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>OFFICERS ATTENDING</b>
Property Room Management	16	5
Henry Williams Homicide Seminar	40	2
Child Fatality & Serious Physical Abuse Seminar	8	6
Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation	8	3
Forensic Analysis of In Custody Deaths	24	1
Statement Analysis Training	16	2
Vehicle Arson Investigation Seminar	8	2
Homicide/Shooting Investigations	8	2
Statement Analysis; What Do Suspects' Words Really Reveal	16	4

Another duty of the Detective Division is to serve subpoenas to the public, which includes witnesses and victims involved in cases that we have previously investigated and solved. The subpoenas are issued by the District Attorney's office and are issued for Grand Jury appearance, trials and various hearings for County, City and Family Court. The task of serving the subpoenas has become increasingly difficult and time consuming, usually as a result of the transient nature of many people we deal with.

It is the responsibility of the Detective Division supervisors to oversee all sex offenders who reside in the City of Binghamton. This includes over 200 Level 1, 2 and 3 offenders. Duties include face to face contact with each offender, address changes and updates, as well as home visits to make sure the offender is residing where he is registered. Also fingerprint and photographic images are kept current and submitted to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

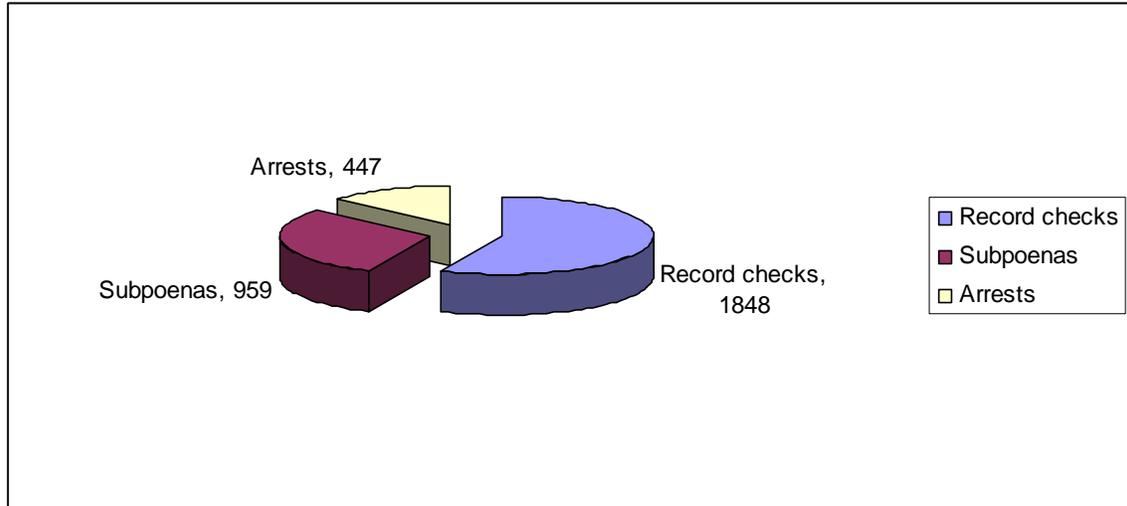
Historically, the clearance rate of the Detective Division is well over the national average for solving major crimes according to statistics provided by the FBI. We will continue to try and maintain that standard, even in light of shrinking resources and manpower.

## 2009 ARREST STATISTICS



<b>Felonies</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Violations</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>447</b>

# 2009 ACTIVITIES BREAKDOWN



Record checks	Subpoenas	Arrests
1848	959	447

# FIELD INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 2009 REPORT

**OVERVIEW:** The Field Intelligence Officer is responsible for collecting, evaluating, analyzing and disseminating intelligence information related to criminal activity in the City of Binghamton and criminal activity in other jurisdictions that may adversely affect this city. The Field Intelligence Officer will often work with the F.I.O. from the Broome County Sheriff's Office in performing these duties.

**INTERVIEWS:** In 2009 -516 interviews of subjects were conducted. These were held at the Broome County Jail as well as the BPD. The bulk of the information received was drug related. Following are some current trends emerging in the Broome County/City of Binghamton area:

- Heroin is becoming increasingly popular. Many interviews were held with addicts who are in their early 20s' and have been using since high school. It was not uncommon to find people using as many as 20 bags of heroin a day. A lot of these users supplement their addiction through theft. Shoplifting is their crime of choice. Bags of heroin are currently being sold "unmarked" so as not to be traced. It has also been established over the course of this past year that that the majority of dealers and users have come from Philadelphia, the Scranton area and Great Bend. Dealers do the bulk of their work via cell phone.
- Pills (pain killers). Many heroin users have become such after graduating from the use of prescription medication. Users/dealers sell their prescriptions to supply cash for their drug of choice
- Crack/Cocaine. Still heavy in the crime ridden inner city areas. Sold on the street, via cell phone, as well as in houses. Powder cocaine is mostly contained amongst the middle class and up crowd.
- Marihuana. Heavy at all levels as it is sold from \$5.00 bags at the street level up to pounds at a time.
- Designer drugs such as GHB/Ecstasy. Mostly amongst the college crowd and found in downtown bar scene.

**GUN INFORMATION:** Most gun information is associated with the drug trade. Information obtained regarding guns is usually put out in officer safety form and distributed amongst law enforcement agencies. There has been a notable increase in shots fired calls as well as weapons possessions charges locally.

**NOTABLE CASES:**

- In September of 2009, information was developed from an in custody source. This source was able to supply information and locations of two large scale marihuana dealers. Search warrants were obtained and executed by members of the Broome County Special Investigations Task Force. These investigations lead to three arrests and seizures of about 3 pounds of marihuana, and \$7000.00 cash.
- In November 2009, information was developed regarding a subject wanted on a parole warrant. This subject was supposed to be transporting a large quantity of heroin into the Binghamton area. Through investigation the subject was identified and warrant confirmed. The source of this information supplied the ETA of the subject and this information was passed on to the Broome County Special Investigations Task Force. The subject was subsequently located, stopped and found in possession of 900 bags of heroin and \$5000.00 cash.

**MEETINGS:** Each week there are two separate meetings scheduled:

1. Gang Meeting: Local agencies meet and share any sightings of suspected gang activity along with current intelligence from the jail population.
2. CTZ Meeting: State Police sponsored meeting dealing with potential homeland security issues, and the Operation Safeguard initiative, advising local businesses regarding potential security issues.

Approximately 75 total meetings attended.

**OFFICER SAFETY ALERTS:** Intelligence gathered either through interviews of in-custody individuals, Confidential Informant (CI) information, or statewide alerts put out through the "Wire", a weekly intelligence report. Approximately 76 alerts department wide alerts were issued.

**CASES:** 69 Intelligence based cases and /or intelligence assistance to other officers.

**TRAININGS:** Two day state sponsored intelligence based training seminar in Utica NY and a one week FBI Hostage Negotiation School at the Broome County Police Academy.

**PHONE CALL REVIEWS:** The Broome County Jail records all inmate phone activity. Pertinent conversations are copied and forwarded to the appropriate agencies. A great deal of intelligence is learned through these conversations regarding both activities inside and outside the facility. These calls are reviewed as needed.

# WARRANT DIVISION 2009

<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	9
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	41
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	16
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	67
<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	19
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	29
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	9
	Violation Arrests:	2
	Felony Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	60
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	17
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	31
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	18
	Felony Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	67
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	10
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	30
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	10
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	2
	Total Arrests:	52
<b><u>MAY</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	12
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	20
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	7
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	40
<b><u>JUNE</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	14
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	38
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	12
	Felony Arrests:	2
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
	Violation Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	68
<b><u>JULY</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	7
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	31
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	12

	Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	51
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	8
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	37
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	15
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	61
<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	8
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	14
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	5
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	28
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	12
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	17
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	8
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	38
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	6
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	10
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	1
	Total Arrests:	17
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	4
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	10
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	0
	Total Arrests:	14
<b><u>2009 TOTALS</u></b>	Felony Warrant Arrests:	126
	Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests:	308
	Violation Warrant Arrests:	113
	Felony Arrests:	4
	Misdemeanor Arrests:	9
	Violation Arrests:	3
<b>TOTAL WARRANT DIVISION ARRESTS: 563</b>		

# JUVENILE REPORT 2009

**TOTAL COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED** **461**  
**CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS** **238**

**JUVENILE ARRESTS/FAMILY COURT PETITIONS:** **180**

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS:	135
Assault 3rd	24
Attempted Petit Larceny	1
Criminal Mischief 4th	7
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th	11
Obstructing Governmental Administration	3
Criminal Trespass 3rd	13
Family Court Warrant	3
Menacing 3rd	1
Petit Larceny	55
Resisting Arrest	5
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle 3rd	9
Unlawful Possession of a Weapon/Under 16	1
Making Graffiti	2

FELONY ARRESTS:	45
Assault 1st	1
Arson 4th	1
Assault 2nd	1
Burglary 3rd	7
Burglary 2nd	5
Rape 1st	3
Criminal Mischief 3rd	1
Sexual Abuse 1st	1
Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd	1
Criminal Sex Act 1st	2
Grand Larceny 4th	2
Robbery 1st	2
Robbery 2nd	9
Robbery 3rd	2
Intimidation of a Victim	2
Attempted Robbery 2nd	1
Criminal Possession Stolen Property 4th	2

RUNAWAYS:	168
Males	81
Females	60

**REPRIMANDS** **82**

**SUBPOENAS** **72**

**ADULT ARRESTS:** **1**

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	1
Criminal Trespass 3rd	1

# IDENTIFICATION UNIT

The Binghamton Police Department Identification Unit falls under the umbrella of the Detective Bureau. The main function of this unit is to process crime scenes and manage the property and evidence of the entire department. This is the only fully-functioning municipal crime scene unit in Broome and surrounding counties. The unit was comprised of four investigators trained in various forensic specialties in 2009.

The unit maintains a Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) regional full-functioning work station which has access to the NYS fingerprint database. Various neighboring agencies have utilized this workstation by submitting their latent fingerprint evidence to our unit for analysis and searching within the database. Our Certified Latent Examiners have solved several high profile cases this year by effecting identifications of unknown suspects.

The Identification Unit started using digital imaging several years ago for documenting evidence and crime scenes. We were the first agency on the east coast to utilize an authentication software database, which is recommended by the FBI. Other law enforcement agencies in New York and throughout the United States contact this unit for advice and input about the system and we have assisted other agencies with the implementation of this specific software. The unit is responsible for training patrol officers in the use of assigned digital cameras and maintaining the digital image database, which includes disseminating printed photographs and compact discs of images to the District Attorney's office and other agencies.

The unit maintains a laboratory that was funded and outfitted with state of the art equipment by use of state grants. Hundreds of items of evidence are photographed and/or processed for latent evidence in this lab, as well as preserved for DNA analysis.

The Binghamton Police Identification Unit has also rendered assistance to other outside agencies in 2009. Duties performed for these agencies entailed lab work, latent fingerprint comparison and crime scene processing in their jurisdiction.

Other duties of the unit include but are not limited to:

- Fingerprinting and photographing prisoners
- Collecting DNA swabs for submission to NYS DNA database of convicted offenders
- Processing civilian fingerprints
- Conducting background checks for other agencies
- Provide items for countywide auction yearly
- Maintaining criminal dispositions and seal orders
- Budgeting for the unit and buying supplies for evidence packaging
- Training members of the department in the proper handling and packaging of evidence

- Speaking engagements to area schools and colleges to educate the community
- Presenting courtroom displays for courtroom testimony

Notable cases from 2009 include:

- The trial and conviction of a male accused of a murder in 1997 based primarily on DNA maintained by this unit. This also included courtroom testimony and visual presentations to the jury created by this unit.
- The Identification Unit of the Binghamton Police Department was the lead agency to investigate and document the tragedy that occurred at the American Civic Association. This included the collection and maintenance of almost 3,000 digital photos, 103 shell casings and a total of 566 pieces of evidence. Over 200 pieces of evidence were submitted to the NYSP laboratory for analysis.

## Identification Unit Statistics

**2009**

Prisoners Processed				683
Non Criminal fingerprints taken		\$1,110.00		174
Background checks generated (paid)		\$1,305.00		87
Background checks generated (courtesy)				1848
Criminal Dispositions processed				2749
Seal Orders processed				1372
Cases out to Photo Lab				N/A
Digital Images processed			683 cases	21323 images
Digital Media to other agencies		\$297.00	111 cases	15353 images
Digital Images printed			58 cases	459 images
Items processed in ID Lab				615
Cases processed for other Police agencies				6
Cases with ID response				231
DNA Conviction Submissions collected				67
Items photo'd for return/destruction		N/A (see processed in ID Lab)		
Latent fingerprints lifted				82
Cases entered into SAFIS				12
Latent fingerprints entered into SAFIS				23
Comparisons made				606
Identifications made (from SAFIS)				1

hits)				
Digital media archived to CD				477
<b>Property &amp; Evidence</b>				
Items collected				6466
Total bar-coded items in storage				50288
Items auctioned				158
Items destroyed				3822
Items returned to owner				819
Items transferred to lab for analysis				609
Items transferred to DA's office				429
Items transferred to other agency				249
Items maintained for Department records				736
Items transferred to City of Bing				33
Items to Comptroller		\$53,247.40		113
Impounded motor vehicles		\$8,425.00	337 Days	127 vehicles
Item Transfers/ transactions				38,008
<b>Totals (money/transactions)</b>		<b>\$64,384.40</b>		

# BINGHAMTON POLICE RECORDS BUREAU

The police records bureau is responsible for establishing and maintaining a data base of all documented police activities. This is accomplished through electronic means as well as traditional paper documents. The records bureau is staffed by 3 civilian employees and a police sergeant.

In 2009 the records bureau processed 33,760 complaints generated by the police department. This process includes reading, coding/categorizing, inputting and or scanning data into the computer records management system and filing reports.

Accurate and timely inputting of information into the records management system is very important as it directly affects the ability to accurately extract information on a daily basis for crime analysis, Freedom of Information requests, District Attorney requests for reports, and mandated state statistical reports. In addition the records bureau is responsible for complying with record seal orders issued by various courts.

The records bureau processed over 3200 requests for reports filed by the public under the Freedom of Information Law in 2009. By law, a response is required within 5 business days to all such requests. Requests for reports by the District Attorney's office and Broome County Department of Social Services are also numerous and continuous. In 2009 the records bureau took in \$3085 in revenue related to Freedom Of Information Law requests.

2009 also saw a reduction in staff in the records bureau because of budget constraints. The records bureau continued to provide efficient quality service to the public and the department with one less police officer (reassigned to patrol), and one less civilian clerical staff. The records bureau remains committed to providing excellent service.

# ANNUAL POLICE AWARDS CEREMONY 2010

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

**INVOCATION:** Father Laurence Lord, Police Chaplain

**SPEAKER:** Mayor Matthew Ryan

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**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:** Chief of Police Joseph T. Zikuski

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
POLICE OFFICER DANIEL ANGELINE

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
POLICE OFFICER DANIEL FLANDERS

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
INVESTIGATOR JAMES M. HAWLEY  
INVESTIGATOR PHILIP G. KANE  
INVESTIGATOR PHILLIP DEANGELO  
INVESTIGATOR DAVID PETRYSZYN  
INVESTIGATOR CHARLES WOODY  
INVESTIGATOR THOMAS BRADY

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
POLICE OFFICER ALAN QUINONES

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
POLICE OFFICER JEREMY CREAGH  
POLICE OFFICER ALAN QUINONES (WITH BAR)  
POLICE OFFICER ARMANDO MARROQUAN  
POLICE OFFICER BRENDAN WHALEN

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
POLICE OFFICER DAMIAN MARONEY

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**  
POLICE OFFICER DAVID BAER  
POLICE OFFICER ROBERT KNEER  
SERGEANT DANIEL FRAIR

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**POLICE OFFICER NICHOLAS R. HARDY IV**

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**BENEDICTION** - Reverend Templeton Taylor, Police Chaplain

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

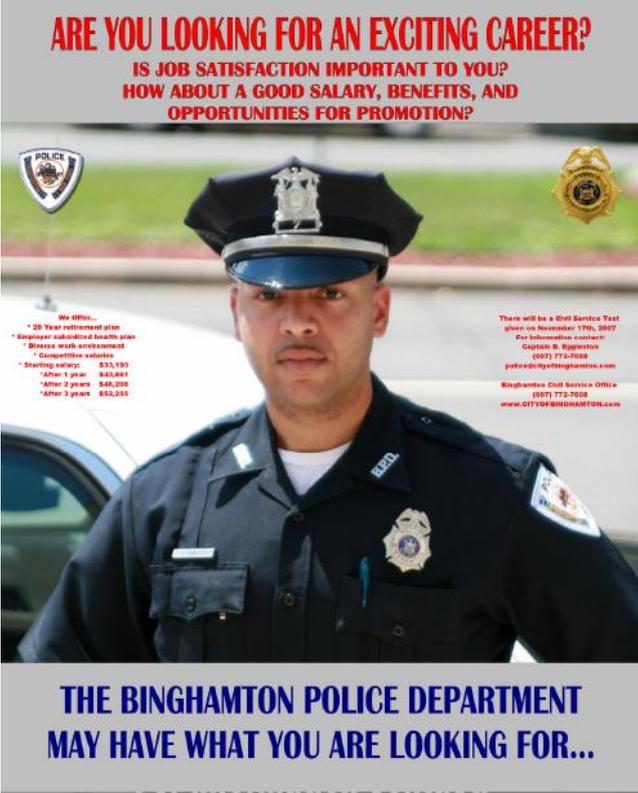
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## **FALLEN OFFICERS**



### **Police Officer Lee E. Barta**

Appointed: January 28, 1991; Died: August 3, 1995

Officer Lee Barta was shot and killed while searching for a work-release absconder. The suspect later committed suicide. Barta, at the age of 29, left two young children and an expectant wife.

### **Police Officer William F. Holbert, Jr.**

Appointed: February 27, 1970; Died: July 17, 1972

Officer William Holbert was shot and killed while handling a family disturbance. The killer was wounded by other officers, was later tried, but was found not guilty by reason of insanity. Holbert, at the age of 26, left a wife and two children.

### **Police Officer George J. Weslar**

Appointed: May 2, 1928; Died: February 4, 1939

Officer George Weslar was shot and killed while investigating a family disturbance call. Weslar was off-duty at the time. His killer later committed suicide. Weslar, at the age of 48, left a wife and two children.

### **Police Officer Gerald M. Tracey**

Appointed: May 10, 1923; Died: December 23, 1928

Officer Gerald Tracey died as a result of a motorcycle accident. Tracey was in pursuit of a traffic violator at the time. Tracey, at the age of 28, left a young widow.

### **Police Officer Clarence W. Moran**

Appointed: March 20, 1922; Died: November 30, 1922

Officer Clarence Moran was shot in the back and killed while walking his beat. A suspect was arrested but never convicted. Moran, at the age of 28, left a young widow.

### **Police Officer William F. McDonald**

Appointed: November 15, 1915; Died: November 30, 1920

Officer William McDonald was shot and killed while preparing to question a robbery suspect. The 21-year old killer was later sentenced to life in prison. McDonald, at the age of 35, left a wife and a 1-year-old son.

### **Police Officer Alex Horvatt**

Appointed: May 19, 1912; Died: July 29, 1917

Officer Alex Horvatt, while walking his beat, came into contact with an electrically charged light pole and was electrocuted. Horvatt, at the age of 29, left a wife and a 1-year-old daughter