

City of Grosse Pointe Woods
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

February 27, 2012

Dear Mayor and City Council:

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2011 showing the activities of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety. Our Department has strived this past year to maintain a safe community while at the same time provide the best possible services for its citizens.

As the Director of Public Safety, I feel it is very important to continue my education. Therefore, I have been enrolled in the Masters of Public Administration program at Central Michigan University and anticipate a graduation date of September, 2013.

As the new Public Safety Director, I was confronted with several challenges due to the economic decline which seriously affected the public sector. As a result, I focused on increasing area patrols and utilizing our Auxiliary officers to concentrate on monitoring vacant and foreclosed homes, patrolling the business district alleyways, and introducing an Auxiliary bike patrol program.

In addition, as the former Detective Bureau Commander of ten years, I addressed the importance of a permanent Detective Bureau and how it would affect the apprehension and prosecution of criminals in Grosse Pointe Woods. Historically, our Detective Bureau has been on a four-year rotation, which is not a sufficient timeframe to obtain the academic and field training required in a position as important as a police investigator.

I have also implemented an Evidence Technician program certifying four patrol officers. By certifying road officers as Evidence Technicians, critical evidence that may be destroyed or altered by waiting for a detective to respond from home will be preserved. Economically, this will also reduce overtime costs to the City.

In an effort to be more involved in the education and development of troubled juveniles, I developed a juvenile deferment program called *aware interventions* in the spring of 2011. This program gives juveniles who are charged with minor crimes the opportunity to enroll in the program as a deferment to the Wayne County Juvenile Court system. If successful in completing the program, the involved juveniles will not face criminal prosecution.

As a licensed paramedic, I recognize the importance of training and have reinstated the Emergency Medical Technician program with the intention of certifying all road patrol officers as emergency medical technicians (currently, they are medical first responders). This will expedite emergency treatment while the Advanced Life Support unit is responding to a medical emergency.

For the first time ever, a Macomb County police agency assisted our Department in security at our annual fireworks event. To comply with the governor's request to share services and to increase security in our community, I reached out to St. Clair Shores police department in May of 2011 and formed a cross-jurisdictional sharing of services.

This year, we experienced 585 Index and Non-Index crimes, which represent a 20 percent increase from the 488 reported last year. This is attributed to aggressive traffic enforcement, which resulted in an increase of narcotic and weapon charges. As in previous years, we continue to see larceny as the highest index crime experienced in our community. However, we recorded a decrease in reported larcenies from 207 in 2010 to 141 reported incidents in 2011, which represents a 32 percent decrease. This decrease is the result of the arrest and prosecution of a suspect who confessed to a large number of the reported larcenies in 2010.

This past year, we experienced one high profile event. On May 18, 2011, the Citizens Bank located at 19683 Mack was robbed at gunpoint. Fortunately, no one was injured. Subsequently, due to the thorough investigation by our Detective Bureau and the FBI, all of the perpetrators were apprehended and prosecuted for this crime.

There were 12 actual fires with a fire loss of \$92,000 reported in 2011. This was a 30 percent decrease from the 17 actual fires with a fire loss of \$193,400 reported in 2010.

As an approach to community policing and as a way to reach out to our youth, Detective Daniel Koerber continues to be a liaison in our schools. Detective Koerber has an office located in Grosse Pointe North High School. He has been successful in interacting with the school administration and students. By developing this approach, I believe we have been able to successfully address current issues our youth are facing and better ensure safety within our schools.

In 2011, we had 29 auto thefts, 9 more than in 2010. However, the majority of the stolen vehicles were taken from the St. John Hospital parking lot. This was largely due to the unsupervised entry gate. St. John Hospital no longer charges a parking fee and has made the decision not to have security personnel at the entry gate, which increases the likelihood of a perpetrator entering and exiting the parking lot undetected. I have met with St. John's security personnel to discuss this matter. They have indicated that they do not intend to change their parking lot policy at this time.

As we move forward in these difficult economic times, the Department of Public Safety will rise to meet the challenges presented and to fulfill our mission. We will serve with distinction while making the best possible use of the resources available to us. We will continue to build upon and maintain productive partnerships with local governments and other organizations, to pursue excellence, and to be efficient and accountable for our actions. Through our excellent workforce and their expertise, we will provide our citizens with the level of service they are entitled to and certainly expect and deserve.

I am proud and honored to be the new Director of Public Safety for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. I look forward to my continued service and will lead the Department in a professional and courteous manner to the best of my ability.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the City Council, and all of the citizens we serve for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Pazuchowski, Director
Department of Public Safety

***Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety
Mission Statement***

The Mission of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety is to continually strive to improve the safety and quality of life within our community. This will be accomplished through a broad based combination of traditional and innovative police, fire and emergency medical services while always protecting constitutional and basic human rights. All members of the Department will at all times stand accountable for their conduct.

“Never Forget”



***Annual Remembrance of the Twin Towers
September 11, 2011***

INTRODUCTION

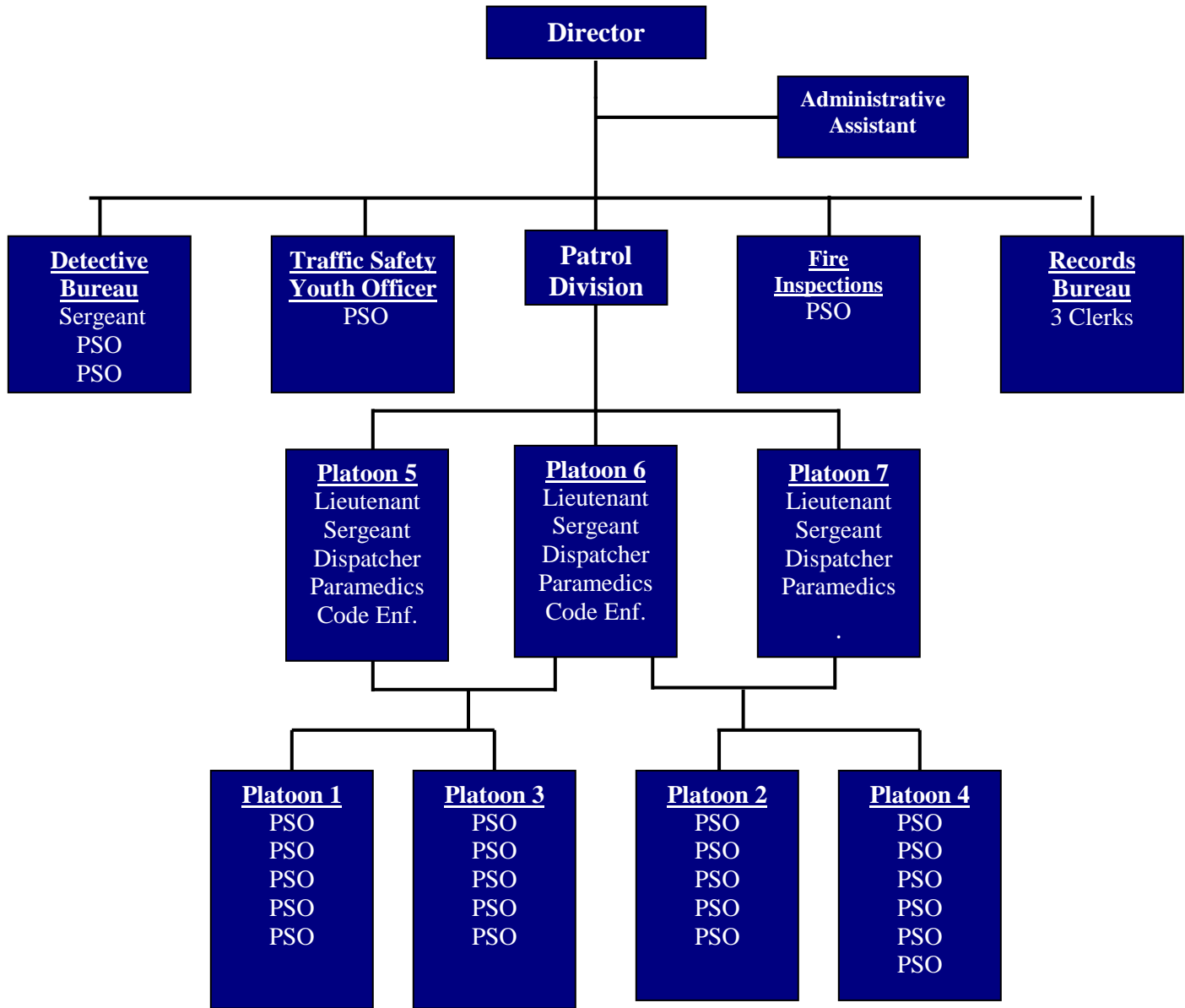
Each year, the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety prepares an annual report of crime statistics for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report (UCR). This data is compiled from offenses reported to the Department of Public Safety, monthly police reports, and individual crime incident reports.

The primary objective of this annual report is to provide a reliable set of criminal justice statistics for police administration, operations, and management. The localized study of crime data enables personnel to assess the influence of crime in areas, neighborhoods, and people. Similarly, crime statistics permit analysis among neighboring jurisdictions and with those of similar populations and other characteristics. A broad examination of the crime data allows individuals to view the nature and movement of crime, underlying changes, and fluctuations throughout the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, the State of Michigan, and the United States.

The Department of Public Safety is committed to improving the reliability and validity of our crime reporting data. We are attempting to achieve this goal by study and analysis of major crime indexes and understanding the impact of classification revisions mandated by the State. As a result, some offense categories have decreased, while others have increased. Our efforts are to provide a reporting system that will be more accurate, valid, reliable, and compatible with State and Federal standards.



ORGANIZATION CHART



<u>RECAPITULATION</u>	
1 Director 1 Administrative Assistant 1 F/T Administrative Clerk 2 P/T Administrative Clerks 3 Lieutenants 4 Sergeants 25 Public Safety Officers	2 F/T Dispatchers 4 P/T Dispatchers 5 Paramedics 1 F/T Code Enforcement Officer 1 P/T Code Enforcement Officer

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Andrew L. Pazuchowski
Director of Public Safety

Lieutenant

John Ross
Joseph Cardosi
John Kosanke

Sergeant

Raymond Yonkowski
David Gardzella
Richard Dutcher
Keith Waszak

Public Safety Officer

Daniel Koerber
Robert Raymond
Daniel Marietta
James Arthur
Anthony Chalut
Scott Nota
Kevin Bonk
Brian Conigliaro
Martin Mitchell
Walter Galat
Joseph Provost
Kyle Seidel
Mark Agnetti
Joseph Hazuka
Matthew Muzia
Jeffry Martel
J. Quincy Lefurgey
D. Scott Walker
Neal Kapoor
James Thompson
Ryan Schroerlucke
Brian Urban
Gerald Genna
Darrell Fisher
David Empson

Code Enforcement Officer

Debbie Reed
Jeanne Brys

Clerk/Dispatcher

Agnes Burcar
Gregory Tourville
Thomas Holloway
Sally VanRaemdonck
Jared Swartz
Patricia Czech

Paramedic/Firefighter

Charles Krantz
Corey May
Wayne Culver
Anthony Calappi
Mark Bletch

Administrative Clerk

Charlene Ortleib
Diana Cormier
Diane Janis

Administrative Assistant

Donna Brown

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Field Training Officer

Public Safety Officer David Empson



[Left to right: Sergeant Richard Dutcher and Public Safety David Empson. Our newest member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety, PSO Empson, completed his fourteen-week FTO training on January 23, 2011.]

Federal Bureau of Investigation Joint Law Enforcement Operation Award

Detective Kevin Bonk

Detective Anthony Chalut



[Left to right: Detective Kevin Bonk and Detective Anthony Chalut were honored by the FBI September, 2011. Bonk and Chalut were instrumental in the arrest and prosecution of several suspects involved in the Citizens Bank robbery located at 19683 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.]

SPECIAL RECOGNITION (continued)

Respect for Law Commendation

Public Safety Officer James Arthur

Public Safety Officer Walter Galat

Public Safety Officer J. Quincy Lefurgey



[Left to right: Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe President Krys Schroeder honoring Public Safety Officer Walter Galat, Public Safety Officer James Arthur, and Public Safety Officer J. Quincy Lefurgey at the May 4, 2011 Respect for Law Program. All three officers were recognized for their lifesaving efforts.]

Director's Letter of Commendation

Public Safety Officer Kyle Seidel: On July 4, 2011, a "Be on the Lookout" bulletin was received by the Michigan State Police for a subject wanted out of the state of Ohio. This subject allegedly stole a vehicle, which he was reported to still be in possession of, and was possibly headed to our city. Because of PSO Seidel's outstanding surveillance work, this subject was captured, the stolen vehicle was recovered, and multiple warrants were cleared.

Detective Kevin Bonk: Detective Bonk was instrumental in the arrest and prosecution of several suspects involved in the Citizens Bank robbery located at 19683 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Detective Anthony Chalut: Detective Chalut was instrumental in the arrest and prosecution of several suspects involved in the Citizens Bank robbery located at 19683 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION (continued)

Special Olympics

Public Safety Officer Kyle Seidel

Public Safety Officer Ryan Schroerlucke

Public Safety Officers Seidel and Schroerlucke helped cheer on the almost 800 athletes at the Special Olympics State Soccer Finals that took place on October 21 through October 22, 2011. This event took place at Halmich Park and the General Motors Tech Center in Warren.

Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt. (Special Olympics motto)



[Public Safety Officer Kyle Seidel is pictured on the far left and Public Safety Officer Ryan Schroerlucke is on the far right above].



[Public Safety Officer Kyle Seidel (back row) and Public Safety Officer Ryan Schroerlucke (front row) disseminate medals to competitors].

CROSSING GUARDS

Our crossing guard team plays a vital role in the lives of children who walk or take their bicycles to and from school. They help to coordinate children to safely cross the street, rain or shine, and play a vital role in ensuring the wellbeing of our children throughout the community.



[Left to right bottom row: Vaughn Izzard, Lynda Orzechowski, Janet Hughes, Lori Cardosi, Marjorie Warhurst, Marjorie Schneider, and Janet Stratmann. Middle row: Public Safety Officer/Crossing Guard Coordinator Daniel Koerber, Julie Clark, Sharon Stephanic, Kathleen Tarantine, Lisa Carmer, Theodore Colborn, William Westwood, Charlotte Monaghan, and City Administrator Alfred Fincham. Top row: Ann Izzard and Barbara Jones.]

AUXILIARY UNIT

The volunteer Auxiliary Unit is a vital resource for the Department. Not only do they assist officers at community events such as the fireworks and Fire Safety Open House, but they also provide assistance at fire scenes, perform fire hose testing protocols, as well as other essential duties.

This year, we were fortunate to receive a patrol bicycle donated by the Rotary Club. This has been an invaluable asset to our patrol unit since the bicycle patrol can easily navigate our business district and local parks. Ten auxiliary officers joined the bicycle patrol program in 2011, giving our Department and the community additional support.

The Auxiliary Unit amassed 270 hours of training and devoted 677 service hours to Grosse Pointe Woods in 2011. They are an indispensable part of our community.



[Left to right bottom row: Bryan Wollenweber, Sergeant Charles Thomas, Mark Higgins, John Mowatt. Middle row: Dr. Jose Carrion, Ryan Allemon, Allen Herfi, Richard De Fauw. Top Row: Angelo Gritsas, Keith Kurtz, Captain David Podeszwik, Sergeant Jerome Haraburda, and Jeffrey Moore. Not pictured: Sergeant Thomas Curcuri, Lucy Quinnn, Martin Van Almen, Archie Stewart, Patrick Berns, Nick Pizzurro, and Sergeant/Auxiliary Unit Coordinator Raymond Yonkowski.]

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

The Special Response Team (SRT) is a specially trained 10-man cross-jurisdictional law enforcement team that responds to potentially dangerous situations. The SRT serves arrest warrants to dangerous subjects, intervenes in hostage situations, works on counter-terrorism missions, provides perimeter security for high-profile events, and provides assistance in other high-risk situations.

In 2011, the SRT was activated on four separate occasions. These activations resulted in multiple arrests and recovery of stolen property and other paraphernalia.



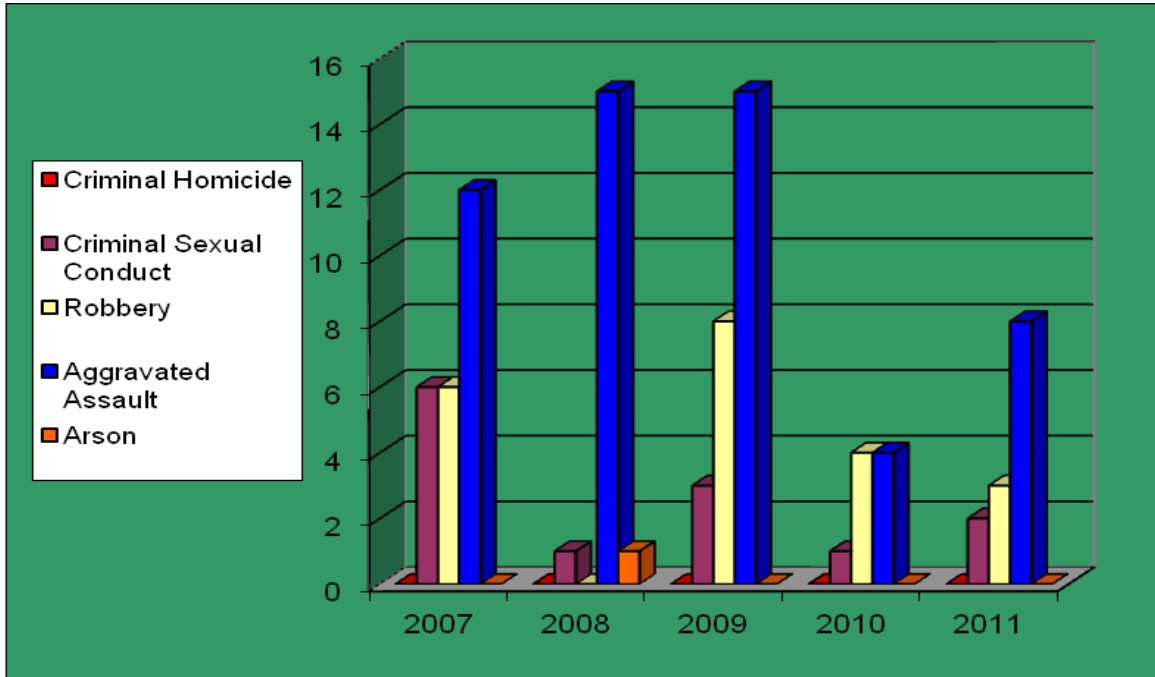
INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

The National Crime Index is composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to law enforcement. Index Crimes are considered to be the most serious of all crimes reported.

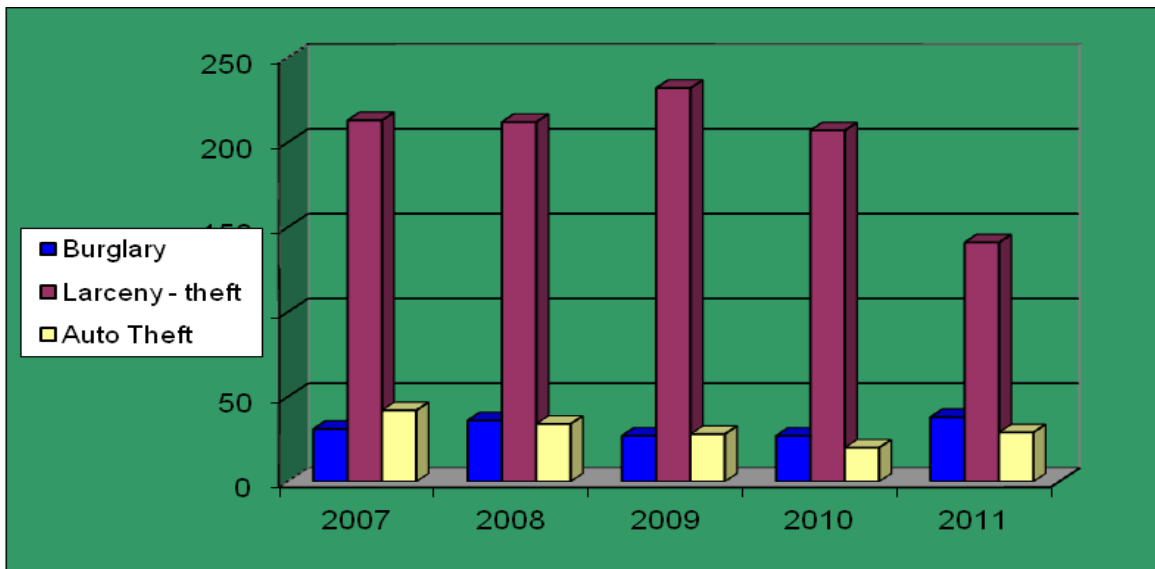
These include the violent crimes of:

- **Criminal Homicide**
- **Criminal Sexual Conduct**
- **Robbery**
- **Aggravated Assault**
- **Burglary**
- **Larceny - Theft**
- **Auto theft**
- **Arson**

INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	6	1	3	1	2
Robbery	6	0	8	4	3
Aggravated Assault	12	15	15	4	8
Arson	0	1	0	0	0



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Burglary	31	36	27	27	38
Larceny - theft	213	212	232	207	141
Auto Theft	42	34	28	20	29

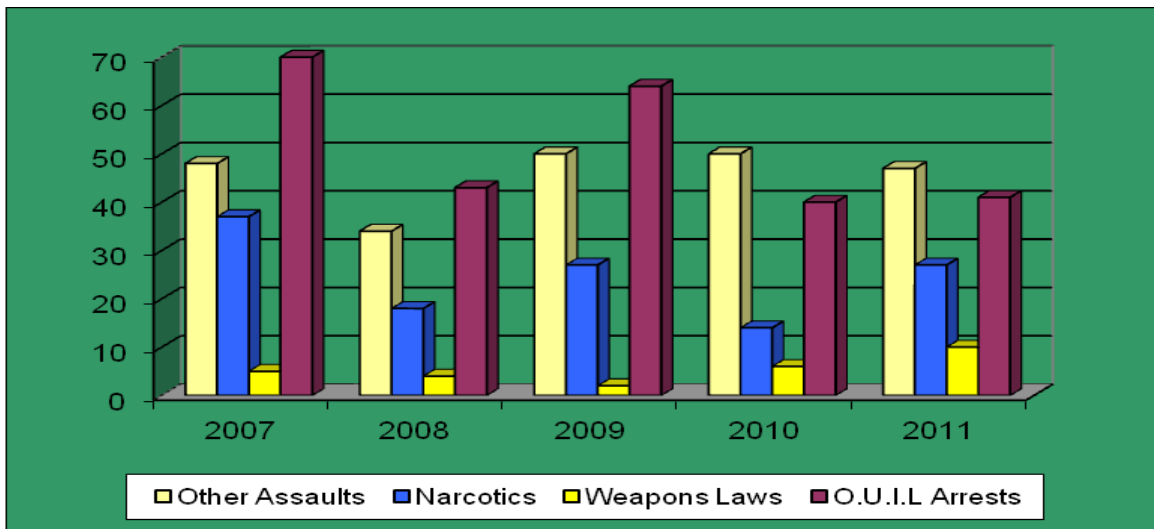
NON-INDEX CRIMES BREAKDOWN

Non-Index offenses encompass all other reportable classifications outside those defined as Index Offenses. Only arrest data involving the Non-Index offenses are reported to the FBI.

These include the crimes of:

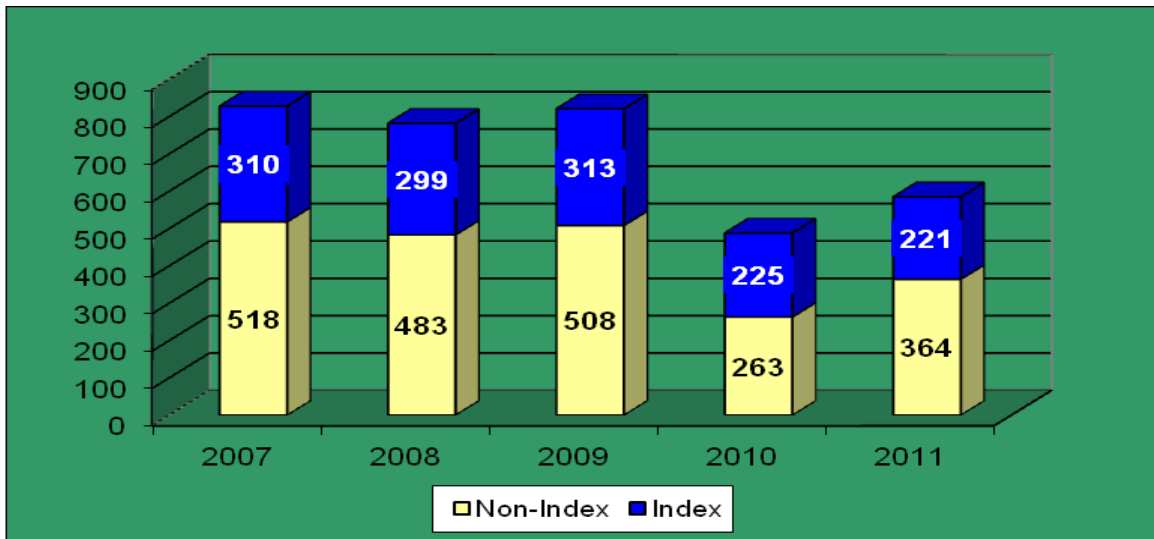
- **Other Assaults**
- **Forgery and Counterfeiting**
- **Fraud**
- **Embezzlement**
- **Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing**
- **Vandalism**
- **Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.**
- **Prostitution and Commercialized Vice**
- **Sex Offenses**
- **Drug Abuse Violations**
- **Gambling**
- **Offenses Against the Family and Children**
- **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**
- **Liquor Laws**
- **Drunkenness**
- **Disorderly Conduct**
- **All Other Offenses**
- **Suspicion**
- **Curfew and Loitering Laws (Persons under 18)**
- **Runaways (Persons under 18)**

NON-INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Other Assaults	48	34	50	50	47
Narcotics	37	18	27	14	27
Weapons Laws	5	4	2	6	10
O.U.I.L Arrests	70	43	64	40	41

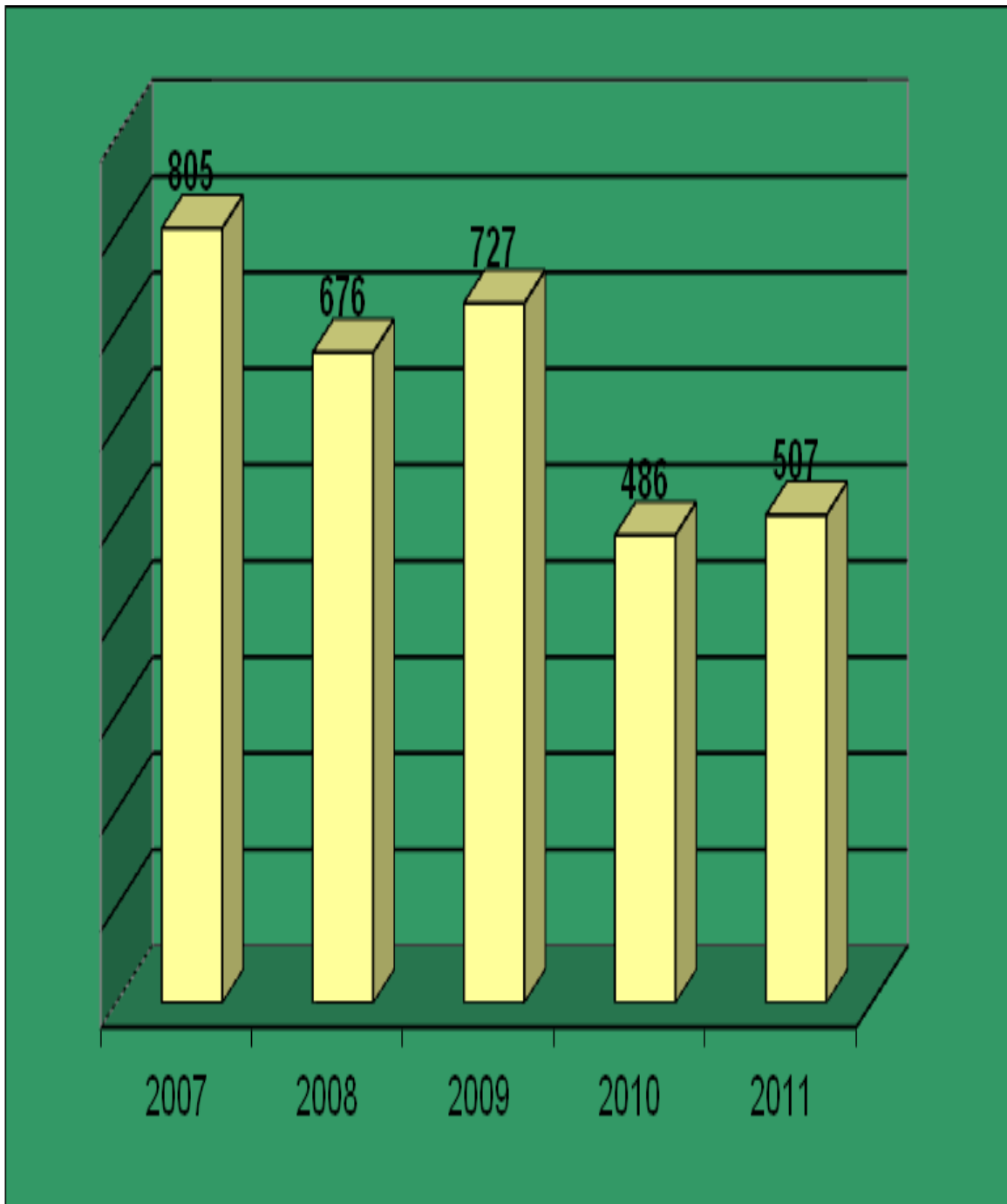
INDEX & NON-INDEX CRIMES TOTALS



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Index & Non-Index Totals	828	782	821	488	585

The 585 Index and Non-Index crimes reported this year represent a 20 percent increase from last year. This is attributed to aggressive traffic enforcement, which resulted in an increase of narcotic and weapon charges. The five-year average is 700 Index and Non-Index crimes.

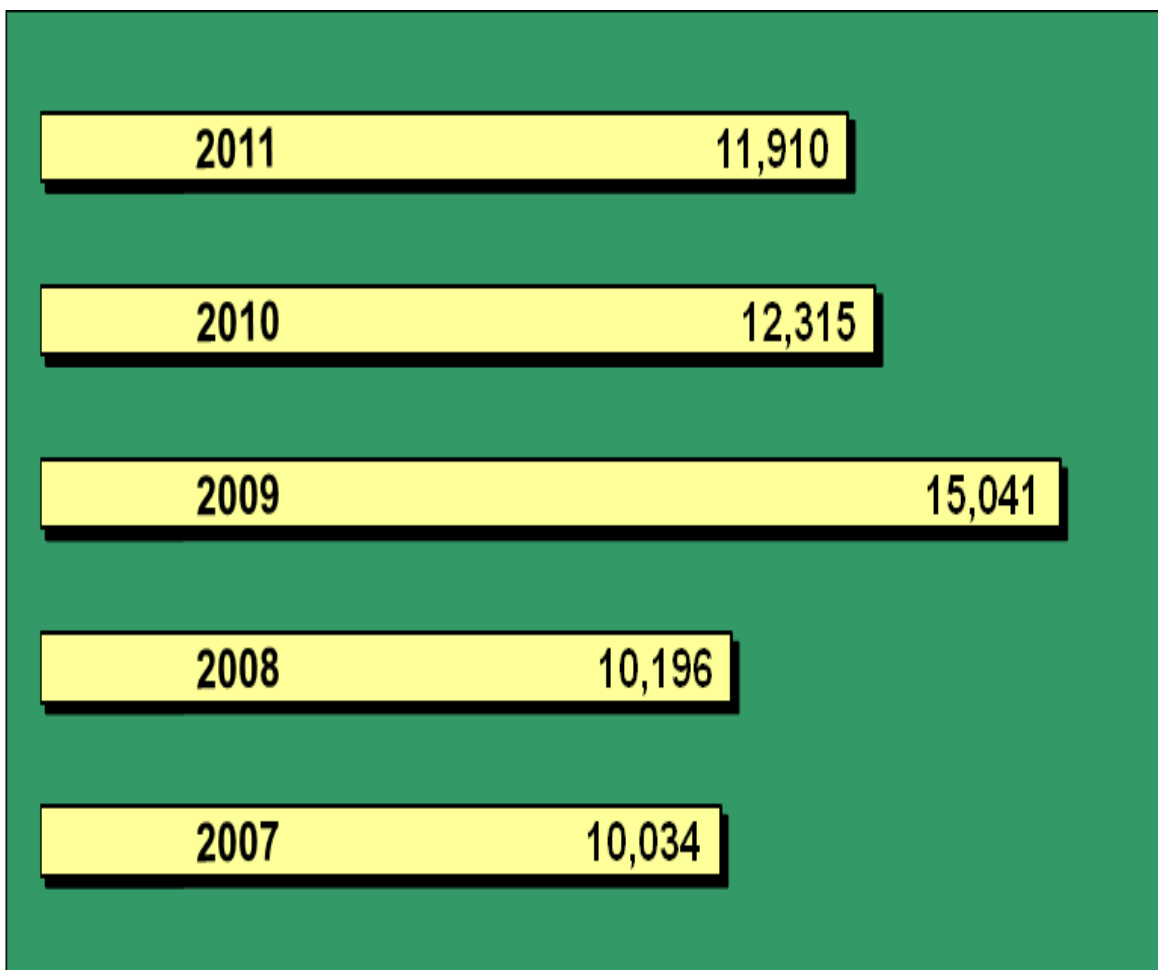
ARREST TOTALS



Arrests were up from last year by almost 5 percent. The five-year average is 640 arrests.

TOTAL INCIDENT REPORTS **2007 - 2011**

Since the utilization of CLEMIS, the Department has been able to successfully capture crime statistics on a grand scale. This valuable resource continues to enhance Department operations with its ease of use and impressive capability.

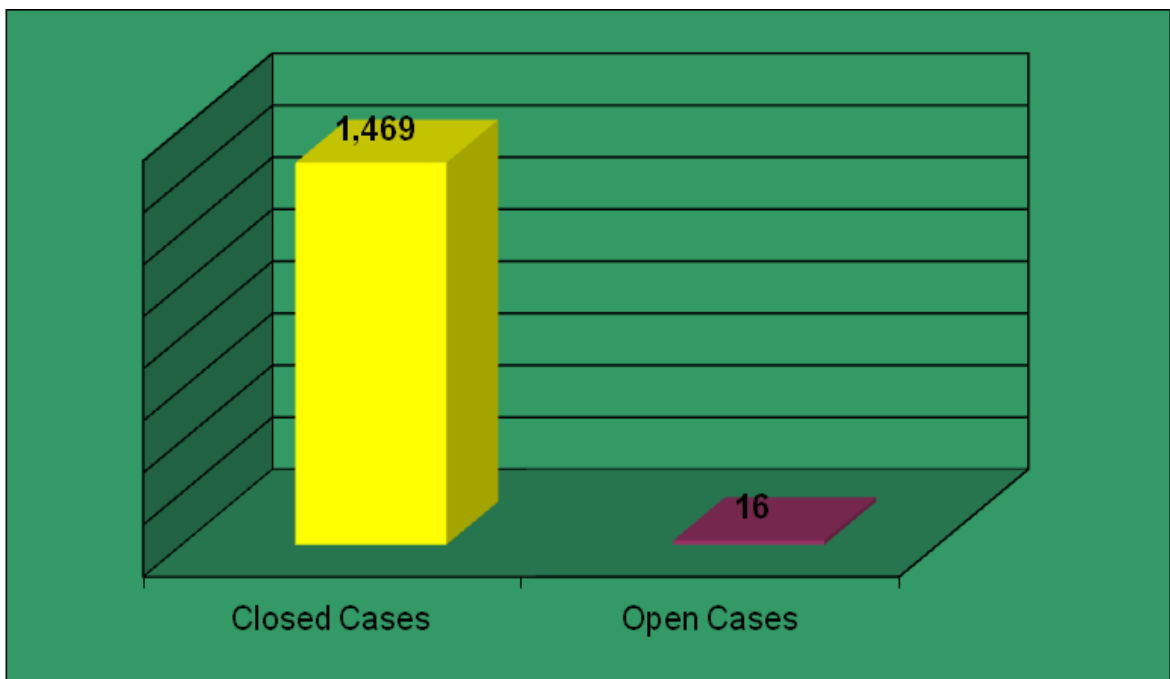


The Department responded to 11,910 calls for service last year. The five-year average is 11,899 calls for service.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is the Criminal Investigation Unit for the Department. The detectives assigned to this unit (who were permanently assigned in 2011) are responsible for investigating all crimes committed against persons or property in the community. They are available to respond to a crime scene 24 hours a day. All detectives receive specialized training to develop and enhance their investigative skills including attending legal update training and meetings with detective bureaus from neighboring jurisdictions. The Detective Bureau is also responsible for monitoring businesses that possess a Michigan liquor license to ensure compliance with Michigan liquor laws.

The Detective Bureau is staffed by four seasoned detectives. Detective Sergeant Raymond Yonkowski is the Detective Bureau Commander of the unit who oversees Detective Bureau operations. Detective Kevin Bonk and Detective Anthony Chalut are assigned adult criminal cases by the DB Commander. Detective Daniel Koerber investigates both adult and juvenile criminal cases. Together, these detectives are responsible for investigating crimes, collecting and preserving evidence, identifying perpetrators, interviewing witnesses, interrogating suspects, and preparing cases for successful prosecution.



1,485 Criminal Cases Were Assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2011

DETECTIVE BUREAU (continued)

Detective Koerber, as the Department's Youth Officer, is responsible for any crimes and or violations involving persons under the age of 17. He has an office located at Grosse Pointe North High School and has become a direct liaison with school administrators, teachers, and students. Detective Koerber is an educator and mentor for all students in the Grosse Pointe School System.

Detective Koerber is also responsible for traffic safety, overseeing crossing guards, conducting traffic and speed studies, and investigating traffic-related incidents as well as the community crime prevention program.



[Detective Koerber (center) poses with students at Grosse Pointe North High School].

DETECTIVE BUREAU (continued)

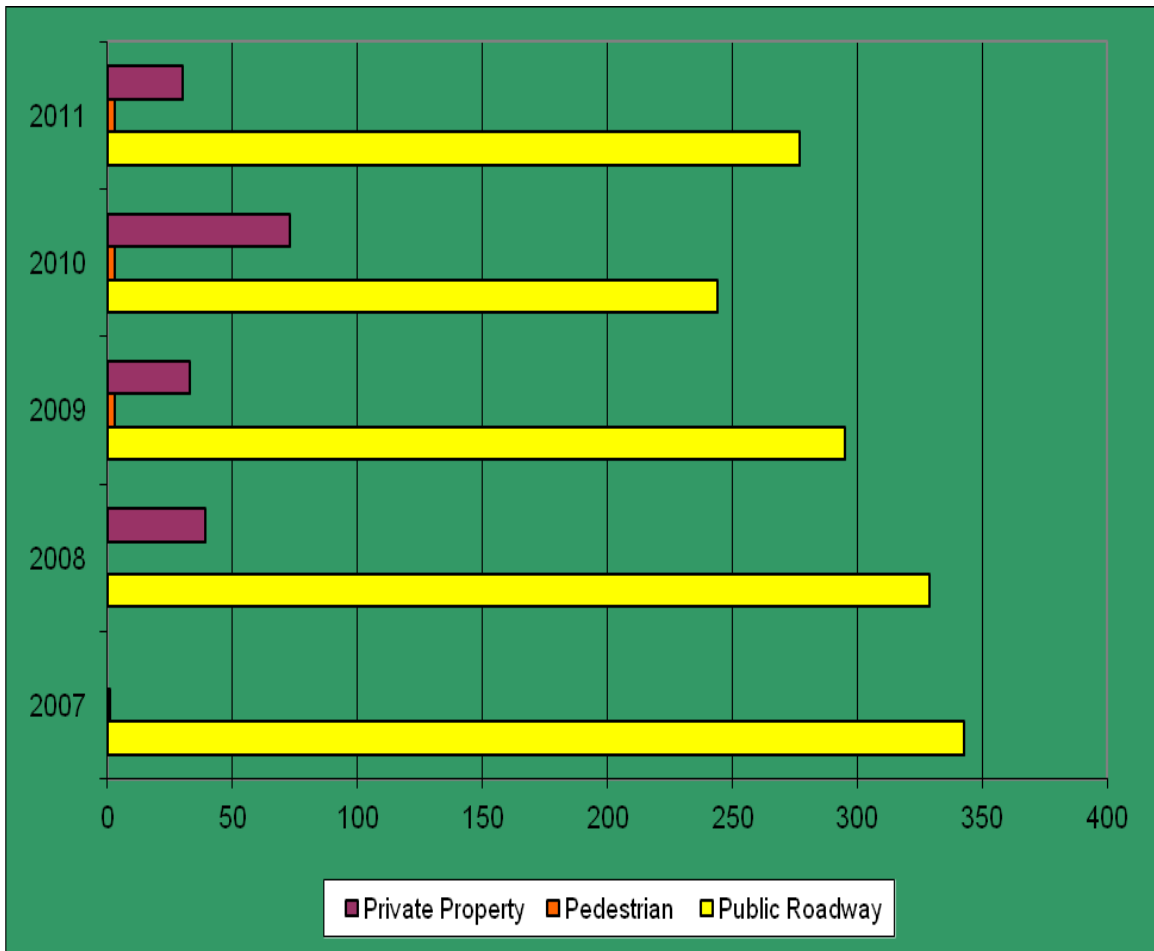


The Department began an intervention deferment program in 2011 called *aware interventions* for youths involved in minor crimes, (e.g., minors in possession of alcohol, larcenies, truancy, and possession of marijuana). Detective Daniel Koerber is the instructor of the program. The methodology revolves around lectures, community service, and other related techniques.

This program has been successful in redirecting juveniles to make positive changes in their lives.

TRAFFIC and PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

The statistics below include figures for private property accidents that are not required to be reported by State law. The State of Michigan, for reporting purposes, does not include or record private property accidents. These types of accident reports are taken as a courtesy to citizens.

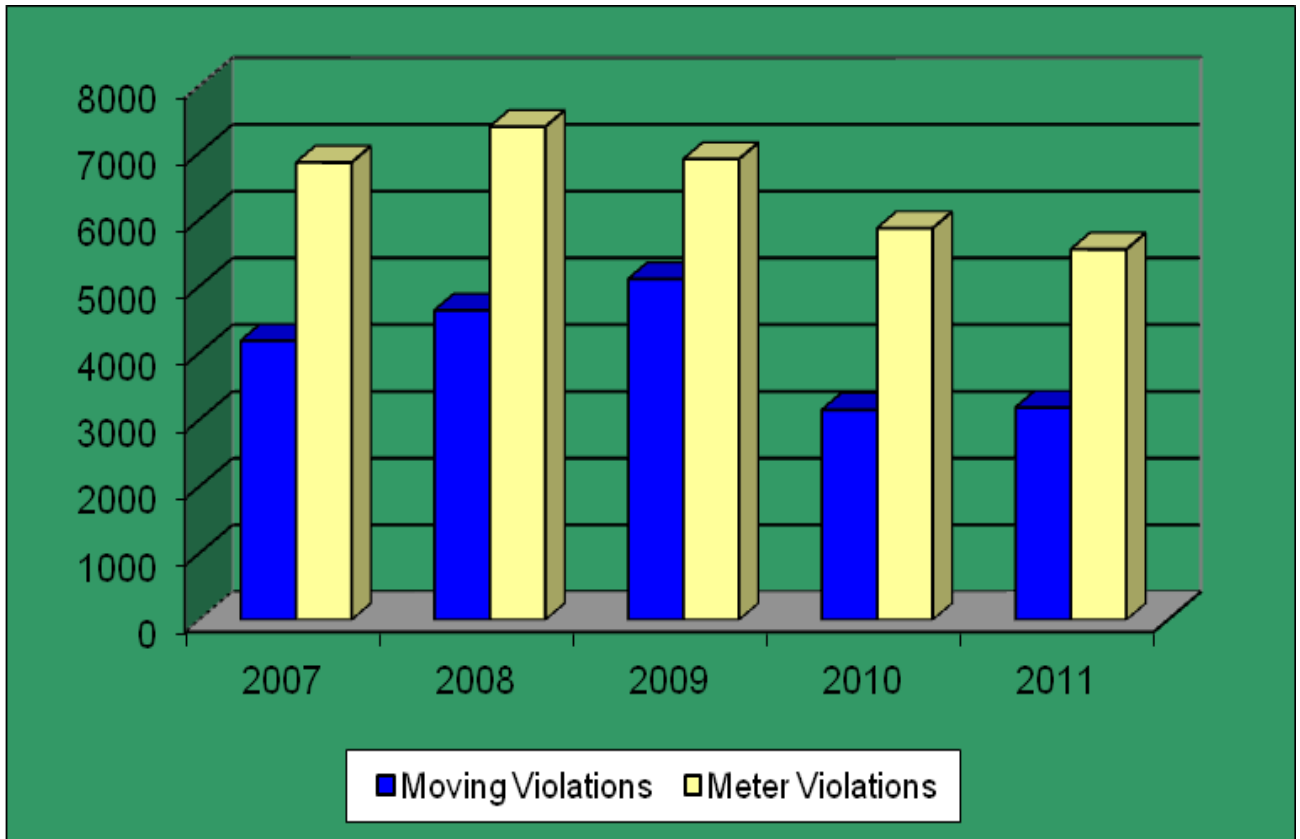


	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Public Roadway	343	329	295	244	277
Private Property	0	39	33	73	30
Pedestrian	1	0	3	3	3

There were no fatalities in 2011.

MOVING and METER VIOLATIONS

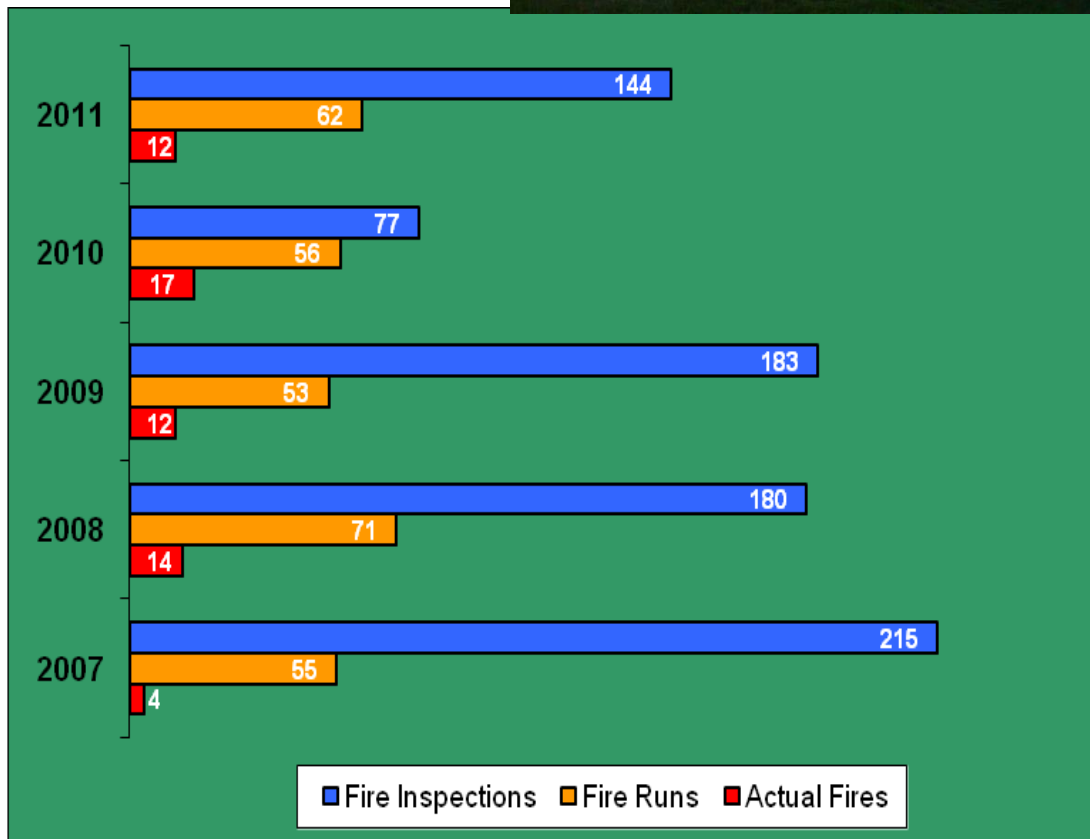
Using computers, updated radars, preliminary breath instruments, and the Cogent Blue Check device in the patrol vehicles, the Public Safety Department continues its rigid traffic enforcement. “Operating while intoxicated” patrols were also ramped up in 2011, thanks to a State grant that was awarded to the Department.



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Moving Violations	4181	4635	5106	3146	3182
Meter Violations	6852	7387	6903	5868	5551

FIRE OPERATIONS

The Department prides itself on its quick response to all fire emergencies. In 2011, Fire Inspector Joseph Provost continued with our commercial business fire inspections.



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Actual Fires	4	14	12	17	12
Fire Runs	55	71	53	56	62
Fire Loss	\$27,150	\$613,700	\$438,500	\$193,400	\$92,000
Fire Inspections	215	180	183	77	144

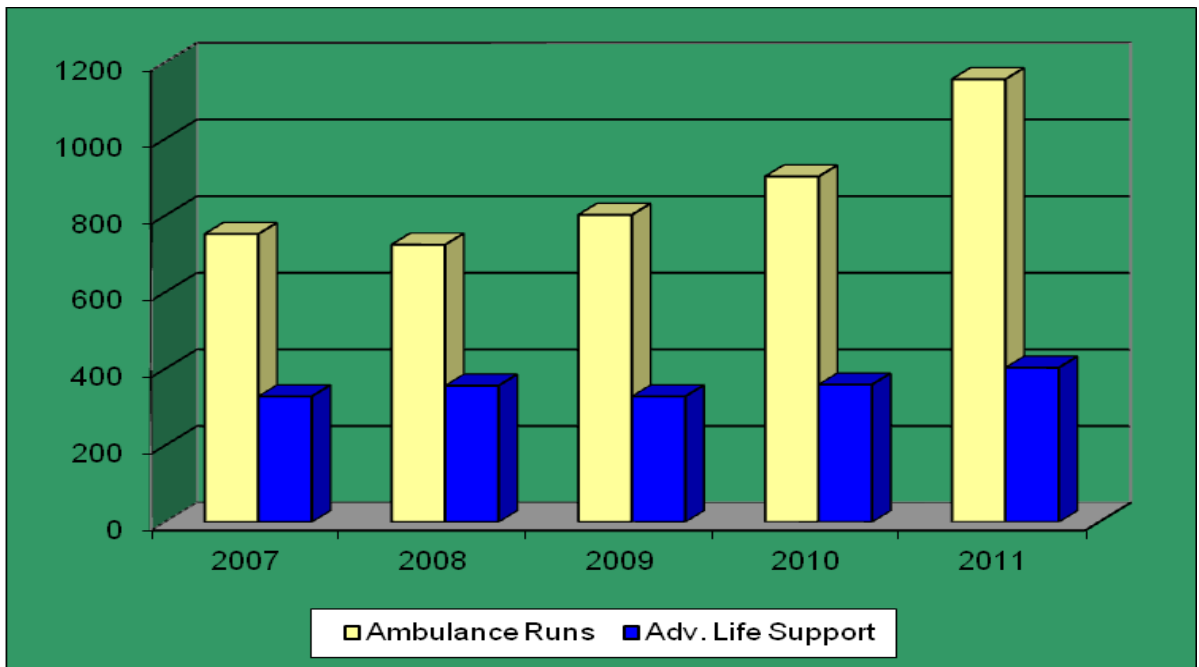
There were no fatalities or any serious injuries as a result of the 12 actual fires this year.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Department operates an Advanced Life Support ambulance staffed by five Paramedic/Firefighters: Charles Krantz, Corey May, Wayne Culver, Anthony Calappi, and Mark Bletch. These five staff members work a 24-hour, 3-platoon system.



On every ambulance run, in addition to two paramedics, a public safety officer responds. With enhanced technology and equipment, paramedics can begin advanced lifesaving procedures and transmit reports to area hospitals before the patient arrives. Electronic ambulance report writing and billing continue to be utilized by the Department. All of the patrol vehicles are equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Ambulance Runs	752	724	802	902	1156
Adv. Life Support	328	356	328	359	403
% Adv. Life Support	44%	49%	41%	40%	35%

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Each year, officers train with all of the specialized rescue tools and fire equipment used by the Department. The Department participated in 1,557 hours of in-house training. The Department also amassed over 1,657 hours of police and fire training courses at local community colleges and other training facilities. In all of 2011, the Department spent 3,214 hours in training.

We were fortunate to have access to the Children's Home in 2011 before demolition began on the new development. The owners of the property were gracious to allow the use of invaluable police, fire, EMS, SRT, and K-9 training.



(Pictured above are Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety Officers training with the Amkus Rescue Tool)

FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

This year's Fire Safety Open House was held on October 2nd where over 300 residents attended this important community event. Children and adults had the opportunity to interact with police, fire, and ambulance personnel. They learned valuable lifesaving tips from Department members, such as how to escape from a simulated burning house. Raleigh the police dog's hands-on demonstration was both interactive and informative and was a big hit with residents.

Several Department members helped coordinate this event including Public Safety Officer Daniel Koerber and Public Safety Officer Joseph Provost. Our Auxiliary team, led by Captain David Podeszwick, was also invaluable in making this a memorable community event.



REGIONAL COOPERATION EFFORTS

In an effort to comply with Governor Snyder's appeal to Michigan cities to share services, the Department reached out to the City of St. Clair Shores. After meeting with Police Chief Michael Walleman, our two cities joined together to form a cross-jurisdictional sharing of services. SCS officers assisted our Department members in providing security for the 2011 fireworks event.



[Left to right: Officers Gary Sems, David Burmeister, Anthony Rich, and Joseph Chomiak.]