

EDGEWOOD BOROUGH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Paul L. Wood



Chief's Message

I am pleased to present to you the Edgewood Borough Police Department 2005 Annual Report. This document gives us the opportunity to highlight the outstanding work of our staff and volunteers during the previous year. These individuals continually strive to provide high-quality service in all areas of our field. The enclosed summary of police activity exemplifies their hard work and commitment to our citizens and the law enforcement profession as a whole.

I would first like to thank the Mayor and Council, Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson, other Borough Departments and the citizens of Edgewood for their continued support. I firmly believe the high quality of life the Borough offers is directly related to the interest and the involvement our residents have in all aspects of Borough functions.

The Edgewood Police Department's main function remains to provide the best possible police service to the citizens of Edgewood. Our strong dedication to our Mission and Value Statements will assist us in meeting these and future challenges.

I am very proud of the members of the Edgewood Police Department and of their accomplishments in 2005. I believe I speak for the entire Department in extending our sincere gratitude to the citizens of Edgewood for their continued encouragement and support. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a continued positive relationship in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Paul L. Wood



BOROUGH GOVERNMENT

MAYOR

- Jean O. Davin

BOROUGH MANAGER

- Kurt Ferguson

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| ○ Mitchell Brouman | ○ Lorraine Nogrady |
| ○ Patricia M. Schaefer | ○ Heidi McDonald |
| ○ John Bilyak | ○ J. Edward Cook |
| ○ Mark McNally | |





Edgewood at a Glance

"A Community With Pride"

Edgewood is an inner-ring suburb of Pittsburgh with a population of roughly 3,311 people. The community is approximately 1.1 square miles around and has an annual budget of approximately three (3) million dollars. The largest retail space in the community is the Edgewood Towne Center.

Departmental Information

Strength Allocation

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| ○ Allocated Strength Sworn | 13 Officers |
| ○ Total Allocated Sworn | 13 Officers – 10 Full-Time & 3 Part-Time Officers |
| ○ Current Strength Sworn | 13 Officers – 9 Full-Time & 4 Part-Time Officers |

Sick Time Used

- 2005-296 hours
- 2004-240 hours
- 2003-272 hours

Officer Injury Time Lost

- 2005 - 0 Hours – No Officers were off due to a work related injury.
- 2004 - 0 Hours – No Officers were off due to a work related injury.
- 2003 - 224 hours.





POLICE ROSTER

- Chief of Police Paul L. Wood
- Sergeant of Police Dennis Hockenberry
- Sergeant of Police Susan Kaskie
- Patrol Officers

Full-Time Officers:

Frederick Livingston
Timothy Quinn, Jr.
Michael Crow
Michael Libell
Mark Palandro
Keith Nugent

Part-Time Officers:

Jamie Dinkfelt
Andrew Pearl
Randall Olsen
Ryan Kempert



Police Chief Paul L. Wood manages the Edgewood Police Department. He is assisted by **Sergeants Dennis Hockenberry** and **Susan Kaskie**. Together, this staff represents nearly *77 years of police experience*.



The current population of the Borough is approximately 3,311 and the Police Department's allotted staff is a full-time equivalent (FTE) of approximately 10.5 officers or 1 police officer per 315.3 Borough residents. The primary objective of the Administrative Staff is to direct the Department toward service excellence and for the protection of the citizens of our community.

Personnel Information

Full Time Officers Hired in 2005

Full Time Hire Date

- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| ○ Mark Palandro | Originally hired part-time 9/15/03 | May 9, 2005 |
| ○ Keith Nugent | Originally hired part-time 6/6/05 | August 1, 2005 |

Part Time Officers Hired in 2005

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| ○ Jamie Dinkfelt | Hired June 6, 2005 |
| ○ Andrew Pearl | Hired September 7, 2005 |
| ○ Randall Olsen | Hired October 18, 2005 |
| ○ Ryan Kempert | Hired November 8, 2005 |

Officers who left the Department in 2005

- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Current Department</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ○ W. Thomas Kusinsky | Murrysville Police Department |
| ○ Leslie Lewis | Allegheny County Police Department |
| ○ Troy Garrett | Allegheny County Sheriff's Department |
| ○ Donald Sypolt | Ross Township Police Department |



Communications Department

The Edgewood Communications Department recently closed, as the Borough moved to Allegheny County 911 for the dispatching of all public safety emergencies. The Department was staffed by four full-time dispatchers and five part-time dispatchers. Under the supervision of Ed “Butch” Bechtold, the Communications Department provided the first contact for those seeking emergency assistance in the community. They dispatched calls to both the Police and Fire Departments. In addition to answering calls, the Dispatchers were all trained firefighters who responded to any and all Fire Department calls for service in the community.

The Dispatch Center was staffed twenty four hours a day and provided a wide variety of services to the public, from answering 911 calls for assistance to giving out contact information within the Borough. The Department operates 365 days a year.



*Dispatch Supervisor
Ed “Butch” Bechtold*

The Communications Department played an integral role in the police and fire services. In 2005, the Communications Department processed more than 21,000 calls for service in addition to thousands of informational radio and phone calls.



Members of the Communications Department assist the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department with an extrication demonstration at this year’s Second Annual Public Safety Open House.

As of December 13, 2005, all emergency calls for the Police Department and the Fire Department are being handled and dispatched by the Allegheny County 911 Center.

Borough of Edgewood
Police, Fire and Ambulance
Emergency: 9-1-1
Non Emergency (412) 242-0958





2005 Police Department Accomplishments

Administrative:

- Selection, hiring and FTO Process for two (2) full-time officers
- Selection and hiring of three (3) new part-time officers
- Prepared and submitted the 2nd Annual Department Report
- Prepared and submitted the 2006 Budget Request
- Transitioned to a new Records Management System (Visual Alert)
- Completed an updated inventory of the property room
- Completed annual personnel evaluations
- Adoption of a new Police Manual for the Department
- NCIC Audit of 100%
- JNET Audit of 100%
- Integrated a new Sport Utility Vehicle into the fleet
- Installed new computers and network for more efficient records access
- Transitioned to Allegheny County 911 Center for dispatch
- 2005 AAA Community Traffic Safety Silver Award
- Updated the Use of Force Report

Professional Standards:

- Roll Call training on critical issues
- Consistent, timely and fair in-house internal complaint process
- Zero (0) grievances for the year

Uniformed Patrol:

- Continued efforts in the areas of Problem Oriented Policing
- Continued efforts in the area of selective traffic enforcement
- AAA School is Open Campaign
- Click it or Ticket Seatbelt Safety Campaign
- Assigned cars to provide for greater accountability of equipment and vehicles
- Continued classes for officers in all needed areas of expertise

Community Relations / Crime Prevention:

- Graduated the 2nd Annual Citizen's Police Academy
- Held the 2nd Annual Public Safety Open House
- Community Day participation
- Held the Annual Children's Bicycle Rodeo
- Participated in the Halloween Party at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library
- Child Fingerprinting at Giant Eagle
- 4th Annual D.A.R.E. / G.R.E.A.T. Charity Basketball game
- 2nd Annual Police vs. Pittsburgh Steelers Charity Basketball game
- Improved the 24 hour Crime Alert Phone Line
- 911 Van at the Primary School
- Video Taping and fingerprinting of children at the Primary School



Chief Wood and Officer Nugent after the Swearing-In ceremony



Officer Crow demonstrates the proper technique used to conduct a traffic stop at The 2nd Annual Public-Safety Open House



The Annual Public Safety Open House continues to be a summer favorite for adults and children alike. This annual event allows members of the community to see a different side of law enforcement



Mayor Davin conducts the Swearing-In Ceremony for a newly hired officer, Randall Olsen, as Chief Wood looks on.



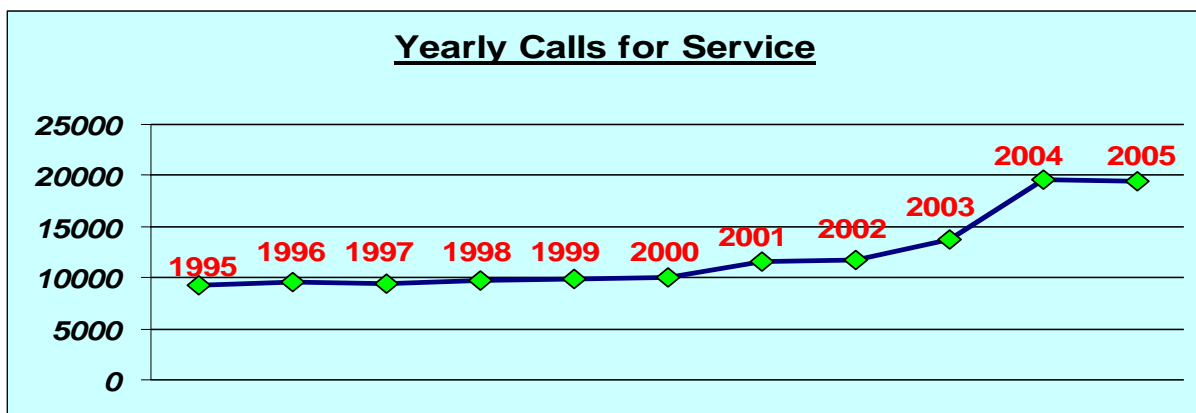
The Graduating Class of the 2nd Annual Citizen's Police Academy



Statistical Data

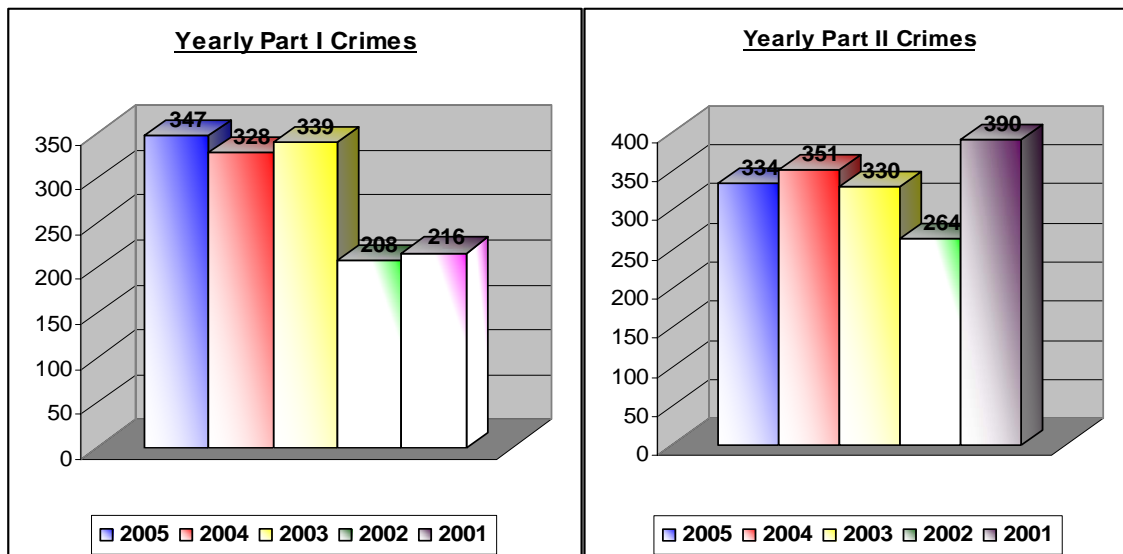
Edgewood Police Department Comparative Crime Statistics

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Accident Reports	80	80	82	87	85	97	94	109	78	127	95	117
Animal Complaints	52	72	84	61	39	37	110	75	41	59	62	62
Arrests	92	65	61	179	131	124	233	257	270	229	221	194
Assists to Other Agencies	62	63	128	147	153	126	255	327	251	264	249	199
Assaults	11	5	5	15	8	10	13	10	8	16	15	12
Police Reports Filed	928	1082	1001	992	1027	1155	1098	1084	2084	2267	2395	2144
Burglaries	13	9	7	13	16	19	7	15	6	19	14	28
Criminal Mischief	42	54	46	44	69	57	61	56	25	70	48	53
Disorderly Conduct	93	36	37	34	79	45	57	33	30	32	55	82
Domestic Disputes	30	42	33	28	24	25	30	34	29	40	46	45
Juvenile Complaints	64	53	57	64	76	120	94	44	43	55	115	70
Robberies	2	2	1	8	4	3	8	1	8	4	9	11
Theft-Motor Vehicle	14	8	7	14	24	32	16	16	10	41	25	18
Retail Theft	101	106	77	131	108	93	97	89	118	148	136	180
Traffic Citations	2064	1649	1467	1501	1469	1088	1262	1136	1295	1041	1044	762
Total Calls for Service	9081	9213	9537	9402	9655	9887	10052	11571	11082	13792	19674	19386



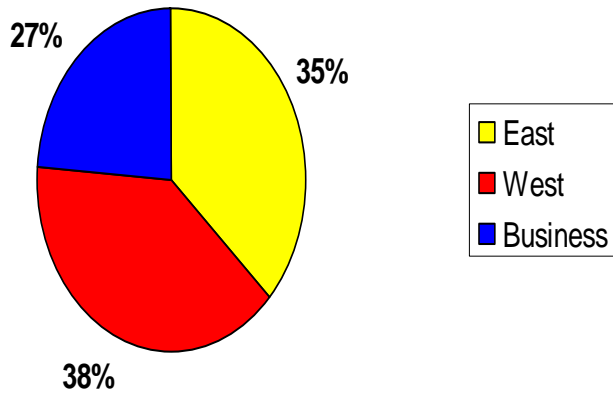


OFFENSE	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
PART I CRIMES					
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	2	0	0	1	0
ROBBERY	1	8	4	9	11
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6	3	11	7	5
BURGLARY	15	6	19	14	28
LARCENY/THEFT					
SHOPLIFTING	89	118	148	136	180
ALL OTHER	87	63	114	135	105
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	16	10	41	25	18
ARSON	0	0	1	1	0
TOTAL PART I	216	208	338	328	347
PART II CRIMES					
OTHER ASSAULTS	4	5	5	8	7
VANDALISM	56	25	70	48	53
WEAPONS OFFENSES	4	1	10	4	9
SEX OFFENSES	0	2	1	3	1
NARCOTICS OFFENSES	30	21	17	25	27
DUI	15	9	19	10	15
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	33	30	32	55	82
ALL OTHER	248	171	176	198	140
TOTAL PART II	390	264	330	351	334
GRAND TOTAL (PI & PII)	606	472	668	679	681

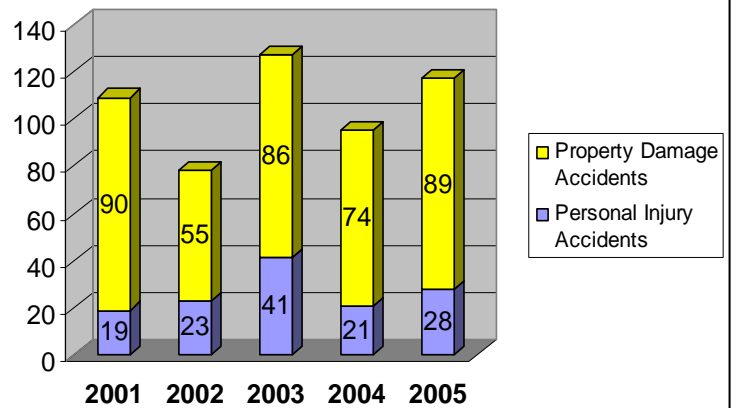




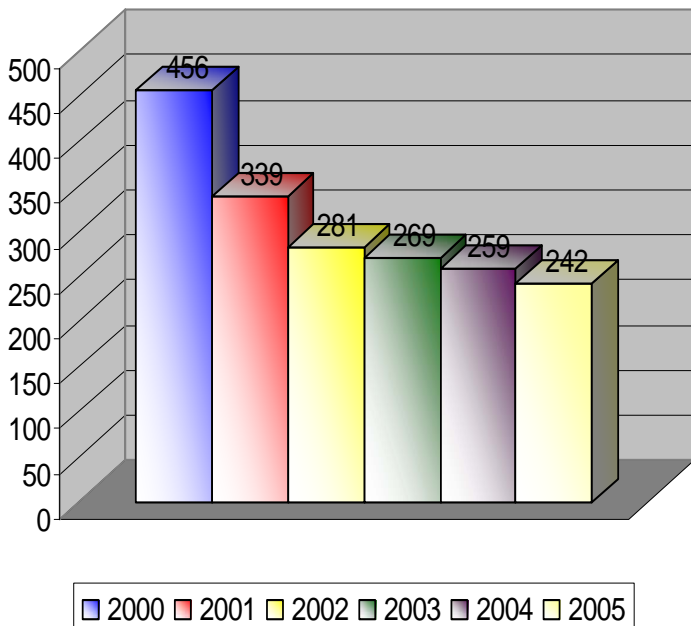
Calls for Service by Patrol Zone



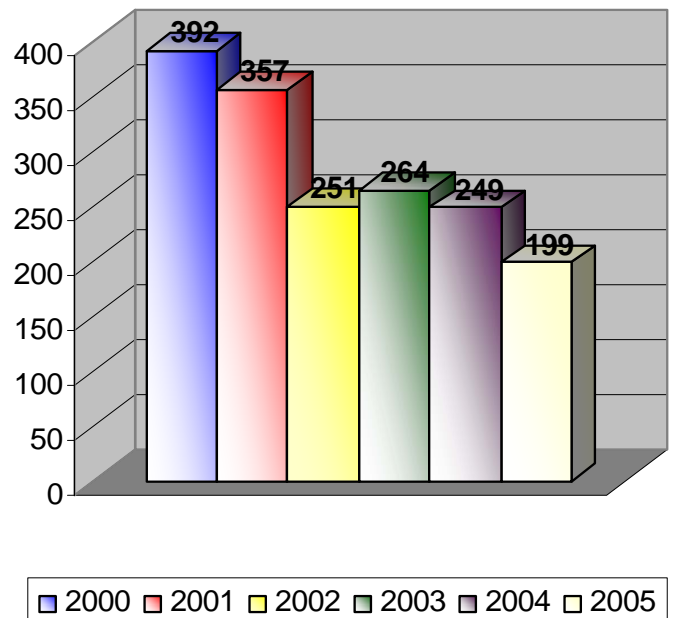
Motor Vehicle Accidents

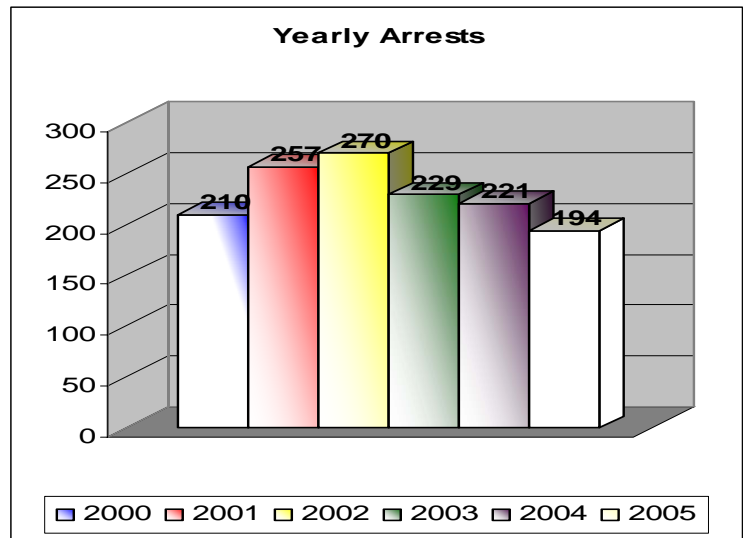
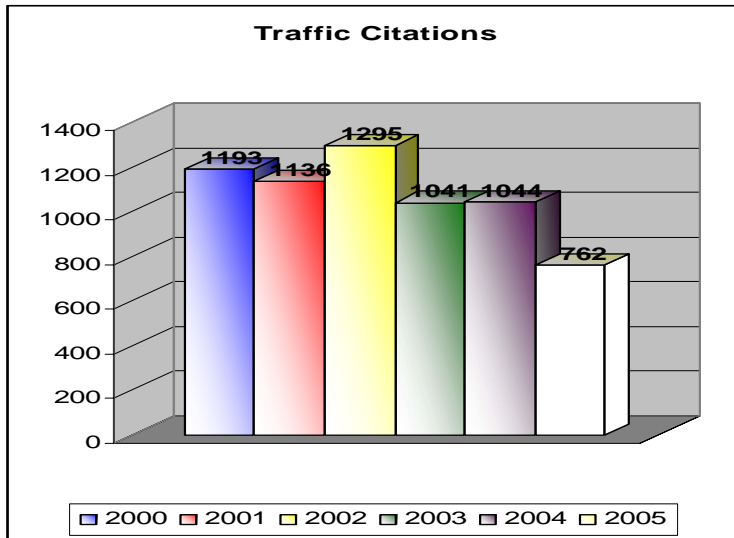


Yearly False Alarms



Assists to Outside Agencies





Course Title	Officer(s) Attending	Course Hours	Total Hours
Firearms	All Officers (two times)	4	52
Legal Updates	All Officers	13	208
Child Sexual Exploitation & Abuse	Livingston	40	40
J-Net Overview (Advanced)	All Officers	1	12
Grant Writing Workshop	Quinn, Libell	16	32
Terrorism Update	Lewis, Livingston, Quinn, Sypolt	8	32
Cognitive Interviewing	Kusinsky, Garrett	8	16
Driver's Training	Libell, Sypolt	16	32
Use of Force Documentation	Livingston	16	16
Accident On-Scene Investigation	Sgt. Kaskie	24	24
Juvenile Justice Update	Sgt. Kaskie	8	8
Missing Child Alert	Lewis	4	4
Money Laundering & Asset Forfeiture	Lewis	24	24
Basic Visual Alert	Wood, Hockenberry, Kaskie, Quinn, Libell, Palandro	4	24
Advanced Visual Alert	Quinn, Palandro	4	8
Visual Alert Report Essentials	All Officers	2	26
O/C Instructor Re-Certification	Crow	8	8
Precision Rifle Class	Crow	24	24
Total Hours			590

**2004 Training Hours - 780 hours; 2003 Training Hours - 672 hours*



Goals and Objectives were established at the beginning of the year 2005.

We accomplished every Goal that we set for ourselves within our budget.



The Memories