

Edgewood Police Department
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Annual Report

2006



Chief Paul L. Wood

EDGEWOOD BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Paul L. Wood



"A Community With Pride"

Chief's Message

On behalf of the staff and employees of the Edgewood Police Department, I am pleased to submit this Annual Report for 2006.

The year has passed and, as always, many changes have occurred within the Edgewood Police Department. Nevertheless, we have accomplished most of our goals and made significant progress on others.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Council, Borough Manager Kurt Ferguson and other Borough Departments, as well as the citizens of Edgewood for their continued support.

The members of the Edgewood Police Department, in conjunction with the citizens of Edgewood, will continue their efforts in the reduction of crime through the community awareness programs and crime prevention initiatives.

We will maintain our "Commitment to Excellence" through high standards in training, personnel development and service. Through the continued dedication of our employees, and with the assistance of our citizens, the Edgewood Police Department will address future challenges and strive to maintain a secure atmosphere for our residents.

Members of the Edgewood Police Department can be proud of their record of accomplishments in 2006, and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities for the year 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Paul L. Wood



Borough Government

MAYOR

- Jean O. Davin

BOROUGH MANAGER

- Kurt M. Ferguson

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

- Patricia M. Schaefer
- Mark McNally
- Mal Hellett
- Andrew Szefi
- Lorraine Nogrady
- Heidi McDonald
- Derek-Jan Love





Edgewood at a Glance

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

- Allocated Strength Sworn 13 Officers
- Total Allocated Sworn 13 Officers – 10 Full-Time & 3 Part-Time Officers
- Current Strength Sworn 12 Officers – 10 Full-Time & 2 Part-Time Officers

Sick Time Used

- 2006 – 464 hours (Note: $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total time lost was taken by a single officer for maternity leave)
- 2005 – 296 hours
- 2004 – 240 hours
- 2003 – 272 hours

Officer Injury Time Lost

- 2006 – 224 hours (Note: **One officer missed 28 days following a motor vehicle accident**)
- 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
Keith Nugent
Adam Lawrence
Bryan Wyke

Part-Time Officers:

Ryan Kempert
Michael Ferguson
Jaime Dinkfelt

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 *80 years of police experience*.



Sergeant Hockenberry, Chief Wood and Sergeant Kaskie proudly display the Western Pennsylvania AAA Traffic Safety Platinum Award received in December 2006. Edgewood was one of six (6) police departments statewide to be awarded the AAA Traffic Safety Platinum Award for communities having the best traffic safety programs.



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 2006

Full Time Hire Date

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ○ Randall Olsen | Originally hired part-time 10/18/05 | February 11, 2006 |
| ○ Adam Lawrence | Originally hired part-time 02/6/06 | April 24, 2006 |
| ○ Bryan Wyke | Originally hired part-time 05/02/06 | June 19, 2006 |

Part Time Officers Hired in 2006

- Michael Ferguson Hired September 19, 2006

Officers who left the Department in 2006

- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Current Department</u> |
|--------------------|---|
| ○ Randall Olsen | Allegheny County Public Defender's Office |
| ○ Leslie Lewis | Allegheny County Police Department |
| ○ Mark Palandro | No current information available |
| ○ Andrew Pearl | Bellevue Police Department |



Chief Wood presents Officer Nugent with a plaque commemorating his successful completion of the probationary period

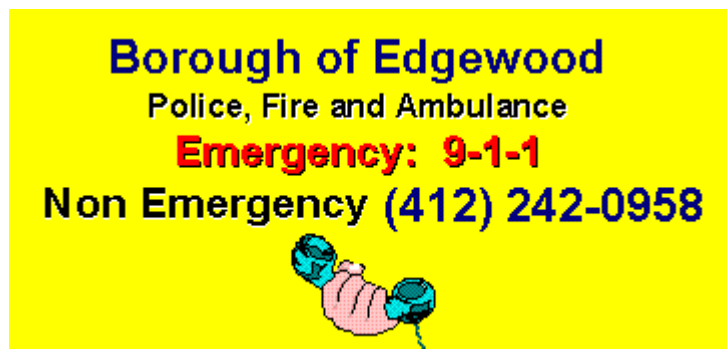


Emergency Services Department

Since December 2005, the dispatching of all police and fire calls has been handled by the Allegheny County 911 Center. Today, the recently created Emergency Services Department is staffed by two full-time and three part-time employees. These members are all trained firefighters who can respond in a moments notice to any Fire Department emergency. They also perform many of the daily tasks for the Police Department. The Emergency Services Department is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 am to 12 midnight.



Emergency Services employees Mark Ratajeski, Bruce Beitel and Doug Greer





2006 Police Department Accomplishments

Administrative:

- Selection, hiring and FTO Process for two (2) full-time officers
- Selection and hiring of two (2) part-time officers
- Prepared and submitted the 3rd Annual Department Report
- Prepared and submitted the 2007 Budget Request
- Transitioned to a new arrest system, using the County's ASAP System
- Completed and updated the inventory in the property room
- Completed annual personnel evaluations
- Completed contract negotiations for a three year extension to the end of 2010
- Successful audit of our Accident Reports by the Pennsylvania State Police
- Purchased and equipped two new vehicles
- Installed new computers in all areas of the department
- Continued the transition to the Allegheny County 911 Center for dispatch
- Applied for and received court orders to destroy many of the old firearms and knives that were stored in our evidence locker
- Firearms and knives were destroyed, per court order, on December 20, 2006

Professional Standards:

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

Uniformed Patrol:

- Continued efforts in the area of Problem Oriented Policing
- Continued efforts in the area of selective traffic enforcement
- AAA School is Open Campaign
- Two sessions for the State funded 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:

- Held the 3rd Annual Public Safety Open House
- Community Day participation
- Held the 5th Annual Children's Bicycle Safety Rodeo
- Participated in the Halloween Party at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library
- Child Fingerprinting at Giant Eagle
- Improved the 24 hour Crime Alert Phone Line
- 911 Van at the Primary School
- Edgewood was one of six (6) police departments statewide to be awarded the AAA Traffic Safety Platinum Award for communities having the best traffic safety programs
- Held the 3rd Annual Town Meeting



- Participated in the Christmas Party at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library
- Participated in the children's coloring contest at the C.C Mellor Memorial Library
- Safety Talks given at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf and the Edgewood Day Care Center
- Officers completed weekly walks through the Edgewood Primary School for visibility and to gain a greater knowledge of the layout of the school in the event of an emergency

Investigations:

- Implemented a more active role for the officer assigned to part-time investigations

Edgewood Police Department 2007 Work Plan

Vision: TO BECOME THE BEST POLICE AGENCY OF OUR SIZE IN THE STATE

ADMINISTRATION	PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS	PATROL & INVESTIGATIONS	COMMUNITY RELATIONS & CRIME PREVENTION
Continued efforts to keep our Policy and Procedure Manual current	Continued efforts to train officers in areas needed; Data Master for blood alcohol content, interview and interrogation, first response procedures, firearms, low light shooting, etc.	Continued efforts to build continuity and stability on each shift by keeping the same people together with an OIC or supervisor	Hold the 4th Annual Town Meeting
Continued efforts to build an atmosphere of stability and professionalism in the Department	All officers to complete State Training Mandates	Continued efforts to develop a pro-active police response to community problems	Continued efforts in traffic safety, public and child awareness programs and DUI enforcement
Publish the Fourth Annual Edgewood Police Report	Continued oversight of officer conduct and performance	Review and implement steps to get the Department into the State Certification Process	Complete the Department's Third Citizen's Police Academy
Develop a specific needs assessment process for the entire Department	Leadership training for potential supervisors	Improve on the in-house Field Officer Training Program	Complete the 4th Annual Public Safety Open House, in conjunction with National Night Out
Regularly scheduled staff meetings for all personnel	Inventory and inspect personnel and equipment to ensure adherence to Policy	Hold Table-Top Emergency Response Scenario Training at periodic staff meetings	Develop and implement a bi-annual citizen's / customer survey
Develop and implement a better case management system to track investigative process	Work on a Career Development Plan for each officer in the Department	Review of the Problem Oriented Police Process currently in place	Expand and enhance community outreach



Crime Prevention Events

911 Van at the Primary School

During the 2005-2006 school year, Officers Nugent, Quinn, and Dinkfelt instructed hundreds of children on the proper way to call 911 in case of an emergency. The students of the Edgewood Primary School were given various scenarios and taught how to remain calm during an emergency.

A mobile 911 Center Van was provided by the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office and the Monroeville Police Department.



Annual Halloween Safety Talk and Parade



This annual event at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library gives officers a chance to teach the youngsters and their parents the proper safety precautions that should be taken during the Halloween festivities.

Officers Quinn, Olsen and Wyke, along with Sergeant Kaskie, handed out gifts and prizes following the safety talk.

The Halloween Parade gives the participants the opportunity to practice the safety tips that they have just learned. This event continues to grow each year, thanks to the continued support of the staff at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library.





2006 Open House

The 3rd Annual Public Safety Open House, in conjunction with the National Night Out Festivities, was held on Saturday, July 29, 2006. The event included a simulated Taser demonstration, a Child Identification Center, tours of the Police Department, demonstrations by police and firefighters, games and prizes, as well as a visit by McGruff, the crime-fighting dog. This year's event was the largest ever.



Officer Crow conducts a Taser demonstration during the Annual Open House as Mayor Davin looks on.



Officer Lawrence fingerprints and photographs an Open House attendee at the Child Identification Center.



The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Fighters showed the crowd the proper way to use a hand-held fire extinguisher.



Officers Nugent and Wyke enter a child's name into the drawing for the grand prize, a new bicycle.



2006 Bicycle Rodeo

The Department hosted the 5th Annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo on June 10, 2006. Each participant was given a free bicycle safety inspection, courtesy of Gatto's Bicycles. The Allegheny County Health Department provided free custom fitted helmets to those children who were in need. Cyclists were tested in their proficiency on four safety and obstacle courses. This annual event continues to be a community favorite. This year's event was the largest ever.



Eager participants wait in line to have their bicycles inspected at the 2006 Edgewood Police Bicycle Safety Rodeo.



Members of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department assisted in monitoring the safety courses.



Young participants show off their skills on the various obstacle and safety courses.

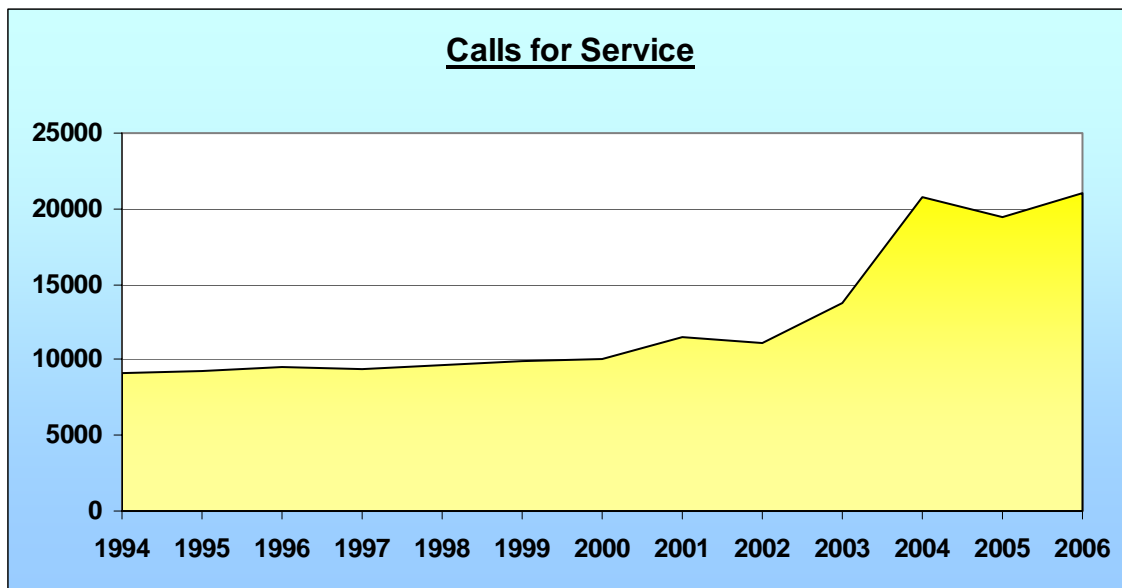




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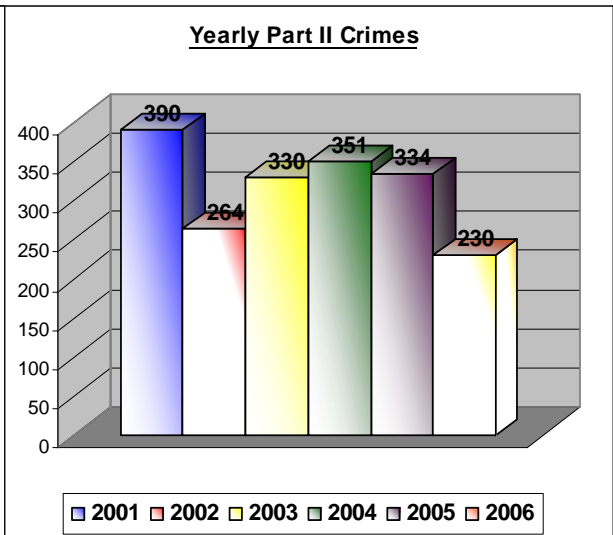
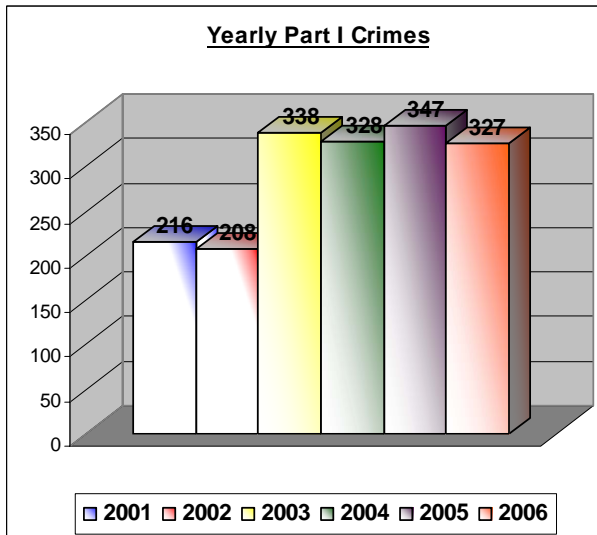
Comparative Crime Statistics 1994 to 2006

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Robberies	2	2	1	8	4	3	8	1	8	4	9	11	12
Burglaries	13	9	7	13	16	19	7	15	6	19	14	28	27
Assaults	11	5	5	15	8	10	13	10	8	16	15	12	15
Retail Theft	101	106	77	131	108	93	97	89	118	148	136	180	168
Theft-Motor Vehicle	14	8	7	14	24	32	16	16	10	41	25	18	10
Assists to Other Agencies	62	63	128	147	153	126	255	327	251	264	249	199	225
Criminal Mischief	42	54	46	44	69	57	61	56	25	70	48	53	47
Accident Reports	80	80	82	87	85	97	94	109	78	127	95	117	120
Animal Complaints	52	72	84	61	39	37	110	75	41	59	62	62	40
Disorderly Conduct	93	36	37	34	79	45	57	33	30	32	55	82	74
Domestic Disputes	30	42	33	28	24	25	30	34	29	40	46	45	41
Juvenile Complaints	64	53	57	64	76	120	94	44	43	55	115	70	70
Traffic Citations	2064	1649	1467	1501	1469	1088	1262	1136	1295	1041	1044	762	1132
Arrests	92	65	61	179	131	124	233	257	270	229	221	194	182
Police Reports Filed	928	1082	1001	992	1027	1155	1098	1084	2084	2267	2395	2144	3297
Total Calls for Service	9081	9213	9537	9402	9655	9887	10052	11571	11082	13792	20780	19386	21086

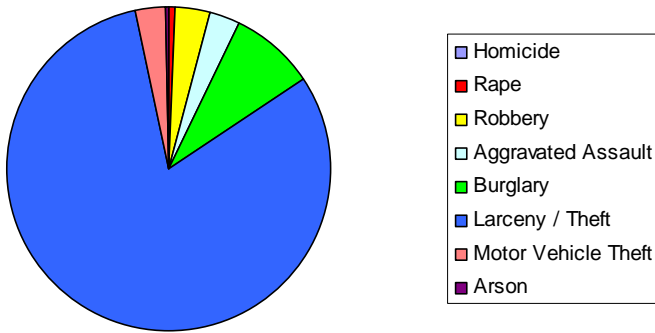




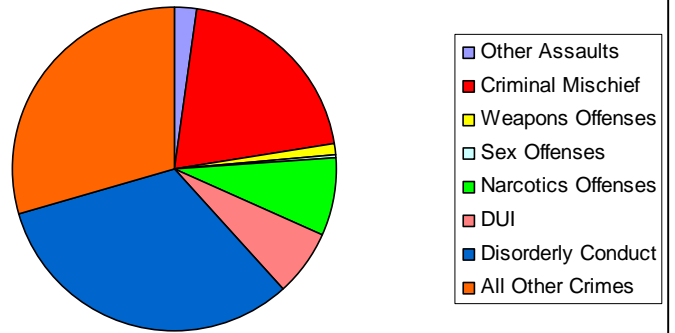
OFFENSE	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<i>PART I CRIMES</i>						
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	2	0	0	1	0	2
ROBBERY	1	8	4	9	11	12
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6	3	11	7	5	10
BURGLARY	15	6	19	14	28	27
LARCENY/THEFT						
SHOPLIFTING	89	118	148	136	180	168
ALL OTHER	87	63	114	135	105	97
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	16	10	41	25	18	10
ARSON	0	0	1	1	0	1
TOTAL PART I	216	208	338	328	347	327
<i>PART II CRIMES</i>						
OTHER ASSAULTS	4	5	5	8	7	5
VANDALISM	56	25	70	48	53	47
WEAPONS OFFENSES	4	1	10	4	9	2
SEX OFFENSES	0	2	1	3	1	1
NARCOTICS OFFENSES	30	21	17	25	27	18
DUI	15	9	19	10	15	15
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	33	30	32	55	82	74
ALL OTHER	248	171	176	198	140	68
TOTAL PART II	390	264	330	351	334	230
Grand Total (PI & PII)	606	472	668	679	681	557



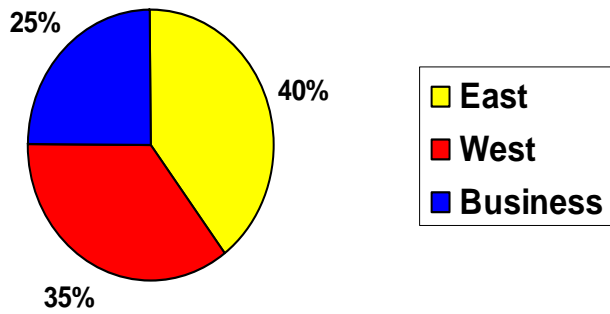
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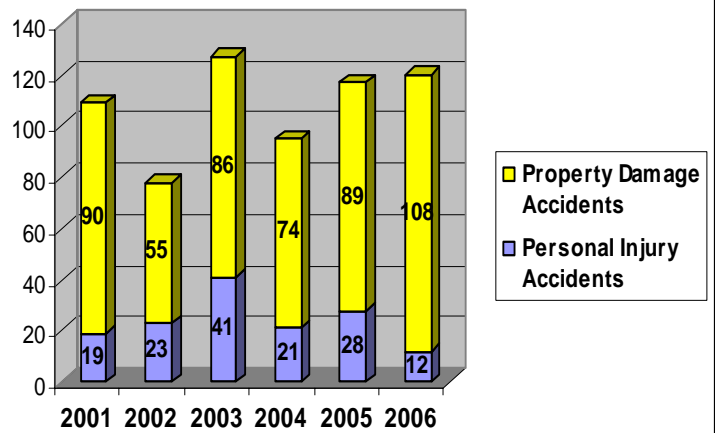
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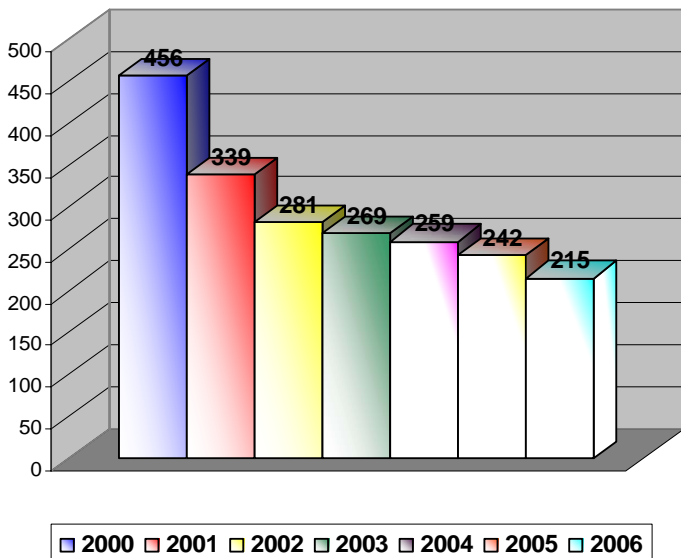
Calls for Service by Patrol Zone



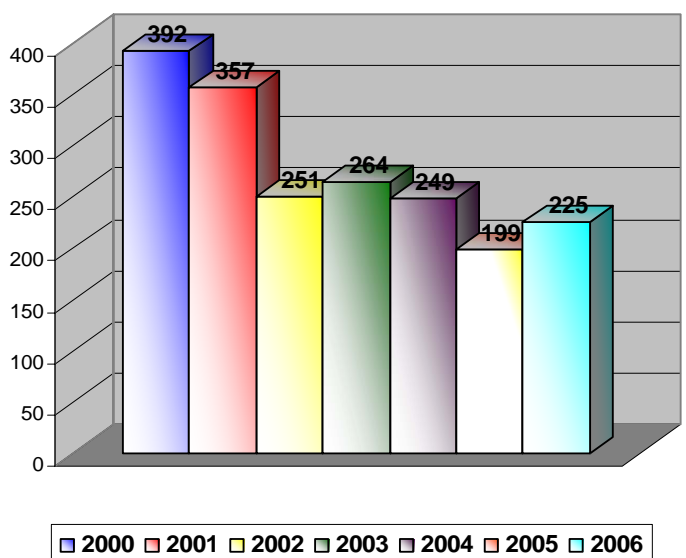
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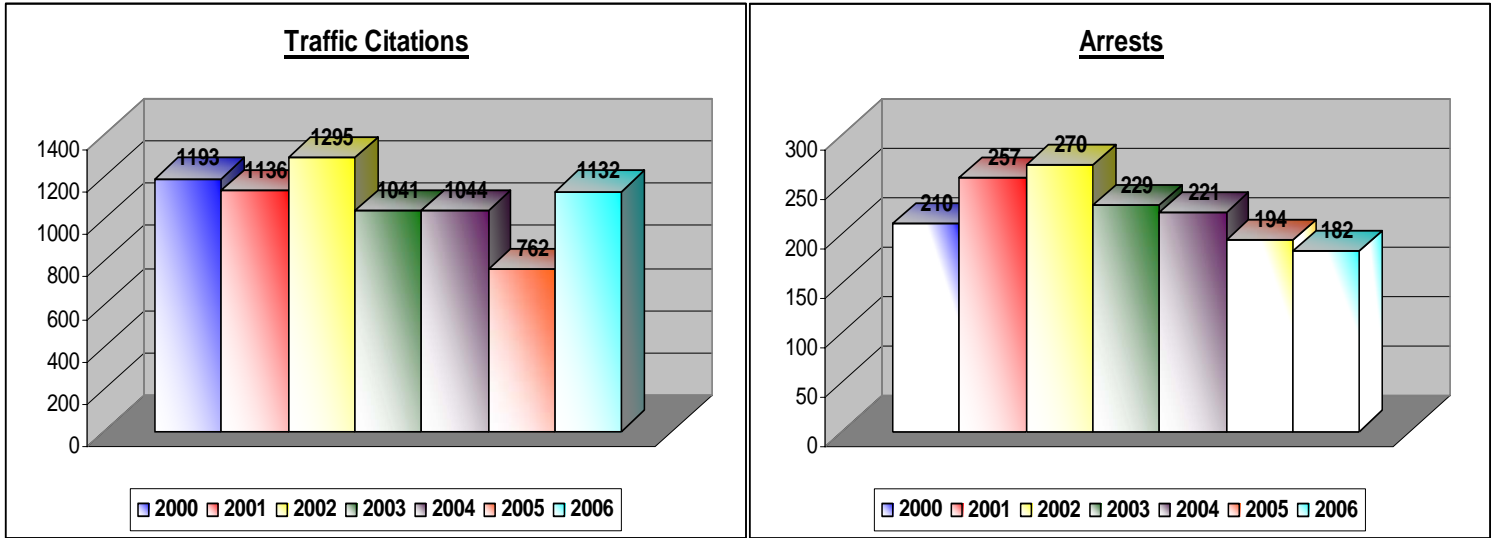


False Alarms



Assists to Outside Agencies





2006 Training Information

Course Title	Officer(s) Attending	Course Hours	Total Hours
Firearms	All Officers (two times)	4	56
Legal Updates	All Officers	16	224
JNET Facial Recognition (JFRS)	Quinn, Nugent	8	16
JFRS Watchlist	Quinn, Nugent	2	4
JNET CPIN Instructor	Quinn	8	8
JNET Recertification	Quinn	4	4
JNET Criminal History	Nugent	8	8
JNET Criminal History Recertification	Quinn	4	4
JNET Master Vehicle Query	Quinn, Nugent	2	4
JNET Driver Information & History	Quinn, Nugent	2	4
JNET Profile Manger	Quinn	2	2
PennDot Lift Authorization	Quinn	2	2
PennDot Certified Vehicle Registrations	Quinn, Nugent	2	4
AOPC Overview	Quinn, Nugent	2	4
Taser Instructor Recertification	Crow	16	16
Low Light Shooting Scenarios	Crow	4	4
Total Hours			364

**2005 Training – 590 hours; 2004 Training – 780 hours; 2003 Training – 672 hours*



Goals and Objectives were established at the beginning of the year 2006.

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



The Memories