

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Upper Merion Township Police Department is pledged to engage in a cooperative effort with our citizens to achieve and maintain a superior quality of life within our community. To the greatest extent possible, our actions will reflect the priorities of our citizens. Remaining committed to the principles of honesty, integrity, and professional ethics, we will work diligently to reduce the incidence and fear of crime and promote an atmosphere of well being. Our efforts are aimed at helping Upper Merion Township continue to be a good place to live, visit, work and worship.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Upper Merion Township Police Department provides a full range of police services on a 24-hour-a-day basis. The Department services a geographical area of 16.7 square miles and is located in Montgomery County which is approximately 20 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

The Township is bordered by a 4.4 mile section of Route 76 (Schuylkill Expressway); a 5.2 mile section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike; and a 2.2 mile section of the County Line Expressway (Route 422), which are all patrolled by the Pennsylvania State Police.

Historic Valley Forge National Park, being mainly in Upper Merion Township, brings prestige and national recognition to the area. Also located in the Township is a large industrial area and the King of Prussia Plaza which is one of the largest shopping complexes in the country. In addition to the industrial and business aspect of our community, we also host three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Although the resident population is 28,395 (2010 census) the commercial/transit/industrial composition invites an estimated daytime population of over 200,000 people.

The Upper Merion Township Police Department is proud to provide our residents, visitors, shoppers and workers with quality police services. We are truly a modern, dynamic community and the Police Department reflects this personality.

On the Township's web-site (www.umtownship.org) various types of information can be accessed concerning the department's activities; including Crime Alerts, Weekly Crime Bulletins, Safety Tips, Community Relations, and Community Concerns.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

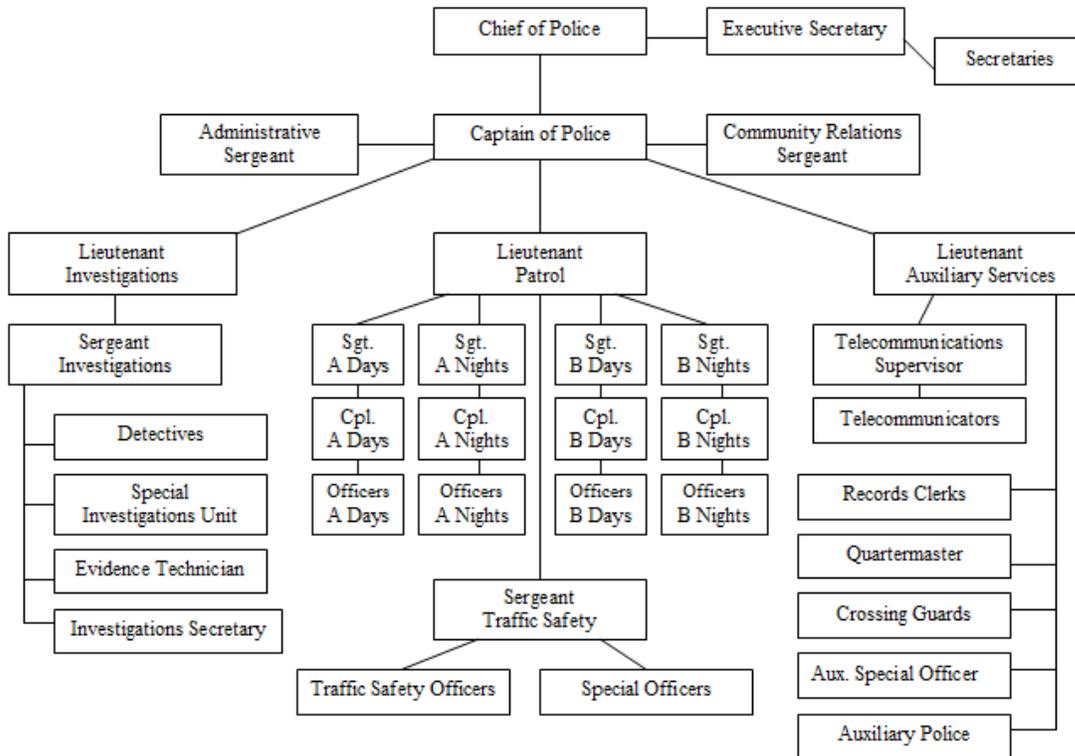
SWORN OFFICERS:

CHIEF OF POLICE	1
CAPTAIN OF POLICE	1
LIEUTENANTS	3
SERGEANTS	8
CORPORALS	4
PATROL OFFICERS	34
DETECTIVES	11
JUVENILE DETECTIVES	<u>2</u>
	64

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES:

TELECOMMUNICATORS	7 F/T & 3 P /T
SECRETARIES	4
RECORDS DIVISION CLERKS	2
QUARTERMASTER	1
SPECIAL OFFICERS	2
CROSSING GUARDS	7 & 2 Subs
EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>
	29

Upper Merion Township Police Department
Organizational Chart



2012 COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

Since the implementation of a full-time Community Relations Unit in March 1997, the department has established a variety of programs to educate the residents and the business community with regard to crime, drug prevention, anti-terrorism and safety.

Community Policing remains active throughout the Township. The department continues to utilize a digital fingerprinting and photograph system to provide child identification packets.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

D.A.R.E. is a collaborative program in which local law enforcement and schools join together to educate students about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse. The program is a 10 week series of classroom lessons instructed by police officers to 5th & 6th grade students.

The program focuses on providing the students with the skills to recognize and resist the pressures that cause them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco or other dangerous drugs.

D.A.R.E. instructors include Sgt. Charles Zadroga, Detective Brandy Faherty, Officer Patrick Krouse & Detective Andrew Rathfon.

COPS & KIDS OFFICERS

This program includes visits to elementary schools by officers who interact with the students and also review "safe school" issues.

Caley Road Elementary	Officer Robert Smull
Candlebrook Elementary	Sgt. Charles Zadroga
Roberts Elementary	Sgt. Charles Zadroga
Mother of Divine Providence	Officer Michael Ballman
Upper Merion Middle School Gr.5	Officer Constance Marinello
Students Grade 6	D.A.R.E. Program
Upper Merion Middle School Gr. 7	Officer Drew Miller
Upper Merion Middle School Gr.8	Detective Les Glauner

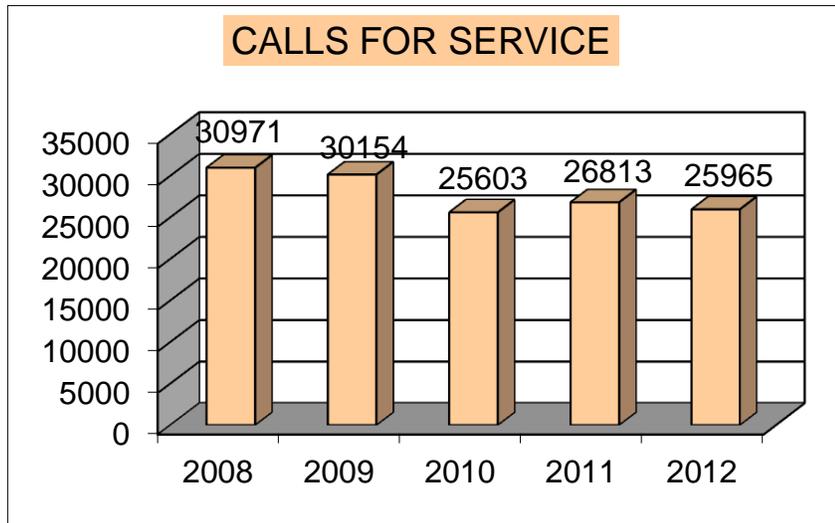
SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN 2012

D.A.R.E. Crime Prevention, Internet Safety Program, DEA Nation Drug Take Back Day Substance Abuse/ D.U.I. Presentations, Tours of Police Headquarters, "Safety Kids" Presentation to all Elementary Schools, Pre-School Safety Visits, Bullying Education. Township's Adventure Day Camp, numerous child fingerprinting sessions, Community Anti-terrorism presentations, Town Watch meetings, Salvation Army Food Drive, Upper Merion Farmer's Market the Upper Merion Community Fair, Citizen's Advisory Board and C.A.S.T. (Community Alliance for a Safer Tomorrow).

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

2008	30971
2009	30154
2010	25603
2011	26813
2012	25965



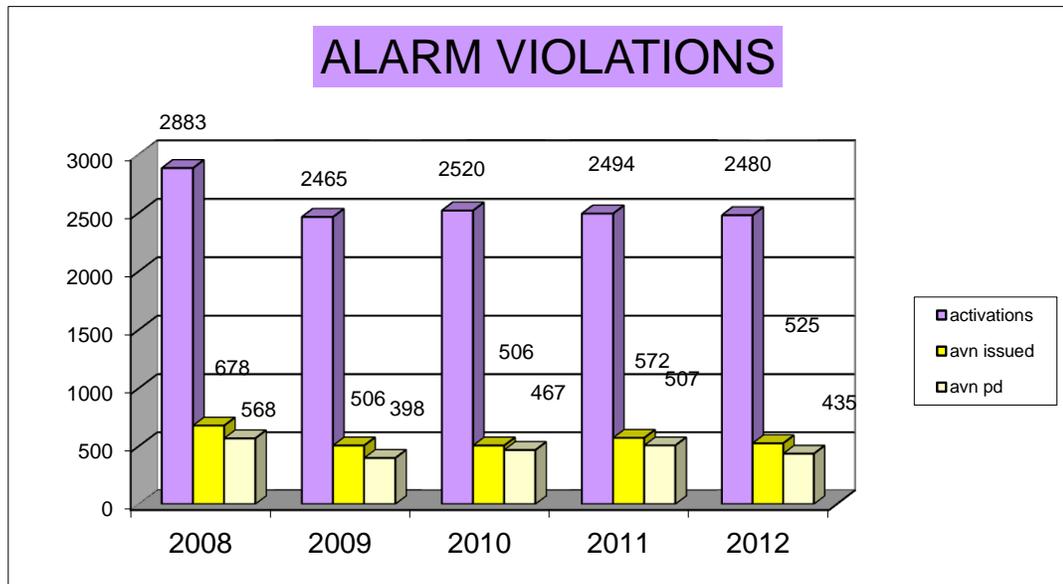
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ALARMS

In 2012 Patrol Officers responded to 2480 alarms which was a decrease of 14 from 2011. Alarm Violation notices issued were 525 in 2012 which was a decrease of 47 from 2011.

ALARM VIOLATION NOTICES

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
ACTIVATIONS	2883	2465	2520	2494	2480
AVN ISSUED	678	506	506	572	525
AVN PAID	568	398	467	507	435

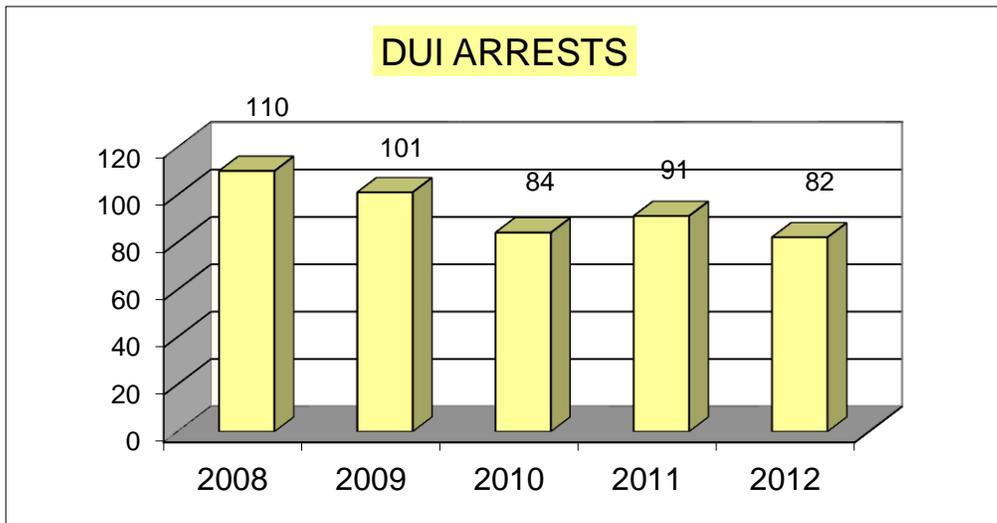


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DUI ARRESTS

(Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs)

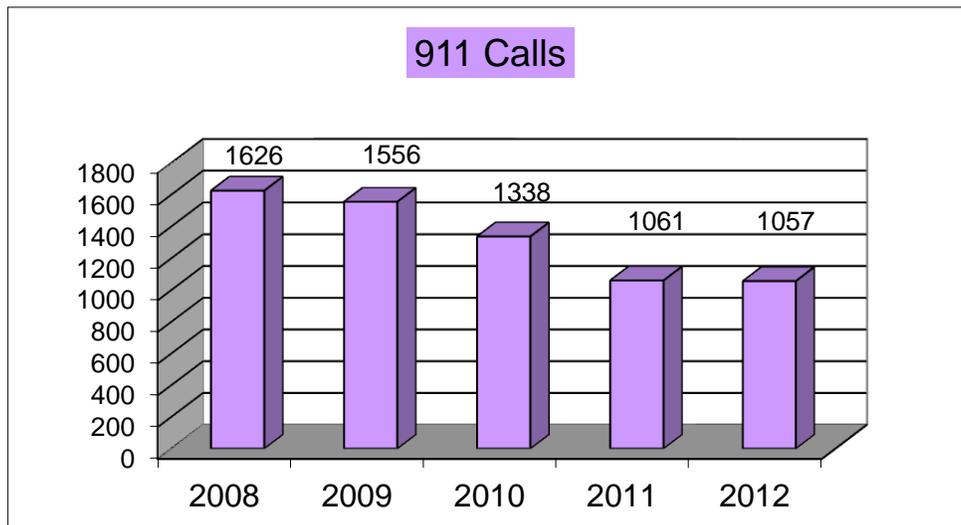
The patrol division arrested 82 drivers for driving under the influence in 2012, 9 less than were arrested in 2011. Several members of the department also participated in the Valley Forge Area DUI Enforcement Team checkpoints throughout the year.



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911 HANG UP RESPONSES

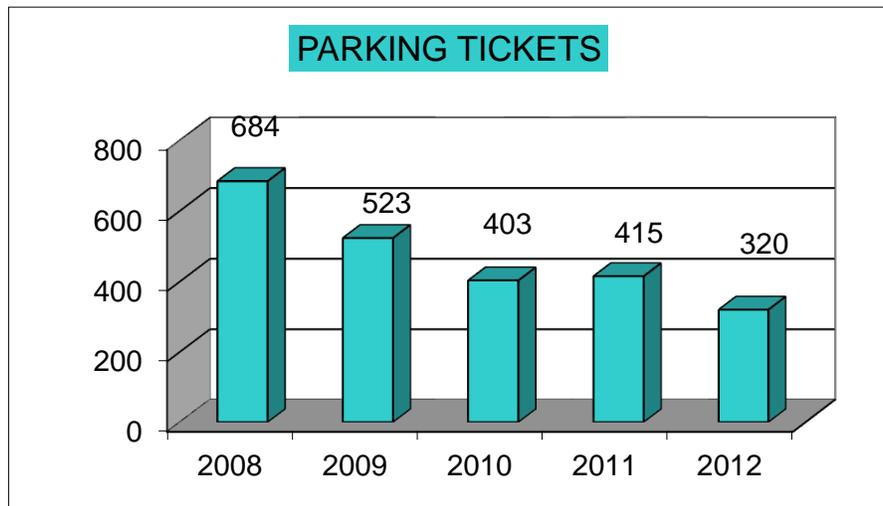
911 hang up responses occur when a caller contacts the Montgomery County 911 center and hangs up before providing any information. The caller's phone number and address are automatically displayed on the County computer screen. If a County dispatcher is unable to get an answer on call back, then the location data is transferred to our department. Two officers are dispatched to the location to check on the situation. The vast majority of 911 hang-up calls turn out to be caused by accident, yet each one must be treated as a potential emergency. The Police Department continues their efforts to reduce nuisance locations for 911 hang up calls.



2012

PARKING TICKETS

320 parking tickets were issued in 2012 which was a decrease of 95 from 2011.



PARKING TICKETS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TICKETS	684	523	403	415	320

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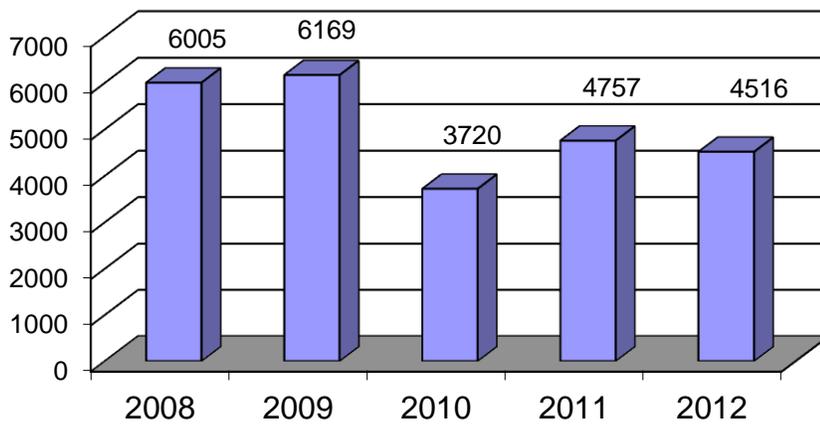
TRAFFIC STOPS

In 2012 a total of 4516 traffic stops were initiated by the patrol division. The 2012 total represents a decrease of 241 traffic stops from the 2011 total.

TRAFFIC STOPS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	6005	6169	3720	4757	4516

TRAFFIC STOPS



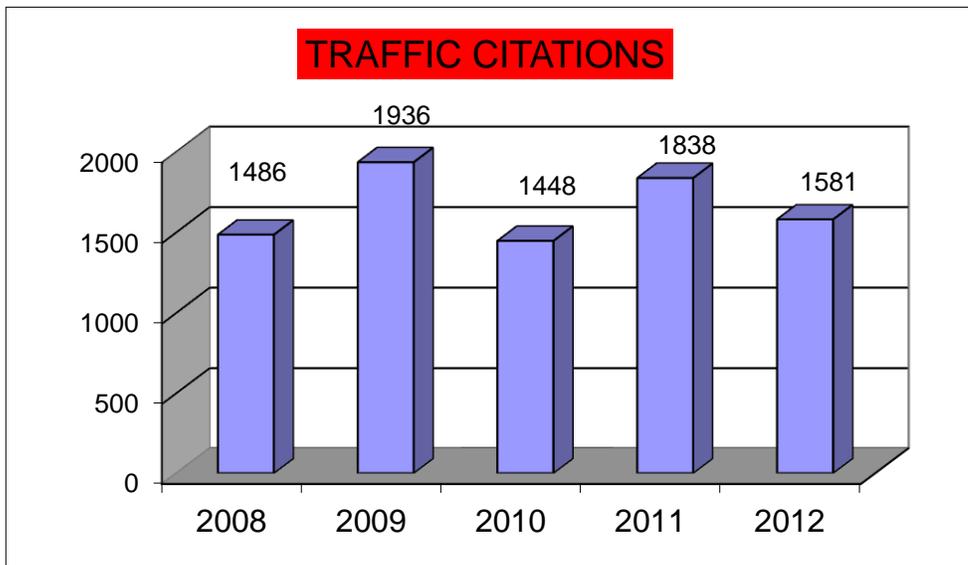
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TRAFFIC CITATIONS

In 2012 a total of 1581 traffic citations were issued by the patrol division. The 2012 total represents a decrease of 257 citations over the 2011 total.

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

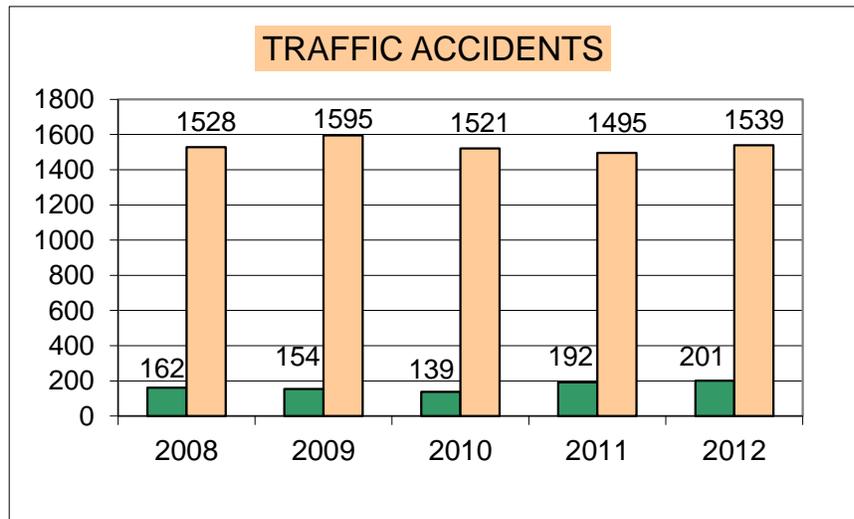
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL	1486	1936	1448	1838	1581



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

2012

The police department investigated 1740 auto accidents in 2012. When compared with 2011, there was an increase of 53 accidents in 2012.



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
REPORTABLE*	162	154	139	192	201
NON-REPT.	1528	1595	1521	1495	1539
TOTAL	1690	1749	1660	1687	1740

* A reportable accident requires death, injury or vehicle towing

**2012
PART 1 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
HOMICIDE	2	2	100%
RAPE	1	1	100%
ROBBERY	11	5	45%
ASSAULT	7	6	86%
BURGLARY	65	6	9%
THEFT**	1287	599	47%
AUTO THEFT	25	1	4%
ARSON	6	5	83%
TOTAL	1404	625	45%

**2012
PART 2 CRIMES / CLEARED**

Less Serious Crime as classified by the FBI

	CRIMES	CLEARED	% CLEARED
FORGERY & FRAUD	261	71	27%
OTHER ASSAULTS	35	28	80%
RECEIVING STOLEN PROP.	2	1	50%
DRUGS	92	74	80%
SEX CRIMES	24	11	46%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	65	65	100%
LIQUOR LAWS	13	13	100%
VANDALISM	154	11	7%
ALL OTHERS *	445	271	61%
TOTAL	1091	545	50%

* All others includes crimes that are not listed above. (Weapons Offenses, Prostitution, Public Drunkenness & all other offenses)

**Theft includes "retail theft" which is by far the most frequent crime committed in Upper Merion Township due to the large number of retail businesses.

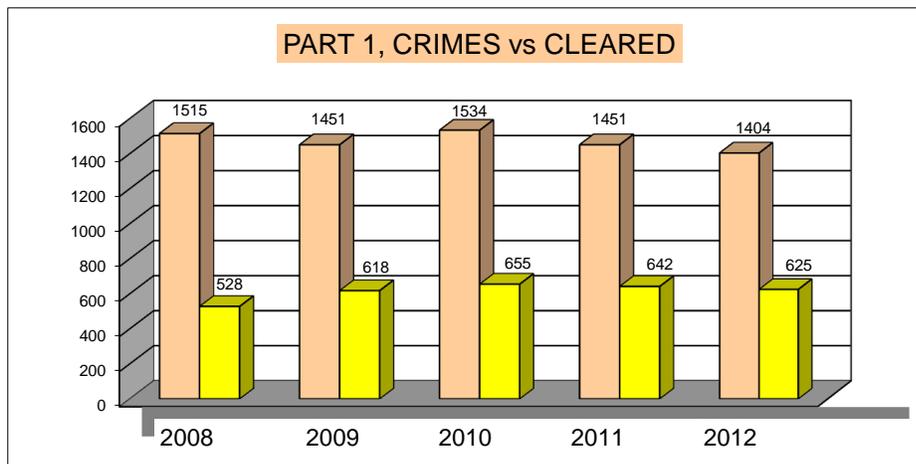
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

PART 1 CRIMES 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto	Total Part		%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Crimes	Change
2008	0	1	15	19	88	1350	42	0	1515	N/A
2009	0	3	14	7	58	1324	45	0	1451	-4.2%
2010	2	1	18	8	81	1379	44	1	1534	5.7%
2011	3	0	13	8	66	1330	30	1	1451	-5.4%
2012	2	1	11	7	65	1287	25	6	1404	-3.2%
TOTAL	7	6	71	49	358	6670	186	8	7355	

PART I CRIMES CLEARED 5 YEARS

	Criminal	Forcible					Auto	Total Part		%
YEAR	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Theft	Arson	Cleared	Cleared
2008	0	1	5	3	7	512	0	0	528	N/A
2009	0	2	6	4	3	600	3	0	618	43%
2010	2	0	3	6	9	603	4	1	655	43%
2011	3	0	6	5	14	608	6	0	642	44%
2012	2	1	5	6	6	599	1	5	625	45%
TOTAL	7	4	25	24	39	2922	14	6	3068	



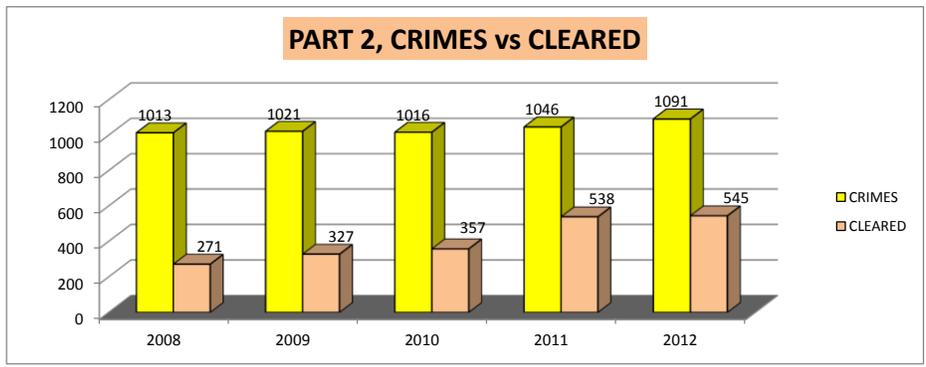
Uniform Crime Report (UCR)

**PART 2 CRIMES
5 YEARS**

YEAR	FORGERY COUNTERFEIT	OTHER ASSAULTS	RECEIVING STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	SEX CRIMES	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	LIQUOR LAWS	VANDALISM	ALL OTHERS	TOTAL	% CHANGE
2008	325	45	0	78	16	67	23	221	238	1013	N/A
2009	295	35	0	83	22	85	37	211	253	1021	1%
2010	275	42	0	86	12	77	23	206	295	1016	0%
2011	256	45	0	66	21	72	25	144	417	1046	3%
2012	261	35	2	92	24	65	13	154	445	1091	4%
TOTAL	1412	202	2	405	95	366	121	936	1648	5187	

**PART 2 CRIMES/CLEARED
5 YEARS**

YEAR	FORGERY COUNTERFEIT	OTHER ASSAULTS	RECEIVING STOLEN PROP	DRUGS	SEX CRIMES	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	LIQUOR LAWS	VANDALISM	ALL OTHERS	TOTAL	% CLEARED
2008	27	24	0	67	4	66	21	4	58	271	N/A
2009	41	19	0	68	9	83	36	10	61	327	32%
2010	64	27	0	69	3	76	21	13	84	357	35%
2011	40	31	0	59	8	69	22	6	303	538	51%
2012	71	28	1	74	11	65	13	11	271	545	50%
TOTAL	243	129	1	337	35	359	113	44	777	2038	



2012 JUVENILE CRIME ARRESTS

	2011	2012
ROBBERY	1	0
ASSAULT	17	4
BURGLARY	2	0
THEFT	241	140
AUTO THEFT	0	0
ARSON	0	5
FORGERY	1	3
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1
DRUGS	10	14
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4	3
DUI	0	0
LIQUOR LAWS	26	11
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	0	6
WEAPONS	3	2
PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS	0	0
ALL OTHER	2	12
CURFEW	5	19
TOTAL	312	220

YOUTH AID PANELS

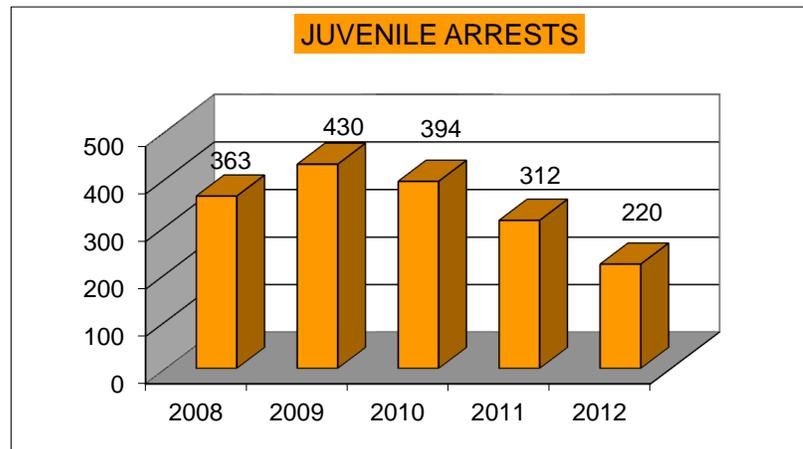
	REFERRED	COMPLETED	DROPPED	STILL ACTIVE
	44	32	10	2

CURFEW VIOLATIONS

	WARNINGS	CITATIONS	TOTAL
	19	0	19

JUVENILE ARRESTS

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
# OF ARRESTS	363	430	394	312	220



* Juvenile crimes are not included in UCR part I or part II totals.