

EDGEWOOD BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Paul L. Wood



"A Community With Pride"

Chief's Message

On behalf of the Edgewood Borough Police Department, it gives me great pleasure to present you with the 2004 Annual Report. This year, we have made great strides in enhancing our operations internally to better serve the community. Our officers have worked diligently in reaching out to the community and implementing various innovative programs geared to making Edgewood a safer and more enjoyable place to live and visit.

We developed, introduced, and graduated our first Citizen's Police Academy. We instituted a Problem Oriented Patrol Process, held our first ever Public Safety Open House and our second Annual Public Safety Town Meeting. We presented the community with our First ever Annual Report, transitioned to a new Mobile Data Terminal System, submitted a revised Policy Manual for review in early 2005, and completed both a State Accident Reporting Audit and a National Crime Information Center Audit with ratings of excellent.

In house, we implemented a Roll Call training process on critical issues, continued our work to upgrade our training program, and established an in house Awards Program. We successfully integrated two new officers into the Department's patrol function and implemented a vehicle maintenance program to keep our vehicles in running condition.

As the specific needs of the community changes, the Department continues to evolve to meet the demands of increased police services. In our pledge to law enforcement excellence and to our community, the Department will protect and serve the citizens of Edgewood and provide for a better tomorrow.

We wish to thank our Mayor, Council and Borough Manager for their continued support. Once again, I personally want to thank you for the confidence you have shown in me as evidenced by the freedom that I am afforded to manage the Department. I look forward to the challenges of the coming year and further into the future. Together we are making Edgewood a safer community.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Paul L. Wood.

BOROUGH GOVERNMENT

MAYOR

- Jean O. Davin

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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

BOROUGH MANAGER

- Kurt Ferguson



POLICE ROSTER

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

Full-Time Officers:

William Kusinsky
Leslie Lewis
Frederick Livingston
Timothy Quinn, Jr.
Michael Crow
Michael Libell

Part-Time Officers:

Troy Garrett
Mark Palandro
Donald Sypolt



Not pictured-Officer Troy Garrett

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 *74 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.

Communications Department

The Edgewood Communications Department is staffed by four full-time dispatchers and five part-time dispatchers. Under the supervision of Ed “Butch” Bechtold, the Communications Department provides the first contact for those seeking emergency assistance in the community. They dispatch calls to both the Police and Fire Departments. In addition to answering calls, the Dispatchers are all trained firefighters who respond to any and all Fire Departmental calls for service in the community.

The Dispatch Center is staffed twenty four hours a day and provides 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.

The Communications Department plays an integral role in the police and fire services. In 2004, the Communications Department processed more than 20,000 calls for service in addition to thousands of informational radio and phone calls.



*Dispatch Supervisor
Ed “Butch” Bechtold*



*Dispatchers Beitel and Ratajeski
handle an incoming request for
service during shift-change*

*Members of the Communications
Department assist the Edgewood
Volunteer Fire Department with a
demonstration at this year’s First
Annual Public Safety Open House*



2004 Police Department Accomplishments

Administrative:

- Selection, hiring and FTO Process for one (1) new officer
- Prepared and submitted the 1st Annual Departmental Report
- Prepared and submitted 2005 Budget Request
- Transitioned to a new Motorized Data Terminal System
- Worked with the finance department to successfully complete the Justice Department inquiry from 1999
- Completed an up-to-date inventory of the property room
- Completed annual personnel evaluations
- Submitted a revised Policy Manual for review in early 2005
- Held the 2nd Annual “Public Safety Town Meeting”
- Held the 1st Annual “Public Safety Open House”
- Equipped each patrol car with riot equipment
- NCIC/CLEAN audit of 100% accuracy by the Pennsylvania State Police
- State accident report audit with a rating of excellent

Professional Standards:

- Roll Call training implemented
- Implemented a regular inspection process
- Ethics training initiated into the FTO Program
- Increased Roll Call training
- Continued consistent & timely internal complaint process
- Updated training program
- Established an in-house Awards Program

Uniformed Patrol:

- Instituted a Problem Oriented Patrol Process
- Implemented a traffic enforcement effort in problem areas of the Borough
- Improved documentation and the patrol response to all incidents
- Improved coordination with outside agencies
- Improved communication and accountability for all officers
- Successful integration of two officers into the Department’s patrol program
- Implemented a maintenance program for patrol vehicles

Investigations:

- Assigned two officers to the part-time criminal investigations program

Community Relations / Crime Prevention

- Graduated the 1st Annual Citizen's Police Academy
- Held the 1st Annual Public Safety Open House
- Held the 2nd Annual Public Safety Town Meeting
- Community Day participation
- The Annual Children's Bicycle Rodeo
- Halloween party at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library
- AAA Traffic Safety Program
- AAA "School's Open" Campaign
- Fraud Prevention Seminar at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Edgewood
- Numerous Library Safety Talks for children
- Numerous Safety Talks at area banks
- The Annual Christmas Party
- 9-11 Communications Van at the Primary School
- Held the 2nd Annual D.A.R.E / G.R.E.A.T charity Basketball Game
- Held the 1st Annual Police vs. Pittsburgh Steelers charity Basketball Game
- Child Fingerprinting at Giant Eagle
- Implementation of the Crime Alert 24 hour Phone Line



The D.A.R.E. Program



Officer Livingston demonstrates the Agility Course at the Bicycle Rodeo



The Awards Ceremony

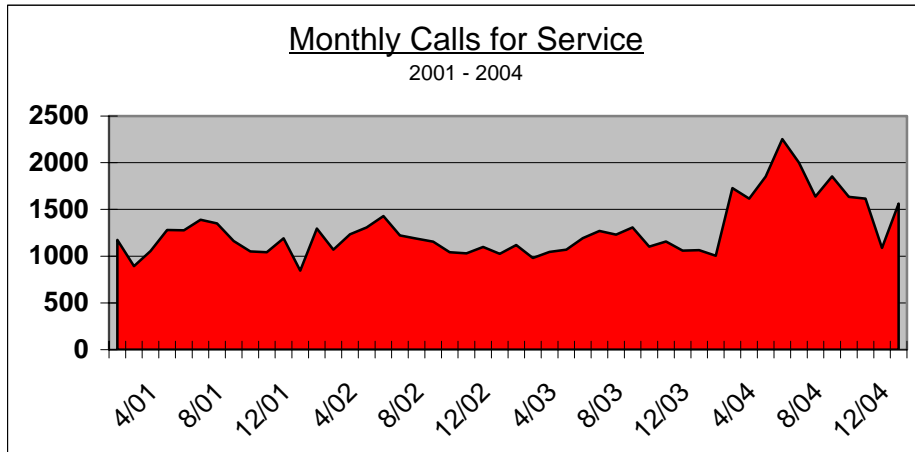
Row 1: Sgt. Hockenberry, Chief Wood, Sgt. Kaskie
Row 2: Mike Crow, Tim Quinn, Fred Livingston



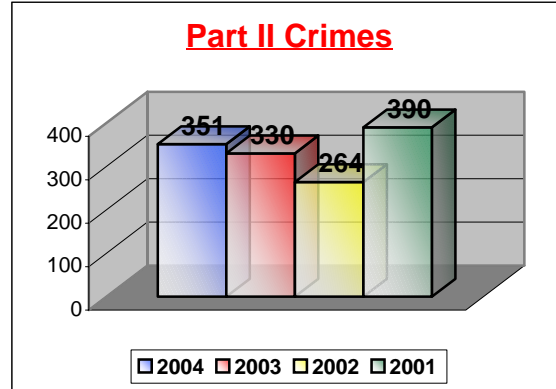
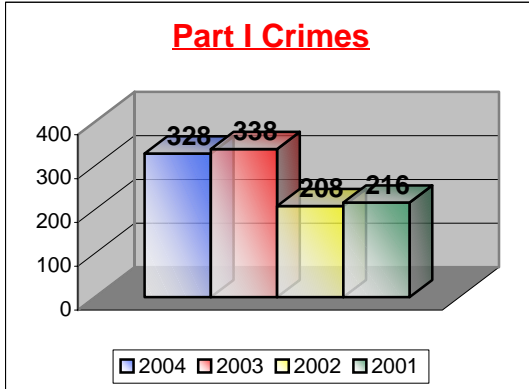
Mayor Davin conducts the swearing in ceremony for the new officer, Mike Libell

Statistical Data

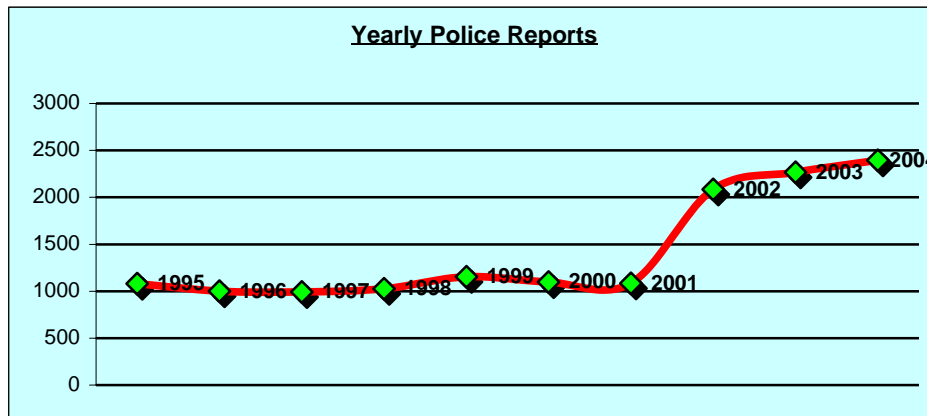
In the year 2004, the Department responded to a record number of calls for service. Since 1999, we have more than doubled our annual call volume.



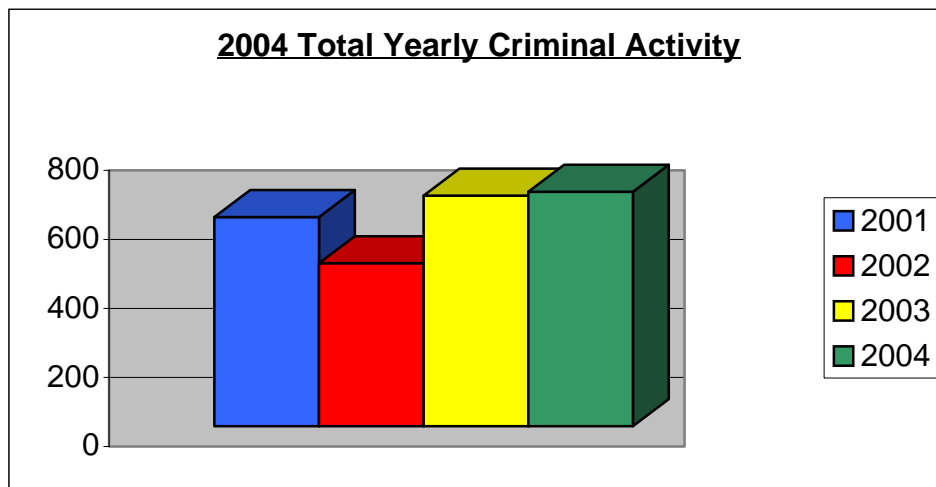
While 2004 saw a small decrease in the Part I crimes, there was a slight increase in the Part II crimes



In 2004, the Edgewood Police Department investigated and filed 2395 police reports. This is an average of 200 police reports per month, with one report being filed every 27 minutes. This is an increase of almost 100% from the year 2001.

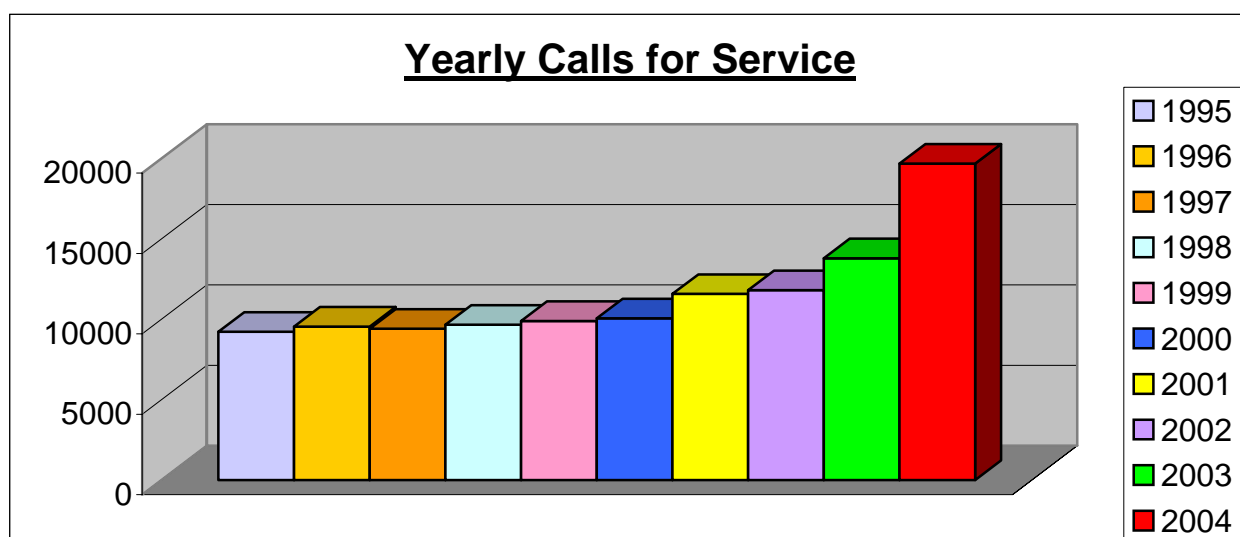


OFFENSE	2001	2002	2003	2004
<i>PART 1 CRIMES</i>				
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0
RAPE	2	0	0	1
ROBBERY	1	8	4	9
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6	3	11	7
BURGLARY	15	6	19	14
LARCENY/THEFT				
SHOPLIFTING	89	118	148	136
ALL OTHER	87	63	114	135
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	16	10	41	25
ARSON	0	0	1	1
TOTAL PART 1	216	208	338	328
<i>PART 2 CRIMES</i>				
OTHER ASSAULTS	4	5	5	8
VANDALISM	56	25	70	48
WEAPONS OFFENSES	4	1	10	4
SEX OFFENSES	0	2	1	3
NARCOTICS OFFENSES	30	21	17	25
DUI	15	9	19	10
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	33	30	32	55
ALL OTHER	248	171	176	198
TOTAL PART 2	390	264	330	351
GRAND TOTAL (P1 & P2)	606	472	668	679



Criminal Activity Since 1994

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



Departmental Training Summary

The training for the Department included in house training, Roll-Call training, State mandated training and outside specialty training courses.

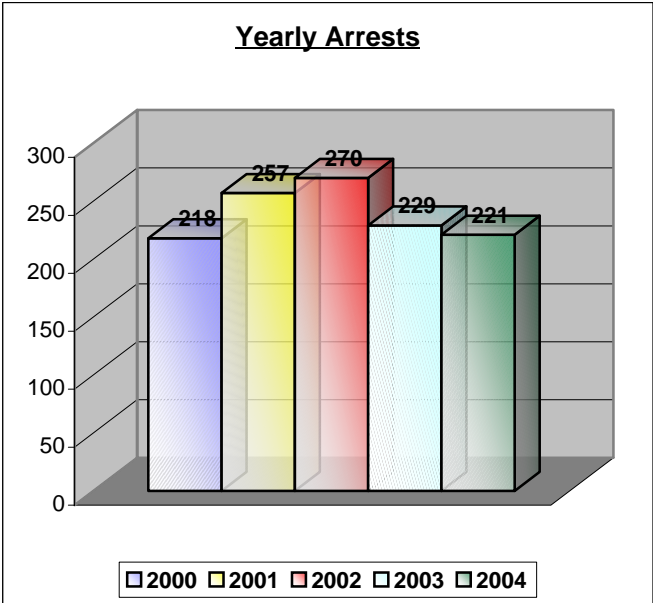
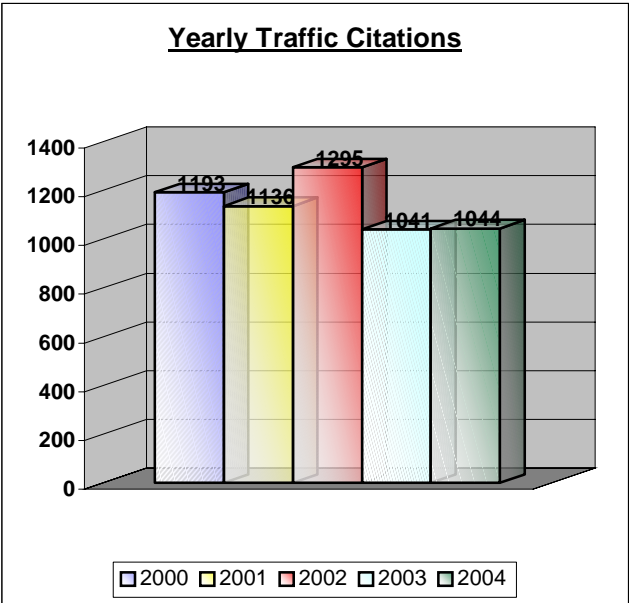
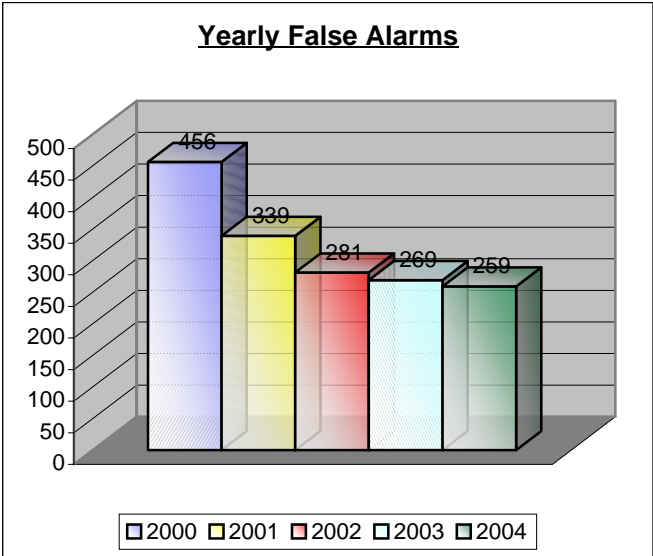
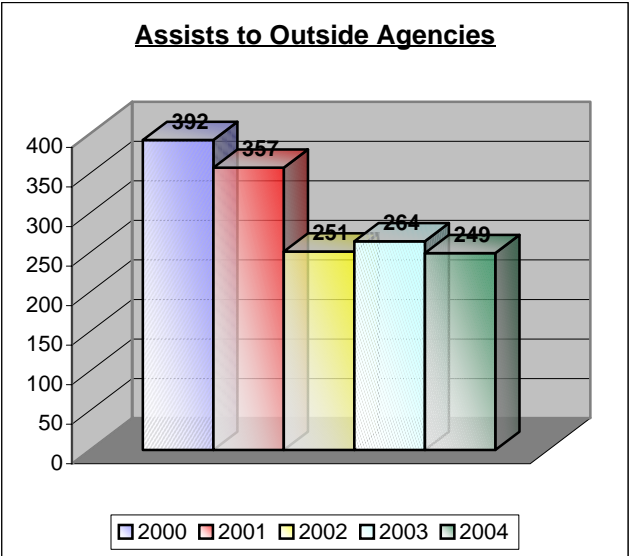
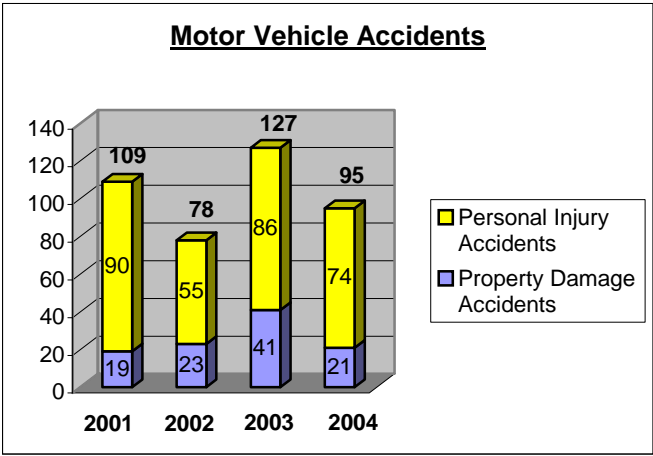
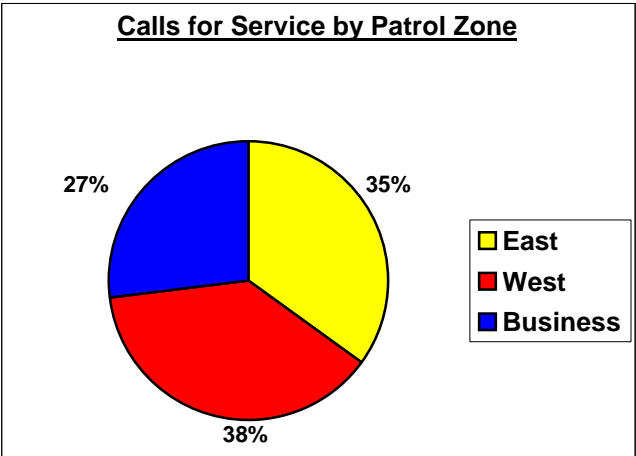
The State of Pennsylvania requires two days of training each year for legal updates. They also require training in firearms, deadly and non-deadly use of force, pursuit driving, First Aid, CPR, and AED.

2004 Training Course Log

Course Title	Officer(s) Attending	Course Hours	Total Hours
Firearms	All Officers (two times)	8	96
Legal Updates	All Officers	16	192
J-Net Registrar Certification	Quinn	8	8
J-Net Overview	All Officers	1	12
Interview and Interrogation	Livingston, Quinn	24	48
Taser Instructor	Crow	16	16
DUI Datamaster Operator	Livingston, Quinn	32	32
Crime Victim Compensation	All Officers	4	48
Street Crimes Awareness	Lewis	8	8
Defensive Tactics / PPCT	Crow	24	24
Search and Seizure	Sgt. Kaskie, Kusinsky	16	32
Child Exploitation	Livingston	24	24
Roll Call Training (Meth Labs)	All Officers	0.5	6
Roll Call Training (Stolen Car Fraud)	All Officers	0.5	6
Roll Call Training (Terrorism)	All Officers	0.5	6
Roll Call Training (Use of Force)	All Officers	0.5	6
Tactical Building Searches	All Officers	4	48
Cognitive Interviewing	Sgt. Kaskie	8	8
Tactical Traffic Stops	Sgt. Kaskie	16	16
Advanced Firearms Instructor	Crow	32	32
DUI Update Training	Quinn	8	8
Creating an Ethical Police Department	Chief Wood	8	8
Clandestine Meth-Lab Identification	Sgt. Kaskie	8	8
Narcotics Seizure Update	Kusinsky	8	8
C.P.R. Re-Certification	All Officers	4	36
First Aid Re-Certification	All Officers	4	36
Child Safety Seat Inspections	Sypolt	8	8
Total Hours			780

**In 2003, the Department logged 672 hours of training*

Miscellaneous Statistics



The Fleet

In 2004, the Department purchased two new vehicles for use. Both were 2004 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor sedans. One vehicle is a fully marked unit, while the other is an unmarked unit. The Department phased out the three older units, all 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor sedans.



Vehicle Number	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Old Unmarked Unit #1 1999 Ford Crown Victoria	797	714	<i>Taken Out of Service</i>										1511
New Unmarked Unit #1 2004 Ford Crown Victoria	<i>Not in service</i>		1156	724	680	718	839	955	1409	1266	1376	1353	10476
Old Marked Unit #2 1999 Ford Crown Victoria	950	559	<i>Taken Out of Service</i>										1509
New Marked Unit #2 2004 Ford Crown Victoria	<i>Not in service</i>		954	1126	1820	1828	1692	1809	1931	1901	1468	1572	16101
Unit #3 1999 Ford Crown Victoria	1662	807	547	353	600	277	493	<i>Taken Out of Service</i>					4739
Unit #5 2003 Dodge Intrepid	893	1068	944	947	1214	968	1146	1064	953	798	992	977	11964
Unit #7 2003 Dodge Intrepid	807	1752	1248	1477	1722	1604	1488	1180	846	998	1353	1188	15663
Total Miles	5109	4900	4849	4627	6036	5395	5658	5008	5139	4963	5189	5090	61963

Goals and Objectives were established at the beginning of the year 2004.

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



The Memories