

Village of South Charleston Police Department



Year End Report 2011

Statement of Intent

We, the South Charleston Police Department, serve an ever expanding, continuously changing community. Our community is culturally diversified as to race, education, religion, and social economic background, requiring a variety of departmental approaches to community problems. Our police department is deeply concerned for its citizens both collectively and individually. We realize that alternatives to arrest, depending on individual circumstances, are often beneficial.

Our department will maintain an atmosphere of professionalism through extensive officer training, updated operational policy, and open communication with its citizenry.

We strive to maintain an environment in which officers may perform their duties with acceptance, understanding, and approval of the public. The willing participation of all people is desired and encouraged, as well as essential to departmental operations and communications.

The department will avoid secrecy in its operations, always maintaining openness in matters of public interest, preserving the rights of people while realizing certain situations necessitate confidentiality. It is our mission to serve people in a manner befitting human dignity, ever mindful of our legal and moral responsibilities. We assume a leadership role by offering direction in community affairs, by advocating a high degree of personal security, and by unbiased enforcement of the law.

We strive to handle each encounter based on its own merits, thus minimizing the risk of misunderstanding and restriction of individual freedoms.

Personnel

The department began the year with one full time police officer, six part time police officers, and four auxiliary police officers. Chief Derek Smith was the only full time officer at that time. Sergeant Brian Redish, Officer Ken Larson, Officer George Smith, Officer Matthew Meyer, Officer Vaughn Apel, and Officer Meredith Freeman were part time officers. Officer Ken Majercak, Officer Adrian Hull, Officer Richard Conwell, and Officer Thomas Hootman were auxiliary officers. The department began the year with a total of eleven sworn police officers.

The department ended the year with two full time police officers, five part time police officers, and six auxiliary police officers. Chief Derek Smith and Sergeant Brian Redish were full time officers at that time. Officer Ken Larson, Officer Richard Conwell, Officer Michael Evans, Officer Robert Durham, and Officer Vaughn Apel were part time officers. Officer John Siders, Officer Jeffery Boswell, Officer Charles Crislip, Officer Morgan Eckler, Officer Gregory Marlow, and Officer Michael Leavitt were auxiliary officers. The department ended the year with a total of thirteen sworn police officers.



Above: Officer Richard Conwell passes out candy during Trick or Treat on October 29, 2011.

Auxiliary

Auxiliary officers donated a total of 1900 hours to the department for the year. Auxiliary officers helped by working details such as Trick or Treat and Christmas in the Village. Auxiliary officers trained with other police officers, provided security for Mayor's Court, and assisted the department with other duties as needed. Auxiliary officers are not compensated and work for experience and training rather than financial gain.

Patrol Vehicles and Mileage

The department's patrol vehicles have held up with no significant problems. The 2010 Dodge Charger began the year with 11,500 miles and ended the year with 43,990 miles. During the year, the Dodge Charger received upgraded rotors, brakes, and new tires. The AC condenser was also replaced on the Dodge Charger. The 2006 Ford Crown Victoria began the year with 114,596 miles and ended the year with 120,611 miles. Routine maintenance was performed on both patrol vehicles throughout the year. For the year, the

department drove a total of 38,505 miles patrolling the streets of South Charleston. The department patrolled an average of 3,209 miles per month, or 105 miles per day. No accidents involving a patrol vehicle were reported.



The 2010 Dodge Charger leads the Miami View Elementary School Halloween Parade

New Equipment

In November, the department purchased a Defibtech “Reviver” Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The AED is a device that is capable of recognizing the absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia and is capable of determining without intervention by an operator whether defibrillation should be performed and upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges, and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual’s heart. The South Charleston Police Department recognizes the importance of timely intervention to those individuals who have experienced sudden cardiac arrest. The AED is carried in the patrol vehicle at all times and is accessible to officers during serious medical emergency situations.

Grants



In October, the department renewed its contract with the Clark County Combined Health District. The department was awarded \$13,838.00 in grant money to fund its participation in the Clark County OVI Task Force. The task force was created to deter and apprehend impaired drivers by implementing sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout Clark County. In addition to the South Charleston Police Department, other agencies that participate in the task force include the Clark County Sheriffs Office, the Springfield Police Division, the Enon Police Department, the North Hampton Police Department, the Tremont City Police Department, the German Township Police Department, and the Clark County Combined Health District. On average, the South Charleston Police Department has extra officer on duty three or four times per month patrolling for impaired drivers. Generally, these extra patrols are conducted during holiday weekends and special events.

Training



Throughout the year, officers received training in many different areas of law enforcement. In October, officers were recertified in the use of their firearm and the department owned shotgun. Instructed by John Siders, this training was completed at the Champaign County Range on October 1, 2011. In May 2011, officers were recertified in the use and deployment of the Taser X26. Instructed by George Smith, this training was held in the community room of the Town Hall building. In June, Project Woman came to the South Charleston Police Department and educated officers in domestic violence and sexual assault.



This training was also held in

the community room of the Town Hall building. Officers received continual professional training in several other aspects of law enforcement throughout the year as well.



Officer Ken Larson checks out his target



Sgt. Brian Redish talks with Officer John Siders at the range

Participation

The department participated in many community events and parades throughout the year including the Memorial Day parade and services conducted by the American Legion Post 176, the Homecoming parade lead by Southeastern High School, the Halloween parade directed by Miami View Elementary School, Christmas in the Village guided by the South Charleston Community Club, and the annual Trick or Treat festivities. Chief Smith spoke at Miami View Elementary School to educate second graders regarding the law enforcement aspect of local government. The department also participated in the “Click it or Tick It” and “Drive Sober or get Pulled Over” campaigns.



Above: Chief Smith, Josh Rice, and Cheryl Spears speak at Miami View Elementary School.
Photos courtesy of Mr. Jason Ennis

Hours Worked

The department logged a total of 11,742 hours of service. These hours include motor vehicle patrol, foot patrol, court, special assignments, and training.

Services

Officers served 26 arrest warrants, completed 43 vehicle lock outs, assisted with 235 Fire/EMS runs, executed 19 welfare checks, responded to 41 alarms, and performed 45 back ups.

Reports

The department responded to 1728 calls for service and completed 393 reports in 2011. The department opened 98 “criminal” case investigations and handled 16 crash reports.

Enforcement

The department wrote a total of 232 traffic citations in 2011. The department issued a total of 291 traffic charges. Of the 291 traffic charges, 136 were for speeding, 73 were for driving under suspension or driving without a valid license, 37 were for driving on illegal license plates, and 11 were for operating a vehicle under the influence. The remaining 34 charges would be for offenses such as failing to obey a traffic control device, equipment, reckless operation, seat belt, etc. The department averaged issuing 0.64 traffic citations per day. The average speeding citation was written for 16.6 mph over the posted speed limit.

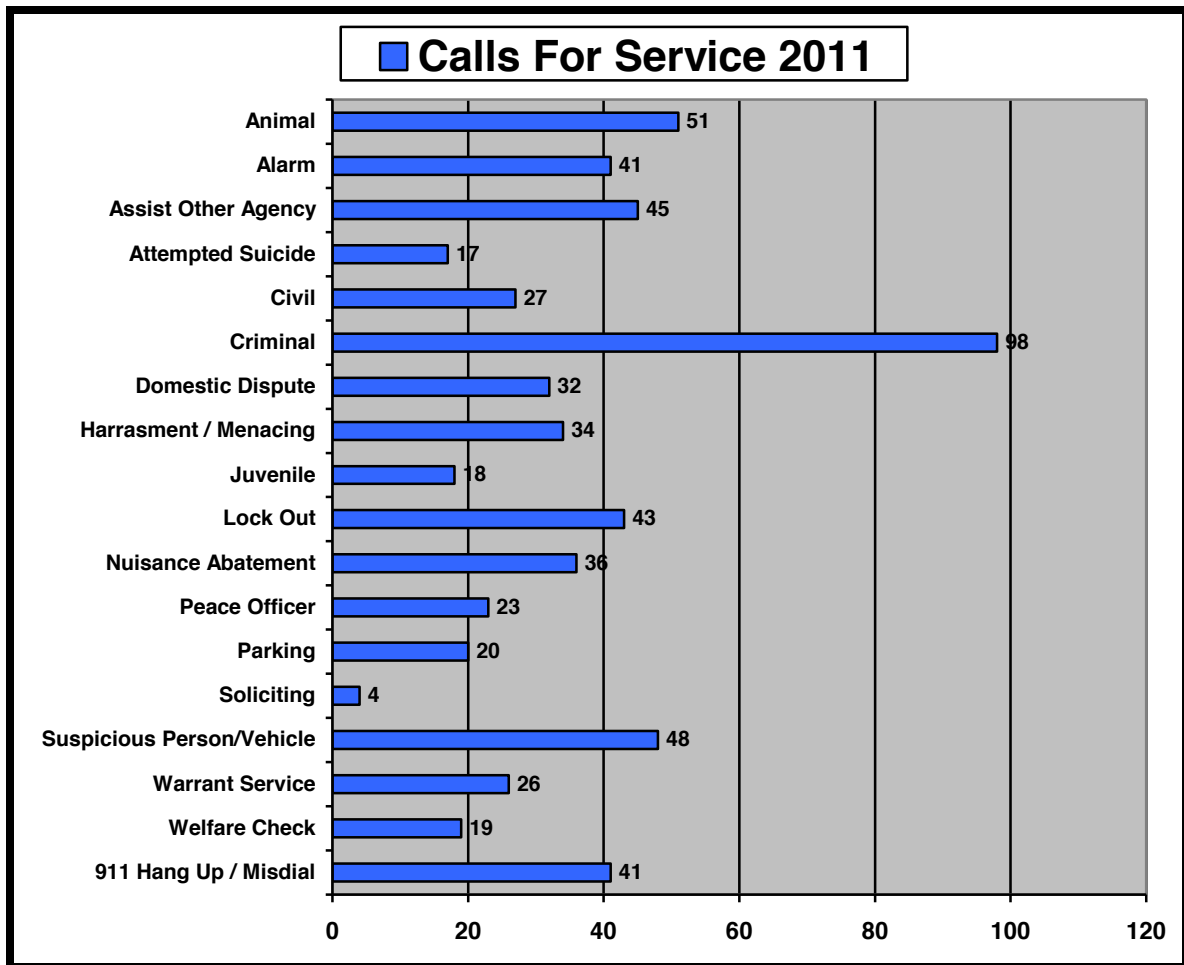
The department conducted a total of 664 traffic stops. The average was 1.8 stops per day. Of the total stops made, 432 resulted in the violator being issued a courtesy warning.

The department handled 16 crash investigations for the year. 13 crashes resulted only in property damage and 3 crashes resulted in personal injury. On average, there was a crash in South Charleston every 23 days.

There were 44 criminal arrests made in 2011. A total of 69 criminal charges were filed. Of the 69 criminal charges, 60 were misdemeanors and 9 were felonies.



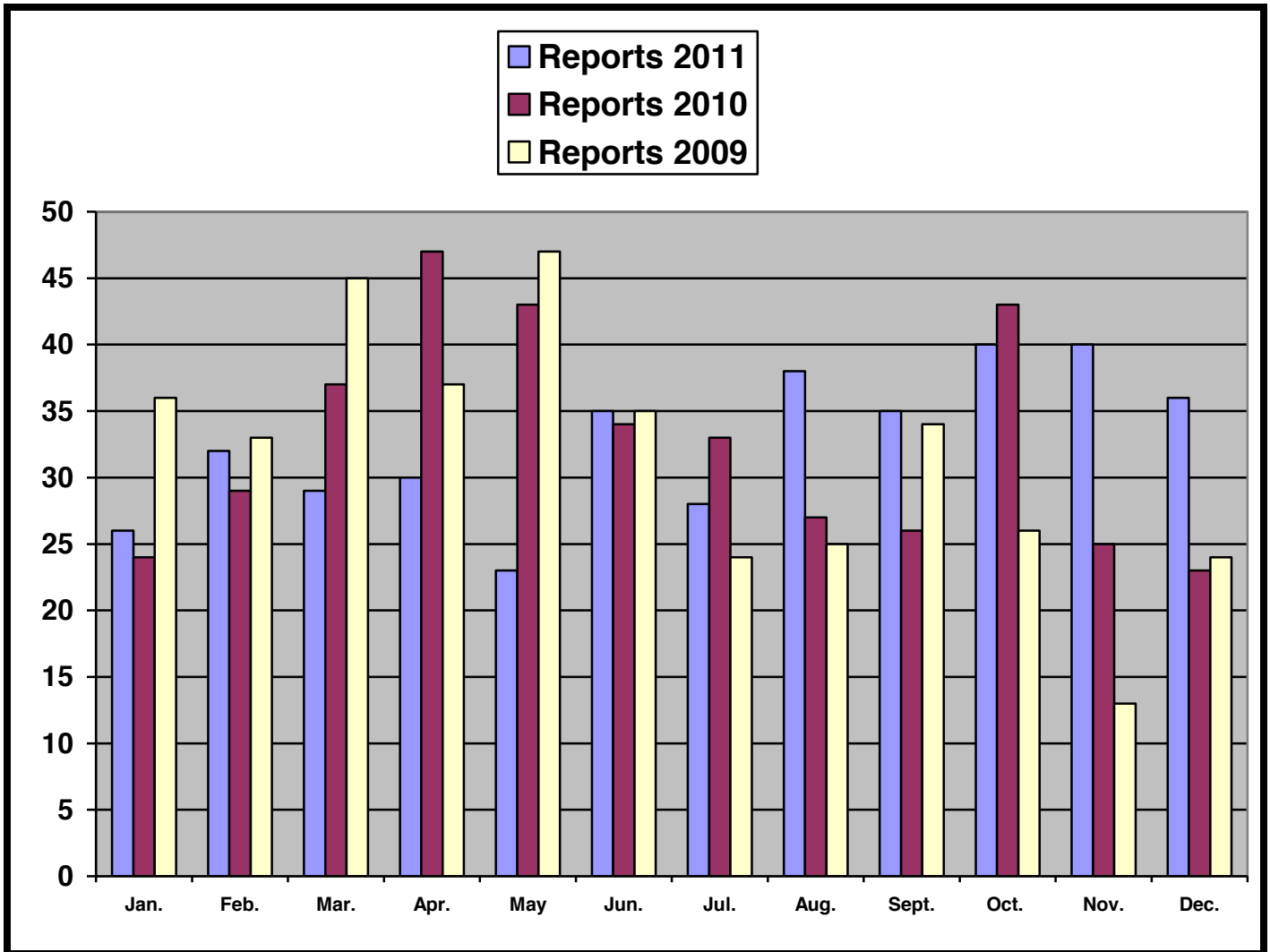
Calls for Service



Not Pictured:

Medical / Fire Assist	235
Follow Up	221
Special Detail	373
Misc. / Other	276

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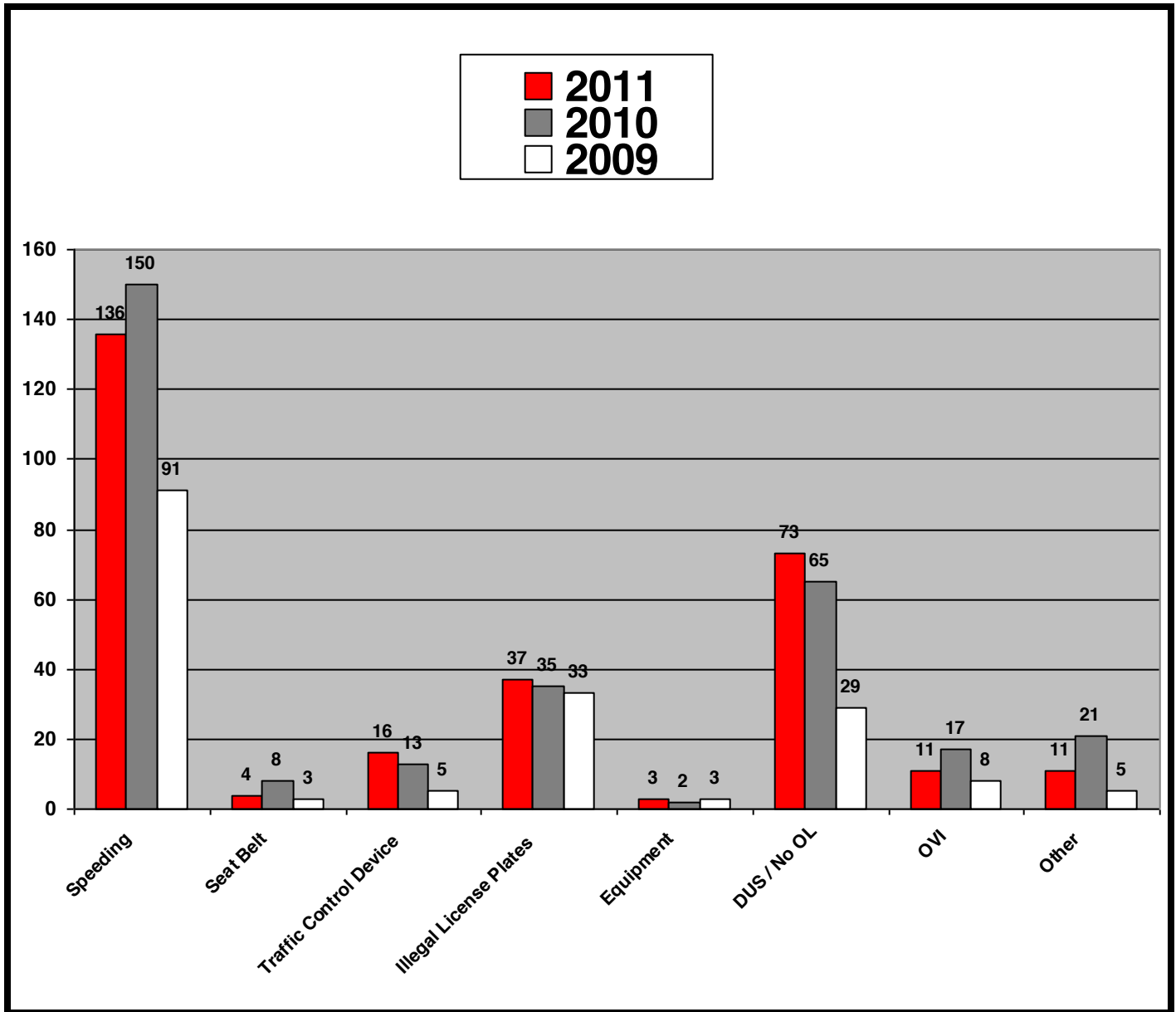
Totals

2011 = 392

2010 = 370

2009 = 393

Traffic Charges

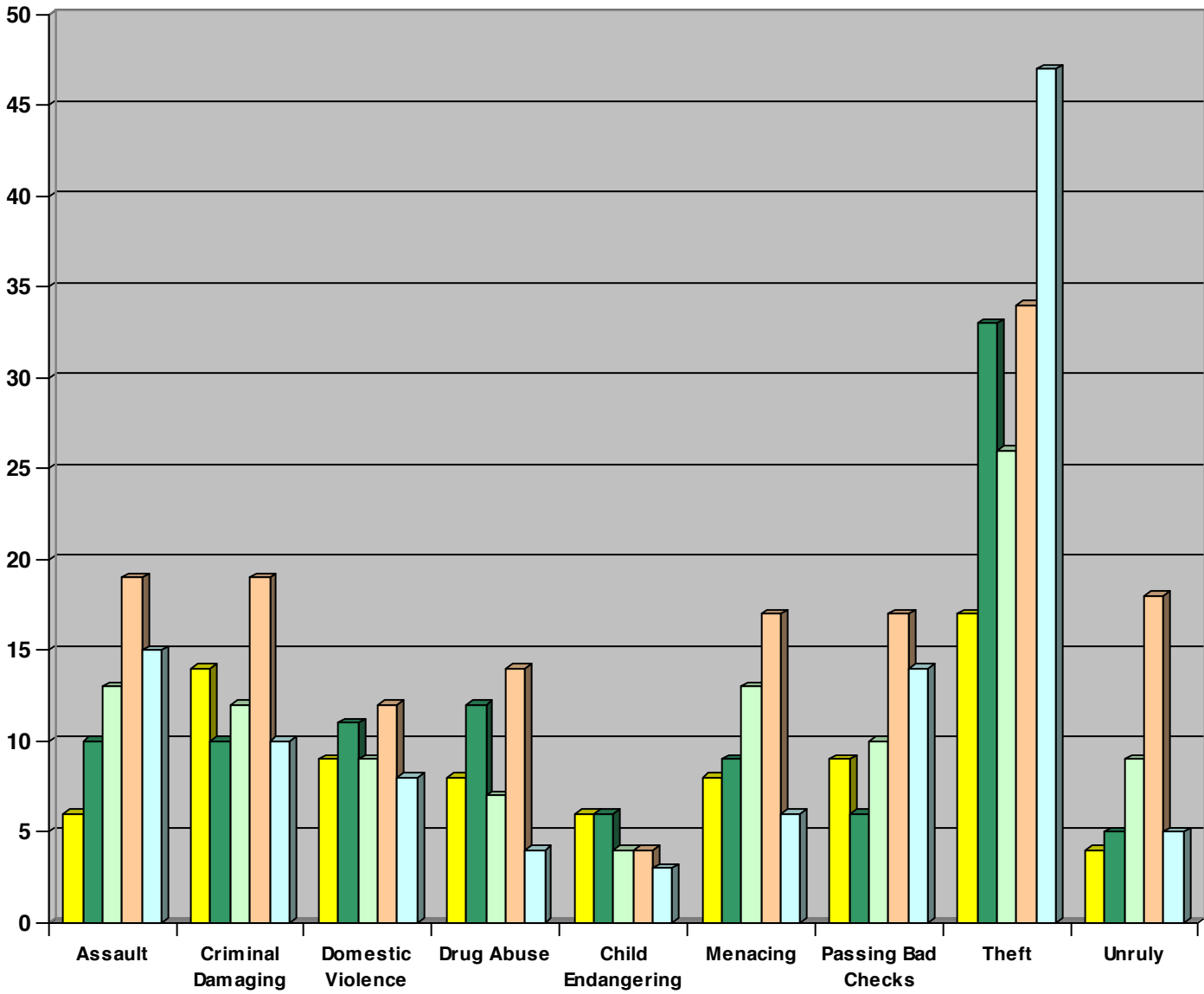
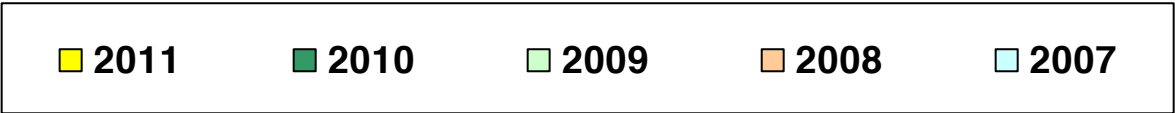


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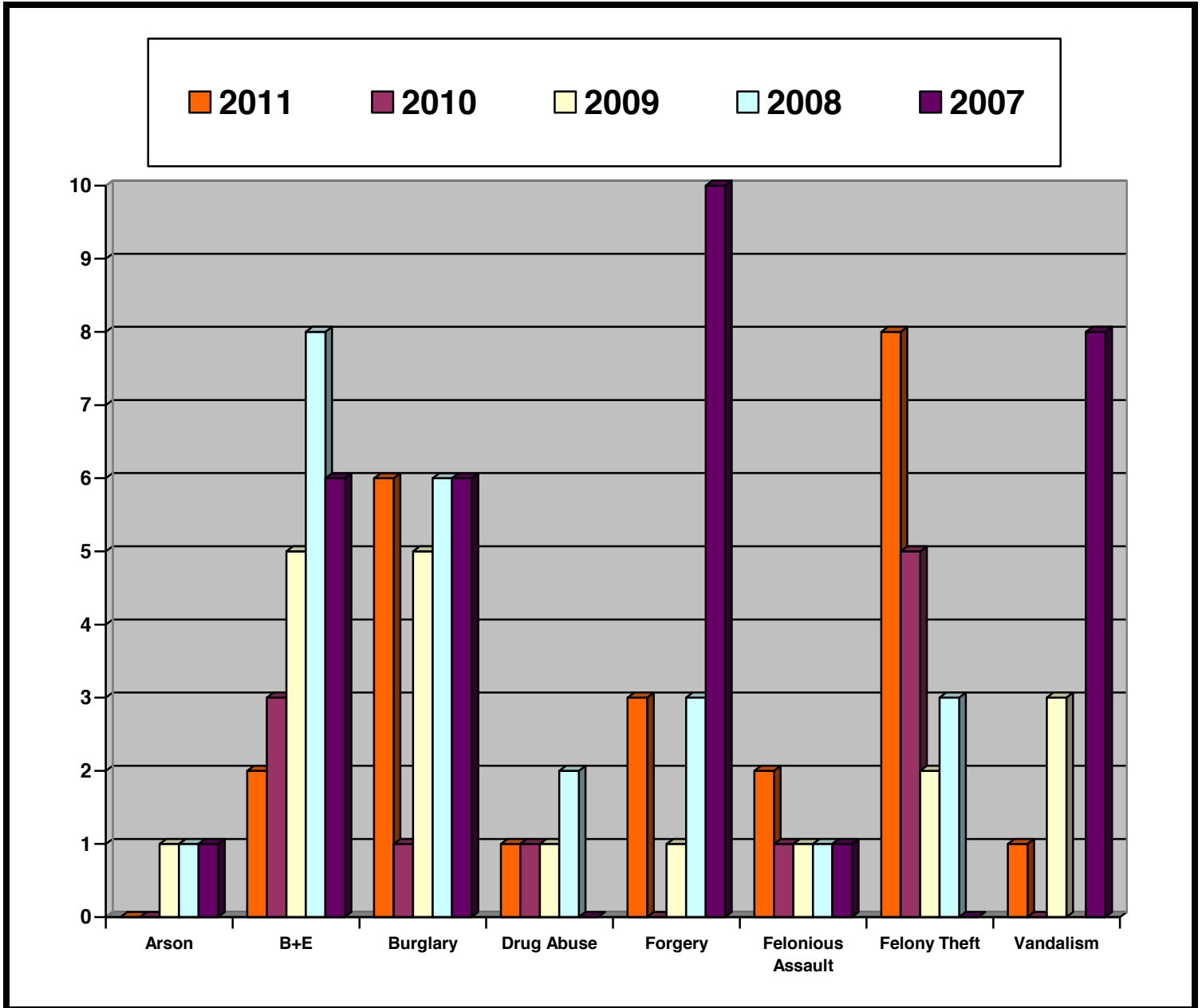
Traffic Stops	664
Persons Cited	232
Persons Warned	432
Charges Issued	291

The fasted speed violations were recorded as follows: 48mph in a 20mph zone, 50mph in a 25mph zone, 71mph in a 35mph zone, 67mph in a 45mph zone, and 75mph in a 50mph zone. The average speed citation was written for 16.6mph over the posted speed limit.

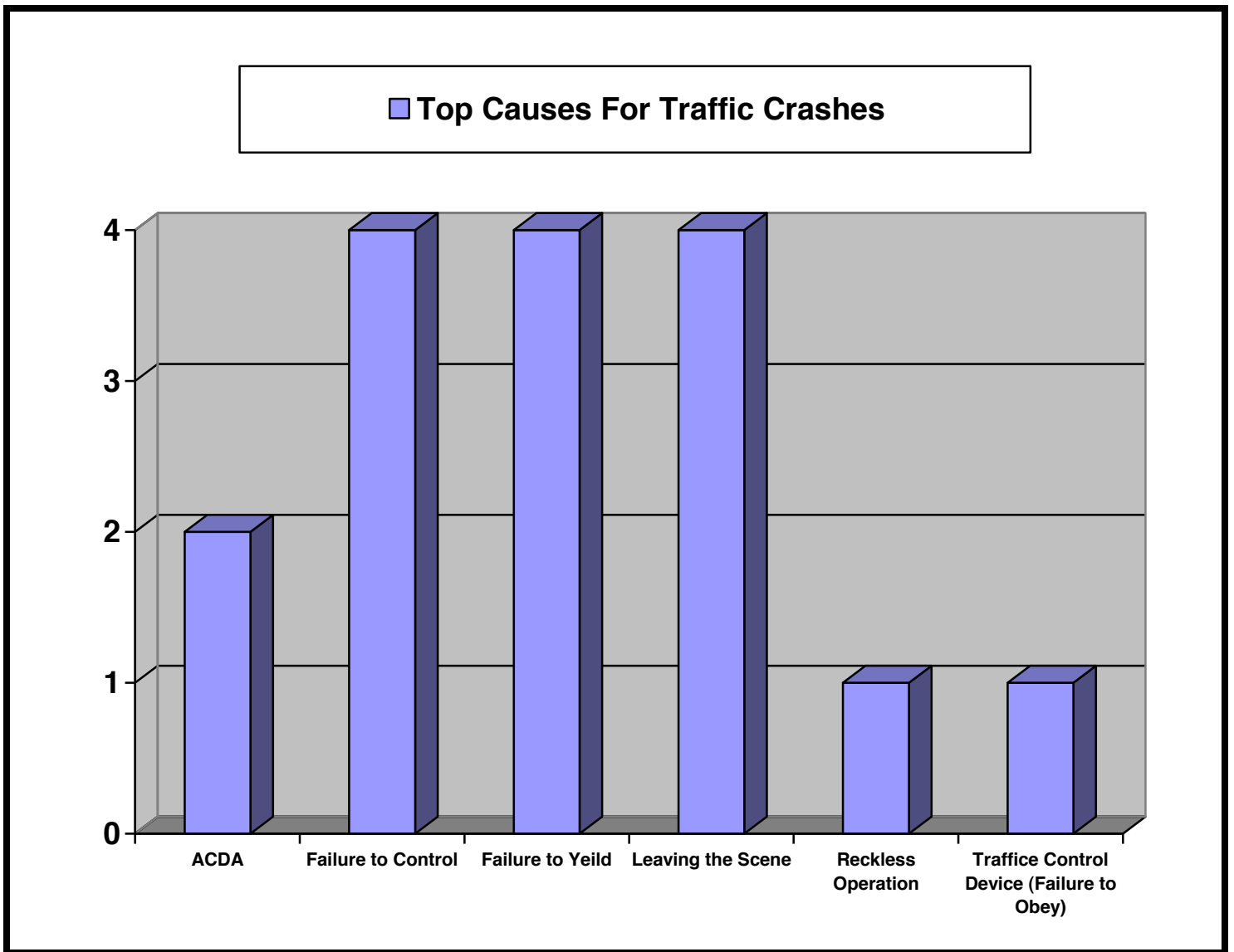
Misdemeanor Crime
Yearly Comparison
Most Frequent Offenses



Felony Crime
Yearly Comparison
Most Frequent Offenses



Traffic Crashes 2011



Of the 16 crashes, 3 were injury crashes. There were 13 crash reports taken on public roadways and 3 crash reports taken on private property. There were 4 hit and run crashes, 0 crashes involving three or more vehicles, and 0 crashes involving animals. 7 crash reports were taken between the hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm and 9 crash reports were taken between the hours of 4:00pm and 12:00am.