

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



CHIEF OF POLICE
Robert Taylor



In Memory

Lt. James “Jim Bob” Alan McKenny

June 19, 1955-March 18, 2010



Lt. James “Jim Bob” Alan McKenny began his career with the Amarillo Police Department on September 1, 1976. He moved here from his hometown of Rochester, Minnesota to accept his dream job of becoming a police officer. Lt. McKenny served many roles with the Department in his 34-year career, including Patrol Officer, Detective, Field Patrol Supervisor, Service Division Supervisor, and Detective Division Supervisor. At the time of his death, he was the Lieutenant in charge of the Robbery and Drive-by Shooting Squad of the Detective Division. Lt. McKenny was a past president of the Amarillo Police Officers Association. During his career, he received 12 commendations for various acts of exemplary police work. He received a Department Citation and Rotary Club Officer of the Quarter award for his lead role in the investigation and arrest of a child sexual assault suspect.

Lt. McKenny died on March 18, 2010 after a battle with cancer. Honorary services were held at a crowded St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 1200 S. Washington, on March 23, 2010. Survivors include his wife, Terri McKenny, two sons, Gregory Ryan Ewers and James Robert McKenny, and two daughters, Shelbi Elizabeth McKenny and Caroline Alyse McKenny.

Lt. McKenny was an outstanding police officer. He will be missed by his co-workers, peers and many friends.



LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS



AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality, and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will conduct myself in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feeling, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I KNOW that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I WILL constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...Law Enforcement.



MISSION STATEMENT



The prime functions of the Police Department are the preservation of the peace and order, the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of offenders, the protection of persons and property under the laws of the state, the protection of the innocent, the enforcement of the laws of the state and the ordinances of the City, and the performance of a multitude of tasks relating to public welfare and safety. For these purposes the police are endowed with legal authority. In the exercise of this power, justice and equity should be ever the actuating motive.

To achieve true success, the Department must win and retain the confidence and respect of the public whom it serves. This can be accomplished only by constant and earnest endeavor on the part of all officers and civilian employees of the Department to perform their duties in an efficient, honest, and effective manner. This exemplary conduct cultivates in the public mind, the fullest realization that the Police Department is a most vital requisite to public well-being.

Efficiency is the first rule of an officer's conduct. Police officers should remember that in the execution of their duties, they act not for themselves, but for the public, and that their appointment is in no sense for their own advantage. The entire law regulating their function hinges upon this principle. They are required to be governed by no feeling, save zeal to do what the law commands, and should never allow passion to urge them to brutality, nor fear, favoritism, or sympathy to induce them to illegal leniency or neglect of duty. Officers must bear in mind that they represent the dignity and authority of the state and are representatives of the law to whose lawful demands all must submit, and such submission can be compelled when necessary. They should use no unnecessary force nor hesitate to use necessary force when circumstances require.

Since it is not possible to anticipate every situation that may arise, or to prescribe the specific action requisite for each case, some things therefore must necessarily be left to the intelligence and discretion of the officers of the Department. Those entrusted with law enforcement must be relied upon to exercise good judgment and apply sound common sense at all times to make police service equitable and effective.

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010

The 2010 Amarillo Police Department Annual Report was designed and published by the Service Division. All information herein is taken from official records of the various Amarillo Police Department Divisions described, and is provided to give readers an accurate as possible description of the Amarillo Police Department in the year 2010. Changes in the disposition and classification of cases do occur months and years after the initial police reports are filed. These changes may therefore affect the accuracy of our annual reports.

SERVICE DIVISION COMMANDER

Captain Brad Lancaster





AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF AMARILLO, TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

February 18, 2011

The Honorable Mayor and
City Commissioners
City of Amarillo
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Mayor & Commissioners:

It is an honor to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Amarillo Police Department. I am happy to announce that we experienced a -3.2% decrease in Part I crimes. I feel this is due to the improvement in economic conditions and the increase in our directed patrol program. We are continuing to focus our resources this year towards efforts in "hotspot" enforcement, surveillance of active criminals and increases in directed patrols.

It should be noted that the statistics and graphs in this report that detail Part I crimes might differ slightly from crime statistics reported by this department to the State of Texas, and ultimately to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is due to case clearance declarations that continue after the Annual Report is completed.

Please accept our appreciation for your support and that of the City Manager and staff. Together we have made a difference.

Sincerely,

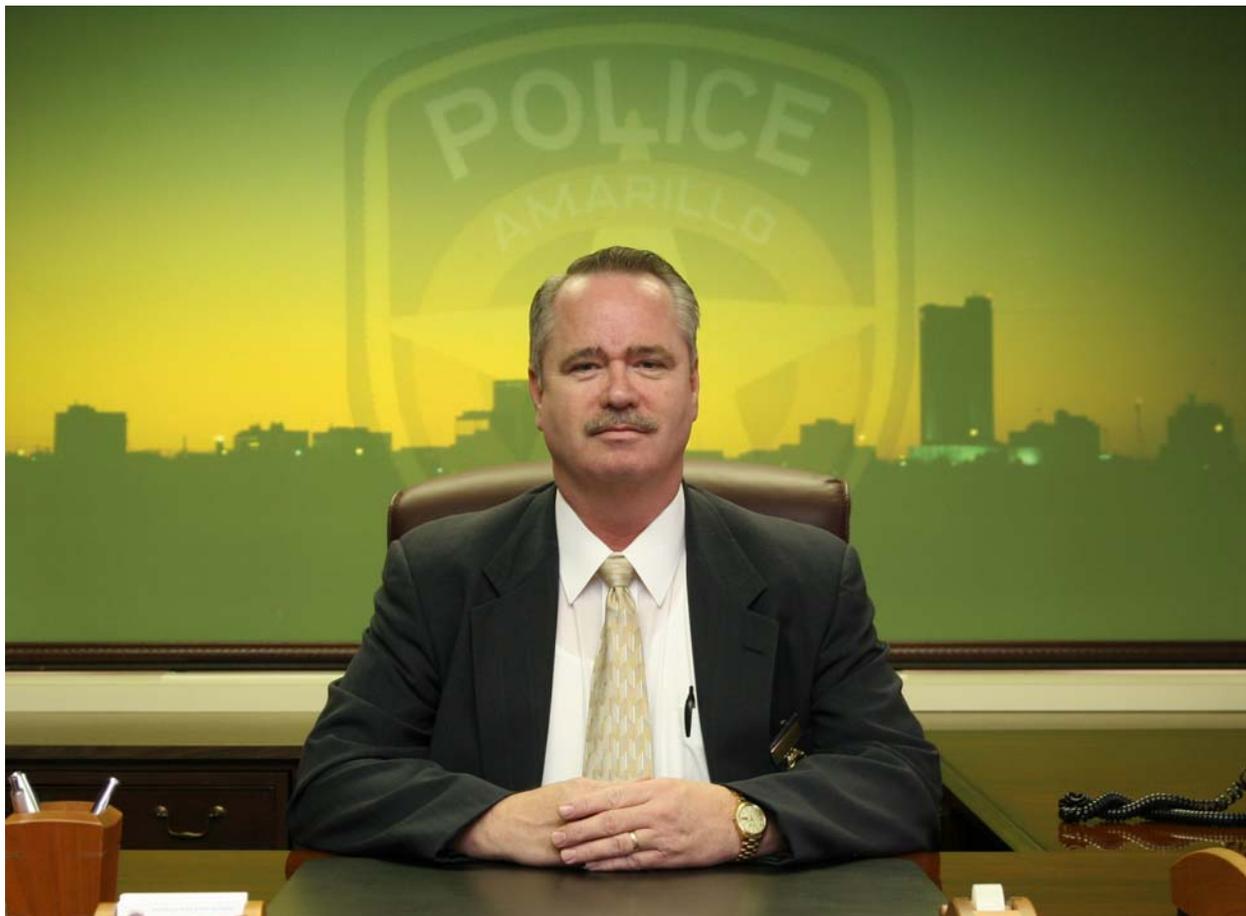
Robert Taylor
Chief of Police

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



CHIEF OF POLICE
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**ASSISTANT CHIEF
OF LINE OPERATIONS
Kenneth Ferguson**

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF
OPERATIONS
Perry Gilmore**

INTER-DEPARTMENT OFFICE COMMUNICATION



To: All Divisions

Date: 2/18/2011

From: Chief Robert Taylor

Subject: Department Goals for 2011

The 2011 goals for the Police Department are:

Increase staffing of sworn personnel to address city growth and crime.

Expand the Cops program to other areas of the city as increase in staff occurs.

Continue "hotspot" enforcement activities.

Increase Directed Patrol activities.

Expand the use of "Nixle" a community communications tool.

Reduce Crimes Against Person's and Property crimes.

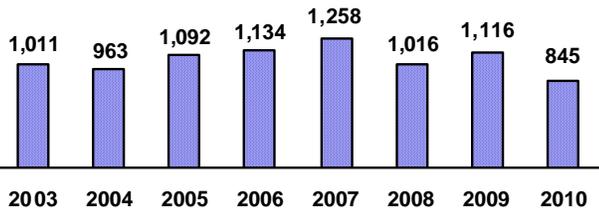
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Chief Robert Taylor

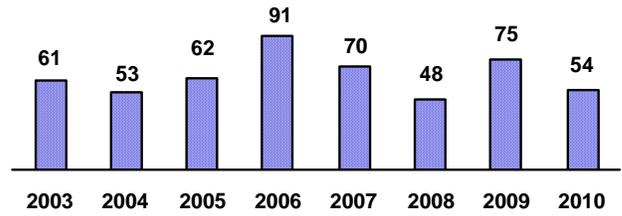


CRIME ANALYSIS

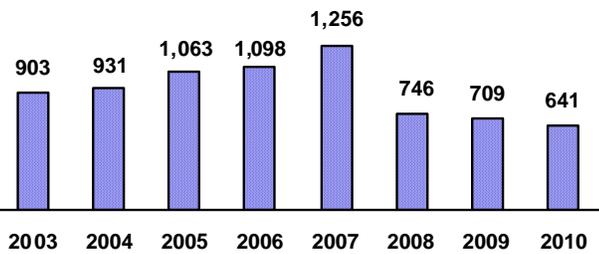
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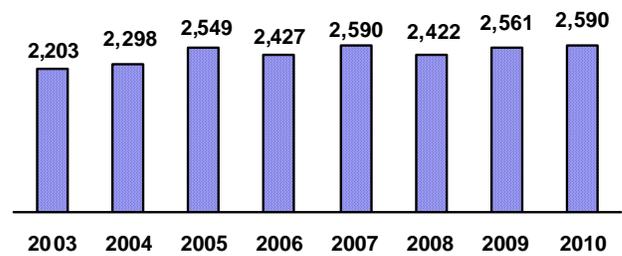
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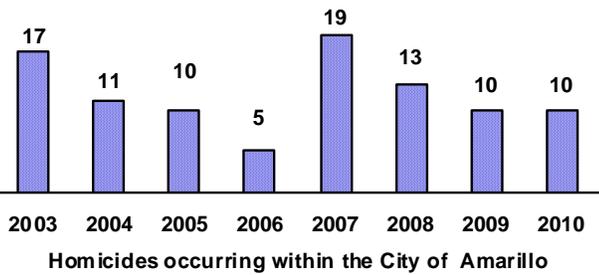
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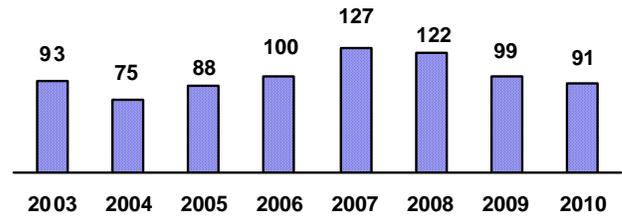
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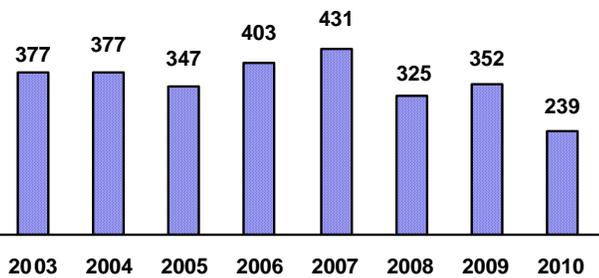
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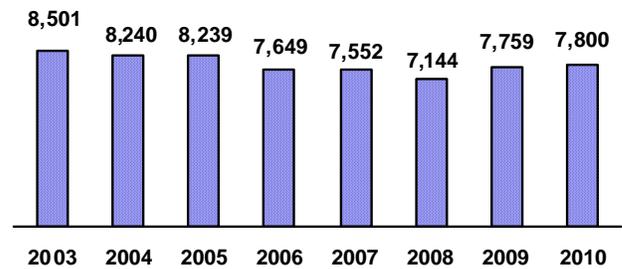
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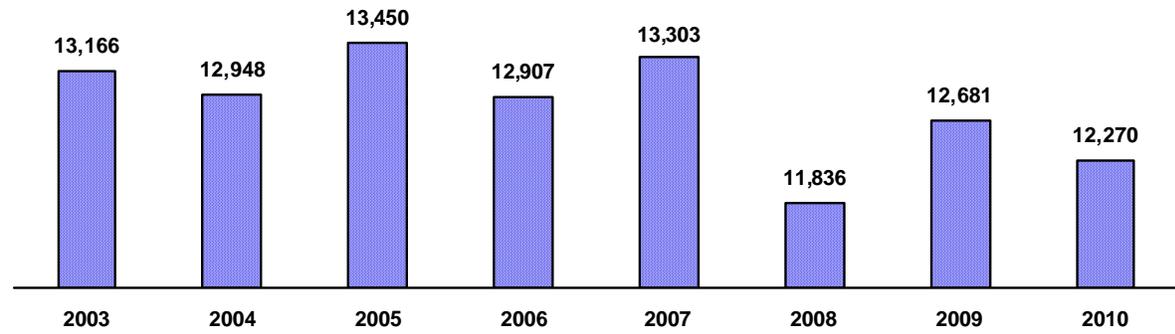
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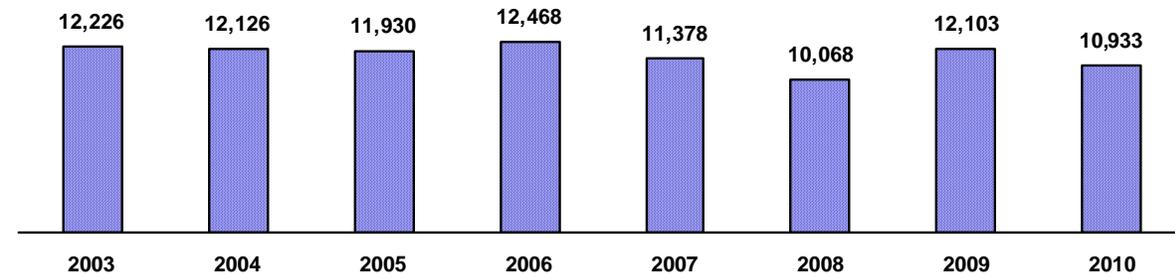
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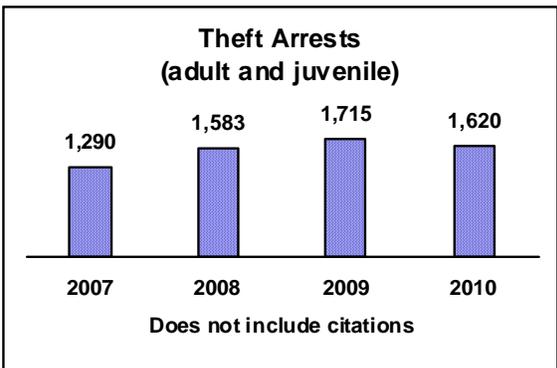
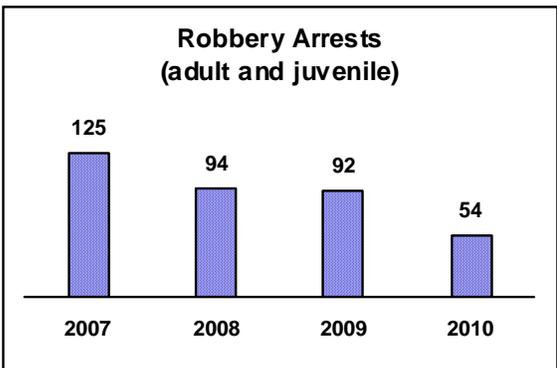
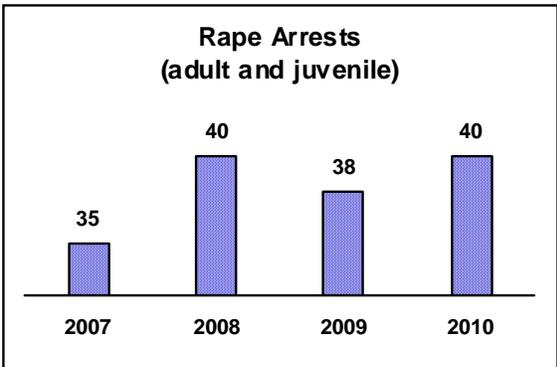
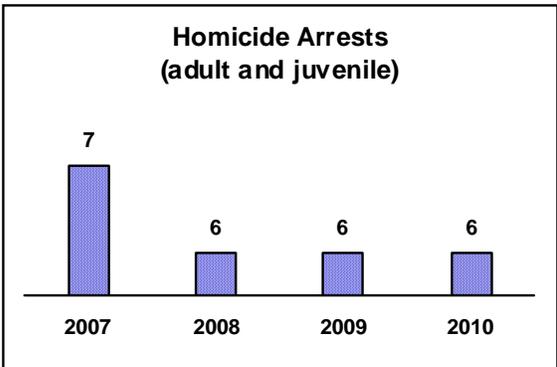
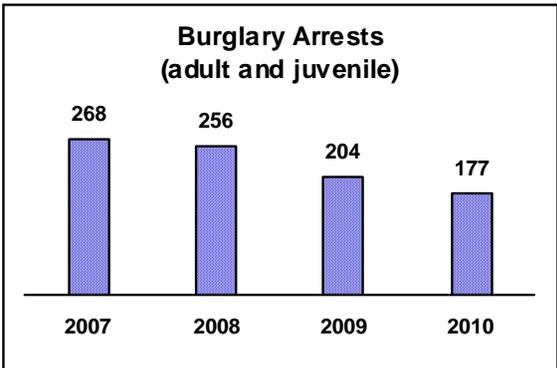
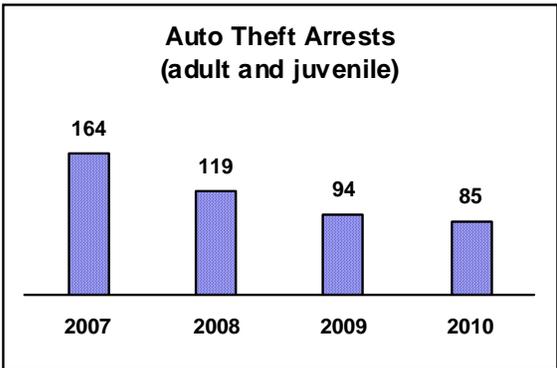
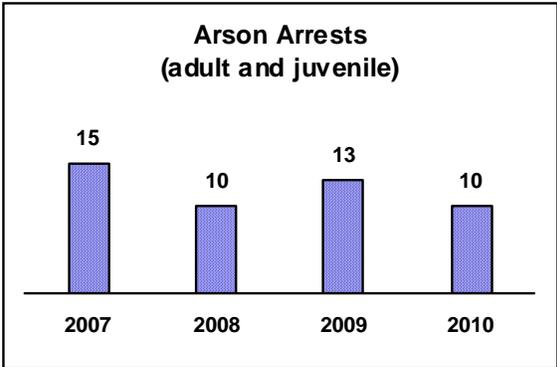
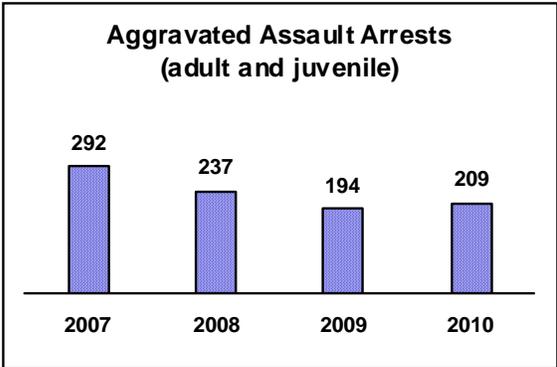
Part 1 Crimes (yearly totals)



Adult Arrests (yearly totals)



Totals may include arrests made on warrants in reference to previous year cases





DIVISION REPORTS

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



UNIFORM DIVISION
Captain Carrel Harris

UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division, commanded by Captain Carrel Harris, is responsible for providing quality police service to the citizens of Amarillo on a continuous basis. The Division provides the initial police response to, and investigation of, most calls for police service in the City. Currently the Division is authorized a staff of 208 sworn officers, plus three civilians, and operates a fleet of 97 patrol vehicles, which includes 11 motorcycles. We also have 13 patrol bicycles assigned to our COPPS Unit.



The officers in the Uniform Division provide police service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. On January 1, 2009, we changed our shifts by distributing personnel on four 10-hour work shifts each day. This change has allowed for overlap of personnel during our busiest times, allowing better responses to calls for service. Three shifts (covering 24 hours) are each staffed with one lieutenant, 4 sergeants, and patrol officers. A fourth shift, consisting of two sergeants and two squads of patrol officers, overlaps the evening and midnight shifts when our call load is highest.

In addition, the Motorcycle Squad and COPPS officers provide specialized services. Many officers in the Uniform Division hold part-time assignments in specialized units such as SWAT, Hostage Negotiators, Bomb Squad, Dive Team, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, Training Academy Instructors, Field Training Officers, CIT Officers (Crisis Intervention Team), and other assignments.

In 2009, police radio communications moved from the Amarillo Police Department to the Amarillo Emergency Communications Center (A.E.C.C.). This change has altered our ability to track some of the items we have historically kept statistics on. Calls for police service is one such category that is now very difficult to track, but we are able to report many of the items that have been tracked in the past. The Police Department investigated 5,605 traffic crashes in 2010. There were a total of 22 fatalities (from 21 fatal accidents) during the year. Officers made 10,933 arrests for the year, including 402 drunk drivers and 198 motorists for driving with a suspended license. Uniform officers issued 46,037 traffic citations, along with 1,549 parking citations. Officers made 302 evading arrest cases, in addition to making 233 arrests on failure-to-identify charges.

PATROL

Officers assigned to patrol must be skilled in a wide variety of tasks such as mediating family disturbances, providing first aid, maintaining order, enforcing traffic laws, arresting criminal law violators, and investigating all types of criminal offenses. Patrol officers take crime scene photographs, process crime scenes for fingerprints, and take statements from witnesses of crimes.



CANINE

The Canine Unit is composed of two officers and two police dogs. One canine officer and police dog are assigned to the midnight shift and one team is assigned on the day shift. They assist officers on building searches for burglars, apprehension of fleeing suspects, and drug detection. When requested, the unit provides drug detection service to the Amarillo Independent School District and presents canine demonstrations to community organizations.



MOTORCYCLE

The Motorcycle Squad is composed of one sergeant and ten officers. These motor officers concentrate on traffic enforcement at locations identified as high-volume accident sites and problem areas. Motorcycle officers issued 25,432 of the traffic citations issued by the Uniform Division, plus an additional 8,938 warning tickets.



TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION

The Traffic Investigation Unit is staffed by a Lieutenant, one Sergeant, three traffic crash/DWI investigators, one video specialist, one Uniform Division Municipal Court Warrant Officer and one Secretary II. This unit investigates hit and run traffic crashes, fatal traffic crashes, and files charges on all DWIs and all driving-while-license-suspended cases, as well as traffic-related incidents. The Traffic Investigation Unit's video specialist also assists in providing expert video forensic analysis and scene mapping in ongoing criminal investigations throughout the department.



CRIME ANALYSIS

One officer staffs Crime Analysis. He is responsible for tracking crime reports, crime patterns and trends, and then making that information available to Patrol Officers, Detectives, COPPS, SWAT and other law enforcement agencies.



COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The Community Policing Unit was formed as a result of a federal grant under the COPS Ahead Program. Officially named Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS), the COPPS Unit consists of 12 officers and one sergeant. COPPS officers, assigned in pairs to the San Jacinto, North Heights, Eastridge, Martin Road, South Lawn and Downtown areas of Amarillo work to increase the communication between our citizens and the police resulting in greater police effectiveness and citizen satisfaction with the work done in the community by the Police Department. In an effort to prevent crime and provide a better quality of life in our community, COPPS officers also undertake various problem-solving endeavors that may reach outside the traditional law enforcement function. COPPS officers work closely with other City departments such as Code Enforcement and Fire Prevention to provide a combined effort of evaluation and enforcement of quality of life issues.



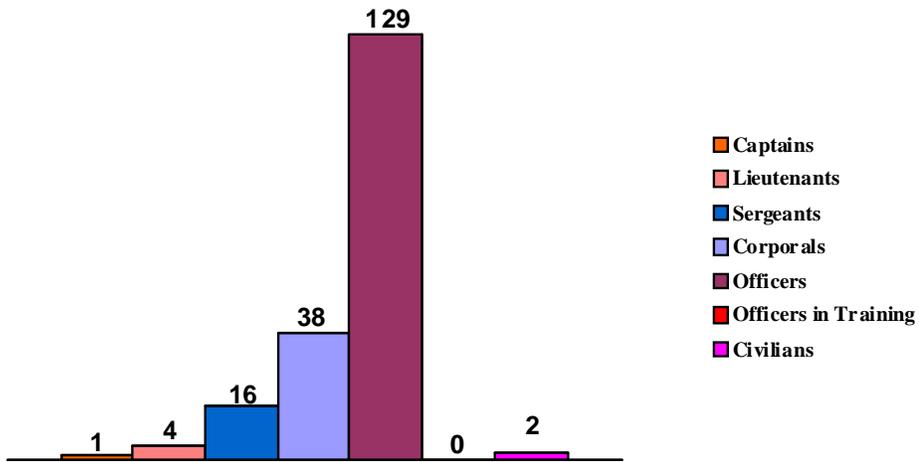
In 2010, the COPPS Unit worked several special assignments at various locations to observe and arrest offenders committing various crimes and causing neighborhood problems. Other assignments included investigations leading to the arrest of felony narcotics violators involved in manufacturing and selling narcotics, committing burglaries, and passing forged instruments. COPPS Officers did a lot of directed patrol, including working evening and night-time hours to help curb some problems at some of our local bars. Furthermore, these officers have spent time working with citizens who have highlighted specific problems in their neighborhoods during City Commission meetings. The COPPS Unit also works very closely with the Detective Division to work our repeat offenders and our most active criminals. Some of the COPPS officers have also begun working out of an office at Elwood Park, which gives them a higher visibility to a park frequented by a lot of our older population.

Several of these problems have been solved through coordinated efforts between the COPPS officers and landlords. By doing such tasks, the COPPS Unit fulfills its mandate to address issues ranging from criminal activity to educating the public in areas including personal safety issues and methods of crime prevention.

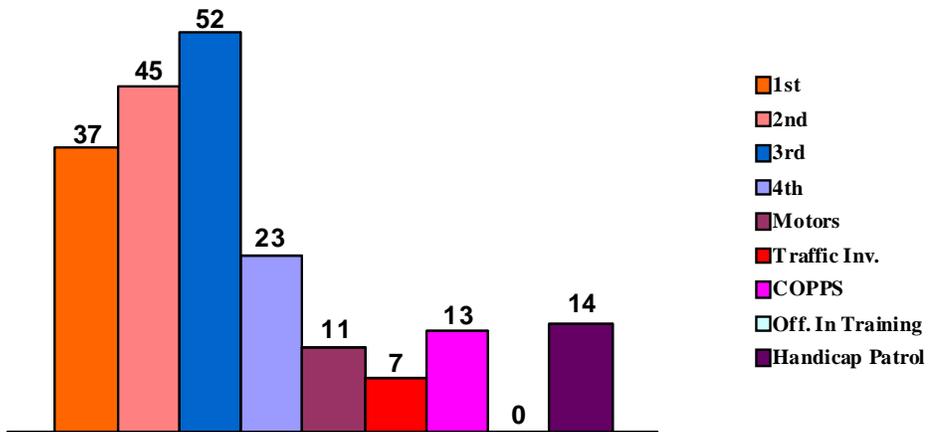
HANDICAP PATROL

The Handicap Patrol is a group of civilian volunteers who, after receiving training, patrol parking lots and enforce handicap-parking violations. This group issued 890 citations for handicap parking violations. This program is aimed at keeping handicap parking spaces available for those who qualify.

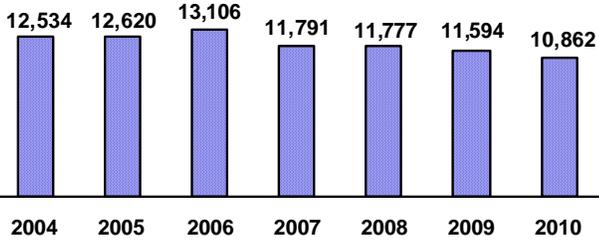
Uniform Division Personnel Allocation



Uniform Division Assignment by Shift

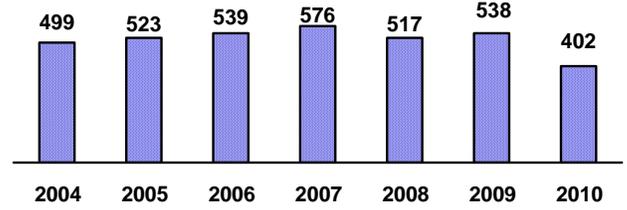


Adult Arrests

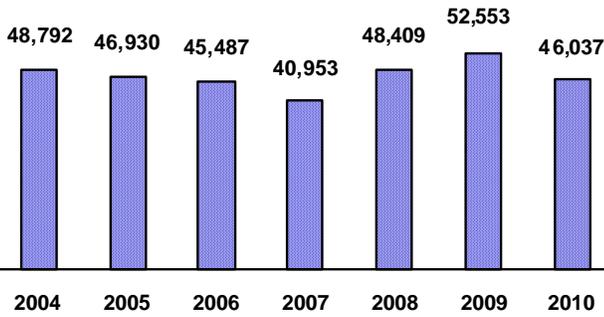


Excluding juvenile arrests and misdemeanor citations issued. Reboots and warrants served by outside jurisdictions are included in the yearly totals.

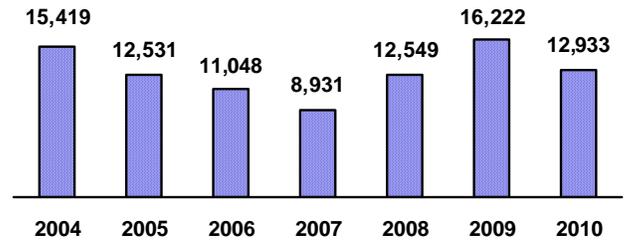
DUI Arrests



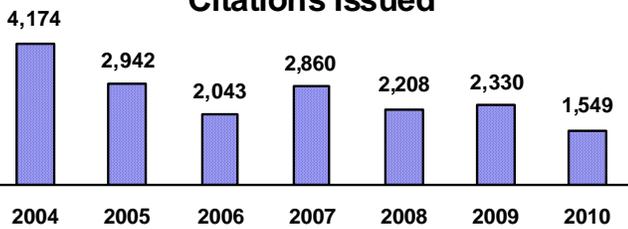
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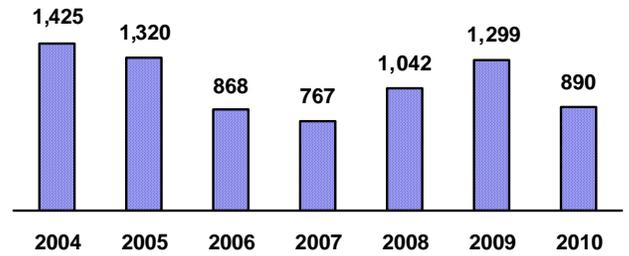
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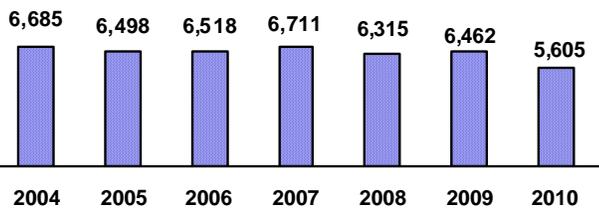
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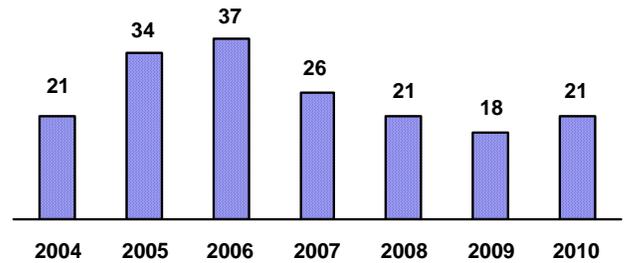
Handicap Parking Citations Issued



Traffic Crashes Investigated



Traffic Fatalities Investigated



AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



DETECTIVE DIVISION
Captain Jeff Lester

DETECTIVE DIVISION

Commanded by Captain Jeff Lester, the Detective Division is responsible for the investigation and follow-up of criminal cases within the City of Amarillo. The Division does not investigate suspicious deaths, arsons, or narcotics violations. Other squads within the Police Department or the Fire Department are charged with investigating those cases. The Division's primary goal is crime prevention through follow-up investigations on cases initially investigated by the Uniform Patrol Division. The objectives to achieve our goal consist of assisting the victim through the judicial process, apprehension of offenders, testifying at the trial of these offenders, recovery and processing of evidence, and recovery of stolen property.



Squads within the Detective Division include Crimes Against Persons Squad, commanded by Lieutenant Martin Birkenfeld; Burglary Squad and Crime Scene Investigation Unit, commanded by Lieutenant Jim Burgess; Robbery Squad, commanded by Lieutenant John Krizan; White-Collar Crime Squad, commanded by Lieutenant Tam Boatler; Theft Squad, commanded by Lieutenant Ben Landrum, and the Juvenile Offender Squad and School Liaison Unit, commanded by Lieutenant Kenny Albright. Currently the Detective Division has 67 commissioned officers, 12 civilian employees and 1 District Attorney Victim's Assistance Coordinator.

In the Crimes Against Persons Squad, detectives investigate adult sex offenses, child-victim cases and missing persons. The squad also administers the Department's Sex-Offender Registration program. The Robbery Squad investigates business and personal robberies, assaults, family-related violence crimes and suicides. The Burglary Squad investigates residential and business burglaries. The Crime Scene Investigation Unit of the Burglary Squad is responsible for photography, evidence collection, evidence processing, fingerprints, laboratory submission of evidence and courtroom testimony. The Pawn Unit of the Burglary Squad is responsible for inspection, records data entry and stolen property recovery from the numerous pawnshops in the City limits. The Theft Squad investigates auto burglaries, thefts and other property-related offenses. White-Collar Crime Squad detectives investigate forgery, fraud, counterfeiting, computer-related offenses, incidents of identity theft and auto theft. Investigators in the Juvenile Offender Squad work all crimes (except homicide) committed by persons under the age of



seventeen. The School Liaison Program places officers in the schools to mentor students, investigate offenses occurring on school grounds and to take any enforcement action needed.

To increase the effectiveness of all investigations, the Detective Division employs five civilian investigators. These investigators are assigned cases that lack significant leads or solvability factors, which gives sworn detectives more time to devote to solving crimes

that have good leads. If leads develop in a case initially assigned to a civilian investigator, that case is reassigned to a sworn detective.

The Detective Division Crimes Against Persons (CAP) Squad administers the Sex Offender Registration Program. There are currently 1,438 sex offenders listed in the Amarillo Police Department database, compared to 1,291 in 2009. However, this number includes offenders who have moved away, have been incarcerated, or are deceased.

The CAP Squad registers sex offenders on the Texas Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Registry. There are 506 active registered sex offenders currently living in Amarillo and up to date on registration. Additionally, 201 registered sex offenders listed at an Amarillo address are currently in jail or prison. There are 20 registered sex offenders who have "absconded" or they are listed as "whereabouts unknown." These violators are being actively investigated and some have had warrants issued for their arrest and are being sought for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. "Active" offenders are those individuals who are currently residing in the City of Amarillo. "Inactive" offenders are those individuals who are incarcerated, dead or living elsewhere, but still have ties to Amarillo.

DRIVE-BY SHOOTING RESPONSE TEAM

A Drive-By Shooting Response Team is in place within the Amarillo Police Department. All members come from the Detective Division. In 2010, the Department received 8 reports of drive-by shootings, compared to 15 in 2009. The team cleared 13% of the 2010 cases, compared to 20% of these incidents in 2009. The clearance rate is higher when the team is called out.

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION UNIT

Under the command of Sergeant Keith Cook and assigned to the Burglary squad, the Crime Scene Investigation Unit is responsible for documenting crime scenes and searching for physical evidence that includes latent fingerprints, hair, fiber, tool marks, or bodily fluids. The SPEX and Identix live scan systems are being used to their fullest extent. The combination of the two systems has streamlined the Department's fingerprinting and latent identification work. All fingerprints taken by the Department are now fully digitized. We no longer take inked hard copy print cards and file them in a file cabinet. All fingerprint cards are filed electronically in the SPEX database. This database is connected to all 26 Sheriff's Offices of the Texas Panhandle. We can print Ten-Print cards from any of these counties once the prints have been stored in the database.

By giving us the ability to search Class C arrests in the Panhandle, SPEX has increased the amount of latent fingerprint and palm print identifications for the Unit. For 2010, we entered 1,425 latent prints and 518 latent palm prints. In 2010, we had 681 latent fingerprint identifications and 183 latent palm print identifications. The Crime Scene Investigation Unit responded to 173 call-outs in 2010, an average of 14.4 call-outs per month.



The Identix live scan systems allow us to store Ten-Print cards electronically. This gives us the ability to have all newly arrested persons' prints placed in the SPEX database and automatically searched against the unidentified latent prints stored in SPEX. The Identix and ILeads computer software systems will have the ability to transfer data. From the ILeads side, Juvenile Investigators will soon be able to transfer personal data directly to Identix to populate arrest records, saving time by not having to re-enter existing information.

The Photo Technician position, staffed by Brandi Endrizzi, is responsible for all digital photography taken by Department personnel and detectives. She has created new computer programs to assist in tracking photos turned in by the field officers. One program allows her to enter all the incident report numbers with photos by date; this allows her to go back and tell what date photos were submitted. She has also started entering all photos with the officers' employee identification number, so that photos taken by multiple officers under the same incident report number can be separated by officer name. Both of these programs greatly improve the efficiency of the photo lab. Brandi is being trained on both the SPEX and Identix live scan systems to view the photograph of the prints and mark them for entry into the databases.

Sgt. Cook is working on increasing the amount of training for officers with an interest in crime scene work. CSIU officers and alternates received the necessary fingerprint and crime scene training during the year; however, with Amarillo College now offering fingerprint and other forensic classes, it should be easier to get the needed advanced training.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Sgt. Ronnie Taff supervises the School Liaison section, which is comprised of eleven officers assigned to various schools within AISD, one officer assigned to Randall High School and one officer assigned as the Student Crime Stoppers Coordinator. The purpose of the School Liaison program is to promote good public relations through formal and informal actions.

The assigned officers assist the schools in providing a safe learning environment for students and educators. During 2010, the officers in the program investigated 11,483 campus complaints, compared to 10,455 in 2009. They presented programs to approximately 14,000 students, compared to 10,000 in 2009. In addition, they made 907 incident reports, 242 physical arrests, wrote 332 citations, and seized 11 weapons, compared to 1,096 incident reports, 243 physical arrests, 451 citations, and 16 seized weapons in 2009

During the summer months, the School Liaison officers hosted the APD/Lisa Cherry Summer Camp and conducted their third Summer Warrant Patrol in which they served over 700 warrants with fines totaling over \$174,000.00.



STUDENT CRIME STOPPERS

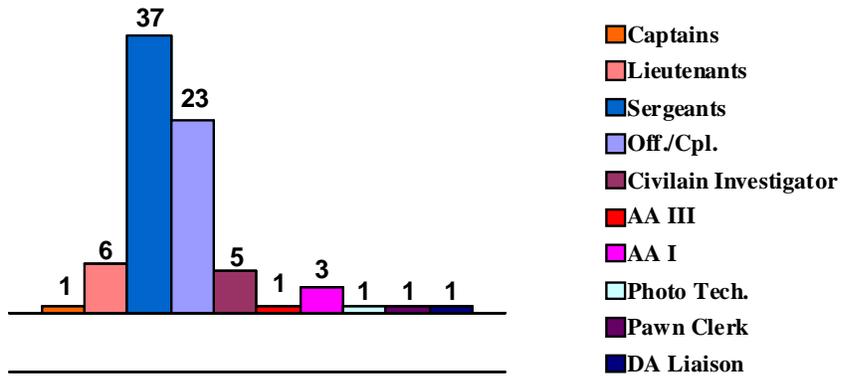
Student Crime Stoppers had a very good year in 2010 with \$7,685 cash rewards approved and a near record amount of recovered stolen property.

The annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference for 2011 will be held February 15th-17th. We will find out at the conference how our SCS productivity compares to the other programs in the state.

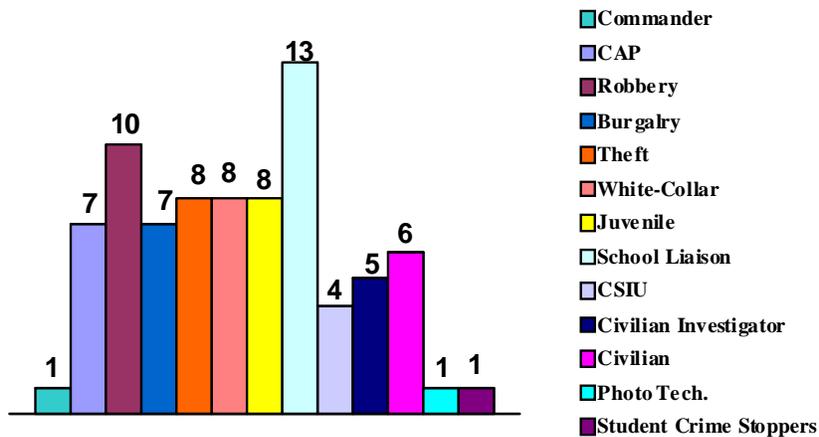
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Tips received	347	384
Arrests made	126	97
Cases cleared	142	112
Rewards paid	\$11,720	\$7,685
Property recovered	\$3,554	\$36,957
Narcotics seized	\$2,280	\$1,430



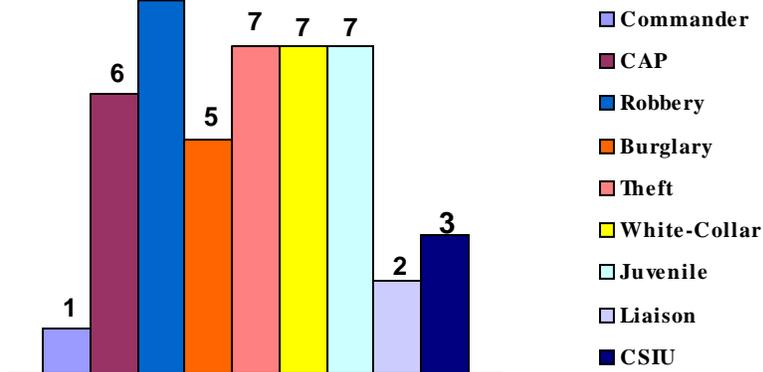
Detective Division Personnel Allocation



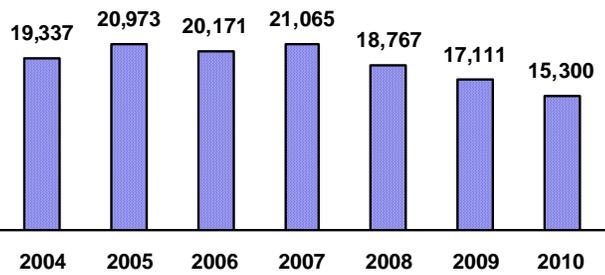
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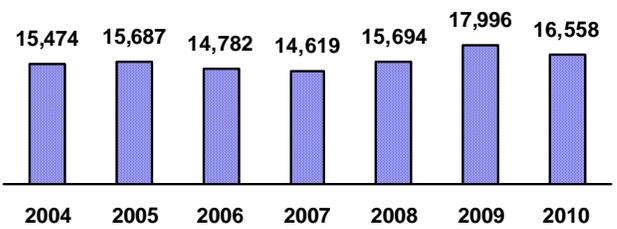
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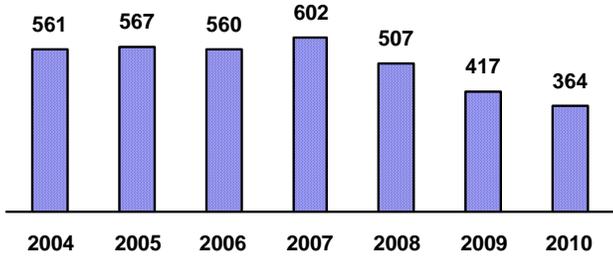
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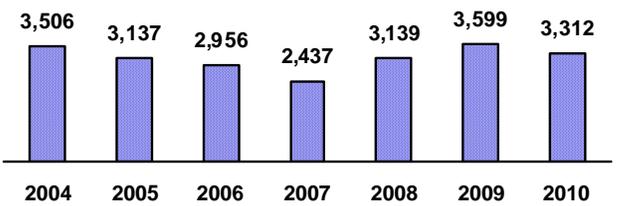
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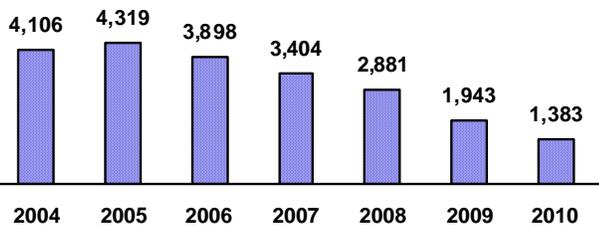
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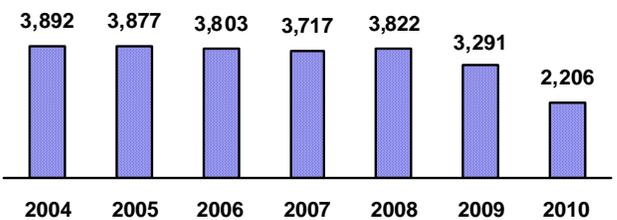
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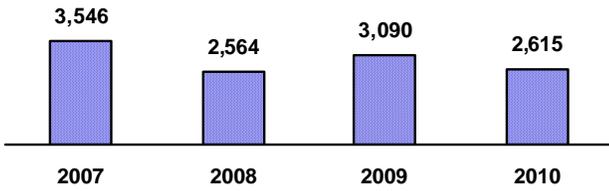


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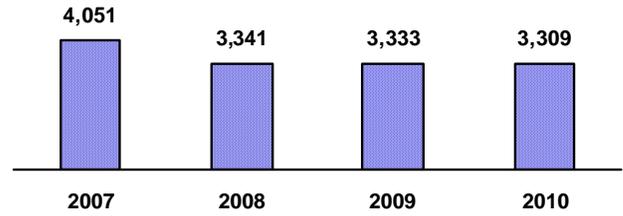
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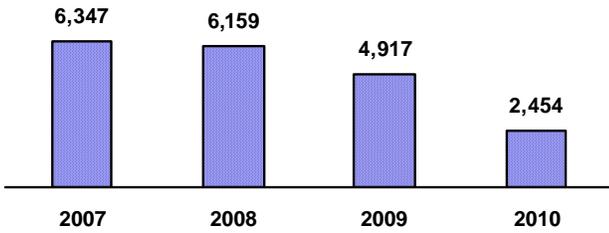
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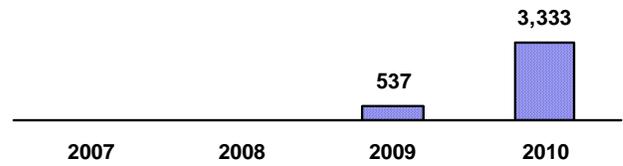
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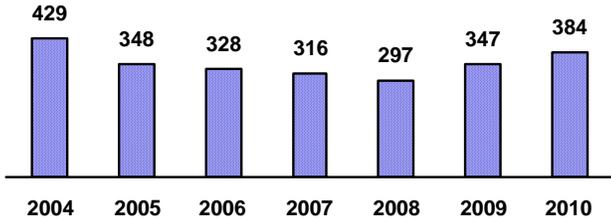


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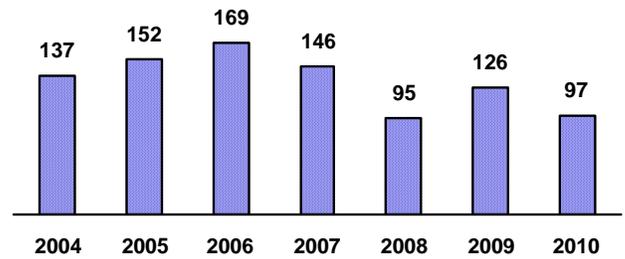
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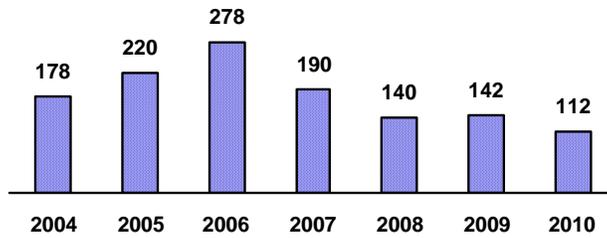
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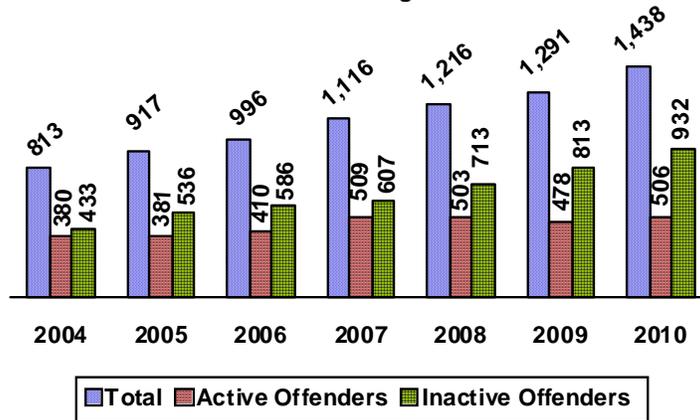
Arrests Resulting From Tips



Cases Cleared Resulting From Tips



Sex Offender Registration



Active offenders are those who are currently residing within the City of Amarillo. Inactive offenders are those who are currently incarcerated, died or have moved from the City of Amarillo, but still have ties to the area.

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



SERVICE DIVISION
Captain Brad Lancaster

SERVICE DIVISION

Captain Brad Lancaster is the commander of the Service Division. Comprised of a team of dedicated professionals, the Service Division provides essential support for the everyday operation of the Department. The major components of the Service Division are the Records Section and Property and Evidence Section. The Service Division is staffed by a captain, one lieutenant, one sergeant, two officers, and 30 civilians. While the principal objective of the Service Division is to provide support for other divisions of the Department, a considerable amount of time is devoted to providing a variety of services to the public. Enforcement of the City's alarm ordinance is a responsibility of this Division. The City's alarm ordinance has been successful in decreasing the amount of time spent by officers responding to false alarms. The Service Division also monitors the City wrecker contract. In addition, the Service Division is responsible for the design and the publishing of the Department's annual report. Our website can be visited at www.amapolice.org.

RECORDS SECTION

The Records Section serves as the official repository for all criminal records and documents of the Department. The section is responsible for data entry, maintaining all police reports, arrest records, and statistics. These duties include the preparation of reports that generate crime statistics sent to the State of Texas, so semi-annual and annual FBI crime data reports can be produced for the City of Amarillo. This



section is also the contact point for citizens requesting copies of records under the Texas Open Records Act. The front desk personnel of the Service Division serve as receptionists for citizens seeking information or assistance. Employment criminal history checks are also available through the records department.

Report Writers assigned to the Service Division receive reports from persons calling on the telephone, or citizens visiting the front desk. During 2010, Report Writers assigned to the Service Division made 1,840 reports from persons calling on the telephone or citizens

making reports at the front desk. This is a decrease from the 2009 total of 1,873. In 2010, Clerk Typists typed 28,330 reports and 13,301 supplements called in by officers. During 2010, the Department received 1,060 reports made on-line by citizens. Of these, 965 were assigned case numbers and imported into the records system.

The Department makes traffic accident reports available on the Internet through *PoliceReports.US*. By making this user-friendly site easily accessible to the public, the Service Division eliminates the public's need to drive downtown to purchase copies of accident reports at the front desk, in turn allowing the front desk employees more time to concentrate on other duties. In 2010, a total of 8,207 accident reports were provided by this source.

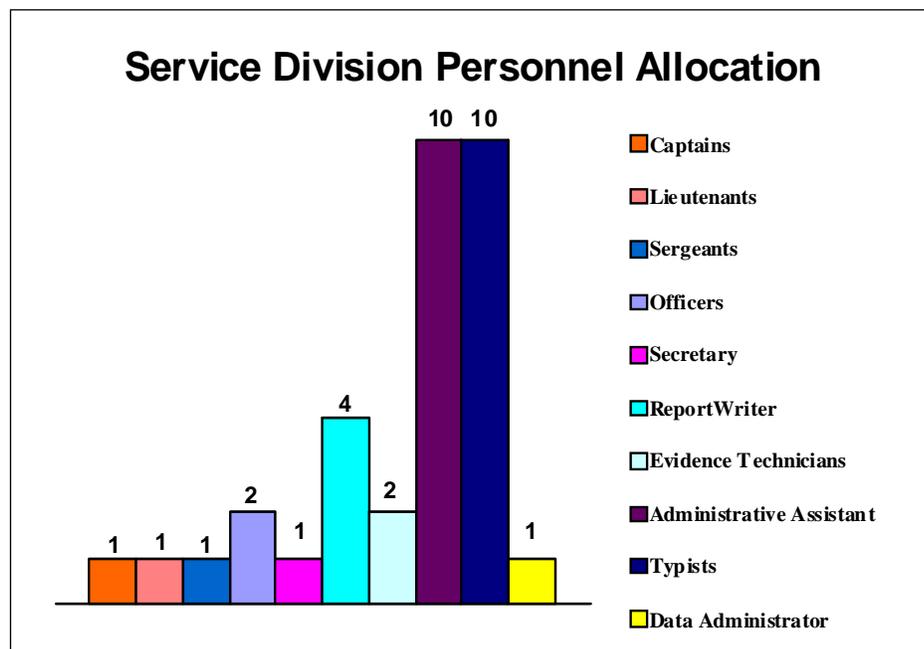
PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE SECTION

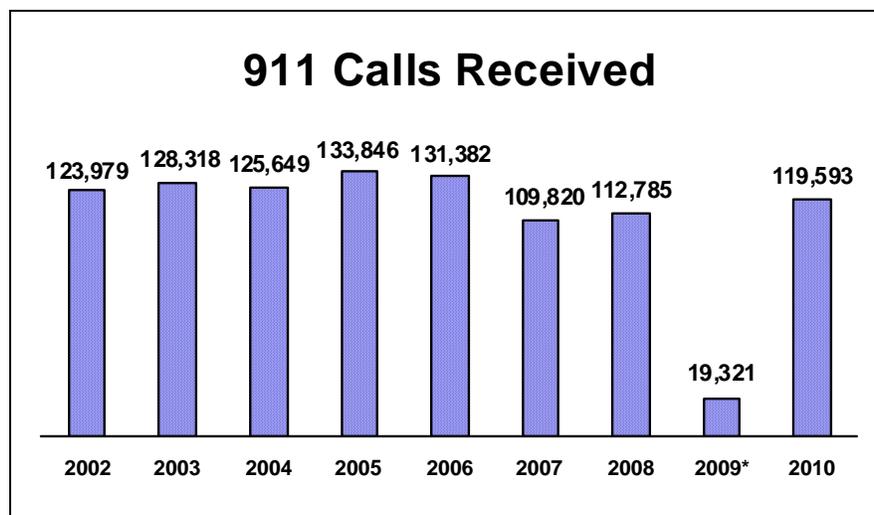
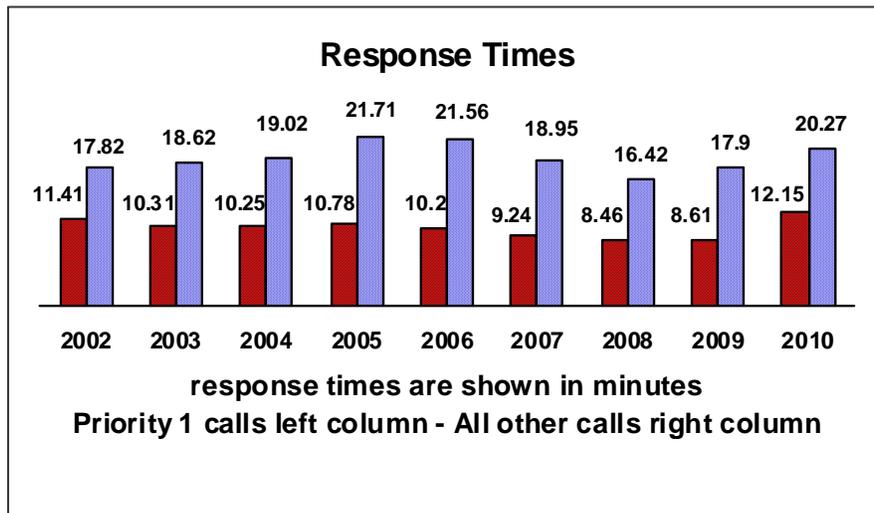
The Property and Evidence Section is responsible for receiving, processing, storing and disposing of evidence, found property, and personal property. A fundamental responsibility of the Property and Evidence Section is to maintain the chain of custody for evidence and to ensure the availability of that evidence for court. The Property Section also performs taxicab inspections for the issuance of permits.

Each year the City of Amarillo has a combined auction with the Police Department for the sale of unclaimed property held by the Property Section. In 2006, the Department began using local licensed Federal Firearms dealers for the sale of unclaimed or forfeited firearms. The Property Section contributed \$5,215.03 to the City's General Fund from unclaimed money in 2010 as compared to \$12,412.12 in 2009. The money comes from drug busts, unclaimed evidence, found monies, and unclaimed personal property.

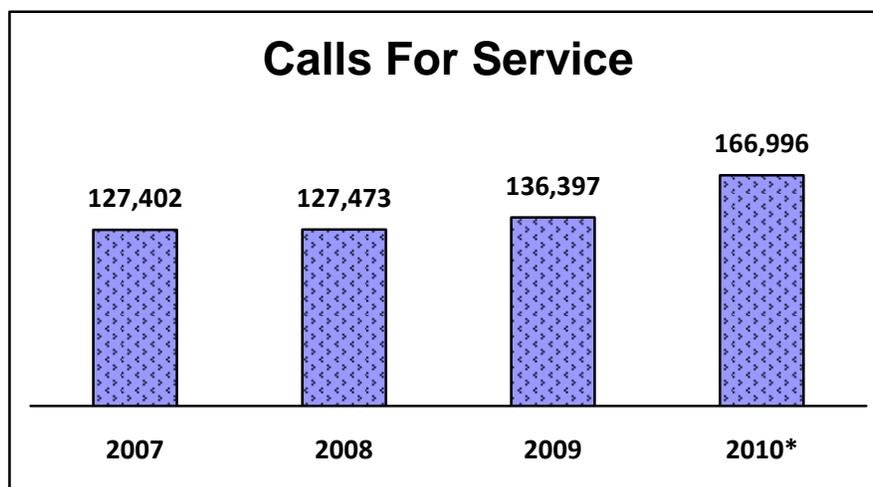


The Property and Evidence section, in the past few years, has outgrown the current space in the basement of the Police Department. In order to alleviate the storage problem, the Police Department began moving property and evidence into a new storage warehouse downtown. This new facility will ensure that the Police Department can meet its storage needs for the critical service of storage of property and evidence.

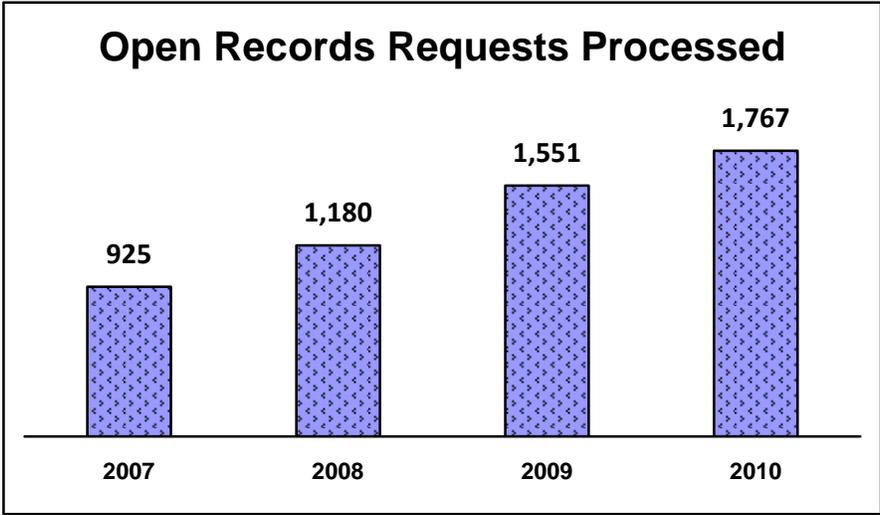
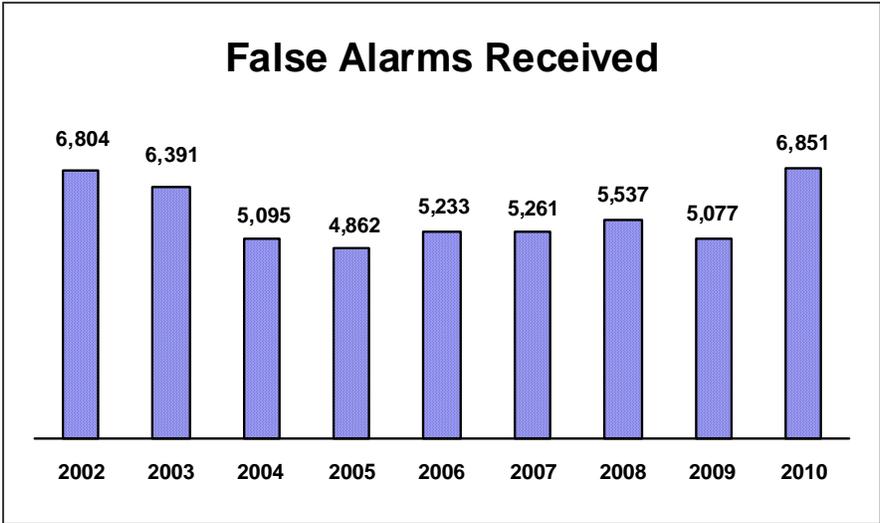




* 2009 911 calls received represents the number of 911 calls received at the AECC only for the last 2 months of 2009



*Due to AECC policy and dispatch software, 2010 Calls for Service include items that historically have not been counted in Calls for Service. These include self-initiated activity by officers and some inbound telephone calls that do not require a police response.



AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



TRAINING AND PERSONNEL
Captain Ken Funtek

Training and Personnel

The Training and Personnel Division (T&P) coordinates the hiring and training of all police department personnel and maintains all personnel and training records of the Department. The Training and Personnel Division Captain is responsible for supervision of all aspects of the Division, as well as teaching several courses of instruction, including: New Supervisor's Course, Mental Health Peace Officer, Intermediate Child Abuse, Family Violence Investigation and the Basic Instructor's Course. The T&P Captain also manages numerous federal and state grants.

The Division also has an Office of Professional Standards, staffed by a corporal. This office is responsible for maintaining all of the Department's operations manuals, conducting staff inspections of all Divisions to ensure compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Department, insuring compliance with the Federal National Incident Management System program, the administration of the Department's compliance for the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition Program, and teaches in the academy.

The Academy Training Sergeant is responsible for the supervision of one Background Investigator, training of all recruits and mandatory in-service training of officers. The Firearms Range Sergeant is the Range Master, who manages the Amarillo Shooting Complex. The Range Master supervises six part-time civilians who staff three Range Officer positions for the public operations. The Range Master coordinates all firearms training and qualifications for sworn officers.

The Quartermaster Officer is responsible for ordering, issuance, and return of various issued equipment and uniforms. We also have a civilian Quartermaster/Purchaser that is funded by the City Purchasing Department. One full-time Background Investigator is responsible for conducting pre-employment background investigations for sworn and civilian personnel and teaches various classes. Two Administrative Assistant IVs also work for the Division. One manages the records for payroll, training, and the hiring process for sworn positions. The other manages the hiring process for the civilian employees, the records for civilian employees and all Departmental evaluations. An Administrative Assistant I is the Division's receptionist.

In 2010, the Division provided 337 in-service training classes with 2,741 students for 33,252 hours of training. This is an increase in the number of classes provided from the 2009 statistics, in which we provided 293 classes. However, there was a decline in the total number of students who received training from the 2009 figures, which totaled 2,866. As well, the total hours of training provided for 2010 was also lower than the 2009 figures where 55,262 hours of training was given. In 2008 we provided 187 classes with 1,766 students for 45,837 hours of training. In 2007, we provided 301 classes with 2,618 students for a total of 58,441 hours. In 2006, we provided the Department 176 training classes with 1,026 students for 27,386 hours of training. These yearly figures include all Roll Call training, supervisor directed training, and the required NIMS training done by the City. Many employees attended out of town training classes as assigned by their Division.



The Division is responsible for recruiting, selecting, testing, hiring, and training new police officers. The 79th Amarillo Police Department Basic Police Officer Academy began July 1, 2010 with 17 recruits. Eleven recruits took the Basic Peace Officers Licensing Exam and all passed on the first attempt, which is a significant accomplishment compared to other academies across the State. Eleven recruits graduated from the 79th Academy on 01-07-11. The hiring process began with 315

applicants who were notified of the Civil Service entrance exam that took place in July 2009. Of the 217 applicants who took the written test, 117 passed. The physical agility testing created a list of 73 successful, potential applicants, who progressed to the rigorous background



investigation. From the 73 applicants who passed the written and physical agility tests, 40 passed their background investigation. The polygraph testing verifies the findings of the background investigation, allowing the best applicants to proceed to the interview board that is staffed by five senior officers from the Department. The final steps are the psychological and physical fitness for duty exam.

The hiring process is the same for all recruit applicants. The selection process includes a written examination, physical fitness agility testing, a thorough background investigation, a polygraph examination, an interview board, a psychological examination, and a medical examination.

Training and Personnel maintains payroll data for all Police Department employees. In addition, our Division processes health insurance benefits and retirement requests. Training and Personnel also generates and files performance evaluations for each employee.

APPLICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Additional responsibilities of Training and Personnel include: (1) coordinating with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) on hiring, training, and licensing of our police officers, (2) coordinating compliance with the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition Program, and (3) coordinating the Department's compliance with the City of Amarillo's annual HAZMAT chemical inventory. In Addition, Training and Personnel conducts research projects for the Department, and maintains the Amarillo Shooting Complex, a combination public and police firearms range.



DEPARTMENT STRENGTH

In 2010, the Department had an authorized strength of 323 officers, 51 full-time civilian employees, and 5 part-time civilian employees.

The following figures are run against our actual strength of 308 sworn personnel in 2010. The average age of a police officer, including all ranks, was 39.22, compared to 37.93 in 2009; the average length of service was 12.73 years, compared to 12.69 in 2009. Average length of service for all employees (sworn and civilian) was 12.3 years, compared to 12.23 years in 2009. This indicates a slight increase in tenured personnel. We have 24 (7.8%) female officers, which is down one from 2009. There were 284 (92.2%) male officers, compared to 281 (92%) in 2009. There is one Native American officer (less than .5%), five African-American officers (2%), 38 Hispanic officers (12.3%), and 264 Caucasian officers (86%). The ethnic and racial makeup had a slight increase in Hispanic officers in 2004 thru 2010.

The Department ended 2010 with 308 sworn personnel, 50 permanent civilian employees, and five part-time civilian employees (three positions at the Range, one combined position at the Potter County DA's office, and one position with the Special Crimes Unit). By year's end, the Department was down 15 officer positions and one permanent civilian position.

EDUCATION

In 2010, 11 officers held Master's Degrees; 70 held Bachelor's Degrees (four more than 2009); and 24 held Associate's Degrees. 107 officers had more than ten college hours but no degree (a decrease of six from 2009). On average, an officer has earned 58.23 college hours, which is a slight decrease from 59.10 earned hours in 2009. 44 officers held an Intermediate Peace Officer Certificate (an increase of 7 from 2009), 59 officers held an Advanced Certificate (an increase of three from 2009) and 144 held a Master Peace Officer Certificate (an increase of five from 2009).

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The 17th Citizen Police Academy (CPA) was held in the Fall of 2010. Twenty-eight citizens were selected to participate. These citizens met one night a week for twelve class sessions covering Department organization, crime scene investigation, evidence collection, firearms orientation, police driving tactics, crowd control measures, narcotics identification, investigative procedures, as well as other topics. Citizen Police Academy members are allowed to ride on observations with patrol officers, and upon graduation provide a solid base of community support for the Department. Twenty-eight citizens graduated from the 17th CPA Academy.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Amarillo Police Department Volunteer Program was started in 1992. The program averages 15-25 members who work in various assignments within the Department. They work in Victim Assistance, Service Division, Traffic Enforcement Unit, Bomb Squad, and Property. As a whole, the Volunteer Program has been in decline over recent years, as evidenced by a trend in fewer hours donated. For example, in 2004 volunteers donated 4,721 hours, and in 2010 volunteers donated 3,174 hours. To help address this issue, a new volunteer employee training school is scheduled for early 2011, which should begin to reverse this downward trend.

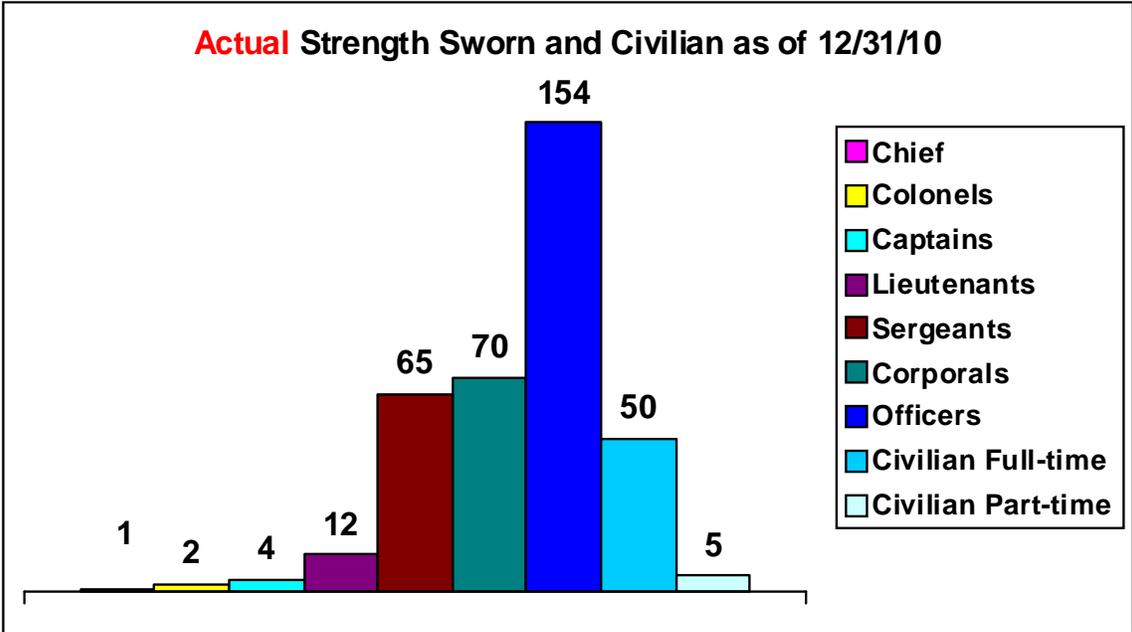
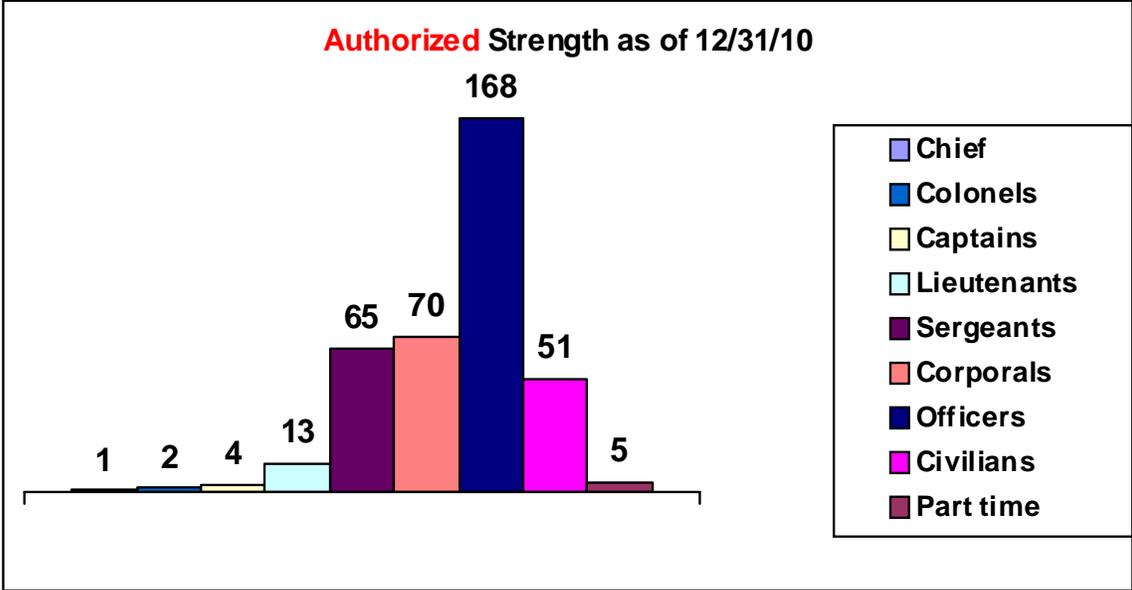
The Handicap Patrol issues parking tickets to vehicles illegally parked in handicapped parking spaces. Since the program started in 1999, the Handicap Patrol has written approximately 18,766 tickets. On average, Handicap Patrol issues approximately 890 tickets per year (including warnings) for handicap parking violations. An appreciation dinner is held once a year to recognize all of the Department's volunteer employees.

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

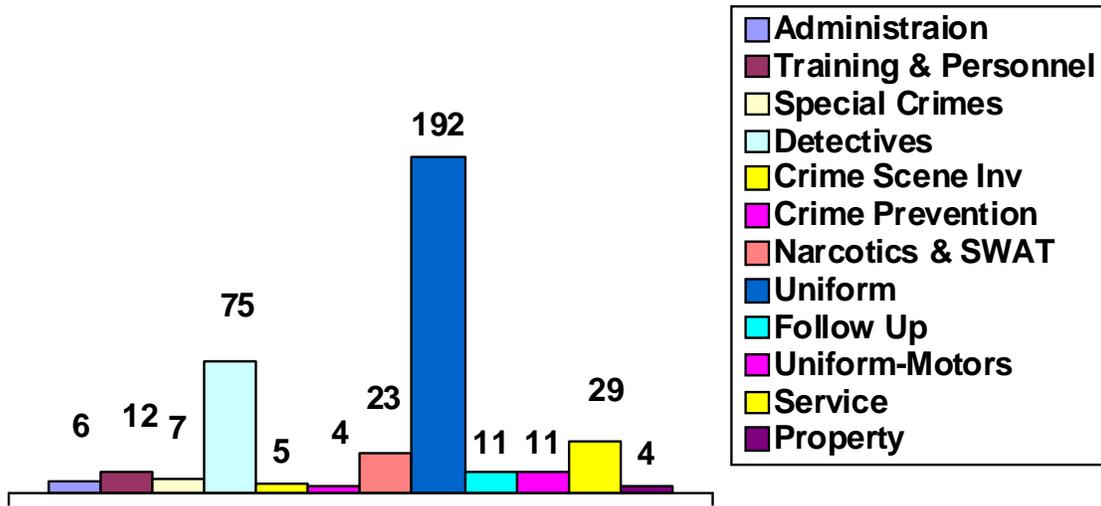
The Chaplain Program at the Amarillo Police Department has three volunteer chaplains in order to ensure availability of a chaplain for our employees in times of illness, injury, or death. One volunteer is a full time employee, one is a retired officer, and the other is the retired officer's wife. Department chaplains visit employees and family members in local hospitals and assist in funerals. The chaplains provide confidential counseling to Department personnel and their families. The Chaplain Program is made up of volunteers without cost to the Department.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING PROGRAM

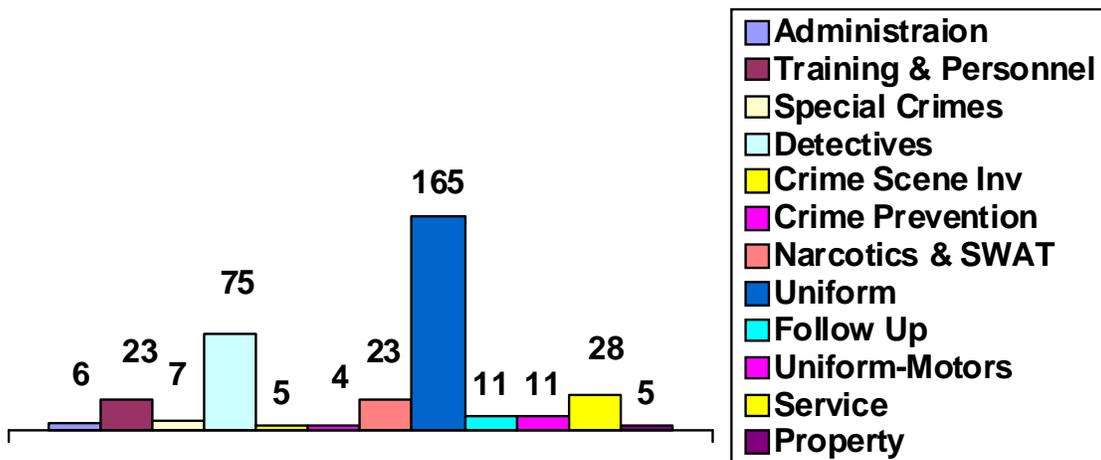
The Amarillo Police Department provides peer counselors for our employees. The counselors are trained volunteers from within the Department. Peer counselors conduct critical incident stress debriefings after traumatic events and make confidential referrals to professional counselors upon request.

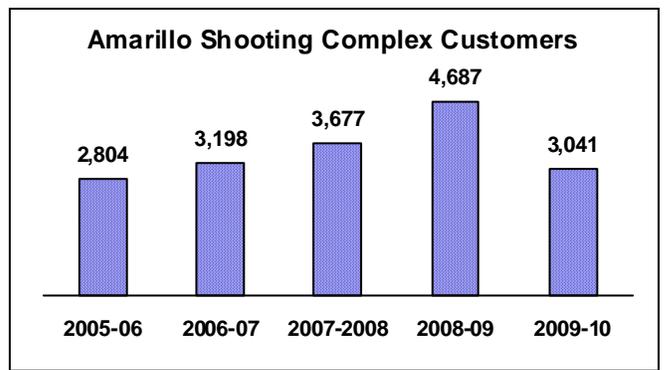
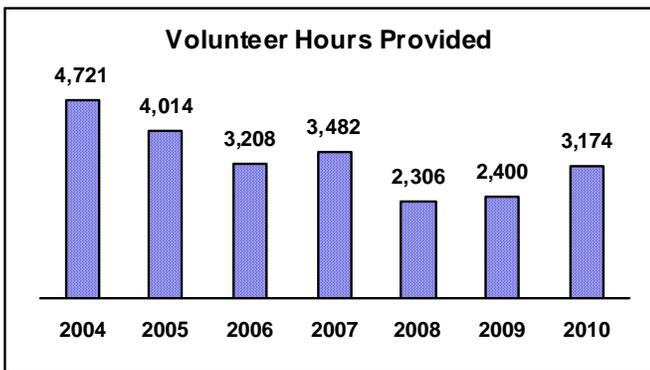
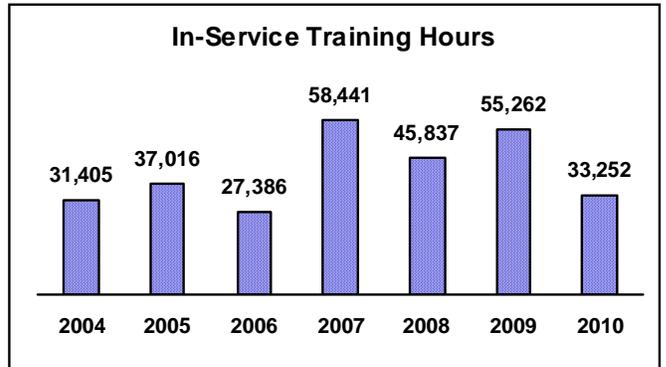
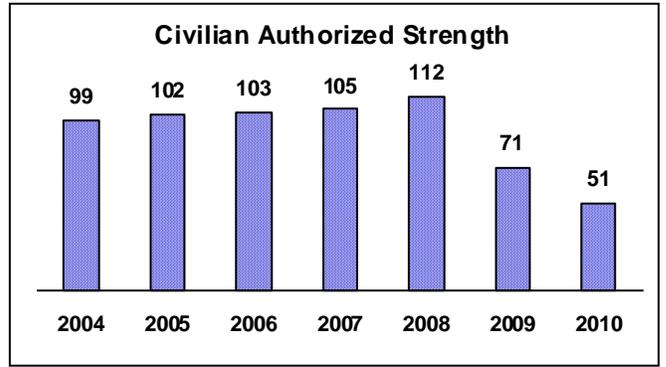
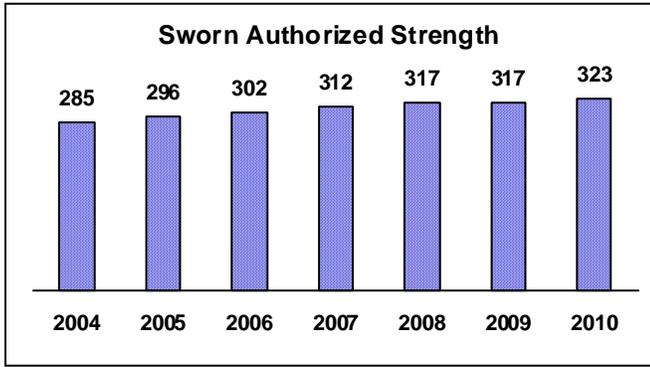


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Allocation by Assignment as of 12/31/10



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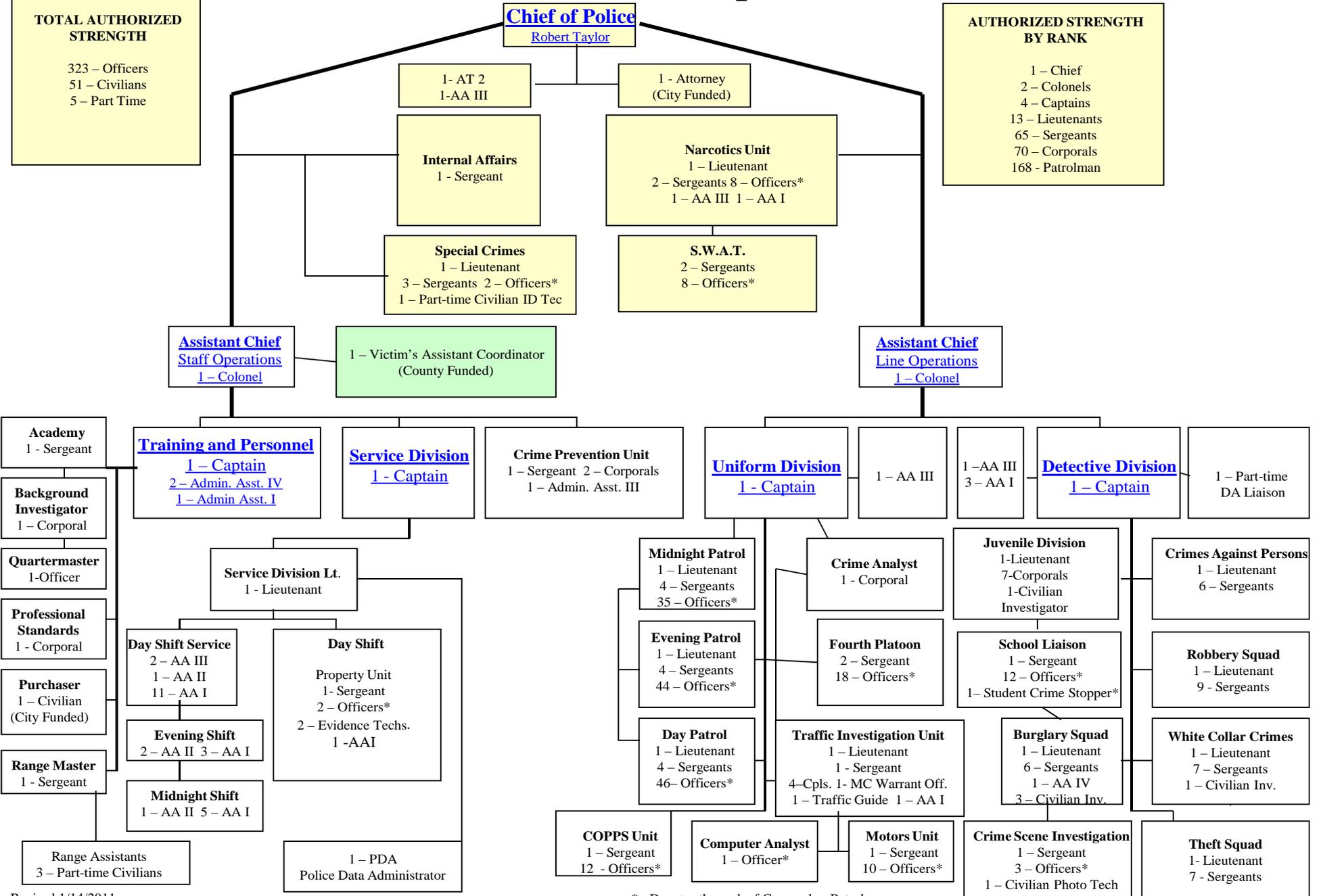
The Amarillo Police Department

TOTAL AUTHORIZED STRENGTH

323 – Officers
51 – Civilians
5 – Part Time

AUTHORIZED STRENGTH BY RANK

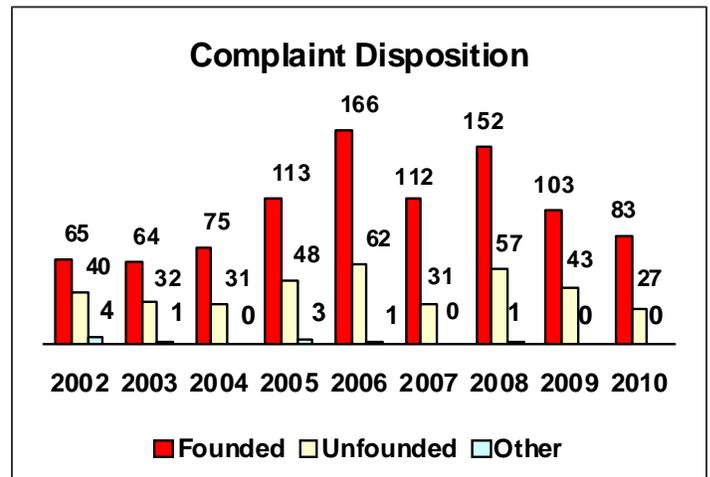
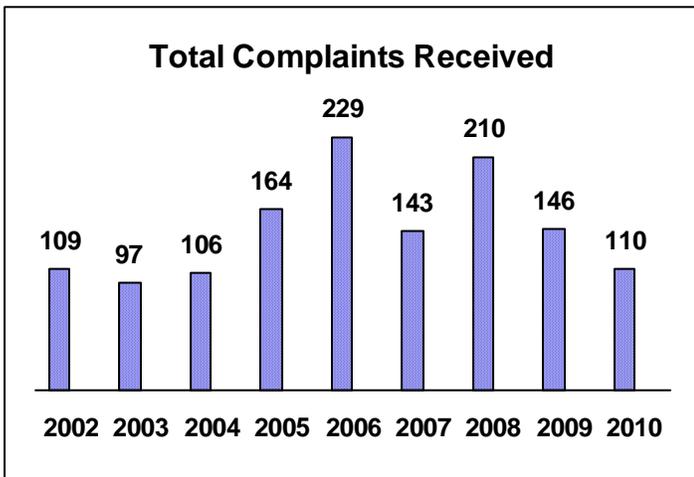
1 – Chief
2 – Colonels
4 – Captains
13 – Lieutenants
65 – Sergeants
70 – Corporals
168 – Patrolman



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Complaints from citizens and complaints from within the Department are investigated by the Internal Affairs Investigator. During 2010, there were 110 formal complaints filed. After investigation, 83 complaints were determined to be founded, 27 complaints unfounded. Each of the 83 founded complaints resulted in disciplinary action.

On four occasions officers were involved in a shooting incident. The incidents were presented to a Grand Jury; the Grand Jury determined the shootings were justified. There were seven incidents where a firearm was discharged in the shooting of an animal. The Shooting Review Board found these incidents were justified. There was one incident where a firearm was unintentionally discharged. This incident resulted in disciplinary action.



2010 INTERNAL AFFAIRS STATS

<u>Complaint Type:</u>	<u>Founded</u>	<u>Unfounded</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%Founded</u>
Excessive Force:	2	5	0	7	29%
Illegal Search:	0	1	0	1	0%
Illegal Arrest:	0	2	0	2	0%
Neglect or Inattention to Duty:	71	10	0	81	88%
Falsify or Release Of Records:	1	0	0	1	100%
Conduct Unbecoming:	9	7	0	16	56%
Criminal Offenses:	0	1	0	1	0%
Racial Profiling:	0	1	0	1	0%
TOTALS	83	27	0	110	75%
Officer Involved Shootings:	4				
Justified:	4				
Discharge of Firearm:	7				
Justified:	7				
Accidental Discharge: of Firearm	1				
In Custody Death	0				

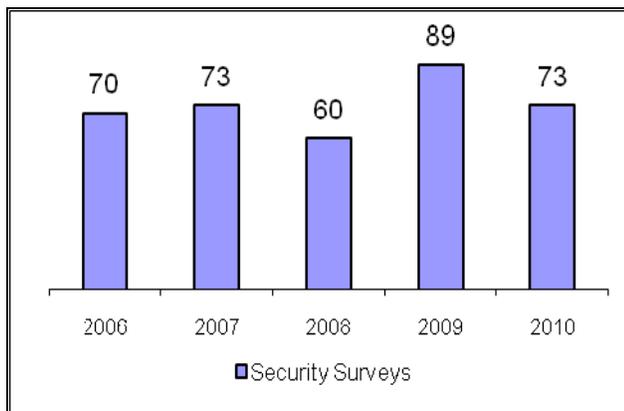
Disciplinary action was taken on all founded complaints. Such action includes verbal counseling, written reprimands, suspensions, and terminations. Resignations were submitted during some investigations.

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

Officers of the Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) are responsible for providing information to the public, directly and through various media outlets. The CPU often serves as liaison between the Amarillo Police Department and the community we serve. The CPU offers education about local crime issues, provides citizens with general safety information, is a resource for information about APD's services and practices, and helps citizens understand Texas criminal and traffic laws. Amarillo Crime Stoppers operates within the CPU. In 2010, the CPU helped the Department provide information to thousands of citizens through 389 Nixle e-mail and text messages sent to subscribers and 225 media releases. Civic groups and private citizens are encouraged to call the CPU at 378-4257 to request a presentation about any crime or related safety issue, to arrange for a home security survey, or to learn more about protecting themselves from crime.



A Security Survey is a service that not only helps citizens reduce their risk of becoming a crime victim, it also gives the APD an opportunity to connect with citizens on an individual basis. This service is free and may entitle the participating homeowner to a reduction in homeowner's insurance.



The public interest in CPU presentations, media releases, and Nixle messages allows us to reach thousands of citizens. The CPU provided education about local crime trends, theft and fraud prevention, and home and personal security. The CPU coordinated efforts in a Nixle-sponsored competition to enroll more citizens as Nixle subscribers. The effort paid off when the Amarillo Police Department was awarded a \$10,000 grant from NIXLE for enlisting new subscribers.





In October of 2010, Amarillo Crime Stoppers attended the 22nd Annual Crime Stoppers Conference in Abilene, Texas. At this conference, the program received the required training hours to maintain program certification. We witnessed a record year for the 2nd year in a row for tip volume, totaling 1,457 tips, up from 1,062 tips in 2009. During this operating year, "On-Line" tipping and "Text Tips" have increased to an average of 20% of our total tips. Updates to our latest version of software now allow us to include our own photos of suspects and fugitives uploaded from our database. Successful tips this year have led to the location and arrest of a suspect wanted in connection with a Homicide in Canyon, TX, the identification of 3 robbery suspects who committed 6 convenience store robberies, as well as the arrests of several suspects in a drug ring wanted following a lengthy narcotics investigation. The suspects were charged with engaging in organized criminal activity.

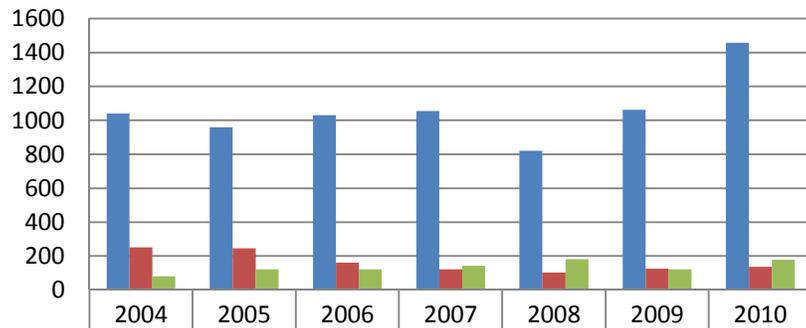
Cpl. Sean Slover celebrated his 2nd year as the Coordinator for Amarillo Crime Stoppers on December 1st. Cpl. Slover received an award from the Amarillo South Rotary Club for the "Police Officer of the Quarter" for the 1st Quarter of 2010. Cpl. Sean Slover accepted the selection of Amarillo Crime Stoppers as the "Non-Profit Honoree in May 2010" by Welcome Pardner.

We conducted our 2nd Annual Amarillo Crime Stoppers car show, which was held over Labor Day weekend. Amarillo Crime Stoppers and Student Crime Stoppers of Amarillo worked together to make this a success. We had 108 vehicle entries and approximately 3,000 people in total attendance. This was a great way for our entire Board to be among the community we serve. The car show included games, food, and music.

The "Fugitive of the Week" program provides the public with information on wanted persons and publicizes the reward program for them. Every week, information on the "Fugitive of the Week" is distributed to every local television broadcast outlet. This year, we highlighted 49 fugitives, and 37 of them were arrested. Crime Stopper tips directly lead to the arrest of 106 wanted people this year. In 2010, Amarillo Crime Stoppers received 1,457 tips. From those tips, we cleared 179 cases and arrested 138 suspects. Those tips lead to the recovery of \$78,325 in property, and removed \$5,934 in narcotics from our city streets. Amarillo Crime Stoppers approved 100 rewards for 2010, compared to 89 rewards in 2009, for a total of \$16,775. Even though a total of 100 rewards were approved, only 82 of the tipsters called back to collect a reward. Amarillo Crime Stoppers also continued the use of "Nixle", as a very useful tool to notify the community about fugitives, captures and unsolved crimes. The use of "Nixle" has already generated tips that have provided information leading to fugitive arrests and leads on crimes in the Amarillo area.

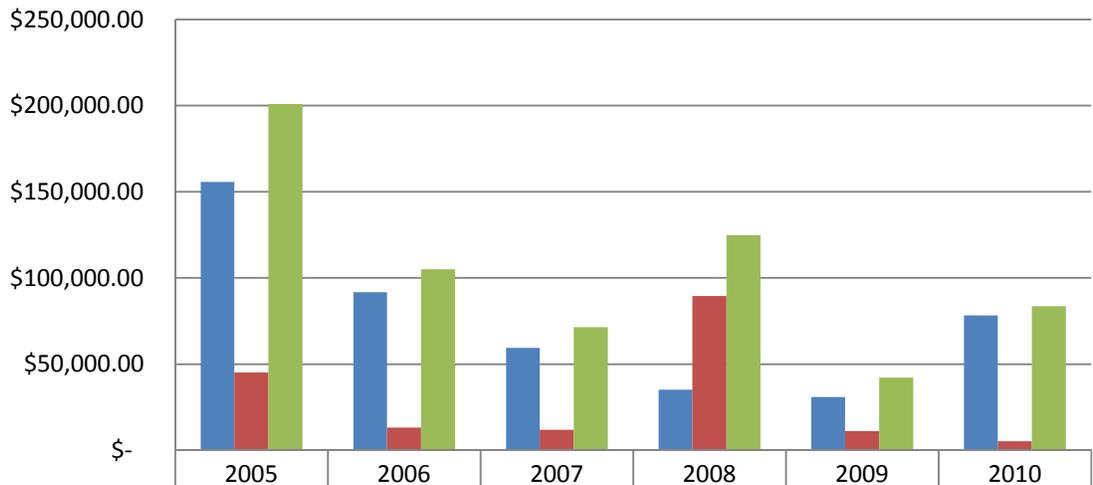
We are grateful that the citizens of the Amarillo area support us by providing tips, volunteering on our Board, and for the generous monetary support to keep the program running. We could not have been this successful without the tremendous help of the law enforcement community following up on the tips we received. Our newly improved website is updated several times a week with the current crimes we need help solving and information on fugitives that we need to locate. The new web site also allows direct links to submit web tips on various crimes and fugitives. The web site is www.amapolice.org. The Crime Stoppers anonymous reward system, "Fugitive of the Week" program, and help from the public continues to make the Amarillo area a safer place for all of us to live and work.

Amarillo Crime Stoppers Statistics

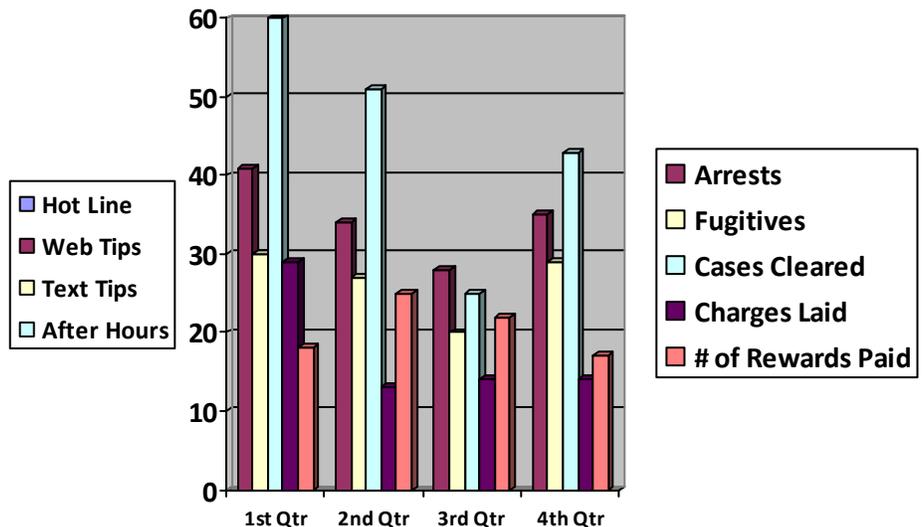
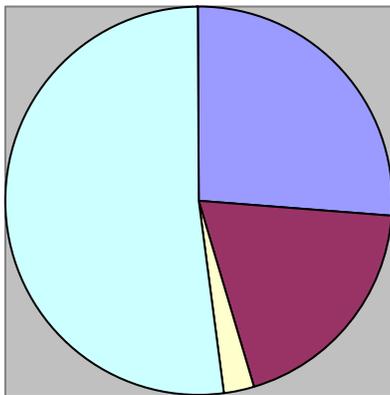


■ Tips	1040	959	1031	1054	821	1062	1457
■ Case Arrest & Fugitives	252	245	162	123	104	126	138
■ Cases Cleared	81	122	122	142	182	123	179

Tip Value Recoveries



■ Stolen Property Recovered	\$155,802.00	\$91,793.00	\$59,579.00	\$35,124.00	\$30,978.00	\$78,325.00
■ Narcotics Seized	\$45,126.00	\$13,321.00	\$11,969.00	\$89,626.00	\$11,191.00	\$5,394.00
■ Total Recovered	\$200,928.00	\$105,114.00	\$71,548.00	\$124,750.00	\$42,169.00	\$83,719.00



SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT

Formed on December 10, 1981, the Special Crimes Unit is responsible for the investigation of homicides and suspicious deaths that occur within the City of Amarillo, Potter County, and Armstrong County. In addition to those duties, the Unit investigates officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, fire deaths and the deaths of infants for the Amarillo Police Department and the Potter County Sheriff's Department. At the present time, the Unit consists of eight full-time members from the Amarillo Police Department and the Potter County Sheriff's Office.

Lieutenant Gary Trupe, of the Amarillo Police Department, serves as the Special Crimes Unit Coordinator. Sergeant Kevin Dockery and Sergeant Eric Smith, with the Amarillo Police Department, are two of the unit's Investigative Detectives. Officer Jimmy Rifenberg, Cpl. Joe Brown and Cpl. Ed Carroll are CSI officers assigned to the unit from the Amarillo Police Department. From the Potter County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Paul Buckles is assigned to the unit as an Investigative Detective and Cpl. Charles Jones is assigned as a CSI officer. Retired APD Sergeant Modeina Holmes works part time as a Crime Scene Specialist, and Karen Fitzgerald, from the Potter County District Attorney's Office, is the Unit's Secretary.



On July 19, 2010, the remains of a small child were found inside of an ice chest, which had been hidden in the attic at 1620 N. Seminole. The chest was discovered when the current homeowners were installing a ceiling fan. In May of 2004, a small child had been reported missing by his mother from 1620 N. Seminole. She had left her son in the custody of his father, Robert Nunez, while she was in jail on a misdemeanor offense. When the mother was released from jail, she was told that the child was with Robert's relatives in Brownfield, TX. During subsequent years, the mother gained full custody of the child and had been told that he was living in Mexico. Robert Nunez was located in Borger, TX. after the remains were found in his former house, and the last place the child was known to be alive. Robert Nunez was charged with aggravated perjury in July 2010, due to testimony he had given previously to a Grand Jury. In November of 2010, the remains were positively identified by Mitochondrial DNA comparison as those of the missing child. This case is still being investigated and further charges may be forthcoming. There has been no resolution of the aggravated perjury charge.

On August 3, 2010, at approximately 8:55 p.m., a subject, later identified as Gary Carner, W/M 58, attempted to abduct a 31-year old woman at gunpoint from 34th and Soncy. The female knocked the gun from Carner's hand and was able to escape. A description of Carner was obtained, as well as the pick-up he was driving and the license plate. At 9:05 p.m., Potter County Deputies were dispatched to the Love's Store at 14701 I-40 W on a shooting and attempted kidnapping of a child. It was discovered that Sharrell Blankenbaker, from Felts, Oklahoma, had stopped at the store on the way home after picking up her two grandchildren from the Amarillo airport. After leaving the Love's Store, Carnes attempted to kidnap Blankenbaker's 12-year-old granddaughter. Blankenbaker interceded and stopped the kidnapping. In the process; however, she was shot by Carnes and died on the way to the hospital. Carnes fled the scene and abducted an 11-yr-old girl at gunpoint several blocks away. Carnes drove away with this young girl and sexually abused her. This young girl later jumped from the moving vehicle to escape. At 9:24 p.m., Carner's vehicle was spotted by Potter County Deputies on Blesson Road. The truck turned onto Jim Line Road and came directly at a deputy, who had exited his car while using it to stop Carner's vehicle. Carner drove directly at the deputy, without slowing, causing the deputy to fire several shots, one of which struck Carner. Carner was later pronounced dead from this wound. During the course of less than one hour, Carner committed a murder, two attempted aggravated kidnappings, one aggravated kidnapping, and one aggravated sexual assault. A Potter County Grand jury was presented the facts of this case and they reviewed the officer-involved shooting. The Potter County deputy

was cleared of any wrongdoing and was returned to duty. It is still unknown why Carner, who had no criminal record, went on this crime spree.

At 9:30 p.m., on August 21, 2010, officers were dispatched to 2426 N. Redwood on a report of a child being shot. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 22-month old female suffering from a gunshot wound to her head. It was determined that a loaded handgun was found inside of a drawer in a closet by another child. This child began to play with the handgun and shot the victim a single time, not being aware that the gun was loaded. The victim was taken to a local hospital where she died on August 21, 2010. Adults were present during this incident, but had been outside. No charges were filed in this homicide, as the child involved in the shooting was criminally not responsible due to their age. This case was presented to the Potter County DA and the Potter County Attorney's office, for making a gun available to a minor; however, due to the case facts charges were not accepted.

At 1:05 a.m., on August 22, 2010, Potter County deputies were dispatched to 2001 Las Tecovas on a third party report of a disconnected phone call with Sherri Gillette, 44, and her possibly being assaulted. When the deputies arrived they could not locate Sherri or any sign of an assault. The deputies heard noises inside a locked garage and were finally able to make entry where they found Paul Gillette, 47. Sherri was located inside a SUV in the garage, with obvious injuries from an assault. Sherri was later pronounced dead by fire and ambulance personnel. Paul Gillette was taken into custody and later booked for murder. Sherri and Paul Gillette lived on the same property and were in the process of getting a divorce. The autopsy performed on Sherri found that she died from strangulation and trauma to her head and neck. Paul Gillette has been indicted by a Potter County Grand Jury for murder and his trial on that charge is pending.

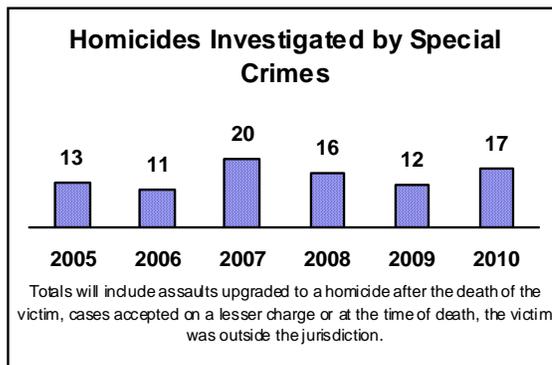
At 1:26 p.m., on September 10, 2010, officers were dispatched to Our Lady of Vietnam Catholic Church at 2001 N. Grand on a possible stabbing and death. When they arrived they were met by a 28-year old male with a stab wound to his leg, who indicated that something had happened in the church. The officers searched the church and located Dinh Van Pham, 58, in the basement, dead from multiple stab wounds to his upper body. It was determined that Dinh had volunteered to paint a room in the basement and was attacked while he was painting by the 28-year old man who had greeted officers earlier. Con Van Pham was taken to a local hospital where he was treated and released. Con Pham was later booked into the Potter County jail on a charge of Murder. The weapon used in this homicide was recovered. Con and Dinh are not related, and it is still unknown why this homicide occurred. Con Van Pham's trial for this murder is pending.

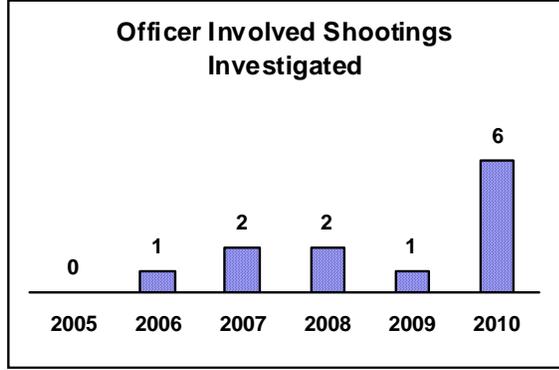
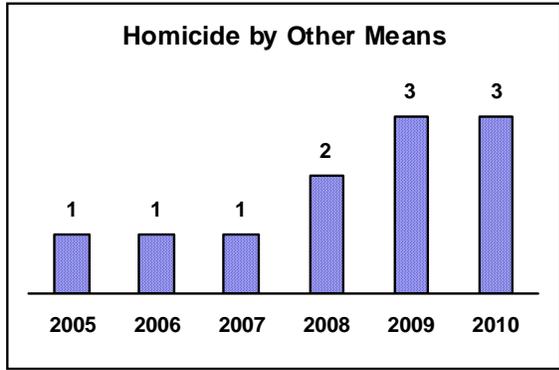
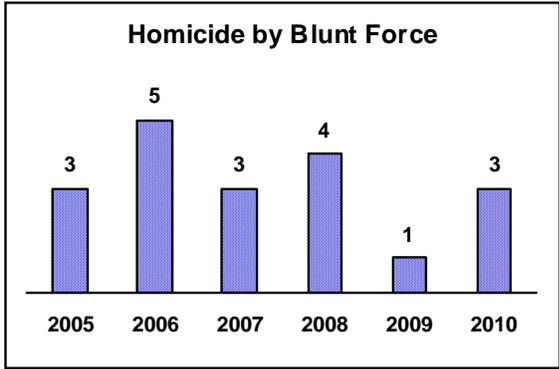
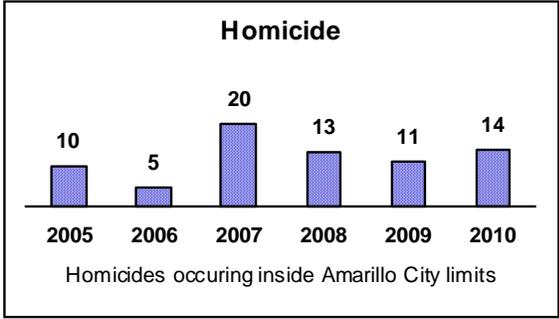
The Special Crimes Unit worked six Officer-involved shootings in 2010. Four of these incidents involved six Amarillo Police officers. One incident involved a Potter County deputy and one incident involved a Potter County constable. Two of these shootings were fatal. All of these cases were presented to a Grand Jury for review, and all of the officers were returned to duty.

All of the homicides investigated by the Special Crimes Unit for 2010, with the exception of one, have been cleared by arrest or in some other manner.

HOMICIDES INVESTIGATED

TOTAL 2010 HOMICIDE CASES INVESTIGATED	17
TOTAL 2010 HOMICIDE CASES CLEARED	16
PREVIOUS YEARS HOMICIDE CASES CLEARED	2
NUMBER OF DEATHS BY:	
GUNSHOT	9
ARSON	0
STABBING	2
BLUNT FORCE	3
STRANGULATION	1
AUTOMOBILE	1
OTHER	1
HOMICIDES IN JURISDICTION OF:	
CITY OF AMARILLO	14
POTTER COUNTY SO	3
ARMSTRONG COUNTY SO	0
HOMICIDES BY MONTH (all jurisdictions):	
JANUARY	0
FEBRUARY	0
MARCH	1
APRIL	2
MAY	0
JUNE	1
JULY	2
AUGUST	4
SEPTEMBER	2
OCTOBER	1
NOVEMBER	3
DECEMBER	1
SUSPICIOUS DEATHS INVESTIGATED	8
ASSIST OFFICERS OF OUTSIDE AGENCY	3
HOMICIDES FROM PRIOR YEARS RE-INVESTIGATED	6
MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY	13
OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS	6
FIRE DEATHS	3
IN-CUSTODY DEATHS	0
INFANT DEATHS INVESTIGATED	14





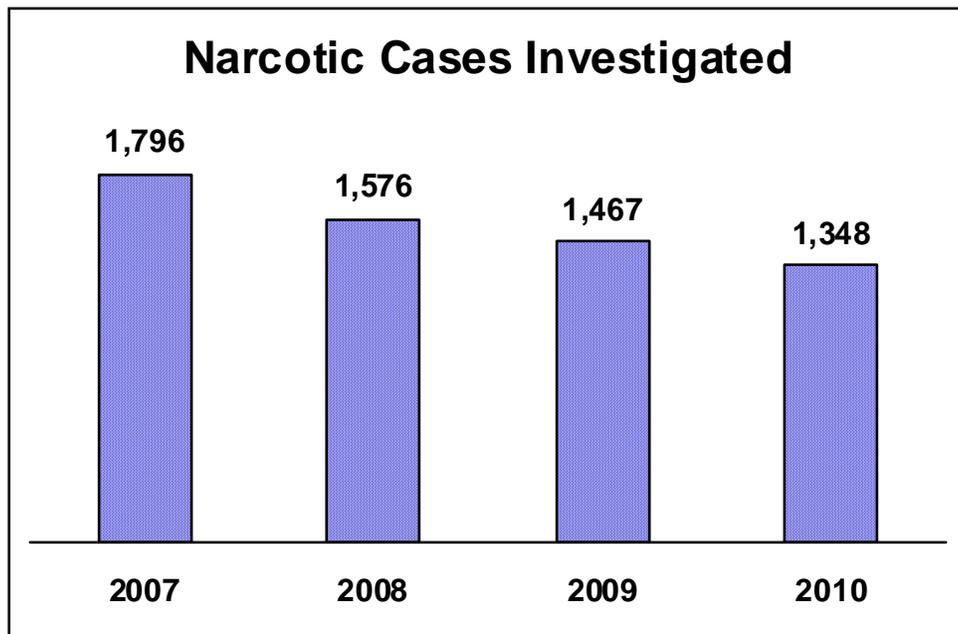
NARCOTICS UNIT AND SWAT

Narcotics Unit

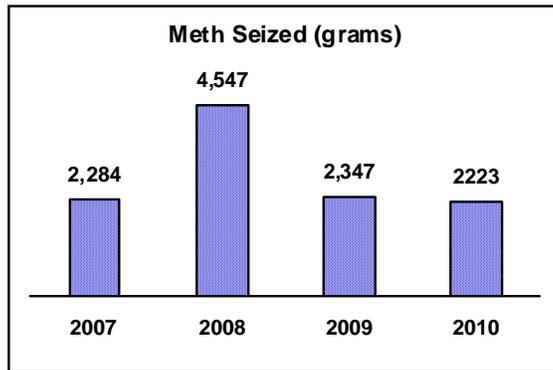
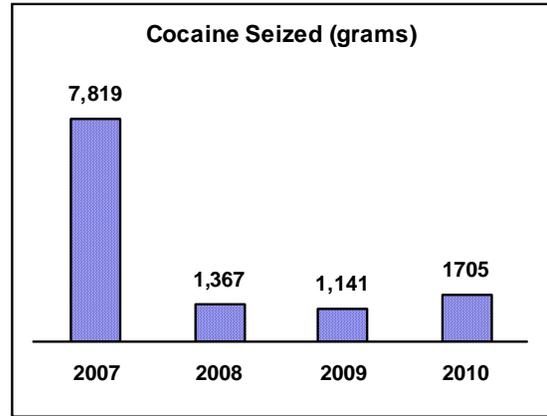
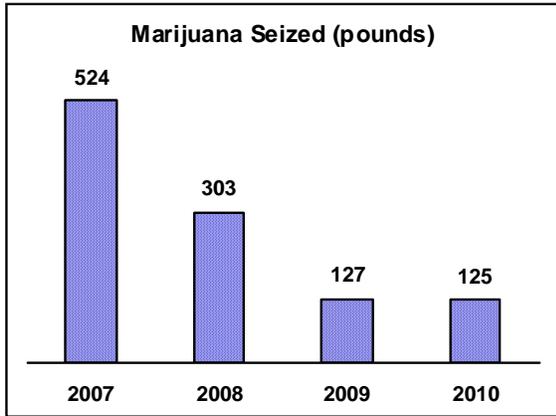
Lt. Erick Bohannon is the Commander of the Narcotics Unit and SWAT Team. The Narcotics Unit is comprised of 2 sergeants and 7 narcotics agents. One additional narcotics agent is assigned to the local office of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency in Amarillo. The Narcotics Unit is responsible for the following:

- Enforcement of pornography laws.
- Enforcement of laws prohibiting the illegal sale, possession and distribution of controlled substances.
- Enforcement of laws prohibiting illegal gambling operations.
- Enforcement of laws prohibiting prostitution.
- Providing community education programs about illegal narcotics.
- Investigating any offense involving organized criminal activity.

Narcotics Agents use various investigative methods, such as surveillance and undercover operations to complete their investigations. These result in the issuance of arrest warrants and/or search warrants.



The following charts show the amount of several types of illegal narcotics seized by the Amarillo Police Department in the last 4 years:

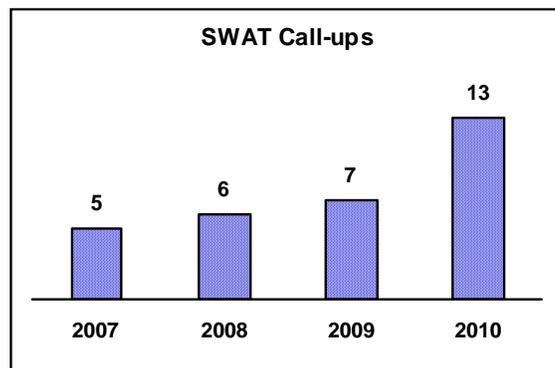


In addition to conducting narcotic investigations, agents of the Narcotics Unit presented narcotics awareness programs to local professional and civic groups throughout Amarillo.

SWAT Team

Sgt. Tim Williams supervises the Amarillo Police Department's SWAT Team. There are 8 full-time members of the SWAT Team. The mission of the SWAT Team is to support the Amarillo Police Department with a tactical response to critical incidents. Critical incidents include, but are not limited to:

- Hostage situations
- Barricaded situations
- Sniper situations
- High-risk suspect apprehension
- High-risk search warrants



The SWAT Team also works closely with the Narcotics Agents during the planning phases and execution of search warrants and high-risk operations involving drug dealers. Because both units work together on a daily basis, they train together several times a year.



Off. Michael Williams



Rotary Club South Officer of the Year 2009

Off. Michael Williams started with the Amarillo Police Department on 10/18/2001 after serving over six years with the Plainview, Texas Police Department. He was assigned to the Amarillo Police Department Motorcycle Squad on 2/25/2008. In the two years he has worked as a motorcycle officer, his supervisor has observed him to be one of the hardest workers he has ever supervised. Off. Williams comes to work every day with a great attitude. He is very professional in his job performance and is very high in self-initiated activities. His primary duty on the motorcycle squad is traffic enforcement. He not only excels in his traffic production, but he also makes numerous arrests while making traffic stops. Off. Williams was also credited, along with Sgt. Brian Wallace, with saving the life of a five-year old boy on July 4th, 2009.

In 2009, Off. Michael Williams made 70 arrests during traffic stops and served 154 warrants during these same stops. It should be noted that during 2009 he was used for one month in the Traffic Investigation Division (because they were short-handed) and he also spent another month recovering from a surgery. Off. Williams has made 959 arrests while employed by the Amarillo Police Department and he has assisted on countless others. 174 of these arrests were for the offense of DWI. Off. Williams is very quick to assist any fellow officers who have a DWI violator stopped, even offering to take over their paperwork in most cases, as DWI enforcement is a passion of his.

On 7/4/2009, Off. Williams was working motorcycle patrol in the area of John Stiff Park during the July 4th fireworks display and party. At 7:05 PM, a family was driving northbound in the 4800 Block of Bell Street, slowing to turn into the park. A drunk driver slammed into the back of their car at close to 70 miles per hour. The car suffered a tremendous amount of damage from the impact. There were 2 children in the back seat; a three-year-old and a five year old. The three-year old was in a child seat and the other was only seat belted as the law then required. The boys' grandmother drove the car and their mother was in the front passenger seat. The grandmother and mother could tell that the older boy was not breathing, but could not get out of the car or reach into the back seat because of the amount of damage. The grandmother had also suffered critical injuries from the impact. Off. Michael Williams and Sgt. Brian Wallace were close by and both quickly responded. Sgt. Wallace could tell that the child was not breathing and he was able to reach into the car and unbuckle him. The car was equipped with a sunroof that was open. Off. Williams climbed on top of the car and reached down through the sunroof and took the victim out of the car as Sgt. Wallace lifted him up. Off. Williams then handed the child back to Sgt. Wallace, who laid him on the street. Sgt. Wallace gave rescue breaths as Off. Williams gave chest compressions, and tilted the victim's head so the breaths could go in until he started breathing again. The five-year old boy was transferred by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital. He suffered a skull fracture, two severely broken legs and other internal injuries. The child was in an induced coma for several days in the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital. The child was released about a week later and has made a miraculous recovery. Both the victim and his family have become very close to the Williams' family, and they are very close to the Amarillo Police Motorcycle Squad. It should be noted that while Off. Williams served as a patrolman for the Plainview Police Department, he received an award for an act of heroism for actions he took giving rescue breaths to an eight-month old child and was credited with saving his life.

Off. Michael Williams was awarded a life saving award for the July 4, 2009 incident. Off. Williams has since received a commendation for a traffic stop of a car and two occupants. During this traffic stop he smelled marijuana. He could tell the occupants were very nervous and sweating profusely. He called for a back up. After removing the individuals he found an automatic pistol under the front passenger seat. Under the back seat he found a small bag of marijuana and 17 ½ grams of methamphetamine.

Off. Williams is an outstanding family man with a wife and a two-year-old son. His work ethic, professionalism, and attitude are unmatched. He was a very worthy recipient for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 2009.

Cpl. Sean Slover



Rotary Club South Officer of the 1st Quarter 2010

Cpl. Slover took over an already well-known and successful Crime Stoppers program in 2008. He had the proverbial “big shoes to fill” when Cpl. Brian Thomas left the position. Cpl. Slover took over, and began not only to fill them, but also to stretch them out. His enthusiasm and energy for the job showed early; he started working with his Board and updating programs to more effectively educate people about the program. He modernized the program’s ability to take tips by initiating the use of encrypted software that permitted the new generation of tipsters to use texting and E-mail to pass along information. One of his first text tips included cell phone photographs of a marijuana grow. Electronic tips are now 18% of the total tip volume. Cpl. Slover quickly adopted the Nixle messaging system to add to his media releases to publicize fugitives and the “Crimes of the Week”, garnering attention from the Nixle parent company and the State Crime Stoppers Board. He started working closely with Student Crime Stoppers, assisting their coordinator and combining resources when possible. He has helped outside agencies with their Crime Stoppers programs and helped to solve their crimes. He has fostered a working partnership with DPS Intelligence and other police agencies. His program is a resource for the entire Panhandle and a point of pride for the Amarillo Police Department.

Cpl. Slover’s dedication now is the same as it was when he was a field officer, which is exemplary. He is not satisfied to just forward tips. He researches the often sparse information in the tip before passing it to the unit that it should go to. This saves other officers’ time and allows them to focus their work and prevents duplicate work. He works on tips no matter when they come in when he finds they need immediate attention, whether it is day, night, or on his days off.

He organized and supervised a new fund-raiser for Crime Stoppers, a Car Show, in 2009. He credits the volunteers, Board, and sponsors but he was the driving force in raising more money in one day than in previous multi-day efforts.

But it is not really about fund-raising, technology, or even the fact that he has a tremendous relationship with the Crime Stoppers Board and so many people and agencies. His work is really about putting criminals in jail.

In 2008, a tip generated one man's arrest on eleven counts of child pornography. Another tip led to the identification and location of a capital murder suspect. In 2009, Amarillo Crime Stoppers was recognized with the "Greatest Dollar Recovery/Most Cases Cleared" award at the State Crime Stoppers Conference. Also in 2009, 44 of the 48 "Fugitives of the Week" were arrested. Ninety-seven wanted people were arrested due to Crime Stoppers tips. One hundred and twenty-three cases were cleared. Two people wanted for murdering a three-year old child were located on a Crime Stoppers tip. Recently, three people associated with a narcotics distribution ring were "featured" as fugitives, and Crime Stoppers tips led to the arrest of each one. Another Crime Stoppers tip triggered the arrest of two burglary suspects in two burglaries less than 24 hours after the crimes had occurred.

In summary, Cpl. Slover's dedication, hard work with the APD's various investigative units, the media, and other resources, coupled with efforts to publicize and make this system work, have made Amarillo a much safer place to live.

Off. Michael Williams



Rotary Club South Officer of the 2nd Quarter 2010

Off. Williams had a phenomenal year in 2010. He is a very hard worker, who always comes to work with a great attitude and a burning desire to do a great job of police work. He is consumed with looking beyond a simple traffic stop, often turning one into a narcotics arrest and seizure, or locating a wanted person. Off. Williams is extremely dedicated to his law enforcement profession and the Amarillo Police Department. From January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010, Off. Williams maintained a high level of traffic enforcement production. During this same period of time, he made some great arrests. During this six-month period he made ninety-two arrests and served one hundred and seventy-one warrants. Seven of those arrests were for the offense of DWI. He also recovered one stolen auto.

On 2/15/10, Off. Williams observed a vehicle traveling south on S. Washington. He noticed that the two occupants seemed nervous and observed that they turned, very abruptly, west on SW 33rd. He stopped the car in a residential driveway at 1017 SW 33rd. As he approached, he smelled burning marijuana. It was cold outside and the subjects, both males age 19 and 20, were sweating profusely. He called for a backup unit, who quickly arrived. Further investigation revealed a loaded handgun under the passenger seat, a set of digital scales, a baggie of marijuana, and 17 ½ grams of methamphetamine.

On 4/4/10, Off. Williams was on his way to work on his police cycle. He stopped at a convenience store at 2024 S. Washington to get a drink. There was a customer standing at the counter making a purchase

and Off. Williams could smell marijuana on him. He followed the subject to his car on the parking lot and then approached him. He obtained consent to search and located six marijuana cigarettes. The 26-year old male was arrested for possession of marijuana.

On 4/20/10, Off. Williams stopped a 32 year-old male for a traffic violation at 10th/S. Adams. Off. Williams was suspicious of whether or not the suspect was giving him his correct name. He noticed a distinct tattoo on the suspect's hand and had the dispatcher run a check on that type of tattoo. The tattoo came back to a man that was wanted for service of a Grand Jury subpoena in reference to a missing child that may be a homicide. Detectives had been trying to locate this individual for quite some time and were very impressed that Off. Williams located him. The man had been indicted by a Grand Jury and then had left the country, avoiding service of the Grand Jury subpoena. Detectives were able to see that the man was brought before a Grand Jury. This is still an investigation in process and Off. Williams' stop will help in bringing this case to a conclusion.

On 4/23/10, Off. Williams made a traffic stop at 1300 Bell. He recognized the name of the 37-year old male driver as that of a suspect that a Detective had been looking for. The suspect was turned over to the Detective, at which time the suspect gave information on himself and others, linking them to several burglaries. The Detective was very grateful to Off. Williams.

On 5/26/10, Off. Williams stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at 500 SE 10th. He smelled burning marijuana. He was able to locate marijuana in the vehicle that was linked to both occupants. The driver and passenger, males 18 and 19 years of age, were arrested for possession of marijuana.

Again on 5/26/10, Off. Williams pursued a vehicle on South Grand for a seatbelt violation. The 22 year-old female driver abruptly turned into a convenience store lot at 1500 S. Grand and she tried to get into the store. Off. Williams smelled burning marijuana coming from the car. He also noticed a passenger, a 22 year old female, in the front seat, and two small children in the backseat. He observed marijuana residue on the blouse of the passenger. She admitted to possessing marijuana and handed him a baggie of it from her back pants pocket. She was arrested for possession of marijuana.

On 6/3/10, Off. Williams was driving down the street and he smelled burning marijuana coming out of a vehicle that was traveling the opposite direction. He stopped the vehicle at 5600 Amarillo Blvd. West. The driver, a female, 17 years of age, was found to be in possession of a baggie of marijuana and was arrested. A passenger, a male, 22 years of age, was arrested after a small amount of marijuana was found in his possession. Another passenger, a 14 year-old male, was taken into custody and turned over to the Juvenile Division for possessing a baggie of marijuana.

On 6/21/10, Off. Williams stopped a 33 year-old male at 900 S. Monroe for having expired registration and inspection certificate. The driver was acting very nervous so he called for a backup. It was discovered that the subject was wanted for three city traffic warrants. During the inventory search of his car, the officers found seventeen grams of methamphetamine in between the driver's seat and center console. He was booked into Potter County Jail for felony possession of narcotics.

On 6/24/10, Off. Williams was riding his cycle when a vehicle passed him going the opposite way. As the car went by, he could smell burning marijuana coming out of the car. He stopped the vehicle at 1301 Amarillo Blvd. East. The driver, a 27 year-old male, was found to be in possession of a baggie of marijuana. A passenger in the vehicle, a 20 year-old male, was found to have three baggies of marijuana. Both suspects were booked into Potter County Jail.

On 6/28/10, Off. Williams observed a vehicle without a registration sticker traveling south in the 2000 Block of S. Ross Street. He started after this vehicle, and the driver suddenly turned into the Arby's

restaurant lot. The driver drove fast into the lot and quickly exited the car, and walked fast to the front doors. Off. Williams honked and yelled for the man to stop, but he continued to walk into the business. Off. Williams pursued him on foot, and went inside, where he observed the man going into the restroom. The man was large in stature. Off. Williams observed that the man almost knocked over a ten-year old boy that was coming out of the restroom. He grabbed the man by the back of his shirt as the man was going into the stall. Off. Williams had summoned for assistance, and he and some other officers subdued the man. An IPOD case was found on the floor of the stall and it contained seven grams of methamphetamine. This man was also found to be wanted out of Hutchinson County for possession of dangerous drugs and for manufacture and delivery of narcotics. He also was wanted out of Hutchinson County for assault with bodily injury. The 42 year-old male suspect was booked into the Potter County jail.

On 6/29/10, Off. Williams stopped a vehicle at 3400 I40 West. He smelled burning marijuana and was able to locate a baggie of marijuana under the front passenger seat. The passenger, an 18 year-old male, confessed it was his and was booked into the Potter County Jail.

Off. Williams' daily production is phenomenal. His production is much more however, than the numbers shown, as he very frequently assists other officers with their arrests. He has often seen an officer out with a violator and stopped to assist, and then turned that officer's traffic stop into a great arrest. Off. Williams is well known for assisting other officers with their arrests for DWI. Off. Williams' excellent attitude, his excellent production, his dedication, and knack for making good arrests made him a very worthy nominee for the Officer of the Quarter.

Cpl. Shane Crafton



Rotary Club South Officer of the 3rd Quarter 2010

Cpl. Shane Crafton was nominated for Officer of the 3rd Quarter for his part in saving the life of a 27-year-old man who was trying to hang himself. On August 6, 2010, at approximately 9:12 a.m., Cpl. Shane Crafton and Officer Joshua Slatten were dispatched to a call about a subject attempting to hang himself in a residence. Officer Slatten and Cpl. Crafton arrived within seconds of each other. The Fire Department and EMS had staged until the scene could be safely entered. Officer Slatten spoke to the resident, who was the former girlfriend of the subject inside the house. She told him that she came home and found her ex-boyfriend inside her children's bedroom attempting to hang himself in the closet

Cpl. Crafton and Officer Slatten immediately started searching the house and found the subject unconscious in the closet. He was hanging from the clothes rod by a red nylon belt. Officer Slatten had to hold him up while Cpl. Crafton cut the belt and they were able to lower him to the floor. Officer Slatten performed a primary survey and discovered that the man had no pulse and was not breathing. Officer Slatten started administering CPR. Cpl. Crafton called for AMS to respond code 3, and requested the 3rd responding APD officer to bring in a first aid kit. Officer Slatten performed chest compression until the man made a slight shallow breath. Slatten checked for a pulse and there was still no pulse or breathing. Officers continued first aid until they detected a heartbeat. The subject again took another shallow breath. Fire Rescue and AMS arrived and took over care for the patient.

The response time to the scene by Cpl. Crafton and Officer Slatten was four minutes. It took them less than two minutes to assess, search and locate the man in the bedroom. As a team, they acted quickly and methodically. In this situation, when seconds counted, the officers worked effectively and performed CPR until AMS was able to respond and assume care of the victim. As a result of their quick response to the victim, and approximately 6 minutes of CPR, AMS was able to transport a viable patient to the hospital. The man is alive because of their quick actions. Their actions reflect positively on these officers and the Amarillo Police Department.

Cpl. Mitch Matthews



Rotary Club South Officer of the 4th Quarter 2010

Cpl. Matthews had an outstanding year, including being promoted to the rank of Corporal on 10/28/10. From June 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, Cpl. Matthews made 43 arrests and served 77 warrants during those arrests. Two of those arrests were for DWI. He very often turns a simple traffic stop into a very good arrest.

On 6/21/10, Cpl. Matthews backed up Off. Williams on a traffic stop at 900 S. Monroe. The driver appeared very nervous to them. He was wanted on 3 city warrants. The officers felt that he was preparing to flee on foot and decided to handcuff him. During an inventory of the vehicle, 17 grams of methamphetamine were found. The driver was charged with a felony narcotics offense.

On 7/15/10, Cpl. Matthews made a traffic stop at 2000 I40 West. He could smell marijuana in the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, he found several cigars in a box that contained marijuana. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana.

On 7/21/10, Cpl. Matthews stopped a vehicle at 1901 Bell. The driver was arrested for 2 city warrants. During a search of the driver, a baggie of marijuana was found in his pants pocket.

On 7/27/10, Cpl. Matthews stopped a vehicle at 4500 Georgia. The driver was arrested for seven city warrants. Cpl. Matthews could also smell marijuana. An inventory search revealed a baggie of marijuana and some marijuana pipes.

On 10/12/10, Cpl. Matthews stopped a vehicle at 4500 S. Western. The driver exited the vehicle and ran on foot. Cpl. Matthews stayed with the car and a passenger. He directed backup units to the area where the suspect ran. The suspect was located hiding under a church bus, and was arrested. He had a county warrant for his arrest, as well as three city warrants. The passenger was arrested for possession of methamphetamine that was found in her purse.

Cpl. Matthews backed up Off. Moore on a traffic stop at 2000 S. Grand. The vehicle had 3 occupants. They could smell marijuana in the vehicle. They found several marijuana cigarettes under the driver's seat that they could link to him. The driver was arrested.

Cpl. Matthews stopped a vehicle at 200 SW 10th. He could smell marijuana in the vehicle. A glass smoking pipe was found in the driver's possession and a bag of marijuana was found in the passenger's possession. Both occupants of the vehicle were arrested.

Cpl. Matthews stopped a vehicle at 3400 Teckla. He smelled marijuana coming out of the vehicle. The driver admitted that there was a baggie of marijuana in the glove box. Cpl. Matthews located it and arrested the driver.

Cpl. Matthews has an excellent attitude at work. He maintains very good traffic enforcement production. His ability to turn these routine traffic stops into very good arrests made him a very worthy candidate for Officer of the Quarter.