

2008 POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2008 was a very busy year for the police department. The department successfully handled dignitary visits by President George Bush, Senators Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and Governor Bill Ritter. We also assisted the Greenwood Village Police Department when Vice President Dick Cheney visited their City.

In August, the Democratic National Convention was held in Denver. We provided five police officers to assist the Denver Police Department as part of a huge metro wide cooperative effort. Our officers worked within Denver's District 3 and helped handle citizen calls for service. There were several parties hosted by residents during the DNC, and officers assisted with these events.

The police department achieved accreditation by the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police and the County Sheriffs of Colorado. The accreditation process is a voluntary process to achieve high quality operations that are then objectively verified by an outside assessment team. The department had to meet 186 established professional standards. Standards include ethics, crime prevention, police operations, prisoner rights, recruitment, promotions, criminal investigations, evidence handling and others. The department is one of 35 law enforcement agencies that have achieved accreditation in Colorado.

We transitioned to a new records management system in 2008. This was a major technological advancement within the police department. The old system had been in place since 1988 and it was antiquated and unreliable. New World Systems installed and trained our personnel on the new technology, which has proven to be much more efficient and effective. Lieutenant Sansing was the project manager and Sarah Henderson was a key member of the department's "build" team.

Following a twenty-four month process between the police department and the Colorado

Department of Transportation, a photo red light system was installed within the intersection of Belleview Avenue and University Boulevard. The goals of this project are to reduce the incidence of red light running by motorists and decrease the number of traffic accidents within the intersection. In the last four months of the year, the system recorded 2000 red light violations.

Lieutenant Patricia Whitman retired from the Village after some 28 years of service. She had a distinguished career and was involved in several complicated criminal investigations while working as both a detective and supervisor. Following promotional processes, Jody Sansing and Will Sparks were promoted to lieutenant and sergeant respectively. Officer Jacob Gerson was assigned to detective duties with the South Metro Drug Task Force.

Officer Jason McGurran was medically retired from the department. During his tenure, Jason made

numerous valuable contributions to the department.

In December, Sergeant John Bayman retired from the department in order to take a position as a Code Enforcement Officer. John had been a police officer and supervisor with the Village for 23 years. He was presented with the Police Commendation Award at his retirement ceremony.

We hired four outstanding police officers during 2008: Brian Sapp (Douglas County Sheriff's Office – 8 years experience), Juan Berber (Summit County Sheriff's Office – 10+ years experience), Paul McCarthy (Elbert County Sheriff's Office – 3 years experience), and Jennifer Dignam (no previous police experience).

The department continued to make steady progress in its community-wide efforts to improve safety within the Village. We have built upon our partnership arrangements to reduce crime, traffic accidents and victimization.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average
Traffic Accidents	315	311	288	246	214	290
Traffic Citations	3579	3492	2996	3501	3533	3375
Traffic Warnings	NA	1769	1658	2217	2508	1881
Parking Tickets	NA	70	81	65	123	72
DUI Arrests	89	100	147	263	252	150
Crime Reports	455	555	382	303	212	424
Alarm Calls	989	837	636	532	494	749
Citizen Assists	NA	300	188	86	80	191
Assist to other Agencies	384	259	265	207	165	279
Property Checks	16,169	12,659	10,463	11,321	13,876	12,653
Crime Prevention Notices	1185	1055	703	1118	2174	1,015
Field Interview Cards	NA	174	165	204	137	181
CRIME STATISTICS						
Assault	7	13	4	5	6	7
Harassment	20	15	14	6	8	14
Burglary*	31	51	39	33	28	39
Criminal Mischief(Vandalism)	61	50	35	28	24	44
Theft*	55	83	61	54	31	63
Motor Vehicle Theft*	13	17	14	3	3	12
Theft from Motor Vehicle*	31	60	50	19	20	40
Trespass	18	7	1	7	7	8
Fraud	16	20	28	23	12	22
*Targeted Crimes						

Traffic accidents are 13% below the 2007 figure.

Crime Reports continue to decline for the 4th straight year.

Code enforcement activities and parking tickets are significantly higher this year due to CHV's active code enforcement officer.