

2009 POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Police Department was involved in several noteworthy events during 2009. Our focus remained on crime prevention, customer service and improving technical competencies within the department.

Statistical summaries (see below) are revealing. Crime reports and alarm service calls have dropped dramatically over the past five years. Traffic accidents have also declined during the same time period. At the same time, we have improved our efforts at “pro-active” policing. Property checks, arrests (most particularly DUI arrests), traffic citations, and traffic warnings have increased steadily. This past year was our first full year with a photo red light system and we have experienced a 50% reduction in traffic accidents at the intersection where the system is installed. There were 3,147 traffic citations generated by the photo red light system.

The City Council adopted a Coyote Management Plan, which has been effective in helping us deal with the issues and concerns surrounding wildlife in an urban setting. Our plan has been used as a model by the Colorado Department of Wildlife.

Mobile computers were installed in all our marked police vehicles. This was a major step forward for us in expanding our information technology and improving officers’ capabilities and effectiveness. Digital cameras were installed in one police vehicle as a “pilot” project and it quickly proved its value to the department. Additional cameras will be installed in the remaining marked police vehicles in 2010.

Radio reception and transmission within City Hall was greatly improved after a bi-directional antenna was installed within the building. This project was funded by a Federal grant (\$25,000). A speed monitoring trailer was purchased through State grant monies (\$7,500). We also obtained a State grant to fund DUI enforcement activities during selected holidays (\$15,000).

We successfully investigated and obtained convictions on suspects in several very significant criminal cases. The first case involved a day time residential burglary involving a career criminal who rammed a police vehicle as he attempted to flee the crime scene. The second case involved an attempted murder at a local church during a wedding reception. The suspect attacked and stabbed his estranged wife. We assisted the Sunnyvale (California) police in identifying and arresting an adult female teacher who had sexually assaulted a juvenile female in California.

In November we responded to a gas line break by an Xcel work crew near the Kent-Denver school. This was a dangerous situation and the incident lasted over 24 hours before the gas line was sealed and replaced.

In June we assisted the Cherry Hills Country Club with the Palmer Cup Golf Tournament. Throughout the summer months we provided officers to assist the Greenwood Village Police Department with their music concerts and other special events.

John Bayman resigned his position as a police sergeant and assumed new duties as a Code Enforcement officer. Patrick Weathers was designated the Senior Sergeant and Jake Campbell was promoted to sergeant following a very competitive selection process. Dave Lynes assumed duties as a police detective.

During the year we hired three police officers: Heidi Berg, Nick Steele, and Amanda Ramirez. The department achieved full staffing and expanded its training program through the use of POST training monies.

POLICE STATISTICS

| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Traffic Accidents | 311 | 288 | 246 | 214 | 227 |
| Traffic Citations | 3424 | 2996 | 3501 | 3533 | 3519 |
| Traffic Warnings | 1769 | 1658 | 2217 | 2508 | 2966 |
| Parking Tickets | 70 | 81 | 65 | 123 | 87 |
| Crime Reports | 555 | 382 | 303 | 212 | 220 |
| Alarm Calls | 837 | 636 | 532 | 494 | 496 |
| Citizen Assists | 300 | 188 | 86 | 80 | 149 |
| Assist to Other Agencies | 259 | 265 | 207 | 165 | 160 |
| Property Checks | 12,659 | 10,463 | 11,321 | 13,876 | 15,594 |
| Crime Prevention Notices | 1055 | 703 | 1118 | 2174 | 1494 |
| Field Interview Cards | 174 | 165 | 204 | 137 | 133 |
| Assault | 13 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Harrassment | 15 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 11 |
| Burglary | 51 | 39 | 33 | 28 | 15 |
| Criminal Mischief | 50 | 35 | 28 | 24 | 20 |
| Theft | 83 | 61 | 54 | 31 | 27 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 17 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 60 | 50 | 19 | 20 | 32 |
| Trespass | 7 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 5 |
| Fraud | 20 | 28 | 23 | 12 | 15 |
| Arrests (Includes DUIs) | 246 | 250 | 349 | 404 | 513 |
| DUI Arrests | 100 | 147 | 263 | 252 | 271 |
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