

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2011 ANNUAL REPORT



CHIEF OF POLICE
Robert Taylor





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 2011

The 2011 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 2011. 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

February 21, 2011

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

Dear Mayor & Commissioners:

It is an honor to present the 2011 Annual Report of the Amarillo Police Department. I am happy to announce that we experienced a -13.4% 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,

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Robert Taylor
Chief of Police

AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



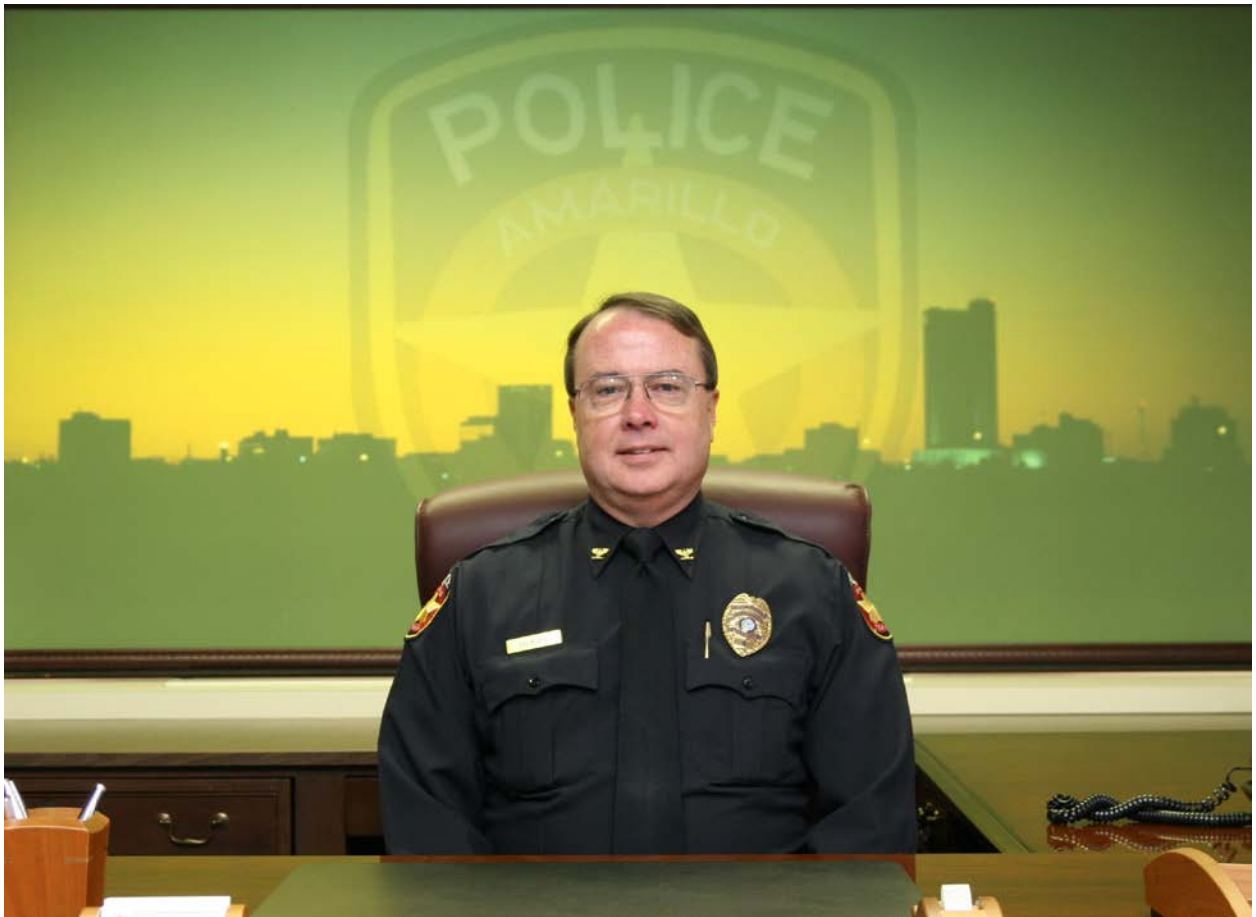
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AMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



**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: 01/01/2012

From: Chief Robert Taylor

Subject: Department Goals for 2012

The 2012 goals for the Police Department are:

Continue to increase staffing of sworn personnel (All Divisions) to address city growth and crime.

Increase Directed Patrol activities further by forming a permanent assignment of 6 on-duty officers who will work year round.

Increase efforts on identifying, capturing and prosecuting habitual criminals by increasing investigative time spent in patrol and detective divisions.

Continue "hotspot" enforcement activities.

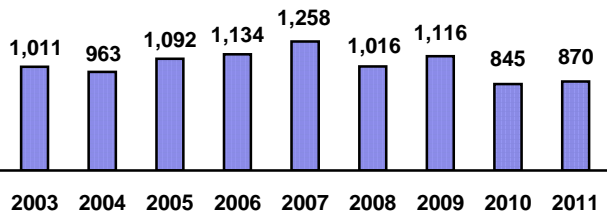
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Chief Robert Taylor

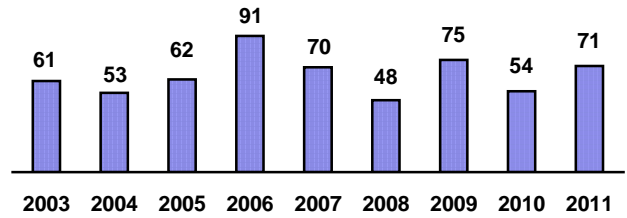


CRIME ANALYSIS

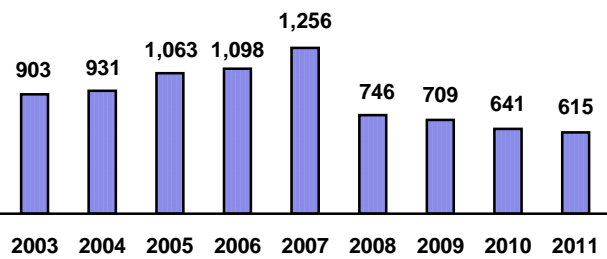
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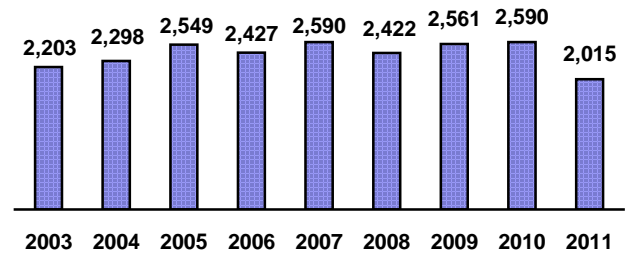
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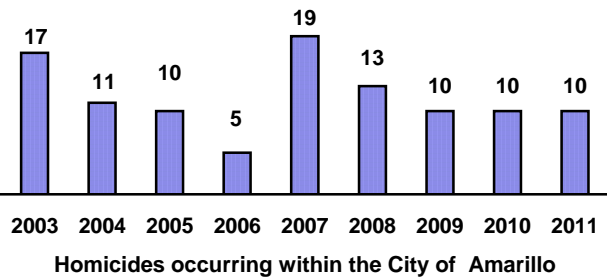
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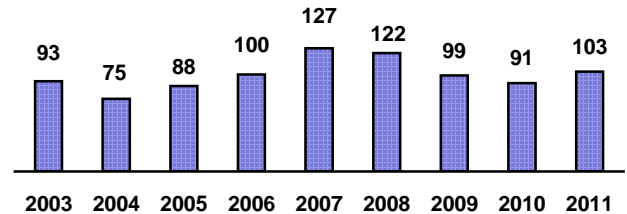
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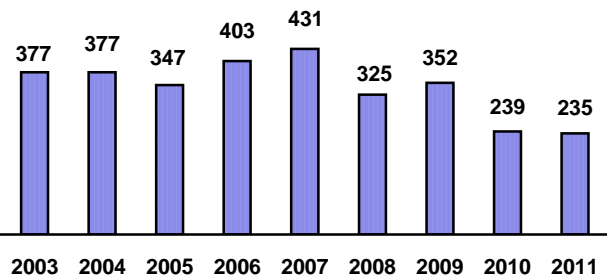
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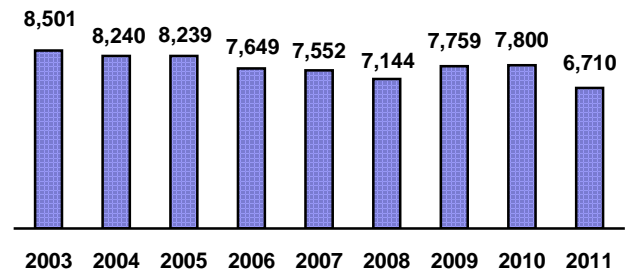
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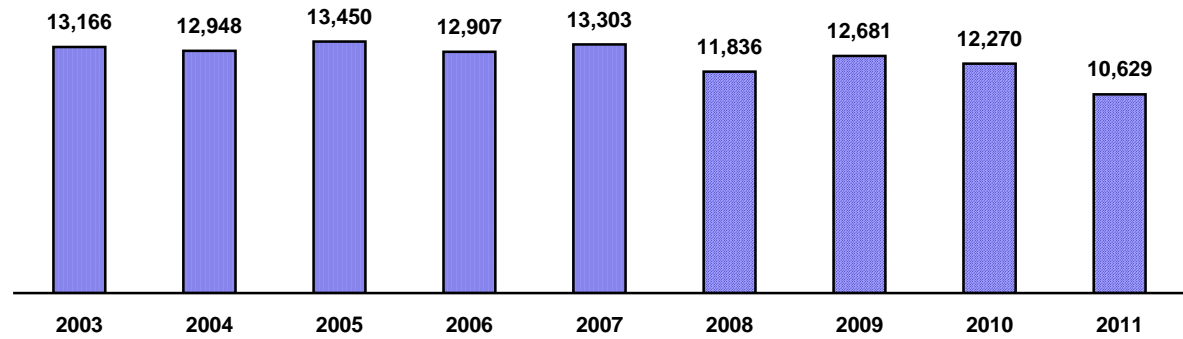
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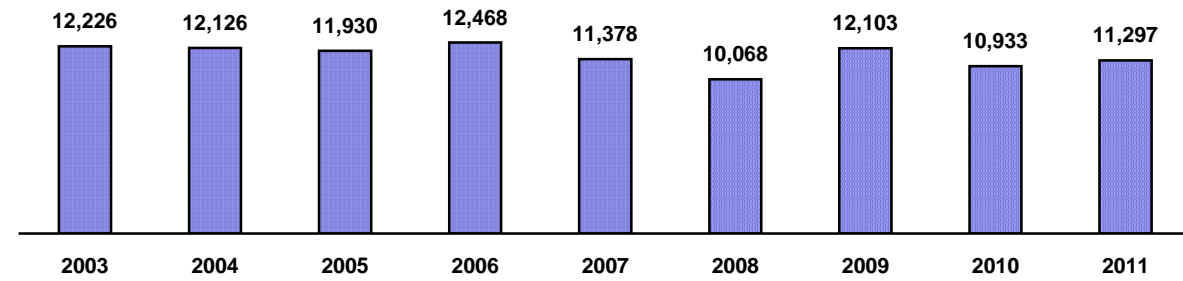
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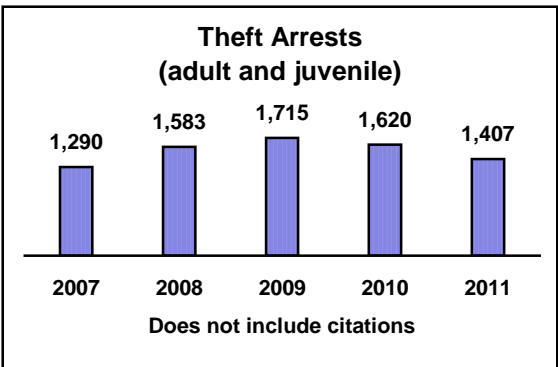
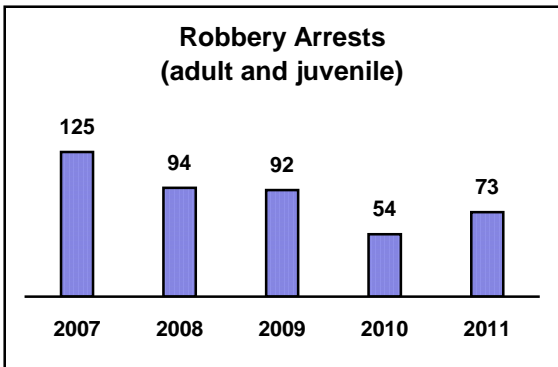
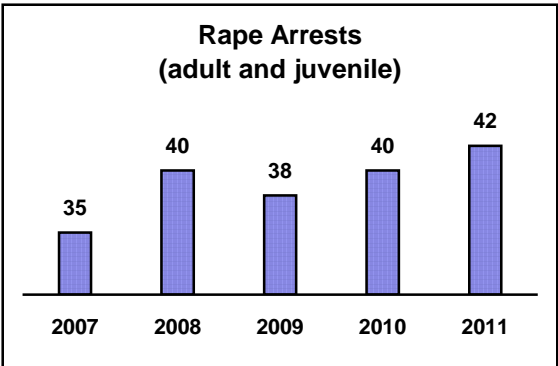
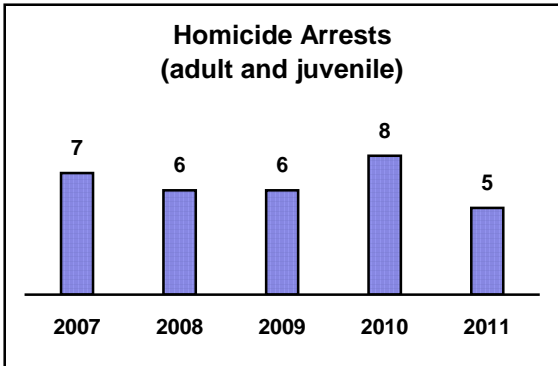
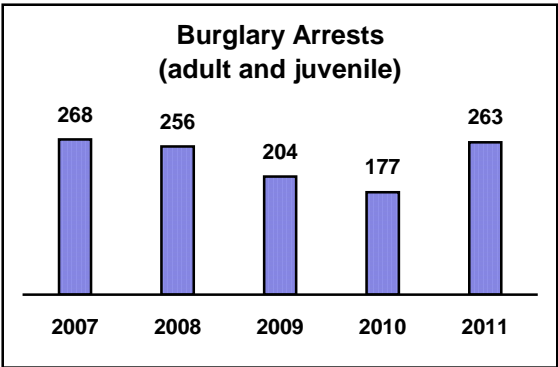
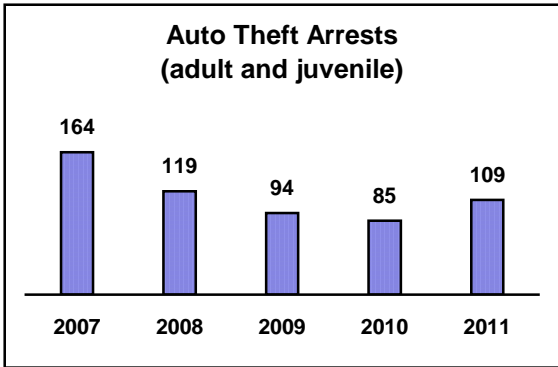
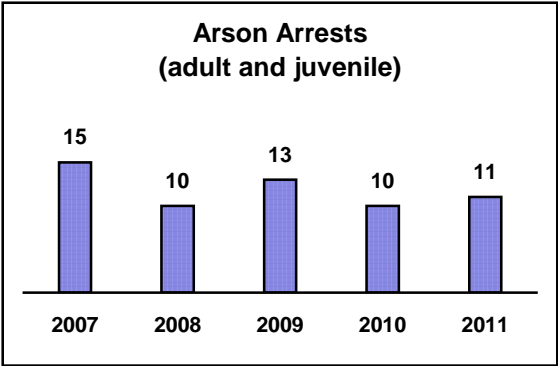
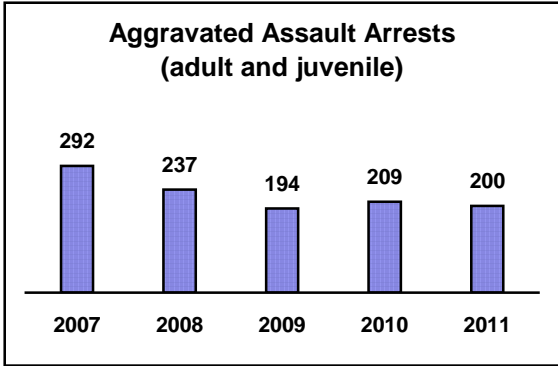
Part 1 Crimes (yearly totals)



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 (Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving) Unit.

The officers in the Uniform Division provide police service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our Uniform Officers are assigned to 4 shifts, and work 10 hour shifts. This allows for an 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: 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 2011, the police department had 132,380 calls for service. Our Officers investigated 5,775 traffic crashes in 2011. There were a total of 14 fatal accidents during the year, resulting in 15 deaths. Officers made 11,297 arrests for the year, including 411 drunk drivers and 107 motorists for driving with a suspended license. Uniform officers issued 40,690 traffic citations and wrote 583 parking citations. They made 273 evading arrest cases in addition to making 263 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 three officers and three police dogs. One canine officer and police dog are assigned to the midnight shift, one team is assigned to the 4th shift and one team is assigned on days to the COPPS Squad. They all 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 22,431 of the traffic citations issued by the Uniform Division, plus an additional 14,083 warning tickets.



TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION

The Traffic Investigation unit consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, three traffic crash/DWI investigators, one video specialist, one Uniform Division Municipal Court Warrant Officer, one Secretary II, and one Traffic Guide who does parking enforcement. The parking enforcement officer wrote 1,154 parking citations in 2011. The Traffic Investigation unit investigates hit and run accidents, fatal traffic crashes, and files charges on all DWIs, and all driving-while-license-suspended cases, as well as on all 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. Assigned in pairs to the various sides of town, COPPS officers 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.



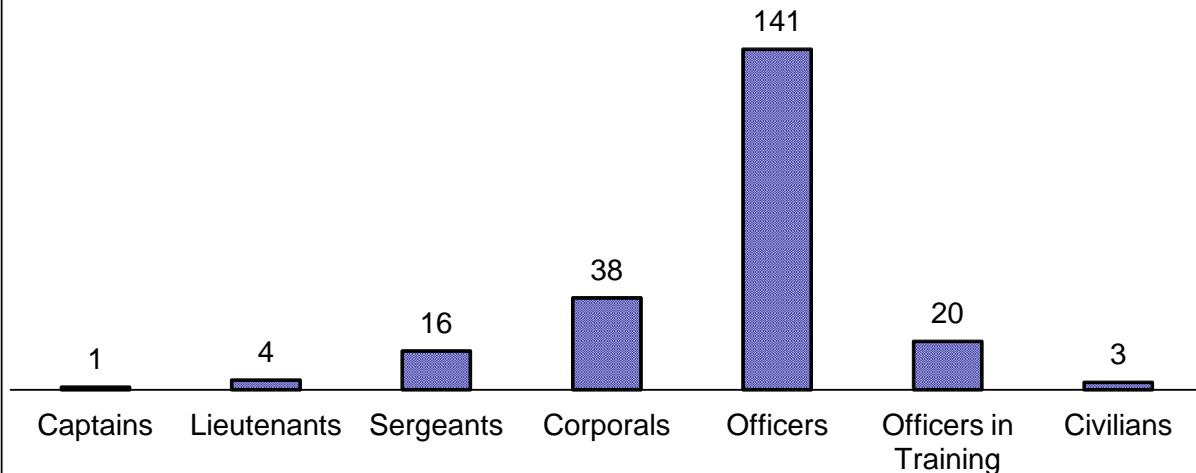
In 2011, the COPPS Unit worked several special assignments at various locations to observe and arrest offenders committing various crimes and causing neighborhood problems. Other assignments included investigations leading to the arrest of individuals involved in manufacturing and selling narcotics, people committing burglaries, and individuals 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 and our neighborhood parks. Furthermore, these officers have spent time working with citizens who have highlighted specific problems in their neighborhoods during the 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.

Many problems worked by this unit 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.

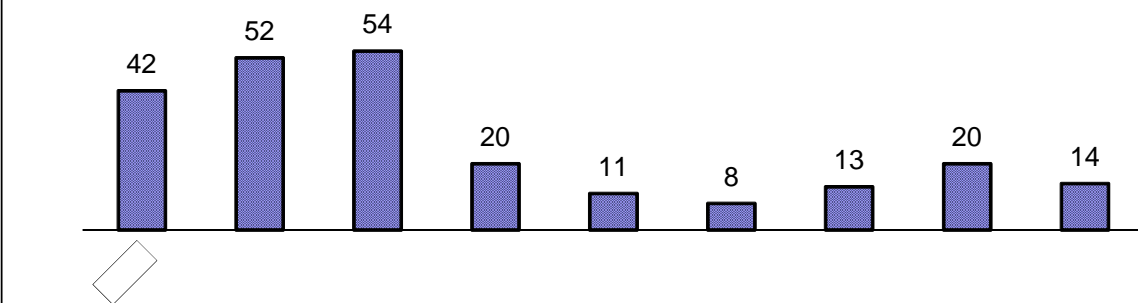
HANDICAP PATROL

The Handicap Patrol is a group of civilian volunteers who, after receiving training, patrol parking lots and enforce handicap-parking violations. This group issued 804 citations for handicap parking violations. This program is aimed at keeping handicap parking spaces available for those who qualify.

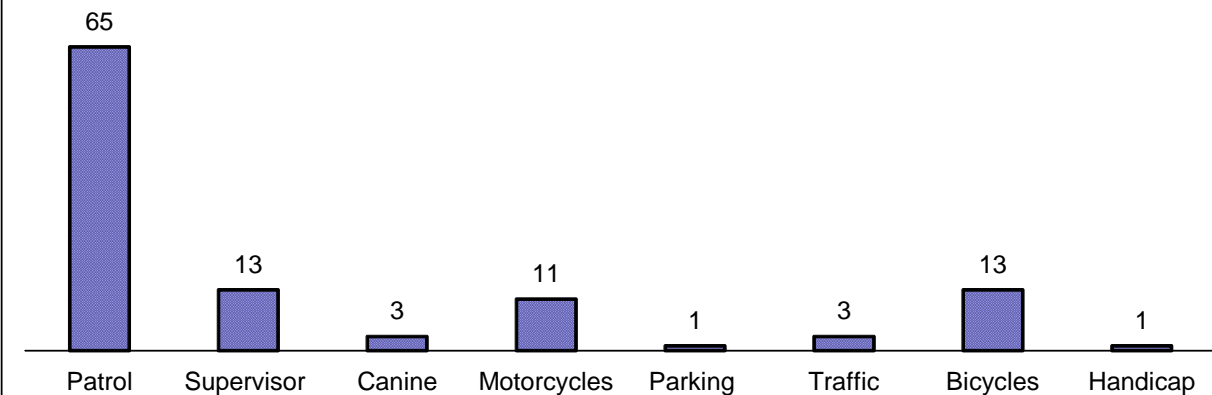
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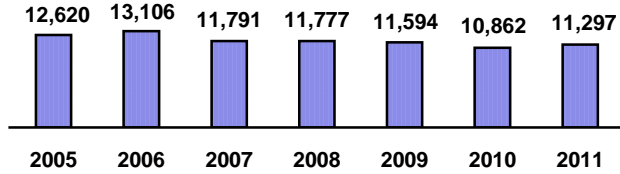
Uniform Division Assignment by Shift



Uniform Vehicle Fleet

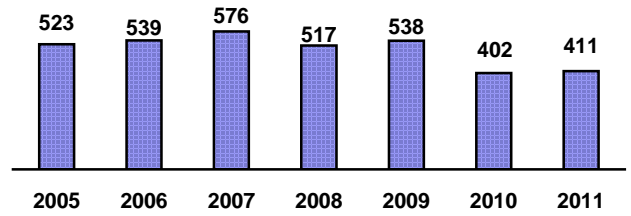


Adult Arrests

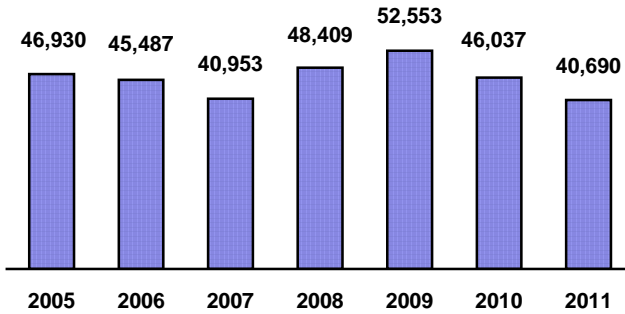


Excluding juvenile arrests and misdemeanor citations issued. Rebooks and warrants served by outside jurisdictions are included in the yearly totals.

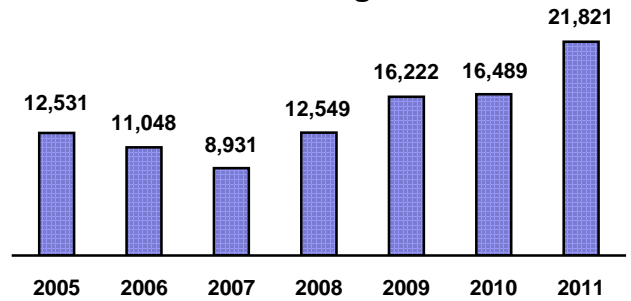
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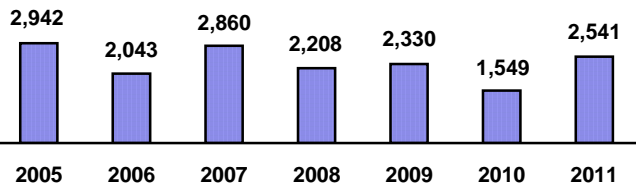
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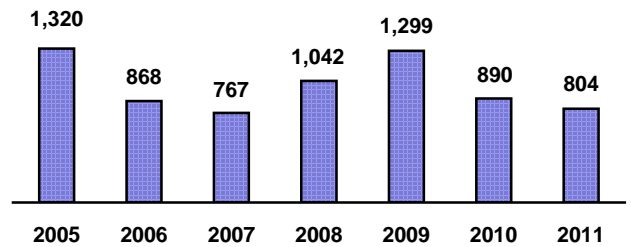
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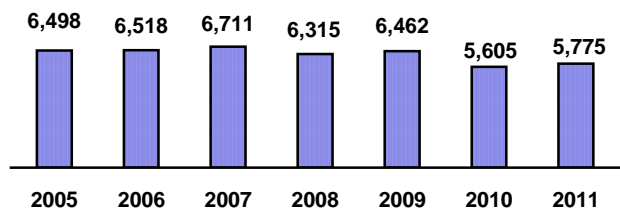
Combined Illegal Parking Citations Issued



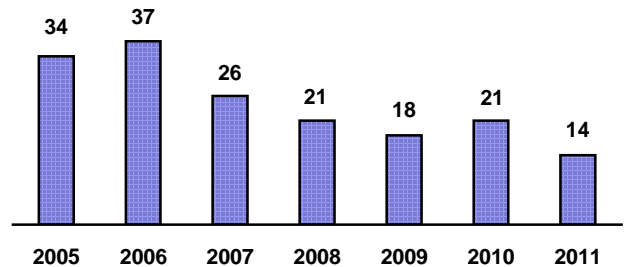
Handicap Parking Citations Issued



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 Jason Zang, 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. 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 then reassigned to a sworn detective.

The Detective Division Crimes Against Persons (CAP) Squad administers the Sex Offender Registration Program. There are currently 1,509 sex offenders listed in the Amarillo Police

Department database compared to 1,438 in 2010. 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 492 active registered sex offenders currently living in Amarillo and up to date on registration. Additionally, 244 registered sex offenders listed at an Amarillo address are currently in jail or prison. There are 13 registered sex offenders who have "absconded" or they are listed as "whereabouts unknown." These violators are being actively investigated and most 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 has been absorbed into the Robbery Squad since all assaults have been reassigned to this squad. There were 11 drive-by-shootings in 2011 and all cases were assigned to a Sergeant/Detective in the Robbery Squad. The squad Lieutenant determines whether the detective(s) respond based on the leads that are available. The clearance rate is higher when the detective(s) are called out for existing leads.

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 departments 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 counties 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 finger and palm identifications for the unit. For 2011 we entered 1,360 latent prints and 560 latent palm prints. In 2011, we had 560 latent fingerprint identifications and 1,191 latent palm print identifications. The Crime Scene Investigation Unit responded to 193 call-outs in 2011, an average of 16.1 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. Also 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 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. 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. Jerome Godfrey 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 2011, the officers in the program investigated 10,161 campus complaints, compared to 11,483 in 2010. They presented programs to approximately 6,500 students, compared to 14,000 in 2010. In addition they made 824 incident reports, took 1,401 affidavits, made 197 physical arrests, wrote 272 citations, and seized 14 weapons, compared to 907 incident reports, 242 physical arrests, wrote 332 citations, and seized 11 weapons in 2010.



During the first three weeks of summer the School Liaison officers hosted the APD/Lisa Cherry Summer Camp and conducted their fourth Summer Warrant Patrol, in which they served 1,795 warrants with fines totaling over \$521,471.00.

STUDENT CRIME STOPPERS

Student Crime Stoppers had a very good year in 2011 with \$5,865.00 cash rewards approved during the period of June 1st through December 31, 2011 and \$20,890.00 worth of recovered stolen property.

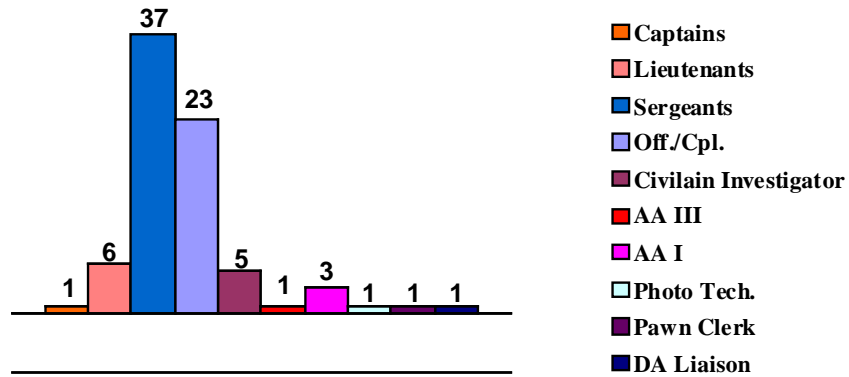
The annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference for 2012 was held February 15th-17th. The Amarillo Crime Stoppers program was given numerous performance awards including Board Member of the Year, Innovative Publicity, Best Poster, Most Crime Cases Solved and the Greatest Dollar Recovery Amount Awards.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Tips received*	384	283
Arrests made*	97	82
Cases cleared*	112	97
Rewards paid*	\$7,685	\$5,865
Property recovered*	\$36,957	\$20,890
Narcotics seized*	\$1,430	\$1,750

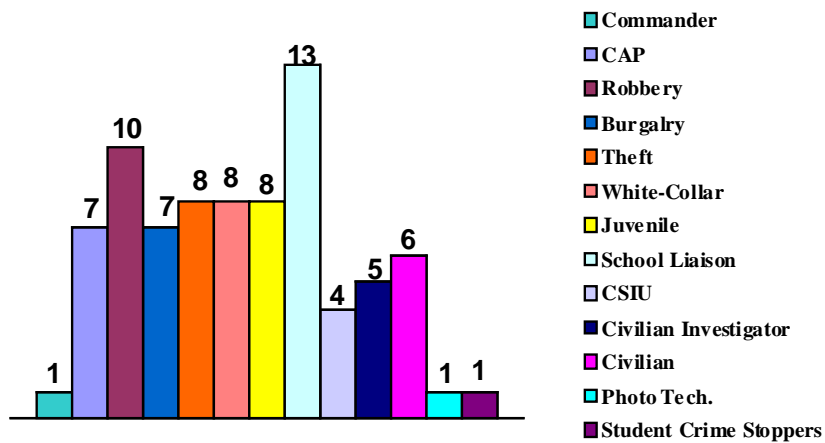
*The Student Crime Stoppers Program Statewide utilizes the fiscal year of June 1st through May 31st for reporting and comparison to other programs within the State. These figures only represent statistics for the period of June 1st through December 31st.



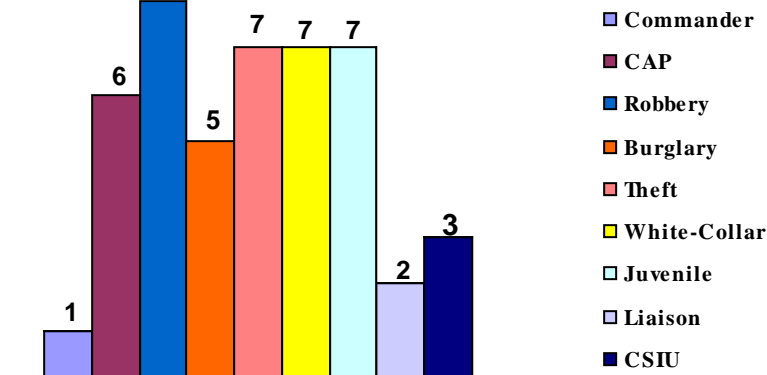
Detective Division Personnel Allocation



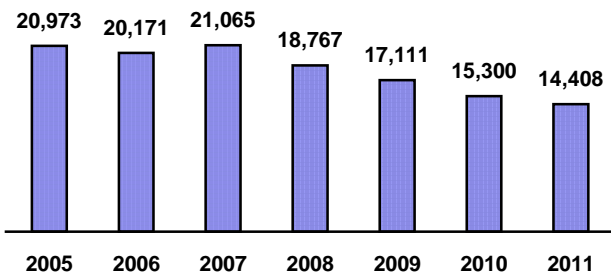
Personnel Assignment by Squad



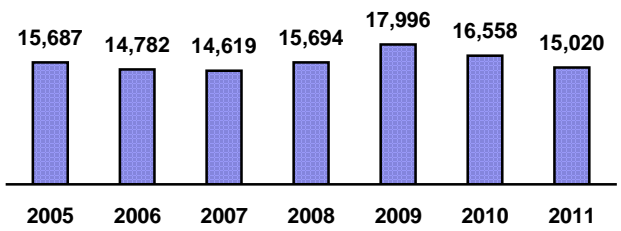
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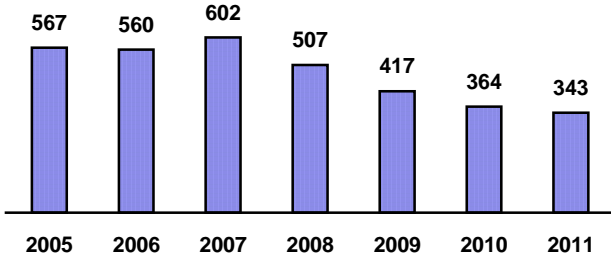
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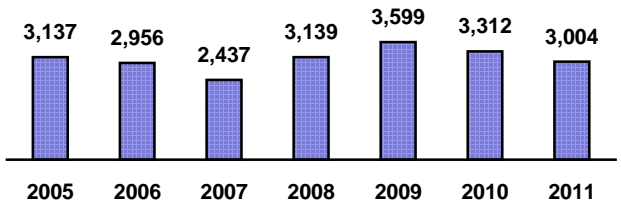
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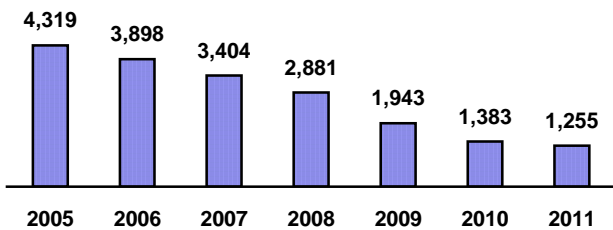
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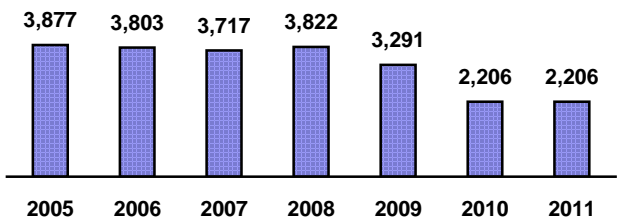
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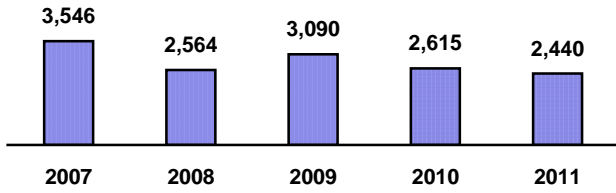


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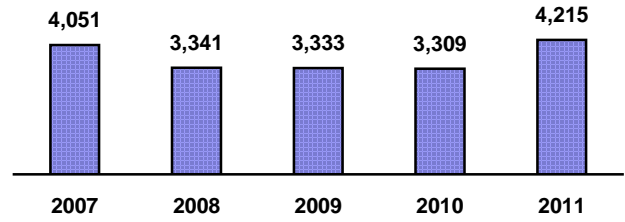
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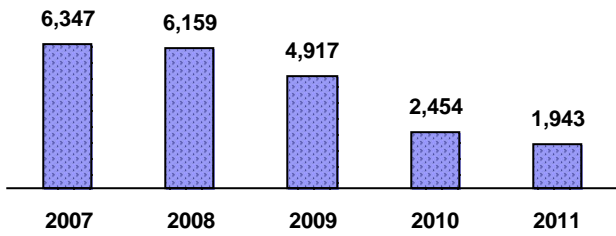
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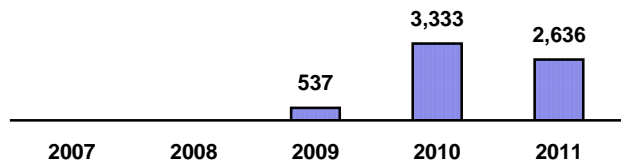
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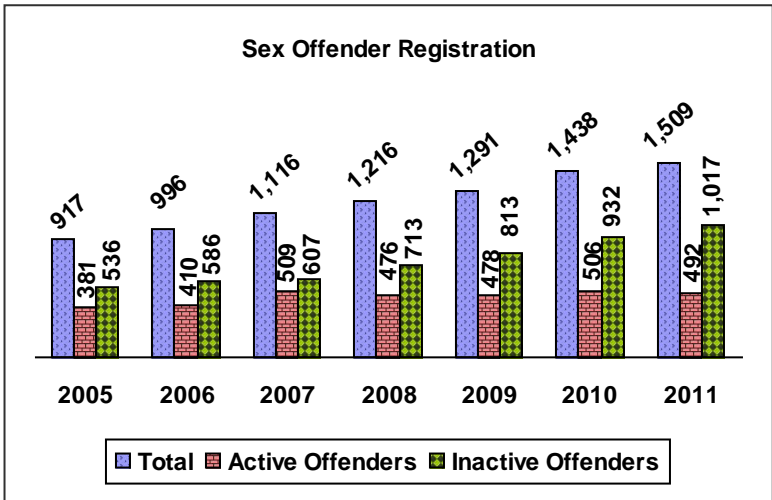
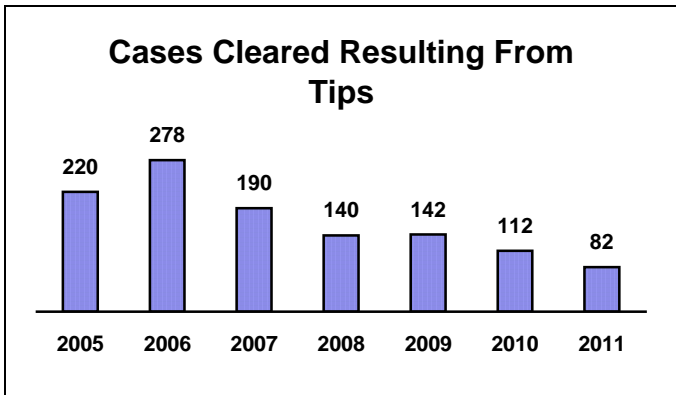
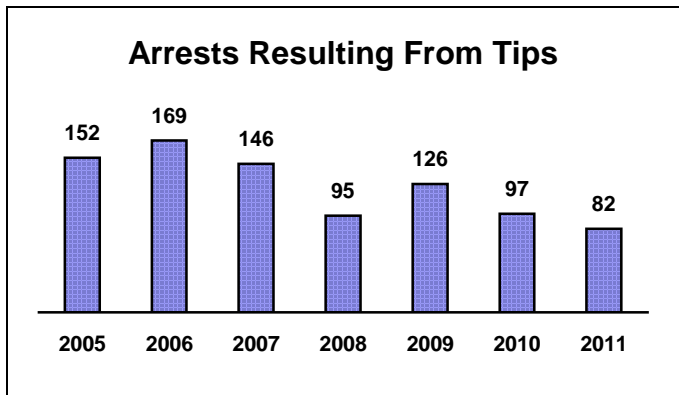
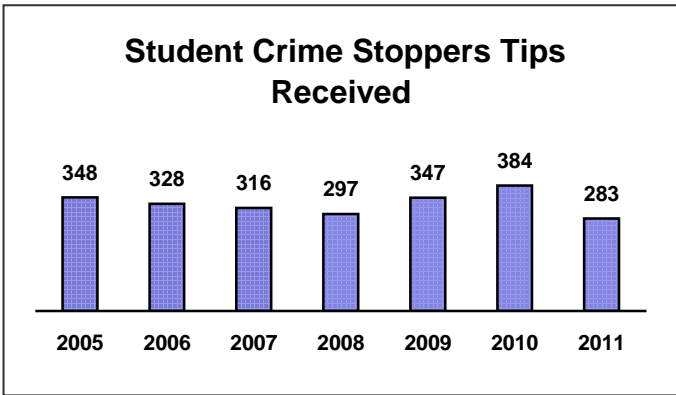
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Theft Squad Caseload

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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 (full-time and part-time) 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 2011, Report Writers assigned to the Service Division made 1,748 reports from persons calling on the telephone or citizens making reports at the front desk. This is a decrease from the 2010 total of 1,840. In 2011, Clerk Typists typed 25,249 reports and 10,600 supplements called in by officers.

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 2011, a total of 7,559 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.

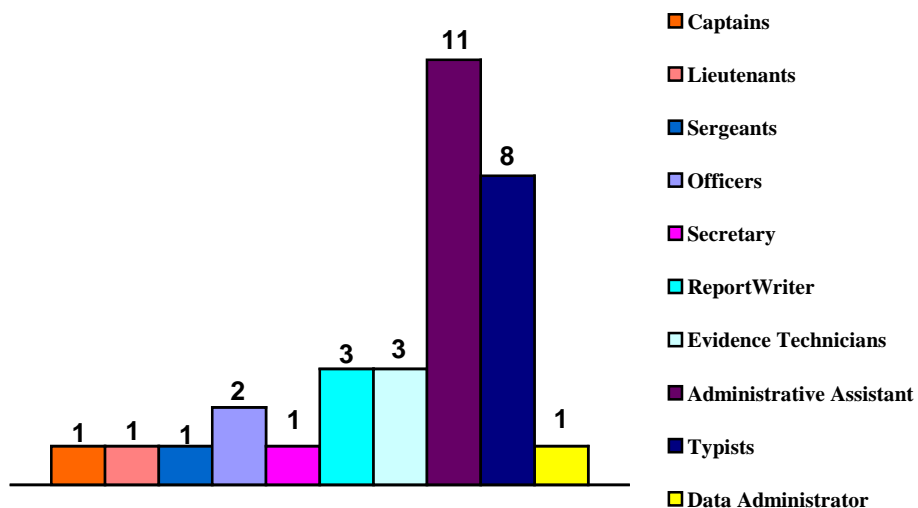
Each year the City of Amarillo has a combined auction with the Police Department for the sale of unclaimed property held by the Property Section. In 2006, the Department began using local licensed Federal Firearms dealers for the sale of unclaimed or forfeited firearms. The Property Section contributed \$578.12 to the City's General Fund from unclaimed money in 2011 as compared to \$5,215.03 in 2010. The money comes from drug busts, unclaimed evidence, found monies, and unclaimed personal property.

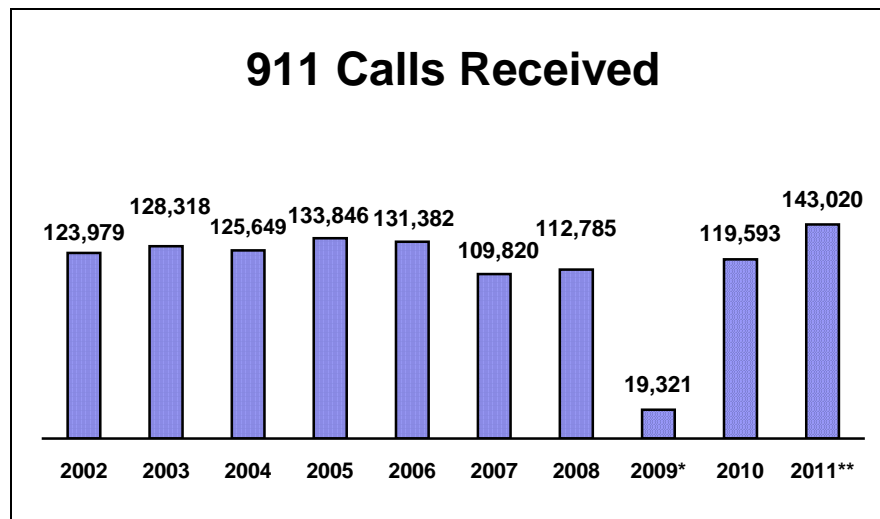
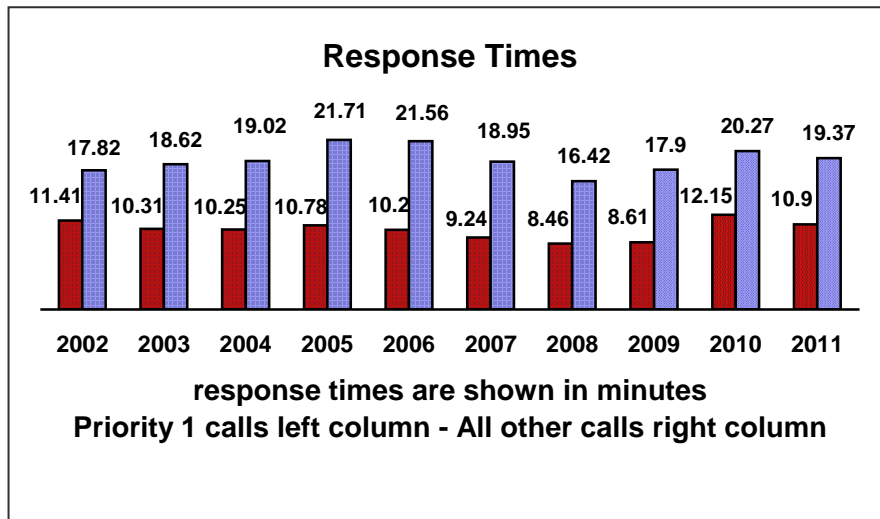
The Property and Evidence section, in the past few years, has outgrown the current space in the basement of the Police Department. In order to alleviate the storage problem, the Police Department began moving property and evidence into a new storage warehouse downtown. This new facility will ensure that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

Department can meet its storage needs for the critical service of storage of property and evidence.



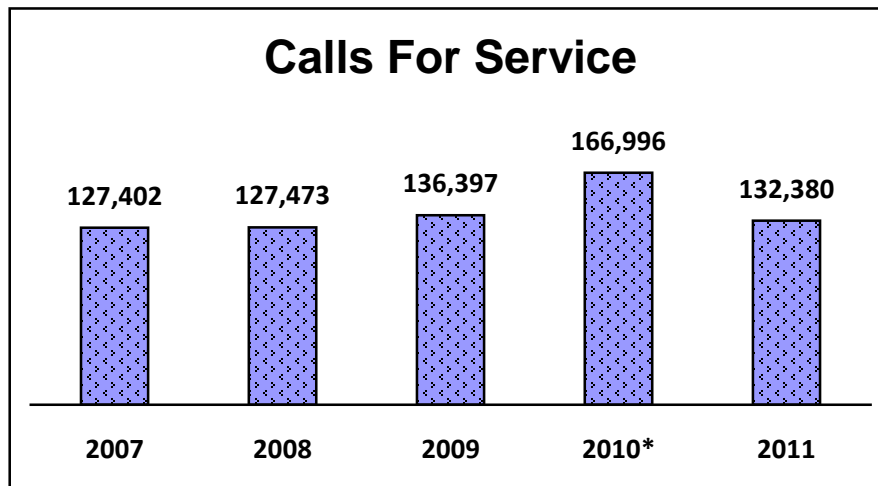
Service Division Personnel Allocation



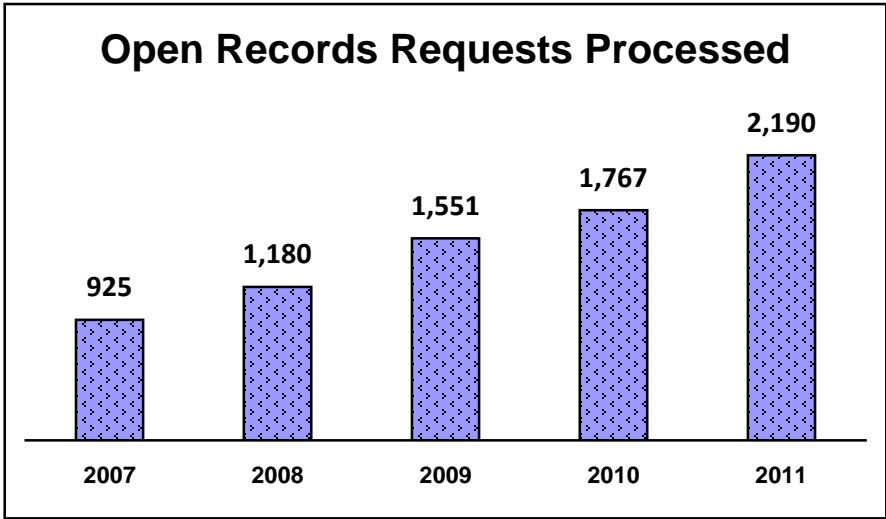
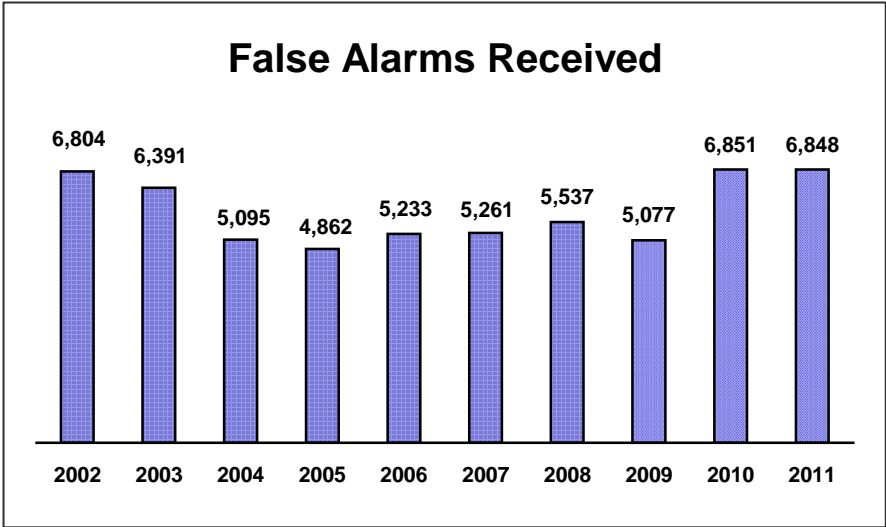


* 2009 911 calls received represents the number of 911 received at the AECC only for the last 2 months of 2009

** 2011 911 calls received represents the number of 911 calls received at the AECC for ALL City First Responders



*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 the 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. 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 IV's also work for the Division. One manages the records for payroll, and the hiring process for sworn positions. The other manages the hiring process for the civilian employees, the records for civilian employees, training, and all Departmental evaluations. An Administrative Assistant I is the Division's receptionist.

In 2011, the Division provided 393 in-service training classes with 3,172 students for 58,548 hours of training. This is an increase in the number of classes provided from the 2010 statistics in which we provided 337 classes. There was an increase in the total number of students who received training from the 2010 figures which totaled 2,741. As well, the total hours of training provided for 2011 was also higher than the 2010 figures where 33,252 hours of training was given. In 2009 we provided 293 classes with 2,866 students for 55,262 hours. 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 of 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 80th Amarillo Police Department Basic Police Officer Academy began June 2, 2011 with 23 recruits. Twenty-one recruits took the Basic Peace Officers Licensing Exam, all passed on the first attempt, which is a significant accomplishment compared to other academies across the State. Twenty-one recruits graduated from the 80th Academy on December 9, 2011. The hiring process began with 580 applicants who were notified of the Civil Service Entrance Exam that took place in December 2010. Of the 226 applicants who took the written test, 159 passed. The physical agility testing created a list of 87 successful, potential applicants, which progressed



to the rigorous background investigation. From the 87 applicants who passed the written and physical agility tests, 32 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 and ranking 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 physical 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. (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:

The Department has an authorized strength of 335 officers and an authorized strength of 51 full time civilian employees, which includes 5 part time civilian employees.

The following figures are run against our actual strength of 335 sworn personnel in 2011. The average age of a police officer, including all ranks was 38.41 compared to 39.22 in 2010; the average length of service was 13.14 years, compared to 12.73 in 2010. Average length of service for all employees (sworn and civilian) is 12.59 years compared to 12.3 years in 2010. This indicates slight increase in tenured personnel. We have 25 (7.5%) female officers which is up 1 from 2010's figurers. There were 310 (92.5%) male officers compared to 284 (92.2%) in 2010. There is 1 Native American officer (.3%), 5 African-American officers (1.49%), 44 Hispanic officers (13.1%), 1 Asian officer (.3%), and 284 Caucasian officers (84.81%). The ethnic and racial makeup had a slight increase in Hispanic officers in 2004 thru 2011.

The Department ended 2011 with 51 permanent civilian employees and 5 part-time civilian employees which included 3 positions at the Range, 1 position at the Potter County DA's office, and 1 position with the Special Crimes Unit.

EDUCATION:

In 2011, 1 officer held a Doctors Degree; 9 officers held Masters Degrees; 82 held Bachelor's Degrees (12 more than 2010); and 26 held Associates Degrees. 112 officers had more than 10 college hours but no degree (an increase of 5 from 2010). On average, an officer has earned 59.77 college hours, which is a slight increase from 58.23 earned hours in 2010. 49 officers held an Intermediate Peace Officer Certificate (an increase of 5 from 2010), 59 officers held an Advanced Certificate (no increase from 2010) and 145 held a Master Peace Officer Certificate (an increase of 1 from 2010).

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY:

The 18th Citizen Police Academy (CPA) was held in the Fall of 2011. 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.

STUDENT POLICE ACADEMY:

The 10th Student Police Academy was held in the Spring of 2011. The S.P.A. is very similar to the C.P.A., but is geared towards Juniors/Seniors in high school exploring career opportunities in law enforcement. The S.P.A. also provides students to ride on observations with patrol officers.

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 2011 volunteers donated 3,728 hours. To help address this issue, a new volunteer employee training school is scheduled for 2012, 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 19,685 tickets. On average, Handicap Patrol issues approximately 919 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.

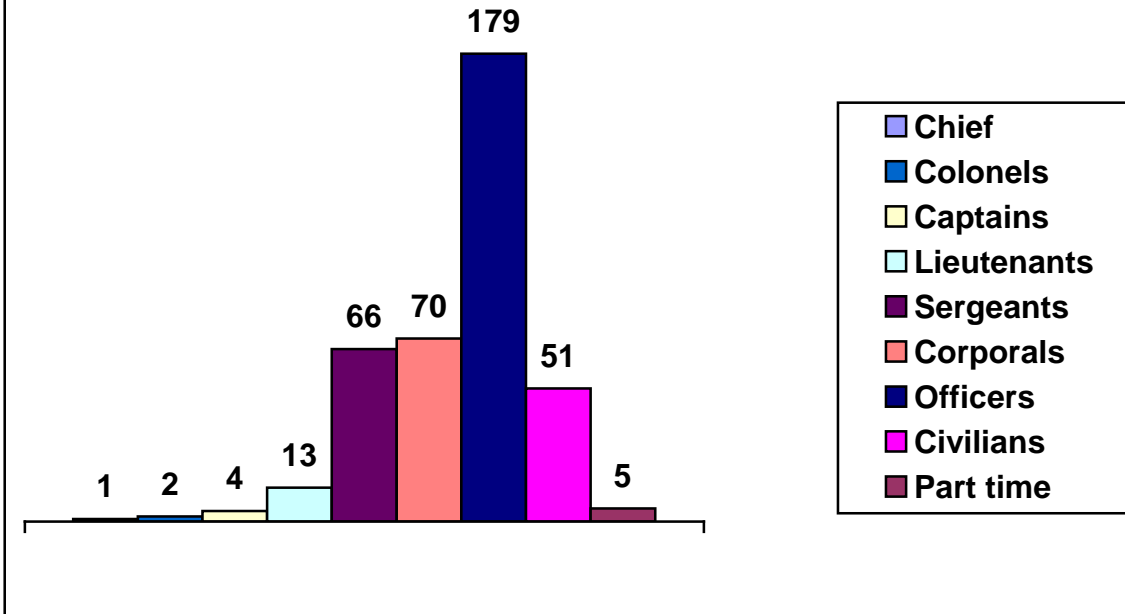
CHAPLAIN PROGRAM:

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.

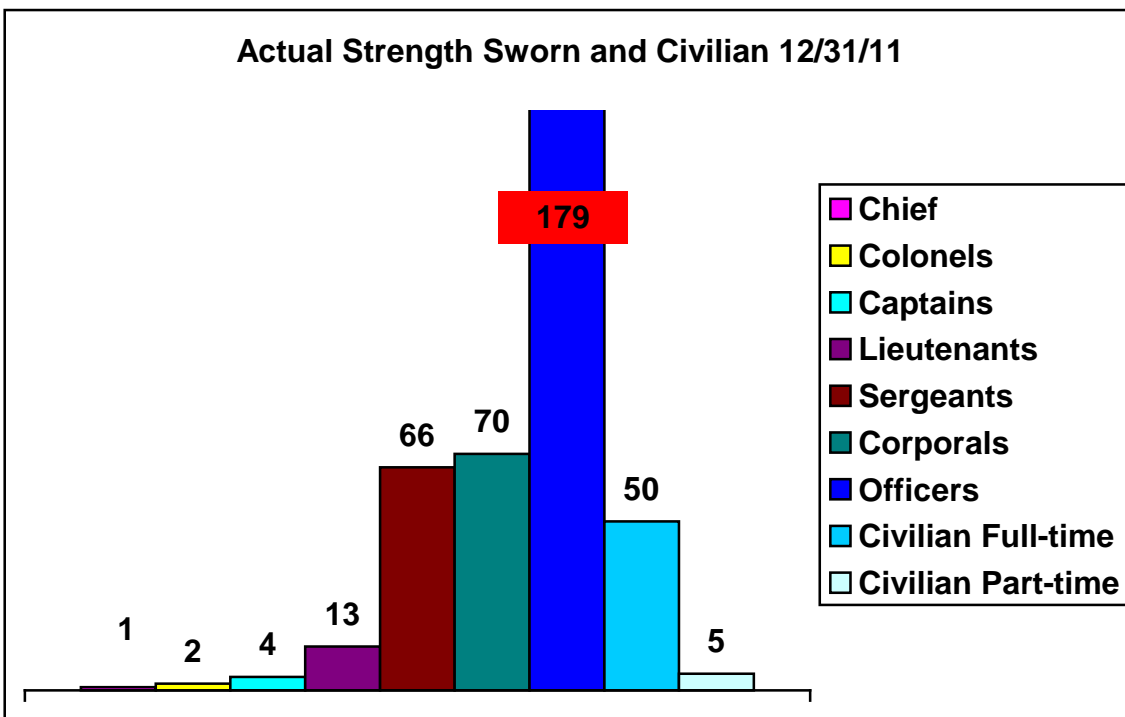
CRISIS INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING PROGRAM:

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.

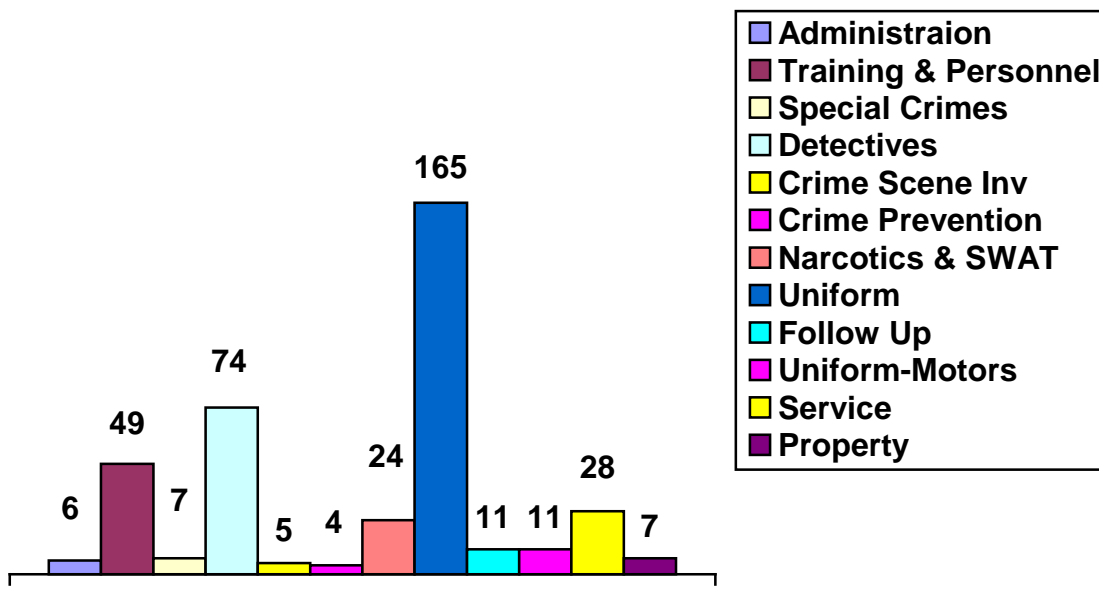
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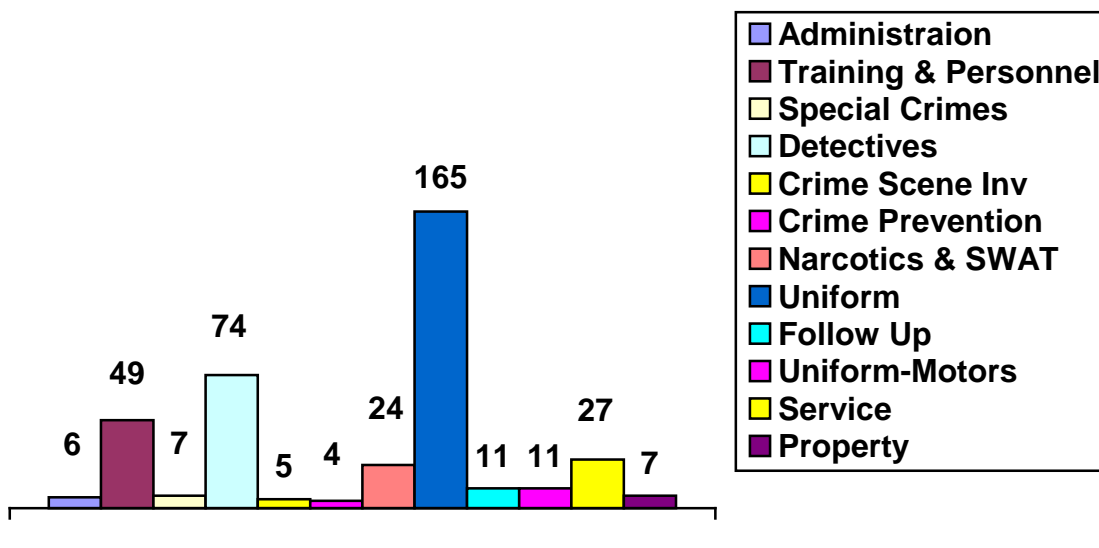
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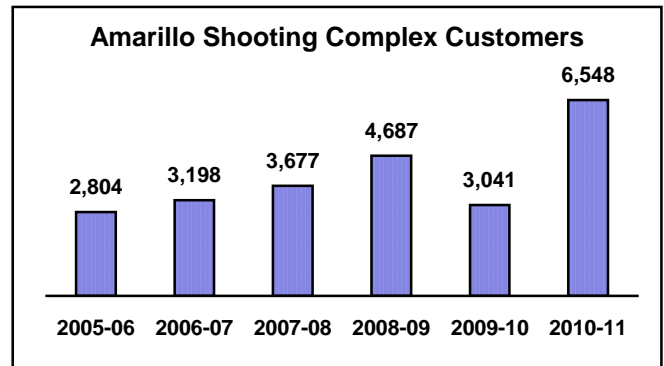
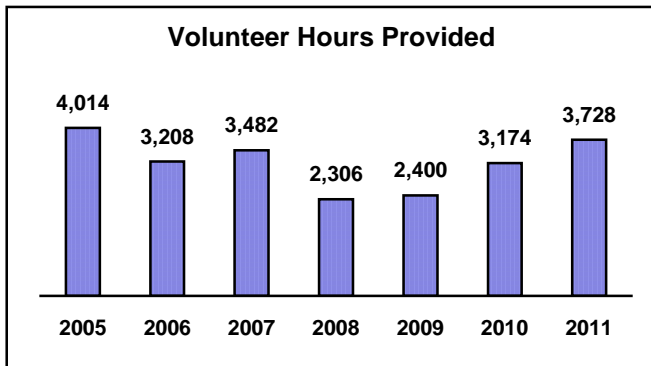
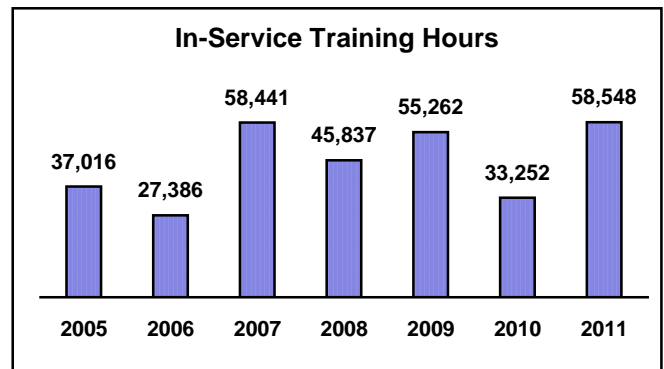
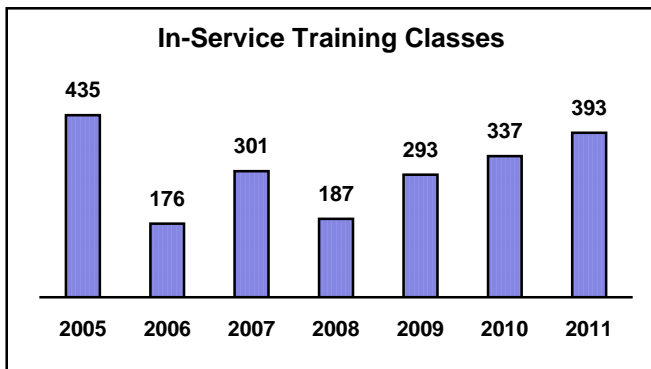
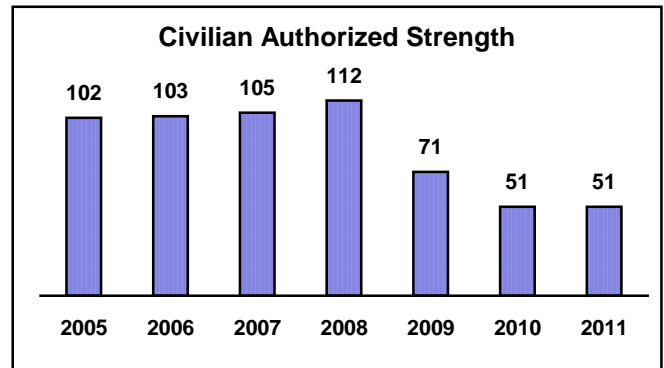
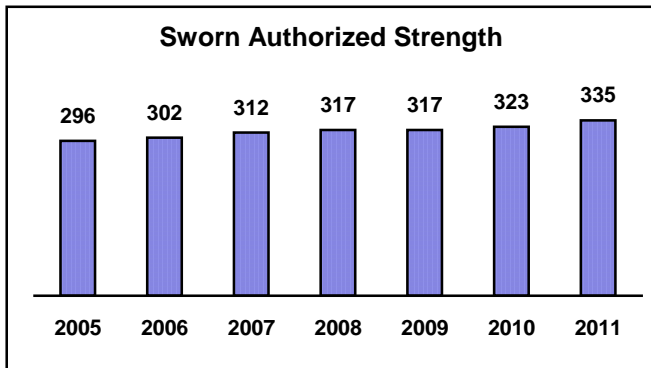


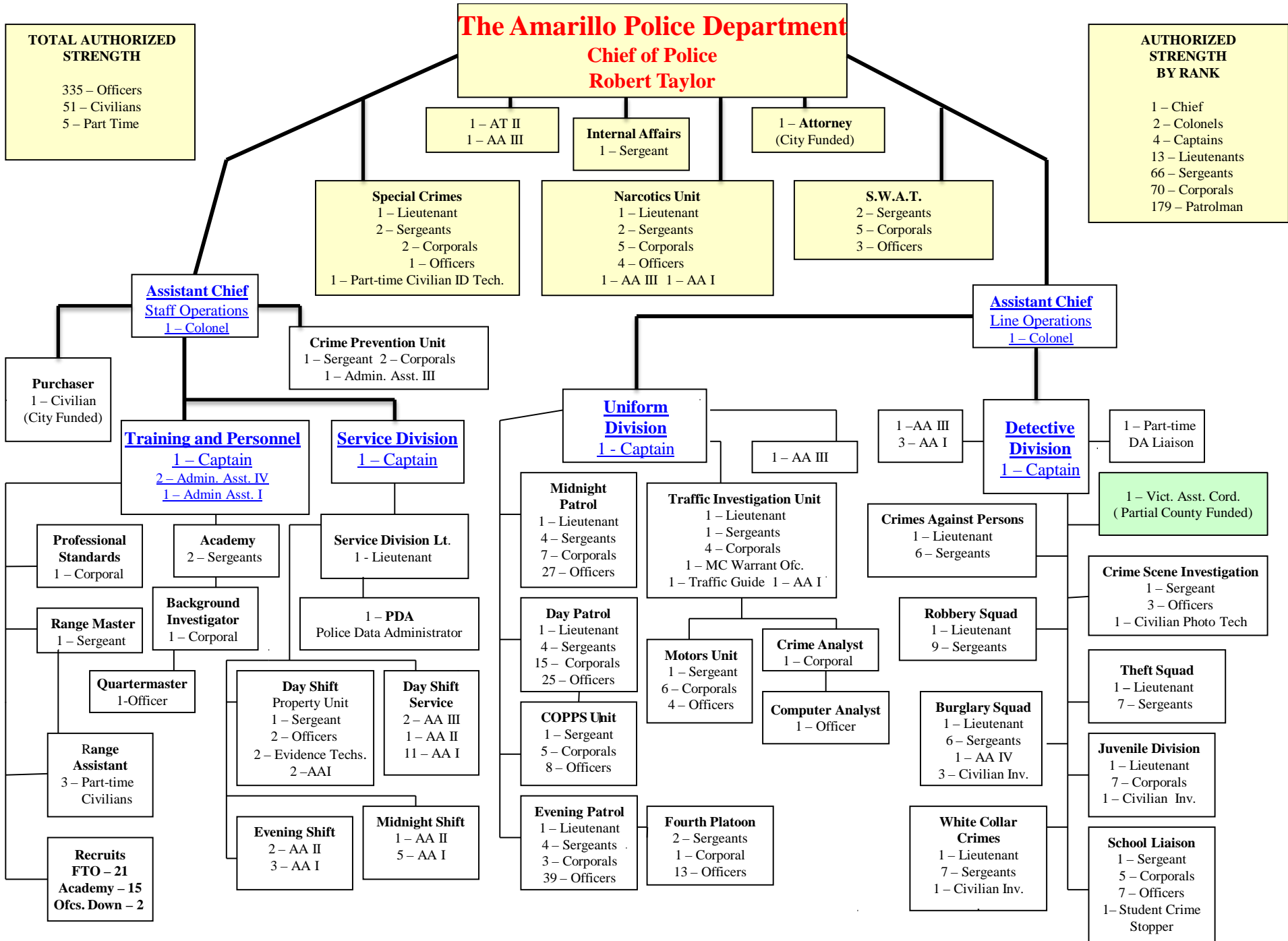
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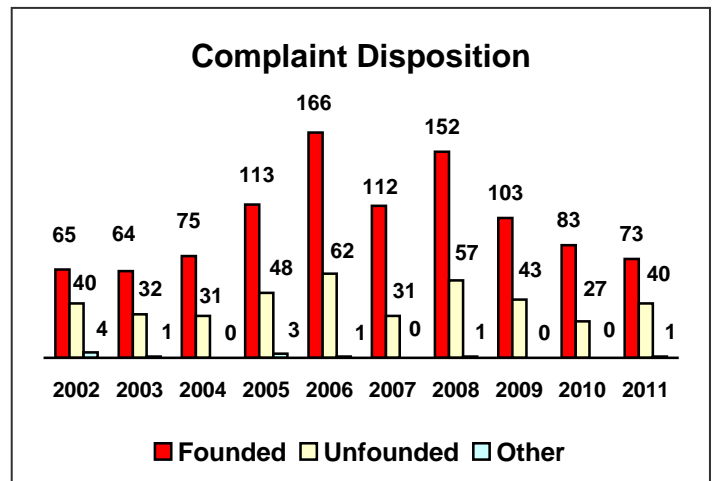
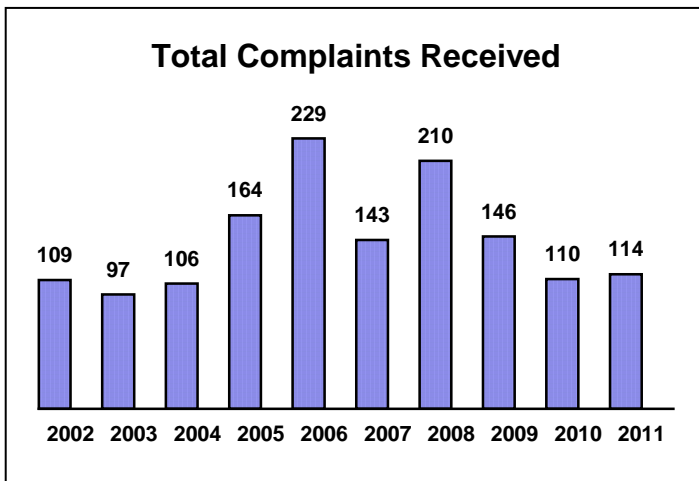
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Complaints from citizens and complaints from within the Department are investigated by the Internal Affairs Investigator. During 2011 there were 114 formal complaints filed. After investigation, 73 complaints were determined to be founded, 40 complaints unfounded. Each of the 73 founded complaint 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 six incidents where a firearm was discharged in the shooting of an animal, and the Shooting Review Board found these incidents were justified.

There was one incident during which an in-custody death occurred. This incident was investigated, and a Grand Jury determined that no further action needed to be taken.

Sergeant M.D. Hill
Internal Affairs



2011 INTERNAL AFFAIRS STATS

Complaint Type:	Founded	Unfounded	Other	Total	%Founded
Excessive Force:	0	11	0	11	0%
Illegal Search:	0	3	0	3	0%
Illegal Arrest:	0	1	0	1	0%
Neglect or Inattention to Duty:	56	11	1	68	82%
Falsify or Release Of Records:	0	2	0	2	0%
Conduct Unbecoming:	16	11	0	27	59%
Criminal Offenses:	1	1	0	2	50%
Racial Profiling:	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTALS	73	40	1	114	64%

Officer Involved

Shootings: 4
Justified: 4

Discharge of
Firearm: 6
Justified: 6

Accidental
Discharge:
of Firearm 0

In Custody
Death 1

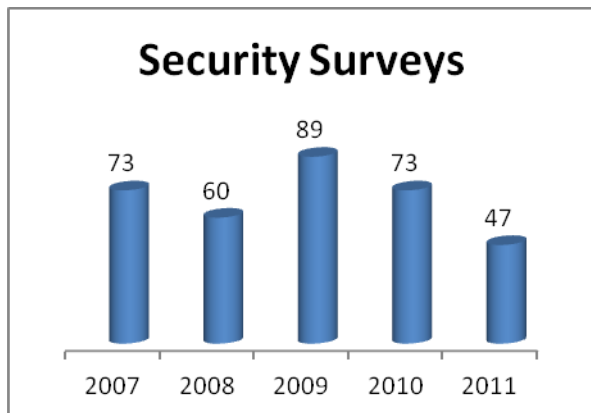
Disciplinary action was taken on all founded complaints. Such action includes verbal counseling, written reprimands, suspensions, and terminations. A resignation was submitted during one investigation.

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

Officers of the Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) are responsible for providing information to the public, both directly and through media outlets. The CPU often serves as liaison between the Amarillo Police Department and the community we serve. The CPU offers education in crime prevention, provides citizens with general safety information, is a resource for information about APD's services and practices, and provides home security surveys that help the public secure a discount on home owner's insurance and protect their homes from burglary and other crimes. In 2011, the CPU helped the Department provide information to over 4,000 Nixle subscribers through Nixle e-mail and text messages and made 227 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. Amarillo Crime Stoppers operates within the CPU.



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 provides education about local crime trends, fraud and theft prevention, as well as home and personal security. The CPU worked to grow community awareness in crime prevention and information about the Department through the use of Nixle; a free, secure service that allows the department to communicate directly with the public via e-mail, text, and web posted messages. Learn about it at www.nixle.com





In October of 2011, Amarillo Crime Stoppers attended the 23rd Annual Crime Stoppers Conference in McAllen, Texas. At this conference, the program received the required training hours to maintain program certification. The program also celebrated several successes by receiving 3 rewards at the state conference. We received a productivity award for most cases cleared based on the population we serve. We also received the "Innovative Publicity Award", which is the Crime Stoppers themed "wrap" for the vehicle driven by the Police Coordinator. Cpl Slover received the "Coordinator of the Year" award. Cpl Slover's receipt of this great honor was also a record within the Texas Crime Stoppers organization due to the fact that he received the award with the least amount of time assigned to the program (3 years) as a Coordinator. We witnessed a record year for the 3rd year in a row for tip volume, totaling 1,468 tips, up from 1,457 tips in 2010. Updates to our software now include "Tip Submit" for iPhone and Android users. This is a free application allowing users of these phones to include photos and video with GPS coordinates of the location of where the video or photo was taken. "Tip Submit" will automatically plot the location of the crime using Google Maps. A successful tip this year led to a residential marijuana grow where 48 marijuana plants were seized. The value of these plants in total was \$105,014.25. We also recovered 12 weapons, compared to 3 last year.

We conducted our 3rd 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 143 vehicles in attendance, up from 108 vehicles last year. This was a great way for our entire Board to be among the community we serve. The car show also 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 43 of them were arrested. Crime Stopper tips directly led to the arrest of 111 wanted people this year. In 2011, Amarillo Crime Stoppers received 1,468 tips. From those tips we cleared 176 cases and arrested 157 suspects. Those tips led to the recovery of \$67,843 in property, and removed \$115,362 in narcotics from our city streets. Amarillo Crime Stoppers approved 108 rewards for 2011, compared to 100 rewards in 2010, for a total of \$20,510. Even though a total of 108 rewards were approved, only 68% 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.

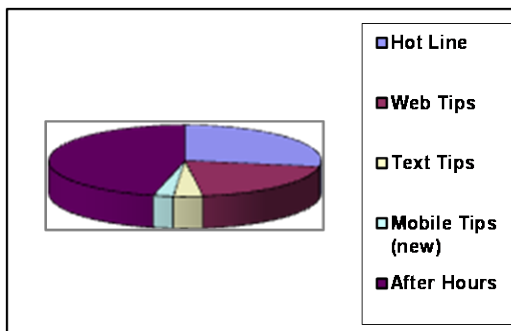
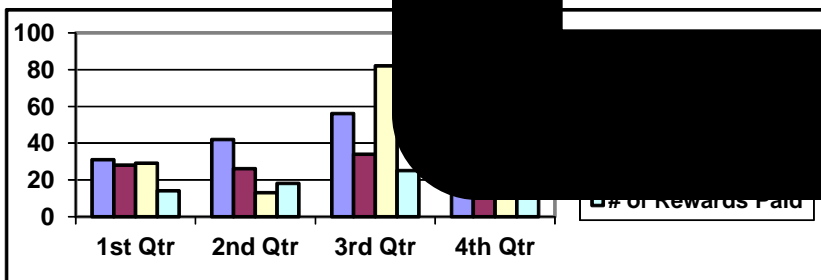
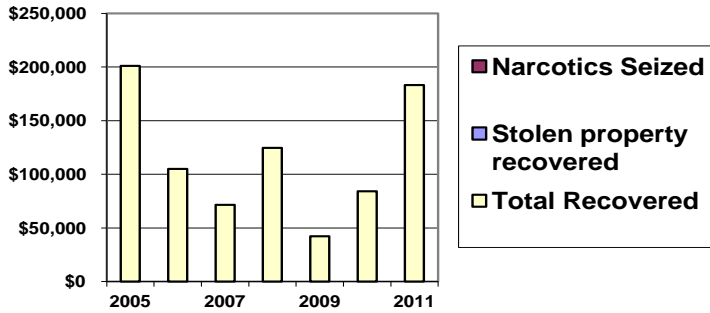
We are grateful that the citizens of the Amarillo area support us by providing tips, volunteering on our Board, and for the generous monetary support to keep the program running. We could not have been this successful without the tremendous help of the law enforcement community following up on the tips we received. Our 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 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

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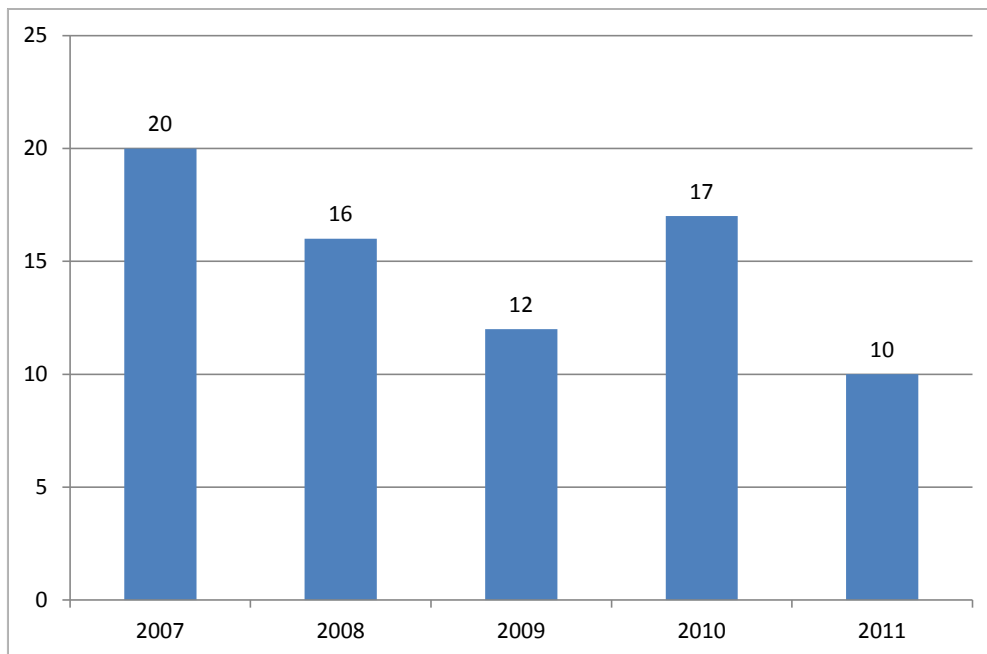
SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT

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. The Special Crimes Unit also 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 Office. The unit consists of seven full-time members from the Amarillo Police Department and the Potter County Sheriff's Office.

Lieutenant Erick Bohannon of the Amarillo Police Department serves as the Special Crimes Unit Coordinator. Sergeant Eric Smith and Sgt. Jason Riddlespurger, with the Amarillo Police Department, are two of the unit's Investigative Detectives. Sergeant David Brown, of the Potter County Sheriff's Office, is assigned to the unit as an Investigative Detective. Officer Jimmy Rifenberg, Cpl. Joe Brown and Cpl. Ed Carroll are CSI officers assigned to the unit from the Amarillo Police Department. Retired APD Sergeant Modeina Holmes, a member of the original Special Crimes Unit, works part-time as a Crime Scene Specialist and Karen Fitzgerald from the 47th District Attorney's Office, is the unit's Secretary.



Homicides Investigated by Special Crimes



Homicides and Other Cases Investigated by Special Crimes

2011 Homicides Invesitgated	10
2011 Homicides Cleared	8
Number of Deaths by:	
Gunshot	3
Arson	0
Stabbing	3
Blunt Force	1
Strangulation	2
Automobile	1
Other	0
Homicides by Jusrisdiction:	
City of Amarillo	10
Potter County	0
Armstrong County	0
Homicides by Month:	
January	1
February	0
March	0
April	4
May	0
June	2
July	1
August	0
September	1
October	0
November	1
December	0
Suspicious Deaths Investigated:	13
Outside Agency Assistance:	1
Homicides from Prior Years Investigated:	3
Miscellaneous Investigative Activity:	16
Fire Deaths:	1
Officer Involved Shootings:	4
In Custody Deaths:	4
Infant deaths:	5
Total Number of Cases Investigated:	42

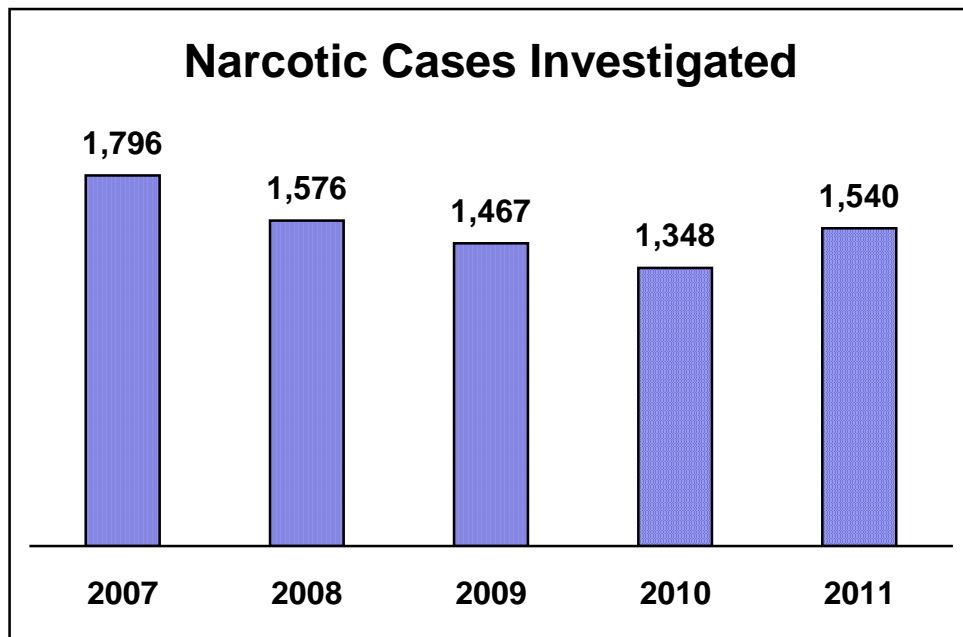
NARCOTICS UNIT AND SWAT

Narcotics Unit

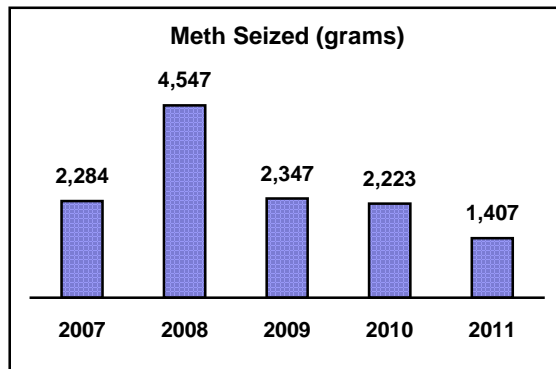
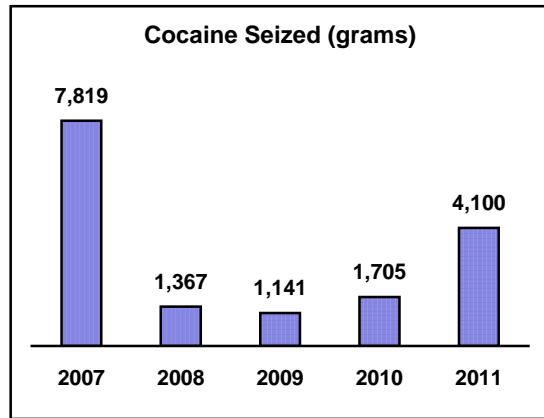
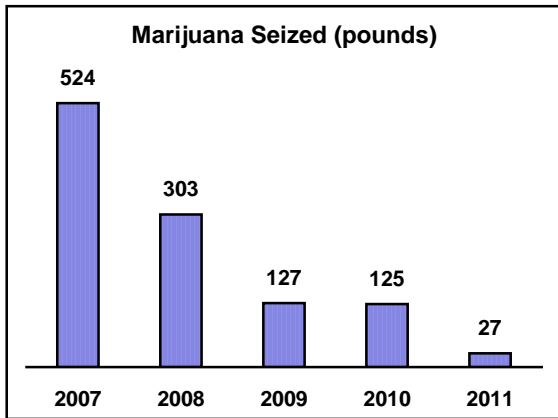
Lt. Terry Lichtie is the Commander of the Narcotics Unit and SWAT Team. The Narcotics Unit is comprised of 2 sergeants and 7 narcotics agents. One additional narcotics agent is assigned to the local office of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency in Amarillo. The Narcotics Unit is responsible for the following:

- 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 5 years:

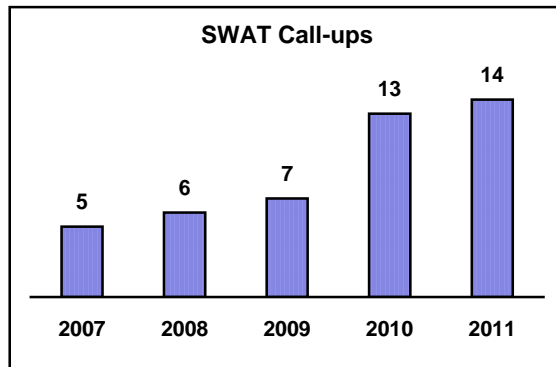


In addition to conducting narcotic investigations, agents of the Narcotics Unit presented narcotics awareness programs to local professional and civic groups throughout Amarillo.

SWAT Team

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



Off. Michael Williams



Rotary Club South Officer of the Year 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.

Sgt. Celia Vargas



Rotary Club South Officer of the 1st Quarter 2011

Sgt. Vargas has been assigned to the detective division since 2003, and she has been assigned to the White Collar Crime Squad since 2007. The White Collar detective unit is known for complex embezzlement and fraud cases, involving lengthy investigations. Sgt. Vargas has a reputation as an aggressive, knowledgeable, hard working detective that leaves no leads unturned. Sgt. Vargas is probably the most knowledgeable detective in this Department in the white collar crime areas, such as fraud, credit and debit card, and embezzlement type crimes. These types of crimes are very complex and require extensive investigation and special knowledge of how these crimes are committed in order for them to be solved. Sgt. Vargas has shown that she has these qualities and is well capable of investigating any crime fitting this category. Over these past few years, she has consistently made numerous good cases resulting in several felony convictions with extensive punishments for the offenders. Her evaluations have always been above average with comments made about her skill and hard work in clearing these types of offenses.

A prime example of her talent and hard work is the recent personnel commendation Sgt. Vargas received for the apprehension of a suspect that was involved in the stealing of car keys from various fitness centers while the key owners were working out. The subject would then burglarize the victim's vehicles and steal wallets and purses. The man extensively used the stolen credit cards from these thefts and was able to do this for several

months until he was stopped by being apprehended. These thefts amounted to thousands of dollars in losses to the victims and to the businesses accepting these stolen cards. Sgt. Vargas obtained store video of the suspect and developed leads that led to the identity of the person. When provided with witnesses that knew the suspect, she was able to obtain the cooperation of one witness who identified the offender from the videos. Once an arrest warrant was obtained, Sgt. Vargas interrogated the man and when he was shown the strong evidence facing him, he confessed to seven of these cases. In all, he was found to be involved in and responsible for 12 of these cases. He has since been charged with numerous felonies in both Potter and Randall County and he is facing extensive jail time and these types of crimes have since ceased.

Another example of a fine and intense investigation by Sgt. Vargas is the recent investigation of purse thefts from various office complexes. These purse thefts were occurring at random offices and time periods. These cases involved women leaving their purses at their desk and an unknown person entering these offices and stealing the purses while the desk area was unattended. Once the purses were in the thief's possession, the thief had access to cash, credit cards and checks. These crimes continued with the thief using the stolen credit cards and passing and forging checks. Again losses were in the thousands of dollars. Few leads were available until Sgt. Vargas began tracing the credit card usage and found an American Express gift card was accessed and the thief had called to check the balance of the gift card. Sgt. Vargas contacted the American Express Company and found that a record existed of the phone number used to check the card balance. Sgt. Vargas traced this phone number to a recent parolee with a lengthy criminal record who was living in a halfway house in Amarillo. Sgt. Vargas obtained video of the subject using the credit cards and found that this person matched a photo she had obtained from the man's criminal history. She located him at his parole officer's office and interviewed him, but he denied involvement and had to be released. Sgt. Vargas continued her investigation and linked the man to 5 of these purse thefts and the passing of several forged checks and credit card frauds. Sgt. Vargas presented her evidence to the District Attorney's office and shared her information with other investigators working these cases. As of this date, the offender has four felony warrants with charges ranging from forgery and credit cards abuse to fraudulent use and possession of identifying information. He is also wanted for a parole violation and other cases are still under investigation. Due to Sgt. Vargas' action, these types of thefts have ceased and a very active criminal has numerous arrest warrants pending to remove him from the streets.

Off. Christopher Cruz



Rotary Club South Officer of the 2nd Quarter 2011

Officer Christopher Cruz works in the Uniform Division of the Amarillo Police Department.

On May 31, 2011 officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident in the 3800 block of NE 24th. Officer Cruz, along with other officers, was dispatched. Officer Cruz was the first one on the scene. He found a vehicle that had slammed into a utility pole at a high rate of speed. The impact was so violent that the car doors were jammed closed. There was also a fire inside the engine compartment. Witnesses to the accident had tried to open the car doors, but were unsuccessful. The witnesses notified Off. Cruz that there were people trapped inside the car. Even though there were other adults present, nobody followed Off. Cruz to assist in attempting rescue. Off. Cruz found the passenger compartment of the car filled with smoke and flames. The officer broke out the passenger side window and tried to get the passenger to exit the vehicle, but they were unable to do so. Off. Cruz took custody of a fire extinguisher being held by a witness and tried to put the passenger compartment fire out. Other officers began arriving on the scene and they began assisting Off. Cruz by using fire extinguishers on the flames. Off. Cruz then broke the driver's side window and tried to make room for the passengers to exit. A man was finally pulled from the burning car. Fire Department personnel had to use the Jaws of Life to extricate the other passenger.

For his heroic actions, Off. Cruz was awarded the Amarillo Police Department Medal of Valor on September 26, 2011.

Off. Glenda Utsey



Rotary Club South Officer of the 3rd Quarter 2011

Officer Utsey has been with the Amarillo Police Department since September of 1986. In August of 2001, Glenda transferred to the school liaison program and was assigned to the Tascosa Cluster, with her primary assignment at Austin Middle School. The liaison program in itself was designed to have a police officer in a school environment to promote public relations through formal and informal interaction, with the objective to provide youth in our community with programs directed toward the prevention of delinquent behavior through education and communication and to provide an understanding of law enforcement responsibilities. It is not an 8:00am to 5:00pm job and the officer must be self motivated. The officer must be willing to give of their own free time to be with students and parents. In addition to all this, they must be a good police officer, since they must function in an official capacity of law enforcement. Glenda has proven to be very adept in this role. Not only has she proven to be an excellent role model

establishing relationships with the students and staff members at the schools she has been assigned, but she also proven to be an excellent teacher and officer. Her police work activities are of high standards and her investigations are thorough and complete. She takes the time to explain to parents, students, and school officials what the process is of a criminal violation and what the consequences are. In 2004, Office Utsey began teaching the LETS Program at Coronado Elementary. LETS has 2 acronyms, the first being Law Enforcement Teaching Students with the second being Look, Explore, and Take a Stand. It teaches the students the 6 pillars of character: caring, trustworthiness, honesty, citizenship, respect and responsibility, all lessons which will help the students make better choices in life. The program has proven to be successful and is now being taught at Wolflin and Paramount Elementary Schools.

In 2004, the NAACP approached Chief Jerry Neal with the idea of starting a summer camp which would improve the relationship between the police department and the citizens of the north side of town. The camp was later named the APD/ Cpl Lisa Cherry Summer Camp in honor of Cpl. Cherry, who in the last year of her life helped set up the camp's format. The camp project was assigned to the juvenile division with the school liaison officers playing an integral role. Officer Utsey plays a vital role in the success of the camp. Her numerous contacts throughout the community and her organizational skills contribute greatly to the Camps' success. "Camp Momma" as she is affectionately known, assists in planning the Camp's activities, making sure there is no downtime where the children are bored. She is in charge of the publicity of the camp, assisting other liaison officers getting applications for the Camp. She contacts other officers to make sure they know when they are scheduled to give their presentations and also ensures that food and prizes will be there when it is time. The Camp has proven to be very successful for the middle school students who attend and learn what all the officers of the department do. Organizations which contribute to the success are: NAACP, LULAC, 79107 through the United Way, Boys Ranch, Amarillo Fire Department, Life Star, Amarillo Medical Services, Amarillo Parks and Recreation, Civic Center staff, Amarillo National Bank, to name a few. Specialized units inside the department that contribute to the success of the camp are the Training and Personnel staff, Crime Prevention, Bomb Squad, COPPS officers, Crime Scene Investigators, Dive team, SWAT team, school liaison officers, as well as the many other officers at the PD who take the time to explain their job to the students. Without the great amount of time and effort Officer Utsey has contributed, much of it on her off duty time, the camp would not be the success it is.

President of the Amarillo Chapter of the NAACP, Mr. Floyd Anthony, stated that the Camp is meeting the goals of improving relationships between the north side of town and the police department. It is a positive concept and is an accepted idea by the community, as well as a reward for the students, with no cost to them. LULAC member and Justice of the Peace, Nancy Bosquez, describes it as a great job for the community. Officer Utsey has the reputation of an officer who can, and will, get things done. Glenda is a shining example of helping children succeed.

There are several examples of former campers that have been positively affected by their attendance. A couple of success stories come to mind. One young man was a very negative person, with a defiant attitude when he first attended the camp. His respect for adults and authority figures was almost non-existent. After a few days of camp, Officer Utsey recognized that he was actually disguising his fears and lack of confidence by acting out against authority. Glenda encouraged him to participate and persuaded him to become very active during the dive team training day. He overcame many of his fears and started to excel at everything he tried. He was elected team leader, as well as becoming one of the more respected kids in the entire camp. Glenda spoke with Cpl. Vern Wilson about the young man since he was attending Sam Houston Middle School. Together they encouraged the teen to attend a football camp that summer and he was found to have outstanding athletic ability. With the urging of both Officer Utsey and Cpl. Wilson, he became an active and successful member of the school football and basketball program. His attitude changed and follow-up with school officials have shown no discipline problems from him and the Administration says he is now very respectful to adults. To this day he continues to make positive comments about the Lisa Cherry Summer Camp and the counselors, including Officer Utsey.

Officer Utsey selected another teen for the camp during the girl's sixth grade year, after she began observing the girl in the school office for minor discipline problems that are typical of a student that is a follower and someone who lacks self confidence. As the young lady continued to make bad choices, Glenda began taking a greater interest in her. She got her into the summer camp and pushed her to become more of a leader. The young lady was able to overcome her fear and lack of self confidence during the equine therapy portion of camp at Boys Ranch. She blossomed and became much more confident and friendly. Her attitude changed as a result of the camp and she became active in sports during school. School officials have commented that this student is much more comfortable in the school setting and has become a leader, not only during her seventh and eighth grade years, but continues to be a positive influence today in her school. She has become a goodwill ambassador for the Lisa Cherry Summer Camp and encourages students to attend as she progresses through school. These are just two of the many success stories Glenda has been a part of. Officer Utsey is a great addition to the School Liaison Program and her help with the summer camp cannot be easily measured.

Beside the camp work, she is well respected by other officers. In 2010 she was selected by Department members to be a peer counselor. This position indicates how much she is respected and trusted by her fellow employees.

One definition of public relations is the art or science of establishing and promoting a favorable relationship with the public. Through her work as a school liaison officer and as the "Camp Mamma", Glenda has proven that she is a master in the art of public relations.

Cpl. Sean Slover



Rotary Club South Officer of the 4th Quarter 2011

Cpl. Sean Slover, the Amarillo Crime Stoppers Coordinator, was Officer of the 4th Quarter, 2011. Cpl. Slover was previously selected as the Rotary Officer of the First Quarter of 2010 for bringing new successes to the ACS program with his implementation of strategies to take tips by text and web, his high number of tips and arrests, fund raising success, and cases solved.

Since then, he has continued to build on his success and has achieved state-wide recognition for his efforts. Cpl. Slover received letters of recommendation sent by the Crime Stoppers Board to the State Council of Crime Stoppers. One letter details many of the things he was recognized for since he became coordinator, but it also includes information about what has happened after he was selected Officer of the Quarter last year. Cpl. Slover has continued to expand the program by formally adding Carson County to the area the ACS program serves. The car show fundraiser he started in 2009 (\$5600 net profit and \$5700 in 2010) brought in \$10,105 in 2011, nearly doubling the money for reward funds raised the previous two years. This is amazing considering the economy, and reflects a great deal of both public and sponsor support for the program.

As a result of the program's success and the nomination, Cpl. Slover was selected from seven nominees from agencies all over the state as Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the

Year. This was announced at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council, held 10-25-11 in McAllen. At the same meeting, the program received two more awards: One for “Most Innovative Publicity” for his Crime Stoppers theme-wrapped one-ton pickup, and the Productivity Award for Most Cases Cleared for cities between 200,001 and 250,000 people (179).

Cpl. Slover’s work not only promotes the program and brings positive attention to Amarillo from outside the community, it continues to make Amarillo a better place for all of us in the community. By the end of October of 2011, Crime Stoppers had directly contributed to officers making 141 arrests-three one more than last year’s end of year total of 138. The program is on track for another improved year of arrest numbers under his stewardship.

**I’d like to repeat one sentence from one of the nomination letter from the ACS board:
*“Cpl. Slover has a contagious enthusiasm that has rejuvenated the entire ACS Board of Directors. His television and radio appearances have created a new interest from the community and with his guidance and leadership ACS will continue to flourish.”***