

Newport Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT

2009

Mission Statement

“The mission of the Newport Police Department is to consistently invest available resources toward our City’s reputation as a safe place to live, work, play, learn and visit.”

- Chief Mark J. Miranda

NEWPORT Police Department

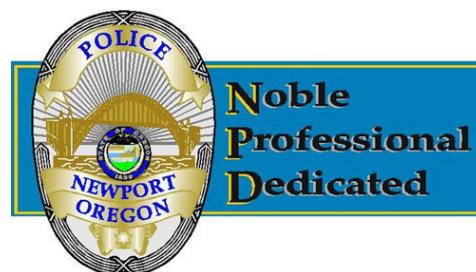


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In Dedication to Ryan Michael Williams



Newport Police Officer
September 11, 2004 – May 16, 2009

Ryan Williams served as a reserve police officer for the City of Newport before being hired full time in 2007. Shortly after successfully completing his training at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Ryan was diagnosed with leukemia. After a long and hard-fought battle, at the age of 29, Ryan passed away on May 16, 2009.

Message from the Chief

February 2010

I am pleased to present the Newport Police Department's 2009 Annual Report. I would like to highlight a few of our many accomplishments for the year.

The Department has made an internal commitment to extend communications to the public, as well as to improve customer service levels. Nixle was brought on line and is in frequent use. The Nixle notifications allow the Department to advise the public and media, both local and distant, of traffic delays, hazardous areas and news of interest.

The Department Web site has been updated and expanded, offering more in-depth information about the Department, its members and activities. A Department member, who is well versed in web design, has been assigned to monitor the site. It is kept updated on a weekly basis; even daily at times.

The Department's Drug Canine program has been fully implemented and is in regular use. The K-9 team has a fully outfitted vehicle to work out of. The dog has received State of Oregon drug detection certification as well as national certification. The K-9 team works with the School District and the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team to detect illicit narcotics. Over \$81,000.00 in funds from a Federal grant and local contributions were received to fund this program.

The Community Service Officer (CSO) continues to work on nuisance abatement issues throughout the City. The last Meth contaminated house in the City was removed this year. Other projects completed by the CSO have caused several dilapidated structures to be removed and several large urban campsites to be cleaned up at minimal or no expense to the citizens of Newport. Recently when the City was not able to access an individual's property to mitigate a flooding issue, the CSO was able to assist by filing the appropriate paperwork through the Municipal Court to allow City workers access on to the property.

The Department applied for and received grant monies in excess of \$55,000.00 to upgrade our evidence collection capabilities. All patrol cars are now equipped with mobile video cameras, as well as high quality digital still cameras. This equipment ensures high quality collection of voice/video imaging to improve case prosecution, as well as reducing liability for the City and members of the Department.

All members of the patrol staff are now out of training and off probation. This is the first time this has occurred in several years. Patrol is staffed with a supervisor on each shift to ensure proper supervision, mentoring and training. As a result, citizen complaints have been drastically reduced over the last several months. There is one patrol position that has been vacant for most of the year.

This position is being held for Ofcr. Andrew Ashpole, who has been serving his country in Iraq. We hope to see him back this spring.

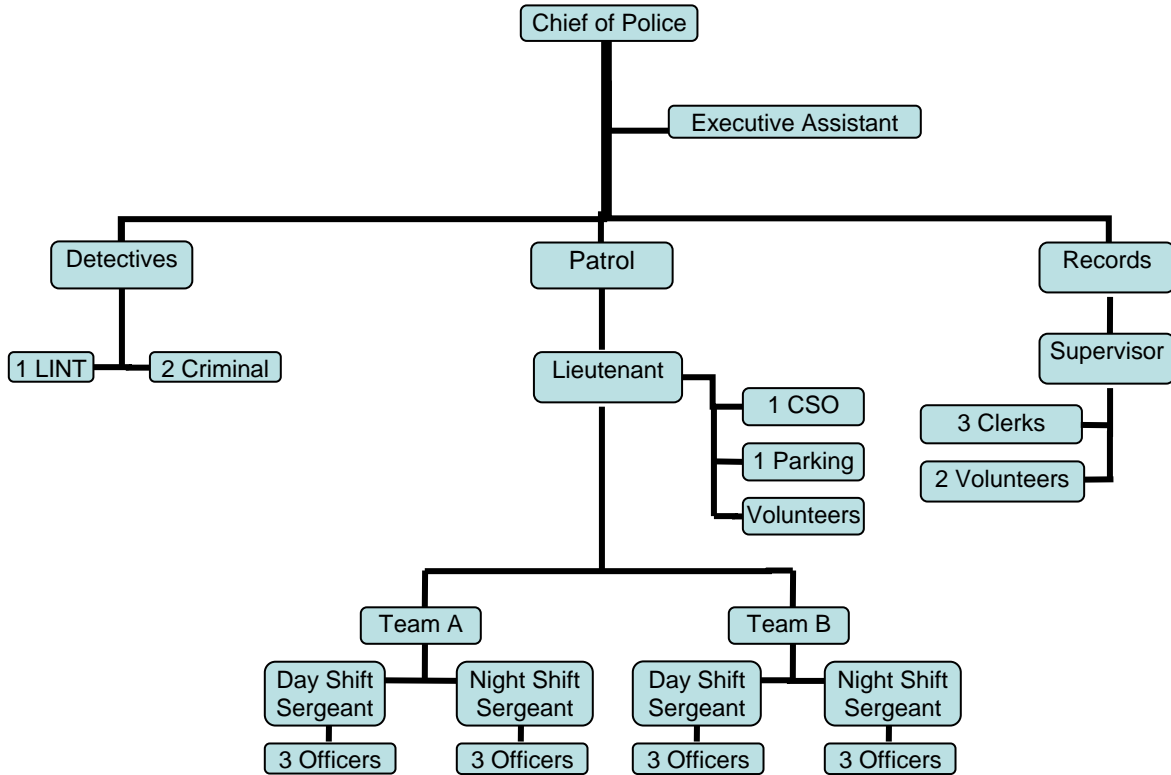
The Newport Police Department Volunteer program has continued to expand with the numbers growing from ten members to a current strength of over twenty. Volunteers logged over 2,866 hours of service. This equates to over \$51,000.00 in savings to the City. The volunteers represent the City at public events, as well as providing security assistance at crime scenes, volunteering at the warming shelter, assisting on administrative projects and providing traffic control when needed. All of these activities help free up patrol officers and other staff for other priority duties.

The Newport Police Department supports the philosophy of community oriented policing. All officers realize that their efforts are only effective when combined with continued community support. The Newport Police Department members take pride in serving the citizens of Newport; its members will remain persistent in honoring the established values, goals and services.

Noble – Professional – Dedicated

Mark J. Miranda
Chief of Police

Organizational Chart



| Total Personnel | |
|-----------------|----|
| Sworn | 21 |
| Civilian | 6 |
| Seasonal | 1 |
| Volunteers | 27 |
| | |
| Overall Total | 55 |

National Crime Clock

| | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | Every 4.8 seconds | One Theft |
| | Every 18 seconds | One Burglary |
| | Every 34.9 seconds | One Child Abused or Neglected |
| | Every 36.9 seconds | One Aggravated Assault |
| | Every 52 seconds | One Woman Victim of Domestic Violence |
| | Every 1.9 minutes | One Rape |
| | Every 3.5 minutes | One Man Victim of Domestic Violence |
| | Every 4.2 minutes | One Elder Abuse |
| | Every 31 minutes | One Homicide |
| | Every 40.4 minutes | One Drunk Driving Fatality |
| | Every 69 minutes | One Hate Crime |

Statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of National Center for Victims of Crime.



This annual report provides a look at crime within our community. There are many things that contribute to the crime rate including, but not limited to:

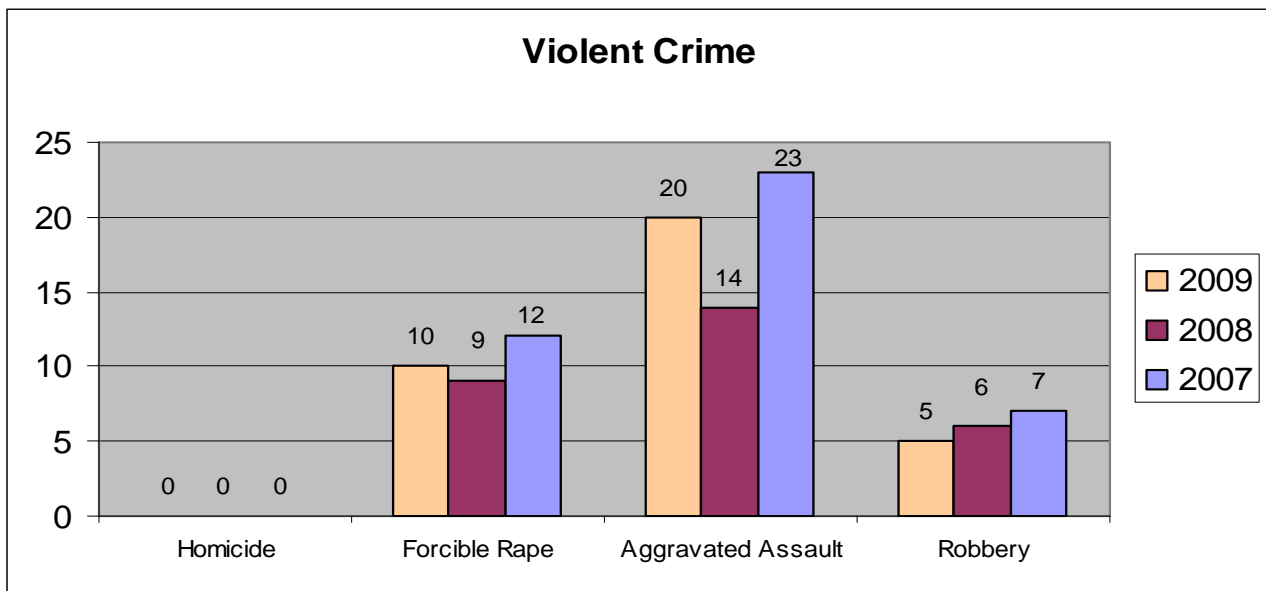
- Changes in population
- Over-crowding and early releases from the Lincoln County Jail
- Unemployment rate

Preventing crime and providing the highest quality of life is at the forefront of the Newport Police Department’s mission each day.

Violent crimes consist of: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault.

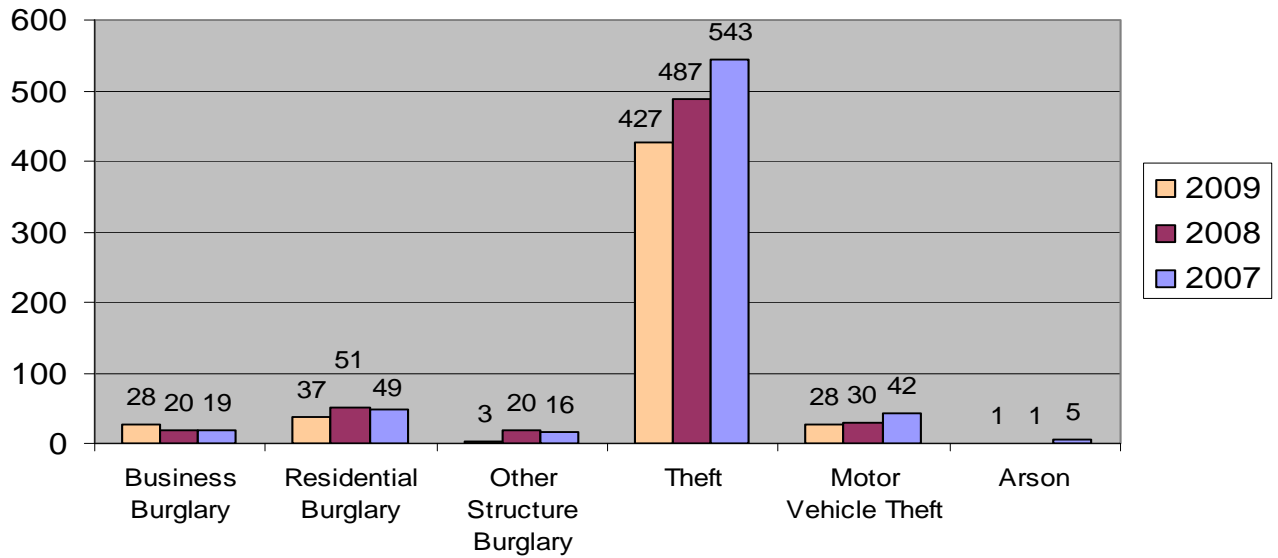
Property crimes consist of: Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

The following tables provide the total number of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes reported for the past three years:



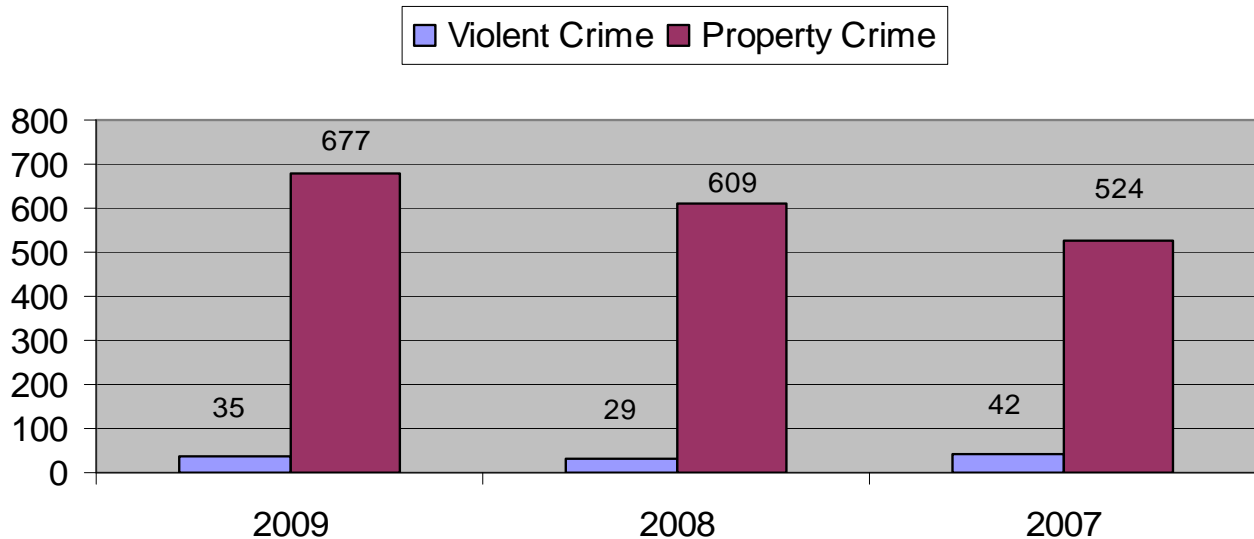
| VIOLENT CRIME | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forcible Rape | 10 | 9 | 12 |
| Aggravated Assault | 20 | 14 | 23 |
| Robbery | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Total Violent Crime | 35 | 29 | 42 |

Property Crime

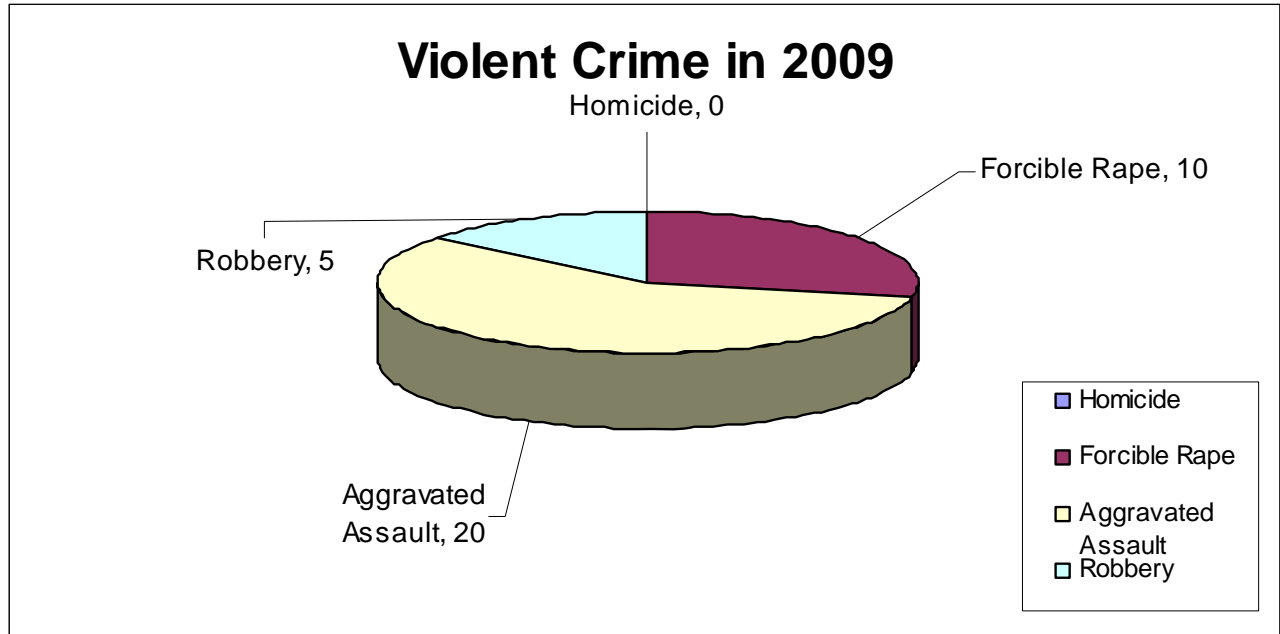


| PROPERTY CRIME | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Business Burglary | 28 | 20 | 19 |
| Residential Burglary | 37 | 51 | 49 |
| Other Structure Burglary | 3 | 20 | 16 |
| Theft | 427 | 487 | 543 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 28 | 30 | 45 |
| Arson | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Total Property Crime | 524 | 609 | 677 |

2007 - 2009 Comparison

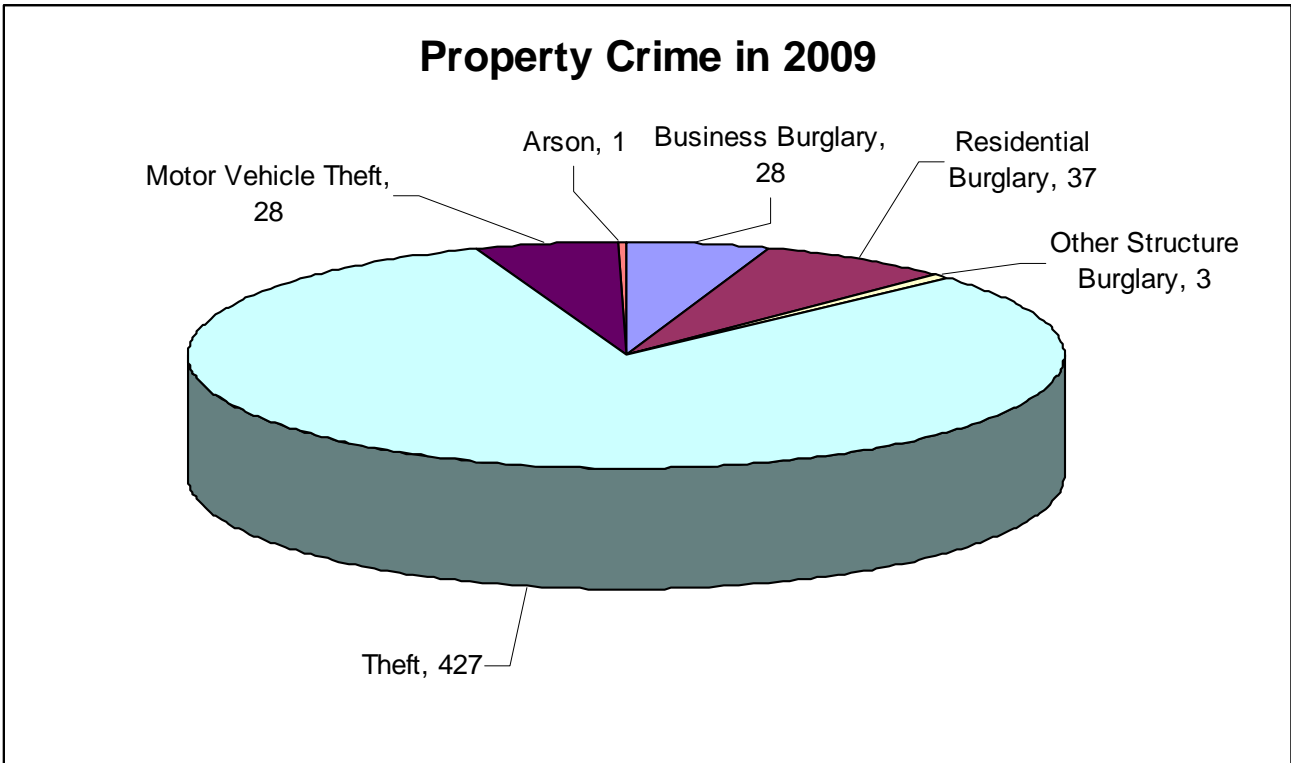


Violent Crimes



Other Crimes Against Persons in 2009

| | |
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| Sex Offense | 49 |
| Simple Assault | 61 |
| Domestic Dispute | 187 |
| Identity Theft | 29 |

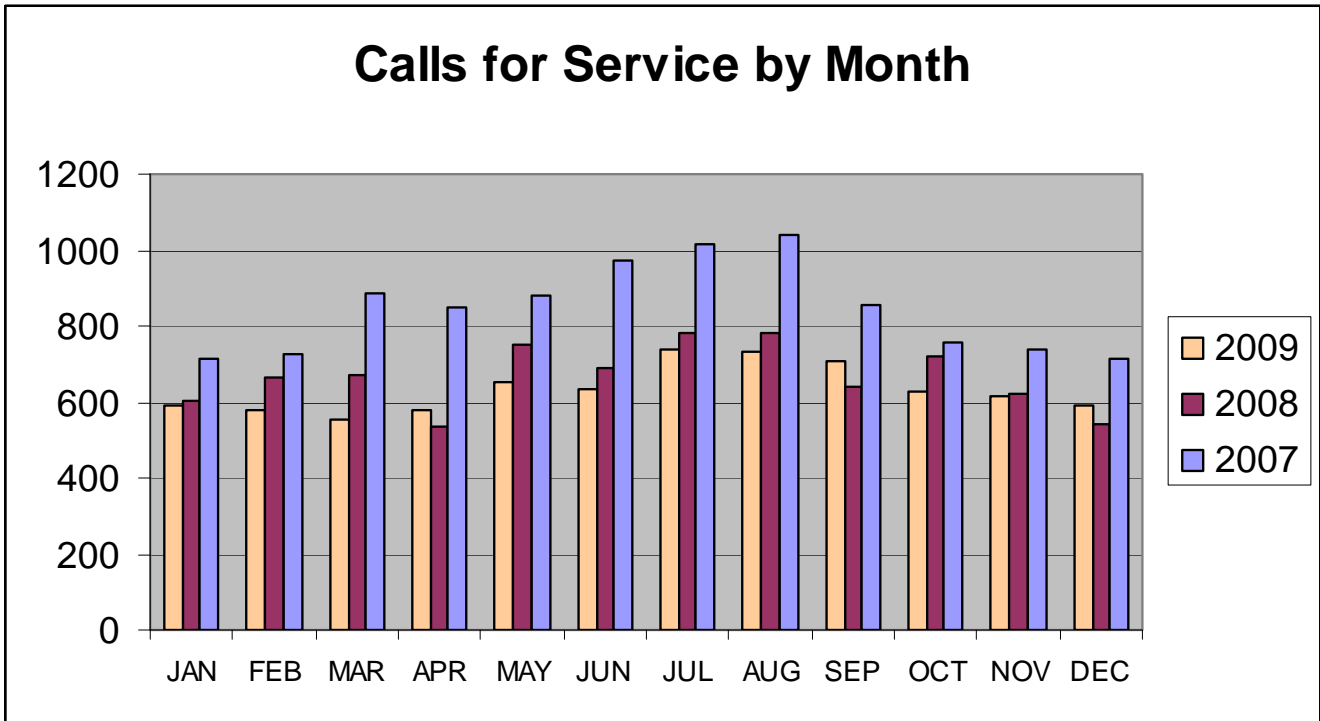
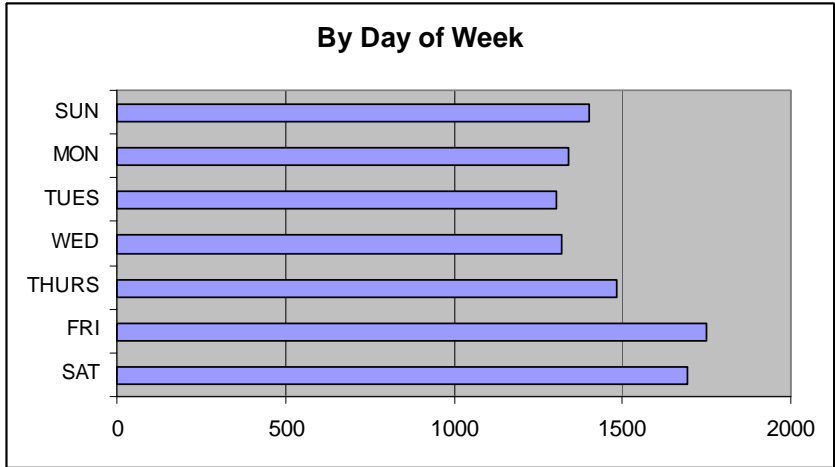


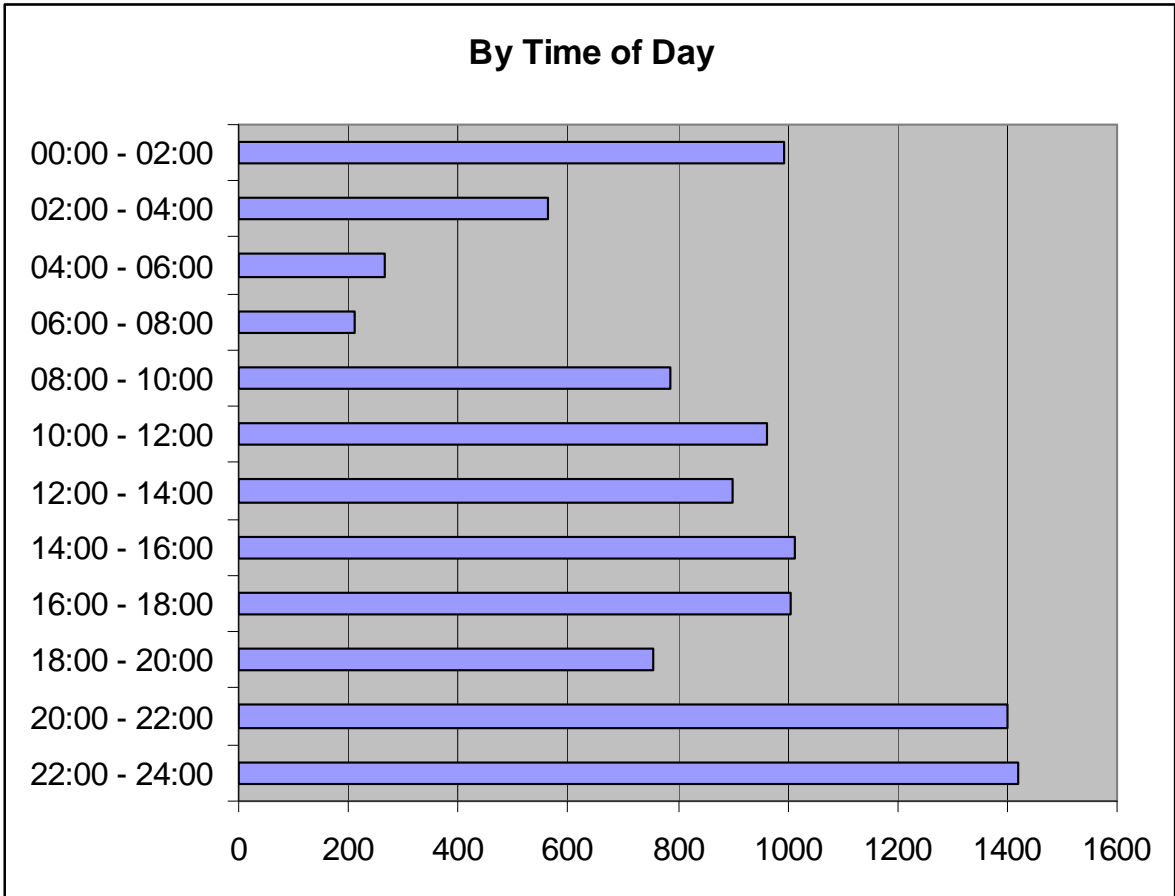
Other Property Crimes in 2009

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Fraud | 85 |
| Vandalism | 216 |
| Trespass | 109 |

Calls for Service

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| JAN | 592 | 601 | 714 |
| FEB | 578 | 663 | 726 |
| MAR | 555 | 673 | 884 |
| APR | 578 | 533 | 850 |
| MAY | 653 | 753 | 881 |
| JUN | 633 | 691 | 972 |
| JUL | 738 | 782 | 1017 |
| AUG | 732 | 781 | 1040 |
| SEP | 705 | 638 | 856 |
| OCT | 629 | 719 | 759 |
| NOV | 613 | 623 | 740 |
| DEC | 591 | 541 | 713 |
| TOTAL | 7,597 | 7,998 | 10,152 |





Arrests

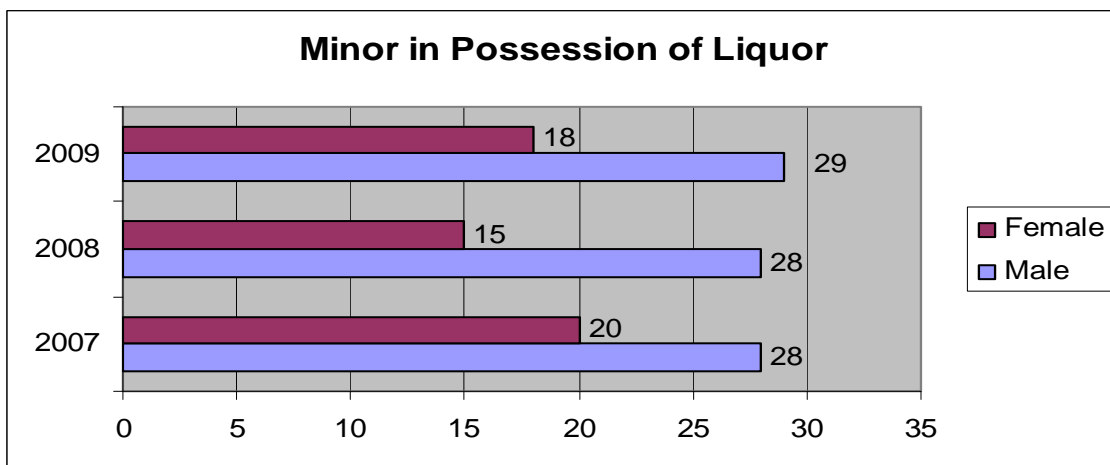
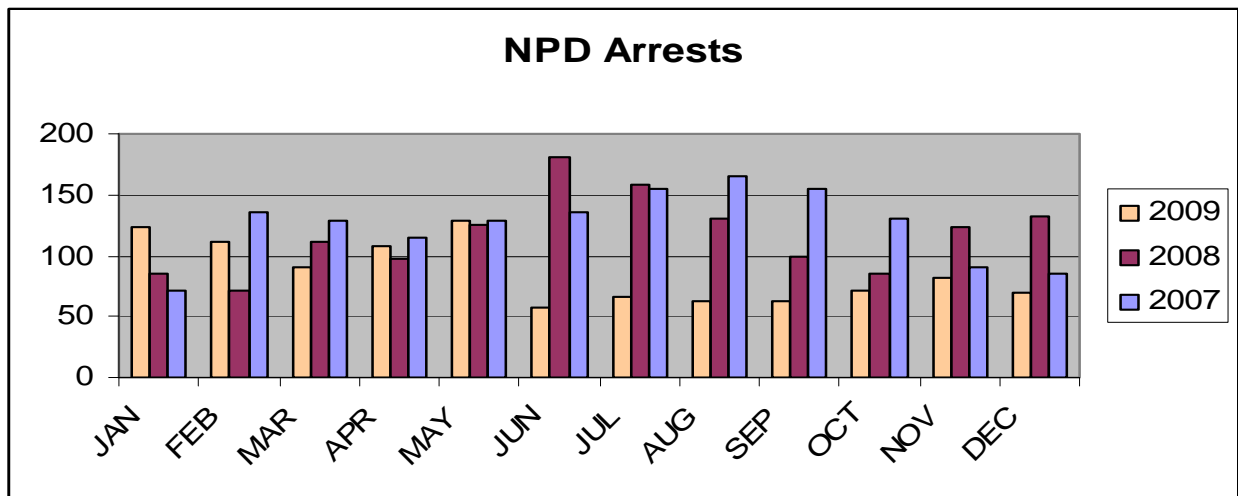
NPD Arrest Comparison

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| JAN | 123 | 85 | 71 |
| FEB | 111 | 72 | 136 |
| MAR | 90 | 111 | 129 |
| APR | 107 | 97 | 114 |
| MAY | 129 | 126 | 128 |
| JUN | 58 | 181 | 135 |
| JUL | 66 | 158 | 154 |
| AUG | 62 | 131 | 166 |
| SEP | 63 | 100 | 154 |
| OCT | 71 | 85 | 131 |
| NOV | 81 | 124 | 91 |
| DEC | 69 | 132 | 85 |
| TOTAL | 1,030 | 1,402 | 1,494 |

| DUII Arrests | | |
|--------------|------|------|
| 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| 100 | 149 | 118 |

Minors in Possession of Liquor

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Male | 29 | 28 | 28 |
| Female | 18 | 15 | 20 |
| TOTAL | 47 | 43 | 48 |



Canine Unit



In 2008, Newport Police Department reached out to the community for support in an effort to obtain a K-9 team for drug detection work.

The Department was awarded \$69,500 by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Additional funds were raised through many public and private donations, including \$10,000 from the Lincoln County School District and \$10,000 from the community. These funds ensured training for an Officer to be part of the K-9 Unit, and to purchase a patrol vehicle specially equipped for the canine.

In November 2008, NPD purchased a two-year old male German Shepherd named Eyan from the Czech Republic through Adlerhorst International.

Officer Eriksen and Eyan attended five weeks of extensive training at Adlerhorst International Police K-9 Academy in Riverside, California. In February 2009, Eyan was certified by the State of Oregon and became a very visible addition to the Department. He can be seen working in the field at traffic stops, assisting the narcotics team on search warrants, and making appearances in local schools.

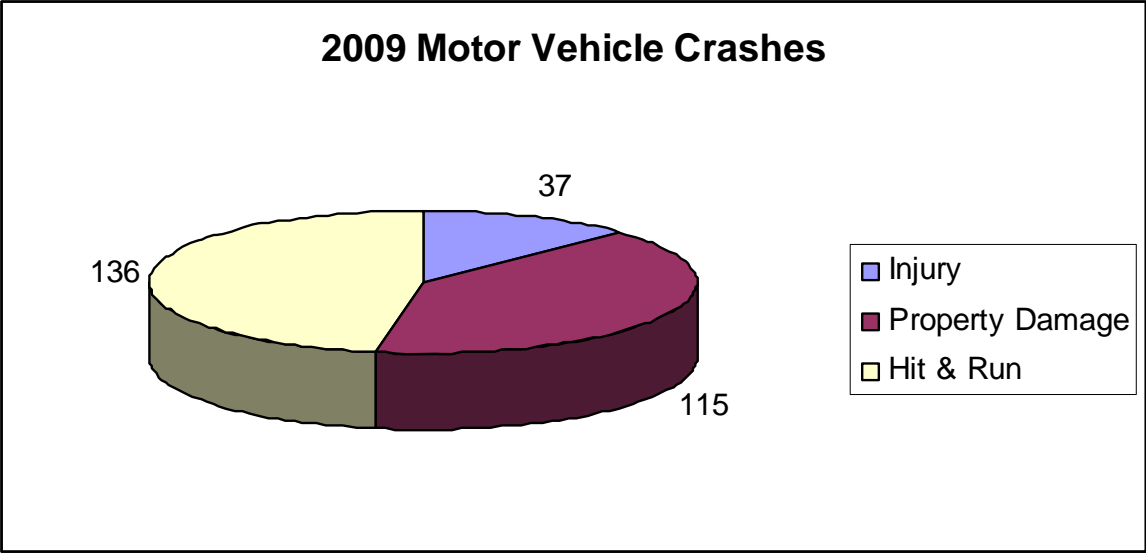
In October 2009, Officer Eriksen and Eyan attended an Advanced Drug Detection Enhancement Course sponsored by the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center. Officer Eriksen was trained on advanced canine handling techniques. At the conclusion of the course, Officer Eriksen and Eyan participated in national certification testing. The test included searching both vehicles and buildings. Officer Eriksen and Eyan scored 100% on the certification test, correctly identifying all concealed narcotics. In addition to holding an Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA) certification, Officer Eriksen and Eyan are now certified nationally through the National Police Canine Association (NPCA).

The K-9 Team has quickly become a valuable asset to the Police Department and the community as a part of making Newport a safer place to live, work and play.

| DRUG CHARGES | |
|-----------------|----|
| Heroin | 3 |
| Cocaine | 0 |
| Methamphetamine | 15 |
| Marijuana | 62 |
| Other Drugs | 25 |

| UTILIZATION FOR K-9 UNIT IN 2009 | |
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| Utilized for Newport Police Dept. | 64 |
| Utilized for Other Agencies | 45 |
| Presentations | 12 |
| TOTAL | 121 |

Motor Vehicle Crashes

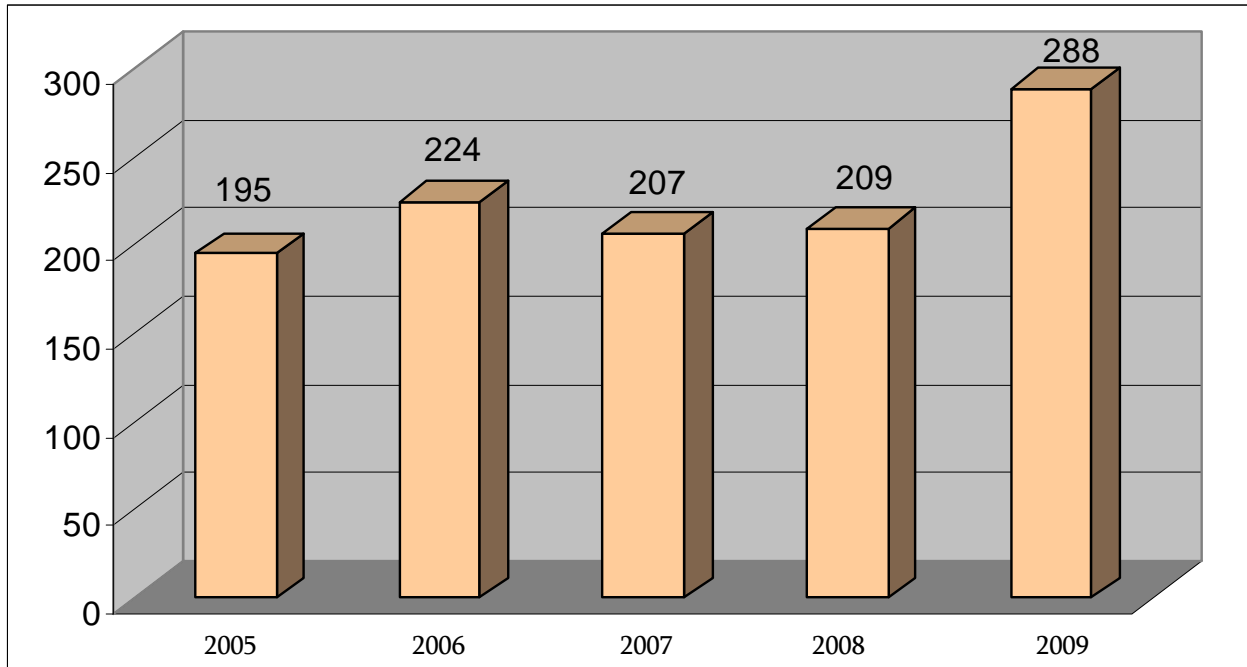


| 2009 Motor Vehicle Crashes | |
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| Injury | 37 |
| Property Damage | 115 |
| Hit & Run | 136 |
| Total | 288 |



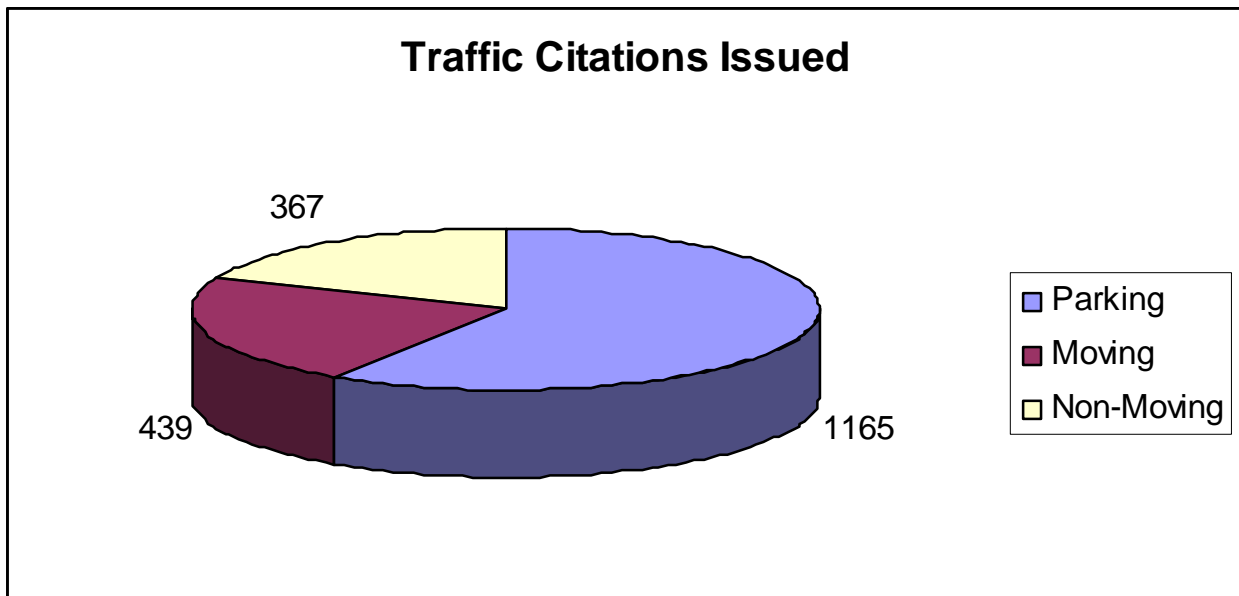
Trends of Motor Vehicle Crashes

Total Traffic Crashes by Year



Traffic Enforcement

Newport Police Officers and the seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer issued a total of 1,971 traffic citations in 2009, which were cited into Newport's Municipal Court. Officers also issued 1,640 traffic warnings and 109 parking warnings. 84 citations were issued for Disabled Parking violations.



Top 5 Traffic Citation Charges in 2009

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Speeding | 192 |
| Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device | 122 |
| Fail to Use Required Lights | 116 |
| Driving While Suspended/Revoked | 78 |
| No Operators License | 50 |



Support Services

The City of Newport Police Department's Records Division is staffed by three Records Clerks and a Records Supervisor who are responsible for maintaining the accuracy, integrity and confidentiality of sensitive information pertaining to the police department. Their duties include processing all police reports, data entry, impounded vehicle releases, report dissemination to other agencies, maintaining fingerprint records, freedom of information requests, and local record checks.

The Records Division processed a total of 3,642 reports in 2009.



The Property and Evidence Division is responsible for receiving, cataloging, storing, and maintaining all evidence collected during an investigation. Evidence may include firearms, weapons, blood samples, urine samples, personal property, found property, and items collected as part of an investigation. The Property Section is also responsible for returning property to the rightful owner at the conclusion of an investigation or disposing of such property in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes.

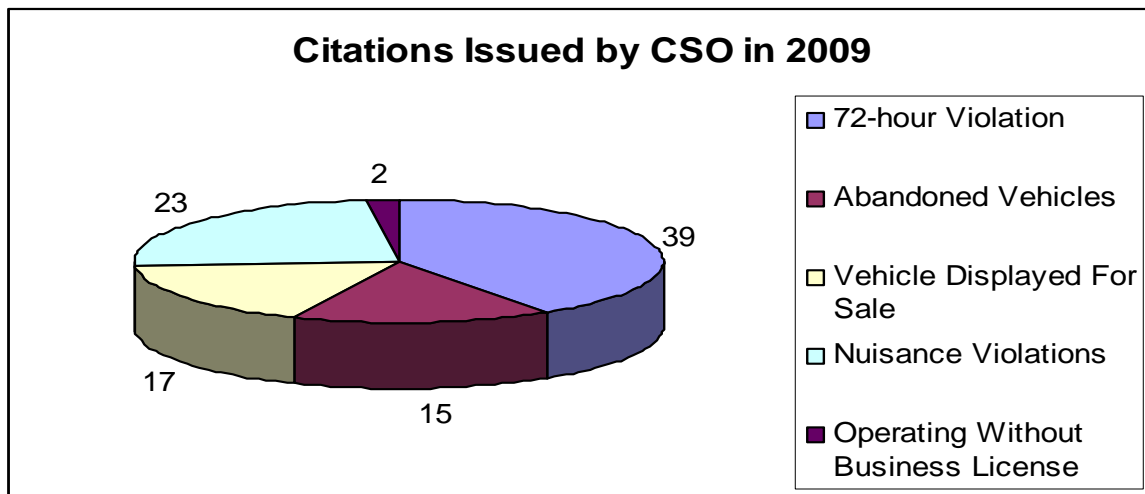
3,993 pieces of property and evidence were processed in 2009; 433 of those were drug related.

Community Service Officer

The Community Service Officer is responsible for the enforcement of certain regulatory ordinances within the City of Newport, particularly in regards to attractive nuisance violations and abandoned vehicles. The CSO attempts to resolve any incidents through voluntary compliance. He works with members of our community to make Newport a safer and more presentable community for the citizens and visitors to our area.

In 2009, the CSO handled approximately 450 ordinance issues. More than 100 of those issues were resolved by the CSO communicating with the responsible person or business owner, and no further enforcement action was necessary. 325 case reports were written. Of those incidents, approximately 10% received citations; 97% of those citations were resolved by voluntary compliance without the need for further action on the court level.

123 abandoned vehicles were resolved by the CSO contacting the registered owner. Only 15 of those owners did not comply, resulting in the vehicle having to be impounded.



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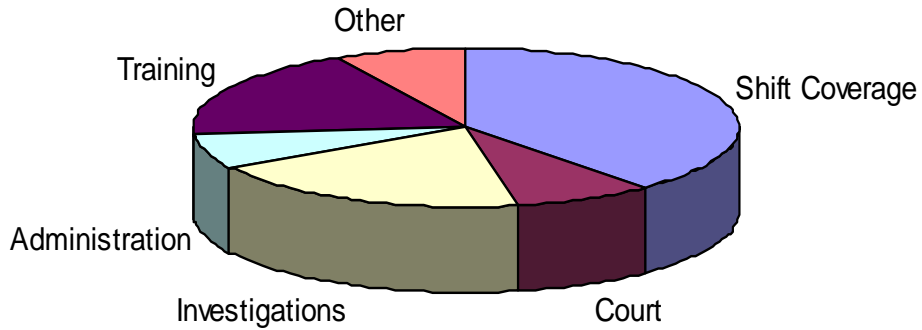


After



Overtime Hours

Overtime in 2009



| Number of Overtime Hours | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Shift Coverage | 1,837 |
| Court | 392 |
| Investigations | 947 |
| Administration | 334 |
| Training | 870 |
| Other | 376 |



Newport Police Volunteers contributed a total of 3,010 hours to the Department in 2009.



Other Activities

Members of the Newport Police Department conduct or are involved in many other activities throughout the year. The following is a sample.

| | |
|--|-------|
| Taxi Driver Licenses Issued | 12 |
| OLCC License Application Investigations | 12 |
| OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews | 45 |
| Impounded Vehicles | 164 |
| Civilian Ride-Alongs | 34 |
| Employee/Volunteer Applicant Background Checks | 76 |
| Field Interviews | 219 |
| Subpoenas served to officers and citizens | 997 |
| Reports Written | 3,642 |
| Traffic stops | 4,298 |

In February 2009, Officer Kraig Mitchell was presented with the Officer of the Year award for 2008.



A photograph showing two police officers in dark uniforms. The officer on the right is presenting a blue folder or certificate to the officer on the left. They are standing in a room with wood-paneled walls and a calendar on the wall.

Sgt. Tom Simpson received a Life Saving Award from the Oregon Peace Officers Association on November 20, 2009.



A photograph of an award ceremony. A man in a dark suit is presenting a framed award to another man in a dark suit. A third man in a dark suit stands behind them. The award is a framed certificate with a yellow star emblem. The number '8' is visible on a podium in the foreground.