

# NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL REPORT

2010

### 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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# Message from the Chief

June 2011



I am pleased to present the 2010 Annual Report for the Newport Police Department. The members of your Police Department continued to be active throughout the community this past year.

The staff of the Police Department presented the bi-annual Citizen Police Academy (CPA) in the Spring. Thirty members of the community participated in this informal training. The CPA is designed to provide citizens with a close-hand look at the operations of a police department. Television and movies misrepresent the reality of law enforcement as they focus on entertainment rather than the accuracy of police work. The CPA educates citizens with the practicalities of police work. The students in the CPA have expressed how valuable this program has been to them.

The budget for the Police Department continues to be a challenge for us. The Department has done its best to hold the line while compensating for the reduced budget. We are pleased to report that, once again, the Department ended the 2009/2010 fiscal year under budget.

The Police Department passed a major mile-stone this year. After several years in the making, we completed the conversion to a new policy manual. The previous policy manual was outdated, poorly formatted, and rarely used. NPD subscribed to a policy manual service called Lexipol that allows us to adapt policies to our particular situation in Newport. These policies are developed by law enforcement professionals, and reviewed by attorneys familiar with case law and personnel law. Lexipol continually monitors state and federal legislative and judicial processes so that our policies can be updated with current law when needed.

An integral and important part of the Lexipol system is the review of the policies by our police officers. The officers have Daily Training Bulletins by which they review selected sections of the policy manual. They are then required to take and pass a test on what they have reviewed. This process has never before occurred at NPD. A continual review of the policy manual, particularly high liability sections such as use of force or vehicle operations, keeps the proper practice in the officers' minds. This policy manual is not a book that just collects dust on the shelf.

The Newport Police Volunteers have been an outstanding force of men and women who freely devote their time to the Department. The thirty-member volunteer force contributed 4,608 hours of service to the community in 2010. This equated to a savings to the City of \$85,110.00. Due to staffing levels and the rising number of calls for service that require a police response, the Police Department would not have been able to accomplish tasks that the volunteers completed. The NPD Volunteers have been directly involved with a myriad of events, including planning and assisting traffic and crowd control, being

information resources and ambassadors at the NOAA Welcoming, Seafood and Wine Festival, Farmer's Market, Bay Front Celebration, to name just a few. Our Volunteers take pride in helping the community, and are appreciative of the opportunity to do so.

For many years the Newport Police Department engaged in hiring, outfitting, and training a seasonal employee to handle parking enforcement during the summer. This process was time-consuming, and repeated almost every year as the previous summer's hire rarely returned for another summer. The repeated hiring process was costly, requiring new uniforms, training, etc. This year we developed a new approach to parking enforcement. We have contracted the position to a private security company for year-round enforcement rather than only seasonal. A preliminary review indicates that the parking enforcement contract is working well, and not costing the City any additional money. The program is paying for itself. This one-year contract will be evaluated to determine if it is feasible to continue.

Police training is always of major importance to us. Keeping officers and personnel up-to-date with knowledge and skills keeps our credibility high, and helps provide efficient and effective service to the community. This year all sworn staff continued to exceed the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training annual minimum training requirements. The training was obtained by attending regional training, and by using Department resources and instructors. In addition, all personnel successfully completed the emergency management training required by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

At the end of the year, Lt. Dave Teem retired from the Newport Police Department after over 29 years of service. He was honored by family, friends, and colleagues for his contributions to the law enforcement community and the citizens of Newport.

The members of the Newport Police Department are continually guided by the Mission Statement of the Department. We continue to be committed to making Newport a great place to live.

**Noble – Professional – Dedicated**



Mark J. Miranda  
Chief of Police

## Lieutenant David Teem retired December 1, 2010

At a Newport Police Department meeting on October 27, 2010, Lt. Dave Teem announced his retirement after more than 29 years with the Newport Police Department. Lt. Teem began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Patrol Officer with the City of Bend, Oregon before being hired in September of 1981 as a Patrol Officer in Newport. During his tenure with the Newport Police Department, Lt. Teem has worked for five city managers, four police chiefs, and under the direction of six different sergeants. He spent 13 years as a Patrol Officer, 13 years as a Patrol Sergeant, and one year as an Administrative Sergeant. He was promoted to Lieutenant with the creation of that position in 2007. The Lieutenant position is second in command to the Chief of Police, and is responsible for the supervision of the patrol division, detectives division, records division, community service officer, volunteers program, and parking enforcement program.



While with the Newport Police Department Lt. Teem served for 27 years on the SWAT team as a hostage negotiator, and as a Field Training Evaluation Program trainer and supervisor. In addition, Lt. Teem has provided training to Newport officers, as well as other police departments throughout Oregon, in Field Training and Evaluation, police bike operations, building searches, high risk traffic stops, and a variety of other specialty training topics.

Lt. Teem was instrumental in promoting the concept of making NPD vehicles stand out in the community, a proven crime-reducing strategy, by changing the police fleet from solid colored patrol cars to the current, highly visible black and white cars. He worked to standardize the equipment in the cars, researching and promoting advances in the types of equipment to enhance officer and public safety.

Lt. Teem told the assembled group that some of his proudest achievements have been the Field Training Evaluation Program, Police Bicycle Team, hostage negotiator program, Volunteers program, parking enforcement program, and Community Service Officer Program. He proposed and implemented the Bike Patrol Program so that officers could be more visible in the community, and would have another tool to fight crime. As a hostage negotiator he worked closely with the tactical side of the SWAT team to save several lives and de-escalate crisis situations. When he began working with the volunteer program there were only six active volunteers. That program has grown to 36 volunteers who represent the Police Department at all public functions, provide parking control, make public presentations, overall reduce the burden of police officers, and continuously represent the Department and community in a positive way. He said that being part of training officers to be the best they could be has been extraordinarily satisfying. He has been involved in training every member of the Department, except the Police Chief, for the last 27 years.

ADMINISTRATION	POSITION	SERVING YOU SINCE
Mark Miranda	Chief of Police	2003
David Teem	Lieutenant	1981 (Retired Dec. 2010)
Tony Garbarino	Patrol Sergeant	1987
Jason Malloy	Patrol Sergeant/appointed Acting Lieutenant 12/10	1994
Todd Sarazin	Patrol Sergeant	1993
Tom Simpson	Patrol Sergeant	1990
Kathleen Palmer	Executive Assistant to the Chief	2004
<b>INVESTIGATIONS</b>		
Tyson Haynes	Detective/LINT	1999
Ken Real	Detective/appointed Acting Patrol Sergeant 12/10	2005
Brent Gainer	Detective	2007
<b>PATROL DIVISION</b>		
Steve Kittson	Patrol Officer	1989
Jerry Howe	Patrol Officer	1989
Dustin Kittel	Community Service Officer	2000
TJ Eriksen	Patrol Officer/K-9 Handler	2005
Rick Auburn	Patrol Officer	2005
Kraig Mitchell	Patrol Officer	2005
Jay Reynolds	Patrol Officer	2006
Andy Ashpole	Patrol Officer	2007
Andy Bailey	Patrol Officer	2007
Barry Macy	Patrol Officer	2007
Mitch France	Patrol Officer	2008
Thomas Lekas	Patrol Officer	2008
Keith Garrett	Patrol Officer	2008
Eyan	K-9	2008
<b>RECORDS DIVISION</b>		
Pam Johnson	Records Clerk/Property & Evidence Custodian	2001
Janice Archuleta	Records Clerk	2005
Kit O'Carra	Records Clerk/NPD Webmaster	2008
Brook Day	Records Clerk (transferred to Finance Dept. July 2010)	2010

# Pharmaceutical Disposal

In January 2010, the Newport Police Department began providing the Pharmaceutical Disposal Program as a public service to properly dispose of expired or unwanted pharmaceuticals. The Newport Police Department, with the support of the Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PAADA) and Addiction Prevention and Recovery Committee (APARC), placed the Pharmaceutical Disposal Collection Box in the lobby of City Hall, across from the Police Department. Placement in this area allows members of the public to ask questions and to easily receive assistance from NPD staff.

PAADA and APARC provided the collection box and all media materials. The Newport Police Department has been joined in this project by the Toledo and the Lincoln City Police Departments, which are also supported by PAADA and APARC, and now have collection boxes in their lobbies.



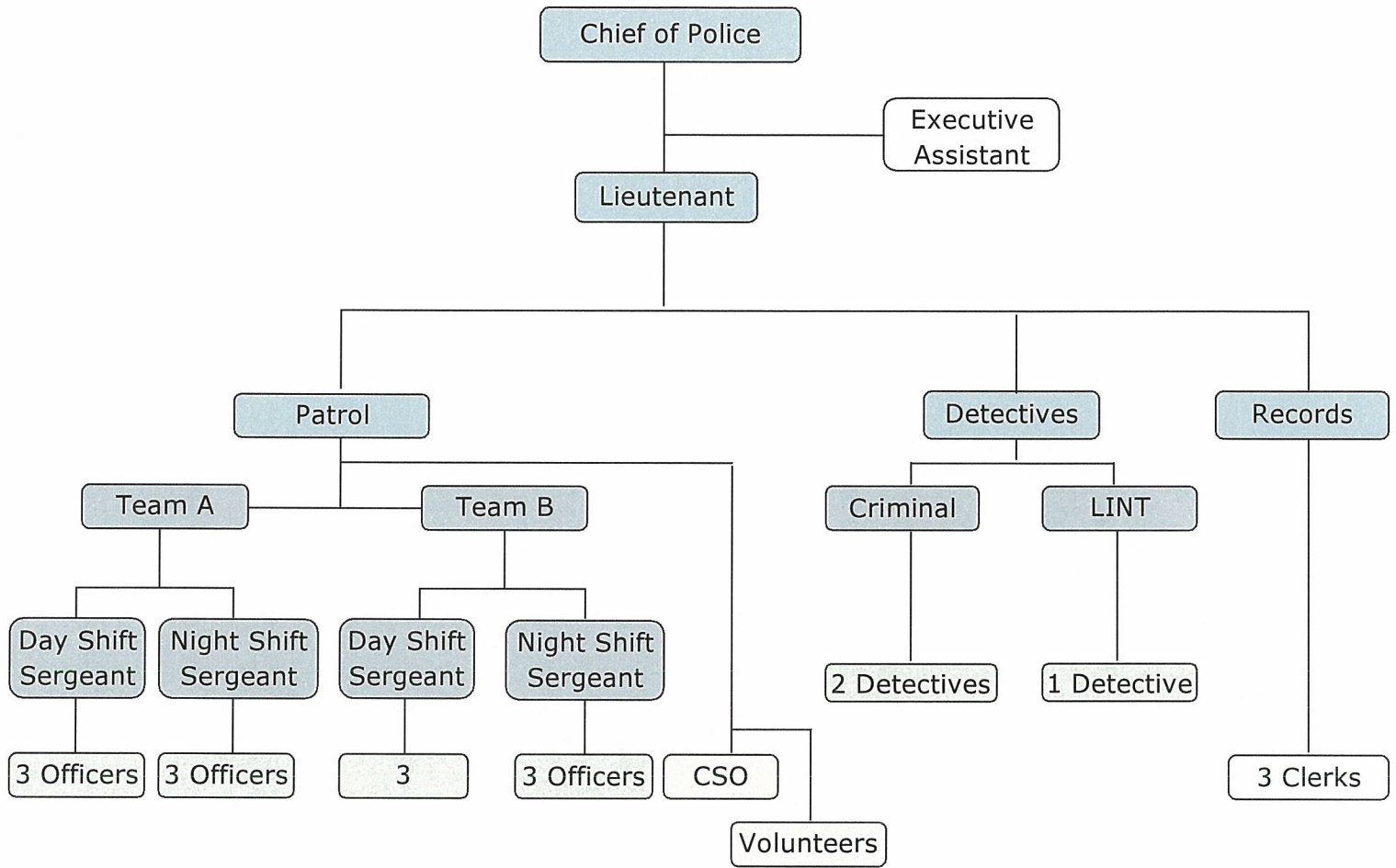
The contents of the collection box are removed periodically. Drugs collected from the Newport Police Department between February and June, weighing more than 175 pounds were recently disposed of at an authorized site. The cost to dispose of the drugs was only a few dollars.

In the second half of 2010, more than 180 pounds of drugs were collected and will be disposed of at the Brooks burn plant.

Prior to the Disposal Program taking effect, citizens with unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals had no method of disposing of them, other than to place them into the sanitary sewer system or into their trash. The Newport Police Department recognizes that maintaining unused pharmaceuticals in the home creates a risk of abuse by unauthorized adults, or youth who may gain access to dangerous drugs. Furthermore, medicines that are “flushed” enter the water system through our sewage treatment facility. The Pharmaceutical Disposal Program offers an environmentally correct alternative to flushing pills or medicinal liquids. The program operates year- round, and legally accepts all prescribed medications, including those defined as controlled substances. Only a law enforcement agency is authorized by the Federal Government to collect and dispose of unused controlled substances.

The Newport Police Department encourages people with unused or unwanted drugs of any kind to utilize this important service, depositing prescription or over-the-counter drugs intended for humans or animals in the pharmaceutical drop box at their Police Department. No questions will be asked. This is a voluntary program. Together we can make our community a safer place to live, work, play and visit.


# Organizational Chart



Total Personnel	
Sworn	21
Civilian	5
Volunteers	29
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>55</b>



# National Crime Clock

One Theft	Every 4 seconds	
One Burglary	Every 23.3 seconds	
One Child Abused or Neglected	Every 39.7 seconds	
One Aggravated Assault	Every 33.1 seconds	
One Woman Victim of Domestic Violence	Every 28.2 seconds	
One Rape	Every 2.6 minutes	
One Man Victim of Domestic Violence	Every 4.3 minutes	
One Elder Abuse	Every 4.6 minutes	
One Homicide	Every 32 minutes	
One Drunk Driving Fatality	Every 44.6 minutes	
One Hate Crime	Every 69 minutes	

2010 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
- Economy
- Unemployment rate
- Failure to report crime

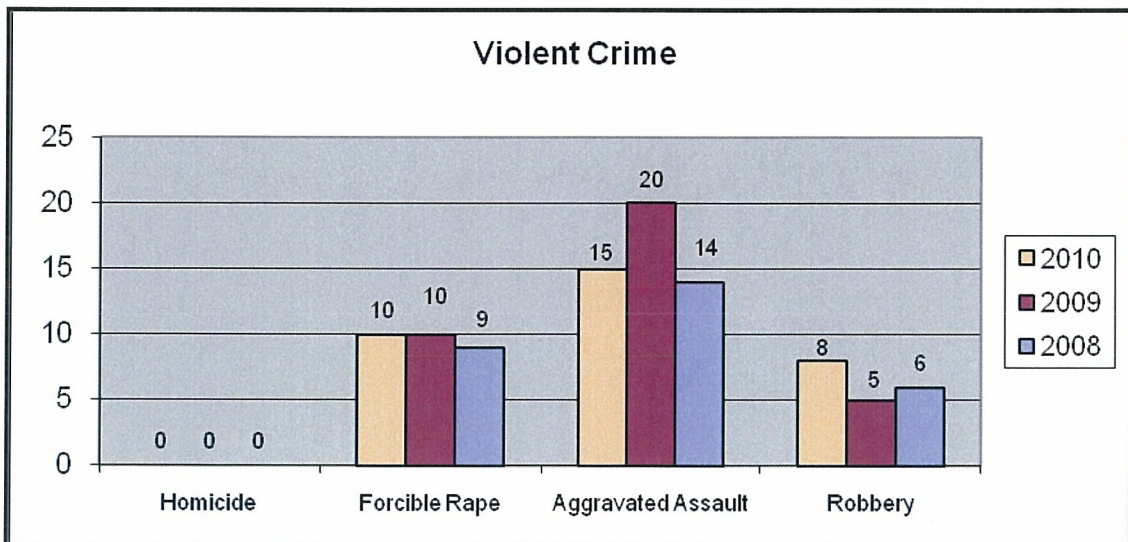
Preventing crime and providing the highest quality of life is at the forefront of the Newport Police Department’s mission each day.

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

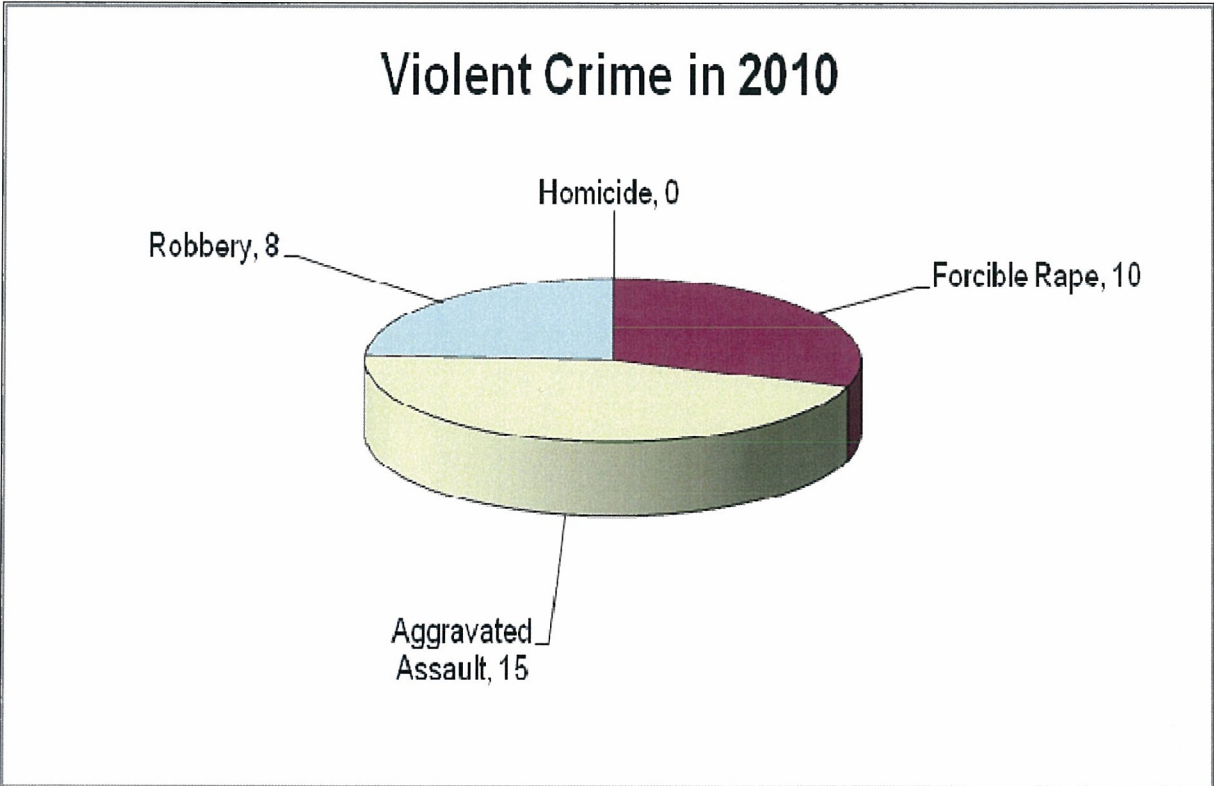
Property crimes consist of: Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

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

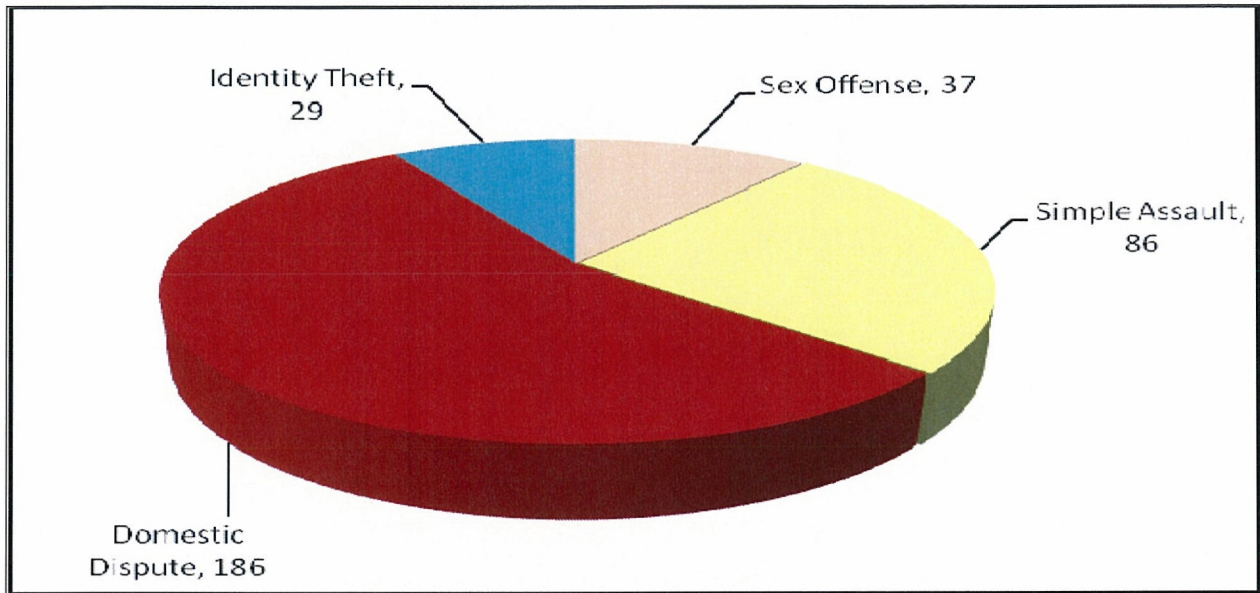
VIOLENT CRIME			
	2008	2009	2010
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	9	10	10
Aggravated Assault	14	20	15
Robbery	6	5	8
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>



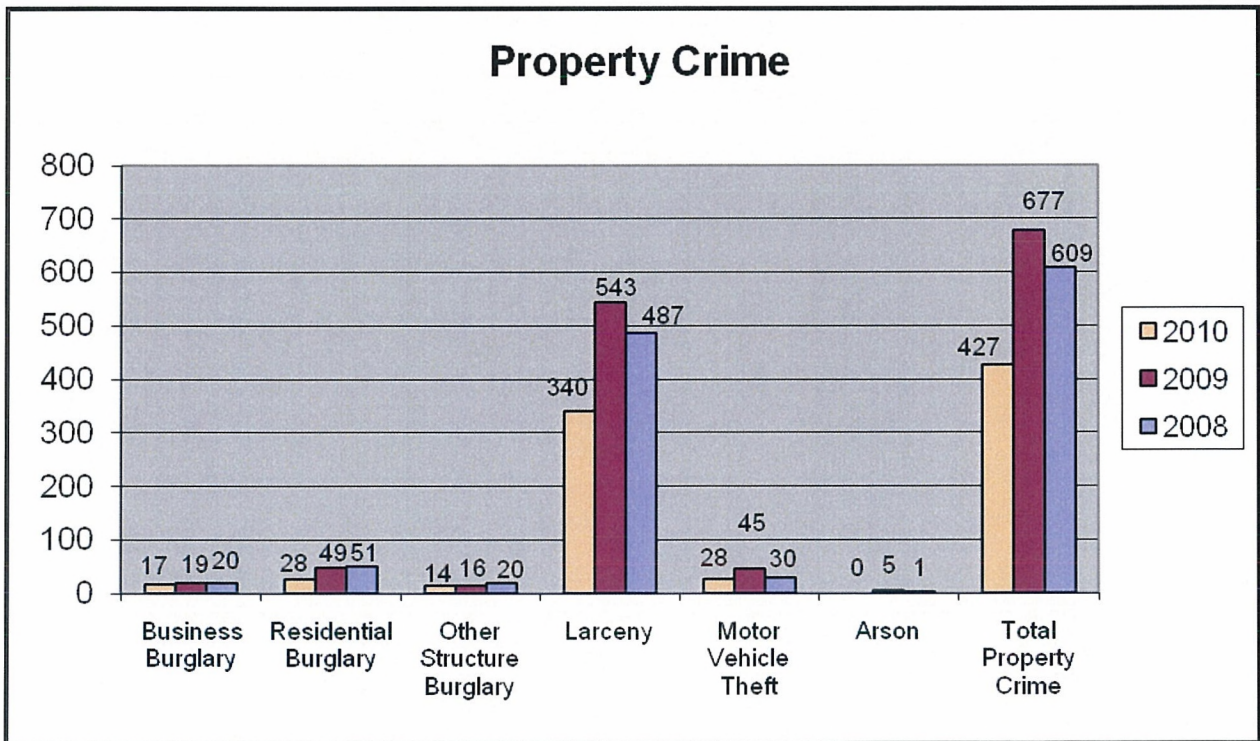
Uniform crime reporting is a collective effort on the part of law enforcement agencies to present a nationwide view of crime. Agencies throughout the country participating in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program provide summarized reports on “Part I” offenses known to law enforcement and reports on persons arrested. For the most part, agencies submit crime reports monthly to a centralized crime records facility within their state. The state UCR Program then forwards the data, using uniform offense definitions, to the FBI’s national UCR Program. The FBI compiles, publishes, and distributes the data to participating agencies, state UCR Programs, and others interested in the Nation’s crime data. The statistics presented on the following pages represent Newport in 2010.



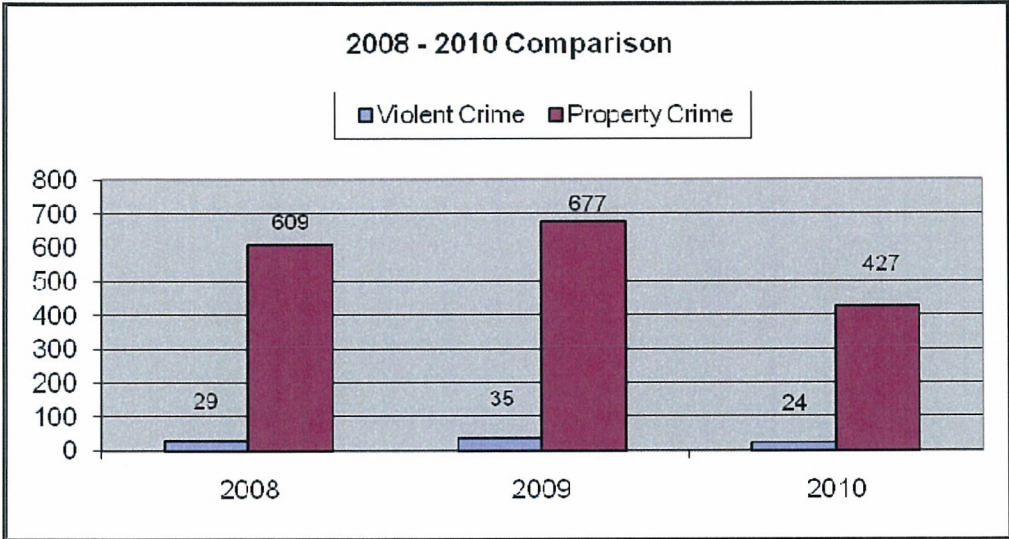
## Other Crimes Against Persons in 2010



## Property Crime



# Property Crimes



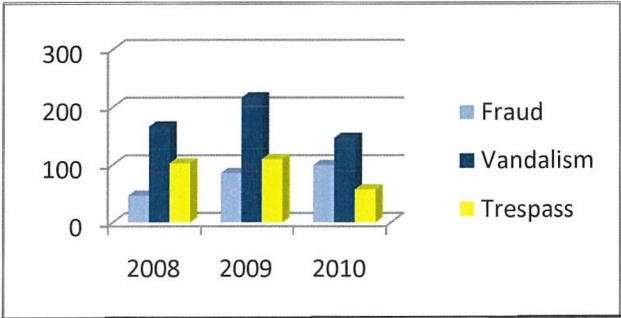
The property crime index includes burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Larceny-theft is the most common crime in this index, accounting for over 65 percent of all property crimes including shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, and theft from motor vehicles.

PROPERTY CRIME			
	2008	2009	2010
Business Burglary	20	28	17
Residential Burglary	51	37	28
Other Structure Burglary	20	3	14
Theft	487	427	340
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	28	28
Arson	1	1	0
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>427</b>

### Other Property Crimes in 2010

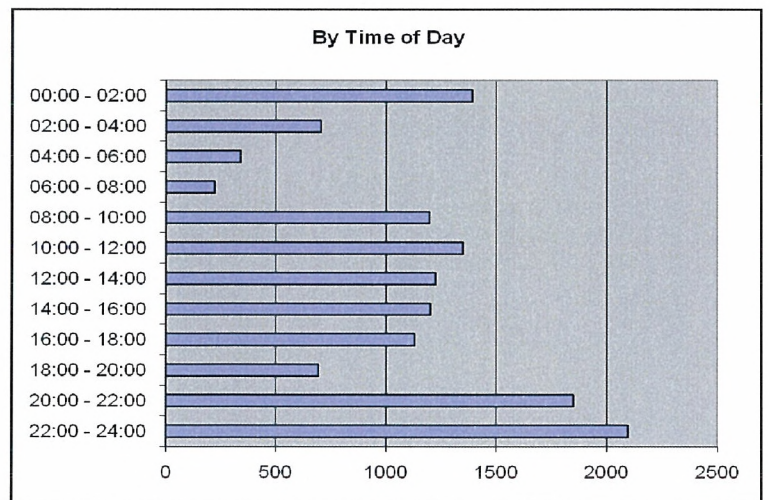
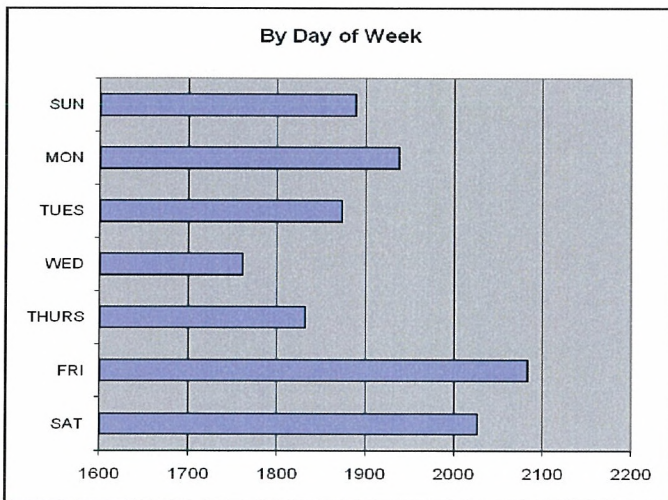
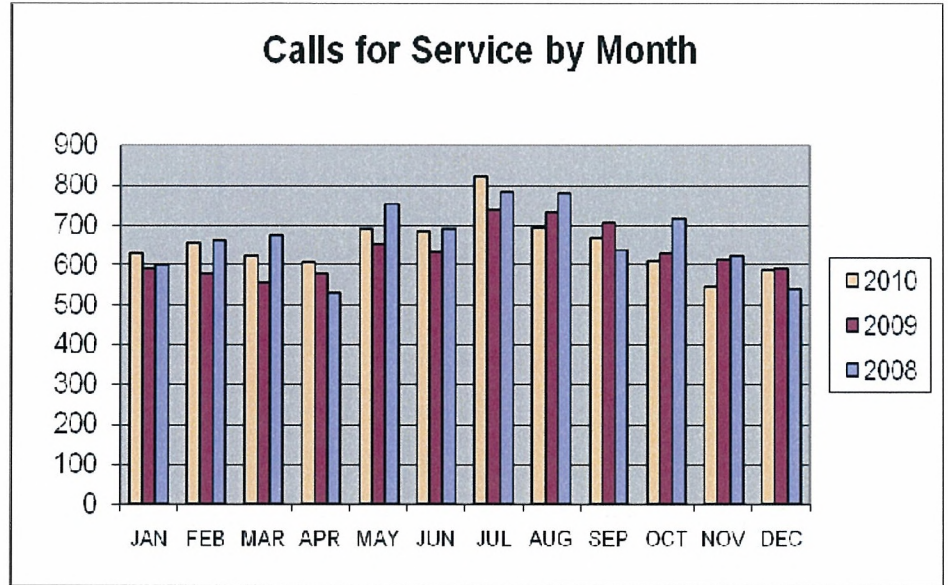
Fraud	90
Vandalism	116
Trespass	57

### Other Property Crimes Comparison



	2010	2009	2008
January	630	592	601
February	636	578	663
March	623	555	673
April	609	578	533
May	684	653	753
June	685	633	691
July	795	738	782
August	672	732	781
September	668	705	638
October	610	629	719
November	547	613	623
December	575	591	541
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,734</b>	<b>7,597</b>	<b>7,998</b>

The charts and graphs below indicate how calls for service vary by day of week and time of day.



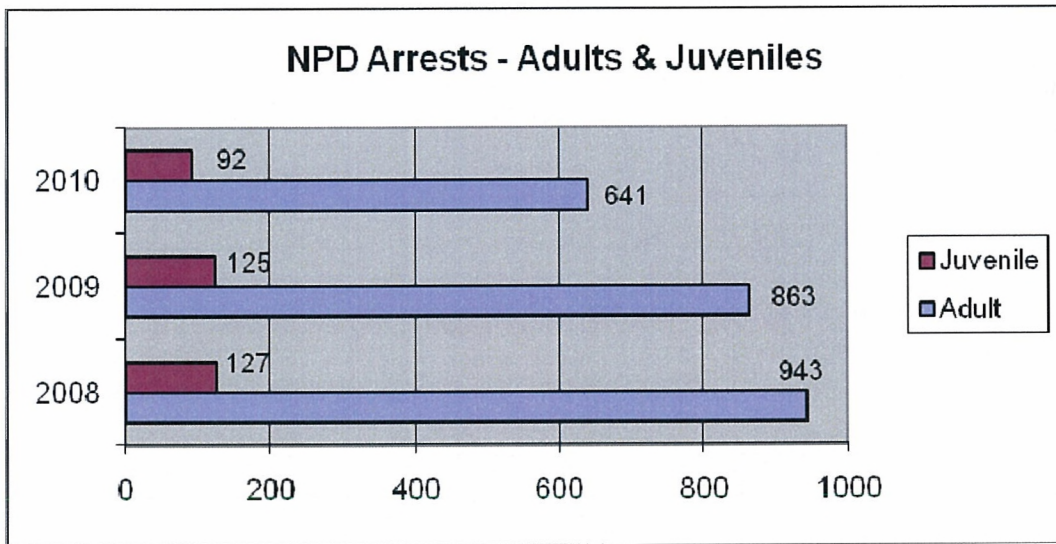
# Average Time Spent Per Event

AVERAGE TIME SPENT BY OFFICERS PER EVENT	
Event Type	Average Time (Minutes)
Abandoned 911 Call	15
Abuse/Elder	95
Abuse/Neglect of Minor	88
Alarm	19
Assault	63
Assist Agency - Outside	66
Assist Citizen	34
Assist Lincoln City PD	44
Assist Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	76
Assist Medical	94
Assist Oregon State Police	22
Assist Toledo PD	49
Assist Vehicle	7
Attempt to Elude	97
Attempt to Locate	52
Bad Checks	18
Bank Panic Alarm	68
Bomb Threat	125
Burglary in Progress	170
Burglary Report	42
Camping Complaint	18
Car Clout	29
Criminal Mischief	23
Criminal Trespass	31
Custodial Interference	53
Disorderly Conduct	31
Dispute	31
Disturbance	46
Domestic Disturbance	62
Driving Complaint	17
Driving Under the Influence	112
Drug Activity	31
Drug Recognition Evaluation Call Out	81
Escape From Custody	213
Extra Patrol Request	16
Fight in Progress	158
Fire	31
Found Property	23
Fraud/Forgery	34
Gunshot Wound	344
Harassment Complaint	42
Hit & Run	50
Injured Person/Non-specific	86

AVERAGE TIME SPENT BY OFFICERS PER EVENT	
Event Type	Average Time (Minutes)
Intoxicated Subject	35
Juvenile Problem	581
Liquor Violation	27
Located Missing Person	38
Lost Property	24
Menacing	245
Mental Subject	99
Minor in Possession	38
Missing Person	124
Noise Complaint	22
Offensive Littering	14
Ordinance Violation	194
Overdose	149
Overdue Motorist	29
Parking Problems	10
Possible DUI	36
Prowler	33
Reckless Driving	24
Recovered Stolen Property	42
Robbery	479
Runaway Juvenile	50
Search Warrant Execution	809
Sex Offenses	58
Shots Fired Calls	45
Stalking Complaint	72
Suicide Attempt	178
Suspicious Circumstances	26
Theft	168
Threats	220
Traffic Collision/Injury	55
Traffic Collision/Non-injury	439
Traffic Collision/Pedestrian	45
Traffic Stop	9
Unattended Death	114
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	67
Unsecured Premises	17
Unwanted Subject	40
Vehicle Tow	21
Violation of Restraining Order	119
Wanted Person Information	54
Warrant Arrest	28
Weapon Complaint	175
Welfare Check	90

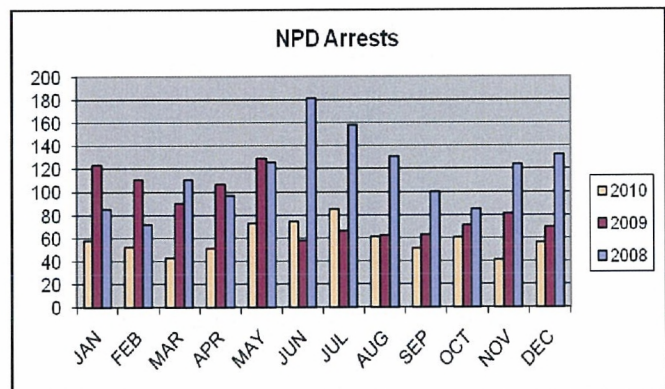
	2008	2009	2010
Adult Male	711	651	506
Adult Female	242	181	135
Juvenile Male	90	64	64
Juvenile Female	37	28	28

	2008	2009	2010
Adult	943	863	641
Juvenile	127	125	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>733</b>



### NPD Arrest Comparison

	2008	2009	2010
January	85	123	58
February	72	111	52
March	111	90	43
April	97	107	51
May	126	129	73
June	181	58	63
July	158	66	103
August	131	62	75
September	100	63	58
October	85	71	60
November	124	81	41
December	132	69	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>733</b>





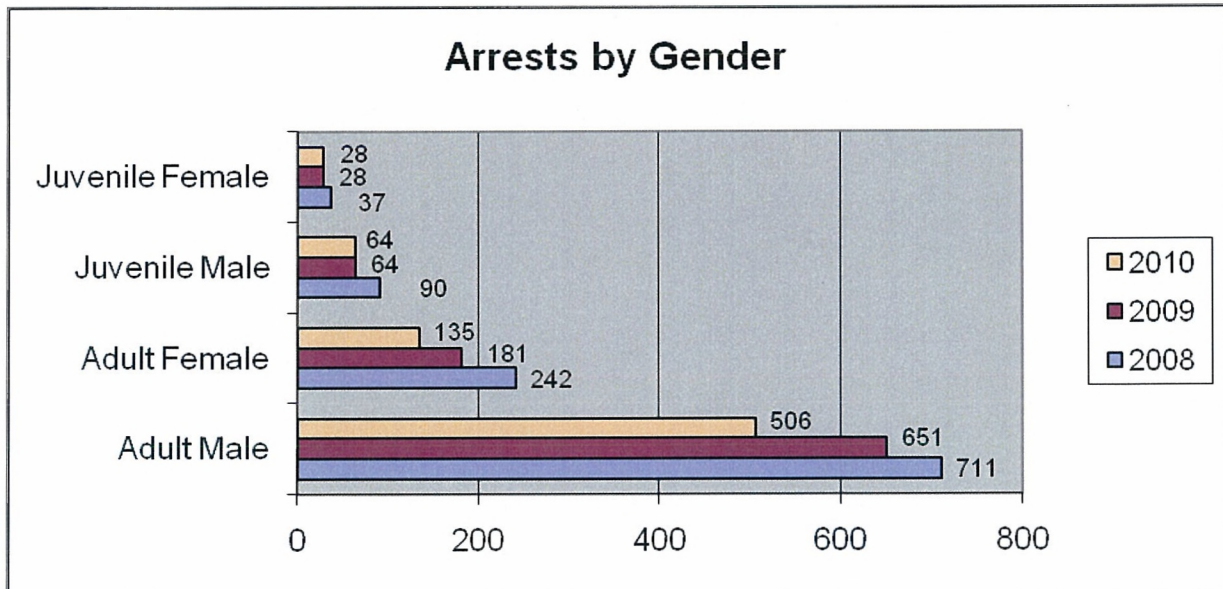
MINORS IN POSSESSION OF LIQUOR/TOBACCO			
	2008	2009	2010
Male	28	29	42
Female	15	18	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>

DUII ARRESTS		
2008	2009	2010
149	144	107



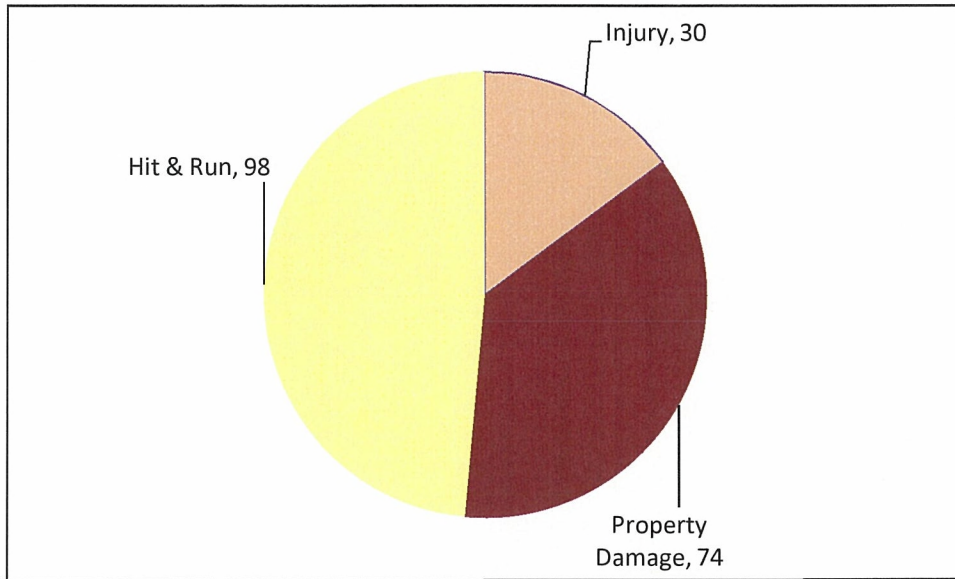
DRUG CHARGES IN 2010	
Heroin	12
Cocaine	6
Methamphetamine	26
Marijuana	58
Other Drugs	11

UTILIZATION FOR K-9 UNIT IN 2010	
Utilized for Newport Police Dept.	39
Utilized for School Sweeps	25
Utilized for Other Agencies	64
Presentations	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>



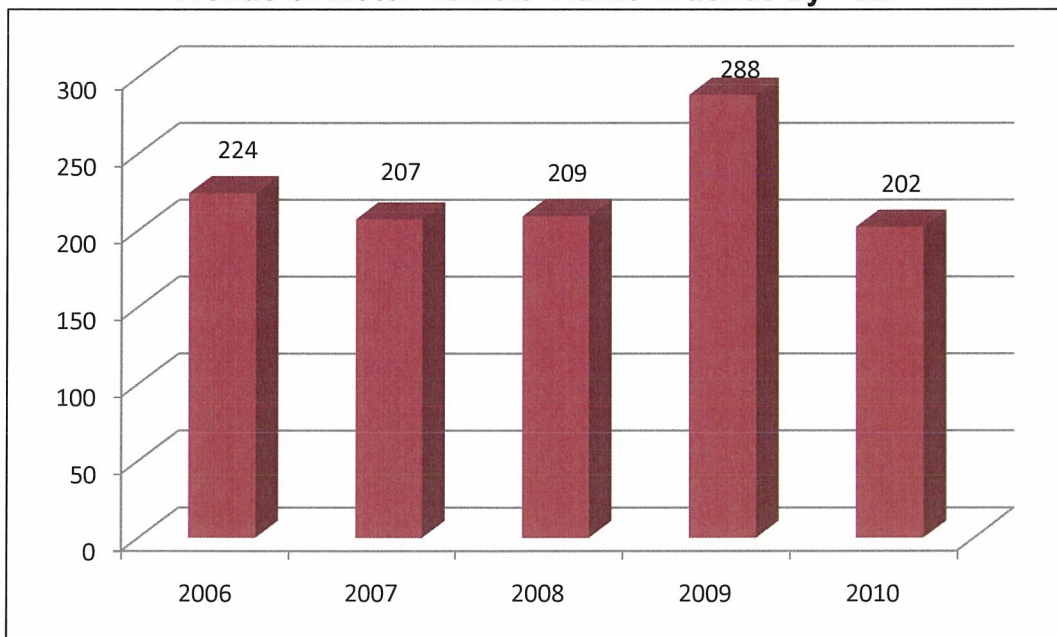
# Motor Vehicle Crashes

**2010 Motor Vehicle Crashes**



2010 MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES	
Injury	30
Property Damage	74
Hit & Run	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>

**Trends of Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes by Year**



# Traffic Enforcement

Newport Police Officers issued a total of 699 traffic citations in 2010. The Parking Enforcement Officer and Newport Police Department Volunteers issued a total of 1,550 parking citations, which were cited into Newport's Municipal Court. Officers also issued 2,340 traffic warnings and 292 parking warnings in 2010.

PARKING CITATIONS	
Backed Into Angle	72
Displaying Vehicle For Sale	13
Double Parked	3
Facing Traffic	255
Fire Hydrant	10
Handicap Permit	268
Improper Parking	115
Loading Zone	84
No Parking	265
Nuisance Vehicle	12
Other	2
Over Time	326
Yellow Zone	94
72 Hour Violation	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,550</b>

TOP 5 TRAFFIC CITATION CHARGES	
Speeding	146
Driving While Suspended/Revoked	113
Driving Uninsured	62
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	60
No Operators License	40





The City of Newport Police Department's Records Division is staffed by three Records Clerks, one of which also serves as the Property and Evidence Custodian. The Records Clerks 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, sex offender registration, public information requests, and local record checks. The Records Division processed a total of 3,382 reports in 2010.

The Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police is responsible for organizing meetings, maintaining confidential records, including internal affairs investigations, security codes and keys, supervises procurements for the Department, and maintains officer training records and issuance of uniforms and equipment for officers. Additionally, the Executive Assistant conducts criminal background checks on volunteers, contracted employees, taxi driver permits applicants, and ride-along applicants. The Executive Assistant to the Chief also assists Supervisors in the hiring process for Department positions.

The primary duty of the Property and Evidence division is to ensure the proper chain of custody for property and evidence items taken in by the Newport Police Department. Maintaining and properly documenting the chain of custody for these items is imperative to maintaining the integrity of the department's property and evidence system. In 2010, 4,364 items were taken in as property or evidence.



The Property and Evidence division operates within a continuous cycle of taking items into custody, storing items, and purging items when they have exceeded the necessary retention periods. Purging or destroying these items involves a lengthy process of researching the status of related case reports, coordinating approval with various Officers, Detectives, Prosecutors and other personnel, researching court dockets, and researching related sentencing information. Destruction of these items must also be in accordance with various local, state, and federal laws.

# 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 2010, the CSO handled approximately 665 ordinance issues. 655 of those issues were resolved by the CSO communicating with the responsible person or business owner, and no further enforcement action was necessary. Four cases were carried forward from 2008 and 2009, and are continuing to be worked towards completion. The CSO issued 33 citations for various Municipal Code violations.

129 abandoned vehicles were resolved by the CSO contacting the registered owner. 25 of those owners did not comply, resulting in the vehicle having to be impounded.



Community Service Officer Dustin Kittel was awarded the city's annual Elton Pier Award for excellent service to the community for 2010. Police Chief Mark Miranda, in front of the city council, read a lengthy list of accomplishments and descriptions of Officer Kittel's seemingly tireless work at cleaning up nuisance situations around Newport, whether they are junk cars, weed problems, illegal storage of certain materials, dilapidated commercial buildings, or derelict houses that attract transients.

The Elton Pier Award is bequeathed upon city employees who excel in their service to the community as a city employee. The award's namesake, Elton Pier, was a much heralded and admired city public works employee.

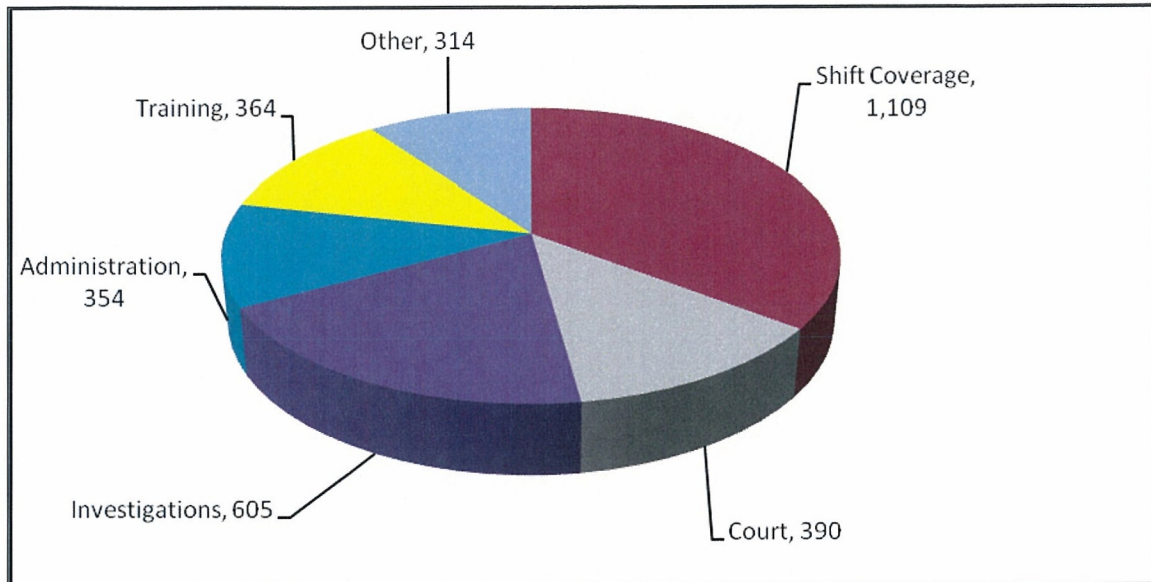
Before



After



# Overtime Hours



NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS	
Shift Coverage	1,109
Court	390
Investigations	605
Administration	354
Training	364
Other	314



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	18
OLCC License Application Investigations	17
OLCC Temporary Permit Reviews	114
Impounded Vehicles	142
Civilian Ride-Alongs	40
City Employee/Volunteer Applicant Background Checks	94
Field Interviews	395
Subpoenas served to officers and citizens	845
Reports Written	3,382
Traffic Stops	4,713

# Volunteers

Volunteers are a valuable asset to the Newport Police Department. Organized by a Volunteer Coordinator, these men and women supplement the Department's capabilities by assisting the Records staff, Detectives and Sergeants with special projects in order to enable officers to devote more time to front-line law enforcement. NPD Volunteers contributed a total of 4,608 hours to the Department in 2010.

The Volunteer Program allows the citizens of the Newport community to become involved in police department activities, bringing with them a wide variety of skills. Volunteers work with the community to prevent crime, provide services and create a safer environment for the City of Newport.



Volunteers assisting with the identification and removal of transient camps.



Volunteers are very visible in the community.



The Department currently has various programs that utilize Volunteers, including:

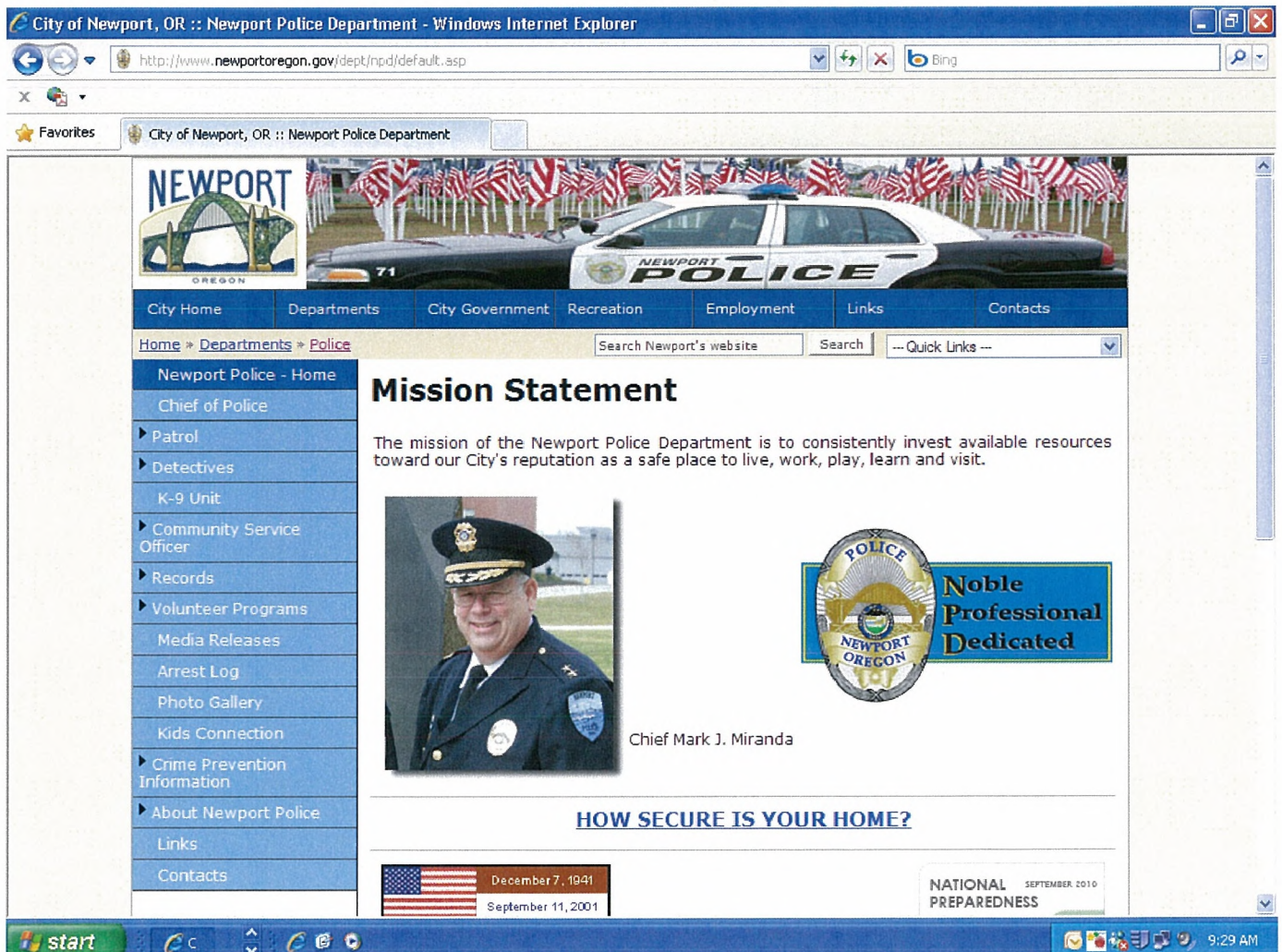
- Administrative Support Program
- Crash Scene Traffic Control
- Citizen Patrol
- Disabled Parking Enforcement Program
- Emergency Management
- Nuisance Vehicle Monitoring
- Children's I.D. Kits
- Tourist Assistance
- Fleet Assistance
- Crowd Control
- Ambassadors
- Traffic Safety



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When the City of Newport redesigned their website, incorporating all Departments within the site under a common appearance, Newport Police Department assigned one of its members well versed in web design to take on the task of designing and maintaining our pages. The redesigned site offers a new look, simplified navigation, improved usability, updated graphics and layouts, and enhanced interactivity that help visitors access information more quickly and easily. With one click, visitors can download employment and volunteer applications, contact individual officers by email, view the arrest log, and several photo slide shows, which has an average weekly view of nearly 700 visitors.

Continued use of Nixle notifications allows the Department to inform the public and media of traffic crashes and delays, hazardous areas, and news of immediate interest. In addition, a Facebook page was created for Newport Police Department, keeping over 600 Facebook 'friends' up to date on news in our community.



## Shop with a Cop



Shop with a Cop is an annual event held in December sponsored by the Oregon State Police, with members and staff of the Newport Police Department, Toledo Police Department, Lincoln City Police Department, and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office volunteering with the event. The Shop with a Cop program joins underprivileged children with local law enforcement officers, providing the children with money to shop for Christmas presents for their families and themselves. The children are allowed to purchase items for themselves and family members totaling \$100 per child. In 2010, more than 100 children participated in Shop with a Cop.



## Citizens' Academy



The Citizens' Academy is a bi-annual, ten-week course designed in an academy setting to provide community members with first-hand information about how their police department works. Academy participation requires a commitment of one night a week for the ten-week period. The instructors are officers and personnel from the Department who teach their own areas of expertise. Our intent is to acquaint citizens with the role of law enforcement within the criminal justice system, and to increase understanding of the tasks police officers face in their daily work. With better understanding it becomes easier for police and citizens to find realistic solutions to neighborhood challenges.

Topics explored in the sessions include Department organization; patrol operations/Community Service Officers/Records; procedural law regarding probable cause, arrest, search and seizure; traffic law and enforcement; selection and hiring process; firearms introduction; investigations of crimes; vehicle pursuits; use of force, including TASER; civil disturbance response; Detectives/Narcotics investigations; K-9 Team operations with demonstrations; and the Newport Police Department Volunteer Program.



Attendees are invited to ride with an officer to experience what officers see, hear, and do as a first responder. This also provides insight as to what officers are trained to do under a variety of emergency situations. Throughout the academy, participants are encouraged to ask questions and discuss topics with Department personnel.

