

TEXARKANA ARKANSAS POLICE



2005 YEAR END REPORT

Robert H. Harrison
CHIEF OF POLICE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Each year the police department prepares a year end report to the City Manager, Mayor, Board of Directors and community. The agency also posts this report to the police department's website to inform our citizens. Information in our 2005 year end report provides statistical information about the agencies activity last year. If you have questions after reading the report, you may contact me or any of the four division commanders, should your question concern an aspect specific to their division.



The police department responded to 43,171 calls for service with an average response time of 6.36 minutes in 2005. This was approximately 10,000 more calls than we had prior to the 1999 annexations. Keeping a low response time, while patrolling a city with 42 square miles, continues to be a challenge for our officers and a strain on our operating budget. We began the year by having our authorized strength reduced by two officers and three vacancies frozen. The addition of five officers promised to the agency during the 1999 annexations, would go a long way to helping our staffing levels and reducing response time.

Our Uniform Crime Index (UCR data) for 2005 is up +7% over last year. We attribute this to an increase in aggravated assaults and theft of vehicles. In every report since the 1999 annexations I have told the Board of Directors I would do the very best I can, with the resources available, to provide the level of service our community is accustomed to. This is the third year our Uniform Crime Index has increased.

Other than salary/fringe line item increases our operating budget remained flat. The cost of fuel required the agency to transfer \$50,000 from maintenance to gasoline costs. Our budget will be tight again this year. Last year the agency lost an additional 8 police officers and 1 animal service officer through resignations. We had an exceptionally difficult time filling vacancies this year due to the uncertainty of starting salaries and job stability. This has caused the patrol division to run shifts without an officer in each beat.

As your Chief of Police I can tell you our police department strives to provide the highest quality of service to the citizens and visitors to Texarkana. Our community is continually changing and we maintain a high level of responsiveness to their demands and expectations. The agency is using every technological tool at our disposal to provide the best service possible with a commitment to quality of life issues. We strive to protect our community and look forward to the many challenges we will face in 2006.

In closing this police department views our residents as partners, who deserve our concern, care, and attention. We are committed to reducing the fear of crime in our community through neighborhood partnerships. We understand our police powers are derived from the community we serve and will not tolerate the abuse of that authority. Our personnel recognize our personal conduct, both on and off duty, is inseparable from the professional reputation of the agency.

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Chief of Police

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

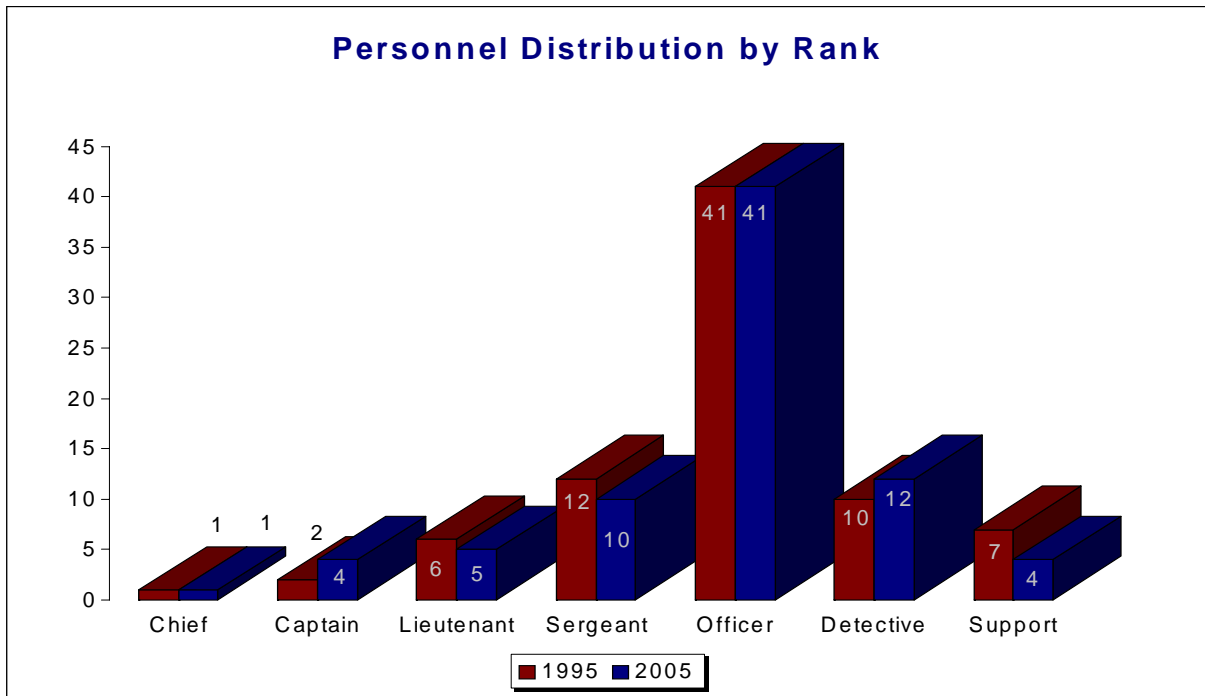
	2004	2005	Difference	% Change
Calls for Service	40,576	43,171	+2,595	+6.4%
UCR Crime Index	2,028	2,183	+155	+7.6%
Citations Issued	3,504	3,323	-181	-5.2%
Warnings Issued	2,336	1,461	-875	-37.5%
Arrests Made	3,517	3,150	-367	-10.4%
Warrants Received	2,049	1,848	-201	-9.8%
Warrants Served	2,238	2,141	-97	-4.3%
Animal Service Calls	3,430	4,657	+1,227	+35.8%

PERSONNEL

Staffing and recruitment of qualified personnel continued to be a difficult problem for our police department last year. I believe problems with the pay parity discrepancy/publicity with Texarkana Texas Police contributed to more of the applicant pool testing with the City of Texarkana Texas Police because the Texas salaries were higher. The agency ended of the year with the following staffing issues:

- Two (2) police officer positions eliminated by Board of Directors in 2004 were not filled.
- Three (3) police officer positions frozen in 2004 continued through 2005 and during budget preparations there was discussion of continuing the freeze into 2006.
- One (1) police officer position remained unfilled and vacant as of 12/31/2005.
- One (1) docket coordinator position remains frozen for the third year.
- Sgt. Ray Gooch was activated by the United States Army for 18 months and is TDY. We think his duty station will possibly be Iraq or Afghanistan. This has the agency operating one supervisor short in the Patrol Division as we start our 2006 fiscal year.





2005 PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Retirements: Ms. Jessie Washington took medical retirement April 1, 2005 with 35 years of service. She began working for the City on March 30, 1970. She passed away last year and will be missed by all in the department.

Promotions: None

Resignations:

- Ptl. Chris Walthall (12/22/2005)
- Ptl. Jeff Clark (12/18/2005)
- Ptl. Troy Ballard (7/11/05)
- Ptl. Teddy Rocolo (6/14/05)
- Det. Paula Cochran (1/29/05)
- Ptl. Reid Davis (1/22/05)
- A/S William Bennefield (1/22/05)
- Ptl. Mark Fullen (1/8/05)
- Ptl. Brad Irvin (1/8/05)

New Hires:

- Ptl. Christine Tutor (7/3/2005)
- Ptl. Holly Monroe (6/12/2005)
- Ptl. Michael Hollingsworth (03/06/05)
- Ptl. Randy McAdams (03/06/05)
- ASO Dennis Braddock (02/06/05)
- Ptl. Kristi Mitchell (1/9/05)
- Ptl. Doyle Potts (1/9/05)

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Captain Ernest Keck commanded this division in 2005. The Criminal Investigation Division is staffed by a lieutenant, 2 sergeants and 12 detectives. The Criminal Investigation Division consists of four units Crimes Against Persons Section, Property Crimes Section, Crime Scene Section, and the Metro Narcotics Task Force.

The Criminal Investigation Division investigated approximately 3,456 UCR Part 1 Offenses in 2005. This included 1 Homicide, 42 Robberies, and 357 Burglaries. The division maintained an average clearance rate of 50%, which is far above the national average.

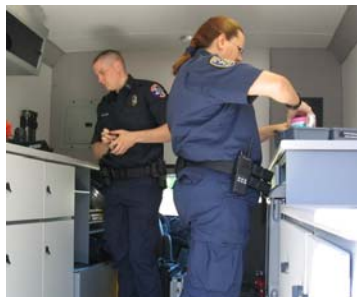


The Crimes Against Persons Section investigates all crimes of violence, including, homicide, rape, battery and robbery. Within this section are two units for investigating crimes involving specific types of victims. The Domestic Violence Unit, which is grant funded investigates all offenses involving domestic violence and assists the victims of these crimes. Our two Juvenile Detectives specialize in the investigation of offenses involving juvenile victims or offenders.

The Property Crimes Section investigates burglaries, thefts, forgeries and other non-violent crimes involving property. Property crimes make up the majority of crimes within our city, and the detectives in this section are responsible for a clearance rate above the national average.



The General Case Detective is assigned to investigate misdemeanor offenses, assists with other investigations, assists victims in filing misdemeanor affidavits in District Court, and follows up with citizen requests made to CID.



The Metro Crime Scene Section supports the other sections through the collection and processing of evidence. This section is a combined unit with the Texarkana Texas Police Department. Detectives in this section are highly trained and make use of advanced technology in the collection and preservation of evidence, fingerprint comparison, crime scene diagramming, and case preparation.

The multi-jurisdictional Metro Narcotics Task Force is made up of investigators from Texarkana Arkansas, Texarkana Texas, Miller County Sheriff's Department, and the Bowie County District Attorney's Office. The task force focuses enforcement efforts on the manufacture and sale of illicit drugs and narcotics. Methamphetamine currently is the most available and troubling challenge confronting our narcotics enforcement efforts. In 2005, this unit made 178 drug related arrests and seized over \$3,000,000.00 in illegal drugs.

SERVICES DIVISION



Captain Glenn M. Greenwell commanded Services Division in 2005. Services Division provides administrative and logistical support for the three operational divisions of the department. The division is staffed with 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 3 officers, 5 civilian support personnel, and 2 animal services officers.

The Services Division is responsible for a wide variety of administrative, logistical, and support functions. The division contains a number of highly skilled officers and civilian staff with advanced training and specialized technical skills that are required to provide support to the Chief of Police, Texarkana

Police Department, Civil Service Commission, and Public Information/Education programs. Federal and State Grant administration, budget/purchasing coordination, docket preparation, internal affairs, AWINS Project, fleet maintenance and the monthly management report to the City Manager, Mayor, & Board of Directors are among some of the many support services provided by this administrative division of the department.

The Personnel Officer is responsible for the recruitment, selection, testing of applicants in conjunction with the Commission on Law Enforcement Training & Standards. The Training Section handles in-service training for all officers and civilian staff. The Public Information/Education Officer is responsible for coordinating media requests for local, radio, television, and newspapers. This assignment also handles coordinating crime prevention events in the community.





The Computer Services Section administers the agency computer network, police car mobile data systems, and crime analysis. This section is critical to the operation of the agencies many computers and systems. We are especially proud of our website and the information the community can access from it. Our website updates weekly as our needs change.

The Animal Services Section is staffed by 2 civilians, who are responsible for all calls relating to animals within the city. They work closely with the Texarkana Animal Shelter and in Texarkana, Texas Animal Control Section. Animal Services responds calls for service and emergencies 24 hours a day 7 days a week through an interlocal agreement with Texarkana, Texas on scheduling and call-outs.



PATROL DIVISION



Captain Mark Lewis commanded the patrol division in 2005. The Patrol Division provides the uniform police services to our community and is the front line in protecting our citizens and combating crime. As such, Patrol is the largest division, with a staff of 2 lieutenants, 6 sergeants, and 39 patrol officers. The division is divided into three shifts, and the Special Operations Section, providing continuous police service. The authorized patrol strength was reduced by the continued freezing of 3 positions in 2005.

Patrol Officers are on duty seven days a week covering 3 shifts. Our police officer's strive to ensure that Texarkana is a safe place to live, work and raise a family. This requires devoting time during each shift to talking with citizens in their patrol area. Building trust with citizens in their beats allows officers to be alert for issues that may lower the quality of life in a neighborhood. Officers work under the philosophy that the beats they work are their personal responsibility and take pride in keeping our neighborhoods crime free and safe.



The Patrol Division responded to over 43,000 calls for service in 2005. This is a substantial increase over the 1999 pre-annexation total. In addition to answering an increasing call load, the geographic area of the city has doubled in size since 1999 to 42 square miles. This has strained our ability to provide a prompt response time to police calls for service to report violent crime or simply ask for information.

The Special Operations Unit is attached to the Patrol Division for routine operations, but is a valuable resource for additional manpower needed during emergencies. Special Operations is staffed with a Corporal, and five officers. Each officer is assigned a primary assignment, such as K-9 or traffic enforcement that they perform on a routine basis. Special Operations officers are a resource for supplementing manpower needs in other divisions. Our two COPS CIS School Resource Officers are assigned to this unit.

In 2005, the department entered into a cooperative working agreement with the College Hill Development Council in an effort to address quality of life issues in a two square block area of College Hill. The area was selected by the CHDC, and through a cooperative effort of the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department, Public Works Department, and participation of various financial institutions throughout the community, several residential homes were rehabilitated. Simultaneously, officers were dedicated to those areas, and criminal related issues were addressed and eliminated. The program was extremely successful, and plans have been made to continue the program within another area of the College Hill community in 2006.

Airport Police

The Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department provides full time police services at the Texarkana Regional Airport. A unit of three retired TAPD officers are employed by the department through a contract with the Transportation Security Administration to provide continuous service during all commercial arrival and departure times.

CENTRAL RECORDS & COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



Captain Shawn Vaughn serves as the commander of the Central Records and Communication Division (CRC). The Central Records and Communications Division provides communication and records support to our agency, as well as most of the public safety agencies in Texarkana, Texas and Bowie County. CRC is a joint venture, funded by the Cities of Texarkana Arkansas and Texas, as well as Bowie County, Texas. Central Records & Communications plays a very important role as the life line to our citizens and police officers. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Records personnel are available

everyday from 6:00 a.m. until midnight

The Communications Center worked several major events during 2005. The most notable was the October 15th train explosion in downtown Texarkana. Despite the explosion being within a quarter mile for the Bi-State Justice Center, the dispatchers remained in place and handled 876 calls during the six hour period immediately following the incident. Additionally, dispatchers were credited with the resolution of the hostage event on September 5 where two ladies locked themselves in a bathroom when an estranged husband arrived with a gun. While one dispatcher remained on telephone with the ladies, other dispatchers provided pertinent information to the officers while they were enroute and then on scene.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Committee (LEAC) provides direction and establishes policy for the division and supervises the division commander. Texarkana, Texas Lieutenant Joe Walker currently serves in the capacity as an Assistant Commander with primary responsibility for the communications section of Central Records & Communications.

The records section serves as the central repository for all law enforcement reports. They processed approximately 25,000 reports in 2005. The communications section is the 9-1-1 answering point for Texarkana & Bowie County, and CRC handled in excess of 125,000 9-1-1 calls in 2005. While CRC dispatches police and fire calls, EMS calls are immediately transferred to LifeNet Emergency Ambulance Service communications center.



2005 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Mike Hollingsworth was selected by his peers as the Officer of the Year for 2005. He was recognized by Police Chief Bob Harrison and the Rotary Clubs of Texarkana Arkansas and Texas. On September 5, 2005 Officer Hollingsworth along with other officers responded to a disturbance on Blackman Ferry Road. The disturbance involved an estranged husband who violated a court order and forcibly entered a house where his wife and another female were located. The females locked themselves in a bathroom and called for help. When officers entered the residence the husband fired a shot and retreated to a bedroom. As officers were attempting to rescue the females, the husband exited the bedroom armed with a handgun, and pointed it at an officer. Officer Hollingsworth then fired his weapon in defense of the officer. The husband was fatally wounded. Officer Hollingsworth's quick action undoubtedly prevented additional tragedy.



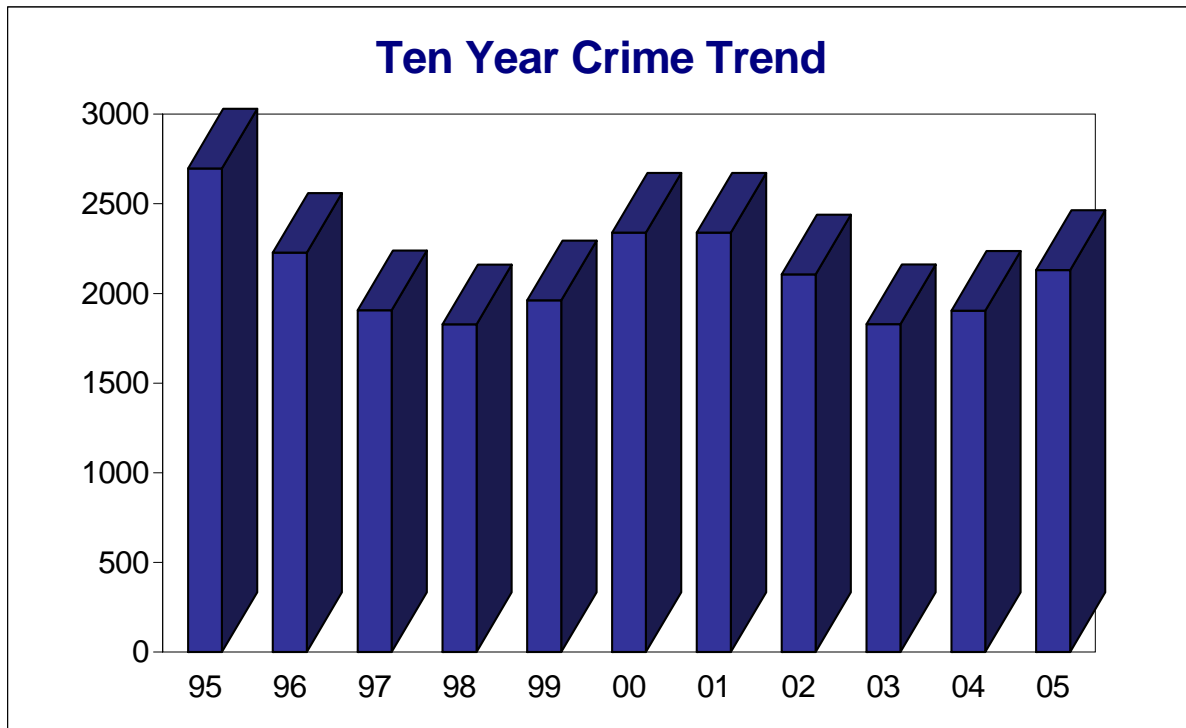
2005 ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS

The following is a snapshot of some of the noteworthy achievements last year.

- The following personnel received Officer of the Quarter Awards. SPO Gabe Overstreet was selected for the 1st Quarter. SPO Brett Gatlin and Cpl. Sam McJunkins were co recipients for the 2nd Quarter. Officers Doyle Potts, Mike Hollingsworth, and Sgt. Michael McQuerrey received the award for the 3rd Quarter. Officer Wayne Easley was the recipient for the 4th Quarter.
- Sgt. Richard Patrick and Sgt. Keith Barr graduated from the School of Law Enforcement Supervision. This is an advanced four week supervision course sponsored by the FBI and Criminal Justice Institute in Little Rock, Arkansas. The course allows officers to obtain six hours of college credit.
- Lt. Dwight Mowery graduated from the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in September of 2005.
- In March, Cpl. John Gibbert and his K-9 partner, Oran, seized over a gallon of Phencyclidine (PCP) while working the bus station. The drug was valued at over one million dollars, and Cpl. Gibbert received an award from the national drug czar stating that it was the largest non-production seizure in the United States for the year 2005.
- The Texarkana Police Department started the process of upgrading communications equipment through the Arkansas Wireless Information Network grant. This is a 3.9 million dollar city/county grant designed for statewide command and control during emergency operations.
- The Texarkana Police Department initiated work in the College Hill One Block at a Time Program. The Police Department works with the College Hill Development Council, neighborhood citizens, Code Enforcement, and Public Works, in an effort to revitalize and restore pride in older neighborhoods.
- The Texarkana Police Department is in the process of purchasing a new Mobile Command/Blood Alcohol Testing Vehicle. The funding for the purchase was secured through the DWI/CTSP Grant.
- Supporting our community is important to the members of our department. Officers donated their time and money to reach out to our community through the following department sponsored or supported events: Battle of the Badges charity football game, Shop with a Cop Christmas shopping spree for underprivileged children, and the Cops and Kids Christmas with the children at the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage and Watersprings Ranch for Children. Members of the department are also involved with Special Olympics, Race for the Cure, United Way, and many other community focused events.

2005 INDEX CRIME

One of the many functions of the Texarkana Police Department is tracking and reporting crime trends within the city. These trends are reported to the FBI in the form of a Uniform Crime Report, usually referred to as the UCR. The term “trend” is used because we are actually comparing incidents of crime that occurred during a particular year to those reported in previous

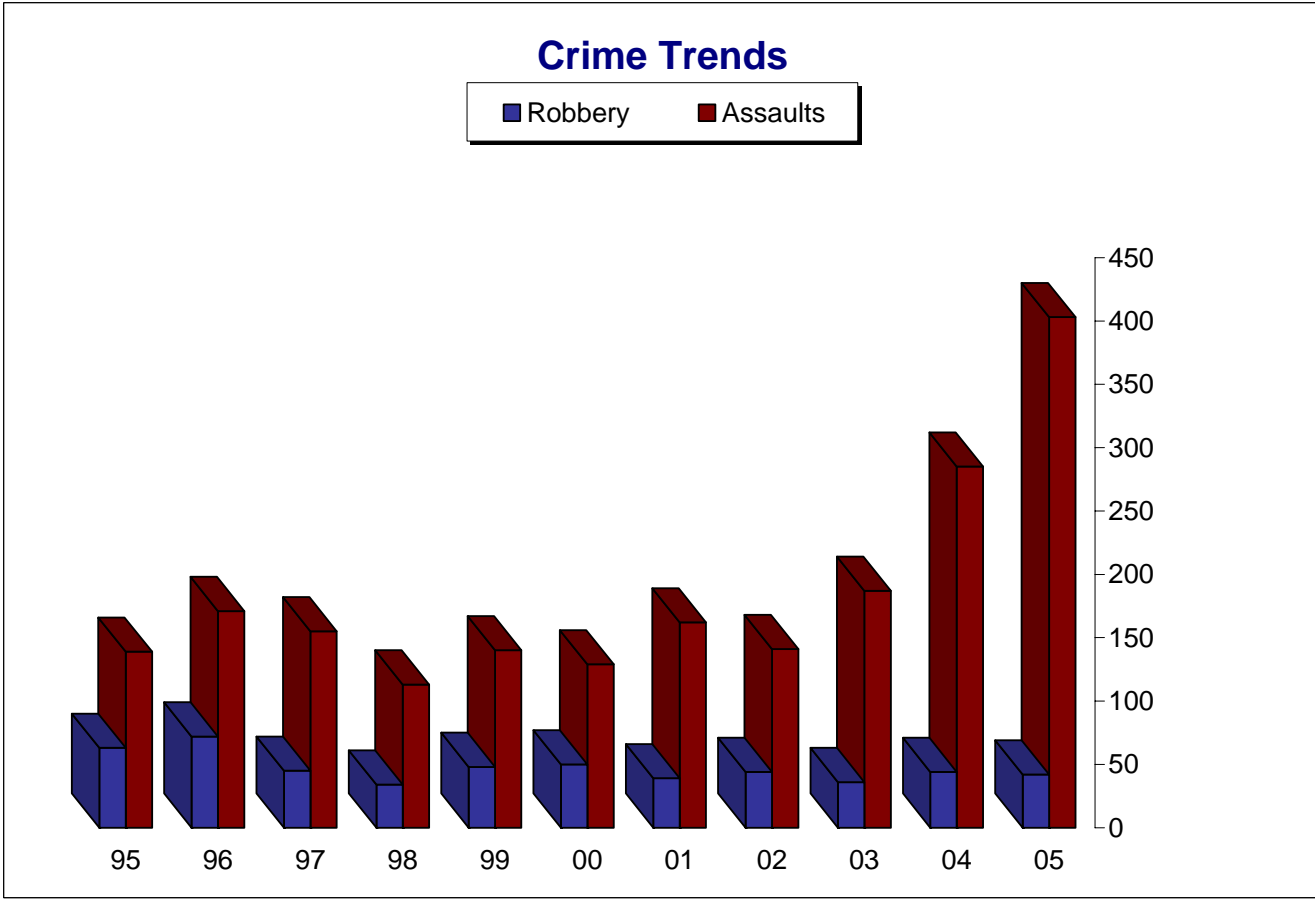
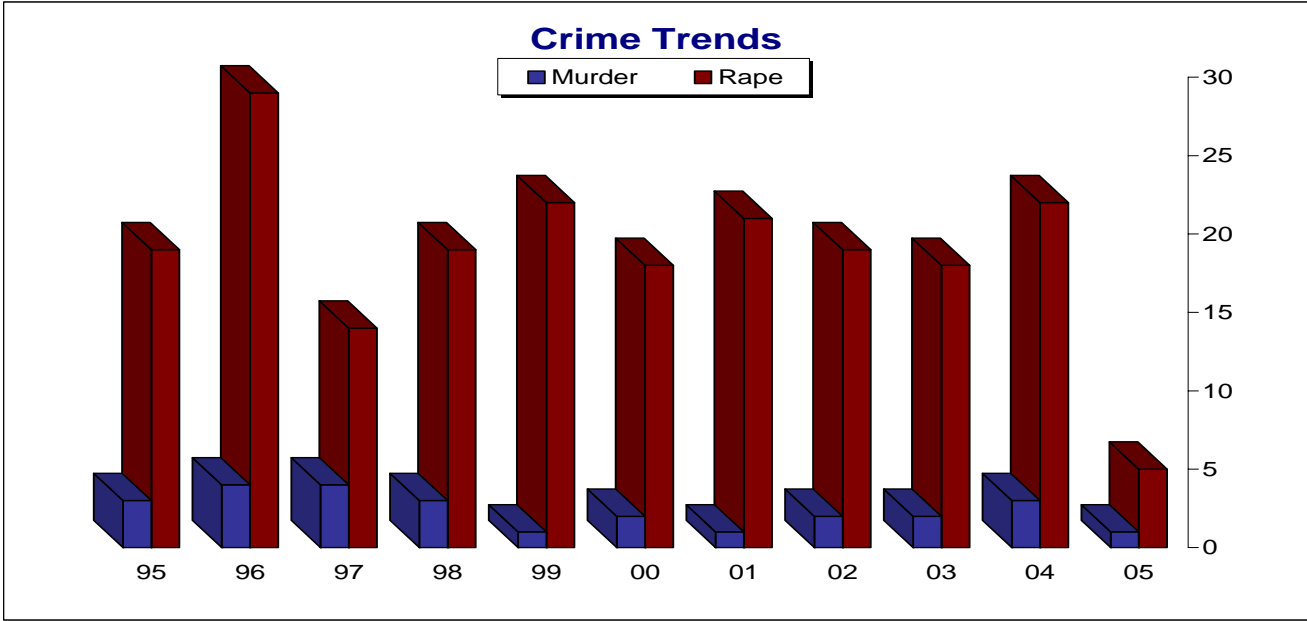


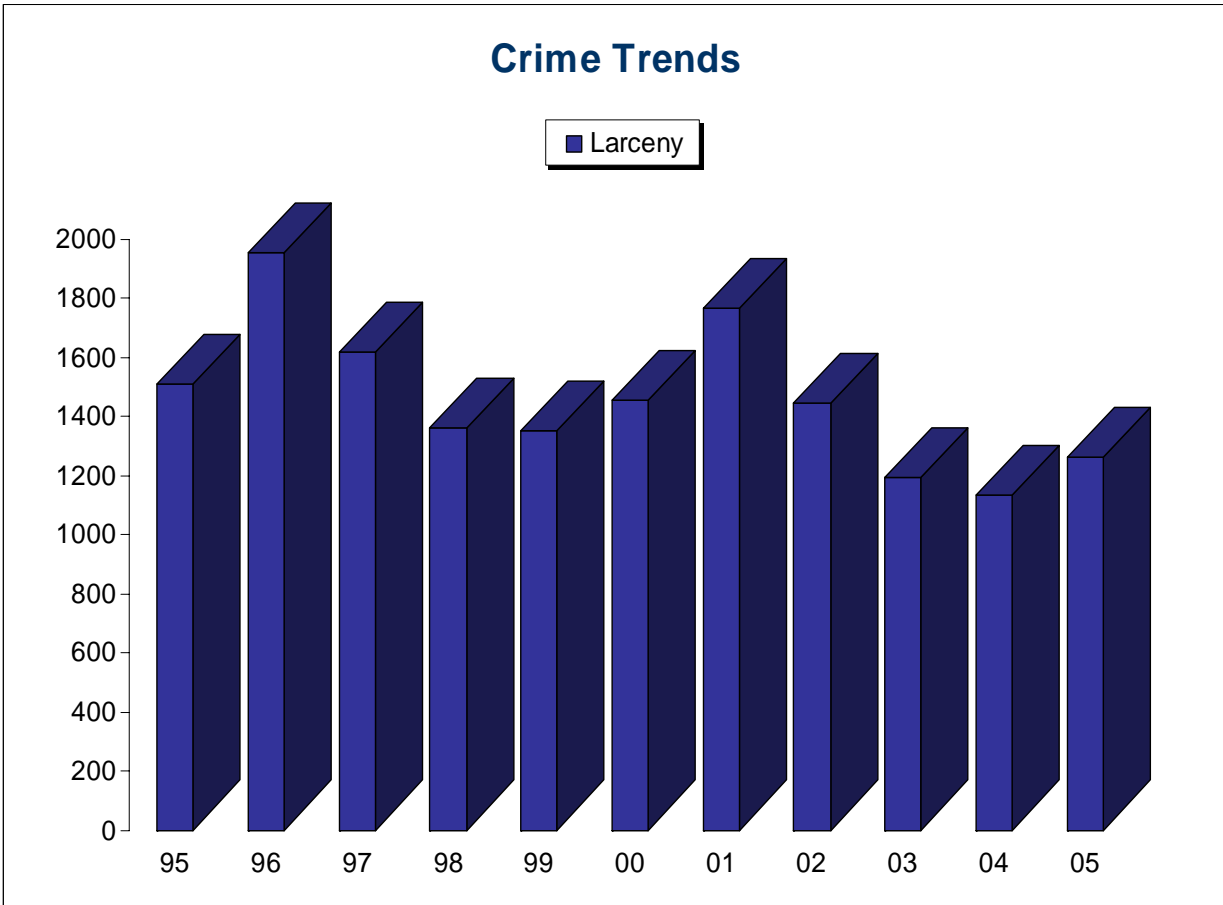
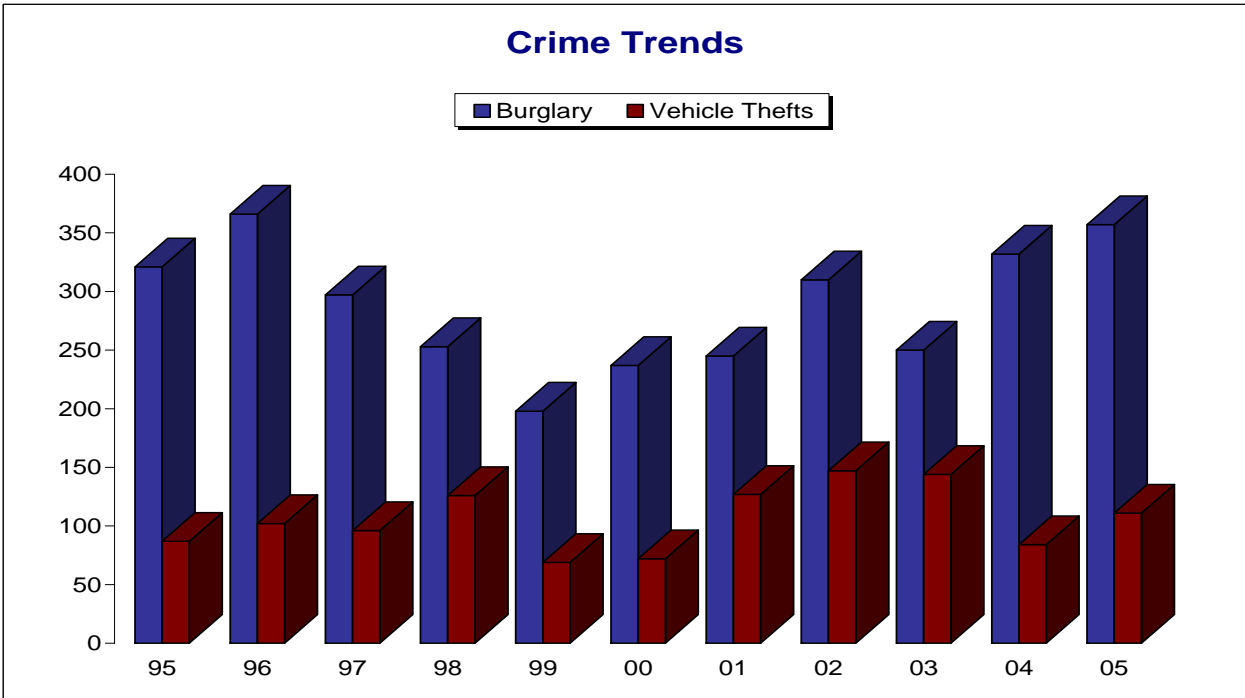
years to see if the trend for each crime goes up or down. During the year of 2005, we experienced a 7% increase in our total crime index. Many factors can influence crime rates. Large areas of annexations, without an increase in manpower, have meant officers are patrolling a larger geographical area. This results in a reduced impact on criminal activity in the community.

2005 UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

Offenses	2004	2005	Crime Trends
Criminal Homicide	3	1	-66.7%
Forcible Rape	15	5	-66.7%
Robbery	48	42	-12.5%
Aggravated Assault	302	403	+33.4%
Violent Crime Index	368	446	+21.2%
Burglary	364	357	-1.9%
Larceny-Theft	1216	1264	+3.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	80	111	+38.8%
Property Crime Index	1660	1732	+4.3%
Total Crime Index	2028	2183	+7.6%
Simple Assaults	1154	1170	+1.4%

Crime Trends – Texarkana Arkansas





**CITY OF TEXARKANA, AR
POLICE / C.I.D.
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2005**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET ANNUAL</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUALS</u>	<u>BUDGET %</u>
101	121	51010	SALARIES - REGULAR	3,059,405.00	2,970,110.92	97%
101	121	51014	SALARIES - AIRPORT	65,000.00	48,914.84	75%
101	121	51020	LONGEVITY PAY	50,913.00	48,443.52	95%
101	121	51030	HOLIDAY PAY	119,111.00	115,375.00	97%
101	121	51040	EDUCATION PAY	43,488.00	42,574.13	98%
101	121	51050	TRAINING PAY	54,240.00	54,734.17	101%
101	121	51070	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	18,000.00	16,667.00	93%
101	121	51090	OVERTIME	61,000.00	83,108.59	136%
101	121	51091	SCHOOL DISTRICT O.T.	90,000.00	48,266.14	54%
101	121	51092	D.W.I. OVERTIME	35,000.00	31,051.48	89%
101	121	51094	SPEED OVERTIME	29,000.00	26,351.84	91%
101	121	51095	AIRPORT SECURITY	(65,000.00)	(106,972.52)	165%
101	121	51200	F.I.C.A.	20,000.00	23,598.30	118%
101	121	51300	MEDICARE	47,177.00	46,179.95	98%
101	121	51400	RETIREMENT	21,093.00	131,146.06	622%
101	121	51500	HOSPITALIZATION/LIFE	324,093.00	334,444.58	103%
101	121	51600	WORKERS COMPENSATION	57,302.00	57,207.57	100%
101	121	52010	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	23,800.00	13,547.35	57%
101	121	52020	DATA PROCESSING	-	1,791.00	0%
101	121	52040	PRINTING & DUPLICATING	4,950.00	2,853.64	58%
101	121	52050	MAILING & DELIVERY	3,000.00	3,998.57	133%
101	121	52060	UTILITY SERVICES	3,500.00	3,730.24	107%
101	121	52070	COMMUNICATIONS	32,000.00	33,930.87	106%
101	121	52080	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,700.00	3,034.50	112%
101	121	52090	ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY	2,700.00	2,769.11	103%
101	121	52100	TRAVEL/TRAINING	40,000.00	44,037.34	110%
101	121	52130	RENTAL OF EQUIPMENTS	4,000.00	426.00	11%
101	121	52135	LEASE OF EQUIPMENT	-	426.00	0%
101	121	52180	MAINTENANCE MACH/EQUIP	5,000.00	6,492.62	130%
101	121	52185	MAINTENANCE VEHICLES	95,000.00	111,540.48	117%
101	121	52200	CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS	1,000.00	1,000.00	100%
101	121	53010	OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,500.00	7,986.55	106%
101	121	53020	OPERATING SUPPLIES	28,000.00	27,529.06	98%
101	121	53034	TSA EXPENDITURES	-	1,115.38	0%
101	121	53050	CLOTHING & LINEN	39,000.00	33,927.26	87%
101	121	53060	MINOR TOOLS & EQUIP	3,150.00	1,786.32	57%
101	121	53070	MOTOR FUELS & LUBRICANT	140,000.00	131,160.42	94%
101	121	53110	MATERIALS MACH/EQUIP	1,350.00	466.30	35%
101	121	53130	MATERIALS UNCLASSIFIED	200.00	163.07	82%
101	121	54100	INSURANCE	100.00	-	0%
				4,466,772.00	4,404,913.65	99%

2005 GRANT STATUS

2005 Texarkana/Miller County DOJ/Justice Administration Grant (JAG) Expires 01/01/08

The police department proposes to use the DOJ JAG funds to pay for the salary and fringe benefits to continue the employment of our full-time civilian complaint & warrant officer. This position allows for the redeployment of a commissioned police officer to field patrol duties instead of being continually called to headquarters to take walk-in complaints, handle warrants, and subpoenas. In his/her capacity of warrant service officer, calls are made to individuals that have outstanding warrants and making arrangements for these individuals to come in and turn themselves in.

Funding from the JAG will be used to continue funding the salary of this position starting on our about January 1, 2006. The City of Texarkana Arkansas has had an extremely difficult time with revenue and is currently operating with three unfilled police officer positions and a docket clerk position with one officer on active duty in Iraq.

Having a civilian handle walk-in reports and warrant duties in addition to serving in District Court frees up a police officer to handle these functions. The funds used will amount to \$34,438.00 over a two year period.

Miller County Sheriff Department Program Narrative

The Miller County Judge has requested their portion of funds be used to hire a part-time Deputy Sheriff or pay over-time costs for Deputy Sheriffs working for the Miller County Sheriff Department. They request their funds start on January 1, 2006. Miller County proposes to use the funds over the grant period. Their portion was negotiated in the amount of \$15,000.00 over a two year period.

Note: The City of Texarkana Arkansas administers the DOJ/JAG grant for the City & County. The funds are to be drawn down by finance and deposited in an interest bearing account from DOJ.

2005 DOJ Bulletproof Vest Grant: Expires 12/31/2006

This grant pays one half of purchase cost of bullet proof body armor for police officers. National Institute of Justice Standards (BJA/NIJ) recommends that body armor be replaced every five years and the agency provides body armor for every officer and replaces according to NIJ replacement recommendations. We anticipate these funds will carry over into the FY 2006 budget year and will keep you posted.

2005 DWI Traffic Enforcement Grant: Expires 09/30/06

This grant pays overtime for DWI, speed, and occupant protection enforcement and the purchase of a mobile breath testing vehicle to be used at DWI Alcohol Safety Check Points. The Federal

amount is \$227,655. The State amount is \$4,000. We have an in-kind local match of \$80,325 from the regular police budget. The FY 2005 DWI Grant ended on 09/30/2005. Local match (in-kind) uses a salary off-set from one of the patrol officers assigned to the Special Operations Traffic Section as match. This program started in 1991 and has been funded for approximately 14 years. This grant was a substantial increase over prior years. This grant overlaps our budget year due to the State of Arkansas being on a different physical year.



2004 BJA-LLEBG Block Grant: 10/28/07

This grant pays the partial salary of our civilian warrant/complaint officer. This is the last of the BJA/LLEBG grants from the Department of Justice. Our federal amount is approximately \$17,500 and the local match will be about \$1,800. This was a significant reduction from the 2003 LLEBG Block Grant last year. The LLEBG block grant has been phased out and becomes part of the new Justice Administration Grants (JAG) for FY 2005.



2005 Bi-State Narcotics Task Force Grant: Expires 06/30/06

This grant pays the salaries for TAPD personnel in the Bi-State Narcotics Task Force. This is a multil-jurisdictional task force consisting of TAPD, TTPD & MSCO personnel. This is our longest running grant project. It funds the salaries of five police officers. The federal amount is \$181,113, state amount is \$36,223, and local match is \$169,713. Miller County will contribute \$25,490 to the project in match. Our task force has been one of the more successful in the State of Arkansas. We have heard some rumors from the Office of Intergovernmental Services there

will be a reduction in funding of all Narcotic Task Forces in Arkansas for next year. The grant total of \$387,059 for this fiscal year is a revised figure.

2006 STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant: Expires 12/31/06

This grant pays the full salary of a police investigator to investigate all cases involving violent crimes committed against women. This year a police liaison position (case coordinator) was added. The state amount is \$81,695, and the local in-kind match is \$27,419 for a total of \$109,114.

2006 Texarkana Housing Authority General Fund Officer Positions: Expires 11/31/06

The THA's share is \$85,000.00 and the city picks up the balance needed for salary and fringe for two officers. THA officers are primarily responsible for Texarkana Housing Authority property. The approximate match is 75% federal and 25% local match. The funds received from THA have been deposited into the regular salary line item to simplify our budget tracking.

2004 AWINS Communications Upgrade Grant: Project Completion Date is TBA (Estimated 12/2006)

The City of Texarkana Arkansas and County of Miller have received a \$3.9 million dollar radio/communications grant to upgrade City/County radio communications equipment and infrastructure as part of the Arkansas Wireless Information Network over the next two years. This will allow radio communication interoperability between police, fire, emergency medical, sheriff, public works, water department, and other first responders. This is by far one of the most important grants the city/county has ever received. The major benefit of this project is it will allow the police department and fire department to purchase some new radio equipment and upgrade our infrastructure saving money that can be used for other capital projects. Police radios have a service life of about 15 years. The AWINS radio system infrastructure used by the State of Arkansas will require that we start migrating from analog to digital equipment for interoperability with other state agencies in Arkansas. Upon completion of the project we do not anticipate needing to upgrade the radio infrastructure until FY 2015. This project has been an especially difficult to manage as Miller County & the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) are making most of the decisions on infrastructure needs.

2004 COPS In Schools Grant: Expires 03/31/2007

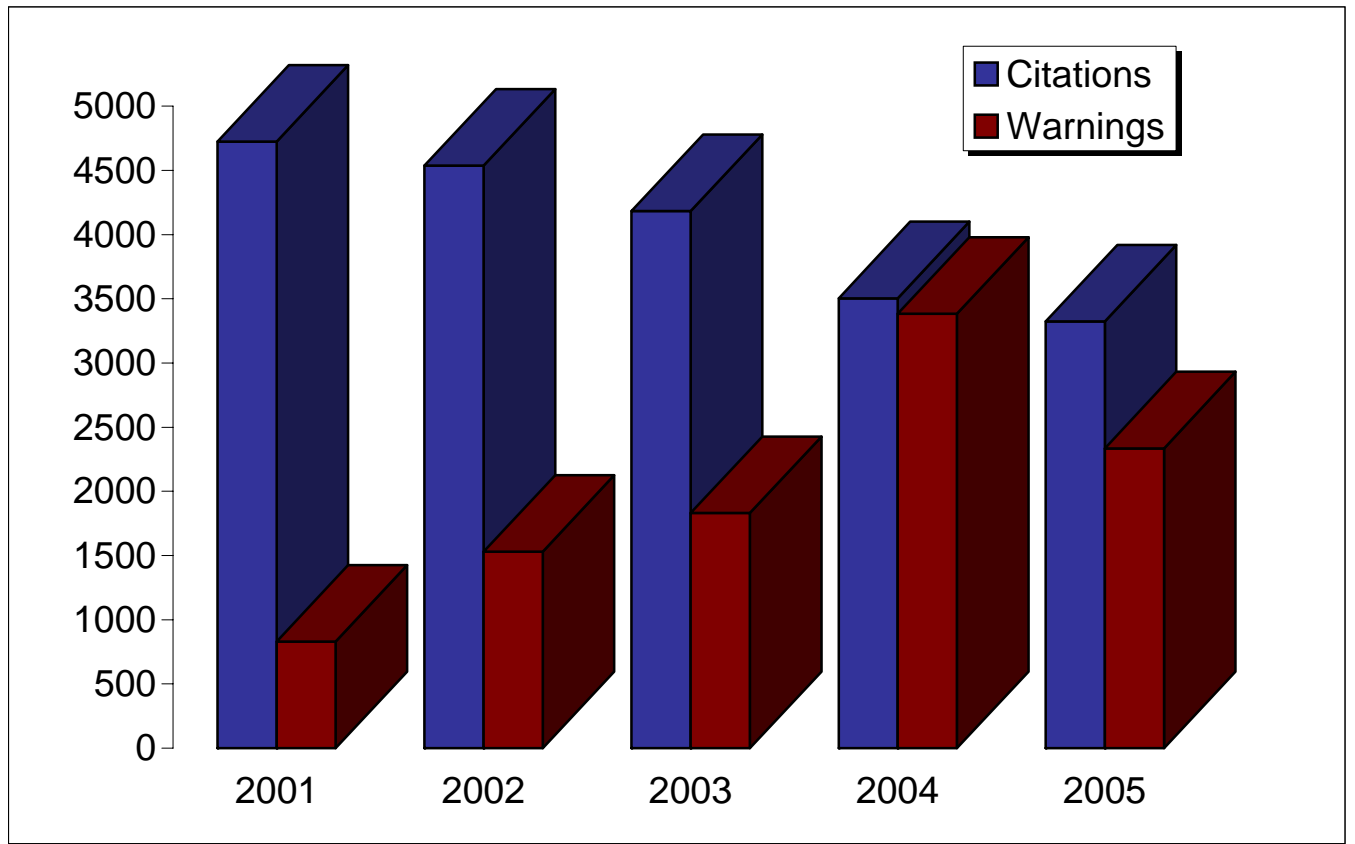
This three year grant funds two (2) police officers for assignment to TASD as School Resource Officers. One SRO will be assigned to Arkansas High School and one at North Heights Junior High School. The Texarkana Arkansas School District has agreed in principal to continue to fund the positions for an additional two budget cycles after the federal portion expires, which will in reality fund the two officers through 03/31/09.

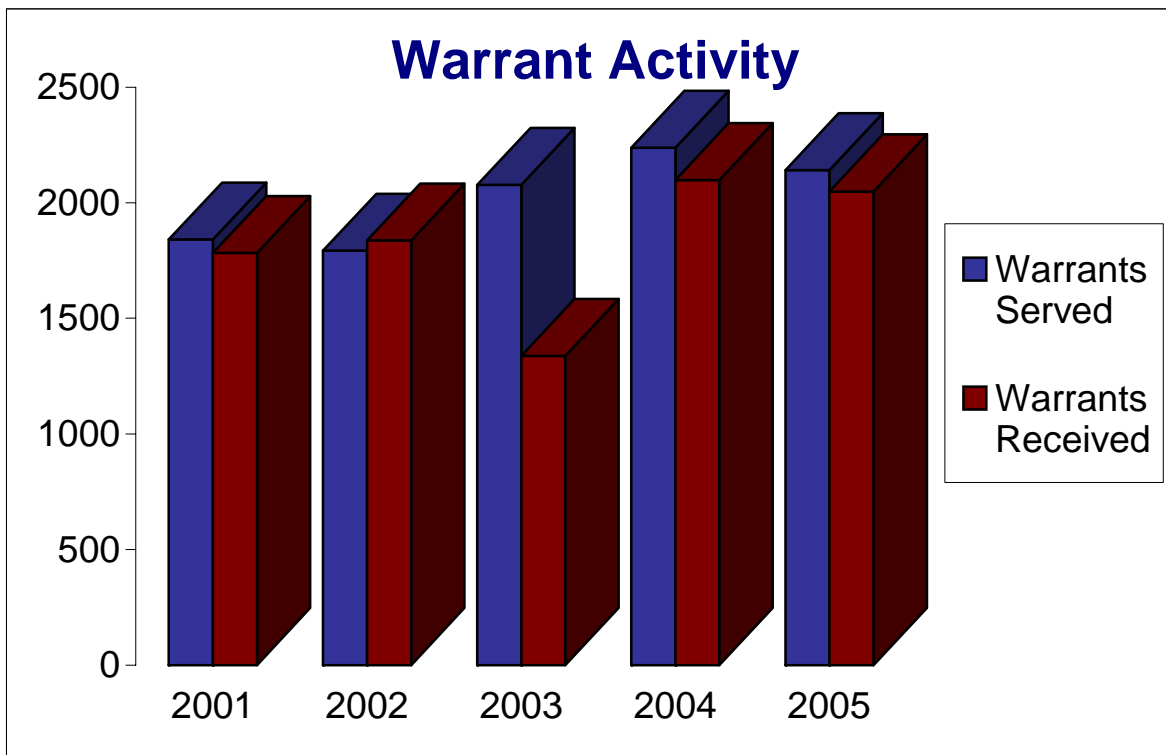
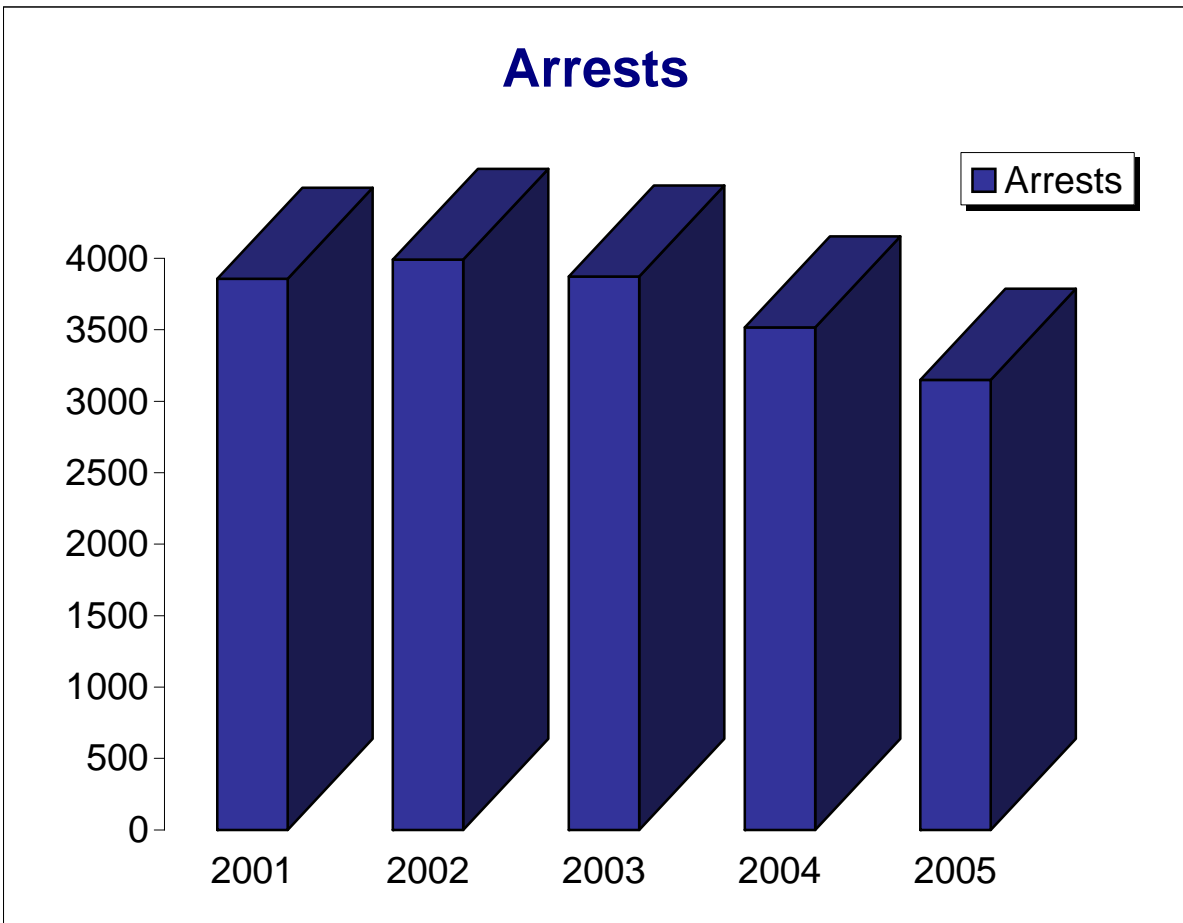


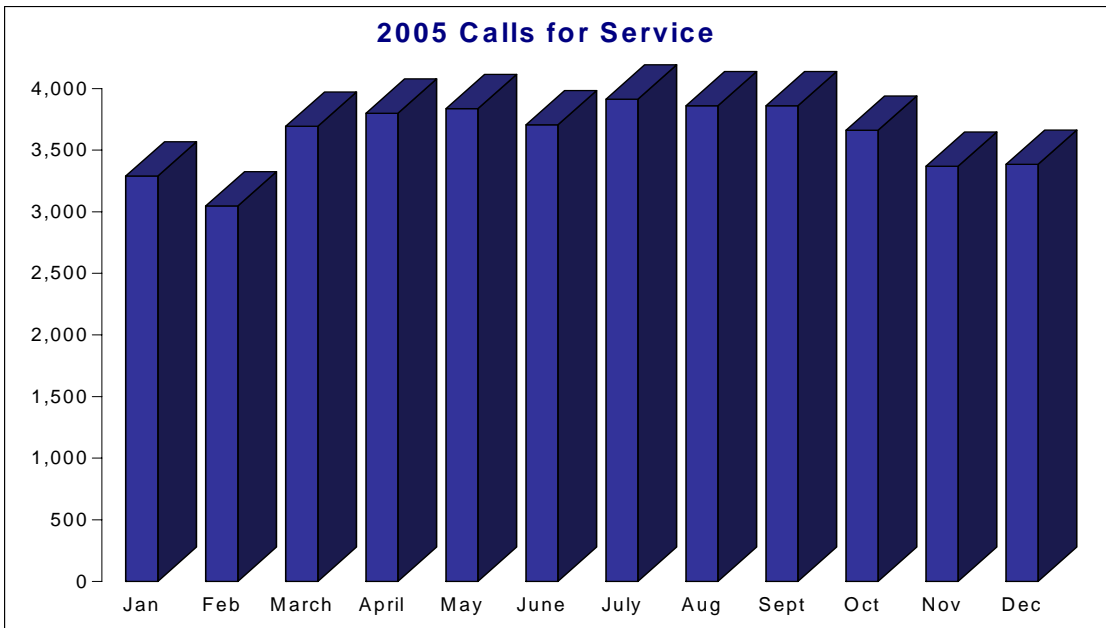
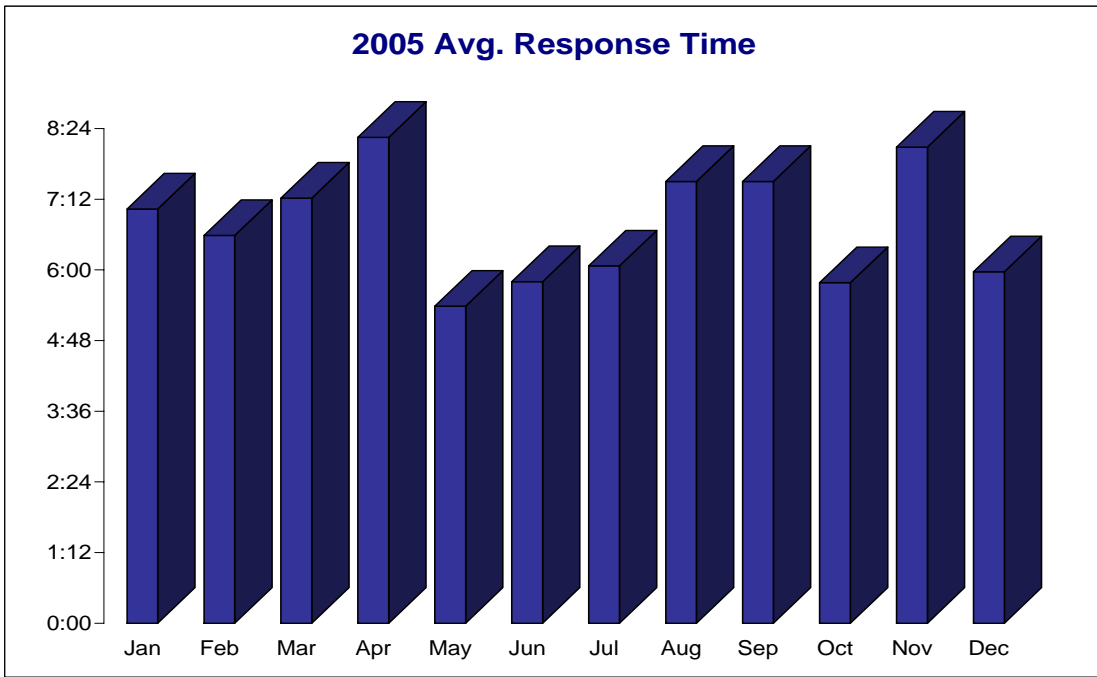
2004 COPS Secure Our Schools Grant: Expires 08/01/2006

This is a one year grant that is funded by the COPS Office to provide security upgrades to the new Arkansas Senior High School under construction in the amount of \$89,206.00 dollars. The grant was applied for by the Texarkana Police Department on behalf of Texarkana Arkansas School District Number # 7. This grant is different from other COPS grants we have applied for with a 50%-50% match being provided by the Texarkana Arkansas School District and the DOJ COPS Office. The grant was applied for in July of 2004 and was to run for 12 months. We have been notified by the COPS office that we are eligible for an extension on behalf of the school for an additional 12 months due to a delay in the award (March 21, 2005). Depending on how the construction of the new High School goes, we may have to ask for an extension. The City should be able to draw down the funds during May of 2005. We will keep you posted on our progress with TASD #7. We received a 12 month extension on this grant during our FY 2005 budget year.

2005 POLICE OPERATIONS







CALLS FOR SERVICE

Call Priority	2004 YTD Number of Calls	2005 YTD Number of Calls
1	115	143
2	1,359	1,482
3	10,680	11,791
4	2,880	2,863
5	21,572	21,656
6	3,970	5,236
Totals	40,576	43,171
Average Response Times	6:23	6:36

Examples of calls associated with each priority level:

Priority 1 – Urgent Requests for assistance from Fire, EMS, or Police

Priority 2 – Accident with Injuries, Bank Robbery, Burglary in progress, Homicide, Suicide, House Fire

Priority 3 – Accident without Injuries, Intrusion Alarms, DOA, Disturbance in progress, DWI, Prowler

Priority 4 – Funeral Escorts, Curfew Violation, Animal Running Loose, Loud Party, Prostitution

Priority 5 – Burglary already occurred, Disturbance already occurred, Forgery already occurred

Priority 6 – Parking complaint, Fireworks complaint, Gas Theft, Loose Animal



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NARCOTICS

2005 Narcotics Stats			
Drugs Seized	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Street Value
Marijuana	118	Kg	500,638
Crack	168	g	35,932
Cocaine	2,688	g	476,420
Methamphetamine	640	g	126,022
Meth Lab	9		2,600
Xanax	167	DU	1,490
Ecstasy/MDMA	51	DU	1,155
Hydrocodone	87	DU	957
Soma	31	DU	341
Alprazolam	37	DU	74
PCP	1	gal	1,800,000
Total street value of narcotics seized:			2,945,629
Arrests and cases files by investigators:			191
Search warrants executed:			40

Methamphetamine continues to be a problem in our community. This is consistent with the national trend. One factor supporting the proliferation of “meth” is the ease of manufacture and availability of the required components. The number of labs seized continues to increase, from 2 in 2002 to 10 in 2004. Due to the short time necessary to manufacture methamphetamine, the labs are very difficult to locate before they move on. Despite their simplicity, the “meth” labs are very dangerous and present many unique challenges to officers. Methamphetamine is only one of the illicit drugs in use in our community. Marijuana and cocaine continue to be an issue in our city, and ecstasy is becoming more common. Combating the drug problem continues to be an important priority of our department, with a focus on interdicting the incoming supply of drugs and the money that supports trafficking.



TRAINING

Training is a critical component of maintaining a professional and effective police department, and is a priority with our agency. The agency aggressively searches for current and future issues within the community that can be addressed through training. The training that is provided by the agency, allows the officers to respond proactively in the community. Texarkana police officers received a total of 9760 hours of quality training during 2005. Courses covered a wide range of areas, from the basic police academy to highly technical subjects such as forensic analysis. Officers assigned to specialized positions, such as SWAT, received frequent operational training to maintain their skills and expertise at a high level of competency.

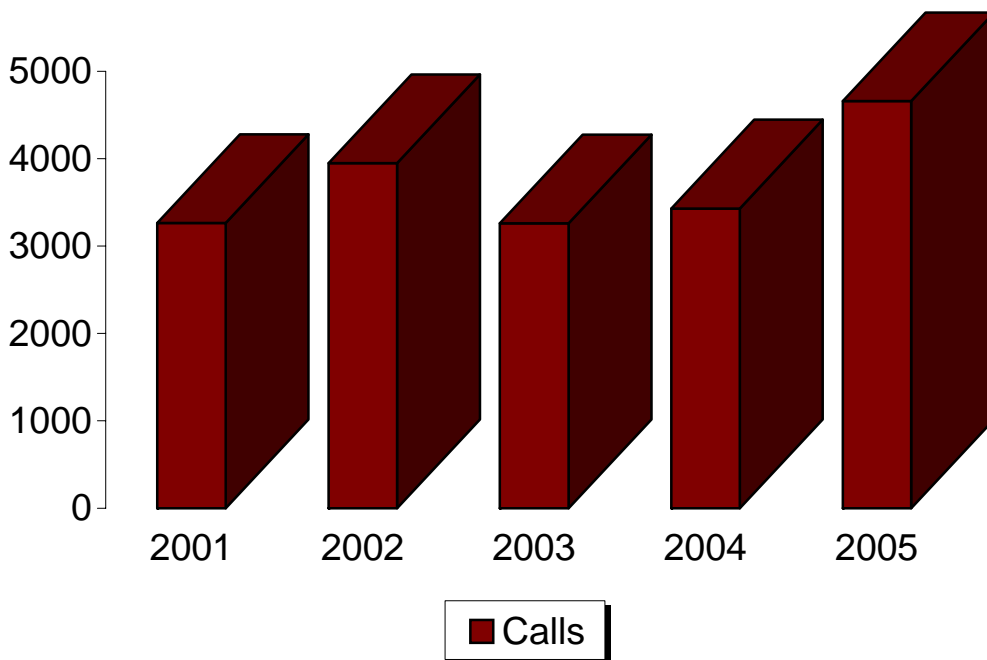


ANIMAL SERVICES

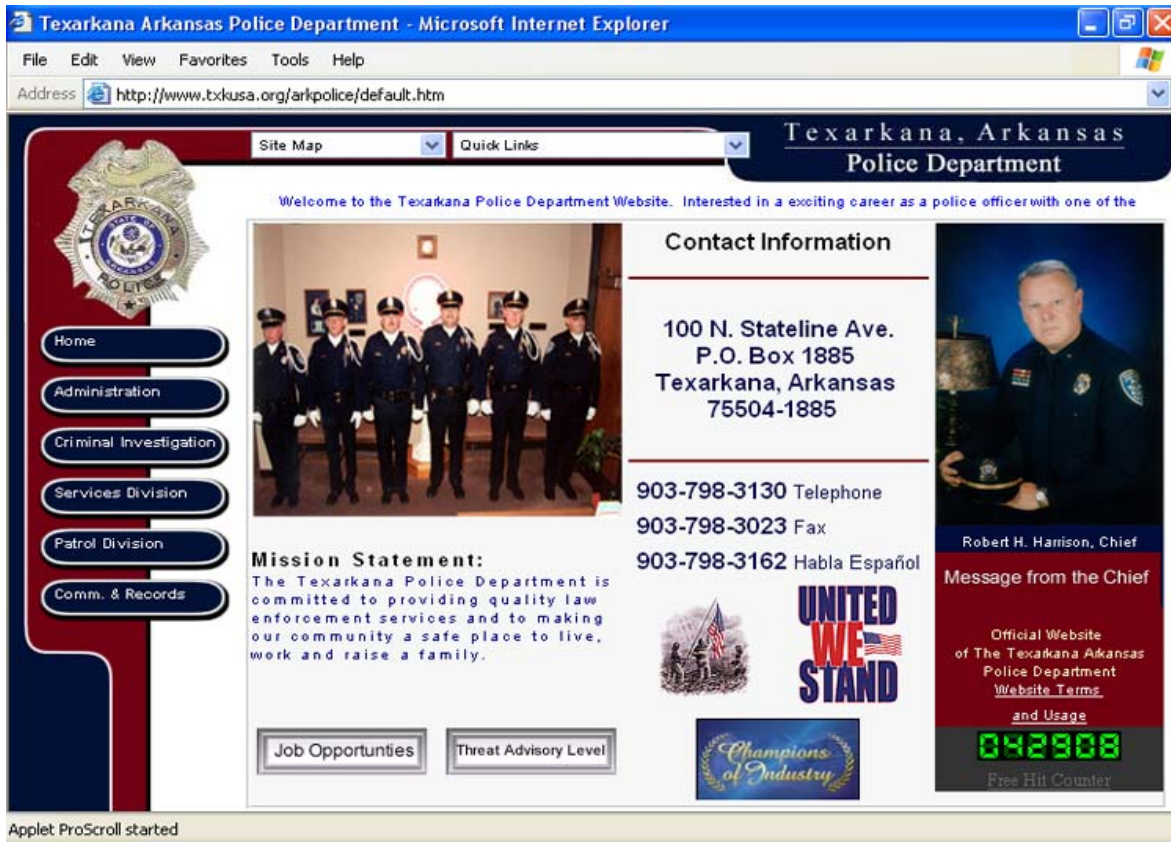


Animal Services Officers are assigned as part of the Services Division and proactively enforce laws that relate to animals. Two Animal Services Officers are responsible for all calls for service that involve domestic and wild animals. Animal Services Officers answered 4,657 calls in 2005. This is a notable increase over the number of calls in 2004. Both our Animal Services Officers are certified in their field and in euthanasia techniques.

Animal Service Calls



TEXARKANA POLICE WEBSITE



The Texarkana Police Department has taken the lead in the City's efforts to bring local government into the information age. Informative and innovative, our website provides crime prevention efforts, monthly activity reports, press releases and recruiting information. A prospective employee can now download an initial application from the website. The web address is www.txkusa.org/arkpolice. Some of the information from our website can be seen on the local government access television channel to increase community awareness and recruit qualified members of our community for service with the department.

TEXARKANA POLICE PATCHES



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