

TEXARKANA ARKANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

“Excellence Innovation Integrity”



2008 YEAR END REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

It is my privilege each year to prepare a report on the operations of the Texarkana Police Department for the City Manager, Mayor, Board of Directors, and citizens of our community.

This police department believes that we must be active in our community working to improve the quality of life for our citizens, especially with the recent economic downturn. Citizen involvement and participation is vital to the planning and decision making process as we work to develop strategies to meet the challenges the economy presents to our City.

Your police department is committed to doing everything we can to keep our City vibrant and attractive to businesses wishing to begin or relocate to a city that prides itself in being a “safe place to live, work, and raise a family.” I am very fortunate to have a professional police department staffed with highly trained, educated officers, and civilian staff. These officers and civilians provide service to the community, and go above and beyond the call of duty in providing a higher quality service for our City.

The City continues to have large rural areas that we patrol with beats that are so large they are not always covered on every shift. This can be a problem causing longer response times when staffing levels require a shift commander to have one officer cover two beats. I remain committed to the citizens and Board of Directors on delivery of the best service possible with the resources provided.

In closing I continue to believe Texarkana, Arkansas has a bright future. We are a diverse City and the police department’s primary role is helping people. If you have questions after reading this report, please contact me or any division commander.

Sincerely,

*Bob Harrison
Chief of Police*

TEXARKANA POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

SERVICES DIVISION



Captain Glenn Greenwell commanded the Administrative Services Division in 2008. The Services Division provides a wide range of administrative, technical, and logistical support to the other police department divisions. The division contains a number of highly skilled officers and civilian staff with advanced training and specialized technical training.

How we get the job done is as important as getting the job done. In this division there is a continuing commitment to operational excellence that recognizes the process is as important as the support provided to the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigation Division providing the resources needed to complete their mission.

Lieutenant Doug Avery supervises 1 Sergeant, 4 Police Officers, 5 Civilian Support Personnel, and 2 Animal Services Officers. He is also responsible for grant preparation, finance control, lawsuit paperwork preparation, and administrative support, to name a few. We have outstanding employees who understand their mission of support for the rest of the Police Department.



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 agency's many computer systems. We are especially proud of our website and the information the community can access from it. Our website updates frequently.



Use of the **Texarkana Police Honor Guard** is coordinated by Services Division. It is made up of officers from all divisions within the department. It is supervised by Sgt. Bobby Jordan, and consists of three parties; the firing party, the color guard party, and the casket guard party. The Honor Guard provides services to local law enforcement, military, and civilians in keeping with the department's public relations philosophy. At the direction of the Chief of Police, or his designee, the Honor Guard will perform at, but not limited to, funerals for officers killed in the line of duty, Memorial Day

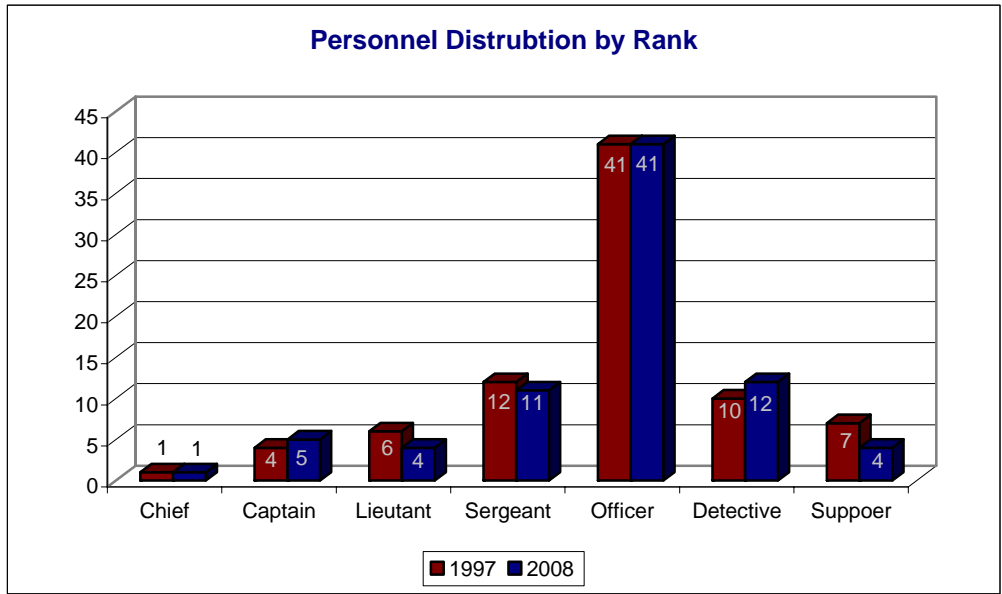


celebrations, and graduation ceremonies at the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy. We are especially proud of the officers assigned to this unit and their service to the families that have lost a loved one.

The **Public Information/Community Liaison Officer**, Patrol Officer Kristi Mitchell, is responsible for coordinating media requests for local, radio, television, and newspapers. This assignment also handles coordinating crime prevention/public education events in the community. The agency is very active in the community with our outreach projects that include Shop with a Cop, Cops & Kids, annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, and the Special Prevention Unit Leadership summer conference, to name a few.



The **Personnel Officer**, Corporal Sonyah Tate, is responsible for the recruitment, selection, testing of applicants in conjunction with the Civil Service Commission, and the Commission on Law Enforcement Training & Standards. The Training Section handles in-service training for all officers and civilian staff.



2008 PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

Retirements: None

Promotions: None

Resignations: Doyle Potts (January)

Corwin Battle	(April)
Mike Hollingsworth	(April)
John Higginbotham	(October)
Cecil White	(October)
Amy Smith	(September)
Chad Ford	(December)
Kevin Heagwood	(December)

New Hires:

Cecil White	(January)
Jonathon Easterling	(April)
Dennis Hagan	(August)
Ty Whatley	(August)
Jan Lishman (Domestic Violence Coordinator)	(October)

Our department proudly supports our military National Guard and Reserves. Currently, we have one officer, who is on TDY duty with the United States Marine Corp serving our country in Afghanistan. This officer, John Cowart (pictured right) was recently awarded the Bronze Star for his service.



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RECRUITMENT/RETENTION OF OFFICERS

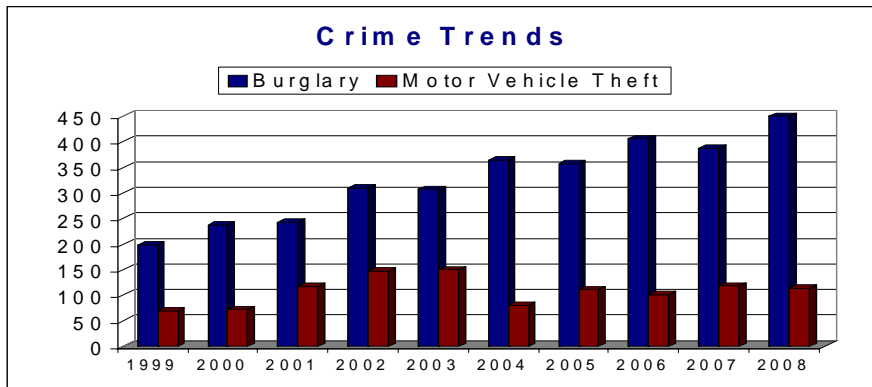
Recruiting qualified applicants to become police officer's, continues to be a serious challenge with several major metropolitan areas classifying it as a "crisis". Fewer young people are interested in law enforcement as a career. We are experiencing significant barriers to recruiting qualified applicants, a phenomenon that has created a staffing shortage throughout the industry. Police officer candidates have become a commodity that is in short supply. In 2008, four new police officers were hired. Several positions were left vacant for months while the agency advertised and searched for qualified applicants. The competition between police departments for the same candidates has swelled to such a level that many law enforcement agencies have begun implementing substantial benefits to lure the new applicants.

Many departments are currently offering large cash sign on bonuses, home down payment assistance, lateral transfers, and recruiting bonuses. The norm is hiring professional recruiting and advertising companies to assist in the search for applicants.

This year our department has continued using local billboards in both Texarkana and similar sized cities in Southwest Arkansas, to attract applicants.

Our agency's greatest recruiting tool is the leadership and reputation of the agency in Arkansas. This strength is critical for our current and future ability to recruit applicants that are able to meet our high standards of education, physical fitness, moral character, and personal financial responsibility. It is our goal to hire a professional work force with officers that reflect the demographics we serve.

The following chart is the racial breakdown of commissioned officers and civilian staff in the agency.



This chart is commissioned officers only:

Race/Sex	Patrol	CID	Services	Admin	CRC	Total	Percentage
White/Males	44	13	4	2	1	64	79%
White/Females	3	1	2			6	7%
Black/Males	3					3	4%
Black/Females	1					1	1%
Indian/Males	1		1			2	2%
Hispanic/Males	1	3				4	5%
Hispanic/Females		1				1	1%
Total	53	18	7	2	1	81	100%

The following chart is the racial breakdown of civilian personnel in our agency:

Race/Sex	Civilian Personnel	Percentage
White/Males	10	53%
White/Females	5	26%
Black/Females	3	16%
Indian/Males	1	5%
Total	19	100%

The following chart is the racial breakdown of civilian personnel in the Communications & Records Section:

Race/Sex	CRC Employees	Percentage
White/Males	6	12%
White/Females	35	71%
Black/Females	7	14%
Hispanic/Females	1	2%
Total	49	100%

The following chart is the racial breakdown of the City of Texarkana Arkansas provided by the Texarkana Arkansas Chamber of Commerce:

Population by Race/Ethnicity										
Race	1990 Census		2000 Census		2006 Estimate		2011 Projection		Percent Change	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	1990 to 2000	2006 to 2011
White	18,232	69.90%	17,168	64.90%	16,820	63.00%	16,856	61.80%	-5.80%	0.20%
Black	7,580	29.10%	8,439	31.90%	8,781	32.90%	9,102	33.40%	11.30%	3.70%
American Indian or Alaska Native	75	0.30%	141	0.50%	142	0.50%	149	0.60%	87.80%	5.50%
Asian or Pacific Islander	120	0.50%	137	0.50%	197	0.70%	244	0.90%	14.40%	24.30%
Some Other Race	61	0.20%	163	0.60%	215	0.80%	368	1.40%	169.70%	70.80%
Two or More Races			401	1.50%	542	2.00%	574	2.10%		5.90%
Hispanic Ethnicity	203	0.80%	475	1.80%	588	2.20%	682	2.50%	134.20%	16.00%
Not Hispanic or Latino	25,869	99.20%	25,973	98.20%	26,108	97.80%	26,611	97.50%	0.40%	1.90%



TRAINING

Sergeant Mike McQuerrey supervised the training component of the Police Department during 2008. He knows training is a critical component of maintaining a professional and effective police department, and made training 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 9,617 hours of quality training during 2008. 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. Criminal Justice Institute in conjunction with the University of Arkansas and our department provide free professional training opportunities officer throughout the community.

One of the highlights during our 2008 training year included low light tactical flashlight training. During this training, Officers learned new techniques on the utilization of flashlights while conducting building searches. New, smaller but brighter, flashlights have been purchased and will continue to be issued to Officers once they complete the training over the next calendar year.

This year, the Department sent several Officers through Instructor Development training. With the tough economic times our Nation and City are experiencing, we thought it would be best to conduct many training sessions here in Texarkana to our Officers, while they are on duty. This will help us save money within our budget to pay for other essential issues.

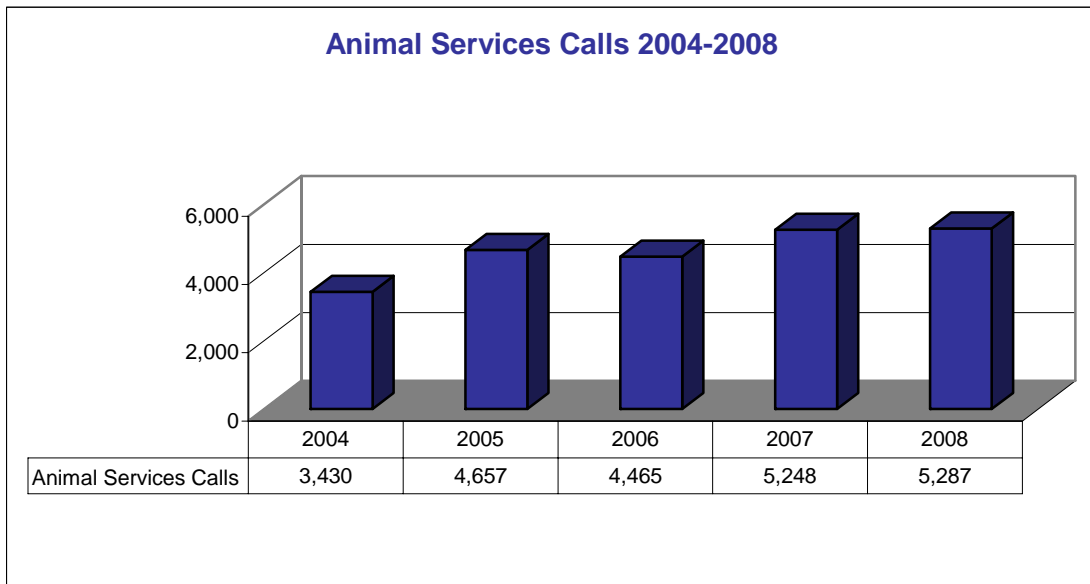


The Department continues to use its South Stateline firing range on a monthly basis for not only SWAT training, bi-annual Officer qualification, retired Officer qualification, but also for patrol rifle training.

Courses Taken	Hours
ACIC	48
ACIC Leads	6
Active Shooter	336
Advanced Crime Scene	48
Advanced Hostage Negotiations	96
Advanced Narcotics	40
ALETA Basic	960
Annual Firearms Qualifications	355
APERMA Conference	32
ATOA	192
AWINS Introduction	16
Basic Academy	440
Basic Crime Scene Processing	96
Basic Hostage Negotiations	40
Basic PIO	40
Basic Swat	40
Crimes Against Women Conference	48
Datamaster	56
DNA	48
Domestic Violence	16
Driver Training	20
FBI Command College	40
Field Training	3,080
Field Training Officer School	80
Firearms Qualification	196
Instructor Development	260
Interview & Interrogations	40
K-9 Certification	80
K-9 Training	510
LE Refresher	240
Less Lethal Methods Refresher	32
Low Light Firearm Training	100
Low Light Techniques	72
Municipal League Search and Seizure	8
Patrol Rifle	168
Power Point	16
Property Room Procedures	16
Protecting Children Conference	8
Recruit School	104
Reid Interview	72
SFST	160
Shotgun Familiarization and Qualification	100
Specialized Officer Qualifications	10
STEP Summit	24
Subgun Conference	80
SWAT Training	892
Taser Instructor	16
VICAP	16
Victime Assistance Attorney General's Office	8
World SWAT	216
Grand Total	9,617



The **Animal Services Section** is staffed by 2 civilians, who are responsible for all calls relating to animals within the city. In 2008, these two dedicated, hard working, Animal Services Officers answered 5,287 calls for service. They work closely with the Texarkana Animal Shelter and Texarkana, Texas Animal Control Section. Animal Services responds calls for service and emergencies 24 hours per day 7 days a week through an inter-local agreement with Texarkana, Texas on scheduling and call-outs.



POLICE DOCKET COORDINATOR

The District Court Docket Coordinator is responsible for data entry and clerical duties relating to the district court dockets and records. The docket coordinator handles the following responsibilities: data entry tasks relating to arrest and citations, preparation of dockets for district court, and the disposition of district court cases. She also ensures that required jail inmates are present for district court, assists the public and other law enforcement agencies with inquiries concerning warrants or court dispositions, monitors the jail population count, and ensures that the agency does not exceed its allotment of inmates in the jail, as well as coordinating requests for their medical care.

POLICE PROPERTY/EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

The Property Evidence Technician is responsible for the custody and control of all evidence and property under police control, and the legal disposition of all such property. The property technician is assigned the following responsibilities: researches ownership of items received into police custody, services and maintains the evidence and property lockers to ensure incoming property is safeguarded, and evidence is released, processed or disposed of according to accepted legal practices. She maintains and tracks evidence and property to ensure a legal chain of custody, and that evidence or property is available in a timely manner for court proceedings, crime lab processing, legal release, or other approved activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

The Administrative Support Technician is responsible for the agency's financial activities and records. She ensures that accurate records are maintained, assists in the preparation of the agency's yearly budget, and its integration with the city's yearly budget. She maintains payroll documentation for the agency, and screens bills and invoices for validity prior to payment. She prepares requisitions and other financial documents to ensure that the agency's financial needs are met. She also maintains an operating fund for petty cash, as well as preparing billing for the housing of U.S. Marshal Service, Bureau of Prisons, and Immigration and Naturalization Service inmates. The financial affairs technician also handles the purchasing, storage, and issuance of clothing and equipment for the agency.

AIRPORT POLICE

The Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department provides full time police services at the Texarkana Regional Airport. The airport police unit consists of three retired TAPD officers, who are employed by the department through a contract with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide continuous service during all commercial arrival and departure times. This unit is supervised and reports to the Services Division Commander and/or his designee.

FEDERAL & STATE GRANT STATUS

2008 Texarkana/Miller County DOJ/Justice Administration Grant (JAG): Expires 09/30/08

The police department used this grant to assist in the upgrade of our patrol units video cameras from VHS, to digital video. The grant funds will allow us to purchase 3 systems. The funds used amount to \$13,136.00 over a two year period.

2008 DOJ Bulletproof Vest Grant: Expires 12/31/2008

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 it according to NIJ replacement recommendations. We anticipate these funds will carry over into the FY 2009 budget year and will keep you posted.

2008 DWI Traffic Enforcement Grant: Expires 09/30/09

This grant pays overtime for DWI, speed, and occupant protection enforcement. The Federal amount is \$77,600. We have an in-kind local match of \$47,336 from the regular police budget. 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 16 years. This grant overlaps our budget year due to the State of Arkansas being on a different fiscal year.

2008 Bi-State Narcotics Task Force Grant: Expires 06/30/09

This grant pays the salaries for TAPD personnel in the Bi-State Narcotics Task Force. This is a multi-jurisdictional task force consisting of TAPD, TTPD & MSCO personnel. This is our longest running grant project. It partially funds the salaries of five city police

officers and two Miller County Deputies. The federal amount is \$148,265.00, state amount is \$29,628.00, and local match totals \$243,151.00. Our task force has been one of the more successful in the State of Arkansas. Reductions have occurred in both the federal and state grant funding awards resulting in an increase in local match to maintain the unit. The grant total for this fiscal year is \$421,044.00.

2008 STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant: Expires 09/30/09



This grant pays the full salary of a police investigator to investigate all cases involving violent crimes committed against women. The grant also pays the salary for a police liaison position (case coordinator). The state amount is \$81,262, and the local in-kind match is \$26,175 for a total of \$107,437.

2008 Texarkana Housing Authority General Fund Officer Positions: Expires 11/31/09

The THA's share is \$130,000.00 and the city picks up the balance needed for salary and fringe for three 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.

COPS In Schools Agreement: Expires 08/01/2009

The School District and the Police Department have entered into a two year agreement (following the completion of the 2004 COPS in Schools Grant funding) whereby the School District will reimburse the City for associated personnel costs of two (2) police officers assigned T ASD as School Resource Officers. One SRO will be assigned to Arkansas High School and one at North Heights Junior High School.



2008 UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION YEAR END REPORT



Captain Mark Lewis commanded the patrol division in 2008. 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 3 lieutenants, 7 sergeants, and 42 patrol officers. The division is divided into three shifts, and the Special Operations Section, providing continuous police service.

Patrol Officers are on duty seven days a week covering 3 shifts. Our police officers 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 approximately 42,913 calls for service in 2008, which reflects a 5% increase over 2007. The patrol division covers approximately 42 square miles within the city limits of Texarkana.

During 2008, the division investigated 814 motor vehicle accidents on the roadways, and an additional 325 on private property. 2,562 citations were issued, along with 1,397 written warnings. A total of 3,702 persons were arrested and processed on criminal charges including both misdemeanors and felonies.



The Division began the transition from analog, (VHS Tape) in-car video systems to cutting edge Digital in-car systems. As the VHS systems age, repair and replacement costs render them ineffective. The new system includes a wireless upload from the patrol unit to a server maintained in the department's Computer Services Section. The system provides for dissemination of applicable video files to Courts, Prosecutors, and other authorized users. The new technology also eliminates the need to purchase VHS tapes which are becoming more difficult to obtain due to the fact that they are being phased out.

Working closely with the Training Section of the department, in 2008 the Patrol Division continued enhanced training in several key areas, including Pursuit Driving, Tactical Firearms, Building Clearing, and Defensive Tactics. All members of the division were required to participate in the enhanced training in order to provide the officers with the tools necessary to safely accomplish their tasks.

The Patrol Division also administers and supervises the agency's DWI / STEP Program. In 2008, officers working at the direction of a Sergeant arrested 246 intoxicated drivers during both roving patrols, and 7 fixed DWI Checkpoints.

USE OF FORCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2008

The following statistical information reflects the comprehensive use of force reports generated by the Uniform Patrol Division of the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department for the calendar year 2008. The statistical information is derived from the Use of Force Reports required pursuant to section 2.05 of the General Order Manual

Number involving male suspects:	48
Number involving female suspects:	18
<i>Total number of reports filed by officers:</i>	66

Number involving black suspects:	41
Number involving white suspects:	24
Number involving Hispanic suspects:	01
Total number involving Use of Force:	66

<i>Total number of adults:</i>	59
<i>Total number of juveniles:</i>	07

Total involving Hand to Hand techniques:	34
Total involving O.C. Spray:	29
O.C. Effective:	24
O.C. Not Effective:	05
Total involving Impact weapons (ASP / Baton...):	01
Total involving K-9:	01
Total involving Taser:	01
Total injuries reported (all minor):	10
Total Use Of Force Incidents:	66

Total 1 ST Shift Use of Force Incidents (6a-2p):	15
Total 2 nd Shift Use of Force Incidents (2p-10p):	28
Total 3 rd Shift Use of Force Incidents (10p-6a):	23
Total Use of Force Incidents:	66

TOTAL USE OF FORCE PERCENTAGES:

Use of Force Involving black suspects:	62%
Use of Force Involving white suspects:	36%
Use of Force Involving Hispanic suspects:	>2%
Use of Force Involving Juveniles:	10%

Use of Force Involving Male suspects:	72%
Use of Force Involving Female suspects:	28%
Use of Force Resulting in Minor Injury to Suspects:	15%
Use of Force Resulting in Minor Injury to Officers:	>1%

2008 PURSUIT REPORT

The following statistical information is collected through the analysis of Fleet Pursuit Reports generated pursuant to Section 9.13 of the General Orders manual. The statistical information reflected below is for Calendar Year 2008.

Daytime Pursuits (0600-1800hrs):	06
Night Pursuits (1800-0600hrs):	09
TOTAL TAPD PURSUITS:	15

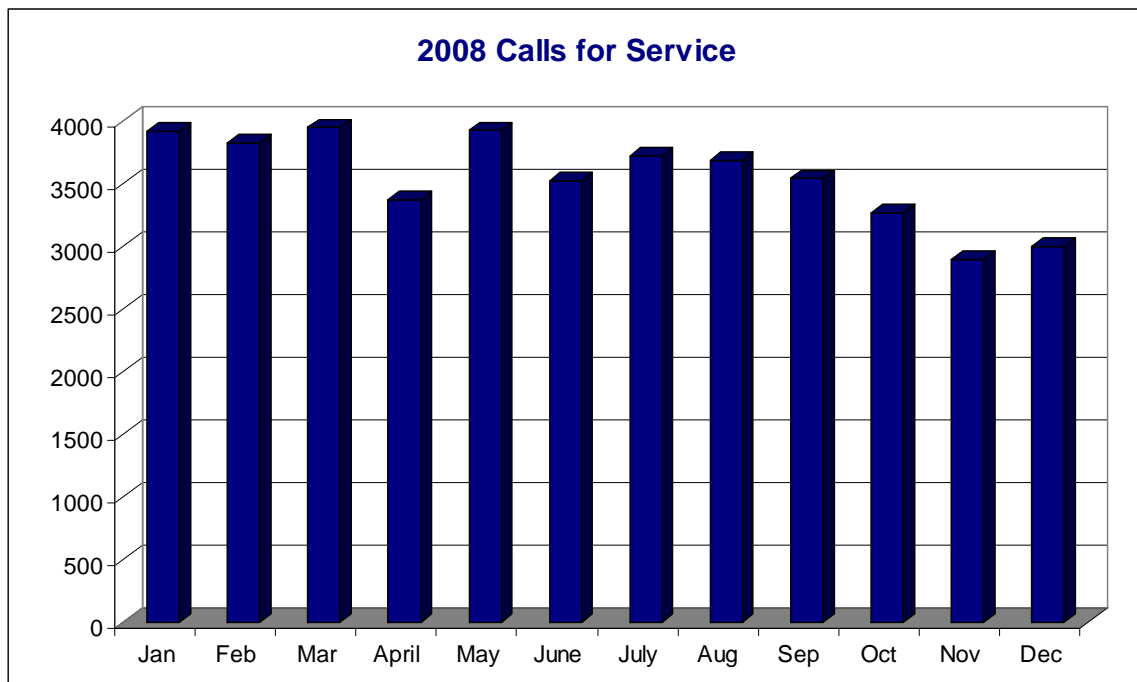
Pursuits terminated by an officer or supervisor:	07
Pursuits resulting in the arrest of a suspect:	08
Pursuits that resulted in traffic accidents:	00
Pursuits that resulted in injury:	00

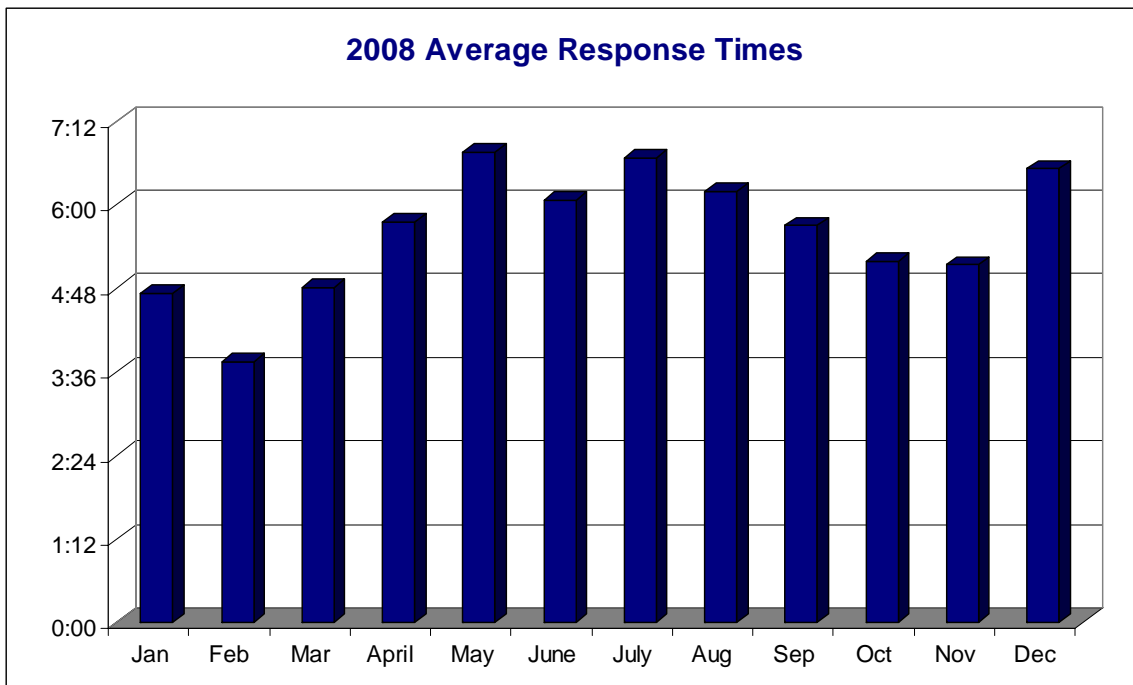
Average Pursuit Speed:	58.2mph
Average Length of Pursuit (in miles):	1.9
Average Tenure of Officer (in years):	10.46

Fleeing suspects arrested following pursuits by TAPD include the following charges:

- DWI
- Aggravated Assault (Felony)
- Possession of Controlled Substance
- Misdemeanor Offenses

PATROL OPERATIONS





Call Priority	2006	2007	2008
1	116	73	88
2	1,402	1,428	1,430
3	11,626	12,246	11,431
4	2,880	2,820	3,175
5	23,847	24,026	26,361
6	4,796	363	428
Totals	44,667	40,956	42,913
Average Response Times	6:06	5:33	5:33

Examples of calls associated with each priority level:

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

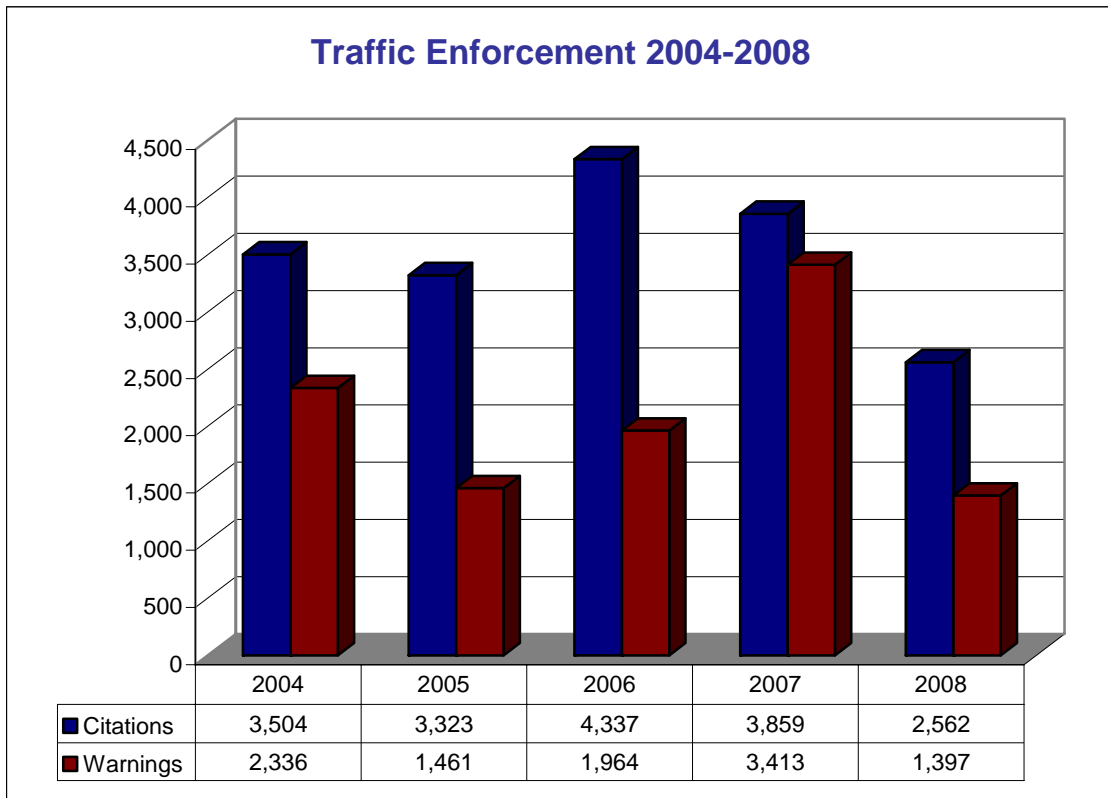
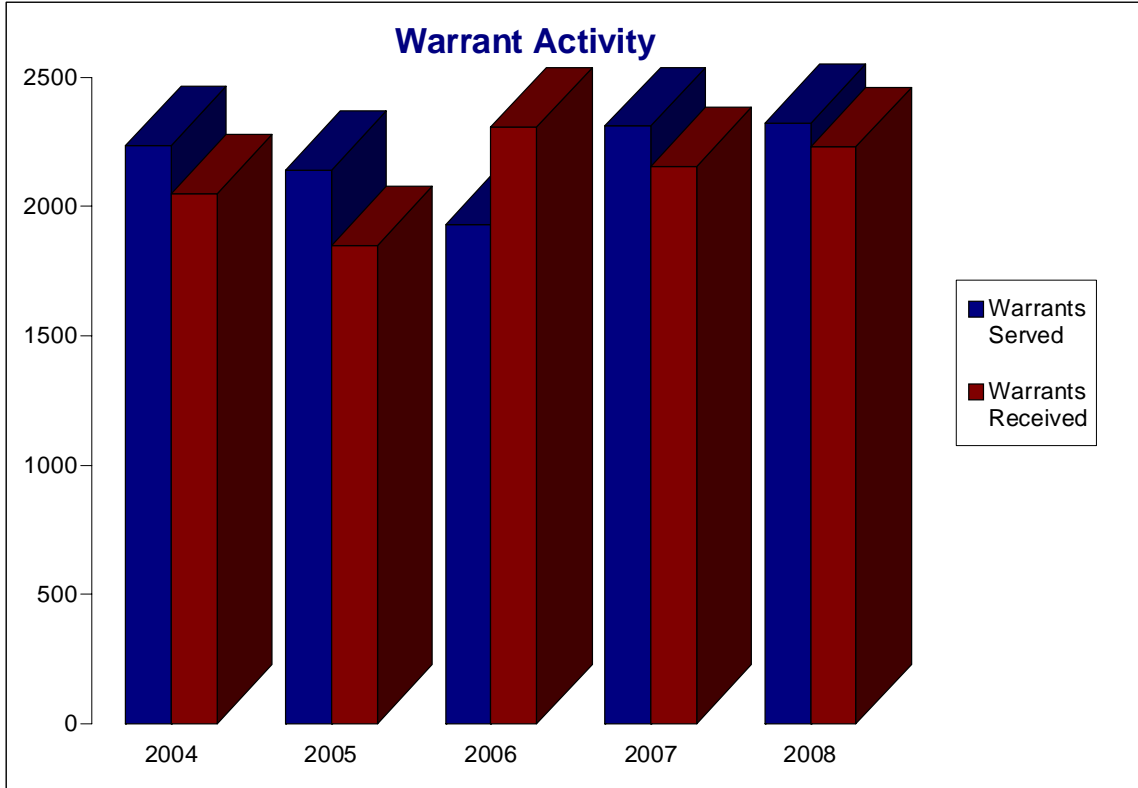
Priority 2 – Accident with Injuries, Bank Robbery, Burglary in progress, Homicide, Suicide, House Fire

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



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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 Sergeant, and eight officers. Each officer is assigned a primary assignment, such as traffic enforcement. While on duty, one traffic unit investigates motor vehicle accidents in order to free up regular patrol assets. Three grant funded officers provide services to all properties administered by the Texarkana Housing Authority. Two members of the unit serve as a Crime Suppression Unit, and are utilized to target high call areas within the city to address specific issues. Two additional officers who are grant funded provide services at both Arkansas High and North Heights Junior High School as School Resource Officers. Those two officers provide no additional patrol related services due to the nature of their assignments.

The Special Operations Sergeant is responsible for the annual planning, and supervision of High Profile special events such as the annual Four States Fair, the annual Half Marathon, and the Arkansas High / Texas High football game.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The division has two full time School Resource Officers assigned to the Texarkana, Arkansas School District. One is assigned at Arkansas High, while the other provides services at North Heights Junior High. In addition to serving as the primary liaison between the agency and the district, they address any criminal related issues that arise, in addition to providing instruction to students on a wide range of subjects. The SRO's also attend and perform essential duties at various school related activities such as sporting events, social gatherings, and graduations.



METRO SWAT

Texarkana Metro SWAT is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of members from both the Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas Police Departments. The team has a Commander, Capt. Lewis, who answers directly to the two Chiefs of Police, and specific Section Assistant Commanders, who are responsible for the various disciplines within the team. The unit maintains a total of three (3) entry teams, six (6) police marksmen, and a Hostage Negotiations team. All members train monthly, and respond to specific calls for service ranging from barricade situations to the execution of high risk warrants. The team employs special tactics, and utilizes specialized equipment to accomplish the assigned mission.

In 2008, the Team had six (6) Full Activations which included:
One elevated suicide attempt on a stadium light tower

One barricade situation with shots fired

Four full deployment high risk simultaneous search warrant executions

In addition, the Team assisted in multiple limited Call Outs where individual teams assisted other divisions of the agency with various High Risk Warrants / Assignments.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



Captain Ernest Keck commanded the division. The division is staffed by (3) Sergeants who have direct supervision over the four sections of CID which are the Crimes Against Persons Section, Crime Scene Section, the Property Crimes Section and the Metro Narcotics Task Force.

The Criminal Investigation Division investigated approximately 2,325 UCR Part 1 Offenses in 2008. This included 2 Homicides, 75 Robberies, and 450 Burglaries. The division maintained an average clearance rate of 50%, which exceeds the national average. Nationwide in 2007, law enforcement cleared 44.5 percent of violent crimes

and 16.5 percent of property crimes by arrest or exceptional means.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS, JUVENILE AND THE CRIME SCENE UNIT



The Crimes Against Persons section is supervised by Sgt. Bobby Jordan who is thankful to have a great team of highly trained detectives in place.

The Crimes Against Persons section is responsible for investigating criminal cases which include homicides, rapes, robberies, assaults and other acts of violence committed against citizens. This section is divided into five units, the Crimes Against Persons (Adult) Detective is Les Moody, who has 18 years police service with 10 years investigative experience, all with TAPD. In 2008 investigated 106 felony cases with a clearance rate of 68%.

Of the 106 felony cases, the Crimes Against Persons Section worked the double homicide of Al and Sandra Walsh. The case was cleared by the arrest of the victim's son, Bronson Scroggins. Numerous Rapes and Robberies were also investigated. This section is responsible for investigating the Rape/Kidnapping of a citizen that was followed home from a local business. The suspect forced his way into the home of the victim and held her there against her will, brutalizing and raping her. During the course of the investigation this unit was able to identify the suspect through the use of surveillance video and secure the arrest of Myka Talley.

This unit also investigated numerous shootings, one of which was the drive by shooting on Stateline Avenue in which the victim, a U.S. Naval Officer, was shot in the back when the vehicle he occupied was shot at. The investigation led to the arrest of three individuals responsible for the shooting. Numerous robberies were also investigated by this unit, one of which was the robbery of a local convenience store. The masked gunman entered the store, brandished a handgun, and robbed the store of the money from the cash register. That same gunman robbed an individual he encountered upon leaving

the store. During the course of the investigation the suspect's identity was discovered through the use of surveillance video and photo line-ups. The suspect was apprehended and confessed to the crimes.

The Juvenile Unit is made up of Detective's Jason Haak and Wayne Easley. Both highly regarded detectives have in excess of 10 years police experience each. Detectives Haak and Easley's responsibilities range from infant death investigations, child related homicides, child related sexual offenses, missing children, internet exploitation of children, assaults, batteries and property crimes. Detectives Haak and Easley work closely with the Child Advocacy Center in accomplishing their unparalleled success. In 2008 the juvenile unit investigated 445 felony and misdemeanor cases with an average clearance rate of 77%.

The Domestic Violence Unit is made up of one commissioned police officer, Detective Les Hunter and one civilian domestic violence case coordinator, Jan Lishman who was hired in November 2008. Detective Hunter has been assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division since 2003. He and Jan Lishman are responsible for all felony and misdemeanor domestic involved investigations. Detective Hunter is actively engaged and sits on a statewide board which reviews and recommends changes to the Arkansas Legislature concerning Domestic Violence statutes. In 2008 the domestic violence unit investigated 611 domestic related complaints and made 205 arrests. The clearance rate in 2008 for this unit exceeded 66% of their cases. Both of these positions are grant funded under the Violence Against Women Grant (VAWA).

Detective Sam McJunkins, has more than 19 years police experience and 8 years investigative experience here in Miller County and with TAPD. Detective McJunkins is a special deputy with the United States Marshall Service responsible for tracking wanted sex offenders who are believed to have moved into our jurisdiction and those who have left our jurisdiction without reporting. Strict guidelines have been assessed and each convicted sex offender is closely monitored and held accountable for actions outside the scope of the assessment. Detective McJunkins opened 57 new sex offender cases in 2008 and made 36 arrests, with a clearance rate of 68%.



The Texarkana Arkansas Crime Scene Unit is made up of Detectives Marc Sullivan and Shawna Yonts. Detective Sullivan is a 17 year veteran of TAPD and has worked in the Criminal Investigation Division since 2002. Det. Sullivan has completed every advanced crime scene technician school offered in the state and in 2008 completed the 9 week long University of Arkansas' Criminal Justice Institute's crime scene technician certificate program. Det. Shawna Yonts has worked in the crime scene unit for five years and in 2008 she completed the National Forensic Academy at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. This school is regarded the best of its type in the country. Detectives Sullivan and Yonts are frequently asked to investigate scenes outside Texarkana Arkansas jurisdiction because of their expertise in the field.

PROPERTY CRIMES SECTION



This section is led by Sgt. Richard Patrick and has Detectives Alan Fincher, Paul Nall, and Jeff Gladden. The Property Crimes section investigates burglaries, thefts 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 proud for a clearance rate above the national average of 16.5 percent. Property Crimes assigned to detectives in 2008 totaled 1151. The clearance rate for all of these crimes was at 24 percent.

Det. John Cochran is assigned to investigate Forgery and Fraud crimes and was assigned 242 cases in 2008. The clearance rate for those crimes was 38 percent. Det. Cochran also assists the Domestic Violence unit with cases per grant requirements.



The General Case Detective, Det. Angel Guzman 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. Misdemeanor crimes assigned in 2008 were 1445 with a clearance rate of 39 percent.

Property type crimes are the most common crimes and perpetrators are rarely known before a detective investigates the crime. Detectives work diligently to identify, arrest, and provide a detailed case file to the 8th judicial district prosecuting attorney for prosecution.

During the first quarter of 2008, the property section worked directly with The Miller County Sheriff's Department in solving a large crime spree of daytime residential burglaries totaling tens of thousands of dollars in recovered property and guns.



The property section also worked in solving a high profile safe burglary at Holiday Bowl where two suspects were arrested. In the last quarter of 2008, the property section worked long hours in catching a night time business burglar that targeted many businesses along State Line Avenue. The property section also worked diligently in the apprehension of high profile escapee, Demarcus Cooks. Cooks began a crime spree of burglarizing convenience and tobacco stores. He displayed no signs of stopping until he was captured. Cooks recently received a 100 year sentence by a jury for his escapes and other charges.

Secretaries Pauletta Sims, Ty Underwood, and Jewell Johnson play a vital role in answering phones, making copies, transcribing tapes, preparing reports, conducting research and performing all other duties that support the operations of CID.

The year 2008 involved a lot of hard work, extra effort, and long hours to investigate cases and maintain a solve rate above fifty four percent.

2008 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 2008, we experienced a 16.6% increase in our total crime index.

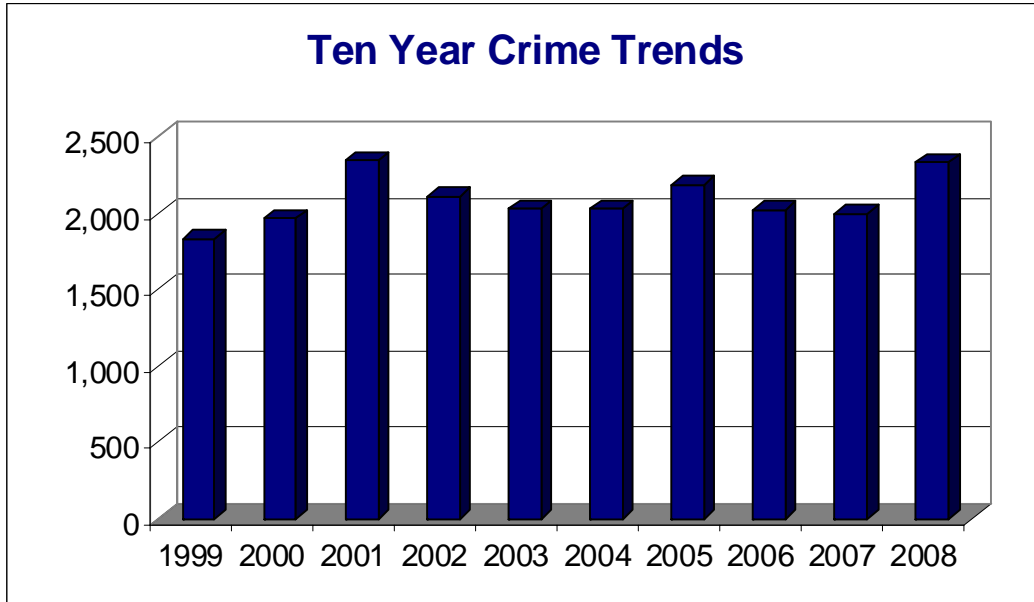
Many factors can influence crime rates. The local economy and employment rates also impact criminal activity in the community.

Some factors that are known to affect the volume and type of crime occurring are:

- ♣ Population density and degree of urbanization.
- ♣ Variations in composition of the population, particularly youth concentration.
- ♣ Stability of the population with respect to residents’ mobility, commuting patterns, and transient factors.
- ♣ Modes of transportation and highway system.
- ♣ Economic conditions, including median income, poverty level, and job availability.
- ♣ Cultural factors and educational, recreational, and religious characteristics.
- ♣ Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness.
- ♣ Climate.
- ♣ Effective strength of law enforcement agencies.

- ♣ Policies of other components of the criminal justice system (i.e., prosecutorial, judicial, correctional, and probational).
- ♣ Citizens' attitudes toward crime.
- ♣ Crime reporting practices of the citizenry.

The best indicator of a job well done is when all the paperwork is complete, and the file is sent to the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and we never go to trial because of accurate and complete investigations. Many cases were pleaded with satisfactory results.

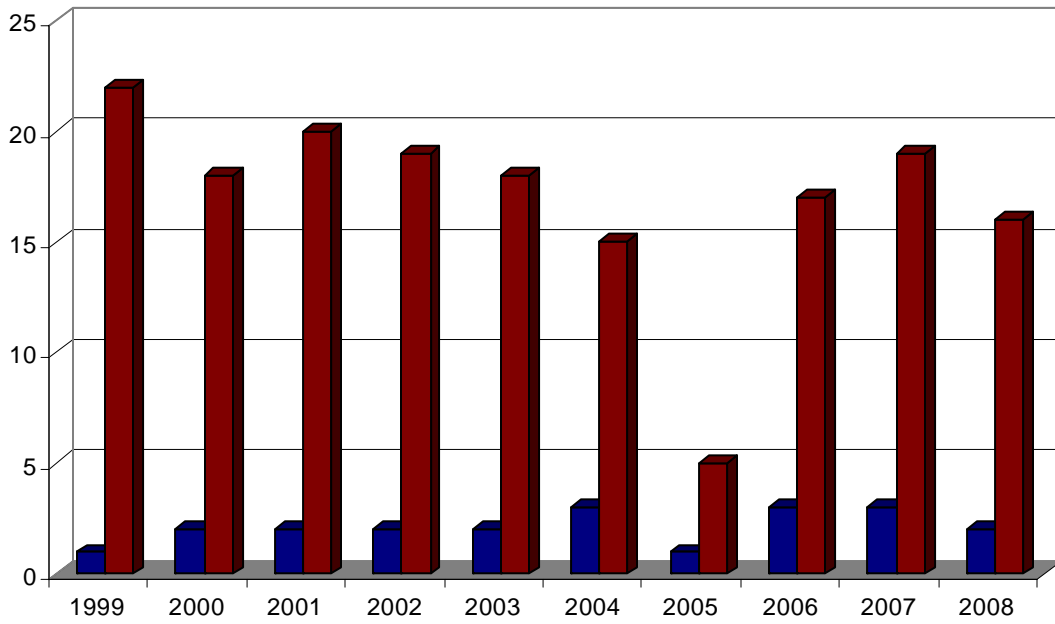


2008 UNIFORM CRIME REPORT Reported Crimes

Offenses	2007	2008	Crime Trends
Criminal Homicide	3	2	-33.3%
Forcible Rape	19	16	-15.8%
Robbery	64	75	17.2%
Aggravated Assault	360	420	16.7%
Violent Crime Index	446	513	15.0%
Burglary	387	450	16.3%
Larceny-Theft	1,043	1,249	19.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	118	113	-4.2%
Property Crime Index	1,548	1,812	17.1%
Total Crime Index	1,994	2,325	16.6%
Simple Assaults	1,020	1,090	6.9%
2008 Clearance Rate	50%		

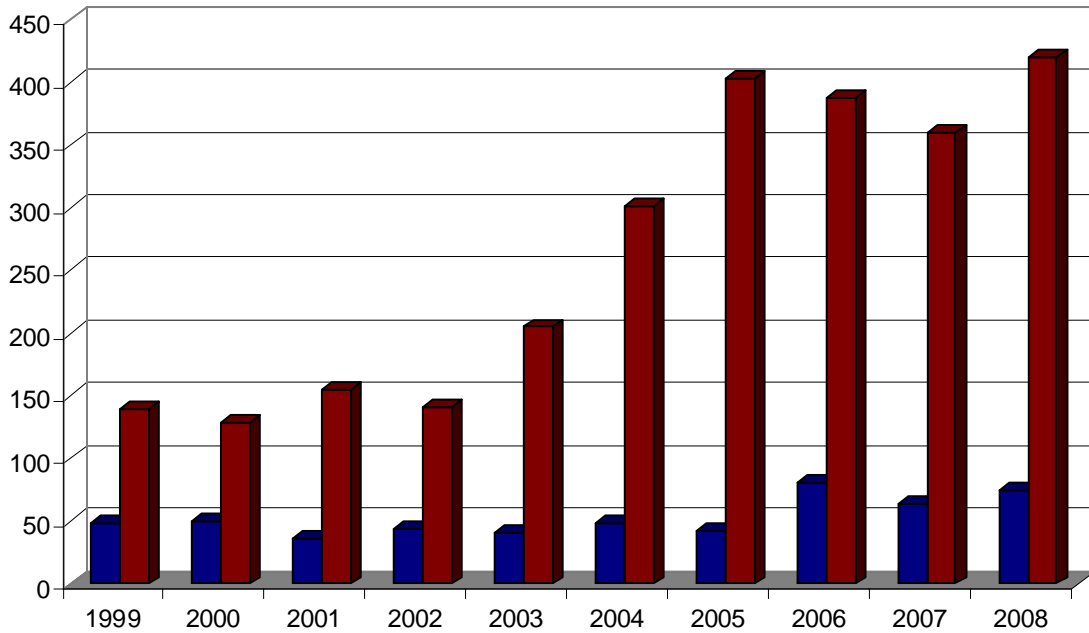
Crime Trends

■ Criminal Homicide ■ Forcible Rape



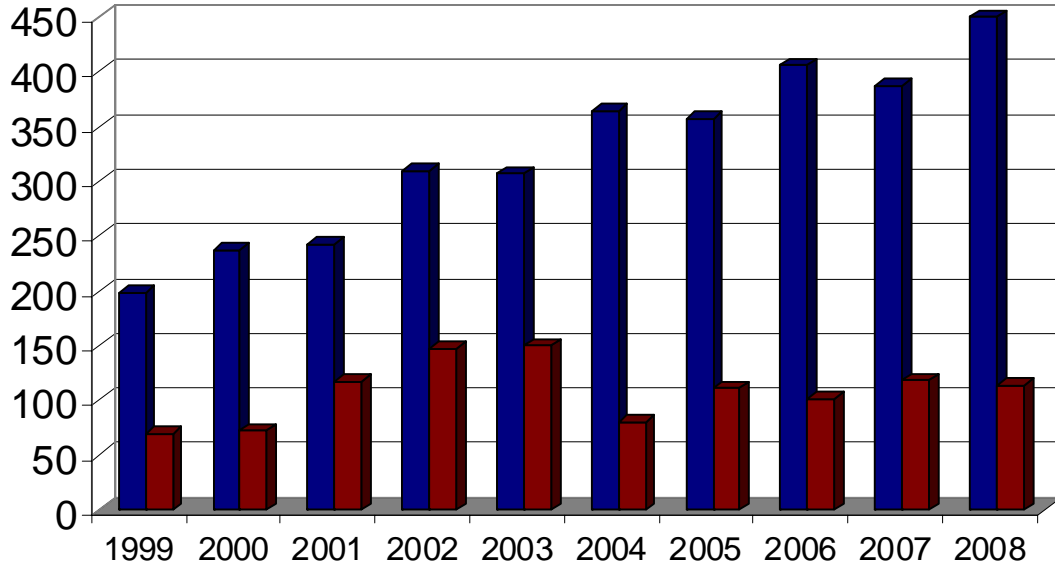
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■ Robbery ■ Aggravated Assault

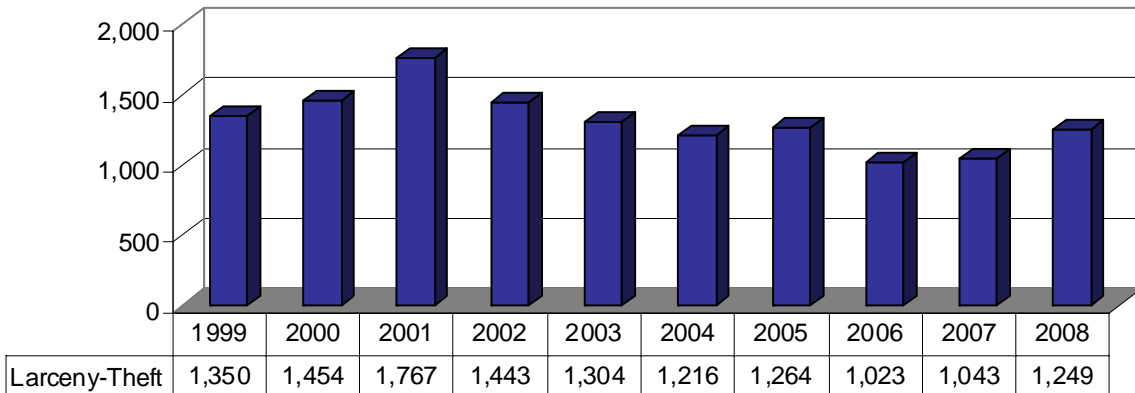


Crime Trends

■ Burglary
 ■ Motor Vehicle Theft



Larceny-Theft 1999-2008



METRO NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

The multi-jurisdictional Metro Narcotics Task Force is made up of investigators from Texarkana Arkansas, Texarkana Texas, and the Miller County Sheriff's Department. The task force focuses enforcement efforts on the manufacture and sale of illicit drugs and narcotics. Methamphetamine, including ICE, Crack Cocaine, and Marijuana are common available drugs and are challenges confronting our narcotics enforcement efforts. In 2008, this unit made 145 drug related arrests and seized over \$819,390.00 in illegal drugs.

NARCOTICS

2008 Narcotics Stats			
Drugs Seized	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Street Value
Amphetamine	8.2	Grams	\$1,440
Cocaine	84.2	Grams	\$16,840
Crack	90.25	Grams	\$18,230
Ecstasy	33	Grams	\$825
Hydrocodone	55	Grams	\$237
Ice	7.33	Grams	\$1,465
Marijuana	15.73316	Kilograms	\$94,634
Marijuana Plants	380	Plants	\$676,000
Meth	55.34	Grams	\$8,810
Other	20	DU	\$60
Soma	2	DU	\$10
Trazodone	19	DU	\$95
Unknown	146.9	DU	\$442
Valium	3	DU	\$13
Xanax	96.25	DU	\$289
Total street value of narcotics seized:			\$819,390
Arrests and cases files by investigators:			145
Search warrants executed:			61

Investigators with the Bi-State Narcotics Task Force (N.T.F.) are continuing to gather intelligence concerning the ever-increasing traffic of methamphetamine, cocaine and other illicit drugs in Texarkana, and the surrounding areas. Arrests concerning methamphetamine and cocaine have increased with a concentrated effort in the area of mid level distributors. The Bi-State N.T.F. is continuing to expand interagency cooperation with other local, federal and state agencies. Combating the drug problem continues to be an important priority of the department, with a focus on working with other departments to expand our ability to fight the war on drugs.

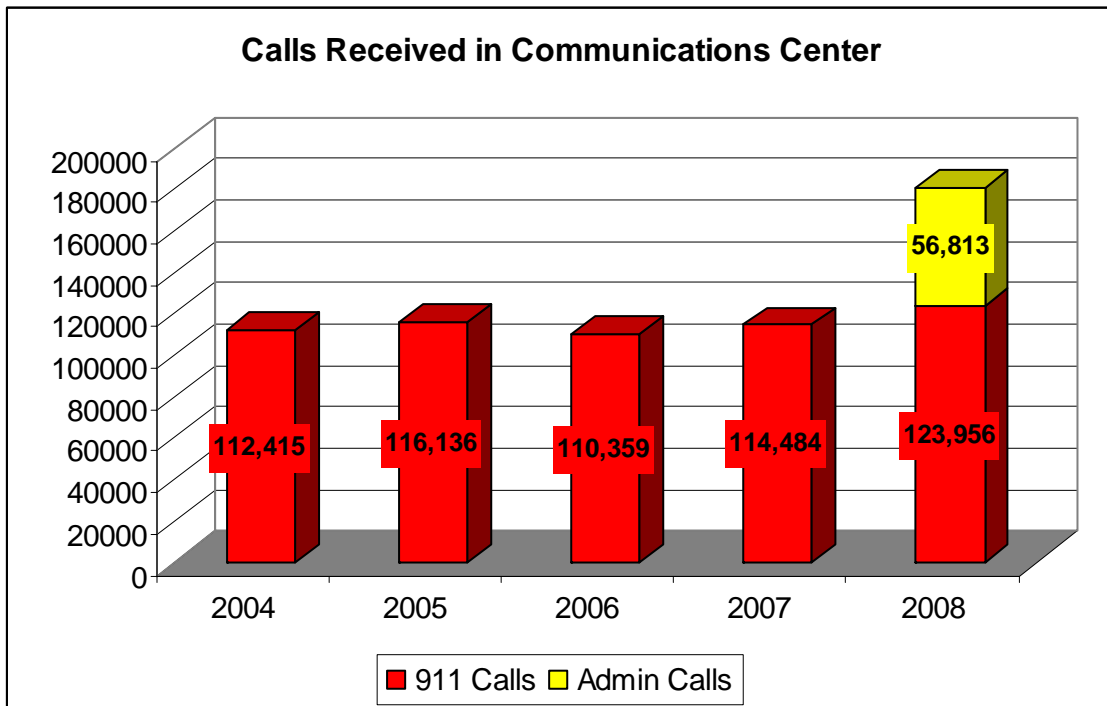
CENTRAL RECORDS & COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



Captain Shawn Vaughn serves as the commander of the Central Records and Communication Division (CRC). The Central Records and Communications Division provide 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. Our 2008 operating budget was

\$2,799,350.00, with personnel costs making up the majority of expenses.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Committee (LEAC) provides direction and establishes policy for the division and supervises the division commander. The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) is made up of elected representatives from each of the funding entities and provides budgetary oversight of CRC.



The records section serves as the central repository for all law enforcement reports. We processed 80,021 reports in 2008, a 10.8 percent increase over 2007. The communications section is the 9-1-1 answering point for Texarkana & Bowie County, and CRC handled 123,956 9-1-1 calls in 2008. As a result of a 9-1-1 system upgrade completed in early 2008, we are now able to capture information for the calls that come into the Communications Center on the administrative phone lines. We dispatched 130,983 incidents, an increase of 8,316 incidents (6.3 percent) over 2006. CRC dispatches police and fire calls, but EMS calls are immediately transferred to LifeNet Emergency Ambulance Service communications center for them to dispatch their own personnel.

One of the biggest challenges as we move into 2009 is that of the two mission critical computer systems used in CRC. The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System was installed in 1993 and Records Management (RMS) System in 1995. Due to perpetual budget issues, neither system has been updated since their initial installation. The IAC approved the upgrade of the CAD System in 2009 but no decision has been made on the RMS System. Over the last couple of years, we have experienced increased levels of system errors that are likely precursors of a system failure. Failure to address these issues in the immediate future could result in a serious disruption of emergency services to our community.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION CALEA ACCREDITATION



On October 15, 2007, Chief Harrison made the decision that the department would undergo the CALEA Accreditation Process. This decision was supported by all Division Commanders. CALEA was originally developed to address what was seen as a need to enhance law enforcement as a profession and to improve law enforcement. It provides a process to conduct an internal review and assessment of the agencies' policies and procedures.

CALEA has become the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. Chief Harrison wants to continue his commitment to making this agency one of the best by seeking accreditation and has made this one of the priorities in the agency.

Captain Endsley has been assigned as the Accreditation Manager and will be working on this project at Chief Harrison's direction.

Accreditation will allow the agency to review our Policies and Procedures and meet the over four hundred standards which have been established by CALEA. We will undergo a self assessment and then an inspection from outside, experienced, police managers. Self assessment will provide the agency an opportunity to conduct a detailed analysis of administration, operations, programs and services using state of the art nationally recognized standards of excellence in 40 different topic areas. This process may take several years to complete and will be an ongoing process.

CALEA web site www.calea.org.

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