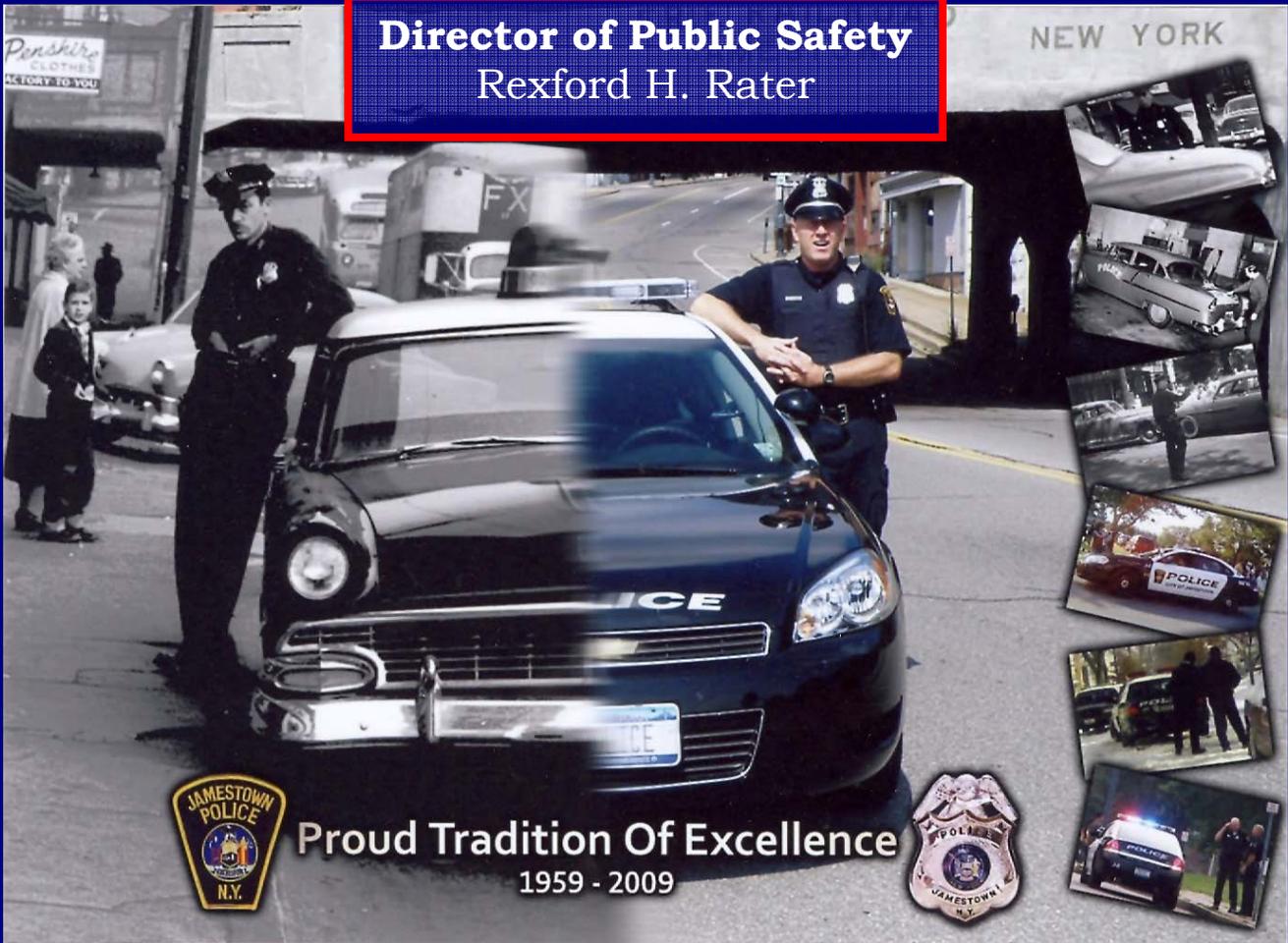


**Director of Public Safety**  
Rexford H. Rater



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**2009 Annual Report**  
**City of Jamestown**  
**Office of Public Safety**



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## *Jamestown Police Department*

The Mission of the Jamestown Police Department is to ensure peace, safety, and a sense of well being to the culturally diverse Jamestown Community. The goals of a high quality of life, crime prevention and racial harmony are shared with community members.

This Mission shall be accomplished through the preservation of peace, building community partnerships, the safeguarding of all individuals' personal liberties, and the prevention and resolution of crime.

The Jamestown Police Department is committed to this mission and each member is individually sworn to conduct themselves in a manner of excellence and professionalism in the service and dedication to the Jamestown Community.

## *Jamestown Fire Department*

The mission of the Jamestown Fire Department is to foster a philosophy that values employee contribution, promotes teamwork and participation, provides the highest quality of customer service, and assures a positive atmosphere directed towards a service-orientated delivery system with a vision for the future.

- We are dedicated to customer service, both internally and externally. We will respond to all requests efficiently and take pride in providing the highest quality of service with an attitude of professionalism. We will always consider the benefit of our services to those whom we serve.
- We shall provide complete Emergency, Fire and EMS Service for the community. We will be innovative in learning and embracing new technologies and services. Our training will continually be improved and reflect the ever-changing technological advances. We will share our successes, and listen and learn from others.
- Fire prevention is not a concept, it is reality. We believe in public education, code development and enforcement, comprehensive fire investigations, fire inspections, plans review, and providing non-emergency support services designed to provide a safe community.
- We value our employees and their contributions; they are our most valuable resource. We seek their involvement and will strive to create a positive climate conducive to their improvement.

## *Jamestown Police Department*

Of the most signifying events that occurred in 2009 were two separate occasions when Officers were in a position that caused them to draw their duty weapon and fire. To have Officers put in that position is the ultimate test of training and judgment and fortunately both situations ended as well as they could have and left all of us being grateful for the Officer's safety as well as that of the Public. (Details of this are contained later in this report.)

2009 ended with a reduction of over 8% in Part 1 Crimes with strong effort being made on our continued partnership thru Operation Impact and focusing on the things that bear results. What we are most proud of is the fact that our Officers have provided more self generated calls for service and it is the Officers of this Agency that remain the biggest factor in making 2009 a successful year and the Community a safer place to live.

The opportunity provided by a Justice Assistance Grant allowed the Agency to purchase 5 new much needed Vehicles at no cost to the city; this included four Chevy Impalas and one Ford Explorer for our K9.

Much of our facility has some significant age and this year we were able to remodel a 30-year-old Command room and remove some obsolete radio consoles with the help of the County radio shop and the City's Buildings and Grounds staff. Also this year we assisted the County with the implementation of an Emergency Operating Center which would be a back up 911 center for the County Emergency Services and Sheriffs Office.

JPD was able to merge technology with the Sheriffs Office that provides easier sharing of data among the County Police Agencies now and in the future.

A long-term goal was achieved this year with the archiving of records, which covered almost 10 years. Literally over a million documents that we had run out of room to store and were becoming worn with moisture and age have been archived.

Details of the years' activities are contained in this report. The year-end 2009 report will be posted on the City Web site as it has for the previous three years. We believe it is important to be able to share this information with our Citizens and we are, as always, grateful for their support in our endeavor to make our community a better place.

Sincerely,



REXFORD H. RATER

Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety

*Command Staff*



**REXFORD H. RATER**  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



**CAPTAIN BARRY SWANSON**  
COMMANDER OF  
OPERATIONS DIVISION



**CAPTAIN ROBERT SAMUELSON**  
COMMANDER OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT

## *Operations Division*

The Operations Division is responsible for providing direct police services to the public and members of this Division are the first responders to the wide variety of crimes that take place in our City.

The services the members of the Operations Division provide to the citizens of Jamestown include protection of life and property, protection of the constitutional guarantees of all people, reduction of opportunities for the commission of crime, resolution of conflict, identification of criminal offenders and criminal activity, apprehension of offenders and coordinated efforts of the Jamestown Police Department with other police agencies.

We recognized that our officers were being driven by calls for service that, since 2006, have continued to increase each year and in each of those years there were reductions in the number of officers in the force. In an effort to reduce the crime rate in the City and reduce the number of incidents that were driving us to be responsive we established goals and objectives that were designed to help us become more proactive. In 2009, our agency still experienced an increase of approximately 500 more calls for service than in 2008, however, the call types had changed to more officer-initiated activity rather than responses to calls or walk-in complaints. Officer initiated activity has now become our number one and number four call types in the City of Jamestown.

Our officer's taking the initiative to increase their proactive patrol activity has made them more visible and accessible in the community and is a contributing factor in our ability to reduce crime in the City. In addition to these efforts, enforcement strategies associated with programs such as Operation IMPACT have helped the City experience a reduction in Part 1 Crimes by 8.3% and Firearm related crimes by 18.4% during 2009. Despite our efforts the City of Jamestown, which is the largest municipality in the County, continues to experience almost half of the violent crimes committed in the County.

The Operations Division Commander is responsible for coordinating the agency's commitment to New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service's grant funded programs and the New York State's Governor's Traffic Safety Council grant programs.

The Operations Division encompasses the Patrol Section, the Special Operations Section, and the Operational Administration Section.

## **The Patrol Section**

The department was responsible for answering 31,458 calls for service in 2009.

### **Patrol Units:**

The Patrol Section consists of three Platoons of uniformed officers who staff three shifts each day as well as a Traffic Investigations, DWI and K-9 Units.

In each Platoon, a Lieutenant serves as the Platoon Commander, leading Platoon activities and supervising the personnel in the Platoon. Each Platoon is broken up into three Squads consisting of a Sergeant and three to four Police Officers.

The Patrol Section is responsible for traffic and parking enforcement, conducting follow-up investigations, crime prevention and suppression activities, community relations, neighborhood awareness and reaction to neighborhood problems.

Additionally, the Patrol Section provides a Communications Officer for each shift. Usually a Sergeant, the Communications Officer is responsible for operating the Command Center at Jamestown Police Department, answering phone calls, monitoring and assisting the Dispatch Center, operating teletype and computer systems, and assisting the public at the station.

### **Jail Operations:**

The Patrol Section also operates the City Jail during each shift, being responsible for the control of incarceration, safekeeping and humane treatment of prisoners in custody, booking and related processing of prisoners in custody, assisting the Court Security Unit with persons they arrest, and coordinating transportation of prisoners to the County Jail.

### **School Resource Unit:**

The School Resource Unit is responsible for the coordination and development of the School Resource Officer Program and School Safety Programs, and assists with any other programs and patrol duties when necessary.

### **Animal Control Unit:**

The Animal Control Unit is staffed by one full-time Dog Control Officer who is responsible for executing all laws and ordinances governing domestic animals, interviewing citizen and animal owners in connection with animal control matters and counseling or rendering assistance as appropriate; conducting or supervising dog enumerations; impounding stray animals, and responding to animal complaints and dangerous animal complaints. This employee's duties also consist of assisting the police department in matters relating to animal control; maintain records on all animals brought by him to a veterinary

hospital or the humane society; and coordinating with the Health Department and SPCA on matters relating to animal complaints and vaccinations.

**Crossing Guard Unit:**

The Crossing Guard Unit is comprised of six civilian employees who are charged with the safe crossing of our elementary school students. The crossing guards report illegal and suspicious activity to patrol units to assure students have a safe environment.

**Special Operations Section**

**The K-9 Unit:**

The K-9 Unit is a team consisting of an officer and a German Shepherd Dog. The team responds to calls for service and specializes in human tracking, crowd control and narcotics searches.

**Accident Investigation Unit:**

The Accident Investigation Unit is responsible for investigating vehicle accidents, conducting specialized or pro-active traffic enforcement on a citywide basis, investigation of all fatal and life-threatening traffic accidents, conducting “leaving the scene of motor vehicle accident” investigations, escorts, Scofflaw, revocations and suspension actions, maintenance of breath analysis equipment and performing all patrol duties assigned.

**DWI Enforcement:**

The DWI Unit is charged with the enforcement of the vehicle and traffic laws of New York State with a special emphasis on alcohol related offenses. The Unit maintains agency records and equipment required for the enforcement of DWI related crimes.

**Special Operations Unit:**

Staffed by officers from throughout the department as an “additional duty,” the Special Operations Unit plans for responses to unusual occurrences and emergency incidents. The Operations Commander assumes command of all Special Operations and supervises the administration of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT), Crisis Resolution Team (CRT), Field Intelligence, Fire Investigation Team and Color Guard.

**The Operational Administration Section**

The Operations Division Commander also manages the Operational Administration Section consisting of the Crime Analysis Unit, Personnel Unit,

Management Services Unit, Internal Affairs Unit, and the Inspectional Services Unit.

**Crime Analysis Unit:**

One full-time civilian employee funded through the Operation IMPACT grant staffs the Crime Analysis Unit. The Unit is responsible for compiling and analyzing data related to criminal incidents, investigating results; assembling, disseminating crime trend data and investigative results to authorized personnel; developing programs aimed at improving the linkage of similarities among the incidents, offenses, suspects and victims; and acting as liaison with non-departmental resources for analytical data.

**Personnel Unit:**

Some of the Personnel Management duties consist of maintaining department personnel records and time records, the preparation of job descriptions, background investigations of prospective employees, recruiting, coordination of the field training program for newly hired or promoted officers, and assigning personnel to the various shifts and sections based on the needs of the department.

**The Management Services Unit:**

Management Services encompasses a variety of staff services as assigned by the Operations Commander including coordinating the department's contractual services, inventory control and distribution of department property, maintaining supplies of departmental forms, reports, etc., and ordering, issuing and maintaining records of departmental uniforms, equipment and supplies.

The Management Services unit is also comprised of Fleet Management and Range Management services.

Fleet Management Services includes the research, acquisition and maintenance of all department vehicles and vehicle equipment.

Range Management Services includes the acquisition and maintenance of all department firearms and ammunition, maintaining documentation of all range and firearm activities and firearms training, planning evaluation of firearms and associated equipment, and the selection, training, and supervision of range training staff.

**Equipment Maintenance Unit:**

The function of this Unit is performed by On-duty Police Officers who are responsible for the daily and weekly maintenance of the department's fleet of vehicles. The Operations Division Commander monitors and directs vehicle and equipment repairs with appropriate contractors.

### **The Training Management Services and Unit:**

The Operations Division Commander is responsible for the coordination and administration of the police department training programs. This includes in-service and firearms training. Also, the training unit is in charge of planning and developing training programs. The unit is charged with preparing and distributing bulletins to notify agency personnel of training, maintaining the training records, as well as selecting, advising, assisting, and supervising instructors.

The Jamestown Police Department participated in multiple trainings throughout the year. The New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program requires all sworn personnel to receive a minimum of 21 hours of training annually and supervisors are required to receive eight hours of training. The department participated in 58 trainings throughout 2009. This number was reduced from previous years to cut costs of travel expenditures and overtime costs.

### **The Internal Affairs Unit:**

The Operations Division Commander is responsible for conducting and coordinating departmental administrative investigations relating to complaints of police actions or allegations of misconduct on the part of members of the department. These investigations are related to possible violations of departmental policies and procedures; while allegations that could lead to criminal prosecution of members of the department are directed to the Investigative Section Commander.

### **The Inspectional Services Unit:**

This unit is responsible for measuring the achievement of objectives of each unit of the department, assisting in the conduct of live inspections, evaluating compliance to directives and plans, preparing status reports or otherwise submitting recommendations concerning the administration and operation of the department and conducting staff inspectional inquiries as directed by the Chief of Police. Other duties of the Unit include police review and development and review and recommendations of department training programs.



*1st Platoon  
0700 – 1500 Hours*



Lt. P. Abbott



Sgt. P. Nelsen



Sgt. J. Oleniacz



Sgt. M. Samonia



P/O K. Achterberg



P/O M. Kianos



P/O M. Bush



P/O K. Conlan



P/O S. Breth



P/O G. Wozneak



P/O J. Enlow



P/O P. Woodin



P/O J. Rader

*2nd Platoon  
1500 – 2300 Hours*



Lt. H. Snellings



Sgt. D. Kianos



Sgt. T. Jackson



P/O R. Ward



P/O J. Gadra



P/O C. Moore



P/O R. Powers



P/O F. Kent



P/O J. Wadsworth



P/O R. Hooks



P/O M. Bentley



P/O J. Maggio



P/O S. Keppel



P/O S. Piazza



P/O E. Kraft

*3rd Platoon  
2300 – 0700 Hours*



Lt. F. DeGolier



Sgt. J. Dahlberg



Sgt. R. Buchanan



Sgt. J. Donato



P/O J. Russell



P/O J. Levandoski



P/O M. Kachermeyer



P/O T. Rea



P/O S. Swan



P/O R. Bender



P/O S. Reagle



P/O S. Clark



P/O R. Goot

*Specialized Units*



Traffic Officer  
T. Shea



School Resource Officer  
M. Prunty-Sanders



DWI Officer  
B. Maggio



K9 Officer  
S. Franzen



K9  
Kendall



Animal Control  
G. Fye



Crime Analyst  
J. Reynolds



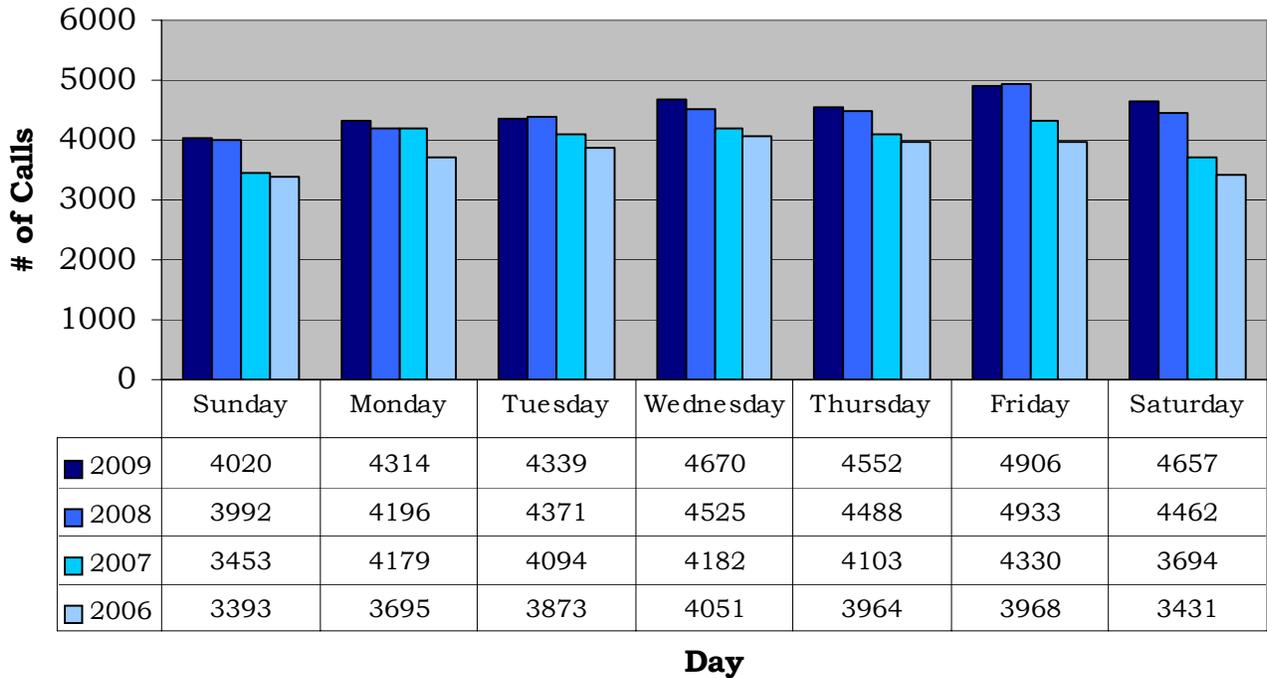
## *Calls for Service*

### By Time of Day

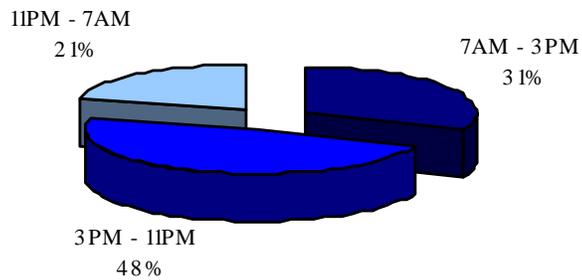
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
12AM - 12:59AM	1301	1354	1129	1064
1AM - 1:59AM	1121	1217	890	875
2AM - 2:59AM	1159	1202	814	907
3AM - 3:59 AM	621	618	546	578
4AM - 4:59AM	421	336	374	373
5AM - 5:59AM	348	350	299	305
6AM - 6:59AM	308	352	290	267
7AM - 7:59AM	607	638	474	462
8AM - 8:59AM	1113	1119	1485	1468
9AM - 9:59AM	1145	1138	1370	1160
10AM - 10:59AM	1212	1343	1517	1238
11AM - 11:59AM	1311	1453	1521	1317
12PM - 12:59PM	1466	1394	1302	1190
1PM - 1:59PM	1453	1481	1489	1371
2PM - 2:59PM	1437	1464	1463	1369
3PM - 3:59PM	2053	1814	1645	1675
4PM - 4:59PM	2010	1906	1640	1461
5PM - 5:59PM	1855	1733	1495	1439
6PM - 6:59PM	1652	1624	1439	1361
7PM - 7:59PM	1866	1682	1358	1352
8PM - 8:59PM	1980	1778	1519	1338
9PM - 9:59PM	1958	1821	1404	1444
10PM - 10:59PM	1660	1667	1305	1242
11PM - 11:59PM	1401	1483	1267	1119
Subtotals:	<b>31458</b>	30967	28035	26375

## Calls for Service, Continued

### Calls for Service by Day of Week



### Calls for Service by Shift



## Part I Crime Totals & Statistics

<b>Part I Crime Totals**</b>				
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Murder	<b>1</b>	3	1	0
Rape	<b>20</b>	20	20	31
Robbery	<b>26</b>	40	30	35
Aggravated Assault	<b>105</b>	121	117	104
<b>Violent Crime Subtotal</b>	<b>152</b>	184	168	170
Burglary	<b>266</b>	344	300	374
Larceny	<b>814</b>	810	818	956
Motor Vehicle Theft	<b>20</b>	26	38	85
<b>Property Subtotal</b>	<b>1100</b>	1180	1156	1415
<b>Index Total</b>	<b>1252</b>	1364	1324	1585
Crime Rate Per 1,000*	<b>39</b>	43	41	50

\*The 2006 - 2009 Crime Rates are based on the 2000 US Census Population figure of 31,984.

\*\*The above statistics are based on the NYS Incident Based Reporting data. Data reported as of 02/19/10.

## Chautauqua County Index Crime Counts

### Index Crime Summary for Counties by Agency

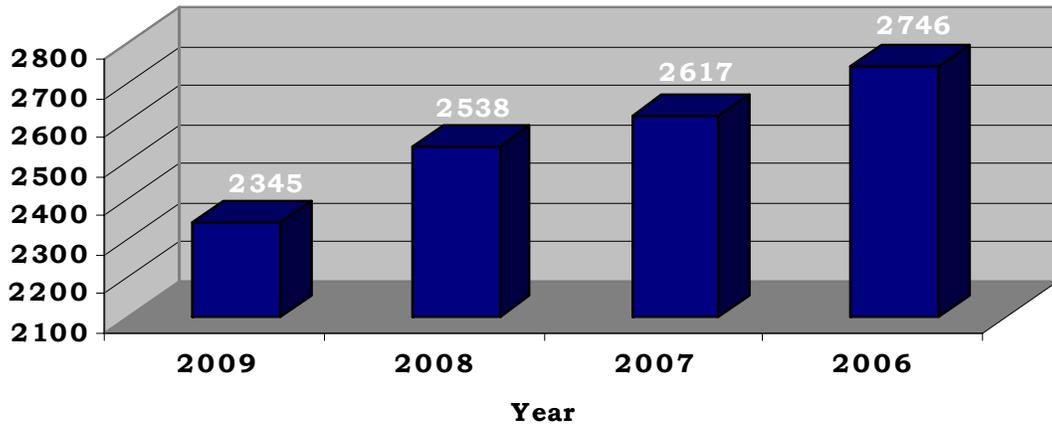
January - December 2008 vs. 2009

Agency	Year	Index Crime	Violent Crime	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Property Crime	Burglary	Larceny	MV Theft
Town of Carroll Police Department	2008	9	2	0	0	0	2	7	2	5	0
	2009	12	2	0	0	0	2	10	3	7	0
Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department	2008	861	30	2	10	2	16	831	253	556	22
	2009	828	24	0	6	1	17	804	192	594	18
NYSP of Chautauqua County	2008	136	21	0	4	0	17	115	37	73	5
	2009	127	21	0	3	2	16	106	41	63	2
City of Dunkirk Police Department	2008	315	41	1	3	9	28	274	84	180	10
	2009	375	27	0	4	11	12	348	79	263	6
Town of Ellicott Police Department	2008	281	13	0	0	3	10	268	43	215	10
	2009	204	5	0	1	1	3	199	30	164	5
Village of Fredonia Police Department	2008	243	18	0	1	1	16	225	12	206	7
	2009	379	11	0	0	2	9	368	28	336	4
<b>City of Jamestown Police Department</b>	2008	1,366	185	3	20	40	122	1,181	344	811	26
	2009	1,252	152	1	20	26	105	1,100	266	814	20
Lakewood-Busti Police Department	2008	284	4	0	0	0	4	280	22	254	4
	2009	242	0	0	0	0	0	242	8	229	5
Village of Silver Creek Police Department	2008	59	2	0	1	0	1	57	2	53	2
	2009	40	9	0	1	1	7	31	1	30	0
Village of Westfield Police Department	2008	59	4	0	0	0	4	55	18	36	1
	2009	64	5	0	0	1	4	59	14	45	0
Chautauqua County Totals	2008	3,613	320	6	39	55	220	3,293	817	2,389	87
	2009	3,523	256	1	35	45	175	3,267	662	2,545	60

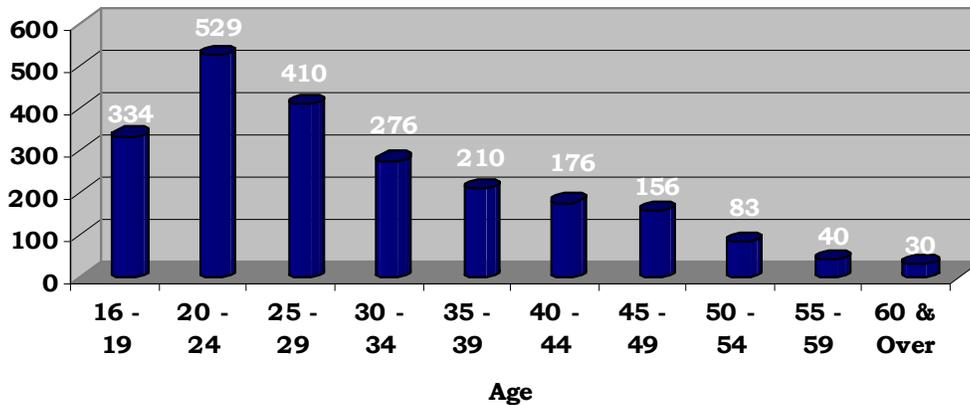
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# Arrest and Warrant Services

### Total Persons Arrested



### # of Arrest Charges by Age

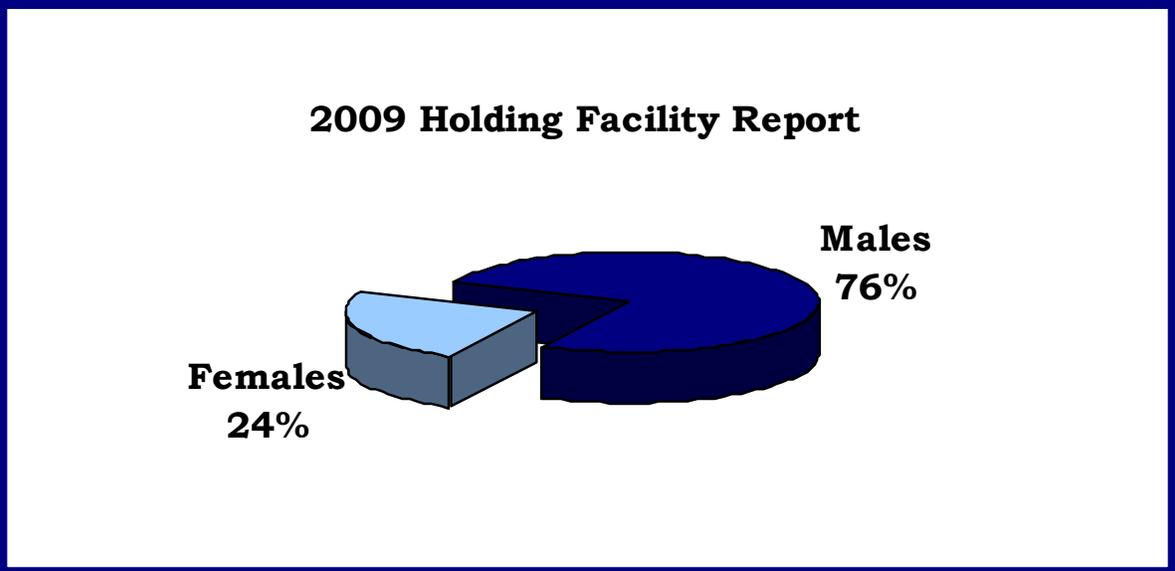


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### Warrant Services

Warrant Type	2009			2008			2007		
	Issued	Closed	Open	Issued	Closed	Open	Issued	Closed	Open
Violations	152	135	17	177	155	22	198	178	20
Misdemeanor	650	538	112	641	514	127	631	556	75
Felony	209	197	12	225	185	40	229	219	10
Failure to Appear	419	289	130	432	298	134	368	277	91
Failure to Pay	1031	659	372	1027	691	336	1305	914	391
V & T	28	18	10	10	8	2	43	32	11
Bench	195	157	38	180	136	44	241	199	42
Probation/Parole	73	56	17	60	48	12	46	40	6
Arrest	20	15	5	7	7	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	7	6	1	14	11	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2784</b>	<b>2070</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>2773</b>	<b>2053</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>3061</b>	<b>2415</b>	<b>646</b>

*Holding Facility*



**Holding Facility Report**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Males	1775	1904	1532	1648
Females	554	558	506	449
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2329</b>	<b>2462</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>2097</b>

## *Vehicle & Traffic Enforcement*

### Reported Accidents

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Property Damage</b>	937	1018	1140	1021
<b>Personal Injury</b>	131	156	164	181
<b>Hit &amp; Run</b>	298	302	314	256
<b>Other</b>	16	15	20	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1491</b>	<b>1638</b>	<b>1485</b>



### Traffic Tickets Issued

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Red Light	207	176	199	221
Speeding	514	506	586	496
DWI Related	437	381	327	301
Aggravated Unlicensed	329	356	297	292
Seatbelt	276	354	224	267
Uninsured Motorist	60	44	91	108
Unregistered Vehicle	128	128	132	63
Unlicensed Operator	170	164	197	177
Other Violations	1045	1201	1431	1287
Mobile Phone	65	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL TICKETS:</b>	<b>3231</b>	<b>3310</b>	<b>3484</b>	<b>3212</b>

## *Operation IMPACT*

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services designated the City of Jamestown as one of the seventeen Operation IMPACT sites in the state in 2005. The goal of Operation IMPACT is to reduce crime, particularly violent and firearm related crime in the seventeen counties in New York State that account for 80% of total crime outside of New York City. Operation IMPACT cycles run from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

This program, which the state implemented in 2004, provides funding, resources, and technical assistance, and fosters enhanced partnerships among participating agencies. Successful crime reduction strategies include a data driven process of timely, accurate crime reporting, crime analysis; criminal intelligence development; rapid deployment of personnel; formulation and evaluation of strategic operations; and community outreach.

The police jurisdiction, which reports the highest volume of violent crime within the county, is designated at the primary IMPACT site. Participating counties must develop active partnerships among Federal, State and local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies.

The participants attend monthly meetings to review data and coordinate future events and crime fighting initiatives. The Crime Analysis Unit and the Field Intelligence Officers forward data to support coordination. The Operations Division Commander is responsible for coordinating Operation IMPACT functions for the agency.

In Chautauqua County, participants include:

- City of Jamestown Police Department (Primary Site)
- Division of Criminal Justice Services
- New York State Police
- New York State Division of Parole
- Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives
- State Liquor Authority
- Federal Law Enforcement Agencies (ATF, DEA, FBI)
- Chautauqua County Probation
- Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office
- Chautauqua County District Attorney's Office
- Lakewood-Busti Police Department
- Town of Ellicott Police Department

There were 125 details completed in 2007 through Operation IMPACT. Since 2007, the yearly funding received through Operation IMPACT has decreased. There were a total of 74 details completed in 2008, which resulted in 97 arrests. The 56 details completed in 2009 resulted in 90 arrests.

# S.W.A.T.

The Jamestown Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T) is a volunteer group of specially trained personnel assigned specialized weapons, supplemental safety equipment and other specialized devices to effectively overcome prolonged life-threatening situations, such as barricaded gunman situations, hostage situations, anti-sniper incidents, drug interdictions, high risk warrant service and security for visiting dignitaries.

The Jamestown Police Department S.W.A.T. Team participated in a total of 13 details in 2009. SWAT participated in 12 details in support of the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force for search warrants, and 1 detail was a barricade/stand off situation.



Yearly Detail Activity	
1997	6
1998	22
1999	5
2000	3
2001	10
2002	21
2003	22
2004	27
2005	19
2006	15
2007	15
2008	13
2009	13



Activity Type		
	2009	2008
Search Warrants (Drug Related)	12	9
Barricade/Stand Off	1	2
Search for Armed Suspect	0	2
Arrest Warrants (High Risk)	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

Monthly Activity	
January	1
February	1
March	1
April	0
May	1
June	0
July	3
August	0
September	3
October	1
November	0
December	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>

## *Crisis Resolution Team*

The Jamestown Police Department Crisis Resolution Team (CRT) is a six member team that is specially trained and equipped in the management of crisis situations such as hostage incidents, barricaded subjects, or suicidal subjects. The main purpose of the team is to bring crisis situations to a peaceful conclusion through the use of negotiations, thereby minimizing the potential for injury to citizens and officers.

All members of the team have been through the F.B.I. School for crisis negotiations. The team jointly trains with the S.W.A.T. Team, in order to keep their skills sharp for potential situations.

The team was renamed in 2008. It was previously the Critical Incident Negotiations Team (C.I.N.T.).

### **Team Members**



P/O K. Achterberg



Sgt. J. Dahlberg



P/O M. Kianos



P/O L. Buchanan

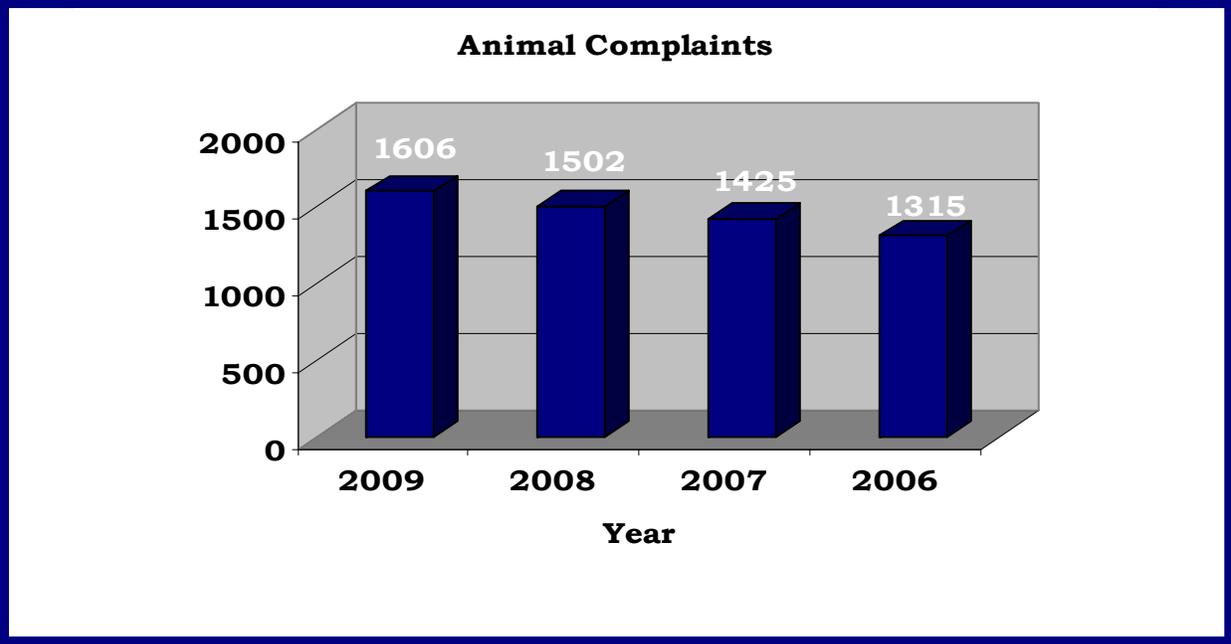


P/O J. Rader



P/O S. Swan

*Animal Control Unit*



At Left: This dog which was believed to be abused and neglected was removed from a home on Stowe Street.

Below: This fawn was injured on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in the area of English and Hebner Streets. The fawn was taken to a resident in Frewsburg who was able to care for its injuries.



## Grants

### GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE GRANTS

#### Buckle Up New York (BUNY)



The BUNY Grant is awarded annually and provides funding to support seatbelt and occupant restraint enforcement during specified “enforcement waves” statewide. These enforcement waves occur around high traffic holidays such as Memorial Day and Labor Day. This grant provides funding for approximately 116 hours of officer overtime each year used specifically for these enforcement wave details. During the 2009 BUNY Grant Cycle, 188 tickets were issued.

#### Child Passenger Safety



The Child Passenger Safety Grant is awarded annually and provides funding for child restraint seats that are provided to needy citizens free of charge. The child seats are installed and inspected by specially trained police officers at fitting stations at JPD and at remote sites around the city during advertised events. The grant purchases approximately 88 child seats each year, but does not provide any funding for officer salaries or overtime related to these duties.

#### Operation Safe Stop



Operation Safe Stop is not funded by any grant funding, but is a statewide enforcement initiative held annually in cooperation between Police Departments and School Districts. Officers are assigned for one bus run period (about 2 hours) to follow school buses on their routes and enforce violations of motorists passing stopped school buses. In 2009, one driver ticketed during the Operation Safe Stop Enforcement.

#### Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)



The STEP Grant is awarded annually and provides funding for approximately 116 hours of officer overtime for targeted traffic enforcement of speeding, aggressive driving, and other violations at specific intersections and roadways identified by the State as high risk based on accident and ticket data. During the 2009 STEP Grant Cycle, a total of 189 aggressive driving violation tickets were issued, in which 43 were speeding violations.

## **EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)**

The JAG Grant is awarded annually by the US Department of Justice to large agencies nationwide based on their Part I Crime Statistics. Since 2005, the grant is awarded jointly to JPD and the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office, who split the funding. The grant is used to purchase equipment that is used by both departments to improve coordination and sharing of services. In 2005, the grant paid for new radio headsets for all members of the City and County SWAT Teams to aid in interoperability of radio equipment. In 2006, the grant paid for installation of digital electronic recording and monitoring systems for interview rooms at JPD and CCSD. The grant money in 2007 was used to purchase tasers and holsters to equip all JPD patrol officers. There was no funding provided in 2008. In 2009, the grant money was used to purchase a new Crime Scene Investigation vehicle for JPD and to purchase tasers for the CCSD.

## **Recovery Act: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)**

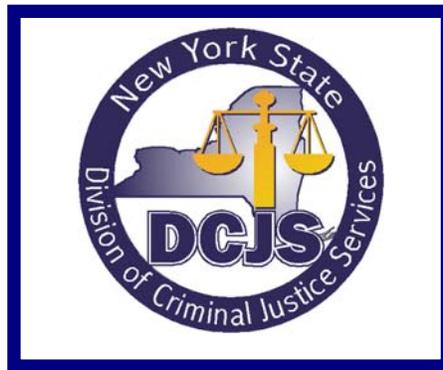
This grant, established in 2009, was created to provide funding to assist law enforcement combat violence against women, to fight internet crimes against children, improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crimes, and to support youth mentoring. This grant provided funding for JPD to purchase 4 new Chevy Impala Patrol Vehicles and a new vehicle for the K-9 Unit.

## **NATIONAL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (NTOA) GRANT**

The NTOA provides small equipment grants periodically to member agencies and officers. In 2007, JPD had received two NTOA awards of Air Tazer© devices, which are carried by SWAT Team commanders while on-duty. These devices are more advanced and subsequently much more costly than the standard devices carried by other patrol officers. In 2008, the NTOA funded tuition and accommodations for two SWAT Supervisors to attend a SWAT Command School in Rochester, New York for one week.

## **OPERATION IMPACT**

The Operation IMPACT grant is awarded annually by the State of New York to the municipalities with the highest crime rates outside of New York City based on statistical analysis. Originally allocated to 13 sites, Jamestown did not qualify for the first round of funding in 2004. In 2005, the program was expanded to 17 sites, with Jamestown qualifying for funding. Jamestown has received funding from Operation IMPACT II, III, IV, and V; and currently from Operation IMPACT VI. The program objectives are to increase inter-agency cooperation, ensure State agencies are adequately meeting the needs of the communities most in need of support, and develop infrastructure to support increased crime analysis and information sharing. The Operation IMPACT funds pay for all salary and benefits of the department Crime Analyst, provides software and hardware for computerized information sharing and crime mapping, and supports officer overtime for Field Intelligence Officers and directed patrols. These patrols are conducted jointly with agencies such as the NY State Police, Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department, NY State Parole, and County Probation, who pair up with JPD Officers to patrol targeted locations, conduct inspectional visits of parolees and probationers, and address emerging crime trends. Numerous high profile arrests have resulted from the program, as well as an increased ability for the department to identify and track criminals to assist in deploying resources more effectively.



## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT**

The Project Crossroads program is funded through a grant administered by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The funds allow the office to staff one full time Domestic Violence Educator/Advocate to work along with the Jamestown Police Department. The funds also allow Project Crossroads to assist in establishing a uniform community response to domestic violence, enhance the coordinated community-wide effort to target and reduce violent crimes in domestic situations, help victims and offenders become aware of the signs indicating involvement in an abusive relationship and to promote the ability to recognize the various types of domestic violence, including physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, financial and psychological.

## **DRUG TASK FORCE**

The Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force Team is funded through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and a percentage of matched value from the four participating law enforcement agencies. The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department, City of Dunkirk, City of Jamestown and the Village of Fredonia Police Departments have joined together to operate the Task Force office in the City of Jamestown. The Task Force focuses on middle and high-level drug traffickers while maintaining current enforcement efforts aimed at street-level sales. They also identify and target drug operations and gangs within Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties. The primary aspects of the Task Force will be to continue to enhance the investigation work of the participating agencies through the sharing of available resources.

## **BULLET PROOF VEST (BPV) GRANT**

The BVP Grant is awarded annually by the US Department of Justice and pays one-half of the cost of purchasing bulletproof vests for all newly hired police officers or replacement of defective or unserviceable vests for existing officers. Additionally, State funding pays the remaining one-half of the purchase price for vests for newly hired officers, resulting in no cost to the City for initial issue of bulletproof vests. The State funding does not support replacement vests for existing officers.

## **STOP DWI**

In an effort to discourage driving while intoxicated or impaired, the STOP DWI program is contracted through the county for a period of one year. The funds allow for Officers to detect, apprehend and arrest individuals who are driving while intoxicated or impaired within their jurisdiction. The funding also allows for prosecution at court appearances, participation in public relations and public education programs to heighten the awareness of the seriousness of DWI, and impaired driving; and to pursue training in skills and use of equipment necessary to carry out and implement the STOP DWI program.



## *Administrative & Support Services Division*

Captain Robert F. Samuelson is the commander of the Administrative and Support Services Division. The Administrative and Support Services Division is responsible for providing ancillary services to support department functions. These services include management of department resources, management of the investigative section and non-sworn support staff. The Administrative Assistant to the Chief also provides support and has responsibilities with the Administrative and Support Services Division. The Administrative and Support Services Division is divided into four sections, the Investigative Section, the Administrative Services Section, the Support Services Section and the Internal Affairs Section.

### **Administrative Assistant to the Chief**

The Administrative Assistant to the Chief is required to maintain all personnel files, contracts, and internal investigation records; therefore it is a confidential position. It is also this employee's responsibility to complete all paperwork relative to new hires, active personnel and retired personnel. The Administrative Assistant is also accountable for answering the telephone, handling inquires, writing correspondence, and scheduling appointments for the Chief of Police.

Financial responsibilities include entering and remitting invoices for payment, as well as reconciling budgetary accounts with the Comptroller, and assisting in budget preparation. The Administrative Assistant also oversees purchasing supplies, creating purchase orders, handling petty cash and requesting checks.

Clerical duties include submitting personnel change forms and travel/expense reports. Updating rosters, flow charts, and weekly schedules is also a constant task of the Administrative Assistant.

### **The Investigative Section**

The Investigative Section has a Lieutenant, 9 Investigators, 1 Police Officer and 2 civilian personnel assigned to the Section. Investigative personnel follow-up on cases that require more time or are too entailed for the patrol officers to conduct as part of their duties.

#### **The Detective Unit:**

This unit has four detectives assigned and their primary function is to conduct investigative follow-ups of major crimes and incidents after the patrol officers complete preliminary investigations.

**The Juvenile Unit:**

There are two detectives who staff the Juvenile Unit. They investigate crimes involving victims and suspects who are 15 years of age or less, as well as felony assaults and sexual assaults where the victim is under 18 years of age. These detectives work closely with Child Protection, Social Services, Probation and Family Court.

**The Drug Enforcement Unit:**

Two detectives are assigned, as Drug Enforcement Officers (D.E.O.), to the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force (STRDTF). These investigators conduct drug investigations in the City and with the task force on a regional basis. The D.E.O.'s also assist the Investigative Section in investigations requiring surveillance; body wires and shared confidential informants. The partnership with the STRDTF and the actions of these investigators has a direct impact on the narcotics trade as well as the seizure of assault weapons from these dangerous individuals. One of the members assigned to the STRDTF is a trained Field Intelligence Officer (FIO), which helps coordinate information both within the agency and with other regional agencies.

**The Evidence and Property Management Unit:**

An Identification Detective is assigned to the Evidence and Property Management Unit. This detective performs crime scene processing, which includes photography, evidence collection, finger printing and proper storage of forensic evidence. The Detective, along with two other patrol officers, are members of the Forensics Investigations Team (FIT), which is a countywide task force of Evidence Technicians. Members of the FIT are called out to process major incidents within our region. In addition, this detective is the evidence technician, maintaining all collected evidence and ensuring it is properly forwarded to a lab for examination and or analysis. A civilian property clerk is also assigned to this unit and assists with the storing and tracking of evidence.

**The Domestic Violence Intervention Unit:**

One Patrol Officer and one civilian employee, who is an employee of Family Services, staff this Unit. The Unit is responsible for facilitating the Chautauqua County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by assisting and providing follow-up to victims of domestic violence.

**Detective Secretary/Property Management:**

Assigned to the Investigative Section is a full time secretary. The secretary enters reports and completes data entry on warrants and maintains the files. The Secretary is also responsible for tracking court appearance subpoenas sent or received. Additionally, ensuring the proper assembly of cases for the District Attorney's office is one of the Secretary's duties.

## **The Administrative Services Section**

### **The Payroll/Grants Administration Unit:**

This unit is staffed by one full-time civilian employee, who is employed by the City and is responsible for monitoring, calculating, recording and maintaining all department employees' payroll and time attendance records. Other duties associated with this position consist of maintaining shift logs; creating databases for payroll, time attendance and grants tracking; and coordinating department payroll with the City Finance Department. The responsibilities associated with grants administration include coordinating the writing of and application process involved with grants; researching and preparing State and Federal grant applications; maintaining all grant files; maintaining financial records pertaining to all State and Federal grant applications; preparing grant reports; and preparing all grant files for audits.

### **The Research and Development Unit:**

The Research and Development Unit is managed by the Divisional Commander who works with the Technical Services Unit and solicits personnel with expertise in areas of the specific program or project. The Unit is responsible for developing policies and procedures, managing special improvement projects or experimental programs, and providing staff assistance to the department as required, including the dissemination of analytical reports to affected organizational units.

### **The Personnel Records Unit:**

This unit is maintained by the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. This division is responsible for processing paperwork for new hires as well as personnel changes for current employees. Once paperwork is completed, it is forwarded to the Chautauqua County Department of Human Resources. It is also necessary to securely retain records regarding background investigations, medical histories, training certificates, awards, internal investigations, and disciplinary actions.

### **The Accreditation Unit:**

The Accreditation Unit is responsible for program management and the coordination of departmental compliance with accreditation standards of the New York State Accreditation Program. The purpose of this program is to maintain records relating to departmental accreditation, periodically review departmental orders and directives, and review policy and development.

## **The Support Services Section**

### **The Reception Unit:**

The Reception area is staffed by one full-time and three part-time typists who are responsible for receiving phone calls for general information and answering questions or referring calls to the appropriate office; receiving phone calls and taking messages for departmental units when those units are not attended; receiving walk-in complaints and taking appropriate action or making appropriate referrals; and typing correspondence, reports, form letters, memos, records and similar material. This unit is also accountable for filing duties; distributing various motor vehicle department forms; taking non-emergency complaints by telephone or in person; and completing offense reports on walk-in complaints.

### **The Information and Technology Unit:**

This unit is staffed by one-full time civilian employee who is responsible for compiling, preparing and disseminating the department's performance statistics; performing certain computer programming services; entering, reviewing and monitoring the quality of information in the department's computer database; and coordinating officer automation services. This employee also provides technical assistance and instruction to department employees in the operation of computer and technical systems; acts as liaison with city and county data processing personnel; establishes, coordinates and maintains schedules and inventories for the utilization of equipment in the department; and troubleshoots, analyzes problems and implements solutions to software and hardware problems. This person's duties also include coordination of software purchases and associated training; periodic analysis of department records management processing; assistance with data analysis; generation of internal and external reports relating to information technology systems and applications; as well as identification and evaluation of computer and technical systems problems. This unit is also responsible for making periodic data backup files for the department; assisting programmers in technical aspects of interfacing computers to networks or mainframe computers; and researching and recommending new software and hardware applications for department activities.

### **The Community Relations Unit:**

Community Relations is managed by the Divisional Commander collaboratively with the Operations Division Commander who makes recommendations to promote a positive public image of the department and is responsible for coordinating media relations activities; coordinating department promotional activities such as web pages, departmental newsletters and brochures; participating in collaborative community activities that support departmental objectives; releasing to the local news media any information they are entitled to have access to; providing local news media with information that may

prevent, reduce or assist in solving crime(s) or assist the police department in its mission.

**The Records Management Unit:**

The Records Unit is staffed by three full-time civilian employees who are responsible for the repository of all department arrests record reports, case history reports, vehicle and traffic tickets and auto accident reports; the release of these records to the public; payroll, microfilm processing, mail and petty cash; liaison with UCR Reports, compensation, TSLED; budget duties; stenographic duties; and the maintenance of the Sex Offender Registry.

**The Court/Building Security Unit:**

Court/Building Security is staffed by two full-time and ten part-time sworn Court Security Officers who are responsible for protecting and guarding judges, non-judicial employees, jurors, parties, attorneys, witnesses, and the general public in the designated security screening equipment; collecting and securing property of persons entering court facilities; maintaining decorum in the court; and answering questions and directing the general public as necessary. These individuals are also accountable for guarding prisoners awaiting court action; maintaining order and assisting with judicial proceedings; and carrying out the directions of the court.

**The Jail Management Unit:**

This unit is managed by the Divisional Commander who is responsible for the administration of the city jail; compliance with regulations pertaining to the operation of the City Jail; completion of required reports to the NYS Commission of Corrections; coordination of operational functions with the administrative functions of the City Jail; selection and training of jail matrons; and maintenance of jail records.

**The Communications Unit:**

The Communications Unit is provided by Chautauqua County. Overall monitoring of this function is done by the Divisional Commander and on a daily basis by one on-shift police supervisor who are responsible for the coordination of delivering services with the 911 Emergency Communications Center, acting as a liaison with County Dispatchers; participating in the EMS Quality Assurance Program; assisting dispatch personnel with communications duties; coordinating the maintenance of communications equipment; controlling NYSPIN and eJustice NY; and controlling communications audiotape.

**The Data Processing Unit:**

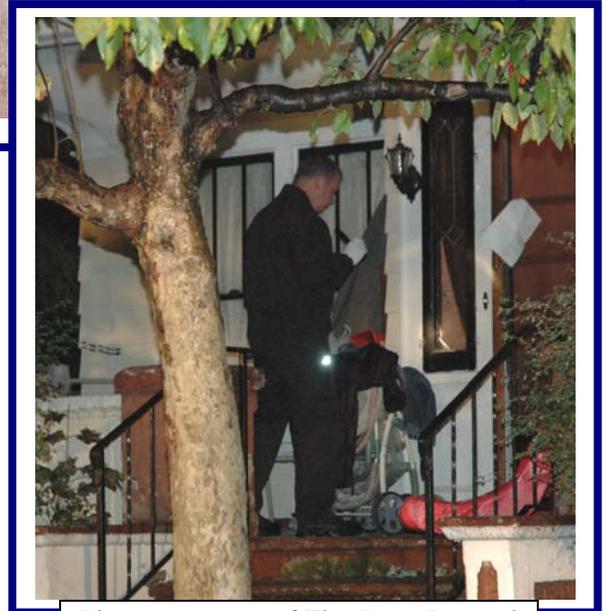
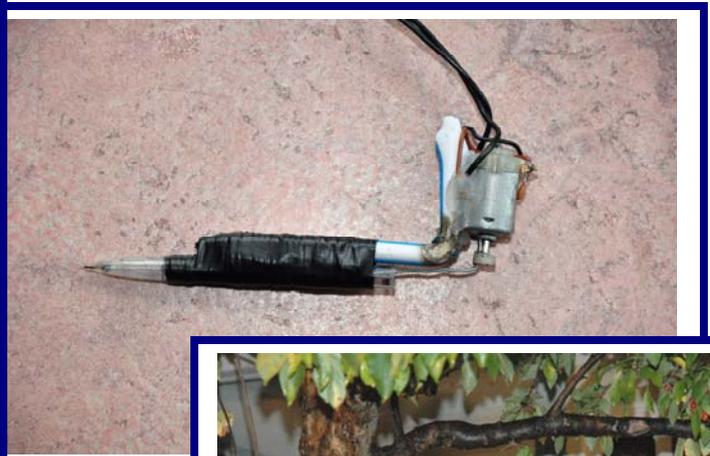
The Data Processing Unit is performed by a combination of support units listed above and is responsible for computer input and management of all department records; coordination of computer database information; the compilation, preparation and dissemination of certain department performance

statistics; management of department programming services; and the task of entering, reviewing and monitoring the quality of information in the department's computer database.

## The Internal Affairs Criminal Section

### The Internal Affairs Unit:

This unit is responsible for conducting and coordinating department criminal investigations relating to complaints of police actions or allegations of criminal activity on the part of members of the department and directing investigations into allegations of, or that could lead to, criminal prosecution of members of the department to the Investigative Section Commander for investigation.



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Clockwise from above:  
Detective Kohl and Sgt. Buchanan look over a target during the outdoor range training in September.

Pictured is a confiscated tattoo gun which was homemade by a subject in the city who was providing tattoos without a license.

Detective Corey processes a scene on Forest Avenue after there was a reported drive-by shooting in September.

Crime scene tape is shown at the scene of a stabbing in August, while patrol vehicles from multiple agencies can be seen in the background.



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*Investigative Section*



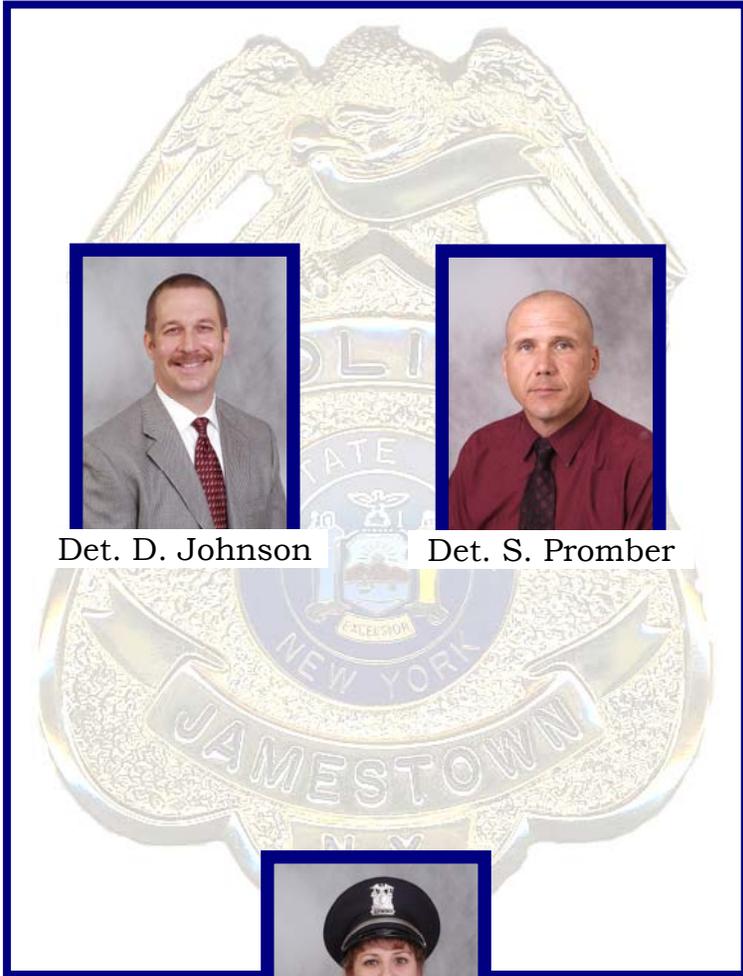
Lt. T. Isaacson



Det. D. Kohl



Det. G. Stolarski



Det. E. Greene



Det. D. Johnson



Det. S. Promber



Det. E. Corey



Det. D. Miraglia



P/O L. Buchanan  
Domestic Violence Officer



Det. K. Sleight

*Administrative & Support Services Division*



Nancy  
RECORDS



Kristi  
RECORDS



Brenda  
RECORDS



Jody  
DETECTIVE SECRETARY  
& PROPERTY CLERK



Sue  
RECEPTIONIST



Sara  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

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Darlene  
INFORMATION &  
TECHNOLOGY



Amber  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
ADVOCATE & EDUCATOR

*Building & Court Security*



CSO S. Murray



CSO A. Russo



CSO W. Leone



CSO C. Felt



CSO A. Lawrence



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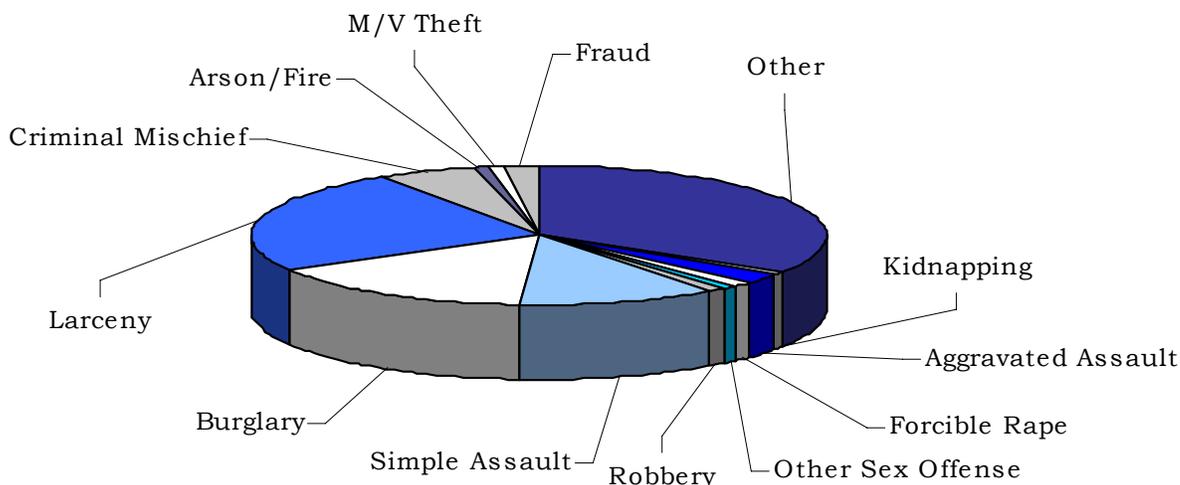


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# Investigative Section Summary

In 2009, there were 1,187 cases assigned to the Investigative Section. The Detective Unit was assigned 777 cases throughout the year, with the majority of cases being burglaries and larcenies. The Juvenile Unit was assigned 410 cases, with simple assaults and larcenies being the highest categories.

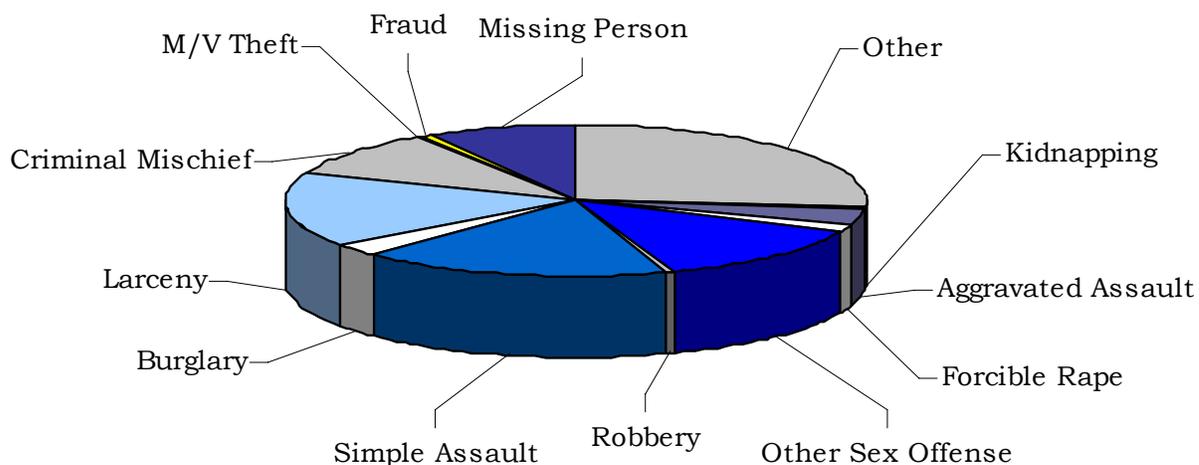
## Detective Unit Case Assignments



### TOTAL CASES: 777

Larceny: 187    Burglary: 122    Simple Assault: 86    Criminal Mischief: 43  
 Aggravated Assault: 17    Fraud: 16    Robbery: 9    Forcible Rape: 9  
 Other Sex Offense: 7    Arson/Fire: 6    M/V Theft: 6    Kidnapping: 5    Other: 264

## Juvenile Unit Case Assignments

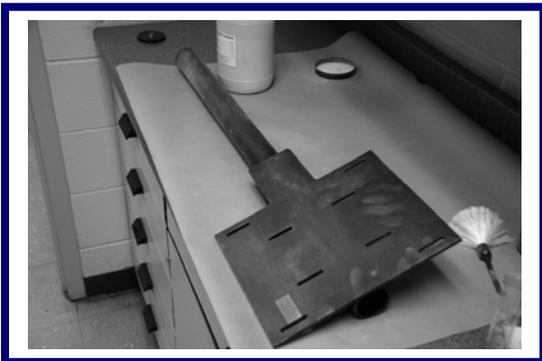


### TOTAL CASES: 410

Simple Assault: 71    Larceny: 67    Other Sex Offense: 51    Criminal Mischief: 39  
 Missing Person: 34    Aggravated Assault: 13    Burglary: 11    Forcible Rape: 8  
 Robbery: 2    Kidnapping: 2    M/V Theft: 2    Fraud: 2    Other: 108

### Some Significant cases to note in 2009:

- ☑ On April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, officers responded to the home of a north side woman who had reported that a subject had broken into her home and raped her. Officers were able to obtain a description and a subject matching the description was located walking on a nearby street. Subject was subsequently interviewed and was charged with Burglary and Rape.
  
- ☑ During the late spring months of 2009, the department had received numerous complaints of burglaries that had occurred to peoples homes. The intruders were reportedly entering the homes at night while several of the victims were at home sleeping. The suspects were taking electronic items including several large flat screen televisions. The department's identification officer was able to locate and lift a fingerprint from one of the burglaries and the print was entered into the nationwide SAFIS system. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 investigators were quickly advised that a match had been identified on the print and the suspect was located and questioned. Investigation led to multiple charges of Burglary against the subject and his sixteen year old accomplice.



The photo at left shows a metal stand, from the scene of a burglary, which appeared to have fingerprint marks which were lifted and used as evidence.

- ☑ On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 officers investigated a reported forcible rape that occurred on Winsor Street to a female as she was walking home at about 11:00 p.m. The victim was forcibly pulled to an area off of the roadway and was forcibly raped and beaten by the suspect. Officers were able to quickly identify a suspect in the incident and the suspect was located early the next day by officers and investigators. The suspect was taken into custody and was charged with Rape in the First Degree and is still in the County Jail awaiting a trial.
  
- ☑ In the early morning hours of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 police were called to the area of 155 Barrett Avenue on a report that a subject had been stabbed.

Officers arrived to find that the victim, Ernest Jones, had been stabbed in the chest and was unresponsive. The victim was rushed to WCA Hospital where he was transferred to the Hamot Medical Center. Jones did, however, pass away as a result of his injuries at the Erie PA Hospital. Officers were able to locate and question a suspect soon after the incident occurred. The investigation is continuing and we are waiting for the case to go to the Chautauqua County Grand Jury.



Left: Vehicles from JPD, Town of Ellicott and the FIT are seen on Barrett Avenue following a stabbing incident.

Right: Chief Rater, DA Dave Foley and Captain Samuelson provide information about the stabbing during a press conference.

*Photos courtesy of The Post-Journal.*

- ☑ Just after midnight on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 officers responded to the area of 108 Fairmount Avenue on a report of a subject breaking out windows to a car. Prior to police arriving the subject did enter his large full size pick-up truck and did purposely ram into a small vehicle owned by a female victim. The force of the collision caused the smaller vehicle to be pushed up and over the curb and sidewalk completely destroying the vehicle. As the first responding officer arrived the subject drove head on into the first responding officers patrol vehicle rendering the patrol car inoperable. The subject did then ram into a second arriving patrol vehicle and officers on the scene were forced to engage the subject at gun-point as the subject drove his vehicle around the intersection in a circle pattern. An officer at the scene did fire his duty weapon at the subject as he drove around violently with his large vehicle. The operator of the vehicle was struck in the arm by one of the officer's rounds and the

vehicle came to a stop. Officers were able to remove the subject from the truck and the subject was transported to WCA Hospital for his injuries. Both patrol vehicles involved were completely destroyed as a result of being rammed by the truck. The subject was later charged with multiple felonies for his actions as well as several domestic charges stemming from the incident.



Clockwise from top left:  
 JPD Patrol Vehicle J3 was totaled during this incident. The damage done to the vehicle can be seen in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> photos.

JPD Patrol Vehicle J4 was also totaled during this incident. The severe damage can be seen in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> photos.

The pick up truck did also ram a Ford Focus during this incident and cause major damage to the vehicle in the 5<sup>th</sup> photo.

After ramming and totaling 3 vehicles, the minor damage to the front and rear of the pickup can be seen in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> photos.



☑ On October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 officers and investigators investigated a suspicious death of a small child that occurred at 24 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This investigation is still ongoing through the departments Investigative Section.

☑ In the early morning hours of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 a female victim who was screaming for help flagged officers down. Victim advised that she had been forced to walk away with a male subject at gunpoint as she was walking to work. The victim states that the subject had met up with her as she walked on the Washington Street Bridge where he engaged her in

conversation and then displayed a handgun forcing her to walk west down W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street past the Train Station. The victim stated that she saw the patrol car pass them as they walked and she ran after it screaming for help. The suspect did run away down W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and onto a large embankment. The suspect was then able to scale the embankment and run up across W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Patrol Units had established a perimeter and observed the subject crossing W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The patrol officers at the scene were able to take the subject into custody on W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The subject was charged with Kidnapping and Menacing.

- ☑ On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 officers responded to a 911 call from 14 Franklin Street after the occupant there reported that three men had entered her home and robbed her and her small child at gun point. After a lengthy investigation two subjects were arrested in December and were charged with Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> and Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree while the third subject is still outstanding. The investigation is ongoing through the Investigative Section.
  
- ☑ On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 two uniformed officers responded to a report of a possible fight call on North Main Street. Upon arrival they observed two females and a male subject walking along the roadway. As the officers were speaking with the subjects the male subject did punch one of the officers in the face knocking him to the ground. The subject then got on top of the officer and continued to strike him multiple times in the face with his fist. The subject was able to flee the scene but was apprehended a short time later by patrol as he was walking in the downtown area of the city. The subject was interviewed by investigators and was subsequently charged with assaulting the officer. The officer sustained a fractured cheekbone as a result of the incident.
  
- ☑ During the Month of December the city of Jamestown once again fell victim to numerous arson fires that were occurring in the Barrows Street area of the city. The fires occurred at 440 Allen Street – on 12/18/09; 558 Allen Street - on 12/25/09; 244 Barrows Street – on 12/26/09; and 225 Barrows Street – on 12/28/09. Investigators were able to develop leads that led them to two suspects who were both interviewed and charged as result of their actions in the arson fires.

The photo at right shows the house at 225 Barrows Street after an arson fire on December 28<sup>th</sup>.



## *Juvenile Unit*

The Juvenile Unit is responsible for coordinating and conducting investigations, arrests and/or diversions in matters involving persons under the age of 16. This Unit is also responsible for preparing cases, collecting, maintaining and disseminating information on juvenile records. The unit interacts and maintains as a liaison with family court, schools, group homes and other social service agencies to enable effective referrals involving juveniles. They participate in the coordination of investigations of sexual exploitation incidents involving children; investigate missing persons under the age of 18, and patrol places where youths gather and places that attract youths.

The Juvenile detectives conduct interviews with juveniles and their parents/guardians to follow the rules of Family Court. When interviewing or holding a juvenile, the area must be separate and secluded from public access to minimize exposure to the public and the adult detainees; and the parent/guardian must be present, but not in the interview room. They conduct public speaking assignments concerning juveniles, participate in programs aimed at the prevention of juvenile delinquency, and assist the Detective Unit on major cases.

### **Juvenile Unit Yearly Statistics**

	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>
<b>Complaints Received</b>	<b>464</b>	602	592	612
<b>Complainants Interviewed</b>	<b>219</b>	355	541	760
<b>Warrants Served</b>	<b>27</b>	22	7	10
<b>Probation Reports</b>	<b>47</b>	63	20	6
<b>Arrests</b> (Juveniles & Adults)	<b>337</b>	462	493	554
<b>Statements Taken</b>	<b>145</b>	275	198	216
<b>Parents Talked To</b>	<b>294</b>	474	644	806
<b>Referrals to Other Agencies</b>	<b>39</b>	51	84	49
<b>Suspects Interviewed</b>	<b>77</b>	105	123	214
<b>Reports Made</b>	<b>4108</b>	8694	6476	3973
<b>Referrals to Family Court</b>	<b>126</b>	170	176	152
<b>Missing Persons Returned</b>	<b>36</b>	64	44	68

## Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force

The Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force was instituted in 1991 as a multi-jurisdictional Task Force involving Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Wyoming Counties. Specially trained law enforcement officers from agencies in each of the counties work together; in an effort to suppress drug trafficking through intense police investigations and inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

The annual statistics for the Southern Tier Regional Drug Task Force only include the Jamestown and Dunkirk/Fredonia Offices of the Task Force. In 2009, the Task Force conducted 33 search warrants and seized 12 guns. There were 279 sales of controlled substances. Confidential informants were used 97 times throughout the year to assist the Drug Task Force.

Drugs Seized	
Cocaine	24.50 oz
Crack Cocaine	13.72 oz
Marijuana	4.82 lbs
LSD	-
Heroin	399 Bindles
Pills	377 Dosage Units
Methamphetamines	-
Mushrooms	-
Ecstasy	2 Dosage Units
Marijuana Plants	488



### Cases By Type

Cocaine	107
Crack Cocaine	229
Marijuana	96
LSD	0
Heroin	99
Pills	105
Methamphetamine	0
Mushrooms	0
Ecstasy	2
Other	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>661</b>



### Cases By Area

Jamestown	451
Dunkirk/Fredonia	189
Other	168
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>808</b>

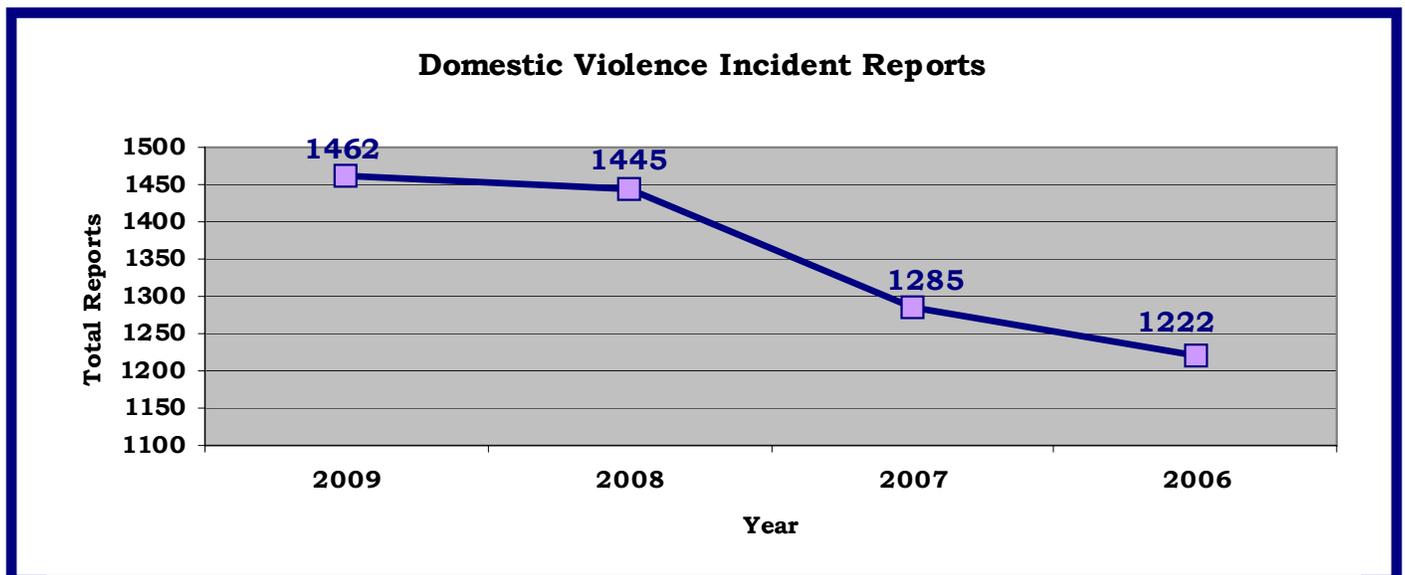


## *Domestic Violence Intervention Unit*

In 2009, the Domestic Violence Intervention Unit (DVIU) received 1462 Domestic Incident Reports that were taken by Jamestown Police Department officers. Through Project Crossroads within the DVIU, staff was able to serve over 1800 victims and provide over 7500 referrals through the Victim and Domestic Violence Court Follow-up Programs. The Project Crossroads Domestic Violence Officer assigned over 350 cases to the DVIU with 79 clients having been assisted directly with office-based visits and several other victims with home follow-ups. Of the 350 cases assigned, the Domestic Violence Officer completed 44 Domestic Incident Reports. Staff maintained an 93% contact rate in the Victim Follow-up Program while having maintained a 80% contact rate in the Domestic Violence Court Follow-up Program.

Domestic Violence educational in-service presentations were provided to over 419 people throughout Chautauqua County. Participants include individuals from human service agencies, social service providers, health and elder care professionals, law enforcement officials, members of the clergy, business professionals, and high school staff. Over 12,433 pieces of Project Crossroads and domestic violence service provider literature were disbursed.

The DVIU is responsible for facilitating the Chautauqua County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which implements a Coordinated Community Response system to the epidemic of domestic violence while enhancing efficient delivery of services to victims. Through the Coalition, staff has developed and implemented community awareness initiatives and events throughout Chautauqua County including domestic violence and sexual assault screenings, Silent Witness displays, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk against Domestic Violence, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Day Event.



## *Building & Court Security Unit*

The Jamestown Police Department continues to operate our Municipal Building/Courthouse security program. The number of courts operating within the City Hall facilities is significant, which makes the Court/Building Security Unit an important component of the department. Courts operating within City Hall include City Court, Housing Court, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Family Court, Surrogates' Court, Domestic Violence Court, and DWI Court.

The Court Security Unit includes two full-time Court Security Supervisors and ten part-time Court Security Officers, all of which are funded by the New York State Office of Court Administration.

Building and Court Security follow a 100% screening policy. The number of people who entered City Hall and were screened in 2009 was 124,782.

The Building and Court Security Unit seized 3,970 prohibited items during their regular screenings of those entering the building, and all of the items were returned to their owners upon their exiting the facility. While this demonstrates that the vast majority of people entering the building legally possess the items they are carrying, it remains obvious that such a screening is critical to maintaining the security of the building and the courts. Those items seized and returned to their owners included 40 firearms, 2497 knives, 23 chemical agents, 168 razors, 238 scissors, 92 other weapons, and 906 other prohibited items. There were also 22 reports of unusual occurrences reported to the New York State Unified Court System during 2009.



*Retirements*



Lt. J. Conti  
Over 23 Years of Service



Detective J. Mayer  
Over 19 Years of Service



Detective A. Osterdahl  
Over 27 Years of Service



Traffic Officer G. Boskat  
Over 20 Years of Service



Captain L. Davies  
Over 19 Years of Service

**Thank You  
for years of  
dedicated  
service to the  
Jamestown  
Police  
Department!**

Promotions



Lt. R. Samuelson  
to Captain



Sgt. H. Snellings  
to Lieutenant



Sgt. F. DeGolier  
to Lieutenant



P/O D. Kianos  
to Sergeant



P/O E. Corey  
to Detective



P/O J. Dahlberg  
to Sergeant

*Military Leave*



Det. T. Wright

*Out Injured*



Sgt. N. Bogosian

*New Hires*



P/O E. Kraft  
Hired March 2009



P/O J. Maggio  
Hired March 2009



P/O C. Moore  
Hired April 2009



P/O R. Powers  
Hired May 2009

## *Jamestown Fire Department*

To The Citizens of The City of Jamestown:

I am pleased to present the following information to the residents of Jamestown from the dedicated members of the Jamestown Fire Department. The charts and graphs represent the work that the members of the Fire Department performed during 2009. Each statistic is a measure of something that is important to the safety of the citizens of our City.

It is easy to see the work of the firefighters when a building is on fire. People come to the scene to watch all the excitement as the blaze is extinguished. However, there is not much excitement in the day-to-day routine of our fire stations when hours are spent training, practicing, doing truck inspections or preparing and checking our equipment. These are tasks that are done every day, out of sight of the public, so that our men and equipment can be ready on a moment's notice for whatever emergency arises.

By this constant and vigilant preparedness, the Jamestown Fire Department is always ready for the unknown of each new day – will it bring an ice-water rescue from the Chadakoin in February? Elderly people stuck in an elevator between floors in a high-rise building? A serious medical emergency? A structure fire in one of Jamestown's historic buildings? Rescuing someone who is threatening to jump from a bridge or building?

Over the years, every time a new type of emergency situation occurred, people just called the "fire department" because we were the ones that were trained to deal with emergencies. Who else would you call? What other public or private service provider will come to your house in three minutes or less to solve your problem, whatever it entails? As well as fighting fires and responding to emergency medical situations, fire departments are now trained in hazardous materials mitigation, confined space and high angle rescues, cold and swift water rescues, mass casualty events and terrorism response.

The next time you see a fire truck going down the street without its lights and siren on, those firefighters are doing some of those necessary, unseen tasks and training that allow us to improve our service to you.

We thank the citizens of Jamestown for their continued support during 2009 – those who take the initiative to shovel snow from the fire hydrants on their street, those who offer coffee and refreshments to tired and worn firefighters at a fire scene, those who call our office on September 11 to thank our members for their work and service. We appreciate you.

As we enter 2010, the Jamestown Fire Department will continue to train and prepare to handle your emergencies. We promise to give our citizens the best service, while diligently seeking safer, more efficient and more cost-effective methods to provide the services that you expect and deserve. After all, it is an honor and privilege to serve you.



LANCE N. HEDLUND  
Deputy Fire Chief

## Code Enforcement Office



The Office of Fire Prevention & Code Enforcement is staffed by Lt. Bruce D. Anderson. During the year, Lt. Anderson handled many complaints and questions covering a wide range of topics. Some of these are:

- Smoke detector placement and lack of smoke detectors
- Blocked emergency exits
- How to store flammable liquids
- Acceptable building materials
- Illegal burning
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Chimney, fireplace and woodstove inquiries
- Portable heating units
- Electrical problems
- Fire extinguisher use
- Obstructed or blocked fire hydrants

The Fire Prevention Bureau/Code Enforcement Office is mainly responsible for the enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and Jamestown City Building Codes. The primary goal is protecting the public's safety through education of safe practices and the enforcement of State and City building codes.

The Fire Prevention Bureau/Code Enforcement Office worked on these special projects during 2009:

- Construction and on-site inspections of the NYS Building and Fire Code standards at the new Washington Middle School addition, the new Science Building at JCC and the addition to the IBEW Local 106 headquarters.
- All special events at the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena, including the YES, Asia and Clint Black concerts, skating and hockey events, WWE Raw and the rodeo.
- Overseeing all downtown Jamestown outdoor events, including fireworks shows to ensure the public's safety.
- Inspection of the Erie Train Station and GA Home upgrade projects.
- Inspection and posting of unsafe structures in the City.

Lt. Anderson also participated in several seminars and training sessions during the year:

- NYS Code Education Conference
- Finger Lakes Building Association 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference
- Monthly meetings of the City of Jamestown Electrical Board
- NYS Code Fire Alarm Systems Course

## *Fire Safety Education*

Many school children as well as adult care clients toured the City Fire Stations in 2009. Programs are personalized for each group, and fire safety is emphasized so that each participant can be reminded what they need to do in the event of a fire.

Fire crews also visited many schools and public events during the year and especially during Fire Prevention Month in October to talk about fire safety and distribute safety materials.

The following businesses and organizations are among those that received fire safety education from the Jamestown Fire Department in 2009:

- Tiger Cub Scout Troops
- Cub Scout Troops
- Love School Grades 4 and 5
- Heritage House Day Care
- Girl Scout Troops
- A Children's Place
- Fluvanna Community Church Preschool
- Joint Neighborhood Project
- The Resource Center Saturday Respite Group
- Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center
- R.R. Rogers Elementary School
- Hillcrest Baptist Church Preschool
- C.V. Bush Elementary School
- The Catholic Academy of the Holy Family
- Lincoln Elementary School
- GA Learning Center
- M.G. Fletcher Elementary School
- C.V. Bush Elementary School After School Program



## 2009 Notable Fires & Incidents

### Notable Fires:

**January 17** – 48C Shirley Lane – An electrical fire damaged the attic in this three-unit apartment building.

**January 20** –  
218 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street –

A four-year old was playing with a lighter that caught a mattress on fire.

*Photo courtesy of The Post-Journal.*



**February 2** – 370 Camp Street – One firefighter suffered a broken leg when he fell from the roof of this home during firefighting operations and another fell through the second floor when it partially collapsed. The home was heavily damaged by the fire and is slated for demolition.



**February 2** –  
173 Fluvanna Avenue –

This fire occurred late in the afternoon and severely constricted rush hour traffic at the Washington Street-Fluvanna Avenue intersection. The fire was centered in the basement of Fluvanna Place around a wood-burning furnace. The fire was quickly extinguished, and firefighters later found several LP gas tanks, automobiles and acetylene tanks in the basement, which could have made for a disastrous situation.

*Photo courtesy of The Post-Journal.*

**March 29** - 133 Wilson Place – Firefighters found fire showing from the first and second floors when they arrived at this home at 3 a.m. Heavy damage inside the home hampered firefighting efforts. The home was later demolished. The fire began in the laundry room, but the cause was undetermined.

**April 15** – 763 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – The fire that damaged this century-old home started in the attic.

**April 17** – 538 Buffalo Street – It took fire crews about five hours to bring this large, late-night brush fire under control. Firefighters had a hard time getting to the fire, which was in the woods off Pratt Avenue.

**April 26** – 306 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street – Careless smoking was blamed for this fire that occurred in a four-unit apartment building.

**June 6** – 829 Spring Street – Fire damaged all four floors of this home, and the high heat of the blaze damaged the siding on neighboring homes. An electrical short was thought to be the cause of the blaze, which originated in the kitchen.

**June 9** –  
*217 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street –  
Erie Train Station –*

Hay being stored from a downtown event was intentionally set on fire. Firefighters had difficulty gaining access to the building through boarded-up front doors. Damage was confined to the building's loading dock area.





**June 21 –**  
*132 Barrett Avenue –*

This fire began in one of the bathrooms of the four-apartment home.

*Photo courtesy of The Post-Journal.*

**June 27** – 4 Orchard Street – The fire in this vacant and boarded-up house began in the basement. An arsonist set combustible materials on fire to start the blaze.

**July 7** – 314 Allen Street – In the first of several fires this year on Allen Street, this fire began toward the rear of the structure. Fire crews were called back to the scene shortly after midnight when the house was found to be fully engulfed in flames.

**July 8 –**  
*247 Crescent Street –*

An intentionally set fire heavily damaged this vacant home.



**July 18** – 401 Foote Avenue – The fire at this address began in the attic. This fire was also intentionally set.



**August 8** –  
*441 Winsor Street* –

This fire that began in the laundry room on the first floor of the home quickly extended up the walls and into the second floor and attic of the home.

*Photo courtesy of The Post-Journal.*

**October 17** – 35 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street – First-arriving fire crews found heavy fire on the first and second floors of this vacant home. It took almost two hours before the fire was knocked down enough for firefighters to complete the extinguishment. This was another arson fire that began in a rear stairway.

**October 21** –  
*1001 Monroe Street* –

This fire at a city DPW storage facility had burned for a while before it was seen at 3 a.m. The building was at the dead-end of Monroe Street, and the responding firefighters had to call for assistance from the city's BPU when they could not get sufficient water pressure at the end of the line to fight the fire. This fire remains under investigation.

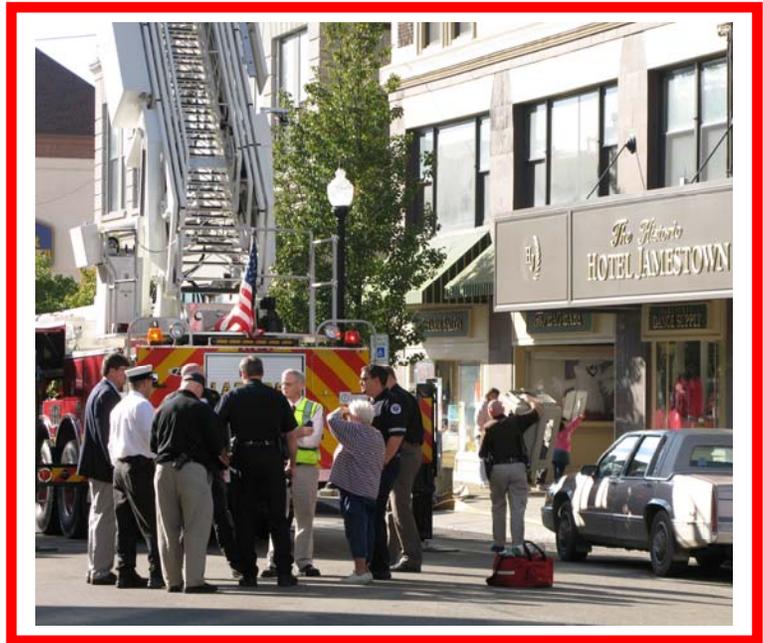


**October 21 –**

*110 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street –  
The Hotel Jamestown –*

A fire that gutted an apartment on the seventh floor of this high-rise senior housing complex was extinguished quickly by firefighters. The fire was found to be caused by an overloaded power strip that caught surrounding combustible debris in the apartment on fire.

*Photo courtesy of The Post-Journal.*



**November 2** – 1519 Washington Street – Girton’s Florist Shop – An early-morning arsonist attempted to burn down this city business, but was unsuccessful, after a police officer on routine patrol saw the smoke coming from the building. The fire was confined to a doorway in the receiving area in the rear of the building.

**November 3** – 22 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street – The fire in this vacant, two-story house, began in the basement and was found to be intentionally set.

**November 11** – 185 Fairmount Avenue – The fire at this apartment building was confined to an area around two space heaters. Six apartments in the building were evacuated along with 15 dogs and cats and eight adults.

**November 28** – 205 Barrett Avenue – An electrical heater plugged into a power strip was found to be the cause of this fire that began in the attic area of the home.

**December 7** – 11 ½ Bowen Street – The first and second floors of this vacant home were fully involved when fire crews arrived. The cause was found to be arson, and began when a mattress was set on fire in an interior stairway.

**December 9** – 20 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Apartment 3A – An unattended candle started this fire that heavily damaged this apartment at the Priscilla Apartments. The occupant of the apartment suffered second-degree burns and had to be hospitalized.

**December 18** – 440 Allen Street – Arson was found to be the cause of this fire that destroyed a vacant house.

**December 25** – 558 Allen Street – This Christmas Eve arson fire was set in a vacant house that had neither electric nor gas service.

**December 26** – 244 Barrows Street – This fire was found to have begun in an unfinished bathroom on the first floor. The home was undergoing renovation at the time of the blaze, and the cause was determined to be arson.

**December 27** – 621 Prendergast Avenue -- Eleven residents of this apartment building were displaced by this fire, which began in the basement.

**December 28** –  
*225 Barrows Street* –

Heavy fire was coming from the second floor and attic areas of this large 2 ½-story home when firefighters arrived. Fire crews were hampered by high winds and the close proximity of a neighboring house in fighting the blaze. The house was boarded-up, vacant, and undergoing extensive renovation at the time of the fire. The fire was found to be intentionally set.



### **City Flooding:**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> & August 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

The cool and wet conditions that the area experienced during the Summer of 2009 resulted in excess water in many parts of the City.

A prolonged rainstorm on June 20<sup>th</sup> brought in more than 25 service calls for flooded basements.

In August, parts of the Southern Tier were declared a disaster area by Governor David Paterson after violent thunderstorms dropped more than four inches of rain in a two-day period. The Silver Creek area was particularly hard-hit, and the Jamestown Fire Department sent three members to assist the Village of Silver Creek on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

In the City, more than 30 calls for water emergencies were received between August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>. The south and west sides of the City were the main problem areas. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, city firefighters were called in to assist DPW and Parks Department crews in unclogging the Allen Park storm drain. The firefighters provided manpower and a rescue team as workers had to enter the sluice pipe to remove garbage and natural debris that had clogged the drain. This had resulted in widespread flooding on the City's south side, including major flooding on the lower floors at WCA Hospital.



*Photos courtesy of The Post-Journal*

**Significant Incident:**

On July 6, 2009, firefighters were called to Crescent Street when the driver of this car hit the gas instead of the brake and went over an embankment.



## *Hello & Goodbye*

Due to the nature of our business, every piece of our fire equipment has to be as familiar to the Jamestown firefighters as your family car is to you. Each of our members is intimately familiar with the operation of all of our fire engines, the ladder trucks, the heavy rescue vehicle, Medic 35 and Ambulance 1.

During 2009 we welcomed a new maintenance vehicle, a 2009 Ford F250 truck. This vehicle replaces a 1995 Chevrolet truck, which served the department well during its life of more than 77,000 miles.



**New Ford F-250 Plow Truck**

In December, we also took possession of a 2010 Chevrolet Impala to be used as Car 2. The current Car 2 will be moved down the line to become Car 3, and ultimately, Car 5, a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban, will be replaced.

The Department's old Ladder 1 was sent to the Pierce Manufacturing Plant in Wisconsin in 2008 when we received our new Ladder truck. Old Ladder 1 was refurbished at a cost of \$325,000, and was returned to Jamestown in May, 2009. Old Ladder 2, a 1965 Maxim, was sold. The Maxim had been purchased new in 1967 at a cost of \$44,000. It has been in continuous use since it was purchased, some 42 years.



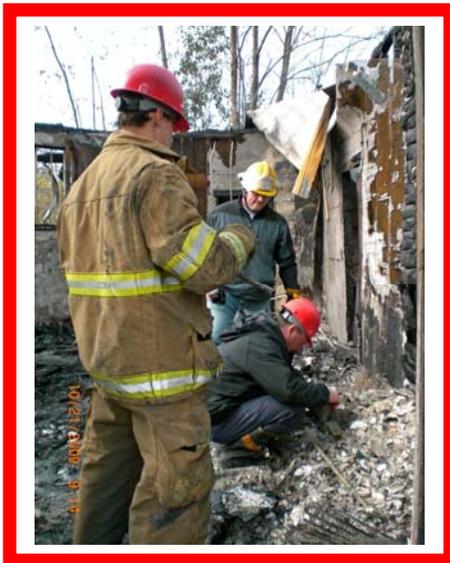
**L-R: 1967 Maxim (Old Ladder 2), 1991  
Pierce (refurbished Ladder 2), 2008  
Pierce, (new Ladder 1)**



## *Fire Investigation Report*

This past year of 2009 has continued to be one of the busiest years in the recent history of the Jamestown Fire Department. There were a total of 63 fires investigated, with 34 of those ruled incendiary, compared to 63 fire investigations with 37 ruled incendiary in 2008. There were approximately 518 man-hours spent on investigations, reports and follow-ups. Two people were arrested after a spree of vacant house fires around Christmas time.

The Fire Investigation Team is led by Lt. Tim Glenn, and consists of 10 investigators, 8 of those are members of the Jamestown Fire Department and two are members of the Jamestown Police Department. One member of the Police Department works in the Detective Bureau and is assigned to the incendiary fires. At the end of 2009, seven of the Investigators were NYS Certified Level 2 and three were NYS Certified Level 1. One investigator has just obtained his level 2. To obtain a NYS Level 2 certification, an investigator must first be a NYS Certified Level 1 investigator and then attend a two-week Fire Investigation School at the NYS Fire Academy in Montour Falls, NY. After this time the Investigator needs an additional 50 hours of on-scene fire investigation time before that person is eligible for NYS Level 2 status. Deputy Fire Chief Lance Hedlund has been a Level 2 Fire Investigator for many years and oversees the Fire Investigation Unit along with Public Safety Director Rex Rater.



The Fire Investigation Team investigates the fire which occurred at the DPW Garage on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Team members have been continuously advancing their skills and learning new techniques by attending schools and seminars in the fire investigation field. In 2009 five members spent a total of 184 hours attending schools and seminars. Some of the subjects that are trained on frequently are testifying in court, evidence collection, interviewing and interrogation techniques, photography and electrical cause. It is important for members to attend these

schools and seminars whenever possible to keep up with the newest techniques, methods and laws pertaining to fire investigation. The NYS Office of Fire and Control requires all Level 1 and Level 2 Investigators to receive a minimum of six hours of schooling or seminars to retain their certification or a minimum of 20 hours of investigation time annually.

Not all fires in Jamestown require an investigator from the team. Some are investigated by the Officer in Command (OIC). However, according to Section 204-d of the General Municipal Laws of New York State, the Fire Chief of any department or company shall, to the extent reasonably possible, determine or cause to be determined the cause of each fire or explosion which the fire department or company has been called to suppress. The criteria that are usually met in order for an OIC at the fire scene to call in a fire investigator may be one or both of the following:

- By using information gathered at the scene, the OIC is not reasonably sure how the fire started;
- The OIC has reason to believe the fire or explosion is of a suspicious origin.



At Left: The Fire Department continues to spray water on a fire that occurred at 247 Crescent Street in July.



At Right: The Fire Department responds to a car fire which occurred on Pine Street in March.

The vehicle used by the Jamestown Fire Investigation Team is JFD's Rescue 3. This heavy rescue vehicle serves as a fully-equipped unit for the Fire Department and secondly as a fire investigation vehicle. The truck is equipped with numerous hand and power tools, a high output generator for fixed and portable lighting, security cabinets for investigation-related materials, cameras and analyzing equipment, rehab supplies and all-weather gear. It also has a large passenger area in the rear that allows investigators to conduct on-scene basis interviews in a somewhat private and comfortable setting. Even though the team has a basic inventory of equipment and gear, they are constantly in need of new and updated items to replace worn and outdated ones.

The Fire Investigation Team is also available at a moment's notice to respond anywhere in Chautauqua County to assist the Chautauqua County Fire Investigation Team, if requested. Likewise, the Chautauqua County FIT is also available to assist the team in Jamestown if the need arises. Once on the scene, the investigator(s) will begin gathering information, photographing the outside of the building and interviewing the incident commander, firefighters, occupants, witnesses and property owners. When the fire is extinguished, the Investigators may then enter the structure to begin examination to determine the area of origin. When this is determined, the area is then examined in detail to determine the exact cause, using various methods, equipment, information and experience. It is the goal of the Investigators to eliminate as many possible fire causes as possible before determining the final cause. If the fire is determined to be incendiary in nature, the Jamestown Police Department's Detective Bureau joins the investigation to assist in follow-ups and further investigation. For all other causes, the Investigators may turn cases over to the Fire Prevention Bureau to correct fire safety code violations, report possible product defects to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, launch a public awareness program or assist private insurance investigators.



Clockwise from above:  
Boots from a member of the department rest on an engine in preparation of an emergency call.

JFD responds to the fire at The Hotel Jamestown which occurred on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

JFD and other agencies respond to a Motor Vehicle accident in which a child was struck on April 28<sup>th</sup>.



*Photo courtesy of The Post-Journal.*



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The following is a breakdown of fires that were investigated in the City of Jamestown in 2009:

**Total fires investigated: 63**

**Cause of Fires:**

Incendiary -- 34 (includes the following)

- 12 vacant structures
- 1 occupied two or more family dwelling
- 4 commercial or factory buildings (including vacant)
- 11 single-family homes
- 1 vehicle fire
- 3 garage fires
- 1 homemade bomb
- 1 public restroom

Accidental – 25 (includes the following)

- 10 electrical
- 3 unattended candles
- 1 clothes dryer
- 6 careless discard of smoking materials
- 3 cooking
- 1 propane torch from thawing frozen pipes
- 1 defective chimney

Undetermined – 4 (includes the following)

- 2 suspicious origins



The ultimate goal of the Fire Investigation Team is to make Jamestown a safer place to live and do business. By apprehending arsonists, assisting with the correction of building code violations and reporting possible product hazards or defects to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Fire Investigation Team's job is never done.



JFD and other agencies did respond to this Rollover Motor Vehicle Accident which occurred on September 19<sup>th</sup>. They assisted with removing subjects from the vehicle and also attended to those who were in need of medical care.

## Maintenance Division

Fire Alarm Maintenance Supervisor (FAMS) Cris Dahlgren, oversees the maintenance of all the Department's vehicles as well as the 48 miles of alarm circuits in the City.

FAMS Cris Dahlgren is seen working underground on one of the city alarm circuits.



FAMS Dahlgren is an accomplished mechanic and he is able to repair and upgrade many of the vehicles in-house without incurring costly outside fees. He supervises two lieutenant mechanics on opposite battalions who do minor work while they are on duty and is sometimes assisted by other JFD members. He performs maintenance and upgrade work to all the City's fire stations, reducing the need for private contractors and associated costs.



Members of the Fire Department inspect the Ladder truck in front of Station 1 on Spring Street.

A member of JFD stands by at the base of the ladder while another member ascends the ladder during training.



In 2009, FAMS Dahlgren coordinated the installation of a new boiler at Station 5 to replace an antiquated furnace that was very inefficient. Assisted by Firefighter Dan Mangione, this project was completed for much less than it would have cost to hire an outside contractor.

Other projects during 2009 included:

- Removal and repair of the water tank on Engine 1 where the steel was rusted through in places
- Many repairs made on the Fire Department's fleet of vehicles, including a motor and valve rebuild for Car 4. This resulted in less costly repair bills in having the work done by outside mechanics
- Re-wiring of the public address system and installation of a new PA amplifier at Station 4 and at Station 3, the PA system's speakers were replaced and properly wired
- Cleaning and reorganization of the Fire Equipment Maintenance storage building at Station 4
- Coordinated the annual hose testing over an eight-day period, and also flow-tested each apparatus over four days
- Repaired several alarm maintenance wires that fell or broke and trimmed tree limbs that were rubbing against alarm wires on Genesee Street
- Made needed repairs throughout the year to alarm service boxes and made underground repairs of a fault in the alarm service
- The old L-2 was removed from service and equipment was all removed and stored, and the refurbished L-2 was returned to service with all its equipment re-mounted in its proper locations

Many building maintenance repairs were completed "in-house," preventing costly contractor bills.



Members of the department work on loading a fire hose after a fire that occurred at 247 Crescent Street on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## *What Else We Do...*

### *“WHO YA GONNA CALL?” WHEN ...*

- The neighbor has a campfire and the smoke is coming in your open windows at 3 a.m.
- A vehicle is leaking gasoline or a diesel truck has leaked its entire crankcase of oil down the street.
- You have water in your basement from a heavy rain.
- There is a 12-foot icicle hanging from your roof directly over the gas meter.
- The elevator you are on gets stuck between floors.
- A wire is down across the street during a thunderstorm.
- Part of the facade of a downtown building is found to be falling from its third-story mounting.
- You see a motor vehicle accident.
- The roof of a large factory building caves in because of heavy snow.
- A driver hits the gas instead of the brake and sends their car into the Chadakoin River or over an embankment.
- You notice a strange odor in your apartment building, and find that someone has been doing fiberglass work in a neighboring apartment, sending noxious fumes throughout the building.
- Your wheelchair is stuck in the snow in the middle of Third and Main Streets.
- You lock yourself in or out of your home.
- Your two-year-old toddler decided to go outside by herself and is nowhere to be found.
- While eating out in a restaurant you notice smoke coming from one of the ceiling tiles.
- The propane tank on your backyard grill is leaking.
- Your furnace begins to make a funny noise on the coldest morning of the year and the motor smells hot.
- You notice two young neighbor boys playing with matches on the porch of their home.
- Your carbon monoxide detector is going off.
- Your smoke detector activates, but you do not see or smell any smoke.
- You think your house may have been hit by lightning during a summer thunderstorm.

... or any of a thousand other situations that you may encounter or need help with.

Who ya gonna call? You call 911, and the Fire Department responds!

## *New Firefighters*

Two new firefighters were hired in February 2009, Ryan C. DiDomenico and W. Stephen Johnston. These rookies, along with two others, Ben McLaughlin and Chris Hendrickson, who were hired in November 2008, received the majority of their initial firefighter training from Jamestown Fire Department Municipal Fire Instructors and attended the New York State Fire Academy at Montour Falls for training in these areas:

- Wildland Fire Suppression
- Fire Prevention
- Candidate Physical Agility Test (CPAT)



L to R : FF's Ben McLaughlin, Ryan DiDomenico, Steve Johnston and Chris Hendrickson

They graduated in June and reported for duty at Station 1. The rookies are considered to be on probation for one year, continuing to receive “hands-on” training from the JFD MTOs in these areas:

- Department Rules & Regulations
- Department History
- Organization Structure
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Personnel Safety
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) use and maintenance
- Search Procedures
- Communications
- Operating Ladder Apparatus
- Vehicle Operations



A member of JFD instructs on-looking members during Ladder 1 training.

## *Stations*

**Fire Station 1** is at Jamestown City Hall, and houses the Department's Ladder trucks as well as the Medic 35 unit, the ambulance and the heavy-duty rescue unit. All the Department's administrative offices are at Station 1.

**Fire Station 3** is at 422 Newland Avenue. Station 3 was built in 1949 and was dedicated to Firefighter Elmer R. Berry, who was killed in action in Luxembourg during World War II. It serves the southside of the City.

**Fire Station 4** serves the eastside of the City from its location at the corner of Allen and Buffalo Streets. Station 4 was built in 1930 and replaced the old Station 4 which was at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Kipp Streets as well as Station 6 at Allen near Tiffany Street.

**Fire Station 5**, at 192 Fairmount Avenue, serves the westside of the City. This historic building was part of Chief Wilson's station reorganization and relocation plan in 1911. It was built in 1913 to accommodate Engine Company No. 5, which moved from West Fifth Street to this location. It was from this station that Walter H. Kastenhuber and Harold Anderson responded to the Atlantic-Richfield fire on June 19, 1934. They, along with two other firefighters and three civilians were killed as a result of this terrible fire. Many others were injured, including Chief Clifton Beatty.

## *Communications*

"KEC 503" are the Jamestown Fire Department's call numbers on the Chautauqua County radio system. All 911 and non-emergency calls received from the City of Jamestown automatically go to the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center in Mayville where trained dispatchers determine the problem, send the appropriate assistance and, if necessary, contact other companies such as the City of Jamestown BPU and DPW and National Fuel Gas.

Our administrative offices are located at Station One at City Hall. Our offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday for non-emergency information or help. This includes our Fire Prevention Office, Inspection and Investigative offices. Our non-emergency office number is 483-7598.

A member of JFD adjusts the ladder during a aerial ladder training session.



## *A Special Visit*

On February 10<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon hosted five visitors to the City from Perm, Russia. The ladies are all school teachers in Russia and made the trip to the United States to observe schools and business. The ladies enjoyed their tour of City Hall and the Fire Department where they got to sit in the ladder truck and see the truck in operation. After the tour they joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon for a lunch of pasta, salad, bread and dessert.



Above: A group photo was taken after the tour and lunch was provided.

Below Left: The ladies from Russia watch as they were able to see the ladder truck in operation.

Below Right: Some of the ladies visit with members of the department and learn how some of the operations run.



## *Command Staff*



Pictured Left to Right:  
Battalion Chief R. Sigular, Battalion Chief S. Salemme, Battalion Chief D. Woodfield,  
Deputy Chief L. Hedlund, Battalion Chief W. Johnston, and Battalion Chief C. Harvey

## *Office Staff*



Secretary  
Cynthia Dustin

## *Platoon Photos*



**1<sup>st</sup> Platoon**

Pictured Left to Right:  
BC C. Harvey, FF R. DeSantis, Lt. J. Stanford, Lt. E. Thompson, FF V. Capizzi,  
FF N. Alm, FF B. McLaughlin, FF G. Ingerson, FF R. Ferraloro, Lt. M. Coon,  
FF P. Volpe, and FF B. Achterberg



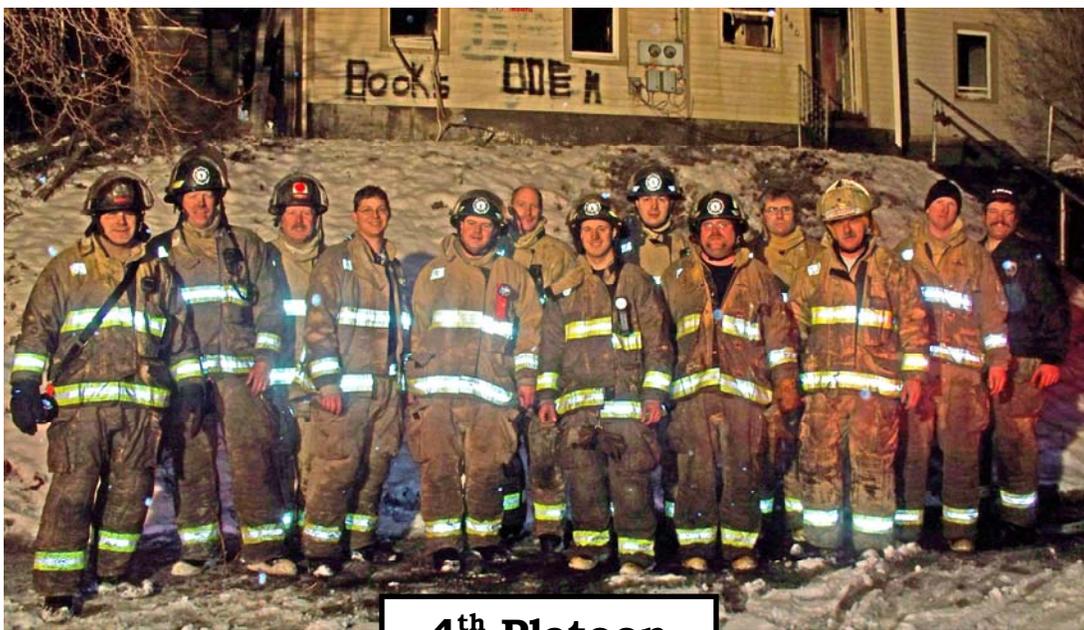
**2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon**

Pictured Left to Right:  
Back Row: FF J. Winchester, FF R. Roush, FF E. Herman, Lt. W. Berg, FF J. Johnston,  
FF S. Shilling, Lt. F. Martinelli  
Front Row: FF M. Johnson, FF B. Sample, BC S. Salemme, Lt. J. Gatto, FF B. Bailey  
Kneeling: FF J. Russo, FF M. Federko



**3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon**

Pictured Left to Right:  
Back Row: FF S. Johnson, FF C. Hendrickson, FF A. Clifford, FF C. Swanson,  
FF A. Gullo, Lt. M. Russo, FF B. Wadsworth.  
Front Row: FF P. Volpe, Lt. M. Garvey, Lt. T. Glenn, BC D. Woodfield,  
FF G. Schwob, Lt. B. Wiles



**4<sup>th</sup> Platoon**

Pictured Left to Right:  
Lt. P. Hanlon, FF B. Walburg, Lt. B. Sheldon, FF S. Tibbitts, FF D. Mangione,  
Lt. D. Mowry, FF R. DiDomenico, FF E. Herman, FF K. Olson, Lt. J. Gatto,  
BC R. Sigular, FF J. Winchester, FF N. Grunert

*Retirements*



Lt. B. Boehm  
25 Years of Service

The City of Jamestown recognizes and thanks these members of the Jamestown Fire Department who retired in 2009!

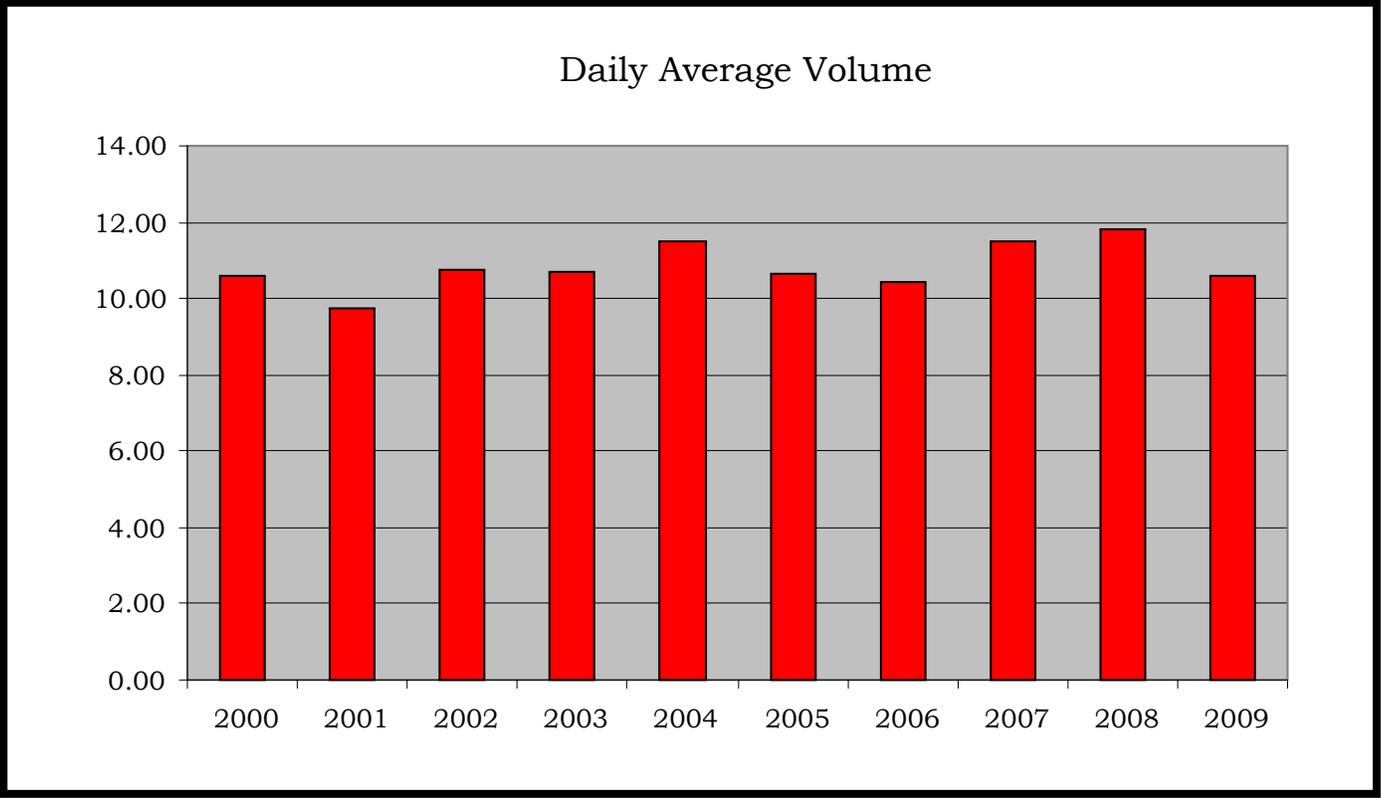
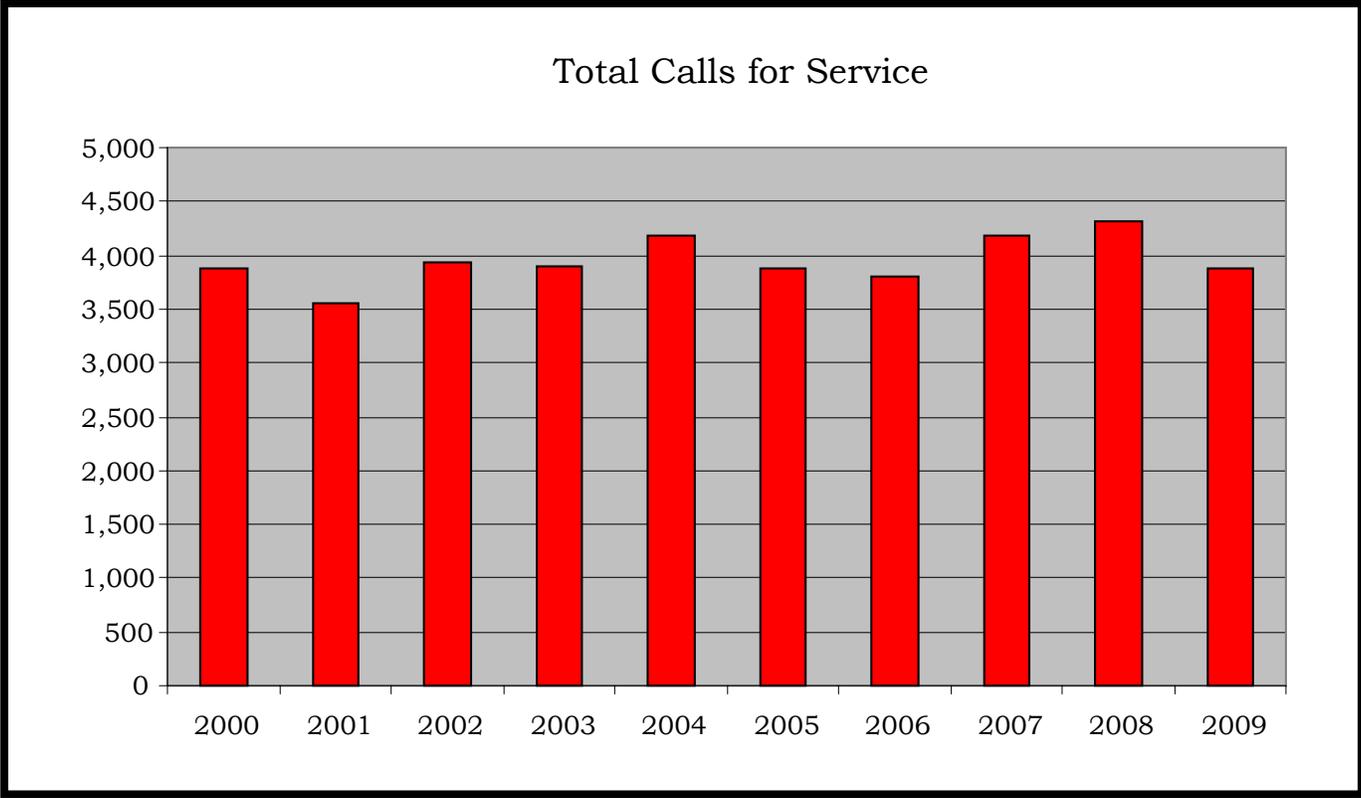


Firefighter S. Landy  
25 Years of Service



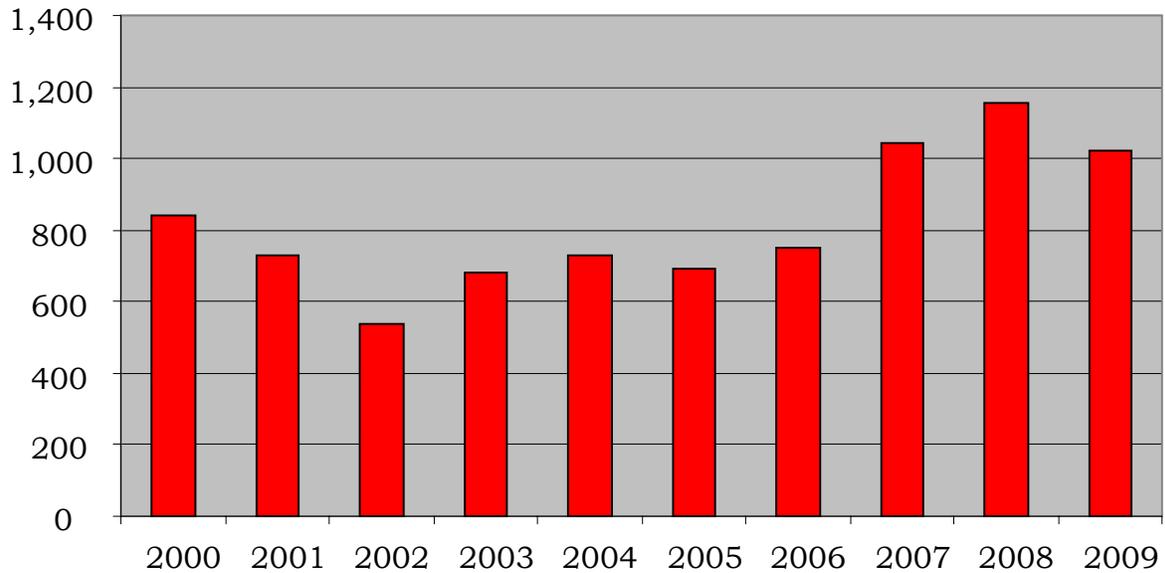
Firefighter G. D. Butera  
19 Years of Service

2009 Calls for Service



## 2009 Run Statistics

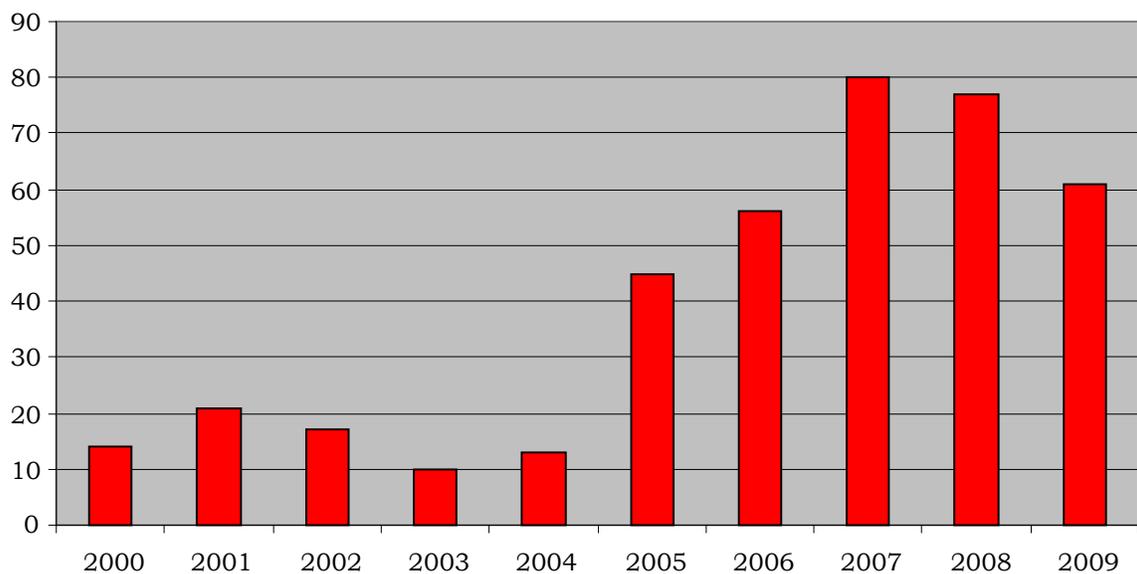
### Service Call



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- Lock-out
- Water problem
- Public service assistance
- Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up

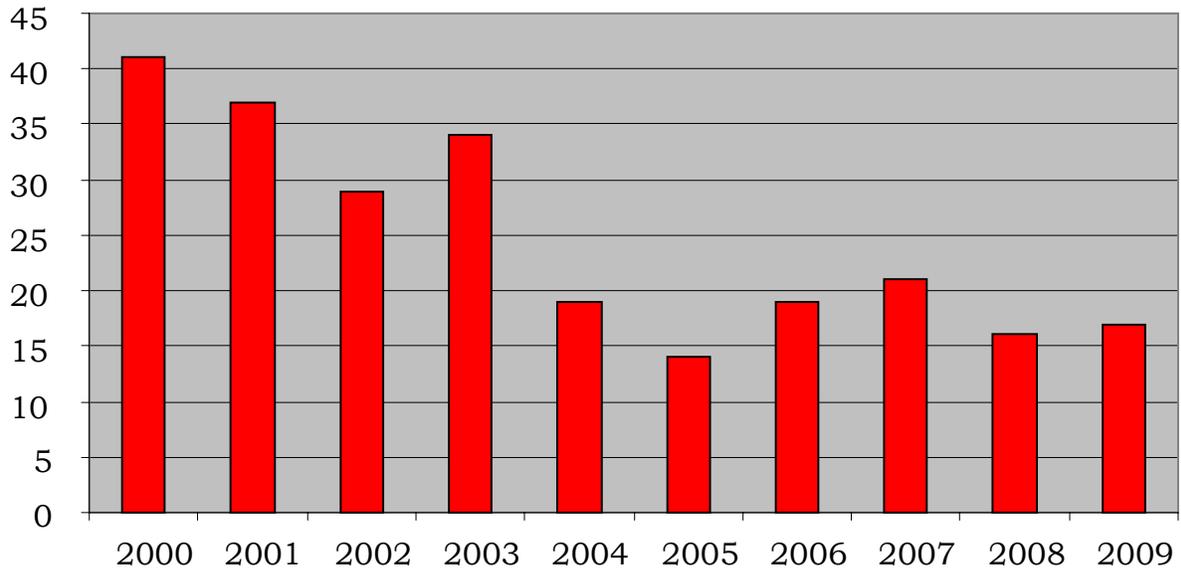
### Trash, Brush & Grass Fire



### Trash, Brush and Grass Fires

- Natural vegetation fire
- Outside rubbish fire

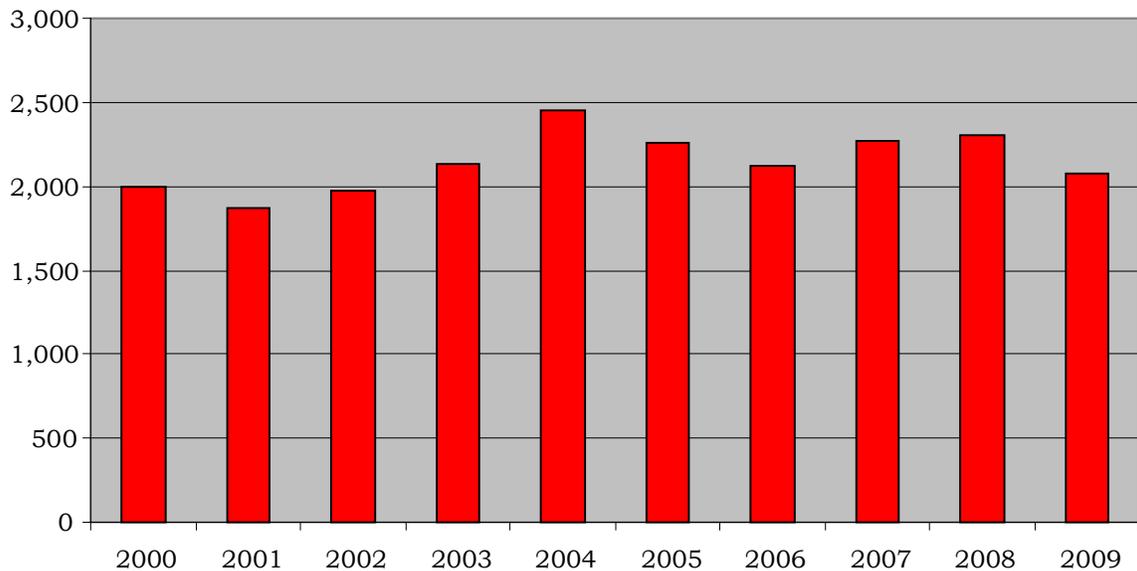
### Vehicle Fires



#### **Vehicle Fires**

- Mobile property (vehicle) fire (excludes mobile properties used as a structure)

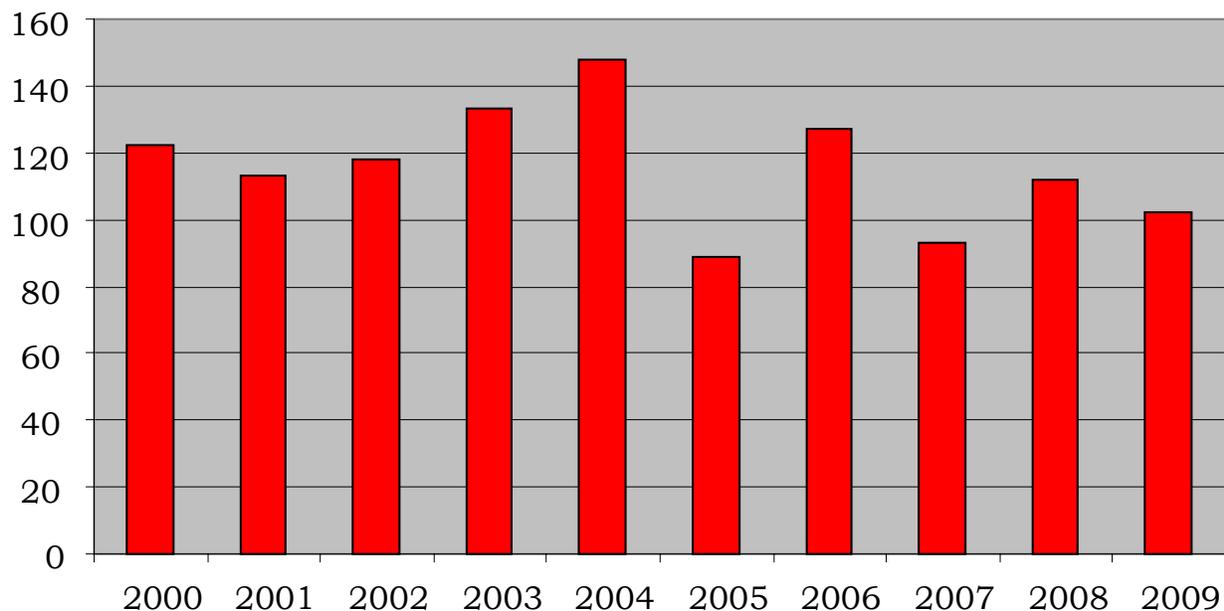
### Medical Assistance Calls



#### **Medical Assistance Calls**

- **Medical Assist**
- Emergency medical service incident
- Lock-In
- Search for lost person
- Water and ice-related rescue
- Electrical rescue

## Structure Fires

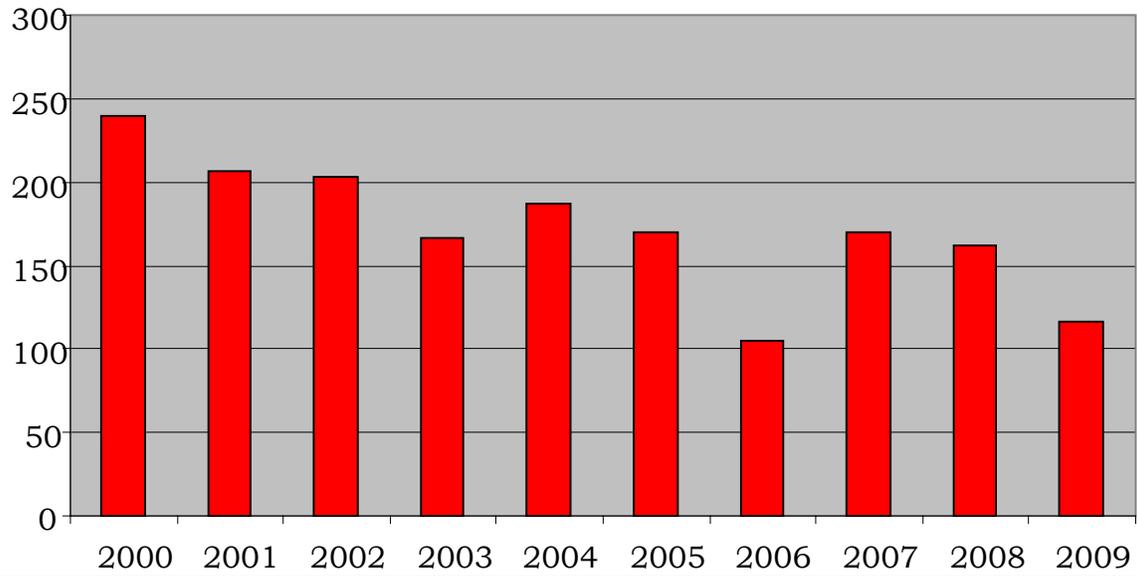


### **Structure Fires**

- Building fire (excludes confined fires)
- Fire in structure
- Cooking fires involving the contents of a cooking vessel without fire extension beyond the vessel
- Chimney or flue fire originating in and confined to a chimney or flue
- Incinerator overload or malfunction, but flames cause no damage outside the incinerator
- Fuel burner/boiler, delayed ignition or malfunction, where flames cause no damage outside the firebox
- Commercial compactor fire, confined to contents of compactor
- Trash or rubbish fire in a structure, with no flame damage to structure or its contents

**JAMESTOWN FIRE**

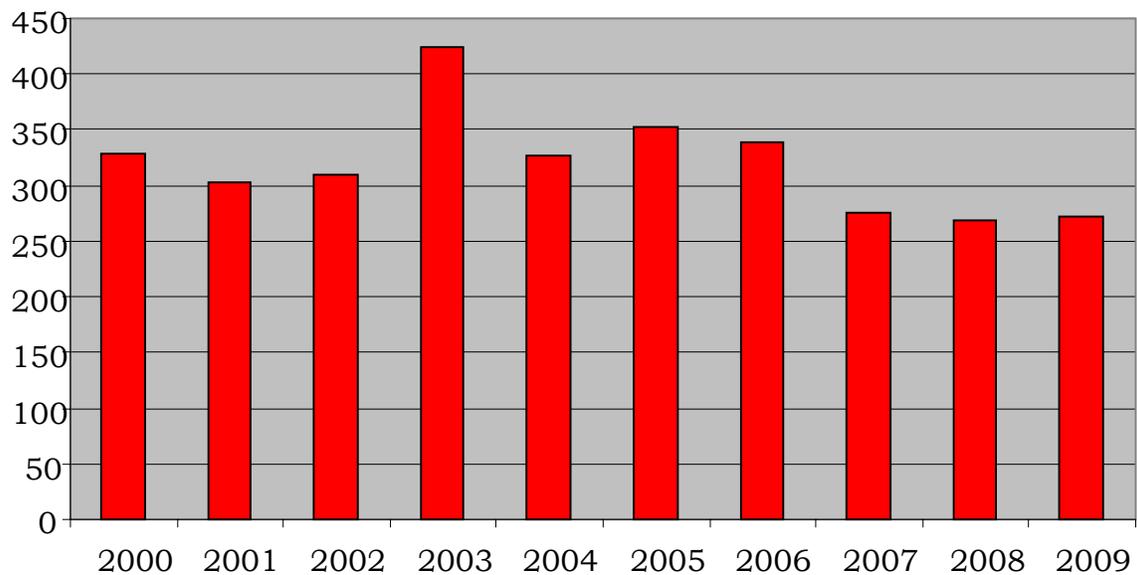
### Good Intent



#### **Good Intent**

- Dispatched and cancelled en route
- Wrong location, no emergency found
- Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke
- EMS call and party has been transported prior to arrival of agency
- HazMat release investigation with no HazMat found

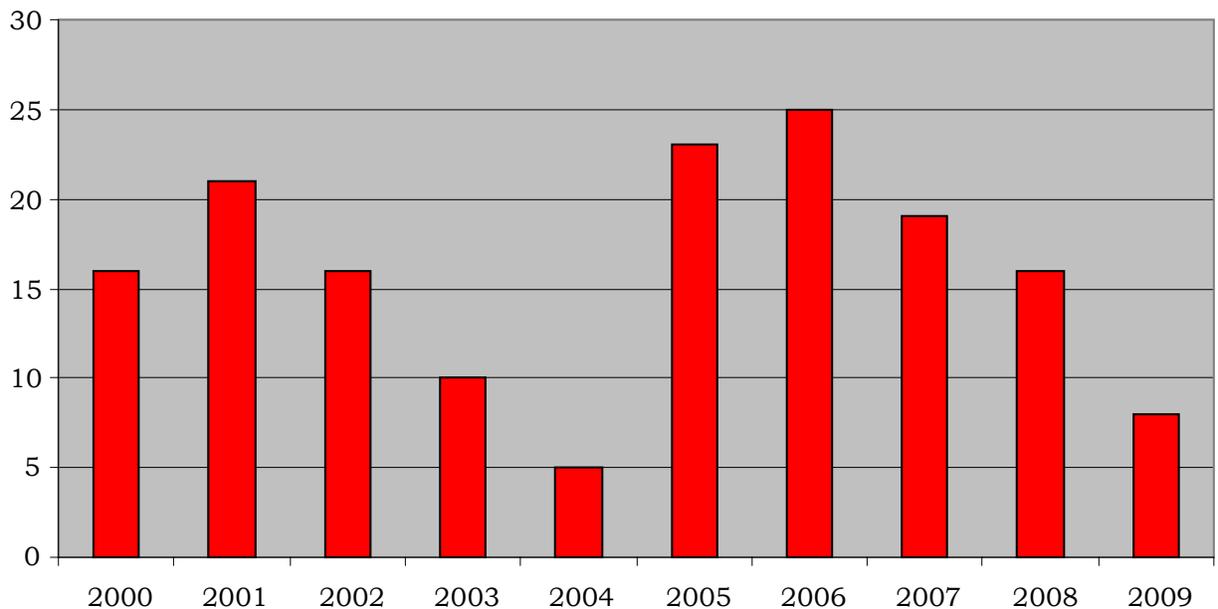
### False Alarms



#### **False Alarms**

- Malicious, mischievous false alarm
- Bomb scare (no bomb)
- Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire), includes tripping an interior device accidentally
- Biohazard scare

## Rescue (Extrication)

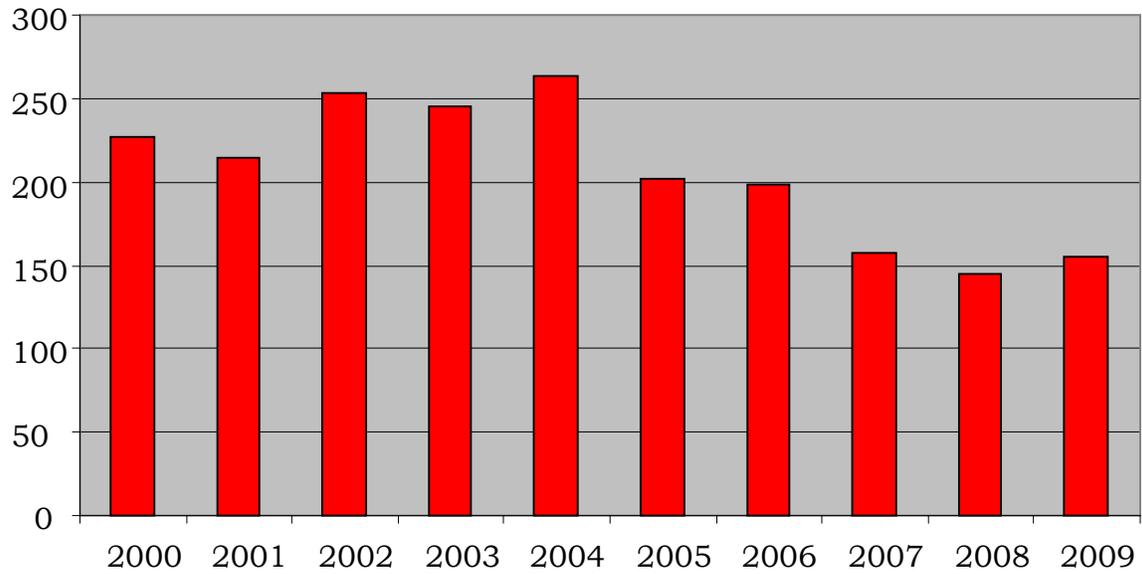


### ***Rescue (Extrication)***

- Extrication, rescue
- Extrication of victim(s) from building or structure, such as a building collapse (excludes high-angle rescue)
- Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle, includes rescues from vehicles hanging off a bridge or cliff
- Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator
- Trench/below-grade rescue
- Confined space rescue, includes rescues from the interiors of tanks, including areas with potential for hazardous atmospheres such as silos, wells, and tunnels
- High-angle rescue, includes rope rescue and rescues off of structures
- Extrication of victim(s) from machinery, includes extrication from farm or industrial equipment



## Hazardous Condition



### **Hazardous Conditions**

- Combustible/flammable spills and leaks
- Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition
- Radioactive condition
- Electrical wiring/equipment problem
- Biological hazard
- Accident, potential accident
- Explosive, bomb removal
- Attempted burning, illegal action

