

Radford City Police Department



2010 Annual Report

Don Goodman, Chief of Police

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Letter from Chief Don Goodman

To Mayor Brown and City Council Members:

On behalf of the Radford City Police Department, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of our **2010 Annual Report**. This report provides statistical information on the activities of the Department and highlights some of our accomplishments.

We have experienced a demanding year highlighted by staffing changes, a building project, and challenging public safety and police issues. Even with these demands, we continue to move forward as an agency. Our level of service and commitment to public safety and the community remain strong as evidenced by our Agency's third VALEAC Accreditation Award, our growing Citizen's Police Academy, participation in the City/University Commission, the greater RU Alcohol Task Force, and the Radford Youth/Adult Partnership.

Our City and University community have directly benefited from updated grant funded equipment that increases our ability to effectively receive E-911 calls.

In partnership with the Radford City Schools, The City Police have been able to expand the School Resource Officer program with the addition of Officer Thad Beasley. Coupled with Officer Jerry Hendricks, our presence in our schools has been nothing but positive in that we have been able to provide an increased level of security while still interacting positively with the faculty and students.

As this report is being completed, construction is nearing completion on the Public Safety Building. Move in is scheduled for April 2011. Words cannot express the gratitude and sense of excitement throughout the department as our move in date nears. As beneficial as the new facility will be to police department employees, it is the increased level of service to our community that is truly thrilling.

It is an exciting time to serve the city as a member of the Radford City Police Department. I am proud of our accomplishments. However, it is the day to day problem solving and innovation by dedicated employees that brings me the most satisfaction. Employees and officers go above and beyond daily to provide exceptional service to the City. They continue to earn my respect as their Chief and as a City resident.

We invite you to review the pages of this report to share in our success.

Sincerely,

Don Goodman
Chief of Police

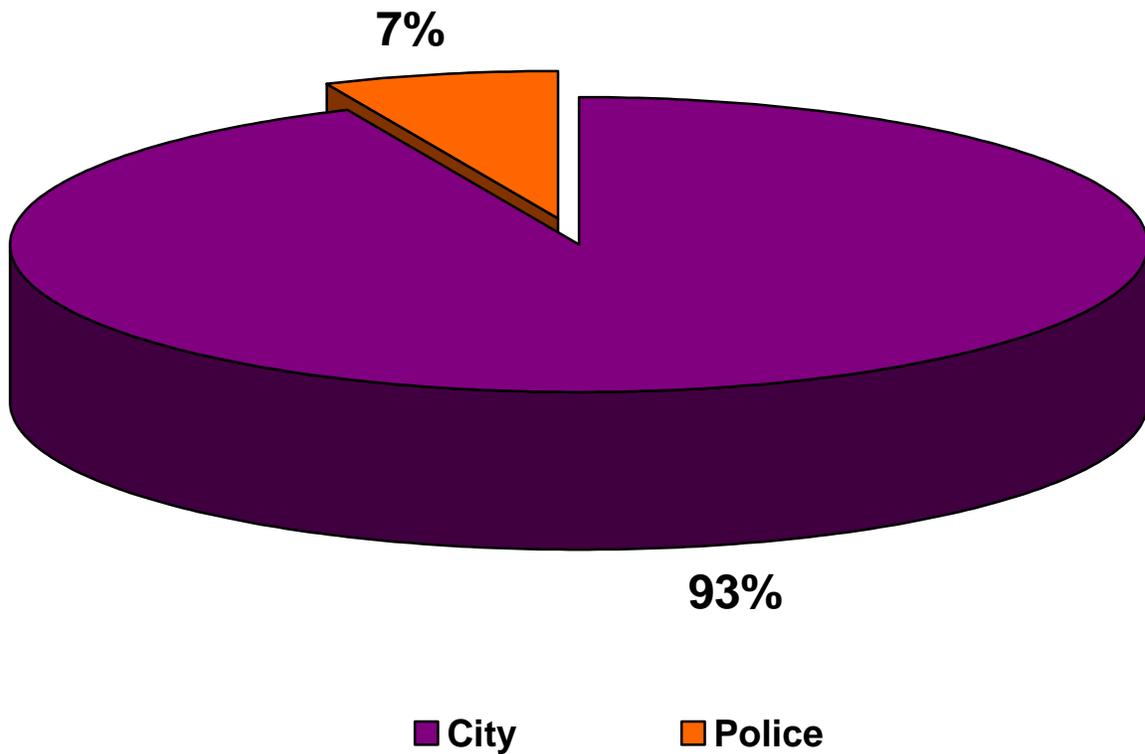
Comparison Of City Budget Versus Police Budget

Police Operations
2010-2011 FY Budget

\$3,326,351.00

City of Radford's
2010-2011 FY Total Budget

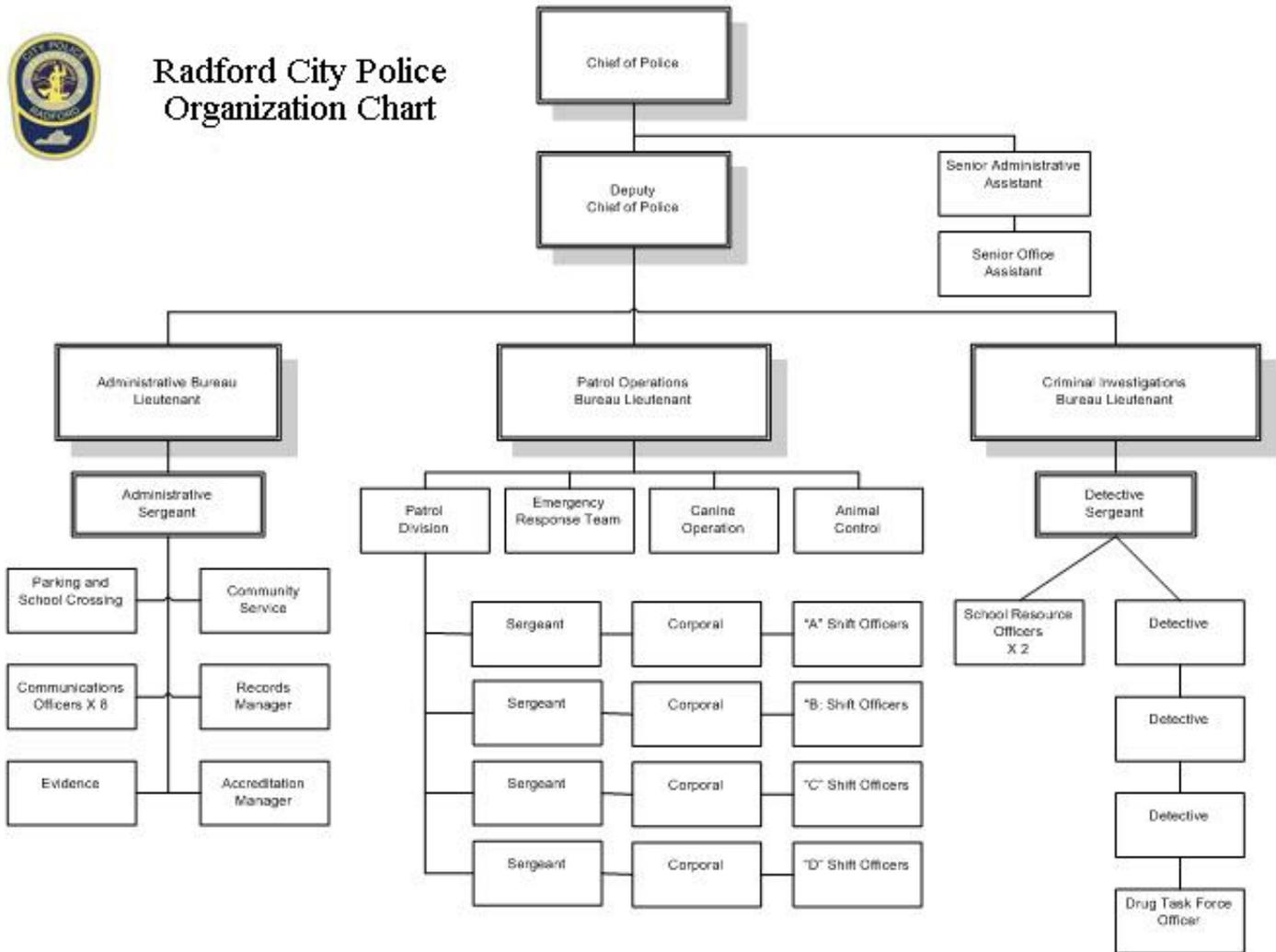
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Organizational Flow Charts

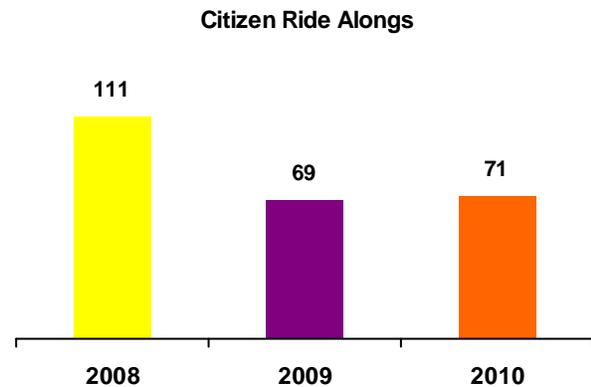


Radford City Police Organization Chart



Citizen Involvement

The Radford City Police Department offers a Citizen Ride-Along Program. The program allows citizens to ride with and observe police officers while they are performing their duties. Those participating in the Ride Along Program during 2010 were: potential department employees, Radford University and New River Community College students, local merchants, fellow law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions, employee family members, Citizens' Police Academy participants, and interested citizens. Above is a comparison of citizen participation in this program for the last three years.



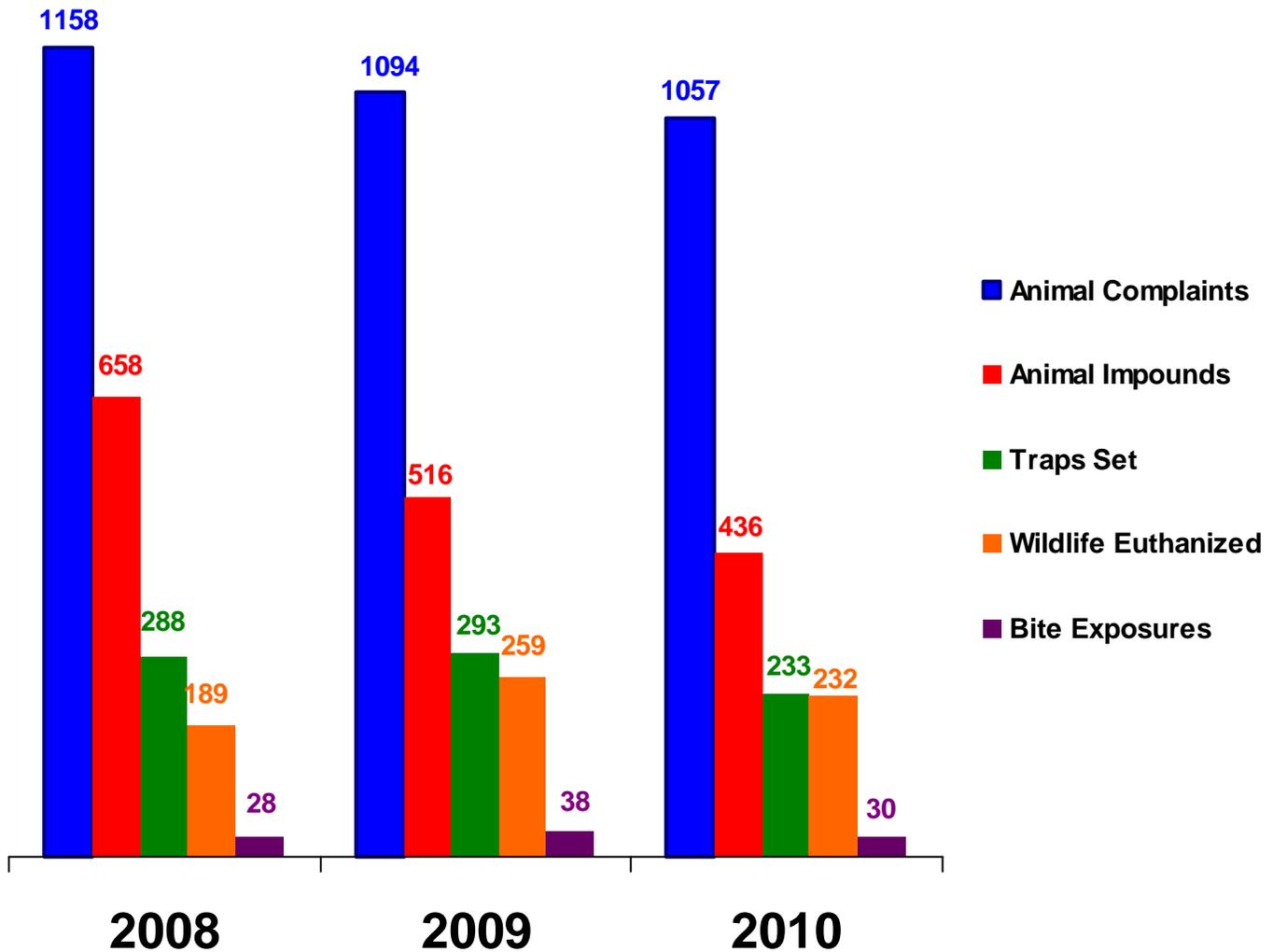
The Radford City Police Department held its Second Annual Citizen's Academy in 2010. The objects of the academy are as follows:

- To familiarize the citizens of Radford with the organization and function of the Radford Department of Police.
- To give the citizens a better understanding of the parameters in which an officer functions and why officers handle situations as they do.
- To develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement.
- To promote a positive image and base of support among members of the Radford community.
- To develop a nucleus of well-informed citizens who can be a resource for the community in promoting understanding between the community and the Police Department

We are honored to have as the graduates of the Second Annual Citizen's Academy the following outstanding citizens of the City of Radford:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| ❖ Kyle Britton | ❖ Kenneth Carroll |
| ❖ Carol Colby | ❖ Ginger Dickerson |
| ❖ James Graham | ❖ Stephen Gregory |
| ❖ George Harkrader | ❖ Margaret Mayberry |
| ❖ Jeffery McPeake | ❖ James Mitchell |
| ❖ Tonia Moxley | ❖ Michelle Mullins |
| ❖ Charles Propps | ❖ Fiona Rhodes |
| ❖ Tom Starnes | |

Animal Control

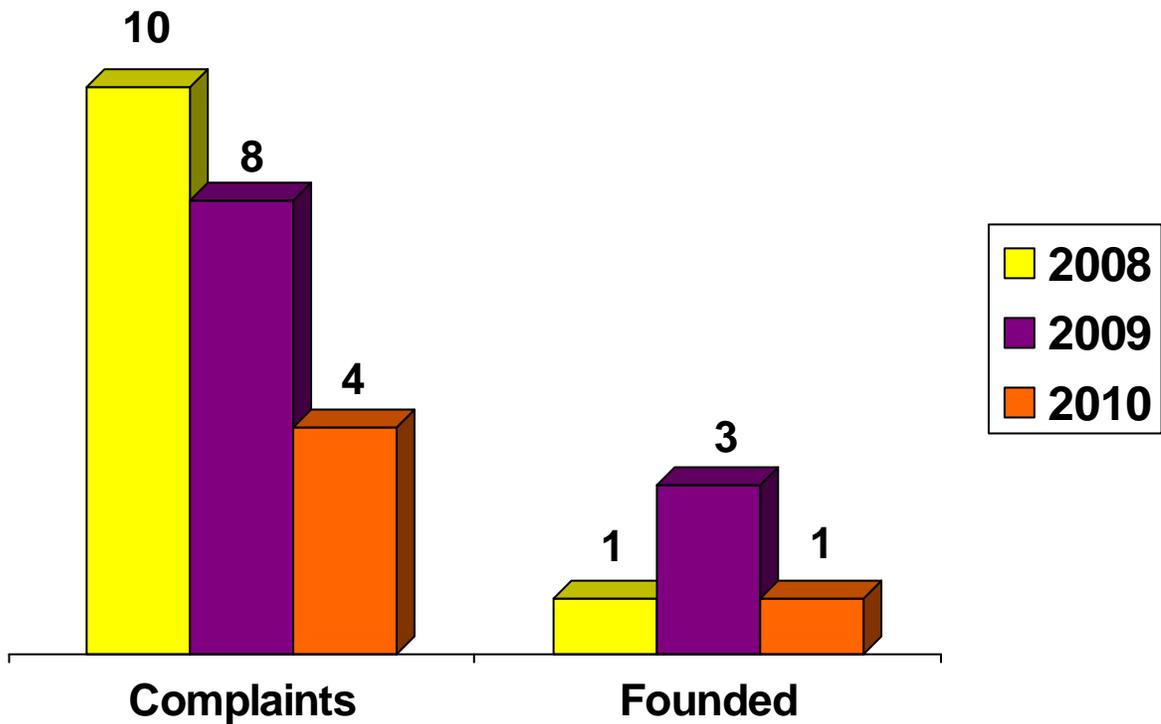


The Radford City Police Department's Animal Control is dedicated to serving and responding to calls involving domestic animals. In 2010, the lead animal control officer left service due to health issues. A full time Animal Control Officer and a part-time kennel assistant maintained the unit until mid-2010 when the part-time assistant left to pursue a career elsewhere. In December, the full time ACO also left to accept a full time position with Radford City Fire Department. 2011 began with the addition of a new ACO and a new part-time kennel assistant taking over the realm.

Citizen Complaints

During the year 2010 the Department investigated four citizen complaints of misconduct by police officers. Of those four complaints, only one was founded. This incident was corrected through appropriate disciplinary action.

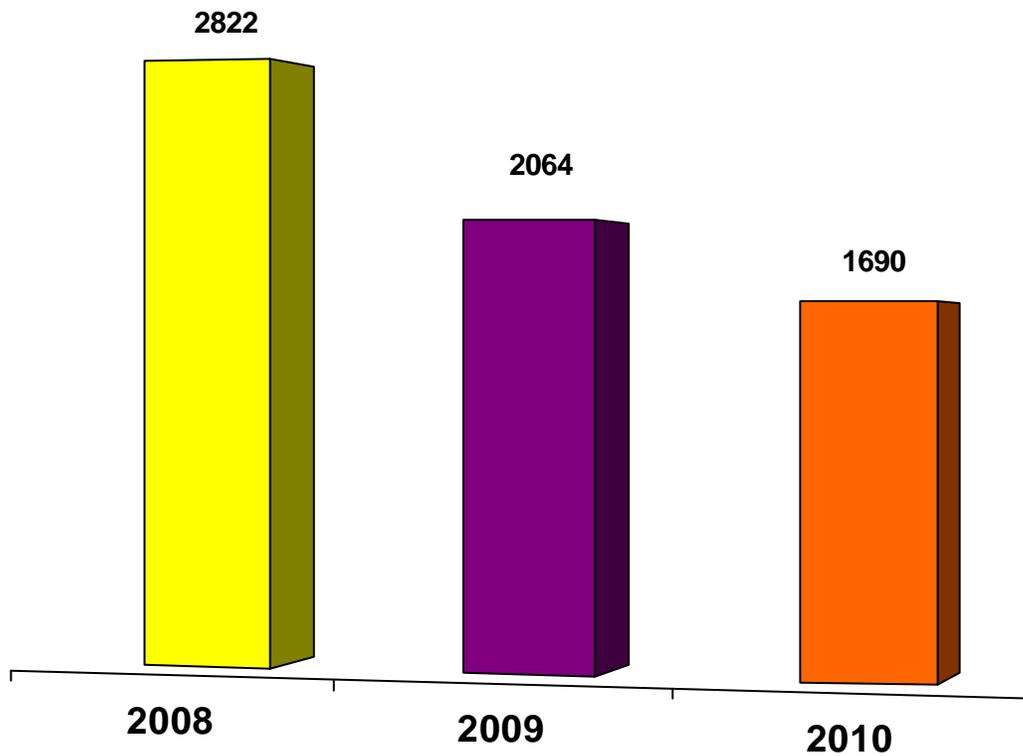
Citizen Complaints



Parking Enforcement

Parking Enforcement duties are shared by police officers and a part time parking enforcement officer. Enforcement of parking regulations contributes to overall public safety.

Parking Tickets Issued



Emergency Response Team

The Radford Police Department formed an Emergency Response Team in 2008 after identifying a need to be better able to respond to critical incidents, multi-jurisdictional events, and an increase in "high risk" warrant service. Three years later, the Team's membership remains intact as originally selected – which is nearly unheard of in law enforcement. This speaks highly of the Team Members' dedication to the SWAT element and taking on additional duties and training to support the Department.

The Team continues to utilize Storm Mountain Training Center Inc. as its SWAT training provider. In 2010, Radford's ERT was, once again, given the honor of being asked to participate as the SWAT Element in SMTC's Sniper III live fire, end of training exercises and testing. This furthered the Team's training and enhanced the department's reputation by being asked to participate in a nationally recognized program. The Team continues to train not less than one day a month. Radford ERT continues to utilize Boy Scout Camp Powhatan as its "SWAT Home."

During 2010, outside of training operations, ERT has been utilized in numerous missions that include high risk narcotics search warrants, unknown risk arrest and search warrants for the Criminal Investigations Bureau, fugitive apprehension (both in the City and regionally) and a Homicide arrest and search warrant. In addition, Radford ERT has for the second year in a row assisted Virginia Tech Police at all home football games by providing sniper/observer elements and anti-terrorism patrols. The Team continues to assist patrol officers (ERT's *primary* mission) by providing personnel for reconnaissance and surveillance operations.

The Team has plans in 2011 to continue their rigorous training regimen. A continuing goal is to return the efforts made by the Boy Scouts on the Team's behalf. A volunteer spring work day of service is being planned. ERT will assist in the Pulaski County Kids' Fishing Day at Camp Powhatan. Construction on the joint BSA/RPD project Creekside Pistol Range at camp continues and is nearly complete. Restarting the "regional" training and operations effort is an additional goal and plans are in place to facilitate this project. Research for grant funding continues to upgrade equipment, vehicles, and operational capability. The primary ERT 2011 goal is to add a medical element ("SWAT Medic") to the Team to better insure safety of operators, civilians, and suspects.

ERT continues to have a large impact in assisting patrol officers by providing an additional level of response and safety for citizens. The team members continue to strive for new levels of operational capability.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

The Criminal Investigations Bureau is supervised by Lieutenant Andy Wilburn and Sergeant Chris Caldwell. The Unit is comprised of four Detectives, one of which is assigned to the State Police Drug Task Force and two School Resource Officers.

During 2010, one Detective position and one School Resource Officer position were added to the Criminal Investigations Bureau making up the current staff.

The Criminal Investigations Bureau worked 132 fewer cases than 2009; however several of the cases involved multiple Detectives having to work the case. Those cases were the Papa John's Homicide, Fraternity hazing death, Wachovia Bank Robbery, Child Pornography cases and ten stolen vehicles.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks for Radford University are a traditionally busy time for thieves. During 2010, we worked with the Property managers and had them check ground floor windows and doors to insure they were locked. During the 2010 breaks, we had less than ten burglaries.

Sergeant Caldwell and three Detectives became certified as Crime Scene Technicians through the Roanoke City Police Academy.

The Criminal Investigations Bureau is now in charge of the Traffic Crash Reconstruction Team. Lieutenant Wilburn is in charge of that unit which investigates all fatal and officer involved collisions.

New equipment has arrived and will be utilized in the new Police Department's Lab which includes a fuming chamber for fingerprint development as well as a drying chamber for wet or blood soaked clothing.

Arson	7	Motor Vehicle Theft	10	Clearance Rates Case is Active 13% Case is Inactive 61% Cleared by Arrest 14% Case is Unfounded 6% Cleared by Other 6%
Assault - Aggravated	20	Murder	1	
Assault - Sexual	14	Other Offenses	37	
Assault - Simple	16	Pornography	5	
Burglary	82	Robbery	5	
Death	9	Runaway Juvenile	5	
Drug Offenses	56	Vandalism	102	
Fraud	71	Weapons Offense	6	
Larceny	197	TOTAL	643	

Claytor Lake Regional Task Force

The Radford City Police Department is a member of the Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force. A cooperative venture between the Virginia State Police, the Town of Dublin Police Department, the Town of Pulaski Police Department, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Wytheville Sheriff's Office, and the Radford City Police Department, officers assigned to this task force have been successful in removing some of our more dangerous criminals from the street. The following pages outline their successes over the past year.

Controlled Substance	Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In All Areas	Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In City of Radford
Marijuana	3,053 grams	727 grams
Marijuana plants	452	15
Powder Cocaine	314 grams	5 grams
Crack Cocaine	116 grams	10 grams
Heroin	1 grams	0.125 grams
Methamphetamine	274.6 gm	2 grams
Oxycontin	NP*	1 pills
Lortab	NP*	587 pills
Xanax	NP*	55 pills
Methadone	NP*-	4 pills
Morphine	NP*	26 pills
Saboxin	NP*	2 pills
Oxycodone	NP*	4 pills
Schedule II Narcotics	950 pills	NP*
Schedule III Narcotics	1,064 pills	NP*
Schedule IV Narcotics	882 pills	NP*
Other Narcotics	38 doses	NP*
Hallucinogens	1 doses	8 doses
*Due to variations in reporting, the agency did not provide that statistic		

The following table illustrates other statistics relative to the work of the task force in the City of Radford:

Total number of guns seized by the Police Department	1
Total number of cases initiated by the Narcotics Unit	49
Total Charges pending or placed	70
Total number of search warrants executed	4

Claytor Lake Regional Task Force (continued)

The following table illustrates other statistics relative to the work of the task force as a whole.

	2008	2009	2009
Total amount of money seized by the Task Force	\$17,540	\$14,776	\$27,552
Total street value of seized illegal or controlled substances	\$545,768	\$885,956	\$1,483,100
Total number of weapons seized by the Task Force	7	47	67
Vehicles seized involved in the sale of illegal or controlled substances	0	4	3
Total number of cases initiated by the Task Force	199	263	266
Total number of search warrants executed	45	69	75

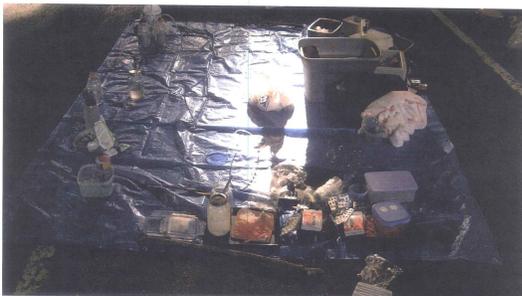
Methamphetamine:

In 2010, the Radford City Police Department uncovered two (2) active Methamphetamine labs. In 2009, Police found no labs within the City. This increase can be attributed to the growing abuse of this powerful drug and the ease in which it can be produced in dangerous home labs.

Charges associated with each of these labs ranges from: Manufacture of Methamphetamine (Class 5 Felony), Possession of 2 or more precursors (Class 6 Felony), Possession of Methamphetamine (Class 5 Felony), Conspire to Manufacture of Methamphetamine (Class 5 Felony), Child Endangerment (Class 6 Felony), Felony Destruction of Property (Class 6 Felony, PWID/Methamphetamine (Class 5 Felony), and Allowing Children to be present during the Manufacture of Methamphetamine (Felony less than 10 not more than more 40years)

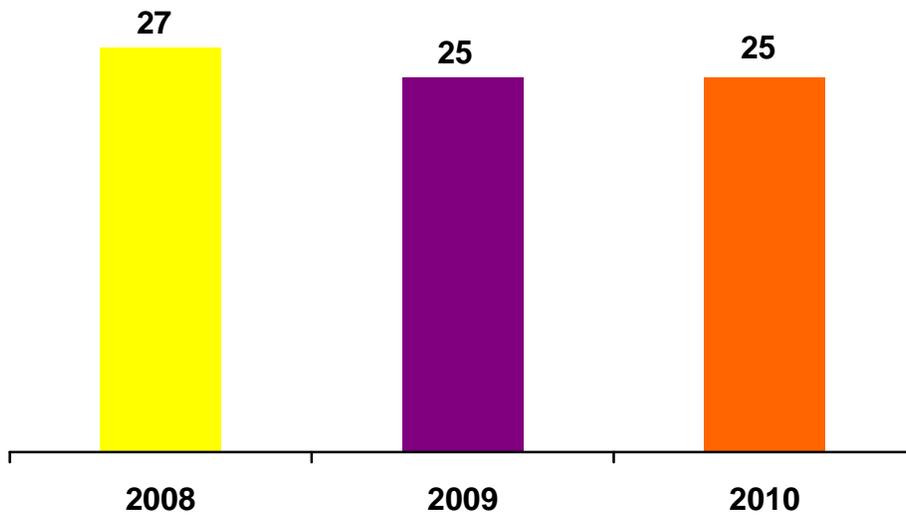
Danger to officers and others exposed to an active methamphetamine lab are that the gases created from the fusion of the chemicals together not only presents a fire and explosive hazard, but can lead to the development of chemical pneumonia which can have long term effects and possibly lead to kidney and liver cancer.

The cost for one clean-up ranges from \$4000.00-\$6000.00.



School Resource Officer

Major Crimes in the Schools



Our School Resource Officer is dedicated to providing safety and security in the four schools located in the City of Radford. Some of the duties include controlling disruptive students, parents, and guardians, truancy, instruction, and the investigation of crime that occurs in all four of the school in the school district. One School Resource Officer split his time between the High School, Dalton Intermediate, and both of the elementary schools. Due to the increasing need for services provided by a School Resource Officer, the city has elected to once again add an additional officer to the school system beginning January, 2011.



K-9 Officer

In 2010, The Radford City Police Department continues the services provided by a K-9 Unit. The Unit responded to numerous regional requests from other jurisdictions for tracking, explosives detection, and narcotics detection. In addition to aiding surrounding jurisdictions, the Unit is utilized by this agency on a regular basis for the detection of narcotics and explosives, and additionally used for tracking and apprehension. The K-9 Unit has made multiple large seizures of narcotics and recovered several weapons during the course of its work.

Jake, the Yellow Labrador Retriever, who was partnered with Officer RM Stultz, was retired to his handler in February 2010. He was replaced by Ruckus, a 4 year old certified in narcotics detection. In addition to Ruckus, the Unit still consists of Ares, a German Shepherd certified in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection, and Boom, certified in explosives detection.

All three handlers and their canine partners attended the Virginia Police Work Dog Seminar in September, 2010. During the seminar, the handlers and dogs received over 40 hours of training. As a whole, the K-9 Unit received over 800 hours of training in 2010.



Group "A" Offenses

The following pages outline the Group "A" offenses for 2010 as compared to that of 2009. Group "A" offenses are considered major crimes and are reported to the State as UCR Offenses.

	2009	2010	% change
HOMICIDE	1	1	-
KIDNAPPING	4	4	-
FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Rape	17	6	-65%
Forcible Sodomy	1	1	-
Sexual Assault w/ object	4	2	-50%
Forcible Fondling (child)	13	9	-31%
Total Forcible Sex Offenses	35	18	-49%
ROBBERY	9	8	-11%
ASSAULTS			
Aggravated Assaults	48	36	-25%
Simple Assaults	257	214	-17%
Intimidation	26	9	-65%
Total Assaults	331	259	-28%
ARSON	5	7	40%
EXTORTION	1	2	100%
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	171	106	-38%
LARCENIES			
Pocket Picking	-	-	-
Purse Snatching	2	-	-100%
Shoplifting	39	51	31%
Theft from a building	16	13	-19%
Theft from a coin operated machine	-	-	-
Theft from a motor vehicle	65	68	5%
Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories	23	19	-17%
All other larcenies	198	201	2%
Total Larcenies	343	352	3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	15	16	7%

Group "A" Offenses (continued)

	2009	2010	% change
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	19	44	132%
FRAUD			
False pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game	42	65	35%
Credit Card / ATM Fraud	20	36	80%
Impersonation	24	18	-25%
Welfare Fraud	-	-	-
Wire Fraud	1	-	-100%
Total Fraud	87	137	57%
EMBEZZLEMENT	4	1	-75%
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	4	5	25%
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	321	249	-22%
NARCOTICS OFFENSES			
Drug / Narcotic Offenses	238	217	-9%
Drug Equipment Violations	14	67	379%**
Total Narcotic Violations	252	284	127%
NON-FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Incest	-	-	-
Statutory Rape	-	-	-
Total Non-Forcible sex offenses	-	-	-
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIALS	3	6	100%
GAMBLING OFFENSES			
Betting / Wagering	-	-	-
Operating / Promoting / Assisting Gambling	-	-	-
Gambling Equipment Offenses	-	-	-
Sports Tampering	-	-	-
Total Gambling Offenses	-	-	-
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES			
Prostitution	1	-	-100%
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	-	-	-
Total Prostitution Offenses	1	-	-100%
BRIBERY	-	-	-
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	24	18	-25%
GRAND TOTALS	1630	1517	-7%

** The high percentage is due to reporting changes by Virginia in drug equipment cases.

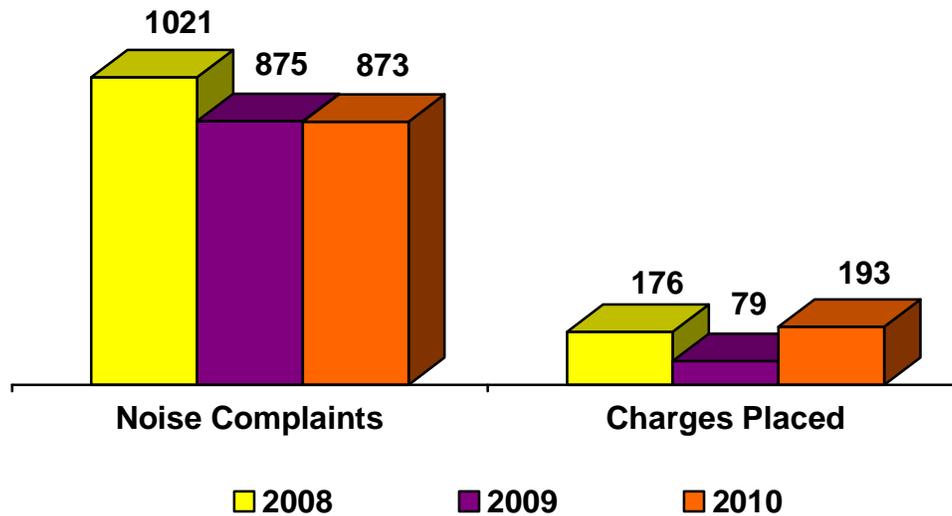
Group "B" Offenses

We will now examine Group "B" offenses. These are crimes that are not "major" in nature, but are serious offenses that require as much manpower and attention as Group "A" offenses. These are reportable to the state only when an arrest is made. This list will not include Driving Under the Influence reports or Alcohol Violations reports, as these will be discussed in depth further in the report.

	2009	2010	% change
Bad Checks	21	10	-52%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violation	2	-	-100%
Disorderly Conduct	19	19	N/C*
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	19	56	195%
Peeping Tom	3	2	-33%
Runaway	12	16	33%
Trespassing	32	28	-13%
Conspiracy to Commit a Group "A" offense	9	17	89%
Conspiracy to Commit a Group "B" offense	-	-	-
All Other Reportable Offenses	481	373	-22%
GRAND TOTALS	598	521	-13%

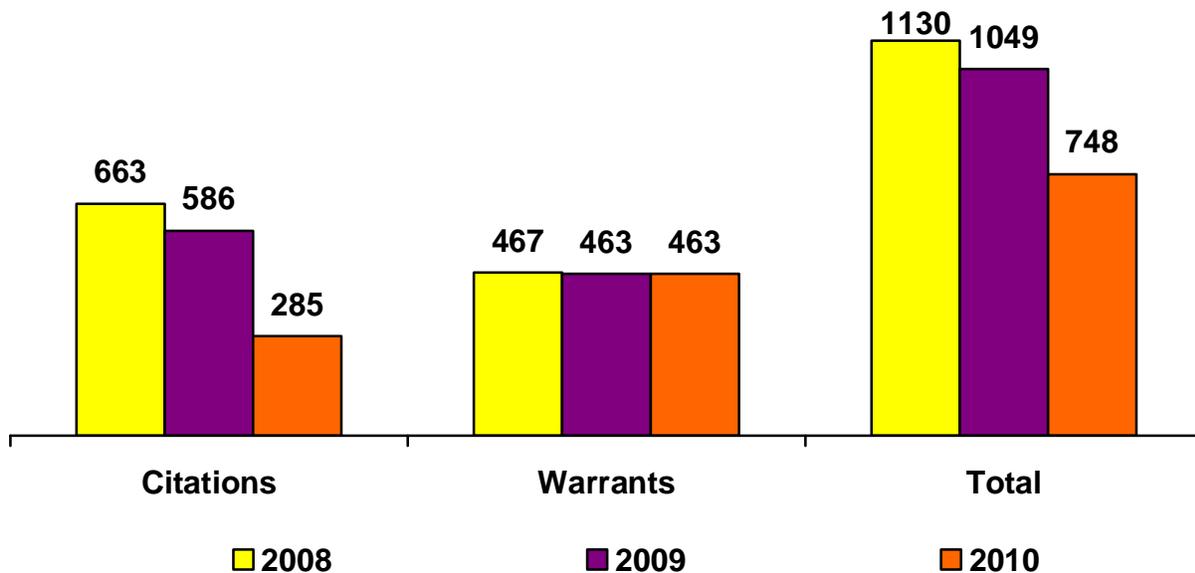
*The percentage is not calculable due to division by 0

Noise Violations



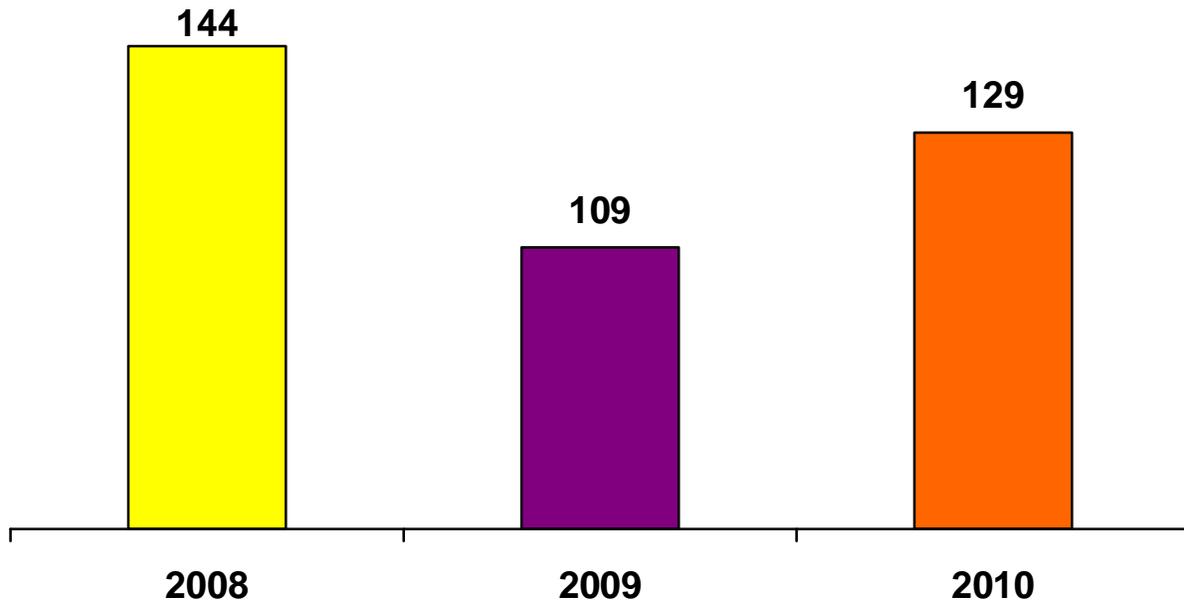
This chart illustrates the difference in the number of noise complaints versus charges placed in 2008, 2009, and 2010. Though Noise Violations may seem to be a minor offense, they often lead to the discovery of more serious crimes such as drug and alcohol violations.

Alcohol Violations



Radford City Police Department has a strict policy on lowering alcohol violations in the City. Studies have shown that alcohol is one of the major contributing factors to other crimes, such as assaults, rapes, larcenies, and vandalisms.

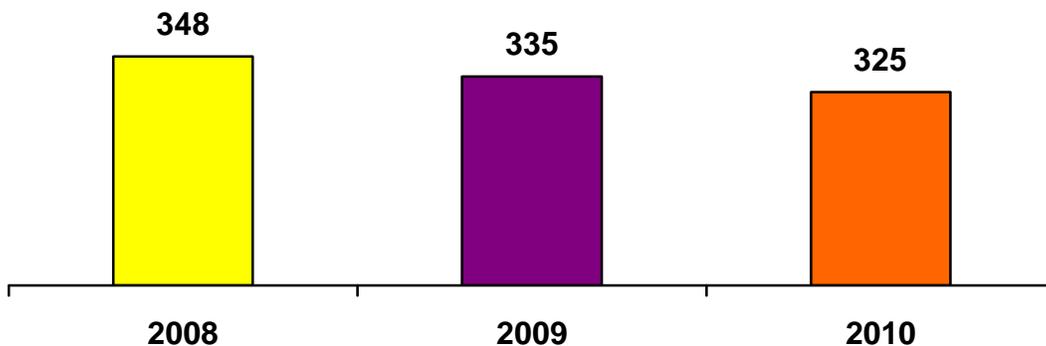
DUI Arrests



This chart shows the level of consistency in the enforcement efforts of the Radford Department of Police to get drunk drivers off the streets and behind bars.

Accidents

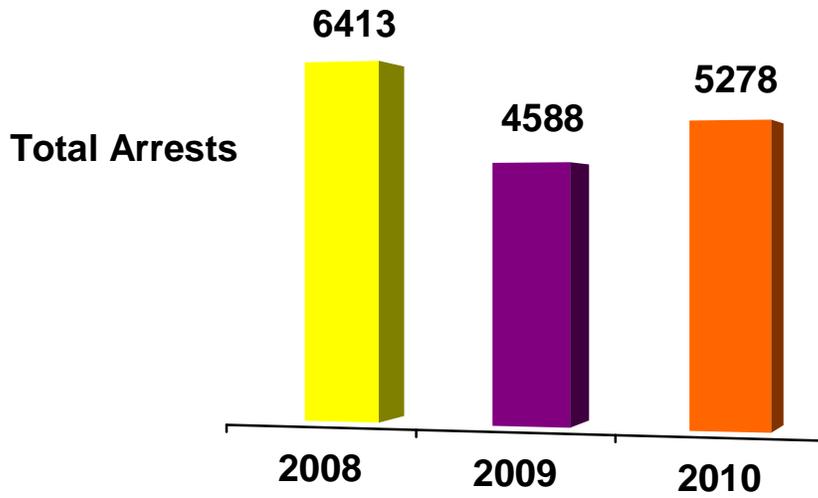
Total Number of Accidents



The number of vehicular accidents in the City of Radford decreased 3% from 2009 to 2010. This decrease may be attributed to proactive traffic law enforcement made possible through grants provided by DMV.

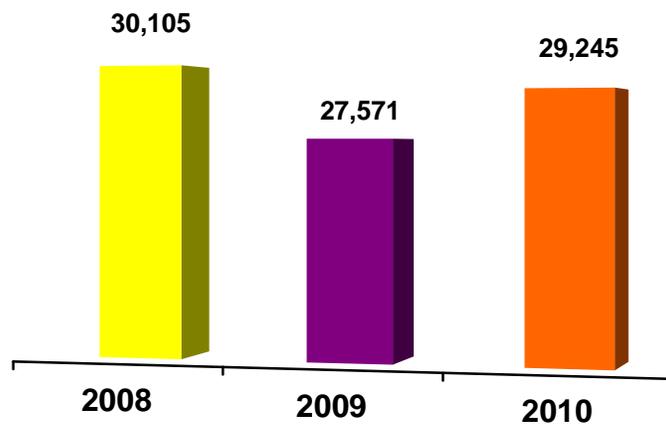
Arrest Totals

The Radford City Police Department makes arrests via two (2) main avenues. These are: citations issued for minor criminal offenses and for infractions of traffic and local laws and arrests or service made on warrants issued by the magistrate and indictments handed down from Circuit Court. Civil papers, which include the detention of mental subjects, no trespassing notices given to citizens, and protective orders, are also served by sworn personnel but not counted as arrests.



Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service



The total number of calls for service includes Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works calls that are dispatched through the Emergency Communications Center. The number of calls increased 6% from 2009 to 2010.

Conclusion

The Office of Records Management at the Radford City Police Department, along with Chief Don Goodman, would like to thank you for your time in reading our **2010 Annual Report**.

Any questions or comments should be directed to:

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