WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

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February 26, 2008

The Honorable Richard B. Yoder, Mayor
Borough of West Chester
401 East Gay Street
West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

Dear Mayor Yoder:

On behalf of the West Chester Police Department, it is my great privilege to pres ent our Department's 2008 Annual Report. The following pages will reflect the activity and services the Police Department has rendered to the citizens of our community(s) during the 2008calendar year.

This document consists of three distinct parts:

- **SYNOPSIS** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** of the Police Department's annual report.
- **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008** for the West Chester Police Department.

Each individual document is intended to be increasingly more detailed, providing a s much specificity as to the activities of the West Chester Police Department during calendar year 200 8 as is appropriate for the respective document. Complete copies of this document have been distributed to the Borough and Township Managers and may be viewed by citizens of West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township at the following locations:

West Chester Police Department 2008 Annual Report

- **Police Department**–Copies of the complete document are available for public inspection and review at the Administrative Office(s) of the West Chester Police Department during regular business hours.

- **Internet**–This document will be available on the Borough's web site at http://www.west -chester.com/

I truly hope you find this information in a format that is both useful to you and informative to the citizens of West Chester Borough.

I am confident and pleased with the professionalism and dedication of our personnel. I believe they realize the work they do is at times difficult and unappreciated, yet they remain c onstantly vigilant in their duties and responsibilities to serve this community. We are pleased with the accomplishments of our department over the past year and we look forward to another productive year in 2009.

On behalf of the men and women of the West Chester Police Department, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks for your confidence in our ability to serve our community(s). With your continued support and assistance, we look forward to continuing to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott L. Bohn

Chief of Police

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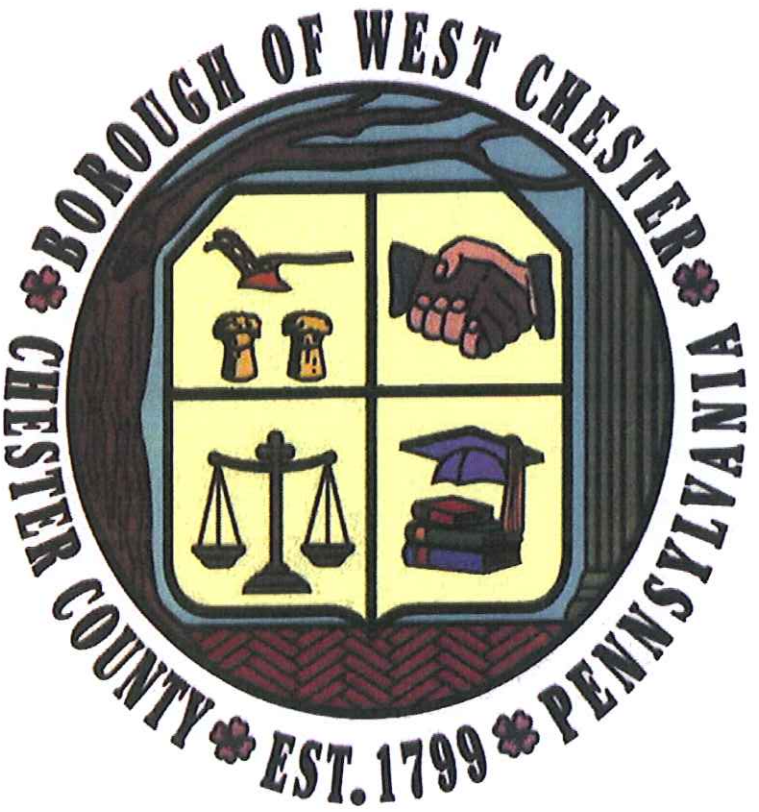

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2008 ANNUAL REPORT SYNOPSIS

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SYNOPSIS

Part I (serious) crimes increased 8% overall during calendar year 2008 from 789 such crimes reported during 2007 to 854 such crimes reported during 2008. This total represents the second lowest total of Part I crimes in the last twelve (13) years.

This statistic should be significant to our varied c itizenry. This is an important statistic for individuals considering moving their families and/or businesses into our community(s) as it is a statistic that can be compared nationwide against other municipalities of similar size and demographics. It is a statistic that is easily accessible by those seeking information in their decision-making process.

Down are the crimes of Homicide and Rape. There were increases in the number of reported Robberies (10), Assault (3), Burglary (4), Motor Vehicle Theft (6) and Arson (3) total. The Department had no reported Homicides in West Chester in 2008.

Crime is classified, counted, and reported in two distinctly different categories. Statisticians and researchers know these categories as Part I crime and Part II crime. Part I crimes consist of those crimes that one may consider to be the most serious crimes affecting society and are comprised of a very specific sub-set of crimes that are routinely reported to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison with other municipalities of similar size and demographics. Part II crimes, on the other hand, are defined as any crime other than Part I crime and are generally considered to be less serious crimes (a secondary level of crime). These "nuisance crimes" impact on quality of life.

In 2008, the West Chester Police Department documented a 2% decrease in Part II crimes. During the calendar year 2008, the Department reported 2,310 Part II crimes in comparison to the 2,367 reported in 2007. The 2008 documentation of Part II crimes is the first decrease in the last five (5) years and the second highest total reported by our Department in the last twelve (13) years. Although this figure is not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for comparison purposes, it is a statistic that affects the overall quality of life for those of us living and/or working in West Chester. This 2% decrease in reported Part II crimes can realistically be viewed another way, and one could say that there were 57 fewer victims of nuisance crime during 2008. Aggressive enforcement of nuisance crimes coupled with proactive patrol and Community sensitivity(s) resulted in a reduction in Liquor Law Violations, Public Drunkenness, Open Bottle Ordinance and Disorderly Conduct arrests. With the continuing success and popularity of our Business District, there continues to be a significant demand for police services.

Overall, the police Department documented approximately 1% more calls for service in 2008 compared to 2007 and 10% more calls over the past five (5) years. This increased volume of calls and/or requests for service has trended higher in each of the last six (6) years. As we have reported in the past; while there is a minimal amount of Part I crime in our Business District, there is an identifiable and significant demand for police services. With the popularity of our business establishments and the influx of patrons from throughout the tri-state area as well as West Chester University, the demands continue to increase. These aforementioned issues, coupled with varying and often related neighborhood issues, presented the largest challenge to our Department and community over the past six (6) years. As in prior years, alcohol consumption, pedestrian traffic and corridors, the density of residential properties as well as the current environmental conditions, community and neighborhood demographics and the institutional capacity of the Police Department to staff and meet the increased demands of its citizenry will represent our continued challenge(s) as we move into 2009. The community should be as pleased as I am with the enforcement efforts and activity of its police Department in meeting this complex challenge in 2008.

Traffic accidents reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department (with the sub-categories of reportable accidents and non-reportable accidents) decreased by approximately six (6) % in 2008. In the calendar year 2008, the Department investigated two (2) motor vehicle fatalities. There were no motor vehicle fatalities in 2007.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the Mayor of West Chester Richard Yoder, the members of the West Chester Borough Council and the Board of Supervisors in East Bradford Township for their support of the Police Department.

It is my privilege to present this synopsis of the West Chester Police Department's Annual Report for the calendar year 2008. It is my sincere hope that this synopsis is both informative to you and useful to the various constituencies and individuals we are sworn and privileged to serve.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Chief of Police

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Executive Summary

General Statistics:

	% Change from 2007	Total
Calls for Service	< +1%	25,624
Reported Crime	< +1%	3,164
Criminal Arrests	-12%	763
Criminal Summonses	-5%	2,362
Traffic Arrests	+11%	3,145
Traffic Warnings	-4%	850

Crime Statistics:

Overall Reported Crime	< +1%	Up 8 crimes from 3,156 reported in 2007 to 3,164 in 2008.
Part I Crimes - Total:	+8%	Up 65 crimes from 789 reported in 2007, (2nd lowest total in 13 years).
Part I Crimes Defined as:		
Murder	-100%	No homicides in 2008.
Rape	-6%	Down 1 from 18 reported in 2007.
Robbery	+16%	Up 10 from 37 reported in 2007.
Assault	+1%	Up 3 from 305 in 2007 to 308 in 2008.

	% Change from 2007	Total
Burglary	+5%	Up 4 from 75 to 79 in 2008. (2nd lowest total in 13 years).
Theft	+11%	Up 41 from 318 to 359 in 2008. (2nd lowest total in 13 years).
MV Theft	+15%	Up 6 from 34 to 40 in 2008. (2nd lowest total in 13 years).
Arson	+400%	Up 3 from 1 to 4 in 2008.
Part II Crimes - Total:	-2%	Down 57 crimes in 2008 from 2,367 to 2,310, (2nd highest total in 13 years).
Part II Crimes Defined as: All other crimes		
Criminal Summonses	-5%	down 113 from 2,475 to 2,362.
Liquor Law	*-2%	Down 12 from 567 to 555.
Public Drunkenness	*<-1%	Down 4 from 779 to 775.
Disorderly Conduct	*-3%	Down 14 from 470 to 456.
Noise Ordinance	*-1%	Down 2 from 172 to 170.
Open Bottle	*<-1%	Down 2 from 206 to 204.
All Other	-28%	Down 78 from 281 to 203.

***See combined West Chester Police - West Chester University Public Safety chart for additional Borough enforcement figures.**

	% Change from 2007	Total
Property Loss:	+26%	Up $200,417 from $585,474 to $785,891.
Robbery	-10%	Down $1,898 to $17,117.
Burglary	+36%	Up $50,137 from $87,533 to $137,670.
Theft	+3%	Up $8,035 from $232,884 to $240,879.
Motor Vehicle Theft	+23%	Up $74,843 from $246,082 to $320,925.
Accident Statistics:		
Overall Accidents	-6%	Down 59 from 973 to 914.
Non-Reportable	-9%	Down from 693 to 634.
Reportable	-24%	Down 22 from 91 in 2007 to 69 in 2008.
Fatal	+200%	Down 0 to 2.
Traffic Statistics:		
Traffic Arrests	+11%	Up 335 from 2,810 to 3,145.
Traffic Warnings	-4%	Down 34 from 884 to 850.
Traffic Details	+35%	Up 516 from 967 to 1,483.

	% Change from 2007	Total
DUI	+1%	Up 2 from 216 to 218.

Personnel Assignments

	% of sworn staff	% of all staff
Patrol	78%	64%
Administration	7%	5%
Criminal Investigation	15%	13%
Support Staff	—	18%

Retirements during 2008

Deborah A. Capik	1981-2008

New Hires during 2008

None

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Chief of Police

GENERAL STATISTICS
2008

The General Statistics for the West Chester Police Department during 2008 indicate an approximate 1% increase in the number of calls-for-service over the past year and a 10% increase for calls documented over the past five (5) years. 2008 General Statistics also reflect that crime reported to the West Chester Police Department (combined Part I and Part II) increased less than 1% overall, with a 8% increase in Part I crime and an approximate 2% decrease in Part II and/or secondary crime.

The number of Part I crimes known to our Police Department is the second lowest total reported in the last twelve (13) years and he first increase in the past five (5) years. The serious crime trends continue a positive outlook for the community with respect to providing a safe environment for our citizenry and our business community.

The increase in calls-for-service, coupled with the number of reported Part II crimes, (the second highest totals documented in the last twelve (13) years), personnel staffing and a challenging economy has, and continues to be, the biggest challenge for our police department and our community; it has and will continue to impact Part I data (victims and offenders). The Police Department is proud of our public safety service and law enforcement activities in our community. The elected officials and appointed leaders in our community(s) are encouraged to share our collective accomplishments and continue our work in a shared vision and goal for a safer community and better quality of life.

Juris No. 15414
NCIC Code PA0151300

RETURN A MONTHLY COUNT OF OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES PART I OFFENSES	2 OFFENSES REPORTED	3 UNFOUND COMPLAINTS	4 ACTUAL OFFENSES	(a) TOTAL CLEARED	(b) JUVENILE CLEARED
1. HOMICIDE					
A. MURDER					
B. MANSLAUGHTER					
2. RAPE TOTAL	17		17	8	
A. RAPE	14		14	7	
B. ATTEMPTED RAPE	3		3	1	
3. ROBBERY TOTAL	47		47	27	2
A. FIREARM	16		16	7	2
B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INST.	1		1		
C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON					
D. STRONG ARM (HANDS, ETC)	30		30	20	
4. ASSAULT TOTAL	309	1	308	256	13
A. FIREARM	10		10	8	
B. KNIFE OR CUTTING INST.	10		10	8	1
C. OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	10		10	9	3
D. AGGRAVATED (HANDS, ETC)	22		22	17	1
E. SIMPLE (HANDS, ETC)	257	1	256	214	8
5. BURGLARY TOTAL	79		79	23	
A. FORCIBLE ENTRY	42		42	13	
B. UNLAWFUL ENTRY	34		34	10	
C. ATTEMPTED FORCIBLE	3		3		
6. LARCENY THEFT TOTAL	359		359	56	4
7. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TOTAL	45	5	40	6	1
A. AUTOS	40	5	35	5	
B. TRUCKS AND BUSSES	2		2		
C. OTHER VEHICLES	3		3	1	
9. ARSON TOTAL	4		4	1	
TOTAL PART I OFFENSES	860	6	854	377	20

* EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCES INCLUDED @ INCLUDES OFFENSE(S) REPORTED IN PREVIOUS MONTHS

NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED		ASSAULTED
FELON	NEGLIG	
		23

WEST CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT 610-696-2700
Department Reporting

CHESTER PA 19380
County

Report for the month of August, 2006

Date of Report: December 19, 2006

Prepared by Scott L. Bohn, Chief of Police

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NCIC Code PA0151300

RETURN A MONTHLY COUNT OF OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE

1 CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES PART II OFFENSES		2 OFFENSES REPORTED	3 UNFOUND COMPLAINTS	4 ACTUAL OFFENSES	(a) TOTAL CLEARED	(b) JUVENILE CLEARED
100. FORGERY & COUNTERFEIT.		7	1	6	9	
110. FRAUD		47	1	46	17	
120. EMBEZZLEMENT		2		2	3	
130. STOLEN PROP-REC,POSSES		7		7	8	1
140. VANDALISM		499		499	64	
150. WEAPONS-CARRYING, POSSES		6		6	5	1
160. PROSTITUTION, COMM VICE						
170. SEX OFFENSES (EX 02,160)		26	1	25	9	
180. DRUG ABUSE VIOL TOTAL		166		166	141	9
SALE	A. OPIUM-COCAINE	45		45	29	1
	B. MARIJUANA	13		13	10	
	C. SYNTHETIC	4		4	1	
	D. OTHER	1		1	1	
POSSESSION	A. OPIUM-COCAINE	32		32	32	
	B. MARIJUANA	48		48	45	7
	C. SYNTHETIC	5		5	5	
	D. OTHER	18		18	18	1
190. GAMBLING TOTAL						
A. BOOK MAKING B. NUMBERS, ETC. C. OTHER						
200.OFF AGAINST FAMILY & CHILD.						
210. DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE		218		218	223	
220. LIQUOR LAWS		240		240	233	
230. DRUNKENNESS		477		477	467	
240. DISORDERLY CONDUCT		168		168	163	2
250. VAGRANCY		2		2	2	
260. ALL OTHER OFFENSES		448		448	423	1
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES TOTAL		2313	3	2310	1767	14

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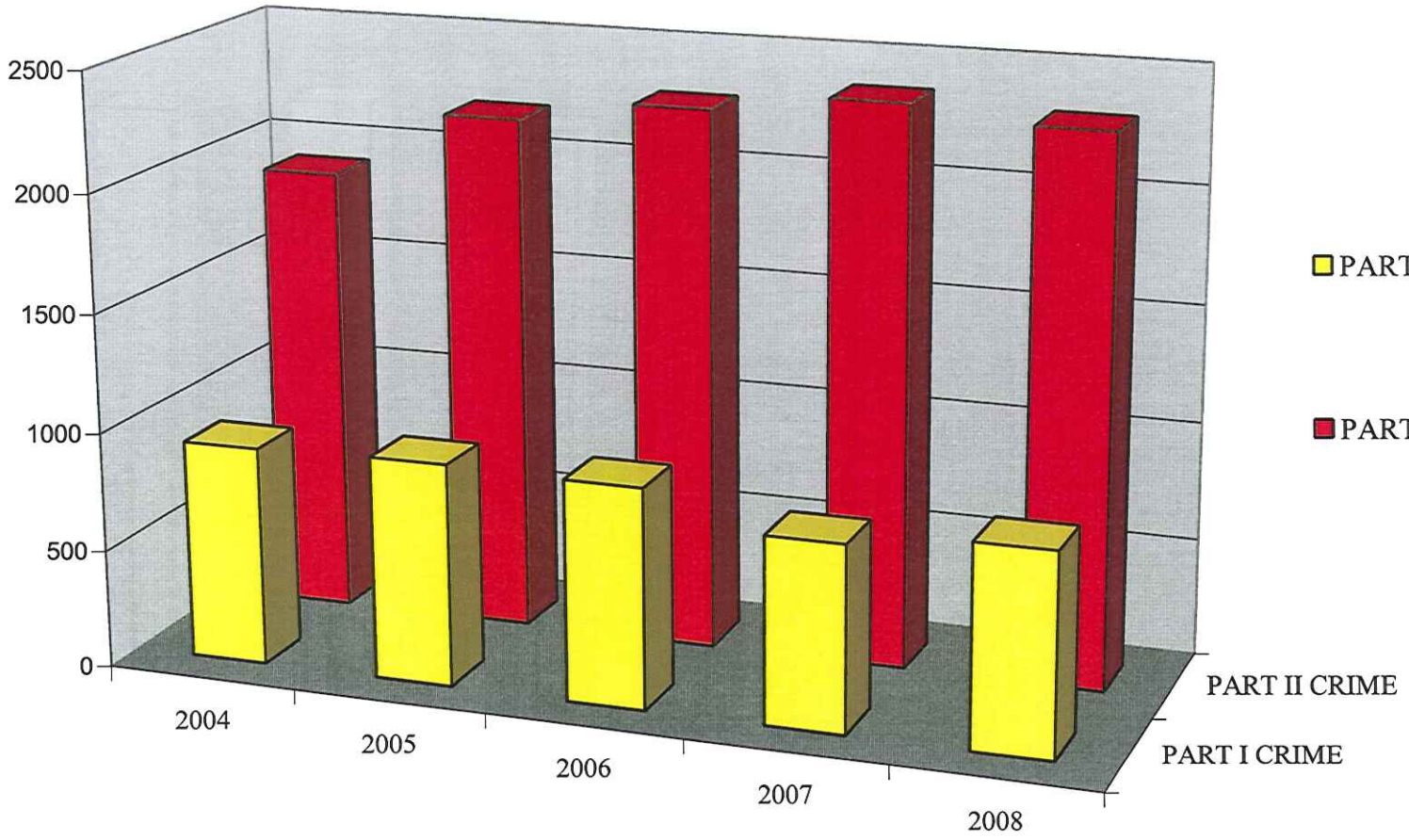
West Chester - East Bradford Combined UCR Data



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
PART I CRIME	924	938	929	789	854
PART II CRIME	1903	2193	2289	2367	2310

West Chester Borough - East Bradford Township
Combined UCR Data
2008

Part I	2008 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2008 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	
Rape	17	8	47
Robbery	47	27	57
Assault	308	256	83
Burglary	79	23	29
Theft	359	56	16
MV Theft	40	6	15
Arson	4	1	25
Total	**854**	**377**	**44**
Part II	2008 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2008 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Forgery	6	9	100
Fraud	46	17	37
Embezzlement	2	3	100
Vandalism	499	64	13
Stolen Property	7	8	100
Weapons	6	5	100
Sex Offenses	25	9	36
Narcotics	166	141	85
Offenses -Family/Children	0	0	
DUI	218	223	100
Liquor Laws	240	233	97
Drunkenness	477	467	98
Disorderly Conduct	168	163	97
Vagrancy	2	2	100
All Other Offenses	448	423	94
Total	**2310**	**1767**	**76**

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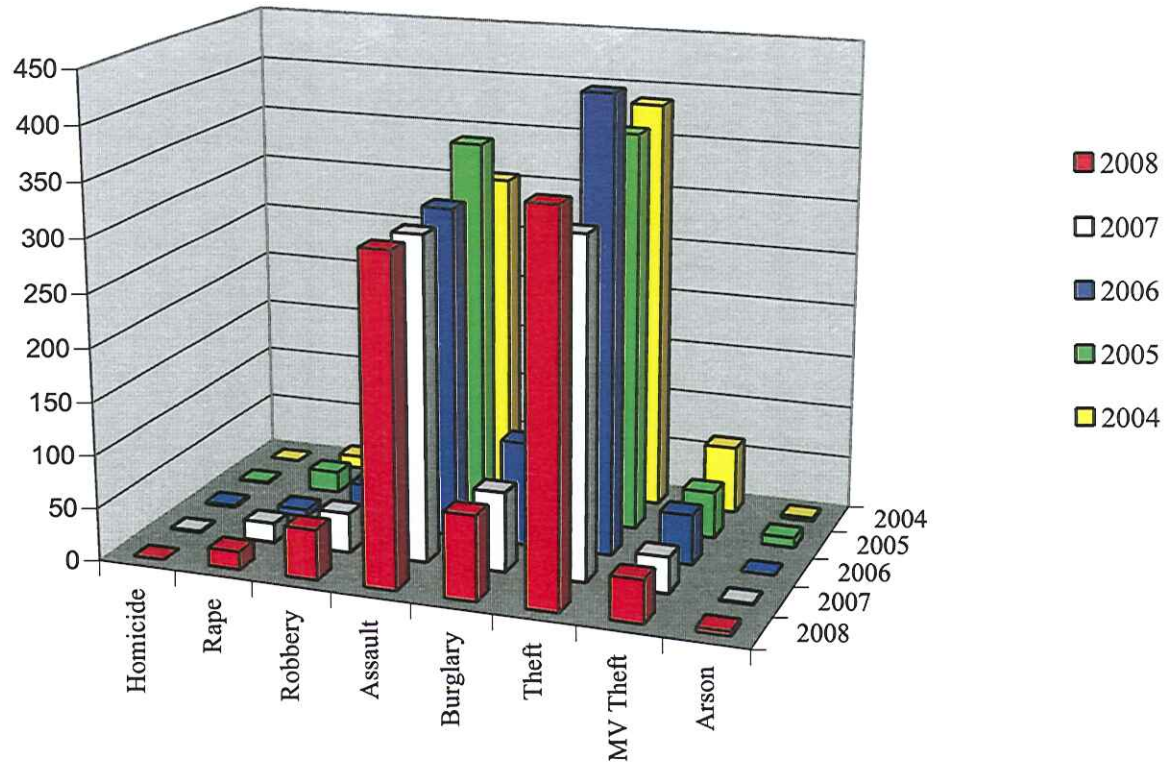
West Chester-East Bradford Combined Part I UCR



	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	MV Theft	Arson
2008	0	17	47	308	79	359	40	4
2007	1	18	37	305	75	318	34	1
2006	2	7	39	311	98	425	47	0
2005	1	20	44	355	90	375	44	9
2004	0	12	33	306	118	388	64	3

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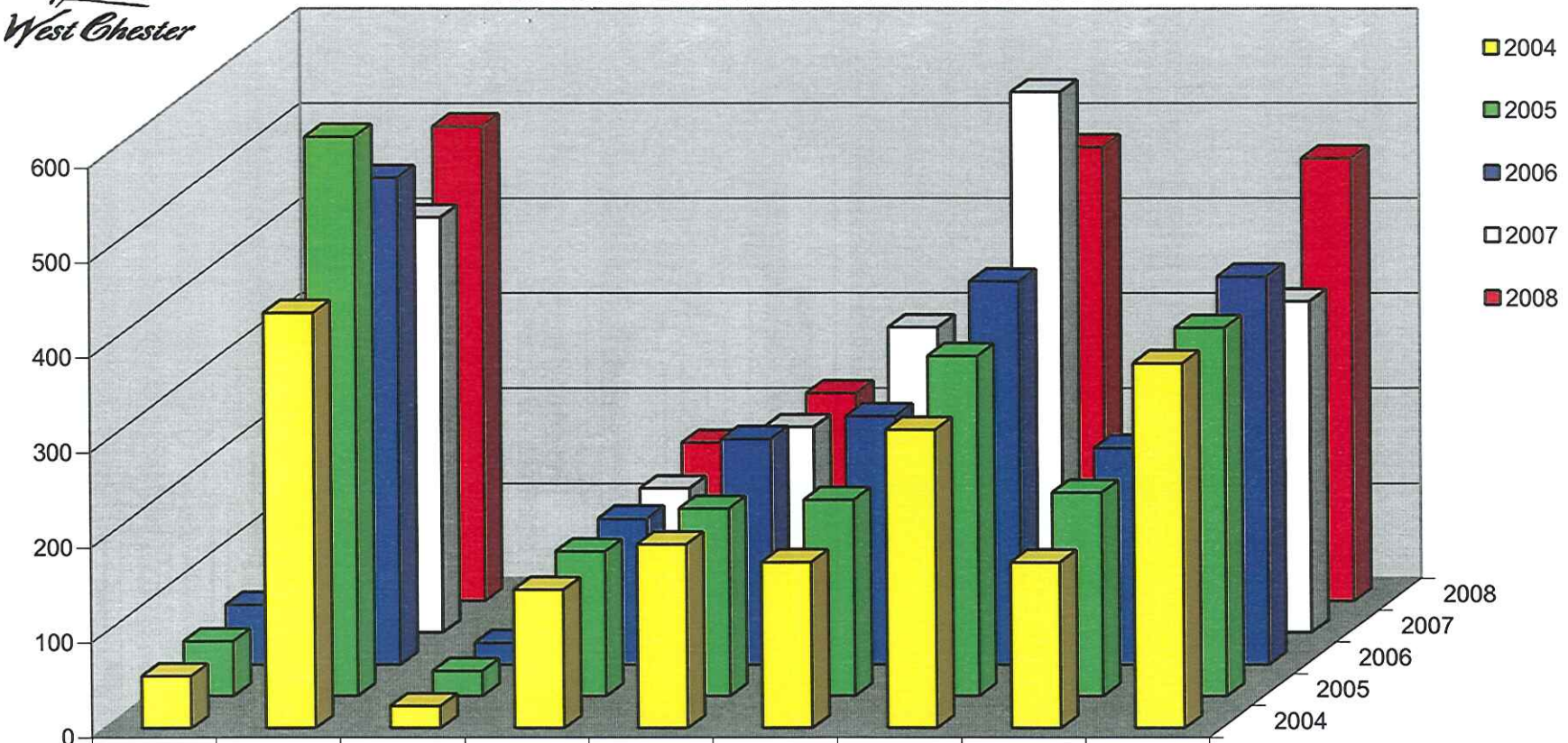
West Chester-East Bradford Combined Part II UCR



	Forgery/Fraud	Vandalism	Sex Offenses	Narcotics	DUI	Liquor Laws	Public Drunk	Disorderly Conduct	All Other
2004	55	437	23	146	194	175	314	175	384
2005	58	589	27	153	198	207	358	215	388
2006	63	512	23	154	237	261	403	228	408
2007	65	437	16	152	216	321	569	243	348
2008	52	499	25	166	218	240	477	168	465

West Chester Borough
UCR Data
2008

Part I	2008 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2008 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	
Rape	17	8	47
Robbery	46	23	50
Assault	230	243	100
Burglary	69	23	33
Theft	270	46	17
MV Theft	38	5	13
Arson	2	1	50
Total	**672**	**349**	**52**
Part II	2008 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2008 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	
Forgery	6	9	100
Fraud	39	16	41
Embezzlement	2	3	100
Vandalism	465	54	12
Stolen Property	7	8	100
Weapons	6	5	100
Sex Offenses	25	9	36
Narcotics	160	135	84
Offenses -Family/Children	0	0	
DUI	183	188	100
Liquor Laws	231	224	97
Public Drunkenness	467	457	98
Disorderly Conduct	155	150	97
Vagrancy	2	2	100
All Other	433	417	96
Total	**2181**	**1677**	**77**

East Bradford Township
UCR Data
2008

Part I	2008 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2008 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	
Rape	0	0	
Robbery	1	4	100
Assault	22	13	59
Burglary	10	0	0
Theft	89	10	11
MV Theft	7	1	14
Arson	1	0	0
Total	**130**	**28**	**22**
Part II	2008 Offenses (Includes Attempts)	2008 Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	% Cleared
Forgery	1	0	0
Fraud	8	1	13
Vandalism	34	10	29
Stolen Property	0	0	
Weapons	0	0	
Sex Offenses	1	0	0
Narcotics	6	6	100
Offenses -Family/Children	0	0	
DUI	35	35	100
Liquor Laws	9	9	100
Drunkenness	10	10	100
Disorderly Conduct	13	13	100
Vagrancy	0	0	
All Other	15	6	40
Total	**132**	**90**	**68**

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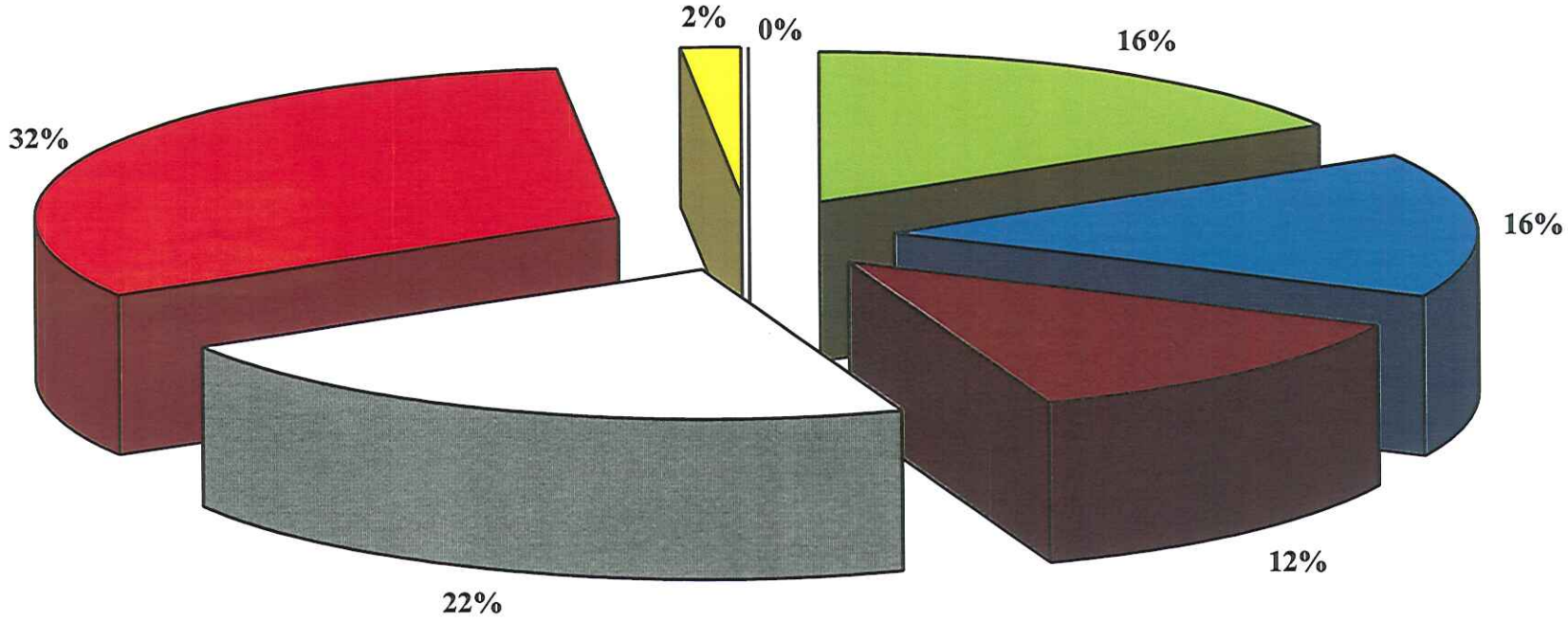
Calls For Service by Sectors



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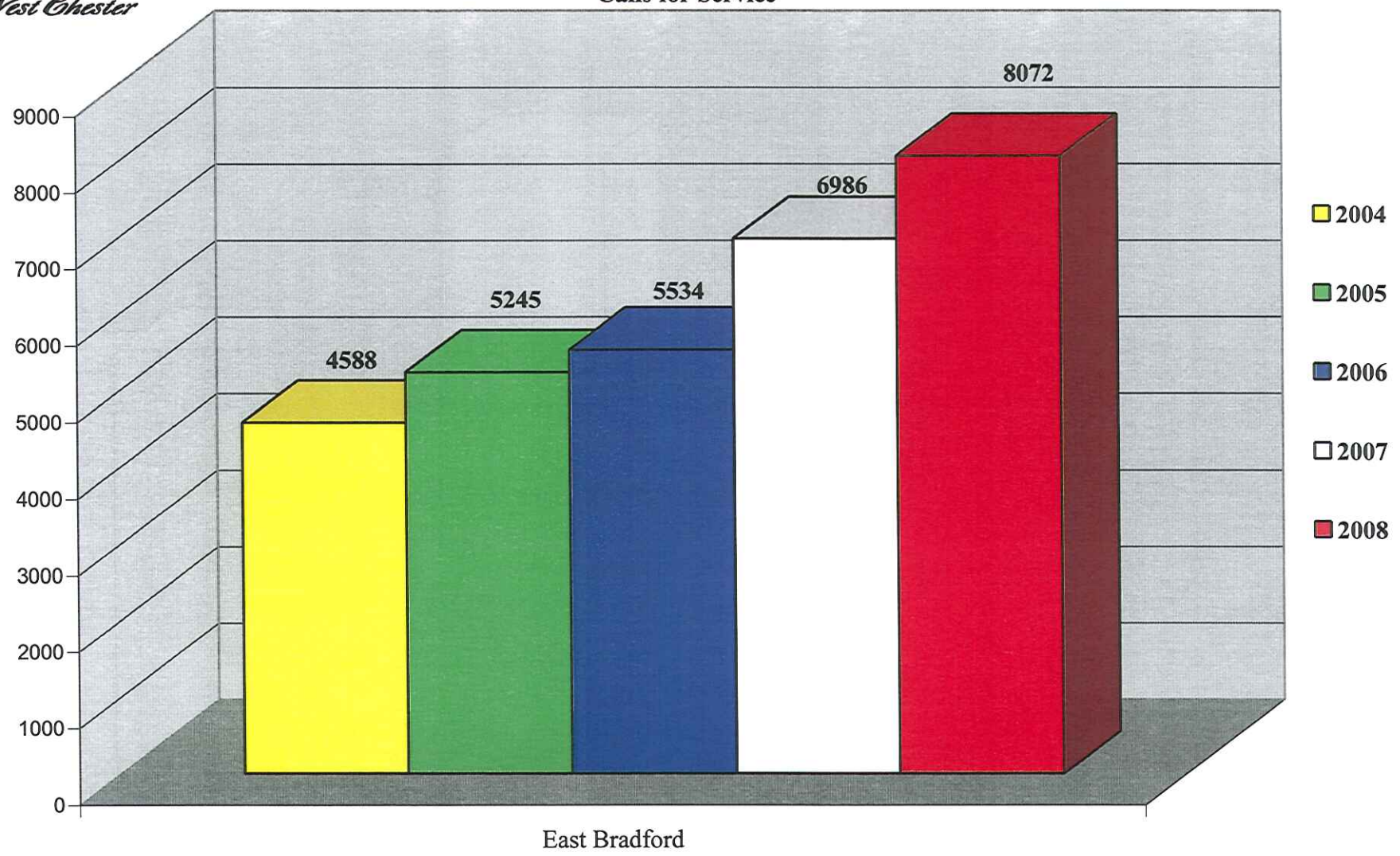
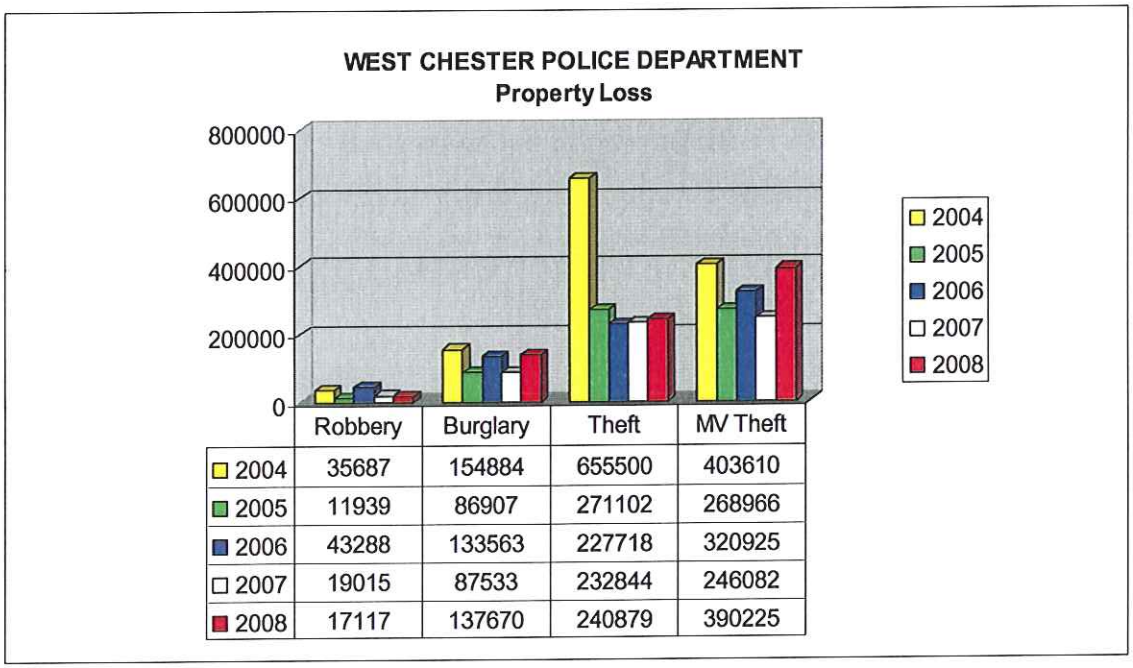
Calls for Service



PROPERTY LOSS

The property loss to residents and visitors of the Department's service community as a result of Part I crime increased by approximately 26% during the calendar year 2008 from $585,474 to $785,891 (an increase of $200,417). During 2008, there was an overall 10 % decrease in Part I crime against persons, (property loss) and a 26% increase in the value of property loss from Part I property crime.

Robbery:	-10%	down $1,898 from $19,015 to $17,117
Burglary:	+36%	up $50,137 from $87,533 to $137,670
Theft:	+3%	up $8,035 from $232,844 to $240,879
Motor Vehicle:	+23%	up $74,843 from $246,082 to $320,925



	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	MV Theft
2004	35687	154884	655500	403610
2005	11939	86907	271102	268966
2006	43288	133563	227718	320925
2007	19015	87533	232844	246082
2008	17117	137670	240879	390225

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

Overall, vehicle crashes reported to and investigated by the West Chester Police Department decreased 6% from 2007 to 2008, with a total of 59 fewer accidents occurring during 2008. However, the raw numbers do not reflect the entire picture. Vehicle accidents, more aptly described as "vehicle crashes" as most accidents are not quite as "accidental" as the name suggests, are divided into four categories: Reportable Crashes, Non-Reportable Crashes, Fatalities, and Hit and Runs.

REPORTABLE CRASHES:

Reportable crashes are defined as those crashes in which the driver, vehicle occupant, pedestrian, or bicyclist is injured, or the damage to any vehicle is so severe as to render the vehicle inoperable. During the calendar year 2008 the number of reportable crashes decreased approximately 24%; there were 91 during 2007 and 69 during 2008.

NON-REPORTABLE CRASHES:

Non-reportable crashes are defined as the converse of reportable crashes. Stated another way, non-reportable crashes are those crashes where no one was injured and the vehicle could be removed from the crash scene under its own power. Although Commonwealth Law does not require one to report these crashes to the police, some individuals and, more particularly, their insurance companies, request a police investigation. As such, the police department can count those non-reportable crashes that are actually reported to the police, but there is no way to know what percent of these type crashes is reported or actually occur in the Borough or the Township. Non-reportable crashes reported to the police department decreased by 9% from 693 during 2007 to 634 during 2008.

FATALITIES:

Fatal crashes increased during 2008 from none (0) during the calendar year 2007 to two (2) in 2008; both of these accidents were speed related.

- Rt-322 and Frank Rd. East Bradford Township

- Rt-322, near the PECO power plant, East Bradford Township

HIT AND RUNS

As a general rule, the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to a vehicle or other property shall immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close thereto as possible and shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements as promulgated in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, Title 75, relating to the duty to give/provide information and render aid if necessary. In too many instances, individuals involved in motor vehicle crashes ignore their obligation and leave the scene of the "accident". Those hit and run crashes reported to the police department increased by approximately 10% from 189 during 2007 to 209 in 2008.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

The Department's accident team was called out for five (5) serious accident investigations during 2008 in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Twp. One (1) scene was reconstructed at High St. and Virginia Ave. for criminal prosecution. This involved a domestic, assault with a motor vehicle and a serious accident. The team also assisted two (2) outside departments with mapping of crime scenes.

- West Goshen -Officer involved shooting, Microtel Hotel
- Westtown-East Goshen - Shooting

SCAT Team Investigations:

Ptl. Christopher Daly is currently part of the Chester County accident/mapping team and was called out to assist with four (4) mapping scenes during 2008.

- Assisted West Goshen PD with fatal pedestrian crash - 4.0 Hours
- Assisted West Whiteland PD with a double fatal crash - 4.0 Hours
- Assisted Caln PD with a shooting scene - 3.0 Hours
- Assisted West Whiteland Pd with a fatal crash - 3.5 Hours.

Pedestrian Accidents:

In 2006 the Department recorded five (5) pedestrian accidents: one (1) a hit and run and one (1) involving serious injuries all in the Borough of West Chester.

In 2007 the Department investigated seven (7) pedestrian accidents involving injuries: two (2) were hit and run accidents, two (2) involved moderate injuries, three (3) involving minor injuries and two (2) involving serious injuries. All of these accidents occurred in the Borough of West Chester.

In 2008 the Department recorded seven (7) pedestrian accidents involving injuries: one (1) involved an officer while he was mapping an accident scene in East Bradford Township and the remaining six (6) were in the Borough of West Chester.

- 800 Block Downingtown Pike (Rt-322), East Bradford Twp. - Minor injuries
- New & Nields Sts. - Moderate injuries
- 400 Block S. Matlack St.- Moderate injuries
- New & Gay Sts. - Moderate injuries
- High & Lacey Sts.- Minor injuries
- Darlington & Prescott Al.- Moderate injuries
- High & Miner Sts. - Minor injuries

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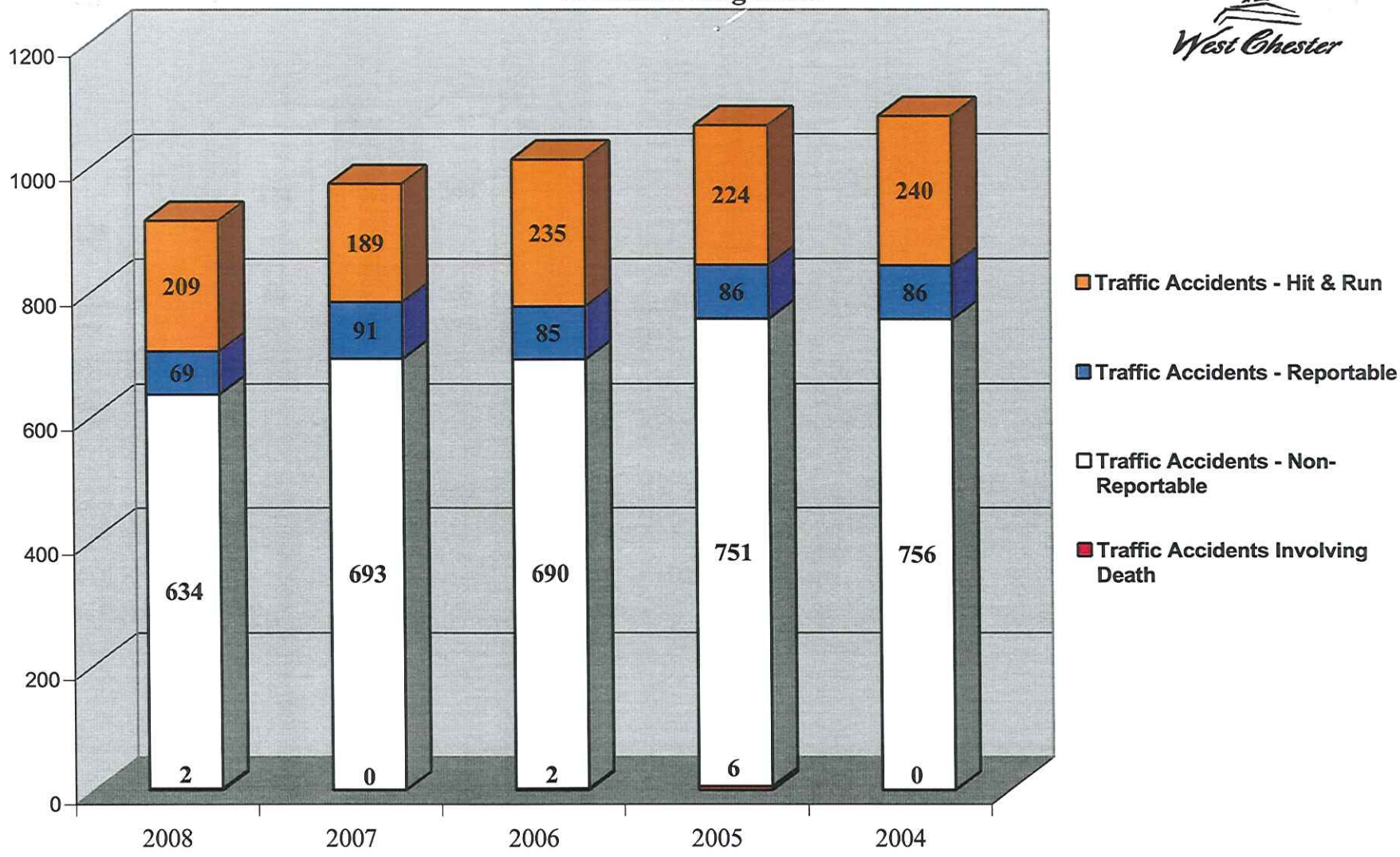
Crash Investigations



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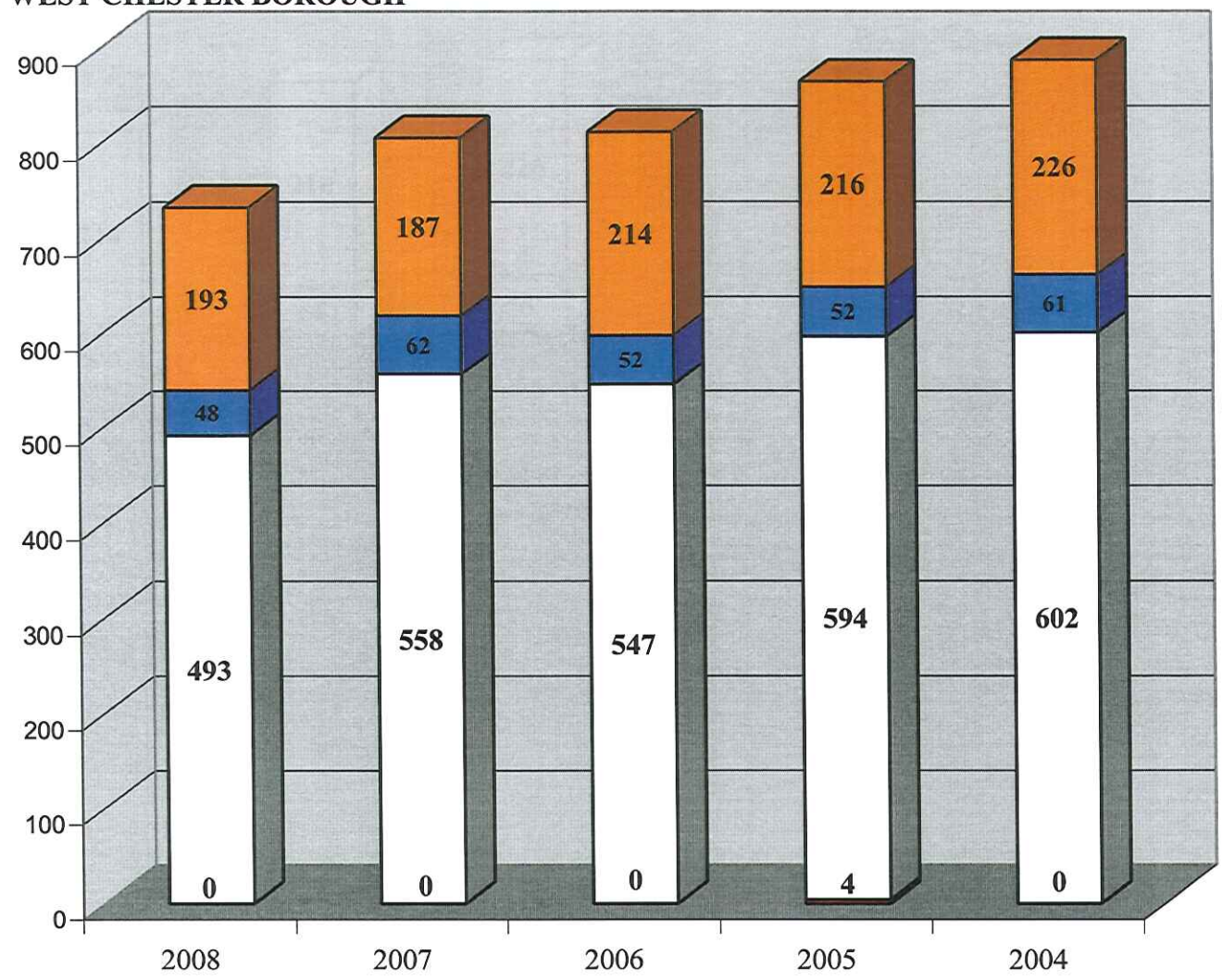

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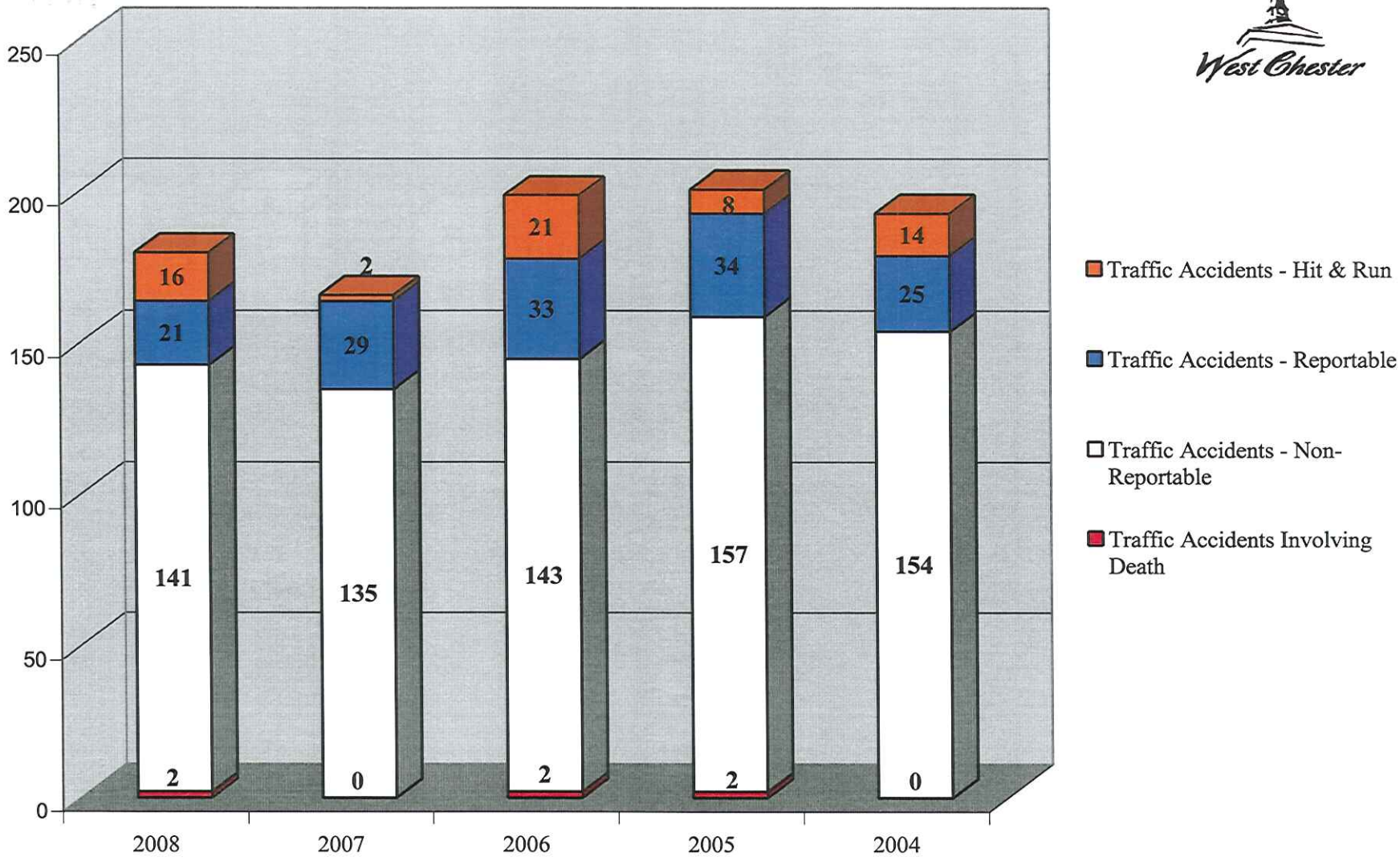

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

The West Chester Police Department places high emphasis on searching for DUI drivers in an attempt to lower fatalities due to alcohol and/or drug related vehicle crashes and to lessen the overall personal injury and property loss due to vehicle crashes in our service communities. In 2008, the West Chester Police Department made 218 DUI arrests. In 2007, the Department made 216 DUI arrests. This was the second highest total in the last thirteen (13) years.

In 2003, the Police Department arrested 183 individuals for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs. In 2004, the West Chester Police Department experienced a 6% increase in DUI arrests by handling 194 incidents. The 2003 and 2004 numbers were the highest totals of any Chester County law enforcement agency. In 2005, the Department made 198 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs. The 2005 figure was the second highest total in Chester County (the highest reported total was 200). The Department had experienced an approximate 9% increase in DUI arrests since 2005.

The Department's achievements continue to be recognized by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization. The increased number and success of restaurants and liquor establishments in our community increases the probability and likelihood that a larger number of individuals will attempt to drive while intoxicated. While statistics are not yet available from other Chester County law enforcement agencies, I suggest that our figures in this category are again among the highest in Chester County.

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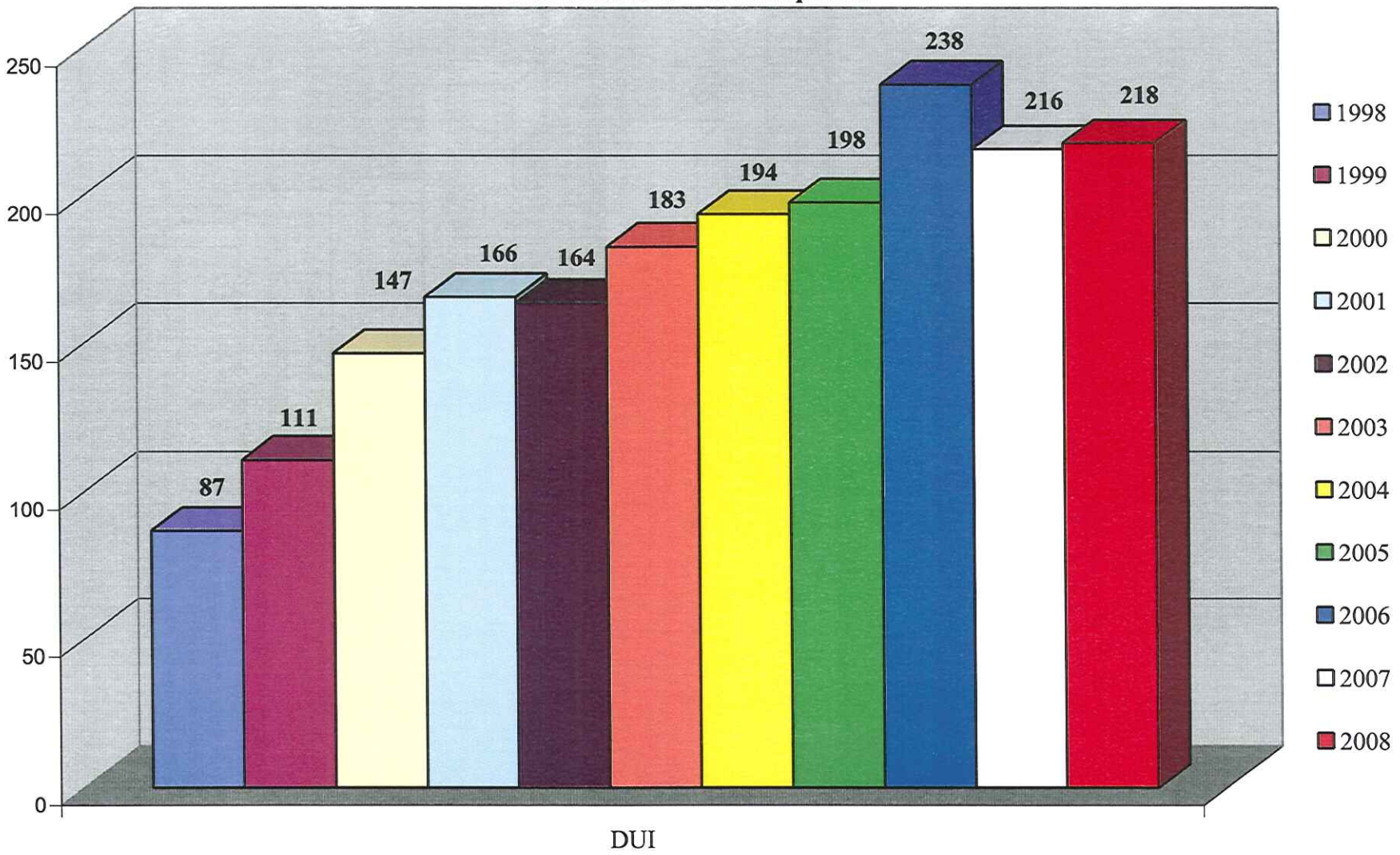
DUI ARRESTS - 11 Year period



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

Each year, emphasis is placed on the productivity of our uniformed officers with high expectations for specific results. Traffic arrests/citations issued by the West Chester Police Department increased approximately 11% in 2008. The 2008 enforcement figures represent an in approximate increase of 38% over the last five (5) years. The enforcement of our state vehicular laws is an essential and important service to the residents of and visitors to our communities. The issuance of "written traffic warnings" decreased in 2008; the Department documented an approximate decrease of 4% in the last calendar. In 2008 the Department's total number of "traffic details" in our service communities increased by approximately 35%. In 2008, the Department continued to utilize computer hardware and software technology that will continue to benefit our communities in assessing current vehicular traffic. The technology has and will continue to aid in future traffic planning in our community and the surrounding municipalities.

A renewed emphasis during 2008 on the Department's traffic safety goals and objectives is a double edged sword and a special cautionary note in the 2004 and each subsequent Annual Report should be recalled in this and future reports when presented. The cautionary note, specifically, relates to the number of calls-for-service reported each year. Vehicle stops for traffic violations are not counted as a call-for-service. Each of the last eight (8) years has been marked by an increase in the Department's calls-for-service. Additionally, the officers are required to satisfy daily court obligations at five (5) separate locations: three (3) District Courts, Common Pleas Court, and Juvenile Court, and the number and/or issuance of non-traffic citations have trended higher each of those years. The above stated factors, in addition to the Department's level of staffing and staffing requirements, significantly impact our traffic enforcement statistics. Our citizenry should be very pleased with the efforts and productivity of our uniformed personnel in 2008.

Traffic Studies:
A total of ten (10) traffic studies were performed throughout East Bradford Township and the Borough of West Chester.

Construction:

There are currently two (2) construction projects pending for 2009 that will affect traffic movement in the Borough of West Chester.

- Gay and Walnut Sts.
- Chestnut and Walnut Sts.

Traffic Analysis:

The proceeding roadways and intersections in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township are currently being assessed by the Department. The Department has prioritized locations for review and evaluates each for potential solutions before moving onto other less problematic locations. The Department is collating traffic data and studies on a select number of intersections and will be submitting recommendations to the Borough and Township for their review.

West Chester Borough:

One of the more problematic intersections in the Borough of West Chester is High and Washington Sts. This intersection has been and remains problematic with the growth in the West Chester community. This has been a high volume accident over the last ten (10) years. The Department is evaluating a number of solutions including, but not limited to:

- Traffic Signal - this would require Penn-Dot approval and will likely back-up traffic on High St.
- Change the traffic flow to one-way west for the 50 Blk. of W. Washington St. This will cause vehicles that would have turned north onto High St. and vehicles that would have traveled east across High St. to utilize Marshall St. as an alternative. Marshall St. is controlled by a traffic signal and the Borough is evaluating a delay light for vehicles turning onto High St. This will prevent traffic from turning onto High St. from Washington St. and help with traffic flow in this area. Church St. is two-way traffic roadway, allowing for vehicles to make a left or a right once they get to the intersection of Church and Washington Sts.

East Bradford Township:

The intersection of Highland Rd. and Rt-162 in East Bradford Township has experienced an increase in traffic volume and accidents over the past three (3) years. The increased traffic from the shopping center on Rt-322, along with the increase population to the west, has contributed to this condition. The sight distance at the intersection, on Highland Rd is being evaluated. Penn-Dot and the Township are currently reviewing studies and options for this intersection.

Intersection under Evaluation:

Borough of West Chester

- Marshall and Matlack Sts.
- Price and Everhart Sts.
- Market and Franklin Sts.
- High and Sharpless Sts.
- 200 Block of W. Market St (Cross Walk)

East Bradford Township

- Rt. 162 from the bridge to Highland Rd
- Rt. 322 from Township line (West Bradford) to frank Rd
- Rt. 52 near Edgemill Rd
- Rt-52 and Creek Rd.

The Department will continue to aggressively enforce the speed limits and traffic laws on the aforementioned roadways in East Bradford Township and West Chester Borough.

Traffic Details:

East Bradford Township EnRadd Speed details for the year 2008.

- Total Speed details 13
- Total Speeding Citations 140
- Total warning given 16
- Other Arrest/warrants 0

Speed Details:

A total of thirteen (13) over-time speed details were conducted in East Bradford Township in 2008.

- Total Speeding Citations 140
- Total Warnings given 16
- Other Arrest/warrants 0

A total of ninety-eight (98), single officer speed details were performed during patrol duties at the following locations in East Bradford Township:

- Allerton Rd. 9
- Copeland School 1
- Creek/Strasburg Rd. 6
- Downingtown Pike 43
- Frank Rd. 26
- Harmony Hill Rd. 1
- Lenape Rd. 1
- Ravine/Valley Creek Rd. 1
- Skelp Level 7
- Tigue Rd. 1
- W Miner St. 2

Buckle-Up-Pa Grant

A total of forty-four (44) traffic details were performed in West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township in 2008, utilizing grant funding the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for traffic and seat belt enforcement.

- Seat Belt Citations 41
- Speeding Citations 30
- Other Moving Violations 190
- Suspended Citations 10
- Other Citations 27
- DUI Arrest 01
- Warrant Arrest 03

A total of 298 Citations were issued during these details.

PA Smooth Operator Grant

The Department applied 252.5 Officer Hours in 2008 towards aggressive driving enforcement in the Borough of West Chester as part of the Commonwealth's Smooth Operator initiative. The locations for enforcement waves were predetermined by the North Central Highway Safety Network through Data collected from PennDot.

- Officers Contacts 491
- Total Citations 497
- Speeding Citations 08
- Careless Driving 03
- Following to Closely 01
- Improper Passing 07
- Improper Turning 29
- Traffic Control 239
- Traffic Devices 75
- One way Roadways 02

- Seat Belts 02
- Suspended Citations 11
- Other Citations 80
- Felony Arrest 01

Abandoned Vehicles:

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Total Vehicles Stickered:	23	40	52	48	61
Vehicles Towed by Department:	3	9	9	7	11
Vehicles Legalized:	0	1	0	0	1
Vehicles Moved – Officer Contact:	0	3	3	6	0
Vehicles Moved – Non Contact:	20	27	38	35	49
Stolen Vehicles:	0	0	1	0	0

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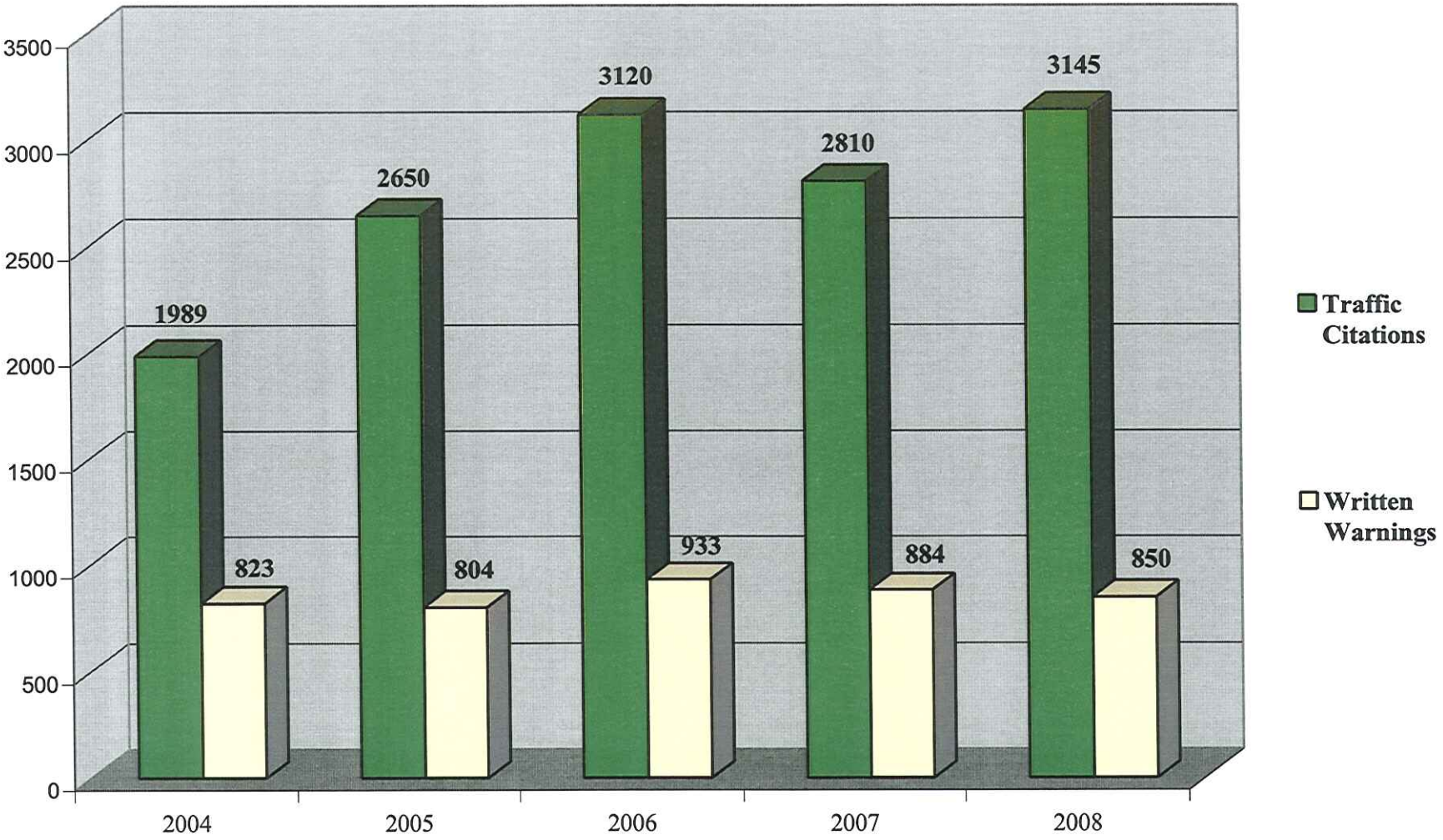
Traffic Enforcement (West Chester - East Bradford Combined Totals)



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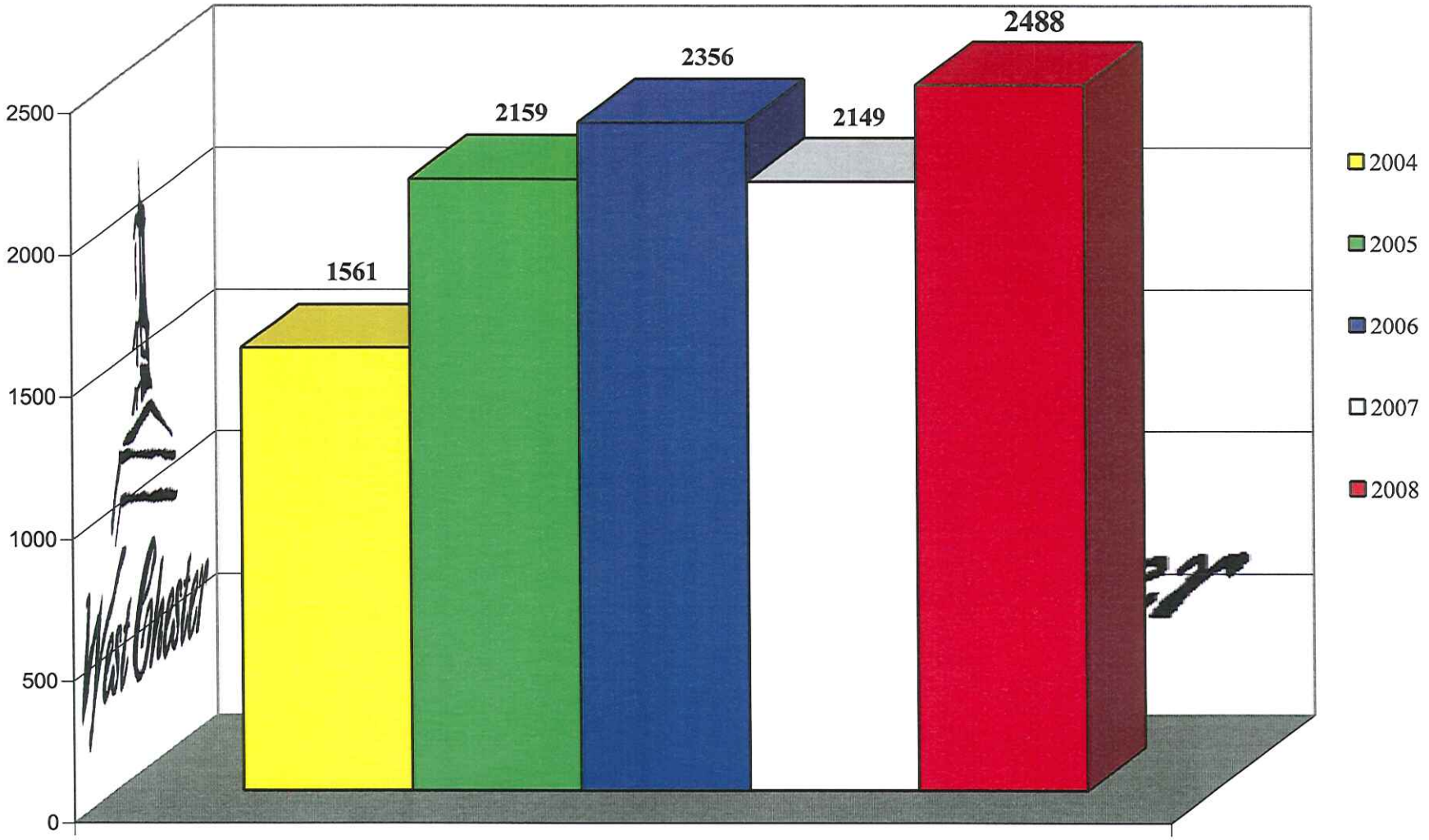

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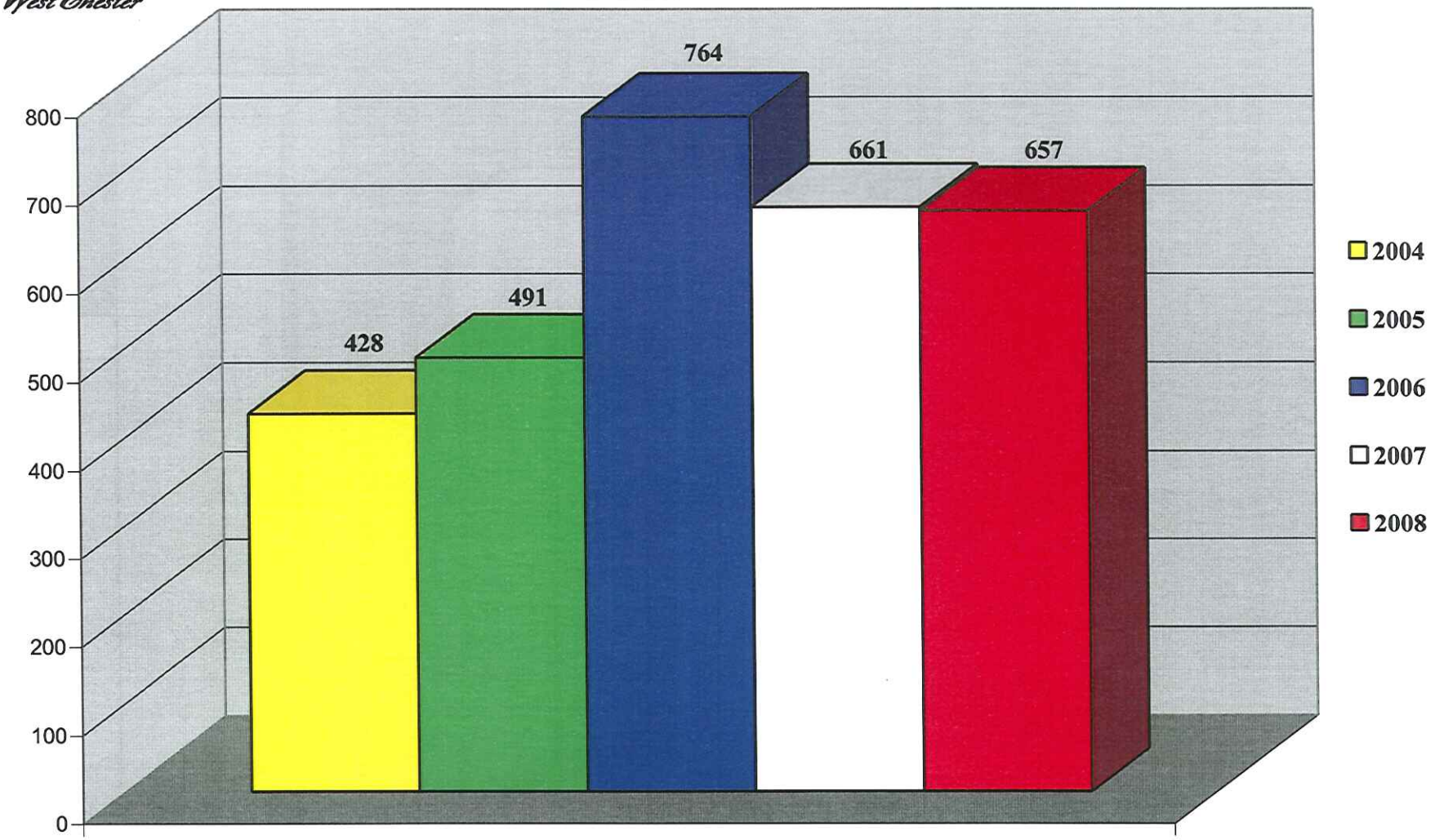

East Bradford Township

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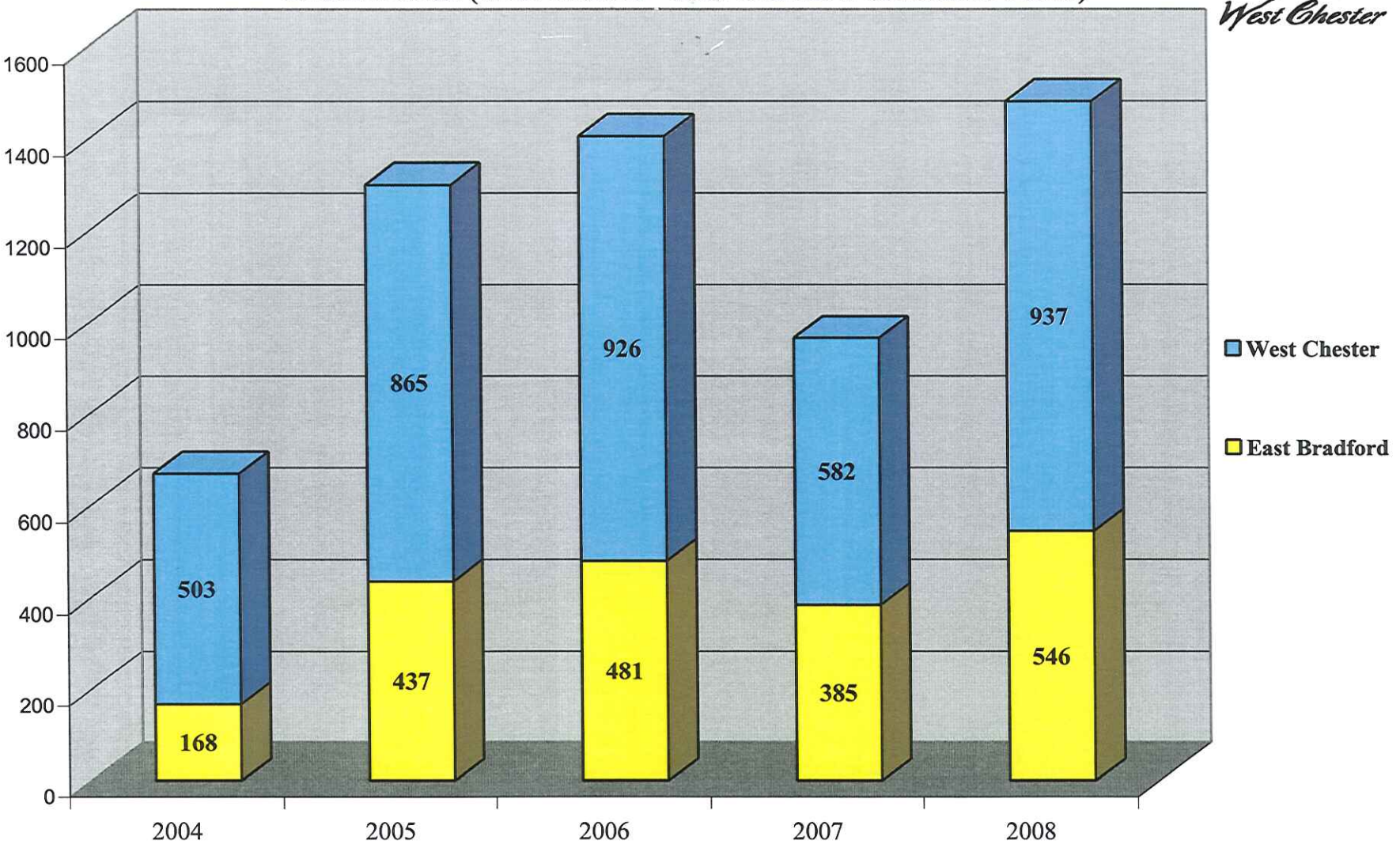

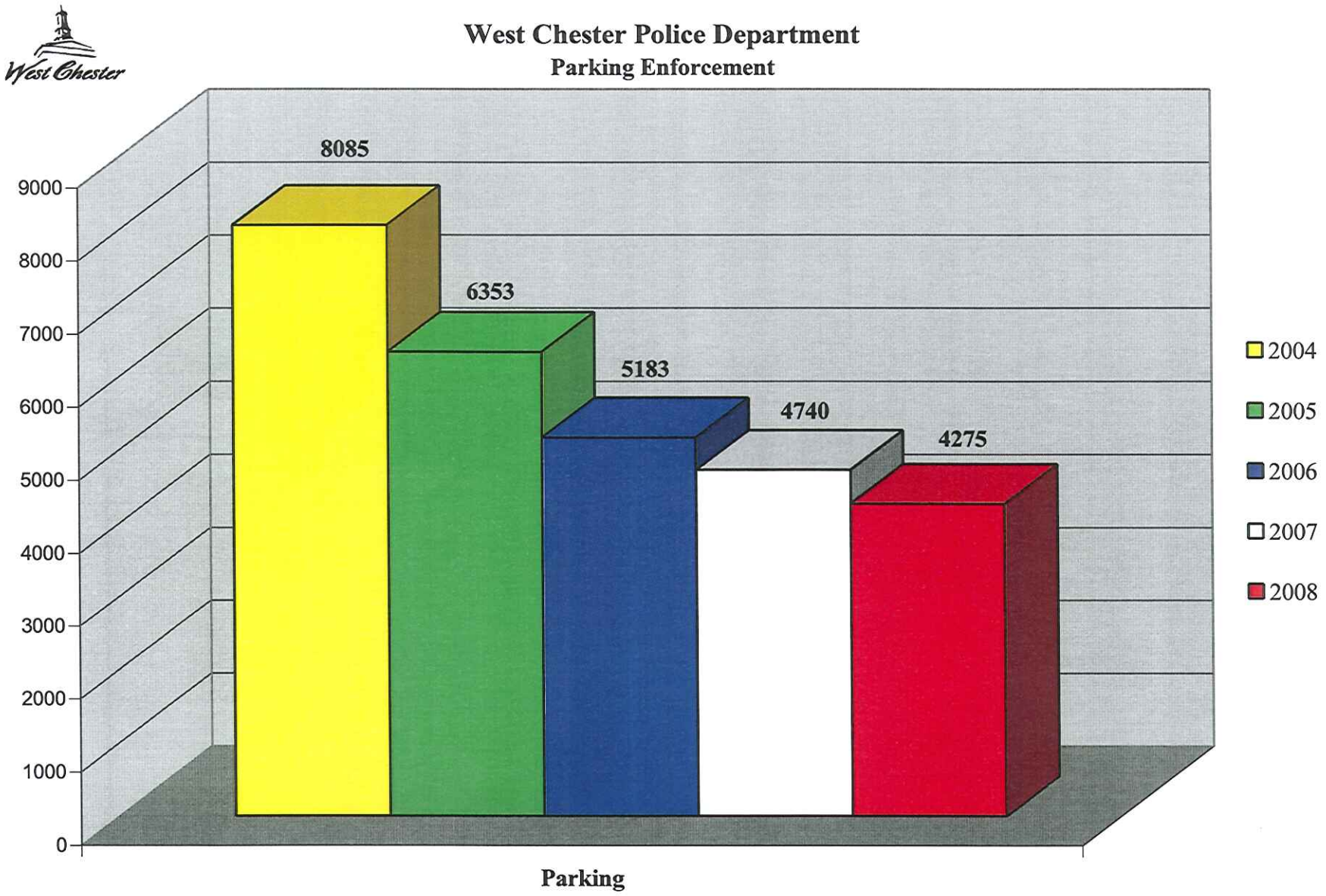
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NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS

"Non-Traffic Citation" is the official name in Pennsylvania for the issuance of a criminal summons for the violation of a summary criminal offense, the lowest grade of all criminal offenses in the Commonwealth. More specifically, it is similar to a traffic ticket in that a Police Officer may stop an individual and issue a summons on a minor criminal offense, such as a quality of life violation, or mail the summons to the offender's residence at a later date.

During 2008, the West Chester Police Department issued 2,362 such criminal summonses for minor quality of life violations such as Disorderly Conduct and similar offenses. This represents a 5% decrease in the issuance of summons from 2007 and an increase of approximately 33% since over the last five (5) years. During the calendar year 2008, the Department documented a 2% decrease in arrests for Liquor Law violations, a less than 1% decrease in Public Drunkenness arrests, a 3% decrease in Disorderly Conduct arrests, and a less than 1% decrease in Open Container arrests. In 2007 the figures represented in each of the aforementioned areas were five (5) year highs.

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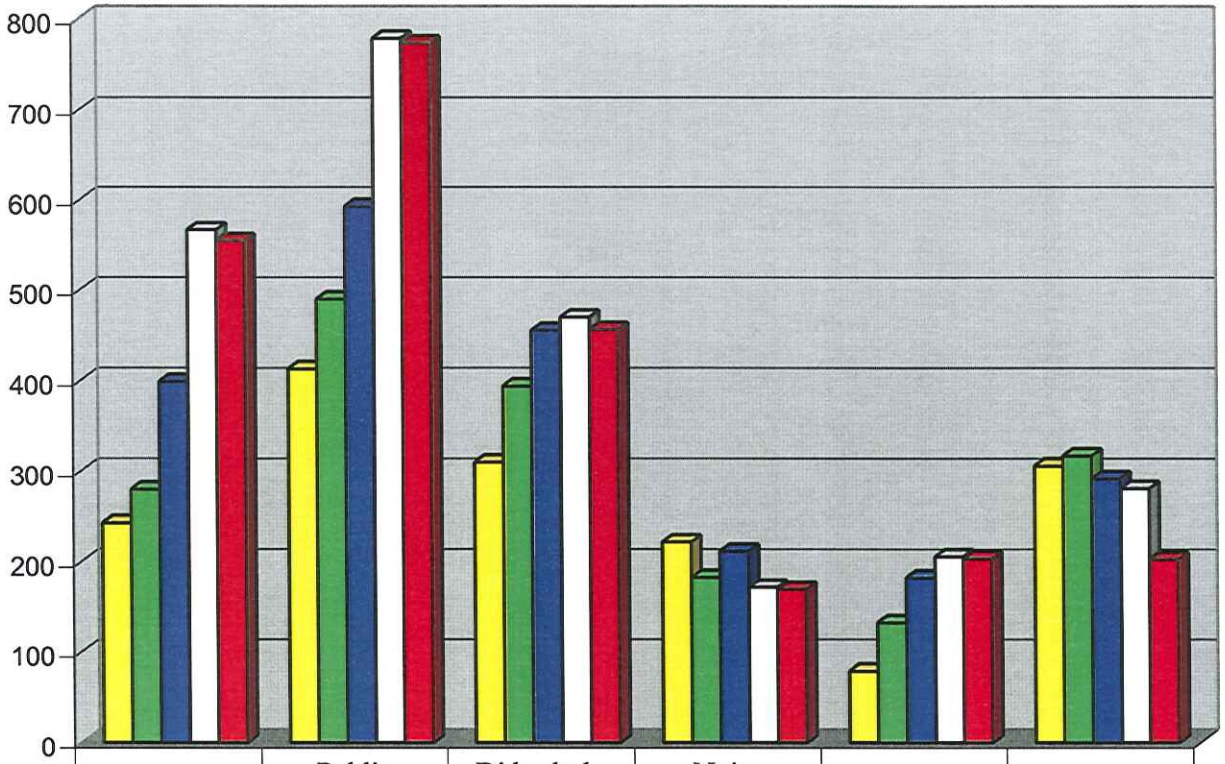
Criminal Summonses - 5 Year



	Liquor Law	Public Drunkeness	Didorderly Conduct	Noise Ordinance	Open Bottle	Other
2004	243	413	310	222	79	306
2005	280	490	394	183	133	317
2006	399	593	455	212	183	292
2007	567	779	470	172	206	281
2008	555	774	456	170	204	203

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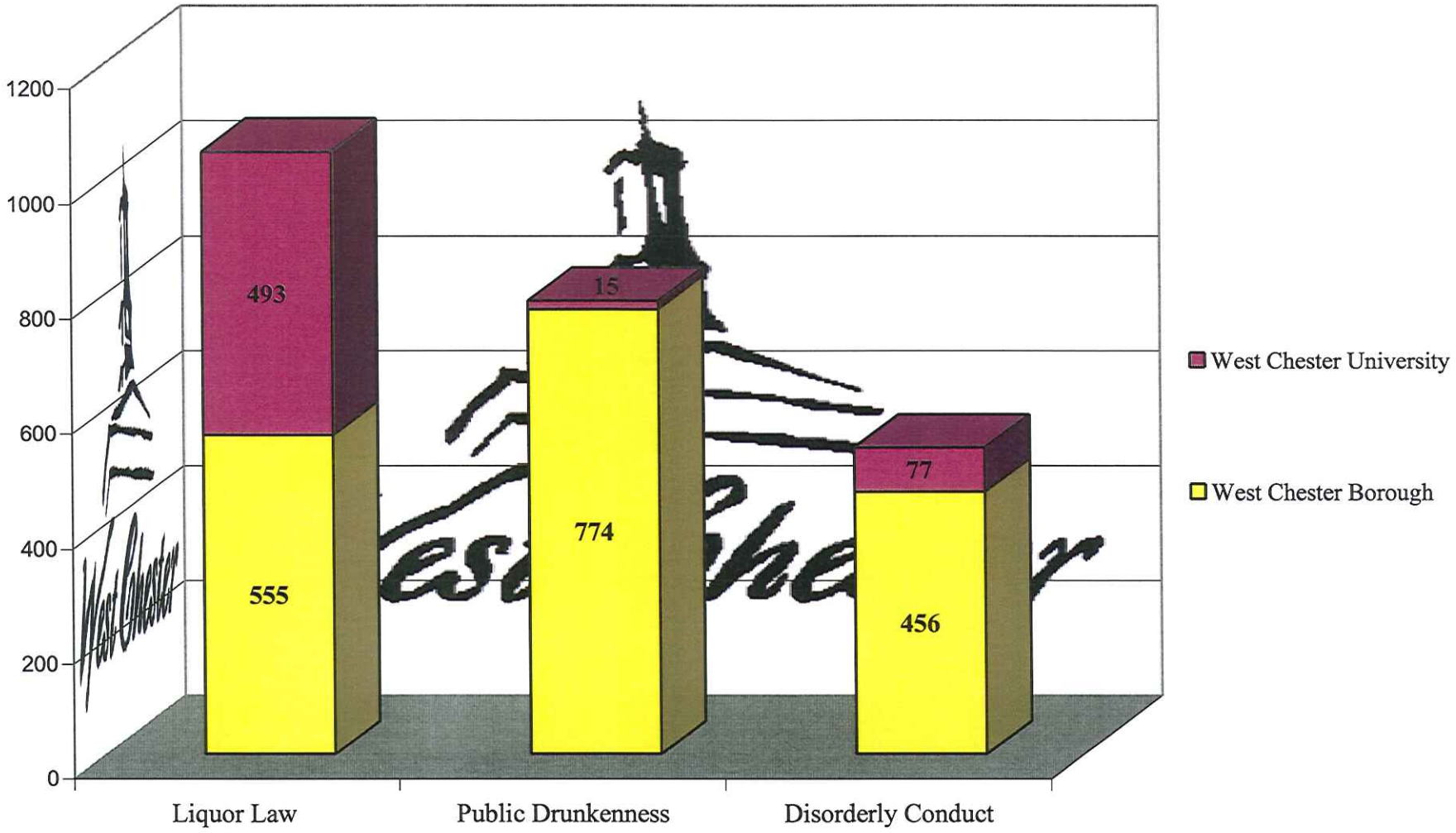
West Chester - West Chester University Combined Criminal Summonses



ANIMAL CONTROL RESPONSES

The West Chester Police Department responded to 85 animal control calls-for-service during calendar year 2008. The following is an analysis of those calls for service:

	West Chester Borough			East Bradford Township	
	2008	**2007**		**2008**	**2007**
Service Call - Animal	67	69		64	16
Barking Dog	21	34		3	7
Dog Bite	1	3		0	2
Other Animal Bite	2	2		0	0
Animal at Large	16	22		6	6

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UNIT REPORTS
2008

Alarm Activation Management

In 2008, the Department managed alarm activations and activity for both West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township. The Borough collected $13,900 ($5,400 outstanding) in false alarm fines in the Borough of West Chester and $3,250 ($2,575 outstanding) in fines for East Bradford Township. The implementation of an automated alarm enforcement program in 1999-2000 has resulted in the reduction of false alarms and the required police response since the programs inception*. East Bradford Township has experienced a reduction in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007; there was a small increase in 2008.

*** See Alarm Activation Charts 1999-2008**

Communications

Radio System

2008 was the fifth year of the radio system that had been installed in 2003. The radio system continues to perform in a reliable and dependable manner for the police department.

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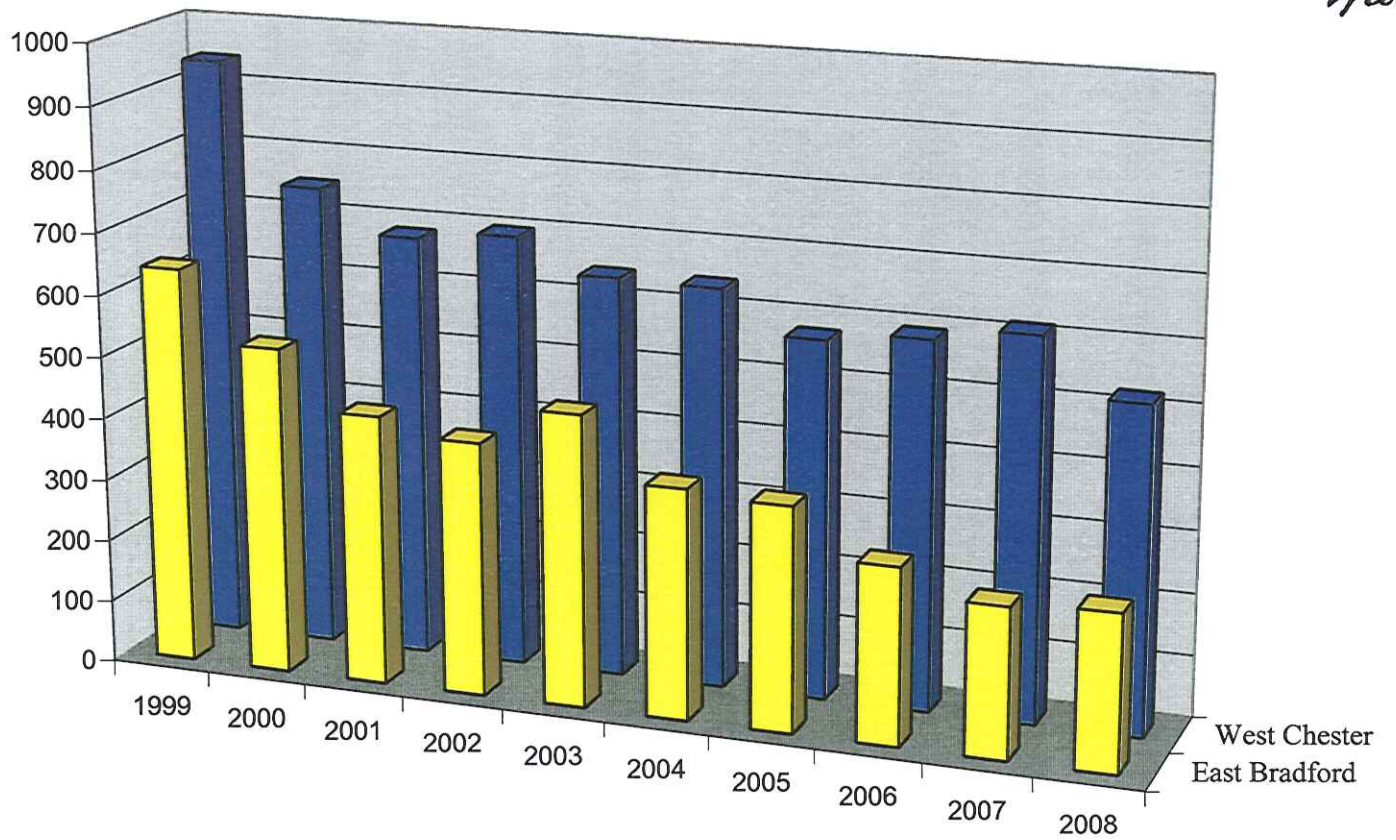
Alarm Response



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
East Bradford	641	527	434	408	469	370	361	285	243	252
West Chester	941	750	682	697	644	642	576	592	614	523

Motorola Canopy Installation

A Motorola Canopy system was installed at two (2) separate sites. This canopy provides a direct (line of site) link between communications facilities. This will provide the Department to utilize a stand-alone wireless link during time periods that the Verizon service becomes unavailable due to technical issues beyond our control.

Digital Radio Performance

The digital portion of our radio system presented a performance challenge our department in 2008. We identified circuits that were reengineered and installed new circuits at our remote sites. All of the department's subscriber units were serviced and reprogrammed as necessary. These changes resulted in a substantial improvement in respect to the service quality of the digital portion of the radio system.

Additional Receiver Site

An additional receiver site was installed This new receiver site is now in service and providing enhanced radio coverage in the North West portion of East Bradford Township. The location provider has permitted placement of our receiver equipment and antenna at the facility at no cost to the municipalities.

Parking Services – Radio Operations

The parking services division moved away from cellular phone communication for radio dispatch and is now using an ultra-high band radio channel which has been installed in the radio system console. Our Communications Center now monitors this radio channel during dayshift and dispatches parking personnel by radio during the evening hours.

Quality Assurance Reports

The communications officers are regularity reviewed through the use of the audio recorder and the quality assurance system. The quality assurance reports are scored on their performance with interviewing techniques, dispatching ability and data entry (Alert). Scores under 80% result in a counseling session in order to review the quality assurance report in an effort to help the dispatcher openly discuss the incident in question and help to foster self improvement and responsibility. As a group the dispatchers never dropped their average scores below 96.9% in 2008.

Computer Network – Technology Report

Security Report

The network was not out of service during 2008 for any security related issues. Public Works- the Public Works Department personnel, as well as the sewer plant personnel, were added to the Citrix server for direct access to the borough's email system. Remote Backup - data files as well as email accounts are now being backed up remotely (off-site) in addition to conventional tape back-up. This will allow for remote file recovering as a part of a disaster recovery plan as well as additional security should the tape backups fail.

Planning for 2009 and Beyond

The following projects, purchases and goals are planned for 2009.

- Upgrade the police Department's data management software.
- Upgrade the video recording equipment for the police department.
- New computer installs and replacement for all departments.
- Plan for and adapt new wireless policy for police fleet.
- Enforce Alarm Enforcement policy with the additional use of non-traffic citations.
- Perform Quality Assurance on a more regular basis.

CRIMINAL DIVISION

In 2008, the West Chester Criminal Division was staffed and divided into three sections; major crimes, vice, and juvenile. The sergeant, corporal, and two detectives are assigned to investigate all major crimes. Two detectives are assigned to the vice unit, primarily investigating narcotics, organized crime such as gangs and prostitution, and one detective is assigned to crimes involving juveniles as victims and offenders in assaults, child molestation, missing and runaway cases.

During the middle of 2008 the West Chester Police Department sent an officer to work on the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency) task force which was established in Chester County. This officer was supervised by the detective sergeant and worked several investigations with the West Chester Vice Unit.

The criminal investigation division participated in 439 incidents, conducting investigations through interviews and interrogations, processing crime scenes and individual items of evidence including fingerprints, photographs, DNA, blood, hair, and other trace evidence. The division processed items from 74 of the 439 incidents. The major crimes and juvenile detective made 58 arrest and the vice unit made 26 arrest during 2008.

Crime Type	Total	Offenders Arrested
Homicide	0	0
Robbery	28	17
Rape	15	0
Sexual Assault	18	9
Burglary	52	15
Theft	30	1
Forgery/Fraud-Credit Card	11	6

The following are several of the high profile incidents investigated by the division during 2008:

- January 2008, investigators responded to the Chester County Hospital and met with a subject who claimed he was shot in the back while walking in the 200 block of Middle Alley. Detectives located a hidden brief case containing several thousand dollars of marijuana in the area in which the victim stated he was shot. Blood located on the brief case was linked by DNA testing to the victim who was later charged with possessing the marijuana with intent to deliver. The investigation of the shooter is on going.

- January 2008, two subjects were arrested for a string of eight robberies which spanned over a three week period. The subjects were identified through surveillance store video as they used credit cards which were taken in the robberies. In addition, one of the two was arrested for a residential burglary of an elderly resident of the Borough.

- February 2008, the Chief of Police announced that the criminal division officially reopened the murder investigation of Dr. Phillip Kistler. Dr. Kistler was shot and killed during a robbery while treating patients in his office at 330 N. High St. on February 4, 1994.

- March 2008, vandals shot the windows of 126 vehicles parked on Borough streets. The incidents were well publicized and many lead were exhausted, but, the offenders were not identified. As the criminal division moves into the new year detectives will continue to keep alert for new leads.

- March 2008, seven offenders were arrested in an armed residential robbery following an investigation. The gun was recovered and all offenders plead guilty to robbery.

- September 2008, a subject places an explosive device in the 50 block of E. Chestnut St. Detectives released pictures of the suspect; however, his identity still remains unknown. ATF confirmed the device was functional.

- October 2008, four offenders were arrested in an armed residential robbery in East Bradford Township following an investigation. Investigator did recover items taken in the robbery.

The detective sergeant and corporal serve as the evidence custodians for the police department. Evidence from 834 incidents handled by the police department was logged into police custody. Incidents handled by the Department are documented by incident number and a computerized report is completed. In May of 2008, the evidence custody procedure was amended to permit officers to view the evidence in a specified area within the police report. Since May 2, 2008 the police department placed 1133 items into evidence utilizing the new protocol.

The sergeant and corporal for the criminal division are also responsible for the packaging, transportation, testing, storage, and disposal of evidence received obtained by the Department. Evidence from 451 of the 834 cases was submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Laboratory in Lima, PA for analysis. The police department submitted $18,714.95 in currency to the Chester County District Attorney for forfeiture proceedings.

Vice Unit

Summary

In 2008, The West Chester Vice Unit conducted a total of fifty-six (56) drug investigations. A total of twenty-six (26) arrests were made during 2008 as a result of these investigations. There are multiple 2008 investigations still pending.

In the first half of 2008 the Vice unit worked several investigations with outside agencies. The investigations were split between agencies assisting West Chester, and requests by outside agencies for assistance from the WCPD Vice Unit. The agencies included, DEA, ATF, PA State Police Vice Unit, the Attorney Generals Office, Chester County Detectives, and the Chester County Municipal Drug Task Force (CCMDTF). The Vice unit also assisted several local departments at their request, to include West Goshen Police, Coatesville Police, Westtown-East Goshen, Tredyffrin, Phoenixville, East Pikeland and Willistown Police Departments.

In 2008, cocaine in both crack and powder forms continued to be the most prevalent drug interdicted by the Vice Unit. Marijuana, PCP, and prescription pills continue to be very accessible.

Current Trends and Developments

The unit targeted several drug dealers who are not only repeat offenders but have been nuisances to their respective neighborhoods. This included:

- Benito Alamo Sr., who resided in the 200 block of S Matlack St. This arrest led to the seizure of a vehicle and a home.
- Gerald Dove, narcotic sales in the 200 block of East Market Street and South Matlack Streets.
- Canfield Walls, the sale of PCP.
- William Oliveras was arrested for Delivery of cocaine. Oliveras was recently released from a 7 year prison term for a shooting in the borough. Oliveras was arrested for selling cocaine from the same home where his brother was shot to death during a 2007 home robbery. At the time of the shooting Oliveras's brother was on home detention for selling cocaine, marijuana and PCP.
- Howard Newton was arrested for sales of cocaine. During a search warrant of his residence, 420 Hannum Ave, a loaded Glock .40 caliber handgun was seized. Newton fled this jurisdiction and was tracked to Johnstown, PA, by Vice members. Newton was in custody within a week of fleeing. Newton was also recently released from prison on a multi-year drug sales sentence.

The Vice unit has observed a large presence of PCP. The current trend is to pay $20 to dip one cigarette into a vial of PCP and the smoke it. The PCP seems to be originating in Philadelphia and being sold here in West

Chester. The use of this substance is very dangerous and can lead to psychotic episodes, which the patrol division deals with when users of the substance, "flip out", and need to be arrested. This is a substance that is toxic and requires great care during the evidence recovery and storage process. PCP must be stored in sealed paint containers due to its, strong odor and ability for second hand affects.

The most recent development seems to be the re-establishment of individuals from Philadelphia coming to West Chester and establishing drug sales. These individuals are often armed and have been related to armed robberies. They come here and often stay or reside with drug users who they supply drugs in exchange for being allowed to, "setup shop".

The strength of the Vice unit continues to be its vast experience and there ability to share and gather intelligence from outside agencies.

Goals

The Vice unit will continue to monitor illegal narcotic activity in the Borough of West Chester and East Bradford Township. The West Chester Vice Unit will diligently retrieve accurate intelligence as to ongoing and changing trends in the local drug market. The accurate analysis of this intelligence will allow the unit to prioritize investigations into large source dealers who are quiet often the cause of violent crime. The unit is remains committed to fighting illegal narcotic activity and crime while utilizing all available resources.

JUVENILE

The Detective currently assigned to juvenile cases is also the DARE coordinator, Life Skills Instructor, PAL Board Member, and the coordinator of various special events throughout the year. This includes: the CTDI and Recreation Christmas Party for underprivileged children, PAL fundraisers and various other events. The detective is also involved in the investigation of the majority of child abuse cases and missing juvenile cases referred to the Department. The Detective is the liaison with Juvenile Probation, Children, Youth and Families as well as the private, public and charter schools in both West Chester Borough and East Bradford Township.

Arrests

The West Chester Police Department filed thirty-nine (39) Allegation Forms for thirty-five (35) Individual juveniles in 2008. Twelve (12) of these Allegation forms were completed by the Criminal Division and twenty-seven (27) were completed by the Patrol Division.

Juvenile Allegations

146 Crimes were alleged in the thirty-nine (39) Allegation Forms. The proceeding is a breakdown of the most serious crime on each of the Allegation Forms filed:

- Thefts 6
- Receiving Stolen Property 4
- Simple Assaults 6
- Aggravated Assault 1
- Possession of Marijuana 6
- Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Deliver 3
- Criminal Trespasses 6
- Burglaries 3
- Robberies 4

DARE – Life Skills

The Juvenile Detective continues to coordinate the DARE Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). This program is now only taught at Saint Agnes School. The Juvenile Detective taught the program to 48 seventh graders and another instructor taught the fifth grade program to 55 fifth graders. This program involves applying for a yearly grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The Juvenile Detective also taught Life Skills to the fourth grade at Hillsdale Elementary. This involves teaching similar anti-drug and anti-smoking classes to 100 fourth graders. The West Chester Area School District has replaced Life Skills for DARE.

PAL

In 2008 The Juvenile Detective was once again a member of The Board of Directors of PAL (The Police Athletic League of the Greater West Chester Area). PAL is operated under the umbrella of the Greater West Chester Area YMCA of the Brandywine Valley. The program is now called PAL/YMCA and the site for PAL/YMCA is still at the original PAL building at 208 E. Market Street in the Borough. The Juvenile Detective continues to be involved in speaking to the children at PAL and being a resource for any problems at the facility. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors.

Special Events and Presentations

This year the Juvenile Detective was involved in the following events:

- Henderson High School PTO Night focusing on Teenage Driving.
- WCU- panel speaker, "Being a Female in Police Field."
- Coordinated the CTDI / WC Recreation Annual Christmas Party.
- Coordinated the PAL barbecue and other summer activities.
- Worked with WCU Fraternity to raise $2,000 for PAL at Sorority Showdown.
- "Dine Out For Pal" Night to raise $3,000 for PAL at local restaurants.
- Administered two (2) successful Red Cross Blood Drives.
- Spoke at the Family Academy to students and to parents.
- Liaison for any problems at Henderson High School.
- Provided gifts in excess of $4,000 for needy families at Christmas time.

ERT

The objective of the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team (ERT) and its primary responsibility is to provide and maintain a specially trained unit to resolve those incidents generally beyond the normal scope of regular patrol personnel and equipment.

Personnel:

In 2008, the West Chester Regional ERT was comprised of thirty-eight (38) well-trained Police Officers from seven (7) separate jurisdictions: West Chester (9), West Goshen (6), Westtown-East Goshen (9), Easttown (1), Uwchlan (4), East Whiteland (5), Willistown (4) and a seven (7) member Board of Chiefs. The compliment of officers includes eight (9) highly trained negotiators and three (3) highly trained snipers.

Calls for Service:

The West Chester Regional ERT was activated and responded to nine (9) incidents in the calendar year 2008. Each call for service and/or operation was successful in its planning, implementation and execution. Each resulted in a successful outcome.

Calls for Service Detail:

DATE	*E.R.T. #*	*TYPE OF SERVICE*	*ROST. AGENCY*	*LOCATION*
1/9/2008	2008-01	Warrant Service	West Chester P.D.	109 N. Wayne St.
2/6/2008	2008-02	Warrant Service	WEGO P.D.	1721 Valley Dr.
2/8/2008	2008-03	Warrant Service	West Chester P.D.	226 S. Matlack St.
4/3/2008	2008-04	Warrant Service	West Goshen P.D.	1151 Schoolhouse Ln.
4/19/2008	2008-05	Protection Detail	U.S. Secret Service	Goodwill Fire Co.
8/29/2008	2008-06	Barricaded Subject	Upper Uwchlan P.D.	316 Styer Rd.
11/25/2008	2008-07	Warrant Service	West Chester P.D.	317 S. Adams St.
12/1/2008	2008-08	Barricaded Subject	West Chester P.D.	Simon Pearce
12/17/2008	2008-09	High Risk Transport	WEGO P.D.	Phila. Dept. Corrections

Training

Training in 2008 continued to focus on the three fundamentals of the team, Physical Training, Tactical Training, and Shooting.

RECORDS DIVISION

The West Chester Police Department Records Unit was staffed with two (2) full-time Records Clerks in 2008. They are responsible for receiving, recording, documenting and storage of all West Chester Police Department reports.

During the year of 2008, the West Chester Police Department Records Division accomplished the following:

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit handled over 4,400 Reportable Incidents including Non-Reportable and Reportable Accidents. This documentation does not include the handling and filing of Lab Reports, Evidence Reports, Prisoner logs and various other reports submitted to the Records Unit. Each Records Clerk reviewed reports and submitted any incorrect information to the Operations Lieutenant. The Records Unit dealt directly with the District Attorney's Office, military services, insurance companies, public and private investigators/citizens and housing authorities. These contacts were in compliance with the Attorney General's Municipal Records and Retention Act also the State mandated Right to Know Law.

- The West Chester Records Unit Expunged over ninety-eight (98) criminal history files per court order

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit collected $11,110.00 in fees for reports in 2008. The West Chester Police Department Records Unit complied with the State and Borough mandated Right to Know Act. All report requests are referred to the Records Unit and a Right to Know Form is completed and submitted for review an approval by the Administrative Lieutenant.

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit assisted the Chester County District Attorney's in the processing of reports and other documentation in all requested criminal court cases. The West Chester Police Department Records Unit handled in excess of 2,600 requests by the Chester County District Attorney's Office. These requests include Police Reports, Lab reports, Accidents Reports, and other miscellaneous reports. There were additional requests for phone records and videotapes.

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit implemented a productive way to document and file complaint cards alleviating storage issues. The Complaint Cards are filed numerical with the Coded UCR being filed by State mandated standards. The change has reduced a redundancy in the Department's recording system and increased efficiency.

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit completes all requested background investigation for the Chester County Housing Unit and background investigations requested by Federal, State, and Local Authorities. The Chester County Housing Authority background checks are conducted with the assistance of the Communications Unit. The Chester County Housing Authority has a Criminal History Computer with a separate ORI assigned to the West Chester Police Department. The West Chester Police Department processes criminal history request for the Federal Government, United States Army, and Civilian Investigators assigned by the government to complete background checks.

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit handled over 2,300 Non-Traffic Citation, 3,000 Traffic Citations and approximately 900 Written Warnings. They also processed over 650 Criminal warrants. These items were submitted to the various courts for additional processing and scheduling.

- The West Chester Police Department Records Unit continues to provide information to the Borough's Building and Code's office on all criminal activity occurring in the Borough's rental properties (Ordinance). The Clerks review the information after receiving court documentation (disposition) from the Court of Common Pleas.

West Chester Police Records Unit: 2009 goals and objectives

- Continue to improve storage space by instituting a regular review of records and documents.
- Document the UCR, Pursuit Reports, and other state required forms electronically.
- Continue a monthly performance review to determine the productivity and efficiency of the Records Division.

The West Chester Police Department Records Unit performs a critical function in the Police Department. The responsibilities of the West Chester Police Records Division continue to evolve as the needs of the Department evolve.

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Fleet Management - General Statistics

2008

	West Chester Borough	East Bradford Township		Vehicle Fleet
Population	*17,861	*9,405	Marked Cars	10
Area/Square Miles	1.8	15.37	Unmarked Cars	2
Total Highway Miles	33.44	70.52	Detectives	4
Municipal Highway Miles	27.34	47.26	Administrative	3
State Highway Miles	6.09	23.26	Special Purpose	5
			Total Vehicles	**24**

*Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000

FLEET MANAGEMENT

The 2008 West Chester Police Department fleet management report contains a yearly summary and list of vehicles currently maintained by the department.

Vehicle	Year/Make	2008 Total Miles	2008 Ending Mileage	Purpose/Usage
01-14	2005 Ford	10,539	51,200	Patrol
01-15	2007 Ford	22,233	24,603	Patrol
01-16	2004 Ford	9,424	65,532	Patrol
01-17	2003 Ford	5,427	77,301	Patrol
01-18	2005 Ford	7,577	40,302	Patrol
01-19	2004 Ford	12,841	99,235	Patrol (Expedition)
01-20	2007 Ford	16,161	27,233	Patrol
01-21	2008 Ford	6,532	6,532	Patrol
01-22	2008 Ford	7,141	7,141	Patrol
01-23	2004 Ford	14,018	70,250	Patrol
01-24	2006 Ford	26,841	44,920	Patrol
01-25	2006 Ford	17,717	33,855	Patrol
01-13	2003 Ford	3,120	84,994	Patrol (Expedition)
01-40	2001 Ford	-	100,500	Administration
01-42	2006 Ford	-	24,300	Administration
01-43	2005 Ford	-	51,304	Administration
01-D1	2000 Ford	-	86,187	Detectives
01-D2	2000 Ford	-	77,693	Detectives
01-D3	2001 Ford	-	76,611	Detectives
01-D4	2002 Ford	-	86,303	Detectives

2008 Total Estimated Patrol Mileage: 223,717

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

The current personnel allotment for the West Chester Police Department is fifty-seven (57) individuals. Of those, forty-six (46) are sworn personnel (Police Officers) and eleven (11) are support staff (non-sworn personnel). With respect to the sworn personnel, seventy-eight percent (78%) are assigned to the patrol function to respond to calls-for-service. Of the remaining twenty-two percent (22%), fifteen percent (15%) are assigned to the criminal investigative function and conduct follow-up investigations for those assigned to the patrol function to allow additional time to perform proactive patrols. Seven (7%) are the administrative staff of the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and two (2) Lieutenants, all of whom will, from time to time, respond to calls-for-service and/or provide assistance to those assigned to the criminal and patrol functions. The following is a statistical analysis of personnel assignments in the Police Department:

Function	% of Sworn Staff	% of All Staff
Patrol	78%	64%
Criminal Investigation	15%	13%
Administration	7%	5%
Support Staff	N/A	18%

When reviewing personnel assignments and distribution within the West Chester Police Department, it is important to consider the information in context. In the calendar year 2008, two (2) officers missed the entire year work for significant injuries and/or serious medical problems. There was one (1) retirement in 2008 and several officers missed a significant amount of duty time due to illness/injury. The West Chester Police Department will begin the 2009 calendar without a full compliment of officers.

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2008 Personnel Assignments

TITLE	PERSONNEL
Administration	**3**
Chief of Police	1
Lieutenants	2
Patrol Division	**36**
Sergeants	5
Corporals	5
Patrolman	26
Detective Division	**7**
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Detectives	2
Narcotics Investigators	2
Juvenile Officer	1
Support Staff	**11**
Civilian Dispatchers	7
Civilian Records Clerks	2
Civilian Secretaries	2

Perfect Attendance

The following Officers are to be congratulated:

Chief Scott L. Bohn

Lt. D. Jeffrey Johnson

Lt. William A. Morris

Sgt. Louis DeShullo

Sgt. James Morehead

Cpl. Scott Whiteside

Ptl. Gerald DiNunzio

Ptl. James Gorman

Ptl. David Frantz

Ptl. Robert Kuehn

Ptl. Albert McCarthy

Ptl. Andrew McFarlane

Ptl. Carl McIntyre

Ptl. Stuart Smith

The following civilian employees are to be congratulated:

CD William Mann

Dsp. Tracey Gordon

Dsp. Paul Widmayer

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RETIREMENTS

The following Officers are to be recognized for their many years of service to the citizens West Chester.

	Years of Service	Years Served
Ptl. Deborah A. Capik	**26**	**1981-2008**

NEW OFFICERS

The following officers are welcomed as newly hired police officers in our community.

None