

PUBLIC SAFETY

2008 In Review

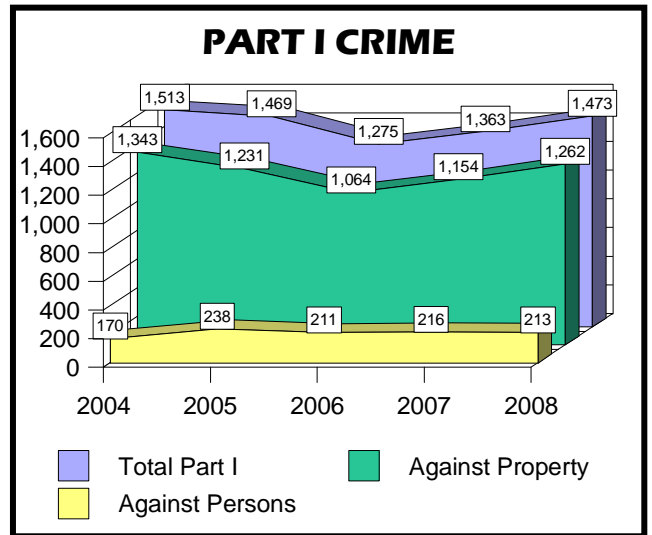
Part I crime in Greenbelt increased 8% in 2008, from 1,363 reported incidents to 1,475. Part I crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and auto theft. By comparison, the Washington Metropolitan region of Montgomery and Prince George’s County, known as UCR Region IV, experienced a 4.1% increase the first six months of 2008 according to the latest published Uniform Crime Report (October 31, 2008).

REPORTED INCIDENTS 1999-2008			
Year	# of Incidents	Year	# of Incidents
1999	1,710	2004	1,513
2000	1,688	2005	1,469
2001	1,922	2006	1,275
2002	1,736	2007	1,363
2003	1,631	2008	1,475

Violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and the victim; consequently they are considered more serious crimes than property crimes because of their very nature. These offenses accounted for 15% of all crime in Maryland and in Prince George’s County. For Greenbelt, the total was 4% indicating that Greenbelt falls in line with regional and statewide violent crime trends. Crimes against persons remained statistically flat with 213 reported incidents in 2008 compared to 209 in 2007.

Robbery is the most prevalent violent crime problem in our community having risen 69% over a five-year period. During 2008, there were 152 reported robbery offenses accounting for 71% of all violent crime and 10% of the Part 1 crime index. This represents a 15% increase over 2007. Sixty-three percent (96) of the robberies occurred in Greenbelt West, 21% (32) in Greenbelt East and 16% (24) in Historic Greenbelt. In Maryland, robbery accounted for 35% of violent crime and

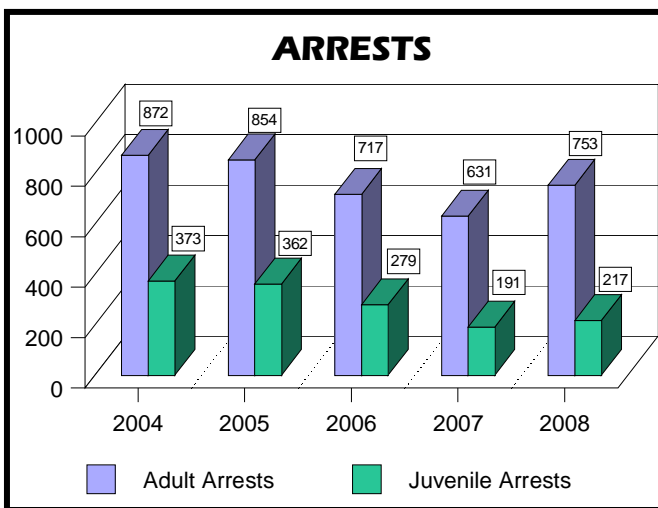
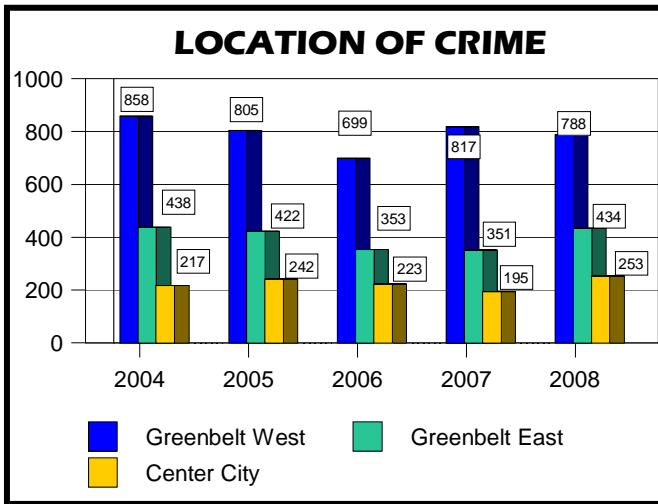
5% of the Part 1 crime index. In Prince George’s County, robberies accounted for 47% of the violent crime and 7% of the Part 1 crime index.



The number of property crimes reported during 2008, 1,262, was nearly five times greater than the number of violent crimes. As a group, property crime made up 86% of the total crime index in 2008. Property crimes increased 8% driven primarily by larceny in Greenbelt West which increased 13%.

Geographically, the majority of crime, 788 incidents, or 53% of the total, occurred in Greenbelt West. Greenbelt East experienced 29% of the total with 434 reported incidents. Historic Greenbelt had 253 incidents or 17% of the total. These ratios are historically proportional.

The Department responded to 41,524 calls for service in 2008, a 4% increase. Police reports increased by 6%, to 11,139. Adult arrests, at 753, increased 19% while juvenile arrests also rose 12% to 217. Traffic citations, at 4,694, represented a 27% increase. Parking tickets remained steady at 978 versus 945 for last year. Warnings and repair orders were up 23% to 7,218.



Officers arrested 169 motorists for impaired driving offenses, an outstanding number for an agency our size.

The Red Light Camera Program generated 4,023 citations in 2008, a 1% decrease from 2007. Most violations occurred on Wednesdays - 16% (630). The most frequently violated location was northbound Kenilworth Avenue at southbound I-95.

The change in the number of traffic accidents was statistically insignificant at 1,090 compared to 1,136 in 2007. Personal injury accidents increased 19% from 108 to 129. For the third consecutive year, there were no fatal accidents.

Officers spent 7,489 hours on foot patrol in the community, an increase of 23% over last year.

Bike patrol within the city neighborhoods and business districts mirrored 2007 with 647 hours versus 644 the previous year.

As reported in the latest published edition of the annual state Uniform Crime Report (June 30, 2008), the crime rate for Maryland was 4.1 victims for every 1,000 population. The rate Prince George's County was 6.1 per 1,000. Greenbelt's rate was 6.4 per 1,000. Closer inspection of all jurisdictions within the county shows generally that jurisdictions inside the Beltway have a greater crime rate than those outside. Greenbelt's rate has historically fallen in the middle reflecting the impact of regional forces.

The clearance rate for cases investigated by Greenbelt officers was 19% compared to the statewide rate of 24% for all Maryland agencies. The clearance rate for police agencies in Prince George's County was 9%. The closure rate for Greenbelt increased 6% from 2006. A crime is cleared when the police have identified the offender, have evidence to charge and actually



take the offender into custody. Solutions to crimes are also recorded in exceptional incidences where some element beyond police control precludes formal charges against the offender, such as the victim's refusal to prosecute or local prosecution is declined because the subject is being prosecuted elsewhere for a crime committed in that jurisdiction. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in the process of committing one crime.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY 2009

Administrative Initiatives

- ★ An annual audit by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention indicated that the Department is in full compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) of 1974.
- ★ More than 17,000 arrest records have been entered into the records management system making the data available to investigators, the MOU group and other agencies throughout the National Capital Region. Approximately 35,000 master names, 1,400 incidents and data on 8,400 vehicles has been entered into the system.
- ★ For the first time, the Department has been able to compile a full year of actual crime analysis data covering crimes related to murder, sexual assault, robbery and carjacking.
- ★ All officers were provided with in-service training covering a sundry of subject matters including the implementation of an all hazards plan, police ethics, diplomatic relations, nutrition, school safety & security and civil/criminal legal updates. Officers received additional training on use of force policy, handcuffing, weaponless techniques and with both lethal and less-lethal weapons.
- ★ Specialized training in Special Weapons & Tactics was provided to two new members of the Emergency Response Unit.
- ★ Members of the Department participated in a critical incident 'dam breaching' exercise at Buddy Attick Park. Members of various state, county and local agencies, as well as private community representatives, exchanged a wealth of information which will come in handy in the event of a catastrophic event.



- ★ The Criminal Investigative Unit (CIU) created a digital photograph database for field observation reports with photographic lineup ability for victims and witnesses to view at headquarters.
- ★ With funding provided by a \$1,000 grant from the Target Corporation, DVR video equipment was purchased and installed in the interview rooms with a monitoring station in CIU for conducting interviews. The recording of suspect statements is now being mandated by the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office.
- ★ A complete inventory of the evidence room was conducted for the purpose of purging old evidence that was no longer needed for court use, thereby freeing up much needed storage space.
- ★ Squad level evidence technician positions were established, with four officers receiving the basic evidence training and equipment necessary to assist full-time evidence personnel. These four officers will be providing this service in addition to their routine patrol duties.
- ★ With \$120,000 funding provided by the Montgomery County/Prince George's County HIDTA Initiative (the Drug Task Force), a

new transport vehicle was ordered. The vehicle's purpose is to provide transport for the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) and its equipment. Delivery is expected in the spring.

employee has reached a threshold benchmark, a series of reviews are set in motion to ensure appropriate intervention.

Office of Professional Standards

- ★ In preparation for re-accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the Department held its own mock assessment to ensure readiness for formal review. Experts from six local accredited police agencies conducted an in-depth inspection of Departmental files. The mock assessors found the Departments policies sound and files ready for the 2009 CALEA on-site.
- ★ The Department is one of only a handful of agencies selected nationally to become a beta-site for CALEA's revised method of on-site assessment. CALEA is attempting to cut costs and streamline the process while, at the same time, maintain the integrity of the assessment. In doing so, the 2009 on-site assessment has been pushed up by two months, from August to mid-June. If successful, the revised process will become part of the nationwide program administered to all participating agencies.
- ★ Sergeant James Parker became certified as a CALEA assessor in August. Since then, he and Sergeant Carl Schinner have participated in on-site assessments of police agencies in North Carolina, South Carolina and Ohio. The two have provided assistance to five local agencies with mock assessments in preparation for their formal reviews.
- ★ Adopted a formal early warning system designed to identify potential problem employees with a menu of remedial actions. The system is non-disciplinary in nature and uses training, counseling and the employee assistance program to correct sub-standard behavior. The system monitors use-of-force incidents, internal and external complaints, collisions with City owned vehicles, injury reports and use of sick leave. Once an

Operational Initiatives

- ★ In conjunction with the IT Department, 19 outdated mobile data computers were replaced with state-of-the-art Panasonic Toughbook notebooks. The Department now has 34 Toughbooks deployed.
- ★ The Greenbelt Police Department partnered with CrimeReports.com to provide easy to read crime maps and automated alerts to the citizens of Greenbelt. The service provides near-real time data. The service is free to the public, and allows citizens to receive email alerts if a crime occurs near their home. It also allows citizens to view reported crime activity on an easy to use map for any location within the boundaries of Greenbelt.
- ★ Five newly half-marked police vehicles were introduced to the Patrol Division. The vehicles were issued to the highest producing officer on each of the four squads and the bike unit. The traditional light bar on top of the vehicle was not installed, which gives the officer more of a stealth response to enforcing traffic laws, patrolling, and responding to calls for service.



- ★ The Honor Guard participated in a number of events, to include the annual Beltway Plaza Parade, Labor Day festivities (opening

ceremony and parade), several police line-of-duty funerals and the funerals of Police Department family members. The unit also presented colors at multiple local events including the annual Officer/Firefighter of the Year banquet and the USPCA banquet held at the American Legion Post 136.

- ★ A Department representative continues to meet with the Prince George's County Office of Public Safety Communications as plans are made for the upcoming transition to the state-of-the-art county-wide radio system. This system will allow public safety agencies throughout most of Maryland, DC and Virginia to communicate with each other in the event of a catastrophic event.
- ★ The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) conducted 12 high risk operations in support of drugs and weapons search warrants, robbery suppression details and arson investigations. ERU also responded to two incidents where individuals barricaded themselves inside the home, as well as four controlled deliveries of narcotics and two additional special assignments.
- ★ Joint training was conducted between the Prince George's County Police Special Operations Division personnel, Greenbelt Police ERU and Greenbelt's Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU). ERU continues to train with the Hyattsville City HEAT Team and the Takoma Park Police has trained with the team as well.
- ★ One of the biggest accomplishments for the Emergency Response Unit was an incident which occurred in December, 2008. ERU, in conjunction with CNU and the Hyattsville HEAT Team, successfully handled a barricaded subject on Crescent Road that resulted in the subject giving up with no injuries to him, the general public or officers involved.
- ★ The Crisis Negotiations Unit received a new Tactical Emergency Throw Phone device through the use of \$5,000 from the HIDTA

Narcotics Task Force Tactical Equipment fund. This device enables unit personnel (negotiators) to remotely and more safely establish important communications with barricaded subjects who might not be able to be contacted otherwise.

School Resource Officers' (SRO) Activities

- ★ Approximately 40 high school juniors and seniors completed the Introduction to Criminal Justice class at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The course is taught during both semesters to allow more students an opportunity to take the class.



- ★ The School Resource Officers conducted a program on the dangers of Drinking and Driving for the seniors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The program was presented before the 2008 graduation and prom. The program was put together with the assistance of the local Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) chapter and the schools Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) organization.
- ★ The D.A.R.E. program was taught in two of Greenbelt's public elementary schools. Approximately 200 5th grade students completed the program. Also, visitations were conducted to grade levels kindergarten, first and third grade.



★ The G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) completed its 5th year. Approximately 100 students from Greenbelt Middle School completed the course, along with 80 students from Greenbelt Elementary. This year, students from the Greenbelt Middle School GREAT classes raised money to plant trees at the school for the purpose of making their school a GREAT place. One tree was planted in front of the school and the second was planted in the courtyard area.

★ The annual AAA School Safety Patrol picnic was held at the police station. Over 40 School Safety Patrols from Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary schools attended.

★ Cpl. Parker took four students from the elementary schools to the AAA School Safety Patrol Camp hosted by the Montgomery County Department of Police. The camps were funded by donations from AAA Mid-Atlantic and each of the schools PTA Associations. The camp was held in Thurmont, Maryland.



★ The SRO unit assisted in putting together the annual Walk to School Day. This year, both Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary schools participated. Approximately 300 students and parents participated in the walk.

★ An Internet Safety program was held for the parents of Greenbelt Middle School. The parents were given information on the dangers of the internet and what signs to look for.

★ Cpl. Parker assisted both Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary schools with an overnight field trip to Camp Schmidt. The field trip was for the 5th grade class at Springhill Lake Elementary and the 6th grade class at Greenbelt Elementary.

Traffic Unit

★ Conducted two DUI checkpoints, both in Greenbelt, resulting in six arrests. The Department also conducted two Saturation Patrols resulting in 11 arrests.

★ MPO Kaiser and MPO Mathews filmed impaired driving public safety announcements for Maryland Highway Safety Office.

★ Arrested 169 persons for DUI/DWI in 2008, an all time high. Three officers had over 20 arrests, each making them eligible for next years MADD/MHSO Impaired Driving Performance Award.

★ There are nine breath technicians who have conducted 281 tests. All operators were required to attend eight hours of annual retraining at the Maryland State Police Headquarters in Pikesville.

★ The Smooth Operator Campaign is a national campaign that runs for one week a month during the months of June, July and August and two weeks in September. Officers increase their enforcement efforts against motorists who drive aggressively. These officers keep track of these violations and the violations are tallied at the end of each week

and the totals are submitted to Maryland Highway Safety Office. 2649 Citations/Warnings were written and 120 arrests were made during the five week campaign. MPO Kaiser and MPO Yankowy received awards from the Maryland Highway Safety Office for their work during the campaign.



- ★ Sponsored a booth at the Labor Day Carnival. The booth was stocked with thousands of “give away” items and saw over 10,000 visitors.
- ★ One enforcement sting was conducted as well as speed enforcement was stepped up in the crosswalk areas throughout the city. Seven motorists were stopped for violation of the pedestrian laws, 214 motorists were stopped for speeding in crosswalks and 33 other citations/warnings were written. Numerous pamphlets were passed out during these events.
- ★ MPO Kaiser inspected 70 safety seats for citizens who came to the Police Station. MPO Kaiser sits on the State Child Passenger Safety Board and attended several meetings. Numerous technicians from allied agencies were assisted with recertification sign offs.
- ★ MPO Kaiser conducted 17 drug evaluations. Grant money was secured to send MPO Kaiser to the annual Drug Recognition Enforcement (DRE) conference in Indiana. Officer Marsh

successfully completed DRE and is awaiting certification samples to come back from MSP.

- ★ Motorcycle Enforcement was conducted on four separate Wednesdays in conjunction with “Bike Night” at TGIFriday’s. 58 violations were written and three arrests made. Officers also participated with the Maryland Highway Safety Office/WPGC Radio at two safety campaigns during the events.
- ★ MPO Kaiser and MPO Yankowy both attended 16 hours in-service for annual DOT certification. MPO Kaiser conducted 144 commercial vehicle inspections and MPO Yankowy conducted 94 inspections. The Department participated in the National “Air Brake Safety Week”, Operation Roadcheck and Operation Safe Driver.
- ★ The Traffic Unit was able to secure \$39,600 in State Highway safety reimbursement grants. This money will go toward funding DUI, pedestrian safety, commercial driver and aggressive driver enforcement programs.
- ★ A total of 38 various meetings were attended by Traffic Unit officers to discuss a multitude of traffic and highway safety related issues.
- ★ Fourteen miscellaneous classes were taught throughout the year by MPO Kaiser. These classes covered topics such as DUI enforcement, RADAR, standardized field sobriety testing, crash reconstruction and other traffic related courses.



- ★ Traffic Unit officers also attended a number of traffic-related classes themselves, making sure their skills remain sharp.

Crime Prevention Unit/Community Relations

- ★ MPO George Mathews worked in tandem with Recreation Department staff to develop a ‘Lockdown/Shelter-in-Place’ plan for the Greenbelt Community Center.
- ★ Efforts were increased to become more involved with the youth of Greenbelt by: setting up a safety booth at Beltway Plaza’s Healthy Kids Day and at Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department’s annual Open House; participating in Springfest at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Fallfest at Schrom Hills Park; teaching crime prevention skills to Greenbelt Cub/Boy Scouts; teaching a block on personal safety during a presentation by the Prince George’s County Fire Department at Springhill Lake Elementary School; and assisting with a Bike Rodeo at Greenbelt Middle School.
- ★ MPO Mathews worked with the FOP to help coordinate the second annual ‘Shop with a Cop’ event. Twenty homeless children attending Springhill Lake Elementary School were identified with the assistance of Springhill Lake Elementary School administrators. The children were taken by Greenbelt Recreation Department vans to Target to shop for Christmas presents, with a spending limit of up to one hundred dollars (The funds came from generous donations from Beltway Plaza, the Greenbelt FOP Lodge #32, Target and AIMCO). The volunteers being comprised of officers and civilians from the Greenbelt Police Department. The Faith Baptist Church of Laurel also donated \$25 Safeway gift cards to go towards a holiday dinner. After the kids were done shopping, they were brought back to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center to wrap the presents and eat lunch, provided by Three Brothers Pizza.

- ★ MPO Mathews also assisted with coordinating the Department’s 5th annual International Walk to School Day. The event, which consists of a march to promote pedestrian and motorist awareness to help protect school kids who walk to and from school, was expanded to include four meeting locations. In addition to almost 200 students, teachers, parents, police and city officials, FedEx also participated as a corporate sponsor, walking with the kids and passing out prizes to the walkers.
- ★ Approximately 50 child safety seats were inspected and/or installed throughout the year, continuing the Department’s reputation as one of the few agencies in the region providing such a service (Traffic Officer Scott Kaiser and MPO George Mathews are the only officers in the Department currently certified to conduct such inspections).

Empirian Village Patrol Saturations

- ★ The structure of the traditional “SHL details” was reorganized into Uniformed Patrol Saturations. The concept involved flooding the area with uniformed officers into the “hot spots” of Empirian Village in an effort to enforce a zero tolerance for crime. Much of the saturation patrols were conducted on foot. The following is a summary of activity June through November of 2008.

A total of 24 details were organized. Five were cancelled due to weather.

107 officer generated field contacts.

59 calls for service

64 traffic stops were initiated and 70 citations/warnings issued.

A total of 39 criminal arrests for miscellaneous drug, alcohol and other criminal violations.

Public/Private Partnerships

- ★ Beltway Plaza - MPO Gullledge continues to work in conjunction with Quantum Companies. This year, MPO Gullledge focused his efforts on working with truancy issues within the mall. He developed relationships with area schools and returned youths to school when they were encountered in the mall.
- ★ Empirian Village - Throughout the year, MPO Jonathan Lowndes addressed concerns of suspicious or criminal activity in the complex. Working with Cpl. Lee, two persons were identified who were willing to provide information on gang and other criminal activity. MPO Lowndes assisted CIU in developing suspects that are related to crimes against persons such as robberies, purse snatchings and assaults. MPO Lowndes regularly assists Patrol Squads with calls for service in the community.



- ★ MPO Lowndes worked with Springhill Lake Elementary school and Greenbelt Middle school personnel (Principals, SROs, School Security). He is also working to promote and establish a youth and family services program (Campfire USA) within the community. MPO Lowndes works closely with Christal Batey, Community Resource Advocate, regarding assisting residents in the community, such as the Governor's Wellmobile project.

Bike Unit

- ★ Attended committee meetings to include the Golden Age Club, Greenbriar Community Association, Roosevelt Center Merchants, Greenbelt Homes Inc., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and the Empirian Village Community Safety Committee. The Bike Unit also conducted a bike demo for Girl Scouts of America, attended Career Day at Springhill Lake Elementary, conducted two IPMBA training classes for police officers and attended the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Bikes were stripped, painted, reassembled and put back into service.
- ★ As a Unit, over 1,600 entries into a Bike Unit data base developed and implemented by Pfc. Apgar. This data base tracks statistical information by date, officer, location, and/or incident number and includes other indicators such as the use of a patrol car and foot or bike patrol.
- ★ MPO Rose spent countless hours with Code Enforcement and the Recreation Department and is responsible for developing and implementing new policy and procedures pertaining to civil citations and city code enforcement. New signs were ordered for city parks and other missing signs have been replaced. These procedures were introduced to officers of this agency during Fall In-service training.



- ★ Bike patrol officers performed routine patrol on bikes, in marked patrol cars, in unmarked emergency vehicles and on foot. "Hot Spot"

patrol was done in the same manner sometimes two officers to a vehicle, high risk traffic stop arrests and arresting wanted persons, making application for arrest warrants, working with CIU conducting follow up investigations resulting in felony arrests, working with the Traffic Unit officer targeting specific violations, school and other special details (Roosevelt Center, Spellman Overpass, Skate Park, July 4th, Labor Day) and saturation details in Empirian Village Apartments throughout the year. The Unit is utilized as a special resource by the Command Staff to address “quality of life issues” throughout the city. Examples of deployments include spending numerous hours patrolling areas of the city to include Roosevelt Center, Spellman Overpass and Hanover Parkway, worked with School Resource Officers, resolved issues while patrolling the Skate Park, assisted CIU in the apprehension of armed robbery suspects and worked surveillance for various types of crimes, to include arson investigations, narcotics violations, robbery details and firearms recovery.



★ In addition to routine in-service training classes, bike officers attended several specialty schools, conferences and seminars, to include a Latino gang conference, a gang training seminar, an instructors class, a Drug Interdiction class and a fraudulent ID training seminar.

★ The Bike Unit made 312 arrests, issued 1,375 miscellaneous traffic related documents and initiated 238 field observation reports. A total of 1,064 hours was spent on Mountain Bike and foot patrols.

Spellman Overpass, Gardenway and Roosevelt Center Initiative

★ The initiative regarding police presence in the Overpass and Center areas is a shared responsibility of the Patrol Division and the Special Operations Division. The officers have targeted quality of life issues, as well as truant activity during the day. The activities utilized included: regular presence by the Bike Unit in the area including the Youth Center; daily presence by the SROs before and after school; patrol briefings held periodically; regular presence at Roosevelt Center including attendance at merchant meetings; and as part of their exercise regiment, the K-9 officers occasionally walk their dogs in the area of the Spellman Overpass.

★ In preparation for the community meeting on August 13, 2008 regarding the Spellman Overpass, the Bike Unit hand delivered hundreds of letters to residents inviting them to the event. A letter from the Chief and general crime prevention tips were provided. The officers received positive feedback about police presence in the area. A PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of actual crime and deployment of police department resources was provided. Approximately 40 citizens, including Council members and Public Safety Advisory Committee members, were in attendance.

Police Canine Unit

★ MPO Mike Dewey conducted the Department’s first 14-week basic canine school and certified patrol K-9 teams from four police agencies.

★ All four K-9 teams were certified in “Patrol Dog 1” by the United States Police Canine

Association (USPCA), while only two were certified in tracking. Due to injury and retirement, the other two could not attend.

- ★ MPO Dewey researched, applied for and received a grant from Ben Roetheisberger's 'Give Back Foundation' for \$7,000 to purchase a new K-9 for the Department. Funding was not available to replace K-9 Cigo, who was injured in the line of duty and forced to retire. The grant will be administered through the USPCA, who will purchase the dog and donate it to the city.

Special Awards and Recognition



- ★ Detective Michael Lanier was recognized as the 2008 Greenbelt Police Officer of the Year by the American Legion Post #136 for his outstanding involvement in the investigation of a serial arsonist who was setting fires in Springhill Lake.
- ★ MPO Barry Byers was awarded Patrol Case of the Quarter and Patrol Case of the Year for this region by the United States Police Canine Association for the apprehension of a suspect who attempted to murder a police officer. MPO Byers and K-9 Rex were able to track and apprehend the armed suspect.
- ★ Pfc. Ryan Peck was awarded the Departmental Life Saving award for his actions which saved the life of an auto crash victim.
- ★ MPO Jonathan Lowndes was nominated by the residents of Springhill Lake to receive the

America's Most Wanted Nationwide First Responder award.

- ★ The following officers received letters of appreciation and/or commendation letters for actions taken above and beyond the call of duty: Sgt. Mathew Carr, Sgt. Carl Schinner, Sgt. Gordon Pracht, Sgt. John Barrett, Sgt. Marie Triesky, MPO Gordon Rose, MPO Marvin Marks, MPO Jonathan Lowndes, MPO Kelly Lawson, MPO Chris Peters, MPO Barry Byers, MPO Scott Yankowy, Pvt. Carl Liu, Pvt. Tim White, Pvt. Mike Apgar, Pvt. Young Hur, C/S Shaniya Lashley-Mullen, C/S Marcia Brown and C/S James McManus.

- ★ At its annual retraining conference, MPO George Mathews was recognized by the Maryland State D.A.R.E. Officer's Association, not only as Maryland's D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year for 2008, but was also awarded the 2008 Sam Walker Lifetime Achievement Award.



- ★ A Unit Citation award was granted to Patrol Squad III for leading the Department in major statistical categories. This is the fifth year in a row that Squad III has made this accomplishment.
- ★ Lieutenant David Buerger, Patrol Division Commander, successfully completed the 232nd session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

- ★ The following traffic-related awards were granted to officers for the work they performed while making the streets of Greenbelt safer for its motoring public:

Smooth Operator Excellence Award - MPO Yankowy, Smooth Operator Coordinator Award - MPO Kaiser, Impaired Driving Coalition/MADD Impaired Driving Innovative Award - MPO Kaiser, Officer Marsh, and Officer Apgar, Pacesetters Seatbelt Award for Police Department MADD Recognition Award - MPO Kaiser, and Letter of Appreciation Greenbelt Police - MPO Kaiser.

Departmental Promotions

- ★ Officers Michael Apgar, Robert Defibaugh and Young Hur were promoted to the rank of Patrolman First Class.
- ★ Mr. Robert J. Wiltrout was promoted to Police Records Specialist II.
- ★ Ms. Marcia Brown was promoted to Police Communications Specialist II.



ISSUES AND SERVICES FOR FY 2010

The Department feels confident as it moves forward toward achieving its second successful accreditation certification through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Initially accredited in 2006, the Department received high praise for the services provided to the community. With an on-site review scheduled for June, an award is anticipated to be received in November, 2009. Members from the Department will attend the CALEA Fall conference in Salt Lake City, Utah to accept the award.

The voluntary program is a joint effort between CALEA, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the National Sheriffs' Association and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). In order to maintain this prestigious three year certification, each agency must successfully prove that it continuously follows the rigorous standards set forth by the Commission.

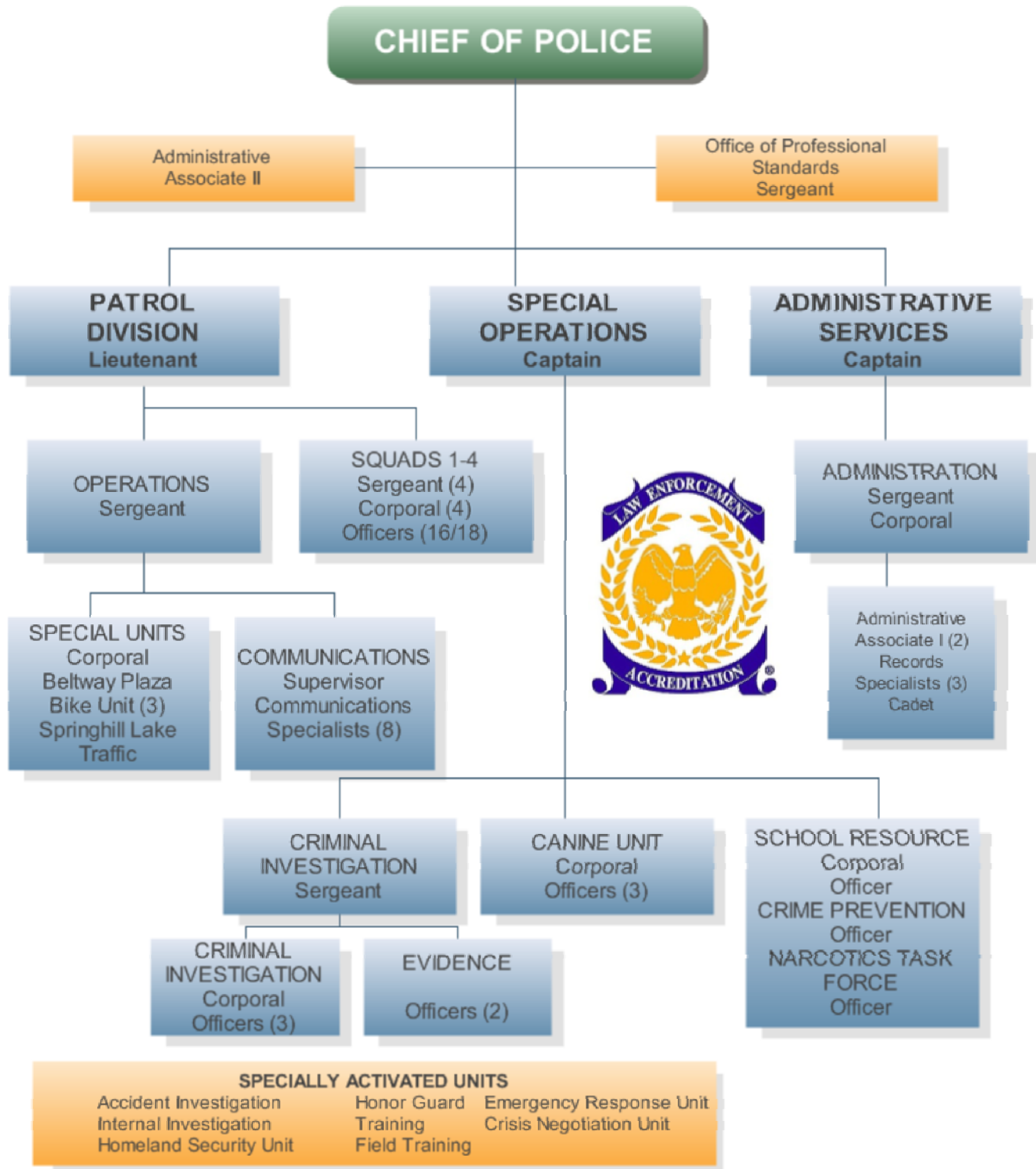
One area of concern noted during the 2006 accreditation process was the Department's lack of computer aided dispatching (CAD) capability in the Communications office. Since that time, the Police and IT Departments of the cities of Greenbelt and Hyattsville have banded together in an attempt to locate a suitable vendor. Countless hours have been devoted to this project, and the list of suitable vendors has been narrowed. A selection recommendation for Council consideration, to include a compatible records management system (RMS), should be forthcoming in the near future. The implementation of a CAD system is listed as a fiscal year 2009 management objective.

Closely related to the CAD and RMS systems is the Department's ability to possess full interoperable radio capabilities within the National Capital Region (NCR). Currently, there are no municipal police departments within Prince George's County which possess such capabilities. Although the Prince George's County Government is in the process of installing a state-of-the-art 700-800 MHz interoperable communications system for public safety use, consideration needs to be given to fully equipping the municipal police departments. While the County is providing the infrastructure in terms of necessary relay towers and repeaters, each municipal department must upgrade its own radio communications equipment. Members of the Department continue to meet with county and municipal officials as this project moves closer to fruition. Planning for the acquisition of this new system is listed as a fiscal year 2009 management objective.

The Department has been very active with managing the directed patrols centered on the Gardenway/ Spellman Overpass area. Regular patrols continue to be augmented with presence from the School Resource Officers, K-9 Officers and the Bike Unit. The Department continues to monitor the results of the Public Safety action plan for this area, another fiscal year 2009 management objective.

The Department also focuses much of its targeted patrol to Empirian Village, as crimes against persons continue to cycle throughout the year. The transient nature and size of the complex add challenges to the response and investigation of crimes. In addition to saturation patrols, the Bike Unit and the Empirian Village Public Private Partnership officer will continue to work with the patrol squads and Criminal Investigation Unit to gather intelligence, make arrests and reduce crime in the area.

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PERSONNEL STAFFING

PERSONNEL STAFFING	Grade	Auth. FY 2008	Auth. FY 2009	Prop. FY 2010	Auth. FY 2010
Police Officers					
Chief		1	1	1	
Captains/Lieutenants		3	3	3	13
Sergeants		8	8	8	8
Corporals		9	9	9	9
Master Patrol Officers		35	35	33	33
Police Officer 1 st Class					
Police Officer					
Police Officer Candidate					
Total FTE		56	56	54	54
Other Personnel					
Communications Supervisor	GC-12	1	1	1	1
Administrative Associate II	GC-9	1	1	1	1
Administrative Associate I	GC-8	2	2	2	2
Communications Specialist I & II	GC-8 & 10	8	8	8	8
Records Specialist I & II	GC-6 & 8	3	3	3	3
Public Safety Aide/Police Cadet	GC-4	1	1	-	-
Total FTE		16	16	15	15
Total Public Safety - FTE		72	72	69	69

In FY 2008 and 2009 budgets, the authorized strength of 56 officers was an increase of two officers from FY 2007. The slots were funded by a one-time payment from Greenbelt Metropark LLC. The payment was required in the development agreement for the South Core of the Greenbelt Station project. An additional four officers were to be funded when the North Core development proceeds. The positions were not filled since construction had not begun. Given the depressed state of the economy, the construction and sale of any homes here may not occur for some time. As such, the two positions are not funded or shown in FY 2010.

POLICE



The city provides a full-service Police Department, unlike most municipalities in the County. Services include around-the-clock patrol, K-9 patrol, communications support, criminal investigation, narcotics investigation, crime prevention, traffic enforcement and two school resource officers. As a result, Greenbelt taxpayers pay a lower tax rate to the county and the city does not rely upon the County Police Department to respond to police calls except when backup support is needed.

Performance Measures

Election Survey Scores (Last 4 Elections)	<u>2001</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>
Police Presence	2.96	3.09	3.86	3.80
Responsiveness	3.16	3.26	4.11	4.04
Traffic	2.74	2.84	3.73	3.79
Parking Enforcement	2.74	2.88	3.67	3.63

Five Year Statistics

<u>Class I Offenses</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Homicide	3	2	2	2	2
Rape	9	11	6	10	10
Robbery	105	139	158	132	152
Assault	53	86	45	65	49
B & E Burglary	151	126	102	130	122
Theft	800	809	715	768	870
Auto Theft	392	292	247	256	270
Total Offenses	1,513	1,465	1,275	1,363	1,475
Criminal Arrests					
Adults	872	854	717	631	753
Juveniles	373	362	279	191	217
Closure Rate	18%	10%	13%	19%	19%
Calls for Service	36,365	36,311	33,523	40,083	41,524
Police Reports	15,680	15,092	12,562	10,471	11,139
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1,210	1,199	1,147	1,136	1,090
Traffic Summons	3,350	3,702	3,039	3,705	4,694
Parking Tickets	1,002	1,244	527	945	978
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
	69	69	72	72	69

Management Objectives

- ✦ Implement Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS).
- ✦ Plan for new Prince George’s County Regional Interoperable Radio communications system. Installation is expected to begin in the County in FY 2010.
- ✦ Develop plan to implement speed cameras if approved by the State. (Visioning)
- ✦ Reestablish Neighborhood Improvement Team for Empirian Village.
- ✦ Host quarterly informal Open Houses to provide citizens an opportunity to ask questions or speak to any crime prevention issue they may wish. (Visioning)

Budget Comments

- ❶ The increase in Police Records & Communications, line 04, is the result of the classification study completed in FY 2009.
- ❷ Overtime, line 27, has been reduced \$60,000 to eliminate the additional overtime component of the Beltway Plaza public/private partnership because Beltway Plaza cannot fund its fifty (50) percent share of the cost. Also, there is data showing criminal activity there is declining.
- ❸ Each year, a portion of the Overtime cost, line 27, covers activities such as traffic enforcement efforts, drug task force work and Roosevelt High School events. The expenses are reimbursed to the city and in FY 2009 are estimated at \$50,000.
- ❹ A \$24,000 grant from the Maryland State Highway Administration supported the increase in Special Programs, line 58. The funds support a teen driving program being done in partnership with Eleanor Roosevelt High School.
- ❺ The funds in New Equipment, line 91, are to replace eight (8) police vehicles. In the past two years, only seven (7) vehicles have been replaced each year.
- ❻ Cost savings – funds have been eliminated for the Police Cadet position (\$24,000), Awards (\$1,500) and overtime for Beltway Plaza officer (\$60,000).
- ❼ In FY 2009, the city has been awarded two grants: \$950,000 from Congressman Hoyer for CAD/RMS and radios and \$109,000 in a federal Byrne JAG grant to be used for radios as well.

REVENUE SOURCES	FY 2007 Actual Trans.	FY 2008 Actual Trans.	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2009 Estimated Trans.	FY 2010 Proposed Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget
Grants for Police Protection						
State Police	\$493,248	\$448,419	\$458,700	\$465,000	\$465,000	\$465,000
State Highway Administration	0	34,345	0	26,100	0	0
HIDTA	10,487	6,753	10,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
School Resource Officer	80,000	70,000	60,000	80,000	0	60,000
Parking Citations/Late Fees	191,662	198,241	200,000	186,000	196,000	196,000
Red Light Camera Fines	297,297	278,757	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000
Greenbelt West Development	60,000	180,000	0	0	0	0
General City Revenue	7,264,636	8,006,366	8,660,100	8,576,600	9,251,800	9,151,800
Total	\$8,397,330	\$9,222,881	\$9,678,800	\$9,630,700	\$10,209,800	\$10,169,800

POLICE DEPARTMENT Acct. No. 310	FY 2007 Actual Trans.	FY 2008 Actual Trans.	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2009 Estimated Trans.	FY 2010 Proposed Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget
PERSONNEL EXPENSES						
03 Police Officers	\$3,265,822	\$3,618,148	\$3,913,700	\$3,901,300	\$4,226,300	\$4,216,300
04 Police Records & Communications	434,955	481,996	580,400	585,500	673,800	692,300
05 Police Cadet	0	0	24,300	0	0	0
06 Repair/Maintain Buildings	61,948	42,444	60,000	60,800	61,900	61,900
25 Repair/Maintain Vehicles	79,528	77,478	82,000	87,600	85,000	85,000
27 Overtime	759,713	819,740	710,000	810,000	774,300	774,300
28 Employee Benefits	1,990,808	2,261,247	2,189,400	2,255,900	2,512,800	2,464,300
Total	\$6,592,773	\$7,301,053	\$7,559,800	\$7,701,100	\$8,334,100	\$8,294,100
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES						
30 Professional Services	\$45,708	\$43,754	\$30,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
33 Insurance	564,823	540,559	516,100	481,100	500,300	500,300
34 Other Services	3,953	1,604	2,400	2,600	2,600	2,600
38 Communications	64,521	52,276	71,000	69,400	70,400	70,400
39 Utilities						
Electrical Service	50,524	62,522	55,000	58,000	58,000	58,000
Gas Service	10,782	11,644	8,000	11,900	10,900	10,900
Water & Sewer	1,992	2,408	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
43 Equipment Rental	5,068	6,823	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
45 Membership & Training	61,943	68,456	55,000	54,600	54,300	54,300
46 Maintain Building & Structures	32,600	40,521	38,600	40,800	40,000	40,000
48 Uniforms	67,346	63,055	67,100	66,200	66,200	66,200
49 Tools	3,746	4,263	4,000	4,000	8,000	8,000
50 Motor Equipment Maintenance						
Repairs & Maintenance	142,835	170,986	141,800	145,500	145,000	145,000
Motor Vehicle Fuel	117,517	169,076	240,000	180,000	192,600	192,600
52 Departmental Equipment	68,097	75,849	79,500	73,700	74,700	74,700
53 Computer Expenses	38,298	29,080	31,800	30,000	29,500	29,500
55 Office Expenses	42,437	46,793	47,000	47,000	47,000	47,000
57 K-9 Expenses	13,453	17,360	10,300	18,900	11,400	11,400
58 Special Program Expenses	(2,001)	15,648	13,300	37,300	11,800	11,800
69 Awards	1,843	0	1,500	0	0	0
76 Red Light Camera Expenses	308,818	306,993	322,600	310,000	310,000	310,000
Total	\$1,644,302	\$1,729,670	\$1,742,000	\$1,664,000	\$1,665,700	\$1,665,700
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
91 New Equipment	\$160,255	\$192,158	\$377,000	\$257,000	\$210,000	\$210,000
93 Major Maintenance	0	0	0	8,600	0	0
Total	\$160,255	\$192,158	\$377,000	\$265,600	\$210,000	\$210,000
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$8,397,330	\$9,222,881	\$9,678,800	\$9,630,700	\$10,209,800	\$10,169,800

TRAFFIC CONTROL



In this budget, the city provides for the lining of city streets, crosswalks, stop lines, and parking stalls on city streets.

On newly paved or surfaced streets, plastic tape is being used for centerlines where feasible. This material is more expensive – but lasts longer than paint and retains its reflective quality. By reducing labor cost, it is more cost-effective in the long run. The city has other centerline work that is painted. This work is typically contracted out.

Performance Measures	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimated	FY 2010 Estimated
Miles of streets center-lined	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Miles of shoulder lined	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4
Number of Crosswalks				
# Painted Annually	22	22	22	22
# Thermo-taped	12	74	87	89
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	3	3	3	3

Management Objectives

- ✦ Annually repaint centerlines, bike lanes, stop lines, and crosswalks that are not thermoplastic.
- ✦ Complete Crosswalk Study work by 2010. (Currently about 95% complete)

Budget Comments

- ❶ Other Services, line 34, supports the contract work to paint road centerlines. Work was done in late FY 2008 but not billed until early FY 2009.
- ❷ The funds for Electrical Service, line 39, pays for power for the traffic lights at Hanover Parkway, Ora Glen Drive and Ridge Road at Green Ridge House, and the school crossing signals.
- ❸ Traffic Signs & Paints, line 59, was increased \$15,000 in FY 2009. Expenses were pared back as a cost saving in FY 2009, and the budget is proposed at the reduced level in FY 2010.

TRAFFIC CONTROL Acct. No. 320	FY 2007 Actual Trans.	FY 2008 Actual Trans.	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2009 Estimated Trans.	FY 2010 Proposed Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget
PERSONNEL EXPENSES						
01 Salaries	\$78,754	\$69,721	\$80,000	\$87,600	\$89,100	\$89,100
Total	\$78,754	\$69,721	\$80,000	\$87,600	\$89,100	\$89,100
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES						
33 Insurance	\$256	\$198	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
34 Other Services	4,293	0	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
39 Utilities						
Electrical Service	842	1,941	3,000	3,200	3,200	3,200
49 Tools	2,482	1,109	2,400	3,000	2,200	2,200
59 Traffic Signs & Paints	16,928	15,580	30,900	23,900	23,900	23,900
Total	\$24,801	\$18,828	\$42,500	\$36,300	\$35,500	\$35,500
TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$103,555	\$88,549	\$122,500	\$123,900	\$124,600	\$124,600

ANIMAL CONTROL



Animal control provides regular patrol and on-call services in order to enforce city animal regulations as well as sheltering for the care of lost or abandoned, but adoptable animals. The city no longer issues licenses for dogs or cats, but enforces county licensing regulations.

Performance Measures	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimated	FY 2010 Estimated
Election Survey Scores (Last 4 Elections)	<u>2001</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>
Animal Control Services	2.58	2.99	3.85	4.07
Animals Running at Large	53	66	70	75
Adoptions/Placed Animals	61	84	90	100
Animals impounded and returned to owner	6	15	10	10
Vicious Animal complaints	3	4	4	3
Cruelty reports handled and corrected	19	25	20	20
Dog Park complaints about dogs	0	1	1	0
Bite reports	23	25	30	25
Pit Bulls removed	5	3	2	0
Injured animals taken to Wildlife Sanctuary	28	30	30	35
Dead animals collected	211	227	230	225
Noise complaints	36	42	40	35
Unsanitary yard complaints	5	3	0	0
Wildlife calls	174	192	202	215
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5

Management Objectives

- ✦ Hold an Open House at the Animal Control facility.
- ✦ Expand the program to manage stray and free roaming cats.
- ✦ Expand in shelter vet care to include spay and neuter.
- ✦ Post “what to do” information on city website.

Budget Comments

- ❶ Salaries and Benefits, lines 01 and 28, have increased as staffing levels have been met. There is currently seven day per week coverage along with shelter cleaning and maintenance.
- ❷ Building Maintenance, line 46, - The original flooring at the animal control facility consisted of one foot tiles. The cracks between the tiles created an environment that promoted disease. A single sheet of new flooring was placed on top of the original tile floor. The new floor can be cleaned and disinfected more efficiently and has reduced the spread of illness among the animals kept at the facility.
- ❸ Animal Control Expenses, line 57 includes expenses for veterinarian services. This cost has been reduced in the FY 2010 budget by contracting directly with a vet to provide services at the City's facility. This method of care eliminates staff time taking animals to and from an animal hospital as well.
- ❹ Animal Control either hosts or participates in three major community events on an annual basis, the Pet Expo, Pooch Plunge and Labor Day. Special Programs, line 58, reflects actual costs for these events.

ANIMAL CONTROL Acct. No. 330	FY 2007 Actual Trans.	FY 2008 Actual Trans.	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2009 Estimated Trans.	FY 2010 Proposed Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget
PERSONNEL EXPENSES						
01 Salaries	\$35,709	\$28,070	\$93,700	\$80,000	\$104,900	\$107,800
25 Vehicle Maintenance	0	650	700	700	700	700
27 Overtime	919	1,079	0	2,500	1,000	1,000
28 Employee Benefits	9,153	10,977	27,900	26,100	32,300	32,400
Total	\$45,782	\$40,776	\$122,300	\$109,300	\$138,900	\$141,900
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES						
30 Professional Services	\$306	\$705	\$300	\$100	\$0	\$0
33 Insurance	1,012	837	900	800	800	800
34 Other Services	0	1,102	0	0	0	0
38 Communications	801	525	600	600	600	600
39 Utilities						
Electrical Service	4,073	4,248	4,500	4,000	4,000	4,000
Water	218	382	500	400	400	400
45 Membership & Training	2,138	1,668	1,700	2,200	1,700	1,700
46 Building Maintenance	467	297	1,000	4,300	1,000	1,000
48 Uniforms	2,278	991	800	800	800	800
50 Motor Equipment Maintenance	2,443	2,423	3,400	2,200	2,400	2,400
52 Departmental Equipment	70	305	0	0	0	0
57 Animal Control Expense	21,387	29,089	16,800	29,600	21,600	21,600
58 Special Programs	9,266	2,559	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Total	\$45,143	\$45,131	\$33,700	\$48,200	\$36,500	\$36,500
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	\$90,925	\$85,907	\$156,000	\$157,500	\$175,400	\$178,400
REVENUE SOURCES						
Animal Control Licenses	\$1,495	\$395	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Dog Park Fees	100	115	100	100	100	100
General City Revenue	89,330	85,397	155,400	156,900	174,800	177,800
Total	\$90,925	\$85,907	\$156,000	\$157,500	\$175,400	\$178,400

FIRE AND RESCUE



Funds are included in this account to establish a reserve to assist with the replacement of fire and rescue equipment for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. These funds may be used when other funding sources are determined by the City Council to be insufficient. The funds are held by the city until approved for expenditure by the City Council.

Performance Measures				
Election Survey Scores (Last 4 Elections)	<u>2001</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>
Fire & Rescue	3.48	3.58	4.52	4.46

Budget Comments

- ❶ Since 2001, a specific dollar amount has been set aside. In FY 2009, \$58,000 was proposed. In adopting the budget, the amount was increased to \$88,000. The same amount is proposed in FY 2010.
- ❷ For the first time in FY 2009, \$10,000 was also approved for contributions to the Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills Fire Departments (\$5,000 each) in recognition of their service to Greenbelt. It is budgeted again in FY 2010.
- ❸ Once approved, the funds budgeted here are transferred to the City’s Agency Funds. In FY 2006, the city paid out \$329,500, the entire balance, towards the purchase of a new vehicle. In FY 2008 and 2009, \$152,227 was paid out for the purchase of an ambulance. With the proposed FY 2010 set aside, there is a total of \$156,773 available.

FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE Acct. No. 340	FY 2007 Actual Trans.	FY 2008 Actual Trans.	FY 2009 Adopted Budget	FY 2009 Estimated Trans.	FY 2010 Proposed Budget	FY 2010 Adopted Budget
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
68 Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
94 Interfund Transfer – Agency Fund	76,000	57,000	88,000	88,000	88,000	88,000
TOTAL FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE	\$76,000	\$57,000	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000	\$98,000