



YEARLY REPORT 2012

**CITY OF BLUE ASH
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
4343 Cooper Road, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

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Chief of Police

Executive Summary

In 2012, 1,519 criminal and non-criminal reports were taken by the Blue Ash Police Department compared to 1,333 in 2011. The three largest categories for these reports were Theft (25.87%), Non-Criminal (23.44%), and Drug Offenses (16.06%). Of all crime reports, the Department successfully cleared 53%. The FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2011 reveals that in metropolitan counties nationwide, 47.9% of violent crimes were cleared and 15.4% of property crimes were cleared. The Blue Ash Police Department cleared 64% of violent crimes and 38% of property crimes in 2012.

The Department made 1,078 arrests compared to 1,071 in 2011.

Of the arrests, 95% were adults. The average number of arrests made by police departments in the Midwest Region according to the FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2011 was 3,962.8 per 100,000 residents, or 0.039628 for each resident. With the population of Blue Ash being 12,114 in the 2010 U.S. Census Report, this would place the average number of arrests for the Department at 480. Therefore, the Department made over twice the Midwest Region average number of arrests.

The Department handled 19,762 calls for service and details in 2012 compared to 17,588 in 2011. The Department was called to assist the Fire Department in 10% of these details. The busiest times of the day for the Department as reflected in details were 12AM - 1AM (1,260), 11PM - 12AM (1,243), 5PM - 6PM (1,144), and 4PM - 5PM (1,127). These time periods account for 24% of the Department's total details.

The Department handled 697 auto accident reports in 2011 compared to 684 in 2011. Of these, 15% involved injuries, 2% were OVI related, and one was fatal. The Ohio Department of Public Safety Crash Statistics for 2011 reveal that statewide the percentage of accidents involving injuries was 24.8%, with 4.30% involving OVI drivers and 0.32% involving fatalities.

Notable Events

During 2012, Police Department personnel made 65 presentations on to a variety of groups on many different topics. These included informative lectures to community and business groups, police station tours and safety talks to Scout troops, presentations to school classes, and teaching segments of basic police academy classes. In addition, the Department continued its cooperative relationship with Sycamore Schools and the Montgomery Police Department with the DARE program, which Officer Beth Roach and a Montgomery officer teach at the E.H. Greene School.

In March, Lieutenant Dennis Boone retired after 29 years of service to the City of Blue Ash. Sergeant Steve Schueler was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, while Officer Roger Pohlman was promoted to Sergeant. In April, Officer Pete Ballauer was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and part-time Dispatcher Judie Dreyer began working for the Department. In May, Auxiliary Police Officer Steve Fromhold was hired to replace APO Butch Poppe, who had retired in December 2011 after 43 years of service in both full- and part-time capacities. In August, Officer Jason Asbury returned to duty from overseas deployment with the Ohio Army National Guard. Both he and Officer Mark Ziegler continue to serve with the Ohio ANG. Officer Jason Huff began his career with Blue Ash in October.

In September, the City hosted its Sister City delegation from Ilmenau, Germany. This group included two police captains from Thüringer Polizei, the state police force whose area of responsibility includes Ilmenau. These two officers spent a large part of their time in Cincinnati with Blue Ash officers, learning how American officers work. In addition, they toured many law enforcement and public safety facilities in the Cincinnati area.

During October, Blue Ash detectives participated in a burglary task force with members of the Miami Township, Cincinnati, and West Chester Police Departments and the Clermont County Sheriff's Office. As a result of the task force's investigation, a ring of burglars who had been breaking into homes in the daytime, including four in Blue Ash, were arrested.

In November, the Police Department was once again recognized with a Platinum Community Traffic Safety Award from the American Automobile Association (AAA). This is the fourth consecutive year that the Department has received this award, and it is due largely to our joint efforts with the Public Works Department to improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety in Blue Ash.

2012 Organization

The Blue Ash Police Department employs 49 full-time, part-time, and volunteer personnel, 35 of which are full-time sworn police officers.

During 2012, the Department consisted of 1 Chief, 2 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 22 Patrol Officers, 3 Auxiliary Police Officers, 5 Dispatchers, 2 Mayor's Court Clerks, and 5 staff personnel.

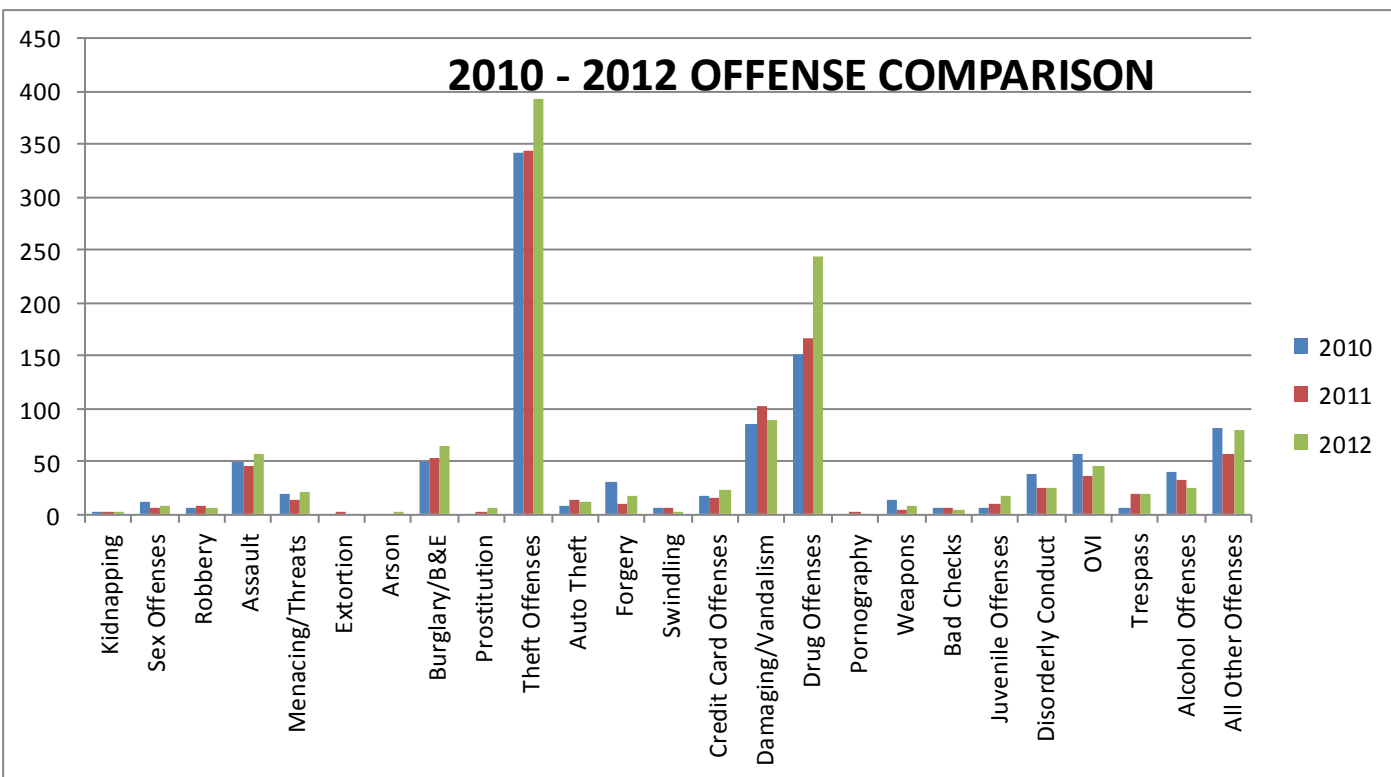
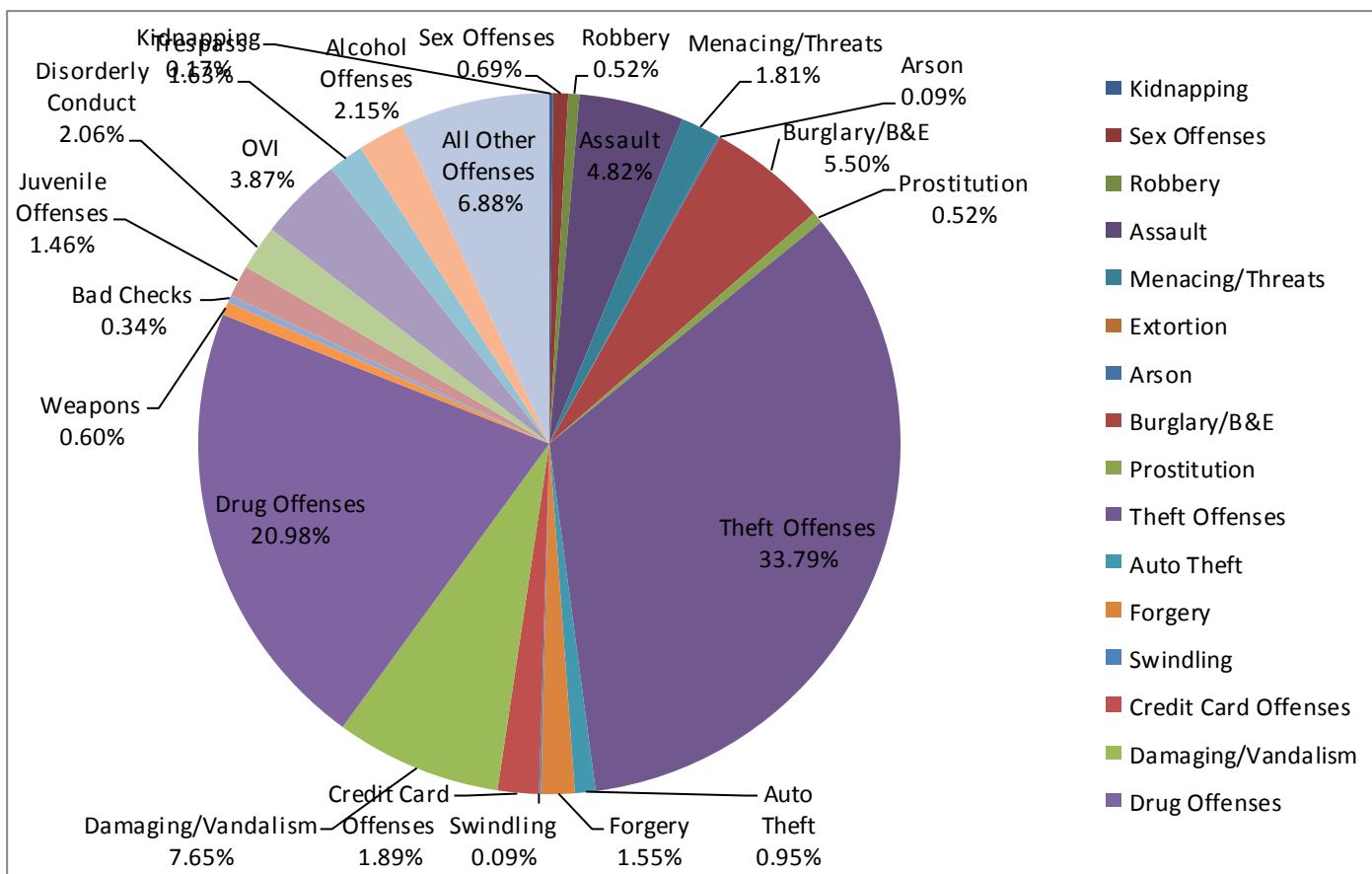
The Department is organized into two bureaus, the Operations Bureau and the Administration Bureau. Sections within these two bureaus include the Detective Section, Patrol Section, and Staff Section. Some of the 33 units included within these sections include the Traffic Safety Unit, Canine Unit, Bike Patrol Unit, Directed Patrol Unit, Criminalistics Unit, Crime Prevention/DARE Unit, Intelligence Unit, Mayor's Court Unit, Dispatch Unit, Homeland Security Unit, and Media Relations Unit.

2012 Financial Status

- The operating budget for the Police Department for 2012 was \$6,417,000. Actual expenses for 2012 were \$6,075,296.
- The operating budget for the Mayor's Court for 2012 was \$154,700. Actual expenses for 2011 were \$107,633.
- The Police Department was awarded \$2173 in forfeitures from arrests and investigations. Mandatory fines from convicted drug offenders amounted to \$124, and mandatory fines for convicted drunk drivers amounted to \$530.
- The Mayor's Court collected \$128,446 in fines and costs for the year.



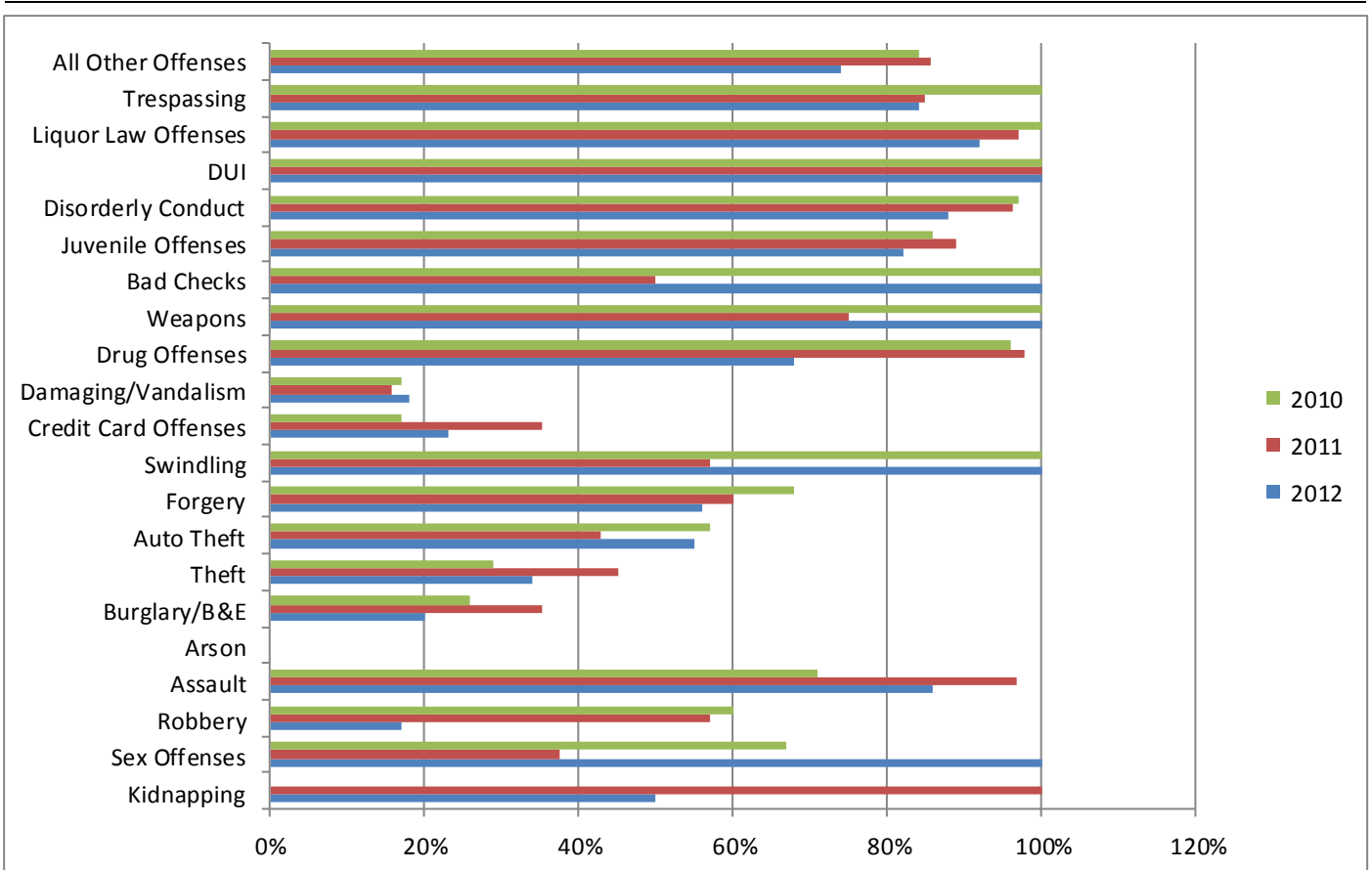
CRIMES





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2010 - 2012 OFFENSE CLEARANCE COMPARISON



2012 OFFENSES REPORTED/CLEARED

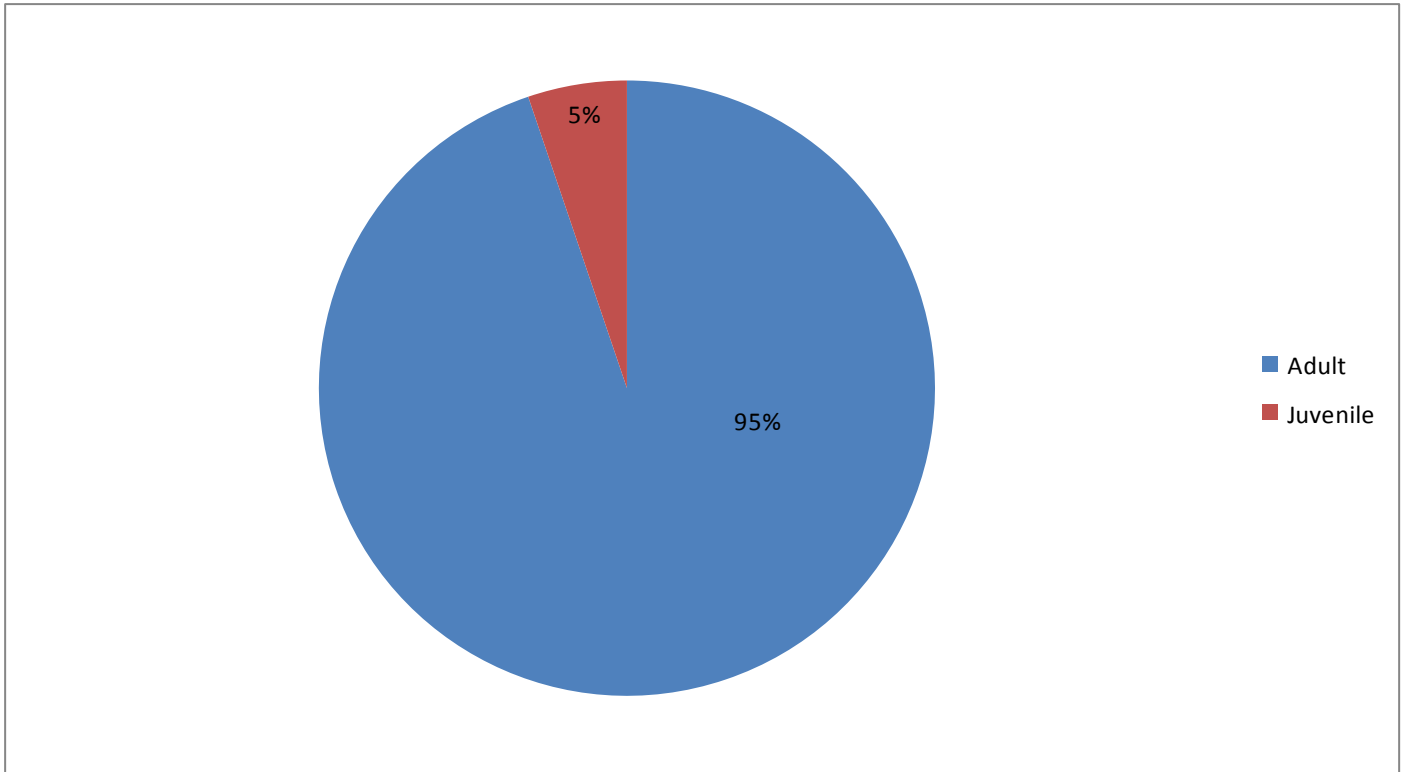
Kidnapping/Abduction 2/1 50%
 Sex Offenses 8/8 100%
 Robbery 6/1 17%
 Assault 56/48 86%
 Arson 1/0 0%
 Burglary/Breaking & Entering 64/13 20%
 Theft Offenses 393/135 34%
 Motor Vehicle Theft 11/6 55%
 Forgery 18/10 56%
 Swindling 1/1 100%
 Credit Card Offenses 22/5 23%

Damaging/Vandalism 89/16 18%
 Drug Offenses 244/166 68%
 Weapons 7/7 100%
 Bad Checks 4/4 100%
 Juvenile Offenses 17/14 82%
 Disorderly Conduct 24/21 88%
 OVI 45/45 100%
 Trespass 19/16 84%
 Alcohol Offenses 25/23 92%
 All Other Offenses 80/59 74%
Total Offenses Reported 1163/620 53%

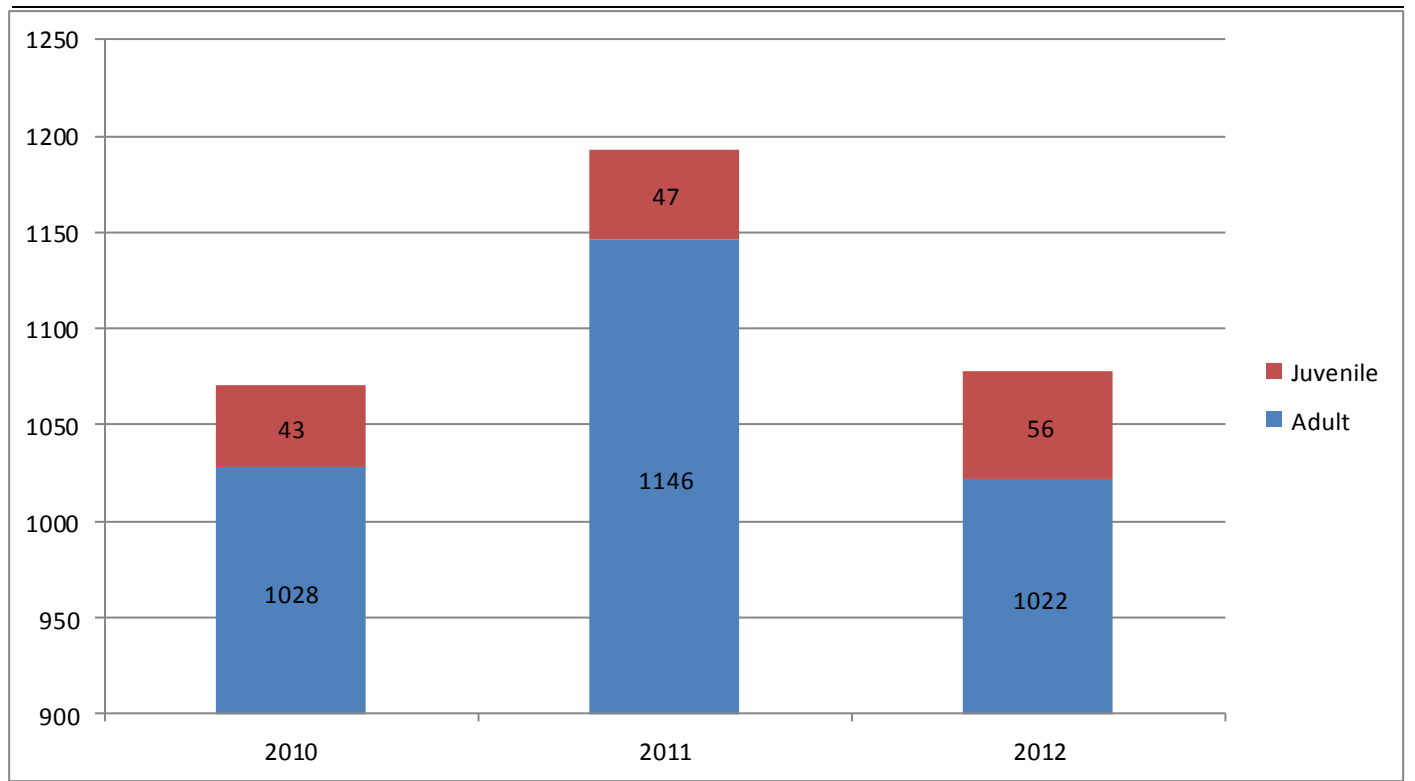


ARRESTS

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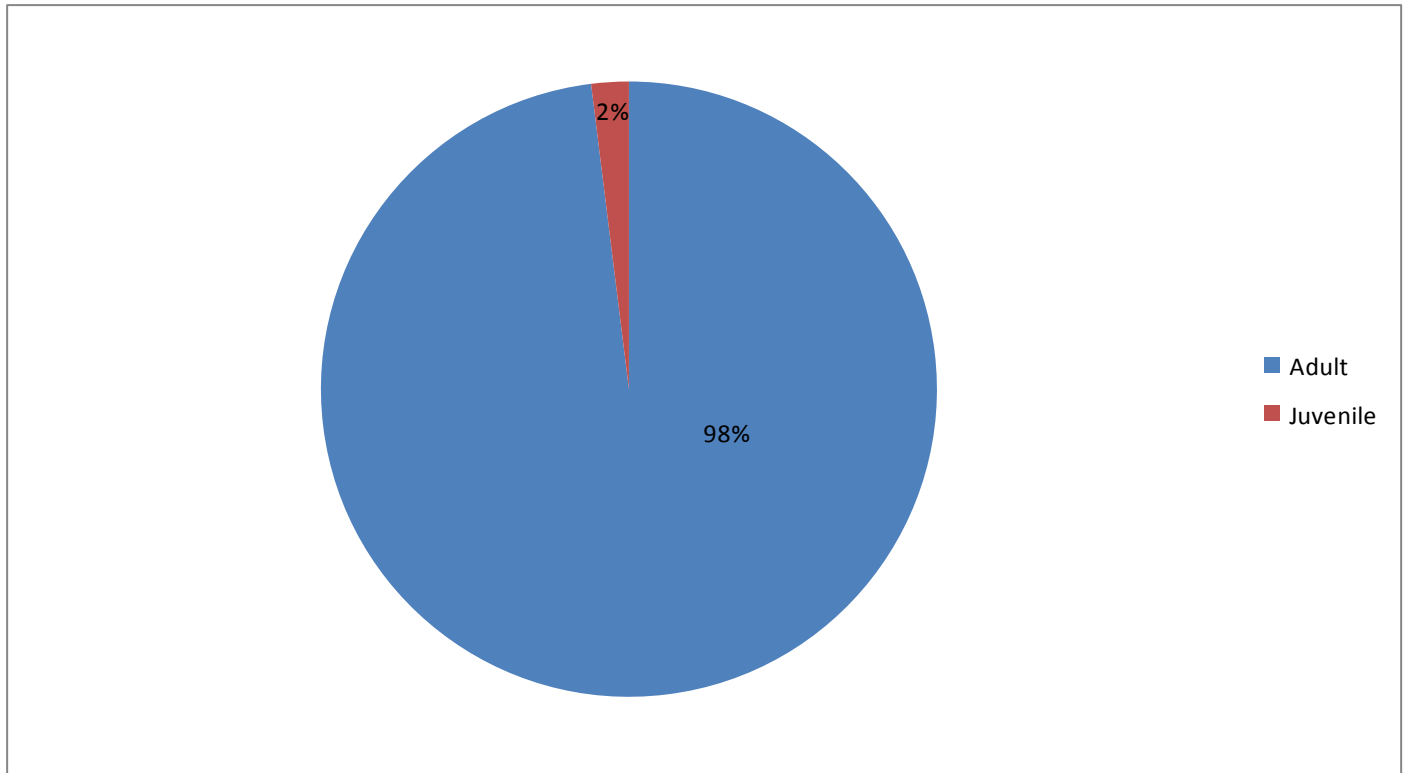
2010 - 2012 ARREST COMPARISON



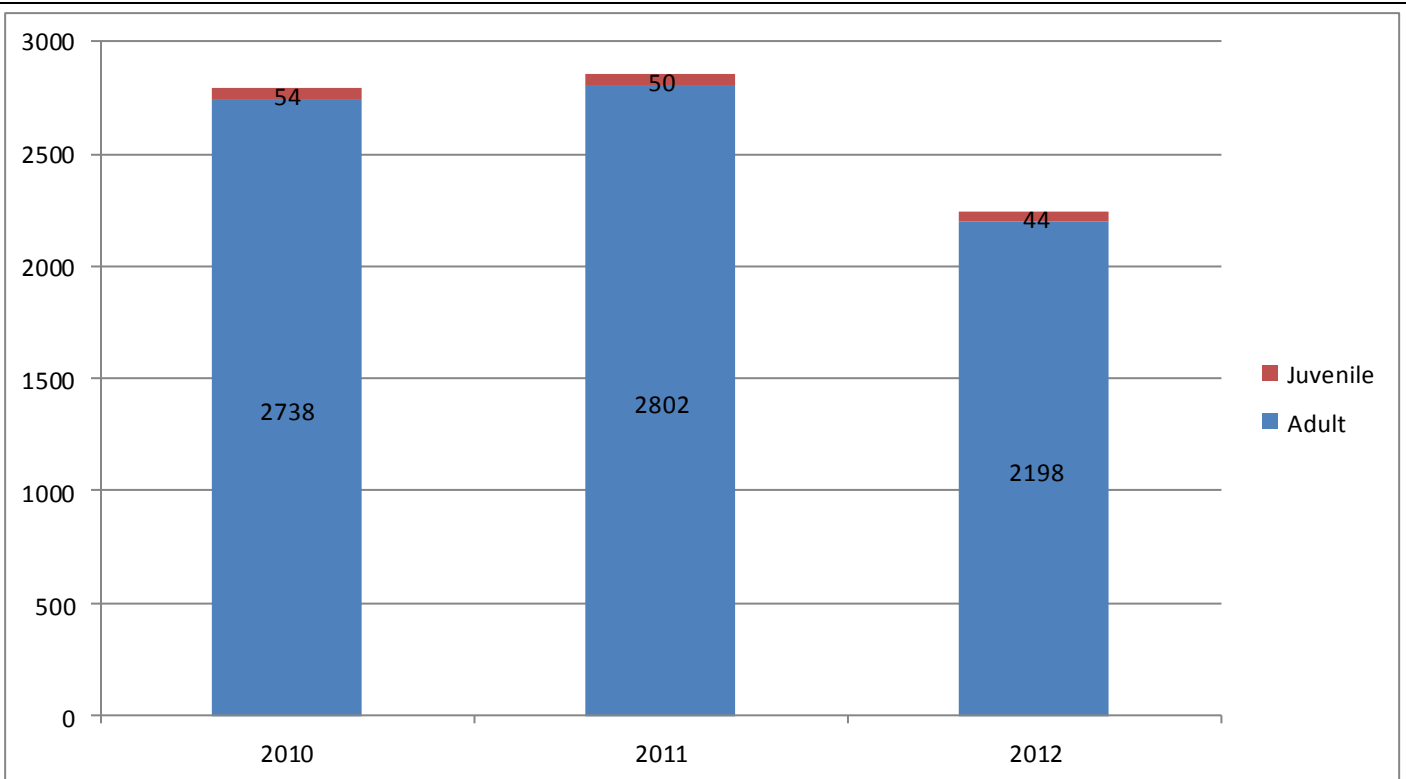


TRAFFIC CITATIONS

2012 TRAFFIC CITATIONS



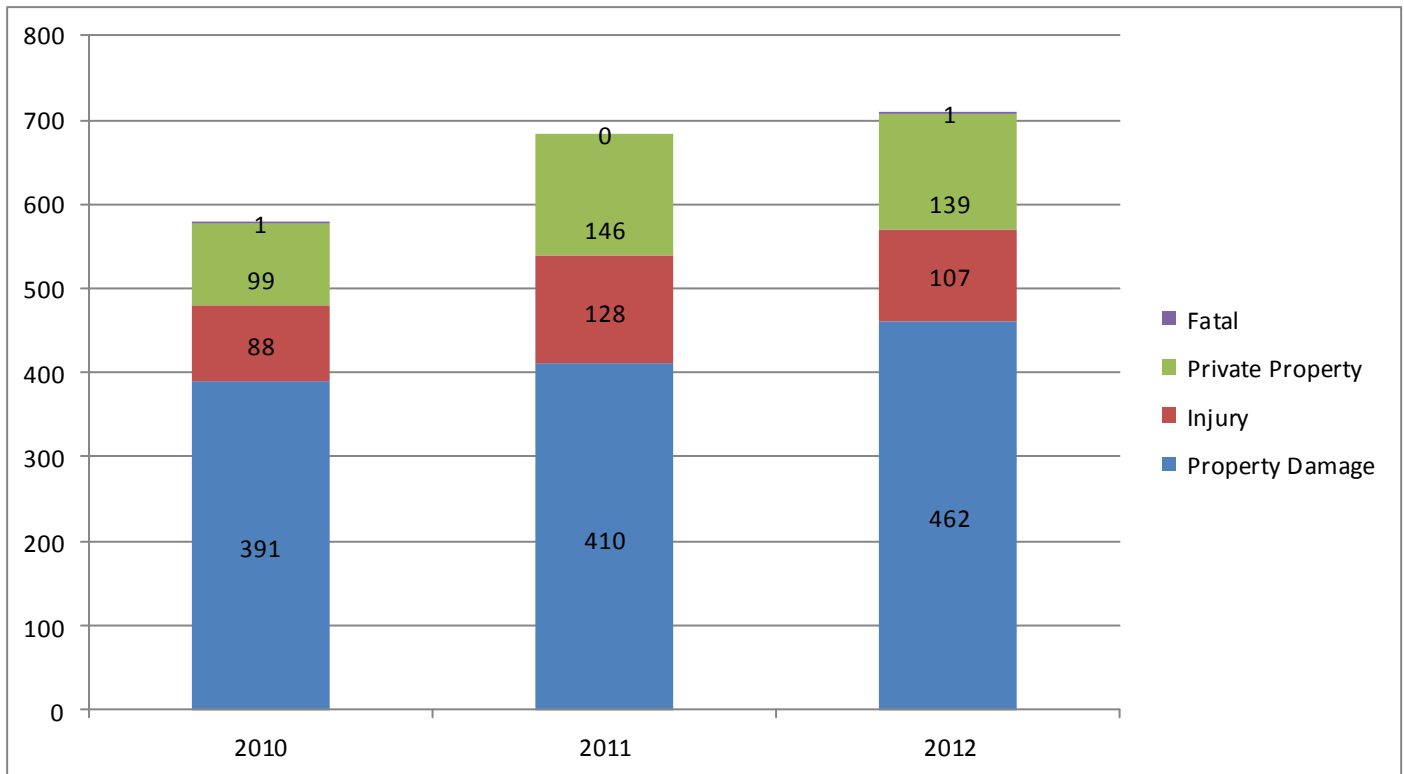
2010 - 2012 TRAFFIC CITATION COMPARISON





TRAFFIC CRASHES

2010 - 2012 CRASH REPORT COMPARISON



DETAILS/DISPATCHES

2012 DETAILS/DISPATCHES

Aided Case	24
Abduction	1
Alarm Drop	1452
Animal Complaint	213
Assault	33
Assist Other Agency	205
Attempt to Locate	45
Background Check	43
Bad Check	7
Bank Security Check	283
Be On the Look Out	62
Bike Patrol	4
Burglary/B&E	87
Business Check	2906
Check on Well Being	104
Confidential Investigation	33
Criminal Mischief/Damaging	115
Disabled Vehicle	481
Disorderly Conduct	61

Document Service	131
Domestic Dispute/Violence	232
Escort Detail	43
Fight	27
Fingerprint Detail	12
Fire Alarm Drop	319
Fire Run	182
Follow-up	164
Impound Lot Detail	11
Information	83
Junk Vehicle	18
Juvenile Complaint	132
EMS Run	1407
Lockout	741
Menacing	30
Drug Complaint	54
Theft Offense	537
Missing Person/Runaway	57
Noise Complaint	114

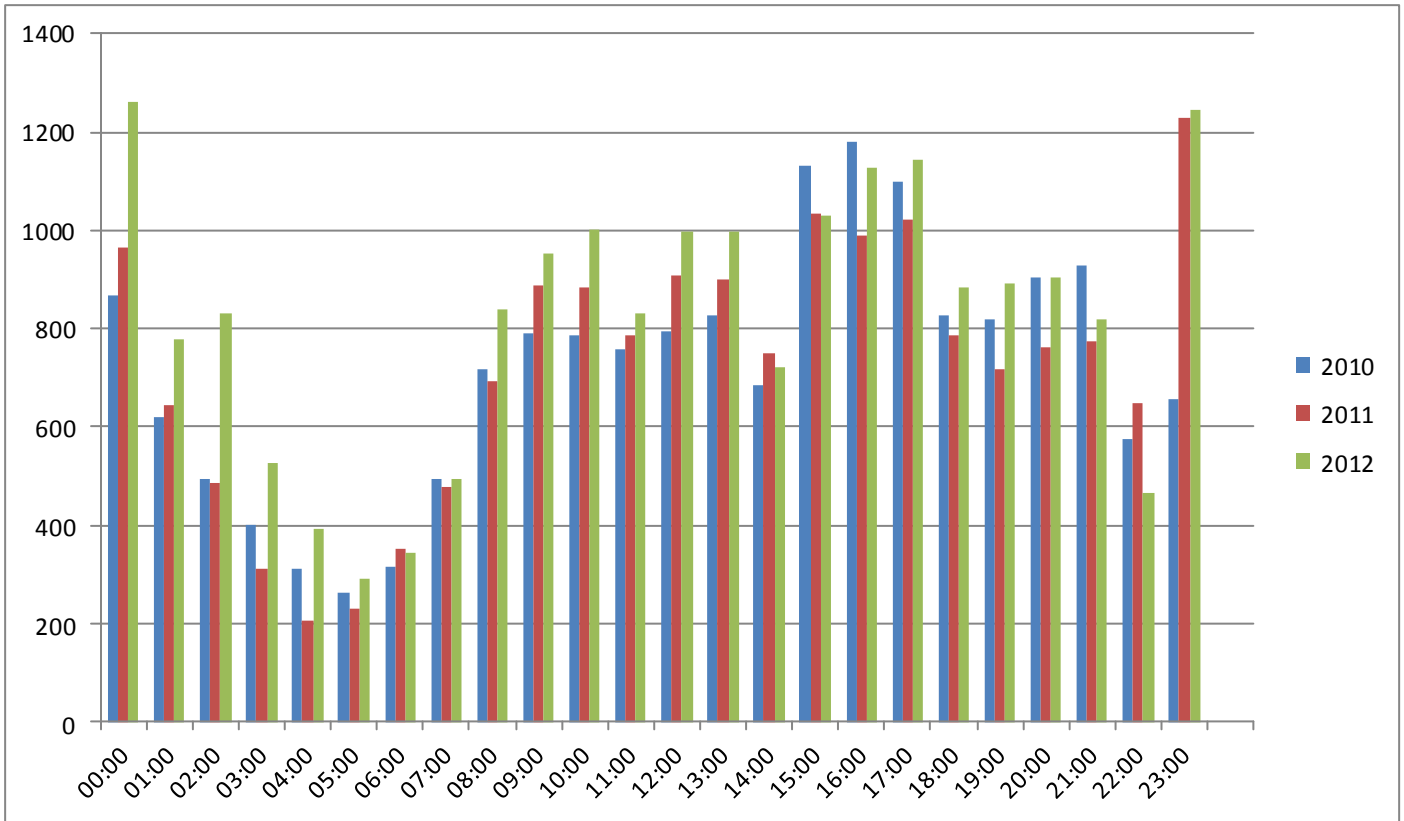
Non-criminal	170
Notification	47
Out of Car - Investigation	145
OVI Arrest	10
Premise Found Open	55
Prisoner Detail	26
Property Detail	43
Psychiatric Emergency	47
Public Appearance Detail	1
Repossession	28
Robbery	5
Railroad Crossing Problem	15
School Detail	1
Search Warrant	7
See Complainant	228
Sex Offense	19
Silent/Hang up 911 Call	109
Special Detail	104
Stolen Vehicle Recovery	9

Supplemental Report	10
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	578
SWAT Callout	16
Telecommunications Offense	75
Traffic Complaint	87
Traffic Crash - Private Property	269
Traffic Crash - Roadway	712
Traffic Detail	42
Traffic Hazard	110
Traffic Pursuit	1
Traffic Stop	3076
Transportation Detail	90
Trespass	9
Unknown Trouble	154
Vacation House Check	2373
Vehicle Tampering	6
Vehicle Theft	21
Wanted Person	304
Weapons Violation	6



DETAILS/DISPATCHES

DETAILS/DISPATCHES BY HOUR 2010 - 2012 COMPARISON



DETAILS/DISPATCHES BY MONTH 2010 - 2012 COMPARISON

