

Sparta Police Department

Monthly Report



April 2009

Activity Report:

During the month of April the Sparta Police Department responded to 1524 calls for service, issued 118 traffic citations, arrested 10 persons for Operating While Under the Influence and made 203 non-traffic related arrests. Overall activity level was considerably less when compared with the prior month.

Index Crimes:

Part I Offenses Reported:

Homicide: **0** Sex Offense: **3** Assault: **4** Burglary: **3**
Theft: **9** Motor Vehicle Theft: **0** Arson: **0** Robbery: **0**

Part II Offenses Reported:

Fraud: **3** Criminal Damage: **13** Drug: **8**
Domestic: **6** Disorderly: **11** Weapon: **0**

Part III Traffic Offenses Reported:

Crashes: **16** Traffic Complaints: **26** Traffic Stops: **298**
Parking Complaints: **17** Parking Tickets Issued: **58**

Part IV Incidents:

Alarms: **25** Mental: **12** Suspicious: **50** Open door/window: **4**
Warrants: **15** Noise: **21** 911 hang up: **14** Animal: **39**

Citations & Arrests

Traffic: **118**

Non-Traffic: **203**

Speed Related: **17**
Traffic Sign & Signals: **5**
Drivers License Violations: **36**
Vehicle Registration: **11**
OMVWI/BAC: **19**
All Others: **30**

Bail Jumping: **12**
Battery: **9**
Battery to a Police Officer: **0**
Burglary: **1**
Disorderly Conduct: **36**
Obstructing/Resisting: **8**
Drug Related: **21**
Theft: **9**
Motor Vehicle Theft: **0**
Underage Drinking: **21**
Curfew: **1**
Truancy: **8**
Other: **77**

Chief's Report

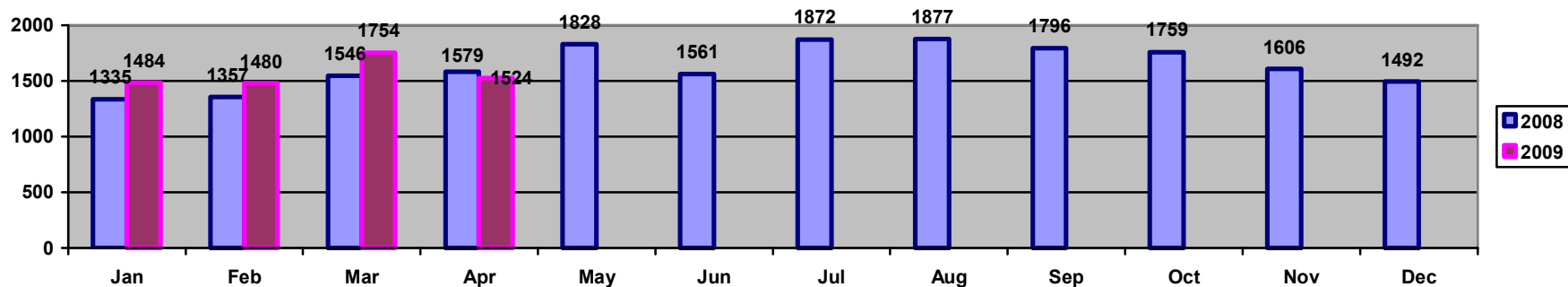
In the first 4 months of 2009 the City of Sparta has experienced a slight increase in police calls for service, however; the crime rate has remained steady and the number of citations and arrests declined slightly. Sparta, like other communities nationwide is also experiencing a troubling increase in the number of mental health commitments. In the first 4 months of 2009 we saw a 20% increase over last year. While there is no definitive reason for this many attribute it to the troubling economy.

The Police Department's bicycle patrol officially started at the very end of April. Three officers have volunteered to participate in the program and are scheduled to attend various community functions throughout the summer. The officers will also be out on the bikes at varying times depending on staffing levels or targeted patrol strategies. So far the officers have received numerous compliments from community members they've encountered.

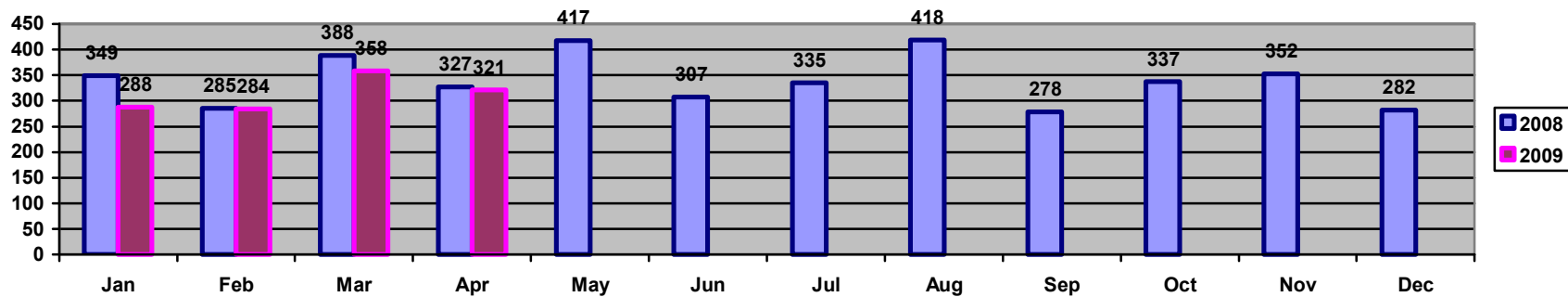
Training

- Sgt. Jason Pipkin, Sgt. Joel Ames & Sgt. Booker Ferguson attended Management for Small Police Agencies.
- Officers Kyle Erickson & Andrew Tolvstad attended Basic Breath Examiner training.
- Officer Andrew Kuen attended Instructor Development training.
- Sgt. Booker Ferguson attended the Death Investigators Training Conference.
- Lt. David Livingston attended the Wisconsin Crimestoppers Training Conference.
- Officer Jose Tovar completed a course in completing search warrants.
- Sgt. Ferguson & Pipkin attended a seminar on emotional survival for law enforcement officers.
- Officer Mark Meyers attended a Forensic Video Analysis update course.
- Officer Beth Ambrosius participated in a regional update for Evidence Technicians

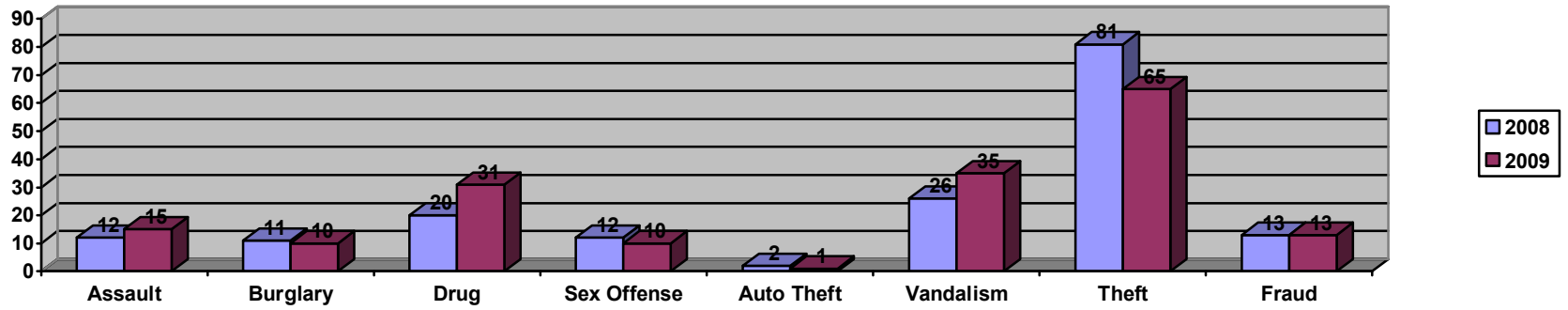
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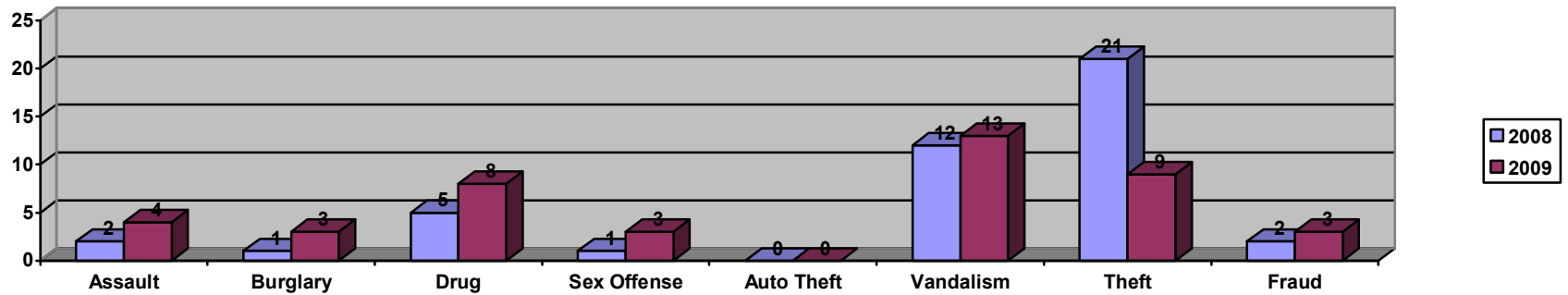
2008/2009 Year to Date Citations & Arrests



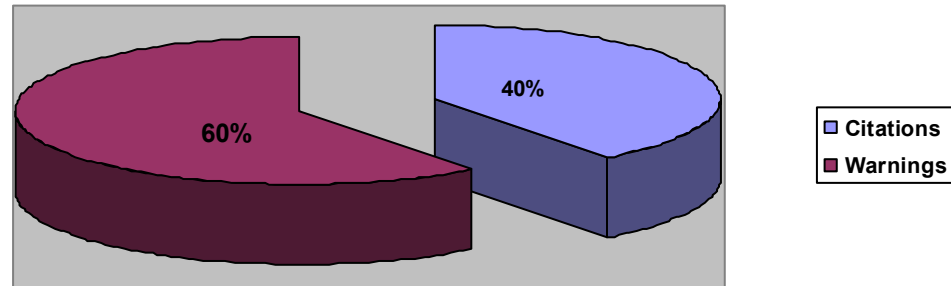
Year to Date Major Crime Comparison Running Total 2008/2009



Major Crime Comparison April 2008/2009



**April 2009 Traffic Stops
Warnings/Citations Comparison ***



* Data does not take into account multiple citations issued on a single stop.