

Sparta Police Department

Monthly Report



October 2009

Activity Report:

During the month of October the Sparta Police Department responded to 1550 calls for service, issued 126 traffic citations, arrested 16 persons for Operating While Under the Influence and made 187 non-traffic related arrests. Overall activity level was slightly less when compared with the prior month.

Index Crimes:

Part I Offenses Reported:

Homicide: 0	Sex Offense: 2	Assault: 5	Burglary: 2
Theft: 32	Motor Vehicle Theft: 2	Arson: 0	Robbery: 0

Part II Offenses Reported:

Fraud: 5	Criminal Damage: 9	Drug: 7
Domestic: 2	Disorderly: 4	Weapon: 0

Part III Traffic Offenses Reported:

Crashes: 14	Traffic Complaints: 46	Traffic Stops: 218
Parking Complaints: 21	Parking Tickets Issued: 35	

Part IV Incidents:

Alarms: 10	Mental: 4	Suspicious: 48	Open door/window: 2
Warrants: 14	Noise: 12	911 hang up: 33	Animal: 26

Citations & Arrests

Traffic: **126**

Non-Traffic: **187**

Speed Related: **7**
Traffic Sign & Signals: **12**
Drivers License Violations: **29**
Vehicle Registration: **17**
OMVWI/BAC: **30**
All Others: **31**

Bail Jumping: **14**
Battery: **8**
Battery to a Police Officer: **2**
Burglary: **0**
Disorderly Conduct: **26**
Obstructing/Resisting: **9**
Drug Related: **37**
Theft: **13**
Motor Vehicle Theft: **1**
Underage Drinking: **10**
Curfew: **0**
Truancy: **1**
Other: **66**

Chief's Report

The Department applied for and received a traffic safety grant designated to increase enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving and promote seatbelt usage. The grant reimburses the Department for overtime expenses associated with increased traffic enforcement and allows the Department to purchase traffic safety related equipment. The Department plans on purchasing two permanent electronic speed signs. One will be mounted near the high school on Hwy 27 and the other near the intersection of Wisconsin St. at East Ave.

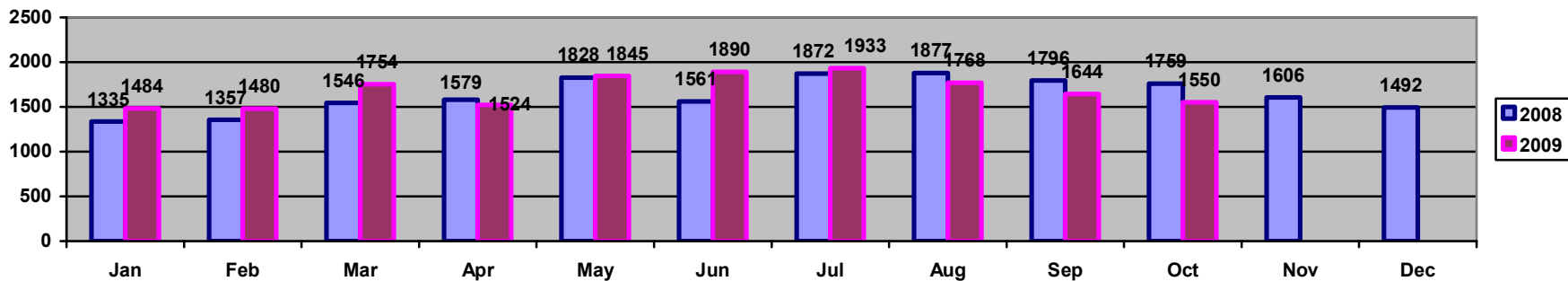
The Department applied for and received a Justice Assistant Grant designated for innovative strategies in crime reduction. Monies associated with the grant will allow the Department to fund Neighborhood Watch programs, utilize a web based program to inform citizens of crimes occurring in their neighborhoods, and implement a crime tip program that incorporates text messaging. The programs should be operational by January and more information related to these initiatives will be released to the media in the near future and posted on the Department's website; www.spartapd.com.

A Sparta juvenile was apprehended after he left a message on the school's voice mail claiming the school would blow up. Sparta police officers and school officials worked together and quickly identified the caller as a student. The student admitted to leaving the message as a joke and was removed from the school. Charges related to the offense were referred to the court.

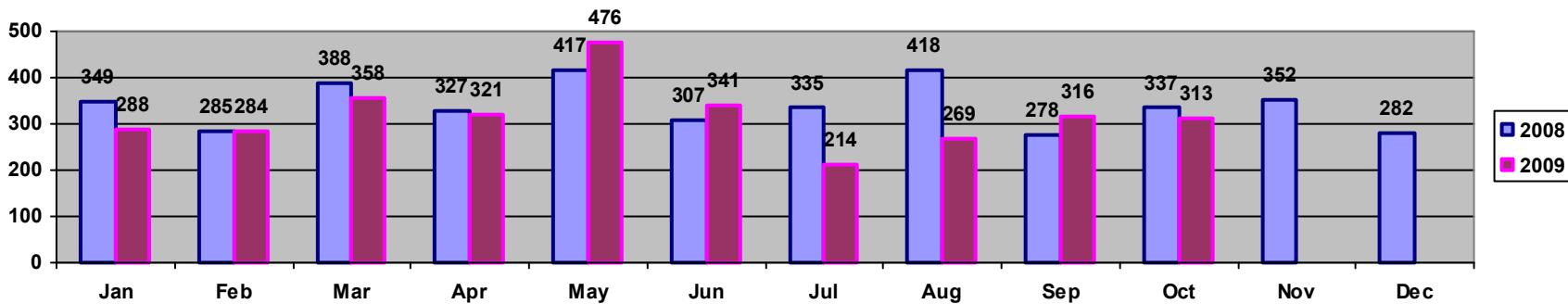
Training

- Sgt. Joel Ames & Officer Marc Nelson received training in thermal imaging operations.
- Lt. Livingston & Administrative Assistant Micky Brown attended open records training.
- Officers Andrew Kuen, Kyle Erickson, & Andrew Tolvstad were trained in interview & interrogation techniques.
- Chief Mike Kass attended the Attorney General's Public Safety Summit and participated in an informational session on officer involved domestic abuse incidents.

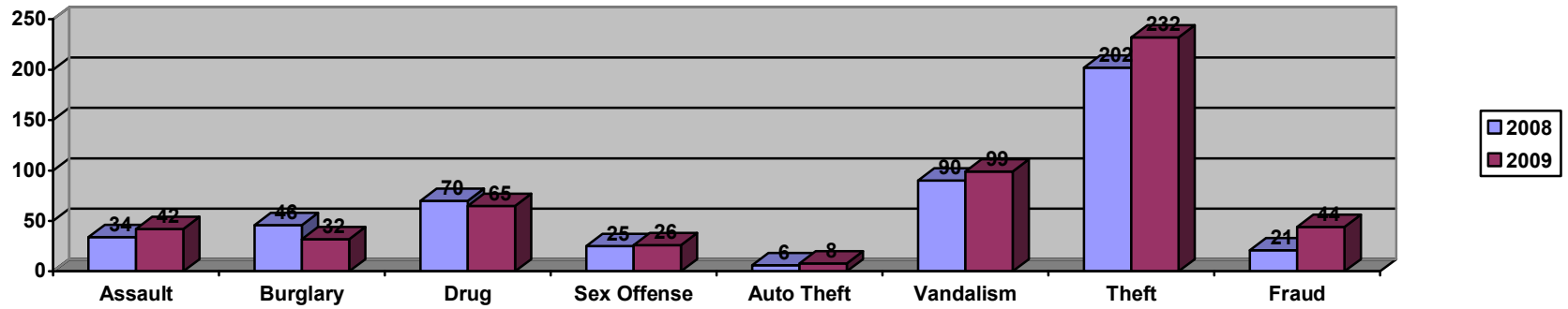
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Calls for Service**



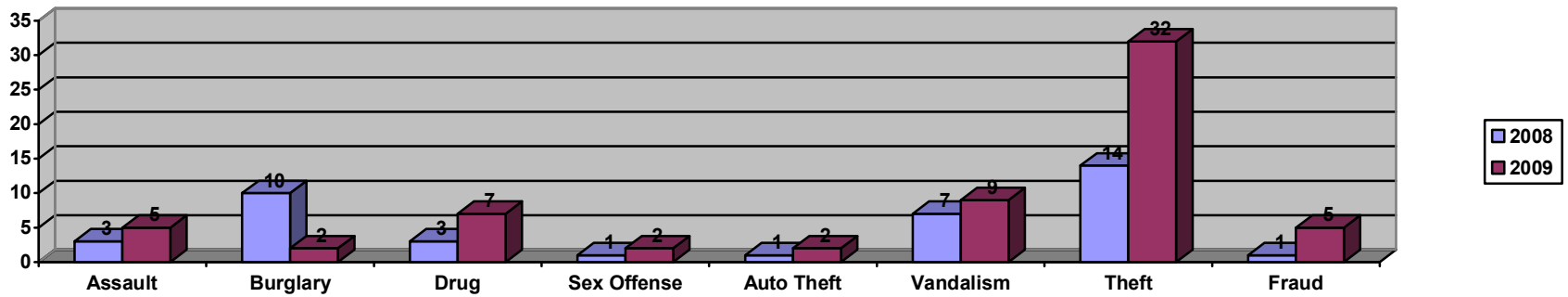
**2008/2009 Year to Date
Citations & Arrests**



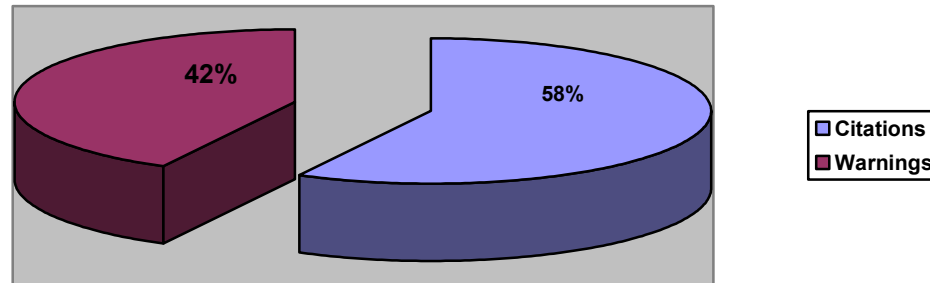
Year to Date Major Crime Comparison Running Total 2008/2009



Major Crime Comparison October 2008/2009



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



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