

City of Radford Department of Police



2009 Annual Report

Don Goodman, Chief of Police

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Letter from Chief Don Goodman

To Mayor Starnes and City Council Members:

On behalf of the City of Radford Department of Police, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the **Radford Department of Police 2009 Annual Report**. This report provides statistical information on the activities of the Department and highlights some of our accomplishments.

We have experienced a challenging year highlighted by staff reductions brought on by budget cuts. Even with these challenges, we continue to move forward as an agency. Our level of service and commitment to public safety remain strong. We have added two additional dogs to our canine program in an effort to increase our ability to deter and investigate drug crimes. Our Communications Center has benefited from updated grant funded equipment allowing us to speak directly with Radford University Officers. This feature gives us the ability to directly dispatch 911 calls received from land lines and cell phones at RU.

In conjunction with the Radford City Schools, we continue to provide a School Resource Officer for Dalton Intermediate and Radford High School. Our presence in these two schools has been nothing but positive in that we have been able to provide an increased level of security while still interacting positively with the faculty and students.

As this report is being completed, bids are being received for the of the "box factory" renovation into a new public safety facility. If approved, this renovation would be funded by ARRA money and the over \$400,000 in Federal Grants already secured to assist in this project.

It is truly an exciting time to serve as Chief of Police. I am proud of our accomplishments. However, it is the day to day problem solving and innovation by dedicated employees that brings me the most satisfaction. Department of Police employees and officers go above and beyond routinely to provide exceptional service to the City. They have all earned my respect as their Chief and as a City resident.

We invite you to review the pages of this report to share in our success.

Sincerely,

Don Goodman
Chief of Police

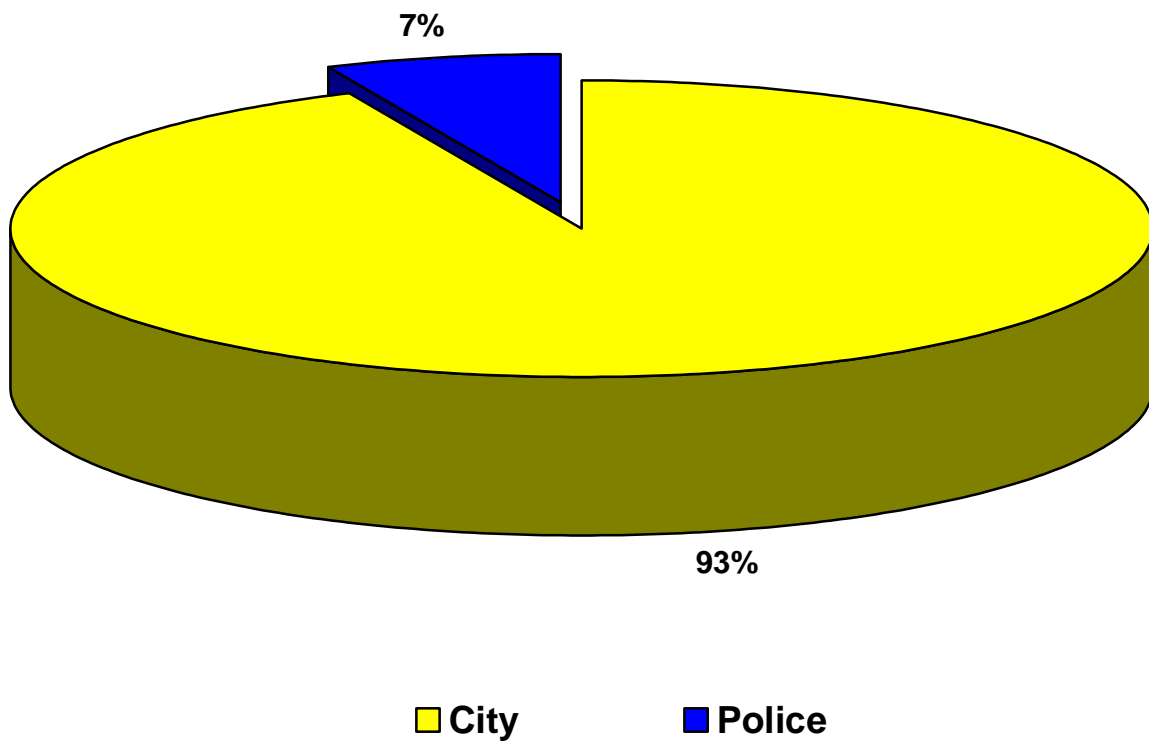
Comparison Of City Budget Versus Police Budget

Police Operations
2008-2009 FY Budget

\$3,548,672

City of Radford's
2008-2009 FY Total
Budget

\$49,637,493

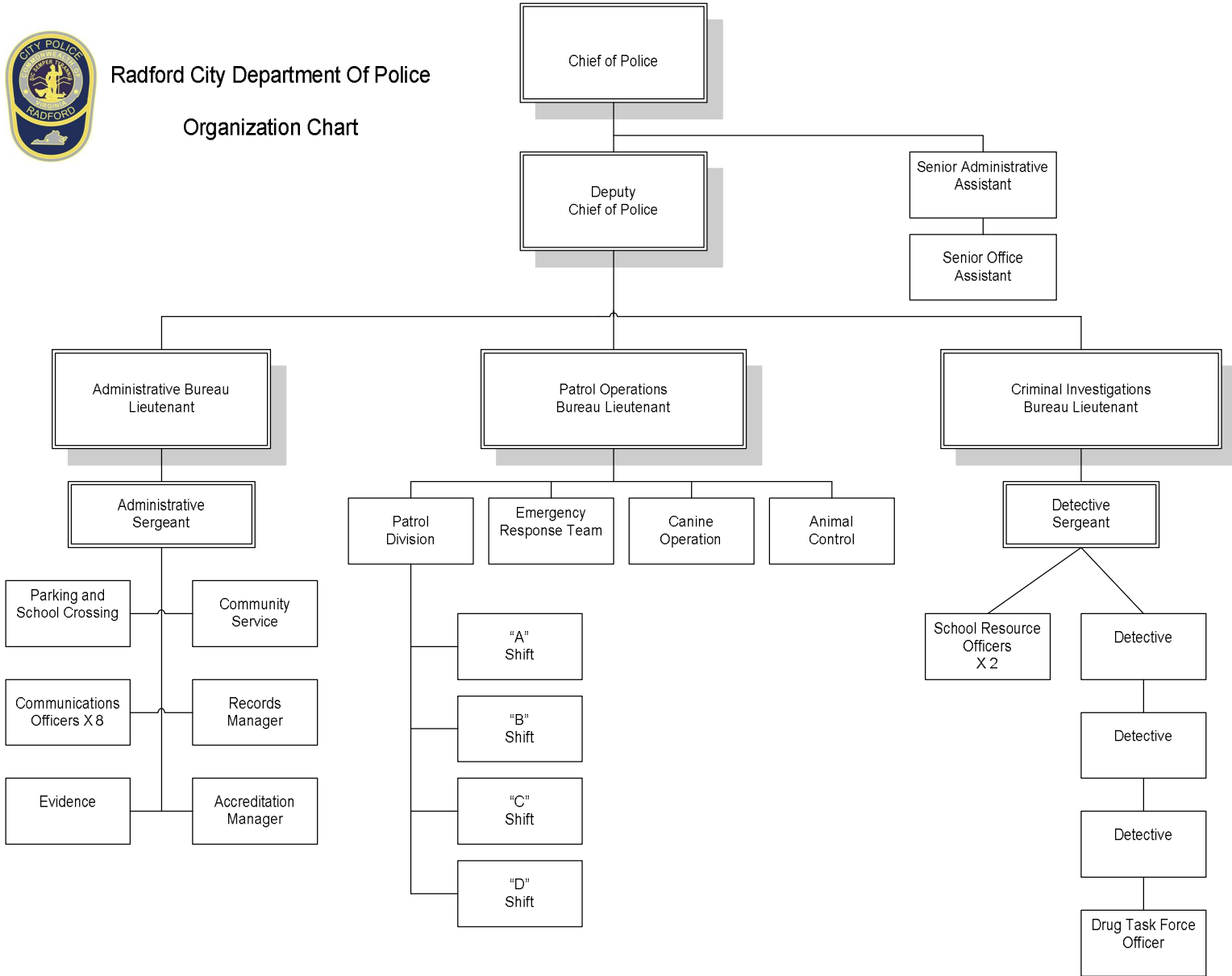


Organizational Flow Charts



Radford City Department Of Police

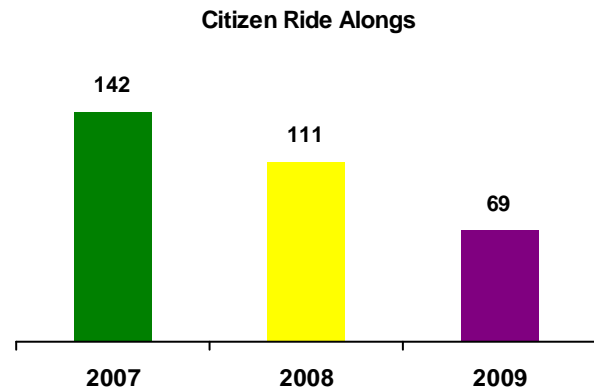
Organization Chart



Citizen Involvement

The Radford Department of Police offers a Citizen Ride-Along Program to the citizens of Radford. The program allows citizens to ride with and observe police officers while they are performing their routine duties. Those participating in the Ride Along Program have been: University students completing class projects, potential police applicants, citizens new to the

City interested in getting to know the community, Departmental family members, and a large quantity of citizens who just wanted to learn about the Radford Department of Police. Above is a comparison of citizen participation in this program for the last three years.



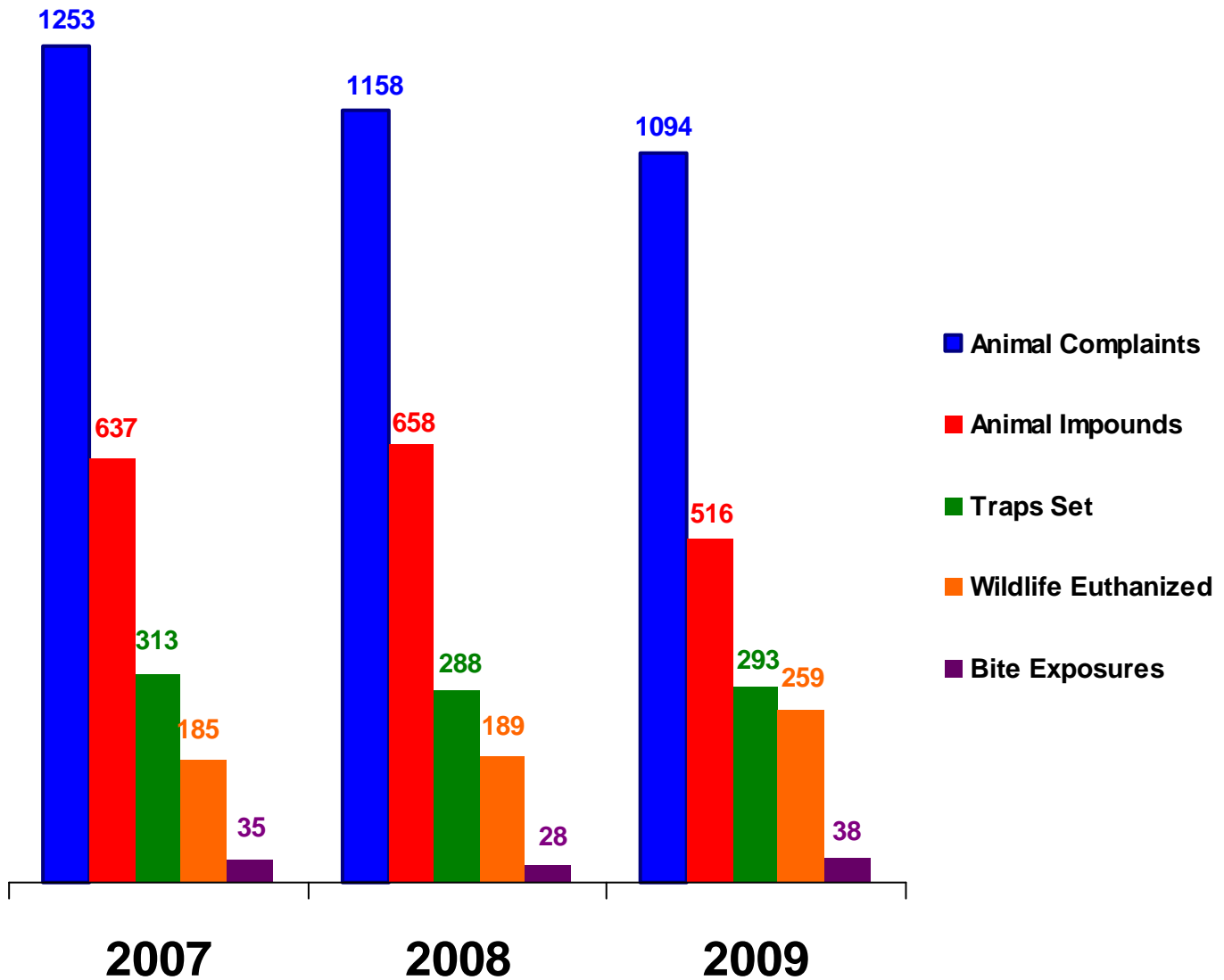
The Department was honored to hold the City of Radford Department of Police First Annual Citizen's Academy in 2009. The objects of the academy are as follows:

- To familiarize the citizens of Radford with the organization and function of the Radford Department of Police.
- To give the citizens a better understanding of the parameters in which an officer functions and why officers handle situations as they do.
- To develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement.
- To promote a positive image and base of support among members of the Radford community.
- To develop a nucleus of well-informed citizens who can be a resource for the community in promoting understanding between the community and the Police Department

We are honored to have as the graduates of the First Annual Citizen's Academy the following outstanding citizens of the City of Radford:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ❖ Russell Brewster | ❖ Bruce Brown |
| ❖ Barton Compton | ❖ Patricia Fluke |
| ❖ Robert Gropman | ❖ Richard Harshberger |
| ❖ Darrell Mullins | ❖ Norleen Pomerantz |
| ❖ Renie Price | ❖ Larry Wallker |

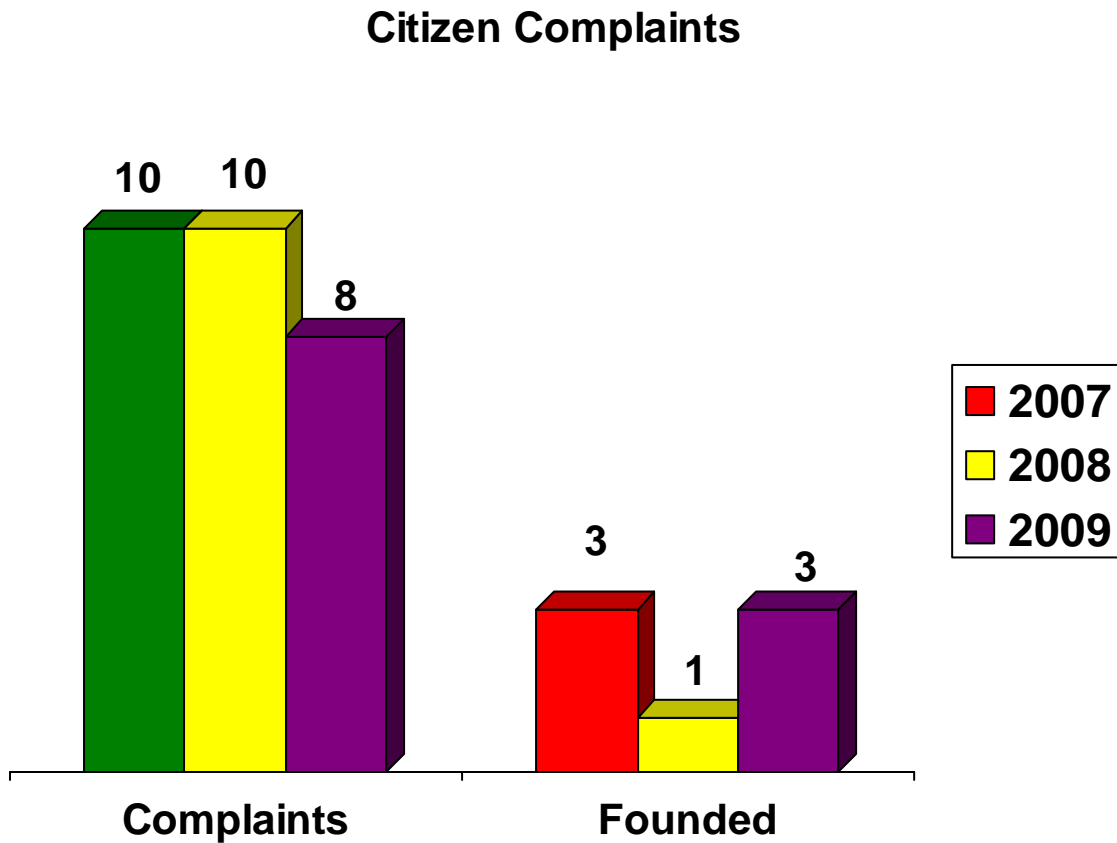
Animal Control



The Radford Department of Police Animal Control Officers are dedicated to serving and responding to calls involving domestic animals. 2009 served as a difficult year for Animal Control, with one of the two officers being on extended leave. The Department rectified this loss by hiring a temporary part-time assistant to clean cages and feed animals. In addition to responding to animal control complaints and taking care of impounded animals, Animal Control Officers also enforce violations of the City's Animal Control Ordinances. A total of 76 charges were placed in the year 2009

Citizen Complaints

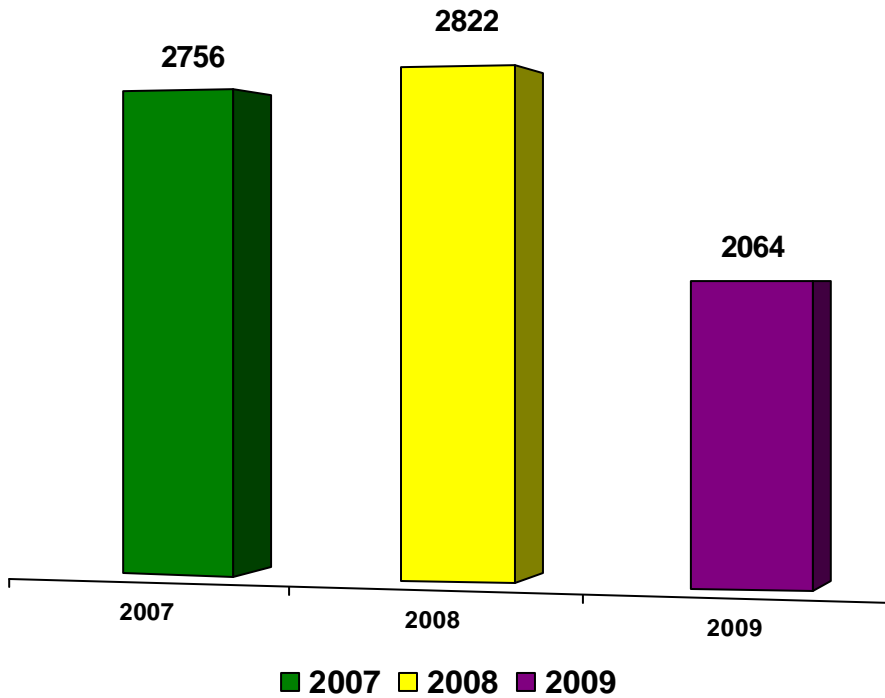
During the year 2009 the Department investigated 8 citizen complaints of misconduct by police officers. Of those 8 complaints only 3 were founded. These three (3) founded incidents were corrected through appropriate disciplinary action.



Parking Enforcement

Parking Enforcement duties are shared by police officers and a part time parking enforcement officer. Enforcement of parking regulations contributes to overall public safety.

Parking Tickets Issued



Emergency Response Team

The Radford Department of Police formed an Emergency response Team in 2008 after identifying a need to be better able to respond to critical incidents, multi-jurisdictional events, and an increase in high risk warrant service. Two years later, the Team's membership remains intact as originally selected – which is nearly unheard of in law enforcement.

The Team continues to utilize Storm Mountain Tactical Training, Inc. as its SWAT training provider. Additionally, the Team trains at least once a month. In 2009, regional training among area ERT's was taken to a new level by completing a two day tactical training event and practical exercise. Eight teams, in whole or in part were in attendance. Radford ERT continues to utilize Boy Scout Camp Powhatan as its "SWAT Home;" to the point that a cooperative venture between the Boy Scouts and Radford Police is allowing for a pistol range to be built.

During 2009, outside of training operations, ERT has been utilized ten (10) times. This includes missions in the areas of high risk/search warrants being served, fugitive apprehension (both in the City and regionally), and suicidal/barricaded subject that was resolved by ERT. In addition, Radford ERT has assisted Virginia Tech Police at all home football games by providing sniper/observer elements and anti-terrorism patrols. The Team continues to assist patrol officers and investigations by providing personnel for reconnaissance and surveillance operations.

The Team has plans in 2010 to continue their rigorous training regimen. One of 2009's Team Goals was to participate in community service projects. This was accomplished by scheduling an "ERT Day" during the Citizen's Police Academy, assisting the Radford University ROTC program, and two (2) "volunteer" work days provided to the Boy Scouts of America.

During 2009, with the assistance of the City, Radford ERT acquired a tactical response van by reassigning an ambulance from Radford EMS. The truck has been painted and re-equipped for SWAT purposes, allowing a safer, more rapid, and more efficient response to tactical events.

ERT continues to have a large impact in assisting patrol officers by providing an additional level of response and safety for citizens. The team members continue to strive for new levels of operational capability."

Criminal Investigations Bureau

The Criminal Investigations Bureau is staffed by three Detectives, a Sergeant (CL Caldwell), and a Lieutenant (RA Wilburn). One Detective is assigned to the State Police Drug Task Force and works primarily cases involving drugs.

2009 was busier than 2008 for the Criminal Investigations Bureau which worked approximately 228 more cases. The Criminal Investigations Bureau worked one (1) homicide during 2009. During the initial (and most important for evidence recovery) three days of the investigation, four detectives worked almost sixty hours non-stop until the arrest was made.

The Uniform Criminal Investigation Program continues to be a viable training program since it's inception in 2008. This program allows Patrol Officers to gain valuable investigative experience by working in the Criminal Investigations Bureau for a total of eight weeks. Three (3) Patrol Officers were assigned this duty in 2009 and worked a total of 114 cases during that time.

In 2009 the Criminal Investigations Bureau was able to remove from service an almost twenty year old ambulance that it used as its crime scene van and replace it with a fifteen passenger van. This van has been retrofitted to meets the needs of CIB for use as a crime scene van.

Some new equipment was added to the Bureau which included a new Nikon D90 camera. This camera is the same type used by the Department of Forensic Science and is what most of the Detectives are currently trained to use.

Below is a chart that shows the type of cases worked, the number worked and the percentage that were cleared:

Homicide	1	Larceny	185	Clearance Rates	
Kidnapping	1	MV Theft	8	Case is Active	13%
Sex Offense	36	Vandalism	127	Case is Inactive	61%
Robbery	8	Death	8	Cleared by Arrest	14%
Assault	45	Forgery/Fraud	41	Case is Unfounded	6%
Arson	4	Other Offenses	79	Cleared by Other	6%
Burglary	145	Drug Offenses	78		
TOTAL 775					

Claytor Lake Regional Task Force

The Radford Department of Police is a member of the Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force. A cooperative venture between the Virginia State Police, the Town of Dublin Police Department, the Town of Pulaski Police Department, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Wytheville Sheriff's Office, and the Radford Department of Police, officers assigned to this task force have been successful in removing some of our more dangerous criminals from the street. The following pages outline their successes over the past year.

Controlled Substance	Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In All Areas	Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In City of Radford
Marijuana	2,200 grams	896 grams
Marijuana plants	280	-
Powder Cocaine	112 grams	126 grams
Crack Cocaine	54 grams	12 grams
Heroin	69 grams	0.125 grams
Methamphetamine	208 gm	-
Oxycontin	NP*	24 pills
Lortab	NP*	71 pills
Klonopin	NP*	16 pills
Xanax	NP*	68 pills
Valium	NP*	10 pills
Methadone	NP*-	-
Morphine	NP*	9 pills
Steroids	NP*	-
Psilocin (Mushrooms)	NP*	0.25 grams
Saboxin	NP*	-
Ecstasy/MDMA	10 doses	5 pills
Percocet	NP*	49 pills
Dilaudid	NP*	-
Oxycodone	NP*	-
Dronabinol	NP*	-
Schedule II Narcotics	463 pills	NP*
Schedule III Narcotics	202 pills	NP*
Schedule IV Narcotics	187 pills	NP*
Schedule V Narcotics	8 pills	NP*
Other Narcotics	11 doses	NP*
Hallucinogens	12 doses	8 doses
*Due to variations in reporting, the agency did not provide that statistic		

Claytor Lake Regional Task Force (continued)

The following table illustrates other statistics relative to the work of the task force in the City of Radford:

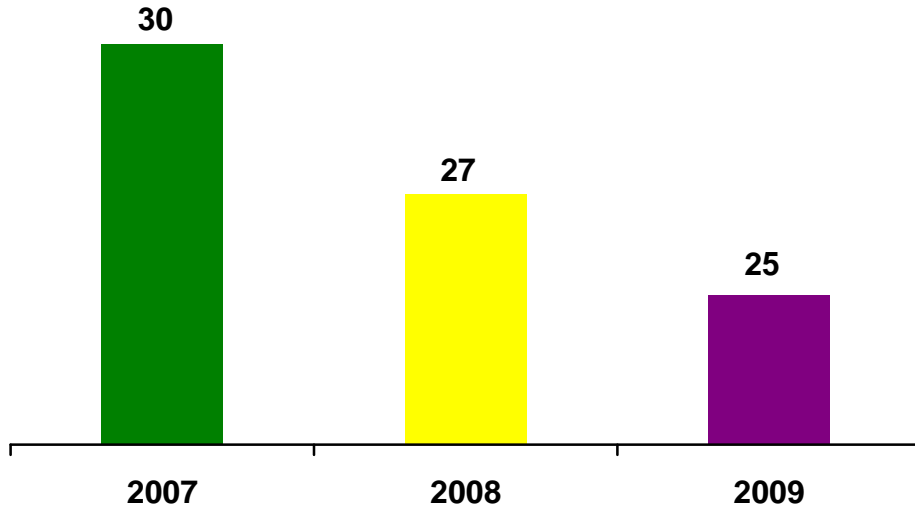
Total number of guns seized by the Department of Police	4
Total number of cases initiated by the Narcotics Unit	75
Total Charges pending or placed	102
Total number of search warrants executed	12

The following table illustrates other statistics relative to the work of the task force as a whole.

	2007	2008	2009
Total amount of money seized by the Task Force	\$30,586	\$17,540	\$14,776
Total street value of seized illegal or controlled substances	\$150,159	\$545,768	\$885,956
Total number of weapons seized by the Task Force	26	7	47
Vehicles seized involved in the sale of illegal or controlled substances	0	0	4
Total number of cases initiated by the Task Force	193	199	263
Total number of search warrants executed	33	45	69

School Resource Officer

Major Crimes in the Schools



Our School Resource Officer is dedicated to providing safety and security in the four schools located in the City of Radford. Some of the duties include controlling disruptive students, parents, and guardians, truancy, DARE instruction, and the investigation of crime that occurs at their respective schools. The reduction of a School Resource officer in 2009 means that one officer splits his time between the High School, Dalton Intermediate, and both of the elementary schools.

K-9 Officer

The Radford Department of Police was able to fully implement the re-developed K-9 Unit during the year 2009. In 2008, the Department obtained two dogs, donated to us by other agencies. Additionally, in 2009, we were given a third K-9 unit which allows us to provide a K-9 unit available virtually 24/7 for assistance to our Patrol Division and surrounding jurisdictions.

Boom is a Chocolate Labrador Retriever who is partnered with Officer DS Huffman. He specializes in the detection of explosives and weapons.

Jake is a Yellow Labrador Retriever who is partnered with Officer RM Stulz. His specialty area is that of narcotics.

Ares is a German Shepherd who is partnered with Officer JM Crowder. He also specialized in the detection of narcotics.

While the Department was glad to add these three wonderful additions to our roster, 2009 also served as a year of sadness for the K-9 Unit. We lost a retired K-9 on May 24, 2009. Dusty (who had been partnered with Sgt. Chris Caldwell) died of natural causes. He served this Department for six (6) years (2001-2007) and is greatly missed.

Group "A" Offenses

The following pages outline the Group "A" offenses for 2009 as compared to that of 2008. Group "A" offenses are considered major crimes and are reported to the State as UCR Offenses.

	2008	2009	% change
HOMICIDE	1	1	-
KIDNAPPING	5	4	-20%
FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Rape	7	17	143%
Forcible Sodomy	1	1	-
Sexual Assault w/ object	1	4	300%
Forcible Fondling (child)	15	13	-13%
Total Forcible Sex Offenses	24	35	46%
ROBBERY	8	9	13%
ASSAULTS			
Aggravated Assaults	49	48	-**
Simple Assaults	276	257	-7%
Intimidation	45	26	-42%
Total Assaults	370	331	-11%
ARSON	5	5	-
EXTORTION	1	1	-
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	140	171	18%
LARCENIES			
Pocket Picking	1	-	-100%
Purse Snatching	-	2	N/C*
Shoplifting	38	39	3%
Theft from a building	9	16	78%
Theft from a coin operated machine	3	0	-100%
Theft from a motor vehicle	72	65	-10%
Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories	28	23	-18%
All other larcenies	221	198	-10%
Total Larcenies	372	343	-8%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	20	15	-25%

Group "A" Offenses (continued)

	2008	2009	% change
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	36	19	-47%
FRAUD			
False pretenses / Swindle / Confidence Game	57	42	-26%
Credit Card / ATM Fraud	20	20	-
Impersonation	15	24	60%
Welfare Fraud	-	-	-
Wire Fraud	-	1	N/C*
Total Fraud	92	87	-5%
EMBEZZLEMENT	3	4	33%
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	9	4	-56%
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	395	321	-19%
NARCOTICS OFFENSES			
Drug / Narcotic Offenses	259	238	-8%
Drug Equipment Violations	7	14	100%
Total Narcotic Violations	266	252	-5%
NON-FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Incest	-	-	-
Statutory Rape	1	-	-100%
Total Non-Forcible sex offenses	1	-	-100%
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIALS	3	3	-
GAMBLING OFFENSES			
Betting / Wagering	-	-	-
Operating / Promoting / Assisting Gambling	-	-	-
Gambling Equipment Offenses	-	-	-
Sports Tampering	-	-	-
Total Gambling Offenses	-	-	-
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES			
Prostitution	-	1	N/C*
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	-	-	-
Total Prostitution Offenses	-	1	N/C*
BRIBERY	-	-	-
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	21	24	14%
GRAND TOTALS	1772	1630	-8%

* N/C-The percentage is not calculable due to division by 0.

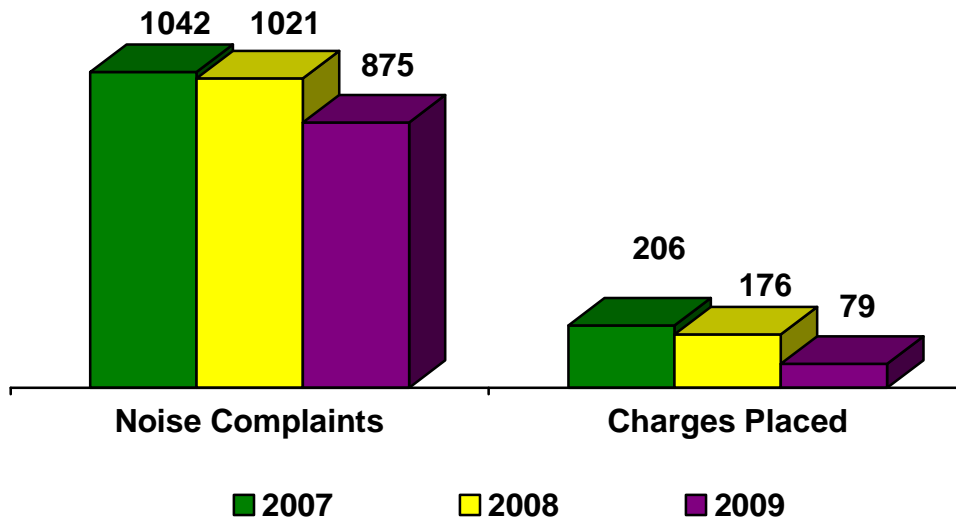
** The percentage is so minute that no notable difference can be made.

Group "B" Offenses

We will now examine Group "B" offenses. These are crimes that are not "major" in nature, but are serious offenses that require as much manpower and attention as Group "A" offenses. These are reportable to the state only when an arrest is made. This list will not include Driving Under the Influence reports or Alcohol Violations reports, as these will be discussed in depth further in the report.

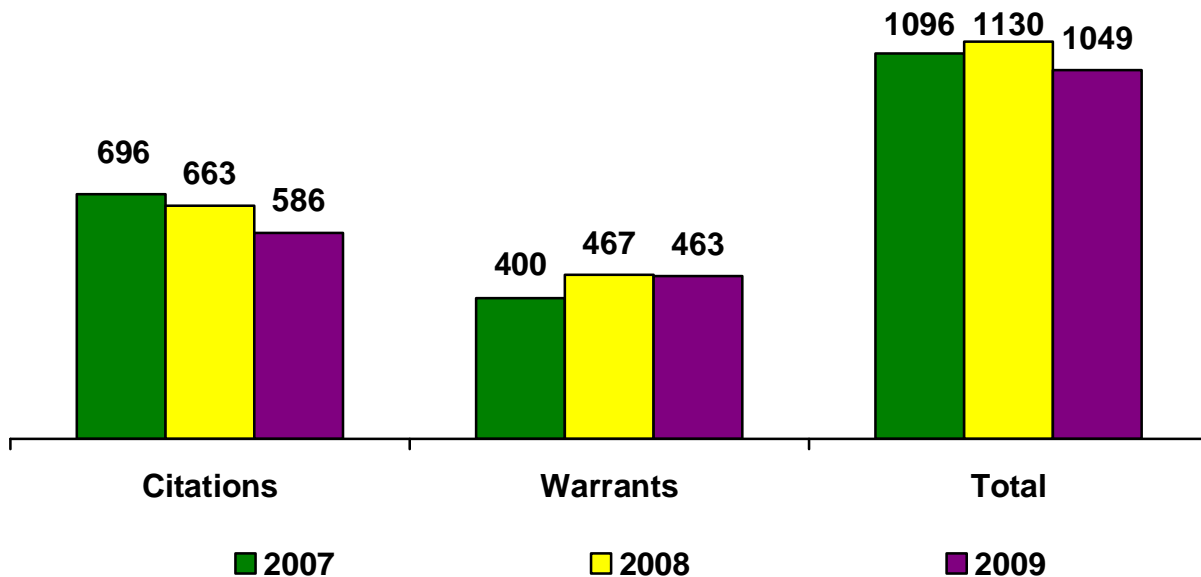
	2008	2009	% change
Bad Checks	34	21	-38%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violation	-	2	N/C*
Disorderly Conduct	40	19	-53%
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	37	19	-48%
Peeping Tom	1	3	200%
Runaway	10	12	20%
Trespassing	43	32	-26%
Conspiracy to Commit a Group "A" offense	20	9	-55%
Conspiracy to Commit a Group "A" offense	-	-	-
All Other Reportable Offenses	746	481	-36%
GRAND TOTALS	931	598	-36%

Noise Violations



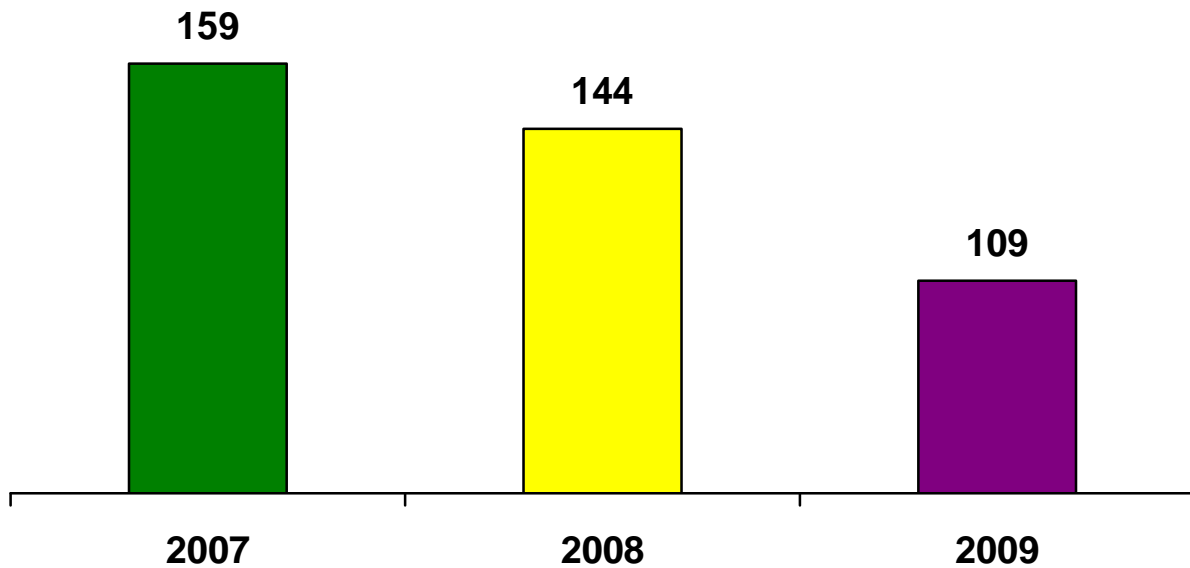
This chart illustrates the difference in the number of noise complaints versus charges placed in 2007, 2008, and 2009. Though Noise Violations may seem to be a minor offense, they often lead to the discovery of more serious crimes such as drug and alcohol violations.

Alcohol Violations



Radford Department of Police has a strict policy on lowering alcohol violations in the City. Studies have shown that alcohol is one of the major contributing factors to other crimes, such as assaults, rapes, larcenies, and vandalisms.

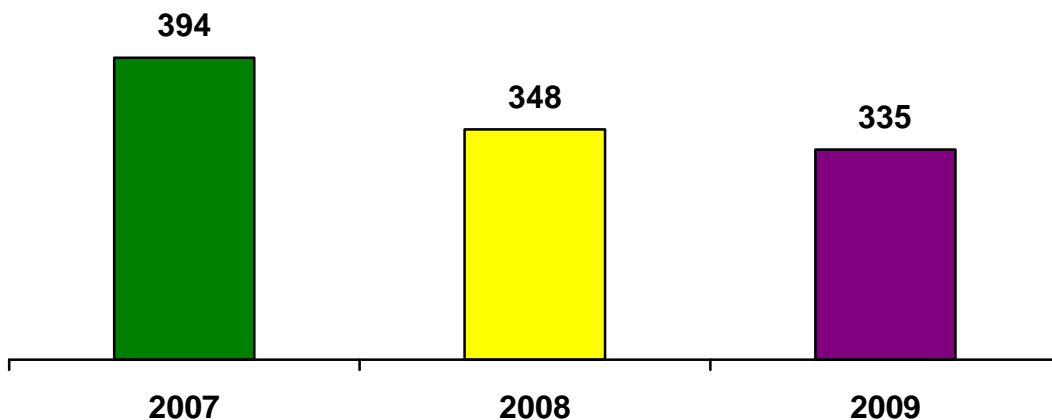
DUI Arrests



This chart shows the level of consistency in the enforcement efforts of the Radford Department of Police to get drunk drivers off the streets and behind bars.

Accidents

Total Number of Accidents

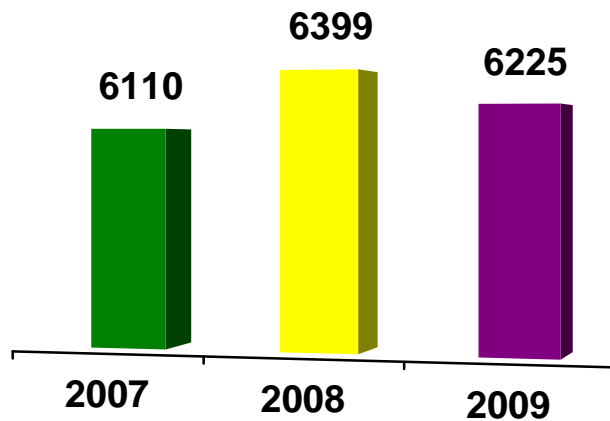


The number of vehicular accidents in the City of Radford decreased 4% from 2008 to 2009. This increase may be attributed to proactive traffic law enforcement.

Arrest Totals

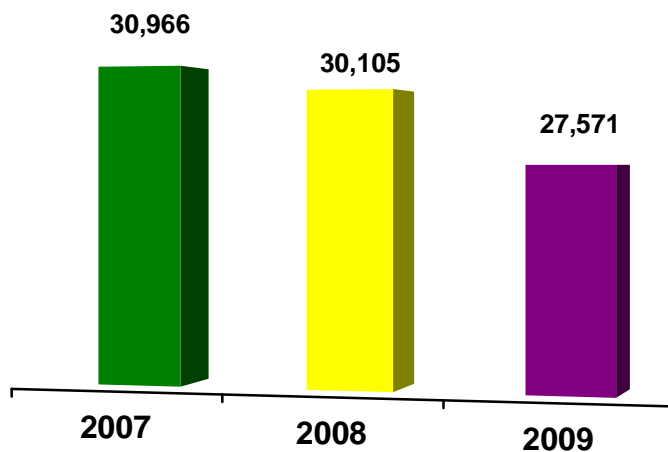
The City of Radford Department of Police makes arrests via three (3) main avenues. These are: citations issued for minor criminal offenses and for infractions of traffic and local laws; arrests on warrants issued by the magistrate and indictments handed down from Circuit Court; and finally civil papers which include the detention of mental subjects, no trespassing notices given to citizens, and protective orders.

Total Arrests



Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service



The total number of calls for service includes Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works calls that are dispatched through the Emergency Communications Center.

Conclusion

The Office of Records Management at the Radford Department of Police, along with Chief Don Goodman, would like to thank you for your time in reading our **2009 Annual Report**.

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