



Farmington Hills Police Department 2010 Annual Report

Mission Statement

The Farmington Hills Police Department is committed to maintaining the safety and quality of life of this community, through the delivery of superior police services without prejudice or partiality.

Chief's Message

I am pleased to present the Police Department's 2010 Annual Report. Public safety is the yardstick by which most residents measure the quality of life in a community. I am proud to report "Farmington Hills measured up in 2010!"

Farmington Hills improved in the nationally acclaimed C.Q. Press Annual Safest City rankings. Farmington Hills moved from 40th to 30th in the national safe-city rankings and from 4th to 2nd in the Michigan safe-city rankings.

In 2010, serious Group A Crimes decreased 6.4%. Fifteen of the 20 most serious crimes decreased or remain unchanged. This accomplishment is even more impressive considering serious crime decreased 9.8% in 2009.

Thirteen armed robberies in 2010 was the lowest number of armed robberies ever recorded in the history of the City. There were 181 fewer larcenies in 2010. The 297 total business and commercial burglaries was the 3rd lowest total number recorded since 1986. The 126 reported auto thefts was the lowest number recorded since 2002.

Group B Crime, the next 11 serious categories of crime decreased 21% in 2010. This total was the 2nd lowest number recorded in the last 17 years.

The department added a new 9-1-1 telephone system to the Farmington Hills

Police and Fire Dispatch Center in 2010. Another 2010 addition was an advanced

interoperable "Open Sky" 800 frequency radio system. For the first time ever,

police officers and fire fighters from other communities can communicate to each other directly without passing communications though a dispatcher. The purchase and installation of both projects cost over 1.3 million dollars. The actual cost to Farmington Hills residents was less than \$94,000 thanks to successful grant applications. The new 9-1-1 telephone system and the Open Sky radio system enhance the quality of service and safety of our residents.

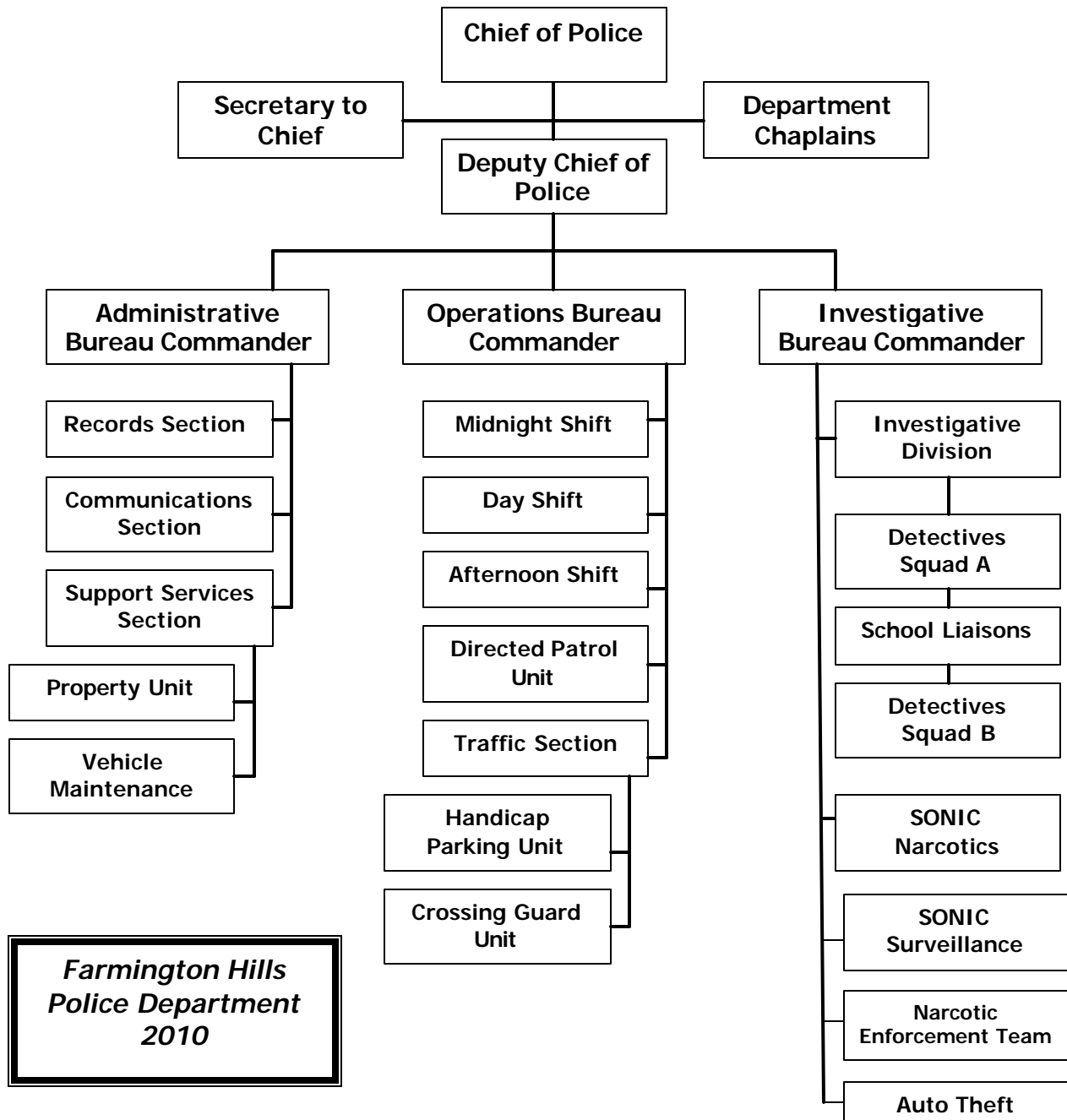


I am particularly proud of all of the members of the Police Department whose professionalism and dedication conquered significant changes and challenges in 2010. There were staffing, budget and resource reductions, including a department-wide reorganization that reduced several ranks and promotional opportunities. Every employee inherited additional challenges and work. Employee dedication, determination and spirit prevailed. Our citizens continue to enjoy a safe community protected by a superior group of professionals with whom I am honored to serve.

Structure and Function

The Farmington Hills Police Department was reorganized during 2010, reestablishing a three bureau structure: the Administrative, Operations and Investigative Bureaus. Staffing was adjusted to include 104 sworn officers, 33 full-time and 15 part-time civilian employees. Staff levels are supplemented by a citizen volunteer

group of 9 Handicap Parking Enforcement Program volunteers and 6 clerical volunteers. The Department continued to employ an aggressive and professional law enforcement philosophy placing emphasis on service and partnering with the community to identify and resolve issues of concern.



Personnel

The City's Voluntary Separation Program that culminated in January of 2010 significantly impacted the structure of the Police Department. Chief Nebus, who returned to the Department to serve as the new Police Chief, appointed a new executive staff to replace those who had retired. The movement and several other retirements during the year, created command vacancies that allowed the Department to promote a Sergeant to Lieutenant and two police officers to the rank of Sergeant.

2010 Promotions



From left to right: Lieutenant Michael Ciaramitaro, Commander Brian DeGrande, Chief Charles Nebus, Commander David Stasch, Deputy Chief Patrick Comini, Commander Matthew Koehn, Sergeant Brian Bastainelli



Not pictured above,
Sergeant Michael
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Once again, officers were recognized by the City, American Legion and Optimist Club for their commitment and selfless work during the year.

2010 Police Officers of the Year



From left to right: City of Farmington Hills Police Officer of the Year Gary Lavin, American Legion Police Officers of the Year Scott Rzeppa and Richard Wehby, Optimist Club Police Officer of the Year Chad Double

The Department and City recognized the long time dedication and service of a number personnel retiring during 2010:

- Interim Chief Richard Niemisto
- Deputy Chief James Whitcomb
- Commander Patrick Monti
- Commander Timothy Connor
- Lieutenant Carlton VanMeter
- Sergeant William Michaluk
- Sergeant Alan Soderlund
- Sergeant Kevin Cronin
- Officer James Jarrett
- Officer Jon Crump
- Officer Michael Farley
- Officer Rose Mackie
- Subp. Services Ofc. Carolyn O'Brien
- Dispatcher Rosemarie Temple
- Dispatcher Kathleen Lippert
- Clerk Typist Barbara Martz
- CP Tech. Juliet McGlinch

Department Activities

New Department K-9

Through support from City officials, the Department acquired a new K9 to replace Kasper (the previous K9) who was retired after 10 years of dedicated service. Officer James Kase stepped down from the position of K9 officer and Officer Brian Holder was selected to serve as the Department's new K9 officer with the new K9, Argos. Argos, a German Shepard was born in Germany in February of 2009 and was brought to the United States in September, the same year. His initial, and ongoing, training and certification will ensure the continued tradition of providing extensive and dedicated K9 service to the Department and the community.



capabilities. While not inexpensive, the new equipment was funded through a Justice Assistance Grant with no financial impact to the City residents.

Investigative Computer Lab

Utilizing equipment obtained through a second Justice Assistance Grant and the expertise of highly trained investigators, a computer lab was established as part of the Investigative Division. This equipment allows detectives to capture and secure evidentiary data from a number of electronic devices, including cell phones.



Motor Carrier Enforcement Program

Continuing its motoring safety priority, the Department's Motor Carrier Enforcement Program provided necessary training to 3 officers who achieved federal Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance certification.



Controlled Substance Take Back

The Department established the "Controlled Substance Take Back Initiative". A cooperative partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration aimed at allowing for the safe disposal of expired or unneeded prescription drugs. Over the course of a single weekend, 131 pounds of prescription drugs were turned in for destruction. The Police Department is planning a year-round drug drop off program to be unveiled in 2011.



Video Storage Upgrade

Recognizing an ever increasing need for technology upgrading, the Department obtained and installed a hard drive server for long-term storage of video data. This server reduced necessary staff hours while increasing retention

Community Work

The Department and its dedicated employees continued their proud history of working with and giving back to the





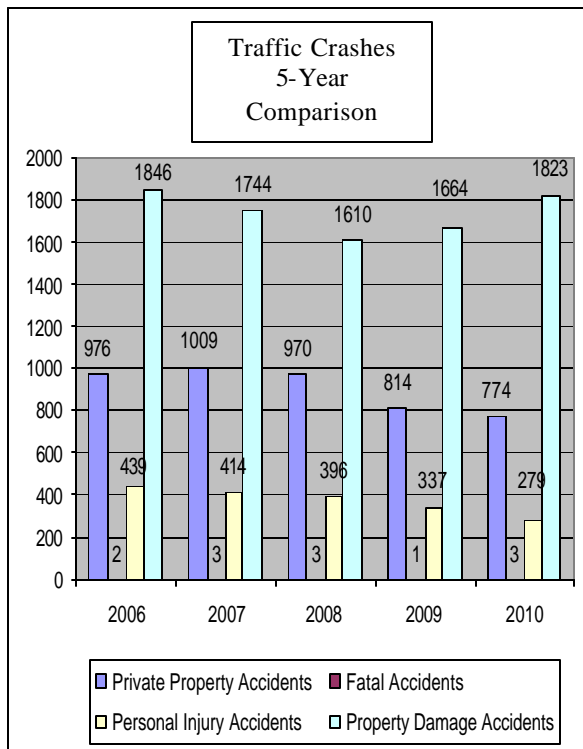
Officer Madeleine Vaughan, Debra Comini, Laura Varga, and Marianne Osikowicz at the 2010 Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association Golf Classic

community during the year. Members served with a number of community organizations including the Salvation Army, Optimist Club, The Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association, and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

OHSP/TIA Traffic Safety



The Department again worked with the Office of Highway Safety Planning and the Oakland County Traffic Improvement



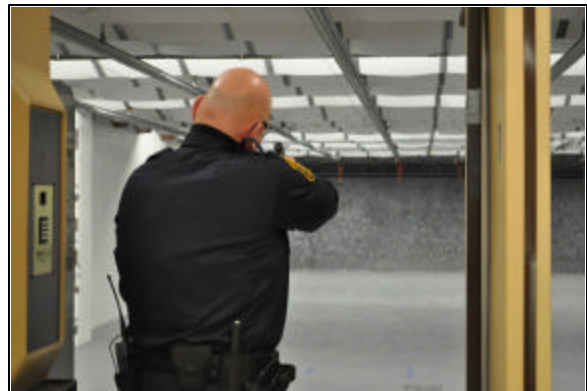
Association during the 2010 "You Drink, You Drive, You Loose" and "Click It or Ticket" traffic safety campaigns. The Department, along with the TIA, identified areas of repeated traffic safety concerns employing an education and enforcement

approach to decrease drunken driving offenses and increase the use of safety belts. These campaigns focus on reducing traffic crashes and injuries while improving motoring safety.



Firearms Range Updates

During the year, a number of necessary updates were identified and addressed to restore the Department's firing range to a serviceable status. Following an airflow and air balancing study that



identified several needed minor repairs, the Department's range was open for training. Taking advantage of the the repair time, the Department utilized a local contractor to complete a scheduled lead removal. A number of upgrades to the existing range remain in the investigative stage, with plans for completion during the upcoming year. The Department's range was constructed as part of the initial building design and construction in 1986. Range training is crucial to job readiness and pro-active risk management.

2010 STATISTICAL DATA

5 YEAR INCIDENT COMPARISONS

DESCRIPTION	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
GROUP "A" (partial list)					
Murder/Willful Killing	0	0	0	1	1
Forcible Sex Offenses	65	67	57	41	52
Robbery	33	28	24	19	13
Assault Offenses	726	725	712	643	672
Burglary (See graphs, p. 8)	326	372	344	257	297
Larceny	1,084	991	1,151	1,158	976
Vehicle Theft	177	169	165	135	126
Arson	9	9	10	8	8

DESCRIPTION	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
GROUP "B" (partial list)					
Fraud "B" (ie. NSF Check)	37	63	84	93	59
Operating under Influence	276	285	313	254	191
Obstruct Police	123	184	185	175	173
Disorderly Person	130	142	145	130	128

GROUP TYPE	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Group "A"	4,083	3,978	4,113	3,709	3,470
Group "B"	1,053	1,308	1,273	1,229	969
Group "C"	24,156	24,611	24,350	23,168	22,346
TOTAL OFFENSES	29,292	29,897	29,737	28,099	26,785

GROUP TYPE	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010
Group "A"	-2.6%	3.4%	-9.8%	-6.4%
Group "B"	24.2%	-2.6%	-4.0%	-21.2%
Group "C"	1.9%	-1.1%	-4.9%	-3.5%
PERCENT COMPARISON	2.1%	-0.5%	-5.5%	-4.7%

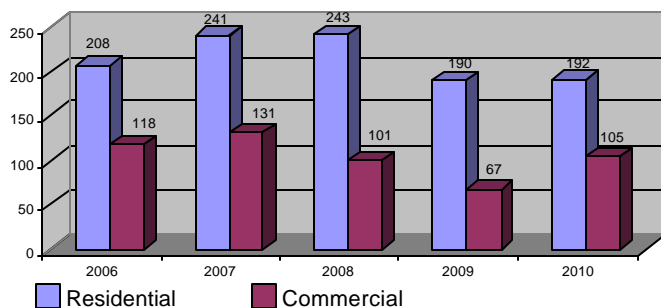
BURGLARY COMPARISON BY PROPERTY TYPE

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2009/2010
RESIDENTIAL						% CHANGE
FORCIBLE ENTRY	112	114	155	98	130	32.7%
NON-FORCIBLE ENTRY	74	106	64	70	47	-32.9%
ATTEMPT ENTRY	22	21	24	22	15	-31.8%
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL	208	241	243	190	192	1.1%
COMMERCIAL						
FORCIBLE ENTRY	104	109	82	46	90	95.7%
NON-FORCIBLE ENTRY	9	15	13	8	8	0.0%
ATTEMPT ENTRY	5	7	6	13	7	-46.2%
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	118	131	101	67	105	56.7%
TOTAL BURGLARIES	326	372	344	257	297	15.6%

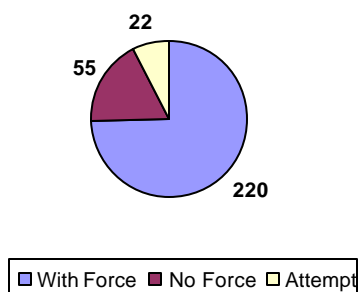
BURGLARIES BY ENTRY TYPE

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
FORCIBLE ENTRY	216	223	237	144	220	52.7%
NON-FORCIBLE ENTRY	83	121	77	78	55	-29.5%
ATTEMPT ENTRY	27	28	30	35	22	-37.1%
TOTAL BURGLARIES	326	372	344	257	297	15.6%

5 Year Burglary Comparison



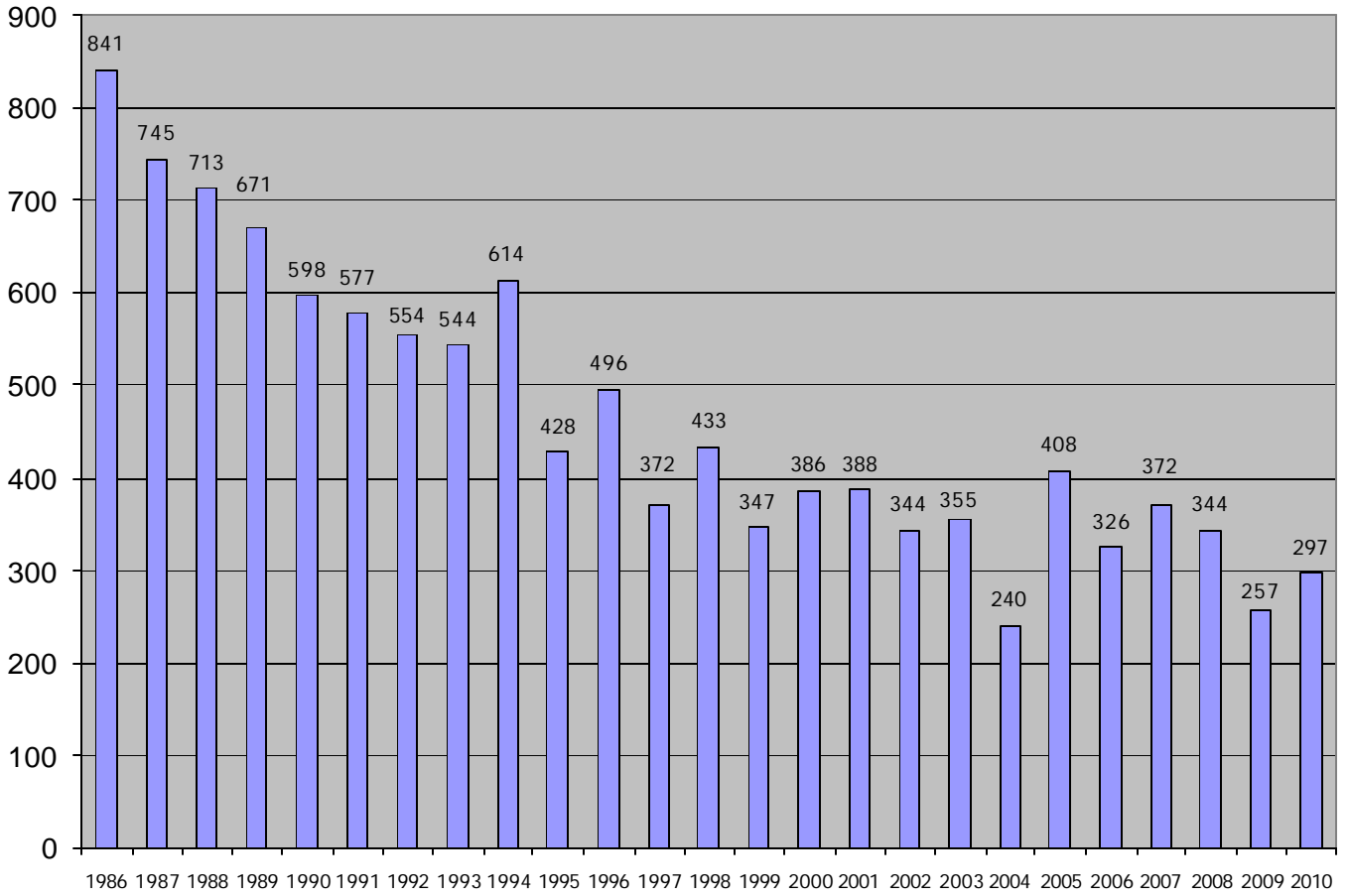
2010 Burglaries Method of Entry



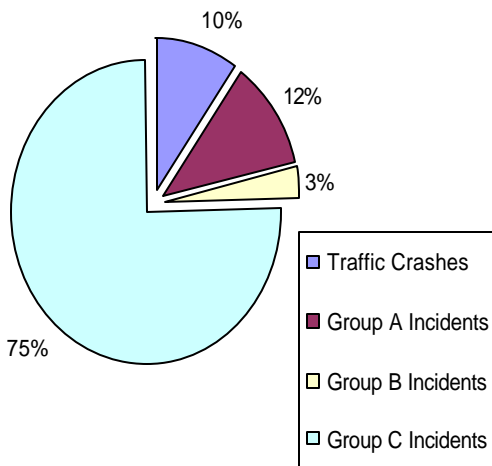
OTHER NOTEWORTHY STATISTICS

DESCRIPTION	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Operating Under Influence	276	285	313	254	191
Traffic Crashes	3,263	3,170	2,979	2,816	2,879
Arrests	3,482	4,013	3,894	3,287	2,444
Reported Incidents	28,729	29,897	29,737	28,099	26,785

Total Burglary Comparison 1986-2010



2010 Calls for Service Total Dispatched Runs for FHPD: 25,896



CALLS FOR SERVICE 5 Year Comparison

