

2009 Departmental Year End Report

Administrative Services Bureau

Successfully participated in the NYS DJCS Accreditation program for law enforcement agencies and became re-accredited. Accreditation is a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. The Accreditation Program is comprised of 130 standards and is divided into three categories. Standards in the Administrative section have provisions for such topics as agency organization, fiscal management, personnel practices, and records. Training standards encompass basic and in-service instruction, as well as training for supervisors and specialized or technical assignments. Operations standards deal with such critical and litigious topics as high-speed pursuits, roadblocks, patrol, and unusual occurrences.

Successfully implemented in-car camera technology permitting wireless video and audio recording of citizen/police encounters. The Panasonic Arbitrator equipment, together with department training and policy, provides valuable evidence and records of field activities in a secure network environment to be made available for presentation in court proceedings, investigations, and for supervisor review and training purposes. The system enhances effectiveness of officers and provides documentation of conduct and activities in an efficient manner.

Trained School Resource Officers in Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) as well as G.R.E.A.T. Families training and implemented the GREAT program in Albany City Schools. The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. has developed partnerships with nationally recognized organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the National Association of Police Athletic Leagues. These partnerships encourage positive relationships among the community, parents, schools, and law enforcement officers. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid using delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. The G.R.E.A.T. Program offers a continuum of components for students and their families.

The Communications Unit implemented new technologies to leverage use of the Department's existing fiber optic network to connect the landfill data exchange system to City Hall. This "point-to-point" system enabled the department to discontinue use of an external vendor for data exchange at a cost savings of \$1,000.00 per month.

The Training Unit reconfigured the Citizens' Police Academy into a hands-on; participative program that provides civilians the opportunity to learn the history of our city, the police

department, and law enforcement while engaging in actual and simulated police training and activities. The new Citizens' Academy was extremely successful and highly regarded by all participants.

The Training Unit also implemented a highly successful in-service training program that incorporated critical policing skills with community-based approaches to public service. In-service training included Active Shooter, Street Survival, and Emergency Vehicle Operations courses, as well as the NYS Defensive Driver Course. The Training Unit is providing the department's insurance carrier with the Defensive Driver Course certifications of sworn and civilian employees for consideration for a reduction in the insurance premiums related to fleet vehicles.

Funded through NYS DCJS IMPACT funding, the *OffenderWatch* web-based program was implemented by the Children and Family Services and Computer and Technology Units. Over the past ten years, *OffenderWatch* has become established as the industry-standard sex offender registration, management and community notification solution at both the state and local level. The system permits law enforcement and public access, including notifications, of registered sex offenders living in the community.

The Administrative Services Bureau, working with all department units, applied for funding through local, state, and federal grants to support community and youth programming, law enforcement training and equipment, and crime prevention and reduction programs. In 2009, the department received the following grants:

- COPS Hiring Grant
 - fund salaries of ten police officers over a three-year period :
\$2,306,860
- Justice Assistance Grant / Stimulus
 - Truancy Abatement program \$105,065
 - Youth Police Council \$25,000
 - Mayor's Kid by Kid program
\$200,000
 - Violent Crime Suppression Initiative
\$240,000
 - Arbor Hill Community Center \$65,871
- FY 09 Justice Assistance Grant
 - Fund crime reduction initiatives including violent crime, juvenile crime, domestic violence, firearm-related crime, and drug-related crime
\$154,197.35
- Operation IMPACT
 - Fund collaborative crime reduction efforts with the Albany County District Attorney's Office and state and local agencies (created and maintained jobs)
\$665,061
- Urban Area Security Initiative
 - Fund Homeland security/anti-terrorism programs
\$346,800

The operations division of the Albany Police Department includes the Patrol Division, Special Operations Division, and the Detective Division. In 2009 the Operations Division worked closely with the Administrative Division to continue to enhance the safety of the citizens of Albany. A concerted effort was made to aggressively investigate crime trends in a collaborative manner, while working to suppress criminal activities through suppression, education, and prevention. The following is a detailed report of year to date activities of each of the divisions that fall under the operations division.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division, consisting of the Center and South Stations, is responsible for handling the majority of calls for service from the public through the 911 and non-emergency systems. Although this is their main function they are further tasked with proactively responding to crime patterns, quality of life issues, and citizen complaints. In 2009 a number of initiatives were in place to address these issues including the Violent Crime Suppression Initiative, the Zone maintenance Plan, and Community Services activities.

The Violent Crime Suppression Initiative is designed to identify areas of the City with increasing crime patterns that potentially lead to violent activity. Through daily analysis of crime patterns resources are deployed to suppress embedded criminal activity through the use of high visibility patrol techniques. These techniques have helped continue to drive down violent crime. The techniques include, but are not limited to, increased foot and bicycle patrols, traffic check points, mounted patrols, enhanced probation and parole home visits, warrant initiatives, and the deployment of equipment such as the skywatch tower and variable message boards.

The Zone maintenance Plan was designed to address quality of life issues city-wide. Under this plan a Sergeant is responsible for quality of life issues in each patrol zone. The Sergeant's task patrol officers with proactively identifying issues such as graffiti, overgrown lots, garbage, and abandoned vehicles. These identified issues are then referred to the appropriate agency so they can be taken care of in a timely manner.

Each division has a Community Services Unit that is responsible for crime prevention activities. As part of these activities the units work together to attend neighborhood association meetings, assist walk and watch programs, conduct security surveys, and numerous other preventative services. The following is a brief outline of their activities to date:

Community Business Education Initiatives

- Education/ Training for University Heights, Hudson Valley College, RPI and St. Rose Public Safety Officers

College Education Prevention Programs

- Information regarding student related incidents.
- Education prevention information regarding on and off campus safety.
- Late night safety walk and talks.
- Safety fairs.
- International Student Safety Presentation.
- Safety forums.
- Addressing resident complaints regarding loud parties, noise, and drinking related incidents.
- National Night Out Festivities.
- Phillip Schuyler Wellness Fair

Child Education and Safety Programs

Child Safety Seat Installation and Education:

- Installation of child passenger safety restraints and provided parent education in reference to the proper installation and use of their child's passenger safety restraint.
- We continually provided a Child Passenger Safety Seat Presentations for St. Peter's Hospital, Maternity Information Night Expecting Parents Program. These programs are offered monthly and are routinely attended by approximately 40-60 expecting parents.

- Alpha Pregnancy Center Low Income Car Seat Program.
- Participated in Child Safety Restraint events around the Capital Region

Community Based Education Events:

- African American Family Day at the Empire State Plaza
- Carnival on the Hill Health & Safety Fair
- Teamster's Health Fair.
- Neighborhood works Conference
- Trinity Institution Ice Cream Social
- GE Kids Day @ Empire State Plaza
- African American Family Day
- Movie Under The Stars Nights
- National Night Out
- Orange St. Block Party
- Hosted CPTED School for National Crime Prevention Coalition
- ENCON Employee Safety Fair
- RHI Downtown BID Seminar
- PAL Holiday Lights Opening Night
- Habitat for Humanity kick-off event,
- Neighborhood's Work Conference, Carnival on the Hill
- New Jerusalem Church Community Block Party
- New Hope Church Community Block Party

- Benjamin Cocco Fund Raiser
- Albany Center for Economic Success Annual Block Party
- Community Forum Against Violence
- Mayor Jennings Annual Coat Drive
- Albany School District “Lock down drills”
- Albany Police Department Recruitment activities.

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At these events, we provided the following prevention education services:

- Variety of Crime Prevention Literature and Gun Locks.
- Safe Child ID Program, we have issued approximately 600 Child ID’s.

Crime Prevention Training and Education

Provided several organizations and businesses with various types of crime prevention training and education:

- Midtown Neighborhood Watch: provide volunteers with training in reference to safety procedures, policies, and safety associated with being a volunteer.
- Education/Training for University Heights and Hudson Valley College Public Safety Officers: public safety officers were trained in Defense Tactics, OC Spray, and Expandable Baton.

Miscellaneous Community Service Functions

Provided various Crime Prevention Presentations and Services:

- Home Security Surveys
- Business Security Surveys
- Office Safety power point
- Posted and towed abandoned vehicles
- Completed property work ups of suspected problem and/or drug houses.
- Lighting Surveys
- Attended Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) school
- Home Depot Annual Safety Fair
- The Mayors Annual coat collection (Safe Child)
- St. Rose Annual Wellness fair
- Pine Hills Annual Christmas Tree lighting

New Neighborhood Watch Groups that were formed:

- South End Neighborhood Watch
- Mansion Neighborhood Watch
- Bertha St. Neighborhood Watch
- Myrtle Av. Neighborhood Watch

Detective Division

The Detective Division is responsible for the investigation of all crimes and consists of five distinct units; The Criminal Investigations Unit, The Children and Family Services Unit, The Community Response Unit, The Forensics Investigation Unit, and The Information Coordination Unit. Although the traditional role of the detective division is as an investigative unit after a crime occurs a concerted effort has been made to become more proactive in a preventative mode. The units within the detective division work together and in conjunction with the patrol division to identify crime trends and react quickly to suppress further criminal activity. Each units accomplishments for 2009 are broken out as follow:

Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) of the Detective Division is responsible for the investigation of all crimes reported in the city with the exception of vice related crimes,

juvenile crimes and domestic related crimes. The unit consists of one Detective Lieutenant, three Detective Sergeants, twenty four Detectives and six civilian employees. Three officers joined the ranks of CIU during 2009 and two retired. CIU has one detective permanently assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) and another detective is assigned to the United States Marshal's Fugitive Task Force.

The Criminal Collation Coordination Unit (CCCIU) falls under the purview of the Criminal Investigation Unit. CCCIU is responsible for the maintenance of case files, the dissemination of investigative paperwork to the various detective units, pattern crime analysis and warrant control. CCCIU is currently staffed with one civilian employee and available modified temporary duty officers.

In addition to the duties explained above the Criminal Investigation Unit is also responsible for conducting multi-agency State Liquor Authority investigations. These investigations are conducted on a periodic basis to ensure the lawful operation of licensed establishments as well as to curb underage alcohol consumption and unruly businesses. A Detective Sergeant is assigned as the lead investigator from the department for SLA related matters and is responsible for organizing the multi-departmental operations and completing application reviews as required by law.

The Criminal Investigation Unit is also responsible for the daily operations of the Auto Crimes Task Force. The Auto Crimes Task Force is comprised of officers, detectives, and supervisors from all units within the department. Due to retirements, promotions and reassignments, the staffing levels have dwindled and six new members were added to the task force from the patrol ranks. This task force was created to combat automobile related crimes in the Capital Region. Crimes investigated by the task force include insurance fraud, motor vehicle theft, fraudulent documents, auto stripping and other Vehicle and Traffic Law violations. The task force is comprised of several outside agencies to include NYS DMV, NYS DEC, several local police departments, the Albany County District Attorney's Office and the New York State Police. A Detective Sergeant is assigned as the coordinator.

In an effort to better investigate financial crimes; two CIU detectives are members of the Capital District Bank Security Officers Association. This group was formed to keep law enforcement abreast of trends in the area of bank fraud, mortgage fraud, check and

money order schemes, money laundering, insurance fraud and various other “white collar” crimes. The contacts the detectives maintain allow for a good working relationship with other members of the association which alleviates barriers and obstacles to quick information gathering when investigating these types of crimes.

During this reporting period, November 1, 2008 to December 7, 2009, members of CIU attended in-service training for several topics including defensive driving, EVOC, firearms, survival techniques and building searches. Many of the detectives had the opportunity to attend training offered outside of the department this year. These courses include Statement Analysis training and a Cold Case Investigation Course presented by The Dr. Henry Lee Institute in Connecticut. CIU has used this opportunity to redistribute every open homicide case from the mid 1980’s to a detective for review. Armed with the content learned from the course, each case will be reviewed for possible investigative leads and available physical evidence will be sent to the NYS crime lab in an effort to use current forensic technology to obtain even more leads.

An emphasis was placed on establishing a system to get cases to the detectives in a much timelier manner. Previously, cases would sometimes reach the investigating detectives a week or two after the preliminary investigation had been completed. This became a problem because oftentimes investigative leads disappeared during this time. Hoping to capitalize on the fact that members of ICU read each report the morning after it was completed; a system was developed to allow for the reports to be analyzed by ICU for investigative factors and once identified as such, the B shift Detective Sergeant will assign the cases to detectives from all three shifts. This system has allowed the investigating detectives to receive the cases within twenty four hours of the report being taken which has lead to better follow up for the detectives as well as improved victim service.

The following is a list of data compiled by CIU, CCCIU and ICU. The data captures the time frame described above. Also, summaries of noteworthy investigations are included. The data and investigative summaries only touch upon the immeasurable success both CIU and CCCIU has enjoyed this year. The detectives and supervisors have accomplished their duties with a great deal of professionalism and are a credit to CIU, the department and the citizens of Albany.

CIU Case Assignments: 3,070

Closed Cases: 870

Arrests: 459

Total of bench warrant and arrest warrant entries: 3,190

Warrants served: 1,132

Warrants withdrawn: 1,065

CIU search warrants executed: 107+

Polygraph Examinations

Det. Simmons is the polygraphist for CIU. He conducted thirteen polygraph examinations during this reporting period. He also had six scheduled which the person did not show up for their appointment. He conducted three polygraphs for other agencies. A new polygraph instrument was purchased in April of this year. Det. Simmons completed a two day training course at the manufacturer's headquarters in Lafayette Indiana. Det. Simmons completed five examinations during the successful Richard Bailey homicide investigation.

Burglary Task Force

The Burglary Task force was created a few years ago to combat a rise in residential burglaries. During this reporting period an additional detective was added to the task force. The five members are able to work closely with ICU to identify patterns and trends and also potential suspects. This along with the Patrol Division's added concentration to reduce daytime burglaries has led to an eighteen percent drop in overall burglaries for 2009. A detective Sergeant oversees this Task Force.

Multi-Agency SLA Investigations

The Criminal Investigation Unit conducted thirteen joint operations with either the SLA or DMV and sometimes both. As result of these operations over \$22,750 in fines were assessed for violations found with several violations still pending. Seven arrests were

made by members of CIU and twenty UTT's were written (DMV's numbers were unavailable at this time). Michael's on Madison Ave and The Broadway Club on Central Ave. had their licenses revoked for various reasons and The Colonial on Central Ave received a ten day suspension of their license. One hundred and sixteen renewal applications were processed.

Auto Crime Task Force

This task force had many successful investigations during the reporting period. Several bait car details were conducted which led to arrests for larcenies from vehicles. An extensive investigation of an auto stripping crew resulted in a parallel residential burglary investigation in which several juvenile arrests were made clearing up many cases as well as the recovery of stolen property. Tyrik Ancrum was responsible for several automobile thefts and was arrested after a member of the task force observed him driving a car he had recently stolen.

Noteworthy Investigations

Michael Franklin homicide:

On December 24, 2007, Michael Franklin was found shot in inside his apartment at 53 Second St. Witnesses were reluctant to come forward during this investigation and through the tireless effort of the detectives of CIU, especially Det. O'Hanlon and D/Sgt Donnelly, a case was built and a suspect was identified. On October 14, 2009, Marcus Roberts was arrested on the strength of sealed Grand Jury Indictment charging him with the murder of Michael Franklin.

Richard Bailey homicide:

On October 20, 2008, Richard Bailey was found shot once in the back of the head at the corner of S. Lake Ave and Yates St. Although there were witnesses to parts of the crime, no one was able to make a positive identification of the suspects early on in the investigation. Many investigative avenues and leads were followed and dozens of people were interviewed. Several outside agencies including the ATF, FBI, the NYS State Police, the NYS Inspector General's Office and the Albany County District Attorney's Office assisted in this investigation as well as a concentrated effort from all units within the Albany Police Department. This led to the arrest of three individuals on September 21, 2009 for the murder of Richard Bailey. Charged were King Modest, Ricardo Caldwell and Devon Callicutt.

Ruel Torak homicide:

On February 21, 2009, the decomposed body of Ruel Torak was found in an abandoned building at 810 Broadway. He was shot once in the head. The investigation followed the night of January 21, 2009 when a drug deal between Torak and Raysomon Jackson ended with Torak being shot in a vehicle in front of 50 A Lark Dr. The vehicle was later found burning unoccupied on lower First St. Through investigative efforts it was learned that the vehicle was crushed after being totaled in the fire. Members of FIU were able to locate physical evidence linking the victim to the inside of the vehicle and the suspect Jackson to the vehicle through interviews with the registered owner. On March 12, 2009, Raysomon Jackson was arrested for the murder of Ruel Torak.

Other homicide arrests in 2009:

Carl Taylor was arrest for the stabbing death of Richard Hagen at 98 Bradford St. Ronald Wright was arrested for the shooting death of Ondrell Daniels while in the Broadway Club at 108 Central Ave. Kymeir Turner and Dwayne Wright were arrested for the murder and robbery of Henry Ferrell at 158 Western Ave. Sadiem Wood was arrested for the shooting death of Zechariah Banks at 327 Second St which was operating as an afterhours nightclub. Maurice Seward was arrested for the accidental shooting death of Kyleal Avery at 19 Magnolia Terr. And brothers Larry and Ahmad Benford were arrested for the stabbing death of Edward Duffy at the intersection of Grand St and Myrtle Ave.

2009 Individual Investigative Assignments and Arrests

11/01/08-12/07/09

<u>Detective</u>	<u>Caseload</u>	<u>Arrests</u>
D/Sgt Kuck	6	1
D/Sgt Donnelly	44	1
D/Sgt Welyczko	85	0
Det. Wise	166	26

Det. O'Hanlon	164	25
Det. Simmons	55	11
Det. Tucker	69	2
Det. O'Neil	89	10
Det. Vanamburgh(BTF)	141	31
Det. Martin (BTF)	142	17
Det. Tierney	481	3
Det. McGraw(Job Related)	69	10
Det. T. Leonard	Assigned to the JTTF	
Det. Olsen	91	21
Det. Quinlivan	61	19
Det. Vogel	35	8
Det. Nadorski	53	10
Det. Kelly	52	14
Det. D. Leonard	59	8
Det. Aiossa (BTF)	103	5
Det. Coleman(BTF)	230	28
Det. Heid	58	18
<u>Detective</u>	<u>Caseload</u>	<u>Arrests</u>
Det. Haggerty	62	11
Det. Powell	81	15
Det. Sbuttoni Jr.	Assigned to USMTF	
Det. Bennett(BTF)	133	16
Det. Kubisch(retired)	36	5

Children and Family Services Unit

The Children and Family Services Unit is a multi-faceted investigative unit that is composed of two separate but integral bureaus, the Juvenile Aide Bureau and the Domestic Violence Unit. The unit includes a Detective Lieutenant, two Detective Sergeants, nine detectives, a unit clerk, a youth aide, a domestic violence case coordinator, and two intake specialists.

The Juvenile Aide Bureau is responsible for the investigation of crimes that are committed by or against juveniles. The Domestic Violence Unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes in which the victim and offender share a domestic relationship.

The Children and Family Services Unit is also responsible for the Sex Offender Registry and Database, Adult Protective Issues, Truancy Abatement and acts as a liaison with the schools within the city.

The units combine to perform a unique function within the Albany Police Department in dealing with non-traditional crime. The criminal activity that is investigated by the Children and Family Services Unit has a direct correlation to the socio-economic issues that are apparent in today's society. Due to the factors surrounding these crimes the members of the Children and Family Services Unit often work closely with non-criminal governmental agencies to best serve the needs of society

THE JUVENILE AIDE BUREAU

The Juvenile Aide Bureau is composed of seven detectives. They are responsible for investigating all crimes committed by or against anyone less than sixteen years of age. They are also responsible for the investigation of all missing persons under the age of eighteen.

Criminal Investigations

- There have been 329 cases to date.
- These cases have resulted in 44 arrests.
 - 21 Juvenile Arrests
 - 23 Adult Arrests
- 74 of these cases have been sex abuse investigations.
- 3 cases have been child fatality investigations.

Missing Persons

- There have been a total of 246 missing juvenile cases handled to date.
- These cases comprise of group and residential homes.

Youth Aide

The CFSU youth aide has assisted 125 youth.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Domestic Violence Unit is composed of two detectives, a case coordinator, and two intake specialists. They are responsible for the investigation and follow-up on all criminal activity involving a suspect-offender domestic relationship. Beyond criminal prosecution the Domestic Violence Unit provides victims advocacy during court proceedings and a referral system for services. The Unit also takes an active role in tracking all domestic cases with victim follow-up and a database connecting all victims and offenders. The Domestic Violence Unit is recognized throughout the State as innovative and progressive.

- There have been a total of 4550 Domestic Incident Reports.
- Through November there have been 336 Domestic Violence cases assigned in the Domestic Violence Office.
 - There have been 57 arrests by the detective's assigned to these cases.
- Through November, the intake specialists were assigned 1392 cases
- Recently, the unit was awarded VAWA funding in partnership with Equinox and The Legal Project. The APD plans to hire and train a third intake specialist. This person would work alternate hours so as to be able to assist victims after normal business hours. This person's primary responsibility will be the entry and upkeep of order of protection information in RMS.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The Children and Family Services Unit is responsible for the City's Sex Offender Registry as mandated by Megan's Law. The Sex Offender Registry is maintained and enforced through the guidelines of the Sex Offender Act and Corrections Law. Under the mandate, convicted sex offenders are assigned risk levels through an administrative hearing and must comply with the standards of the Act based on their risk level. There are three designated levels of sex offenders, 1, 2, or 3, with 3 being the highest risk level. The Children and Family Service Unit is ultimately responsible with registering all sex offenders that reside within the City limits and maintaining a database that coincides with the State Registry. The Unit enforces the Corrections Law by arresting any sex offender that is not in compliance with the Act. This includes home visits to ensure that all the information provided to the Department and to DCJS is correct.

In 2009, via Impact funds, the department purchased Offender Watch (www.watchsystems.com). This is a web based software package which allows the unit to manage the sex offender population in the city while also performing a community notification function.

Year to date, there have been 13 offenders arrested for SORA violations.

The following is a breakdown of registered sex offenders in Albany:

Level 1 –80
Level 2 –68
Level 3 – 56
TOTAL – 214

TRUANCY ABATEMENT

The Children and Family Services Unit has taken an active role in truancy abatement since 1997. In the past the police played the major role in returning truant children to school and following-up with the parents. In 2003 the City's Office of Youth and Workforce Services applied for and received a DCJS grant to reduce Juvenile Crime through Truancy Abatement. The receiving of the grant allowed the police to team-up with the Office of Youth and Workforce Services, the School District and Probation to take a comprehensive approach to truancy. As part of this comprehensive approach a Truancy Center was opened at 175 Central Avenue. The program calls for truants to be brought to the Center in order to be provided services. The youths are screened and services are provided on the basis of the intake screening. Parents are notified while the youth is at the Center and are also offered services. In the event that a truant's parents can not be contacted the youth is brought back to their school for regular dismissal. Follow-up is then provided by the Police and Probation in a home visit to make contact with a parent and advise them of the situation. Beginning in 2008, the Albany City School District co-located an attendance officer on-site at the truancy center.

DATE	# OF TRUANTS	# OF FOLLOW-UP VISITS
January 09-present	504	376

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

The unit works closely with Albany County Child Protective Services. Sometime in 2010 Albany County plans to open a Child Advocacy Center on Green Street. In addition to being a partner on the CAC, the unit sits on the Albany County Child Fatality Review Team.

CAPITAL REGION CYBER PREDATOR TASK FORCE

The mission of the task force is two-fold. The first mission is to surf the internet chat rooms posing as a juvenile to aggressively seek out predators. Upon being lured by the predators the ultimate goal is to have the predator travel to the area to meet what they believe is an underage person for the purpose of engaging in sexual acts. The second part of the task forces mission is to follow-up on leads provided by other FBI division field

offices. As part of this mission federal search warrants are drawn up and served at residences where child pornography has been downloaded, purchased or shared.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

In 2003 the City of Albany created a multi-agency task force to protect adults who are in need of services. The goal of the task force was to create a team oriented approach to assisting the elderly population in the City. The task force is made up of the Albany Police and Fire Departments, Albany County Social Services, Senior Services of Albany, Albany County Health Department, Legal Aid Society, and Albany County Mental Health Department. Upon receiving a call for service to an adults residence where there is apparent abuse or neglect the Adult Protective Task force can take swift action to obtain proper services. These cases typically involve adults who can no longer care for themselves or are being mistreated by caregivers. Through social services, code enforcement, and criminal prosecution this service provides seniors with a better quality of life in the City of Albany.

The unit sits on the Albany County District Attorney's Seniors And Law Enforcement Together (SALT) task force.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

The Domestic Violence Court was created with the assistance of a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women. The project is a partnership between the City of Albany, Albany Police Court, the Albany County District Attorney's Office, Albany County Probation, Equinox, Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Assault Center, Albany Law School and the Legal Project. The purpose of the Court is to provide better service to victim's of domestic violence through a concerted effort in which offender accountability, judicial monitoring, proactive prosecution and advocacy are provided through coordinated efforts. The Court started to operate on June 6, 2005 and had a grand opening on October 26, 2005. The Court has enabled the Police Department to remain on the forefront of domestic violence prevention. We continue to be active participants in this endeavor.

ORDERS OF PROTECTION

In 2005 the Children and Family Services Unit centralized the department's orders of protection database. The Children and Family Services Unit now houses a copy of any order of protection issued out of Albany City Court or Albany Family Court. A hard copy is kept on file as well as a database entry in which the orders are kept up to date. The Children and Family Services Unit has also worked with Albany Family Court to ensure that ex-parte orders of protection are served in a timely manner. As stated earlier we plan beginning in 2010 to enter all orders of protection into RMS.

DETECTIVE	CASELOAD	JUVENILE ARRESTS	ADULT ARRESTS
Connolly	0	0	0
Hicks	9	0	0
Mahoney	0	0	0
Iwaniec	102	3	0
Morrone	52	3	3
Shade	65	5	5
Tarpinian	53	3	1
Raducci	69	3	3
Flynn	67	5	2
Fargione	93	4	4
Coleman	93	0	33
Fitzgerald	85	0	19
DePasquale	158		
Ramos	1071		
Smith	321		

Community Response Unit

The following is a year-end report for 2009

Assigned Cases – 335

Closed Cases – 232

Arrests – 370 state 30 federal

Open Cases – 103

- Command Initiated – 83 cases
- Unit Commander Initiated – 38 cases
- APD Request – 15 cases
- Outside Agency Request – 47 cases
- Tip Sheet Initiated – 8 cases
- Self Initiated – 143 cases

Operations conducted:

Buy Bust – 8

Controlled Buys – 265

Investigation - 13

Search warrants – 57

Controlled Deliveries – 4

Prostitution Operations – 9

RIP's – 4

Other – 15

Title III's – 2

I – Operation Bull Dozier (CNET) –

II – OGK Safe Streets – (Safe Streets)

III – Fletcher Case – (Safe Streets)

Command Initiated Objectives –

I – Burglary detail – College area

II – Burglary Detail – North Albany

III – Bailey Homicide Detail

IV – College time

New Equipment for 2009 – received PST1000BW/Digital recorder, JOEYII Digital recorder, camera lens, 2 camcorders, 2 Steiner binoculars

Forensics Investigation Unit

DNA Investigative Leads Developed	55
Ballistic Comparative Hits (NIBIN).....	9 involving 16 cases
Latent Fingerprint Hits.....	26
DNA Convicted Offender Databank Samples Taken.....	54
Parolees Processed.....	219
Pistol Permit Applicants Processed.....	47
Taxi License Applications Processed, New.....	81
Taxi License Applications Processed, Renewal.....	201
Civilians Fingerprinted.....	777
Background Record Checks.....	3072
Letters of Good Conduct Completed.....	67
Criminal Record Sealings.....	423
Cases Responded to:	
Assaults on Police Officers.....	19
Assaults.....	319
Burglaries.....	433
Robberies.....	108
Rapes.....	63
Arsons.....	27
Suicides.....	6
Attempted Suicides.....	3
Homicides.....	9
Attempted Murder.....	10
Unattended Death.....	33
Auto Accidents.....	10
Larcenies.....	74
Miscellaneous.....	296
Total Crime Scenes Processed (Approx.).....	1410

The Forensic Unit was able to train one of its members in the use of the departments Total Station System for creating scale diagrams of accidents and crime scenes. A program has been undertaken to create a group of officers and detectives who can work together at accident and crime scenes to accomplish the needed tasks. There will be a regular training schedule created that will help to insure that the needed skill sets required to perform this task are kept current. Members of FIU participate in the Tri-County Forensic Hazardous Materials Team and have responded to scenes both in and outside the city. In addition FIU members have assisted in teaching at various forensic related schools run by DCJS, John Jay College, and RPI.

Information Coordination Unit

The Information Coordination Unit (ICU) of the Detective Division is composed of a Detective Sergeant, two Detectives (one spot currently unfilled), a Crime Analysts Supervisor, two Crime Analysts, A GIS Mapping Supervisor and a GIS Mapping Technician. The unit is responsible for identifying current crime trends and patterns, unusual incidents, or officer safety concerns, which are then published to the intelligence section of the APD website. Further, any surveillance photos of suspects, as well as specific wants are also posted to the website. Another function performed by the ICU, is that of maintain a known offender database. This database is used to compare previous offenders against current crime trends and patterns.

The detectives assigned to the ICU, are responsible for the maintenance and posting of special want, needs to be identified and officer safety documents. Once these documents are created, they are posted to the website and immediately become available to every member of the APD either on a desktop or a MDT. These documents are also shared with other agencies, not only in our immediate area, but are now stretching further to include Ulster County. We also receive bulletins from these other agencies, facilitating information sharing.

In 2009 ICU prepared the following:

1. 209 special wants, resulting in 151 offenders being captured and/ or interviewed
2. 173 criminal intelligence reports

In addition to preparing a weekly crime synopsis, which is an overview of part 1 crimes that have occurred, the analysts have implemented several new documents, which are listed below:

1. **KNOWN OFFENDER PROFILE-** One such document is the Known Offender profile. This profile not only focuses on a particular offender's actions and crimes, but also focuses on their associates and family members. It is believed by providing this information to the investigators, that it will provide them a starting point to locate the offender more easily when that time arrives.

2. **GUN PROFILE**-Another document new to ICU is the Gun Profile. Based on NYBIN matches, profiles are created when casings from one incident are linked to another. The analysts compile all the information from the incidents that are linked and generate one document listing all the pertinent information. Photos of named parties, both victims and/or possible suspects are included, as to further create an all around picture of the gun's use. Once completed, the profiles will link to the Cumulative Shots Fired map (not yet available). The profiles will continue to be updated as new matches are made.

3. **MONTHLY BURGLARY ANALYSIS**- This is a monthly breakdown of all burglaries that have occurred in a specific month. The burglaries are broken down by categories, such as commercial vs. residential, method of entry and items stolen, to mention a few. Once the breakdown is complete, the document is forwarded to the Burglary Task Force. This allows for a clearer look at all burglaries and possible re-evaluation of possible trends and/or patterns.

Crime Analysis Center

In conjunction with DCJS, The Albany County Crime Analysis Center opened in May of this year. This center is comprised of members from the Albany Police Department, DCJS, Albany County Sheriff's Department, New York State Police, Albany County District Attorney, Albany County Probation and HIDTA. The center is currently looking to add New York State Parole to the center as well. As a result of the center several new abilities have become available to the members of ICU.

1. **Visual Analytics** - Through the use of Visual Analytics, members of the center (ICU) are available to perform a search of numerous databases at once, most of which were not available to ICU before, including code enforcement and Albany County SJS, to name just a few. Further, ICU is now able to perform a text search on Investigation Reports, allowing for this valuable resource to be utilized to its fullest potential.

2. **Digital Signage** – Through the use of Digital Signage, all agencies involved with The CAC, can post wants and/or informational slides, which are then displayed on monitors at 1 designated secure locations. The designated locations are as follows:

- a. Albany Police - Center, South, Traffic
- b. Albany County Sheriff – Voorheesville, Courthouse, EOC(Cohoes) and their Dispatch Center
- c. NYSP – Troop G

Mapping

In 2009, ICU was able to update the current online mapping system by installing a system upgrade provided by Freeance. This should make the maps more user friendly as well make the information more accurate. At the request of the Auto Crimes task Force, a Stolen Vehicle and Recovery map was introduced. This map allows for the tracking of stolen vehicles, making it easier to identify what vehicles have not been recovered. It also allows for a visual look at the locations at which the crime occurred, making it easier to target specific areas.

Crisis Management Team

The following is a breakdown of operations, training and equipment for 2009.

Operations: (Four calls for service)

Barricaded Subjects:

- 468 Second Ave.
- 634 J South Pearl St.

Emotionally Disturbed Person:

- 481 Third St.

Hostage Situations:

- No calls

High Risk Warrant Service:

- 26 & 17 ½ Lexington Ave.

Seminars/Training Attended:

- Annual Hostage Negotiators Seminar in Rochester NY (Robert Mulligan & Andrew Tarpinian)

Equipment:

- Tactical Vests for Luther Dorsey, Robert Mulligan, Tracy Sandoval, Andrew Tarpinian & Seth Powell.
- Acquired one wireless “Half Mile Hailer” PA system

Special Operations

Traffic Safety

All Traffic Safety Division officers are required to accomplish numerous missions, often without much notice. They are to be able to complete these tasks with minimal supervision and to do so in a safe, timely and professional manner. In addition to the enormous amount of pre-planned events, the officers manage all of this while still answering calls for service and backing up their fellow officers. The following are examples of this year’s activities and accomplishments:

- 1) Helped provide traffic control and police support for numerous pre-planned events throughout the year, including all parades. Examples include the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Memorial and Veterans Day Parades, & the Columbus Day Parade;
- 2) Provided Traffic and crowd control for numerous fundraising events such as the Race for the Cure, Friehofer’s Run for Women, Strides Against Breast Cancer;
- 3) Provided Traffic and crowd control for city special events such as Alive for Five, Tulip Fest, Lark Fest, Jazz Fest and 4th of July fireworks;
- 4) Provided traffic control, crowd control, and escorts for Times Union Center (TUC) events throughout the year, including large scale concerts such as Metallica, Phish, Daniel O’Donnell, and the Trans Siberian Orchestra, as well as River Rats, WWE Raw, & NCAA team events and block parties;
- 5) Provided Traffic and crowd control assistance for multiple demonstrations at the Capitol, coordinating with the Mounted Unit and SP Capital.
- 6) Participated in the STEP Grants for Aggressive Driving initiatives, & Buckle-Up NY mobilizations.
- 7) TSD B-Shift has issued over 3,800 summonses through early December, despite their numerous responsibilities and details to other assignments.
- 8) Participated in both department initiated and Countywide successful DWI sweeps.
- 9) Coordinated the fleet maintenance for the whole of the department, including repair and replacement estimates and researching new equipment for vehicles.
- 10) Investigated multiple crashes involving APD vehicles

- 11) Assisted in instructing an accident investigation course for APD personnel, and at the motorcycle training school in Troy.
- 12) Assisted as instructors for EVOC, for APD recruits at the Zone 5 Academy as well as for current departmental sworn & non-sworn personnel.
- 13) Assisted in snow emergencies including posting streets (TSA's), towing violators, collecting scofflaw, releasing cars, coordinating tow companies, and working with D.G.S. snow removal crews.
- 14) Participated in dignitary protection and escort details, including coordinating with the U.S. Secret Service & State Department, including Dalai Lama details.
- 15) Successfully coordinated multiple high profile public demonstrations by the Westboro Baptist Church.
- 16) Successfully coordinated with Traffic Engineering and multiple City and private entities for two major motion picture film shoots within the City of Albany.
- 17) Successfully utilized the plate reader device in unit #302. In addition to traffic operations, the plate reader has also been deployed multiple times to crime scenes in order to accurately record and identify the vehicles on scene at a given time;
- 18) Successfully certified additional TSD officers as RADAR/LIDAR operators.
- 19) Sent 3 TSD officers through the Child Passenger Safety Technician Course.
- 20) Sent 3 TSD officers through police motorcycle training course.
- 21) Continued to participate in various schools and seminars for SFST updates, motorcycle enforcement training and commercial vehicle enforcement.
- 22) Sent officers through TOTAL Station training course, and updated our maintenance package through Visual Statement.
- 23) Provided multiple escorts for funeral services throughout the year.
- 22) Worked in conjunction with the PSO's and Special Services in identifying problem areas for parking enforcement.
- 23) Participated in the Handicapped Parking enforcement details on Black Friday, and had the highest ticket violations total in the county for the second straight year.
- 24) Hired 2 more PSO's and 3 more School crossing officers.
- 25) Trained personnel in the use and deployment of Mobile DVR units, which were recently activated in all TSD vehicles.
- 26) Participated in the 2009 Crossgates Mall Traffic Safety Show.
- 27) Through the first week of December, the total boot collection / scoff law totals have shown an increase of almost \$100,000. over 2008.
- 28) Utilized in enforcement for the Violent Crime Suppression Initiatives, and Daily Operational Orders.
- 29) Investigated Auto Thefts in conjunction with CIU and Patrol Unit personnel.
- 30) Coordinated alco-sensor calibrations on a monthly basis.
- 31) Replaced 2 TSD units with updated 2008 Dodge Chargers.
- 32) The Desk officer at Traffic Safety: This officer has more responsibilities, duties, and is held to a higher standard than any other desk position. The following is a list of daily activities successfully completed by the desk officers:
 - a. Employees booking sick, and returning to duty;
 - b. Keeping the blotter;
 - c. Receiving calls and walk in reports;
 - d. Dispatching tow trucks;

- e. Receiving tow reports, and filing same;
- f. Checking towed vehicles and radio calls for scofflaw vehicles;
- g. Collecting money for scofflaw;
- h. Releasing towed vehicles;
- i. Receiving radio calls on "5" for tow trucks, scofflaw, signs down, traffic light malfunction, and notifying proper unit;
- j. Monitor "traffic engineering" frequency for P.S.O. and T.S.A. calls of all types;
- k. Screen employees and persons with business inside Traffic Safety;
- l. Monitor and call stations regarding repaired unit(s).
- m. Fill out SIR's/DIR's/all other department forms as needed.
- n. Snow emergency coordination.

Canine Unit

The Albany Police K-9 Unit was utilized over **692** times not including daily support related activities such as assisting Patrol, Detectives, Special Operations, Community Services, and other Department Members.

The following has been recovered pursuant to canine narcotics searches.

Marijuana-	26,904.66 grams
Cocaine-	413.9 grams
Crack Cocaine-	568 grams
Heroin-	265 Decks

Assists in the recovery of (10) firearms, (3) as a direct result of searches

During the year the following agencies did receive direct support from the Albany Police K-9 Unit.

1. Federal Bureau of Investigation
2. United States Marshall Service
3. Federal Protective Service
4. U.S. Customs and Border Protection
5. Drug Enforcement Agency
6. Federal Probation
7. New York State Police
8. New York State Division of Parole

9. New York State Division of Environmental Conservation
10. New York State Attorney General's Office
11. State University of New York at Albany Police Department
12. Albany County Sheriff's Department
13. Albany County Probation Department
14. Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department
15. Town of East Greenbush Police Department
16. Town of Guilderland Police Department
17. Town of Colonie Police Department
18. Town of Bethlehem Police Department
19. Village of Menands Police Department

Strategic Deployment Unit

- Assignment of permanent beats/ zones
- PPO force multiplier initiative (PPO's assigned to bolster street presence in identified areas)
- Acquisition of 9 new police bikes
- First in-house bike training, majority of SDU now bike certified
- Pine Hills burglary initiative
- South End robbery initiative
- Burglary details in Pine Hills (2x) and Arbor Hill / West Hill
- Theft From Motor Vehicles details in Pine Hills (2x with ongoing monitoring) and Center Square utilizing the bait car
- Pine Hills House Party Initiative – control of parties and GCO / ABC Law Enforcement (ongoing)
- Unit participation in multi-agency RICO takedown
- Unit participation with NYSP for African American Family Day

-Unit assisted CIU, CRU, CFSU on multiple investigations performing a variety of tasks

-Unit participation with Operation Impact – NYSP Sgt. and Troopers (7) assigned to the unit to assist with SDU operational directives

-Acquisition of New SDU Sub-Station at 409 Myrtle Ave. – Space donated by AMCH and outfitted w/ computers and all equipment needed to function as a working office for seven officers and supervisors

SDU recovered more than 20 illegal firearms in 2009

Traffic Engineering

Completed contract with Laberge Engineering to study and design new traffic signal equipment for 6 intersections: Madison & Lark/Delaware; Madison & New Scotland; Madison & Quail; New Scotland & Holland; Northern & Shaker; New Scotland & AFD Engine 11 Station. Madison & Lark/Delaware is currently under construction as part of the Delaware Avenue reconstruction project.

Developed and received proposals for Federal Aid construction projects for the following:

Washington & Western Avenues Traffic Signal Coordination; New Scotland Avenue Traffic Signal Coordination; School Zone Driver Feedback speed limit sign/signal.

Traffic Signal Replacements:

Completed the replacement and upgrade of traffic signal equipment at several intersections on Central Avenue from King Avenue to Ontario Street.

Reinstated signal coordination of traffic signals on Central Avenue between Manning Boulevard and Tremont Street

Camera Projects:

Added to the camera systems in the following areas

- Madison Ave & Ontario – 2 cameras & 1 DVR
- Western Ave & Ontario – 4 cameras & 1 DVR
- Western Ave & Partridge – 2 cameras & 1 DVR
- Central Ave & Tremont St – 1 PTZ Camera

Central Ave & Colvin Ave – 1 PTZ Camera
Central Ave & Everett Rd – 1 PTZ Camera
Central Ave & King Ave – 1 PTZ Camera
Central Ave & Watervliet Ave – 1 PTZ Camera
1 DVR at Traffic Engineering office for Central Ave Cameras

Roadway Construction:

Completed Central Avenue phase 2, King Avenue east to east of Ontario Street - roadway and partial signal rehab project - coordination of all transportation aspects of the project with City Engineer's office and Clough Harbour & Associates.

Working with City Engineer's office on the Delaware Avenue reconstruction project, Madison Avenue to NYS Thruway bridge

Worked with DGS Engineering on Federal Stimulus construction package for roadway rehabilitation of Washington Avenue between Fuller Road and Central Avenue, this project has replaced the pavement and markings on this roadway.