



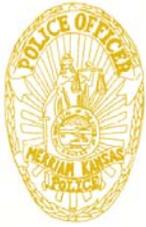
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Council Members and Merriam Citizens,

Slightly over a year ago the Merriam Police Department faced some exciting challenges when an entirely new command structure was put into place. While the new management team of a chief, a captain, two lieutenants and two sergeants had a combined one hundred and fifteen years of police experience, we were all taking on new and different responsibilities. As the year 2007 wrapped up, I was impressed at how this team came together and how well they performed. We are now comfortable in our respective positions and are hitting our individual strides. The restructuring that took place in late 2005 and early 2006 has indeed started to pay enormous dividends. As usual, the patrol officers consistently stepped up to the challenges we laid down and I am pleased to report that huge gains were made toward meeting our goal of becoming a truly "great" department.

One major step we took towards bettering our department was to keep most of our talented officers on the team. In 2007 the Merriam Police Department managed to accomplish something it had not done in over seven years. For a change we were actually able to reach full staffing (28) of completely trained officers. Hiring the full complement is not the hard part; getting them properly trained and street ready before someone else leaves is the real challenge. On the average their training takes nine months from beginning to end. Since we lose an average of 3.2 officers a year, it is easy to see why it has been so long since we were last able to do this. Now factor in the start-up cost for each new officer, at approximately \$40,000, and it becomes apparent that it is, by far, preferable to keep good officers rather than replace them. (And I'm not even going to try and put a value on the experience we lose every time someone leaves.)

Now with this annual report it is my pleasure to share with you exactly what your police department accomplished during 2007. As you read through it, please observe some of the notable highlights. For instance, the detective unit was able to follow up a record number of reported crimes. This is important because the more crimes that we investigate, the more we solve.

More good news is that the overall number of reported crimes and "calls for service" trended down this year. This downward trend stands out against the 2006 numbers, which were unusually high. The numbers in 2007 are closer to what the City of Merriam experiences in an average year. The twenty-five thousand plus self-initiated activities remained steady; this meaning when the officers are not answering calls, they're generating their own work.

Another change to this year's report is the section on "Officers at Work" (formerly called "The Top Ten Incidents"). Instead of relaying just the facts as we previously did, I wanted to personalize these incidents with more information about the officers involved. The incidents relayed in this report represent just a small cross section of our activities. As you will see, the officers work in a diverse and challenging environment. I am inspired daily by their devotion to duty and the quality of work they produce. The more you know about the officers that make up your police department, the more you will share my appreciation of the amazing things they accomplish routinely.

As always, it has been a pleasure to serve both the officers of the Merriam Police Department and the citizens of Merriam.

Police Chief Bill Lietzke



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DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Administration

Years of Service

Chief Bill Lietzke
 Captain Tim Burnett – Patrol Commander
 Lieutenant Mike Daniels – Investigation Unit Commander
 Lieutenant Darren McLaughlin— Administrative Support Commander

27
 25
 20
 18

Patrol Division Supervisors

Sergeant Albert Jones – Shift Supervisor
 Sergeant Todd Allen – Shift Supervisor
 Sergeant Dan Kellerman – Shift Supervisor
 Corporal Todd Sparks – Assistant Shift Supervisor
 Corporal Troy Duvanel- Assistant Shift Supervisor
 Corporal John Walton – Assistant Shift Supervisor
 Corporal Jason Reynolds – Assistant Shift Supervisor

24
 10
 23
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Patrol Division

Master Police Officer Larry Birt – DARE Officer
 Master Police Officer Phil Lewis
 Master Police Officer Jeremiah Waters
 Police Officer Charlie Yocum
 Police Officer Jeff Magee
 Police Officer Gerry Eickhoff
 Police Officer John DeMoss
 Police Officer Wes Waller
 Police Officer Nick Weiler
 Police Officer James Browning Jr.
 Police Officer Steven Wechsler
 Police Officer Timothy Filson
 Police Officer Charles Boyce
 Police Officer Melinda Copeland

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Investigations

Master Police Officer Mark Messbarger
 Master Police Officer Chris Brokaw
 Master Police Officer Shannon Bisel

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 6
 6

Civilian Employees

Dave Thomas – Community Service Officer
 Lisa Aldrich – Police Property Clerk
 Karen Gibson – Police Records Clerk
 Ronda Brumbaugh – Police Records Clerk
 Monique VanMeerhaeghe—Community Service Officer

20
 16
 14
 8
 1

Police Crossing Guards—Seasonal

Cynthia Knapp – 10 Years
 Doris Hillhouse – 4 Years
 Pam Steeb – 9 Years



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POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF



Police Staff Officers 2007
From Left to Right:

**Lt. Darren McLaughlin, Captain Tim Burnett
Chief William Lietzke, Lt. Michael Daniels**



Midnight Shift 2007
From Left to Right:

**Back Row: PO Timothy Filson, Cpl. Troy Duvanel,
Front Row: MPO Jeremiah Waters,
PO Gerry Eickhoff, Sgt. Al Jones**



Investigations Unit 2007
From Left to Right:

**MPO Chris Brokaw, MPO Mark Messbarger,
MPO Shannon Bisel.**



Day Shift 2007
From Left to Right:

**Back Row: PO Charles Yocum, Cpl. John Walton,
Sgt. Dan Kellerman
Front Row: MPO Larry Birt, MPO Phil Lewis,
PO James Browning**



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POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF



Evening Shift 2007

From Left to Right:

**Back Row: PO John DeMoss, PO Charles Boyce,
Cpl. Todd Sparks, Sgt. Todd Allen**

**Front Row: PO Melinda Copeland, PO Wes Waller,
PO Jeff Magee**

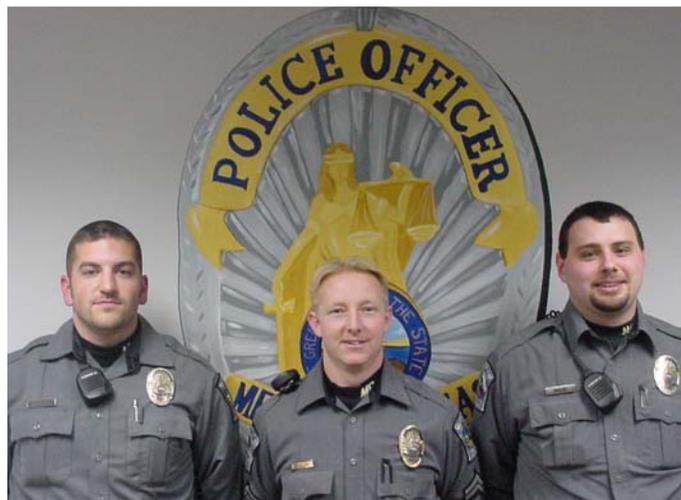


Community Service Officers 2007

From Left to Right:

Monique Vanmeerhaeghe,

Dave Thomas



Traffic Unit 2007

From Left to Right:

**PO Steve Wechsler, Cpl. Jason Reynolds,
PO Nick Weiler**



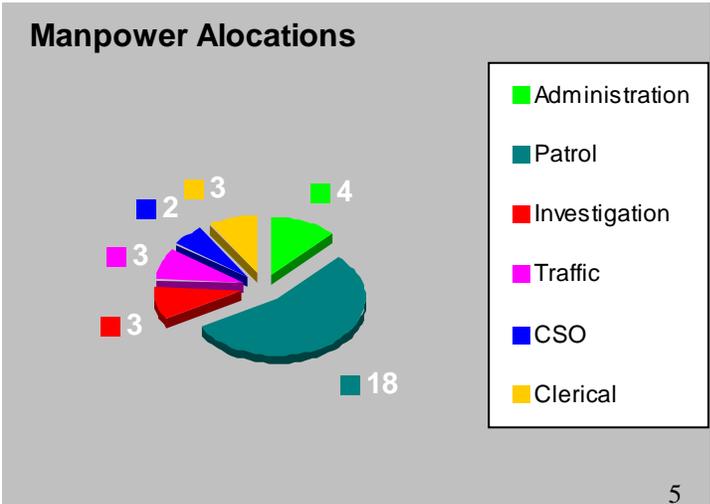
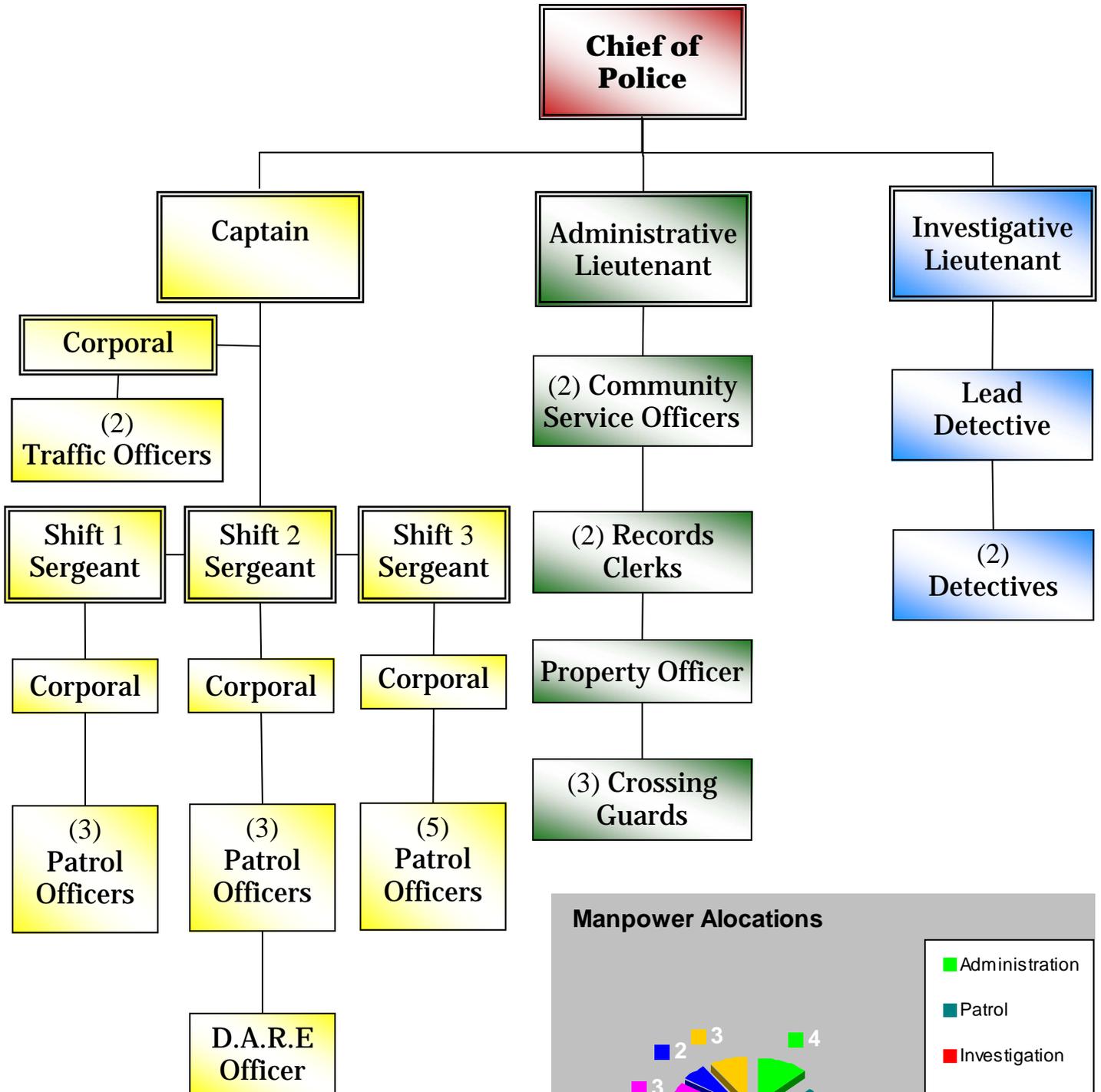
Property and Records Clerks 2007

From Left to Right:

**Lisa Aldrich, Ronda Brumbaugh
Karen Gibson**



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





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BUDGET EXPENSE REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The budget of the police department represents the largest of all the different departments in the city. In 2007, the total police budget was **\$3,283,952**. This amount includes all projected costs of personnel, contractual services, commodities and capital outlay purchases. It also includes increases due to added compensation. During the 2007 budget year, the Merriam Police Department spent **\$2,953,353**, which represents 89% of the approved budget. Of the total budget, over **\$2,873,216** (87%) is dedicated to employee salaries and benefits.

Below is a breakdown of expenditures by major categories as of January 8th, 2008.

Personnel: This budget item includes salaries, benefits, overtime costs, and other expenses.

Budgeted– **\$2,873,216**. Spent- **\$2,580,479**. Percent of budget spent– 89%.

Contractual Services: This budget item includes utilities, equipment rental and repair, custodial services, travel, training expenses, and building maintenance.

Budgeted– **\$178,216**. Spent– **\$159,997**. Percent of budget spent– 89%.

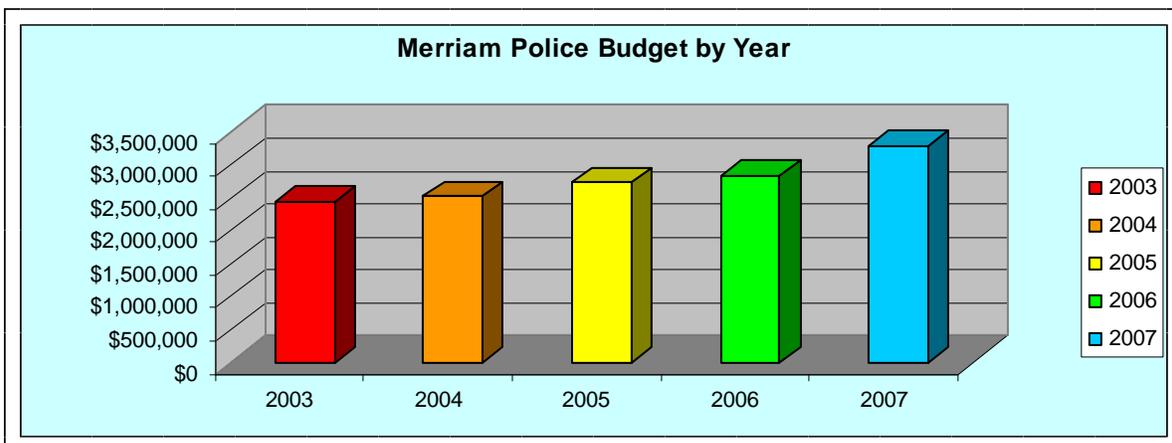
Supplies and Equipment: Included in this budget line is office equipment, police equipment and uniforms.

Budgeted- **\$128,520**. Spent- **\$110,217**. Percent of budget spent– 85%.

Capital Outlay: This budget item includes all major purchases to include vehicles and equipment purchases over \$5,000.

Budgeted– **\$104,000**. Spent- **\$102,660**. Percent of budget spent– 98%.

Overall, the police department was able to return approximately **\$330,599** to the general fund.





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PATROL DIVISION:
FACTS AND STATISTICS



INTRODUCTION:

When most people think about the police they commonly visualize a uniformed officer who is assigned to patrol. It is the most visible unit of the police department. It is also the largest unit, with twenty officers (71%) assigned from a total of twenty-eight. Their primary duties are: respond to calls for service, patrol the neighborhoods and business areas for criminal activity, stop traffic violators and assist the public as needed. In addition to routine patrol duties the officers spend many hours each year at district court, municipal court, drivers license hearings, and attending training classes. The dedicated officers of the Patrol Division provide the primary function of the police department, which is highlighted below through calls for service and self-initiated activity.

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

The primary duty of any police department is answering the public's calls for service. A police officer must be ready to respond 24/7, 365 days a year. In 2007 the Merriam Police Department received **14,342** primary and backup calls for service. This is a slight decrease from 2006. The chart below represents a breakdown on the calls for service since 2001. Please note the fluctuation from year-to-year. Many factors affect the calls for service numbers and these factors may include but are not limited to, crime rate/trends, changes in our response to certain calls for service (example: theft of gasoline, non-injury private property accidents), increases in retail businesses, inclement weather, road construction, etc.

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
16,781	15,600	15,997	15,753	14,412	15,630	14,342

SELF-INITIATED ACTIVITY:

After calls for service, the patrol officers spend the remainder of their time on self-initiated activity and routine patrol. Self-initiated activity includes, but is not limited to, traffic enforcement, business checks (convenience stores, banks, bars, etc.), building checks, occupied and unoccupied vehicle checks, pedestrian checks, park checks, motorist assists and surveillance of problem areas for criminal activity. During the year our officers had approximately **20,586** self-initiated patrol incidents.

AN AVERAGE PATROL SHIFT:

There are three shifts staffed by the patrol division:

- Shift 1/ Midnights: 11 p.m. - 7 a.m.**
- Shift 2/ Days: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- Shift 3/ Evenings: 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.**





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The level and types of activities vary from shift to shift. The day shift has more business-related calls for service and traffic-related activity during the morning rush hour. The evening shift has the traffic-related activity during the afternoon rush hour, call activity affecting businesses, and domestic violence calls. The midnight shift has alcohol-related problems, heightened patrol for business burglaries, burglaries to auto and to patrol residential areas.

There are no two 8-hour patrol shifts that are the same. Officers must come to work prepared to handle many different types of calls and activities during their shift including: weather related events, traffic accidents, surveillance, responding to high stress calls (i.e., armed disturbances, armed robberies, domestic disturbances, etc.), investigating residential and business burglaries, felony and misdemeanor arrests, directing traffic and being involved in community meetings. In addition to these various types of calls they also must routinely complete reports to document the above activity. On average, over one-fourth of a patrol officer's regular shift is dedicated to writing police reports.

Officers not responding to calls for service or writing reports are responsible for patrolling their district to promote high visibility, proactively look for criminal activity, and developing rapport with citizens and the business community. The City of Merriam has 65 miles of streets within its 4.5 square miles. The city is divided into three districts for patrol: North, Center, and South. During 2007 patrol officers drove approximately 167,919 miles while patrolling the streets of Merriam.

IMPORTANT PATROL FACTS FOR 2007:

- Each officer will drive 36 miles per day.
- Each officer will answer on average 3.27 calls for service each day.
- Each officer will make 4.69 self initiated calls for service each day.
- Each officer will write 1 to 2 police reports each day.
- Daily each officer will make 2 traffic stops.
- The police department writes, on average, 29 traffic tickets per day.
- The police department makes about 3.27 arrests per day (1,193 for the year).
- March was the busiest month in which we responded to 1,368 calls.



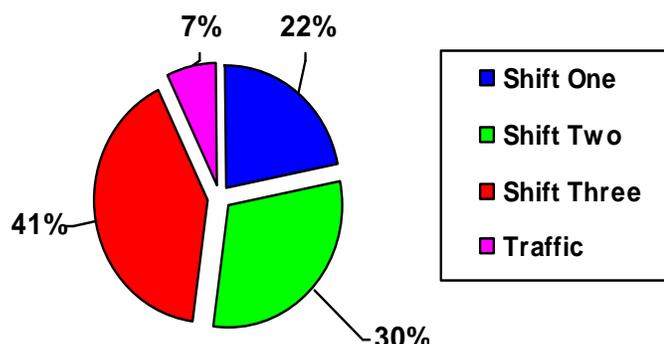
Shift One: Midnight Shift
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Shift Two: Day Shift
7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Shift Three: Evening Shift
3:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

Traffic Unit:
Day or Evening Shifts as needed

Call Distribution by Shift

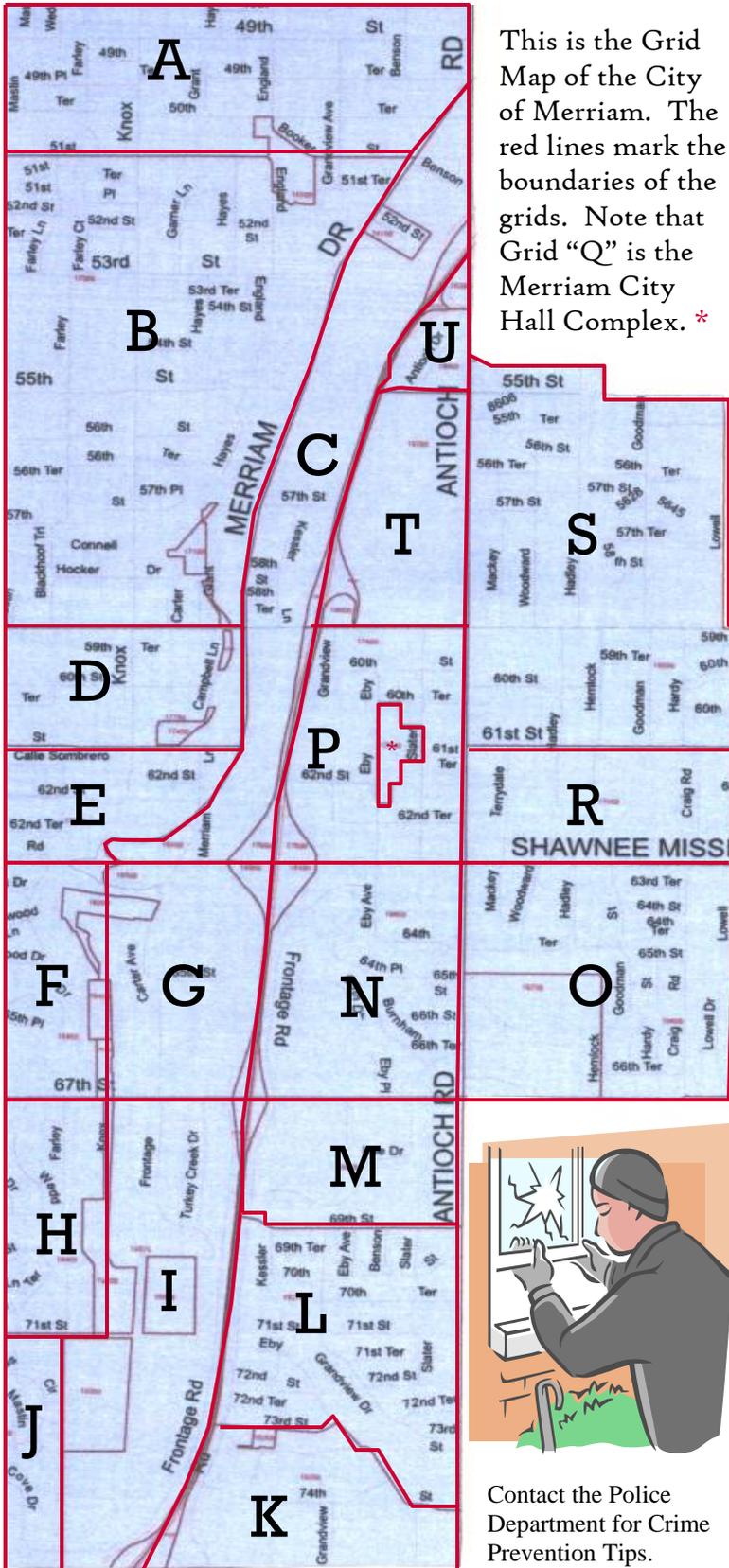




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CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY GRID



This is the Grid Map of the City of Merriam. The red lines mark the boundaries of the grids. Note that Grid "Q" is the Merriam City Hall Complex. *

The Merriam Police Department has divided the city into grids. This allows us to track the criminal activity and trends. The grids have been laid out to separate, as much as possible, residential from business areas.

The chart below will give you information on the number of criminal reports taken in each grid. Persons Crimes are all crimes against people. These include: assaults, batteries, sex crimes, and other miscellaneous crimes. Burglaries include all burglaries to businesses, homes and cars, along with thefts. Auto Thefts are the illegal taking of motor vehicles. Drug Crimes include all crimes involving controlled substances or drug paraphernalia. "Other" covers all crimes not listed in the previous mentioned categories.

Grid	Burglaries/ Thefts	Auto Theft	Person Crime	Drug Crimes	Other
A	57	13	33	5	64
B	39	14	53	0	59
C	55	18	15	6	33
D	9	2	12	4	17
E	29	9	23	5	18
F	4	0	5	2	3
G	19	6	4	1	16
H	9	3	5	1	5
I	11	1	6	6	4
J	38	6	24	1	31
K	34	7	12	2	8
L	33	10	24	3	21
M	14	5	5	5	12
N	52	8	23	4	23
O	13	3	2	0	7
P	46	1	10	9	28
Q	0	0	2	1	1
R	25	5	4	0	11
S	17	3	18	5	16
T	159	9	25	9	43
U	5	3	1	1	3



Contact the Police Department for Crime Prevention Tips.



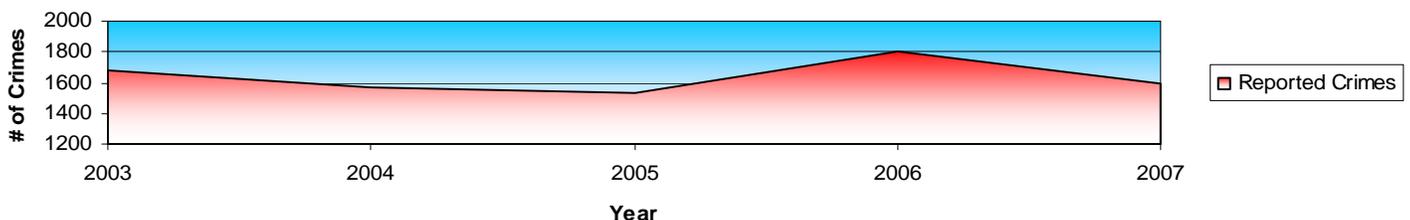
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2007 REPORTED CRIMES

TYPE OF CRIME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	TYPE OF CRIME	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Aggravated Arson	3	0	1	1	0	Forgery	27	34	21	5	2
Arson	4	1	5	0	4	Furnishing Alcohol/Beer to Minor	5	2	1	6	12
Aggravated Assault	11	7	9	17	11	Gasoline Drive Off	78	91	75	3	3
Aggravated Battery	13	13	9	10	8	Habitual Traffic Violator	9	6	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	11	10	6	11	12	Harassment by Phone	29	30	20	39	40
Aggravated Sodomy	0	0	0	1	0	Murder / Manslaughter	0	0	2	0	0
Aggravated Indecent Liberties	5	7	4	2	6	Indecent Liberties with a Child	2	1	3	2	1
Aggravated Kidnapping	0	2	0	1	0	Indecent Solicitation of a Child	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	10	6	17	11	12	Identification Theft	13	11	12	9	19
Aggravated Sexual Battery	0	0	0	0	0	Intimidation of a Victim/Witness	0	0	1	1	0
Assault	3	13	7	5	3	Kidnapping	0	1	2	1	3
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	Lewd and Lascivious Behavior	4	6	4	5	2
Attempted Theft	4	5	3	0	13	Littering	2	9	2	2	1
Battery	126	118	94	126	104	Minor in Possession of Alcohol	29	35	13	19	25
Burglary to Auto	149	147	178	165	138	Obstructing Legal Process	48	24	31	10	5
Burglary to Business	42	26	16	22	20	Prescription Fraud	1	2	4	5	1
Burglary to Residence	40	36	30	55	49	Controlled Substance Possession	73	51	49	59	44
Burglary to Storage Area	17	13	7	0	2	Drug Paraphernalia Possession	13	14	16	10	18
Child In Need Of Care	23	28	25	54	28	Drug Possession / Intent of Sale	9	5	9	4	4
Child Abuse	1	1	1	0	1	Possession of Stolen Property	18	25	17	12	13
Computer Trespass	0	3	1	3	0	Possession of Tobacco/Minor	4	4	2	5	1
Counterfeiting	8	3	0	1	0	Prostitution	12	0	0	0	2
Criminal Damage - Felony	57	19	20	40	13	Rape	9	7	8	6	6
Criminal Damage - Misdemeanor	83	78	93	97	159	Robbery	5	4	3	7	4
Criminal Deprivation of Property	12	8	6	1	7	Sexual Battery	1	8	4	3	6
Criminal Discharge of a Weapon	1	1	1	3	0	Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property	69	69	120	34	8
Criminal Threats	14	20	25	28	17	Theft of Services	8	7	5	5	3
Criminal Trespass	17	16	12	8	5	Theft of Auto	77	97	90	100	103
Criminal Use of a Financial Card	31	19	22	16	19	Theft of Auto (Attempted)	4	5	12	0	17
Criminal Use of a Weapon	4	4	3	6	3	Theft - Felony	59	53	48	50	52
Cruelty to Animals	1	2	1	0	0	Theft - Misdemeanor	265	244	246	373	351
Disorderly Conduct	68	72	65	67	56	Violation: Court Protection Order	20	15	7	11	13
Escape From Custody	0	0	1	0	0	Worthless Check	1	5	1	2	4
Falsely Reporting a Crime	1	2	0	1	1	Other Crimes Not Listed Above	24	10	24	261	116
False Writing	7	9	20	3	19	Stalking	0	3	0	0	1
TOTALS							1684	1567	1534	1804	1590

Reported Crimes





PART ONE CRIME STATISTICS

Part One crimes in 2007:

Each year we report Part One crimes to the Kansas Bureau of Investigations. Part One crimes are those crimes that are the most serious and/or the most commonly occurring in America. The gathering of these numbers are required and used by federal, state and local jurisdictions to identify crime trends.

Introduction:

Since the mid-1800's police departments have been judged by their crime statistics. When the statistics are lower, then the theory is that the police departments are more effective. In reality, there are many factors out of the police department's control that can alter crime statistics from year-to-year. Common influencing factors include: a shift in economic conditions, weather, gang activity, new businesses, etc. Before determining the police department's effectiveness, it is important to understand what factors were at play and how they affected the statistics. While a downturn in criminal activity is always preferable, it may or may not be a direct reflection on the police department. Likewise, an active police department using all the proper crime reduction measures may suffer an increase in reported crime.

Crime Trends:

There was a decrease in the number of Part One crimes in the majority of categories in 2007. This included all crimes against persons (Murder, Rape, and Robbery). There was only a slight increase in auto thefts and arsons in 2007. Overall, the number of Part One crimes reported to the Merriam Police Department was slightly lower in 2007 as compared with 2006.

* This category was previously labeled "Aggravated Assaults" and only captured limited Part One crime information. In 2007 we added all assaults and batteries to this category. The number in 2007 represents the new data which explains the very large increase. The trend overall for this category is down from 2006 when similar statistical information is used.

CRIME	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
MURDER	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
RAPE	6	9	6	5	4	6	8	3	8	13	6
ROBBERY	9	11	9	23	30	13	16	10	20	18	16
ASSAULTS*	37	31	23	26	32	20	26	20	9	27	125*
BURGLARY	256	303	236	306	360	331	255	232	237	244	221
THEFT	431	376	454	490	403	342	427	420	526	467	414
AUTO THEFT	98	72	113	98	92	91	77	97	90	100	103
ARSON	5	4	3	2	4	8	7	1	6	1	4
Total by Year	842	807	845	950	925	811	816	783	898	870	889*



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OFFICERS AT WORK

INTRODUCTION:

Each year Merriam Police Department officers respond to thousands of calls for service ranging from motorist assists to aggravated assaults, rapes and deaths. The following are examples of the types of incidents the Merriam Police Officers handled in 2007. The officers were asked to submit incidents they felt as noteworthy or interesting. The following are only a portion of those that were submitted.

Officer Saves Heart Attack Victim:

On 011607, twenty-year veteran PO Jeff Magee responded to an ambulance call. He found an elderly male who was not breathing and had no pulse so he started administering CPR. When Med-Act arrived, he continued to assist with the life saving efforts. The patient was transported to a local hospital. He was stabilized and regained consciousness. The efforts of PO Magee and Med-Act certainly were responsible for this subject surviving his heart attack and making a recovery. PO Magee was given a department "Job Well Done."

Same Officer Saves a Second Man's Life:

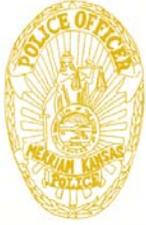
On 11302007, 20-year veteran PO Jeff Magee and second-year PO Wes Waller responded to a medical call at Home Depot. Upon arrival they found a 48-year-old male with no pulse and was not breathing. PO Magee and PO Waller began CPR. Before Med-Act arrived on scene, the patient had a slight pulse and was breathing on his own. The patient later recovered fully at the hospital. He later wrote an article to the Kansas City Star thanking all those involved in saving his life. PO Magee and PO Waller received well deserved commendations from the police department for saving the man's life.

Home Invasion Suspect Arrested:

On 08072007, second year PO Waller was dispatched to the Star Mart at 8801 Johnson Dr reference a suspicious subject. He found a male subject bleeding heavily from an injury to his arm. PO Waller thought there was something suspicious about the story the man had given him as to how he was injured. He found the man was also in possession of marijuana and a large amount of cash. PO Waller continued to investigate why this man was injured. He soon found out there was a home invasion/robbery in Kansas City, Kansas in which the suspect jumped through a plate glass window, leaving behind blood evidence. PO Waller was able to show the subject he had in custody was this man. His hard work helped KCKS police take a violent felon off the streets.

Multiple Burglary Suspect Arrested:

On 11182007, PO Melinda Copeland, PO Wes Waller, Corporal Todd Sparks and Corporal Jason Reynolds responded to a burglary in progress at the Christian Assembly Church at 4709 Knox. The officers surrounded the building and started searching for the suspect but could not locate anyone in the building. They did find that several items had been removed from the church, and an attempt had been made to burn the building down. They prevented any serious fire damage by extinguishing the open flame. During the investigation, they noticed a suspicious man watching them. This person was contacted and the officers were able to determine this was the subject responsible for the burglary and attempted arson. After further investigation, the officers also were able to solve several outstanding burglaries and arsons that had recently occurred in the area. Their attention to detail removed a subject who had been responsible for a one man crime spree in that area. All received a department "Job Well Done."



OFFICERS AT WORK

Store Manager Embezzles \$320,000.00:

In October of 2007, the 7-11 Corporation contacted Lead Detective Mark Messbarger about some missing money and merchandise at a 7-11 store here in Merriam. The corporation had taken over the operation from its former owner/managers. While going through the transition, they noticed money and merchandise missing. Detective Messbarger worked closely with their accounting team and put in a lot of man hours to fully determine the extent of the embezzlement. It was discovered the previous owners had taken \$320,000.00 worth of money orders, merchandise and cigarettes. Detective Messbarger interviewed the two suspects and obtained confessions. Charges are pending.

Stolen Auto Ring Broken Up:

In July and August of 2007, the area around Merriam Drive experienced a large number of vehicle thefts and burglaries. Corporal John Walton aware of the criminal activity attempted to stop a car in that area. The car later turned out to be stolen out of KCKS. The car fled and the pursuit was terminated. The video of the pursuit was broadcasted by the local media. Citizen tips came in as a result and a suspect was identified. Detectives Chris Brokaw, Shannon Bisel, and Mark Messbarger, along with Corporal Jason Reynolds and PO Jeremiah Waters, collected evidence and helped follow up the resulting leads. In all, 7 suspects were identified and charged with several felony charges.

Counterfeiting Group Arrested:

In November of 2007, counterfeit \$20 bills began showing up at businesses in Merriam and other metropolitan cities. These cases were assigned to 6 year veteran Detective Chris Brokaw. He, along with Detectives Shannon Bisel and Mark Messbarger, followed up several leads in the case and they were eventually able to develop a suspect. A search warrant was executed at the suspects home in Edwardsville. The detectives recovered evidence that showed the suspect was involved in the manufacturing of counterfeit money. Detective Brokaw interviewed the suspect and was able to get a confession. The subject was released pending a court hearing. However, before this man appeared in court, he started to pass counterfeit money again. Detective Brokaw got a second search warrant for the suspect's residence in Overland Park and again evidence of counterfeiting was found. The suspect is in jail and awaiting charges from the US Secret Service.

Intoxicated Burglar Caught in the Act:

On 04142007, 30 year veteran PO Charles Yocum, 16 year veteran PO Gerry Eickhoff, and 23 year veteran Sergeant Dan Kellerman responded to a burglary in progress at a Merriam duplex. Upon arrival they could hear someone inside the duplex that was supposed to be vacant. It was obvious the front door had been forced open. The officers attempted to make entry when the suspect pushed the door shut on them. They forced their way into the duplex and ordered the subject to the ground but he refused. The officers had to grab the suspect and wrestle him to the ground where he was handcuffed and arrested. The suspect lived in a neighboring duplex in the area. The owner of the property filed complaints against the suspect which are pending at this time.

Pervert Exposing Himself to High School Cross Country Team Caught:

In September of 2007, a man had been seen exposing his genitals to a group of high school girls near the library as they were out training for their cross country team. At the time, this man was not located. Then again on 092007, 30 year veteran Police PO Charlie Yocum was contacted by a citizen who reported seeing a man masturbating in the parking lot of the library. PO Yocum caught the subject in the act and arrested him. The library just happens to be along one of the routes the girls' cross country team runs along. This suspect's information was passed on to other jurisdictions for possible charges.



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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

The Administrative Unit of the Merriam Police Department is responsible for a variety of different and important functions of the department. There are four officers assigned to the unit: Chief William Lietzke, Captain Timothy Burnett, Lieutenant Michael Daniels and Lieutenant Darren McLaughlin. These veteran officers have a combined total of over ninety years of police experience between them.

Chief of Police: William Lietzke’s primary duty is the overall responsibility of the department. He works as the liaison with all elected officials, community leaders and residents. He is in charge of the budget and all department spending. It is his job to manage department liability and risk management. He also makes the final decision concerning employee hiring and termination.

Captain: Tim Burnett is the commander of the Patrol Unit which is made up of uniformed officers. Manpower allocation and scheduling are his primary responsibilities. He must be familiar with all the current laws as well as contemporary police tactics and operations. He is also responsible for investigating all citizen complaints on officers, internal investigations and all use of force incidents. He is also a current staff officer (Officer-in-Charge) for the Metro Squad and the Johnson County Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Team.

Investigation’s Lieutenant: Mike Daniels is directly responsible for supervising the Investigations Unit. He reviews all written reports and assigns cases to the detectives based on available leads. Cases followed-up by the uniformed officers are also managed through his office. He is the supervisor of the Directed Patrol Unit and is in charge of many of the departments special events. He is also a current staff officer (Lead) for the Metro Squad.

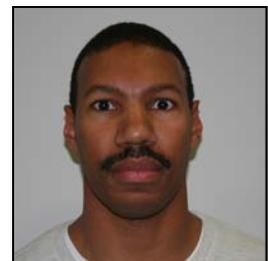
Administrative Lieutenant: Darren McLaughlin supervises the police department’s civilian staff which includes three clerical personnel, two community service officers and three school crossing guards. He is also in charge of all the department’s training, records management systems and the property/evidence room.

Personnel Update: The most critical function of the administrative division is personnel. Maintaining staffing levels is important to ensure the high quality of service that the Merriam citizens deserve and have come to expect. In 2007, we hired two new officers. Well, neither one is actually new. PO Charles Boyce was hired as a police officer in 2007. He had been a volunteer Police Chaplin for at least 5 years prior. PO Melinda Copeland was re-hired in 2007. Melinda left in 2002 to start a family. We are very pleased she decided to continue her career in Law Enforcement and to have her back here in Merriam.

PO Melinda Copeland



PO Charles Boyce





ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Professional Standards: Another important function of the Administrative Unit is professional standards. This function is primarily the responsibility of the captain, who conducts internal investigations of department personnel when necessary. The captain is also responsible for ensuring officers follow proper procedure and all department rules and regulations. There are four main aspects of routine police work that the Merriam Police Department tracks and investigates: officer complaints, vehicle pursuits, foot pursuits, and use of force incidents.

Officer Complaints: When a citizen makes an official complaint against an officer it is documented and investigated by the officer's supervisor. If the complaint is serious in nature or can not be resolved by the supervisor it is forwarded to the captain for further investigation. Once the investigation is complete it is forwarded to the Police Chief as founded or unfounded. If the complaint is founded the captain recommends the appropriate disciplinary action to be taken for the officers actions. During 2007 there were **three** official complaints that were investigated. **Two** were unfounded and **one** was substantiated which resulted in disciplinary action and training for the officer.

Vehicle Pursuits: The department has a very strict vehicle pursuit policy because of the dangers associated with this type of driving. When an officer engages in a pursuit the on-duty supervisor closely monitors this incident. The officer has the direct authority to discontinue a pursuit at any time and the supervisor may direct the officer to end the pursuit. All vehicle pursuits are investigated by the on-duty supervisor and reviewed by the captain to ensure all policies and procedures were followed. During 2007 there were only **four** pursuits.



Foot Pursuits: In 2002 a Foot Pursuit Policy was created that strictly regulates police officer foot pursuits because they have proven to be a very high-risk activity for officers. This is due to the extreme physical exertion that occurs and the fact that most foot pursuits occur at night when obstacles are difficult to see. In addition, most people running from the police are violent and combative when captured. Because of these reasons, each foot pursuit is carefully reviewed by the shift supervisor and the captain to ensure all policies and procedures were followed. There were only **three** foot pursuits in 2007.

Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center: In 2007 the Merriam Police Department took **47** juveniles to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center. By estimates, this saved the department around **118** man-hours by allowing JIAC to process juveniles that are runaways or who have committed criminal acts.



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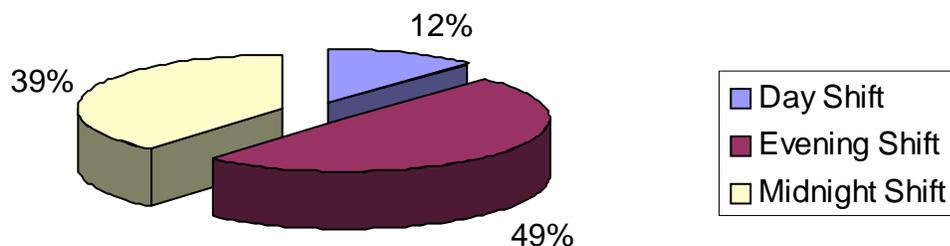
Use of Force Incidents: All use of force incidents must be reported and are reviewed by the Patrol Commander. A specific report is used that details the circumstances that led up to the use of force incident, the amount of force used and the results. It is the responsibility of the captain to ensure that no more force than was necessary to affect an arrest was used by the officer(s). Use of force reports are prepared each time an officer makes non-routine body contact with a subject during an arrest or whenever an officer points a weapon at an individual and commands them to the ground. During 2007 there were 33 incidents where an officer deemed it necessary to use force to make an arrest. This number is down from last year. The number of use of force incidents in Merriam is extremely low considering the number of arrests (1,193) the officers made during the year. Highlighted below is specific information related to the use of force incidents in 2007.

Use of Force Incidents for 2007

- ⇒ Service weapon pointed at individual 18
- ⇒ Taser device pointed at someone 2
- ⇒ Service weapon discharged on-duty 0
- ⇒ Taser device used on individual 0
- ⇒ Empty hand control techniques used 13
- ⇒ Lateral vascular neck restraint used 0
- ⇒ OC pepper spray used 0
- ⇒ Collapsible baton used 0



Use of Force by Shift



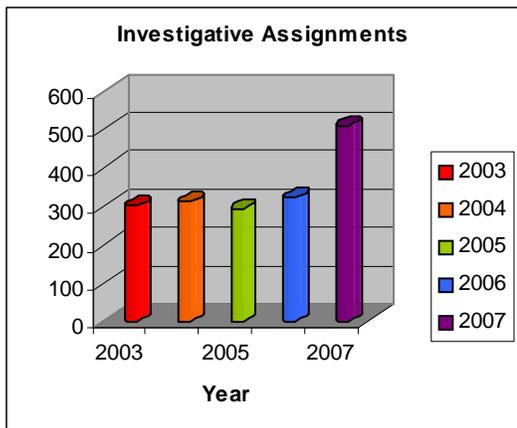


INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

INTRODUCTION:

The Investigations Unit is made up of 3 detectives and is supervised by Lt. Daniels. This is the first year the Merriam Police Department had 4 people assigned to the Investigations Unit for an entire year. This caused the number of cases assigned to rise dramatically from last year. There were **511** cases assigned to detectives to investigate. This is a **63%** increase from 2006. The detectives solved **113** of those cases, which is a clearance rate of **22%**.

Total Cases Assigned by Year



Type of Cases Assigned by Year

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Burglary	70	53	49	53	65
Theft	51	53	54	77	135
Forgery	12	27	25	24	19
Auto Theft	22	17	13	26	79
Auto Burglary	*	*	*	*	16
Identity Theft	*	*	*	*	23
Robbery	11	7	20	11	14
Battery	15	20	14	17	13
Felony Sex Offenses	19	23	22	9	20
Criminal Damage	18	10	11	19	57
Criminal Threats	6	12	7	5	10
Phone Harassment	4	8	8	12	11
Unattended Death	8	4	6	8	12
Child Cases (CINC)	5	4	10	8	10
Kidnapping	0	2	1	2	0
Arson	3	0	1	1	0
Assault	3	3	5	9	4
Credit Card Fraud	17	16	9	8	3
All Others	37	52	28	34	19
Total	302	312	294	323	510



Recovered handgun used in a convenience store robbery.

* indicates these numbers are not available



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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

INTRODUCTION:

One of the fundamental duties of any police department is to investigate motor vehicle accidents. The City of Merriam has 65 miles of roadway within its borders, including approximately 3 miles of interstate highway. According to data provided by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) the portion of Interstate 35, just north of 75th Street, is the busiest section of highway in the State of Kansas. KDOT estimates that over one million cars drive through the city each day during a normal workweek.

With the types of roadways that run through Merriam, coupled with the high number of businesses and general drive-through traffic, the problem of traffic control and accident investigation is a full-time challenge. A study conducted by the Kansas Department of Transportation indicated that the City of Merriam has the highest per capita accident rate of any city in the state. In 2002, the department began a more aggressive approach to traffic enforcement, which eventually led to the creation of our Traffic Enforcement Unit in 2005.

2007 ACCIDENT FACTS

- There were **688** motor vehicle accidents reported to the State of Kansas by the Merriam Police Department. These were accidents with total damage over \$1,000 or that involved an injury.
- Of this total **109** or **16%** of the accidents involved some level of personal injuries. This is a **2% increase** over 2006.
- There were **39** accidents which were determined to be alcohol related. This equates to approximately **5%** of the total.
- Hit-and-run accidents reported and investigated in 2007 totaled **117**, which is no increase from 2006.
- There were **83** private property and /or minor accident reports taken in Merriam. This figure is a minor decrease from 2006.
- There were two reported fatality accidents in Merriam. One was at 75th and E. Frontage and the other was at I-35 and Johnson Dr. Alcohol was not a factor in either accident.
- Overall, the city experienced a **2% increase** in the number of accidents as compared to 2006.

NOTE: The above statistics do not include accidents reported to KHP that occurred on I-35.





MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

TOP TEN ACCIDENT LOCATIONS IN MERRIAM FOR 2007

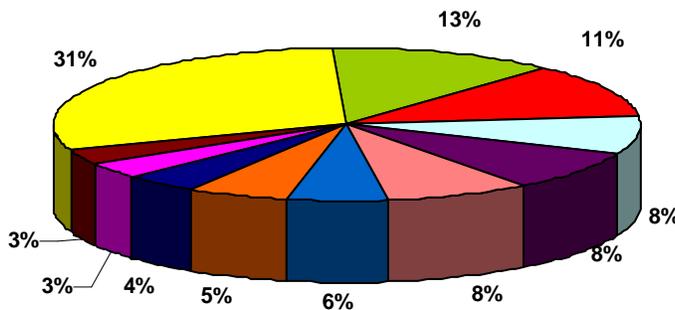
- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35 95
- ◆ 75th and I-35 40
- ◆ Johnson and I-35 36
- ◆ 67th and I-35 27
- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch 26
- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Eby 26
- ◆ Antioch and I-35 18
- ◆ 75th and E. Frontage 17
- ◆ 75 th and Antioch 14
- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Robin Hood 10
- ◆ Johnson and Merriam Dr. (tied) 10



Fatality Accident at 75th and E. Frontage Rd. Driver was not wearing seatbelt and died at the hospital 3 hrs later due to internal injuries.

Top Accident Location Breakdown

- Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35
- Johnson and I-35
- Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch
- Antioch and I-35
- 75 th and Antioch
- Johnson and Merriam Dr. (tied)
- 75th and I-35
- 67th and I-35
- Shawnee Mission Parkway and Eby
- 75th and E. Frontage
- Shawnee Mission Parkway and Robin Hood



Fatality Accident at I-35 and Johnson Dr. Driver was not wearing seat belt and was partially ejected.



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TRAFFIC UNIT ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

INTRODUCTION:

In 2007 the Traffic Enforcement Unit focused on enforcing traffic laws in high accident areas and participated in several State of Kansas grant initiatives to enforce seat belt laws and DUI enforcement. Members of the Traffic Enforcement Unit participated in 3 DUI check lanes in the Johnson County Metro Area. One of those DUI check lanes was in Merriam. 158 drivers were contacted that night. 8 people were arrested for DUI, 1 for a drug offense, and 3 others for other assorted violations. They also participated in several Operation Impact days in which a saturation enforcement action was undertaken by area law enforcement agencies to enforce those traffic violations that are the leading causes of accidents.

TEU Traffic Statistics for 2007

TRAFFIC STOPS	2,199
MOVING VIOLATIONS	1,962
NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS	1,542
TOTAL TICKETS ISSUED	3,504
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARRESTS	49
SPEEDING	879
OTHER MOVING VIOLATIONS	1,083
SEAT BELTS	602
ACCIDENT REPORTS	239
SHIFTS WORKED	426
MILES DRIVEN	17,012



The Traffic Unit is focusing on those traffic violations and locations that tend to cause accidents such as this one. This was a fatality accident at I-35 and Johnson Dr.



20-24 is the largest age group involved in alcohol related accidents in the State of Kansas.

23% of all alcohol-related accidents involve a fatality.

Since 2001, the number of alcohol related accidents has steadily declined each year. This has been accredited to more education and more enforcement concentrating on drunk driving violations.

62% of all reported accidents happen during daylight hours. 72% happen on straight and level roadways. Most accidents are not related to weather, lighting, or road conditions, but to driver error.





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**PATROL: TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**

INTRODUCTION:

Traffic enforcement has always been a large part of the everyday duties of a Merriam officer. Statistics and studies have shown that in areas where there is more traffic enforcement, there are also fewer accidents. Recent studies have also shown that crime rates in general may decrease when officers are out stopping motorists violating the traffic laws. Many high profile cases like the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City were solved by an officer making routine traffic stops. In 2007, Merriam officers made 7,244 traffic stops, issued 6,421 moving violation tickets and 4,015 non-moving tickets (total numbers including the Traffic Unit). This represents a .02% increase in the number of traffic stops and a similar amount in tickets issued from 2006.

TRAFFIC STANDARDS:

For the past nine years there has been a minimum traffic standard in existence. The standard for each patrol officer is to write two tickets per eight-hour shift. Traffic officers have a standard of eight tickets in an eight-hour shift. Fifty percent of the tickets issued should be for a moving violation. This standard was adopted in conjunction with the community-policing philosophy. Traffic complaints are commonly heard at neighborhood gatherings throughout the city. Citizens routinely request speed and other traffic enforcement in their neighborhoods.

2007 Traffic Citations

- ◆D.U.I. 149
- ◆Speeding 2,358
- ◆Inattentive driving 155
- ◆Traffic light 235
- ◆Stop sign 268
- ◆No insurance 1,461
- ◆Seat belt 1,003
- ◆Drivers license violations 912
- ◆Expired/illegal tag 693
- ◆Parking 120
- ◆All others 3,270



Court Statistics

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Filings:	8,172	8,585	8,652	9,958	10,641	10,867
Fines Collected:	\$589,784	\$631,327	\$747,116	\$835,280	\$881,930	\$912,467



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COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

INTRODUCTION:

The Community Service Officers are non-sworn members of the police department. Their job is to assist the public with various police-related functions that do not necessarily need to be performed by law enforcement officers. The CSO staff is comprised of Dave Thomas and Monique VanMeerhaeghe.

DUTIES:

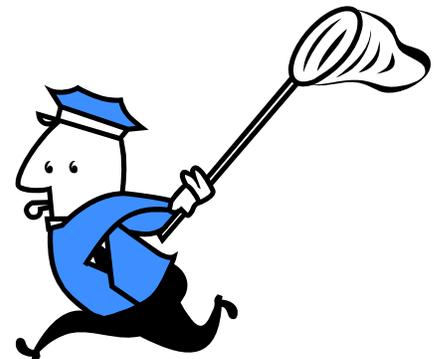
CSO's are assigned to many different tasks. They are "jack-of-all-trades." They must be able to cover school crossings, perform records management functions, civilian fingerprinting, and routine walk-in reports. They are also responsible for court security and bailiff duties. They can assist patrol with traffic control needs, motorist assistance, and other support functions. Their number one responsibility is animal control. This includes picking up strays, enforcing animal control ordinances, and helping control nuisance animals.

Last year the Merriam Police department impounded 232 stray animals. Of those, 134 were cats and 95 were dogs. None of the impounded cats were reclaimed. Only 37 of the impounded dogs were claimed by owners. Remember to have your pets licensed. Not only is it required by law, it will also help the police department to return your lost pets to you. Please call 322-5560 for information on registering your pets, or go to the below listed website for additional information:

www.merriam.org/MPD/Animal-Control/pet-registration.htm

The following is a list of the average calls/activities per month of the two CSO's .

- ◆ Answer 28 animal control calls.
- ◆ Write 7 animal control related reports.
- ◆ Confirm 7 warrants.
- ◆ Serve 2 warrants.
- ◆ Answer 135 phone calls.
- ◆ 27 hours per month in court related duties.
- ◆ Take 8 walk-in police reports.
- ◆ Perform 9 civilian fingerprint requests.



In addition to these activities, the CSO's are also required to attend various training classes throughout the year. These include but are not limited to: Taser, CPR/AED, Animal Control Conference, handcuffing, and records management training.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SUPPORT



INTRODUCTION:

In addition to responding to calls for service, investigating crimes, enforcing traffic laws and working traffic accidents, the Merriam Police Department is involved in a number of other functions that directly impact and help to serve the public. A synopsis of these are listed below:

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (D.A.R.E.):



Master Police Officer Larry Birt completed his 14th year as the department's D.A.R.E. officer. During 2007, the D.A.R.E. Program was offered in all three Merriam schools. While Officer Birt is the D.A.R.E. officer, he is also assigned to work in a regular patrol unit when not in the classroom. While this causes the officer to spend less time in the schools, it maximizes his effectiveness as a police officer. The Merriam Police Department remains true to the D.A.R.E. mission.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (S.W.A.T.):

The Merriam Police Department formed a team of 9 officers in 2000 that were specially trained and equipped to respond to high-risk calls that need a special approach. A high level of training has continued through 2007 to make sure they are equipped and ready to handle armed situations, crowd control, and other situations. The S.W.A.T. officers are also expected to retain a higher than average level of physical fitness and firearms proficiency skill.

CROSSING GUARD UNIT:

There are three school-crossing locations within the city. This was reduced from 5 in 2007 due to South Park School closing and the lack of need at another location. Part-time uniformed employees assist school children crossing the streets at these locations twice per day (one-hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon). This unit, supervised by Lt. McLaughlin, is responsible for child pedestrian safety. The crossing guards also assist the department during the Turkey Creek Festival.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT:

Because of the large number of retail businesses, coupled with the existence of the Shawnee Mission Medical complex, the City of Merriam has many handicapped parking spaces and fire lanes. A volunteer program was set up in 2000 to give patrol some assistance in enforcing these areas. During 2007 John Willits, a former reserve police officer, worked with the Merriam Police Department as a non-paid volunteer. He is assigned to work with the police department to help enforce handicapped and fire-lane parking violations. Vehicles found in violation were ticketed.





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VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN PROGRAM:

Chaplain Mike Jacob volunteers his time to assist our officers with death notifications 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He also assists the officers by providing support to grieving family members at accident and crime scenes. In addition to these critical duties, he offers spiritual guidance to police employees and routinely rides with the officers during their patrol shifts. Mike is a chaplain at Shawnee Mission Medical Center and a Merriam resident.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS:



The Merriam Police Department has officers who have received special training in evidence collection and processing. These trained technicians are assigned to the Patrol Division and are utilized while on duty. This has helped reduced overtime in 2007. These officers can also be called out on serious crimes to assist the detectives.

EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT:

One of the police clerks is assigned as a civilian employee to help manage the department's recovered property and evidence. As property custodian, she is responsible to properly log, computerize and store all recovered property and evidence. She is also responsible for the safety and security of this evidence and must be available to respond to municipal and district court to testify concerning evidentiary chain of custody. The property custodian is responsible for destroying evidence when it is no longer needed for court, disposing of other seized property by appropriate means and seeing that property is returned to the lawful owners.

HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM:

Each year, a number of vacationing Merriam residents will register their homes with the police department for extra patrol. The Merriam House Watch Program is a crime prevention program that is designed to reduce house burglaries and give extra piece of mind to the citizens while they are away from their homes. The citizen completes a simple form and officers spend designated times checking these residences while the owners are away. In 2007 74 Merriam citizens took advantage of this program.



POLICE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM:

This is a community relations program that allows citizens to ride with a police officer on his or her normal shift. A citizen signs up to ride for 2, 4, 6, or 8 hours on any desired shift. They must complete a simple form and a brief records check is made before authorization is given. The patrol shift supervisor coordinates with the citizen to schedule their ride-along visit. Persons under the age of 15 must have a responsible adult with them on the ride-along. Advanced notice is required. In 2007, there were 39 ride-along requests.

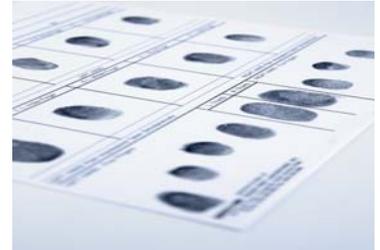


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FINGERPRINT SERVICES:

The Merriam Police Department provides fingerprint services for all Merriam citizens and business persons during normal business hours. Several times a year, individuals need their fingerprints taken for financial bonds, insurance business and other reasons. A Community Service Officer completes this service by appointment. Please call 913-322-5560.



OPERATION NIGHTLIGHT:

Merriam police officers participate in Operation Nightlight. This is a county-wide program where the police officers and juvenile probation officers are paired up to make unscheduled visits at homes of juveniles that are on strict residential probation. One or two nights a month, the officer will check on Merriam youths that are involved in this program in cooperation with the Juvenile Court to ensure their compliance.

INTERN PROGRAM:

The Merriam Police Department is on the college intern list at a number of area universities in an effort to attract college interns. These non-paid volunteer interns work with the clerical staff, and patrol officers to observe the various aspects of police work. The department gets their free labor for statistical studies, clerical duties, etc. The intern gets the experience and college credit.

CRIME PREVENTION:



The department's crime prevention specialist, Master Police Officer Larry Birt, has managed a program that encourages people to have their home or business checked in an effort to protect them from burglars and other criminals. An appointment is set up with the officer and he meets with the resident, business owner or manager, and makes a full assessment of the building. A full written report of findings is provided with suggestions for improvement. This service is done free of charge.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME:

The Merriam Police Department believes crime prevention is a team effort. We encourage the cooperation of police and the citizens to work together. A neighborhood watch area is a group of citizens working together to help identify specific crime problems in the area in which they live. They can then relay this information to the police for enforcement. If you want to set up a neighborhood watch, contact the Merriam Police. The National Night Out Against Crime is a national effort to get the citizens of a community and their police department together to discuss crime problems and solutions. We gladly participated in this program in 2007. It was a great success. We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2008.





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TRAFFIC COUNTS:

The Merriam Police Department operates a radar equipped traffic speed and vehicle counter. This device is placed in areas where there are traffic complaints or accidents. The information is studied and used to increase enforcement and determine the scope and time of day of the traffic violation problem. Citizens having a problem with speeders in their neighborhood should call the patrol commander's office at 913-322-5589 and request extra traffic enforcement.

ALARM ORDINANCE:

Each year hundreds of business, residential and robbery alarms are received by the Merriam Police and Fire Departments. As a result, a city ordinance was adopted that regulates these alarms. When too many alarms are received, the alarm owners can be fined. The purpose of the alarm ordinance is to make these alarm owners more responsible for their equipment. One officer is assigned to keep track of the alarms that are received. Invoices are sent out for those that have too many false alarms and this officer works with the alarm owners to reduce the incidents of false alarms. There were 257 reported false alarms in Merriam in 2007. The City of Merriam collected \$2370 in fines for false alarms in 2007.



POLICE VOLUNTEERISM:

Police officers are driven to serve their communities. They serve both on and off the job. The members of the Merriam Police Department have volunteered collectively over 600 hours of their time during 2007. They help worthwhile causes like Special Olympics, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross and others. They spend time teaching Sunday school and coaching basketball at their churches. They work with the Boy Scouts, put up flags for veterans, volunteer at elementary schools and coach youth sports. They run in the Torch Run, plunge into Shawnee Mission Park Lake in February, stand on top of Krispy Kreme Donuts, and hand out medals at Special Olympics sporting events.

The Merriam Police Department has been involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for twenty-three years. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is a series of runs that end in Wichita for the start of the Special Olympics summer games. This tradition started in Wichita Kansas and is now done in all 50 states, providences in Canada, Europe, Africa, China and Japan. The Merriam Police Department participates in events like the Polar Bear Plunge, Cops on Top at Krispy Kreme, and the Torch Run itself throughout the year to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics. In 2007 Merriam police officers were responsible for raising \$36,384 of the \$250,000 dollars raised in the State of Kansas.





DRUG FORFEITURE REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

According to K.S.A. 60-4117, law enforcement agencies are required to report the status of their Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund in an "annual report." The report must include the type and approximate value of the forfeited property received, the amount of any forfeiture proceeds received, and how any of those proceeds were expended.

In order to ensure that the Merriam Police Department stays in conformance with K.S.A. 60-4117, this section is included in all annual reports. Any questions concerning specific details should be directed to the City of Merriam's Finance Department.

DRUG FORFEITURE ACTIVITIES IN 2007:

On January 1, 2007, there was approximately **\$4,181.86** in the Merriam Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

During 2007, the Merriam Police Department received **\$55,821** from drug forfeitures and/or drug taxes and **\$2,251.56** in account interest – which is a balance of **\$58,072.56**.

There was a reimbursement to the Merriam Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of **\$777.49**. This was a grant reimbursement for the purchase of personal body armor.

During 2007, the following purchases or expenditures were made with funds from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund:

- **\$2,481.18** to repaint police car.
- **\$4,285.00** for ammunition.
- **\$3,585.88** for police vehicle equipment.
- **\$202.90** for fitness equipment.
- **\$1,660.38** for a prisoner transport system.
- **\$1554.98** for personal body armor.
- **\$203.38** for rifle accessories.
- **\$736.72** for gun parts.
- **\$5,549.00** for in-car camera system.

Total Purchases: **\$20,259.00**

ACCOUNT CARRYOVER:

As of 01/01/2008 = **\$42,772.74**



Marijuana Grow Operation found in Merriam



POLICE TRAINING UPDATE

INTRODUCTION:

The State of Kansas requires all certified police officers to complete a police academy training consisting of at least 560 hours of instruction. The Merriam Police Department then requires the new officer to complete a field training program consisting of 480 hours of additional training. Thereafter, every certified officer is required to attend a minimum of 40 hours of training per year. Throughout 2007 the Merriam Police Department offered a variety of training classes for its officers and civilian staff to attend. Listed below you will find a few examples of the types of classes the officers and staff participated in.

Defensive Tactics:

- ◆ Physical Conflict Resolution
- ◆ Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint
- ◆ Taser
- ◆ Baton
- ◆ Handcuffing
- ◆ OC Spray

Detective Training:

- ◆ Interview and Interrogation
- ◆ Financial Crimes
- ◆ Trace Evidence
- ◆ Child Abuse
- ◆ Death Investigation

S.W.A.T. Training:

- ◆ Disaster Training
- ◆ Responding to Terrorist
- ◆ Firearms Training
- ◆ Advanced Tactical Operations
- ◆ Mobile Active Shooter
- ◆ Rappelling
- ◆ Search Warrants
- ◆ Firearms Training
- ◆ Specialty Munitions
- ◆ Legal Issues for Tactical Operations
- ◆ SWAT First Aid
- ◆ Hostage Rescue

Traffic Safety Training:

- ◆ Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation
- ◆ Doppler Radar and Lidar Training
- ◆ Transportation Safety Conference

Supervisor Training:

- ◆ Liability Seminar
- ◆ Risk Management
- ◆ Hot Topics for Law Enforcement Administrators
- ◆ Unacceptable Employee Behavior
- ◆ Law Enforcement Operations

Patrol Training:

- ◆ I-Leads Records Management System
- ◆ Domestic Violence Training
- ◆ Search and Seizure Training
- ◆ NIMS Training
- ◆ CPR
- ◆ DUI
- ◆ Mobile Active Shooter
- ◆ Spanish for Law Enforcement
- ◆ Pursuit
- ◆ Trace Evidence

Community Service Officer Training:

- ◆ Computer Training
- ◆ Animal Control Conference
- ◆ Use of Force

Firearms Training:

- ◆ Handgun Skills and Qualification
- ◆ Rifle Skills and Qualification
- ◆ Shotgun Skills and Qualification
- ◆ Low Light Shooting Skills

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Every officer assigned to S.W.A.T. received on average an additional 89 hours of specialized training.