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Why a Crime Bulletin?

The Merriam Police Department operates under the "Community Policing Philosophy"...

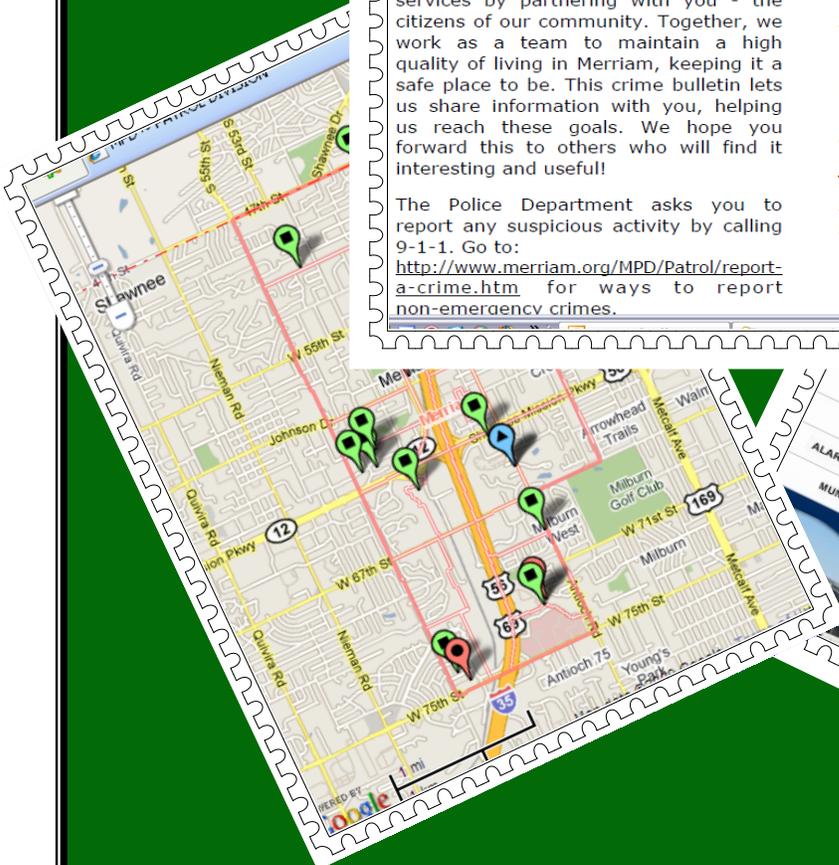
This means we are committed to providing the highest quality of police services by partnering with you - the citizens of our community. Together, we work as a team to maintain a high quality of living in Merriam, keeping it a safe place to be. This crime bulletin lets us share information with you, helping us reach these goals. We hope you forward this to others who will find it interesting and useful!

The Police Department asks you to report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1. Go to: <http://www.merriam.org/MPD/Patrol/report-a-crime.htm> for ways to report non-emergency crimes.

9010 W. 62nd Street
Merriam, Kansas 66202
Station: 913.322.5560
Dispatch: 913.782.0720
Emergency: 911
police@merriam.org

Station Hours:
Mon. - 8AM to 6PM
Tues. thru Fri. - 7AM to 9PM
Sat. - 10AM to 6PM
Sun. - CLOSED

Prepared by Suzette Mack



**BIG CHANGES TO THE
MERRIAM POLICE WEBSITE IN 2009!
SEE THE NEW CRIME MAP, NIXLE, AND CRIME BULLETIN AT
[HTTP://WWW.MERRIAM.ORG/MPD](http://www.merriam.org/MPD)**



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Council members and Merriam citizens,

In 2009, it was my goal to increase communication between the police department and the citizens that we serve. It has always been my belief that the closer we work together the better we can achieve our common goal of making Merriam a safer and more livable community. I would like to summarize a few of the initiatives we were able to put into place and to mention an exciting new project poised to be launched in the very near future.

The Merriam Crime Bulletin is a new addition to the department's webpage. Authored by civilian volunteer Suzette Mack, this bulletin is updated bi-weekly and contains current crime statistics, safety tips, notices of up-coming events such as the "Women's Self-Defense Seminar" and other timely police related matters.

The Nixle Program utilizes the current popularity of text messaging. Any citizen of Merriam that wishes to receive free messages from the police department may do so by simply signing up. Instructions for doing so can be found on our webpage. Recent notifications have included fraud alerts, suspicious subjects seen in neighborhoods and weather related emergencies.

The Interactive Crime Map can also be found on our webpage. Found under the "Patrol" drop down box, it is a quick and convenient way to see exactly what kind of crimes are being reported in and around your neighborhood.

The Citizen's Police Academy graduated another ten citizens this year. This is the second academy we have held and, while not new this year, it has been improved and refined. I have yet to find a better setting to foster communications between the officers and the public.

Coplogic is our newest program and is currently in its final preparation stage. This is an internet software program that will allow citizens to make certain police reports via any off-site computer. This will make it more convenient for the reporting parties while allowing the officers to spend more time patrolling the streets.

As you can see, we have been serious about improving communications. However, as valuable as these tools are, they are still just "programs." And programs are not what stand between us and those that would do us harm. That job falls to the courageous men and women found in the Patrol Division and the Detective Unit. I hope you enjoy reading about some of their notable experiences in the "**Officers At Work**" section of this report. This should give you some idea of the difficulties and hazards of what they are asked to do daily. Personally, I never lose sight of the dedication and bravery shown by these officers. I am continually honored to be just a small part of this team.

As you read this report, I hope to convey a sense of just how active this police department is. Yet as busy as we are, we will always maintain a commitment to openness and to our community policing philosophy. With that in mind, please do not hesitate to contact any of the officers, or me, with comments or questions.

Chief Bill Lietzke



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POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF



Chief
William Lietzke
Serving Since 1979



Captain
Tim Burnett
Serving Since 1982



Lieutenant
Michael Daniels
Serving Since 1987



Lieutenant
Darren McLaughlin
Serving Since 1989



Sergeant
Todd Allen
Serving Since 1996



Sergeant
Dan Kellerman
Serving Since 1984



Sergeant
Troy Duvanel
Serving Since 1995



Corporal
John Walton
Serving Since 1998



Corporal
W. Todd Sparks
Serving Since 1990



Corporal
Jason Reynolds
Serving Since 2000



Corporal
Mark Messbarger
Serving Since 2001



Detective
Chris Brokaw
Serving Since 2001

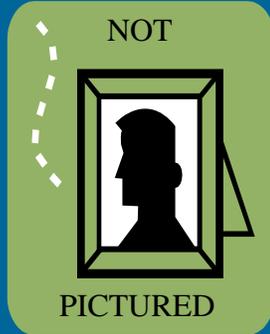


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Detective
Jeremiah Waters
Serving Since 2003



Detective
Nick Weiler
Serving Since 2005



Detective
James Browning
Serving Since 2006



Master Police Officer
Larry Birt
Serving Since 1988



Master Police Officer
Phil Lewis
Serving Since 2002



Master Police Officer
John DeMoss
Serving Since 2003



Master Police Officer
J. Wes Waller
Serving Since 2005



Police Officer
Jeff Magee
Serving Since 1987



Police Officer
Gerry Eickhoff
Serving Since 1991



Police Officer
Steven Wechsler
Serving Since 2006



Police Officer
Timothy Filson
Serving Since 2006



Police Officer
Charles Boyce
Serving Since 2007



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Police Officer
Corey Heron
Serving Since 2009



Police Officer
Jo Anna Ellis
Serving Since 2009



Police Officer
Roxanne Kegin
Serving Since 2009



Police Officer
Anthony Cinelli
Serving Since 2009



Community Service
Officer
Charlie Yocum
Serving Since 1977



Community Service
Officer
Jaime Gilchrist
Serving Since 2009



Property Clerk
Lisa Aldrich
Serving Since 1991



Records Clerk
Karen Gibson
Serving Since 1993



Records Clerk
Ronda Brumbaugh
Serving Since 1999



Crossing Guard
Dave Thomas
Serving Since 1987



Crossing Guard
Cynthia Knapp
Serving Since 1997

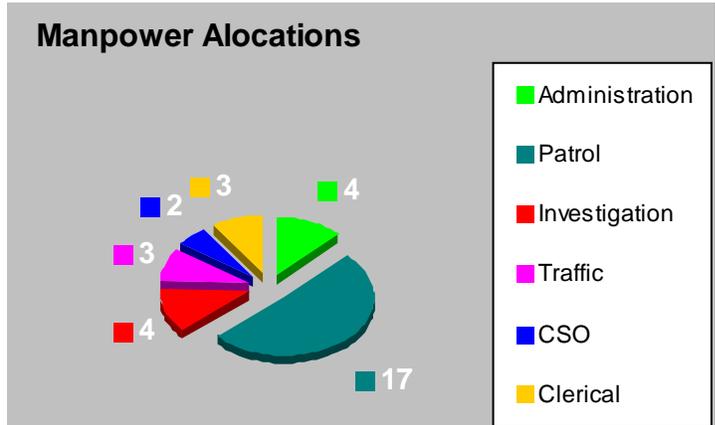
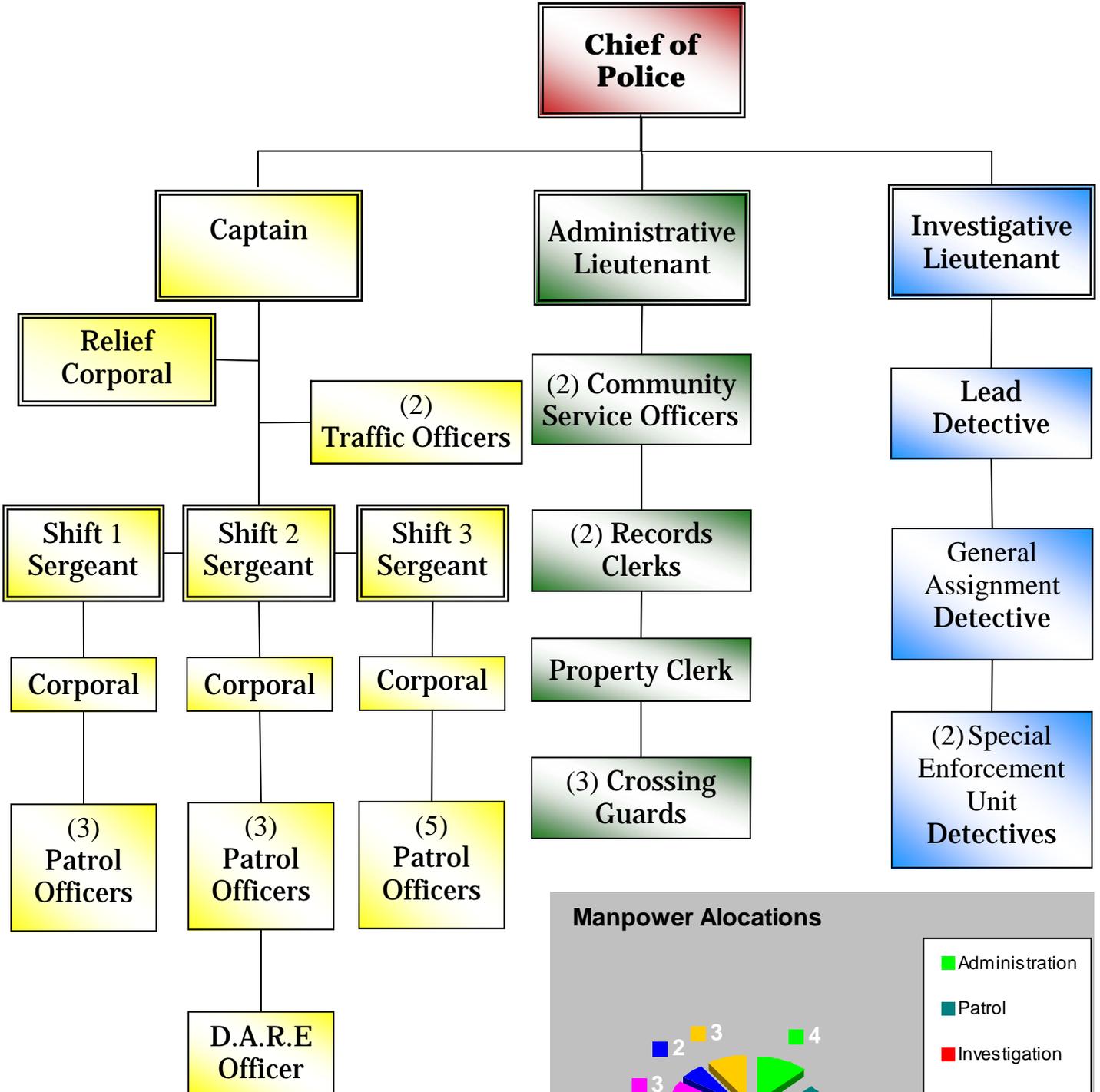


Crossing Guard
Doris Hillhouse
Serving Since 2002



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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





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BUDGET EXPENSE REPORT

The police department budget is the largest within the city of Merriam. In 2009, the total police budget was **\$3,476,597**. This amount includes all projected costs of personnel, contractual services, commodities and capital outlay purchases. It also includes increases due to added compensation. Of the total budget, **\$3,017,770 (87%)** is dedicated to employee salaries and benefits. During the 2009 budget year, the Merriam Police Department spent **\$2,986,897**, which represents **86%** of the approved budget.

Below is a breakdown of expenditures by major categories as of December 31st, 2009.

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

Budgeted— **\$3,017,770**. Spent— **\$2,630,371**. Percent of budget spent— **87%**.

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

Budgeted— **\$194,204**. Spent— **\$159,893**. Percent of budget spent— **82%**.

Supplies and Equipment: Included in this budget item is office equipment, police equipment and uniforms, and gas and oil.

Budgeted— **\$175,040**. Spent— **\$121,286**. Percent of budget spent— **69%**.

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

Budgeted— **\$89,583**. Spent— **\$75,347**. Percent of budget spent— **84%**.

At the end of 2009 the police department returned approximately **\$489,700** to the general fund.

Budget growth from 2006 to 2009





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PATROL DIVISION:
FACTS AND STATISTICS



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 looking 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 2009 the Merriam Police Department received **12,769** primary and backup calls for service. The chart below represents a breakdown on the calls for service since 2003. 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.

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15,997	15,753	14,412	15,630	14,342	14,185	12,769

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 **20,728** self-initiated patrol incidents.

AN AVERAGE PATROL SHIFT:

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, auto burglaries and routine patrol of our residential areas.





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PATROL DIVISION:

FACTS AND STATISTICS



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 2009 patrol officers drove approximately **133,016** miles while patrolling the streets of Merriam.

IMPORTANT PATROL FACTS FOR 2009:

- Each officer will drive **33** miles per day.
- Each officer will answer on average **3.22** calls for service each day.
- Each officer will average **5.272** self initiated calls for service each day.
- Each officer will write **1 to 2** police reports each day.
- Daily each officer will make between **1 to 2** traffic stops.
- The police department writes, on average, **23** traffic tickets per day.
- The police department makes about **3.3** arrests per day.
- June was the busiest month in which we responded to **1,158** calls.



Call activity by shift

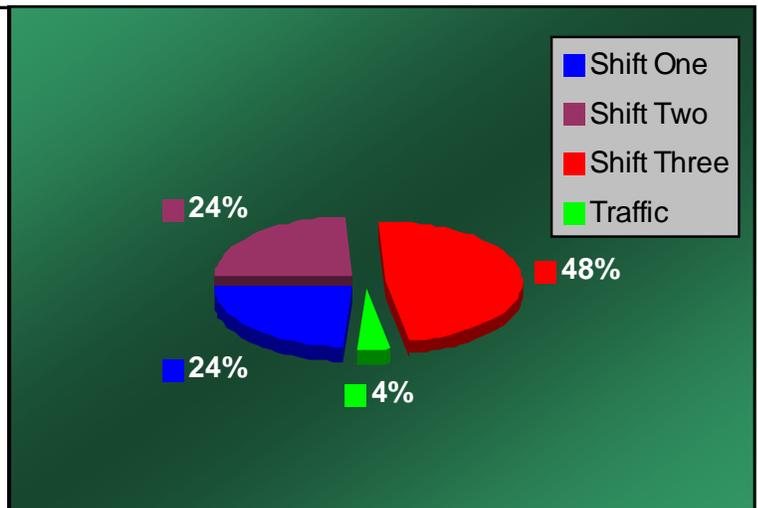
There are three shifts staffed by the Patrol Division.

Shift One: Midnight Shift
11:00 P.M.— 7:00 A.M.

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





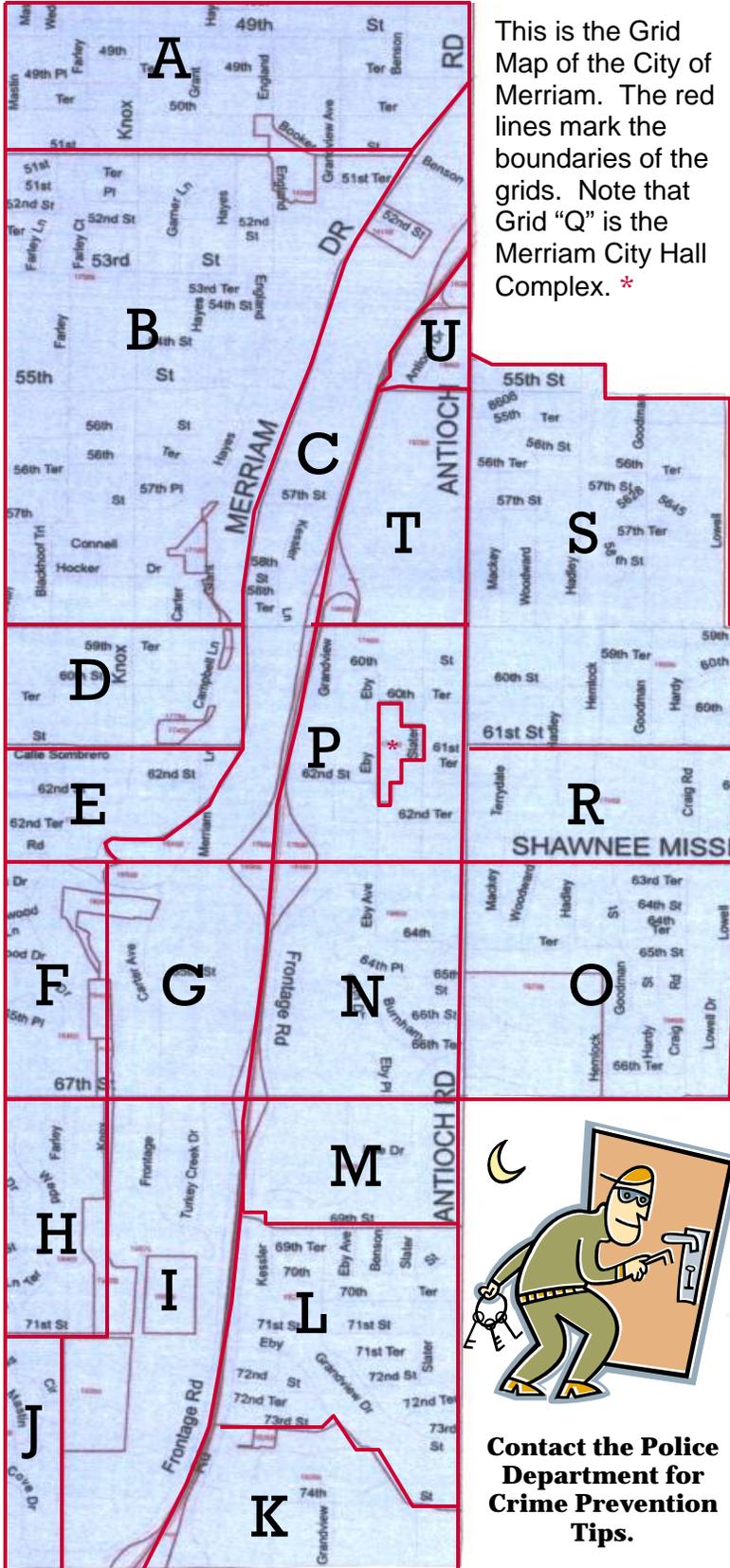
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CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY GRID



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	54	6	14	13	9
B	47	1	35	7	4
C	51	4	10	2	10
D	6	0	2	2	0
E	16	3	18	2	7
F	5	0	2	1	4
G	14	2	0	9	2
H	12	1	3	0	0
I	13	1	0	2	2
J	32	4	15	4	4
K	18	2	10	1	6
L	20	7	7	1	6
M	12	1	4	1	2
N	53	6	12	9	5
O	8	0	2	0	2
P	23	4	11	12	6
Q	0	0	0	3	0
R	20	2	1	0	0
S	25	2	13	6	8
T	108	3	10	7	16
U	1	0	2	3	2



**Contact the Police
 Department for
 Crime Prevention
 Tips.**



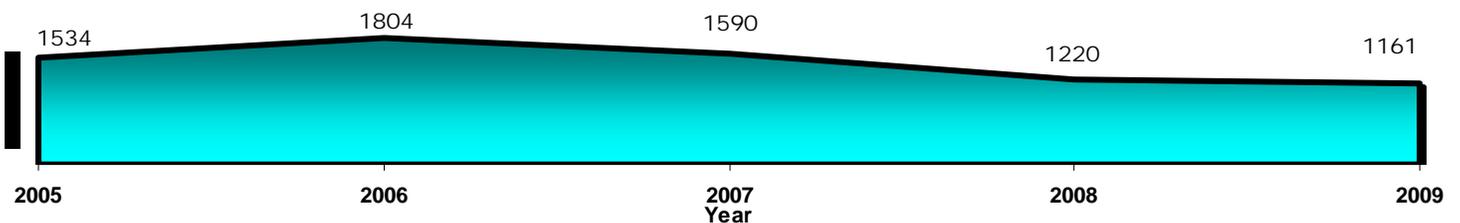
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2009 REPORTED CRIMES

TYPE OF CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	TYPE OF CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Aggravated Arson	1	1	0	0	2	Forgery	21	5	2	8	2
Arson	5	0	4	1	2	Furnishing Alcohol/Beer to Minor	1	6	12	8	2
Aggravated Assault	9	17	11	12	14	Gasoline Drive Off	75	3	3	0	0
Aggravated Battery	9	10	8	3	7	Habitual Traffic Violator	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	6	11	12	6	11	Harassment by Phone	20	39	40	29	19
Aggravated Sodomy	0	1	0	0	2	Murder / Manslaughter	2	0	0	1	2
Aggravated Indecent Liberties	4	2	6	3	5	Indecent Liberties with a Child	3	2	1	0	1
Aggravated Kidnapping	0	1	0	1	0	Indecent Solicitation of a Child	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	17	11	12	6	7	Identification Theft	12	9	19	20	13
Aggravated Sexual Battery	0	0	0	0	0	Intimidation of a Victim/Witness	1	1	0	0	0
Assault	7	5	3	5	2	Kidnapping	2	1	3	1	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	Lewd and Lascivious Behavior	4	5	2	1	1
Attempted Theft	3	0	13	5	6	Littering	2	2	1	1	1
Battery	94	126	104	102	114	Minor in Possession of Alcohol	13	19	25	7	5
Burglary to Auto	178	165	138	109	151	Obstructing Legal Process	31	10	5	12	13
Burglary to Business	16	22	20	12	27	Prescription Fraud	4	5	1	2	2
Burglary to Residence	30	55	49	40	43	Controlled Substance Possession	49	59	44	45	56
Burglary to Storage Area	7	0	2	21	3	Drug Paraphernalia Possession	16	10	18	9	13
Child In Need Of Care	25	54	28	40	27	Drug Possession / Intent of Sale	9	4	4	12	19
Child Abuse	1	0	1	0	0	Possession of Stolen Property	17	12	13	6	4
Computer Trespass	1	3	0	0	1	Possession of Tobacco/Minor	2	5	1	4	2
Counterfeiting	0	1	0	0	2	Prostitution	0	0	2	10	24
Criminal Damage - Felony	20	40	13	19	12	Rape	8	6	6	6	3
Criminal Damage - Misdemeanor	93	97	159	95	58	Robbery	3	7	4	2	3
Criminal Deprivation of Property	6	1	7	9	8	Sexual Battery	4	3	6	5	1
Criminal Discharge of a Weapon	1	3	0	16	1	Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property	120	34	8	25	22
Criminal Threats	25	28	17	15	12	Theft of Services	5	5	3	8	6
Criminal Trespass	12	8	5	7	22	Theft of Auto	90	100	103	60	49
Criminal Use of a Financial Card	22	16	19	21	27	Theft of Auto (Attempted)	12	0	17	17	4
Criminal Use of a Weapon	3	6	3	6	3	Theft - Felony	48	50	52	56	40
Cruelty to Animals	1	0	0	0	4	Theft - Misdemeanor	246	373	351	240	229
Disorderly Conduct	65	67	56	30	21	Violation: Court Protection Order	7	11	13	16	8
Escape From Custody	1	0	0	0	0	Worthless Check	1	2	4	0	0
Falsely Reporting a Crime	0	1	1	0	1	Other Crimes Not Listed Above	24	261	116	17	24
False Writing	20	3	19	8	9	Stalking	0	0	1	0	0
						TOTAL	1534	1804	1590	1220	1161

OF CRIMES BY YEAR





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PART ONE CRIME STATISTICS

Part One crimes in 2009:

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.

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:

Although most of the categories of part one crimes decreased from last year, an increase in the number of assaults and burglaries accounted for the slight increase in the total of part one crimes reported in 2009.

10 Year Trends											
CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
MURDER	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
RAPE	6	5	4	6	8	3	8	13	6	6	4
ROBBERY	9	23	30	13	16	10	20	18	16	8	10
ASSAULTS*	23	26	32	20	26	20	9	27	125*	122*	137
BURGLARY	236	306	360	331	255	232	237	244	221	188	235
THEFT	454	490	403	342	427	420	526	467	414	345	303
AUTO THEFT	113	98	92	91	77	97	90	100	103	60	49
ARSON	3	2	4	8	7	1	6	1	4	1	4
Total by Year	845	950	925	811	816	783	898	870	889	731	743

* 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 and 2008 represents the new data which explains the very large increase over previous years.



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OFFICERS AT WORK

Each year Merriam Police Department officers respond to thousands of calls for service ranging from motorist assists to aggravated assaults, rapes and deaths. I'd like to share just a few examples of the various types of incidents the Merriam Police Officers handled in 2009.

Officers first to discover business on fire:

In May of 2009, Cpl. Todd Sparks was patrolling Merriam Dr. when he detected the smell of something burning. He later found it originated from a fire at a business on Merriam Dr. Sgt. Dan Kellerman and Officer Jo Anna Ellis also responded. They suspected this fire was of a suspicious origin and secured the crime scene. A suspect was developed through good investigative work by Detectives Jeremiah Waters, Chris Brokaw, Nick Weiler, Shannon Bisel and the Merriam Fire Department. This led to the arrest and conviction of a known burglar and arsonist that lived in Merriam.

Detectives investigate infant's death:

Also in May of 2009, Detective Brokaw, Waters, and Weiler responded to a daycare facility after hearing that a 7 month old infant had suffered life threatening injuries. Unfortunately, the child later died of those injuries. An extensive investigation led to the closure of the daycare and the case being sent to the District Attorney's office for review. Charges in this case are still pending.

Detectives and uniformed officers team up to stop auto burglary crime spree:

In July, a rash of auto burglaries plagued both businesses and citizens in the north end of Merriam. Detectives Weiler and Waters were assigned to these cases and received their first real break when the suspect began using a credit card taken from one of the vehicles. After the suspect's description was distributed, Officer James Browning located him within a few days. This suspect later confessed to over fifty burglaries in Merriam and Shawnee.

Armed suspect ran down in a foot pursuit:

In June, Officers Charles Boyce and James Browning responded to a prowler call at a Merriam residence. Officer Browning confronted a male and female behind the residence. The male, not realizing James Browning is one of our fittest officers, attempted to escape by running away. Officer Browning made short work of catching up with the suspect and gave repeated verbal commands for him to stop. Instead of cooperating, the male reached into waist band where he had concealed a 9mm handgun. Quick to react, Officer Browning drew his weapon and covered the suspect. The subject, seeing the error of his ways, dropped his weapon, surrendered and was arrested. Other officers were also able to locate and arrest the female involved.

Multi-jurisdictional prostitution sting proves successful:

Detectives Waters, Weiler, and Brokaw, along with officers Ellis, Wes Waller and Phil Lewis participated in an area wide vice sting. The sting involved multiple police agencies in both Kansas and Missouri. During the 3 day sting, 19 people were arrested in Merriam for various prostitution related charges. Overall, 120 arrests were made.



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OFFICERS AT WORK

Officer's save distraught suicidal subject:

Officers received a 911 call of a male subject threatening suicide. His wife said he was armed with a shotgun and was holding it under his chin. When Officer Gerry Eickhoff and Detective Waters arrived, the man's wife and child were able to safely leave the house. After setting up a perimeter, Officer Waters made contact with the distraught male and was able to talk him into coming out of the house without his firearm. The man was taken to the KU Medical Center for an evaluation and treatment.

Officer's alertness saves the life of an Overland Park resident:

While monitoring Overland Park's police dispatcher, Sgt Troy Duvanel heard their officers being sent to an armed disturbance involving a subject that he had recently dealt with. However, the location to which they were responding was not the same one that Troy had been to previously. Suspecting that Overland Park may be going to the wrong address, Sgt. Duvanel took it upon himself to go where he thought was the correct address. (In Overland Park and just outside of our City limits.) Troy's instincts were right which turned out to be extremely fortunate for the potential victim. When Sgt. Duvanel arrived, he learned the ex-husband, armed with a .357 cal. handgun, had broke into the house and was lying in wait for his ex-wife and her new boyfriend. After a brief struggle the suspect was disarmed and Sgt. Duvanel, along with back up officers Gerry Eickhoff and Jo Anna Ellis arrested the suspect. This subject was charged and later pled guilty to attempted murder.

Patrol Officers team up to capture a residential burglar:

Officer Steve Wechsler responded to a residential burglary call. When he arrived he was able to quickly obtain a description of the suspects and their vehicle. Cpl. John Walton put himself in the area of a likely escape route and spotted the fleeing vehicle. After stopping the suspect's car, the officer used evidence from the crime scene in order to obtain a confession from both occupants. These two suspects were also responsible for burglarizing another residence in Mission, Ks.

Patrol Officers respond to a delusional armed subject:

A resident called the police department claiming her seventy-six year old stepfather was chasing her around the house with a knife. The responding officers, James Browning, Phil Lewis and Cpl. Jason Reynolds confronted the Alzheimer's patient who was in possession of a large kitchen knife. The subject, in his confused and scared state-of-mind, represented a very real danger to both himself and the officers. By using the available cover for protection, and without escalating the incident, the officers were able to safely talk the subject into submission.



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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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 Special Enforcement 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: Charlie Yocum retired in 2009 after 32 years of service as a patrol officer. We were fortunate that after a brief hiatus, he returned to work for the citizens as a Community Service Officer when CSO Dave Thomas retired after 25 years of service. Roxanne Kegin, Anthony Cinelli, Joanna Ellis, and Corey Heron were all hired as new police officers in 2009. Jaime Gilchrist was hired as a CSO when Roxanne Kegin left that position to become a patrol officer with our department.



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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 that officers follow proper procedure and all department rules and regulations. There are four main aspects of 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 2009 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 or 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 2009 there were **no** 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 **two** foot pursuits in 2009.

Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center: In 2009 the Merriam Police Department took **32** juveniles to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center. By estimates, this saved the department around **103** man-hours by allowing JIAC to process juveniles that are runaways or who have committed criminal acts.





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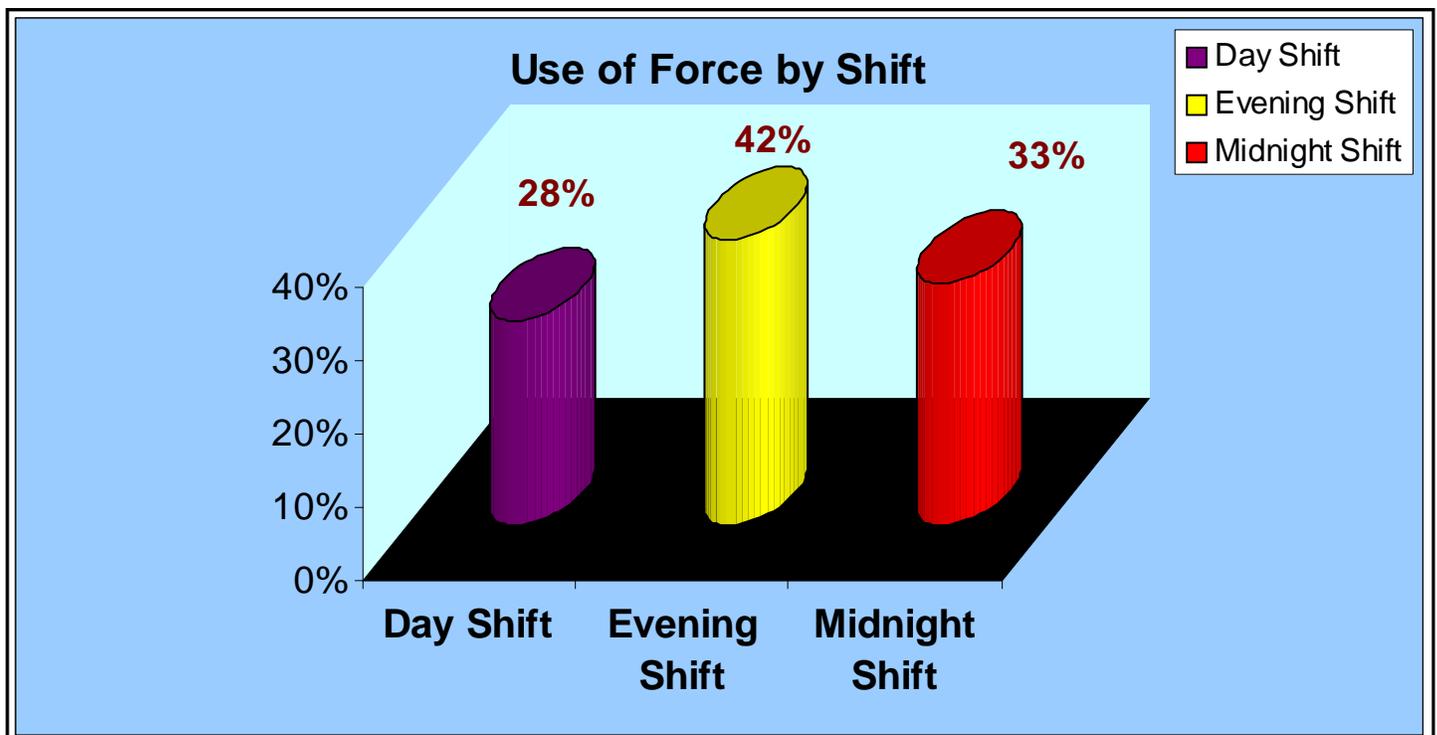
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Use of Force Incidents: All use of force incidents must be reported and are reviewed by the Patrol Commander. A specific report is used that details the circumstances that led up to the use of force, the amount of force used and the results. It is the responsibility of the Patrol Commander to evaluate that no more force than was necessary to effect an arrest was used by the officer. 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 issues verbal commands. During 2009 there were **19** incidents where an officer deemed it necessary to use force to make an arrest. This number is down **52%** from last year. The number of use of force incidents in Merriam is extremely low considering the number of arrests (**1,209**) the officers made during the year. Highlighted below is specific information related to the use of force incidents in 2009.

Use of Force Incidents for 2009

⇒ Service weapon pointed at individual	12
⇒ Taser device pointed at someone	1
⇒ Service weapon discharged on-duty	0
⇒ Taser device used on individual	0
⇒ Empty hand control techniques used	6
⇒ Lateral vascular neck restraint used	0
⇒ OC pepper spray used	0
⇒ Collapsible baton used	0



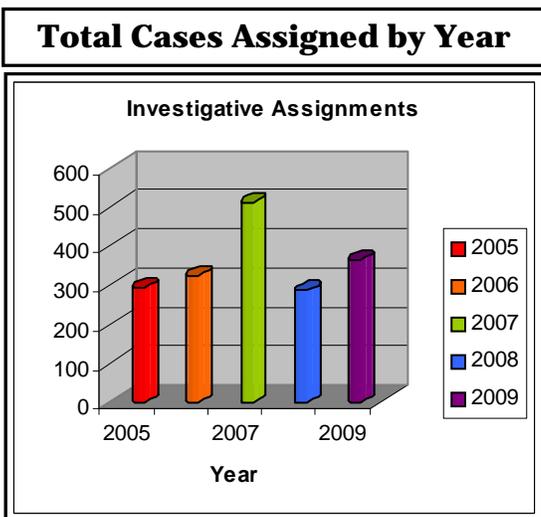


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INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

In 2008 the Investigations Unit was staffed with four detectives. Two detectives were assigned to general investigations, investigating crimes against persons and crimes against property. The other two detectives were assigned to the Special Enforcement Unit to conduct pro-active investigations.

The general assignment detectives investigated 365 cases. They were able to solve 111 of those case. This equals a 26% clearance rate.



Foot Print evidence from a residential burglary.

Type of Cases Assigned by Year

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Homicide	2	0	0	1	2
Burglary	49	53	65	39	46
Theft	54	77	135	98	95
Forgery	25	24	19	3	2
Auto Theft	13	26	79	25	20
Auto Burglary	*	*	16	10	49
Identity Theft	*	*	23	16	7
Robbery	20	11	14	8	11
Battery	14	17	13	17	33
Felony Sex Offenses	22	9	20	15	9
Criminal Damage	11	19	57	12	12
Criminal Threats	7	5	10	6	3
Phone Harassment	8	12	11	9	5
Unattended Death	6	8	12	5	14
Child Cases (CINC)	10	8	10	15	4
Kidnapping	1	2	0	2	0
Arson	1	1	0	0	1
Assault	5	9	4	4	1
Credit Card Fraud	9	8	3	2	8
All Others	28	34	19	7	43
Total	294	323	510	287	365

*** indicates these numbers are not available**



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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Special Enforcement Unit was started in 2008 with two detectives. During 2009 due to the loss of personnel, The SEU had to adjust the way it did business. For the first couple of months of 2009, the SEU was put on directed patrol to assist the patrol division with man power shortages. The unit then became one person short due to manpower needs and thus was regulated to assisting with general investigation duties. This explains the decrease in drug cases worked in 2009.

The Special Enforcement detectives were assigned 13 cases to investigate. They were able to solve 6 of those cases for a clearance rate of 46%. The unit did make 9 undercover drug buys, serve 3 search warrants, work 6 joint operations with other law enforcement agencies and one asset forfeiture case was filed on a 1999 Chevy Pick-up. This case is still awaiting a court decision.



Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia, and cash seized in a Meth Lab investigation in Merriam



Recovered drugs in a car



Cash recovered during a prostitution arrest



Recovered drugs and drug paraphernalia



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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

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 hundred thousand 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.

2009 ACCIDENT FACTS

- There were **499** motor vehicle accidents reported to the Merriam Police Department.
- Of this total **69** of the accidents involved some level of personal injuries. This is a **10%** decrease from 2008.
- There were **16** accidents which were determined to be alcohol related. This equates to approximately **3%** of the total.
- Hit-and-run accidents reported and investigated in 2009 totaled **82**, which is a **27%** decrease from 2008.
- There were **38** private property and /or minor accident reports taken in Merriam. This figure is a **22%** increase from 2008.
- There was only **one** reported fatality accident in Merriam. It occurred at Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35. Alcohol was a factor in this accident.
- Overall, the city experienced a **15% decrease** in the number of accidents as compared to 2008.

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



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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

TOP TEN ACCIDENT LOCATIONS IN MERRIAM FOR 2009

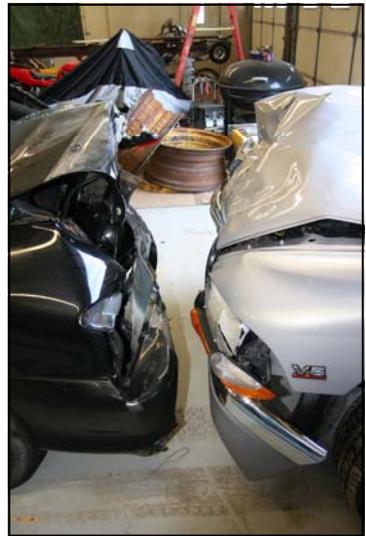
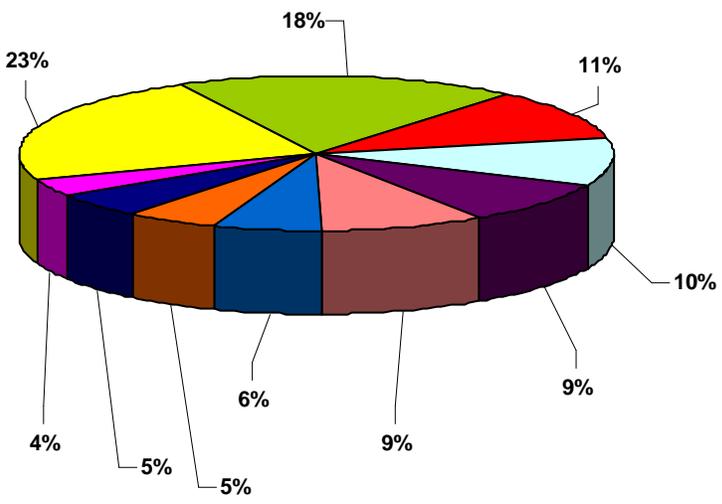


Fatality Accident at Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35. The victim was attempting to push his car off the road when struck from behind by a drunk driver. These two pictures are reconstructions of the point of impact

- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35 63
- ◆ 75th and I-35 50
- ◆ 67th and I-35 29
- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Eby 27
- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch 25
- ◆ Johnson and I-35 24
- ◆ Antioch and I-35 16
- ◆ 75th and E. Frontage 14
- ◆ 75th and Antioch 14
- ◆ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Slater 10

Top Accident Location Breakdown

■ Shawnee Mission Parkway and I-35	■ 75th and I-35
■ 67th and I-35	■ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Eby
■ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch	■ Johnson and I-35
■ Antioch and I-35	■ 75th and E. Frontage
■ 75th and Antioch	■ Shawnee Mission Parkway and Slater





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TRAFFIC UNIT
ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS



The Merriam Police Department's Traffic Unit is tasked with enforcing traffic laws within the city. Their efforts are concentrated in areas where there are a high number of accidents and traffic complaints. In addition, they participated in 2 DUI check points and several saturation patrols for DUI and Seatbelt enforcement. Listed below are statistics for 2009.

TEU Traffic Statistic Totals for 2009:	
Moving Violations	1,118
Non-Moving Violations	793
Total Tickets Issued	1,911
Driving Under the Influence Arrests	34
Speeding	362
Other Moving Violations	418
Seat Belts	226
Accident Reports	98
Shifts Worked	262
Miles Driven	9,000



There were 65,848 accidents in Kansas for 2008 involving driver infractions. The costs associated to these accidents was \$2,137,814,200.

69.4% of Fatalities in 2008 were not wearing their seatbelts. This is an increase from 2007



TEU Traffic Statistics for DUI/Saturation Patrols in 2009:			
Check Point Date	Contacts	DUI Arrests	Other Arrests
10-Jul-09	217	8	3
9-Sep-09	554	6	3

Alcohol was a factor in 3,366 of all reported accidents in Kansas in 2008



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**PATROL: TRAFFIC
 ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**



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 a routine traffic stop. In 2009, Merriam officers made **5,877** traffic stops, issued **5,039** moving violation tickets and **3,460** non-moving tickets (total numbers including the Traffic Unit). This represents a **10%** decrease in the number of traffic stops and a **17%** decrease in tickets issued in 2008. (Note the decrease in stops and tickets is primarily due to manpower shortages in 2009.)

TRAFFIC STANDARDS:

For the past ten 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.

2009 Traffic Citations

- ◆ D.U.I. 139
- ◆ Speeding 1436
- ◆ Inattentive driving 71
- ◆ Traffic light 131
- ◆ Stop sign 97
- ◆ No insurance 833
- ◆ Seat belt 496
- ◆ Drivers license violations 618
- ◆ Expired/illegal tag 432
- ◆ Parking 53
- ◆ All others 4,563



DUI Check Point on Merriam Drive

Court Statistics

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<u>Total Filings:</u>	8,652	9,958	10,641	10,867	10,159	8,913
<u>Fines Collected:</u>	\$747,116	\$835,280	\$881,930	\$912,467	\$1,032,667	\$999,654



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COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

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.

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 170 stray animals; 74 cats and 96 dogs. Only 3 of the impounded cats were reclaimed and 32 of the impounded dogs were claimed by owners.

Please 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 22 animal control calls.
- ◆ Write 16 animal control related reports.
- ◆ Confirm 4 warrants.
- ◆ Serve 2 warrants.
- ◆ Answer 24 phone calls.
- ◆ 14 hours per month in court related duties.
- ◆ Take 7 walk-in police reports.
- ◆ Perform 13 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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In addition to responding to calls for service, investigating crimes, enforcing traffic laws and investigating 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 16th year as the department's D.A.R.E. officer. During 2009, the D.A.R.E. Program was offered in both 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 2009 to make sure they are equipped and ready to handle armed and other high risk situations. The S.W.A.T. officers are also expected to retain a higher than average level of physical fitness and firearms proficiency skill.

CITIZEN VOLUNTEERISM:

We are fortunate in our city to have civilian volunteers helping out the police department. Graduates of our citizen police academy assist us for things like city events or DUI check points. Suzette Mack is helping put vital crime information on our website for our citizens. Ruth Terrones started volunteering in late 2009 and is working on statistical analysis. We also have citizen volunteers enforce handicapped parking violations in the city. We wish to thank all of our volunteers for the hard work they put in. Their efforts no doubt help make Merriam the wonderful city it is.

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 2009. These officers can also be called out on serious crimes to assist the detectives.





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RECORDS MANAGEMENT:

Our Records Unit is responsible for the handling of police records once taken by a police officer. These reports have to be verified, stored, and properly distributed to citizens, courts and other Law Enforcement agencies. Ronda Brumbaugh and Karen Gibson are currently assigned to our records unit. If you have any questions or need help call 322-5560.

EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT:

One of the police clerks is assigned to help manage the department's recovered property and evidence. Lisa Aldrich 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.

CROSSING GUARD UNIT:

There are three school-crossing locations within the city. Part-time 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.

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 peace 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 2009, **53** 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 during their normal shift. A citizen signs up to ride for 2, 4, 6, or 8 hours on any desired shift. They must complete a 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 2009, there were **37** ride-along requests.





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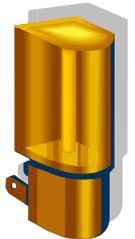


FINGERPRINT SERVICES:

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 for a fee. 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, manages a program that encourages people to have their home or business checked in an effort to protect them from criminal activity. 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. There is no fee for this valuable service.

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. When they observe suspicious activity, they notify the police. 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 successful program in 2009 and we look forward to seeing everyone again.





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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.

TRAFFIC COUNTS:



The Merriam Police Department operates a radar equipped traffic speed trailer and a vehicle counter. These devices are 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 discuss options to resolve the speed violations.

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. The Police Department also works with the alarm owners to find ways to reduce the incidents of false alarms. There were **228** reported false alarms in Merriam in 2009. The City of Merriam collected **\$2,625** in false alarms fines in 2009.

POLICE OFFICER VOLUNTEERISM:

The Merriam Police Department has been involved in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for twenty-four 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, provinces 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, Popcorn Standoff at Cinemark, and the Torch Run itself throughout the year to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.





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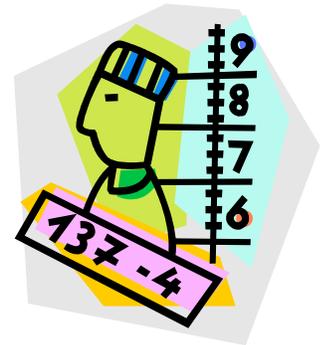
CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

In 2008, the Merriam Police Department introduced our first Citizen's Police Academy. We had two main objectives for this program. The first was to familiarize the citizens with the complexities of the officer's work environment. The amount of training each officer receives, and is required to stay current with, was indeed eye opening for some of the students.

The second goal was to become acquainted with each other. The police department can better serve the citizens when they have a better understanding of their perspective and concerns. Likewise, the citizens feel more comfortable working with the officers when they get to know them on a personal level.

The 2009 Citizens Police Academy class started August 11th, 2009 and ran through October 20th, 2009. Each of the Wednesday night sessions lasted for three hours. The following is a list of classes that were given:

- Familiarization of Police Equipment
- Basic Patrol Procedures
- Traffic Stops
- How Radar/Lidar works
- Drug Enforcement
- Search/Seizure
- General Investigation Procedures
- Domestic Violence
- Use of Force Training
- Firearms Training
- SWAT Team Demonstration
- Accident Investigation
- TASER Training
- DUI Training
- DARE Overview
- Tour of the Johnson County Adult Detention Center
- Defensive Tactics Training



These classes consisted of more than just watching videos and listening to lectures. Over half of the classes were actual hands-on training. The students went to the firearms range to shoot handguns, shotguns, and even fully automatic rifles. They learned and practiced defensive tactics and some even braved getting a shock from a Taser. In addition to all the classes, and probably the most informative, the students were able to ride with a police officer during an actual police shift. This gave them a better perspective on what they had learned and exactly how it is applied. The next page contains photographs of some of the training. It illustrates just how varied the training was. Also, if you look closely enough you might also pick out a smile or two from the students and officers instructing them.

This program was such a success, we will be offering it again in 2010. Go to the Merriam Police website, <http://www.merriam.org/MPD/> for more information or to sign up.



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POLICE TRAINING UPDATE

The State of Kansas requires all police officers to complete a state sponsored police academy with a minimum of **560** hours of instruction. The Merriam Police Department also requires any new officer to complete a field training program consisting of **480** hours of additional instruction. Thereafter, every certified officer is required to attend a minimum of **40** hours of training per year. Throughout 2009 the Merriam Police Department offered a variety of training classes for its officers and civilian staff to attend. Listed below are examples of some of those courses.

Defensive Tactics:

- ◆ Ground Fighting
- ◆ Use of Force Situational Training
- ◆ Handcuffing/OC Spray/
- ◆ Pressure Point Control Tactics
- ◆ Baton

Detective Training:

- ◆ Child Sex Abuse
- ◆ Interrogation
- ◆ Death /Homicide Investigation
- ◆ Economic Fraud Training
- ◆ Undercover Drug Investigations
- ◆ Gangs

S.W.A.T. Training:

- ◆ Barricaded Suspects
- ◆ Vehicle Assaults
- ◆ Firearms Training
- ◆ Advanced Tactical Operations
- ◆ Mobile Active Shooter
- ◆ Search Warrants
- ◆ Firearms Training
- ◆ Specialty Munitions
- ◆ Legal Issues for Tactical Operations
- ◆ Hostage Rescue

Supervisor Training:

- ◆ Sexual Harassment
- ◆ Supervision of Police Personnel
- ◆ Investigating Use of Force Cases
- ◆ Employee drug or alcohol abuse
- ◆ Applied Leadership

Traffic Safety Training:

- ◆ Supervising a DUI Check Point
- ◆ Doppler Radar and Lidar Training
- ◆ Transportation Safety Conference

Patrol Training:

- ◆ I-Leads Records Management System
- ◆ ID Theft
- ◆ Vehicle and Cell Extractions
- ◆ DUI
- ◆ Report Writing
- ◆ Street Survival Course
- ◆ Excited Delirium
- ◆ Emergency Vehicle Operation Course
- ◆ Legal Updates

Community Service Officer Training:

- ◆ Computer Training
- ◆ Animal Control Conference
- ◆ Use of Force
- ◆ Child Safety Seat Technician

Firearms Training:

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

Every Merriam police officer received on average **123 hours of training in 2009. Every officer assigned to S.W.A.T. received on average an additional **93** hours of specialized training.**



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DRUG FORFEITURE REPORT

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 2009:

On January 1, 2009, there was approximately **\$31,581.86** in the Merriam Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

During 2009, the Merriam Police Department received **\$504** from drug forfeitures and/or drug taxes. The account earned **\$132.95** in interest.

There was a reimbursement to the Merriam Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of **\$2,285**. This was a grant reimbursement for the purchase of traffic safety devices.

During 2009, the following purchases or expenditures were made with funds from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund:

Legal Fees	\$630.60	SWAT Uniforms	\$1,629.00
In Car Camera System	\$5,742.00	Drug Investigation Fund	\$1,519.05
Drug ID Display Board	\$465.00	Safety Vests	\$497.38
Protective Vests	\$2,775.99	Leavenworth Job Fair	\$100.00
Petty Cash	\$20.00	SWAT Team	\$35.45

TOTAL EXPENDITURES IN 2009: \$13,460.47

ACCOUNT CARRYOVER: As of 01/01/2010= \$21,584.34



1999 Pick Up seized from a drug dealer