

Annual Report

# 2001

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Roger J. Aikin, Chief of Police

# Bloomington Police Department



*A Community Partnership*

# *In Memoriam*

## *With Profound Respect*

*The Bloomington Police Department offers condolences to the families of the victims of the tragic terrorist attacks on America of September 11, 2001, in which thousands of Americans were killed in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.*

*Further,  
of the hundreds of rescuers who responded, both those who perished and those who survived,  
we salute the bravery and patriotism of the Officers of the New York Police Department  
and  
the New York Port Authority Police, as well as the Firefighters of the Fire Department  
of New York,  
and many others who went to the aid of their fellow Americans.*

*Accordingly,  
we condemn the cowardly attacks on innocent civilians by heartless and lawless  
terrorists and  
pledge our continuing resolve in working in partnership with our fellow Americans;  
Federal,  
State, local governments, military, and other civil authorities to protect and defend our  
homeland and to defeat the terrorist threat.*

*Chief Roger Aikin and the Officers and Employees of the*

**BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# Mission Statement

*The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to work in partnership with the citizens of Bloomington to enforce the laws and enhance the quality of life in our community.*

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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

In the first year of the new Millennium, 2001, Bloomington Police were actively engaged in community policing, when suddenly, our world, nation, and even our community were changed forever. The terror attacks on September 11th impacted our community in many ways, not the least of which was the delivery of police service. Officers responded to new and varied calls for assistance, addressing the threat of biological weapons and the demand for increased security at public facilities including the Central Illinois Regional Airport. All of our administrative and operational resources, budget, equipment, personnel, and facilities were challenged. Those challenges were overcome by the exceptional performance we have come to expect from the men and women of the Bloomington Police Department. Remarkably, those officers and employees continued to work toward their original goals and completed the year with a renewed commitment to the community they serve.

Keeping pace with rapid technological developments remained an ongoing process within the organization. To optimize communications we implemented a "back-up" radio system and continued development of a new *Computer Aided Dispatch* (CAD) system, in 2001.

Our human resources continued to improve as the Department participated in *Citywide* training to help achieve consistency in customer service.

Leading change by anticipating needs, addressing emerging issues, and continuing to develop our basic community policing posture will be the focus of our efforts for 2002. Community relations, particularly minority concerns, will be enhanced by continued participation in the Minority and Police Partnership, the creation of the Office of Professional Standards, and restructuring the Public Affairs Unit. The addition of a *Media Resource Specialist*, and the Professional

Mr. Thomas Hamilton  
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intelligence capabilities will be augmented by increasing the staff in the Crime Analysis Unit.

In an effort to improve employee morale, a patrol officer's *Job Satisfaction Survey* will be the basis for facilitating positive change within the organization. Concurrently, we anticipate reconstructing our annual staff retreat by the inclusion of field personnel in order to focus more precisely on a select number of narrowly defined issues. Their perspective provides the proper context necessary for full organizational commitment.

In light of the tumultuous events of the recent past, it is difficult to determine exactly what challenges we will face in the long term. However, as the year progresses, we are certain to play an expanding role in homeland defense while delivering comprehensive police services to meet the needs of a growing community.

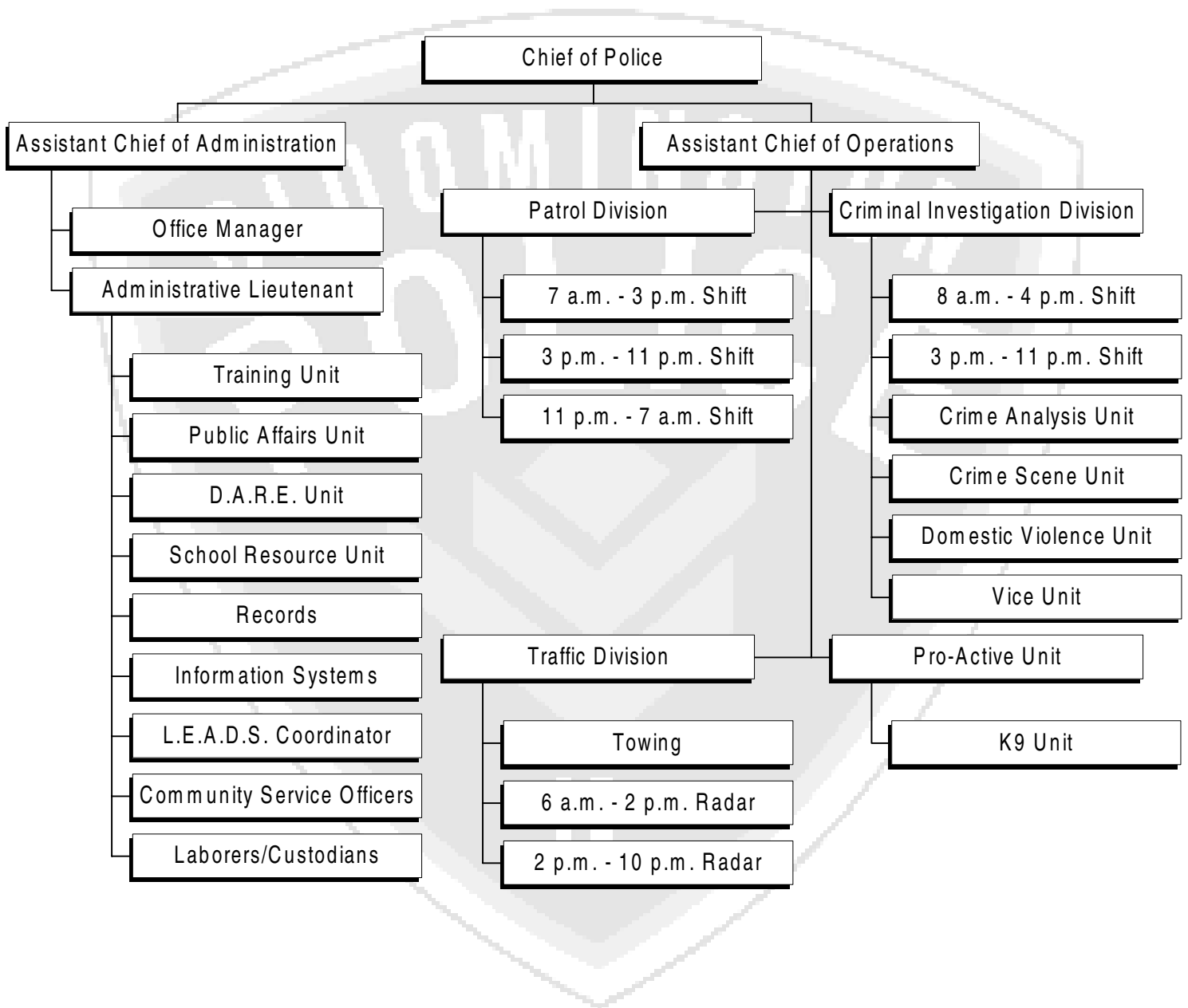
Sincerely,

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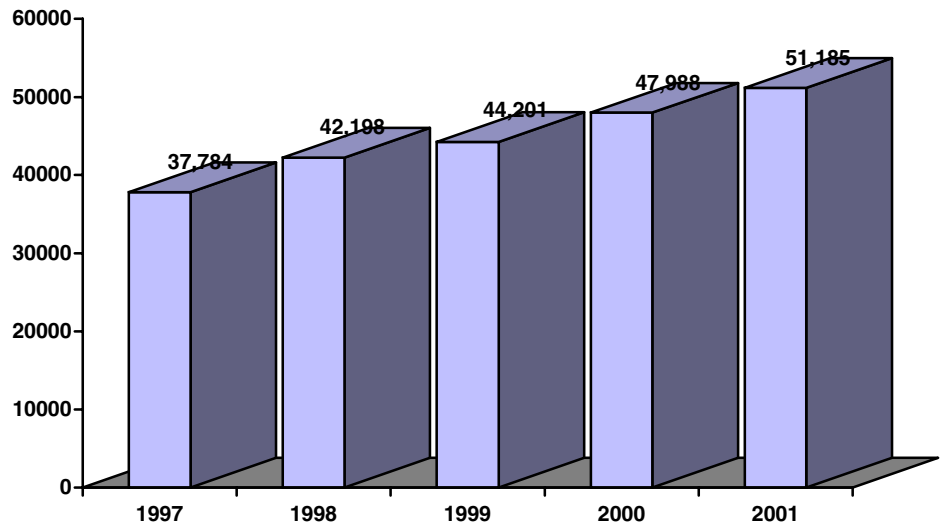
Roger J. Aikin  
Chief of Police

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# Bloomington Police Department Organization Chart



# Calls for Service



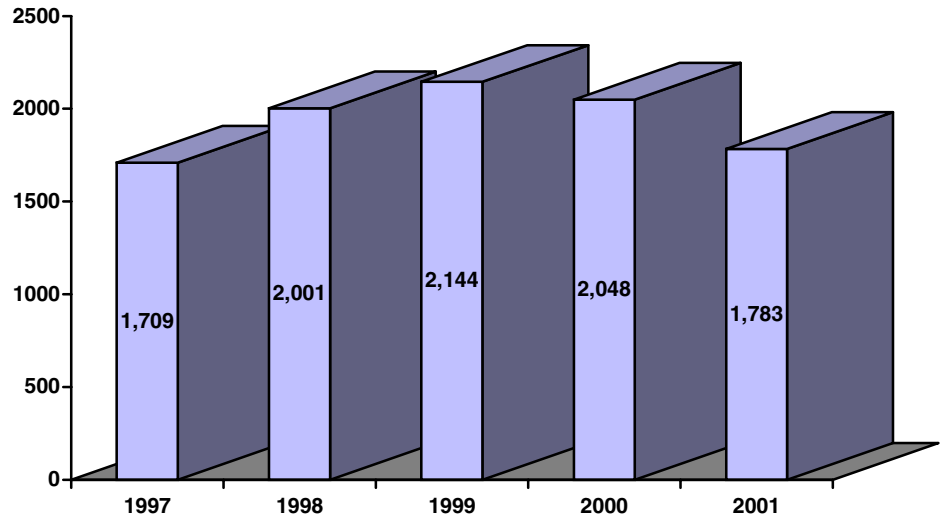
## 2001 Calls for Service Breakdown

Traffic Stop.....	13,974	Criminal Damage to Property.....	594	Traffic Light or Sign Problem.....	179
Domestic Dispute.....	2,284	Accident - Personal Injury.....	543	Sex Offenses.....	168
Accident - Property Damage.....	2,228	Missing Person.....	529	Threatening Phone Calls.....	149
Alarm - Burglary.....	2,073	Other Departmental Services.....	496	Transport - Custody.....	135
Loud Music - Party.....	1,910	Bar Check.....	492	Prowler.....	133
Unknown Problem.....	1,683	Animal Complaint.....	490	Fraud - Forgery.....	132
Suspicious Person.....	1,432	Criminal Damage to Vehicle.....	475	Alarm - Hold Up.....	127
Other Public Complaint.....	1,354	Traffic Detail - Complaint.....	443	School Resource Officer.....	127
Pedestrian Stop.....	1,349	Foot Patrol.....	333	Armed Subject.....	114
Motorist Assist.....	1,319	Drug Violations.....	312	Shots Fired.....	106
Suspicious Vehicle.....	1,293	Paper/Process Service.....	278	Reckless Driving.....	101
Fight - Riot - Battery.....	1,148	Fireworks.....	276	Robbery.....	66
Trespassing.....	1,140	Civil Dispute.....	274	Drive Off - Failure to Pay.....	57
Warrant Attempt.....	1,090	Intoxicated Subject.....	259	D.U.I.....	55
Parking Violations.....	988	Open Door/Window.....	250	Mental Subject.....	49
Disorderly Conduct.....	972	Funeral Escort.....	238	Medical Emergency - Assist.....	42
Assist Other Agency.....	951	Stolen Vehicle.....	237	Home Invasion.....	37
Burglary - Not In Progress.....	864	Retail Theft - Shoplifting.....	228	Lost Child.....	31
Juvenile Complaint.....	862	Burglary in Progress.....	222	Hit and Run - Personal Injury.....	22
Theft.....	799	Death Investigation.....	204	Fire Call.....	20
Special Assignment.....	636	Transport - Non-custody.....	201	Bomb Threat.....	13
Hit and Run - Property Damage.....	610	Telephone Harassment.....	195	Kidnapping.....	4
Check Well Being.....	600	Found Property.....	187	Person Shot.....	3

**Special Note:** The above statistics do not represent a specific count of criminal or non-criminal activity. They account for call types initiated by officers or to which they responded.

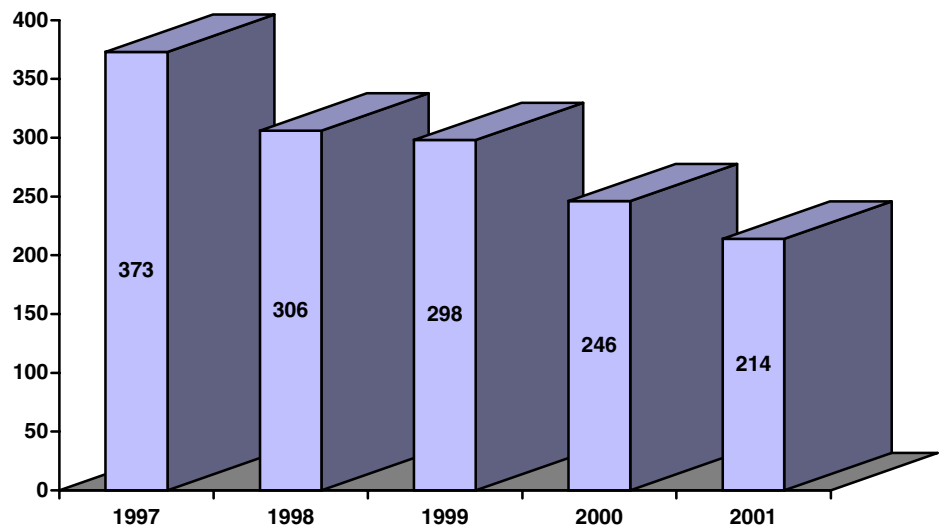
## Adult Arrests

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## Juvenile Arrests

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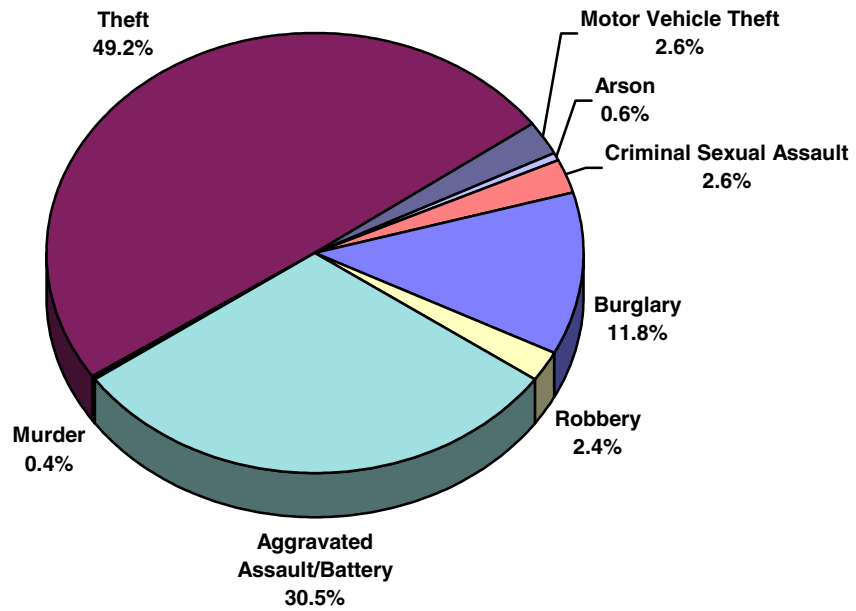




## Index Crime Arrests

Year	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault / Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1997	0	19	11	197	62	425	10	6
1998	2	17	11	225	81	397	9	3
1999	1	12	7	203	83	340	8	2
2000	3	16	8	201	55	317	11	3
2001	2	13	12	153	59	247	13	3

### 2001 Index Crime Arrests

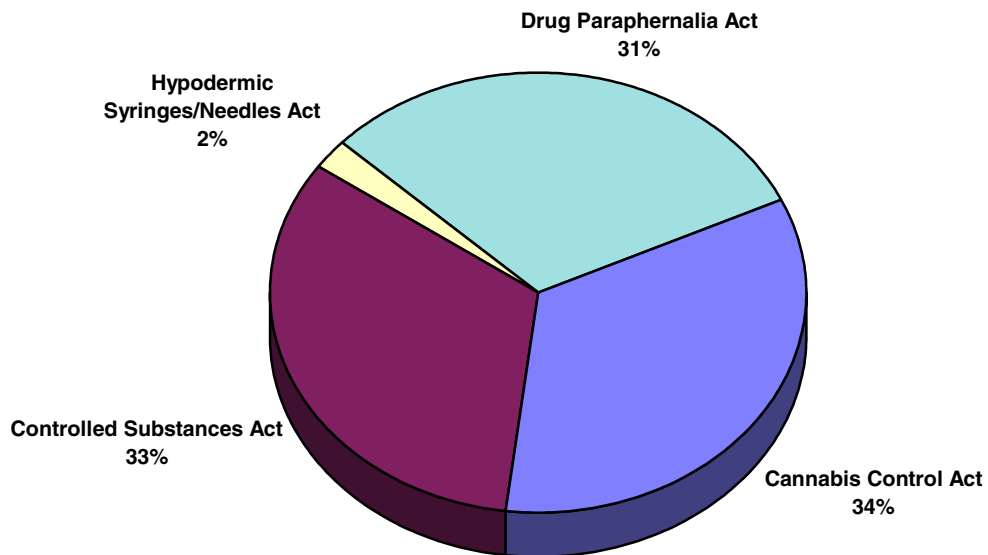


NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

## Drug Offense Arrests

Year	Cannabis Control Act	Controlled Substances Act	Hypodermic Syringes and Needles Act	Drug Paraphernalia Act
1997	147	137	0	91
1998	144	182	3	128
1999	213	244	1	179
2000	206	158	5	173
2001	119	116	7	110

### 2001 Drug Offense Arrests



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## Index Crime Offenses

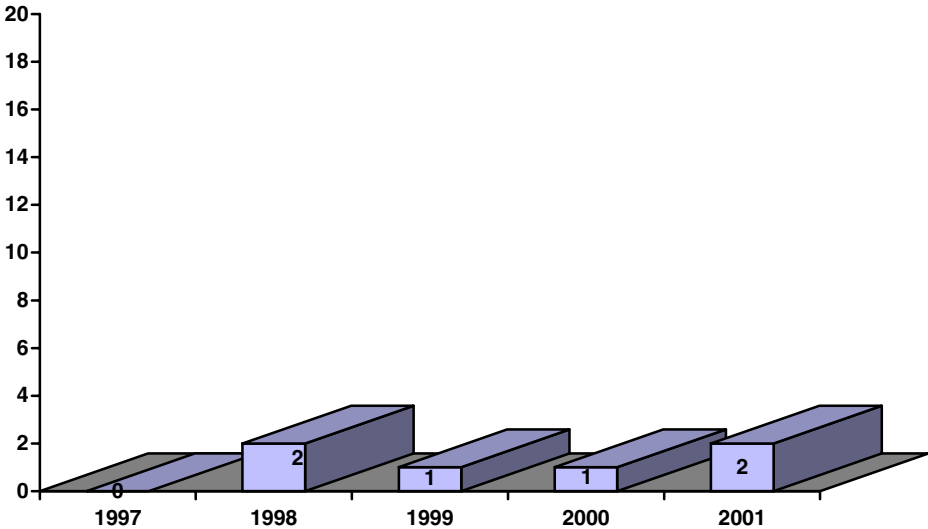
Index Offenses consist of the violent crimes of murder and non negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, and the property crimes of burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. These serious crimes are defined as Crime Index Offenses by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Committee on Uniform Crime Reports.

Index crimes used by the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program, and this Department, translate into the following Crime Index Offenses as nationally reported:

ILLINOIS CLASSIFICATION	NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Degree Murder</li> <li>Second Degree Murder</li> </ul>	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criminal Sexual Assault</li> <li>Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault</li> <li>Forcible Sodomy</li> <li>Criminal Sexual Assault with an Object</li> </ul>	Forcible Rape
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armed Robbery</li> <li>Robbery</li> <li>Vehicular Hijacking</li> <li>Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking</li> <li>Aggravated Robbery</li> </ul>	Robbery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempted Murder</li> <li>Aggravated Battery</li> <li>Aggravated Assault</li> <li>Heinous Battery</li> <li>Aggravated Battery of a Child</li> <li>Aggravated Battery of a Senior Citizen</li> <li>Ritual Mutilation</li> </ul>	Aggravated Assault
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burglary</li> <li>Residential Burglary</li> <li>Home Invasion</li> </ul>	Burglary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theft Over \$300</li> <li>Theft \$300 and Under</li> <li>Retail Theft</li> <li>Theft/Burglary from Vehicle</li> <li>Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Parts or Accessories</li> <li>Pocket Picking</li> <li>Purse Snatching</li> <li>Theft from Building</li> <li>Theft from Coin Operated Device</li> </ul>	Larceny/Theft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor Vehicle Theft</li> </ul>	Motor Vehicle Theft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arson</li> <li>Aggravated Arson</li> </ul>	Arson

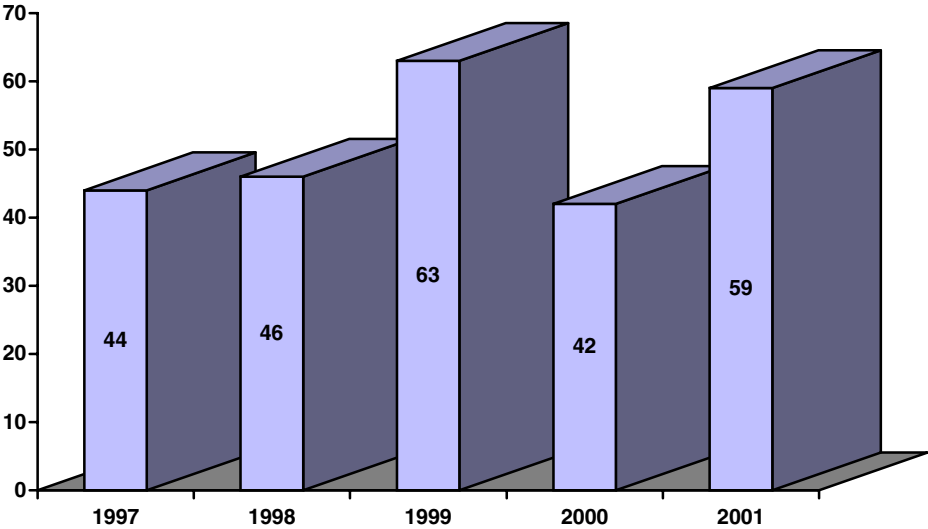
# Murder and Non negligent Manslaughter

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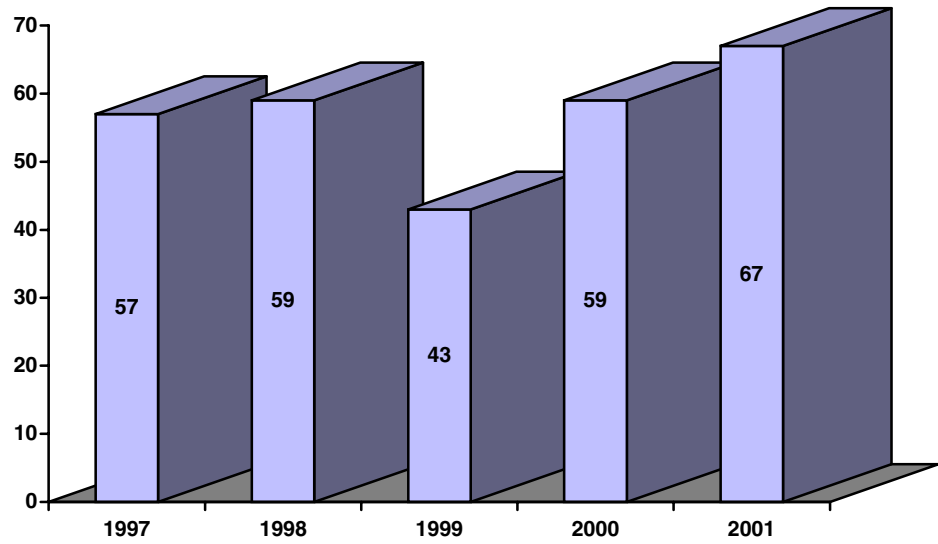
# Criminal Sexual Assault

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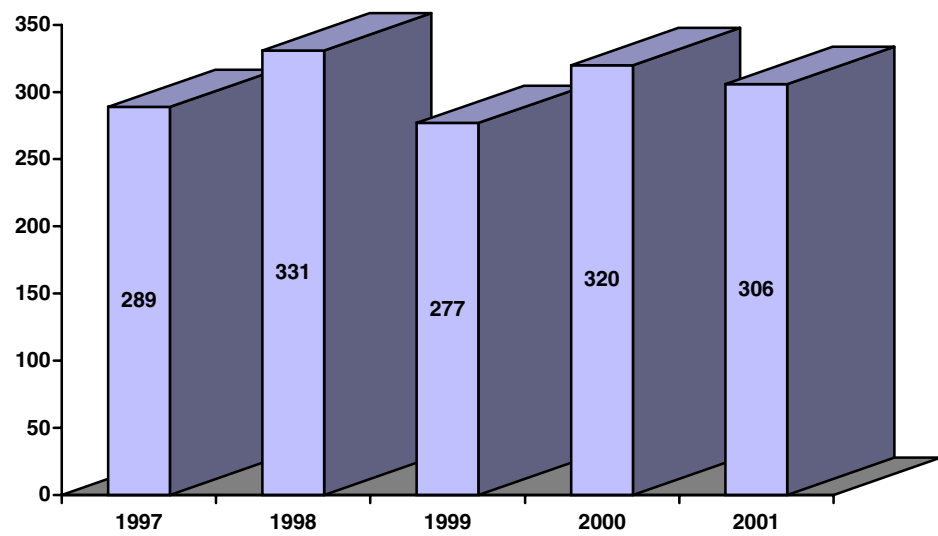
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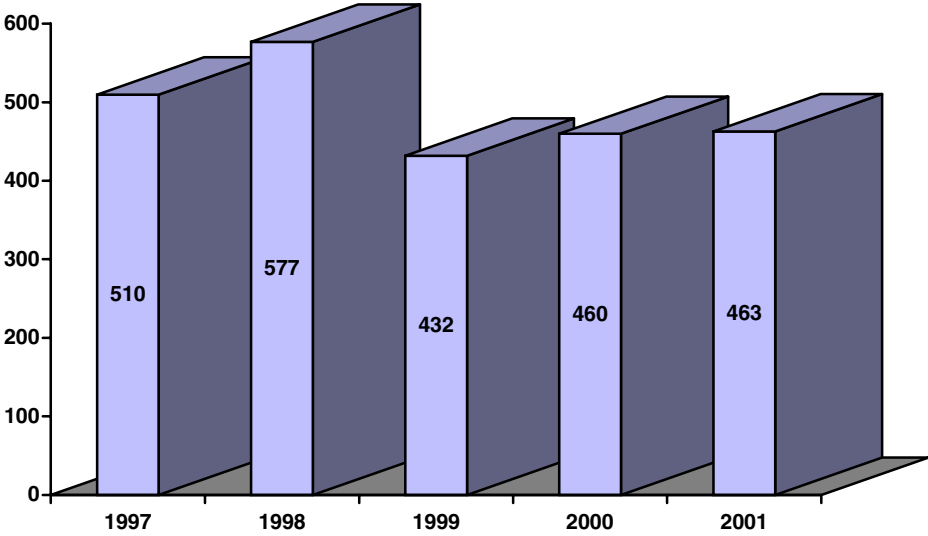
## Aggravated Assault/Battery

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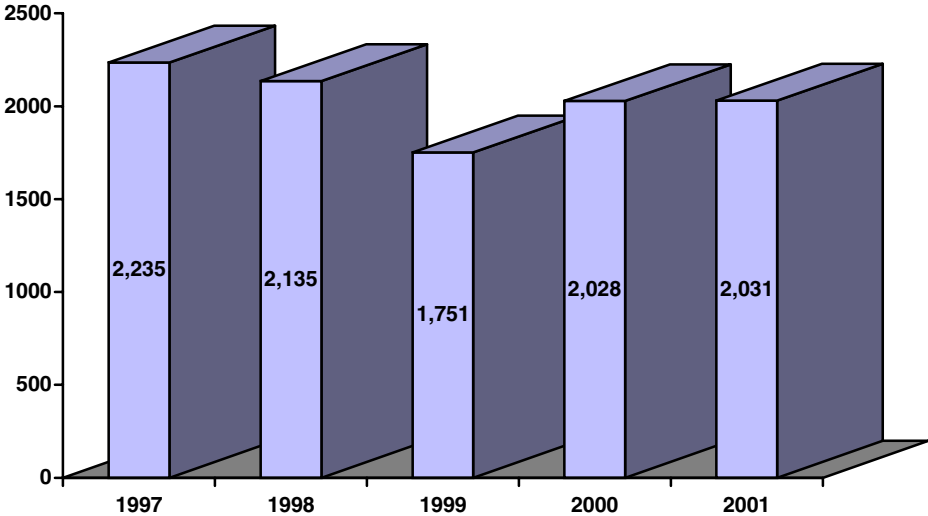
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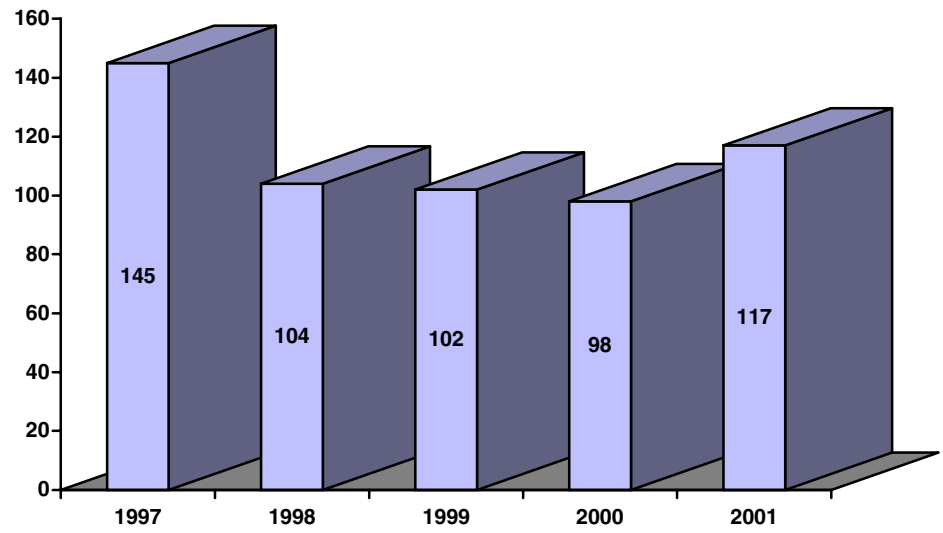
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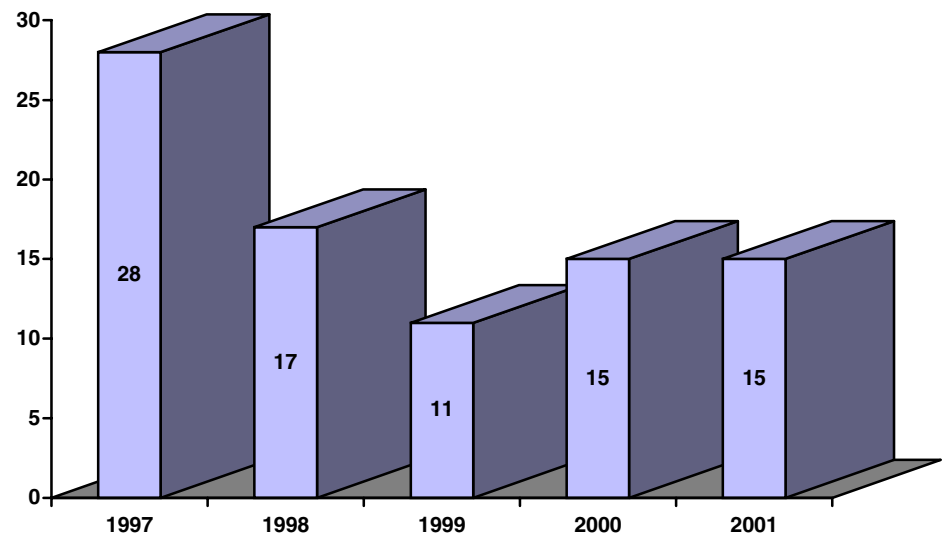
## Motor Vehicle Theft

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## Arson

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## Public Affairs Unit

The Public Affairs Unit has earned a national reputation for providing leadership in developing community partnerships to prevent crime and reduce victimization. Working with businesses, neighborhood associations, media, community organizations, and individuals, the Public Affairs Unit coordinates programs and activities that have a positive impact on the quality of life in our community.

Public education and awareness training, as well as problem solving tactics are designed to overcome barriers to police community relations and address community crime concerns. Presentations include: armed robbery prevention, fraud awareness, crimes against the elderly, dangerous drugs and narcotics awareness, home and business security, landlord training, and nuisance abatement/property maintenance, personal and realtor safety, travel safety, school violence, violence prevention/conflict resolution, and workplace violence.

In 2001 the Public Affairs Unit continued its cooperation with the media, consistent with a revised media policy that adheres to Illinois Supreme Court rules regarding the release of information about criminal defendants. By promptly and impartially providing factual, objective information, the unit has earned the trust of the media and access to their vast capabilities in communicating with the community.

Copy Your Kids, is an annual event, sponsored by area businesses, for the safety and protection of our children. Families had the opportunity to videotape and complete saliva DNA sampling of their children, free of charge. 2001 was the first year that the collection of saliva DNA replaced traditional fingerprinting. The one-day educational program, was held on April 7, 2001 at Eastland Mall. Since its inception in 1994, thousands of families have participated in the program.



Officer Rick Barks fingerprinting for Copy Your Kids at Eastland Mall

National Night Out Against Crime, another annual event, was held on August 7, 2001 at Miller Park. For the eighth consecutive year, thousands of citizens partnered with police for a program of education and entertainment, to provide a crime free environment. For the fifth consecutive year Bloomington earned national recognition. The National Town Watch Association recognized Bloomington's efforts in the 2001 National Night Out with an overall eighth place award, for communities with populations of 30,000 to 99,999. According to a survey taken by volunteers during the event, 134 of 138 polled said they would attend again.

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## Public Affairs Unit

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The Neighborhood Watch Program expanded with the creation of new neighborhood watch areas and associations. The education of block captains and community leaders continued through newsletters and presentations. Neighborhoods were physically improved by suggestions implemented on advice of the Public Affairs Unit.

The Unit also participated in the Walk and Talk Program, in which City officials went door to door to address citizen concerns in high crime areas. The program was initiated to help improve the quality of life for citizens living in those areas. The area targeted in 2001 was bounded on the North by West Locust Street, on the west by North Mason Street, on the East by North Roosevelt Street, and on the South by West Market Street.

The Public Affairs Unit serves the areas aging population with a variety of programs addressing elder abuse and financial exploitation. In the fall of 1997, the Bloomington Police Department, in partnership with PATH, created the Senior Training Outreach Program (STOP), an innovative crime prevention/informational program, designed to reduce victimization among citizens over fifty years of age. In 2001, the first night course of STOP was held to accommodate seniors who could not attend the day courses.

Rather than relying on the traditional approach to educating citizens just about police procedures, STOP presents its information in the broader context of policing, relative to the judicial system and the community. Accordingly, STOP:

- Orients participants to policing and judicial procedures
- Addresses the major forms of abuse, neglect, and fraudulent practices directed toward seniors
- Discusses important age-related issues
- Encourages and promotes volunteerism



National Night Out  
Celebration

The Public Affairs Unit continues to act as a strong senior advocate, in cooperation with other community services such as PATH, the M-Team, YWCA's Senior Services, and AARP.

The Bloomington Police Department continued its ongoing partnership with Bloomington Public School District #87 in the year 2001. As part of the *America Reads* challenge, police officers read meaningful stories to elementary school students. The interaction forms a positive bond between children and police.

The Bloomington Police Department also developed a mandatory training program for school crossing guards. Designed to encourage proper crossing patterns and deter school children from unsafe acts, the training included appropriate signals to motorists that school children are in the crosswalk and

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## Public Affairs Unit

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have the right to proceed, ways to report incidents, and conditions that present hazards to pedestrian safety.

The Financial Institutions Security Association (FISA), created by the Public Affairs Unit, continued as a viable source of education and crime prevention. FISA is an example of the excellent cooperation between McLean County law enforcement agencies and area financial institutions. The combined efforts of these organizations met with success in reducing financial loss and apprehending offenders.

The Twin City Landlord Training Program continued to provide landlords, property managers, and owners with information on various methods useful in ensuring safe housing for renters. Chronic drug dealing and other illegal activity remained a high priority for the landlord training program. Those taking the class were taught that the most effective way to deal with drug activity on rental property is through cooperation with their tenants, neighbors, and police. They learned ways to keep illegal activity off their property by taking immediate action once aware of problems.

The Public Affairs Unit's goals for 2002 are to:

- Continue in a "Community Oriented Government" philosophy, embracing the following principles:
  - A comprehensive and strategic approach to community issues
  - A partnership built upon the assets of the community
  - A participation between the police and the community as co-equal partners
- Provide leadership for the community in crime prevention and reducing victimization
- Maintain the police department's web site with current and factual information pertaining to scheduled events and programs
- Improve the School Crossing Guard Training Program
- Implement the "Getting to School Safely" community action program
- Continue in commitment to all existing programs and improve upon their strengths

## **D.A.R.E.** (*Drug Abuse Resistance Education*)

The Bloomington Police Department D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program continued to educate the community's youth about the dangers of drug use. The program's main objectives are to:

- reduce drug usage among our youth,
- enhance the decision-making processes of the children,
- help youth consider the risks and consequences of all of their actions, and
- improve the police/community relationship by developing a positive rapport with today's children who are tomorrow's adults.

According to the latest release of the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, illicit drug use of Americans 12 years of age and older has been reduced to 6.7 percent from about 14 percent in 1979.

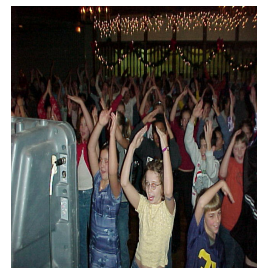
Our D.A.R.E. officers follow the curriculum set by D.A.R.E. America. This curriculum is primarily addressed to 5th graders. However, 2nd, 4th and 7th graders also received the D.A.R.E. message. The officers may also, if requested by a teacher, go into other grade levels for special class appearances. Approximately 2500 total students received the D.A.R.E. program this year either in District #87 or in parochial schools.

Officer Brian Evans teaches at Sheridan Elementary, Bent Elementary, Trinity Lutheran, Oakland Elementary, Bloomington Junior High School and Holy Trinity Junior High School. Officer Dan Donath teaches at Washington Elementary, Irving Elementary, Stevenson Elementary and Holy Trinity Elementary. Officer Erik Yamada teaches at St. Mary's. Graduations are held at each of the elementary schools and are attended by prominent members of our community.



*Mayor Judy Markowitz addresses students at a graduation.*

Along with classroom education, the Bloomington Police Department D.A.R.E. Program constantly looks for positive alternative activities for the students. Events in 2001 included attending sporting events at Illinois State University (ISU) such as men's and women's basketball and volleyball games. Other activities included swimming at Illinois Wesleyan University, bowling at Pheasant Lanes, Peoria Riverman Hockey, Peoria Chiefs Baseball, roller skating parties at Skate 'N' Place, a dance party, and a trip to Six Flags in Gurnee. The annual D.A.R.E. free-throw contest at ISU was held during half-time of one of the men's basketball games. Oakland school beat out Stevenson school in the finals.



*5th grade students at the dance party.*

Heidi Heyward of Stevenson School won the annual Katie Maguire Essay Contest as having written the best D.A.R.E. essay for all of Bloomington D.A.R.E. This award was named for an outstanding D.A.R.E. student who was killed in a 1995 car/pedestrian

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## **D.A.R.E.** *(Drug Abuse Resistance Education)*



*Essay winner, Heidi Heyward, prepares to throw out the first pitch.*

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crash. Heidi's name was added to a plaque displayed in the lobby of the Police Department. She also received tickets to a Peoria Chiefs baseball game. Heidi's essay can be read on-line by going to the D.A.R.E. link on the City of Bloomington Police Department's website.

The Sixth Annual Katie Maguire Memorial 5K Run at the State Farm complex on Ireland Grove Road was organized and conducted by friends of the McGuire family. Approximately \$900 was raised for the D.A.R.E. program. The run continues to grow each year; the year 2001 had the largest number of runners to date.

In 2001, Bloomington D.A.R.E. hosted a special visit from the Chicago Cubs Caravan. Members of the Cubs appeared at Oakland School. Approximately 500 students were in attendance as the Cubs gave advice about achieving goals and the importance of being drug free. It truly was a memorable experience for the children and our program.

Fundraising in 2001 continued to be an important part of the D.A.R.E. Program. D.A.R.E. continued to have local financial support from Bloomington School District #87, McLean County Sportsmen's Club, and numerous other individual donors. The program continued to raise money by selling the D.A.R.E. Supporter Card and by hosting the annual D.A.R.E. golf outing. This year's golf outing was the most successful having a record 152 golfers participating along with 22 business hole sponsors. Proceeds from the 2001 golf outing help offset transportation costs for trips, printing of 2nd grade and 4th grade workbooks, and prizes for students.

The D.A.R.E. Officers also continued operating the McGruff House Program. This national program enlists community volunteers to offer their homes as a safe location for those children in need of assistance. Currently, households throughout Bloomington are actively involved in this program.

The D.A.R.E. Officers promoted the program by being involved in numerous community events. They included: "Bloomfest", the City of Bloomington's downtown festival, Copy Your Kids, the City fishing derby, ISU Homecoming parade, taping a segment aired on Channel 10's City Vision, Family Fun Festival, Labor Day parade, McLean County Fair, Christmas parade, and health fairs at State Farm Insurance and Country Insurance. Officer Brian Evans received a "Heroes of the Highway" award from MADD for his diligent work in educating students on the dangers of drinking alcohol and driving.

The future goals of the D.A.R.E. program are to:

- expand and grow with any curriculum changes,
- continue involvement with alternative activities for students,
- keep abreast of student and school needs and make necessary changes,
- improve the relationships between the police, schools and the community.

## School Resource Unit

The 2001 school year was the second year of operation of the School Resource Unit, consisting of two officers, one assigned to Bloomington High School and the other to Central Catholic High School. Their purpose is to protect the students and develop positive relationships with them. They maintain an “open door policy” in their school offices and function as counselors, addressing truancy, drug, and behavior issues. Besides security concerns such as student and building safety they act as liaisons between their respective schools and the Bloomington Police Department.

### Bloomington High School

In his capacity as School Resource Officer for Bloomington High School, Officer Marvin Arnold reports:

Upon completing an entire school year as School Resource Officer for Bloomington High School (BHS), my return this year was greeted with a very positive and encouraging welcome from students, staff, and parents. Students seem more comfortable with my presence and approach me more freely with information or general conversation. Teachers have a better understanding of my role and are asking me to speak to their classes more often. Further, I am receiving more requests from parents asking for information or assistance in dealing with their children.

The BHS staff and students suffered a tragedy in the first half of the school year with the death of popular sophomore football player Shane Young. Students generally coped well with the death. Fortunately, my SCAT (Student Crisis Assistance Team) training equipped me with the skills to help those having trouble dealing with Shane’s death.

Like most Americans, we at BHS were touched by the events of September 11th. The attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon has forced the nation and us locally at BHS to re-evaluate our Emergency Crisis Plan to be better prepared.

A lack of programs for expectant teen fathers on campus prompted me to take on a new role, as a facilitator to a teen father support group. We try to meet once a week at BHS to discuss their roles as expecting fathers.



Officer Erik Yamada



Officer Marvin Arnold

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## School Resource Unit

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In his capacity as School Resource Officer Erik Yamada for Central Catholic High School reports:

### Central Catholic High School

In 2001, the School Resource Officer (SRO) position at Central Catholic High School was a success, as evidenced by better understandings between police and the school. The success is due to progress made in building stronger relationships with school personnel, students, and parents.

Building safety and security concerns received high priority as did working with administrators on problem solving, and prevention. Safety presentations were given in classes and supplemental information was passed on to students in the hallways, lunchroom, or school grounds. Articles were written for the school newspaper to communicate pertinent information to students and parents.

I was active in the **Operation Cool** (Seat belts) and **You Decide** (alcohol, drug, date rape, and abuse) programs. Additionally, I spoke at driver education classes and more specifically, discussed what to expect during a traffic stop or investigation of a traffic crash. Other presentations were made on a variety of topics.

Interacting with students on a less formal level, I attended numerous extracurricular events, including: band concerts, sporting events, school fairs, academic awards programs, and contests.

In addition to my duties at Central Catholic High School, I served as a D.A.R.E. Officer for St. Mary's Grade School. In the Spring of 2001, I went to the Scott Center occasionally, to speak with students and assist with a truancy problem. Numerous talks were also given at other schools.

In the aftermath of the September 11th tragedy, I was deployed to New York City where I assisted students pursuant to my SCAT (Student Crisis Assistance Team) training.

In 2002, I plan to continue to assist Central Catholic High School and other divisions of the Bloomington Police Department in reviewing new programs and approaches to maintain this vital and effective partnership.

## Training Unit



The Bloomington Police Department Training Unit is responsible for insuring that all officers have the necessary knowledge and tools to properly perform their duties. Specially trained instructors within the department share their expertise as an important part of the overall training program. Basic concepts and standards are reinforced while new trends and recent court decisions are emphasized.

Refresher or “core” courses are provided on a continuous basis by the Chenoa based *Mobile Team Unit 8*, regional training component. These classes are designed to meet or exceed State mandated standards for repetitive training, so that skills remain sharp. Classes on first aid, criminal law and procedure, search and seizure, self defense, and emergency vehicle operations are but a few examples of core courses provided by experts in a broad range of fields. *Mobile Team Unit 8* constantly communicates with member agencies on training needs.

If “*practice makes perfect*,” then Bloomington Police are in good shape. Officers attend a broad range of general and specialized training provided by the highest quality vendors, including: *Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, National Intelligence Academy, Southern Police Institute, Illinois State Police Academy, University of Illinois Police Training Institute, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and the F.B.I. National Academy.*

The training unit monitors technological advances in law enforcement and tests products and techniques that have the potential for improving policing in our environment. Implementation of new technology and equipment often requires additional training. Technological analysis and equipment upgrades are an ongoing process, necessary to meet the challenges of constant change faced by law enforcement officers.

The Bloomington Police Department Training Unit is committed to providing the highest quality training possible to the members of one of the finest police department anywhere.

## Patrol Division

The uniformed Patrol Division is the backbone of the Police Department and the focal point for all police activity. All other police services are either supportive of, or supplemental to, the patrol operation.

Officers not assigned to a specialized function, regardless of rank, are patrol officers. Each patrol shift develops its own character, because the nature of police service delivery varies, according to the time of day, types of calls for service, and characteristics of the population being served.

All shifts share a commitment to preventive patrol, time during which an officer may pro-actively patrol an assigned area, looking for suspicious activity, issuing traffic citations, or contacting individual citizens and/or groups to discuss policing in the area. Officers may identify dangerous situations or problems and engage citizens, other City resources, business leaders, or fellow officers to assist in addressing concerns. Preventive patrol is a time for officers to build partnerships and focus on Community Policing.

### *First Shift*

In 2001, First Shift (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) patrol was very active in handling and disposing of suspicious packages and letters and bomb threats. The frequency of these calls led to a higher level of cooperation between the Bloomington Police Department and other agencies, such as Bloomington School District #87, State Farm Insurance, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, McLean County Emergency Services, and Disaster Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigations, United States Attorney General's Office, Anti-terrorism Task Force, and Homeland Security. With the handling of each of these situations, officers of the First Shift became more proficient in setting up perimeters and command posts and in handling crowds of concerned citizens. In addition to this increased workload, First Shift Patrol Division provided assistance with the Corvette Show, Prairie Air Show, McLean County Fair, and Bloomington's 1st Annual "Bloomfest".

### *Second Shift*

Second Shift (3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) provided quality police service to the citizens of Bloomington and visitors to the City. Officers used preventative patrol techniques, relying on their presence to reduce opportunities for criminal activity. Concurrently, they engaged in traffic enforcement. Early in the shift, traffic enforcement focused on areas with a high traffic volume to crash ratio. Later, enforcement efforts were

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concentrated on areas where more serious traffic crashes and injuries were likely to occur.

Consistent with our Community Policing approach, officers were voluntarily committed to specific areas of the community to provide problem-solving and dispute resolution assistance, improving the quality of life in those neighborhoods. Throughout their tours of duty, officers targeted areas where the arrest of criminal offenders and documentation of criminal and civil offenses would help create a safer environment. Personnel were assigned to numerous special events in the community, including; the Pub Crawl, Independence Day Celebration, Prairie Air Show, Cultural Fest, Spring Fling, and others.

Enforcement efforts were primarily concerned with public safety and quality of life. Accordingly, gang crime, drug violations, domestic violence, and crimes against children were relentlessly suppressed. In these areas, positive, active, and strict enforcement of the law have been shown to impact the actions of offenders and aid victims. In providing effective police service, the officers have embodied the values of honesty, integrity, professionalism, commitment to service, dedication to duty, reverence for the law, and respect for human dignity.

### *Third Shift*

Third Shift (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) responded to a wide variety of calls in 2001, most of which were calls for service related to crimes in progress, such as burglary alarms and domestic disputes. Additionally, there were many loud music and noise complaints. The majority of calls involved multiple officers due to the nature of the call, potential for violence, and officer safety concerns. Typically, Third Shift responded to the majority of bar fights, due to coinciding hours of operation. Many man hours were devoted to both pro-active and preventative patrol, relating to business checks and high crime areas. Roughly 26% of all the calls for service to the department were handled by Third Shift patrol officers.

## Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) supports and supplements the patrol function of the Bloomington Police Department by performing “follow up” investigations that are time consuming, require special expertise, or are extra-jurisdictional in nature, thus freeing patrol officers for more urgent duties.

During 2001, CID command staff reviewed 7730 initial case reports for assignment. Of those 7730 cases, 1397 were assigned to investigators and 276 to patrol officers. The remainder were either cleared by arrest or by administrative means by the Patrol Division. Approximately 60% of the cases assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division were cleared with a definite disposition. The administratively cleared cases are incidents that can be reopened if new information or evidence becomes available. The following is a break down of dispositions of the cases that were assigned to detectives for follow-up investigation:

- 624 Administratively Cleared
- 211 Cleared by Adult Arrest
- 24 Cleared by Juvenile Arrest
- 2 Cleared Exceptionally by Death of the Offender
- 28 Cleared Exceptionally by Refusal to Cooperate
- 126 Cleared Exceptionally Juvenile No Custody
- 132 Cleared Exceptionally Prosecution Decline, No Complaint Filed
- 460 Referred to Other Jurisdiction
- 15 Unfounded



Detective Randy Craft and  
CID Lieutenant Robert Siron

Two homicides, both involving infant victims, were investigated during 2001 and a biological mother was charged in each case. The investigations both took several weeks and many man hours to complete.

The *Nuisance Abatement Ordinance* continued to be an effective tool in 2001. Seven problem properties were identified through police reports and the respective landlords were notified.

Meetings conducted by CID staff and the Public Affairs Unit were held with the landlords, prompting compliance. The process has been of particular value in dealing with properties where drug transactions have taken place.

CID manpower was increased by one detective in 2001 giving the division a total allocation of eleven detectives. This increase allows for reduced caseloads per detective and more timely and thorough

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## Criminal Investigation Division

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completion of investigations.

Training and mentoring continued to be a priority as three experienced detectives expected to leave the Division, due to promotion, and new detectives replaced them. A Crime Scene Investigator also left the division for another assignment at year end and was replaced by an experienced former detective. Specialized training allows detectives to become more effective and efficient in the performance of their investigations. Crime scene training is also essential to ensure the proper collection, preservation, and documentation of physical evidence at properly processed crime scenes.

## Vice Unit

The Bloomington Police Department's Vice Unit maintained a high level of activity in 2001. The Unit opened 49 cases resulting in:

- The arrest of 73 suspects
- The seizure of 171.9 grams of crack cocaine (street value = \$17,190)
- The seizure of 41,896 grams of cannabis (113.5 lbs., street value = \$221,265)
- The seizure of 31.6 grams of heroin (street value = \$3,160)
- The seizure of 9 MDMA pills (street value = \$180)
- The seizure of 29.15 grams of powdered cocaine (street value = \$2,915)
- The seizure of three firearms
- The seizure of three motor vehicles
- The seizure of assorted cell phones, pagers, and scanners
- The seizure of \$30,077 in cash
- Felony convictions on the majority of cases (in excess of a 95% conviction rate)

Arrests for 2001 remained close to the previous year's numbers. The seizures of cocaine dropped while cannabis seizures increased over last year's amounts, demonstrating high variability in the drug culture. Unlike other parts of the State, methamphetamine growth was not experienced here, as predicted. However, in spite of the fortunate delay, we anticipate a significant increase in the future.



Success was a result of cooperation between the Vice & Narcotics Unit and the Criminal Investigations and Patrol Divisions, as well as the Pro Active Unit. Their manpower and expertise were appreciated. Information sharing between Bloomington and Normal Police enhanced the Unit's ability to pursue drug related leads. Additionally, increased cooperation with Illinois State Police, Task Force Six and aggressive prosecution by McLean County Assistant State's Attorney Jeff Horve have positively impacted local drug enforcement efforts.

The primary goal of the Vice and Narcotics Unit continues to be the suppression of "street level" narcotics while adapting to changes in drug activity.

## Forensic Sciences/Crime Scene Unit

As part of the Criminal Investigation Division, the Forensic Sciences/Crime Scene Unit is staffed by two full-time detectives who operate a modern crime laboratory. The unit is responsible for the collection, preservation, and documentation of physical evidence at crime scenes as well as the coordination of the forensic efforts of the entire department. In 2001, the unit worked on 558 cases, 109 being Marijuana Leaf Identification tests. Two hundred twenty-six cases were submitted to Illinois State Police Forensic Science Laboratories for further analysis.

Subsequent to its collection, most forensic physical evidence is forwarded to one of eight Illinois State Police forensic laboratories (the closest is in Morton, Illinois) for analysis. However, some analytical functions are performed in the Bloomington Police Department's laboratory.

Services the forensic detectives use that are provided by the Illinois State Police Laboratories include:

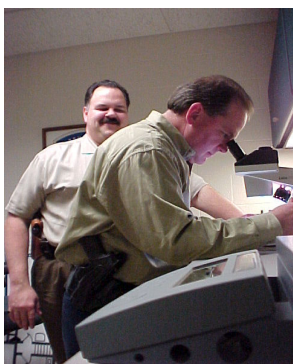
- Latent fingerprint examination and comparison
- Operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS.)
- Drug chemistry trace analysis
- Microscopy
- Firearms and toolmark examination
- Operation of the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) database
- Biology/DNA analysis and comparison
- Operation of the Combined DNA Indexing System (CODIS) database
- Tire track and footwear examination and analysis
- Polygraph examination
- Questioned documents examination and analysis

Besides collecting and submitting evidence for all of those disciplines, the BPD forensic unit offers the following services:

- Marijuana leaf identification
- Forensic photography/imaging
- Computer forensics
- Latent fingerprint development
- Crime scene investigation and analysis
- Forensic art and compositor

The Bloomington Police Department is one of the few agencies in the world that offers both hand drawn and computer generated compositry services by International Association for Identification (IAI) Certified Forensic Artists. The forensics unit uses the E-FIT (Electronic Facial Identification Technique) software for computer generated composites and currently maintains a thirty percent "hit rate" of suspect identification.

Forensics unit detectives often teach or lecture at local colleges and make presentations to civic groups and schools. Arrangements for forensic



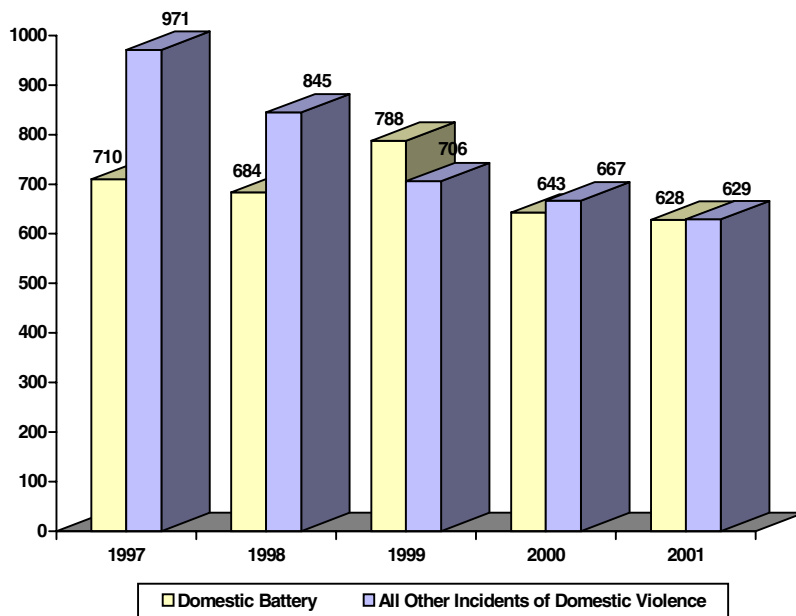
Forensic Detectives  
Tommy Lee Walters (back)  
and Rusty Thomas

## Domestic Violence Unit

Domestic violence is one of the most complex issues officers will face in their law enforcement careers. Understanding the dynamics of such violence—also known as family violence or partner abuse—is vital to breaking the cycle of violence. Officers must not only grasp the complexity of this problem, but assist in educating society in an effort to put an end to the violence. Only through education and working together can we as a society eradicate the plague of domestic violence.

In 2001, the Domestic Violence (DV) Unit worked in partnership with the McLean County State's Attorney, Normal Police Department, McLean County Sheriff's Department, Neville House, McLean County Probation Department, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Children's Foundation, AVERT, and many other community organizations to educate citizens and relieve society of this epidemic.

In January 2001, the police department hired a civilian clerical support staff person to assist in the Domestic Violence Unit. The DV Unit continues to be staffed by two full-time detectives. Working alongside these two detectives is a victim advocate from Neville House. This working relationship presents a positive and united front to the victims, who many times are scared, confused, and unwilling or unable to trust others.



The Bloomington Police Department was awarded a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant in 1999. This federal grant included resources to hire back officers, fifty-six hours a week, to assist Domestic Violence Detectives with investigations of domestic violence crimes. The grant continued from 1999 through June 2001. From July 2001 to June 2002 officers were hired back 12 hours a week to assist the Domestic Violence Unit. As it progressed, the grant's positive effects were evident. Officers continued to broaden their knowledge through roll call training, and victims continued to receive services through the domestic violence victim advocate. The

number of appropriate and effective arrests increased, while the number of calls for service concerning domestic violence decreased. The detectives gave presentations to local clergy and other community organizations in an effort to increase public awareness about domestic violence.

In 2002, the Bloomington Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit will continue to strive toward easing the burden of domestic violence on the community through education and partnership with other community agencies.

## **Pro-Active Unit**

The Bloomington Police Department's Pro-Active Unit served the citizens of McLean County in the year 2001 as a multi-jurisdictional crime suppression unit. The unit consisted of one Bloomington Police Sergeant, four Bloomington Police Patrol Officers, and one Normal Police Patrol Officer.

As in years past, the main focus of the unit for the year 2001 was the suppression of street level crime. Because of the variances in street level crime, traditional policing approaches sometimes become difficult to implement. Pro-Active officers were given the flexibility to work in the entire community, free from assignment of a call load in a specific area or beat. This allowed the officers to operate in a preventive mode, rather than taking the traditional reactive approach to crime.

In July of 2001, 2 person units were temporarily deployed, instead of single officer patrol units, due to safety concerns from radio problems. For several months Pro-Active officers were assigned to supplement the Patrol Division by answering calls for service and providing "back-up" when necessary.

In the year 2001, the Pro-Active Unit provided additional traffic enforcement in school zones and conducted field interviews in an attempt to identify major criminal elements in the community. The unit also provided regular support for the Vice Unit, assisting in the execution of drug-related search warrants, buy/bust operations, and surveillance. In addition, the unit assisted the Illinois State University Police Department with dignitary security.

In 2002, the Pro-Active Unit will no longer be supplemented with officers from other agencies, and it will primarily serve Bloomington. This restructuring will allow the Pro-Active Unit to focus heavily on problem areas within the City, rather than spanning their activity across several jurisdictions. Despite these changes, the main focus of the unit will remain the suppression of street level crime. The unit will also continue to provide support to other Bloomington Police Department divisions and work proactively to deter crime and improve the quality of life for Bloomington citizens.

## Traffic Division

Public safety and education remain the primary goals of the Traffic Division, which has remained fully staffed throughout 2001. We concentrated enforcement efforts on school zones, continued use of the speed trailer, and emphasized child safety seat use. Additionally, we secured an Illinois Department of Transportation grant for “work zone safety” on Veteran’s Parkway. By allowing the “hire back” on overtime of officers working the grant, regular duties were not affected.

The towing officer removed 447 vehicles, that were abandoned or in a state of disrepair, from the City streets or private property. Another 872 vehicles were towed by officers of the Patrol Division (arrests, abandoned, etc.) bringing the department total to 1,171. This is a decrease of 28% from last year’s total of 1,636 vehicles. Those vehicles not claimed by the owner or license holder were sold at a monthly auction. During 2001 there were 299 vehicles sold at auction. This was a decrease of 13% from the 343 vehicles that were sold at auction in 2000. The vehicles auctioned in 2001 generated \$17,756.50 in revenue. The decline in number of vehicles towed can be attributed to greater citizen awareness of towing procedures and compliance in moving vehicles tagged for tow.

In 2001, there was a reduction in traffic crashes and also in crashes resulting in personal injuries. The Traffic Division issued 7382 citations. This is down from the 9303 citations issued the previous year. However, the department’s commitment to assist citizens with traffic complaints and the enforcement of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.) contributed to a decrease in citations issued by the traffic officers.

Goals for the current year include:

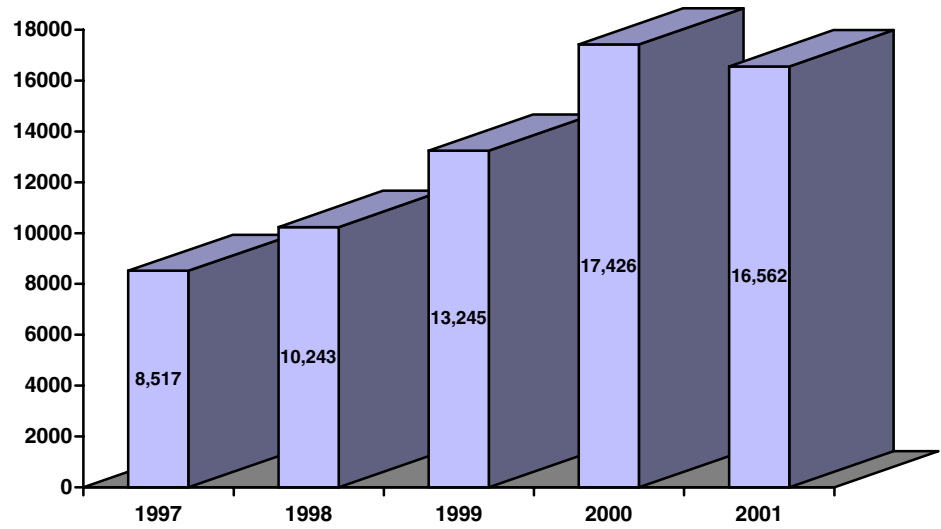
- working with other divisions and City departments to improve neighborhoods and traffic safety on our streets
- focusing on traffic crash reduction,
- towing vehicles in violation of the City code, and
- driver safety and courtesy education

As in the past, we are open to suggestions on making our community a better place to live and drive.



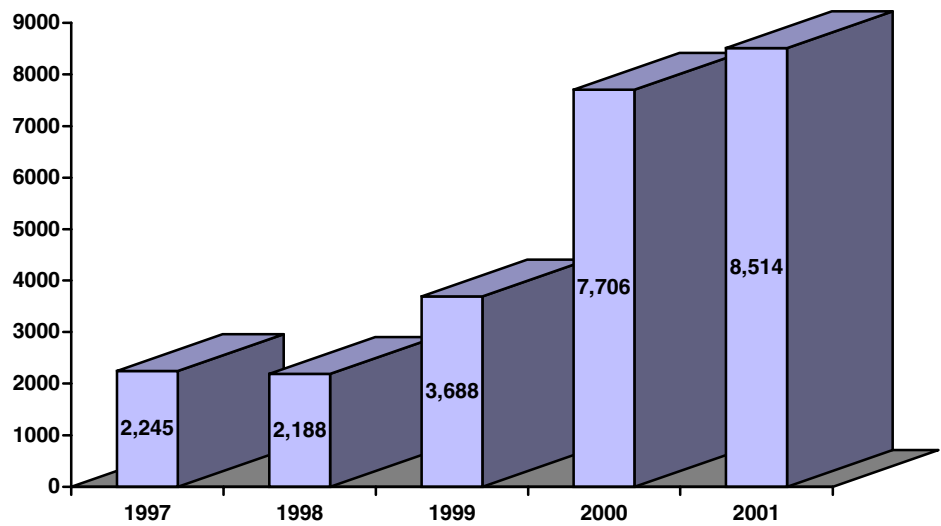
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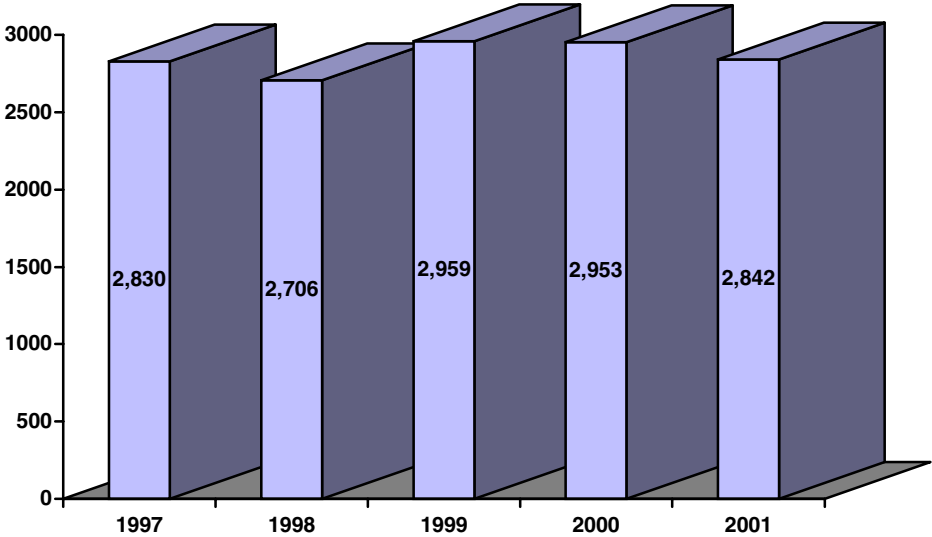
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# Reported Traffic Accidents

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# Traffic Accidents with Injuries

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