

# Bloomington Police Department Roger J. Aikin, Chief of Police Annual Report



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Special Olympics Torch Run



D.A.R.E. at Washington School

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Halloween 2005



Officer Recognition

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Seniors Expo at Sale Barn



National Night Out at Miller Park



Tour of the Police Station

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Shop With a Cop at WalMart



Police Memorial Week



Minority and Police Partnership

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State Farm Child Safety Day



Canine Demo at Fox Creek School

# 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 2004 Bloomington Police Department Annual Report, I indicated that in 2005 we would continue our successful crime suppression efforts and our mutually beneficial relationships with other agencies. We do so by continuing to work with the Normal Police Department through the Proactive Unit and by continuing to assign officers to Illinois State Police Task Force 6, the U. S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force, and the FBI's Central Illinois Cybercrime Unit. I also indicated that the department would explore innovative technologies. Our squad cars are now equipped with voice command ticket writing devices, which will soon be fully operational.

The continued development of innovative technologies will become more apparent as we move closer to opening the Bloomington Communications Center in July. As we have said before, we firmly believe this is the best course of action for our officers and the citizens of Bloomington. At the same time, we will strive to build a positive working relationship with MetCom by taking on the responsibilities of serving as their backup center. We eagerly await the opportunity to debut our state-of-the-art dispatch center in service to the citizens of Bloomington, and the residents of McLean County.

Last year was the first full year of the department's use of Tasers, the less-than-lethal conductive energy weapon. Research clearly shows that the use of Tasers has reduced officer injuries from foot chases and resisting arrest incidents and the resulting time off the job or on restricted duty.

Our ongoing alliance with the Minority and Police Partnership (MAPP) continues in a positive vein. Several members of our department regularly attend monthly meetings and address issues of common interest. When concerns were expressed that some members of the community were not comfortable coming to the police building to file a complaint about police services, we addressed those concerns by making our complaint forms available at several other locations in the city and on the city's web site. We are also now providing them in Spanish, in addition to English.

Our efforts to educate motorists in order to reduce the number of traffic crashes continue to bear fruit. Please take a few minutes to review the analysis on page 15, which depicts the five-year trend in traffic activity. Conventional wisdom says that with sustained growth in a community, the number of traffic crashes should *increase* from year to year. We are proud to say our five-year trend has been in the opposite direction in spite of sustained growth in the community.

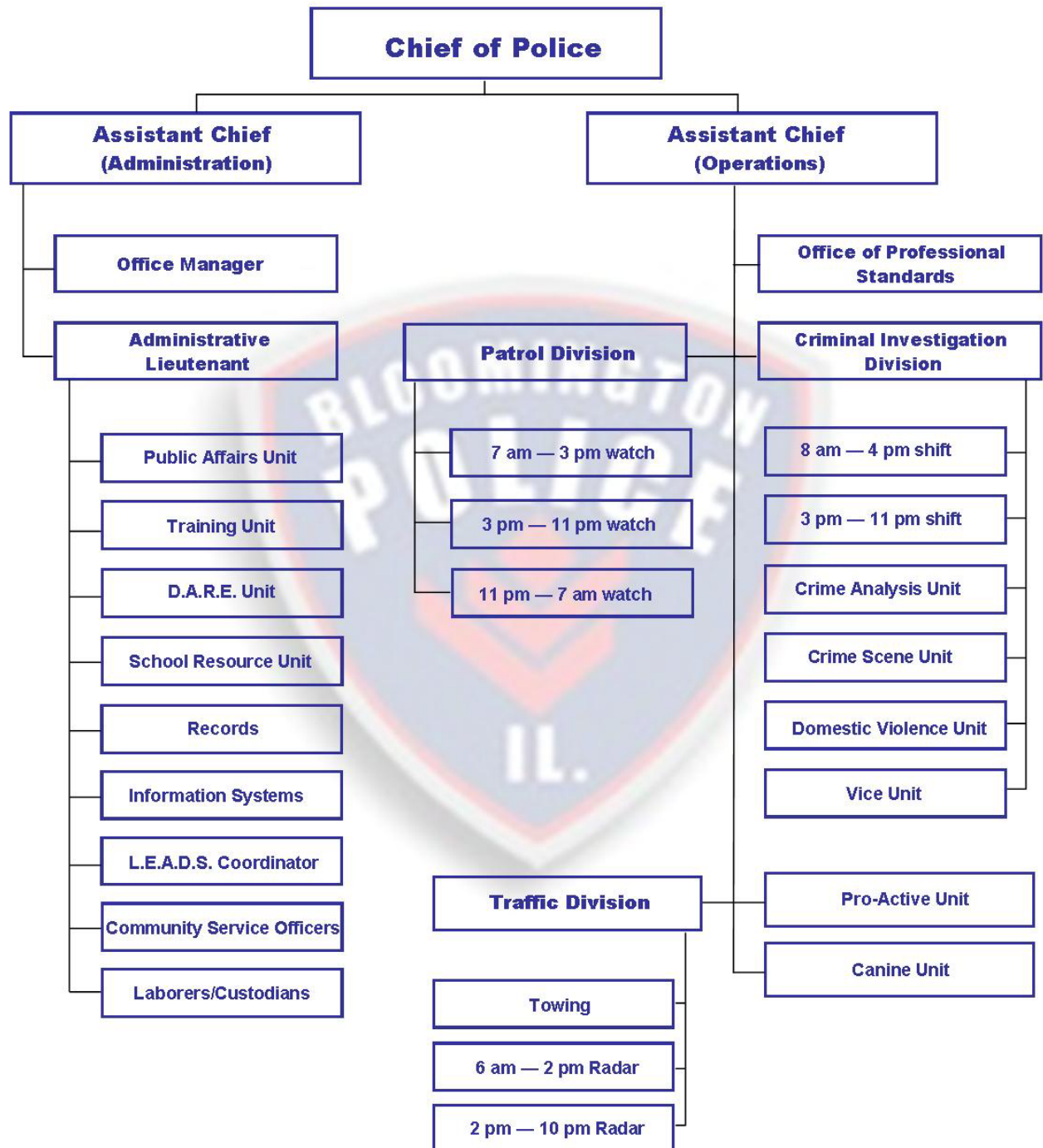
On behalf of the professional men and women of the Bloomington Police Department, please accept this report of our 2005 activities.

Respectfully,

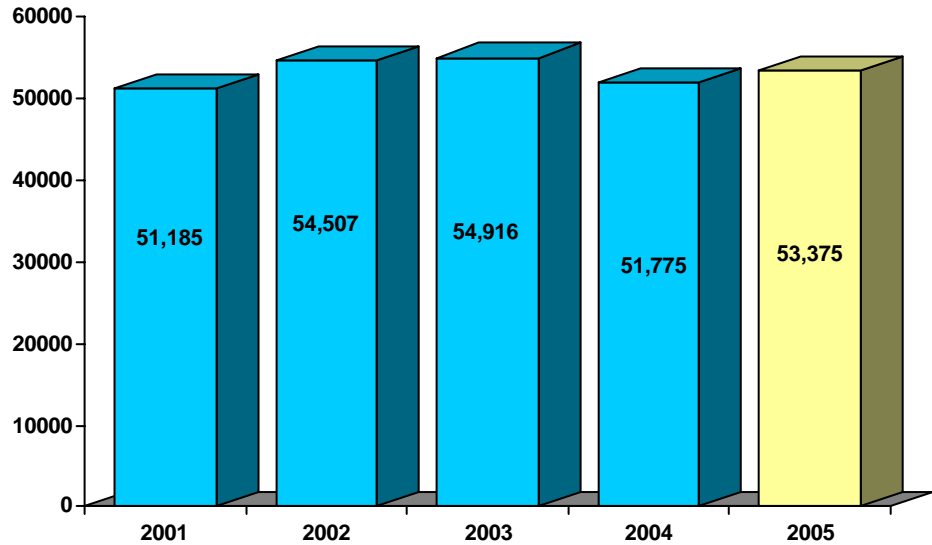
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Roger J. Aikin  
Chief of Police

# Bloomington Police Department Organization Chart



# Calls for Service



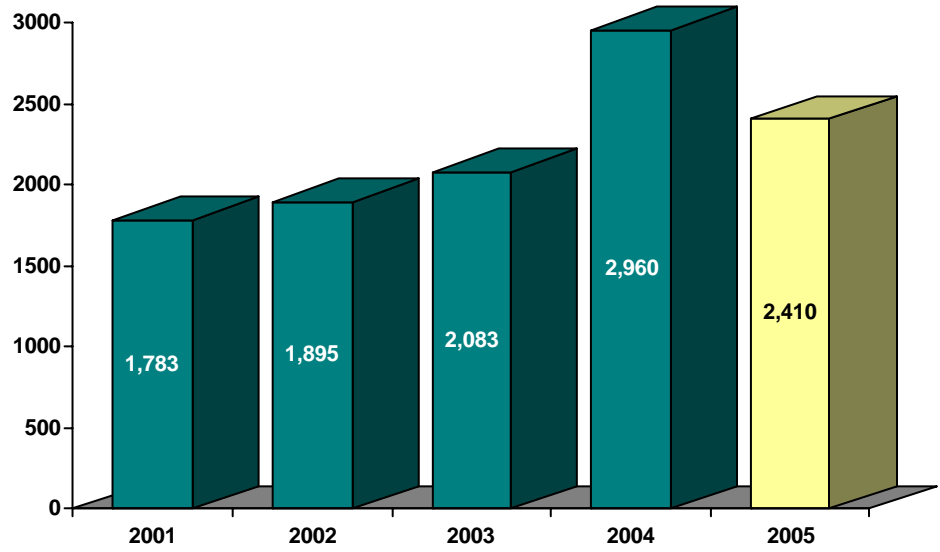
## 2005 "Calls for Service" Breakdown

Traffic Stop.....	9,791	Civil Dispute.....	361	Robbery .....	46
Investigation/Follow-up.....	5,154	Retail Theft/Shoplifting.....	342	Lockout.....	46
Disorderly Conduct.....	2,144	Extra Patrol.....	305	Area/Town Check.....	44
Accident/Property Damage .....	2,082	Drug Investigations.....	304	Mental Subject.....	31
911 Hang-ups.....	1,881	Battery.....	295	Death Investigation .....	28
Alarm/Burglary .....	1,840	Reckless Driving.....	286	Accident/Pedestrian.....	27
Pedestrian Stop .....	1,792	Intoxicated Subject.....	270	Home Invasion .....	24
Loud Music/Party .....	1,525	Battery/Just Occurred.....	246	Breathalyzer.....	19
Domestic Dispute.....	1,480	Found Property.....	244	Hit and Run/Personal Injury.....	18
Motorist Assist.....	1,268	Open Door/Window .....	241	Armed Robbery.....	16
Suspicious Vehicle.....	1,190	Funeral Escort .....	239	Lost/Stolen License Plate.....	16
Unknown Problem.....	1,181	Stolen Vehicle.....	231	Littering/Illegal Dumping.....	12
Assist Other Agency.....	1,067	Suicide attempts.....	224	Stabbing.....	11
Fights .....	1,035	Business Check.....	223	School Crossing.....	11
Warrant Attempt.....	1,031	Fireworks.....	221	Liquor Violations.....	10
Other Public Complaint .....	1,023	Transport/Non-custody.....	216	Person Shot .....	8
Suspicious Person .....	1,012	Deceptive Practices/Fraud/Forgery.....	213	Pursuit.....	6
Remove Subject.....	990	D.U.I.....	211	Accident/Entrapment/Rollover.....	6
Burglary/Not In Progress.....	958	Trespassing .....	193	Kidnapping.....	5
Parking Complaint.....	943	Armed Subject.....	188	Found Person.....	4
Theft.....	914	Transport/Custody.....	186	Drag Racing.....	4
Check Well Being.....	869	Burglary in Progress .....	185	Gambling.....	3
Criminal Damage to Property .....	733	Community Policing.....	143	Carjacking.....	3
Liquor Check.....	725	Radar.....	132	Hunter Complaint.....	3
Missing Person .....	696	Shots Fired .....	109	Officer Needs Assistance.....	2
Traffic Control/Detail .....	567	Alarm/Hold Up .....	105	Bomb Threat.....	1
Animal Complaint.....	529	Paper/Process Service .....	93	Hostage/Barricaded Subject.....	1
Criminal Damage to Vehicle.....	496	Prowler .....	93		
Hit and Run/Property Damage .....	447	Sex Offenses .....	89		
Accident/Personal Injury .....	420	Message Delivery.....	78		
Telephone Threats/Harassment.....	405	Burglary/Just Occurred.....	74		
Foot Patrol .....	367	Alarm/Panic.....	73		

**Special Note:** The statistics above 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.

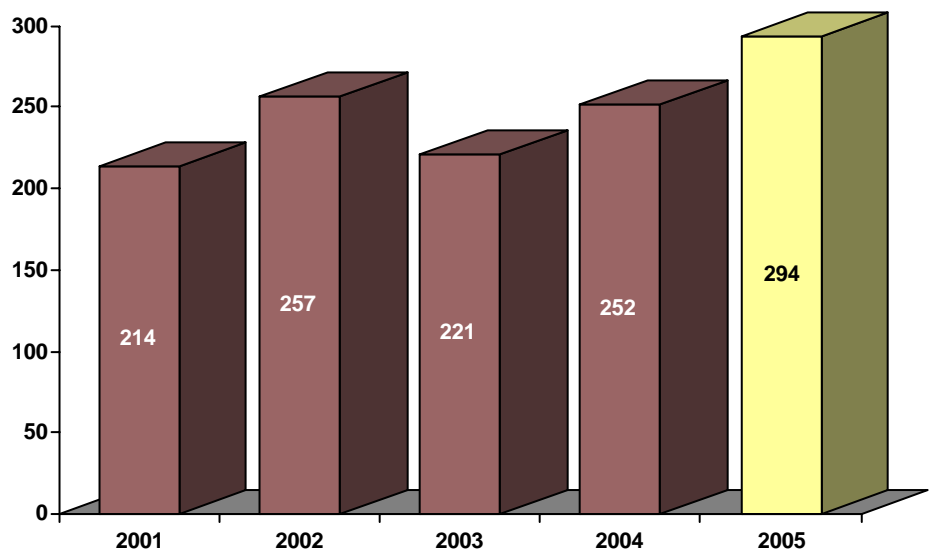
## Adult Arrests

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## Juvenile Arrests

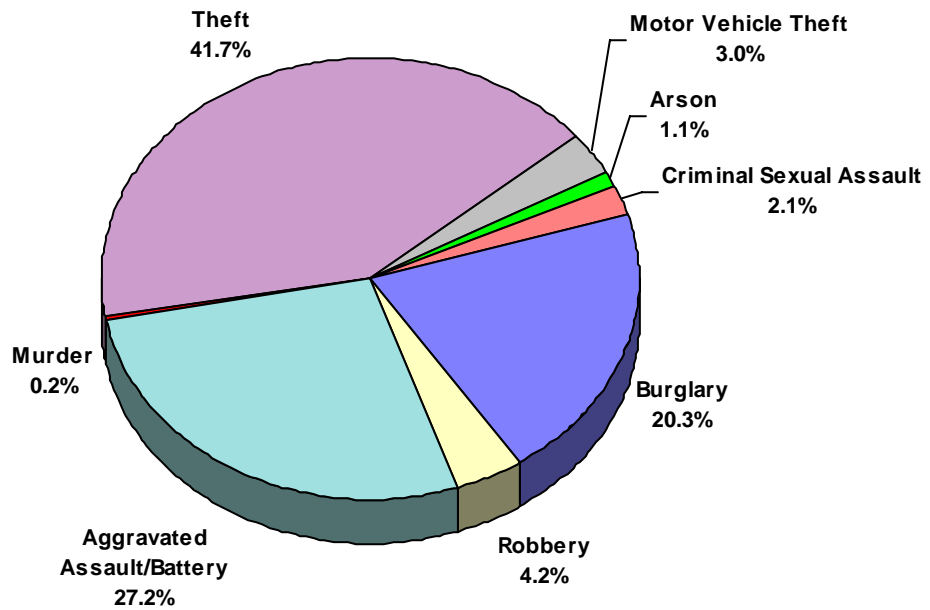
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## Index Crime Arrests

Year	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault / Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
2001	2	13	12	153	59	247	13	3
2002	3	8	12	186	82	246	12	0
2003	0	14	11	153	94	253	7	0
2004	2	14	11	142	76	271	10	0
2005	2	17	34	218	163	334	24	9

### 2005 Index Crime Arrests



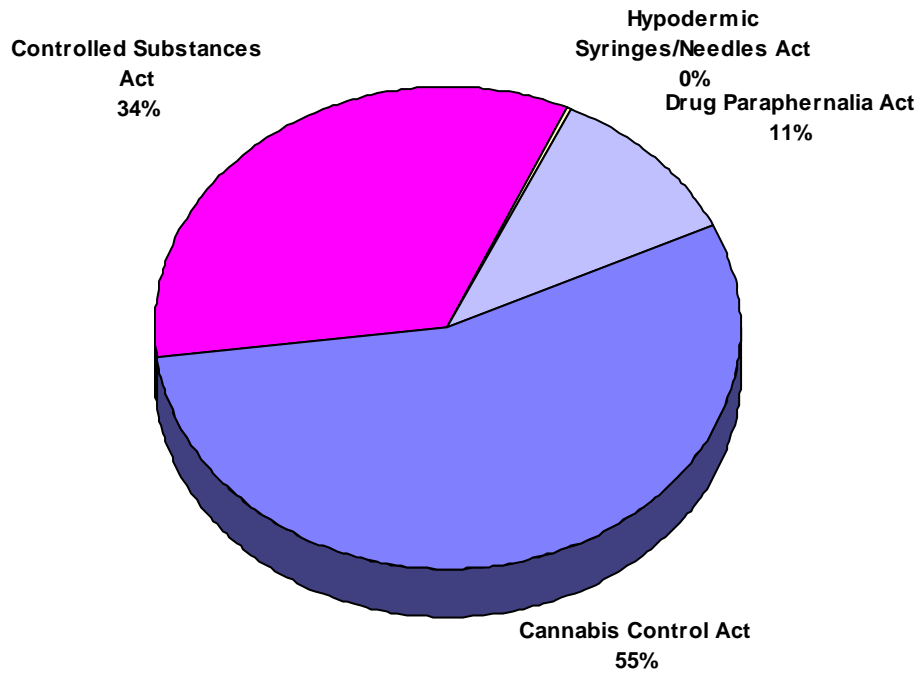
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## Drug Offense Arrests

Year	Cannabis Control Act	Controlled Substances Act	Hypodermic Syringes and Needles Act	Drug Paraphernalia Act
2001	119	116	7	110
2002	144	204	7	86
2003	162	173	9	76
2004	169	179	2	94
2005	214	131	1	43

### 2005 Drug Offense Arrests



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# Index Crime Offenses

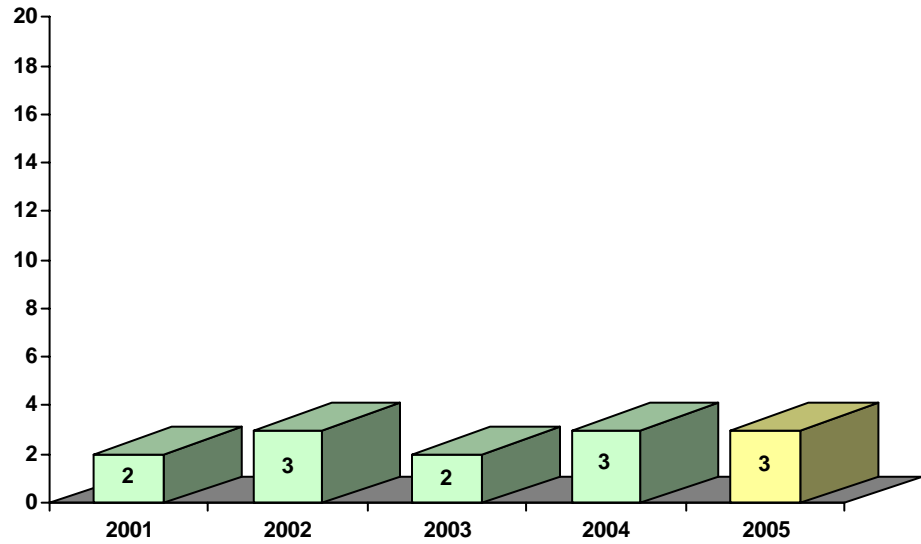
Index Offenses consist of the violent crimes of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; and the property crimes of burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. These serious crimes are defined as Crime Index Offenses by the International Association of 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
First Degree Murder Second Degree Murder	Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter
Criminal Sexual Assault Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault Forcible Sodomy Criminal Sexual Assault with an Object	Forcible Rape
Armed Robbery Robbery Vehicular Hijacking Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking Aggravated Robbery	Robbery
Attempted Murder Aggravated Battery Aggravated Assault Heinous Battery Aggravated Battery of a Child Aggravated Battery of a Senior Citizen Ritual Mutilation	Aggravated Assault
Burglary Residential Burglary Home Invasion	Burglary
Theft Over \$300 Theft \$300 and Under Retail Theft Theft/Burglary from Vehicle Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Parts or Accessories Pocket Picking Purse Snatching Theft from Building Theft from Coin Operated Device	Larceny/Theft
Motor Vehicle Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
Arson Aggravated Arson	Arson

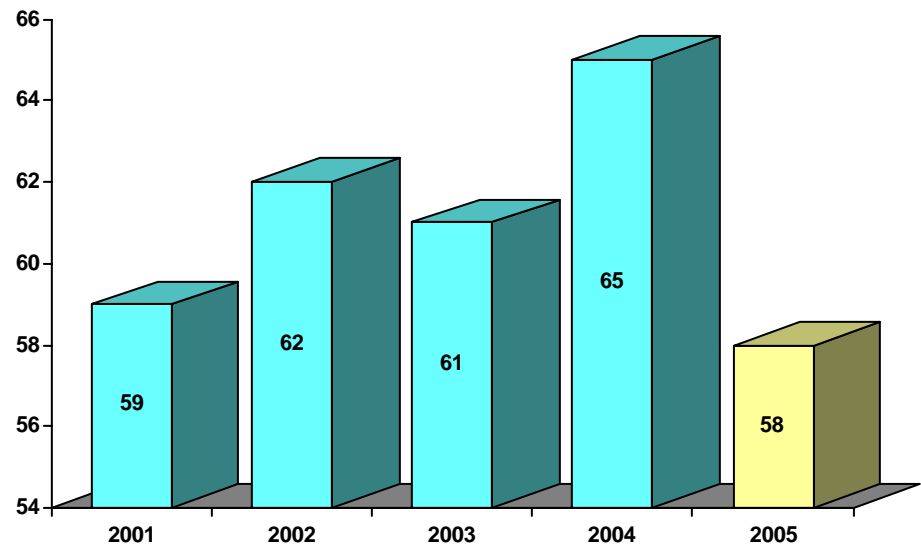
## Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter

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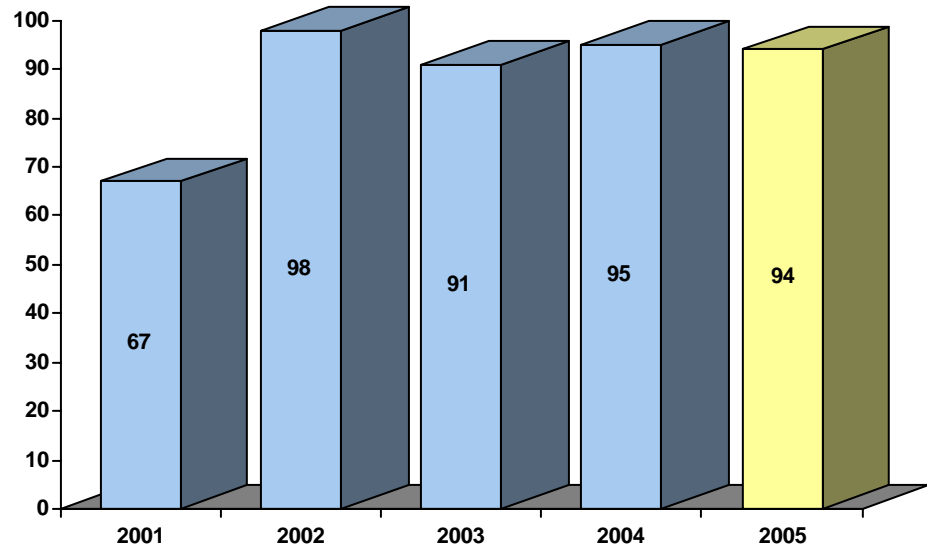
## Criminal Sexual Assault

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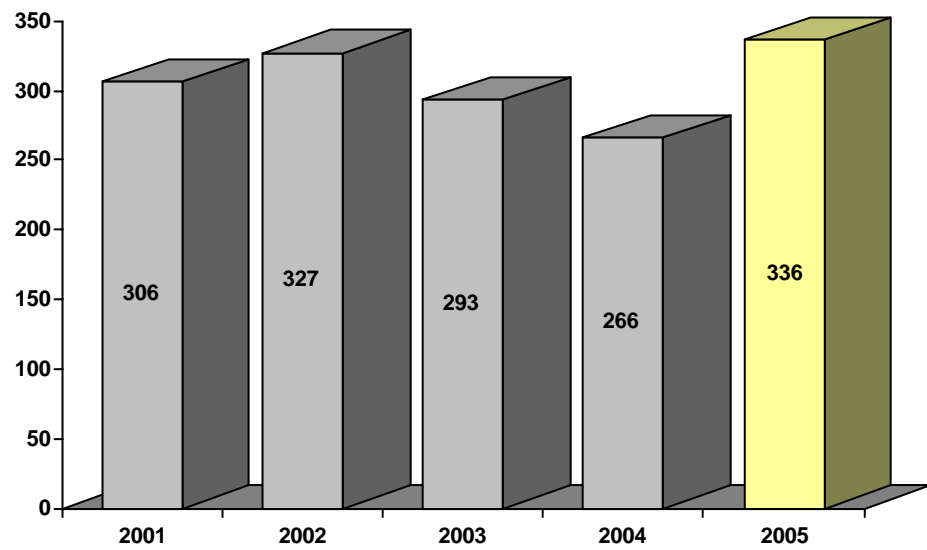
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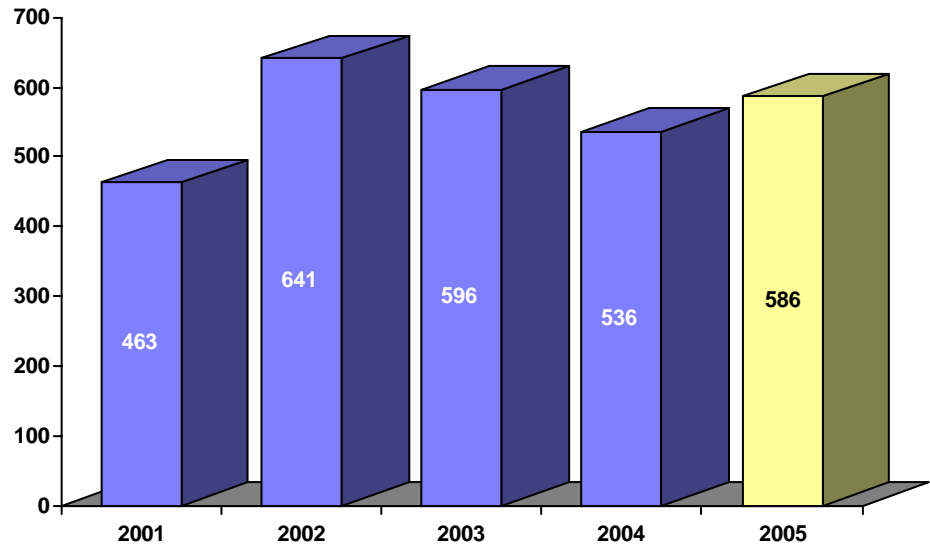
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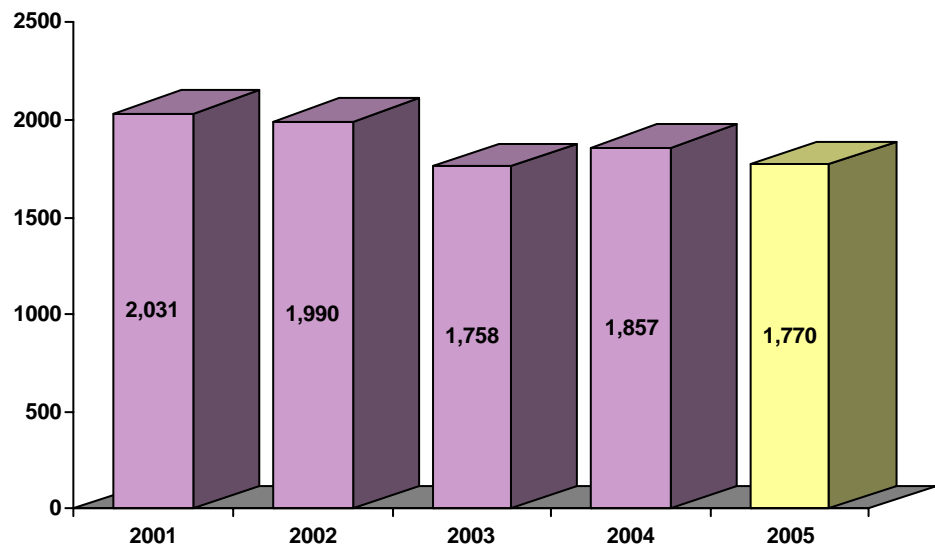
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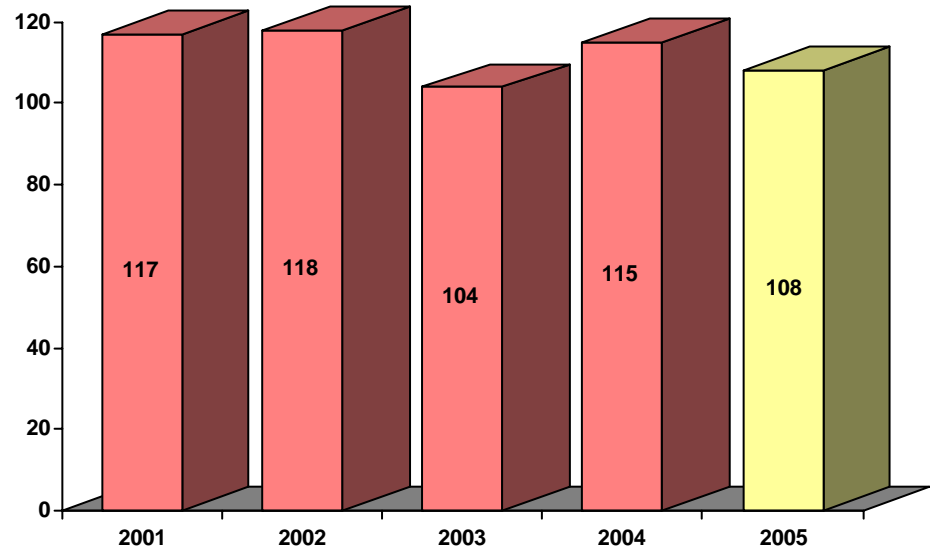
## Theft

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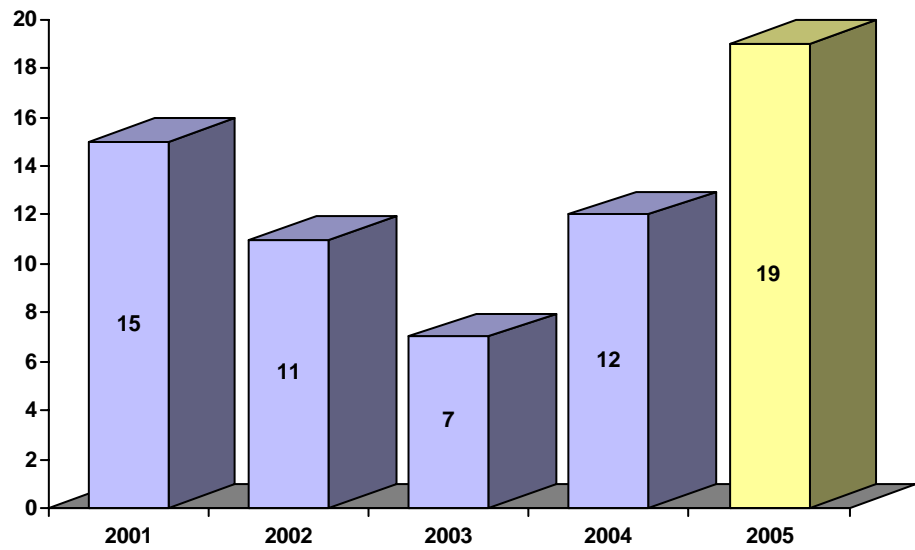
## Motor Vehicle Theft

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## Arson

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## CALL / ARREST ACTIVITY TREND ANALYSIS

Year	Calls for service	% Change	Year	Adult arrests	% Change	Year	Juvenile arrests	% Change
2001	51,185	—	2001	1,783	—	2001	214	—
2002	54,507	6.5	2002	1,895	6.3	2002	257	20.1
2003	54,916	0.8	2003	2,083	9.9	2003	221	<b>-14.0</b>
2004	51,775	<b>-5.7</b>	2004	2,960	42.1	2004	252	14.0
2005	53,375	3.1	2005	2,410	<b>-18.6</b>	2005	294	16.7
5-year change		11.2	5-year change		35.2	5-year change		37.4

## TRAFFIC ACTIVITY TREND ANALYSIS

Year	Traffic accidents	% Change	Year	Traffic accidents/ injuries	% Change
2001	2,842	—	2001	454	—
2002	2,816	<b>-0.9</b>	2002	481	5.9
2003	2,813	<b>-0.1</b>	2003	471	<b>-2.1</b>
2004	2,799	<b>-0.5</b>	2004	417	<b>-11.5</b>
2005	2,686	<b>-4.0</b>	2005	392	<b>-6.0</b>
5-year change		<b>-9.0</b>	5-year change		<b>-18.0</b>

Year	Traffic citations	% Change	Year	Speeding tickets	% Change
2001	16,582	—	2001	8,514	—
2002	14,512	<b>-12.5</b>	2002	6,204	<b>-27.1</b>
2003	13,783	<b>-5.0</b>	2003	3,699	<b>-40.4</b>
2004	10,907	<b>-20.9</b>	2004	2,720	<b>-26.5</b>
2005	12,370	13.4	2005	4,060	49.3
5-year change		<b>-25.4</b>	5-year change		<b>-52.3</b>

## INDEX CRIME REPORTS TREND ANALYSIS

Year	Murder	% Change	Year	Criminal Sexual Assault	% Change	Year	Robbery	% Change
2001	2	—	2001	59	—	2001	67	—
2002	3	50.0	2002	62	5.1	2002	98	46.3
2003	2	<b>-33.3</b>	2003	61	<b>-1.6</b>	2003	91	<b>-7.1</b>
2004	3	50.0	2004	65	6.6	2004	95	4.4
2005	3	0.0	2005	58	<b>-10.8</b>	2005	94	<b>-1.1</b>
5-year change		50.0	5-year change		<b>-1.7</b>	5-year change		40.3

Year	Agg. assault/battery	% Change	Year	Burglary	% Change	Year	Theft	% Change
2001	306	—	2001	463	—	2001	2,031	—
2002	327	6.9	2002	641	38.4	2002	1,990	<b>-2.0</b>
2003	293	<b>-10.4</b>	2003	596	<b>-7.0</b>	2003	1,758	<b>-11.7</b>
2004	266	<b>-9.2</b>	2004	536	<b>-10.1</b>	2004	1,857	5.6
2005	336	26.3	2005	586	9.3	2005	1,770	<b>-4.7</b>
5-year change		9.8	5-year change		26.6	5-year change		<b>-12.9</b>

Year	Motor Vehicle theft	% Change	Year	Arson	% Change
2001	117	—	2001	15	—
2002	118	0.9	2002	11	<b>-26.7</b>
2003	104	<b>-11.9</b>	2003	7	<b>-36.4</b>
2004	115	10.6	2004	12	71.4
2005	108	<b>-6.1</b>	2005	19	58.3
5-year change		<b>-7.7</b>	5-year change		26.7



# INDEX CRIME ARRESTS TREND ANALYSIS

Year	Murder arrests	% Change
2001	2	—
2002	3	50.0
2003	0	<b>-100.0</b>
2004	2	—
2005	2	0.0
5-year change		0.0

Year	Sexual Assault arrests	% Change
2001	13	—
2002	8	<b>-38.5</b>
2003	14	75.0
2004	14	0.0
2005	17	21.4
5-year change		30.8

Year	Robbery arrests	% Change
2001	12	—
2002	12	0.0
2003	11	<b>-8.3</b>
2004	11	0.0
2005	34	209.1
5-year change		183.3

Year	Assault/Battery arrests	% Change
2001	153	—
2002	186	21.6
2003	153	<b>-17.7</b>
2004	142	<b>-7.2</b>
2005	218	53.5
5-year change		42.5

Year	Burglary arrests	% Change
2001	59	—
2002	82	39.0
2003	94	14.6
2004	76	<b>-19.1</b>
2005	163	114.5
5-year change		176.3

Year	Theft arrests	% Change
2001	247	—
2002	246	<b>-0.4</b>
2003	253	2.8
2004	271	7.1
2005	334	23.2
5-year change		35.2

Year	Vehicle Theft arrests	% Change
2001	13	—
2002	12	<b>-7.7</b>
2003	7	<b>-41.7</b>
2004	10	42.9
2005	24	140.0
5-year change		84.6

Year	Arson arrests	% Change
2001	3	—
2002	0	<b>-100.0</b>
2003	0	—
2004	0	—
2005	9	—
5-year change		200.0

## DRUG CRIME ARRESTS TREND ANALYSIS

Year	Cannabis Control Act	% Change
2001	119	—
2002	144	21.0
2003	162	12.5
2004	169	4.3
2005	214	26.6
5-year change		79.8

Year	Controlled Substance Act	% Change
2001	116	—
2002	204	75.9
2003	173	<b>-15.2</b>
2004	179	3.5
2005	131	<b>-26.8</b>
5-year change		12.9

Year	Hypo. Syringes/ Needles	% Change
2001	7	—
2002	7	0.0
2003	9	28.6
2004	2	<b>-77.8</b>
2005	1	<b>-50.0</b>
5-year change		<b>-85.7</b>

Year	Drug Paraphernalia	% Change
2001	110	—
2002	86	<b>-21.8</b>
2003	76	<b>-11.6</b>
2004	94	23.7
2005	43	<b>-54.3</b>
5-year change		<b>-60.9</b>

## Public Affairs Unit

The Media Relations Specialist and Public Affairs Officer strengthened the media-based posture of the Public Affairs Unit by improving our relationships with the broadcast and print media to convey timely and reliable information to the public. Regularly updating and improving the BPD web site, Public Affairs offers an interactive crime mapping feature. Additionally, the unit is responsible for publishing the BPD annual report, numerous informational pamphlets, updating the Officers' Field Directory, scheduling guests for a twice-monthly public service television program, and creating print advertisements for various events.



The annual National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) is symbolic of residents' ability and willingness to work with police throughout the year to fight crime in their neighborhoods. The event celebrates our successes and focuses attention on continuing challenges. The 2005 NNO event at Miller Park was once again very successful. The event -- supported by the Mayor and City Council, local civic groups and businesses, city employees, police officers, and individual citizens -- once again showed our sense of community. Bloomington placed 4th nationwide in its population category (50,000 to 99,999) for its 2005 efforts. An estimated 10,000 people attended the event. The Public Affairs Unit continues to help the Bloomington NNO steering committee plan, organize, and coordinate activities for the annual event.

The Public Affairs Unit continues to work with the Financial Institutions Security Association (FISA) by providing armed robbery response training to bank employees. Both the Media Relations Specialist and Public Affairs Officer received additional training in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). Both now hold CPTED specialist certification from the American Crime Prevention Institute (ACPI). Both have completed the Advanced CPTED course.

Partnerships with 26 active Neighborhood Watch organizations fostered the cooperation necessary for our Patrol, Proactive, Vice and Criminal Investigation units to continue to decrease gang and drug related violence in 2005. A citizen patrol initiative continues to supplement ordinary crime suppression efforts of three Neighborhood Watch Associations. In 2005, five new Neighborhood Watch groups that include nearly 1,500 families became active.

## Public Affairs Unit



The Public Affairs Unit once again teamed up with the Bloomington Fire Department, WalMart, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and other area law enforcement agencies to conduct another successful “Shop With a Cop/Firefighter” program. More than 60 disadvantaged children were able to shop for Christmas presents during the 4th annual event.

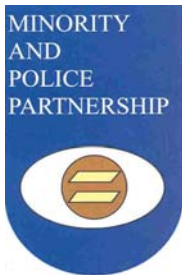


The 7th annual Badges for Life blood drive was conducted in cooperation with the Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross and other area law enforcement agencies. The event took place just days before Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

The Public Affairs Unit again spearheaded the distribution of free cable-style gunlocks provided through a partnership with Operation Childsafe.



Another ongoing function of the Public Affairs Unit involves providing public education and awareness training in a variety of crime prevention and homeland security topics, including gang and drug suppression, personal safety, armed robbery response, cons and frauds, home and business security, landlord training, and nuisance abatement. The unit also continued its role as “keepers and cultivators” of the historical archives of the Bloomington Police Department.



The Public Affairs Unit also conducts tours of the police facility, represents the department at community events, and leads the recruiting efforts of the department by arranging for representation at various job and career fairs throughout Illinois. The Media Relations Specialist and police administrators continue to serve as BPD representatives to the Minority and Police Partnership (MAPP). The Public Affairs Officer serves on the Crime Detection Network board and on Bloomington’s Neighborhood Traffic Control Committee.



Veteran BPD Patrol Officer Dave White joined the Public Affairs Unit in 2005, replacing Public Affairs Officer Tom Sanders, who retired after a long career with the Bloomington Police Department.

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



There was change in the Bloomington Police Department's D.A.R.E. Unit in 2005, as one officer left the program for a new assignment and was replaced by a First Watch patrol officer. Dan Donath completed his D.A.R.E. assignment with the conclusion of the 2004-2005 school year. He became a BPD Crime Scene Technician. Before his departure, Officer Donath helped train new D.A.R.E. Officer Amy Keil.

The D.A.R.E. Program continues to educate the community's youth about the dangers of drug use and violence. 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



Bloomington D.A.R.E. officers follow the curriculum set by D.A.R.E. America. This curriculum is geared primarily toward 5th graders. However, 2nd, 4th and 7th graders also receive the D.A.R.E. message as continual reinforcement. The officers may also, if requested by a teacher, go into other grade levels for special class appearances. Approximately 2,500 total students received the D.A.R.E. program in 2005 in District #87 and in Bloomington parochial schools.



Officer Mark Ashmore taught at Sheridan, Bent, Trinity Lutheran, Oakland, St. Mary's and Bloomington Junior High School. Officers Dan Donath and Amy Keil taught at Washington, Irving, Stevenson, Holy Trinity Elementary, Holy Trinity Junior High and Bloomington Junior High School. Graduations are held at each of the elementary schools and are often attended by prominent members of the community, including the mayor.



Officers Ashmore, Keil and Donath spoke to students at Central Catholic High School in the Drivers Education Class to educate them about the dangers of drinking and driving.

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



Along with classroom education, the Bloomington Police Department D.A.R.E. Program constantly looks for positive alternative activities for the students. Events in 2005 included Illinois State University men's and women's basketball games and women's volleyball games. Other activities included swimming at Illinois Wesleyan University, bowling at Pheasant Lanes, Peoria Chiefs baseball game, monthly roller skating parties at Skate 'N' Place, a dance party, and a trip to Six Flags in St. Louis, Missouri. D.A.R.E. Officers Keil and Ashmore, and BJHS School Resource Officer Brian Evans, held a two-week D.A.R.E. day camp at Lake Bloomington. The annual D.A.R.E. free-throw contest at ISU was held during half-time of one of the men's basketball games. Washington School won the free throw contest in the finals.

Angela Boettcher from St. Mary's School won the annual Katie Maguire Essay Contest for writing the best D.A.R.E. Essay. The award is named for an outstanding D.A.R.E. student who was killed in a 1995 car/pedestrian crash. Angela's name was added to a plaque on display at the Police Department. She also received tickets to a Peoria Chiefs baseball game. Angela's essay can be read on-line by going to the D.A.R.E. link on the Bloomington Police Department's web site.



Fundraising in 2005 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 Sportsmens Club, and numerous 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 at The Den at Fox Creek. Proceeds from fundraising help offset transportation costs for trips, workbooks and prizes for students.



The D.A.R.E. Officers promoted the program through involvement in numerous community events, including the City of Bloomington's downtown festival, the City of Bloomington fishing derby, ISU Homecoming parade, Family Fun Festival, Halloween events, McKids Day, the Labor Day parade, the Memorial Day Parade, the Jaycees Christmas parade and the McLean County Fair.

## School Resource Unit

### *Bloomington High School*



BHS School Resource Officer  
Marvin Arnold

Marvin Arnold has completed his fifth year at Bloomington High School (BHS) as the School Resource Officer (SRO). He can say the program is a success, based on the positive comments he gets from current and former students and their parents. BHS and District 87 have implemented many of the security and safety suggestions made by the SRO, such as placing video cameras inside and outside the building, marking the entrances to the building on the outside with identifiers, and having teachers monitor hallways as students move from classroom to classroom. Those implementations and Officer Arnold's presence in the building have helped make BHS a safer learning environment for the students and staff.

As SRO, Officer Arnold wears many hats. Besides being a police officer taking reports, investigating crimes and making arrests, He's also a teacher in the classroom, discussing law enforcement related issues. At other times, he is a counselor and parent-substitute, talking to students about class schedules, court questions and situations they are dealing with outside of school. Officer Arnold does a lot of informal one-on-one intervention with students on topics such as gangs, drugs, pregnancy, making good choices, and the consequences of bad choices. He attends many extracurricular school activities such as football, basketball, baseball, volleyball and softball games. He also attends school plays and concerts, and has learned that being at those activities not only makes students and parents feel safer, but many students have told him how much they appreciate his support of their activities.

SRO Arnold is also involved with other programs that promote safety for young people. One of those programs, Operation Cool, is a Tri-County school program that encourages high school students to wear seat belts and at the end of the school year awards a lucky student a new car.

Officer Arnold is also involved with Youth Impact, which works with at-risk youth in the community to provide positive role models and positive ways of doing things. Being part of Youth Impact allows Officer Arnold to share information about at-risk students at BHS with Youth Impact street outreach workers.

## School Resource Unit

In 2005, SRO Arnold completed 50 police reports, made ten arrests, and wrote 453 Ordinance Violations. Most of the violations involved Truancy, while a small number were for Disorderly Conduct or Possession of Cannabis.

### ***Bloomington Junior High School***

Since August 2003, the Bloomington Police Department has provided Bloomington Junior High School with a full-time School Resource Officer. Brian Evans continued his duties through the 2005-2006 school year. Due to a growing nationwide concern for safety in schools, BPD officers are currently involved in all Bloomington District 87 schools through the SRO program or the DARE program.



BJHS School Resource Officer  
Brian Evans

The primary duties of the School Resource Officer involve building positive relations with students, and addressing building safety and security concerns. As a result, Bloomington Junior High School has installed security cameras, and teachers and staff receive up-to-date school crisis training. Exchanging applicable information between the police department and the school has also been an important role of the Resource Officer. This has resulted in solving some incidents and preventing an unknown number from occurring. Officer Evans has involved McLean County State's Attorney Bill Yoder and some of his staff in meetings at BJHS, to assist in better dealing with some of the situations that arise in and around the school. Officer Evans has also organized meetings with Bloomington city attorneys to help students better understand city ordinances and why they can be cited for violations. This has proven to be a very effective tool in reducing fights, truancy and disorderly conduct in the school.

Officer Evans also makes arrests in and around the school when necessary. Working with other officers and detectives has also proven to be efficient and effective in solving problems not just at the school, but throughout the city.



## **School Resource Unit**

Officer Evans has used tours of the school and extracurricular events to better train and equip other Bloomington officers when they are needed at BJHS for assistance.

Officer Evans' roles as counselor and law enforcer -- coupled with an open door policy to address general needs of students, their families and school staff -- have been received in a very positive manner at BJHS. House calls have occurred in special situations to ensure students are in school and to see that families receive the extra help they sometimes need. When deemed appropriate, the SRO also takes an active role in discipline.

Promoting good behavior at school and at extracurricular events can also be cited as an accomplishment. Officer Evans attends many sporting events and other school-related activities throughout the school year to serve as a role model and to reinforce good behavior. Based on feedback from school administrators, faculty, sports officials, parents and students, this has proven to be an effective tool of the SRO.

## **Field Training Unit**

The Field Training Unit is commanded by a patrol lieutenant. It also includes six supervising field training sergeants and fourteen field training officers (FTO's), all of whom work to train new police officers. The field training process consists of four structured phases. While in the program, officers receive intensive training, learning how to handle calls as simple as barking dogs to more serious calls involving felonies in progress. Each phase, except the final one, lasts a minimum of four weeks.

The three-week final phase involves the FTO (in plain clothes) observing the uniformed recruit handling the entire workload. In 2005, the Field Training Unit trained and released twelve officers for regular patrol duties. The professionalism of highly-motivated field training officers is reflected in the successful performance of each new Bloomington Police officer.

## Office of Professional Standards

The Bloomington Police Department's Office of Professional Standards is in its third year of existence. The office continues to be held by a lieutenant who oversees investigations into citizen complaints on employees, policies, and procedures. Complaints range in complexity from minor misunderstandings between a citizen and BPD officer or employee to more serious allegations of abuse or other infractions.

One area that is constantly monitored for the need for more training, supervisory oversight, or administrative corrective action is the traffic stop. For many people, this is the only routine contact they ever have with a police officer. To enable our officers to perform this sometimes very dangerous function with as much security as possible, the department has installed computers and video cameras in all marked squad cars. By department policy, every traffic stop is videotaped and audio recorded for the safety of officers and motorists. These tapes are randomly reviewed by shift commanders and the Professional Standards Lieutenant. These tapes are also available for use in investigations prompted by citizen complaints about an officer. In most such investigations, the tapes have shown proper behavior by officers working within department policy.

Another area of concern for the department is policy and procedure review. With changes in technology and regular changes in laws and ordinances, the Office of Professional Standards monitors complaints with an eye toward current policy to make sure needed changes are made as soon as possible.

In 2003, the first year the office existed, there were 55 registered complaints.

In 2004, 25 complaints were recorded.

In 2005, the department received 38 complaints.

Complaints received in 2005 generally fit into one of four categories:

- Rudeness/Improper Action/Harassment
- Discrimination
- Excessive Force
- Other Misconduct

## Office of Professional Standards

Of the 21 complaints of Rudeness/Improper Action/Harassment:

- 1 was Sustained
- 3 were Not Sustained
- 5 were Unfounded
- 5 were Exonerated
- 7 have yet to be fully completed

Of the four complaints of Discrimination:

- 3 were Exonerated
- 1 has yet to be completed

There were two complaints of Excessive Force.

Both complaints remain under investigation

Of the 11 complaints of Other Misconduct:

- 1 was Policy Failure
- 4 were Not Sustained
- 1 was Sustained
- 2 were Exonerated
- 3 remain under investigation

In 2005, there were seven Internal Investigations completed by the Office of Professional Standards.

- 5 were Sustained
- 2 were Not Sustained

In 2005, the Bloomington Police Department also addressed concerns about some people not feeling comfortable coming to the police department to make a complaint about an officer. Although BPD staff will assist in any way possible to resolve such issues, the administration decided to make complaint forms available at several other locations. In addition to being available at the police department front desk, complaint forms can also be obtained from the City Clerk's office at Bloomington City Hall (109 East Olive), at the Bloomington Public Library (205 East Olive), and at the Office of Professional Standard's satellite office in the Township Building (607 South Gridley). The forms can also be downloaded from the Publications page of the Bloomington Police Department's web site ([www.cityblm.org](http://www.cityblm.org)). The forms (and instructions) are available in English and Spanish.

## Training Unit



The augmentation of the Bloomington Police Department reflects the diversity and growth of our city. In accordance, the Training Unit worked in 2005 to accommodate increased training and equipment prerequisites. With a current authorized employment of 125 sworn and 40 civilian employees, training remains one of the department's highest priorities. The Training Unit is responsible for coordinating specialized training, meeting various certification requirements, and maintaining an accurate records system. The unit works with Mobile Team 8, a multi-agency training component of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, and other providers to research, develop, and evaluate training curricula used to meet mandated standards.

In an added role as Quartermaster, the Training Unit oversees the research, testing, selection, procurement, distribution, maintenance, and deployment of uniforms, equipment and technology. With Bloomington officers using the non-lethal defensive weapon, the Taser X26, since 2004, the unit remains instrumental in ongoing training in its proper application. The deployment and application of the Taser in the "use of force" continuum helped reduce the number of officer and offender injuries, and decreased officers' exposure to liability.

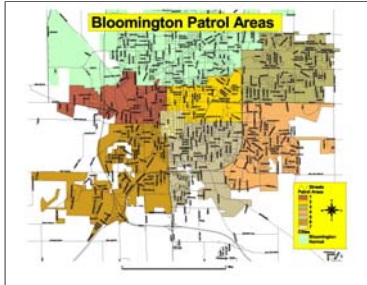
Our community deserves the best-trained and most effective police force possible. It is the mission of the Training Unit to ensure our officers are trained and equipped to provide the best service possible to enhance safety and quality of life. Training essentially involves an interchange of important information, providing officers with a foundation upon which they may develop expertise while delivering effective police services to the community. They are expected to become proficient in all aspects of law enforcement, while respecting fundamental constitutional and human rights.

To maintain this high standard, the Training Unit supplements ongoing internal education with local and nationally recognized professional trainers, drawing from resources that include: Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, International Association of Chiefs of Police, American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, Illinois State Police Academy, Indiana State Police Academy, University of Illinois Police Training Institute, National Intelligence Academy, International Association of Law Enforcement Planners, Public Agency Training Council, and Mobile Team 8. The internal training is provided by highly skilled officers and civilians certified in a multiplicity of disciplines.



## Patrol Division

The uniformed Patrol Division is the backbone of the Police Department and the focal point for most police activity. 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 pro-actively patrols 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 Watch*

In 2005, First Watch officers experienced contacts with a diverse array of citizens, and those contacts occurred in many ways. Officers were assigned to routine patrol duties, including making reports of traffic crashes, criminal offenses and civil matters. They mediated disputes between people and helped them resolve problems. Officers were assigned Directed Patrol duties focusing on particular offenses, including criminal cases and traffic offenses. They devoted time to locating certain offenders, processing crime scenes, and making arrests.



Officers of First Watch consider Community Policing to be a standard way of performing their duties. Regular contact with residents and business people in an officer's assigned area is a means of developing understanding of each person's role and needs, as well as engendering good relationships between police and the community. Officers continued to maintain relationships with the other social service agencies in the community. The needs of the homeless were addressed by police and other agencies, such as Home Sweet Home Mission, Compassion Center and the Salvation Army.

## Patrol Division

First Watch officers are assigned to specialized units and possess specialized skills that are used as needed. Some officers are assigned to ERU (Emergency Response Unit) and CRT (Crisis Response Team). These groups handle high-risk incidents, arrests and deal with barricaded subjects or hostage situations. Officers' special skills in crime scenes, photography, accident investigation and other special areas are regularly used. Their understanding of investigations and the methods of locating persons are frequently used with success.



Directed Patrol Operations focused on several problems in 2005. A series of burglaries caused First Watch to refocus personnel at certain times in specific areas. Arrests were made and the problem abated. In April, a problem involving trespassing and a neighborhood nuisance was addressed on the Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District property. The problem was solved through enforcement and placement of signs. Residents of one neighborhood expressed concerns about a traffic problem. Directing enforcement efforts addressed that problem, easing the congestion and speeding problems. Another neighborhood identified a residence as the site of activity that could be related to narcotics sales. Assigning additional officers to that area served to remove the problem. Officers directed their efforts toward locating and arresting wanted persons, and numerous arrests were made during friendly "competition" among First Watch officers. They also directed their efforts toward identifying and recovering stolen vehicles. One officer in particular became very adept at this task.



First Watch officers made an arrest for armed robbery that resulted in clearing numerous similar cases. In early June, a child reported missing prompted the officers of First Watch to work a neighborhood canvass and check locations of numerous leads about the child's location. The child was found in the care of a baby-sitter, returning from a visit to a municipal swimming pool.

An incident in late June involved the efforts of most of the First Watch. A wanted person had escaped from custody. Officers secured a neighborhood perimeter while a search was begun. The cooperative efforts of officers, members of the department's canine unit, and the U. S. Marshal's Task Force ended with the fugitive's capture in a backyard hiding place.

## Patrol Division

First Watch in 2005 was a balanced mix of veteran officers and officers recently assigned after completion of Field Training. The combination worked very well, allowing veterans to share their experiences and the other officers to gain some seasoning from the more experienced officers. Some officers came to First Watch from specialized divisions, adding their training and talents to the Patrol function.

Regardless of their level of experience, First Watch officers performed their duties in the professional manner expected of them. They take pride in their work and their ability to help others. They are self-motivated to provide the best service possible to the community they serve. They possess a devotion to duty that is exemplary. The First Watch Lieutenant and Sergeants are proud of their association and the accomplishments of the year.

### ***Second Watch***

2005 continued to bring variety to those working the Second Watch. Officers assigned to these hours (3-11pm) have numerous opportunities to become involved in a wide variety of public assistance and enforcement activity. Specific concerns are often provided by the public through various forums. Officers also work with other units within the department, such as Vice, Proactive, Criminal Investigation, and Traffic.



The new year began with an unusual number of complaints about burglaries. Second Watch responded to those concerns by increasing foot patrols in specified areas. Those foot patrols allowed officers to interact with the public in the target areas. Relationships were developed, which enhanced the gathering of intelligence information.

Each year, the Bloomington Police Department receives complaints of gang and drug activity. This activity often moves around as enforcement focuses on a target area. Citizens on the near west side brought two problem areas to the attention of our Community Liaison Officers. These officers worked with the Engineering Department of the City of Bloomington to erect “no parking” signs. The signage was an attempt to prevent stop-and-go traffic that residents in the area believed was drug related. Officers were then able to make contacts and attend to specific violations in these areas.

## Patrol Division

Second Watch also works with the City's Community Development office. Neighbors are able to bring to officers concerns about building codes, sanitation, or lighting. Officers then work with Community Development to sanction building owners until they improve their properties to meet city code.



May 2005 brought the burning of the old Beich candy factory. Officers assisted the Fire Department by providing traffic and pedestrian control. Arson and burglary charges were eventually filed in connection with the fire.

Autumn brought a fatal airplane crash. While the crash site was just outside the city, the Bloomington Fire and Police Departments were first responders. Second Watch officers assisted with area security and traffic control until the scene was turned over to the McLean County Sheriff's Department.

The most important part of Second Watch is daily contact with the citizens of Bloomington. The Neighborhood Watch program is an excellent tool to develop positive, trusting relationships. This trust allows for open communication and the exchange of needed information.

### *Third Watch*

In 2005, Third Watch staffing consisted of one Lieutenant, two sergeants and fifteen patrol officers. Six of the patrol officers served as Field Training Officers (FTO's). Those six officers combined to train twelve new recruit police officers in the Field Training Process. Additionally, one of the patrol officers has received advanced training as a crime scene technician. In addition to processing crime scenes, the patrol officer also provides fellow patrol officers with advice in the observation, preservation, collection and documentation of physical evidence.



In 2005, Third Watch officers responded to more than 13,000 calls for service. Those calls ranged from loud music complaints to more serious felonies. Third Watch officers responded to more than 775 alarm calls. Additionally, Third Watch officers provided assistance to other area police agencies on 300 occasions.



## Patrol Division

In support of the Bloomington Police Department's Community Policing efforts, Third Watch officers conducted more than 1000 pedestrian stops. Additionally, Third Watch officers made contact with more than 300 suspicious persons and more than 500 suspicious vehicles. Third Watch officers also conducted hundreds of extra patrol requests from citizens and hundreds of after-hours business checks.



In 2005, Third Watch officers conducted more than 2,200 traffic stops, resulting in the issuance of 1,870 traffic citations. Officers made more than 70 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Additionally, Third Watch officers issued more than 2,000 parking tickets and more than 475 ordinance violations.

In 2005, Third Watch officers used their training, dedication, experience and teamwork to provide a blanket of security to the citizens of Bloomington. Each Third Watch officer takes pride in his performance and strives to provide quality police service to all.

## Bike Patrol



Bike Patrol was used sparingly in 2005. High call loads and limited patrol manpower greatly affect the use of Bike Patrols. The Patrol Division used bike patrols only about a half-dozen times in 2005. Most of those patrols occurred on Second Shift.

Bike Patrol is a tool used by the Proactive Unit, as well. Proactive used Bike Patrol during its regular shift about a half-dozen times in 2005. Proactive also used Bike Patrol at Miller Park on July 4th, and during the McLean County Fair. Bike Patrol was a safe and quick way to get around Miller Park and the McLean County fairgrounds. It is also effective for surprising suspects who are not expecting police officers to be on bicycles.



The department has five bicycles available for patrol use. Some officers also use their personal bikes. Bloomington Cycle and Fitness tuned up the bikes and made minor repairs. The Department also purchased new bike helmets for some of the officers, and two new rechargeable headlights.

## Criminal Investigation Division



The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) investigated and cleared 1,034 cases in 2005. That's an increase from the 2004 total of 919 cases.

31% of the cases assigned to the division were cleared by arrests. Slightly more than one fourth of the cases opened in 2005 were referred to the McLean County State's Attorney's office for warrants. 7% were still pending at year's end.

CID handled three homicide cases in 2005. Two were cleared by arrest. The third is still actively under investigation.

In January 2005, CID investigated two sexual assaults that appeared to be similar in nature. The public was alerted and general safety precautions were issued by the department. The similarity in those two cases resulted in a review of all sexual assaults over the past few years. That review identified two additional similar assaults that had occurred during the two previous years. After exhausting all leads, BPD contacted the FBI Behavioral Science Unit. Over the course of several months, the cases were reviewed by the FBI, which determined that there was a possibility the assaults may have been committed by the same person. In December 2005, BPD proactively stepped forward to inform the public of the FBI's findings. BPD, in conjunction with the YWCA's Stepping Stones sexual assault awareness program, held a news conference in an effort to increase public awareness. That action resulted in a few more leads that were being pursued by CID detectives at year's end.

### ***Court Liaison Office***

2005 saw an increased level of cooperation between the Bloomington Police Department and the McLean County State's Attorney's office. Information flow seems to be better than it has been in years between the Court Liaison office and Victim Witness Services. Complaints about officers not calling in or showing up for court were negligible in 2005, a vast improvement from 2004.

Communication with the state's attorney has also improved. Of the numerous issues that were presented to the office in 2005, only one -- testing of drug paraphernalia -- was unresolved at year's end.

## Criminal Investigation Division

### ***Domestic Violence***

2005 was the second year the Bloomington Police Department participated in a Department of Justice Domestic Violence Grant. During the year, the Domestic Violence Unit screened 1,571 domestic violence cases. Of those, 484 were cleared by arrest. Another 450 were referred to the McLean County State's Attorney's office for review.

In addition, 774 of the domestic violence cases required follow-up investigation, which was completed by the Domestic Violence Unit using funding provided by the Department of Justice grant.

### ***Cyber Crimes***

In 2005, one BPD detective continued his full-time assignment to the FBI's Central Illinois Cybercrime Unit (CICU), which operates as a Task Force in central Illinois. Bloomington referred 17 criminal cases to the CICU for investigation. This enhanced relationship supports more efficient prosecution of multi-jurisdictional crimes, a common approach when investigating and prosecuting cyber crimes. The task force also optimizes available resources spread across member agencies. Defendants are tried in federal court instead of state court to take advantage of stricter sentencing guidelines. CICU is a collaborative effort involving the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Attorney's office, East Peoria Police, Tazewell County State's Attorney, Peoria Police, and Bloomington Police.



CICU's focus is on criminal cases involving:

- Receipt, possession, distribution and production of child pornography
- Using an interstate means to entice a minor to engage in sex
- Wire Fraud (by use of a computer)
- Computer Intrusions
- Intellectual Property Rights matters
- Crimes that require forensic computer examinations

In addition to those crimes, in 2005 CICU also investigated crimes involving homicide, sexual assault, counterfeit/check fraud, extortion by way of e-mail, missing persons, and "on-line" prostitution.

## Community Service Officers



The Bloomington Police Department public reception desk is operated by a team of civilian Community Service Officers, or CSO's. The CSO Unit was created in 1997 with four employees. The goal was to assume some of the duties of patrol officers to allow them more time for Community Policing and other responsibilities. In 2005, the CSO Unit consisted of six non-sworn Community Service Officers and a supervisor.

CSO's are the first point of contact for hundreds of people who call or visit the Bloomington Police Facility daily. They are responsible for assisting citizens who come to the police facility for a variety of reasons. They also write police reports that deal with issues ranging from disorderly conduct to domestic violence. The reports can be quite complicated, requiring strong knowledge of the law and considerable patience. 8,656 crime reports were filed with BPD in 2005. Of that total, 1,262 — or about 15% — were taken by CSO's.

The CSO Unit is also responsible for the completion of traffic crash reports. During periods of bad weather, CSO's are often inundated with these time-consuming reports.

The Unit also monitors the Crime Stoppers hotline, taking tips and passing them on to the appropriate law enforcement agencies in McLean County. Additionally, CSO's are expected to identify "wanted" persons who enter the Bloomington Police Facility and determine the criminal status of persons requesting admission to local homeless shelters.

The Bloomington Police Department enforces a towing ordinance for specific offenses. It requires CSO's to collect the tow fees accordingly and to ensure that proper paperwork is completed for any refunds or court action that may be taken. CSO's are also charged with confirming proper ownership of vehicles to be released.

Other CSO responsibilities include collecting and logging evidence, releasing impounded vehicles, handling burglar alarm reports and updating business contact lists. As with patrol officers, CSO's are presented with various situations, must remain flexible and have the knowledge to address each case within departmental guidelines.



## **Community Service Officers**

Though unarmed and without arrest powers, CSO's work much like officers in the delivery of police services. Occasionally, patrol officers are temporarily assigned work with the CSO's at the main lobby reception desk. These assignments benefit both CSO's and patrol officers. Patrol officers share their street experience and expertise, while CSO's explain internal procedures to which officers are not routinely exposed.

While the public reception desk is already a hub of activity within the Bloomington Police Facility, continuing growth of the city and the department may expand the size and scope of CSO operations in the future.

## **Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit**

The three analysts assigned to the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence information on active criminal offenders and organized criminal groups. One of the primary goals of the unit is to identify crime patterns and link offenders and groups responsible for these crimes. The unit also prepares threat assessments, crime bulletins, and investigative summaries. These products are used by various units to target and suppress criminal activity, assist in short and long-term operational planning, and increase efficiency of investigations. The CIAU also acts as the department's link to agencies throughout the United States. Analysts assigned to the unit maintain a large network of contacts to facilitate the flow of crime information among agencies.

During the course of 2005, the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit continued its support of general and specialized department missions. The Unit provided major case analysis on homicide cases, long term narcotics investigations, and cross-jurisdictional crimes. The addition of a second Intelligence Analyst in late 2004 allowed the department to sharpen its focus on habitual offenders and large scale drug traffickers, providing several divisions with information regarding street level crime information. The unit also continued to collect and analyze data on departmental traffic stops in response to a state of Illinois mandate regarding racial profiling data collection.

## Forensic Sciences / Crime Scene Unit



Crime scenes in the City of Bloomington are processed by the Bloomington Police Department Crime Scene Unit. The Unit is staffed by two full-time crime scene detectives. It is supported in-house by two Third Watch patrol officers, Clayton Arnold and Scott Karstens, who have had formal training in processing crime scenes. Further processing of evidence occurs at the Bloomington Police Department Crime Lab, including:

- Latent fingerprint development
- Forensic photography/imaging
- Marijuana Leaf Identification
- Crime scene investigation and analysis
- Computer assisted composite drawings

Additional processing of evidence is completed by the Illinois State Police Crime Labs, which offer:

- Latent print examination and comparison
- Operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System
- Drug chemistry trace analysis
- Microscopy
- Firearms and tool mark 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



2005 saw personnel changes in the Crime Scene Unit. Detectives Scott Mathewson and Dan Donath started their assignments in the lab, as Detectives Tommy Lee Walters and Rusty Thomas moved to First Watch as patrol officers.

The Unit stayed busy by responding to 335 crime scenes. 475 exhibits were examined for marijuana leaf identification, with a total weight of 6,762.62 grams. That is an increase from the 233 exhibits processed in 2004.

In 284 of the cases handled in Bloomington in 2005, evidence was submitted to the State Police Crime Labs for further analysis. That's more than double the number of cases in which evidence was forwarded to the State Police Crime Labs in 2004.

## Explorers



The Explorer program is part of the young adult division of the Boy Scouts of America. It is co-educational, developed and supervised by local community organizations, and provides members with opportunities to explore particular career fields. The Bloomington Police Department Explorer program is composed of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in law enforcement as a profession.

In 2005, members of the Metro 911 Post were involved in a variety of events in and around Bloomington. The biggest event each year is the McLean County Fair. Members of the post work during the entire run of the fair. Among the duties: working security details at the grandstand each evening, helping with minor medical incidents, finding lost children, foot patrols of the fairgrounds, and recruiting.

Explorers also perform traffic details for many parades in the twin cities. Post members also help BPD D.A.R.E. officers with many of the events they coordinate during the year.

Explorers assist with the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run that helps kick off Special Olympics weekend in Bloomington-Normal. Some Explorers have gone so far as to participate in the Run.

The Metro 911 Post Honor Guard accompanied BPD officers to the ceremonies held at the Illinois Police Memorial in Springfield to mark National Peace Officers Memorial Week.

Explorers also present the colors each August at the beginning of the annual National Night Out Against Crime event at Miller Park in Bloomington. They also assist with the annual BPD trick-or-treat night at Eastland Mall.

During 2005, the Explorers of Metro Post 911 logged more than 3,500 hours of service to the Bloomington Police Department and the community.

Members pledge to continue providing that kind of service in 2006 and beyond.



## Vice Unit

The primary mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to address and reduce local crime rates. Since the distribution and use of illegal narcotics are primary contributing factors in criminal activity, the department has placed a high priority on development and operation of its Vice Unit. The Unit consists of four highly-trained detectives and a sergeant with ten years of narcotics experience. Their focus is on the arrest and conviction of street-level and mid-level narcotics dealers.



In 2005, the Bloomington Vice Unit opened 89 cases, which resulted in the arrests of 150 offenders. The Unit made numerous seizures during the year, including 540 grams of cocaine, valued at \$54,000; 8,170 grams of cannabis, valued at about \$57,000; eight vehicles; more than \$24,000 in cash; several safes; and many cell phones.

The Bloomington Police Department assigns a vice unit detective to Task Force 6, the State Police drug unit. The BPD Vice Unit and Task Force 6 have a reciprocal agreement for case assistance and often work closely together to share information and provide tactical support.

Additionally, the Vice Unit works with the Federal Prosecutor's Office of Peoria, as high-level cases may be picked up and prosecuted at the federal level.



Early in 2005, the Bloomington Vice Unit also assisted the Attorney General's Office with its crusade to educate local businesses, law enforcement personnel, and citizens about the new Methamphetamine Manufacturing Retail Sales Control Act. This law restricts the display and legal purchase amount of over-the-counter methamphetamine precursors used in the manufacture of the illegal drug commonly called "crystal meth".

The Bloomington Vice Unit also works with the Normal Police Department Vice Unit on almost a daily basis in the development of cases that cross community borders.

Internally, the Vice Unit works closely with the Bloomington Police Department Emergency Response Unit. In 2005, the Vice Unit executed 32 search warrants, many of which required the assistance of the BPD Emergency Response Unit.



## Records Division

The Bloomington Police Department Records Division is responsible for ensuring control of police evidence and criminal history record files. The Records Division is staffed by an office manager and two support staff people.



The office manager oversees the duties of the support staff and maintains control of all evidence and lost-and-found property held at the Bloomington Police Department. In 2005, the Records Division checked into evidence 7,732 pieces of property. There were 572 property items checked out by officers to be used in court cases. 321 property items were returned to owners and 4,406 property items were properly disposed of after the cases were closed.

The Records Division maintains records on citations written by Bloomington officers. In 2005, staff entered information on 5,891 parking tickets, 12,440 traffic citations, 732 compliance tickets, and 2,427 ordinance violation tickets. The division also entered information on all crash reports submitted by members of the department. In 2005, 2,729 crash reports were processed.



Records Division staff maintain files on each individual arrested by the Bloomington Police Department. In 2005, 2,604 adult male and female subjects were processed.

The Records Division is in charge of conducting an annual public auction at which abandoned and lost-and-found property is sold. In June 2005, 75 bicycles, 189 lost, stolen or abandoned property items, and 27 items of surplus city property were sold at public auction.



The Records staff also fields calls and other contacts from many agencies outside the department and from area residents.

It is very important to keep up on latest records keeping procedures in order to maintain accurate records. Staff attends training on record keeping to ensure accurate records are available to qualified officers and criminal justice agencies.

## Proactive Unit

The Proactive Unit consists of officers from the Bloomington and Normal Police Departments. Commanded by sergeants from both agencies, the unit addresses a variety of street crimes, focusing on gang suppression. The unit also assists Patrol, Vice, and Detective Divisions from both departments. Additionally, several Proactive officers help train new officers for the Patrol Division.

Proactive Officers received additional specialized training in 2005. Officers attended *Asset Forfeiture* and *Criminal Drug Patrol* classes through MTU8. Officers completed training in *Criminal Street Gang Identification and Interdiction* through the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center. The unit also attended the Midwest Gang Investigators Association Conference.

The Proactive Unit participated in a wide variety of special details. The Unit assisted at the scene of a plane crash at the Central Illinois Regional Airport, attended National Night Out and the July 4th celebration at Miller Park, provided security at the McLean County Fair, and worked undercover prostitution details in Bloomington and armed robbery details in Normal. For five weeks, the Unit assisted the Normal Police Department with a homicide investigation involving an ISU student.

The Unit responded to a robbery alarm in Bloomington. Proactive officers arrested two armed robbery suspects following a foot chase, and recovered the weapon and money taken in the hold-up. The arrests led directly to solving additional armed robberies. For their efforts, two Proactive officers received the Distinguished Achievement medal.

### Proactive in 2005

162 felony arrests  
222 misdemeanor arrests  
42 DUI arrests  
202 drug arrests  
847 traffic tickets  
391 warrant arrests  
3 handguns seized  
110.641 grams of cocaine seized  
685.38 grams of marijuana seized  
\$13,430 suspected drug money seized  
3 stolen vehicles recovered  
\$1,047.50 stolen money recovered

The Unit arrested many people on Crimestoppers tips. During one such arrest, Proactive officers developed probable cause and obtained a search warrant. Execution of the search warrant resulted in the arrest of an additional person on felony charges, and the seizure of heroin and drug paraphernalia. For their efforts, five Proactive officers received Letters of Commendation from McLean County Crimestoppers.

## Crisis Response Team

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) is a volunteer division within the police department. Member officers come from various areas of expertise throughout the department. They dedicate their skills and compassion to their fellow citizens who are in desperate situations. The motto of the Crisis Response Team is “Nobody has to die today”.

CRT is a support service provided to officers on the street who encounter situations with despondent, suicidal or barricaded subjects. These situations involve domestic situations, wanted subjects, and people who see no future or hope and are determined to end their lives. This group of officers works to resolve such situations without violence, if at all possible.

In 2005, the CRT once again proved its value to the community by saving lives and helping make other officers’ duties in these difficult and dangerous circumstances as safe as possible.



During the year, the CRT responded to five incidents in the city of Bloomington and two incidents in Livingston County. In one of the Livingston County incidents, the team assisted the Sheriffs Department. In the other, assistance was offered to the Pontiac Police Department.

- A suicidal, barricaded subject armed with a knife threatened to kill himself and officers at the scene. An on-duty CRT member assisted with negotiations. The incident ended with the subject’s arrest and no injuries.
- A man wanted on local warrants and warrants from neighboring jurisdictions held his wife inside an east side apartment for several hours. Although a direct threat to his wife was not clear, he would not let her leave. The man was arrested without injury to anyone following extended negotiations.
- A man despondent over the potential breakup of his marriage left his residence before arrival of responding officers. A CRT member on scene with the man’s wife coached her during several calls by the man. Eventually, the CRT member took over the conversations and was able to talk him into turning himself in for evaluation. There were no injuries in this case.

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- On a late night shift in the middle of summer, a despondent man took hostages at a near west side location. Our third shift patrol officers were assisted by four CRT members, who eventually negotiated the release of hostages. The subject was arrested without further incident.
- A despondent and suicidal man, who was also under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, climbed over the railing of the Main Street overpass and threatened to jump. He stood on the outside of the bridge, yelling and flailing his arms at responding officers. The CRT was able to perform face-to-face negotiations with the man, eventually talking him into allowing officers to transport him to the hospital for evaluation. A couple days after the incident, when the man saw a CRT member, he offered thanks to the team for saving his life.
- Third Watch was again kept busy one late night/early morning when a barricaded subject refused to cooperate with police. Third Watch patrol officers deserve full credit for ending this incident peacefully, with no injuries, prior to the arrival of CRT members.

Any incidents occurring out of our jurisdiction require a request for assistance from the commanding officer of that jurisdiction and approval from the Assistant Chief of Operations of the Bloomington Police Department. Over the years, the CRT has been requested numerous times by other jurisdictions and has always been granted authority to respond. BPD continues to offer our CRT services to those agencies that can benefit from our members' expertise.

The CRT is looking forward to 2006 with three new members and some newly acquired equipment. The team trains at least two times a year with the BPD Emergency Response Unit. The team also trains with other area agencies and with McLean County mental health providers.

## Canine Unit



For the past seven years, the Bloomington Police Department Canine Unit has used three dogs. 2005 was a rebuilding year for the Unit. During most of the year, only two dogs served the department because one of the dogs was injured and retired in 2004.

At the same time, a new chapter was opened, as a decision was made to expand the Canine Unit. At the end of 2005, much effort was placed on training a replacement dog and a fourth dog.

The Canine Unit continued to serve the department by responding to calls that included burglaries, robberies, shooting incidents and requests for narcotics searches. The Unit provided support for the BPD Vice Unit and ERU during narcotics investigations and high-risk drug raids.



The volume of calls to which the Canine Unit responded was down from prior years, but only because the Unit worked the majority of the year with just two dogs. The pair still responded to an impressive number of calls and assisted on nearly 230 traffic stops. While assisting on those stops, the dogs were called upon to sniff for narcotics. The narcotics detection abilities of the dogs resulted in numerous arrest and the seizure of drugs and various other items of contraband related to the use of narcotics.

The ability of the dogs to detect, track, and locate felony suspects was also observed in 2005. The majority of the suspects surrendered after they were located or once they realized a canine was being used in a search. The dogs provided a level of security and safety unlike any other tool used by the police department.



It is not unusual for other police agencies to call upon the Bloomington Canine Unit for assistance. In 2005, the Unit provided assistance to the Normal Police Department, McLean County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police, East Peoria Police Department, the United States Marshals Service, and many other area police departments.

During one incident, a violent felon with prior weapons offenses had committed several burglaries. The suspect ran from a stolen vehicle as officers from another agency attempted to stop him. One of the dogs from the Bloomington Police Department assisted in the search for the suspect, locating the suspect at night hiding in a corn field in rural McLean County.

## Canine Unit



In another incident, the Bloomington Police Canine Unit was called to assist another agency dealing with a suspect possibly armed with a gun. The suspect was hiding inside a residence. The dog was deployed inside the residence, located the suspect, and made the apprehension before the suspect managed to grab the gun, which was only a few feet away. This is a perfect example of how a well-trained dog can be used to end a potentially violent situation. It also demonstrates how a dog can extend the safety provided to both officers and suspects.

The BPD Canine Unit assisted in locating and apprehending a felony suspect who ran from officers in Bloomington. The suspect, who was being sought in a sexual assault case, had hidden in thick brush. The canine officer was called in to assist with the search. The dog assisted officers by locating the suspect hiding in a creek bed. Without the animal, the suspect might have avoided detection and escaped.



Another local example involved a felony suspect wanted on various warrants for drug-related offenses. He was known to run from police and had successfully escaped apprehension earlier in the day. Officers, acting on a tip, responded to a local residence in an effort to locate the suspect. He managed to avoid officers at the scene, but was located and apprehended by a Bloomington canine. Without the dog, the suspect would have escaped.

The Bloomington Police Canine Unit also provides assistance by searching for evidence or contraband discarded by suspects prior to arrest. The Unit responded to an incident involving a suspect reported to be armed. When the man was located, he did not have a firearm on him. A BPD canine performed an article search, locating the discarded gun in a bush about 50 yards from where the suspect was apprehended.



Also in 2005, the Bloomington Police Canine Unit located potentially important evidence, including money and discarded items from a wallet following separate robberies. The dogs also directed officers to areas where foot impressions and tire tracks were found and processed by the detectives from the Bloomington Police Crime Lab.

## Canine Unit



In addition to conducting numerous searches, tracks and building searches, the Canine Unit also performed more than a dozen public demonstrations for church groups, school groups, State Farm Insurance Company, and the Bloomington Public Library. Demonstrations were also performed at the annual National Night Out at Miller Park and the Hudson Prairie Days festival.

To maintain a high standard of performance, each dog participated in about 40 hours of training each month. Additional specialized training was conducted with the Illinois Police Working Dog Association and the North American Police Working Dog Association. That training involved tracking on concrete or pavement in an urban environment.

The Bloomington Police Canine Unit completed initial training of its new dogs in 2005, and entered 2006 with four dogs working to better serve the community.

## Accident Reconstruction



The Bloomington Police Department's Accident Reconstruction Unit consists of five members of the police force who have received special training. The Unit investigates all fatal traffic accidents in the city and responds to serious injury vehicle accidents when requested.

Accident Reconstructionists gather evidence from the scene of an accident and from the vehicles involved. They use engineering equipment to accurately map the accident scene and produce drawings and animation related to the accident. The drawings and animation are then used to assist prosecutors and trial juries in understanding how an accident happened so they are better able to make accurate decisions.

In 2005, the unit investigated three fatal traffic accidents and responded to four serious injury vehicle accidents.

## Emergency Response Unit (ERU)

In 1978, the Bloomington Police Department initiated a unit that focused on tactical resolutions to incidents. This unit was first used to assist in the Pontiac Prison Riots. Assistant Chief Ed Moser is the only member of this original unit still employed by the Bloomington Police Department.



The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) -- comprised of officers from throughout the Bloomington Police Department -- is a part-time unit. All members have regular responsibilities and take time away from those duties to train and respond when the unit is activated. ERU has two teams. One is primarily an entry team. The second functions as a sniper/observer team. Some members are cross-trained and work in both venues. The majority of ERU activations are to support the Vice Unit in the service of search warrants. In those instances, the use of the sniper/observer provides important information to the entry team so that unit safety is enhanced when the target is reached. There were 20 ERU activations in 2005.



In midsummer, ERU members had the opportunity to attend the FBI SWAT school at the federal agency's facility near Chicago. The unit worked with the FBI and Chicago area SWAT officers in this week of intensive training. The school instructors were impressed with the professionalism and teamwork of the Bloomington Police unit. ERU members attend regular training oriented toward their team's specialty. The entry and sniper/observer teams also train together to enhance their skills.



ERU also trains with the Bloomington Police Crisis Response Team, U.S. Army National Guard, and other agencies. In the past year, members have worked with the FBI, Illinois State Police Task Force 6, U. S. Marshals Task Force, Bloomington Police Vice Unit, Normal Police Vice Unit, and Bloomington Police Criminal Investigation Division.



## Traffic Division



The primary function of the Traffic Division is to promote safe vehicular and pedestrian travel upon the streets and highways of our city. Officers of the Division attempt to gain voluntary compliance with city, state, and federal laws regulating traffic movement in order to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes. Methods range from public education to strict enforcement.

The Division began 2005 with a sergeant, a towing officer, and four radar / enforcement officers, one of whom also served more than half the time in a truck enforcement capacity. In April, two additional radar / enforcement officers were assigned to the Division, but illnesses and injuries limited their contributions during the remainder of the year. Another radar / enforcement officer was added to the Division in October, increasing the authorized strength to eight officers and a sergeant.



The sergeant supervises and directs the day-to-day operations of the Division. He also serves on the city government's Special Events Planning Committee, the Operation Cool Committee, the city's Safety Committee, and the Neighborhood Traffic Control Committee, and, accordingly, attends regular meetings of those groups. The Traffic Sergeant reviews all parking ticket appeals and determines whether an appeal will be granted. He assists the Administrative Lieutenant in managing the fleet of vehicles used by the Police Department, as well as the equipment (radios, mobile data computers, car video cameras, sirens, emergency lights, etc.) installed in those vehicles.



The towing officer is responsible for locating, identifying, and removing vehicles which are in violation of city ordinances. This includes inoperable, unregistered, abandoned, and nuisance vehicles. Of 1,628 vehicles towed by the Department in 2005, 479 of those resulted from action taken by the towing officer. He also disposes of unclaimed vehicles through monthly sales. The 491 unclaimed vehicles sold in 2005 generated \$50,634.63. Additionally, the towing officer inspects and certifies all taxis and taxi drivers operating in Bloomington-Normal.

In 2005, officers from the Traffic Division issued 6,106 uniform traffic tickets -- including 340 for speeding in a school zone -- 327 parking tickets, and 187 city ordinance violations.

## Traffic Division



Overweight truck enforcement continued to be a high priority in 2005. Two additional officers successfully completed the 40-hour truck enforcement class and were certified in the use of portable scales. One of the original officers trained in 2004 successfully completed advanced training in truck enforcement rules. Traffic officers certified in operating portable scales made contact with more than 900 truck drivers in 2005, resulting in the issuance of 78 overweight tickets. Those tickets carried fines totaling \$75,168. In addition, Traffic Division officers issued 45 tickets for safety violations, with fines totaling \$3,375. Proceeds from the fines are divided between the city and the state.



The Sergeant and four of the traffic officers have attended a comprehensive child safety seat inspection course and are certified as technicians. They conducted 18 child safety seat inspections at BPD, and many others while participating in events promoted by State Farm Insurance and the McLean County Safe Kid's Coalition. Traffic officers also investigated 43 reported school bus stop arm violations, resulting in 20 arrests for this violation.



The Division continued to target street intersections with high numbers of vehicle crashes by conducting fifteen Crash Reduction Details, usually in a joint effort with Illinois State Police. Those efforts resulted in 91 uniform traffic tickets issued for violations such as disobeying a traffic signal, speeding, and following too closely. 20 written warnings were also issued.

The ultimate goal of the Traffic Division is to reduce the number of deaths, injuries, and the amount of property damage caused by vehicle crashes attributable to violations of traffic laws and ordinances, or defects in roads. The entire department completed 2,673 traffic crash reports in 2005, a 5% reduction from the previous year. There were three traffic fatalities in Bloomington in 2005, one more than in the previous year. There were 394 crashes that involved injuries, about 5% fewer than in 2004.

## Traffic Division

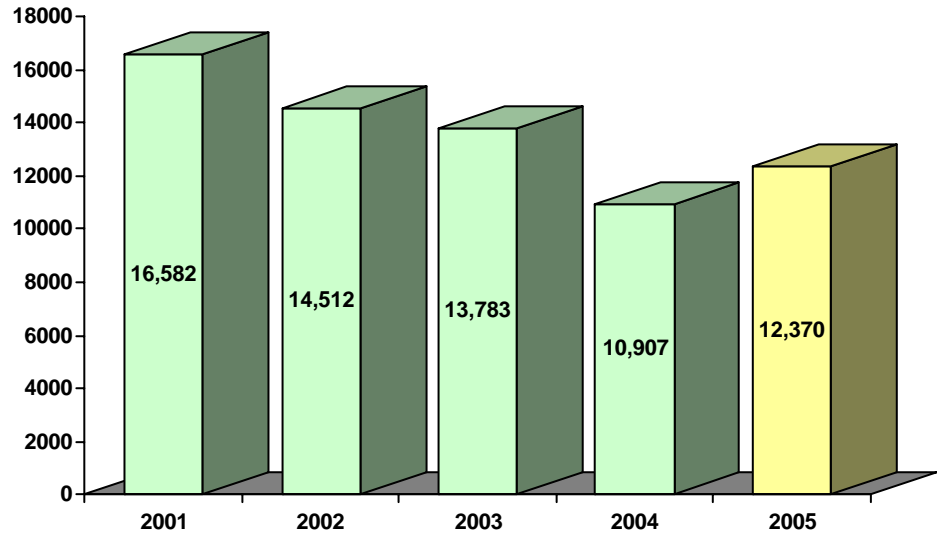


The Traffic Division attempts to gain voluntary compliance of traffic laws and ordinances by educating the public when possible. One method involves the placement of a speed trailer at locations that generate high numbers of speeding complaints or crashes in which speed is typically a factor. Traffic Officers also occasionally tape program interviews and public service announcements explaining new or changing laws on topics such as towing, seat belt and child safety seat use, school bus stop arm violations, and school speed zones.

Traffic Officers also direct traffic and/or monitor numerous parades, races, and other special events, such as the Jaycees Christmas Parade and the Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis. Officers from the Traffic Division have also assisted Illinois State Police with their seat belt enforcement programs, "Save our Students" and "Working to Save Lives". The Traffic Division completed fifteen Seat Belt Enforcement Zone Details, some in conjunction with ISP, in 2005. During those details, 162 uniform traffic tickets and four written warnings were issued to violators.

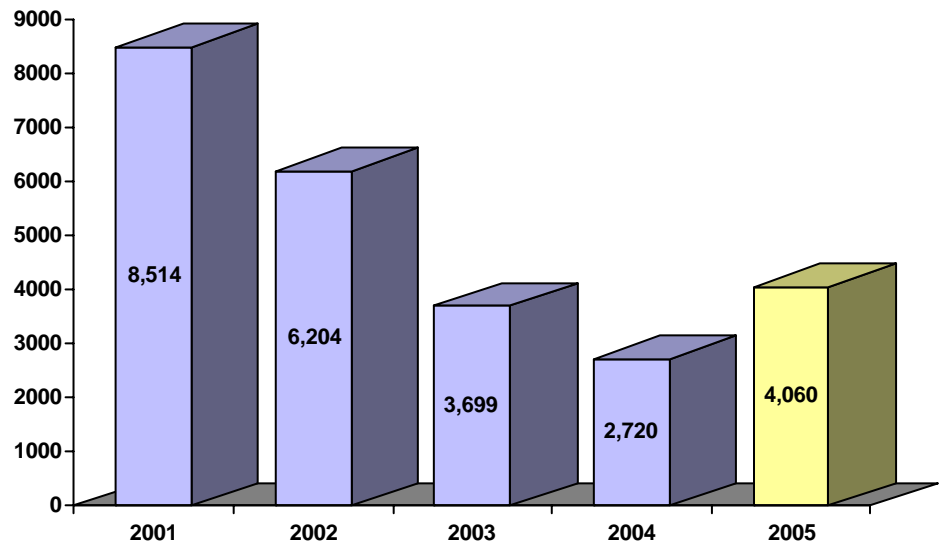
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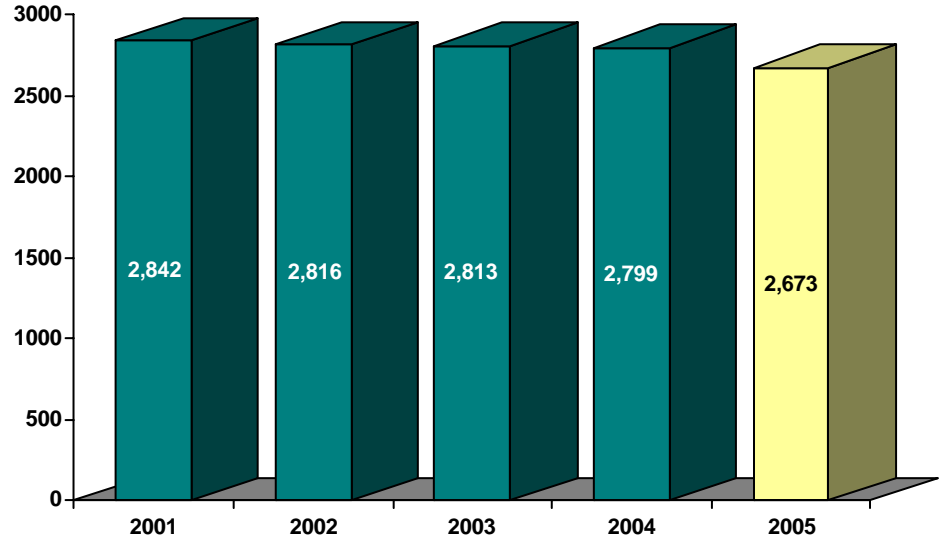
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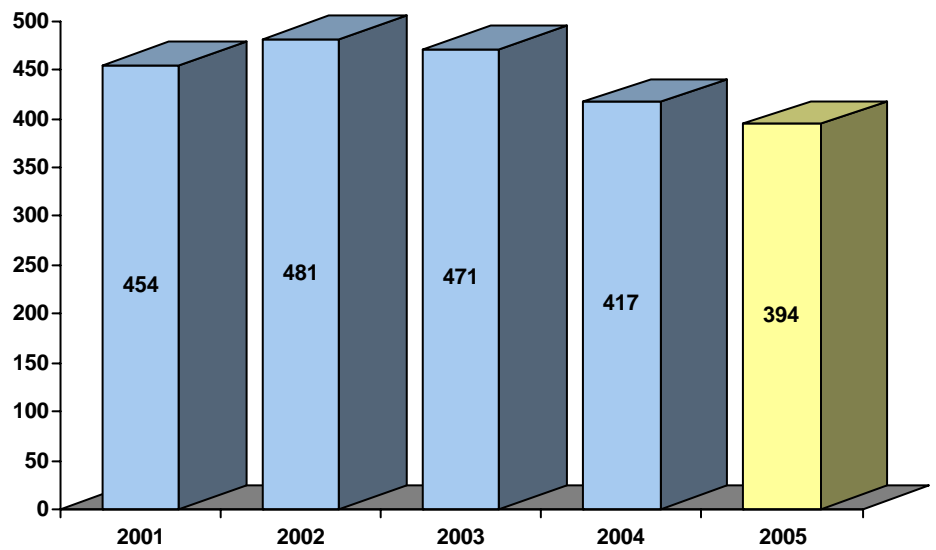
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## Great Lakes Regional Violent Fugitive Task Force

Created in 2002 for the purpose of arresting violent fugitives wanted on outstanding warrants, the Great Lakes Regional Violent Fugitive Task Force consists of Deputy United States Marshals from the U.S. Marshals Service and Special Deputy Marshals from the Bloomington Police Department, Normal Police Department, McLean County Sheriff's Police, Dewitt County Sheriff's Police and Illinois State University Police. The unit has access to resources of similar task forces throughout Illinois and the United States.

The Central District of the Great Lakes Regional Task Force had another productive year in 2005. 475 new cases were opened in the Central District. 391 of those cases resulted in custodial arrests. The Bloomington Police Department continues to demonstrate its commitment to the Great Lakes Regional Task Force by devoting two full-time officers to the organization. The Bloomington office, with the assistance of the Task Force member assigned by the McLean County Sheriff's Department, also made 69 local arrests on McLean County warrants. The Bloomington Marshals assisted on approximately 25 McLean County Sheriff's warrants.

### Task Force 6

2005 marked the 22nd year of multi-jurisdictional cooperation between the Bloomington Police Department and Illinois State Police Task Force 6.

Even after forming its own Vice Unit, the Bloomington Police Department continues to assign an inspector to the Task Force. TF6 operates in a three-county area and allows member agencies to share intelligence and other resources, resulting in more effective investigations.

Task Force 6 opened 175 cases in 2005. There were 126 arrests in 2005, compared to 164 the year before.

