



POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arland H. Rasmussen
Chief of Police

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

On behalf of the officers and staff of the West Fargo Police Department I proudly provide the 2009 year end report. We believe you will find this report interesting but even more importantly extremely useful in planning for the future.

2009 again was a GREAT year for your police department as we were fortunate to be able to promote two individuals within the department. Sgt. Duane Sall was promoted becoming our very first lieutenant within the police department. Gerald Boyer was then promoted to fill the sergeant position.

Assistant Chief Mike Reitan retired as Chief Master Sergeant with the 119th Civil Engineering Squadron of the ND Air National Guard after serving just under 33 years with the guard.

The flood of 2009 challenged us as we hosted a very large contingency of officers from several states as we became the emergency operations center for the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

Detective Derek Cruff was selected as 2009 West Fargo Police Department Employee of the year and Officer Earl Larson and Mr. Phil Roquette each retired after serving West Fargo a combined 70+ years.

National Night Out was re-named this year to Night to Unite but that did not change the opportunity for this event to be the largest ever, as thousands of people enjoyed a warm summer night at Elmwood Park.

Assistant Chief Reitan was able to obtain numerous grants, both large and small, enabling us to purchase additional equipment and add officers for 2010. Total state and federal funding amounted to \$494,305.00

In February the department began to produce weekly informational articles published by local media. On November 7 the Police Department provided security at the West Fargo High School for the Fargo Cass Public Health Immunization Clinic for H1N1. This event served as a test of the National Point of Distribution system. More than 850 immunizations were given out with no disturbances or disruptions noted.

An honor for Lt. Duane Sall, the West Fargo Police Department as well as the City of West Fargo was the fact that in December, Lt. Sall graduated from the 239th Session of the National FBI Academy at Quantico, VA. Lt. Sall's accomplishment means that your top three administrators here at WFPD are graduates of the National FBI Academy.

Throughout the year there were other numerous accomplishments by members of the department and we believe this reflects the quality of people not only in our department but in our community. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of West Fargo who have graciously allowed us to work in a community recognized nationally as one that is best to both live and work in.

We hope you find this yearend report both interesting and a valuable resource for helping you make wise decisions as you lead the City of West Fargo.

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West Fargo Police Department Organizational Chart

Population: Over 26,000
 City Employees: 102
 Police Employees: 44
 Sworn Officers: 35
 Civilian Staff: 9
 Police Department
 Volunteers: 7
 City Parks: 21
 Bike Trails: 16.5 miles
 Diversion: 12 miles



DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

of the WEST FARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Mission Statement

The West Fargo Police Department's mission is to provide quality service to the residents and guests of West Fargo, ensuring a safe community by protecting their constitutional rights in the most professional manner possible.

Administration

The Administration Department of the West Fargo Police Department consists of the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief, Lieutenant, Office Manager, and Administrative Secretaries, a Police Receptionist a Records/Crime Free Housing Coordinator, Support Service Officer, Police Chaplain, and Volunteers.



Photo: Chief Arland Rasmussen

Office Manager - Office Manager, Chris Sandeen's primary responsibility is for all financial matters concerning the Police Department. The Office Manager is essential in helping develop the budget each year. This position includes reviewing and processing purchase requests, and recommending modifications. The Office Manager also helps in reviewing reports to ensure compliance with departmental, state and federal guidelines.

Administrative Secretaries – Margy Larson and Nicole Nold are the Administrative Secretaries. Their primary responsibilities are typing dictations, digital reports, and interviews, preparing correspondence, proofreading, editing, filing, data entry and a host of other activities.

In 2009, the Administrative Secretaries typed 4,316 officer narratives. Each officer narrative will be at least one page to several pages per officer narrative.

Police Receptionist – Police Receptionist Marcy Overby's, primary duties include assisting with evidence data entry, police records and assisting the Crime Free Housing Coordinator with record checks. The receptionist also assists with the daily filing system, routing traffic reports, criminal reports and police department records to the appropriate agencies.

Police Records/Crime Free Housing – In 2009, Pam Cota served as the Police Records/Crime Free Housing Coordinator. Primary duties of the coordinator include determination of what information can be released from police records and Crime Free Housing record checks to rental property owners.

Support Service Officer - Support Services Officer Pete Nielsen's primary duties include police department training coordination, background investigations, equipment research, along with additional patrol duties.

Police Clerks - We have five Police Clerks who perform a variety of duties for the Police Department, they answer administration phone calls, take digital and ink fingerprints for Court and to the citizens of West Fargo as well as citizens from the surrounding area, manage the State teletype system, associate master names within the AS/400 law enforcement data base, merge master name files, enter cautions and warnings within our records system, maintain the Emergency Alert System for five counties, assist with Night to Unite, maintain parking tickets summons complaints, Child Safety Seat installations, front window assistance, issue bike and animal license, scan reports, enter warrants to include sending out notifications as well as make phone contact with those who have West Fargo warrants, assist with offender registrations and maintaining files, and much more.

The Police Clerk also keeps track of business alarms, vacation house watch requests, CodeRED, and works with Hamm Radio Operators during severe weather notifications during their scheduled shift. The above information is just a brief description of the duties the West Fargo Police Clerks are responsible for.

During the 2009 year Tracy Haugen, Brandie Dixon, Joanna Mack, Melanie Fjestad, Dana Eifert, as well as

Phil Roquette, who retired early in the year, served as West Fargo's Police Clerks.

Investigation Division



Photo: *Detective Sergeant Greg Warren (front)*
Sergeant Gary Bommersbach (back)

Sergeant of Investigations - The Detective Sergeant Greg Warren oversees the Investigation Division which includes three detectives, two school resource officers, two drug task force officers, juvenile officer and a D.A.R.E. officer. Other programs included under the Investigations Division are the D.A.R.E. program, Sexual Offender files and the Amber Alert Program. The Detective Sergeant receives help from Patrol in doing periodic checks on the offenders. Also, with the addition of the full time investigators position the Detective Sergeant will be doing less investigations and more administrative duties. The Detective Sergeant is also part of the Sexual Offender Containment Committee which meets monthly and is comprised of area law enforcement.

The Sexual Offender program involves not only investigations, but also the Police Clerks and Patrol. In 2009 it was decided that each officer would have at least one registered Offender assigned to them. The Police Clerks are very instrumental in keeping track of all offender updates that need to be done, along with helping in the registration of new offenders. This has helped greatly as we have been able to keep better track of the registered offenders in our city by having more periodic checks done on each offender.

Breakdown of Detective Sergeant Warren's Cases

Investigated Incidents	# of Cases
FRAUD	2
SEX CRIMES	1
ROBBERY	1
CHILD ABUSE	2
EMBEZZLEMENT	2
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2
SUICIDE/ ATTEMPT	1
HARASSMENT	2
SIMPLE ASSAULT	6
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	6
CHILD NEGLECT	3
STALKING	1
OTHER	1
TERRORIZINTG	2
UNATTENDED DEATH	1
RUNAWAY CHILD	2
TOTAL	35

2009 has again been a busy year in Investigations. As always, our work normally starts with patrol, with most of their initial reports ending up in Investigations for further follow up. The past year has been demanding with several lengthy investigations; involving financial crimes to sexual assaults, property crimes and internet investigations.

I would like to say that I am very pleased with how well the Police Department worked together in 2009. As a supervisor it is great to see the accomplishments of the officers each year. The unity and success that we have achieved is unprecedented. In closing, I would like to thank the West Fargo City Commission for their support in 2009. Having good communication is important. I can assure the City Commission that we will continue to strive for excellence in 2010. Thanks again and good luck on the challenges in our growing city in the upcoming year.

Greg Warren, Sergeant of Investigations

Detectives - Their primary responsibility is conducting investigations of felony and lengthy non-traffic criminal cases. There are four Detectives in Investigations; two of the positions are on a three year rotation and are filled by sworn officers who apply for the position as it opens. The full time Detective position was a great

addition to Investigations in 2007. The fourth position is the Detective Sergeant

Detective Derek Cruff, Detective Ken Zeeb, Detective Joe Birrenkott and Juvenile Officer Terry Styf have had full case loads throughout the year, and have worked well together whenever needed. The patrol division is also included in the team work aspect, and we are all very pleased with the work amongst patrol and investigations. There is always a concerted effort to find a positive end to each case. With that being said, not all investigations end in a positive result. It usually comes down to what evidence is developed throughout the investigation, witnesses, and the amount of cooperation that we get from the suspects involved. The investigations division follows up on all leads and makes sure that everything has been covered before closing a case. Thankfully, most of our high profile cases for 2009 had a successful conclusion. This again is mainly because of the work done by not only investigations but also the help from patrol, and the great working relationship with outside agencies. We are certainly blessed with how well the area city, state, and federal agencies assist one another, no matter what the incident may involve.

Training is another important part of investigations as new techniques in investigating crime is never ending. We need to stay on top of the changes to give our officers every opportunity to have a successful end to each investigation.

The new i-record system that was installed in the Police Department in 2009 was very much needed for audio and videotaping interviews of witnesses and suspects. The system is working very well, and is doing everything we expected and more. Lt. Duane Sall and Detective Derek Cruff spent a lot of time making sure the i-record system met all the goals that were expected.

Detective Derek Cruff is now in Investigations full time and that position was created in 2007. Detective Derek Cruff has progressed rapidly and is doing a great job. He works well with other agencies and strives to find the answers in each case investigated. Detective Cruff is tireless in his work, and there is no question that he loves investigating. It shows in his daily work ethic.

Detective Cruff has been in investigations for two years and has worked several lengthy cases. Cruff investigated 81 cases in 2009.

Investigated Incidents	# of Cases
ASSAULTS	2
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	10
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	9
BAD CHECKS	1
BURGLARY	5
CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLECT	2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	6
EMBEZZLEMENT	2
FORGERY	5
FRAUD	1
HARASSMENT	3
ILLEGAL USE OF CREDIT CARDS	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1
SWINDLE	1
ROBBERY	2
SEX CRIMES	3
SUICIDE	2
TERRORIZING	4
THEFT	11
THEFT BY DECEPTION	3
WARRANTS	1
STALKING	1
OTHER	1
Total	81

High profile Cases: Detective Derek Cruff

Hispanic Group Doing Business Burglaries: A couple of cases involved the national based Hispanic Group that were doing burglaries to businesses and stealing the business checks. This group would then enter banks cashing the checks using fake ID's. Detective Cruff worked this case with numerous other agencies before and after the suspects were taken into custody in Bismarck, ND. This case was then transferred over to the secret service for prosecution via Federal Court out of Bismarck. Six individuals were taken into custody from one of the operating cells in the Midwest.

Business Burglaries: Multiple burglaries were occurring up and down Main Ave after the first of the year in 2009. Detective Cruff had the opportunity to work with the Fargo Police Department and our officers to set up an operation that resulted from surveillance in February of 2009. Jeffrey Goodijohn was taken into custody

leading to an interview that involved his confession to 18 burglaries in Fargo, West Fargo and Richland County as well as the seizure of two vehicles and stolen tools. Mr. Goodijohn is currently serving a five year consecutive sentence to his first sentence and schedule for release in 2015.

Luring Cases: These luring and sex cases involved two 14 year old girls and the use of adult sex sites; to meet men for sex. Between the two girls, they have admitted to having sexual contact with over sixteen men. The case is currently still under investigation.

Internet Fraud: This case involves an internet fraud of over \$2200. The suspect was tracked to a town in Florida where he was interviewed by local law enforcement. The suspect stated that he had only done these transactions a few times as an internet based job for an overseas company. Detective Cruff subpoenaed the suspect's Western Union transactions for a one year period and found he had done over \$100,000 in wire frauds. Detective Cruff began working the case with Immigration and Customs Enforcement at that point as the money was being sent to Jamaica. The case is still under Investigation.

Embezzlement from Cheney Motors: Suspect in this case had been the book keeper for Cheney motors. The suspect had been wire transferring funds from business accounts to his personal account. A subpoena to his bank records also showed illegal credits to his debit card, forgeries of business checks, and altered bank records produced to Cheney Motors.



Photo: Detective Ken Zeeb

Detective Ken Zeeb is assigned to a three year rotation. Detective Zeeb has several years of experience in this field as he worked for the Bureau of Criminal

Investigation for several years. Detective Zeeb has also worked with the Drug Task Force conducting a wide range of investigations during that time. Detective Zeeb has very good interviewing skills and is very knowledgeable in case management and developing leads in the process of finding a positive ending to each case file that is assigned to him. Detective Zeeb works well with fellow employees and is always willing to assist outside agencies when asked. He has investigated 79 investigations for the year 2009.

Investigated Incidents	# of Case
ASSAULTS	4
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	4
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	8
BAD CHECKS	1
BURGLARY	4
CHILD ABUSE/ SEXUAL	7
CHILD NEGLECT	4
2	
CREDIT CARD FRAUD	3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	9
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
FORGERY	1
FRAUD	3
HARASSMENT	1
IDENTITY THEFT	1
OTHER OFFENSES	5
ROBBERY	1
SEX CRIMES	7
TERRORIZING	1
THEFTS	13
Menacing	1
TOTAL	79

High Profile Cases: Detective Ken Zeeb

Theft from WFFD: The West Fargo Fire Department had \$670 in cash stolen from its gaming site located at the Silver Dollar in West Fargo. Based on the video from the Silver Dollar, suspect was developed in the theft. The suspect after being confronted confessed to stealing the money and pled guilty. He was sentenced to 20 hours of community service and he was placed on 12 months of unsupervised probation. His sentence was deferred for 12 months. The suspect still had the \$670 and it was returned to the West Fargo Fire Department.

Burglary: Eric Bisimwa reported his apartment broken into and several items stolen including a PSP, games, speakers, and clothing. A search of the suspect’s residence turned up property stolen in this burglary and another burglary. The suspect confessed to this

burglary and another one. The cases were transferred to Juvenile court for prosecution.



Bank Robbery: Town and Country Credit Union was robbed by an armed suspect on August 3, 2009. Detective Zeeb and Detective Birrenkott worked on the investigation. Through the video surveillance and tips, a suspect was developed. The gun, a portion of the money stolen, items worn by the suspect during the robbery, and other items were seized from his girlfriend’s residence. The suspect was arrested and placed in the Cass County jail. The robbery charges were dismissed in State Court and the suspect was indicted in Federal Court. The suspect is currently in the Cass County Jail serving a sentence for probation violation. At the conclusion of that sentence, he will be tried in federal court for the bank robbery.

GSI/Sexual Assault/Delivery of Alcohol to a Minor: a 17 year old female was sexually assaulted while she was passed out. She awoke to the suspect, having sex with her. There are three other juvenile victims that the suspect sexually assaulted the same night at the same location. Prior to the assaults occurring, the suspect purchased alcohol for himself and the juveniles. The suspect is a sex offender. The suspect is currently on the run and there is a federal warrant out for his arrest on an unrelated matter.



Photo: Detective Birrenkott (left) and Detective Cruff (right)

Detective Joe Birrenkott started a three year rotation in investigations in September of 2007, his addition has been very helpful as he has many years of experience with the West Fargo Police Department and understands what is needed when investigating each incident. There are also new things to learn and he has shown an interest in those areas to further his investigative skills. Detective Birrenkott has fit in well and has been a good addition to the Investigations Division. He investigated 86 cases in 2009.

Investigated Incidents	# of Cases
ASSAULTS	3
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	6
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION	8
BURGLARY	10
CHILD ABUSE	5
CORRUPTION/SOLICITATION	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	9
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
EMBEZZLEMENT	1
FORGERY	6
IDENTITY THEFT	2
ILLEGAL USE OF CREDIT CARD	3
OTHER OFFENSES	6
ROBBERY	2
SEX CRIMES	1
TERRORIZING	2
THEFT	18
VIOLATION PROTECTION ORDER	1
TOTAL	86

High Profile Cases: Detective Joe Birrenkott

Burglaries of Businesses: An investigation into 4 burglaries led to charges filed against Travis Vigen, who later plead guilty. Mr. Vigen is currently incarcerated at the State Penitentiary in Bismarck on these and another burglary he committed in Fargo while on probation.

Stalking: An investigation led to the arrest of Jason Nelson. Besides following the victim around West Fargo (he had a previous Stalking conviction with the same victim) Mr. Nelson used various aliases on Facebook in order to contact the victim and harass, annoy, frighten the victim. Mr. Nelson is currently in the State Penitentiary in Bismarck after pleading guilty to the stalking charge.

Theft: Tool Warehouse was the victim of theft. The suspect was found on LEADS ONLINE, an online tool for Law Enforcement to search pawn shops, to be doing pawns in major cities throughout North Dakota. He was also using numerous addresses when doing these pawns. BCI Special Agent Duane Stanley was alerted about these activities and was able to find the above suspect here in West Fargo. This investigation led to the clearance of numerous cases throughout North Dakota. The suspect would go to tool/hardware stores and present a fake purchase order number for a contractor in that city. After obtaining the item the suspect would immediately go to a pawn shop and sell the item he had just obtained. An alert was sent out and the suspect was arrested in Mobridge, SD. It is believed he is currently incarcerated at the State Penitentiary in South Dakota. (Detective Birrenkott is most proud of his case, due to his hard work and persistence on follow up involving this case.)

Sexual Assault: The victim in this case was a 14-year old child. The suspect said he could not recall the incident and reported he is a sleep walker. Through the research of sleep walking defense an expert witness was located which specializes in such cases. The result is the suspect currently has been charged and is awaiting trial.

Juvenile Officer

Juvenile Officer, Terry Styf works with juveniles and parents of our community on a daily basis. The Juvenile Officer also works with school officials in regards to incidents that occur outside school campuses. The Juvenile Officer is involved with the Amber Alert Program and is a negotiator through the Red River Valley SWAT team. Styf investigated 82 cases in the year 2009.

Investigated Incidents	# of Cases
ASSAULTS	7
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	2
BURGLARY	4
CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLIGENCE	8
CONTRIBUTING & HARBORING	3
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	8
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1
DRUGS/ NARCOTICS	2
HARASSMENT	1

KIDNAPPING	1
ARSON	4
OTHER OFFENSES	1
ROBBERY	1
RUNAWAY	12
SEX CRIMES	2
TERRORIZING	5
THEFT	16
VANDALISM	3
DOMESTIC	1
TOTAL	82

High Profile Cases: Juvenile Officer Terry Styf

Robbery: Victim was robbed in her garage in April, 2009. There had been several thefts and car break-ins in the surrounding area in the same time frame with not many leads. After the robbery, much time was spent in that area by patrol and investigations. Information was received about possible suspects, after much follow up and interviews suspects were developed in the robbery and other break-ins and thefts. Suspect in robbery was interviewed, and the case went to the States Attorney's office. The case was declined as there was not enough evidence, through this investigation other break-ins were solved and the suspects were charged, eliminating further break-ins.



2009 Arson reports: There were approximately six reports of arson reported during the year. They varied from portable toilets, a utility trailer with construction equipment, garages at the Eagle Run apartments, a fire at the Runck buildings on 7th Avenue North and also a fire of apartment garages on 14th Avenue East. Most of the fires were the result of juveniles, and all the arson cases were solved except the fire on 14th Avenue East. Initial investigation by responding patrol officers helped greatly in tracking down the suspects in each incident. Also each fire involved different juvenile suspects.

2009 Child Exploitation cases/Abduction attempts: In April of 2009, 3 different case of this nature took place on or around school property.

Case #1: The subject approached two different groups of kids trying to sell the puppies. The drive was never located; the vehicle was from Lakeville, Minnesota. After school staff approached the driver they have not been seen again. Minnesota agencies have been contacted about this case.

Case #2: Involved a suspect following high school track girls and taking pictures of them and on one occasion he exited his vehicle and ran behind one girl until stopped by the track coach. The suspect was ID by school staff in photo lineups. The suspect denied any wrong doing in this matter, he was entered into MOCIC.

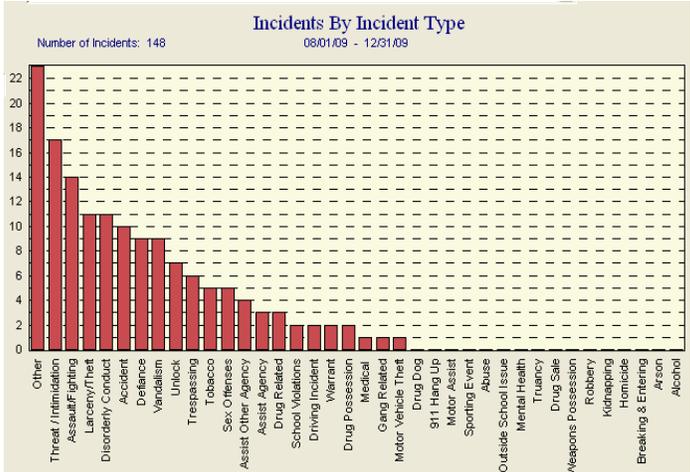
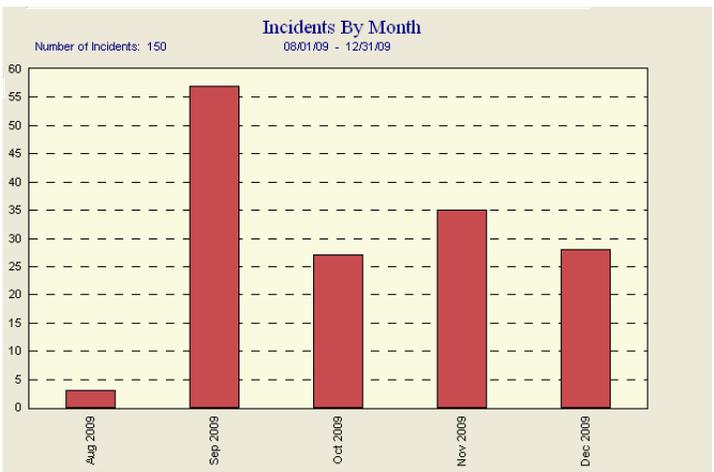
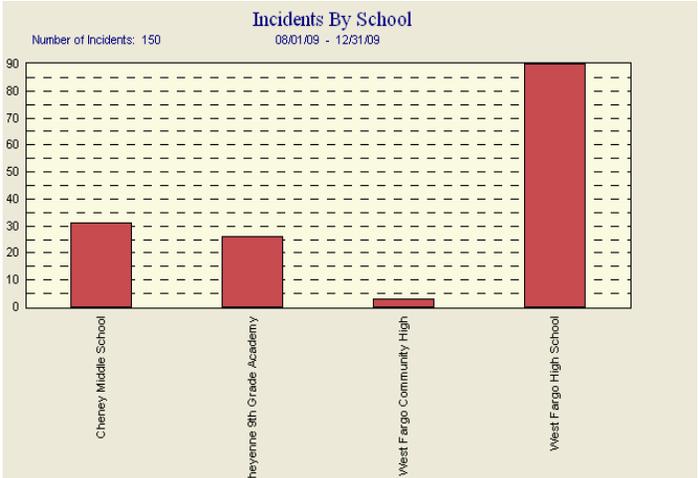
Case #3: Involved the victim being approached by a man who tried to get her into a vehicle near Berger school on her way home. Interviews of victim and her friends supported her story in this matter. The suspect is still unknown. Several other cases of this nature have been reported this past year, some of these cases have been resolve by stepped up patrol activities and assistance from school transportation staff. The West Fargo Schools have been very active in reporting these cases.



School Resource Officer - Another branch of investigations is the School Resource Officers, or more commonly known as the SRO's. Presently there are two West Fargo officers assigned to the schools, Officer Todd Pearson and Officer Jason Balvik. Both are on three year rotations with SRO Pearson being in his second year and SRO Balvik being in his first year. Their time is split between the West Fargo Schools with SRO Pearson handling calls between the High School and Community High. His office is at the High School. SRO Balvik handles calls at the Cheney Middle School and the Ninth Grade Academy, with his office at the Cheney Middle School. The SRO officers work closely with each administration, dealing with any and all safety issues, student problems, and other concerns that arise on a

daily basis. Since the School Resource Officer program was started it has become a very essential part of the West Fargo School system in maintaining a safe and orderly environment for the students and faculty. In checking with administration staff periodically at each above mentioned school, we get the same response- they cannot be happier with how the SRO program has helped to keep the schools safe. The West Fargo Police Department continually receives positive feedback on the SRO program with there being only one concern, and that is having a full time officer in the Ninth Grade Academy. Without question, the SRO program is having a positive effect, not only in the schools, but also within the West Fargo Police Department, as there is much better rapport with the students and the information that the officers receive is essential to the safety of students.

Fall of 2009 Stats



Narcotics - Narcotic investigations involves the Cass County Drug Task Force which is supervised by the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation. The task force is comprised of officers from several area departments including the Cass County Sheriff’s office, North Dakota State Parole and Probation, North Dakota State Crime Bureau, West Fargo Police Department, and the Cass County States’ Attorney’s office.

Presently, Officer Randy Burkhartsmeier from the West Fargo Police Department is on a three year rotation with the task force, He has been with them since August of 2009. Narcotics Officer Burkhartsmeier is still in the learning process which involves gathering intelligence, working with and managing informants, evidence gathering, surveillance, interviewing techniques, and case preparation. There is no question that investigating narcotics cases is some of the most demanding work, mainly because of the long hours and the type of people that have to be dealt with on a daily basis. Narcotics Officer Burkhartsmeier has been progressing well and the task force has been very busy with a rise in Meth labs and also the illegal use of prescription drugs. Without the Cass County Drug Task Force, fighting the drug trafficking in our area would be much more time consuming and difficult.

Comments for Narcotics Officer Burkhartsmeier:

I have been over here for a little under five months. In 2009, the task force did over 200 cases in Cass County. Just like on patrol, I keep seeing the same people over

and over again. One thing that surprised me is the amount of different people and agencies that we work with.

There have been some interesting cases going on. One is a case of a female in her early 20's. She got into some minor trouble that required her to pay a couple hundred dollars in court fines. Her boyfriend, who was involved in the meth selling business, introduced her to selling meth in order to make money to pay her court fines. She started using meth as well as selling it, and before long was wrapped up in the game. Her paranoia leads her to buy a gun and set up a security alarm outside of her apartment to notify her when someone was outside her door. By the time we arrested her, she was a mid level player in a major meth ring in the area, and is now looking at 10 years in federal prison due to carrying the gun while doing her dealing. In the debrief she admitted to everything and gave up a lot of information. She said that she just got caught up in the lifestyle, and before she knew it she couldn't get out.

Another case stems from the same ring that the previous female was involved in. A man in his mid 40's, with very little criminal history, kept coming up in conversation when we would debrief suspects. It was difficult to get any information on him because he was actually fairly careful at what he was doing. Eventually we were able to locate him, and when he was busted he had a pound of meth on him. When he was interviewed, he gave up information on how the whole operation worked. He explained how he and other people would get multiple pounds of meth from the head source, and how he would distribute it. When he was busted, he was already \$60,000 in debt to the source and would possibly be killed if he didn't get the source the money he owed them. This guy was arrested the beginning of November, and in the middle of December he plead guilty to all charges against him and was sentenced to life in federal prison.



The most concerning drugs in our area right now are meth and prescription drugs. Since a big part of this big meth ring has been taken down, there are already other players moving up and taking over higher roles in the ring. The dope they are dealing is being brought in from Mexico. There are also starting to be a lot more meth labs forming around our area again. These labs don't produce large quantities, but they are extremely dangerous. After going to lab school and learning how they operate, I realize how high the chances are for an explosion or toxic chemicals coming from these labs. A method we haven't seen yet, but that is very popular down south is the one pot method. This method involves mixing all the chemicals for a meth lab in one soda bottle. The failure rate for these one pot labs are over 50%. Most end in a fire due to the chemicals reacting inside the bottle and the bottle blowing up. When the bottle blows up, the solvents inside that are already on fire are exposed to oxygen causing a blow torch affect. Once this method reaches North Dakota, we can expect to see a lot more car fires.



Prescription drugs are also a huge problem. The scariest thing with prescription drugs is that we're seeing prescription abuse in the schools. We hardly see any meth in the schools, but prescriptions are very popular with high school kids.

Cocaine doesn't seem to be a big problem around here right now. It is around, but the reemergence of meth has slowed down cocaine a lot. We do have some crack cocaine. We're seeing this with the gang members coming from the Minneapolis and Chicago areas. A big crack case that was going between here and Bismarck was just dismantled, which reduced the crack around here by a lot. We're seeing a crack dealer here and there, but nothing organized.

Marijuana is still popular. We could do marijuana cases every day, and we would never run out of work. We're seeing a few people with large quantities, but we mostly get the smaller dealers. Marijuana dealers are the ones with the money though, so the potential is there to get a marijuana dealer with a large amount of cash. We're still trying for the BIG seizure though; we'll get it someday.

DARE Officer - The D.A.R.E. program is supervised by the Detective Sergeant. D.A.R.E. Officer Eric Wiinanen has been in charge of this program since 1997. Not only does the D.A.R.E. program help our young students learn the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse at an early age (which involves all 5th graders), it also is a win-win for the West Fargo Police Department as the students learn about police officers and what their duties are. It is about having good rapport and gaining the trust of these young adults which is important as these students move into the higher grades. D.A.R.E. Officer Wiinanen has put in countless hours improving this program. The Police Department has received positive feedback each year, from not only school administration and faculty but also many of the student's parents which are very evident with the large turnout for each D.A.R.E. graduation.



Dare Program - The primary responsibility is to teach young students about the harmful effects of drugs, decision making, and other life skills. The D.A.R.E. program is a drug education program taught in 75% of school districts nationwide. Topics include tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, methamphetamine, inhalants, prescription drug abuse, peer pressure, what a good friend is, ways to say no in situations, bullying, alcohol and tobacco advertising. The D.A.R.E. program also brings in high school students to answer questions as Role Models.

- The D.A.R.E. Program is taught by Officer Eric Wiinanen. Of the 395 fifth grade students taking D.A.R.E. this year, all but three successfully completed the program and attended their D.A.R.E. Graduation. The four well-attended graduation ceremonies averaged over 500 family and friends at each event.
- Highlights from essays written by the students:

Dylan H. says, "D.A.R.E. has been awesome! I wish I could do D.A.R.E. again next year. D.A.R.E. has really helped me prepare for the future so I can make wise choices about drugs. Now I know that drugs are bad and to never try them."

- Ava E. writes, "D.A.R.E. has taught me to not give in to the pressure of advertisements, friends, or the curiosity of alcohol and drugs that I could have in the future. There are a lot of bad choices that I could make that could affect my life. Without D.A.R.E. who knows what bad decision I could have made. THANKS D.A.R.E.!"
- JaeLyn L. says, "D.A.R.E. had an impact on me because out of curiosity I wondered what smoking tasted like, but now I don't want to try smoking."



Photo: Students in D.A.R.E. Class

- D.A.R.E. Officer Wiinanen continues to work with the fifth graders after school to produce an anti-drug Public Service Announcement (PSA) at each school. These PSAs have given a chance for the students to make the message their own. The students work hard on coming up with a topic and a creative way to get it across. These PSAs are aired on local television stations throughout the year. Topics this year include Underage Drinking, 400,000 Tobacco-Related Deaths, Getting Away from a Risky Situation, Peer Pressure, Telling a Trusted Adult about a Friend Using Inhalants, Making Good Choices, and Using Over-the-Counter Medicines Wisely.



- D.A.R.E. Camp 2009 gave 40 sixth and seventh graders a chance to reinforce what they learned in D.A.R.E. They received lessons on Personal Safety, Prescription and Over the Counter Drug Abuse, Methamphetamine, and other topics. Along with these lessons, special speakers were brought in to teach about tobacco abuse and bike safety. Many local businesses donated food for lunches each day.

Patrol Division



Photo: Patrol Officers at the Station

Patrol Officers respond to major and minor crimes and act as medical first responders. Requests for service range from something as simple as giving directions, to responding to assaults and major incidents that can result in serious injury and death.

The Patrol Sergeants have the same responsibilities as the patrol officers; however their additional duties are to supervise the day to day functions of the patrol division. They answer questions officers may have regarding

performance of their duties. They plan and prepare work schedules, respond to all serious incidents or accidents that occur during their shift, and make recommendations from the Officers as to training needs.

There are 19 full-time sworn Patrol Officers including 3 Patrol Sergeants.

Within the patrol division, the officers take on extra responsibilities other than their patrol duties, such as Alcohol Compliance, Bike Patrol, Citizens Police Academy, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Internet Safety, Internship Program, Ride-A-Long Program, SWAT, Negotiations, Bomb Squad, Tobacco Compliance, TRIAD, Child Passenger Seat Inspector/Installer, Truck Regulatory, Youth Academy and many other tasks.



Photo: Juvenile Officer/Bike Patrol Terry Styf

Bike Patrol - West Fargo Police has 4 officers to bike patrol that will be cross trained in their regular duties along with bike patrol. These officers serve primarily on a regular patrol shift or other duty such as Juvenile Officer or D.A.R.E. Officer, but are deployed as needed in a bike patrol function. Bike racks mount on the back of the squad cars. Officers are able to respond to calls across town, and still find time to patrol areas where needed with the bike. These officers will be utilized in various community events as well as special circumstance patrol details that may arise throughout the riding season.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) - The DRE Program and procedures were initially developed in the 1970s by traffic enforcement officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. This procedure trains selected officers to utilize a standardized twelve step evaluation procedure

to enable the officer to determine whether an individual is under the influence of drugs, and then to determine the type of drug causing the observable impairment. Importantly, the DRE Procedure enables the DRE to rule in (or out) many medical conditions, such as illness or injury, that may be contributing to the impairment. Although the primary focus of the DRE Procedure is driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement, the procedures have been applied to Health and Safety Code violations, probation, parole, drugs in the workplace issues, and other areas where accurately identifying the drug-impaired individual is relevant.

The DRE Officer is an officer who has had the required training to conduct certified evaluations on individuals under the influence of any drug. The primary objective of the DRE is to see if people are under the influence of drugs and can or cannot have the ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. The DRE program was designed to keep impaired drivers off the road but has also evolved into much more. We at the West Fargo Police Department have done evaluations to assist with investigations and have also been in the school systems to assist them with students who come to school under the influence. We have held training for school administrators and teachers on how to recognize individuals under the influence. Currently, Officer Williams, Dutton and Runcorn are the West Fargo Police Department three trained DRE Officers.

SWAT - The SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team of the Fargo-Moorhead area is comprised of the five local agencies: Fargo Police Department, Moorhead Police Department, West Fargo Police Department, Cass County and Clay County. Fargo Police Department makes up the majority of the team.

SWAT Training is set to take place twice a month for approximately 4-5 hours a session. During training, work is completed on specified tactics and tools at their disposal. The training sessions are run by team members themselves, who have received training in a certain field and pass that information on to the rest of the team.

SWAT Team members are on call at all times unless Specified "out of the box" this is established by informing team leaders that a member will be out of the area. The SWAT Team is used during high risk entries when serving narcotic search warrants, along with hostage rescue situations and barricaded subjects just to name a few examples. The SWAT Team relies on speed, strength in numbers, and a threat of violence to overwhelm adversaries to limit the amount of injury and casualties.

2009 Year In Review

RRV SWAT Tactical Unit and TEMS Unit

7 Callouts - 3 Barricaded Suspect/4 High Risk Warrants

- 09-01 Barricaded Suspect Involved in Shooting of an Officer Mahnomen MN Feb 18 (All 4 Units Deployed)
- 09-02 Barricaded Suspect with Shotgun – Suicide by Cop Risk Fargo ND March 12 (All 4 Units Deployed)
- 09-03 Barricaded Suspect Multiple Weapons – Terrorizing Fargo ND July 8 (All 4 Units Deployed)
- 09-04 High Risk Warrant – Narcotics Fargo ND July 16
- 09-05 High Risk Warrant – Moorhead Home Invasion Robbery Fargo ND November 17
- 09-06 High Risk Warrant – Moorhead Home Invasion Robbery Fargo ND November 19
- 09-07 High Risk Warrant – Moorhead Home Invasion Robbery Fargo ND November 19

Lenco BearCat Delivered Oct 2009 (purchase using a DES Grant Cost approx \$256,000) Tactical Intervention Vehicle

Tactical Unit Training Hours 166 hours (does not include public demos such as CPA, FPD Community Picnic, Night To Unite, etc). We have updated the training cycle for the Sniper Team as well as implemented more training time and equipment for Hostage Rescue and Covert Surveillance. We added additional equipment for the TEMS Unit and reorganized their training plan for 2010.

RRV SWAT Negotiations Unit

3 Callouts – See above 09-01, 09-02, 09-03

Acquired Bluetooth Cellular Interface – allows interface Between cell calls and Negotiation Unit Call Control Console

RRV SWAT Bomb Unit

17 Callouts

3 Full Team Callout with SWAT (see above)

4 Suspicious Items

9 Military Ordinances or Fireworks Disposal
(this included a WWII Rifle Launched Grenade in Lidgerwood ND)

1 Energetic Hazardous Material (Rural Cass)



Photo: Officer Shane Om (left) & Officer Tyler Williams (right)

Negotiations - The Crisis Negotiation Team is part of the Red River Valley SWAT Team and consists of ten members. It is a multi-agency team consisting of Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead Police Departments and the Cass County Sheriff's Department. Each member has four months out of the year where they are responsible to be on call; however we can be called out on our non call out months as well. The Crisis Negotiation Team is called out for various reasons including hostage incidents, barricaded subjects, kidnappings, suicide threats, emotionally disturbed people and any other situation to facilitate the safety of the community. We acquired a Bluetooth Cellular Interface which allows interface between cell calls and Negotiation Unit Call Control Console

Bomb Squad - The Red River Valley Regional Bomb Squad had a productive year in 2009. The Bomb Squad is composed of Cass County Sheriff's Office, Fargo Police Department, and the West Fargo Police Department employees. The Bomb Squad also had the use of a new robot which was delivered late in 2005. The robot not only gave us a safer approach to dealing with suspect devices but also assisted the SWAT Team on a number of occasions for surveillance purposes.

The Bomb Unit played host to the National Improvised Explosives Familiarization training at the Red River Valley fairgrounds. Over 37 Bomb Technicians from 9 agencies attended this world class FBI/Bomb Data Center 3 day training event.

Bomb Technician Officer Jason Anderson successfully completed Bomb Technician re-certification in 2009. Officer Tim Runcorn is currently working under an extension to his certification as he is scheduled for March, 2010 to recertify.

Truck Regulator - is within the Patrol Division and the primary duty is to monitor the truck routes and make sure that trucks are not varying from these routes. In addition, the officer is vigilant to ensure that trucks are not overweight or oversized. This is done by observing if the load is "heaped up" and by checking the number of axles on the truck to see what kind of load the truck is rated for. We also check to make sure that oversized loads have over width permits and are properly flagged. Any violations and trucks are weighed and operators are fined.

Officer Loberg is currently serving as West Fargo's Truck Regulator. He has held this position since June 2008.



Photo: Officers practice tactical skills

Volunteer Program - consists of seven volunteers, Earle 'Bud' Myers and Barnaby, Chaplain Vern Baardson, Ron Babb, Casey Baardson, "Whitey" Obert Fosse, Nicole Tanata, and Carl Glander. These individuals spend many hours of their time helping the West Fargo Police Department protect and serve the citizens of our community. Volunteers are used in a variety of ways including helping locate people who are wanted on warrants, are missing or that are possible witnesses to crimes. They help move out vehicles to and from garages for maintenance, deliver items to other city departments, fix broken equipment and oversee work release prisoners who do cleaning around the department. They help in the office area with filing, cleaning and stocking supplies. A strong volunteer program saves our community money by the services they provide at no expense to the Department.



Photo: Earle 'Bud' Myers and Barnaby

Police Chaplain - The Police Chaplain's responsibility is for the emotional well being of our officers as well as our community and the citizens we serve. Our Chaplain often rides with officers during their shifts and is always on call to support and assist both the officers and victims of trauma that we come in contact with. The Police Chaplain is a volunteer position, and he represents both the Police Department and the City in a most positive manner.



Photo: Police Chaplain Vern Baardson

Grant Funding and Programs

- The West Fargo Police Department was informed by North Dakota Department of Homeland Security that 2006 Homeland Security Grant dollars were available. The Police Department applied for and received \$20,000, the allowed maximum amount. The money was used to purchase an enclosed trailer; traffic cones (500); grabber cones (80); six foot barricades (26). The equipment will be used for traffic and crowd control during major events and emergency response. The equipment was first used during the spring flood event. It was later used during the H1N1 immunization clinic.
- The West Fargo Police Department was informed by the Department of Justice that the department had received a \$69,790 JAG Direct Assistance Grant. The money was used to purchase a 2010 Ford pick-up and to replace the existing radio tower. The existing tower was determined to be over loaded with the equipment currently in place. There was also a need for more space as West Fargo has been designated the back-up site for Red River Regional Dispatch. The pick-up will be used to pull the response trailer and during inclement weather. The pick-up was put to use within days of its receipt during the Christmas Blizzard.
- The West Fargo Police Department applied for and received a \$388,256 grant through the DOJ COPS Office COPS Hiring and Recovery Program. The grant will fund 100% of the salary and benefits for two officers over a period of three years. Both new officers will be assigned to patrol.
- The City of West Fargo Received a Department of Energy Grant. One project selected was to replace the garage doors at the police department. The existing doors were the original doors. All had sustained damage and were not energy efficient. The doors were identified some

time ago for replacement but the department had lacked the funding. The replacement cost was \$6030.

- North Dakota Department of Transportation funded several projects this past year:
- ND DOT provided \$1500 towards the purchase of a LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) traffic set. The unit uses a narrow light beam to determine a single vehicle's speed in congested traffic areas. The LIDAR unit was featured on WDAY TV.



- The department received funding to cover the costs of overtime salary and mileage during two seatbelt enforcement periods. The department received \$1688 during the May Mobilization and \$1541 during the October Click or Ticket. During the May Mobilization Interstate Monsanto paid for \$10 Stop N Go gift cards and \$5 Dairy Queen gift cards to be given to kids caught buckled up. During the Click or Ticket period officers also handed out music download cards provided by ND DOT.
- ND DOT paid out \$5500 dollars for overtime and mileage for DUI enforcement during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009. For FFY 2010 the department has been allocated \$6600.
- Total State and Federal Funding: \$494,305.00
- In February the department established a Seat Belt Enforcement Unit and a DUI Enforcement Unit. Patrol cars were marked with logos to bring notice to the department's emphasis on traffic safety. The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute of NDSU conducted

traffic studies and noted an increased compliance of seat belt use between inception of the program and the three months after.

- In February the department began to produce weekly informational articles to be published by the local media. The articles have appeared most weeks in the Pioneer. The articles have also appeared in other area publications and prompted radio and television news stories.
- In March a City of West Fargo Safety Committee was formed to develop and implement a formal safety program for all City departments. The Safety Committee enrolled in four programs through Workforce Safety and Insurance. By successfully implementing all four programs the City would have been eligible for up to a twenty-five percent discount on the WSI policy premium. In December the City was notified we had satisfied requirement for three of the programs and would receive a twenty percent discount.
- On November 7 the Police Department provided security at the West Fargo High School for the Fargo Cass Public Health Immunization Clinic. This event served as a test of the National Point of Distribution system. More than 850 immunizations were given out. No disturbances or disruptions to operations were noted during the event.
- In December the West Fargo Police Department joined the ND Attorney General's Pharmaceutical Diversion Prevention Program. The program is a pilot program currently being conducted in Fargo, Bismarck, Grand Forks, Minot and West Fargo. Collection boxes are located at area law enforcement centers. The Public is encouraged to turn-in unused or expired medication. The medication will be collected by the ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) for disposal. The goal of the program is to reduce the misuse and abuse of pharmaceuticals.



Photo: Officer Ryan O'Donnell

Code Red - CodeRED is a successful public notification tool to use during an incident. CodeRED was utilized during the 2009 Flood to alert residences of threatening conditions. CodeRED alerts residents of an incident and where shelters are located.



Crime Free Housing Program - In an effort to better serve property owners and their tenants, the West Fargo Police Department has developed and implemented the West Fargo Police Department Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. The purpose of this program is to emphasize cooperation among owners, landlords, tenants, and law enforcement agencies in order to help neighborhoods fight illegal activity. The program consists of three main components.

Phase I: A Landlord Training Program: an eight hour training course that discusses how to keep illegal activity out of rental property.

Phase II: Notification of certain types of police activity that occurs on rental properties.

Phase III: Free local criminal background checks on prospective tenants to property owners registered in the Crime Free Housing program.

In 2009, the West Fargo Police Department Crime Free Multi-Housing program conducted two 8 hour training sessions for local housing authorities.

Some of the benefits of this program include a stable, more satisfied tenant base, improved personal safety for tenants, landlords, and

managers, and peace of mind allowing management to spend more time on routine management issues and less time on actual crisis control.

Checks Conducted by Crime Free Housing in 2009

Quarterly Totals	
January	400
February	432
March	351
Total	1183

Quarterly Totals	
April	543
May	592
June	535
Total	1670

Quarterly Totals	
July	468
August	358
September	330
Total	1156

Quarterly Totals	
October	284
November	208
December	250
Total	742

CRIME FREE HOUSING TOTAL 4,751



Night to Unite (formerly National Night Out) is the first Tuesday of August each year. This is a huge event for the City of West Fargo and is very successful. The Police Clerks and Office Staff are responsible for coordinating the Night to Unite event.



Amber Alert Program – AMBER stands for America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response. The Amber Alert Plan is an emergency alerting system available for use by law enforcement to alert the public when a child has been abducted and the police believe the child is in imminent danger of bodily harm. The goal of the Amber Plan is to generate maximum public participation to aid in recovering children in the most serious abduction situations. This will be accomplished by providing timely information to assist in the location of the child or to coerce the kidnapper to release the child for fear of apprehension or detection. The program activation criteria are as follows. The abduction must involve a child 17 years of age or younger, confirmation by law enforcement of a stranger or family abduction in which the child is believed to be in grave danger of serious bodily harm or death, and enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect’s vehicle to believe an immediately broadcast alert will help. There are many steps and procedures for the officers and dispatchers involved and the Amber Alert Team is called in along with other local agencies to assist in the Amber Alert.

Alcohol Compliance - Alcohol compliance checks were established to prevent youth access to alcohol and underage drinking. The checks are conducted four times a year at all establishments selling alcohol. The compliance checks are done in conjunction with the Safe Communities Coalition of the Red River Valley and other local law enforcement. The alcohol compliance checks consist of a volunteer of 18 to 20 years old and a law enforcement officer entering a liquor establishment. The minor will then try to purchase alcohol. If the establishment passes, they will receive a letter explaining that they were tested and thanking them for doing a good job. The establishments that fail will be talked to at the time of the compliance check and may be cited and have a report sent to the city prosecutor for consideration of charges.

In West Fargo 20 have on-sale provisions and 6 off-sale.

There were 88 liquor establishments’ checks with 81 of them passing and four establishments’ failing in 2009.



Tobacco Compliance - Tobacco compliance checks were established to prevent youth access to tobacco and help prevent underage smoking. The compliance checks are done in conjunction with Cass Public Health and local area law enforcement agencies. The tobacco compliance checks consist of a volunteer juvenile under the age of 18 entering an establishment and attempting to purchase tobacco. If the establishment passes the compliance check, they will receive a letter explaining that they were tested and thanking them for doing a good job. If the establishment fails, they are talked to at the time of the compliance check and notified that they may be cited and a report will be sent to the city prosecutor for consideration of charges.

Tobacco Compliance checks were conducted on two occasions in the City of West Fargo during the calendar year of 2009. The first check was conducted on February 23rd. Twelve businesses were checked with all passing. The second check was conducted on August 17. Nine businesses passed and two failed. It was the first fail in a twelve month period for both businesses. Each clerk was cited into West Fargo Municipal Court.

West Fargo currently has eleven businesses that sell tobacco products (but not alcohol) and are checked for compliance. Those businesses are:

- SunWest BP**, 950 13th Avenue East
- West Fargo Truck Stop**, 1021 Main Avenue West
- Eagle Run Crossing**, 3210 Sheyenne Street
- Dan’s West**, 413 Main Avenue West
- Cenex Conv. Store**, 239 Main Avenue West
- Soooper Stop**, 620 Sheyenne Street
- RJ’s Conoco**, 2006 County Road 17
- SunMart Store**, 1100 13th Avenue East
- Stop N Go**, 524 Sheyenne Street
- Stop N Go**, 901 Main Avenue East
- Tobacco City**, 901 Main Avenue East



Internet Safety is taught with the help of I-Safe Inc. It was founded in 1998 and is federally funded. This is taught by the middle school educators in West Fargo.

Officer Jorgensen and Officer Wiinanen teach children how to be safe in the cyber community as well as their own community. We teach them the dangers of revealing too much information about themselves to strangers online, how internet predators “groom” their victims, the importance of having a screen name that does not reveal too much information about them and how to report suspicious activity that happens on line. Periodically Internet Safety talks with youth groups, parents of our community, churches, youth organizations and other school districts within North Dakota area conducted. It’s very important the people understand that the internet luring ***can and does*** happen in our State.

Internship Program - The West Fargo Police Department offers an internship program allowing college and university to learn not just the theory of law enforcement but see firsthand the actual workings of a police department. Throughout the years we have had students join us from all the local universities and some technical colleges. The program is run by Officer Hanson as an additional assignment. Students are encouraged to spend entire shifts riding and working with officers. They are required to spend specific amounts of time in each area of the police department including administration, clerical, communications, patrol and investigations.

West Fargo Police Department had three individuals participate in the internship program in 2009.

Steven Stockdale completed 142 hours during his time at the police department. Josh Corneliussen completed 138 hours and Nathan Potter completed 96 hours.



Photo: Officers test out their driving abilities

Ride-A-Long - The West Fargo Police Ride-a-long Program allows our citizens and/or people thinking about a career in law enforcement to see firsthand the events that actually take place in our community. The events are not staged, they can be mild to wild, and part of the excitement is you never know what is going to occur next. Riders are often amazed at the equipment and knowledge each officer must have to perform their duties. This program has helped people understand why police do what they do during traffic stops or ask the questions they ask. It provides a great opportunity for both the rider as well as the officer to learn from each other, be better communicators and have a much better understanding of each other needs. Officer Hanson also coordinates the Ride-A-Long program.

In 2009, we had numerous ride-a-longs and a few job shadows.



Photo: Officer Miles Orth



Youth Academy – is a program designed to increase the understanding of law enforcement through hands on training. In addition to specialized classroom training, students are exposed to patrol duties with police department officers. Officer Johnson is the Youth Academy advisor, he coordinates the classes. This program is open primarily to students at the West Fargo High School ranging from freshman to senior grades. This program gives students a better understanding of the West Fargo Police Department operations and the day to day responsibilities and duties that officers are tasked with. This program also promotes better community awareness and a rapport with students in the schools.

In 2009-2010 (class #5) there are 10 students. They also meet 14 times a school year for 3 hours. Classes consist of police department tour, jail tour, fire hall tour, classes in firearms and narcotics as well as ride-a-longs. This class will also be the first to spend the day up at central dispatch, learning the behind the scenes of police work.



Citizen's Police Academy - Ten years ago the West Fargo Police Department took on the challenge of developing a program that would open the doors of the Police Department to the citizens they serve. The vision was to educate the citizens about the police department's day to day operations, their responsibilities within the community and the many different tasks they are challenged with on a daily basis. This program is meant to not only to be informative but a fun learning experience.

This program, offered in both the spring and fall is free to the public. It's designed to increase the understanding between the citizens and the police through both lectures and hands on training sessions. During this unique 12 week program, citizens are introduced to many different police topics such as: investigations, registered offenders in our community, SWAT and Bomb teams, DUI's, traffic stops, drug enforcement, firearms, the Cass County jail, defensive tactics, ride-a-longs and much more.



TRIAD - is a group of Law Enforcement Officers from all local agencies, AARP, Medicare, various funeral homes, F-M Ambulance, attorneys, Senior Citizens, and other various government and private agencies that meet once per month to discuss various issues relating to Senior Citizens.

TRIAD's "Coffee with a Cop" meets every third Thursday at Sheyenne Crossing at 2:30 pm for 2-3 hours. The location for "Coffee with a Cop" needed to be changed in 2010 to Sheyenne Crossing in order to bring the speakers closer to attendees that would otherwise not be able to attend the program. There are guest speakers, law enforcement personnel, and social service groups. Topics are chosen by the members of the group to be discussed to include SWAT, FM Ambulance, CPR/AED, DARE, Judge Ralph Erickson, Swindles/Scams, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Cass County Jail and AARP. There are approximately 15 people per month with sometimes larger groups of 25-30 who attend "Coffee with a Cop".

The TRIAD Board does meet once a month to cover larger seminars that are held around the Fargo-Moorhead area. TRIAD is a national organization that puts seniors and law enforcement and other social service groups together to benefit our local senior citizens community.

2009 Measurers (Overall Department Statistics)

2009 Statistics	2007	2008	2009
Number of Citizen Complaints Officially Filed	9	7	7(6 unfounded)
Average Response Time to Call	Unavailable	Unavailable (will be 2010)	Unavailable until later 2010
Average Training Hours per Month for sworn officers	N/A	N/A	209.75
Average Training Hours per Sworn Officer	80	98	76.27
Calls for Service	14,218	11,075	11,533
Reports Completed and Filed	2,744	2,530	2,664
Number of Citations	4,317	3,290	3,614
Number of Accidents	547	533	629
Hours Paid	47,976	54,505.20	59,328.9
Investigations Cases	628	787	363*
Items of Evidence Catalogued	2,114	Unavailable	672
Percent of Cases Cleared	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Hours Paid	9,324	13,082.40	10,563.30

*This does not reflect the number of cases investigated by WFPD SROs like previous years.

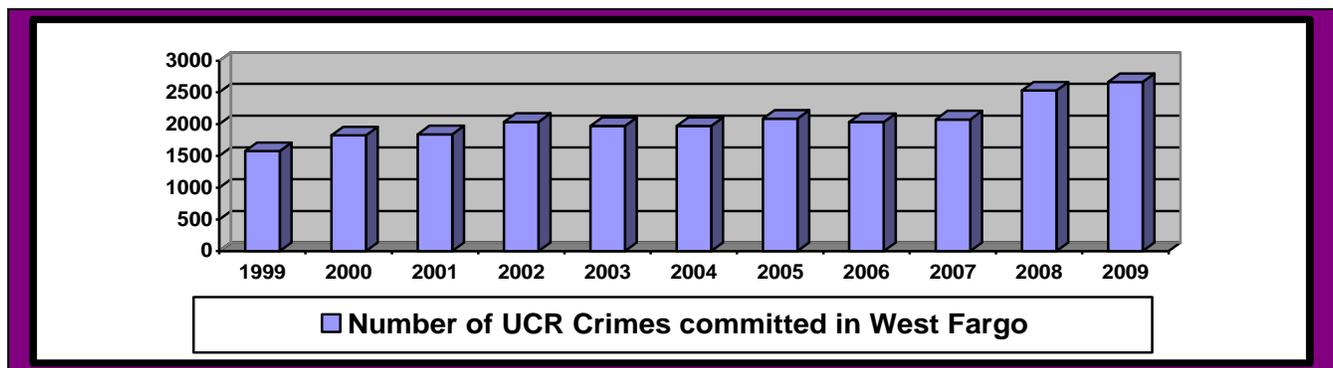


Photo: Officer Tyler Williams on a traffic stop

WEST FARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ELEVEN - YEAR UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING STATISTIC COMPARISON

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system is a nationwide statistical program which is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to monitor and track the 22 Group A Offenses including violent crimes such as Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Murder, Rape, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, and Arson along with the other less violent crimes. Also tracked are the 11 Group B Crimes.

Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
"Part I Crimes"											
Aggravated Assault	3	6	6	13	14	15	17	11	18	28	40
Burglary	55	65	50	62	53	78	73	84	100	125	176
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	256	306	328	396	350	401	376	336	357	390	348
Auto Theft	27	26	35	30	36	38	32	30	56	33	21
Robbery	0	2	0	3	4	2	4	1	4	3	5
Rape	1	0	7	5	4	5	10	6	5	13	11
Part II Crimes-A											
Arson	2	2	12	5	5	3	0	3	2	1	5
Assault – Others	150	169	154	185	182	160	194	223	291	228	204
Counterfeit/Forgery	29	28	39	25	28	33	27	14	20	19	29
Vandalism	187	282	226	374	270	232	250	270	343	246	252
Drug Violations	159	181	215	228	215	241	217	186	139	102	116
Embezzlement	1	2	2	2	6	2	3	4	2	4	3
Fraud Offenses	26	30	29	27	35	29	40	55	96	78	85
Gambling Offenses	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Other	16	22	17	23	21	23	18	26	35	27	12
Stolen Property Offenses	9	8	14	17	14	24	10	13	19	16	20
Weapons Violations	11	7	11	5	10	7	15	14	10	15	15
Part II Crime/ B											
Curfew Violations	19	17	16	12	15	24	38	25	17	7	15
Disorderly Conduct	73	41	45	50	73	45	53	74	64	60	60
Driving under the Influence	198	242	250	220	215	214	257	232	155	179	162
Family Offenses	55	47	35	45	54	38	39	42	43	33	31
Liquor Law Violations	89	109	135	116	147	114	144	126	108	101	104
Runaway	40	48	57	43	38	35	46	39	34	35	25
All Other Offenses	167	183	158	151	183	203	223	219	157	787	925
TOTAL	1575	1823	1841	2037	1974	1972	2086	2035	2075	2530	2664

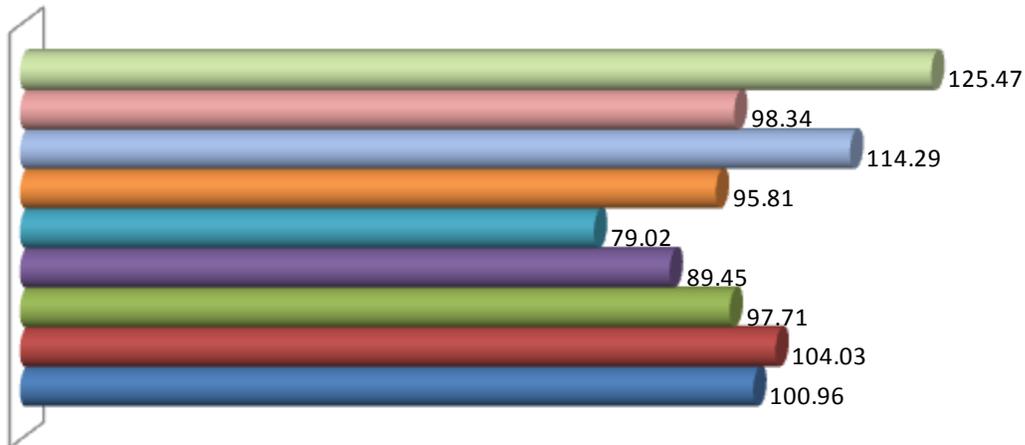


Warrant Summary - 2009

Month	Issued	Cleared	% Cleared	WFPD	Other
January	46	30	65.22%	16	14
February	24	32	133.33%	15	17
March	18	14	77.8%	9	5
April	21	30	142.86%	13	17
May	14	21	150.00%	11	10
June	35	30	85.71%	17	12
July	24	31	129.17%	26	5
August	25	36	144.00%	19	17
September	27	33	122.22%	22	11
October	29	15	51.72%	7	8
November	33	28	84.85%	18	10
December	18	17	94.44%	10	7
Year to Date	314	317	100.96%	183	133

Percentage of Warrants Cleared for 2001-2009

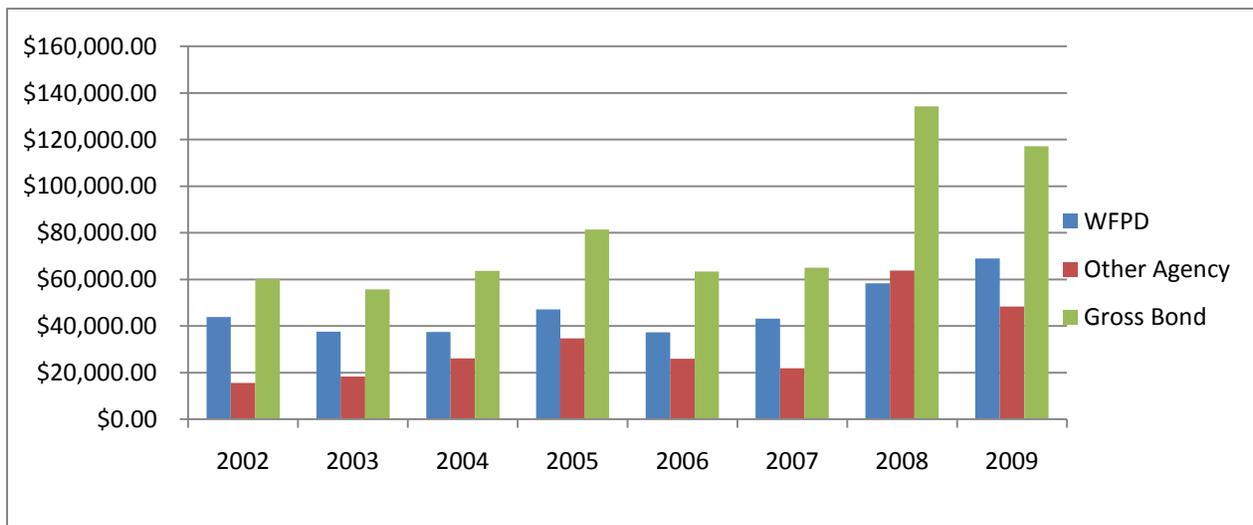
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Gross Bond Amounts of Warrants Cleared

Month	Gross Bond	WFPD	Other Agency
January	\$9,675.00	\$5,030.00	\$4,645.00
February	\$11,650.00	\$5,345.00	\$6,305.00
March	\$3,770.00	\$2,465.00	\$1,305.00
April	\$9,565.00	\$4,255.00	\$5,310.00
May	\$5,524.00	\$3,039.00	\$2,485.00
June	\$10,635.00	\$6,023.00	\$4,612.00
July	\$13,215.00	\$11,215.00	\$2,000.00
August	\$13,325.00	\$6,870.00	\$6,455.00
September	\$14,461.00	\$9,657.00	\$4,804.00
October	\$6,005.00	\$2,015.00	\$3,990.00
November	\$11,307.00	\$7,232.00	\$4,075.00
December	\$8,092.88	\$5,773.88	\$2,319.00
Year to Date	\$117,224.88	\$68,919.88	\$48,305.00

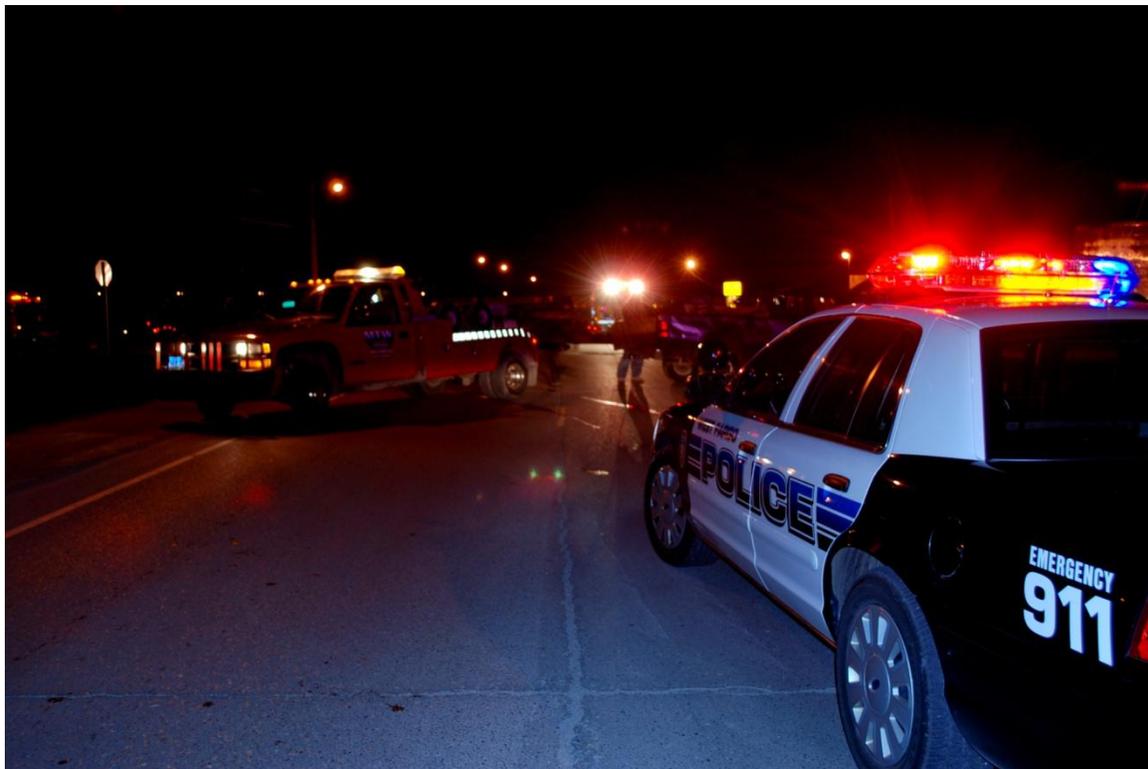
Gross Bond Amounts Collected Over A 7 Year Period



TRAFFIC CRASH SUMMARY

State Reportable Crashes in North Dakota are those accidents which are defined by one or more of the following criteria: Property damage in excess of \$1,000, any sustained injury or the issuance of a citation relating to the accident. All other accidents which do not meet these criteria are considered as a Non-Reportable Accident.

11 Year Total	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	296	313	297	340	338	363	452	440	547	537	629



ARREST STATS

Offense	Juvenile Arrests	Adult Arrests
Aggravated Assault	5	18
Simple Assault	57	94
Intimidation	0	2
Terrorizing	2	4
Arson	3	0
Burglary	3	21
Larceny/Theft	29	13
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauthorized Use	3	5
Robbery	0	1
Sexual Offenses	1	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	0	0
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	19	2
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	33	73
Drug Paraphernalia	11	31
Embezzlement	0	1
Fraud Offenses	0	7
Stolen Property Offenses	7	2
Weapons Law Offenses	1	4
Curfew Violations	23	0
Disorderly Conduct	22	15
Driving Under the Influence	1	147
Minor in Possession/Consumption	33	104
Runaway	6	0
Hit and Run Accidents	1	10
Warrants-Other Agency	3	91
All other Offenses	88	403

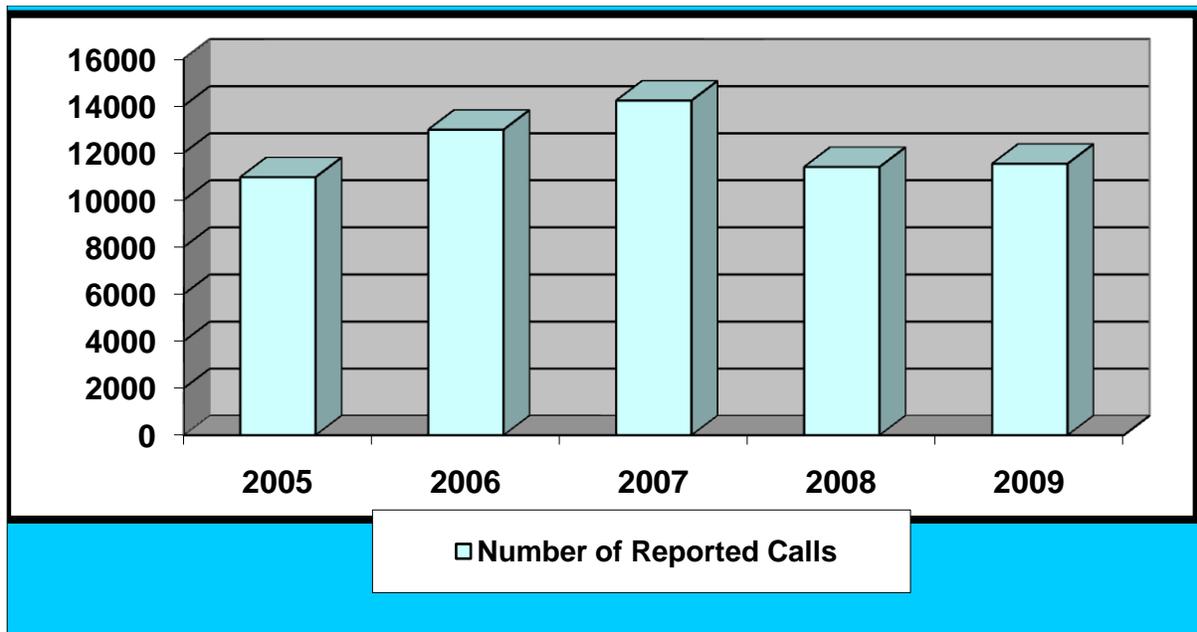
TOTAL ARRESTS

MONTH	JUVENILE	ADULT	TOTAL
January	22	99	121
February	17	68	85
March	21	76	97
April	36	81	117
May	58	80	138
June	30	104	134
July	22	105	127
August	30	77	107
September	41	89	130
October	16	88	104
November	34	96	130
December	18	86	104
TOTALS	345	1,049	1,394

REPORTED CALLS (CFS)

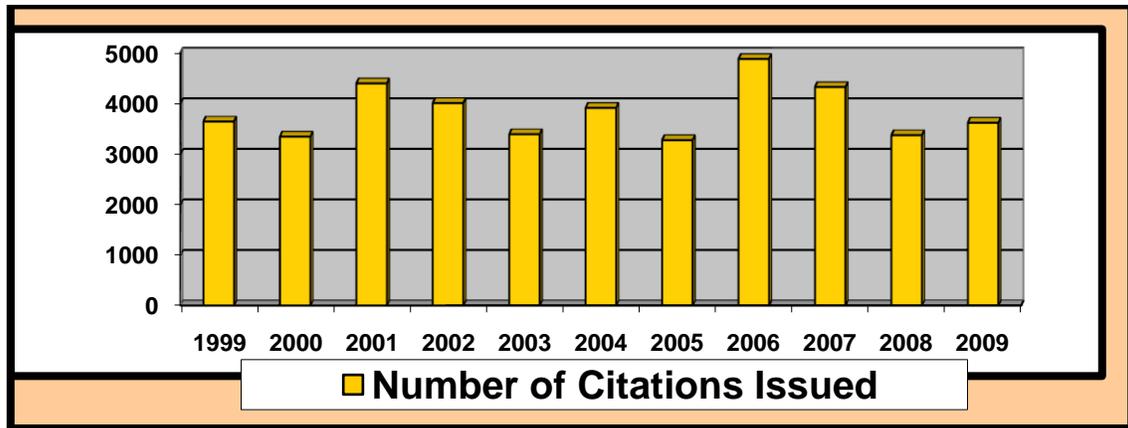
Reported calls are the calls for services that either come in on 911, by regular administration lines, or officer initiated calls. Over the past five years, 2005 to 2009, the number of reported calls has increased yearly. Out of the (11,533) reported calls only (2,664) reports were actually taken. Most of the other calls consisted of non-reportable, non-criminal calls such as unlocks, medical emergencies, civil matters, or were informational reports only. Out of the (2,664) reports done this year, there were (1,394) total arrests, to include adults and juvenile arrests.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of Reported Calls	10,959	12,980	14,218	11,396	11,533



CITATION & PARKING TICKET SUMMARY

Citation	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
DUI/APC	185	241	239	215	202	199	233	238	150	165	153
DUS/DUR	256	289	256	320	227	281	280	363	254	144	208
Open Container	12	8	25	16	20	34	36	13	22	18	21
MIC/MIP	96	149	170	143	163	102	120	111	127	88	127
Speeding	789	700	1200	1018	801	888	536	1210	1194	830	1062
No Liability Insurance	112	107	174	228	164	226	254	253	152	104	96
Seatbelt Violation	40	195	356	225	85	146	44	148	110	80	131
Child Restraint	28	29	49	33	30	24	31	66	26	37	45
Poss. of Marijuana	21	26	28	33	31	28	35	48	27	17	24
All Other	1949	1462	1689	1604	1509	1830	1570	2208	2213	1710	1747
TOTALS	3635	3339	4390	4001	3384	3907	3267	4873	4317	3365	3614



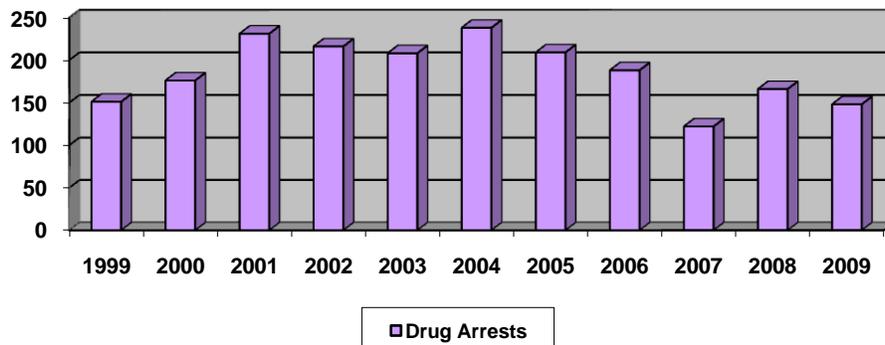
PARKING TICKETS			
Parking Tickets Issued	2007	2008	2009
	667 Total	432 Total	566 Total

DRUG SUMMARY

2009 Drug Arrests

Possession of Marijuana	61
Possession while Driver of Vehicle	22
Possession of Methamphetamine	5
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	42
Possession of Cocaine	0
Possession of Other Narcotic	18
TOTAL ARRESTS	148

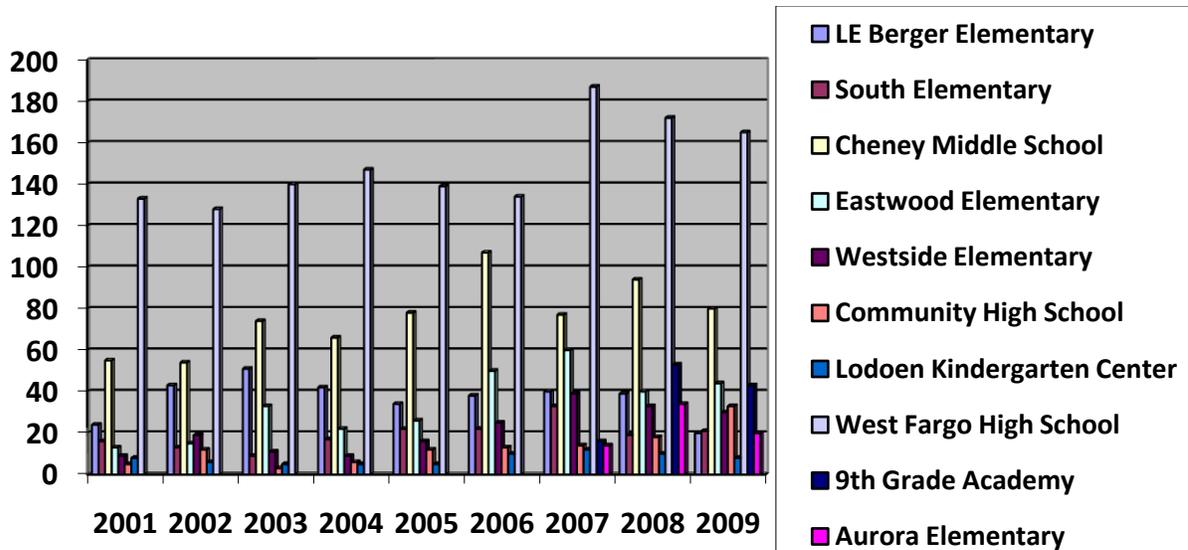
Comparison of Drug/Narcotic Arrests for 1999 - 2009



POLICE RUNS TO WEST FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The West Fargo Police Department makes runs to the West Fargo Public Schools on various calls ranging from unruly juveniles, truancy calls, to vandalisms and disorderly conducts or simple assaults. The School Resource Officer will handle the calls at the High School and Cheney Middle school but will sometimes call an officer to the school in order to transport the juvenile to detention or attendant care if needed. The elementary schools are handled by patrol officers as needed.

School	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
LE Berger Elementary	24	43	51	42	34	38	40	39	20
South Elementary	16	13	9	17	22	22	33	19	21
Cheney Middle School	55	54	74	66	78	107	77	94	80
Eastwood Elementary	13	15	33	22	26	50	60	40	44
Westside Elementary	9	19	11	9	16	25	39	33	30
Community High School	5	12	3	6	12	13	14	18	33
Lodoen Kindergarten Center	8	6	5	5	5	10	12	10	8
West Fargo High School	133	128	140	147	139	134	187	172	165
9 th Grade Academy							16	53	43
Aurora Elementary							14	34	20



Secretarial Stats

Month	Margy 1-1-09 to 12-31-09			Nicole 1-1-09 to 12-31-09			Total		
	Initial	Supp.	Total	Initial	Supp.	Total	Initial	Supp.	Total
January	83	72	155	102	66	168	185	138	323
February	82	72	154	103	68	171	185	140	325
March	106	86	192	83	63	146	189	149	338
April	122	69	191	111	61	172	233	130	363
May	120	86	206	97	72	169	217	158	375
June	137	92	229	143	79	222	280	171	451
July	105	66	171	133	80	213	238	146	384
August	60	35	95	165	83	248	225	118	343
September	128	78	206	125	74	199	253	152	405
October	89	70	159	100	50	150	189	120	309
November	98	62	160	97	73	170	195	135	330
December	104	71	175	71	56	127	175	127	302
BCI	36	-	36	32	-	32	68	-	68
TOTALS	1270	859	2129	1362	825	2187	2632	1684	4316

