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## **City of DeWitt Police Department Annual Report 2009**

The City of DeWitt Police Department employs six (6) full-time sworn personnel, four (4) part-time officers and one civilian employee, with an operating budget (FY 08-09) of \$749,878. The police department's main object is to provide the highest level of professional law enforcement to all within our city. We continually remain focused on our mission, which is "Partners with our Community and to Serve with Integrity and Dedication".

Contained within this document are the actual numbers of reported incidents occurring in our City during 2009. The figures include both criminal and non-criminal activity. The reader should be cautioned that such relatively small numbers may be misleading when referred to in percentages and pose difficulty in determining actual crime trends; however these statistics are very helpful in determining workload, performance and goal setting.

In 2009 we experienced a 37% decrease in violent crimes. Violent crime is defined as Murder, Rape or Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC), Armed Robbery and Aggravated Assault. In 2009 we received seven (7) reports in this category as opposed to eleven (11) reported in 2008. In 2009 we conducted 2 Criminal Sexual Assaults (CSC) investigations. There were 3 reported CSC complaints in 2008. In both of these cases the suspects were known to their victims. In one of the cases the suspect was arrested and adjudicated. The other case was not prosecuted due to the request of the victim. In 2008 we experienced one Armed Robbery. No armed robbery complainants were reported in 2009. A total of five Aggravated Assaults complaints were investigated in 2009 which is two less than reported in 2008. An Aggravated Assault is defined as an unlawful attack by one or more persons upon another with the intent of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. Of the five reported complaints in 2009 four were family involved and two were juvenile victims/suspects.

During 2009 we experienced a 6% increase in the number of reported Non-Aggravated Assaults, 15 reported in 2008 to 17 reported in 2009. A non-aggravated assault is defined as an assault, without the use of a weapon, causing minor injury. Of the seventeen reported assaults fourteen were domestic related.

In 2009 reported crimes against property decreased by 22% from 47 reported in 2008 to 37 in 2009. The leading category in this classification remains larceny from an auto. There were a total of 30 reported incidents within this category during 2009. In most all of these incidents the vehicles had been left unlocked.

Arrests in 2009 were up by 28% from 62 in 2008 to 86 in 2009. The leading category for arrests remains with Alcohol and Drug related offenses. The breakdown in age groups for alcohol and drug related offenses are as follows; 28 offenders were under 21 years, 6 offenders between the age of 22 and 25, 2 were from the age group between the 26 and 30, and 4 offenders over the age of 30.

A total of 64 car accidents were reported in 2009. This represents a 5% increase from the 61 car accidents reported in 2008. The intersection of Webb and Bridge St. was the highest reported intersection for accidents in the city with a total 5 accidents occurring at that intersection. Six of the 64 accidents reported involved an injury and fortunately the injuries sustained were not life-threatening. Fifteen accidents occurred on private property while 12 accidents involved deer.

In 2009 officers issued a total of 127 citations which represents a 16% reduction from the 152 issued in

2008. Of the citations issued 38 were issued for criminal violations (possession of marijuana, drunk driving, and/or driving on revoked). There were 44 citations issued for hazardous action with the other 45 citations being for non-hazardous action. Speeding remains the leading category for hazardous violations issued with 31 citations written. A breakdown in the age of those issued speeding citations is as follows; under the age of 21 received eleven citations, 21 to 25 years received five citations, 26 to 30 years received no citations, and over 30 years received fifteen citations.

In 2009 the City of DeWitt Police Department responded to a total of 1388 incidents which represents 13% increase in calls for service from 2008. Contained within the total number includes 109 incidents in which the City of DeWitt Police Department responded to the township to assist the DeWitt Township Police Department. The daily breakdown for calls for service is as follows; Monday's service is 14% of the total workload, Tuesday is 15%, Wednesday is 12%, Thursday is 13%, Friday is 11%, Saturday is 18% and Sunday 17%. The day shift (7a to 5p) handled 43% of the calls for service while the midnight shift (9p to 7a) handled 33% of the calls with the remaining 24% being handled by the 5p to 9p swing shift.

Training remains a very high priority within the City of Dewitt Police Department. All facets of training including practical hands on, physical, firearm and academic are mandatory and will continue to be scheduled and graded on an annual basis.

We continue to recognize that one our community's most important resource is our youth. We've placed a high priority on developing relationships, opening dialogue and fostering good will with the community's youth. In 2009 we continued in this endeavor in both the traditional and non-traditional paths. The D.A.R.E. program is an extremely vital program which allows us the opportunity to assist parents and teachers in the educational development of our youth. Over 200 5<sup>th</sup> graders graduated from our D.A.R.E. program in 2009. During 2009 we also participated in several Boy Scout activities including their career night program. During the school year we service as guest instructors at both the High School and Jr. High level for civic related topics. Along with Dr. Timothy Brannan from Central Michigan University, we developed an educational program for parents and students regarding the incidents of "cyber bullying" and "sexting". The program was presented to approximately 100 parents and was very well received. The DeWitt Public School Superintendent has requested that we take the program to all students from 5<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We continue to have a high presence at DeWitt High School sporting events. In 2009 we again participated in several of the high school's "Home Coming" activities. We hold a seat on the Advisory Board for RESA and assist in various training programs with them including the mentoring program. We sponsor the Annual Bike Rodeo for DeWitt area residents and give away over 75 bicycle helmets. We sponsor the local National Night Out which encourages families in our community to come to the Sports Park and enjoy an evening of fun family activity and meet members of our agency. We hold our annual Safe Prom initiative which allows all high school students to drive a golf cart wearing the "Drunk Glasses" to further educate them in the dangers of drinking and driving. On Christmas Eve we are part of a City wide program in which Christmas presents are delivered to various locations around our city. While taking pride in our efforts, we recognize that much more needs to be done and we will continue to do so in 2010.

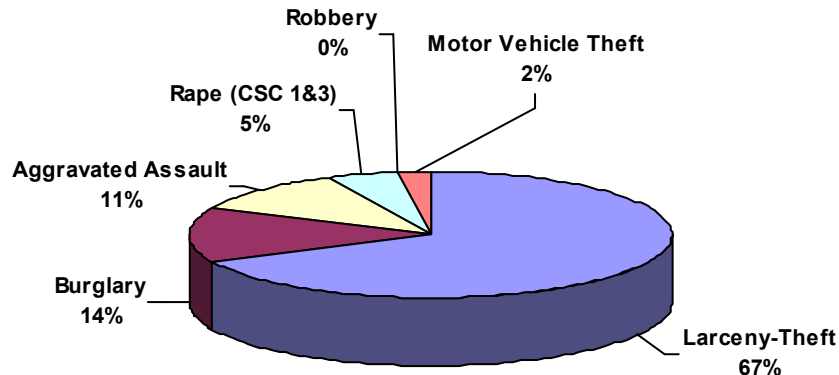
Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence C. Jerue  
Chief of Police

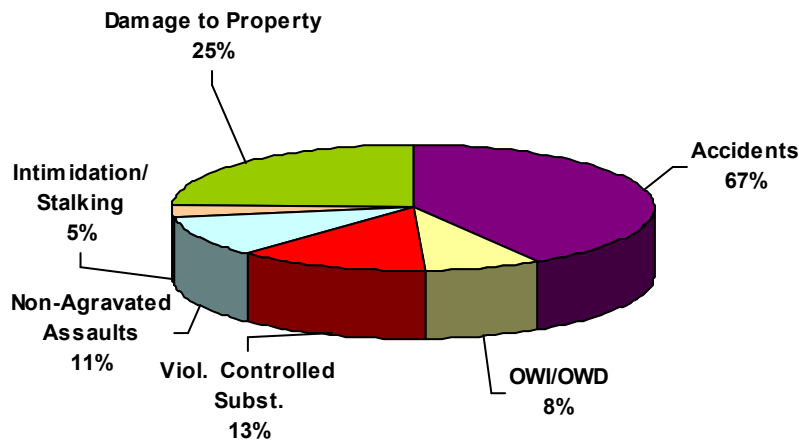
**City of DeWitt  
Police Department  
Five Year Index Crime Rates**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Violent Crimes</b> (murder, rape, robbery, assault)	6	6	5	11	7
<b>Property Crimes</b> (burglary, larceny & auto theft, arson)	47	55	36	47	37
<b>VIOLENT CRIME BREAKDOWN</b>					
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Rape (CSC 1 &amp; 3)</b>	3	5	0	3	2
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	4	1	5	7	5
<b>PROPERTY CRIME BREAKDOWN</b>					
<b>Burglary</b>	12	12	8	7	6
<b>Larceny-Theft</b>	32	40	26	39	30
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	3	3	2	1	1
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER INCIDENTS BREAKDOWN</b>					
<b>Accidents</b>	59	40	57	61	64
<b>Operating While Intoxicated/Drugged</b>	20	23	8	7	12
<b>Viol. Controlled Subst.</b>	13	12	8	7	20
<b>Non-Aggravated Assaults Includes Domestic</b>	31	18	17	15	17
<b>Intimidation/Stalking</b>	4	8	0	5	4
<b>Damage to Property</b>	39	28	20	24	38
<b>ARRESTS</b>					
<b>Total Arrests</b>	119	120	66	62	86
<b>TRAFFIC</b>					
<b>Total Citations</b>	287	246	128	152	127
<b>Total Parking Tickets</b>	434	448	576	510	249

## 2009 Crime Index Offenses



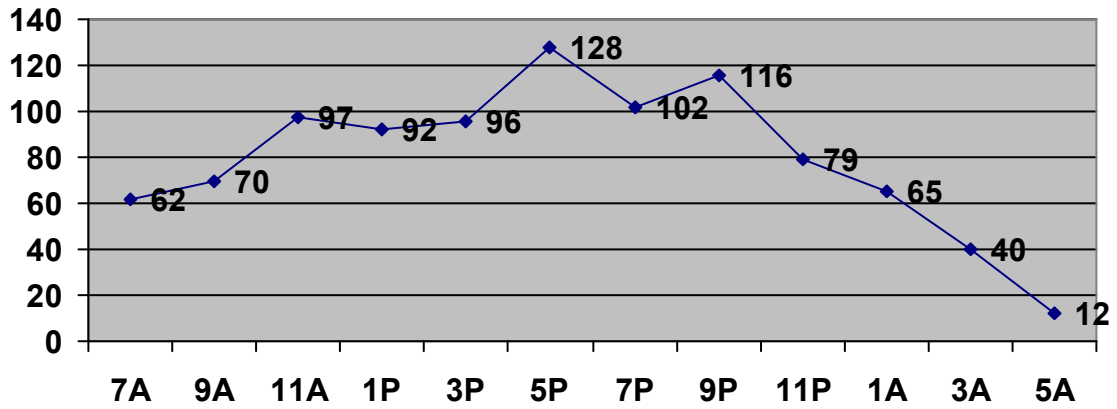
## Other Incidents



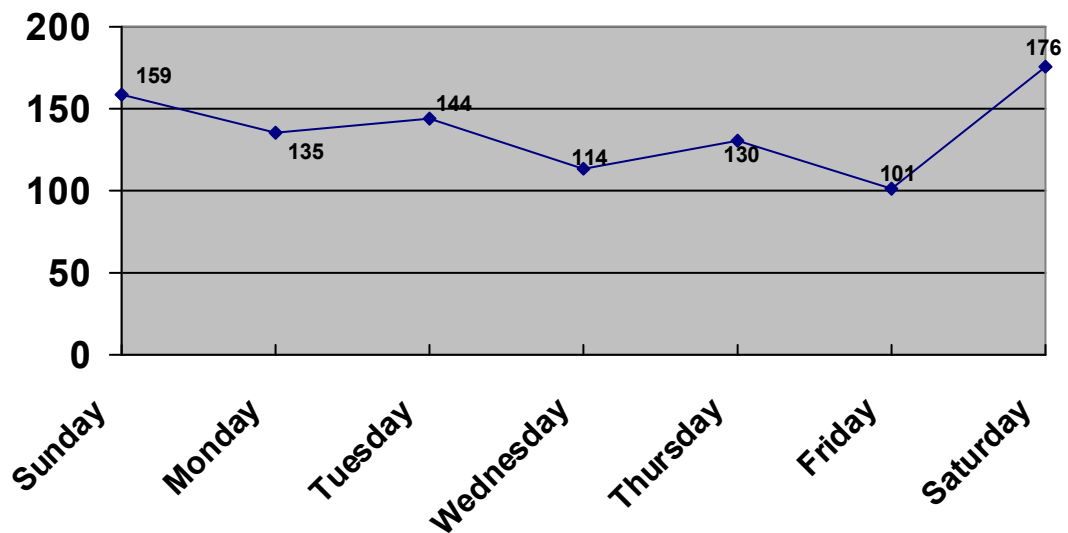
### Definitions

- Aggravated Assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- Burglary is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Breaking and entering into motor vehicles is NOT included.
- Larceny is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.
- Rape is the carnal knowledge of a person - forcibly and against that person's will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. Assault to rape and attempted rape are included in this classification. This includes only persons of the opposite sex. Other types of sexual penetration are not included. (Criminal Sexual Conduct 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees).
- Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

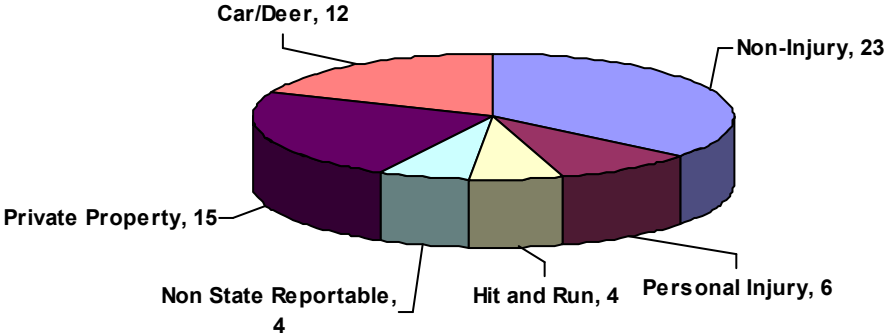
### Analysis of Calls For Service by Time



### Analysis of Calls for Service By Day of Week



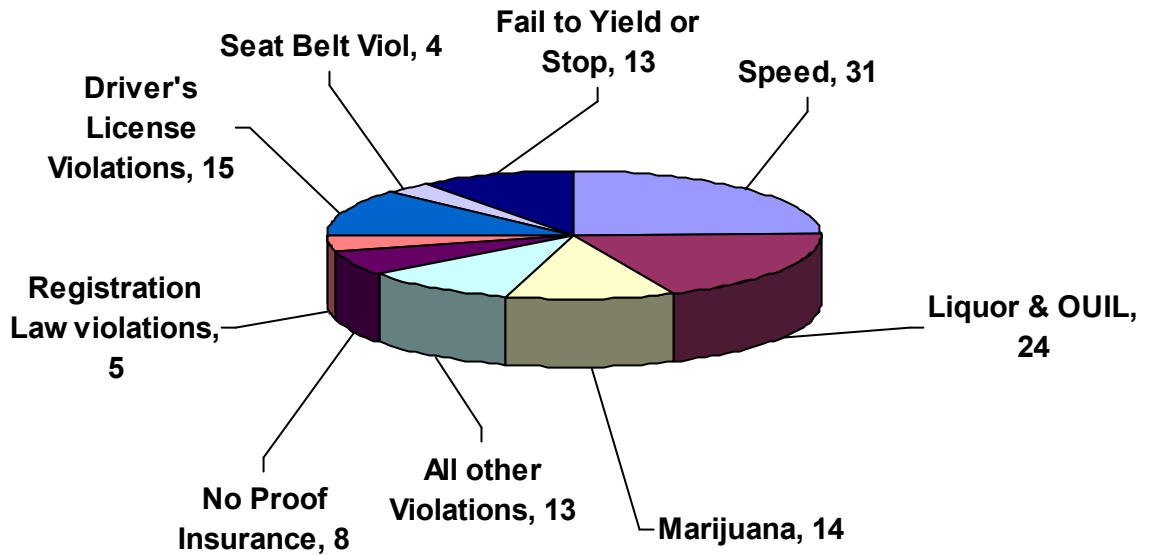
# City of DeWitt Accident Breakdown



High Crash Intersection Report (more than 1)	
Webb/Bridge	5
DeWitt/Herbison	2
Main/Franklin	2

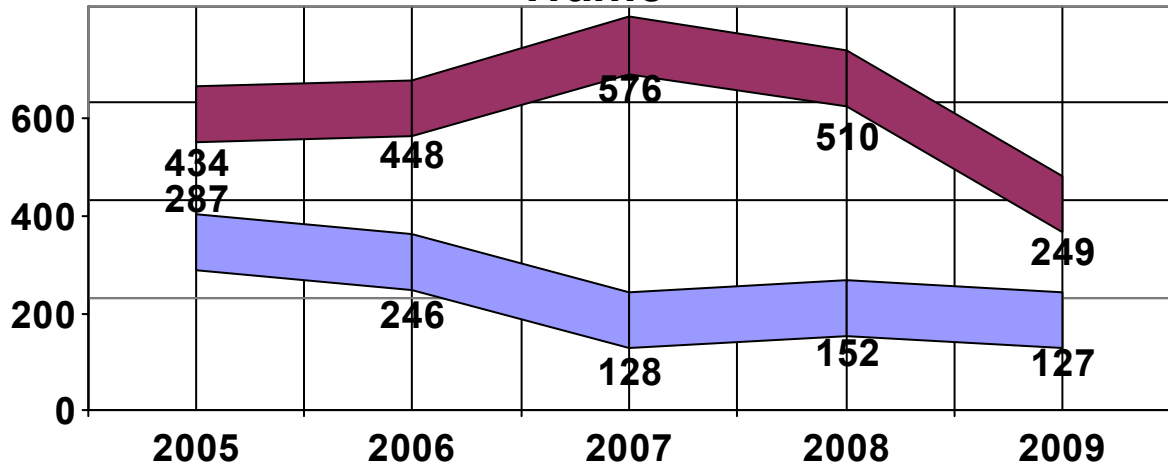
Crashes by Month	
January	6
February	9
March	6
April	2
May	1
June	7
July	6
August	6
September	4
October	5
November	3
December	9

# Ticket Breakdown by Violation



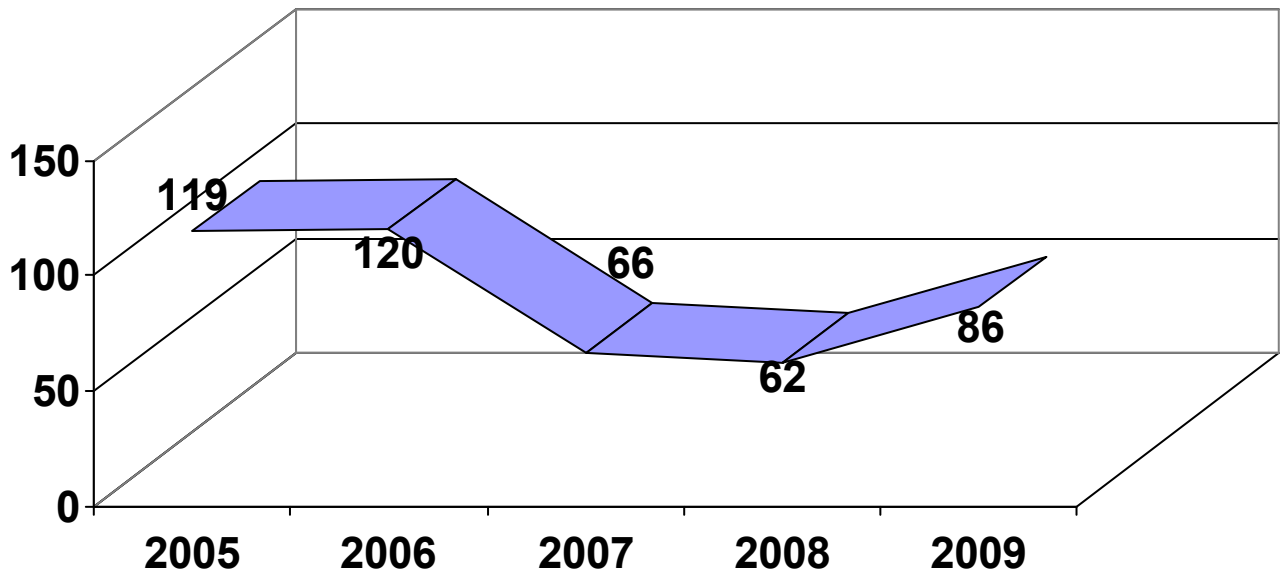
Breakdown of Total Tickets Written	
Marijuana	14
Liquor and OUIL/OUID Violations	24
Speed	31
Fail to Yield or Stop	13
Seatbelt Violations	4
Driver's License Violations	15
Registration Law Violations	5
No Proof of Insurance	8
Other	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

### Traffic

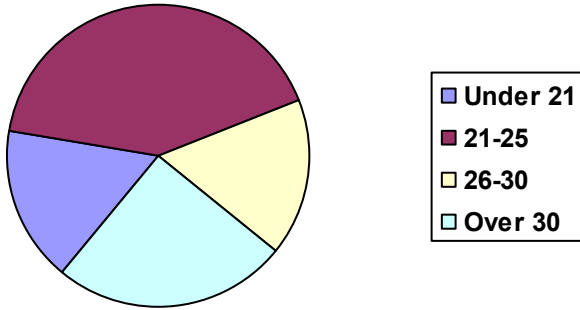


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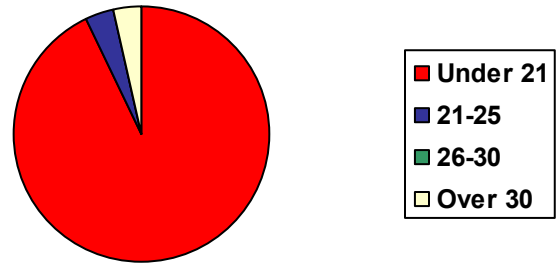
### Arrests



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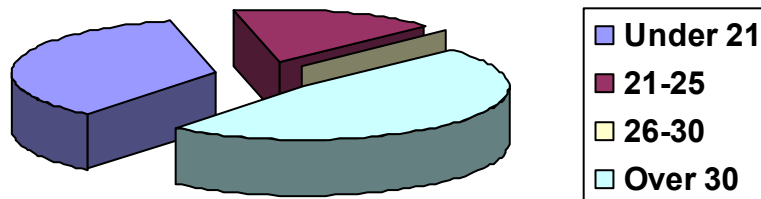


**Violation Controlled Substance by Age**



	Under 21	21-25	26-30	Over 30
Operating Under Influence Alcohol	2	5	2	3
Violation of Controlled Substances (Drugs)	26	1	0	1

**Speeding Tickets by Age**



	Under 21	22-25	26-30	Over 30
Speeding Tickets	11	5	0	15