

**Support Services Division
December 2008
Monthly Report**

This report is an analysis of statistical information and events occurring during the month of December involving the numerous functions of the Support Services Division. The intent is to produce a report that is informative yet limited to information that is useful to the recipients of the division's services.

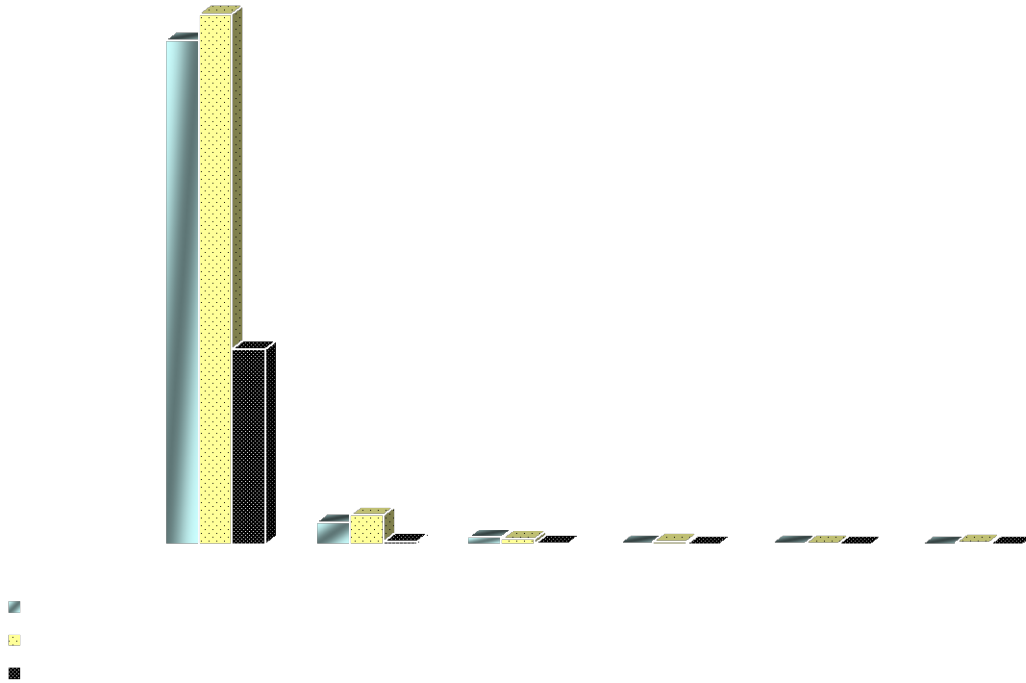
Communication Center

Several personnel related events have occurred in the communication center during the month of December. Third shift supervisor Joan Clayton made the decision to retire effective December 7, 2008. Joan served a total of twenty-eight years as an employee of the Communication Center with the last nine as a Senior Communications Operator. Being one of the last remaining few employees to have worked in the communication center located on the second floor of Police Headquarters 710 S. 9th street Joan has witnessed the incredible transformation of technology that has effected the field of emergency communications over the past three decades. She served for many years as the center's compliance officer for MULES/NCIC procedures, and had acquired a wealth of knowledge during her years of service that she was always willing to share with her subordinates and peers. We wish her well in her retirement.



Dawn Kneib was promoted to the position of Senior Communications Operator to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Joan Clayton. Dawn will serve as third shift supervisor.

The chart below depicts the amount of time that incoming 911 calls ring prior to being answered by the communication center staff.



<i>Shift</i>	<i>Total Incoming 911 Calls</i>	<i>Percentage answered within 0-10 Seconds</i>
Days	1,961	94.1%
Evenings	2,089	93.0%
Midnights	731	97.9%

Department Training

The physical agility testing for police applicants was held at the St. Joseph Civic Arena on December 5th. Several department personnel under the direction of Sgt. Wilson assisted with the setup and administering of the process. Candidates who successfully completed the course will advance to the interview stage.



Department training supervisor Sgt. Marla Wilson participated in the Leadership St. Joseph Program for 2008. This is a year long leadership development program that is intended to increase the number of community leaders by cultivating the skills required to meet community needs more effectively and prepare them to make the important decisions that shape the future of our community. Sgt. Wilson graduated from the program in a ceremony held December 4, 2008.

Crime Prevention

The majority of the neighborhood watch groups chose not to meet in December in observance of the holidays.

Sgt. Gilpin continues his efforts to expand the use of volunteers in the department. Volunteer Felisha DeSpain began working with the Warrant Unit on December 6th and according to Officer Strader has had a significant impact on the data entry for the unit. Ms. DeSpain donated a total of twenty-three hours service during the month.

Grants

Department Grants Coordinator Sgt. Stobbs has been involved in several activities and projects related to grant funding during the month of December.

Alcohol compliance checks were conducted by the enforcement team coordinated by Sgt. Stobbs on December 5th and 12th. Forty-Eight businesses were checked and a total of fourteen sold alcohol to a minor. Sgt. Stobbs also conducted server training on December 17th in the training room of police headquarters. Twenty-Eight citizens attended that event.

Sgt. Stobbs is currently working on two other related projects, the first being partnering with other city staff to establish a process for administrative alcohol suspensions for businesses licensed within the city that commit violations. With normal administrative fines ranging from three to four hundred dollars per violation combined with the number of cases the enforcement

group has worked this year, the potential exist to bring in substantial revenue which in turn could fund enforcement activities in the future.

The second project is to develop an alcohol server identification system that would require anyone that sells alcohol to complete training and receive a server license. This would potentially make those employed more informed of their responsibilities under the law.

Also, the final Weed and Seed Program report was submitted and has been accepted by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Crime Analysis

Part I crime for December 2008 is approximately 12% higher than December 2007. The main reason for this increase is 22 additional aggravated assaults. Year to date, we are 95% higher on violent crime than last year. The 143% increase in aggravated assaults and the 35% increase in robberies are the primary reasons for the violent crime increase. Property crime is down 6% year to date from last year with all Part I crime being down 1%. The factors for the decrease in property crime include a 20% reduction in auto theft and a 10% decrease in stealing crimes.

	Murder		Rape		Robbery		Aggr Assault		Burglary		Auto Theft		Theft		Arson	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Jan.	1	0	1	2	3	7	14	7	67	46	22	31	226	268	0	0
Feb.	0	1	1	0	6	4	22	7	38	45	12	21	132	216	1	1
March	0	1	1	1	10	4	10	14	36	56	18	25	183	239	3	2
April	0	0	0	1	5	3	21	9	47	60	14	16	188	193	3	0
May	0	0	1	1	8	9	24	10	64	55	22	22	213	248	2	3
June	0	0	0	1	6	2	17	7	64	62	21	21	242	215	1	2
July	0	0	0	1	6	3	17	4	75	71	16	24	230	236	4	2
Aug.	1	0	2	2	10	14	24	11	82	90	33	29	297	253	1	0
Sept.	0	0	4	1	10	3	30	10	88	62	23	27	239	261	2	7
Oct.	0	0	1	2	8	9	35	11	74	78	12	28	257	248	5	2
Nov.	0	0	2	1	12	4	23	10	66	79	15	18	202	227	4	2
Dec.	0	0	2	0	9	7	37	11	69	68	17	12	200	199	6	2
YTD Tot.	3	2	15	13	93	69	274	111	770	772	225	274	2609	2803	32	23