



City of Rockford

**Police Department**

2008 Annual Report



# *Rockford Police Department*

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## *Mission Statement*

It is the mission of the Rockford Police Department to provide for the safety and welfare of the people in Rockford so they may enjoy the benefits of being secure in their person, property, and state of mind through law enforcement, peace preservation, crime prevention, traffic control, and civil rights and liberties.

## *Vision Statement*

It is our vision to maintain and enhance the confidence and trust of those we serve, while continually expanding and strengthening our partnerships with the people of Rockford and the employees of this Department in identifying problems, developing solutions and establishing realistic priorities and policies.

## *Core Values*

- A. Integrity: Integrity is the hallmark of the Rockford Police Department, and we are committed to the highest performance standards, ethical conduct, and truthfulness in all relationships.
- B. Respect: We treat all persons with dignity, respect, and courtesy.
- C. Service: We provide quality service in a professional, efficient, and accessible manner.
- D. Fairness: We treat all people impartially with consideration and compassion. We are equally responsive to our employees and the citizens we serve.



*Chet Epperson  
Chief  
Police Department*

May 20, 2009

The Honorable Lawrence J. Morrissey  
Mayor  
City of Rockford  
425 East State Street  
Rockford, IL 61104

On behalf of the Rockford Police Department, I present the 2008 Annual Report. The report contains the initiatives and activities of the Department. Our work is performed by many dedicated officers and civilians who strive to provide Excellence Everywhere for Everyone.

The City is seeing some early successes of our Community Policing model, which emphasizes stronger neighborhoods; deployment of resources; building a stronger bond with our citizens.

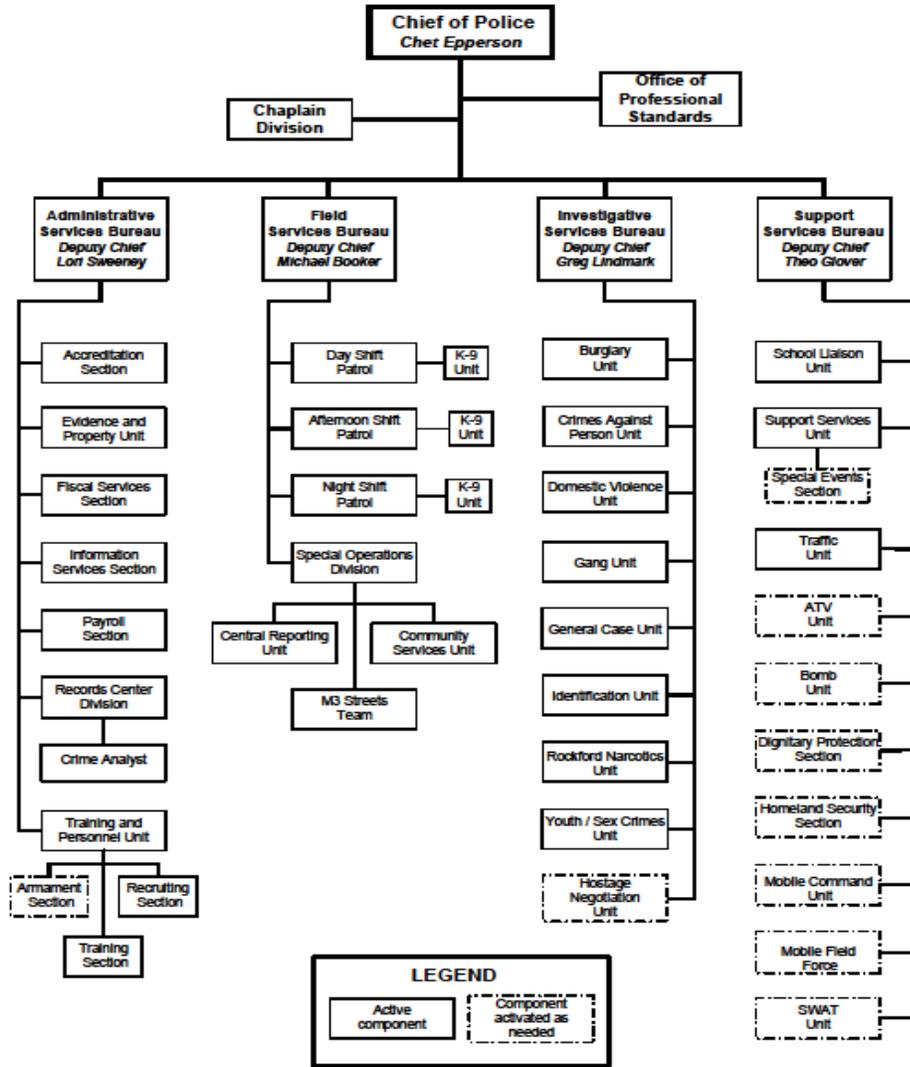
We look forward to making Rockford a better community by enhancing our work performance and enhancing our relationships with others in the criminal justice system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Chet Epperson".

Chet Epperson  
Chief of Police

**ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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Sworn Position Title	Authorized
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	4
Lieutenant	6
Sergeant	32
Investigator	81
Patrol Officer	182
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>

Non-Sworn Position Title	Authorized
Records Supervisor	1
Crime Analyst	2
Financial Analyst	1
Fiscal Services Specialist	1
Information Systems Specialist	1
Information Systems Technician	1
Senior Administrative Assistant	2
Administrative Assistant	1
Evidence & Property Technician	4
Senior Office Assistant	2
Police Technician	6
Senior Clerk	4
Data Entry Operator	7
Citizen Reporting Assistant (Part-time)	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

# Chief of Police

## Office of Chief of Police

The Chief of Police is the Chief Executive Officer of the Rockford Police Department and is the final authority in all matters of Department policy and operations. The Chief of Police is accountable to the Mayor and works to support the initiatives of the City Council.

- Ensures the Department's Mission is executed efficiently and effectively
- Creates a vision for the future of the Department
- Develops strategic goals and objectives
- Empowers and leads subordinates
- Plans, organizes, directs, staffs, coordinates and controls all Departmental functions

The **Administrative Staff** assists the Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs with the daily administrative responsibilities of the Department. These responsibilities include correspondence, scheduling, purchasing and maintaining personnel files on all employees of the Department.



## Office of Professional Standards

- Facilitates the process of receiving internal and external complaints alleging employee misconduct
- Investigates complaints against members of the Department
- Maintains documentation of complaints.
- Prepares departmental charges when appropriate
- Assists in representing the Department in disciplinary hearings

The Office of Professional Standards received and investigated a total 57 complaints. This total includes citizen and internal complaints in 2008.

The Office of Professional Standards investigated eighteen-citizen complaints. The results of those investigations were:

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|----------------------|---|
| • Sustained          | 3 |
| • Not Sustained      | 0 |
| • Officer Exonerated | 2 |
| • Unfounded          | 4 |
| • Resolved           | 3 |
| • Failed to File     | 6 |

The Office of Professional Standards also investigated seven internal complaints involving violations of the Department Rules, Regulations or Policies. The results of those investigations were:

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| • Sustained | 6 |
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The Office of Professional Standards also investigated 32 inquires (complaints of minor nature). The results of those investigations were:

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|-------------------|----|
| • Resolved        | 17 |
| • Unfounded       | 10 |
| • Failed to File  | 3  |
| • Referred (WCSP) | 1  |
| • Sustained       | 1  |

Disciplinary action taken on all complaints (citizen and internal) were:

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| • Counseling        | 1 |
| • Oral Reprimand    | 1 |
| • Written Reprimand | 2 |
| • Suspension        | 5 |
| • Resignation       | 1 |
| • Termination       | 0 |
| • Pending           | 0 |

## Administrative Services Bureau

### Accreditation Section

In 2008, the Accreditation Section was staffed by two Investigators and the Deputy Chief of Administration, who was appointed the accreditation manager.



The process of accreditation requires that the Department comply with 459 national standards in all areas of law enforcement, including Operations, Management, Research, Patrol, Investigations, Training and many more. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) process is a proven modern man-

agement model that, once implemented, presents the Chief of Police with a blue-print that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery.

On October 17, 2008, a mock assessment was conducted by accreditation managers from several other agencies. During this time, files and policies were reviewed to give insight into the strengths and weaknesses prior to the on-site.

An on-site was conducted by CALEA Assessors the week of December 13, 2008 – December 17, 2008. During this week-long process, the community was invited to comment on their law enforcement agency through a public information session, a public telephone call-in session, letters and community outreach contacts. A static display was viewed to show the readiness of all our vehicles. The assessors interviewed numerous officers to gather information on how the Department operates daily. Also during this time, the assessors reviewed all of the standards to see if we fell within compliance at the level demanded by CALEA.

The Rockford Police Department received a comprehensive report from the team leader outlining the on-site inspection. In summary, there were no issues that required attention on this assessment. The assessors reviewed all standards and found them to be in compliance with agency practices, meeting the intent of CALEA standards. The report stated that the Rockford Police Department has worked diligently in preparing for the initial onsite review by CALEA. As a result of this assessment, and after their careful review of all functions of the Department, the assessment

team is unanimous in its recommendation that the Rockford Police Department be awarded full accreditation status by the Commission.

Deputy Chief Sweeney attended the spring 2009 CALEA Conference in Raleigh, NC to represent the Department at the Commission Review Committee Hearing and accepted the Department's award. Successful completion of the process and awarding of accredited status demonstrates to the community that the Rockford Police Department is committed to "Excellence in Service".

The Department will continue to work diligently to remain an accredited agency. An annual report is filed with the Commission for Accreditation and another on-site is conducted every three years.

### Evidence & Property Unit

The Evidence & Property Unit is staffed by four evidence technicians and one sergeant.

The Evidence & Property Unit has custodial responsibility for all criminal evidence and recovered property recovered or seized by officers of the Department as well as for vehicles impounded by members of the Department. Additionally, the Unit has responsibility for the storage and distribution of office and operational supplies for the Department. This year, in addition to our daily duties, we prepared for an on-site Accreditation.

Evidence and Impound Activity. The new evidence count for the year totaled 15,570, a 12.74% decrease over 2007. Lab submissions totaled 2013, a decrease of 22.75%. The disposition total for evidence, which is property returned, put into department use, auctioned, forfeited or destroyed in 2008 equaled 22,206 - an increase of 111.93% over 2008. Total impounds for 2008 equaled 3,168, 72 more (2.32%) than in 2007. Total impound activity which includes impound releases [2,516] and auctions [688] of unclaimed vehicles equaled 3,204. This, added to the new impounds, makes the total for all impound activity for the Unit equal 6,372, which is 343 more than 2007.

The number one reason for having a vehicle impounded during 2008 in the City of Rockford is failure to have vehicle insurance which accounts for 33.8% of our impounds. This is followed by driving under the influence at 20.3%, abandoned vehicles at 12.4%, noise violation 1<sup>st</sup> offense 9.41%, evidence processing at 9%, recovered stolen at 7.01%, Hit & Run accidents at 6.85%, other .41%, fleeing to elude, 35% noise violation 2<sup>nd</sup> offense .28%, parking/booted .22% and drug seizures .03%.

Of the unclaimed vehicles disposed of through auction, the top three reasons for impounding were: abandoned (33.9%); failure to have insurance (31.5%); and hit and run (15.5%).

**Supply Activity.** The unit handles the storage and distribution of most all consumable supplies and equipment, except uniforms, used by the Department. Supply activities, which include distribution, ordering and receiving supplies totaled 2,018 for 2008, a decrease of 13.46% over 2007.

**Revenue.** The Unit generates revenue for the City of Rockford in two ways, through impound fees meant to offset the cost of the impound function and through the auction of unclaimed property and vehicles.

In 2008, the Unit collected a total of \$79,920 in impound fees (8.12% increase) along with \$65,577 to pay tow bills. An additional \$44,760.00 was collected in bonds from vehicles impounded due to violation of the noise ordinance.

Through Greater Rockford Auto Auction (GRAA), the Unit had twelve vehicle auctions. The gross proceeds for these auctions were \$48,282. Expenses include auction ads and unpaid tow bills. These totaled \$20,537. Revenue realized through vehicle auctions totaled \$27,745, a 113.39% increase over 2007.

Auctions or unclaimed property through Action Auction generated (net) revenue as follows: General Merchandise: \$10,264 to include bicycles and obsolete Department property.

### **Fiscal Services Section**

The Fiscal Services Section manages all functions regarding Department purchases, accounts payable, accounts receivable, disbursement and replenishment of petty cash, and maintains an inventory of uniforms and equipment. This Section also monitors the Department's budget, researches various police and office products, prepares bid specifications and oversees contracts with vendors.

### **Payroll Section**

The Payroll Section manages the payroll for sworn and civilian personnel within the Department. Major duties of the Payroll Section include tracking of leave, sick time, vacation, compensatory time, overtime, and regular or special pay schedules. This must be done in compliance with the contract agreements between the two major bargaining units and the City. The Payroll Section also produces reports on the Department's payroll status to command personnel as well as indi-

vidual reports for personnel retiring or otherwise leaving the Department.

### **Financial Analyst**

The financial analyst assists in preparing the budget, continues to analyze the budget and reports throughout the year, seeks grant opportunities, coordinates with other agencies for funding opportunities, and completes special projects as directed by the Department. Grant proposals are written and submitted throughout the year. Once secured, all progress reporting requirements are maintained by the grant writer. For 2008, grants were secured to conduct special details and programs, enhance officer radio communications, purchase equipment, provide training, and add camera surveillance in targeted areas of the City.

### **Information Services Section**

In 2008, the Information Services Section (ISS) continued to improve the processes and systems used by the Rockford Police Department. ISS assisted in configuration and implementation of a new 800 Mhz Digital Radio System that will go online in second quarter of 2009. The Starcom21 radio system will provide improved audio quality and interoperability between multiple agencies in Illinois.

A grant from the Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Board created an opportunity for the Rockford Police Department to implement a camera project in troubled neighborhoods. The camera project will allow viewing of the street cameras from the Public Safety Building and from patrolling squad cars. The planning and testing of Motorola Premier Mobile Data Client (PMDC) was completed. Premier MDC provides the officer in the field with an interface to the 911 Computer Aided Dispatch System. The new system allows access to information and updates not previously available in the patrol vehicles. Supervisors will now be able to view pending and assigned calls from their patrol squad.

A new Reverse911 server was installed that allows the Department to send messages to the Community. The Reverse911 system allows improved communication capabilities which will now include access to the Mass Call system for large volume emergency notifications, and e-mail delivery of messages.

The Police Department has been using Microsoft SharePoint Team services version 1.0 for several years and in 2008 joined the City of Rockford on their new version 3.0 SharePoint Server. This was a big step forward in helping the Police Department communicate internally and with other City of Rockford departments.

### Records Center Division

The Rockford Police Department's Record Center uses the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Program to report Rockford's crime statistics directly to the FBI.

NIBRS collects data on 46 specific crimes known as Group A offenses and 11 additional Group B offenses. NIBRS also captures **all** offenses completed in a particular incident as well as characteristics of both victims and perpetrators. NIBRS can produce a more detailed, accurate and meaningful account of what happened in an incident than the previous reporting system. The Rockford Police Department will not only be able to give accurate counts of offenses and clearances that occur, we will also be able to identify common crime problems and trends through the analysis of the data.

It should be noted that in NIBRS, a single incident can contain many offenses. Statistics will be gathered for every offense in that incident. For example, if a Forced Entry Residential Burglary occurred, an of-

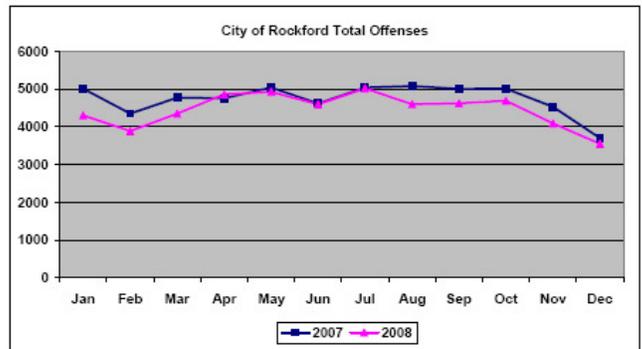
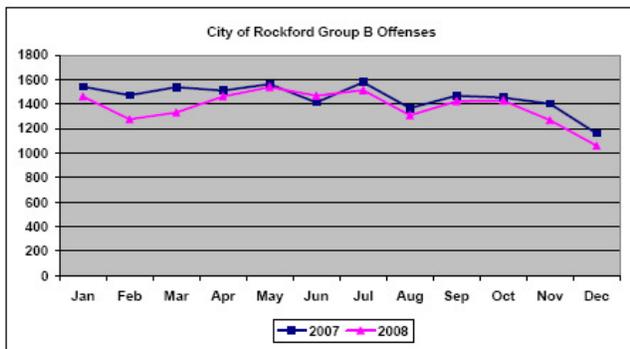
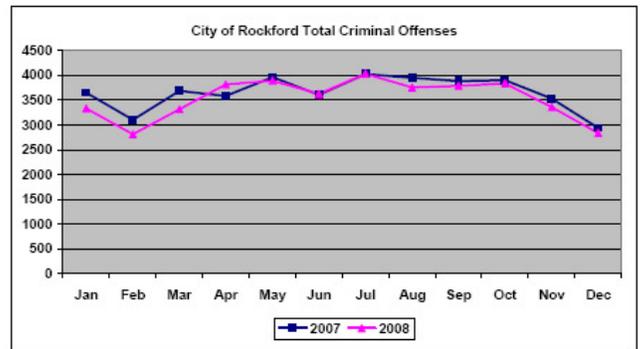
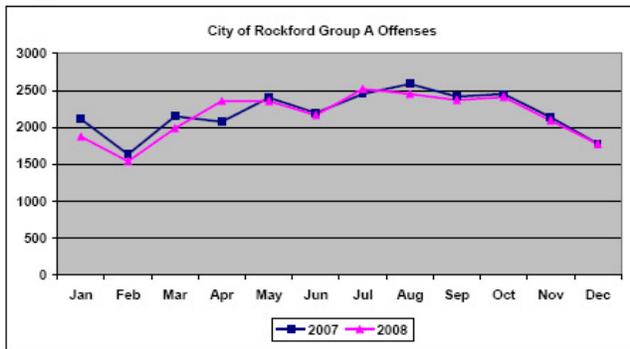
fense of Criminal Damage to Property would be reported in addition to the Burglary. Other information such as the type of tools that were used to gain access, what was damaged and the type of security are also reported. If an incident is cleared by arrest, all offenses within that incident are also cleared.

As a certified NIBRS participant, the Rockford Police Department plays a key role in continuing a nationwide statistical program that will enhance the quantity, quality and timeliness of crime data collected by the law enforcement community. Our Records Management System now contains three complete years of NIBRS data. We can accurately compare crime statistics for 2006 and later without conversion of the data.

In addition to maintaining a state-of-the-art records management system that assures the highest quality of crime data, the Records Center also responds to requests for that data. In 2007, the Records Center responded to 868 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, 4,911 requests for accident information and 811 summaries of police reports. The Records Center

**City of Rockford Crime - 12 Month Period  
2007 & 2008 YTD**

**\*\*Traffic accidents no longer entered in NetRMS mid-2008. This may cause 'Total Offenses' to be lower than usual in 2008\*\***



\*\*Please note that statistics are subject to change as Police Reports are submitted. Reports ran within the first week of the following month. Statistics reflect that point in time.

\*\*Total Criminal Offenses represents Group A & B Offenses combined. Total Offenses represents Group A, B, & Services.

\*\*Data obtained from NetRMS.

\*\*Statistics represent all NIBRS offenses in an incident, not just the most serious.

\*\*Produced on 1-8-09.

also scanned and attached to electronic police reports 88,927 supporting documents that can be retrieved via the Records Management System.

Additionally, Report Review personnel reviewed and approved 58,864 police reports for content and quality.

### Crime Analysis Section

The Crime Analysis Section falls under the Records Center. With new enhancements in technology and the implementation of NetRMS, crime data is collected, collated, analyzed and disseminated on a regular basis. The Crime Analysts perform tasks such as analyzing crime, forecasting future criminal occurrences, tracking crime patterns, monitoring trends and preparing statistical crime reports to support daily Department function and long term projects. This analysis is used for weekly District Meetings, crime comparison and assists the City of Rockford's RockStat performance measurement program.

The Rockford Police Department also uses ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) mapping software ArcGIS (Geographic Information Systems) to enhance the analysis of crime data. Crime mapping allows for in-depth crime analysis and visual-statistical study of patterns and events to advance the analysis process. In 2008, the Rockford Police Department was approved to purchase the software "Crime View" by The Omega Group using money from a grant. "Crime View" will allow for more automated procedures and in-depth data to be analyzed in a geographic format. This will enhance our current mapping capabilities to further crime analysis functionality, particularly in our Police District meetings. Geographic analysis will further these weekly meetings by providing the District crime analysis used to address needs in the area.

With a Crime Analysis Section, many types of reports of a higher caliber are made and disseminated. The enhancement of a CAU also allows for better consistency and regularity to analysis methods, procedures and reports. There are three primary types of crime analysis:

- Administrative – Involves long range projects and statistical information reports.
- Strategic – Concerned with operational strategies and solutions to ongoing problems.
- Tactical – Deals with immediate criminal offenses to promote quick response.

The Rockford Police Department is an active member of the Crime Analysts of Illinois Association. One of the Rockford Police Department Crime Analysts serves on the board as Secretary of the Organization. In 2008, CAI had membership from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

### Training Unit

The Training Unit provided 30,520 hours of training to sworn police officers and civilian support personnel. Instructors from the Training Unit provided an additional 1,507 hours of specialized instructional time. These continuous educational and training programs maintain the skills and knowledge base for officers and support staff. The Training Unit works in close cooperation with the Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board, the University of Illinois Police Training Institute, Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, the FBI National Academy, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. This cooperation includes providing instructors and advisors to assist in the training of area enforcement agencies.



The following is a breakdown of specific training provided to both sworn and civilian personnel in 2008:

1. Department-wide mandatory classroom training:
2. Hazardous Materials / CPR / LEADS certification (8 hours)
3. Community Oriented Policing (4 hours)
4. Taser Recertification (6 hours)
5. Smith and Wesson M&P transitional firearms training (8 hours)

**Roll Call Training:**

1. Use and Care of Personal Protective Masks
2. Bloodborne Pathogens
3. CALEA on-site inspection
4. ADA- Introduction
5. ADA-Hearing Impaired
6. ADA-Mental Health

**Roll Call Training Conducted by Supervisors in Patrol:**

1. Use of Force
2. Order of Protection Short Form
3. Vehicle Pursuits
4. Top 50 (use of intranet tool)
5. Early Warning System
6. Proper Use of Discretion

**Supervisor-specific Department Training:**

1. Taser
2. Stop Stick Tire Deflation
3. Less Lethal Munitions
4. Use of Force
5. Lean Management

In 2008, the Training and Recruiting Unit conducted two 40-hour orientations for newly hired patrol officers. Additionally, the Training and Recruiting Unit conducted three separate City School training sessions for new officers returning from the police academy (PTI). City School training in 2008 ranged in length from 4-6 weeks.

Officers assigned to the Training and Recruiting Unit and adjunct instructors received specialized training. The following is a list of certifications officers received in 2008:

1. (6) Firearms Instructors
2. (2) Master Firearms Instructors
3. (2) Master Firearm Instructor Re-certifications
4. (3) Taser Certifications
5. (1) Glock Armorer
6. (24) Smith and Wesson M&P Armorers
7. (8) AR Armorers
8. (4) Physical Encounters Certifications
9. (8) Instructor Development Certifications

In 2008, all officers were issued a personal protective mask participated in the annual FIT testing. This testing ensures the masks are sized appropriately and seal around the officers' faces.

In addition to Department Training, Rockford Police filled 372 training slots with Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board (NITAB). The Rockford Police Department also provided officers with specialized training throughout Illinois and the United States. Ninety-one training opportunities were provided to officers in 2008.

**Recruiting Section**



The Recruitment Process requires any candidate testing for the position of Police Officer on the Rockford Police Department to pass all phases of our testing process. The testing process consists of a rigorous physical fitness assessment (the POWER test), a written examination, an M-Pulse inventory test, oral interview with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, a polygraph examination, a psychological examination and a thorough background investigation. Upon the successful completion of all phases in the testing process, the candidates are given a job offer. The entire testing process from initial application to the final eligibility list is about 4 months.

The Recruiting Section is constantly seeking new trends in recruiting in order to locate, attract and select the best candidates to become Rockford Police Officers.

In 2008, 1,165 applications were accepted electronically during two separate recruiting drives. Out of the applications received, eight new Rockford Police Officers were hired. The second testing process is still in progress. Our current electronic application system/database (NEOGOV) allows the Recruiting Section to analyze data over long periods of time. This feature allows us to accurately forecast anticipated personnel needs.

Rockford Police Recruiters attended 19 recruiting fairs in Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri. Recruiters also took part in recruiting efforts within the community. The Recruiting Section conducts year-round selection cycles as personnel needs arise.

We encourage anyone who has an interest or knows someone who may be interested in a career in law enforcement to e-mail [recruiter@rockfordil.gov](mailto:recruiter@rockfordil.gov) or call (815)-987-5838. For more information about the Rockford Police Department and recruiting, visit us online at [www.rockfordil.gov/government/police](http://www.rockfordil.gov/government/police).

## Chaplain Division

The Chaplain Division consists of the Head Chaplain, a Personal Services Officer, an Outreach Worker and volunteer Duty Chaplains. One new Chaplain was added in 2008 and several long-time Chaplains retired during the year. At year end, there were 20 active Duty Chaplains and 10 reserve Duty Chaplains. The Division handled many documented calls for services. Some of the types of calls the Chaplains Division regularly assists with are:

- Death and/or accident notifications
- Bereavement Counseling
- Family Disturbances
- Suicide Attempts
- Lonely and Despondent Persons
- Spiritual Problems
- Major Fires
- Liaison with Community Clergy
- Community Crisis Response Team
- Liaison with other Community Helping Agencies
- People who have basic crisis needs such as food, shelter, transportation, etc.

In addition to the above, the Chaplain Division assists active and retired Police and Fire personnel as needed when difficulties or tragedies arise in their personal lives. Our personnel are not immune from having themselves or a loved one diagnosed with cancer, needing help in dealing with elderly parents or wayward children, having a loved one die or any number of other situations. Our Chaplains have been available and willing to offer help, comfort and a listening ear whenever they are called on. In 2008, we were called on to help with the funeral of one of our families whose son was killed in Iraq. It was a solemn and heart wrenching experience.

The Chaplain Division could not accomplish its mission without the help of Volunteer Duty Chaplains and Resource Volunteers. The Head Chaplain, Duty Chaplains, Personal Services Officer and Office Administrator are all on call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Someone is always available to handle whatever crisis arises. Resource Volunteers engage in tasks such as office work, making deliveries and sorting food.

The Chaplain Division operates on a partnership with the City of Rockford and private donations. Private donations received in 2008 came from a variety of sources: churches, individuals, civic clubs, businesses, foundations and fund raising projects. Monies raised are spent either for benevolent or operational needs.

Benevolent monies are used to assist individuals or families who are referred by Police Officers, Fire Fighters or who contact our Chaplain Division office directly. These funds are used for people when immediate assistance is necessary or other forms of community aid are not available. Benevolent expenditures include monies given for food, shelter, transportation, clothing, medicine and other such needs.

One of the major incidents our Chaplains were involved in during the year was to help those in our community whose homes were flooded again in 2008. They worked with many other agencies to bring hope and comfort to numerous families, as well as police and fire personnel and many volunteers who spent long hours in the flooded areas.

The Chaplain Division worked on various projects including:

- Training sessions for Police and Fire personnel
- Recruiting and training volunteer Duty Chaplains
- Helping Midwest area police departments set up their own Chaplain programs
- Putting together the annual Police Memorial Service honoring all Winnebago County Police Officers killed in the line of duty
- Supplying teddy bears for area police cars and ambulances.

Teddy bears are given out to children, elderly and disabled individuals. 2008 was the 25<sup>th</sup> year the Gold Wing Road Riders, Chapter L, motorcycle group has been putting on this fund raiser. The proceeds from their annual toy ride help provide the teddy bears we give out all year. These bears help the Police Officers,



Fire Fighters and Chaplains develop a trust with those involved in a crisis and calm the situation, allowing personnel to get their work accomplished more quickly and efficiently.

The Chaplain Division is so thankful for all those who continue to support our program in a variety of ways, especially for the volunteer Duty Chaplains who faith-

fully give of their time, talents and resources to help those who are hurting and in crisis in the community. Their tireless and often behind-the-scenes efforts are an example and encouragement to us all. They are truly dedicated to helping and caring for our Police Officers, Fire Fighters, 911 Center Operators and the citizens of the community.

### **2008 Award Presentations**

The **Medal of Lifesaving** was awarded to Officers Eric Boettcher and Jordan Stedman for their action that directly saved the life of Timothy Fitzmaurice.

On April 3, 2008, at 0755 hours, Officers Boettcher and Stedman were flagged down by a citizen near East State and Summit Streets. The citizen had indicated a man at the bus stop was on the ground and needed assistance. The officers located the man, Timothy Fitzmaurice, lying on the sidewalk.

Officer Boettcher determined the subject was unresponsive, not breathing and had no pulse. Officer Stedman called for an ambulance as Officer Boettcher initiated CPR chest compressions. Officer Stedman then retrieved a bag valve mask from his squad. An off-duty fireman observed the officers and stopped to assist. The fireman took over the chest compressions and Officer Boettcher administered ventilation by using the bag valve mask. This continued until fire ambulance arrived. Fire personnel administered three shocks from an automated external defibrillator which shocked the subject's heart into a rhythm. The subject was then transported to Swedish American Hospital.

Officer Boettcher's and Officer Stedman's action highlights one example of the work being performed by first responders. Without doubt, the officer's timely assistance provided what was needed to sustain life until medical assistance arrived.

The **Medal of Lifesaving** was also awarded to Officer Jeff Andrews for his decisive actions which directly contributed to saving the life of William Bostwick.

On July 3, 2008, Illinois State Trooper Jason Heinzl responded to an accident at Executive Parkway and North Mulford Road. Moments later, Officer Andrews arrived. They found William Bostwick, who crashed his car into a traffic light pole, unresponsive and not breathing. The two officers removed Mr. Bostwick from his car, and Officer Andrews retrieved the airway bag from his squad. The two began performing CPR until Rockford Fire arrived.

St. Anthony Hospital Emergency Room medical personnel commend the actions of Officer Andrews and

State Trooper Heinzl. Dr. Robin Borchardt, St. Anthony Hospital Vice Chair of Emergency Medicine, expressed that the actions taken by these two officers greatly assisted in Mr. Bostwick's medical improvement. Dr. Borchardt stated that in a serious event, medical assistance performed in the first two to three minutes can make a tremendous difference in survival probability.

The **Medal of Valor** is awarded to sworn personnel who perform an act of exceptional bravery with an awareness of the imminent possibility that such act could result in great bodily harm or death to themselves or who had an extremely hazardous situation suddenly thrust upon them and their response reflected exceptional bravery. Officer Ryan Marko was the recipient of this medal in 2008

On December 9, 2007, at 0041 hours, Officer Marko heard a call of shots fired across the radio traffic while on patrol. Several calls came in the 911 Center of shots fired. Officer Marko proceeded to the area and was stopped by several subjects standing in the street at 1700 South Main Street. Officer Marko heard shots fired coming from El Tanampa Bar, 1701 South Main Street as he exited his squad. He notified the 911 Center of his location and went inside the bar.

Officer Marko encountered approximately 400 patrons, many of whom were excited, screaming and did not speak English. He worked his way through the crowd and located a subject shot, laying on the floor, and bleeding. He notified the 911 Center of needed medical assistance. Patrons then directed him to the kitchen area and located a suspect who was being held by several bar customers. Officer Marko handcuffed the suspect and also found an additional gunshot victim near the suspect.

When additional officers arrived the suspect weapon was recovered. Officer Marko further secured the crime scene in anticipation of the Identification investigators arrival.

With great risk to his own personal safety, Officer Ryan Marko demonstrated exceptional bravery when entering a crowded bar in order to stop others from being injured or shot.

## Field Services Bureau

The Field Services Bureau consists of the Patrol Services Division and the Special Operations Division. This Bureau comprises the largest number of personnel within the Rockford Police Department. The Patrol Division is divided into the day shift, afternoon shift, night shift and the K-9 Unit. A lieutenant commands each shift and is aided by five patrol sergeants. The Special Operations Division is divided into the M3 Streets Team, Community Services Unit and Central Reporting Unit. A lieutenant commands this Division. He is assisted by four sergeants and a civilian coordinator.

### Patrol Services Division

The Patrol Services Division continued moving forward in a transitional philosophy. While officers will always operate within the traditional policing framework, great progress was made in several other contemporary approaches including Community Policing, Problem Oriented Policing and Geographic Policing.

Patrol Officers continue to support neighborhoods by attending monthly meetings, listening to concerns and working with them to solve problems. Officers utilized Rockford's new Sound Amplification Impound Ordinance to address the loud stereo noise problem in many residential areas. 305 vehicles were impounded for violating this ordinance.

The Patrol Division began implementing the Geographic Policing model by assigning patrol lieutenants geographic responsibility for police districts. Districts are comprised of either three or four connected patrol areas. Each lieutenant, or district commander, is joined by a team of patrol sergeants, officers, detectives and city code inspectors who are accountable for crime and quality of life problems unique to their district. Data from Crime Analysis provides accurate and timely information which is used to develop strategies and allocate resources.

The Patrol Services Division participates in the City of Rockford's RockStat program to insure cross functional collaboration and maximize city resources in a joint effort to improve delivery of police services.

### K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit is comprised of three multi-purpose narcotic/patrol dog teams and one explosive detector dog team. A "team" consists of one handler/patrol officer and one canine. The four teams form the Unit.

Each K-9 Team assists Homeland Security officers at

the Chicago/Rockford International Airport by searching the terminal luggage, aircraft and other areas for the odor of narcotics, explosives and firearms. K-9 Unit officers are also present for all departing and arriving international flights.

The patrol dogs are used to locate the odor of narcotics in vehicles, buildings and packages, track suspects and missing people, locate suspects hiding in buildings and outdoor areas, provide handler protection and recover discarded evidence.



Canine handlers also conduct dozens of K-9 demonstrations each year for the public, educating the citizens on the functions of the K-9 teams.

Two canines retired in 2008. Kazan, a German shepherd dog, retired at the age of 11 with 9 years of service with the Department. Riker, also a German shepherd dog, was retired at the age of 6 ½ years, with 5 years of service. Riker was retired due to an injury. Both dogs are presently living with their handlers. The dogs have been replaced with two Belgian Malinois.

The K-9 Unit officers were responsible for 298 arrests and 350 traffic arrests. The teams assisted in the seizure of \$573,204 in drug funds. The Unit recovered 125,945 grams of cannabis and 225.30 grams of cocaine.

### Central Reporting Unit

During 2008, the Central Reporting Unit (CRU) was staffed with eight officers, twenty-four hours a day, and seven days a week and is the first point of contact citizens have with the Rockford Police Department upon entering the Public Safety Building. In April of 2008, civilians were hired to replace police officers and staff the CRU. Hiring civilians to replace police officers in CRU is a significant cost savings to the Department.

During peak hours of operation, the Unit is supplemented with assigned police officers from the day and afternoon patrol shifts. Officers that were permanently assigned to CRU were folded into the patrol division, adding more manpower to address higher priority calls for service. CRU employees take reports from citizens walking into the Public Safety Building or by phone. Those assigned to the CRU work and cooperate in all tasks and functions within the Field Services Bureau.

The CRU is supervised by the Special Operations Commander. This Unit has proven to be a valuable asset to the community and Patrol Officers. There were 14,266 calls for service that were sent to CRU from the radio dispatcher. This means that officers patrolling the city street had 14,266 less calls that they had to respond to, which left them available to handle other situations. CRU produced 7,535 original police reports, representing 18.35% of the 41,055 original reports written. Criminal damage, burglary to vehicle, telephone harassment, minor traffic accidents and information reports are taken by the CRU.

### Community Services Unit



The Community Services Unit was staffed with seven officers and one sergeant. Each Community Services Officer is assigned a specific geographical area of the city where they are responsible for reducing or eliminating ongoing or neighborhood problems. Community Services Officers are also responsible for noting crime trends in their areas and using city resources to eliminate the problems. Community Services Officers use traditional and non-traditional policing methods to achieve their results. Community Services Officers also use innovative ideas to address crime, traffic and quality of life issues.

Community Policing is one of the proactive methods used by the Community Services Officers to address issues in their areas. Community Policing includes using neighborhood organization meetings as a medium for obtaining and relaying important information to the citizens of the community. There are over 40 active neighborhood organizations in Rockford. Community Services Officers attended more than 330 neighborhood organization meetings. Community Services Officers meet with citizens at these meetings to

discuss and resolve crime, traffic and quality of life issues in the area in which they live.

Community Services Officers continued to work in the Ellis Heights and Kishwaukee Corridor Federal Weed and Seed Areas. As the enforcement continues to “Weed” the problems out of the areas, the “Seeding” phase of the Weed and Seed strategy continues to increase. Rock River Training provided instruction to Weed and Seed residents on computer and other employment related skills to help them obtain employment or add additional work skills. The Rockford Police School Unit and Community Services Unit combined efforts to sponsor two Youth Police Academies. The Locks and Lights program in the Ellis Heights Weed and Seed area provided motion lights which were professionally installed at 20 qualifying residences in that area.

The Community Services Unit continued to utilize the State of Illinois Nuisance Abatement Act to seize property where uncooperative landowners refuse to respond to chronic drug activity occurring on their property. The Community Services Unit used Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO’s) on more than four occasions to temporarily seize problem residences or businesses until Nuisance Abatement agreements could be reached. Nuisance abatement agreements were reached with at least five individuals/ businesses during the year. The Community Services Unit partnered with the City of Rockford Legal Department and Winnebago County States Attorney’s Office to complete these agreements.

Community Services Officers staffed four Rockford Police work stations on a part time basis. These work stations are located at 1810 W. State Street, Heartland Church complex located at Alpine and Newburg Roads, 7th Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1005 S. Main Street (an additional work station is planned for the Concord Commons Housing Complex.) Many of the Neighborhood Organization meetings are held at the work stations.

Community Services Officers continue using bicycles during the course of their duties. The use of bicycles gets the officers out of their squad cars and into the neighborhoods for which they are responsible.

Community Services Officers began work on a new Business Watch program. The Business Watch program is similar to the Neighborhood Watch program, but involves business areas instead of residential areas. The test area for the Business Watch program is the Miracle Mile which is E. State Street from Fairview Avenue to N. Alpine Road and the Broadway Business District.

Community Services Officers provided public education on crime related issues by conducting 52 security surveys at businesses and residences. Community Services Officers also gave more than 100 presentations relating to crime issues including theft, identity theft, Burglary and personal safety. Two Community Services Officer attended a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) training seminar and became certified to conduct security surveys.

The Community Services Unit sponsored two Crime Free Multi-Housing seminars. These seminars were attended by more than 110 landlords. During these seminars, landlords received training on how to recognize drug/gang/criminal activity at their properties, tenant screening, landlord/tenant rights, working with the Police Department, Fire Department, Building Department and Code Enforcement.

In a collaborative effort with the City of Rockford Community Development Department, Community Services Officers referred more than 380 building code and code enforcement issues to the Code Enforcement section of the Community Development Department. Also, Community Services Officers combined efforts with the building department condemning more than 320 buildings for various health and safety issues.

Community Services Officers verified the addresses of more than 650 registered sex offenders, issued more than 500 traffic citations and 670 parking tickets.

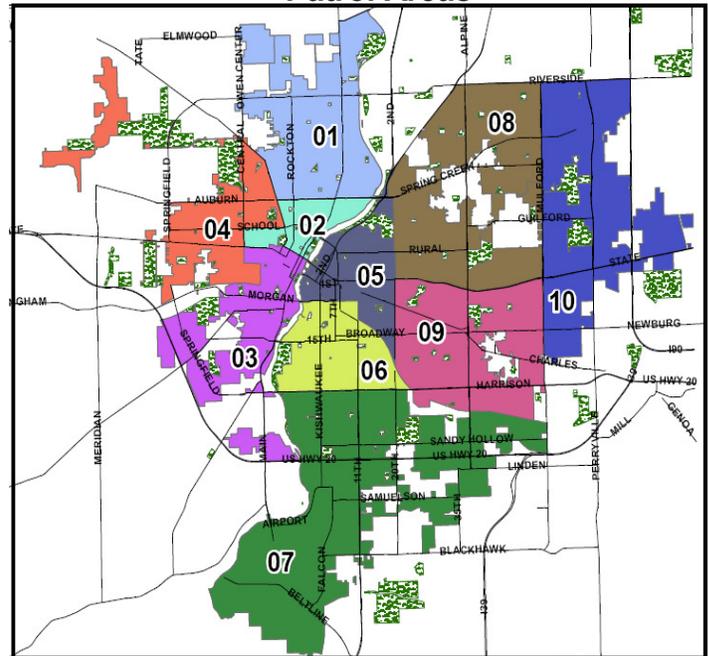
In October, the Community Service Unit received a new and updated Reverse 9-1-1 system. This system offers many new features to notify the citizens of Rockford on important public safety issues and will provide the capability to contact unlisted and cellular telephones, along with an email notification feature.

Community Services Officers are committed to problem solving and to building and sustaining effective government and community partnerships.

### **M-3 Streets Team Unit**

The M-3 Streets Team was formed in January of 2007 and is supervised by the Special Operations Commander. The M-3 Streets Team Unit consists of 24 officers and three Sergeants, which are divided into three equally staffed groups. This Unit is the primary provider of community based police services to the Downtown River District, Mid-Town Business District, as well as the Drug Market Disruption Areas, Weed and Seed enforcement areas and Rockford Housing Authority Family Developments and high rise build-

**Patrol Areas**



ings. The officers assigned to this Unit, on average, provided eight months of service by utilizing police bicycle patrol. They concentrate their enforcement efforts on patrolling Hot Spot areas, enforcing laws and ordinances in high problematic areas of the city.

In June, the M-3 Streets Team conducted a Summer Crime Initiative within the city of Rockford. This initiative, modeled after an Indianapolis, Indiana crime reduction strategy, was conducted in partnership with other local agencies. The initiative concentrated on "Hot Spot" policing in high crime areas and was able to show an 11.44% decrease in Group A offenses (the majority of criminal offenses that are considered to be the "more serious" crimes.) and a 2.86% decrease in total offenses within the selected area.

The M-3 Streets Team logged the following statistics from the Summer Crime Initiative:

821	Vehicles stopped
296	Persons ticketed
410	Total citations issued
51	Criminal arrests
291	Wanted persons checked
139	Parole checks
137	Juvenile checks
126	Traffic warnings
41	Persons arrested on warrants
3,000+	Directed/Special Assignments

## Support Services Bureau

The Support Services Bureau consists of the Traffic Unit, School Liaison Unit, Bomb Unit, Dignitary Protection Section, Mobile Command Unit, Mobile Field Force, SWAT Unit and the newly formed ATV Unit. This Bureau also is responsible for major event planning and all Homeland Security issues.



Support Services addresses a wide spectrum of police services ranging from basic public services to the more police-oriented operations in support of Field Services, Investigative Services and Traffic.

**The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit** provides specialize services in protecting the civilians and Police Personnel, reducing the possibilities of injury or death at high-risk incidents.

**The Bomb Unit** responds to bomb threats, explosive devices, hazardous materials incidents and major post-blast or blast investigations This squad also assist the SWAT Team with Barricaded/Hostage incidents. All team members are federally certified bomb technicians.

**The Dignitary Protection Section** is responsible for the safety of dignitaries, political candidates, VIP or well-known persons or anyone in need of special security. The SWAT Unit also assists this Section with political candidate assignments.

**The Mobile Command Unit** provides efficient command and control in the field. This vehicle is used for various field assignments ranging from special event dispatching to providing incident command in critical incident situations.

**The ATV Unit** consists of eight officers who are responsible for enforcing off-road State Laws and City Ordinance infractions.

**The Mobile Field Force** is a platoon of officers who have received specialized training and tactics on how to deal with and diffuse volatile civil disturbances.

**The Special Events Section** assists the Deputy Chief of Support Services in the management of major special events and projects. Through the use of technology, planning and constant evaluation of prior events, the Support Services Bureau has made substantial reductions in costs of providing services to the city while maintaining adequate staffing levels to assure public safety.

This Section also manages the Department's fleet vehicles/equipment, serves as liaison with court services, provides research and development support and assists with the implementation of video surveillance projects.

### Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit consists of one sergeant, sixteen investigators and one abandoned vehicle/parking control officer. Of the fourteen investigators, four are assigned to the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) task force and one investigates hit and run crashes.

The Traffic Unit investigated 12 fatal traffic crashes. Members of the Major Accident Reconstruction Team, along with other traffic investigators, are primarily responsible to investigate these crashes.



The Department, as a whole, investigated 6,418 traffic crashes in 2008, down four percent from 2007. 1,675 of the crashes were investigated as hit and run crashes. The solve rate was 25%.

The DUI Task Force cited a total of 487 alcohol and/or drug impaired individuals.

The Traffic Unit deployed four motorcycles. The motorcycles augmented the Traffic Unit's effectiveness and efficiency. The Traffic Unit also continued the use of the portable scales for enforcement of overweight trucks. This enforcement helps lengthen the life of the city streets.

The Traffic Unit removed 345 abandoned and or illegally parked vehicles from city streets. The Traffic Unit also maintained wrecker inspections for the rotating wrecker list, provided escorts for funeral processions and traffic control for numerous civic events.

The Traffic Unit conducted enforcement zones, saturation patrols and roadside safety checks during which DUI, speeding, disobeying traffic control devices and seat belt usage was stressed. The Traffic Unit partnered with the Illinois State Police and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department during these enforcement efforts.

The Traffic Unit continued to concentrate on effective selective enforcement targeting high crash locations during high crash times and enforcing violations contributing to those crashes.

The Traffic Unit was and continues to be committed to reducing deaths, injuries and property loss through effective and efficient traffic enforcement strategies.

### School Liaison Unit

In 1998, the Rockford Police Department initiated a liaison position with Rockford School District #205 to improve communications and provide service for Rockford's public schools and student population. The duties of the School Liaison Unit Sergeant consist of the supervision of nine officers assigned to the Unit and to be a liaison between school district administrators and the Rockford Police Department. This includes fostering a free flow of information between the two organizations to optimize law enforcement services. Eight school liaison officers and one truancy officer are assigned to the Unit and are tasked to meet the law enforcement needs of over 30,000 students and employees of the Rockford Public Schools.

### High/Middle School Liaison Program

In the fall of 2003, the Rockford Public Schools and the City of Rockford agreed to begin a pilot program that changed the responsibilities of the designated middle school officers. This type of deployment reflects the "School Resource Officer" approach where the liaison officers are relied upon to provide other functions like classroom presentations and student crisis referrals. These functions, plus the primary function of law enforcement and maintaining site security, combine for a holistic approach of police service to the Rockford Public Schools. This program mirrors the successful High School Liaison Officer Program, which has been in place since the 2001-2002 school year.

### Elementary School Liaison Program

The Elementary School Liaison Program includes responding to calls for police service from individual elementary schools and conducting criminal investigations. Community policing in the school atmosphere is the emphasis of the elementary security program. Mediation and conflict resolution with arrest being the final option is the goal of this program. In the schools, officers have a secondary education function such as addressing assemblies and classes about law enforcement topics.

The School Liaison Unit has developed a documentation system for the purpose of keeping individual school statistics and assessing Unit performance. This system recognizes two categories of contacts: school contact and student contact. Student contacts are those which relate directly to an individual student. For the 2008 year, the table below shows the number of student contacts.

#### 2008 STUDENT CONTACTS

<b>Elementary Student Contacts</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>High School Contacts</b>	<b>3,486</b>
<b>Middle School Contacts</b>	<b>905</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,500</b>

The School Liaison Unit also keeps arrest statistics. The majority of arrests are separated into three generalized categories: Violent Offenses, Possession of Illegal Substances and Weapon Offenses. Violent Offenses include assault, battery and mob action related arrests. Possession or delivery of illegal substance offenses include marijuana, alcohol and tobacco related arrests on school grounds. Weapon offenses include the possession of, or the intended use of any weapon defined as illegal on school property by Illinois State Statutes. The majority of weapon offenses consist of possession of knives on school property.

#### 2008 SCHOOL ARRESTS

<b>Violent Offenses</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Illegal Substance Offenses</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Weapon Offenses</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Arrests (includes all other categories)</b>	<b>1,098</b>

### Youth Academy

Officers also partnered with the Rockford Park District and Winnebago County Sheriff's Police to conduct a Youth Police Academy at Lewis Lemon School and Patriot's Gateway Center. The program targeted children age 13–17 primarily living in the Weed and Seed program areas of the city.



Each Youth Police Academy lasted for five days from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with police officers and juvenile probation officers mentoring the program. The participants took part in hands-on activities like crime scene investigation techniques, alcohol & drug awareness education plus character and team building activities. They also toured the Public Safety Building, Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center and Winnebago County Courthouse. The tour provided a first hand look at where the police work and also educated them on the criminal justice system process from arrest to incarceration to trial. The ultimate goal of the program was to have the children interact on a more casual level with police officers and to foster better relationships. The event was a great success.

## Investigative Services Bureau

The Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) is responsible for the follow-up and preparation for all criminal incidents in the City of Rockford and the investigation of narcotic laws. The goals of the ISB are to focus on decreasing crime while increasing the solve rate. The ISB has eight units, each supervised by a sergeant.

The Crime Analysis Unit continues to be an important function in providing ISB with timely and accurate reports, to include trends and suspect information. ISB provides intelligence information to the Field Services Bureau during weekly district meetings. The sharing of information with all areas of the department continues to be very beneficial.

The ISB maintains a good working relationship with local and federal law enforcement agencies. Joint in-

vestigations with federal law enforcement were conducted to include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Rockford Police Detectives have also been assigned to State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT) and Northern Illinois Auto Theft Task Force (NIATTF).

### Burglary Unit

The Burglary Unit is responsible for investigative follow-up of residential, commercial and vehicle burglaries. The Burglary Unit also monitors pawn shops to ensure compliance with local and state ordinances.

The Burglary Unit, in a cooperative effort between the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, conducted surveillance of individuals involved in burglaries. This effort resulted in numerous arrests of individuals for residential and commercial burglary. Based on information obtained through this cooperative effort, detectives were able to obtain search warrants for locations and upon execution of those search warrants, thousands of dollars in property was recovered that had been taken during burglaries in the Rockford and surrounding counties. The Crime Analysis Unit provided crucial information to detectives regarding the burglaries.

The Identification detectives of the Rockford Police Department solved many cases by processing crime scenes which led to the identification of individuals involved in burglaries by obtaining forensic evidence.

Detectives from the Burglary Unit were assigned over 900 cases. 175 people were arrested for burglary (non-residential), 117 for residential burglary, 6 for attempted burglary, 28 for home invasion and 12 for possession of stolen property.

### Domestic Violence Unit

The Domestic Violence Unit investigates complaints of family/household member violence including but not limited to: aggravated domestic battery, domestic battery, violation of order of protection, interfering with the reporting of domestic violence and stalking. Approximately 4,247 domestic related offenses were reported to the Rockford Police Department, with 1,314 people arrested for violations. Investigators were assigned approximately 513 cases, with 170 cases cleared by arrest. The Unit is also responsible for assisting victims in seeking protective shelter, obtaining orders of protection, or referrals to other social agencies.

The Domestic Violence Unit works in close concert with the Winnebago County State's Attorney in its effort to decrease domestic violence through case devel-

opment, report preparation, evidence collection, and education. The Domestic Violence Unit is a member of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit's Family Violence Council and the Violence Prevention Collaborative. The Domestic Violence Unit Works in conjunction with other social agencies such as WAVE, DCFS, and Visiting Nurse's Association.

The Domestic Violence Unit is an annual recipient of a grant provided by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. This grant is applied to the salary of an investigator in the Unit.

### **Gang Unit**

The Gang Unit is responsible for collecting intelligence on gang members and providing the Department with current information as it relates to the gang problem. Members of the Gang Unit work with other federal (FBI, ATF, DEA) and local law enforcement agencies in combating gang crimes.

The Gang Unit provides gang education to various organizations in the community and works with the school liaison officers in the Rockford Public Schools. The Gang Unit arrested 197 individuals for gang related crimes. The Gang Unit recovered 30 firearms, executed 11 search warrants and conducted 22 consent searches.

### **General Case Unit**

The General Case Unit is accountable for the investigation of a wide variety of crimes including, but not limited to Fraud, Forgery, Deceptive Practice, Identity Theft, Criminal Damage, Criminal Defacement, Com-



puter Internet Crimes as well as other types of property crimes.

The General Case Unit worked with the Secret Service, US Postal Service, Department of Treasury, FBI and other State and Local agencies. Many investiga-

tions and search warrants that were conducted involved counterfeit currency, scrap metal theft, graffiti and fictitious check/credit card writing. This was a joint effort which resulted in numerous arrests of several individuals.

The General Case Unit was assigned over 1,320 cases. The General Case Unit works closely with the Crime Analysts and the Burglary Unit for mapping, measuring and formatting new innovative ideas to reduce crime.

### **Identification Unit**

The detectives of the ID Unit identify, collect and package evidence. They document crime scenes through photography, videography and diagramming. All of these tasks are performed in such a way that they pave the way for successful prosecutions by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

Forensic Computer examination is also a function of the Identification Unit. Currently two Detectives are Certified Forensic Computer Examiners (CFCE), one of fewer than 700 people holding that certificate. These Detectives have worked 22 cases involving the forensic examination of 23 computers, an 83% increase from 2007. These cases involved crimes from retail theft to Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child.

The detectives are specifically tasked to perform other specialized functions. All of the detectives in the unit are trained and certified in the identification and comparison of fingerprints. Detectives have special training in a number of disciplines such as Blood Spatter Analysis, Crime Scene Photography, and Forensic Video Analysis and Forensic Computer examinations as mentioned above.

Various Detectives in the ID Unit, because of their specialized and continuing training, are also recognized as expert witnesses in the fields of Fingerprint identification and Blood Spatter Analysis in Illinois court. ID Detectives have also testified as experts on Fingerprint Identification in Federal court. Detectives lifted latent prints in over 259 cases in 2008, an approximately 8.5% increase from 2007.

Detectives of the ID Unit identified over 78 individuals from fingerprint matches. These matches came substantially from latent prints lifted at crime scenes but also included numerous individuals trying to hide their true identities. A number of the matches were aided by the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) employed by the Rockford Police Department. The match percentages rose 10% in 2008.

The Identification Unit also provided services in the form of Citizen Fingerprinting. The ID Detectives fingerprinted over 328 persons during 2008 for an average of slightly more than six people per week. 396 fingerprint cards were created for those citizens. Citizen Fingerprinting was again supplemented by the use of LiveScan equipment received in 2006.

### Rockford Narcotics

This year was the first full year for the Rockford Narcotics Unit. The Narcotics Unit routinely works with other agencies by either actively working narcotics cases together or simply sharing information. These agencies are on the local, state and federal level which includes the Winnebago Sheriff's Department, State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The Narcotics Unit conducted 235 narcotics investigations. These investigations include various types of strategies including search warrants, undercover buys, buys using confidential informants and "knock and talks". A total of 223 individuals were arrested by the Narcotics Unit in 2008 for various offenses involving



illegal narcotics. Some of these arrests are being or were prosecuted on the federal level.

The investigations conducted by the Rockford Narcotics Unit resulted in confiscating large amounts of drugs with a street value of over \$1,500,000. The main drugs confiscated were cocaine, cannabis and heroin.



Thirty-seven guns, which include assault rifles, were also recovered and taken out of the hands of drug dealers. The Rockford Narcotics Unit also seized \$186,093 in United States Currency, started the proceedings on three vehicles, awarded four vehicles to use for law enforcement, and even began the seizure process for two residences.

The Rockford Narcotics Unit continues to work side by side with other units within the Rockford Police Department. On a regular basis, the Unit is involved with sharing information with the Community Services Unit as well as the M3 Streets Team. This information has resulted in drugs and weapons being recovered and drug houses being closed. The Narcotics Unit also teamed up with the Gang Unit and the M3 Streets Team and worked at night in various "Hot Spots" throughout the year.

The Rockford Narcotics Unit implemented a new Drug Complaint data base within RMS. This data base is used to map our incoming drug complaints and provides a much better tool to assign and track complaints. The data base is also a good resource tool that other supervisors can access.

The Narcotics Unit is committed to investigating the complaints of the citizens of Rockford and targeting the drug dealers on all levels within our community.

### Crimes Against Person Unit

The Crimes Against Person Unit is responsible for the investigation of all crimes against person; from a simple Battery or Assault up to and including Murder investigations. The Unit investigated 880 incidents, up slightly from the 875 investigations that were completed in 2007. The overall clearance rate for those investigations was 60.1%.

There were 20 Murders in Rockford in 2007 compared to 21 in 2008. Of those Murders, 11 have resulted in

arrest as of January 31, 2009.

The Crimes Against Person Unit was also responsible for the investigation of several other serious crimes. These incidents included: 94 shooting investigations; 67 commercial armed robberies and 177 death investigations of varying circumstances. The Unit also continues to pursue investigations into several unsolved and cold case Murder investigations, some dating back many years.

There was only one bank robbery in the City of Rockford during 2008, down significantly from the six that occurred in 2007. This robbery was investigated jointly with the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the suspect was subsequently arrested and charged in Federal Court.

The Crimes Against Person Unit maintains a good working relationship with the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office and continues to assist them with many aspects of trial preparation. The Unit also works closely with other local and federal law enforcement agencies.



### Youth/Sex Unit

The Youth/Sex Crimes Unit is responsible for the investigation of crimes

involving victims and suspects under the age of 17 years old. The Unit is also responsible for all adult and juvenile sex crimes. In 2008, the Unit investigated over 900 cases, along with numerous cases of computer related crimes and child pornography.

The Youth/Sex Crimes Unit conducted numerous alcohol and tobacco compliance checks throughout the city. Sex offender compliance and curfew checks were also conducted.

There were 742 vehicles stolen in Rockford, down from 772 in 2007. 84.8% of those vehicles were recovered. The Youth/Sex Crimes Unit has a detective assigned to the Illinois State Police Auto Theft Task Force.

The Youth/Sex Crimes Unit is also responsible for investigating missing persons and runaway juveniles. In 2008 there were approximately 1,047 missing/runaway incidents investigated. The Unit also assisted other law enforcement agencies in locating individuals.



## Offenses/Clearances for January 1—December 31, 2008

Code	Offense Description	# of Offenses	Unfounded	Total	Offenses Cleared by			% Cleared
					Arrest	Exception	Total	
	<b>Group A</b>							
09A	Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	21		21	15		15	71.4%
09B	Negligent Manslaughter			0			0	
09C	Justifiable Homicide			0			0	
100	Kidnapping/Abduction/Unlawful Restraint	51	3	48	28	8	36	75.0%
11A	Forcible Rape	140	10	130	9	53	62	47.7%
11B	Forcible Sodomy	12		12	6	7	13	108.3%
11C	Sexual Assault With an Object			0			0	
11D	Forcible Fondling	80	8	72	20	27	47	65.3%
120	Robbery	618	11	607	75	55	130	21.4%
13A	Aggravated Assault	1,116	2	1,114	310	149	459	41.2%
13B	Simple Assault	4,912	6	4,906	2,446	589	3,035	61.9%
13C	Intimidation	614	2	612	148	48	196	32.0%
200	Arson	58		58	10	1	11	19.0%
210	Extortion/Blackmail	2		2		1	1	50.0%
220	Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2,779	9	2,770	214	295	509	18.4%
23A	Pocket-Picking	5	1	4			0	0.0%
23B	Purse-Snatching	2		2			0	0.0%
23C	Shoplifting	1,180		1,180	789	31	820	69.5%
23D	Theft From Building	3		3	1		1	33.3%
23E	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	7		7	1	1	2	28.6%
23F	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1,342	3	1,339	34	44	78	5.8%
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	418		418	10	5	15	3.6%
23H	All Other Larceny	3,547	31	3,516	285	324	609	17.3%
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	828	43	785	20	70	90	11.5%
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	383	2	381	81	44	125	32.8%
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	259	2	257	27	39	66	25.7%
26B	Credit Card/ Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	188	2	186	16	14	30	16.1%
26C	Impersonation	271	1	270	7	37	44	16.3%
26D	Welfare Fraud			0			0	
26E	Wire Fraud	5		5		1	1	20.0%
270	Embezzlement			0			0	
280	Stolen Property Offenses	66		66	63	2	65	98.5%
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	6,743	9	6,734	570	479	1,049	15.6%
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1,086		1,086	960	4	964	88.8%
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	344		344	331		331	96.2%
36A	Incest			0			0	
36B	Statutory Rape			0			0	
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	18	4	14	4	7	11	78.6%
39A	Betting/Wagering			0			0	
39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	2		2	2		2	100.0%
39C	Gambling Equipment Violations			0			0	
39D	Sports Tampering			0			0	
40A	Prostitution	74		74	74		74	100.0%
40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	11		11	10		10	90.9%
510	Bribery			0			0	
520	Weapon Law Violations	552		552	380	11	391	70.8%
	<b>Total Group A Offenses</b>	<b>27,737</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>27,588</b>	<b>6,946</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>9,292</b>	<b>33.7%</b>

## Offenses/Clearances for January 1—December 31, 2008

Code	Offense Description	# of Offenses	Unfounded	Total	Offenses Cleared by			% Cleared
					Arrest	Exception	Total	
	<b>Group B</b>							
90A	Bad Checks			0			0	
90B	Curfew /Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	427		427	422		422	98.8%
90C	Disorderly Conduct	1,866	1	1,865	1,095	76	1,171	62.8%
90D	Driving Under the Influence	764		764	757	1	758	99.2%
90E	Drunkness			0			0	
90F	Non-Violent Family Offenses	2,027	1	2,026	253	205	458	22.6%
90G	Liquor Law Violations	631		631	618		618	97.9%
90H	Peeping Tom	2		2			0	0.0%
90I	Runaway	954		954	19	6	25	2.6%
90J	Trespass of Real Property	1,044		1,044	744	31	775	74.2%
90Z	All Other Offenses	9,922	7	9,915	8,218	58	8,276	83.5%
	<b>Total Group B Offenses</b>	17,637	9	17,628	12,126	377	12,503	70.9%

**Total number of incidents during 2008: 42,443**

**Total number of people arrested in 2008: 15,848**

In NIBRS reporting, up to ten of the most serious offenses can be reported per incident. Each code will be reported once even though there may be more than one victim per offense. The clearance of an incident by an arrest or exceptional means clears all offenses within that incident.

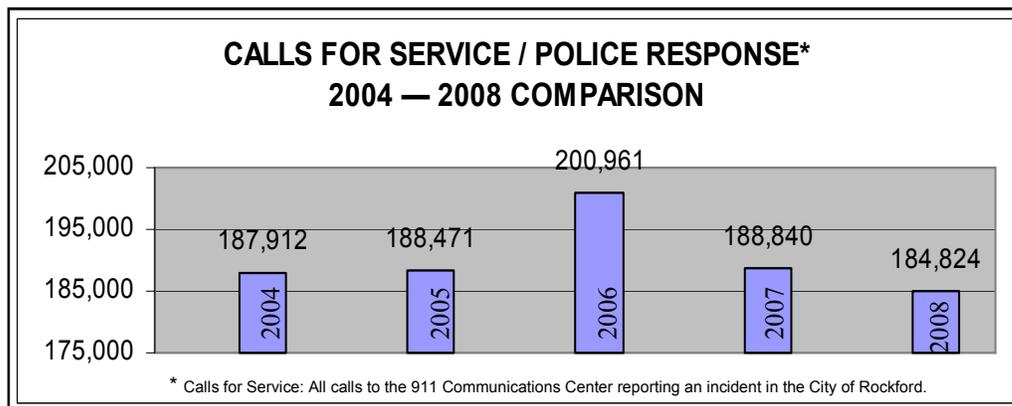
### About The Rockford Police Department's Crime Statistics and the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Program

Since January 1, 2006, the Rockford Police Department's Record Center has been using the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Program to report Rockford's crime statistics directly to the FBI.

NIBRS collects data on 46 specific crimes known as Group A offenses and 11 additional Group B offenses. NIBRS also captures **all** offenses completed in a particular incident as well as characteristics of both victims and perpetrators. NIBRS can produce a more detailed, accurate and meaningful account of what happened in an incident. The Rockford Police Department will not only be able to give accurate counts of offenses and clearances that occur, we will also be able to identify common crime problems and trends through the analysis of the data.

It should be noted that in NIBRS a single incident can contain many offenses. Statistics will be gathered for every offense in that incident. For example, if a Forced Entry Residential Burglary occurred, an offense of Criminal Damage to Property would be reported in addition to the Burglary. Other information such as the type of tools that were used to gain access, what was damaged and the type of security are also reported. If an incident is cleared by arrest, all offenses within that incident are also cleared.

<b>TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED 2007 — 2008 COMPARISON</b>			
<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>—</b>
Driving Under the Influence (and Related)	726	774	6.61%
Blood Alcohol over .08%	235	257	9.36%
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	309	252	-18.45%
Reckless Driving	124	113	-8.87%
Hit and Run	328	303	-7.62%
Drag Racing	6	5	-16.67%
No Valid Registration	1,158	1,259	8.72%
No Insurance	3,665	3,519	-3.98%
No Valid Driver's License	1,288	1,291	0.23%
Driving After Suspension / Revocation	1,963	2,132	8.61%
Seat Belt Violation	623	671	7.70%
Fleeing	66	53	-19.70%
Speeding	4,145	4,519	9.02%
Driving Too Fast for Conditions	1,323	1,236	-6.58%
No City Sticker	311	***	***
Negligent Driving	544	489	-10.11%
Disobeyed Traffic Signal	231	195	-15.58%
Disobeyed Stop Sign	1,681	1,548	-7.91%
Improper Turns / Signaling	354	292	-17.51%
Failed to Yield at Intersections	572	551	-3.67%
Improper Lane Usage	496	480	-3.23%
<b>ALL OTHER TRAFFIC CITATIONS</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>-22.54%</b>
<b>Total Tickets issued:</b>	<b>24,758</b>	<b>23,513</b>	<b>-5.03%</b>



## Milestones

### Retirements:

Officer William Tetzlaff	01-07-08
Investigator Charles Carlson	02-05-08
Detective Nancy Van Diver	03-03-08
Sergeant Russell Nelson	03-03-08
Sergeant Clinton Kellett	04-05-08
Sergeant Dorsey Thompson	04-11-08
Sergeant John Leslie	04-11-08
Lieutenant Doug Block	05-08-08
Sergeant Cruz Padron	06-16-08
Investigator Eugene Koelker	06-16-08
Officer Robert Cole	08-04-08
Lieutenant Thomas Coe	09-12-08

### Promotions:

#### To Lieutenant

Sergeant Dane Person	06-25-08
Sergeant Mark West	10-02-08

#### To Sergeant

Investigator Pat Hoey	03-10-08
Investigator Michael Dalke	03-10-08
Investigator Gregory Sean Ross	04-01-08
Investigator Michael Ahrens	04-16-08
Investigator Michael Holman	06-25-08
Officer Scott Oswald	06-25-08
Officer Richard Kennedy	10-02-08

#### To Investigator

Officer Darren Foulker	05-05-08
Officer Joel Givens	05-05-08
Officer Jeffrey Barabasz	05-05-08
Officer Matthew Gibbons	05-05-08
Officer Carla Redd-Miller	05-05-08
Officer Joseph Caltagerone	05-05-08
Officer Shalene Eagleson	09-28-08
Officer Matthew Krantz	09-28-08



### Appointments:

Oskaras Stundzia	02-13-08
Michael Schneider	02-13-08
Deon Wallace	02-13-08
Carl Bergstrom	02-13-08
Andrew Seale	02-13-08
Ryan Westphal	02-13-08
Joshua Arthur	02-13-08
Jonathan Hedges	02-13-08
Richard Dodd	02-13-08
D'Evryron Boone	08-28-08
Emilio Marquez	08-28-08
Ryan Fleming	08-28-08
Timothy Shier	08-28-08
Katherine McLuckie	08-28-08
Douglas DiBasilio	08-28-08
Juan Glover	08-28-08
Eugene Andreyev	08-28-08

### Anniversaries:

**20 Years:** Paula Berglund, Barry Dock, Walter Felton, David Hooks, Monica Heatherington, Frank Ingardona, Diann Krigbaum, Kristin McLester, Michael Meehan, John Pozzi

**30 Years:** James Bowman, Richard Cunningham, William Jacobson, James Joyes, Renee Pittz-Pobjecky, Joseph Viola, Larry Yastrab

**35 Years:** Lisa Mastrangeli\*, Dennis Taylor

**40 Years:** Joseph Rinaldo

(\* Denotes Civilian Employee)

### Remembered:

	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Died</u>
Richard Anderson	07-22-1981	02-23-2008
Roger Anderson	03-05-1987	09-23-2008
Otto Belter	02-18-1988	03-02-2008
Gerald Linenfelser	01-06-1993	07-31-2008