

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report



2009

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Chief of Police

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Sworn Police Staff

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Lieutenant Garry Zellmer	Detective Bureau Commander	107
Sergeant Thomas Peters	A Shift Commander	110
Sergeant Darrin Frye	B Shift Commander	115
Sergeant Patrick Cummings	C Shift Commander	128
Detective Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau	127
Officer Bernard Jernander	Patrol	103
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
Officer Scott Peterson	School Resource Officer	112
Officer John Trago	Patrol	117
Officer Patrick Hoekstra	Patrol	125
Officer Andrew Foesch	K9/ Patrol	126
Officer Richard Wolf	Patrol	129
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Geffert	Patrol	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jesse Spears	Patrol	136
Officer Mark Eberle	Patrol	137
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140

Police Fleet - 1961



Civilian Police Staffí

Communication Center:

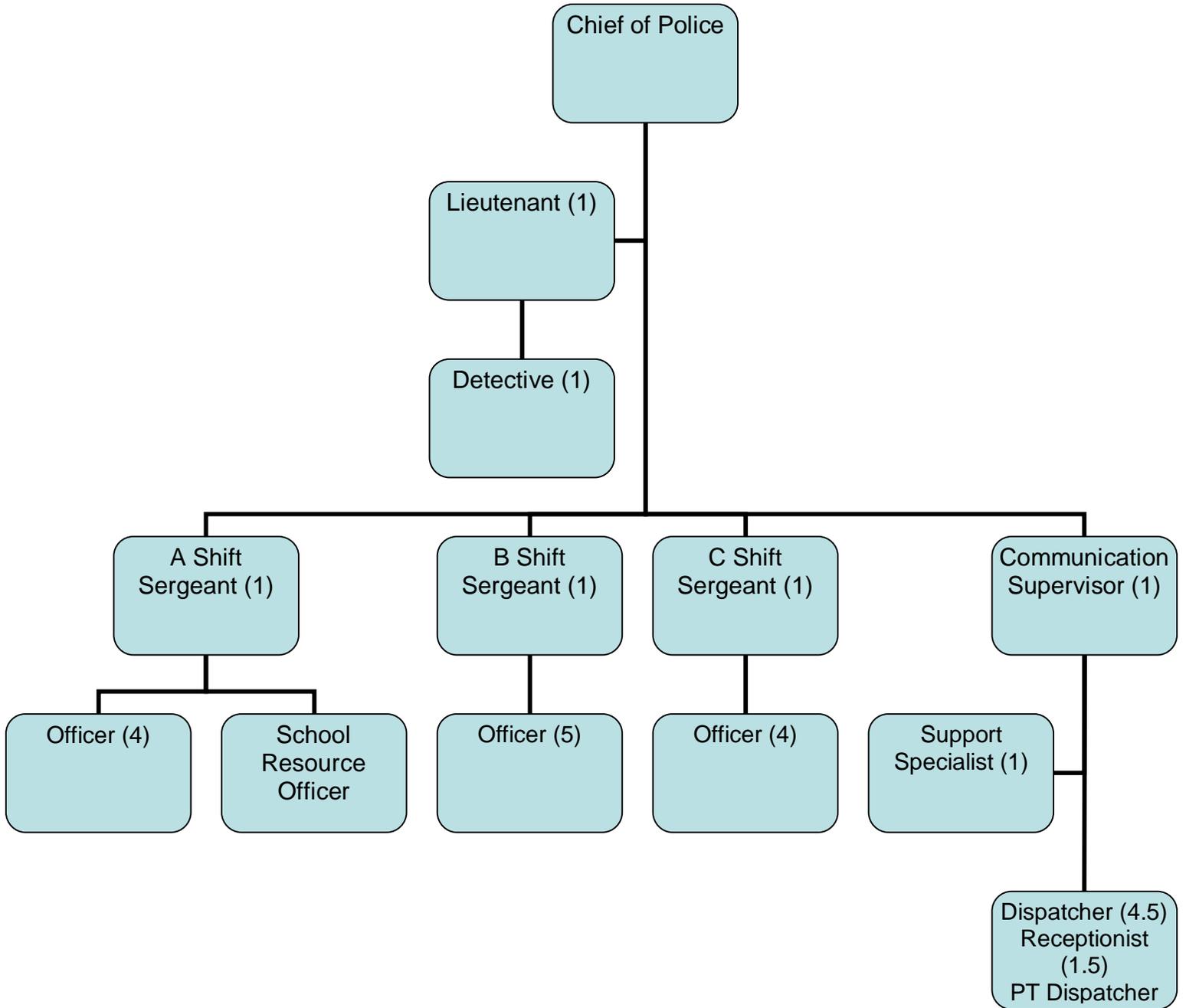
Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Amber Hoefs	Civilian Support Specialist	511
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dori Helm	Operator	522
Kimberly Hoekstra	Operator	523
Amy Breidenbach	Operator	524
Elena Weber	Operator	525
Erik Knull	Operator	513
Edward Pohlman III	Operator	519

Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
Pastor Scott Buhrow	Police Chaplain	700



Organization Chart



A Message from the Chief

Honorable Carol Held,
Mayor of the City of Reedsburg
Members of the Common Council,



On behalf of the men and women of the Reedsburg Police Department, it is an honor to submit to you the 2009 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2009 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

The police department was busy working several high-profile cases in 2009. The most serious of these was an attempted homicide that occurred in the Brewery Apartment area. An argument between acquaintances resulting in the victim getting his throat slashed. The offender wasn't located until November in California. He was extradited back to Sauk County where he awaits trial.

The police department was charged with enforcing the City's Sexual Offender Residency ordinance. Although this ordinance is controversial, it has resulted in a reduction of nine registered sex offenders living in the city limits.

The department also investigated a record high fourteen death investigations in 2009. These investigations are incredibly time-consuming and intricate, stretching the department's resources to their limits and beyond. The department has seen a reduction in serious crime in 2009. Burglaries are down 34%, and Sexual Assaults are down 25%. In a direct reflection of how dedicated and professional the staff of the Reedsburg Police Department is, we have achieved a 2009 clearance rate of 78% as compared to the State of Wisconsin average of 37%. Officers have cleared all reported sexual assaults and all reported physical assaults in 2009.

The department also issued five narcotics search warrants in 2009.

The department began issuing vehicle registrations through the reception area in 2009. In addition to other fines and fees collected the reception center received over \$134,000. Nearly \$30,000 of that was revenue to be deposited in the general fund.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the Common Council, and the Police and Fire Commission for their support and I am pleased to present the 2009 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

Chief Timothy M. Becker

The Year in Review

There were many issues faced by the Reedsburg Police Department in 2009, these are a sampling:

- Criminal Clearance Rate rose from (2008) 74.6% to (2009) 78.3%.
- Calls for Service increased from (2008) 11,120 to (2009) 12,857.
- Total activity increased 13.21%
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 13.74%
- Traffic complaints/citations rose 26.63%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 95 drunk drivers.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual (9/9) and physical assaults (43/43).
- DOT Registrations added revenue through Reception area.

Patrol Calls by Shift

A Shift:



A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Sgt. Tom Peters. Sgt. Peters oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 3,611 calls for service.

B-Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Sgt. Darrin Frye commands the B-Shift. Sgt. Frye is responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 6,213 calls for service in 2009.

C-Shift:



Sgt. Patrick Cummings commands the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. Sgt. Cummings performs functions such as tavern checks and business checks. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgt. Cummings supervises the patrol officers assigned to his shift which includes the K9 Unit. C-Shift responded to 3,033 calls for service.

Detective Bureau

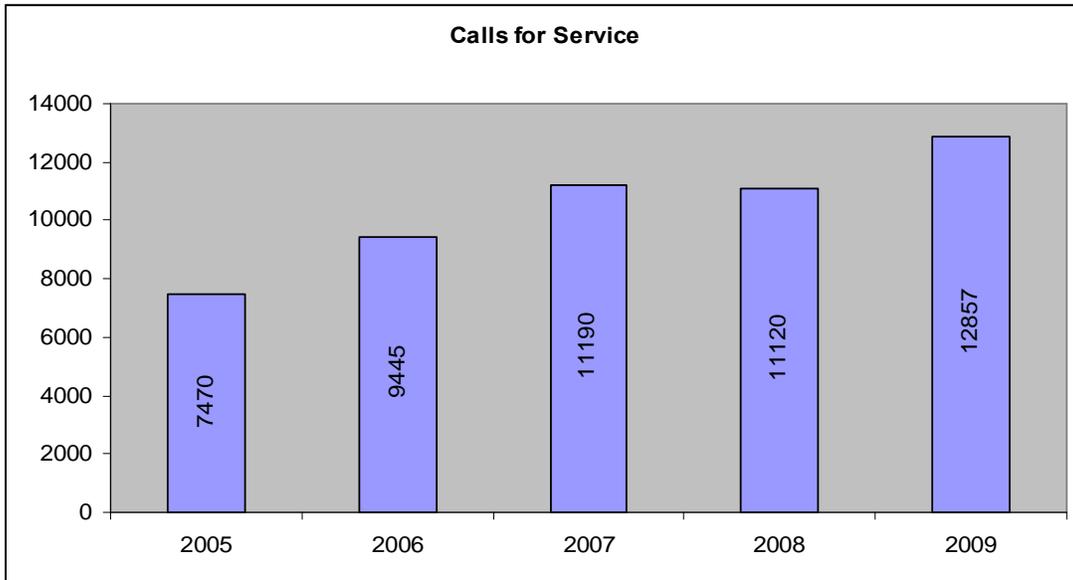
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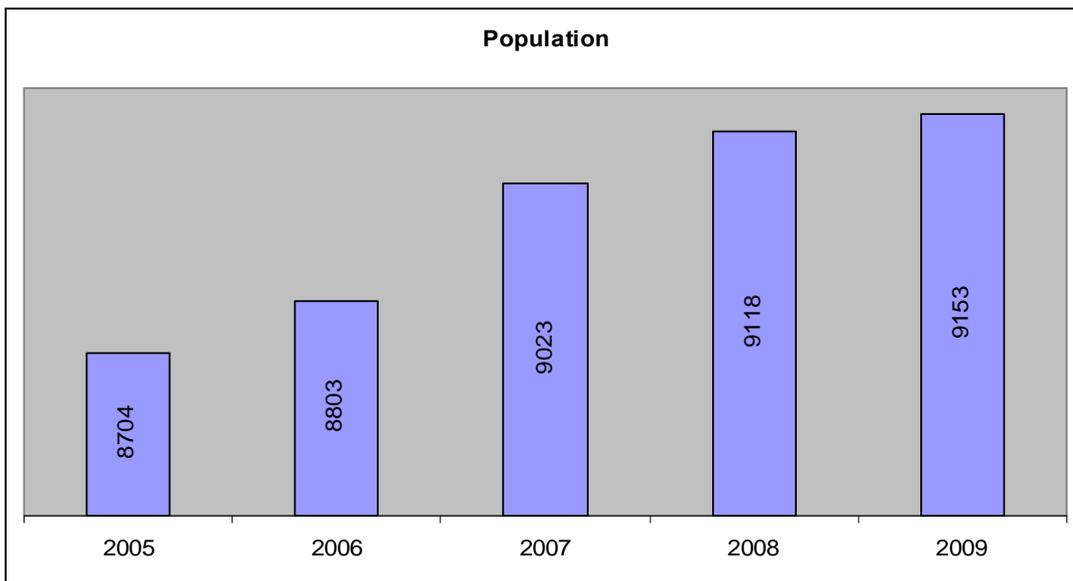
Lt. Garry Zellmer commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Lt. Zellmer and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle in-progress calls. In 2009, the Detective Bureau was assigned 510 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations.



Calls for Service

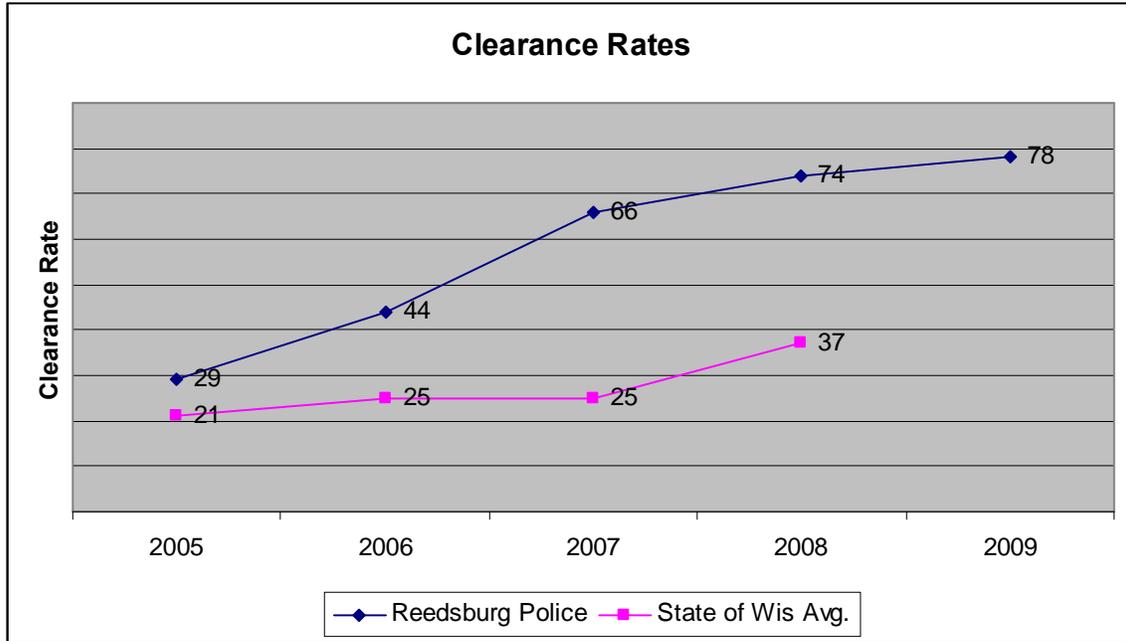


The Police Department realized an increase in calls for service from 2008 to 2009. In 2008, calls for service averaged 585 per sworn position. In 2009 the calls for service averaged 642 calls per sworn position, which is the highest amount since records were kept.



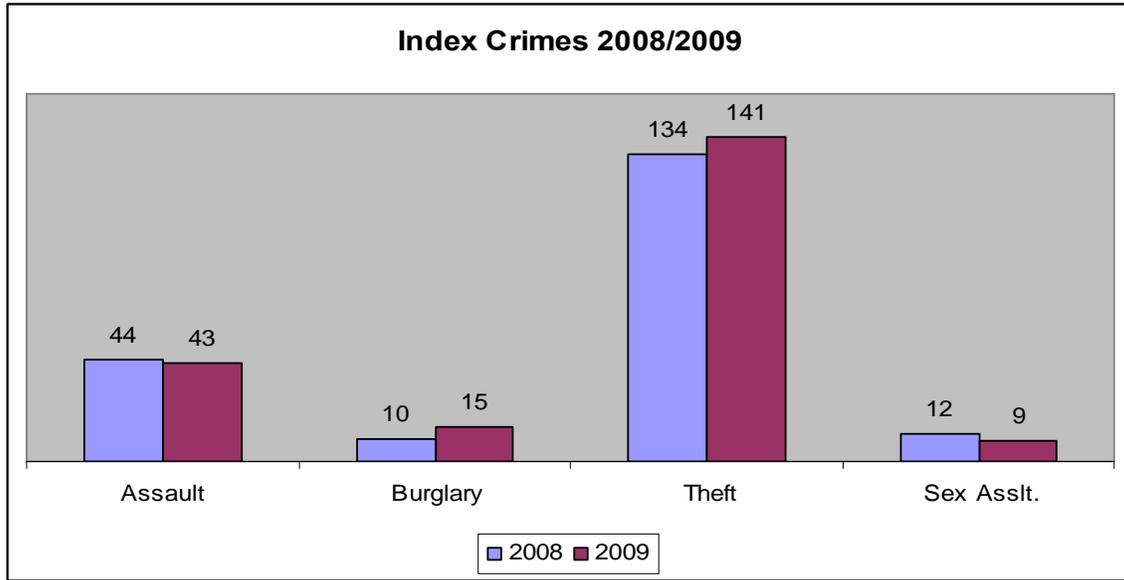
The City of Reedsburg continues its reign as the fastest growing community in Sauk County. With increased population come needs for law enforcement services. This was very evident in 2009 as the Department averaged 1.4 calls per capita.

Clearance Rates

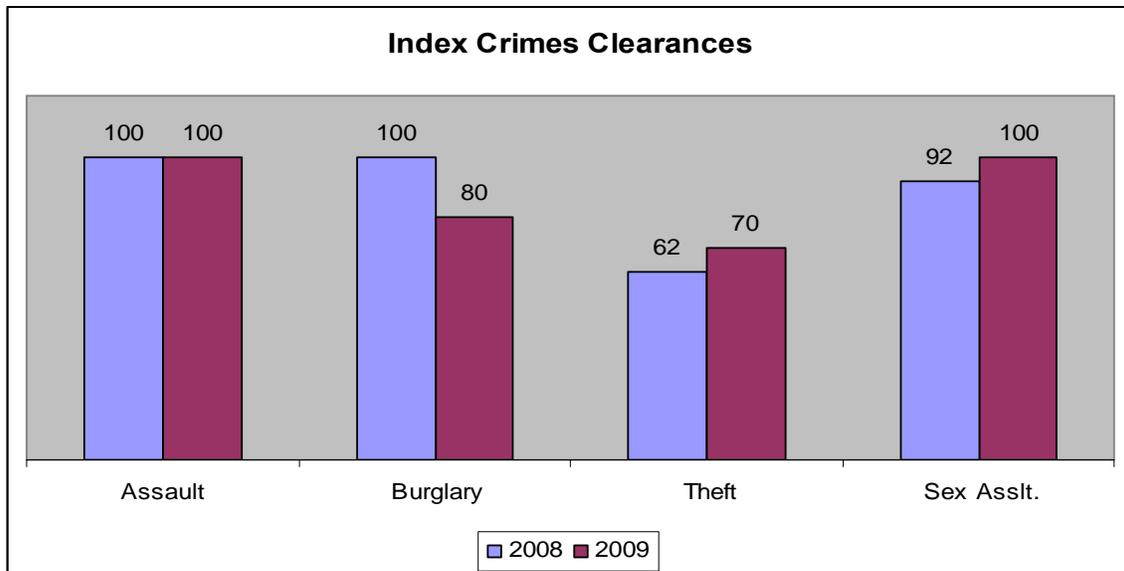


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a staggering 78% of criminal offenses. This is far beyond the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

Index Crimes



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes and Reedsburg has had a clearance rate increase in all categories. It is often very difficult to be proactive enough to prevent crime from occurring. As illustrated, the Reedsburg Police Department does hold those criminals accountable for the most serious crimes committed.



Crime and Arrests



Arrests and Apprehensions	Year to Date 2009	Year to Date 2008	Change 08 to 09
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ADULT

Burglary	7	14	-50.00%
Narcotics	71	67	5.97%
Theft	119	106	12.26%
Criminal Damage	42	21	100.00%
Weapons Violations	3	2	50.00%
Battery	39	25	56.00%
Warrants	126	147	-14.29%
Disorderly Conduct	133	126	5.56%
Liquor Law Violation	62	52	19.23%
Obstructing an Officer	42	29	44.83%
Worthless Checks	251	405	-38.02%
Trespass	5	9	-44.44%
Miscellaneous	115	119	-3.36%
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	1015	1122	-9.54%

JUVENILE

Recovered Runaway	44	43	-2.33%
Curfew Violations	87	86	1.16%
Theft	39	67	-41.79%
Disorderly Conduct	55	73	-24.66%
Truancy	48	79	-39.24%
Smoking Violation	43	44	-2.27%
Vandalism	11	19	-42.11%
Weapons Violations	1	0	-100.00%
Liquor Law Violations	42	40	5.00%
Trespassing	0	1	-100.00%
Obstructing an Officer	0	0	
Narcotics	11	15	-26.67%
Burglary	8	28	-71.43%
Battery	14	12	16.67%
Miscellaneous	20	38	-47.37%
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	423	545	-22.39%
TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	1438	1667	-13.74%

Statistics

Use of Force Incidents:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Alcohol</u>
01/21/09	17:31	DC, Resisting, Underage Drinking	Taser	Yes
02/08/09	21:52	Burglary, Resisting, Sub Battery	Physical	No
03/22/09	01:59	Poss. THC, Resisting	Taser	Yes
03/22/09	03:44	Resisting	Taser	Yes
05/05/09	16:47	DV/DC, DV/Battery, Resisting	Taser	Yes
07/15/09	19:36	DV/DC, Underage Drinking, Resisting	Taser	Yes
10/14/09	01:08	OWI, Battery to LE, Resisting	Physical	Yes

Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 419 times in 2009 as compared to 444 in 2008. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department participated in three Wisconsin traffic programs in 2009. These programs concentrated on OWI and Seatbelt violations. Traffic citations increased which is directly responsible for an overall 25% decrease in motor vehicle accidents. Although traffic is often looked at negatively, you cannot argue the results of increased safety and decreased personal injury. This is an area that still needs to be concentrated on in 2010.

Photosí



Officers Wolf & Eberle rescue a fawn from a foundation



Officer PJ Hoekstra investigating a vehicle accident



RPPA Easter Egg Hunt at City Park