



2010 Annual Report





Chief's Message

2010 started out busy with several new initiatives. One of our larger initiatives involved off duty employment of police officers. For decades businesses or individual citizens could hire Duluth police officers to work security for almost any type of event. Oversight was minimal and the system put our staff in sometimes compromising situations. Off duty employment opportunities on any given weekend evening could be up to 30 jobs. The planning for this major change was no easy task. Sergeant Brad Wick orchestrated the new extra duty policy and planning and the transition went flawlessly.

We also changed and formalized our compstat program adding analysts and a compstat coordinator. Communication among patrol and investigations has noticeably improved. The effectiveness of investigations and crime prevention was also improved due to the increase in accountability associated with compstat. To date, compstat and the tenants used in compstat have had a larger impact on our department's effectiveness than any other initiative.

In November we broke ground for our new police headquarters. The new building is being constructed at the site of the St. Louis County Public Safety Center just up from Marshal School on the Rice Lake Road. While we would have preferred a downtown location, the ability to create substantial cost savings with St. Louis County far outweighed the geographical location of the building. We will move out of our current headquarters in City Hall in January of 2012. The Duluth police department has been a fixture in City Hall since it was built in 1928. Severely outdated with major infrastructure challenges, City Hall was no longer a place to operate a modern police department from. Our downtown presence will remain with the continued operation of the DTA Transit East station located in the 200 block of West Superior Street.

We also continued our efforts to reduce parties and disturbances in the college neighborhoods. Through collaboration with the schools, targeted enforcement, improved ordinances and tougher penalties we saw a 35% reduction in the number of college parties. This is quite an achievement and we know it equals improved quality of life for residents.

After researching burglar alarm calls we discovered that of the approximately 4,000 alarm calls 99.5% were false. Several officers took the initiative to create and bring forward a false alarm ordinance which was passed by City Council in 2009. Full implementation of the false alarm went into effect January of 2010 and the initial results are indicating about a 30% reduction in alarm calls. This is an excellent example of officers taking the lead on problem solving.

Finally, I am proud of our efforts to keep our overtime costs down. Through grant reimbursements and strict overtime management we came in over \$275,000 under our allotted overtime budget.

I am very proud of our accomplishments in 2010. We continue to be leaders with innovation in policing. I hope you take a few minutes to review the wonderful work of our staff in our annual report.

-Gordon Ramsay, Police Chief



Patrol Division

The patrol division at the Duluth Police Department continues to improve as effective and efficient problem solvers in 2010. Each year we comment on the patrol division as the best in the history of the department. Each year we believe it. This year is no exception. We demand much of our women and men in the police department and each year they rise to the challenge!

We had another successful year! What defines success? We define success as a relentless pursuit to reduce crime, crime opportunity, abate disorder and maintain safety; all of which translates into ensuring quality of life for all citizens and visitors to the City of Duluth.

The patrol division is primarily driven by emergency and non-emergency 911 calls and officer self-initiated activities. Officers are also driven by citizen concerns brought to the police department administration via e-mail, phone or letter.

Problem solving begins with our patrol division. Competent and caring police officers taking time and the commitment necessary to understand and resolve problems are the linchpin to our success. A thorough initial response builds the foundation for all other problem solving efforts to follow. Many crimes are resolved at the patrol level while some require further follow-up by community police officers or the investigative division.

We have great expectations for our patrol division to be the difference in our success. Identifying problem addresses, subjects, and situations negatively impacting our community and finding solutions improving quality of life is our focus.

Community police officers are our leaders in effective problem solving and the face of our department in the community. This small cadre of officers is critical to our ability to do community outreach and rapport building. Our COP officers continue to build partnerships and relationships in the community focused on mutual understanding and trust. These relationships thrive on an on-going dialogue of concerns and solutions; leading to more satisfying outcomes for the community and instilling confidence in our Department and officers.

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the department with 92 sworn police officers. The following is the allocation of these officers.

- 1 - Deputy Chief*
- 2 - Area Commanders*
- 4 - Patrol Lieutenants*
- 2 - Area Sergeants*
- 8 - Patrol Sergeants*
- 10 - Community Police Officers (COP)*
- 1 - HRA Housing Officer*
- 1 - Compstat Coordinator*
- 3 - Canine Officers*
- 60 - Patrol Officers*

The following are some of the initiatives, successes and noteworthy activities the patrol division accomplished in 2010.



COMPSTAT

In 2010, the Duluth Police Department fully implemented a management philosophy called COMSTAT (Acronym for Computer Statistics). This new tool allowed the Department to better manage problem solving efforts. This philosophy is used throughout the United States and abroad by law enforcement to provide awareness of crime trends and patterns and most importantly, measure our problem solving effectiveness to reduce crime and disorder. This weekly meeting provides our managers timely intelligence on recent crime trends, patterns and hotspots necessary to effectively direct officers to problem solve crime and abate disorder in the community. Managers are accountable for problem solving effectiveness.

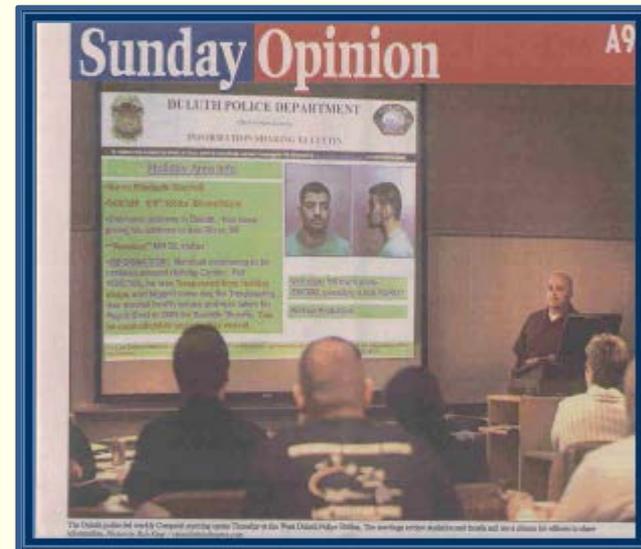
Compstat management philosophy adopted and fully implemented in 2010. Compstat utilizes crime statistics, GIS crime mapping, police records systems to identify trends in crime and disorder. The premise of this philosophy is to utilize timely criminal intelligence information to quickly deploy resources that will relentlessly follow-up on identified problems with tactics used to resolve problems evaluated for effectiveness. Other cities who have utilized this philosophy have experienced remarkable reductions of crime and disorder. In Duluth, we are experiencing the same results after our first year!

This philosophy is driven by performance management. Monitoring directed patrols, arrests, citations and stops identify employees who excel at criminal interdiction and area tool to monitor the effectiveness of a tactics used to problem solve. We have seen increased proactive policing in problem areas resulting in more timely and effective problem solving. Performance management ensures all employees are engaged in problem solving and goals of the Department.

This philosophy requires accountability for effectiveness. A veteran community police officer was selected to coordinate the program and prepare criminal intelligence information in a weekly meeting held for department members to analyze crime statistics, trends and patterns and begin to strategize how to resolve problems. Our police commanders are asked to give updates on problems from the previous week and described progress and effectiveness of tactics used. This keeps focus on problems resolution.

Compstat improved communication across divisions, units and shifts. The weekly presentation is accessible on-line and directs our staff on the priorities for the week. The increased communication has allowed the department experience more timely resolutions to problems by having all members aware and engaged in priorities.

The results have been impressive this year! We have reduced street robberies 33%, increased impaired driving arrests, traffic stops and seat belt enforcement leading to a reduction in traffic crashes. We have reduced party calls around the campuses and increased our arrests of juvenile curfew violators more than 100%, knowing juveniles often contribute to property crimes. We are looking forward to year two and continued successes improving the quality of life in the City of Duluth!





DDACTS Program



Duluth police partnered this year with the Minnesota State Patrol in a Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) The DDACTS partnership uses crime mapping to target areas of crime using traffic enforcement to reduce crime and crashes. This program has been used in cities across the United States to reduce crime and crashes.

Research shows the relationship between crime and crash reduction when doing high visibility traffic law enforcement (TLE) in identified hot spot crime and crash areas. Monthly, Duluth police and Minnesota State Patrol select an area to do 2-3 day enforcement projects. This initiative was used in Downtown Duluth to reduce street robberies 33% and improve the perception of safety in response to the survey on safety.

This partnership was responsible for proactive traffic details in the following areas in 2010: Downtown Business District, high school seatbelt safety program, traffic details in detour areas due to I-35 construction and focused on Lincoln Park and Miller Trunk/Mall areas. This initiative impacted traffic safety by reducing crashes and crime.

Additionally, the partnership was used to respond to party calls when college students began the school year and to target impaired drivers.



Blight Collaborative



City of Duluth Police and Community Development Departments recognized failures to communicate both internally and externally on blighted properties. The police department brought together a comprehensive group of interested and action orientated partners representing city and county governments, nonprofits and authorities. The group meets monthly with a goal of reducing duplication of efforts and to focus on the city's worst properties. The collaborative approach has all the stakeholders at the table to identify demolition resources available and prioritize blight and demolition projects weighing such factors as public safety concerns or the property contributes to the decline of the surrounding neighborhood. Developing priorities directs blight clean-up to the properties and neighborhoods with the greatest need. This collaborative approach helped direct the demolition of 18 condemned properties in 2010 by promoting communication and finding efficiencies as partners to improve the neighborhoods in Duluth!



Police Prosecutor Relationship

Community Police Officer Dave Drozdowski began 2010 in uncharted territory as a Blight and Nuisance Community Policing Officer for Downtown Duluth. He took on the goal of changing the outlook or perception of crime in Downtown with a partner who traditionally stayed in the courtroom; an assistant city attorney, Theresa Neo.

These two employees have show incredible resolve to build collaborative relationships within our community to find solutions to problems which have eluded others. Both David and Theresa immediately understood that solutions to many of our community issues were not isolated to a single population or to a single service needed. They saw the need to be systems-type thinkers. Many of citizen they came in contact with had challenges such as; chemical dependency, mental health and criminal histories. They determined one way of addressing and changing behaviors was to get representatives of each of these services together at a round table to specifically address the person as a whole.

When a person was identified who had multiple police contacts they begin to search for a solution which fulfilled everyone needs. They actively searched out resources for the person such as, chemical dependency treatment, housing, probation, mental health, courts and the community effect by the person's behavior. These groups choose a collaborative plan to affect positive change in the person's behavior. The person was held accountable, but they were always afforded an opportunity to accept the support of these different disciplines. There are a number of individuals who have accepted the help and began to change their behavior because they knew someone cared for them.

Ultimately their contacts with the police department were reduced.

Dave and Theresa sought help from other community leaders in cities who have creative initiatives that have succeeded and adapted them for use here in Duluth.

The partnership has surpassed the first year's grant performance expectations so much so, the grant administrators were asked to change their goals by raising the performance benchmarks. A goal of the partnership is to be a template for others cities to use when trying to address quality of life for a neighborhood as community prosecuting model.





Traffic Safety Initiative

The Duluth Police Department has had a 2 year focus on making the streets of Duluth safe for drivers. We have showed great progress and some impressive successes! Since the beginning of 2009, the Duluth Police Department has set a standard of performance measures for Traffic Law Enforcement (TLE) activity. In 2010, our new COMSTAT Program further focused our ability to not only measure crime trends and patterns but also allowed our managers to measure and monitor officer and shift performance of TLE activity.



The Duluth Police Department set upon this mission with a goal to reduce the behaviors most responsible for fatal crashes; impaired driving, speeding and distracted driving. Also critical, increase driver and passenger safety belt use.

To begin, we needed to have officers become more active in making traffic stops. Officers responded to the challenge and Traffic Law Enforcement (TLE) increased dramatically. In 2008 we made 9,951 TLE, increasing TLE to 11,401 in 2009 and 15,441 TLE in 2010! A 35% increase in the number of TLE in 2 years.

We set a goal to increase DWI arrests. In 2009, Duluth Police increased DWI arrests more than 20 percent from 333 to 407. In 2010, DWI arrests improved from 407 to 410.

Speeding tickets increased from 737 in 2008 to 776 in 2009 to 851 in 2010.

Seat belt violations increased dramatically and have no doubt led to the decrease in fatal crashes. In 2008 we issued 51 seat belt tickets, in 2009 we issued 111, and in 2010 we issued 667; a 1300 % increase!



High School Seat Belt Initiative

Statistics show the greatest risk of death to our teenage children is traffic crashes. As a result, the Duluth Police Department partnered with a regional committee Driving 4 Safe Communities focusing on the “4 E’s” Engineering, Emergency response, Education and Enforcement. The committee has a multi-disciplinary membership including hospitals, emergency personnel, engineering and law enforcement. The Duluth public high schools did an educational component while law enforcement issued a press release followed by an enforcement initiative. DPD had contact with more than 60 drivers issuing warnings and citations in a 12 day period in May. This project kept our teenagers safe from the number one killer of teenagers in Minnesota!

Impact. saving lives & preventing injuries

So what does all this Traffic Law Enforcement (TLE) activity mean? Why do we do it? What is the bottom line?

- We have reduced traffic crashes from 2,992 in 2008 to 2,784 in 2009 and 2,722 in 2010; 270 fewer traffic crashes in 2010 than 2008!
- 2009 Minnesota Traffic Crash Data showed fatal crashes were reduced 33 percent and personal injury crashes were reduced 10 percent compared to 2008 State Crash Data.
- In 2010 fatal crashes were reduced 75 percent compared to 2009 crash data and 83 percent reduction compared to 2008 crash data.

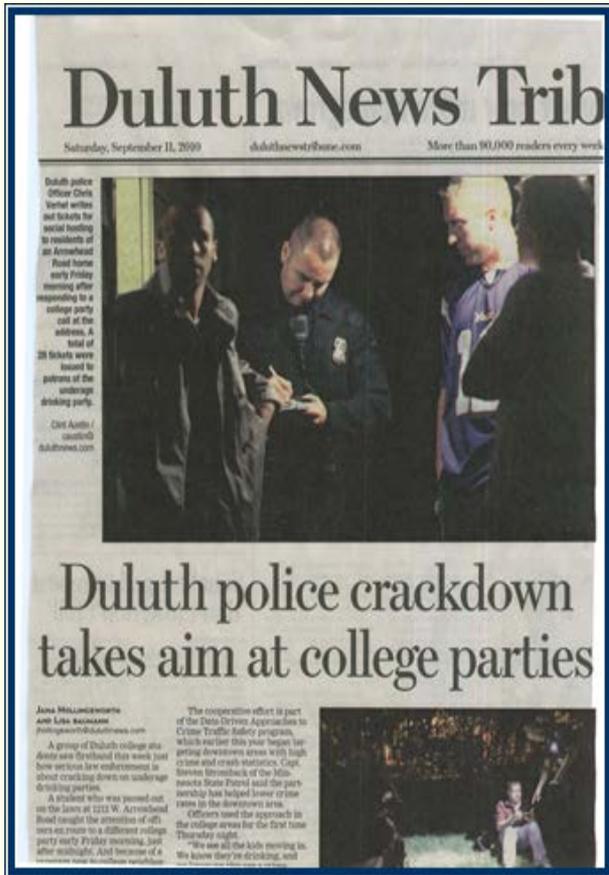


Crime Free Multi-Housing

The City of Duluth fully implemented a nationally recognized program Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) to address crime and quality of life concerns facing our neighborhoods by better management of rental properties. The Duluth Police Department and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) have partnered to provide training for property owners and managers to be better property managers. Property managers are educated on the importance of conducting background checks on tenants and addressing minor problems before they become major issues that will lead to erosion of quality of life for other neighbors and property owners. Training of landlords will continue in 2011 to provide education and resources for property managers to help them better manage their properties. Another component of the CFMH is the ability of property managers to receive a timely email notifying them of any police calls to their licensed properties. This allows the property manager to address problems in a timely manner before a small issue becomes a big issue.



College Party Reduction



2010 showed a great deal of promise in maintaining and sustaining quality of life to campus neighborhoods. The Police Department used a number of tools to increase the effectiveness of criminal and civil ordinances. Social host ordinance, Crime Free Multi Housing and University of Duluth extending code of conduct on student to off campus behavior were among the most substantial changes. The social host ordinance placed significant fines on violators and changed behaviors of party hosts. The effective, appropriate and regular use of this ordinance to resolve party calls brought positive comments from campus neighbors who experienced an improvement in quality of life in their neighborhoods. A community police officer who does follow up with party hosts and land lords where parties occurred received feedback from students and property managers that the social host ordinance and CFMH have a deterrent affect on behaviors.

How effective are we?

- In 2008 we had 733 loud party calls
- Reduced to 566 in 2009
- Reduced to 471 in 2010

That's a 35% reduction!



Operation Stone Garden

The Duluth Police Department continued our partnership with the United States Border Patrol in Operation Stone Garden. This program has the Duluth Police Department, Saint Louis County Sheriff's Department and Department of Natural Resources partnered to increase the law enforcement presence at or near our international boundary and routes of egress from the border area. This grant has allowed the Department to deploy officers on overtime to do port security and traffic enforcement on the Highway 61 corridor securing our borders. This grant places additional officers on the street during busy times and days of the week allowing us to focus on port and border security and a available resource to respond to emergencies in our communities.

Traffic Tickets Issued (#of people cited): 74

Traffic Violations Issued (#of charges): 393

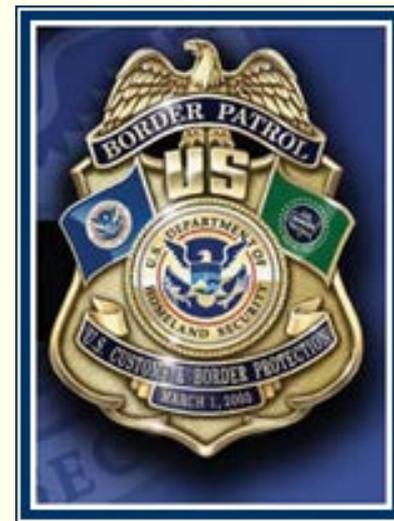
Traffic Stops Resulting in Arrests to Jail/AJC (actually "held"): 487

By the numbers in Patrol.

Calls For Service: 82,336

Adults to Jail: 1492 (actually this # is adults "held" as opposed to "released" – can mean Detox or hospital with an arrest)

Juveniles to AJC: 125 (actually this # is juveniles "held" as opposed to "released" – can mean Detox or hospital or Bethany with an arrest)





Police Officer of the Year

Officer Michael Tinsley was awarded the 2010 Police Officer of The Year Award. Selection of Police Officer of the Year is a terrific honor because officers are selected by previous winners of the award and their peers.



Officer Tinsley worked tirelessly to reduce crime and disorder in the Downtown and Canal Park areas. Mike is very well respected by community members and for his peers for his ability to problem solve. Mike is very analytical in determining the cause and solutions to a problem and is relentless in his follow-up until he has success. Mike has solved many graffiti crimes, made dozens of prostitution arrests and was one of the driving forces in reducing calls for service and crime at a local bar that has been a problem for years.

Lieutenant Eric Rish said, "There are and will continue to be many untold acts which Officer Tinsley will continue to make which will always make him a candidate for officer of the year."



Initiatives 2011

- Continue Crash Reduction strategies with a goal of continuing to sustain proactive impaired driving, speed and seat belt enforcement strategies by goal setting, partnerships, and directed patrols.
- Sustain 2010 robbery reductions of 33% from 2009. Foot and bike patrols, compstat and partnerships with other LE.
- Reduce property crimes, burglary and vehicle prowls by 10%. Intelligence led policing, communication department-wide; reduce opportunity through details and education while clearing cases through arrests.
- Increase the number of SIMPLE details directing officers to address specific and defined problems with a strategic plan in place.
- Increase in-house training for patrol shifts on tactical procedures. Train officers in search and seizure issues to more effectively gather evidence during stops of suspects which will enhance criminal prosecution and reduce crime.

The Patrol Division much of the performance in problem solving and crime reduction due to increased internal communication between the Investigative Division and the Administrative Division through our week COMPSTAT meetings. The weekly COMPSTAT meeting focuses on crime patterns, trends, hotspots and focuses officers on subjects responsible for crime. Mangers prioritize focused enforcement and problem solving in hotspots ensuring our response is effective.



Major Crimes Bureau

Family Crimes Unit

Participated in a total of 134 First Witness Interviews (interviews of abused children) in 2010.

Responded to 716 Social Service – Initial Intervention Unit referrals in 2010.

In July of 2010, we received a report of a sexual assault in Morgan Park on the railroad/trolley tracks. The victim reported being physically and sexually assaulted by a stranger who jumped out of the bushes. This case was brought to a successful conclusion, resulting in the suspect being charged with 1st and 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct.

In August of 2010, Duluth PD responded to the report of a kidnapping. Victim was a 13 year old female who reported being put in the trunk of a car and transported to a remote area where she was tied to a tree and sexually assaulted. DPD, patrol, investigations and numerous other agencies followed up and located a suspect, with sex crimes investigators taking the lead. The suspect was arrested and ultimately charged in federal court, where he pled guilty to Transporting a Minor Across State Lines for the Purpose of Sexual Contact. Sentencing is pending; however, the suspect is looking at approximately 360 months federal time.

Of the 252 registered predatory offenders in the city of Duluth, only 6 are non-compliant, and non of those are level III's. The 6 that are non-compliant are no longer within the city of Duluth to the best of our knowledge, until they turn up somewhere else, they remain on our non compliant list. This is due solely to Investigator Tait Erickson's hard work in tracking down and holding accountable our POR's.



Major Crimes Bureau

Violent Crimes Unit

Conviction of Philbert Barnes for the Curtis Cooney homicide.

Conviction of four juveniles in the Lake Walk beating/robbery of Dash Johnson.

Clearance rate of 35% on robberies and 85% clearance rate on assaults.

In 2009 there were 116 robberies reported and had a clearance rate of 23%.

In 2010 there were 78 reported and had a clearance rate of 35%.



Juvenile Services Unit

The unit was re-formed on June 6, 2010 after 7 years without one. The unit consists of a Sergeant, 2 Investigators, 4 School Resource Officers and a DARE Officer.

Proactive approach with juveniles by visiting them in their homes or schools, usually with a parent, after being charged with things such as curfew, motor vehicle tampering, etc.

Follow up on all adult and juvenile missing person reports.

406 referrals were made to the Unit. This includes all misdemeanor tickets, gross misdemeanor, and felony referrals and arrests.

We have created a diversion program with Men as Peacemakers in an effort to keep kids out of the courts and jail.

Worked with St Louis County leadership committee to keep kids in school through support for a new truancy abatement ordinance



Organized Crimes Bureau

Property & Financial Crimes Unit

In 2010, Investigators from the Property Crimes closed an investigation into a pattern of several residential burglaries that had occurred in the East Hillside neighborhood. Many of the victims were college students who had reported that a burglar had entered their residences while they slept and taken personal items. The burglaries caused significant concern by the victims based on the confidence level at which the burglar entered the residences while occupied. After following up on leads, a suspect was identified as Mark Anthony Lewis, dob/052784. Forensic evidence as well as corroboration obtained through an eventual confession by the suspect led to charges against Lewis on four counts of burglary. In July and August of 2010, Lewis pled guilty to 2 counts of 1st degree, one count of 2nd degree, and one count of 3rd degree burglary and was sentenced to 45 months in prison. The arrest of Lewis led to a notable decline in residential burglaries and established a safer neighborhood for the college district.

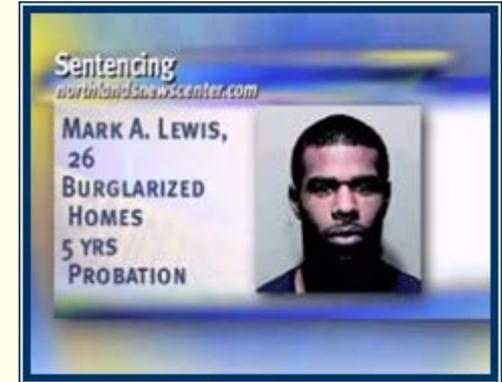


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In 2010, Investigators in the Property and Financial Crimes Unit investigated the report of an embezzlement involving an employee of an organization serving vulnerable adults. The suspect in the case, Daryl Lyn Lindholm, dob/032162 was believed to have embezzled approximately \$141,000.00 from the organization as well as from clients in the organization over a 2-3 year period. In the crimes, Lindholm had allegedly taken petty cash from the business itself and had also taken funds from clients' (vulnerable adults) bank accounts and tax returns that she had been assigned to oversee. After obtaining a confession from Lindholm, and submitting the case to the Minnesota Attorney Generals Office, Lindholm was charged with 4 federal felony theft crimes and 6 crimes related to the Financial Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult.

The Property and Financial Crimes Unit continued to build strong relationships with neighboring agencies through cooperative investigations. In 2010, our Auto Theft Investigator partnered with St. Louis County Sheriff's Investigators in an investigation related to a chop shop in rural St. Louis County. Collaboration with public and private agencies, particularly with retail organizations, has led to successful crime prevention and suspect apprehension through education as it relates to store security and addressing needs for evidence needed to successfully prosecute offenders. Funding opportunities through grants (Auto Theft Investigator, Financial Crimes Task Force Investigator) has allowed our agency to free up funds to obtain surveillance aids that have contributed to an increase in successful prosecution of offenders through photographic evidence.



Organized Crimes Bureau

Lake Superior Drug & Gang Task Force

The Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force had a successful year with the proactive investigation and prosecutions in state court of at least 139 defendants for drug, gun, and organized crime offenses. The task force continues to expand its' use of advancing technology in furtherance of our mission by updating our covert evidence gathering techniques and equipment though the use of cameras and recording devices. Utilization of three criminal analysts have streamlined the processing of intelligence information which has aided faster resolution of suspect identification and supplied corroborative evidence as it relates to conspiracy crimes, linking of suspects to establish the existence of criminal organization, and locating hidden criminal assets. Analyst are now moving forward by processing intelligence information from both traditional sources related to telephones and digital communications by expanding into the analysis of information obtained from social networking sources. The analyst unit continues to support the successful implementation and on-going sustainability of the Duluth Police Department Compstat Program. Task Force Partnerships with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; The U.S. Marshall's Service; The U.S. Forest Service, and several other federal and state agencies have allowed for increased financial resources and personnel funding. The resources have supported the Task Force mission of targeting criminal organizations and high level drug suppliers.

The Task Force increased pro-activity by increasing staff numbers and improving the skill levels, training, and proficiency of current investigators. In October of 2010, a second field level supervisor was added to the task force. This supervisor came with several years of narcotics investigation experience and is a veteran as it relates to sponsoring high level state and federal narcotics cases. The addition of the operational supervisor in the Task Force has allowed for more direct supervision and guidance for the investigative staff. The second supervisor assigned to the Task Force was added to oversee administrative functions and has streamlined forfeiture proceedings, equipment acquisitions, training, and technology advancement (surveillance equipment, recording devices, cameras, IP systems). This supervisor also oversees operational planning and logistics as it relates to conducting in-depth investigations. This same supervisor has been assigned to better utilize current analytical staff (3 analysts) and to provide opportunities to improve their skills and expand their experience base. The Task Force also increased its staff by adding an investigator funded through NLEAC resources and is assigned to specifically target methamphetamine offenders. Based on these improvements, case initiation and arrest numbers significantly increased in 2010 specifically related to more cases involving the seizure of large drug quantities, firearms, and assets.

Late in December 2010, the Task Force wrapped up a crack cocaine investigation and arrested 6 associated persons involved in crack cocaine and firearms violations. At least one of these offenders was an associate of the Shotgun Crips criminal street gang and had a prior conviction related to drug offense stemming from this gang activity. At least two of the persons arrested in December have cases that have been presented to the Assistant U.S. Attorney's Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Photo courtesy Duluth News Tribune



Administrative Support Bureau

Training Unit

The new False Alarm ordinance which came into affect in January of 2010 resulted in the reduction of false alarms within our city. In comparing the number of false alarms in 2009 (1,445) with those in 2010 (1,002), we reduced the number of false alarms that the Duluth Police Department responded to by 443.

Total alarm calls also fell from 1,808 in 2009 to 1,232 in 2010 a reduction of total alarm calls by 576. The false alarm ordinance included a monetary fine for those alarm holders who had 3 or more throughout the year. In 2010, the city collected \$10,114.24 in fines for false alarm violations.

The Training Unit implemented EVO training in the year 2010 and held our very own EVO training which was conducted by our own officers. This change will save thousands of dollars each year as we will no longer have to send our officers out of town for this state mandated training.

The Training Unit sent officers to 140 separate trainings throughout the year with a total of 1,172 electronic training requests processed throughout the year.





Administrative Support Bureau

Crash Investigations Unit

November 18, 2010–4900 Block of Mike Colalillo Dr. (ICR #10408662)

WAYNE RICHARD TOWLE 10/31/1948 was operating a bicycle which had been modified by attaching a gas engine to it. It appears that he fell off the vehicle. He was transported to St. Mary's where he died approximately one hour later. Autopsy reports indicated the death was as a result of a "lacerated aorta secondary to a motorized vehicle accident complicated by his underlying cystic medial necrosis."

December 31, 2010- Getchell Rd. & Stebner Rd. (ICR#10432442)

WAYNE ALLEN MULLENS 02/24/1969 was southbound on Getchell Rd. when another vehicle northbound on Getchell Rd. lost control on the slippery road and struck MULLENS' vehicle. MULLENS was dead at the scene. Road conditions were the contributing factor in the crash.

The unit also provides support to the Patrol Division with their crash investigation duties. 2,816 crashes were reported to the Police Department in 2010.

1,991 – Property Damage; 565 – Property Damage/Hit & Run;
220 – Personal Injury; 2–Personal injury Hit & Run;
32–Personal Injury Pedestrian; 6–Personal Injury Pedestrian Hit & Run.

Pilot County Enforcement Program (PEP) – The Police Department has dramatically strengthened our commitment to traffic safety. One example of this is our leadership in the PEP program. We have conducted several saturation events with cooperation from all of the agencies on the grant. Our efforts have certainly improved our reputation with the Office of Traffic Safety as it relates to our traffic safety enforcement efforts.

School Patrol – Officer Bill Stovern manages the school patrol program. The school patrol is comprised of approximately 305 students. They are responsible for ensuring that students coming to and leaving school cross the streets safely. Stovern is responsible for training and fundraising for them.

Police Reserves – The Police Reserves are made up of 26 men and women who volunteer their time and talents to assist the Department with special events and emergencies. In 2010, the Reserves donated 1,564 hours of time at 38 special events and one TRT call-out.



Administrative Support Bureau

Crash Investigations Unit continued

Parking Enforcement – The Department employs five parking meter monitors. Their primary duties include enforcement of all City of Duluth and State of Minnesota parking regulations. Parking enforcement city-wide was as follows:

Violation	2010	2009
Meter (33-111b)	34,211	29,027
Alternate Side (33-97.8)	9,211	11,532
License Plate (33-11)	3,142	3,092
No Parking (33-97a)	1,900	1,615
Wrong Way (33-93c)	1,053	691
24 Hour Parking (33-85)	596	476
Aggravated Meter (33-111.6)	576	193
No Parking 2-6	561	1385
Loading Zone (33-87b)	543	518
Residential Permit	506	521
Time Limit (33-84)	457	576
30' of Stop Sign (33-82a.7)	360	381
20' of Crosswalk (33-82a.6)	313	508
Government Property (33-95)	312	505
7' of Driveway (33-82a.8)	233	304
Alley Parking (33-83)	203	206
On Crosswalk (33-82a.5)	164	130
Bus Stop	154	95
Truck Zone (33-87a)	145	193
Official Sign (33-82a.14)	132	207
Handicap	129	124
No Park/Stand	124	81
Fire Hydrant (33-82a.4)	123	110
On Sidewalk (33-82a.1)	102	125
In Front of Driveway (33-82a.2)	93	92
Park Off Roadway	91	4
Fire Lane (33.82a.16)	83	103
No Plate (33-11)	77	287
Feed Meter (33-109)	77	36
2 Vehicles at Meter (33-106a)	61	8
Over 12" from Curb (33-93a)	55	67

Violation	2010	2009
Other	42	47
Park Curfew	41	43
Pk Hash (169.06-4)	31	55
Block Driveway	29	79
2 Meter Stalls (33-106b)	28	9
Between St & SWK (33-82a.15)	21	22
Obstruct Traffic Lane	10	9
Intersection (33-82a.3)	8	16
Fraudulent Plates	8	8
Dolly Down (33-87d)	8	1
For Sale Sign (33-90)	7	26
Taxi Stop (33-88)	6	7
Double Parking (33-82a.12)	6	9
Front Yard	6	9
Revoked Plate	5	9
Keys in Ignition (33-91)	4	7
Abandoned	4	4
TK/Trail	2	7
PK RTE (33-97.1-3)	2	5
Park Parallel to Curb (33-93a)	1	2
20' FH (33-82a.10)	1	2
Bridge (33-82a.13)	1	1
Snow Emergency	1	1
Back Curb (33-94)	1	3
Warning	1	22
Meter – City Property	0	1
Snow (33-97.1)	0	1
Parallel to Curb (33-93)	0	4
Wheel Curb (33-92)	0	3
No Parking Brake	0	2
TOTAL	57,537	54,953



Administrative Support Bureau

Records and Support Unit (RSU)

The RSU is staffed by 17 non-sworn employees. They are responsible for all aspects of the records management system (RMS). RSU staff transcribes all reports completed by sworn staff as well as entering all citations issued by staff into the RMS. RSU staff handles all customer traffic at the desk Monday through Friday 0800-1800. RSU staff also complete all data requests received by external parties.

2007-2010 crime statistics submitted to the BCA:

PART 1	2010	2009	2008	2007
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	1	3	3	1
FORCIBLE RAPE	45	28	43	37
ROBBERY	92	122	128	111
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	178	200	195	248
BURGLARY	646	632	520	707
LARCENY-THEFT	3480	3431	3524	3358
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	174	190	167	227
ARSON	10	31	17	10
TOTAL PART 1	4626	4637	4597	4699
PART 2	2010	2009	2008	2007
OTHER ASSAULT	1028	995	861	732
FORGERY	117	137	118	171
FRAUD	283	292	321	244
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	0	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY	31	29	25	19
VANDALISM	1305	1507	1815	1807
WEAPONS	44	56	47	41
PROSTITUTION	5	6	8	3
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	204	173	122	126
NARCOTICS	542	460	451	382
GAMBLING	2	2	1	0
FAMILIES & CHILDREN	43	72	62	95
DUI	522	298	329	343
LIQUOR LAW	622	684	532	637
DRUNKENNESS	0	0	0	0
DISORDERLY	494	385	433	353
VAGRANCY	42	18	19	27
OTHER	956	701	636	598
TOTAL PART 2	6241	5815	5780	5578
GRAND TOTAL	10867	10452	10377	10277



Administrative Support Bureau

City of Duluth Animal Control Division

2010 was a busy year for the Police Department's Animal Control Division. Our three full-time animal control officers are responsible for enforcing local and state laws pertaining to animals. Animal Control Officers work out of the City of Duluth Animal Control Shelter at 2627 Courtland Street.

During the year we responded to over 1300 reports of aggressive, loose/stray, injured, barking, nuisance and neglected/abused animals within our city. As a result of their investigations they designated 25 dogs as "dangerous" and 46 dogs as "potentially dangerous."

Over 1250 animals were impounded and cared for at the shelter throughout the year. The vast majority of these animals were either reclaimed by their owners or placed for adoption.



Special Projects

Port Security Camera Project

The Department began implementation of a surveillance camera system. Twenty cameras along with the storage and communications infrastructure have been installed. 75% of the funding was through a Port Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The cameras provide local law enforcement the opportunity to review possible security concerns for the vital shipping, commercial, and tourist traffic that flows through the Port of Duluth annually. Many of these cameras are situated in areas that are heavily used by the citizens of Duluth and the approximately 1.2 million tourists that visit Duluth annually. This strategic camera placement allows the Police Department to not only provide enhanced security measures for the Port but also assist law enforcement in the areas that directly abut the port such as the Lake walk, Bayfront Park, Canal Park, and the Aerial Lift Bridge.



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ARMER Digital Trunked Radio System

The Duluth Police Department as a part of the Northeast Region of Minnesota, has committed to migrate to the ARMER Digital Trunked Radio System. ARMER stands for Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response and is owned and maintained by the State of Minnesota. ARMER is a Digital Trunked Radio System that will provide seamless interoperable communication opportunities and will replace the current VHF radio system in use today. The migration to ARMER has been an ongoing project for the last few years. In 2010 the Duluth Police Department committed to the migration and in the fall of 2010 the Department's Participation Plan, as a part of the St. Louis County Participation Plan, was accepted and approved by the State of Minnesota Radio Board. During 2011 planning for the changeover of all of the current mobile and portable radios will take place and by fall of 2012 the Duluth Police Department will be fully implemented.



Special Projects

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)

In 2010 the Duluth Police Department purchased two License Plate Readers. The license plate reader system captures license plate information and through the use of optical character recognition software compares the license plate information against several local, state, and federal databases, looking for stolen vehicles, wanted persons, Amber Alerts, etc. From August to December of 2010 the license plate reader system has collected approximately 275,000 license plate reads. The license plate reader technology was instrumental to the investigation and arrest of robbery suspects from a downtown business that may have otherwise gone unsolved.

New Headquarters

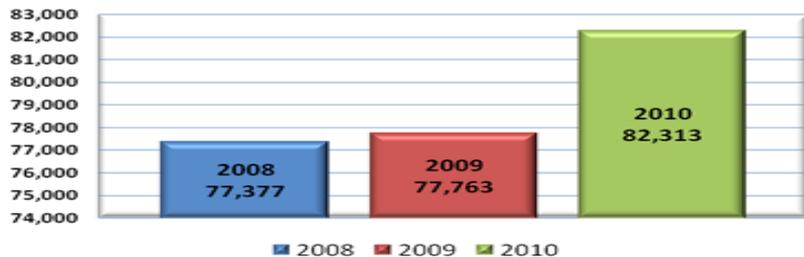


Ground was broken in November 2010 on a new 68,000 ft² building. The building was funded through the sale of bonds. The building was designed by LHB (Duluth, MN) and SRBL (Deerfield, IL). The building is being constructed by RJS Construction (Superior, WI). The building is scheduled to be completed in February 2012. The building is located at 2030 North Arlington Avenue.

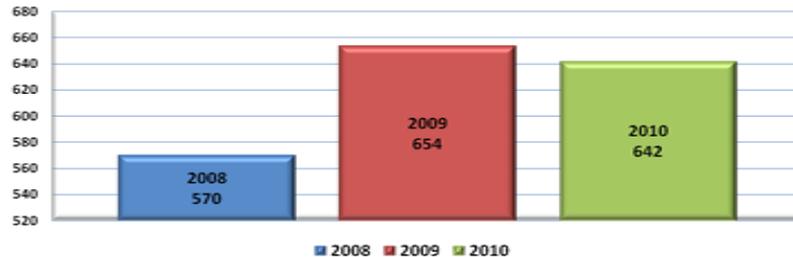


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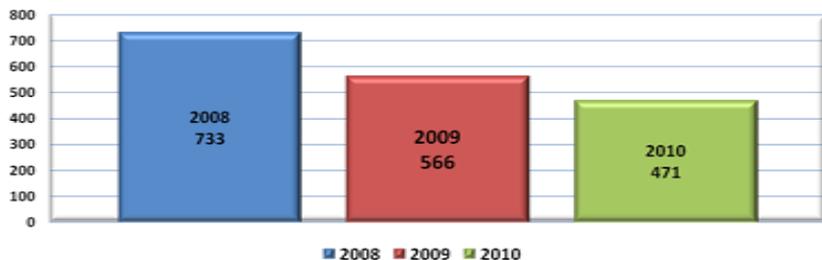
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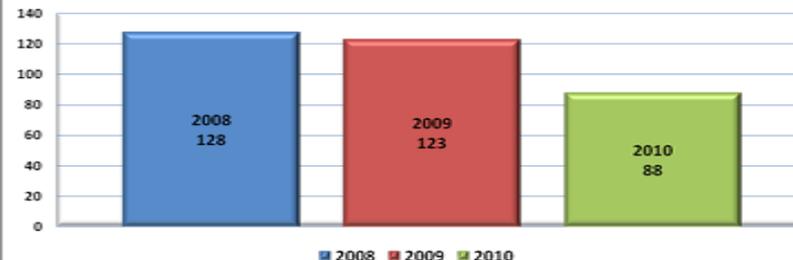
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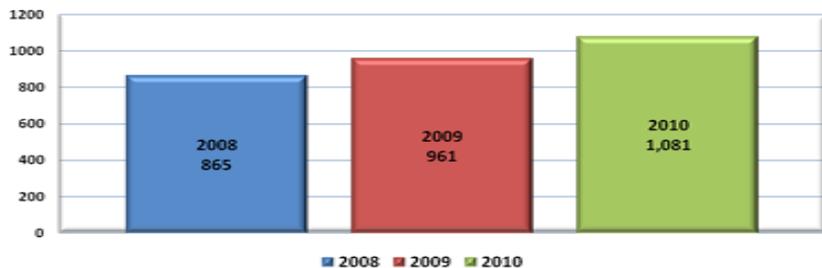
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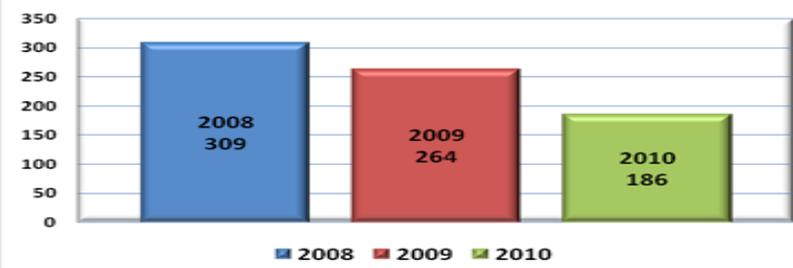
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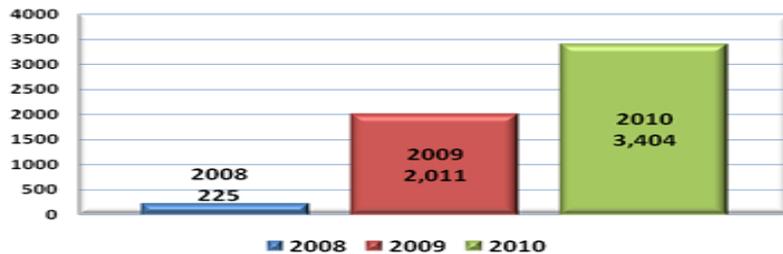
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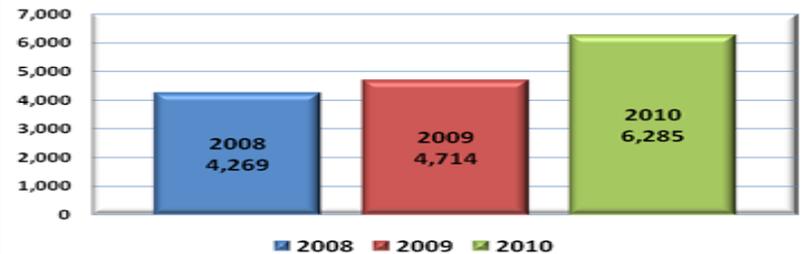


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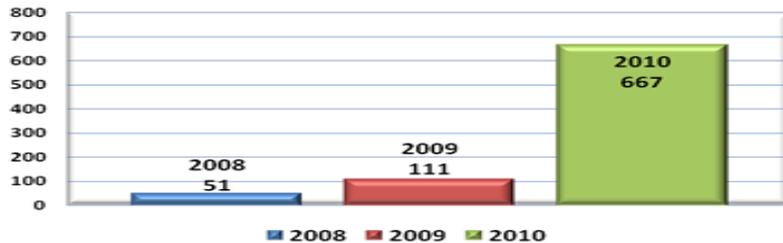
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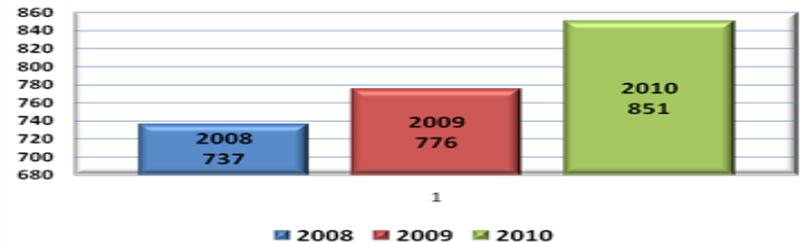
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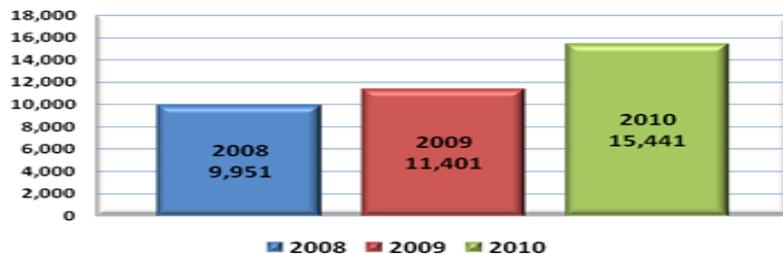
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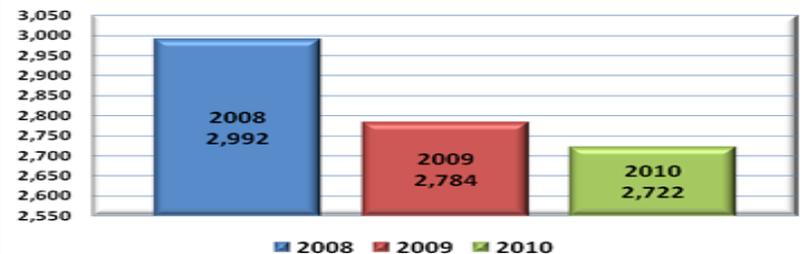
SPEEDING



TRAFFIC STOPS



TRAFFIC CRASHES





Calls for Service

