

# Walker Police Department

## 2009 Annual Report



Dear Citizens of Walker,

As Mayor, I am pleased to provide you with the 2009 Annual Report on the activities of the Walker Police Department.

This review provides many details concerning the operations of our Police Department, its training, personnel, programs, and achievements during the year. It also contains statistical analysis regarding a number of subjects related to the agency, and its area of responsibility. The City Commission is grateful to the men and women of the Department for their dedicated service and professionalism.

It is no secret that funding for local government operations is shrinking. This requires that our focus be directed on essential core responsibilities. As a City Commission, we believe that providing public safety is one of our most serious obligations. To that end, we are doing everything we can to provide adequate funding to support the training, personnel, and programs of our Police Department.

A Police Department needs the support of the entire community if it is to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting citizens from violence and disorder, and enhancing the quality of life in our City. Our Police Department has earned the support of the schools, churches, neighborhoods, and business community. The City Commission appreciates this support and encourages the community to continue to support our Police Department.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the members of the Police Department and pledge our continued support as they preserve the rights and security of all citizens.

Sincerely,

City of Walker

Rob VerHeulen  
Mayor



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF . . . . .**

As Chief of Police for the City of Walker I take great pride in providing the Annual Report for the Walker Police Department. This year is no exception.

Despite difficulties we have encountered due to layoffs and unfilled attrition positions the men and women of our agency have continued to work together in order to serve and protect this community each day.

While the overall number of emergency calls for service declined in 2009 we experienced an increase in four of the eleven areas of Part I Type crimes (i.e., Rape/CSC, Intimidation/Stalking, Burglary and Arson) which are the most violent types of crime. In addition we saw a notable increase in both retail fraud (shoplifting) and drunk driving, which are Part II Type crimes. On a more positive note, we saw a decrease in larcenies, domestic violence and automobile thefts in 2009.

We are very proud of our community policing efforts and, although we had to return our community policing/school liaison officer to patrol response, we have continued to try and address as many community policing and school related events as possible utilizing our patrol personnel.

The support of the business community, citizens, Mayor, City Commission, City Manager and Assistant City Manager is an important ingredient for providing efficient, professional services in addition to maintaining a safe and friendly environment for everyone.



**CATHERINE M. GARCIA-LINDSTROM**  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
WALKER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **PATROL DIVISION**

The Walker Police Patrol Division provides the City with road patrol and emergency communications coverage 24 hours a day/seven days a week. Road officers respond to a variety of calls from the public. During 2009 officers responded to a total of 8,512 calls for service. The patrol division took 1,080 car crashes and issued 3,006 traffic citations. One of our most common calls is a medical emergency. Our officers are medical first responders and in 2009 they responded to 932 medical emergencies.

One of the police department's most common concerns from the public is speeding vehicles. As a result of the Walker Police Department's efforts to solicit input from the community at neighborhood watch meetings, along with general complaints received via our dispatch center, the Walker Police Department identified two specific areas of concern during this past year with regard to traffic safety. The number one traffic safety related complaint received by the department was speeding vehicles in neighborhoods. To address speeding vehicles the Walker Police Department implemented a two-fold approach of educating the public with the use of the speed board and by following up with specific directed patrol enforcement efforts. The speed board was deployed 168 times and the placement was typically driven by citizen requests. The men and women of the Walker Police Department continue to provide excellent service to the Walker community. They have been doing an excellent job with the resources available.



## **CHANGES IN PATROL**

One of our Captains was called to active military duty and deployed overseas. He is scheduled to be gone a year and not anticipated back until July of 2010. This resulted in temporarily promoting Sergeant Jason Howe to Acting Captain and Officer Jon Paasch to Acting Sergeant during this military activation.

Other changes occurred within the agency was that Sergeant Greg Antor retired after serving twenty nine years with the agency and the department lost funding for two additional officer positions beginning in July. The loss of these positions forced the department to eliminate the School Resource Officer (SRO) position. Officer Gil (Butch) Redzinski was reassigned to the patrol division in order to maintain adequate staffing on

the road. We still attempt to accommodate requests made for services for school and community related activities, but those assignments are spread out among the road patrol officers.



(Retired) Sgt. Greg Antor



Officer Gil Redzinski

#### OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2009



Officer of the year for 2009 was Officer Jon Paasch (on right)

## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The six members of the communications division are responsible for call taking and dispatching of emergency and non-emergency calls for Police, Fire and EMS, and entering/modifying/cancellation of warrants, missing persons, personal protection orders, conditional bond orders, vehicles and articles into LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network). Communications also handles routine office functions: vehicle releases, customer service at the front window and various other duties. Walker communications handles calls for service for the City of Walker, City of Lowell, Walker Fire Department, Kent County Road Commission and 59<sup>th</sup> District Court Probation.

In 2009, the communications center handled dispatching 8512 calls for service for Walker Police, 4480 calls for service for Lowell Police and 463 calls for service for Walker Fire.

This year ECO Honholt vacated his full-time position after accepting a police officer position of out of state. Joel Bartels was hired as a part time dispatcher and ECO Swick became to full time, replacing ECO Honholt. We were able to bring laid-off police officer, Joel Bartels, back as a civilian part-time dispatcher in order to continue dispatching operations in Walker.

The communications staff is sent to training classes as often as possible, based on scheduling and proximity of the classes. Training this year included sending persons to Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) as it relates to pre-arrival instructions and dispatching of medical calls. The EMD class is in direct connection with the new central computer-aided dispatch (CAD) coming out in early 2011 and all Walker ECO's will have to be trained in Emergency Medical Dispatching for integration with EMS software. Walker dispatch has also be actively involved in assisting the Kent County Central Dispatch Authority Board (Tech Group) in finalizing specifications for the new central CAD computer system that will be used by all Kent County dispatch centers.

## TRAFFIC UNIT

The Walker Police Department was awarded a grant from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Office of Highway Safety Planning in recognition of the outstanding job our agency did on traffic related matters for an agency our size (20-45 officers). This grant was for the purchase of traffic enforcement equipment. We were able to purchase 2 new Preliminary Breath Test instruments, to assist with alcohol detection, and a Stinger Spike System that will deflate the tires of a fleeing vehicle.

We continue to use a two-fold approach of educating the public with the use of the speed board and by following up with specific location enforcement efforts.

There were 11 fatal or critical crashes this year for the traffic unit to investigate compared to 9 in 2008. In 2009 there were 4 fatalities that occurred in the City of Walker compared to 6 fatalities in 2008.

As a result of the training and experience level our accident reconstruction personnel have the Walker Police Department Traffic Unit was asked to assist the Kent County Sheriff on a pedestrian fatality in Bryon Center where the driver left the scene. The driver was identified and pled guilty to the crash.

*Fatal Or Critical Call Outs By Month Involving Officer Call Back:*

<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>
0	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	2

*Crashes Investigated By Accident Reconstruction Trained Personnel Per Year:*

<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
12	18	11	10	9	11

*Traffic Deaths Per Year:*

<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>
6	7	0	6	4	4



2200 Blk. Wilson Ave



2600 Blk. Elmridge Ave.

Although we have continued to focus on traffic enforcement, this year, we noted a dramatic increase in crashes specifically on Lake Michigan Drive. The intersection of Lake Michigan Dr. and Wilson Ave. is the highest crash location in the city at 47 crashes this year, and the eighth highest crash location in Kent County. Alpine Ave continues to see the majority of the crashes with over 25 percent of all crashes occurring here.

Walker Police investigated 883 property damage to vehicles crashes as compared to 851 in 2008. There were 193 injury crashes compared to 218 in 2008. The total number of crashes reported in the City of Walker for 2009 was 1080. There were 59 crashes where alcohol or drugs were involved.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**

This year we participated less with the special enforcements from Officer of Highway Safety Program (OHSP) due to reduced staffing levels. We participated in the Walker Memorial Day Parade thanks to the sponsorship funding that the Walker Downtown Development Authority and Keller Ford provided. The department also assisted with the Strider Run, the Grand Rapids Marathon Run, a practice run for the Riverbank Run and the Riverbank Run itself but had to invoice for these events in order to recoup overtime costs associated with our personnel providing exclusive coverage.

We assisted Wyoming, Grand Rapids, Kentwood, and Grandville Police Departments with the Metro Cruise as a collaborative mutual aid effort. This event went very smoothly and very positive feedback was received.

We are still participating in the OHSP events that are grant funded and reimbursable. This year the collective agencies have changed the way these events are handled. We now work each event exclusively within our city boundaries. We participated in a total of 4 OHSP events, where over 280 vehicles were stopped and investigated. We received overtime reimbursement for our OHSP participation totaling \$12,949.33. Our officers efforts identified and handled "Operate While Intoxicated" (OWI) drivers, unrestrained child violations, "Violation of Controlled Substance" (VCSA) issues, no insurance citations,

suspended drivers, and others matters in an effort to make Walker a safer community for the motoring public.

Staffing was a contributing factor in deciding which events to participate in. The core policing responsibilities and normal shift coverage took precedent over ancillary grant time. Agencies from the area have been complimented by OHSP for our statewide participation resulting in a 90% seatbelt compliance statewide.



## **SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM**

This year the SRT team conducted three trainings. This year was a unique challenge with the financial constraints that were necessary. The team normally trains ten times a year, but with these financial challenges we examined the most beneficial trainings and eliminated some training events. Highlights for 2009 include:

### **January 2009**

The team assisted Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (KANET) with a drug search warrant for marijuana, guns involved. Marijuana seized.

### **March 2009**

The team assisted Kent County Sherriff's Department with a search warrant for an armed robbery suspect, gun involved and suspect know to carry. Suspect taken into custody.

### **April 2009**

The on duty (only) SRT Officers conducted a search warrant on a meth lab. The team members used the grant funded SCBA's to complete this search. One suspect was taken into custody.

### **August 2009**

On duty (only) SRT Officers conducted a search warrant with our detective unit for stolen property.

### **October 2009**

Area teams conducted simultaneous countywide search warrants with the DEA. These search warrants resulted in over \$25,000 dollars in forfeitures. Walker SRT will receive a portion of these dollars for the specific purchase of SRT equipment purchases (as defined by DEA Forfeiture rules).

## November 2009

The team responded on an armed suicidal subject, barricaded within a residence. The suspect was contacted and through negotiations was convinced to exit the residence, ending with a successful resolution.



(Photos of training that took place at an area elementary school)

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### Honor Guard

#### Honor Guard Members – 2009

Sergeant Rob Shoemaker

Officer Sammy Powell

Sergeant Keith Mankel

Sergeant Jon Paasch

Detective Scott Johnson

Officer Jason Frank

Sergeant Bert Elliott

Officer Tiffany Mackellar

Detective Brandyn Heugel

Officer Don Munn

The unit has continued to gain notoriety and exposure within the Walker and law enforcement communities. The Honor Guard Unit is now in cooperation with several other Grand Rapids Area Departments for the purpose of training events and large-scale needs of the departments. The unit has posted colors for several churches and charity events in 2009 as well as representing the department at four line-of-duty funerals and several other funerals for police officers. On May 6, 2009 the unit presented colors during the

National Anthem at the West Michigan Whitecaps baseball game. On May 15, 2009 two members represented the department at the Grand Rapids Police Memorial services. On May 18, 2009 the unit posted colors for the FOP opening Ceremonies during their annual convention. On May 25, 2009 the unit again represented the Walker Police Department in the City's Memorial Day Parade. In October of 2009 the unit was utilized for the funeral services of Retired Sergeant Herb Hunt.

These are just some of the events the Walker Police Department Honor Guard has participated in during the past year. With the formation of the Metro Area Honor Guard Cooperative we are expecting to be called to service more as time goes by. All members continue to look forward to serving the department and community in the positive light that has become the model of professionalism with the Walker Police Department's Honor Guard Unit.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Due to budgetary constraints, the School Resource Officer/Community Relations Officer (SRO/CLO) position was vacated in 2009 and Officer Redzinski was re-assigned to patrol. Officer Redzinski served as our lone SRO/CLO for the past eight years, with many positive relationships established and fostered through his efforts. It is the goal of the agency to try to continue with those relationships and create new ones along the way to the best of our abilities. Some of the events that were conducted by our agency personnel include:

In June we continued with our participation in the Metro High School Police Academy, held in collaboration with 6 other area agencies. The academy hosted 45 students from many different high schools in the metropolitan area. These students donated 45 hours of the summer vacation to learn the intricacies of police work, set in a one week format. Funding for this academy is generated through the annual golf outing, coordinated and run by officers involved with the academy.

In August the agency participated with the annual National Night Out festivities, where five neighborhoods had organized and each had an officer (or more) present to interact with the citizens and children present.

In November 3 certified trainers within the Department (Officers Frank, Redzinski and Chief Garcia-Lindstrom) conducted the snowmobile safety class for students from 12 years old and up. Upon successful completion of the one-day class the student is certified to operate a snowmobile solo, utilizing the numerous safety tips offered during the class. This year 40 students participated with a 100% success rate!

In December the annual Food Drive was once again completed. The food barrels were placed at numerous locations throughout the community and through these efforts, along with the efforts of numerous schools from the area, 95 families received food baskets for the holidays!

The quarterly neighborhood watch meetings continued as scheduled, with attendance and interest growing with each meeting. These meetings are an opportunity for community members to interact with personnel from the police department and to receive current information directly from the Chief of Police. These meetings are held in March, June, September and December and all are welcome to attend.



## RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PATROL/VOLUNTEER PATROL

In 2009 a very active member of the group, Russ Hodder, passed away very unexpectedly leaving all members with a very heavy heart. Most members of the group participated in the funeral/family viewing services, providing their love and support for the member's family. We also had two new members join the ranks, the second husband/wife team! The current level of the Volunteer group is at 16 members. These folks continue to volunteer hundreds of hours towards a multitude of functions within the police department and other city departments, to ensure the level of service continues to be provided at the highest level possible. The Volunteer group has continued to log approximately 3,000 hours of "patrol time" where they engage in parking enforcement, vacation property checks and a variety of document transfers amongst the area. This group continued with their efforts on the annual food drive in gathering and delivering food items in 2009, where 95 families received food baskets over the holiday season. The Walker Police Department and the community are certainly fortunate to have this dedicated group continue to serve with the dedication and professionalism that has been the custom.



## HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

We have two new high school student interns who are serving in an unpaid capacity during the 2009-2010 school year. Steven Ritzenhein is a senior at Kenowa Hills High School, along with being enrolled at the Kent County Technical Center's criminal justice curriculum. Amarah Mukatren is a senior at Byron Center High School and also attended the Technical Center's criminal justice program last year. Both interns are graduates of the 2009 Metro High School Police Academy and are interested in pursuing an advanced education in the criminal justice field upon high school graduation. Both Steven and Amarah are eager to learn the many different facets in the law enforcement profession, taking advantage of the various opportunities afforded to them while completing their internship with us. Both Steven and Amarah spend 4-5 hours per week at the department completing a multitude of different tasks, along with each volunteering with the mentoring program through Kenowa Hills schools, as department representatives. We are very excited to watch these fine young adults mature through their time with us and wish them future successes.



## POLICE CHAPLAINS

The Walker Police Chaplain Corp continued its service with four dedicated members within the ranks, although this included personnel changes. Father Bill Zink served as a Walker Police Chaplain for approximately 5 years with great distinction and dedication, but due to the church's business calling upon more of his time, he stepped down from the Corp in the early part of the year. The Chaplain Corp fortunately gained the services of Rev James Durr, of Bristolwood Pilgrim Nazerene Church, to continue with four dedicated members. The Chaplains Corp constantly provides the spiritual guidance and comfort to both the citizens we serve, along with the agency staff. The following is a breakdown of chaplaincy activity for 2009:

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|-------------------------------|----|
| • Department Meetings         | 22 |
| • Community Meetings          | 8  |
| • Facility Visits             | 43 |
| • Patrol Ride-Alongs          | 1  |
| • Personal Contacts           | 9  |
| • On-Scene Assists            | 3  |
| • Counseling                  | 1  |
| • Visitations (sick/injured)  | 4  |
| • Death Notifications         | 4  |
| • Ministry (funerals, deaths) | 5  |

## Chaplain Staff



Rev. Ron Baker



Rev. Steve Simon



Rev. Tom Bradley



Rev. James Durr

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS

In August a department awards ceremony was conducted to recognize and acknowledge those that had exhibited exemplary service for the year. The following were recipients of identified awards:





**Department Citation** (Granted for service rendered in the line of duty when an officer due to diligence and perseverance show meritorious conduct involving courage and risk to their personal safety).

Ken Martiny (x2)	Tim Pearce
Dennis Kneibel	Eric Jenkinson
Scott Lichti	Tom Raisanen
Don Munn (x2)	
Russ Esther	

**Department Commendation** (Granted for service rendered in the line of duty when an officer performs his/her duties in an exemplary manner. Actions must be outstanding service in which a serious crime is prevented, life and property protected, or criminals apprehended).

Tom Raisanen (x3)	Brad Williams
Keith Mankel	Sammy Powell
Heather Bacon	Tiffany MacKellar
Carl Wood (x2)	Troy Myers
Scott Johnson	Dennis Honholt
Eric Jenkinson	Joel Bartels
Andy Veen	

**Outside Recognition** (Granted to those who receive outside recognition for exemplary service to the community).

Tom Raisanen  
Joel Bartels

**Chief's Merit Award** (Granted for service rendered in the line of duty to officers who identified problems and by working together, made a noticeable impact in resolving those problems, thus significantly improving the quality of life for residents).

Jason Howe	Scott Johnson
Greg Long (x2)	Tiffany MacKellar

Keith Mankel (x2)  
Steve Dyke  
Bert Elliott  
Rob Shoemaker  
Jon Paasch

Brandyn Heugel  
Sammy Powell  
Don Munn  
Jason Frank

**Letters of Recognition** (Granted to any employee for service rendered which does not come within the scope of the other classifications, but is of such nature that recognition should be granted).

Heather Bacon  
Shawn Bailey (x4)  
Jason Frank  
Brandyn Heugel  
Eric Jenkinson (x2)  
Dennis Kneibel (x2)  
Cheryl Leatherman  
Greg Long  
Tiffany MacKellar  
Robin Maley

Scott Malkewitz  
Keith Mankel  
Troy Myers  
Jon Paasch  
Tim Pearce  
Sammy Powell  
Gilbert Redzinski (x2)  
Brian Sulak  
Susie Thompson

## **FORENSIC SERVICES REPORT**

The Walker Police Forensic Unit is responsible for crime scene processing, evidence collection and preservation. The Unit is also responsible for evidence delivery and pick up at the Michigan State Police Lab in Grand Rapids for various exams and analysis.

In January and March, the Forensic Unit visited Walker Charter Academy and did Forensic lectures for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The students were given a chance to do some hands on processing and were amused and amazed.

The Forensic Unit was utilized for on scene processing 52 times throughout the year. This number was down slightly from the level handled in 2008. The Unit also processed approximately 101 specific evidence cases within the lab including DNA collection, latent print development (porous and non porous surfaces), tool mark examination and FOIA requests.

The unit was reduced in personnel by one member, after he accepted a new position out of state, in October.

## **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

### 2009 Investigations (cumulative data)

Cases Assigned	1871	Arrests (adult)	171
Cases closed by investigations	787	Arrests (juvenile)	33

### Case Highlights

A business in the north district was burglarized multiple times. The suspect stole food, beverage and set fires causing significant damage. Through investigation the suspect was identified and arrested. During the

course of the investigation physical evidence was obtained linking the suspect to multiple crimes. Subsequently, the suspect confessed to committing the burglaries and setting the fires.

There was a death investigation which began as a verbal domestic between a husband and wife. The situation escalated to the point that the wife called 911. During the call to 911 the husband went outside and shot himself in the chest with a hand gun. Investigation determined the manor of death to be a suicide.

Investigation of an embezzlement involving an employee at a financial services company in Walker was concluded with prosecution. Investigation revealed that the employee stole approximately \$68,000 in FDIC insured funds. The Kent County Prosecutors Office authorized a warrant charging the suspect with embezzlement from a financial institution which is a felony punishable by up to twenty years in prison.

A Grand Rapids man was arrested for breaking into a business on Alpine and stealing two televisions. Patrol personnel responded to an alarm at the business. Upon arrival officers found the window of the front door smashed out. While on scene officers noticed a suspicious vehicle leave the area, the driver fled the vehicle on foot, officers apprehended him a short time later. The suspect was transported to the Walker Police Department where he confessed.

Investigation of an identity theft and bank fraud incident was conducted. The suspect used fraudulent identification to open bank accounts and obtain lines of credit, financial losses to exceeded \$18,000.00. This case consumed many investigative hours for analysis of financial records and compilation of the necessary documents for prosecution. As a result of the investigation the suspect was positively identified, warrants were authorized charging him with Identity Theft and Forgery.

There were two related armed robberies at two party stores in Standale. In both robberies the suspect pointed a gun at the store clerk and demanded money. Due to the violent nature of the suspect's actions many investigative resources focused on these two cases. Investigation revealed the identity of the suspect and armed robbery warrants were issued for the suspect's arrest. An-area wide search for the suspect resulted in the suspect's arrest.

A female individual reported to patrol that she had been approached by a male subject in a parking lot on Alpine Avenue. According to the victim, the suspect entered her vehicle and sexually assaulted her by touching her. The incident occurred in the early morning hours, where the security video was reviewed resulting in no evidence to support the victim was in the identified lot at the reported time. The victim was re-interviewed and insisted that the assault did occur. The security video was reviewed again for a longer time period and from a different angle. Once again, no evidence to support the victim's claim was discovered. The victim had also provided information that she had made arraignments with her ex-boyfriend to meet her there. When contacted, he denied this information. The victim was interviewed once again where she insisted that the assault occurred. The report was forwarded to the prosecutor for review. They denied a warrant based on lack of evidence.

A retired school teacher was arrested on a 9-count felony warrant for criminal sexual contact and was arraigned on all charges. He waived his preliminary hearing. A trial date is pending but it is believed he will accept a plea which includes a potential 40 year jail sentence.

Road patrol officer responded to a shooting at the Delta Plex. Investigation revealed that two rival gangs (the "Latin Kings" and the "Mexican MOB") were involved. An eye witness reported that she saw the

suspect chasing another individual and firing a semi-automatic weapon at this individual. A vehicle was hit by three of the fired bullets. Luckily, no one was injured in this incident. The suspects were observed getting into a fleeing vehicle which a witness pointed out to responding patrol officers. A traffic stop was made on the suspect vehicle. Patrol located two handguns in the vehicle. An adult suspect was charged with "Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property" (one of the guns was stolen) and "Carrying a Concealed Weapon" (CCW) violation. A juvenile suspect was charged with felonious assault, CCW, felony firearms and unlawful intent.

Patrol officers responded to a MDOP report on Walker Avenue NW. A local contracting company reported major damage to their industrial equipment over the weekend. Upon initial estimates, there was an estimated \$60,000 in damages. The following day Sergeant Mankel was in the area when he saw a white male walking toward an abandoned house that was the location of an arson in March 2009. He stopped and made contact with the 18 year old male and noticed that he was wearing particular footwear. The suspect eventually confessed to inflicting the damage to the industrial equipment, and named another suspect who was a 16 year old male. An interview was done with the juvenile after permission to speak with him was given by his mother. The juvenile also confessed to the incident. The adult male was charged with a felony MDOP over \$20,000 and a juvenile referral was sent in for the second suspect. The total in damages to the industrial equipment was close to \$100,000.

Road patrol officers responded to a larceny from vehicle complaint in the Standale area, where the victims caught the suspect and were holding onto him until police arrived. Upon arrival officers took a 17 year old male into custody. A search of his pockets revealed several items belonging to the two victims. This particular suspect was out on bond for committing a B&E at a Standale business during the summer.

A larceny report was filed with the Walker Police Department. The larcenies all occurred during a party that was given at private residence by a 13 year old Kenowa Middle School student. Her mother was out of town and she was with her father. Her father gave her permission to stay with a friend for the night, but instead she had a party at her mother's residence. Alcohol and marijuana were at the party that was attended by over 15 minors ranging in age from 12-19 years old. During the party several items from the home were stolen. Some of the items have been recovered and 10 interviews were done with suspects and their parents. At the conclusion of the investigation 4 juvenile referrals were filed and two warrant requests for adult suspects turned over to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office.

Officers responded to a home invasion at a residence. The home owners were at a funeral service for a family member and several hours after returning home they realized that jewelry was stolen from their home and made the report. Later Muskegon County investigators contacted us advising they had recovered a class ring (property) belonging to the homeowner from our complaint. Two suspects were in custody for several home invasions from June 2009-September 2009. They were dubbed the "pillow case burglars" in the media. Both suspects were interviewed at the Muskegon County Jail and one confessed to the home invasion in our city. The second did not confess, but was implicated by his co-defendant. Both men were charged in Kent County and appeared in court on December 29, 2009 for their preliminary exams. Both men waived their preliminary hearings in order to preserve a plea deal or a package deal with other counties.

Detectives were called out to an address on West River Dr. on a suspicious house fire. After investigating it was determined to be arson. The same weekend a second suspicious fire was reported at a business on North Park St., in close proximity to the West River Drive location. The following week a breaking and

entering occurred at this same business, with patrol apprehending the suspect at the scene. The suspect was interviewed at the jail and subsequently admitted to setting the two fires and breaking into the business. The suspect was charged and sentenced to prison.

Detectives were called out on a shooting at a residence on Remembrance Rd. The victim was returning home from a Texas Hold-em tournament and was confronted by an unknown suspect in the garage. The victim was shot once in the wrist. The Kent County Sheriff's Department had a similar incident the week before, however no shots were fired. As of this time the suspect remains at large and is still unknown.

Our detectives received an anonymous tip on where stolen property was located from a business break-in that occurred in Standale earlier. A search warrant was obtained for the residence where stolen property was recovered. A suspect admitted to the business break-in and was charged accordingly.



## VICE

Walker Police has continued the collaborative relationship by participating with the Kent Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (KANET), with a very productive year in the effort to eradicate illicit narcotics from our community. The following statistics provide an overview of the unit's activities for the year:

Search Warrants:	67
Consent Searches:	61
Traffic Stops:	34
Call Outs:	57
VCSA buys:	68
Canine Searches:	50
MLCC investigations:	96
Arrests:	111

Overall seizures and forfeitures receipted for 2009: \$443,120.87

### Approximate amounts of drugs seized by the unit:

Marijuana Plants	2075	
Marijuana (grams)	47,450	
Crack (grams)	25	
Cocaine (grams)	6,046	
Meth (grams)	1467	
Ecstasy (grams)	107	units
Mushrooms (grams)	281	
Heroin (grams)	5	
Misc RX	664	units



### Highlights of their work include:

A consent search was conducted at a residence in Walker. Eleven marijuana plants were seized and a warrant was obtained for the property owner.

Another search warrant was executed in the city of Walker, where a small marijuana grow operation was located and both homeowners were charged with manufacturing marijuana.

KANET detectives assisted the DEA with a sweep in the Kent County area. One of the search warrants was executed in the city of Walker. Marijuana, cash, and two vehicles were seized from this warrant.

Several search warrants were executed in the city of Wyoming. Over two hundred pounds of marijuana was seized and over nine thousand dollars was seized with forfeiture procedures continuing.

A search warrant was executed in the City of Grand Rapids where marijuana, cocaine, mushrooms, and several stolen handguns along with a sawed off shot gun were recovered. The suspect has been charged federally for these crimes.

A police cadet was sent into liquor-licensed businesses in Walker, and surrounding communities, checking for alcohol sales compliancy. One take-out establishment and a restaurant in our city were both cited for offering to sell alcohol to the student.

## **TRAINING**

The on-going training of personnel continues to be a priority, but also poses a significant challenge with the financial impact placed upon the agency. The Department continues to participate in the West Michigan Training Consortium, with 71 other agencies and institutions. This collaboration allows for advanced trainings to be offered to officers that normally would be cost prohibitive if attempted to host and staff without this partnership. The trainings attended by personnel are listed as follows:

- Advanced Interview & Interrogation (REID)
- Accident Investigation 13
- Abandoned Vehicle Update
- Close Quarters Combat
- Drug Enforcement Tactics
- Executive Management
- Explosive Recognition/Bomb Threats
- Firearms Qualifications
- Honor Guard Basic Training
- Hostage Negotiations
- Incident Command
- Leadership Institute
- LEIN Coordinator Update
- Less Lethal Munitions Instructor
- Medical First Responder
- Meth Lab Investigations (Vice)
- Metro Honor Guard Unit Training
- Mobile Field Force
- Precision Driving
- Rapid Response/Active Shooter
- Special Response Team training
- Supervision Basic
- Taser Instructor Recertification
- Trial Court Security
- UD-10 Update



## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

During the 2009 calendar year Technical Support participated in the following major tasks or projects:

- A number of updates were installed to standard operating files, maps and backup systems used by dispatchers in the CAD system. Two CAD PC workstations were replaced due to age.
- Security changes and software upgrades were made several times throughout 2009 to the Talon and LEIN system. At least three complete reloads of software were required to implement these mandated changes as well as numerous incremental fixes to keep the security levels intact.
- Mapping, manuals, worksheets and several small helper files were updated in 14 Police and Fire mobile computers to assist officers in operational issues.
- Many meetings were attended regarding the expected conversion to the Kent County Central Dispatch Authority program which is in development and will impact Walker public safety systems. Additional meetings were attended with neighboring departments regarding regional concerns such as central records and other shared systems.
- The effort to replace the existing obsolete Records Management System (RMS) with a new Core Technology RMS began. This required replacing the existing Core server and redesigning the operational schemes for the desktop and mobile units as well as installing new products. The effort is in the testing phase at this time before production use is implemented.
- Numerous repairs were made to radios, computers, cameras, monitors, network items, console equipment, telephones, alarms and security hardware to keep all systems functional. Incidental improvements were also made to the many department technology systems when cost effective.
- Planning progresses on the use of automated tickets and crash reporting.

The above effort required 196 hours of labor throughout the year.

## RECORDS BUREAU



Monica, Julie, Beth, Kim, Barb & Chief Garcia-Lindstrom

The Records Bureau issued 258 gun purchase permits in 2009, compared to 208 in 2008. We also registered 229 guns, which included 120 to individuals with CCW (Concealed Weapons) permits, compared to 302 in 2008.

A total of \$5,780.00 was taken in by the Records Bureau for copy fees for police reports, accident reports, FOIA requests, notary fees, etc., compared to \$5,772.00 in 2008. This does not include fingerprint fees which are received by us and in turn forwarded to the State of Michigan. We also started charging a fee for court-ordered PBT's (preliminary breath tests) in 2008 for alcohol related convictions, and took in \$500.00 during 2009 for performing that service.

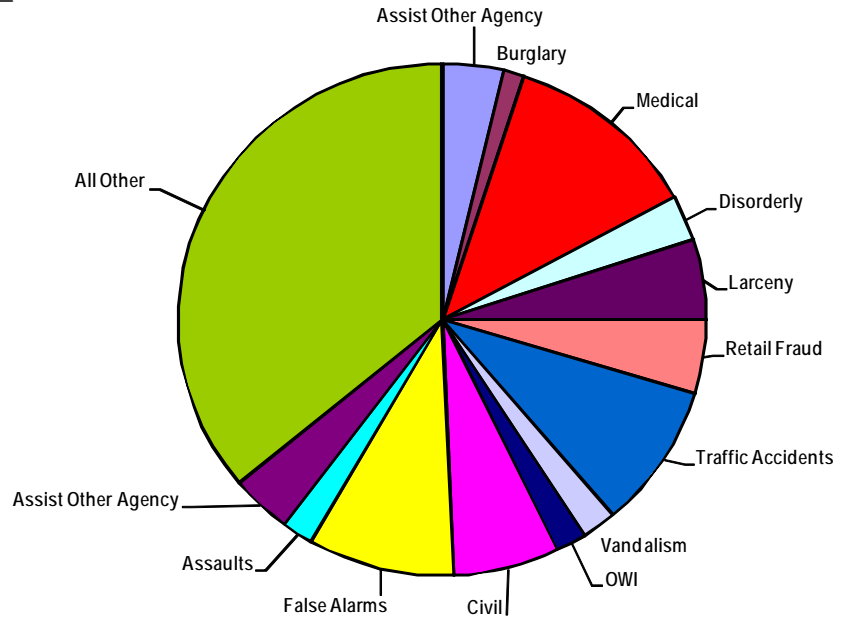
There were 297 Freedom of Information requests processed in 2009 for various incident reports, accident reports, and other Police Department records, compared to 260 in 2008.

There are currently 60 registered sex offenders in the City of Walker. Records staff has been diligent in assisting the Detective Bureau in assuring that all offenders are following the registration laws and that those who do not are prosecuted.

Records staff has been extremely busy this past year in anticipation of the selection and implementation of a new Records Management System. The City ultimately made the decision to enter into a mutual agreement with Core Technology to develop a new RMS, with the Walker Police Department being one of the beta sites. This resulted in a significant savings to the City and a great opportunity to work hands on with the vendor in developing a system that would meet the Police Department's needs and take us into the future as technology changes. In spite of a 20% reduction in staffing in the Records Bureau, the dedication and tireless efforts of staff has been extremely instrumental in learning and analyzing the functions of this new system as it evolves, and to offer necessary input and suggestions to make this a viable system. Much appreciation and thanks go to the Records Bureau staff for all they have done and continue to do in developing the new RMS in spite of keeping up with a demanding workload and reduced hours.

RECORDS AND STATISTICAL DATA

CALLS FOR SERVICE



INCIDENT REPORTS  
5 YEAR COMPARISON

**PART I**

<b><u>INDEX CRIMES</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>
MURDER	0	0	1	0	0
RAPE / CSC	26	23	28	30	40
ROBBERY	8	7	10	12	25
ASSAULT AGGRAVATED	14	18	13	18	13
ASSAULT DOMESTIC AGGRAVATED	3	6	4	5	5
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	1	1	1	3	2
INTIMIDATION/STALKING	93	84	85	82	95
BURGLARY	109	103	128	136	132
LARCENY	389	507	544	555	531
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	30	40	45	43	42
ARSON	9	2	1	3	3
<b>INDEX CRIMES TOTALS</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>888</b>

**PART II**

<b><u>NON-INDEX CRIMES</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>
FORGERY / COUNTERFEIT	16	25	14	47	33
EMBEZZLEMENT	22	25	14	28	40
FRAUD	80	92	87	142	134
RETAIL FRAUD	355	316	348	344	324
WEAPONS OFFENSES	4	5	16	7	9
FAMILY AND CHILDREN	51	49	59	78	71
NARCOTIC LAW VIOLATIONS	42	55	58	97	78
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	33	47	52	65	37
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	358	418	399	420	434
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT NON AGGRAVATED	70	71	66	73	89
ASSAULT DOMESTIC NON AGGRAVATED	64	66	60	66	58
OUIL	145	118	122	230	187
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY	1	4	2	3	2
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	381	455	478	783	686
VANDALISM	166	164	179	233	268
ALL OTHER	4373	5013	5251	4705	4726
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	710	790	860	904	984
ACCIDENT-PRIVATE PROPERTY	158	166	162	103	136
<b>NON-INDEX CRIMES TOTALS</b>	<b>7029</b>	<b>7879</b>	<b>8226</b>	<b>8328</b>	<b>8296</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>7711</b>	<b>8670</b>	<b>9086</b>	<b>9215</b>	<b>9184</b>

2009 INCIDENT REPORTS  
BY DISTRICT

Offense Code	Offense Description	Total	Dist 1	Dist 2	Dist 3	Other *
1000-1	Kidnapping/Abduction	1			1	
1100	Sex Assault	10	2	2	6	
1100-7	Sex Contact Forcible	16	1	8	7	
1201	Robbery-Business, Gun	2	0	2	0	
1203	Robbery-Business, Strong Arm	3	1	0	2	
1204	Robbery-Street, Gun	1	0	0	1	
1205	Robbery-Street, Other Weapon	1	0	1	0	
1207	Robbery-Residence, Gun	1	0	0	1	
1300-1	Non-Aggravated Assault	70	11	19	40	
1300-1A	Domestic Assault Non-Aggr	64	6	28	30	
1300-2	Aggravated Assault	14	3	4	7	
1300-2A	Domestic Assault-Aggr/Felonious	3	1	0	2	
1300-3	Intimidation/Stalking	93	20	27	46	
2000	Arson	9	3	1	5	
2200-1	Burglary-Forced Entry	77	11	27	38	1
2200-2	Burglary-Entry w/o Force	28	7	9	12	
2200-3	Unlawful Entry (No Int.)	4	0	2	2	
2300-1	Larceny-Pocket Picking	2	0	0	2	
2300-2	Larceny-Purse Snatching	5	0	0	5	
2300-3	Larceny-Theft from Building	72	14	17	41	
2300-4	Larceny-Theft from Coin Op	6	3	1	2	
2300-5	Larceny-Theft from Vehicle	138	22	48	67	1
2300-6	Larceny-Motor Vehicle Parts	21	2	4	15	
2300-7	Larceny-Other	117	23	44	47	3
2300-8	Larceny-From Mail	1	0	0	1	
2300-9	Larceny-of Gasoline	27	1	8	18	
2300-10	Larceny of Scrap Metal	0	0	0	0	
2400-1	Motor Vehicle Theft	27	2	5	20	
2400-2	Motor Vehicle as Stolen Property	3	1	0	2	
2500	Forgery-Counterfeiting	16	3	7	6	
2600-1	Fraud-False Pretense	13	1	5	7	
2600-2	Fraud-Credit Card/ATM	38	5	14	19	
2600-3	Fraud-Impersonation	6	2	3	1	
2600-6	Fraud-Bad Checks	23	4	3	16	
2700	Embezzlement	22	4	3	15	
2800	Stolen Property	1	1	0	0	
2900	Damage to Property	166	25	56	85	
3000-1	Retail Fraud Misrepresent	2	0	0	2	
3000-2	Retail Fraud Theft	352	1	95	256	
3000-3	Retail Fraud-Refund/Exchange	1	0	0	1	
3500-1	Violation of Controlled Substance	36	4	11	21	
3500-2	Narcotic Equipment Violations	6	1	2	3	

2009 Incidents  
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Offense Code	Offense Description	Total	Dist 1	Dist 2	Dist 3	Other *
3600-3	Peeping Tom	1	0	0	1	
3600-4	Sex Offense-Other	6	2	2	2	
3800-1	Family Abuse/Neglect Nonviolent	20	1	6	13	
3800-3	Family-Other	1	0	0	1	
4100-1	Liquor Violations – Lic Establishment	1	0	1	0	
4100-2	Liquor Violations-Other	6	2	2	2	
4100-3	Minor in Possession	26	6	7	13	
4200-0	Drunkenness (Except OUIL)	17	0	2	15	
4800	Obstructing Police	20	3	3	14	
5000	Obstructing Justice / Warrants	441	302	37	95	7
5000-1	Failure to Appear	3	1	2	0	
5000-10	SOR Failure to Verify	1	0	0	1	
5000-12	SOR Failure to Change Address	5	2	2	1	
5000-13	SOR Failure to Pay Registration Fee	1	0	1	0	
5000-2	PPO Violation	12	3	2	7	
5000-3	Cond Bond Release Violation	3	1	0	2	
5200-1	Concealed Weapons	1	0	0	1	
5200-2	Explosives	1	0	0	1	
5200-3	Weapons Offense-Other	2	1	0	1	
5300-1	Disorderly Conduct	224	18	67	139	
5300-3	Noise Disturbance	90	8	31	51	
5400-1A	Accident-Hit & Run Traffic	70	9	25	36	
5400-1B	Accident-Hit & Run Private Property	71	8	15	48	
5400-2	Traffic-OUIL or OUID	145	20	54	71	
5400-3	Traffic-Traffic Violations	306	34	89	183	
5400-4	Traffic-Parking Violations	54	0	54	0	
05500	Health & Safety Violation	6	1	2	3	
5500-1	Dog Law Violation	34	6	15	13	
5500-1A	Animals-Other	1	1	0	0	
5700-1	Trespassing	37	4	8	24	1
5700-2	Invasion of Privacy-Other	1	0	1	0	
6200	Conservation	2	0	2	0	
6200-1	Littering	20	3	8	9	
6300	Vagrancy	1	0	0	1	
6300-1	Curfew Violations	3	0	2	1	
7000-1	Runaways	18	5	9	4	
7300	Misc Criminal Offense	13	3	5	5	
9200-4	Mental Illness	23	3	10	10	
9200-6	Civil Infraction-Soliciting w/o License	7	2	1	4	
9300-2	Accident Private Property	87	15	27	45	

2009 Incidents  
 Reported by District  
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Offense Code	Offense Description	Total	Dist 1	Dist 2	Dist 3	Other *
9300-3	Traffic Violations-Civil	5	0	1	4	
9300-4	Parking/Abandoned Vehicles	219	26	57	136	
9400-1	Valid Alarm Activation	8	0	1	7	
9400-2	False Alarm Activation	698	107	144	447	
9500-4	Hazardous Conditions	1	0	0	1	
9500-6	Burn Complaints	1	0	0	1	
9600-1	Building Check-Doors Open	14	6	4	4	
9700-6	Accident-All Other	1	0	0	1	
9800-2	Motor Vehicle Inspection	1	0	0	1	
9800-4	Inspections-Other	1	1	0	0	
9800-6	Civil/Family Disputes	479	72	172	235	
9800-7	Suspicious Situations	310	60	119	131	
9800-8	Lost & Found Property	75	16	27	32	
9800-8A	Lost & Found Bikes	1	0	1	0	
9800-9	Drug Overdose (Includes Fatal)	2	0	2	0	
9900-1	Suicide (Includes Attempts)	40	8	13	19	
9900-2	Natural Death	14	3	6	5	
9900-2B	Suspicious Death	1	0	1	0	
9900-3	Missing Persons	23	0	7	16	
9900-5	Medical Assist	932	183	317	427	5
9900-7	Public Relations Activity	3	2	1	0	
9900-8	Assists to Other Agencies	290	34	50	128	78
9900-9	General Non Criminal Assist	413	87	156	170	
9901-1	Directed Patrol-Traffic	7	3	1	3	
9901-2	Directed Patrol-Other	10	7	0	3	
9901-3	Directed Patrol-Property Check	80	14	40	26	
ACC-BIC	Accident-Bicycle	5	1	1	3	
ACC-DEER	Accident-Deer	75	15	49	11	
ACC-F	Accident-Fatal	3	1	2	0	
ACC-PD	Accident-Traffic	534	90	181	262	1
ACC-PED	Accident-Pedestrian	3	0	2	1	
ACC-PI	Accident-Personal Injury	90	13	32	45	
<b>2009 TOTALS</b>		<b>7711</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>2377</b>	<b>3820</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>2008 TOTALS</b>		<b>8670</b>	<b>1565</b>	<b>2559</b>	<b>4462</b>	<b>84</b>

\* Other = Outside Limits and County Parks