

LA CROSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2000 ANNUAL REPORT



SERVING THE COMMUNITY



Department of Police



EDWARD N. KONDRACKI, CHIEF
LA CROSSE WI 54601-3396

Honorable Mayor John Medinger
Members of the Common Council and
Police and Fire Commission
City of La Crosse, WI

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The year 2000 City of La Crosse Police Department Annual Report is herein presented for your review. This report consists of a statistical comparison of the activities of the La Crosse Police Department for the year 2000 as compared to preceding years.

The crime picture for the year 2000 remained basically unchanged from that of 1999. The year 2000 continued a trend with major crime part I offenses remaining at nearly a 20-year low. Major crime, in fact, decreased 2% in the year 2000 as compared to 1999. Violent crime rates in La Crosse have been much less than those of the state and other cities of comparable size.

The year 2000 ended with a 51% clearance rate for major crimes, which is substantially larger than the statewide clearance rate for major crimes.

On January 18, 2000, Sgt. Sally Newman was presented with the first Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Police Officers Sir Robert Peel Award in recognition of her contribution to community policing in the State of Wisconsin. The award resulted from her efforts as the director of the La Crosse Police Department's Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (DART).

The Strategic Planning Committee has been re-instituted in an effort to develop a new 5-year strategic plan. The plan will reflect a commitment to community policing and employee development in a dynamic and changing society.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all of the men and women, sworn and civilian, of the La Crosse Police Department who helped make 2000 a successful year in the history of policing La Crosse. I am convinced that by working together we can continue to combat crime and to keep the City of La Crosse a safe place in which to live. To that end, I will remain open to suggestions, constructive criticism, and input from the entire community in order that the La Crosse Police Department might best meet the needs and expectations of the community it serves.

Sincerely,

Edward N. Kondracki
Chief of Police

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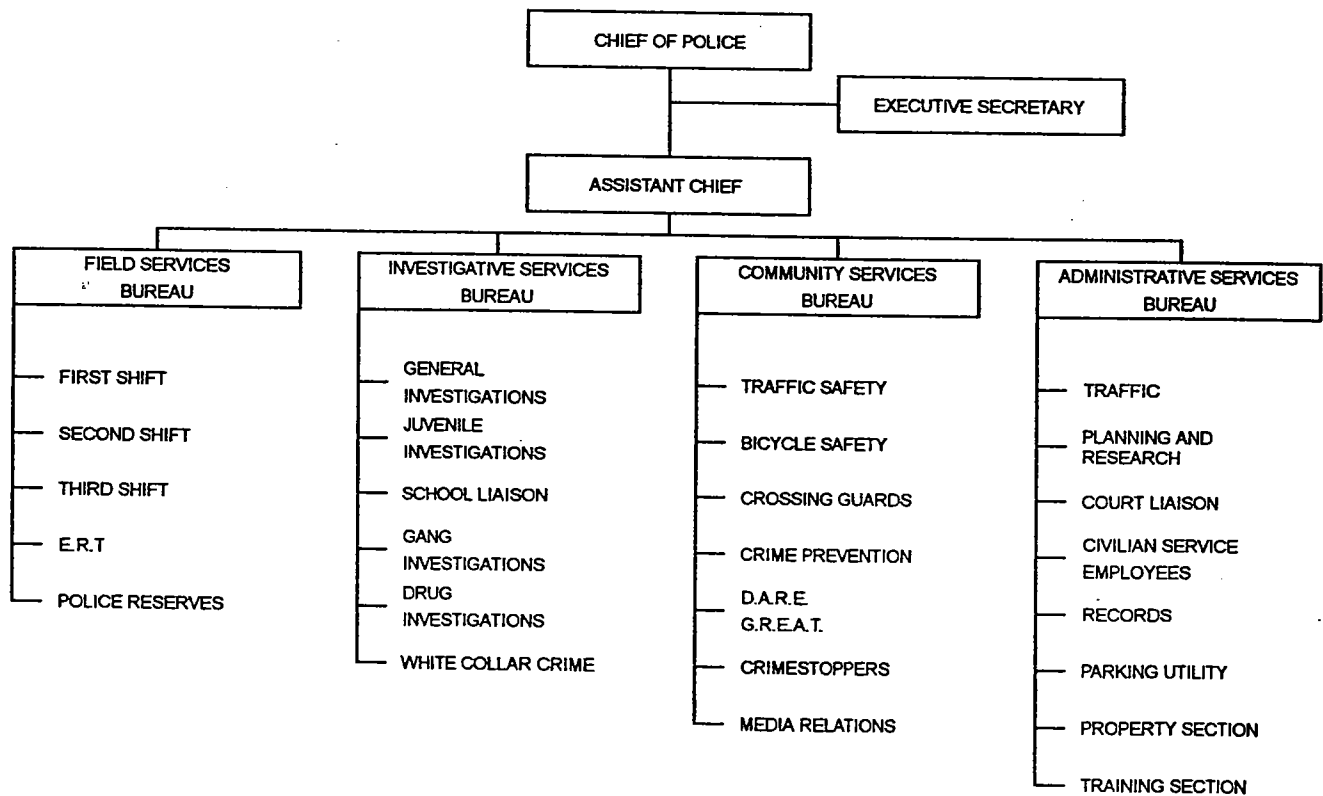
LA CROSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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COMMON COUNCIL

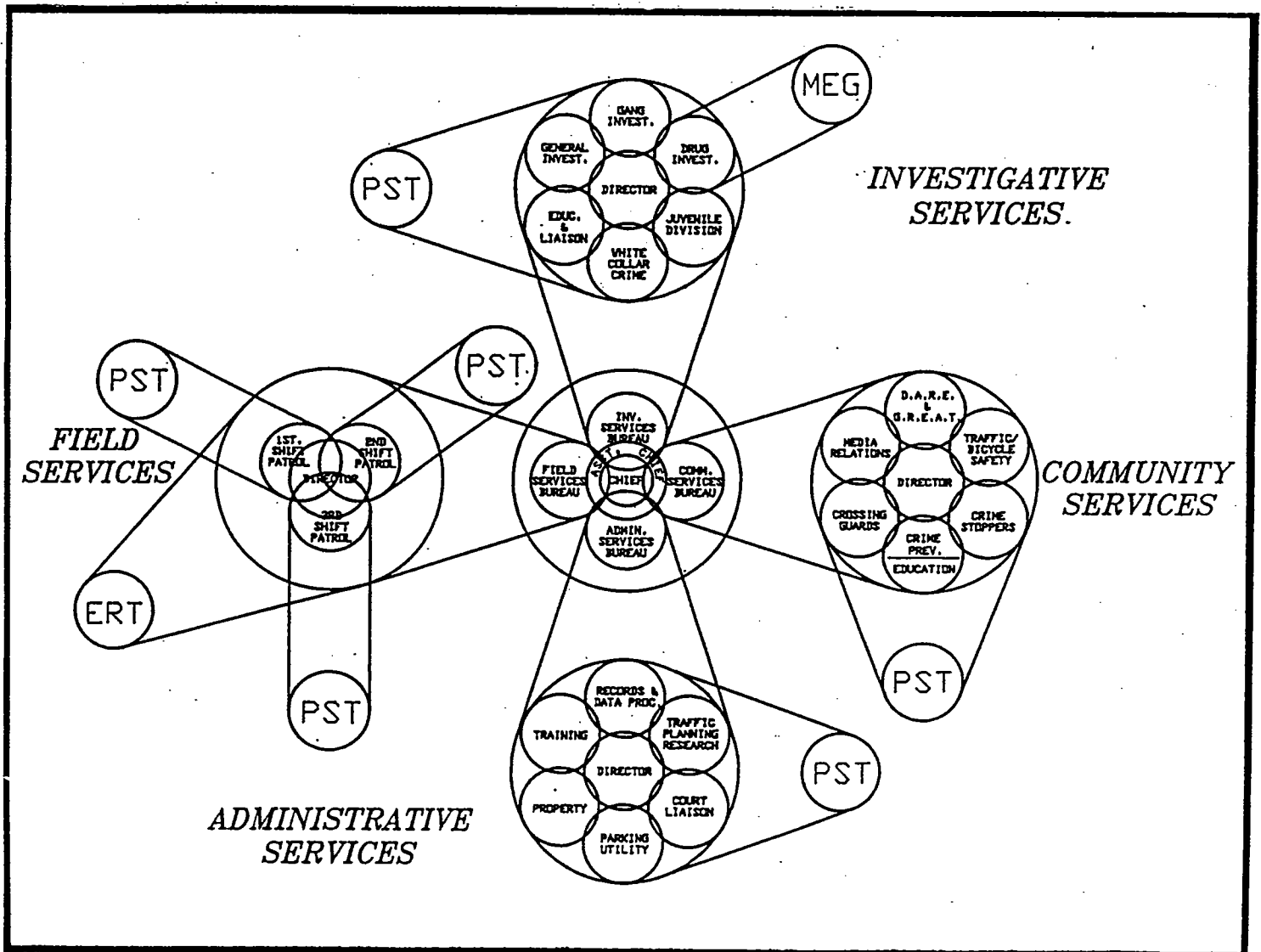
POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION



LA CROSSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONCEPTUAL CHART

PST DESIGNATES PROBLEM SOLVING TEAMS ON EACH SHIFT AND IN EACH BUREAU. THE CONCEPTUAL CHART DEPICTS THE INTERACTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.



**OFFICE
of the
CHIEF OF POLICE**

**EDWARD N. KONDRACKI
CHIEF OF POLICE**

**KATHRYN GILLEN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

The Administrative Services Bureau includes the separate divisions of Training, Data Processing, Property and Evidence, Records and Inquiry, Communications, Court Services, Computer Services, Civilian Services, Parking Utility, and Planning. The Bureau is responsible for the accounting, payroll, purchasing, planning, budgeting, reporting, communications and other facets that include personnel or monies. All the hiring, human resources, research and analysis, appropriations, grants, inventories, and funding concerns fall under this Bureau's responsibilities.

The Records and Inquiry Division, charged with the responsibility of all the Department records and communications devices, is comprised of Records personnel who regard accuracy as a prerequisite of their job. The importance of sound record keeping is essential and one of the mainstays of a law enforcement agency. The year 2000 was a challenging year for the Records Division. The personnel in Records have been working hard to implement and optimize the current software application in a manner that best serves the Department and the community. They have worked through a number of issues that have presented themselves, and have overcome those obstacles and challenges.

In total, in excess of 14,500 hours of training were provided for Department members in 2000. Lt. Dan Marcou, the trainer for the Police Department, received special recognition at the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainer's International Conference featuring the Department's "Interactive Firearms" training program. The Training Division played a major role in training the first Police Chaplains in a special Citizen's Police Academy. The Department's crowd control techniques training was featured by *In the Line of Duty* in an internationally distributed training tape. Additionally, Lt. Marcou trained Russian police officers in Dubna on the topic of Domestic Violence.

The Property Division has been undergoing a major transformation. Lt. Jerry Kabat, recognizing the need to update our existing system led this effort. Our main property/evidence storage facility has undergone a complete remodeling effort that was initiated in the year 2000 and completed in 2001. The Property Clerk, with assistance from various Department members, accomplished the tasks necessary to coordinate this critical effort.

Data Processing, Traffic Management, Planning & Research, and Civilian Services are all areas of responsibility in Administrative Services. Each section contributes to the operations of the Department in different ways – identifying trends/patterns in crime, accident investigation, identification of funding for specialized activities, developing better ways of processing information, and providing parking enforcement and record keeping for the parking Utility.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES
BUREAU**

**THOMAS JACOBS
ASSISTANT CHIEF**

**GERARD KABAT
ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT**

**DANIEL MARCOU
TRAINING LIEUTENANT**

**ROBERT BOTT
RECORDS SERGEANT**

**JASON MELBY
TRAFFIC INVESTIGATIONS/COURT LIAISON INVESTIGATOR**

**STEPHANIE GAVRILOS
PROPERTY SECTION CSE**

CIVILIANS

**JAYNE ABRAHAM
ANNE HEILMAN
ANTIONETTE GALLUP
JOANNE RUEGG
JOAN LYBARGER
KAREN NOVAK
JANE CASEY**

CIVILIAN SERVICE EMPLOYEES

**DIANE SKIFTON
KONG XIONG
HEATH TORSTVEIT
TENG THAO
KYLE FUNMAKER
TRON THACHKENSON
RAYMOND DEGNER
MATTHEW JAHR
KRISTINE STARKEY
ELIZABETH BERGERON**

F I E L D S E R V I C E S B U R E A U

The Field Services Bureau provides the first line of protection and service to our community around the clock, 24/7. It is divided into three shifts that have many characteristics in and of themselves but also interact with each other to insure efficiency and effectiveness in providing proactive and reactive responses to growing community concerns and calls for service.

Community Policing continues to grow among bureau members as several personnel serve on various community action committees throughout the year as well as interact with specific programs geared to enhance police – community relations such as:

Neighborhood Watch

Crimestoppers follow-up

Project RENEW

DART

New Horizons

Victim Assistance

This involvement combined with shift problem solving teams has resulted in reducing repeat calls to problem areas as well as creating an excellent working relationship with community members and business leaders.

The Bureau provides the majority of personnel for the Emergency Response Team (ERT). This team is used for a variety of serious calls for service. The track record of the team has been positive on virtually all accounts.

One of our newest programs is the Police Chaplain program, which integrates area pastors through the Police Reserve program in to voluntary service with the Department. Such interaction provides a sound relationship with police, pastoral services and the community. Area pastors are assisting both the officers on the job as well as community members that are often in need of such assistance in times of need.

The Field Services Bureau personnel continue to be some of the best-trained officers in the Midwest. Through such training, our officers have demonstrated their high degree of professionalism by responding to thousands of calls for service under all types of conditions and in any imaginable weather. In such service, numerous officers have been recognized for outstanding performance.

**FIELD
SERVICES BUREAU**

**GARY UTING
BUREAU CAPTAIN**

SHIFT LIEUTENANTS

ANDY TRUSCOTT

RAY SERRES

ROBERT LAWRENCE

SHIFT SERGEANTS

GREG KLOSS
FERD ROTH
TROY NEDEGAARD

JOHN RUEGG
JIM BALLAS
PAT HOGAN

ROB ABRAHAM
LAMONT STARCH
JEROME KORGER

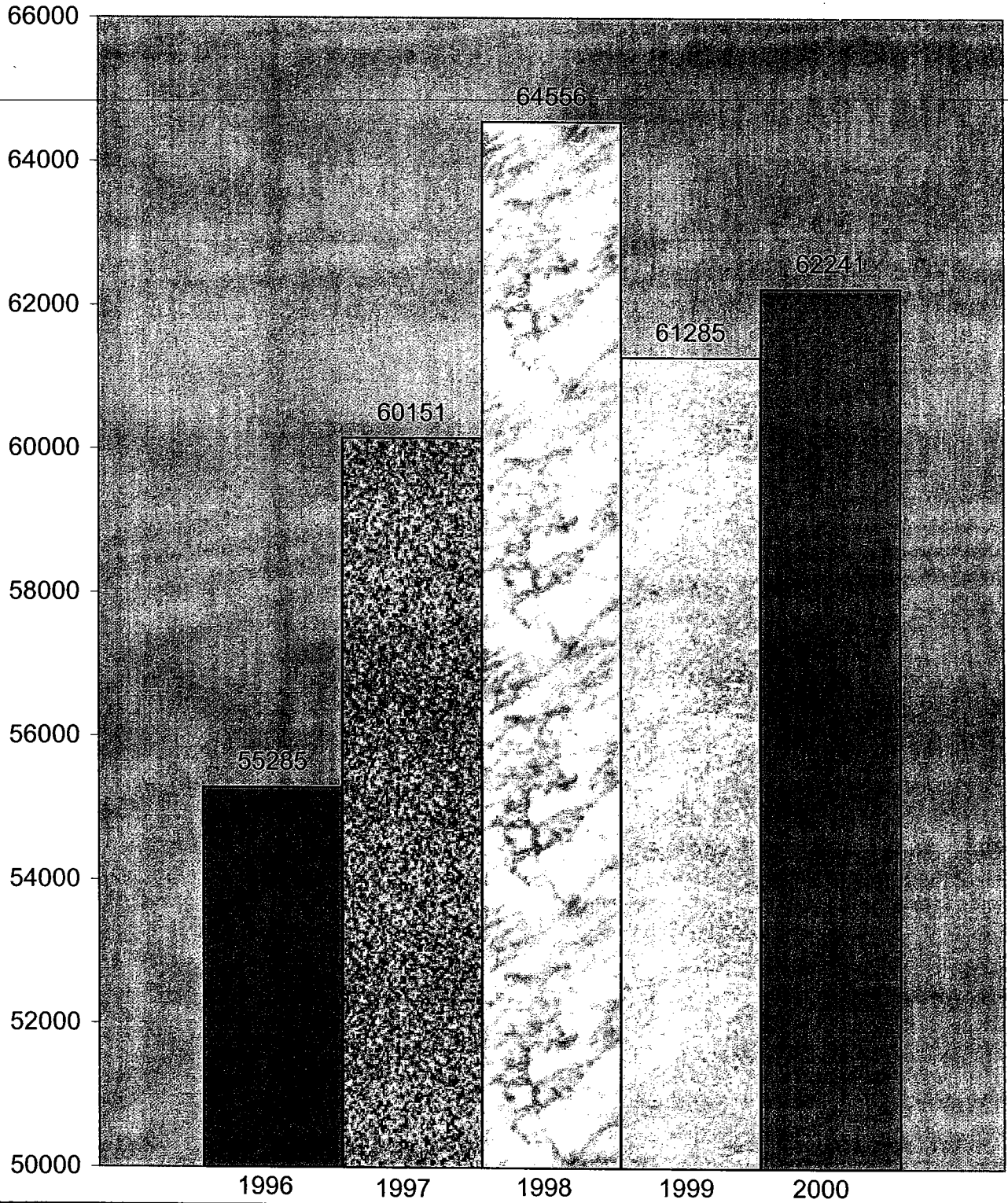
SHIFT OFFICERS

DAVE NEDLAND
JOHN MATUSKA
JD SMITH
STEVE THORNTON
JIM KIRBY
GREG FITZSIMMONS
BRAD STONER
FALING YANG
JIM GEGENFURTNER
DREW GAVRILOS
BRIAN THOMSON
TONY LEQUE
JARED BLOMDAHL
BRAD WURTZEL
SHAWN KUDRON
AVRIE PRETASKY

MIKE HICKEY
GARY CLEMENTS
BRIAN OLSON
ANDY ANGST
RICK RANK
BOB WIECZOREK
LISA BARRIX
AL HAGEN
RON SECORD
ERIC CHRISTIANSON
GRANT GYLLANDER
TODD FISCHER
RYAN STENSLIEN
CHARLES FRANDSEN
MATTHEW MALOTT
STEVE PATASKA

STEVE HOLINKA
THAD BALDWIN
SCOTT DELANEY
MARK ROSENMEIER
GARY HAUSER
HEATH GRAVES
AL IVERSON
CORRIE KORN
KIRK FLATTEN
TERI RODEN
JOE SMITH
JACOB JANSKY
DALE GERBIG
RYAN FITZGERALD
RANDY RANK
TONY DELAP

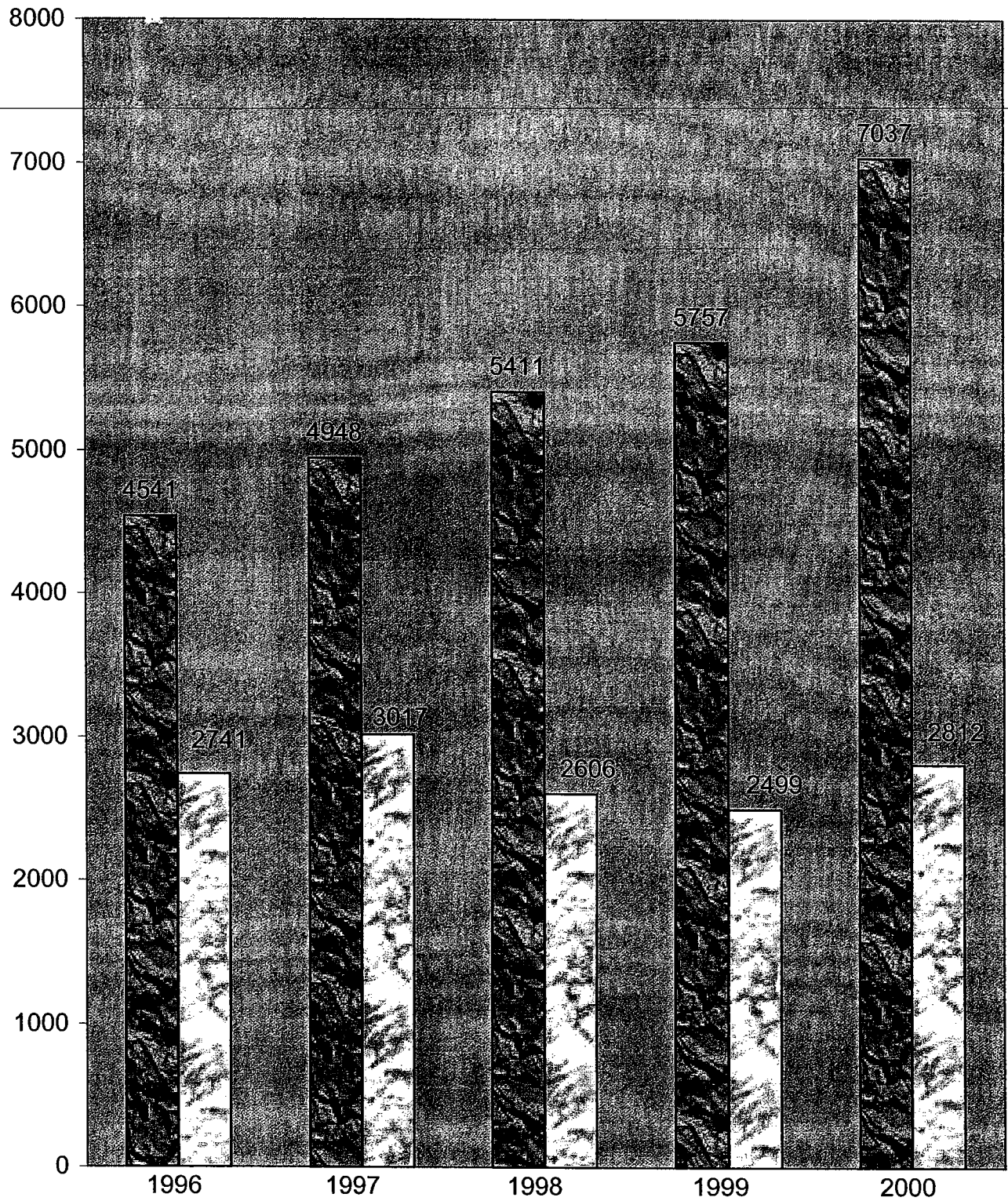
CALLS FOR SERVICE



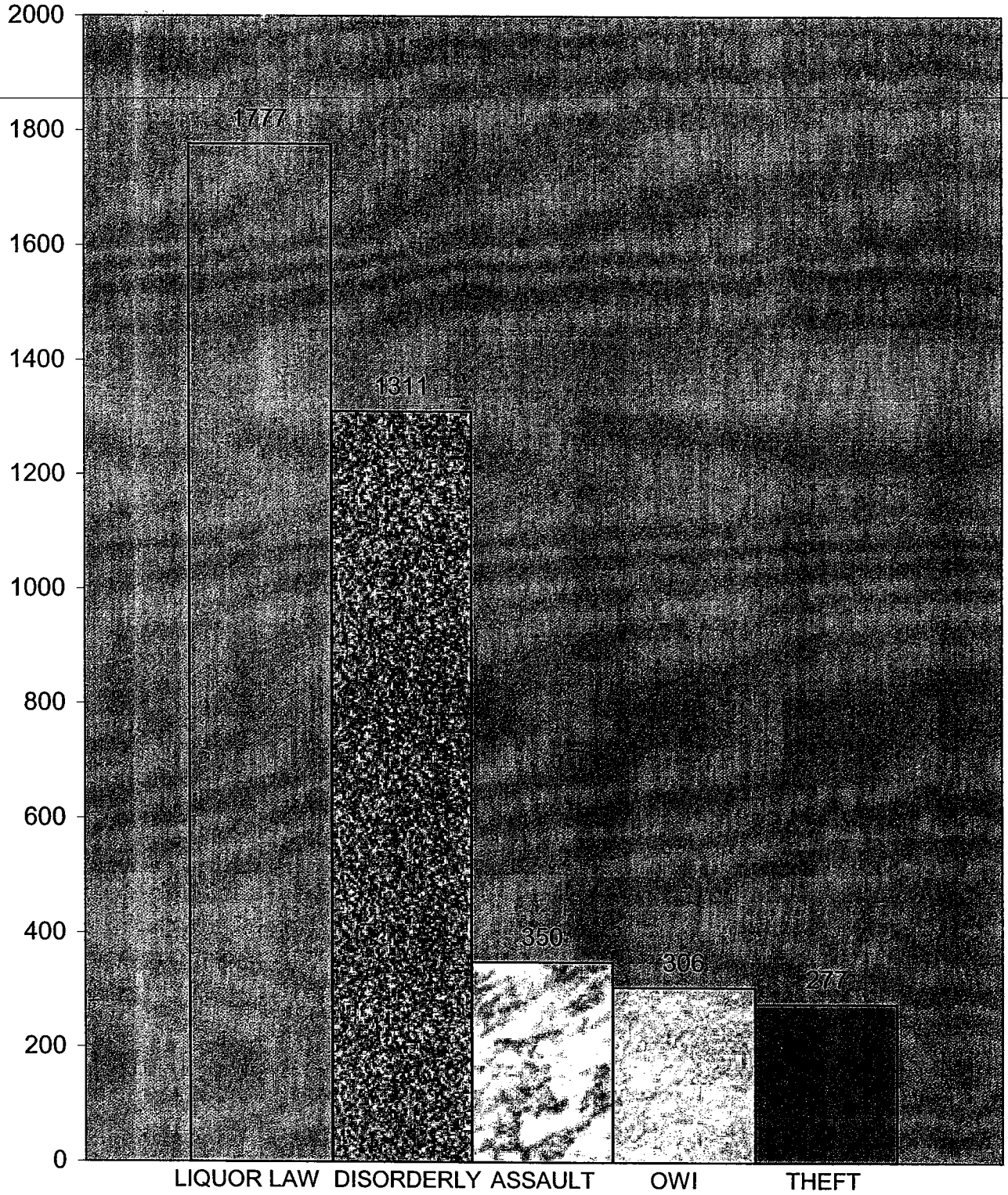
CALLS FOR SERVICE

TYPE OF CALL	2000	1999	1998
ABUSE/NEGLECT	13		
ALARMS	1116	787	878
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	611	728	784
ARREST	588	162	90
ASSAULT	377		
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	49		
ASSIST MEDICAL PROVIDER	124	89	85
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	3227		
BURGLARY	115	280	309
CHAPTER 51/55	587	484	551
CHECK WELFARE	2055	1896	1935
COP	1014		
COUNTERFEIT	1		
CROSSING GUARD DUTY	312		
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1148	851	946
DOMESTIC	1553	1575	1676
DRUGS	77		
ENTRY	231		
ESCORTS	547	697	740
EXPOSURE	23	27	23
FIGHTS	323		
FORGERY	117	141	164
FRAUD	270	268	228
HARRASSMENT/THREATS	201		
INVESTIGATIVE/FOLLOW UP	2724	2880	2973
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	1084		
LOST/FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	1127	696	729
MISSING PERSON/RUNAWAY	508	3232	3630
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	68		
NOISE COMPLAINT	2112	1734	1909
NUISANCE PHONE CALL	398	382	428
OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	279	208	192
OTHER COMPLAINT	1934	5675	6097
OTHER ASSIST	861		
OUT WITH PARTY	1739		
PARKING COMPLAINT	3943	4056	3855
PROWLER	43	64	66
ROBBERY	26	25	19
SEX OFFENSES	39	105	127
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	2942	4460	4545
THEFT	2109	1787	2248
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	3102	3087	2911
TRAFFIC/DRIVING COMPLAINT	2697	2236	2262
TRAFFIC STOP	17109	17959	19157
TRESPASSING	57		
TROUBLE WITH JUVENILE	1617	1580	1878
TROUBLE WITH PARTY	1636	3025	2967
TRUANCY	82		
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	211	203	148
TOTAL	62241	61285	64556
PERCENT CHANGE		+2%	-4%

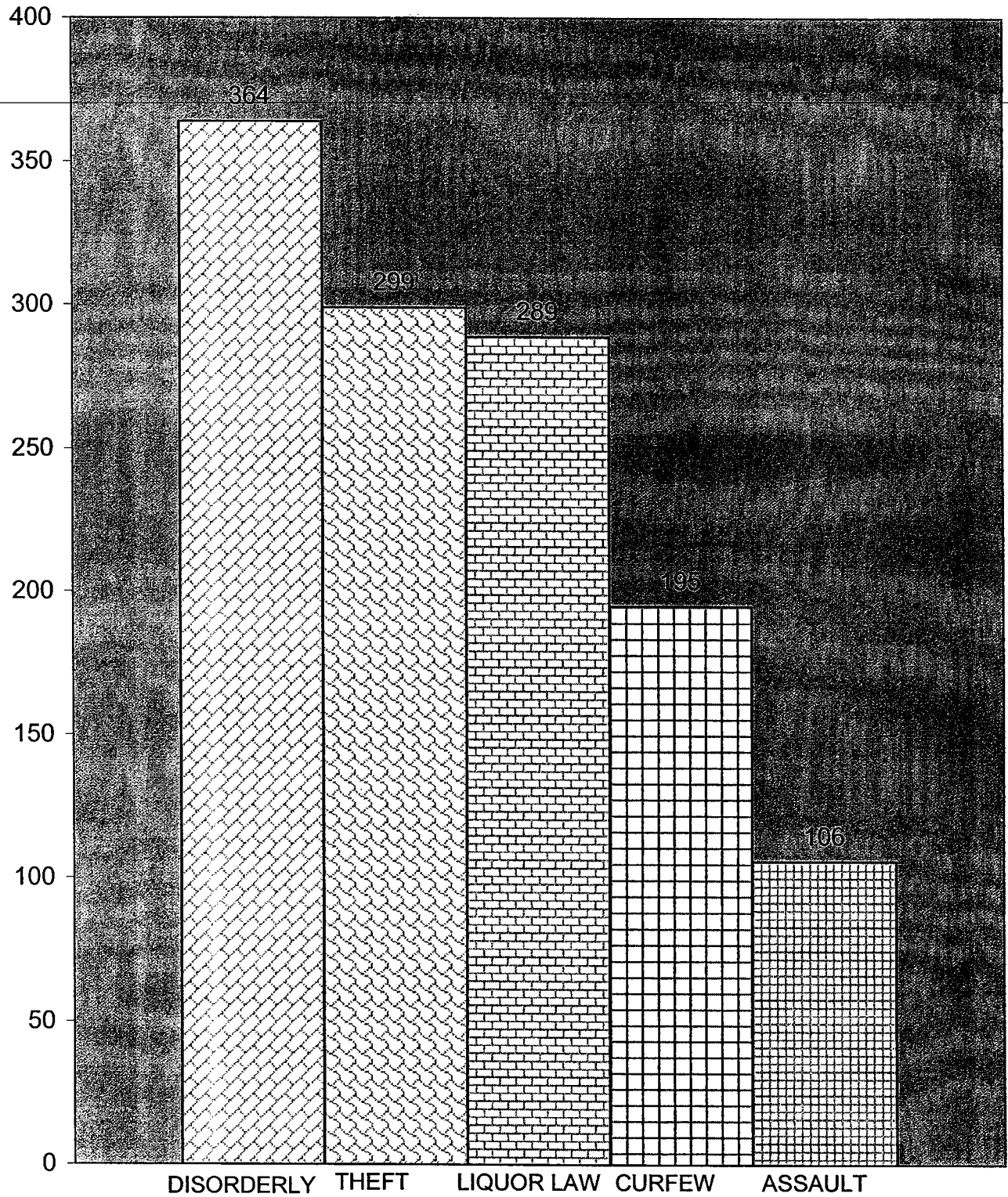
UCR ARRESTS: ADULT / JUVENILE



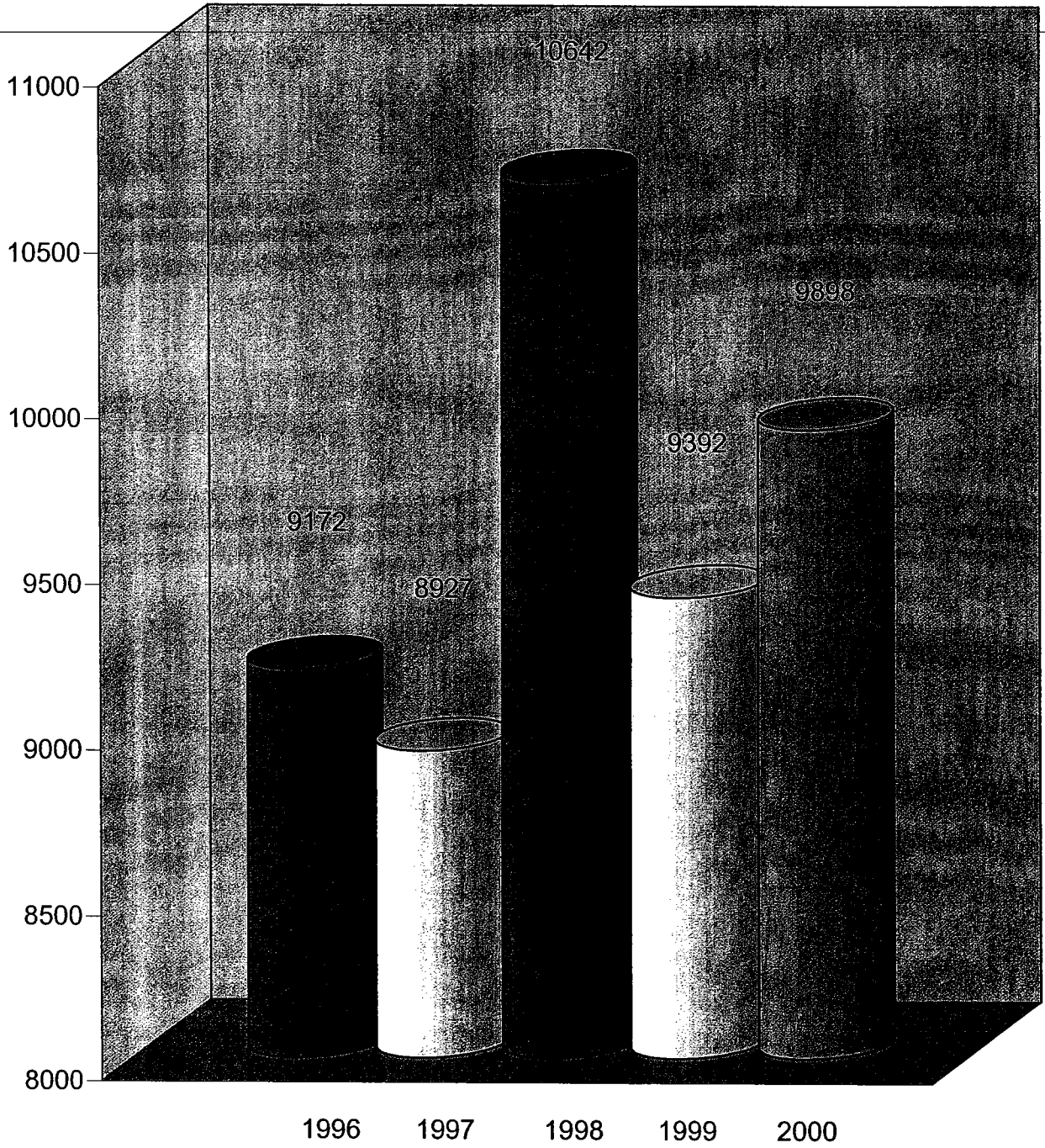
2000 TOP FIVE ADULT ARRESTS



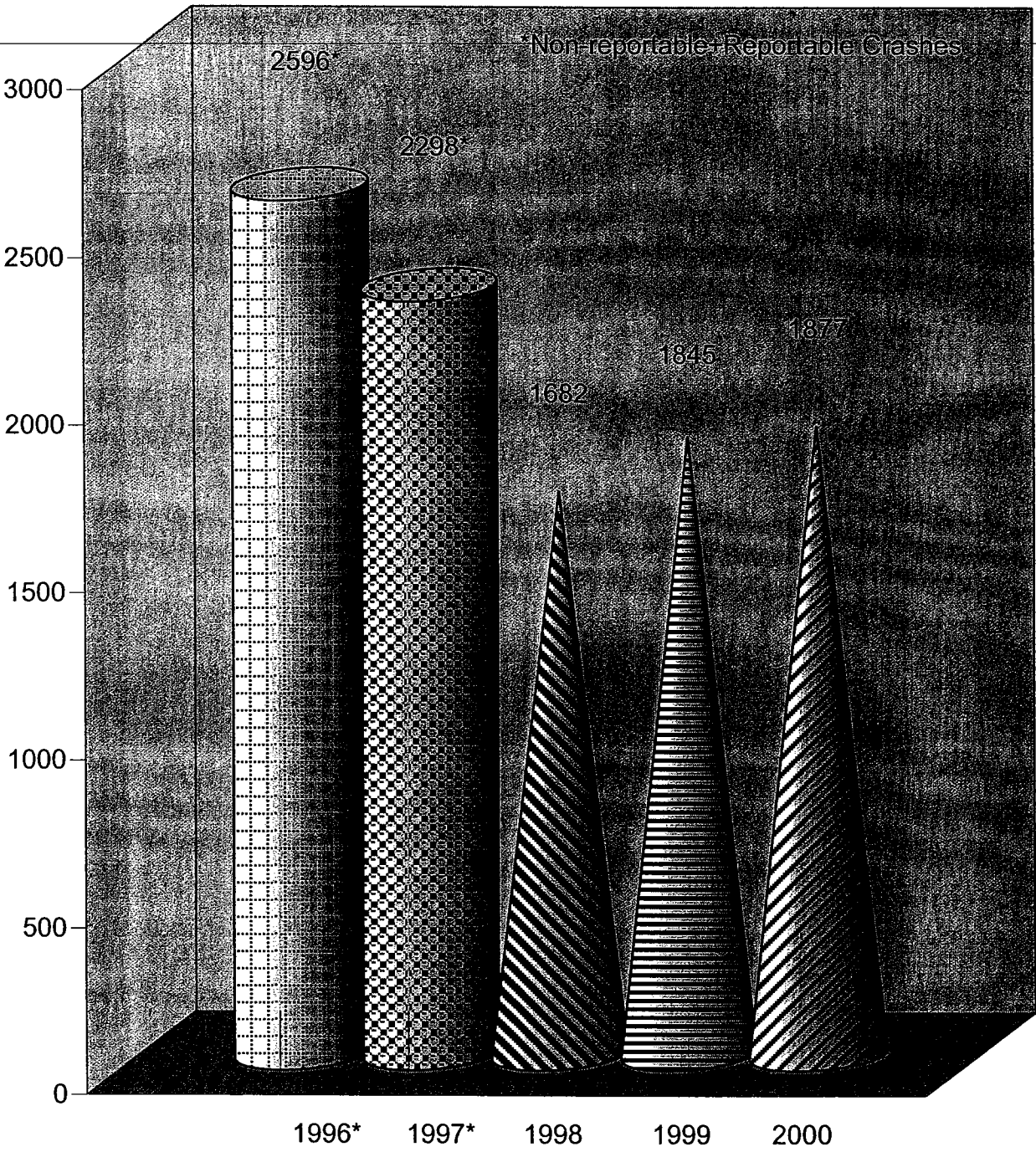
2000 TOP FIVE JUVENILE ARRESTS



TRAFFIC CITATIONS



REPORTABLE TRAFFIC CRASHES



The Investigative Services Bureau is responsible for the follow-up on ALL criminal cases initiated in the Field Services Bureau as well as those initiated by Investigative staff. The Bureau contains two major divisions: General Investigations and Juvenile. The Juvenile Division has three fulltime investigators with the balance of the Bureau staff assigned to General Investigations. All Investigative Services sworn staff members are capable of performing specialized tasks which allows considerable flexibility for follow-up to all types of criminal activity.

The Investigative Services Bureau extends community Policing as personnel serve on community committees such as Project RENEW. The Bureau is integrated in the school system with police liaisons serving in the middle schools and high schools.

The Bureau also impacts other agencies positively such as its being the lead in the multi-agency drug enforcement group for our five county area. Through Project RENEW, many key elements were organized via the Bureau's interaction with City Departments such as Planning, Public Works and Inspection as well as with County agencies such as Human Services.

As indicated in the Chief's introductory letter, the clearance rate for reportable Part I UCR Crimes is outstanding. It's the combined actions and investigations between the Field Services Bureau and Investigative Services Bureau that increase such effectiveness and efficiency.

The Bureau provides key personnel that augment the Emergency Response Team (ERT). Such team is used for a variety of serious calls for service including drug intervention. The track record of the team has been positive on virtually all accounts.

The Investigative Services Bureau personnel work two shifts providing expertise in assisting on major crime investigations as well as initiating investigations, developing sources of information, and providing the community with personnel specific to their needs.

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**INVESTIGATIVE
SERVICES BUREAU**

JAMES SCHLEIFER
BUREAU CAPTAIN

MICHAEL BROHMER
BUREAU LIEUTENANT

BUREAU SERGEANTS

BRAD BURKE

CARY JOHOLSKI
KATHY LARSON

RICK MIX

JUVENILE DIVISION SERGEANT
DAVE SCHATZLEY

DART SECTION SERGEANT
SALLY NEWMAN

BUREAU INVESTIGATORS

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS
TOM PRETASKY
MARION BYERSON
PAT MARCO

JUVENILE DIVISION
MIKE ROSENAU
PAUL WEIBEL

JUVENILE DIVISION LIAISON OFFICERS

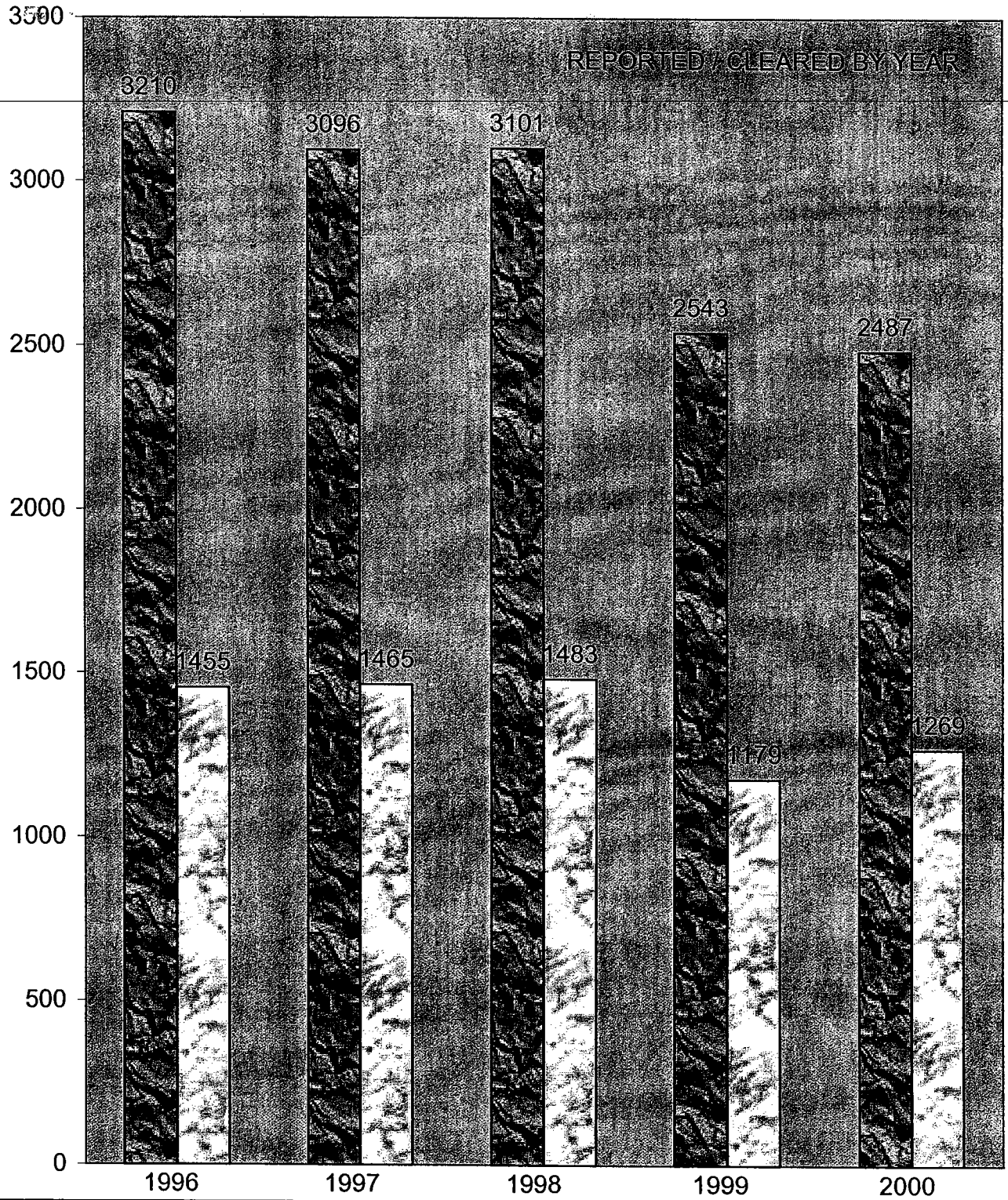
MIKE COADY
JASON MAHAIRAS

RICK PFENIG

JEFF GRAVES
TOM WALSH

BUREAU SECRETARY
LINDA REUTER

UCR PART I OFFENSES



UCR PART I OFFENSES

OFFENSE	2000 REPORTED	2000 CLEARED	1999 REPORTED	1999 CLEARED	1998 REPORTED	1998 CLEARED
HOMICIDE			1	1		
RAPE	15	12	5	5	16	13
ROBBERY	19	10	27	10	18	9
ASSAULT	476	449	502	465	520	476
BURGLARY	160	52	174	54	210	102
THEFT	1694	680	1729	595	2235	829
MV THEFT	115	62	103	47	93	48
ARSON	8	4	4	2	9	6
TOTALS	2487	1269	2543	1179	3101	1483
CLEARANCE RATES	51%		46%		48%	
PERCENT CHANGE "REPORTED"			-2%		-20%	
PERCENT CHANGE "CLEARED"			+8%		-14%	

The Community Services Bureau has experienced many new and exciting changes during the past year. We continue to provide crime prevention programming including DARE, GREAT, school safety programming, Neighborhood Watch, Community Policing, and Media Relations as the cornerstone of our services.

The Community Policing Philosophy continued to gain support within the Department and the community through the development of new and exciting partnerships. Nationally, the Department accepted a leadership role with the appointment of Chief Kondracki as the Chairman of the GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) National Policy Board, a seven member board comprised of executives from ATF, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Phoenix PD, Philadelphia PD, Portland PD, and Orange County Sheriff's Department, Florida, which manages the GREAT Program nationwide. Lt. Raj Ramnarace also assumed a strong role serving on the National GREAT Curriculum Enhancement Committee and as the Chairperson of the GREAT Families Committee. Sgt. Roger Barnes became a member of the GREAT National Training Team.

Locally, many new partnerships were developed over the past year. Crime Stoppers and the La Crosse School District unveiled a new proactive crime prevention program, "Student Safety Line", designed to remove drugs, weapons and alcohol from our schools. Lt. Dan Marcou went to Russian Sister City, Dubna, Russia, to conduct a preliminary training needs assessment in the area of domestic violence. Community Services personnel served on the Project RENEW steering committee, developing collaborative partnerships with City departments and County agencies, working together developing an action plan to address a deteriorating city neighborhood. The Department and the Boy's & Girl's Club of La Crosse were named as primary partners to receive a Safe & Sound grant from the federal government to address crime and neighborhoods, by providing positive alternative activities for youth, neighborhood organizing and tough law enforcement.

The ever-changing role of the police in the community creates a challenging and exciting work environment. The community deserves and demands a professional, responsive, open police department. We will continue to strive to meet all the needs of the citizens we serve by providing support to the patrol officers who answer the day-to-day calls for service through the continued development of community partnerships, thereby educating the public to become self sufficient in the areas of problem solving and crime prevention.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES BUREAU**

**DOUGLAS GROTH
BUREAU CAPTAIN**

**ROBERT BERNDT
BUREAU LIEUTENANT**

**RAJ RAMNARACE
G.R.E.A.T. LIEUTENANT**

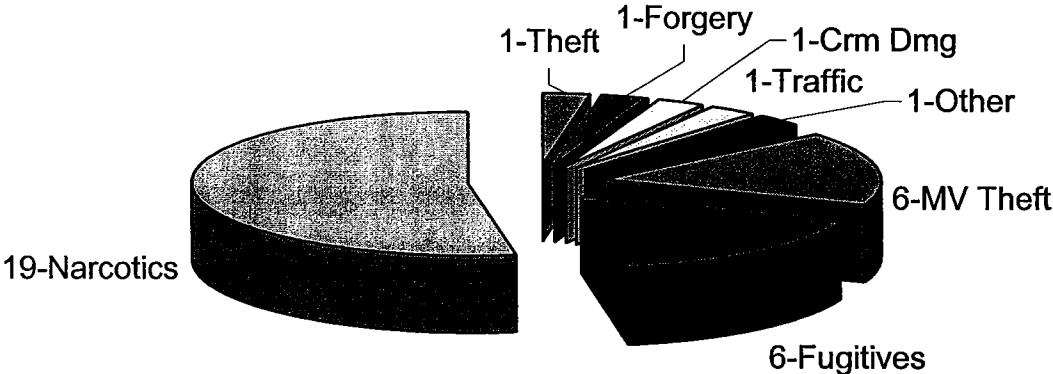
**SERGEANT
ROGER BARNES**

**OFFICER
JAMES MC DOWELL**

**DARE/GREAT OFFICERS
GREGORY WALTERS
HEATHER GRULKOWSKI
EVAN STONE
KURT WEAVER
LINNEA MOREN**

**COP OFFICERS
SCOTT HARMEL
KIRK FLATTEN**

2000 Case Clearances by Crimestoppers



POLICE CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

MARK CLEMENTS **HEAD CHAPLAIN**

PROGRAM CHAPLAINS

**DEB HUBER
BRIAN BURKETT
WESLEY WHITE
CHUCK ROBINSON
DAVID HOLT**

**TOM SKEMP
ANDY BUHROW
TIM DUESENBERG
TOM O'NEIL
DOUG GRAHAM**

**ANDY LEFEBRE
STEVE GARTNER
LARRY LOTZ
MARK BOYD
JANE CASEY**



*For operational purposes,
the Chaplain Program
is a unit within the
Police Reserves
which is assigned to the
Field Services Bureau.
The Police Liaison Officers
to the
Chaplain Program are:*

**Sgt. John Ruegg
Head Liaison**

**Sgt. Robert Bott
Administrative Liaison**

**Ofc. Jim Mc Dowell
Community Services Liaison**

Policing positively

Area police work with UW-L to provide positive programming for area youth

La Crosse police sergeant Roger Barnes loves the concept of community policing so much he has spent part of the past several summers at

UW-La Crosse hugging kids, throwing balls, and talking with the kids in the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP).

Area police agencies and the university have cooperatively run NYSP since 1989, giving a positive summer activity aimed at 10-16 year old "at-risk" youth. "I hate that term - 'at risk,'" explains Barnes. "They are not at greater risk than any other kids except they may not have significant adults to give them a lot of attention when they really need it."

La Crosse NYSP is one of 177 nationwide, but is one of only two in the nation that includes local police agencies. Officers involved with the DARE and GREAT programs work with university faculty, staff and students to operate the program. That means a bunch of police cheerfully greeting the kids as they arrive each day, and then warmly sending them home each afternoon.

"NYSP is a gas," says Barnes. He was promoted to coordinator of the La Crosse Police Department DARE and GREAT programs, duties that keep him from being on campus with the kids as much. "Being with kids in summer is a joy. I will be there forever," he says. "After I retire from the police force I still probably will be out there hanging out. It's fun and so important."



La Crosse Police Sgt. Roger Barnes hugs a participant in UW-La Crosse's National Youth Sports Program (NYSP). La Crosse Police have been part of the university's program since 1989, providing positive summer activities for area 10- to 16-year-olds.

Other police officers are on the university campus regularly keeping the community policing concept alive. Sgt. Rob Abraham is a one-stop connection between the police department and the university. He tries to be on campus every Monday, but he also makes himself available as a contact for the university community anytime he's on duty. When he's at a table in Cartwright Center he tries to answer questions and concerns and handle issues that arise.

"This is the more enjoyable part of my job," says Abraham. "I would rather be doing this than arresting someone." He quickly adds "there are two sides to this job [police officer] and we have to do both."

Being visible on campus is important, Abraham notes, because "some police contact with college-age persons is negative." Abraham tries demonstrating that he, and the police force, want to work with people. Part of that effort involves sifting facts out of rumors, distributing safety materials, and answering questions. "People will ask if their license is suspended because of overdue parking tickets," explains Abraham.

Abraham and Barnes are convinced their friendly presence works. Says Barnes, "How do I know NYSP works? Because the population in the county juvenile detention center decreases during the weeks the program runs," says Barnes. "To me that says something. These kids are finding something positive."

"The police are the public and the public are the police. The police being only members of the public who are paid to give fulltime attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of community welfare and existence."

- Sir Robert Peel