

2003



ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT THE COVER

The La Crosse Police Department has continued its technology advancement by equipping marked squads with lap top computers that have full communications with the La Crosse Emergency Dispatch Center. All patrol officers have received numerous hours in training regarding the new equipment and software.

This step combined with a renewed commitment to work with other agencies in stabilizing the computerized records system has increased both efficiency and effectiveness within the Department from civilians to the Chief.

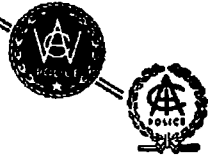
ABOUT THE BACK COVER

The Coulee Region Law Enforcement Chaplains sponsored a "Support the Troops" campaign that generated community support for our Armed Forces.

The Chaplain program is a volunteer program to assist local law enforcement and the community, without any tax dollar support.



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 2003 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 2002 as compared with preceding years.

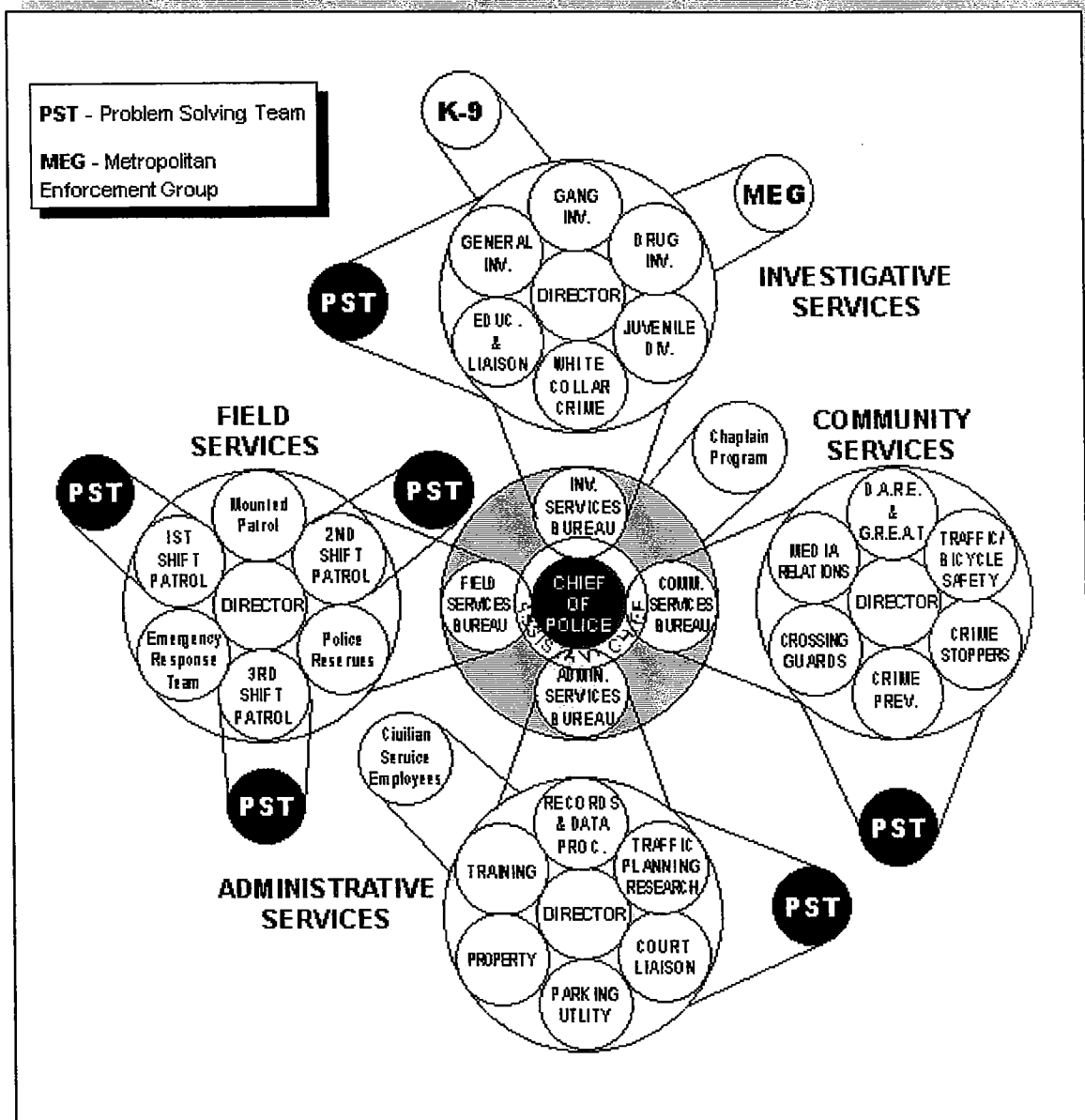
The crime picture for the year 2003 continued a trend with major crime part I offenses continuing at nearly a 20-year low with 2,203 such offenses reported. The relatively low crime rate in recent years can be attributed to a good deal of community involvement and also to the close working relationship and partnering that has occurred between the community and the men and women who police the streets of the City of La Crosse.

Overall, the various departments and bureaus of the La Crosse Police Department were successful in advancing the department toward its 2003 annual goals and objectives. Clearly, the challenge facing the La Crosse Police Department is that of meeting increasing demands for service with limited and often diminishing resources. I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the men and women, sworn and civilian, of the La Crosse Police Department who helped make 2003 a successful year in the history of policing our community. I am convinced that by working together, we can continue to combat crime and keep the City of La Crosse a safe place in which to live and work. To that end, I will remain open to suggestions, constructive criticism, and input from the community in order that the La Crosse Police Department might best meet the needs and expectations of the community it serves.

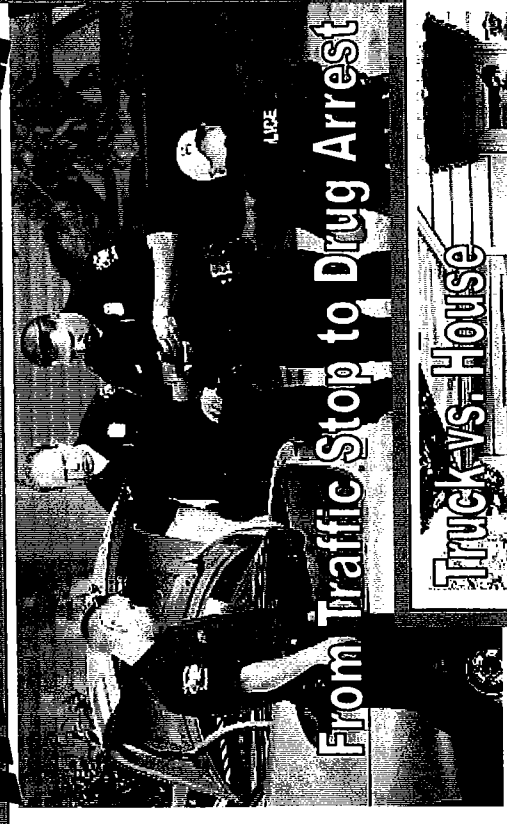
Sincerely,

Edward N. Kondracki
Chief of Police

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WIRENEWS



From Traffic Stop to Drug Arrest



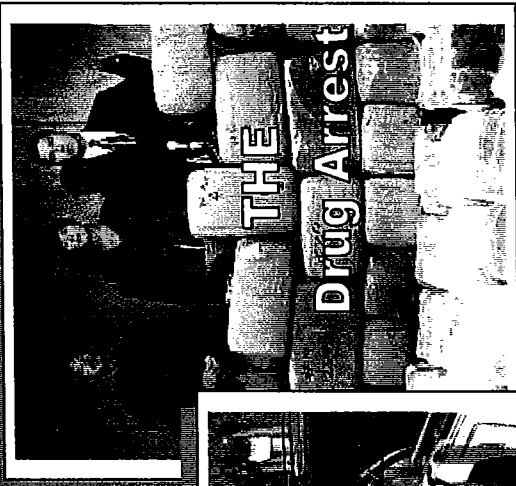
Truck vs. House



From House Fire to Drug Arrest



Van vs. Bus



THE Drug Arrest



In Support of Police & Fire



In Support of U.S. Military

Assistant Chief
Thomas Jacobs

Administrative Lieutenant
Gerard Kabat

Training Lieutenant
Daniel Marcou

Records Division Sergeant
Robert J. Bott

Court Liaison / Traffic Investigator
Randy Rank

Property Section CSE
Kristine Starkey

Civilian Service Employees (CSE)

Diane Skifton
Raymond Degner
Teng Thao
Kong Lor

Kong Xiong
Michael Nagy
Craig Jeranek
Lisa Putz

Records Division Civilian Employees

Jayne Abraham
Joanne Ruegg
Ann Willford

Anne Heilman
Joan Lybarger
Kristi Sneath

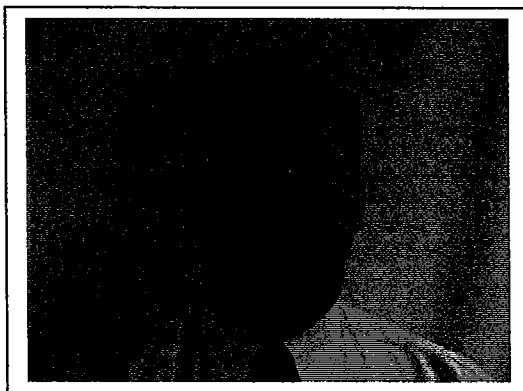
Parking Utility Civilian Employees

Antoinette Gelbeck

Karen Novak

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



Thomas Jacobs, Bureau Director
Assistant Chief

The Administrative Services Bureau includes the separate divisions of Training, Property and Evidence, Records and Inquiry, Communications, Court Services, Civilian Services, Parking Utility and Research. The Bureau is responsible for the accounting, payroll, purchasing, planning, budgeting, reporting, communications and most other tasks that involve personnel or monies. All the hiring, research and analysis, appropriations, grants, inventories and funding concerns fall within this Bureau's responsibilities.

Over the course of 2003, thousands of 5 hours of training were provided to department personnel. Along with training provided from outside the Department, this number includes Field Training of new officers by Lt. Marcou and the Department's Field Training Officers. Along with traditional law enforcement training, this year saw an increase in homeland security training by the Federal Government that our Department took advantage of.

Our Records Division, charged with the responsibility of all of our Department records, as well as communications hardware, continues to accurately detail the work our department members do. Additionally, our Department introduced a new cooperative agreement with area law enforcement agencies to improve the current RMS software package by working together.

Our Property Division continues to pursue excellence in operation with the completion and remodeling of the cold storage facility. The improvements meet or exceed the high standards required for re-accreditation.

Members of this Bureau, along with members of other bureaus, have put in long hours preparing for re-accreditation. In the coming year, we will also be dealing with the impact of the presidential campaigns, Federal and State budget cuts, and will work to lessen any negative impact that they may have on our Department.

Bureau Director – Captain
Douglas Groth

Bureau Lieutenant
Robert Berndt

G.R.E.A.T. Lieutenant
Raj Ramnarace

D.A.R.E. Sergeant
Roger Barnes

Traffic Safety Officer
James Mc Dowell

Community Oriented Policing (COP) Officer
Scott Harmel

DARE / GREAT Officers

Gregory Walters
Kurt Weaver
Shawn Kudron

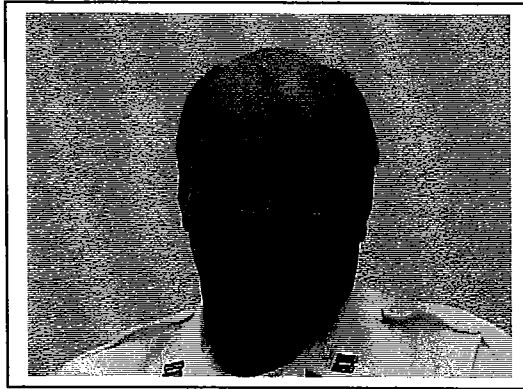
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Linnea Moren

G.R.E.A.T. Civilian
Teri Serres

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COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



**Douglas Groth, Bureau Director
Captain**

The Community Services Bureau is primarily responsible for Community Crime Prevention Education, News Media Relations, and School Safety Programming. We also provide Staff support to the Patrol and Investigative Bureaus and we administer Federal and State Grants valued at over \$400,000 annually.

Some of the major programs which fall under our responsibility include the delivery of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Elementary, Middle and High School Curricula and the delivery of the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education And Training) Curricula in our schools. Other major programming responsibilities include the Crime Stoppers Program, the NYSP/GREAT Summer Program, the Police Department Intern Program, Neighborhood Watch and Community Policing. We also administer the GREAT Midwest Regional Training Site which is responsible for training and certifying Police officers to deliver the GREAT Curriculum and to identify and certify GREAT officers in the Management of the GREAT Program nationwide by becoming certified National Training Team members.

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. In response to these reasonable demands, the driving force behind the Community Services Bureau is found in our department Mission, Vision & Values statements. With Community Policing as the Corporate Philosophy, we strive to maintain and develop partnerships in the community to gain constant insight into new strategies to solve problems. We are committed to continue on a course that will enhance services throughout our police department by educating and enabling our customer base, both internal and external, to better comprehend and implement the Corporate Philosophy.

Community Services Bureau Programs 2003

	# Sessions	# Attendees
Baby Sitting Clinics	7	151
Bank Employee Training	4	100
Business / Home Security	27	27
Crime Stoppers	24	483
Department Tours	25	394
Drivers Education Classes	25	665
D.A.R.E.	2	3,100
Drinking Laws	2	100
Drugs	1	25
Fingerprint	-	187
Gangs	1	33
G.R.E.A.T.	7	1,450
Identification Theft	3	59
Miscellaneous	27	1,522
Pedestrian Safety	3	63
Police Community Relations	5	277
Role of Police	29	808
Sexual Assault	3	153
Bicycle Safety	16	603
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Total	211	10,068

D.A.R.E. Students Delivered Curriculum	3,547
G.R.E.A.T. Students Delivered Curriculum	906
G.R.E.A.T. Families Curriculum	43

- NYSP/GREAT Summer Program – 25 Days with Average Daily Attendance of 235 Children aged 10-16
- Boy's & Girl's Club P.L.A.Y. Summer Program – 10 Days with Average Daily attendance of 80 Children aged 10-17
- Christmas Crusade – 356 Area needy Children served
- Washington D.C. Safety Patrol Trip - 94 Children
- Bureau Personnel worked shift duty (excluding Oktoberfest) 71.5 Hours
- GREAT National Training Team members certified and/or trained 452 Police Officers in the GREAT Curriculum, GREAT Families and/or the GREAT Management Program
- Bicycle Rodeo – 300 Children aged 5-12
- GREAT/DARE Chili Cook-off - 960

La Crosse Area Crime Stoppers Statistics

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec	Total for 2003	Since 5/84
CODE NUMBERS ISSUED	27	9	22	20	28	21	22	26	23	23	25	20	266	4920
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
SEX CRIMES (RAPE)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARMED ROBBERY/ROBBERY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
BATTERY (AGGRAV ASSAULT)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
BURGLARY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	185
THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	444
AUTO THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
ARSON	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10
NARCOTICS	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	10	247
FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	268
FUGITIVES	3	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	15	183
KIDNAPPING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
TRAFFIC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	78
VICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	98
TOTAL CASES CLEARED THROUGH CRIME STOPPERS	4	2	2	1	7	7	2	2	2	5	2	2	38	1698

PROPERTY RECOVERED	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$1,159.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,862.00	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$52,408.07	\$546,216.09
NARCOTICS RECOVERED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$6,335.00	\$309,840.00
TOTAL DOLLAR RECOVERY	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$6,159.07	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$51,112.00	\$355.00	\$5.00	\$58,743.07	\$856,066.09

DRUG RELATED SEIZURES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$72,025.00
ARRESTS	4	3	4	1	5	8	9	3	2	7	2	1	49	1411
EXCEPTIONAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	68
TRIED	4	3	4	1	5	8	5	3	2	4	1	9	49	1395
CONVICTED	3	3	3	1	4	8	5	3	2	4	1	8	45	1322
PENDING	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	1	1	9	16
NUMBER OF REWARDS PAID	2	2	2	1	3	6	2	2	2	5	2	2	31	696
NUMBER OF REWARDS DECLINED	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	134
DOLLAR REWARD AMOUNT PAID	\$100.00	\$950.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$1,050.00	\$375.00	\$1,000.00	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$1,265.00	\$325.00	\$150.00	\$6,265.00	\$122,465.00

Bureau Director - Captain
Michael Brohmer

Bureau Lieutenant
Richard Mix

Juvenile Division Sergeant
David Schatzley

D.A.R.T. Sergeant
Sally Newman

Bureau Sergeants

Bradley Burke
Kathryn Larson

Cary Joholski

Bureau Investigators

Marion Byerson
Michael Blokhuis

Patrick Marco

Juvenile Division Investigators

Michael Rosenau

Paul Weibel

School Liaison Officers

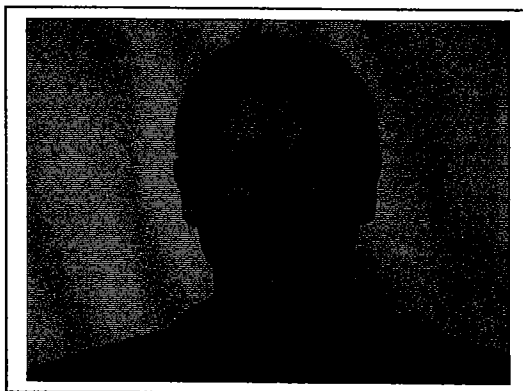
Jeffrey Graves
Thomas Walsh
Michael Coady

Jason Mahairas
Rick Pfennig

Bureau Secretary
Linda Reuter



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



**Michael Brohmer, Bureau Director
Captain**

The Investigative Services Bureau is responsible for follow-up on ALL criminal cases initiated in the Field Services Bureau as well as those initiated by investigative staff. The Bureau is divided into three major divisions: general investigations, narcotics and juvenile crime and victimization. The Juvenile Division has a sergeant, two investigators and two police liaison officers. The balance of Bureau personnel are assigned to General and Narcotic Investigations. All investigative sworn staff members are capable of performing specialized tasks, which allows considerable flexibility for follow-up to all types of criminal activity.

Personnel generally 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.

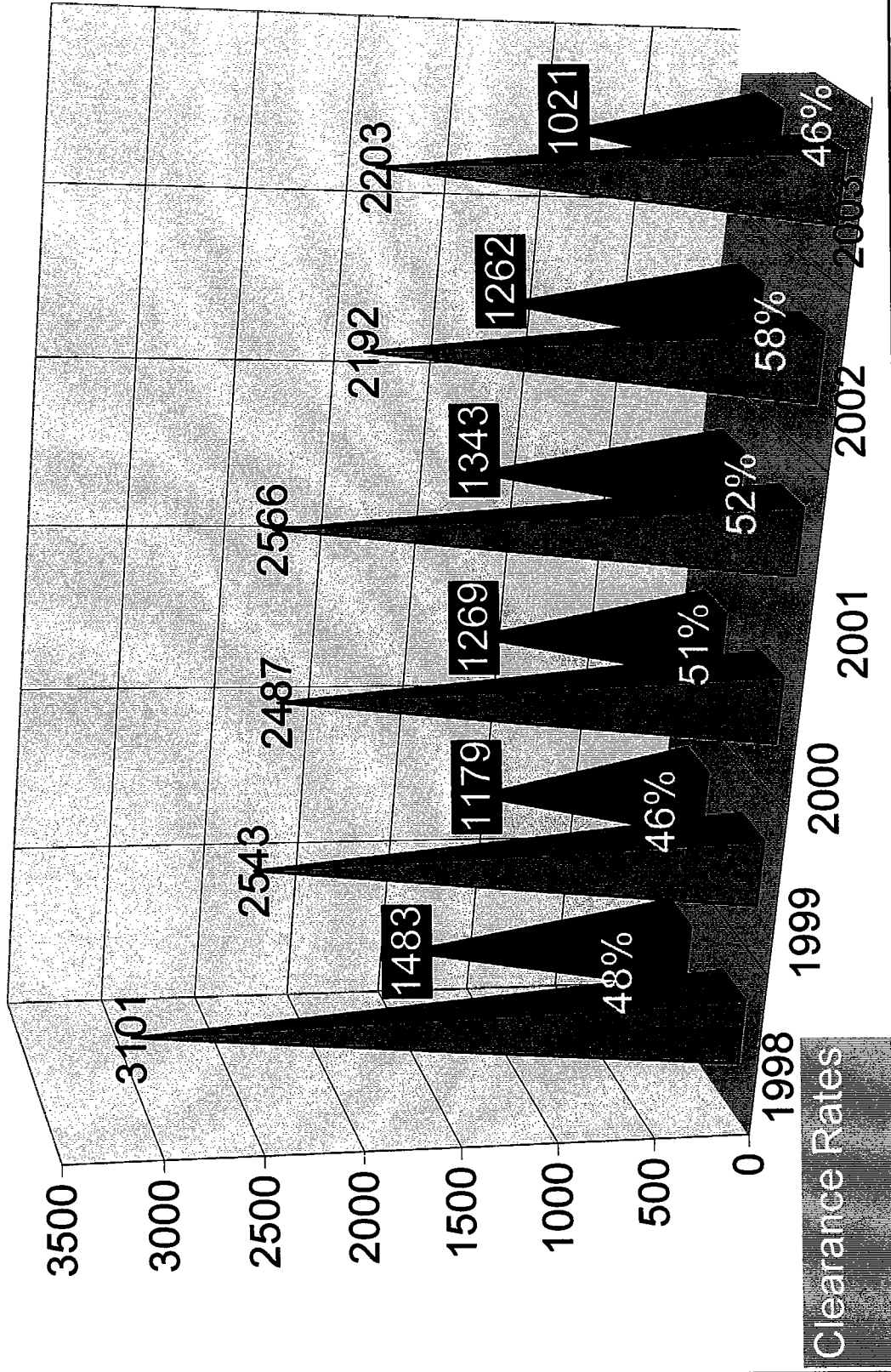
The Investigative Staff is actively involved in community policing as personnel serve on variety of State and Local Committees, which include: the Child Advocacy Center Planning Committee, La Crosse Area Health Initiative, Coulee Region Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, La Crosse Juvenile Fire Starters Program, La Crosse County Drug Court Task Force, Project Renew, Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association State Board of Directors and the Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators to name just a few. The Investigative Staff also provides a variety of educational and instructional training presentations at UW-La Crosse, area high schools and middle schools, the local hospitals and neighborhood groups. Topics include sexual assault prevention, student safety, home and personal security as well as narcotic and drug education.

The Bureau is also integrated in the school system via police liaison officers serving in the high schools. The Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (DART) plays an important role in reducing repeat domestic related calls while bringing those involved additional services as needed.

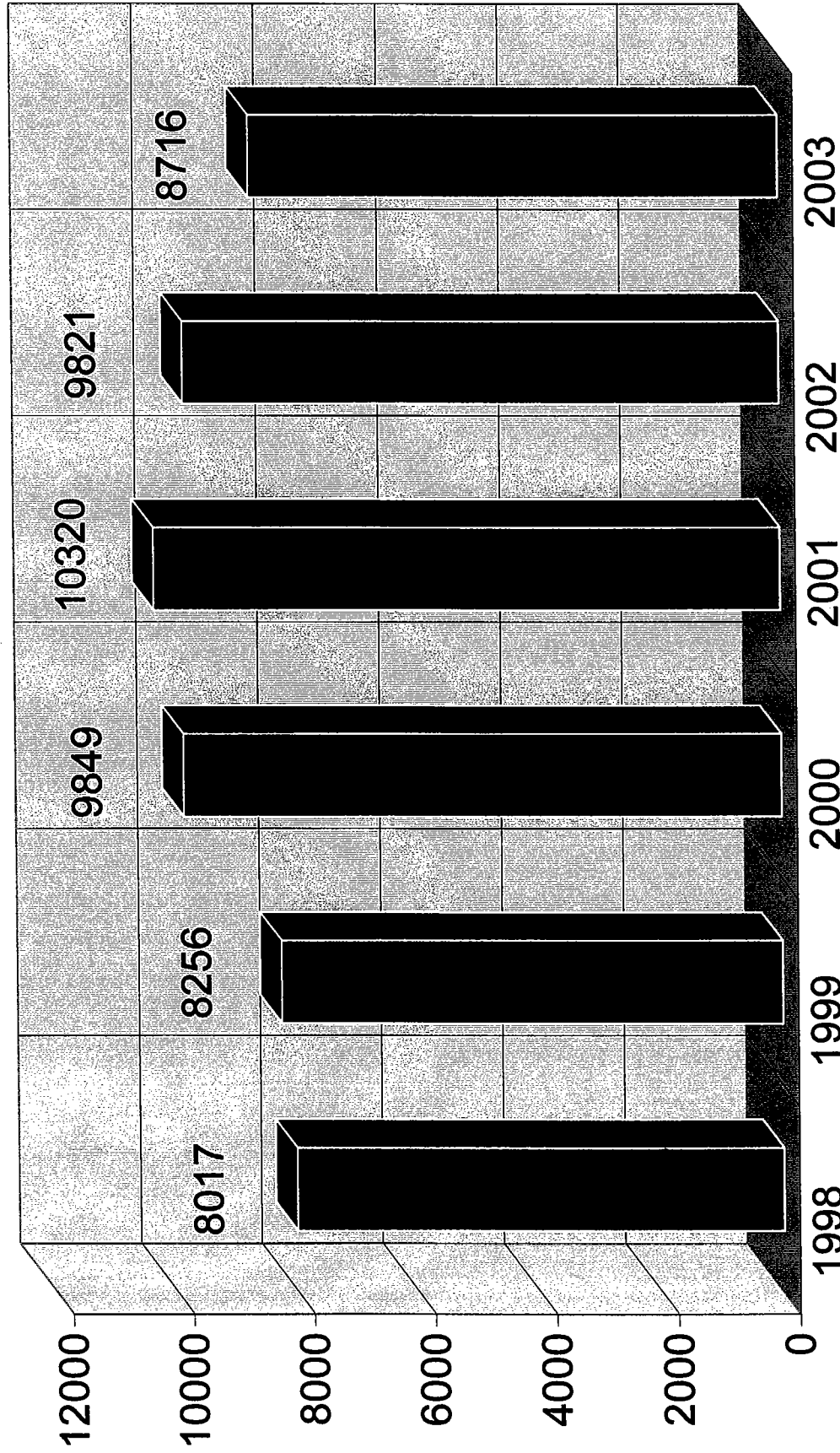
The Detective Bureau participates in and plays a leadership role in the WCMEG five-county drug enforcement task force. A strong emphasis was placed on narcotic enforcement in 2003 resulting in several of the largest drug and asset forfeiture cases in La Crosse/WCMEG history. The Bureau also provides key personnel that augment the Emergency Response Team. The ERT Team is used for a variety of serious calls for service including drug intervention. A Bureau member also serves on the State Board of the Wisconsin Association of S.W.A.T. Officers.

The clearance rate for reportable Part I Crimes remains well above the national average. It is through the combined efforts and investigations between the Field Services Bureau and the Investigative Services Bureau that increase both effectiveness and efficiency.

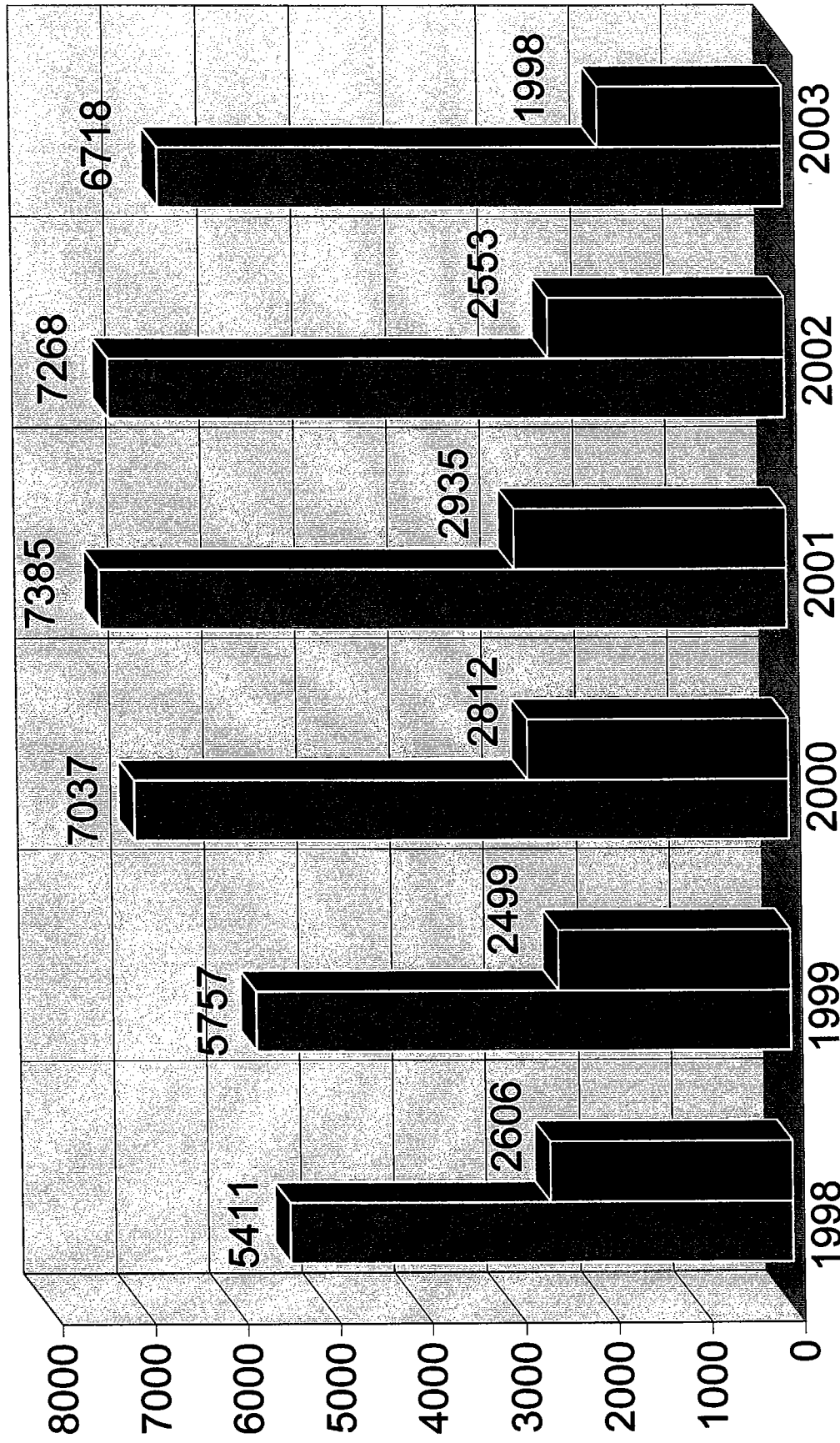
PART I CRIME & CLEARANCE

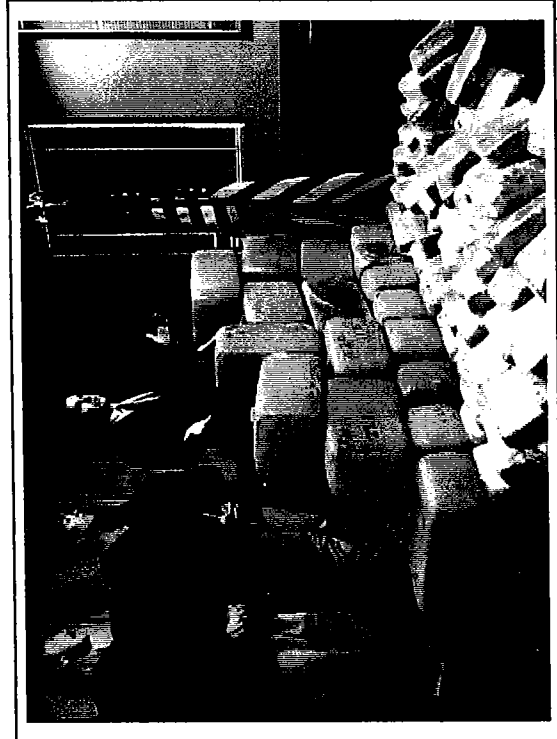


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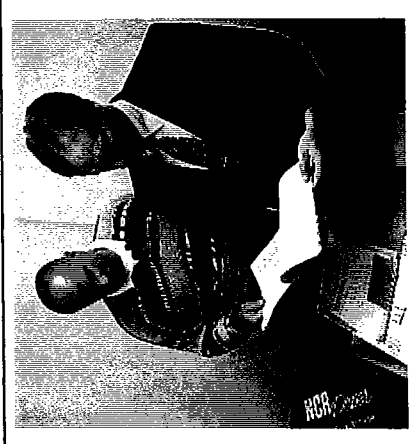


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DRUGS



COLD CASES

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Drug ring arrests rise above 30

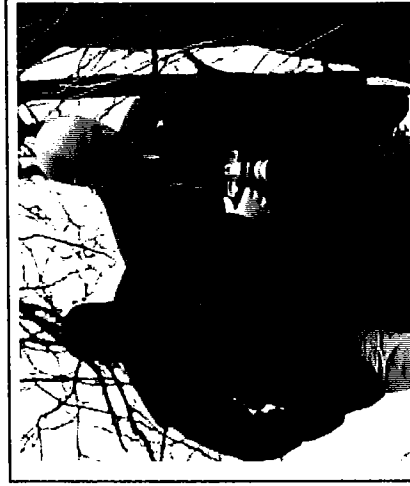
By DAN SPRINGER / Of the Tribune staff

The first group of people arrested on suspicion Friday in front of La Crosse County Circuit Judge Six people, including a 23-year-old woman who is believed to be the link between the Coules Region and a major supplier in the Chicago area, were formally charged.

After 26 people were arrested in a drug bust Thursday, more people were arrested Friday, bringing the total number of suspects up to at least 31.

During Friday's court hearing, Jesse Gonzalez was charged with conspiracy to deliver marijuana and cocaine. He is also charged with conspiracy to deliver cocaine while within drug-free zones and engaging in racketeering activities.

Bierke claims Jesse Gonzalez was one of the principals in the operation that brought more than 100 pounds of marijuana into the community.



HOMICIDE

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Local/State News

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Homicide suspect asks for delay in case

By DAN SPRINGER / Of the Tribune staff

On Wednesday, homicide suspect Michael Alexander was get a speedy trial. On Friday, he told a La Crosse judge scheduling a preliminary hearing in his case.

In his first appearance in La Crosse County Court since his arrest on Tuesday on suspicion of first degree murder, Alexander, 21 of Windsor, Mo., asked to wait more time to hire an attorney and to prepare his case before the preliminary hearing.

According to court records, Alexander is entitled to one preliminary hearing within 10 days of his initial appearance.

However, Alexander waived that right so he can have time to arrange to have an attorney hired before that hearing.

La Crosse County District Attorney Scott Horne called Alexander's action unusual.

Local/State News
Published - Tuesday, November 25, 2003

City's crime rate down despite rise

By DAN SPRINGER / Of the Tribune staff

Early this year, La Crosse police officials were proud to post its lowest crime rate in 20 years in 2002. Results in 2003 could be even better, despite three homicides and a slight increase in robberies and burglaries.

The city has had 16 homicides since September, compared with 14 in 2002. At the same point in time, there were 10 robberies and 10 burglaries in La Crosse, compared with 11 robberies and 11 burglaries in Chicago, according to what's known as the FBI Uniform Crime Report.

It's a slight increase from the 15 homicides in 2002, but the number is that we came in 15 percent below the preceding year, so we're anticipating that kind of reduction in crime will continue," Kondracki said.

Through the end of September — the most recent statistics available — La Crosse police officers have not only responded to fewer major offenses, they also have made fewer arrests. La Crosse police have made 7,543 arrests to date in 2003, a 9 percent drop compared with 8,325 by the end of September 2002.

IN THE NEWS!

Bureau Director - Captain
Gary Uting

Shift Lieutenants

Raymond Serres
Robert Abraham

Robert Lawrence

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Troy Nedegaard
Jerome Korger
Jason Melby

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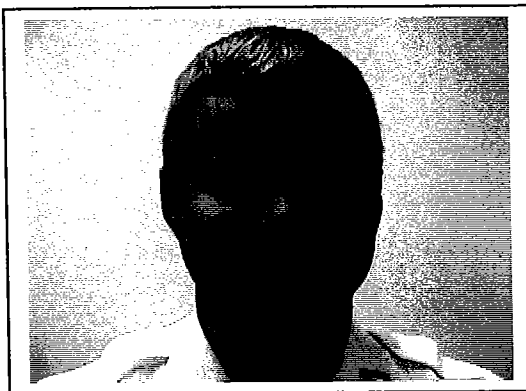
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Matt Jahr

John Matuska
Brian Olson
Andrew Angst
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Gregory Fitzsimmons
Lisa Barrix
Alan Hagen
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Eric Christianson
Joseph Smith
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Jon Wenger

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FIELD SERVICES BUREAU



**Gary Uting, Bureau Director
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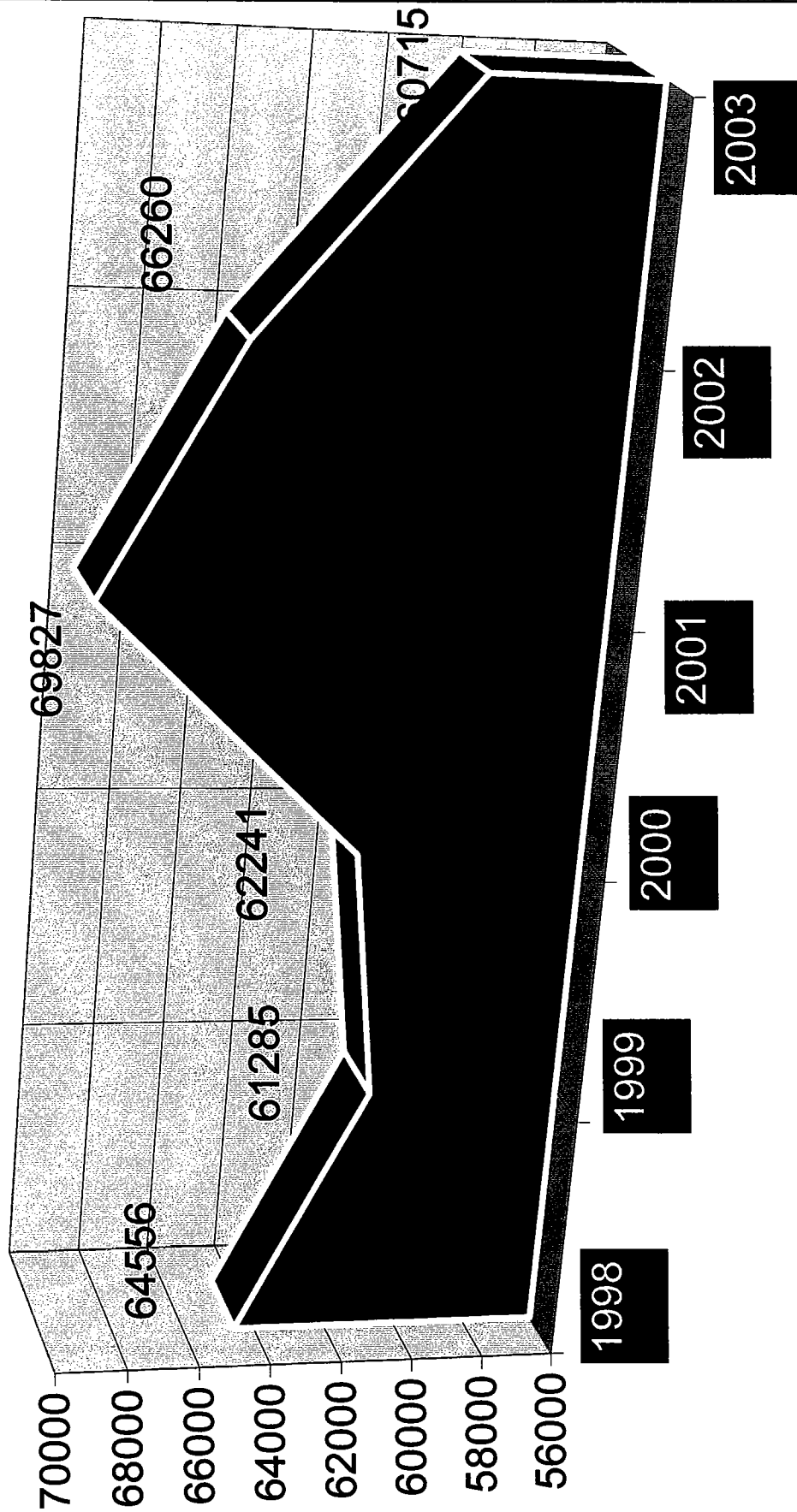
**The Field Services Bureau Never Closes; We Protect and Serve
24 Hours a Day Every Day of the Year!**

The bureau is divided into three shifts, each commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by three sergeants. Services provided include community policing, traffic enforcement, accident investigations, criminal investigations, special event public safety, honor guard duties and handling service-oriented calls.

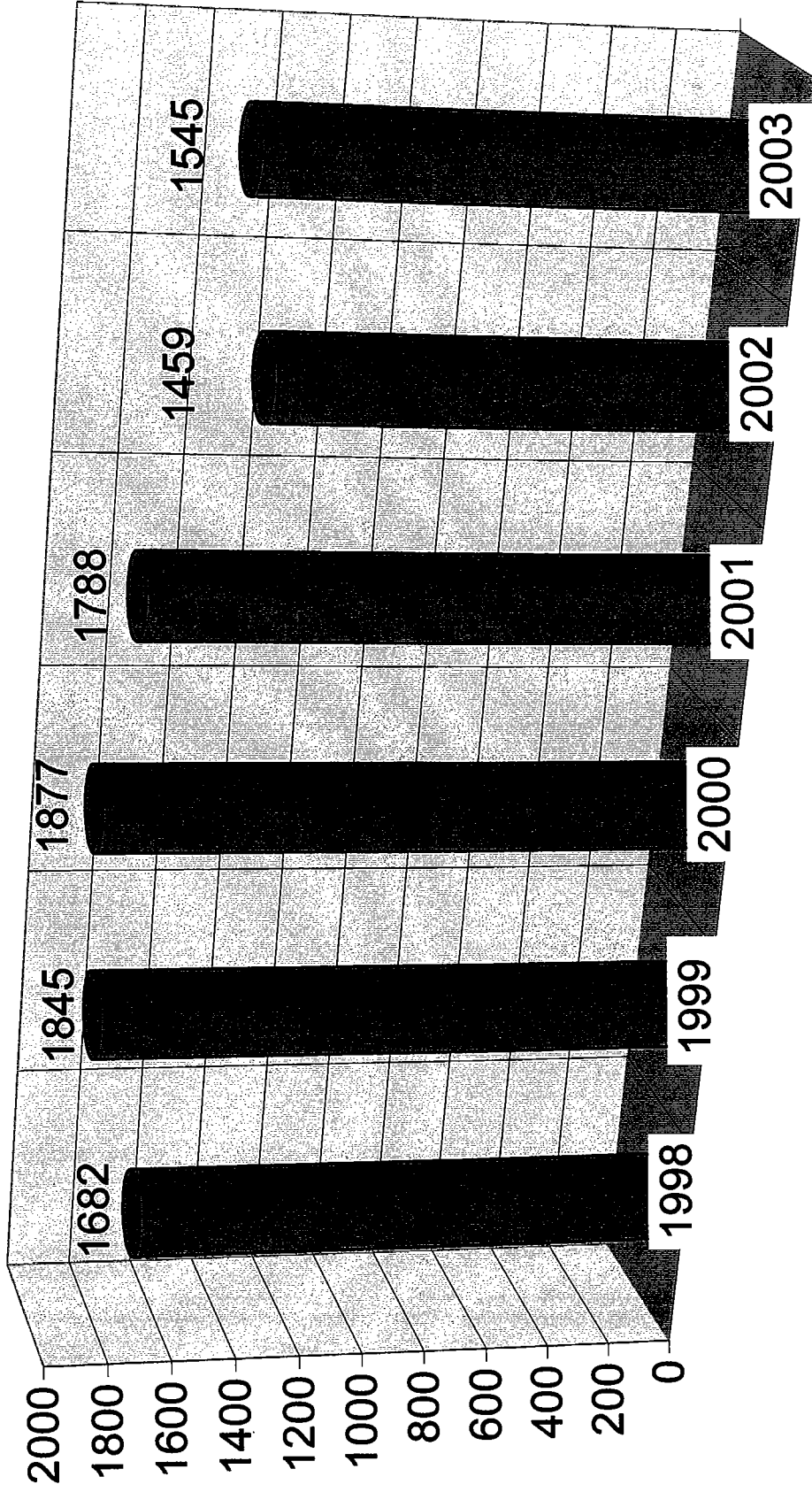
The bureau provides command and control or the majority of personnel for emergency response situations, dignitary escort and protection, horse patrol, motorcycle patrol and bicycle patrol. Support is provided to and received from the police chaplain program, police reserve program and police internship program.

The Field Services Bureau personnel are among the best trained officers in the state of Wisconsin with many bureau officers provide training to officers throughout the state. They continually demonstrate the highest degree of professionalism under the most difficult of circumstances.

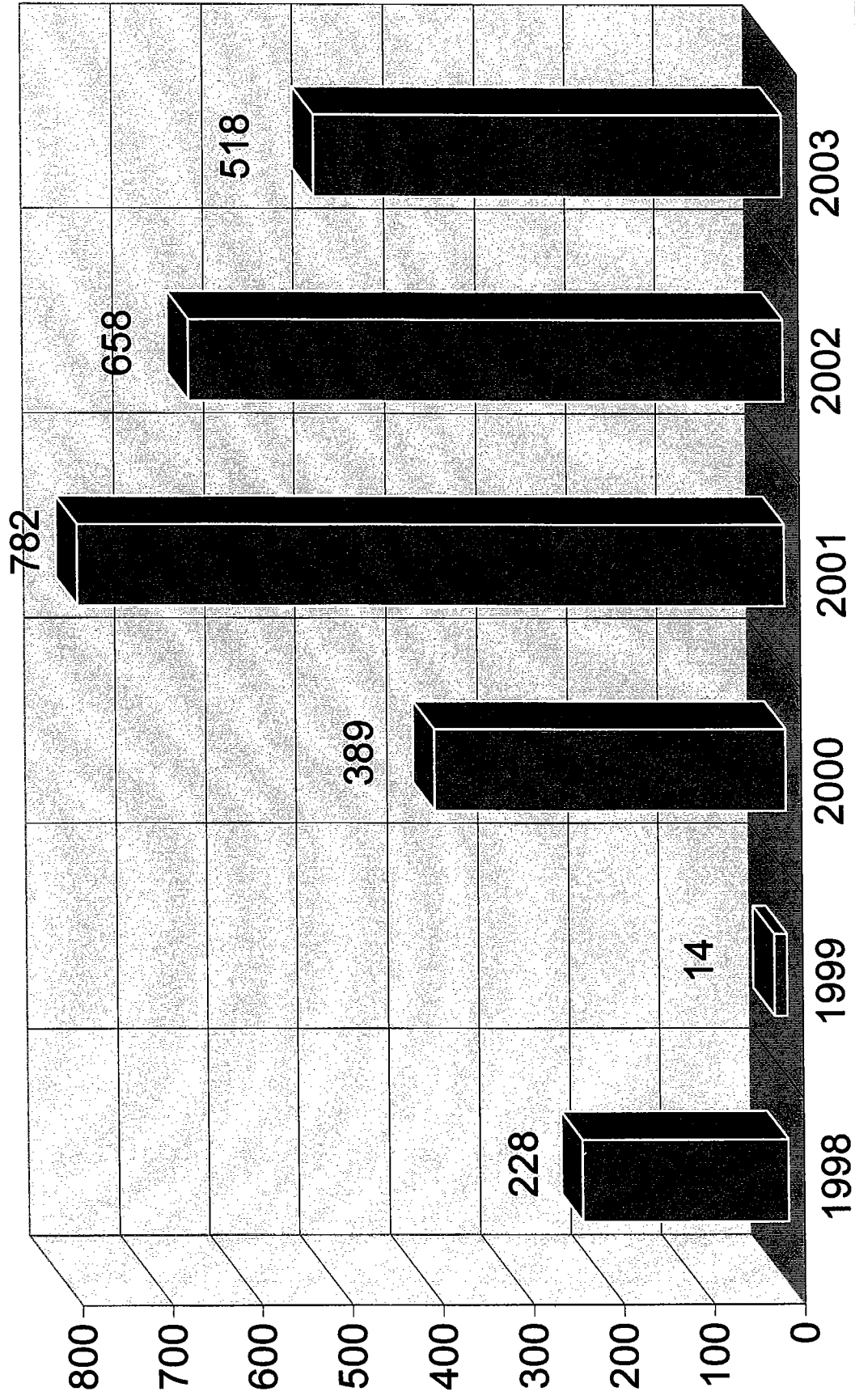
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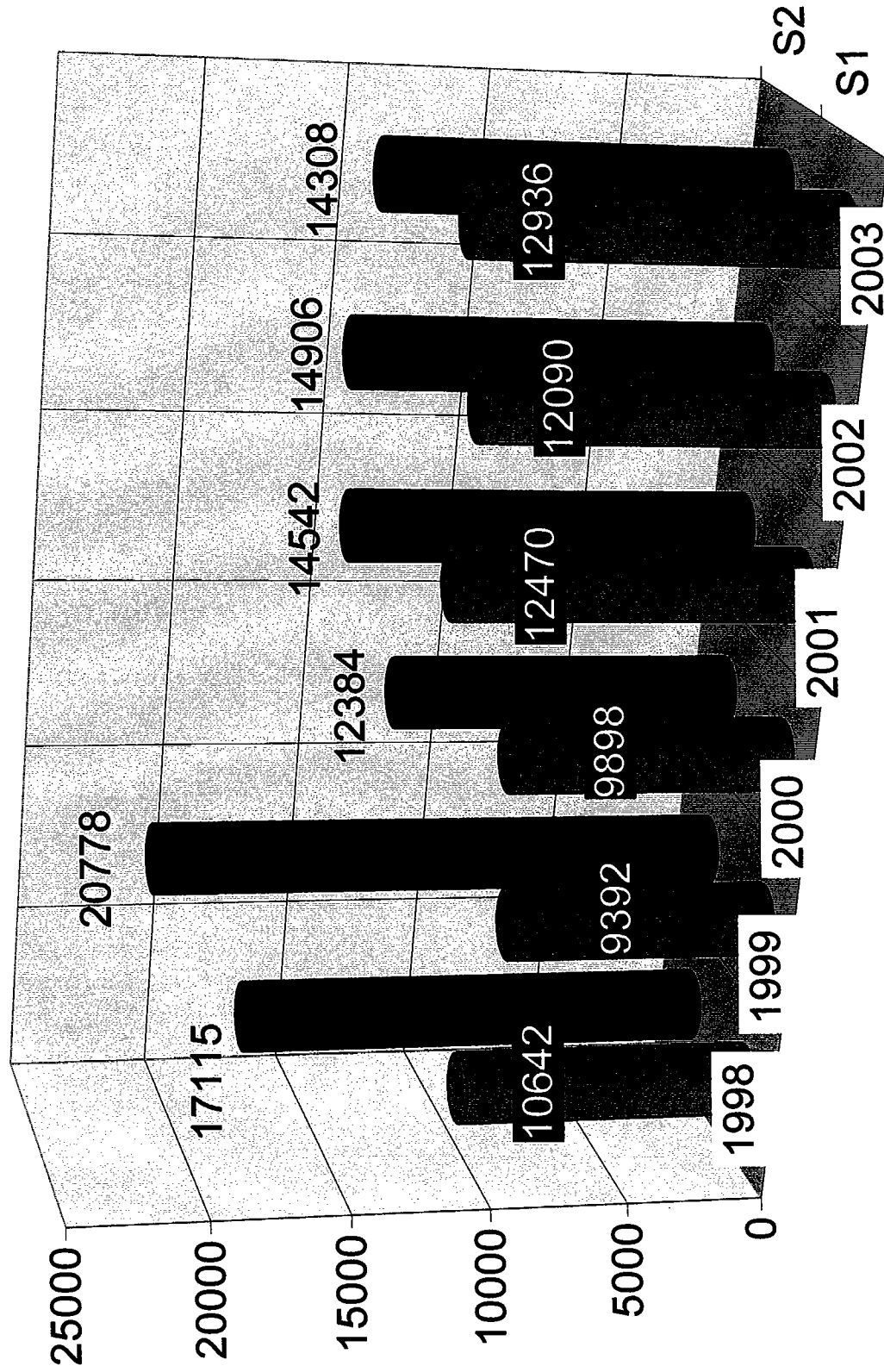
REPORTABLE TRAFFIC CRASHES



BICYCLE WARNING TICKETS



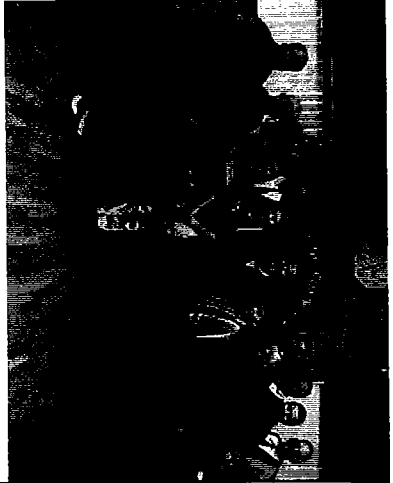
TRAFFIC CITATIONS VS WARNINGS



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Local/State News

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print story

Bumper stickers become billboards for troop support

By BETSY BLOOM Tribune Region editor

Local/State News

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print story

email story

Troop support bumper sticker total reaches 168,000

By BO HOSZTAL Tribune staff

What started as a local campaign to show support for American forces has now expanded statewide. A whopping 168,000 bumper stickers have been distributed by a La Crosse steering committee for the "I Support Our Armed Forces" campaign, which has spread as far as even farther to other states, La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki said Tuesday.

More than 5,000 stickers and yellow ribbons were snatched up on the first day of the campaign last month. The stickers, which were distributed by a La Crosse steering committee,