

LA CROSSE POLICE

2005



ANNUAL REPORT

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Department of Police



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

**Honorable Mayor Mark Johnsrud
Members of Common Council and
Police and Fire Commission
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin**

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The year 2005 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 2005 as compared to preceding years. The crime picture for the year 2005 continued at about a twenty year low with a slight 6% increase in reported Part 1 Crimes. This low crime rate resulted in La Crosse rating among the safest metropolitan areas in the country. The City of La Crosse was rated seventh among the safest cities in the country according to a publisher's annual ranking.

The various bureaus of the La Crosse Police Department were successful in advancing the department toward the achievement of our 2005 annual goals and objectives. Sergeant David Schatzley participated on the steering committee and board of directors for the new "Stepping Stones" facility that opened up this year. Stepping Stones is the new children's advocacy center, located here in La Crosse. It is a safe and comfortable place where children are now interviewed about possible abuse and neglect. Stepping Stones offers child-friendly surroundings and provides a private and confidential environment for families, police and other professionals dealing with possible abuse and neglect.

The past year has presented many challenges and opportunities for the men and women who police the streets of our community. Sergeant Michael Blokhuis and Officers Brian Thomson, Todd Fischer, and Andrew Rosenow distinguished themselves and the La Crosse Police Department through their courageous actions. The officers had to crawl on their hands and knees and feel their way through choking, black smoke to rescue a woman and her elderly parents who were trapped inside a burning house at 1402 Mississippi Street just before 1:00 a.m. on September 10, 2005. Members of the department were able to accomplish a 15% increase in drug arrests and an unprecedented 36% increase in liquor law arrests resulting in a total of 2367 such arrests for both juvenile and adults combined. Police department personnel also participated on the alcohol oversight task force in an effort to address the underlying causes of binge and underage drinking in our community. Through this important collaborative effort the City of La Crosse became one of the first cities in Wisconsin to have a sober bartender and keg registration ordinances. The alcohol task force recommendations address a wide variety of concerns affecting the entire spectrum of social, economic and environmental issues contributing to alcohol related problems in our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the men and women, sworn and civilian, who helped make 2005 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 our community in order that the La Crosse Police Department might best meet the needs and expectations of the community it serves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Kondracki". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

Edward Kondracki
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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 2005, thousands of hours of training were provided to the department. Along with training provided from outside the department, this number includes Field Training completed by Lt. Marcou and the Field Training Officers along with numerous other training opportunities. In addition to the traditional law enforcement training, the department has continued its training across the country in many areas including homeland security training by the Federal Government. The Bureau also continues to work with UWL on the UW La Crosse parking program in which university students are trained and used to issue parking tickets in the university area.

The Records Division, charged with the responsibility of all our Department records, as well as communication hardware, continues to accurately detail the work of our department members. During the 2005 year we helped VisionAir software test their new RMS upgrade and then integrated to the new RMS 4.0 on December 1st. With the addition of the new RMS 4.0 we are working towards switching over to Incident Base Reporting, from Uniform Crime Reporting. Our department continues a cooperative agreement with area law enforcement for the improvement of the current record management system.

Members of this Bureau continue to work hard and support the officer on the street in order to provide the best service for the citizens of La Crosse. We continue to strive towards making the department a better and more efficient department that provides the best service for the people of La Crosse.

ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

IN THE NEWS

2005

Wisconsin Chief's of Police Conference in La Crosse



Kondracki next head of state chiefs

The Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association presidency will stay in the Coulee Region another year.

That role will be turned over today to La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki at the association's annual business meeting at the Radisson, said Onalaska Police Chief Randy Williams, president for 2004-05. A ceremony for Kondracki's family and friends was held at Tuesday night's annual banquet, Williams said.

At Tuesday's banquet, former Wisconsin governor Tommy Thompson warned of the threat of terrorism and



Kondracki

Chief helps nab meth suspects

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Administrative duties tend to keep La Crosse Police Chief Ed Kondracki behind a desk. But Tuesday afternoon, he got a chance to get back out on the street.

While driving home, Kondracki heard officers were looking for two men who reportedly were going from store



Kondracki

Fisher never too busy to help out his public



KIRK BEY
La Crosse Tribune

The reaction Tony Fisher gets from the people he meets makes him smile. Some are awestruck. Some tell him he's not as big as they thought he was.

Take away the helmet, the uniform, the shoulder pads—the things that people normally

identify with Tony Fisher, Green Bay Packers running back — and you have someone who could pass for your next door neighbor. He's the guy who might have borrowed your table saw last week, or helped you fix a flat tire.

The thing is, there aren't many things Fisher won't do to help people. Thursday night, that meant being the guest speaker at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse Wall of Fame Recognition Dinner at UW-La Crosse.

Fisher easily could have been on the next plane to his hometown of Euclid, Ohio. His sister would be competing in a district track meet. His brother would be graduating from high school. But Fisher wanted to

shake hands and meet a few new people.

Unlike former Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders, it's not Fisher's nature to elude the public.

"When I was growing up, there weren't a lot of professional athletes who showed they really cared about us," Fisher said. "This is an opportunity for me to interact with (the fans) and let them know we're not only football players, we're people just like them."

The thing is, Fisher is extraordinary. Hard work enabled Fisher, who came from a single-parent home, to earn a scholarship to Notre Dame and eventually a spot on an NFL

See BEY, D-2



Green Bay Packers running back Tony Fisher, center, chats with Ed Kondracki, left, and Terry Erickson on Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club Wall of Fame ceremony.



Officers honored at police ceremony

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

A La Crosse police officer who helped deal with a hostage situation at an Oak Creek, Wis., motel last fall was honored by two departments Tuesday night.

During the La Crosse Police Department's annual awards and recognition ceremony, Lt. Dan

**La Crosse Police
Lt. Dan Marcou given
Distinguished Service
Award for his role
in hostage
negotiations last year**

deserving as I am," Marcou said. "There are hundreds of people out there putting their lives on the line 24/7. All I can say is I am honored to be serving with them."

Also receiving a Department Citation — the highest honor given to officers — was Officer Scott Delaney, who saved three children from a burning outside, second-floor staircase on Sept. 11

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CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM 2005

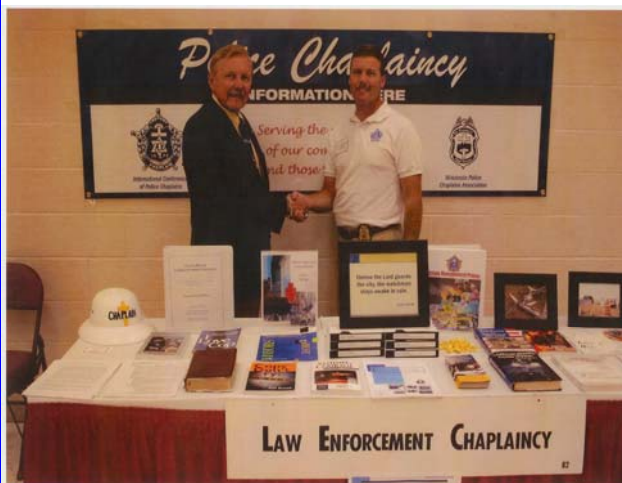
LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINS

Training Seminar

"Here am I, Send me."



La Crosse, WI
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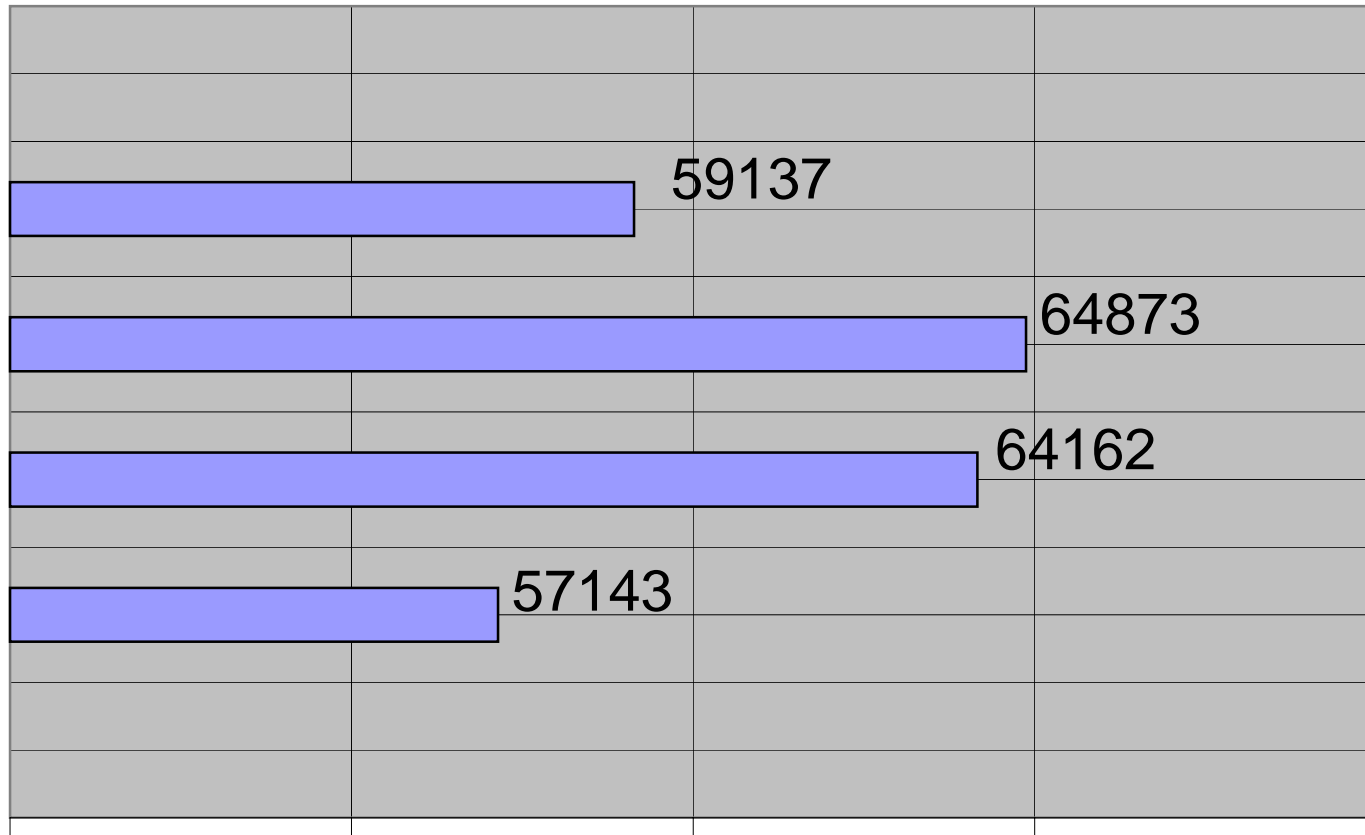
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Teri Serres

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Roger Barnes

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU



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Captain**

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

IN THE NEWS

2005



Jon Hoff checks on the hot dogs during the National Night Out block party on Winnebago Street. ERIK DAILY/LA CROSSE TRIBUNE

TAKING A BITE OUT OF CRIME

Neighbors find company nearby

By AUTUMN GROOMS
La Crosse Tribune

Barricades blocked off the street's entrance Tuesday for National Night Out, one of a dozen events hosted by Neighborhood Watch groups in the city. As her husband grilled hot dogs and neighbors visited, O'Brien said the night is a way

after residents complained about seeing regular drug deals. Neighbors feared they might end up in the middle of a drug sale or clash over dealings if something was not done, police said. As part of the investigation, police arrested 12 people on

La Crosse police: Crime Stoppers crucial to fighting crime

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

clear one person of several North Side robberies and catch the robber.

cers and Crime Stoppers board member Rose Gutoski released details of the program's suc-

OUR VIEW

Neighborhood Watch parties are good for the city

When La Crosse Police Officer Jim McDowell was on patrol many years ago, a resident called to complain about a suspicious character.

The resident saw a man she didn't know apparently trying

an important part of the police department's community policing effort.

In the neighborhood around 16th and Winnebago streets, neighbors provided information that helped police make

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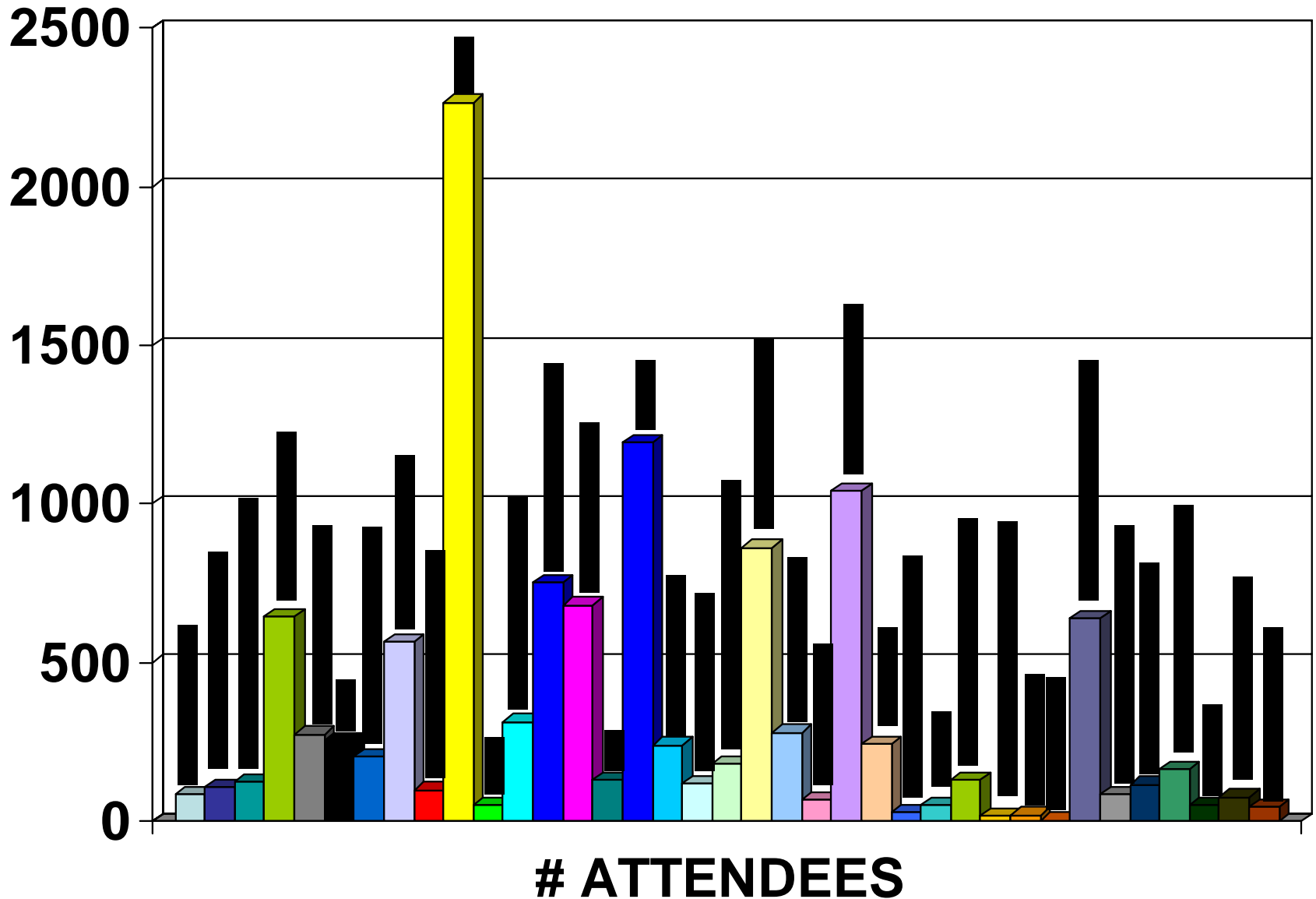
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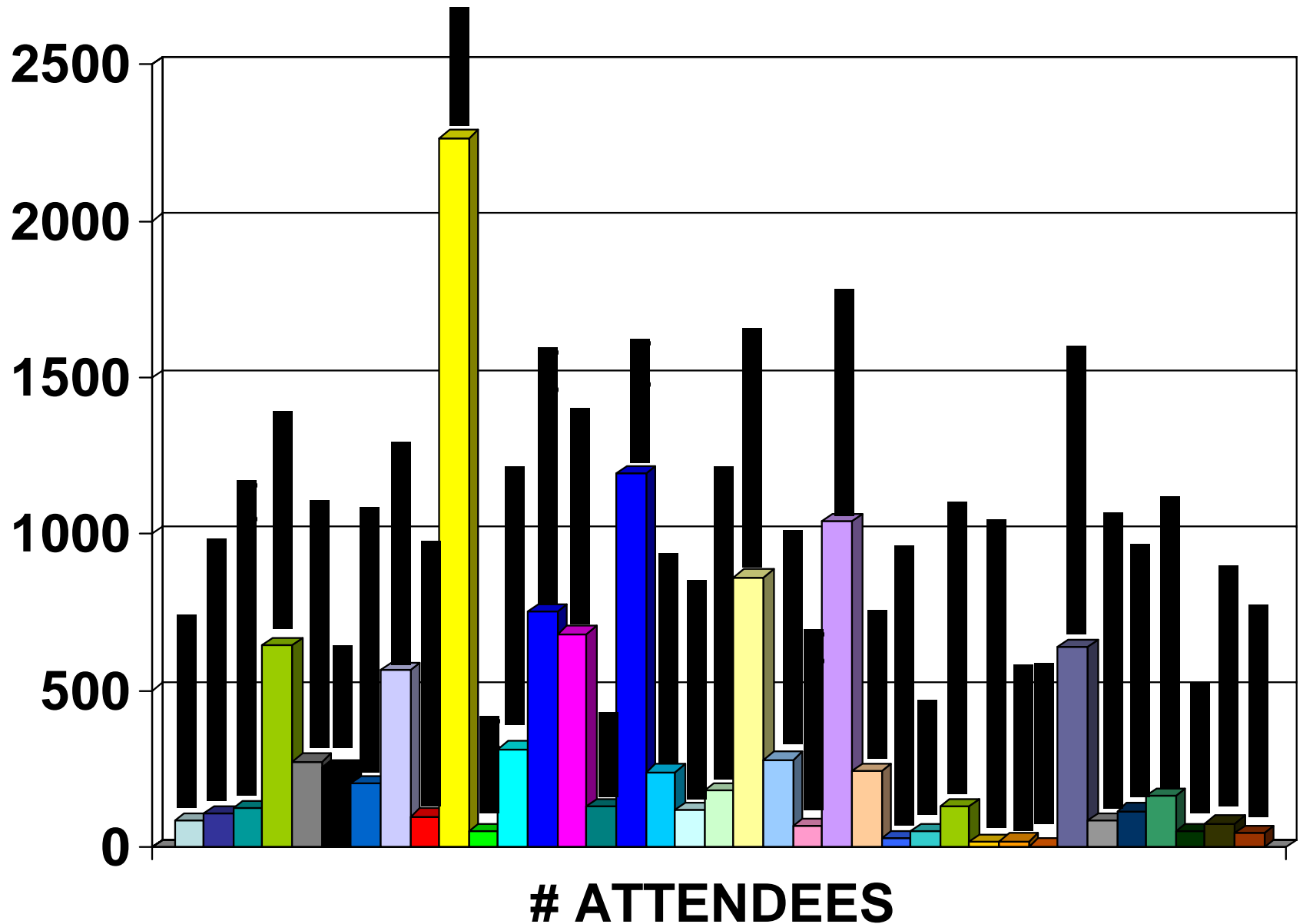
Community member: Richard Kyte



2005 Community Services Bureau Presentations



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INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



Michael Brohmer, Bureau Director
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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 victimizations. The Juvenile Division has a sergeant and two investigators who handle all juvenile related matters reported to the police department. The balance of the 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 a variety of state and local committees, which include: the Child Advocacy Center 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 Project Crackdown, 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, Viterbo College, local hospitals, neighborhood groups, and the area high schools and middle schools.

The Domestic Abuse Reduction Team (D.A.R.T.) also plays an important role in helping the bureau reduce the number of domestic related calls while bringing services to those in need within the community.

The clearance rate for reportable Part I Crimes remains well above the national average. It is through the combined efforts and investigations of the Field Services Bureau and the Investigative Services Bureau that this is possible and it increases the efficiency and effectiveness of the department as a whole.

INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

IN THE NEWS

2005

Saturday, November 5, 2005

MAN STABBED

IN DOWNTOWN LA CROSSE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT



Victim hospitalized; suspect arrested

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Small puddles of blood collected on a downtown sidewalk, marking the path an injured man took after he was stabbed in the back on a downtown La Crosse street Friday morning.

Alan R. Grabau, 42, was being treated at a local hospital for what police said are not thought to be life-threatening injuries.

La Crosse police said Grabau was stabbed once in the back by Thomas Maddy, 49, no permanent address, about 11:15 a.m. Friday in the 600 block of South Third Street.

Police provided few details of what led to the stabbing, but said Maddy and Grabau are acquaintances who apparently got into an argument. Maddy was arrested Friday afternoon, and is



PHOTOS BY BOB BIRNELL/LA CROSSE TRIBUNE
ABOVE: A La Crosse police detective looks for clues Friday along the 600 block of South Third Street in downtown La Crosse.
TOP: A blood-stained coat and shirt lays in a parking lot near where the stabbing took place.

Officials concerned about gang activity

Police not panicking but are on guard

By GAYDA HOLLNAGEL
La Crosse Tribune

While there is concern gang-related activity might



Drug bust nets 14 suspects

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Authorities know arresting 14 people will not end the problem, but

With the help of neighbors who took photographs and video, police broke up what they believe to be the heart of the drug problem in the 16th and Market streets area.

and tipped off police, authorities broke up what they believe to be the heart of the drug problem in that area, Joholski said.

Monday and Tuesday, police arrested 14 people in or near the area of the Market Street and

coke in that part of the city, Joholski said, and more arrests are likely.

Only one person has been formally charged: Nicholas J. House, 21, of Chicago with delivery of cocaine while within

Police action was welcome

By NATALIE SCHWINN
La Crosse

I am writing a letter to thank the La Crosse Police Department and my 10th District City Council member, Douglas Farmer. I am a resident in the 16th and Market streets neighborhood, and we are all breathing a little easier since authorities broke up an overt drug ring in our neighborhood in mid-July. Special thanks to Sgt. Cary Joholski and Marion Byerson for communicating with us and keeping us informed. The dealing of crack cocaine in our neighborhood was so pervasive that we would see it consistently from early morning until night.

We are a neighborhood of connected, informed and kind people who are all the more

YOUR VIEW

connected now that we have joined forces to eliminate drug dealing from our city streets. This has been a valuable lesson for me. Building a neighborhood, staying connected and caring about others is my neighborhood's strength, and I believe it is the reason we were able to gather information that helped the La Crosse Police Department.

Fight drugs in our neighborhoods

By MICHAEL J. HAANEN
La Crosse

Hats off to the wisdom and courage displayed by the heroes of the Market Street neighborhood. They understand the need to be both aware and proactive to the destructive forces that face America by our crack epidemic.

wednesday, August 10, 2005

Local and regional news

A little neighborly help

Residents' complaints help police bust suspected drug operations

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

the street, trash blowing around, people urinating in yards and numerous open drug sales.

For the second time this summer, residents played a

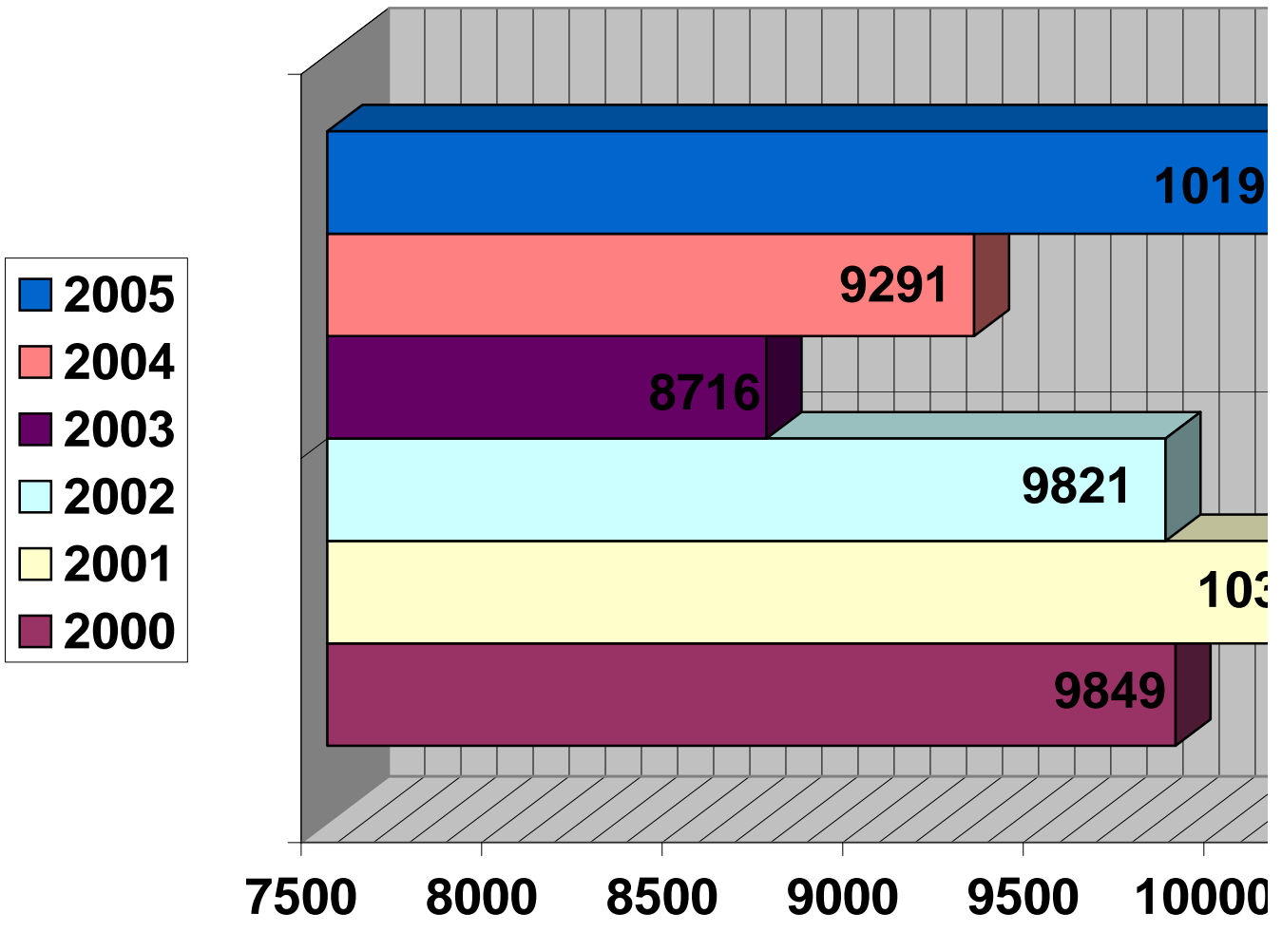
When patrols were

three simultaneous raids and arrested nine people, all of whom appeared Tuesday in La Crosse County Circuit Court.

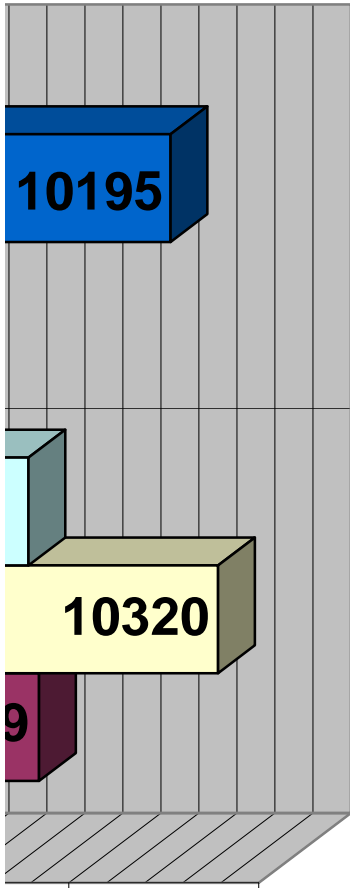
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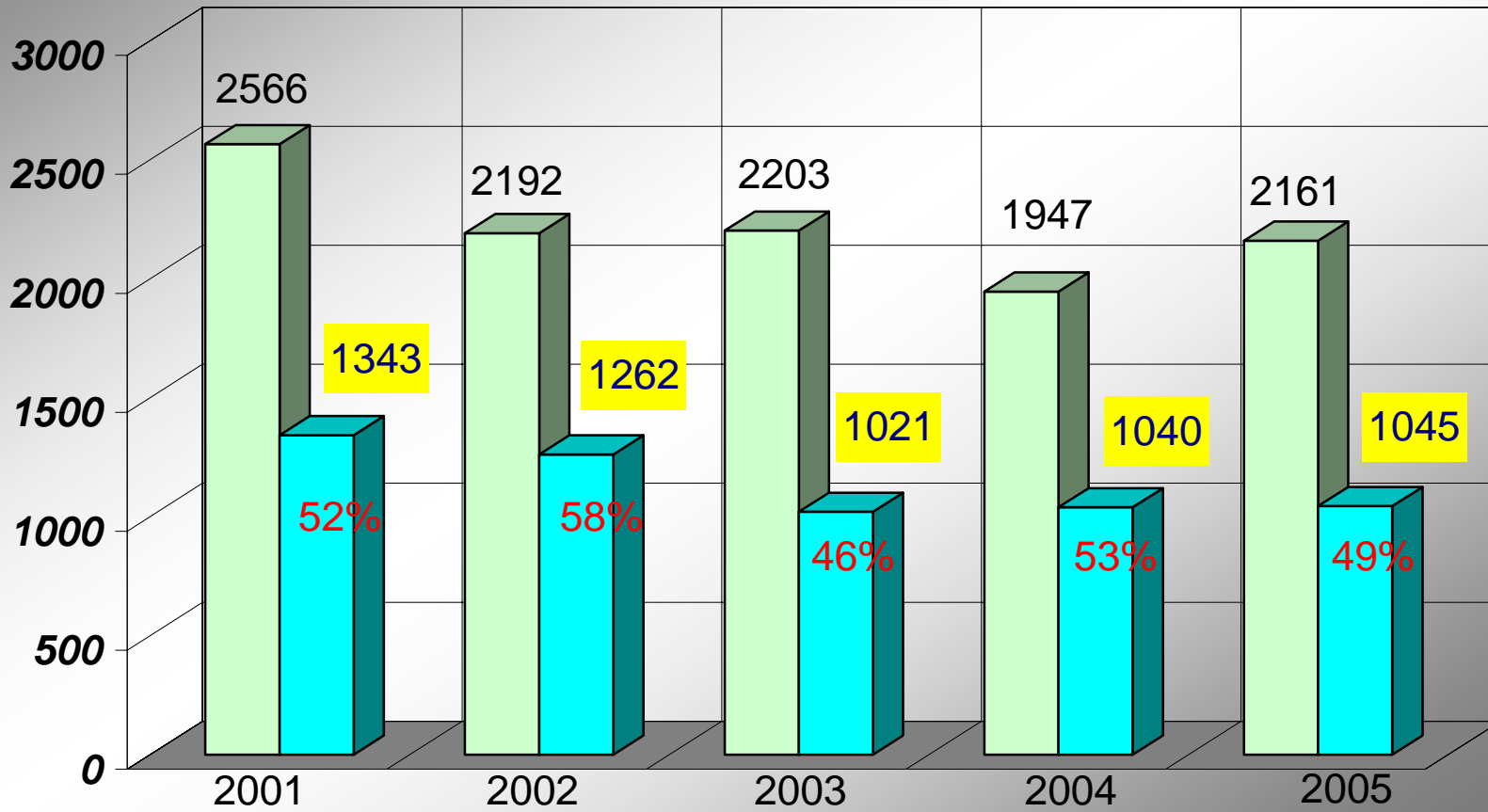
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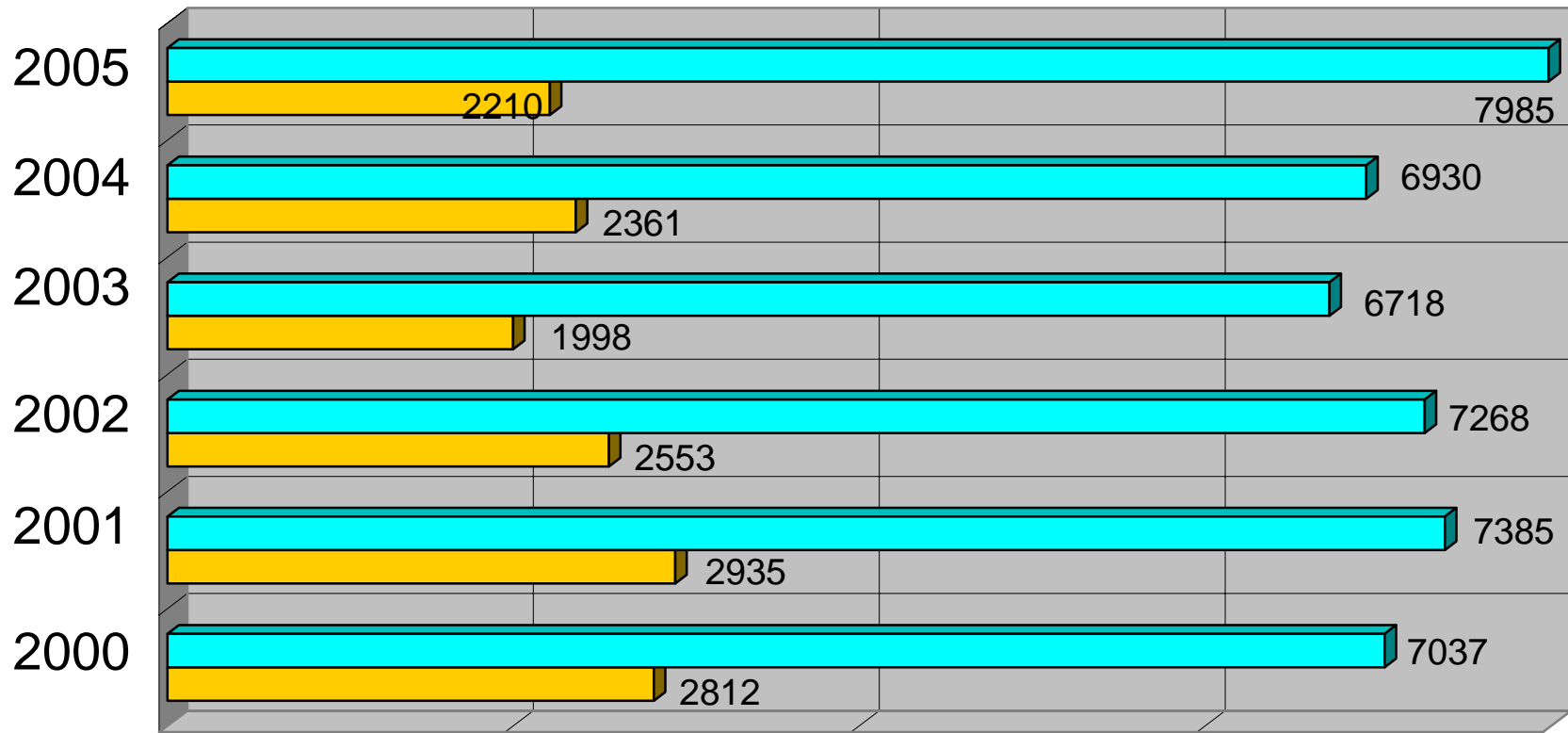
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PART 1 CRIME & CLEARANCE RATE

Crime Clearance



JUVENILE V. ADULT ARRESTS



■ JUVENILES ■ ADULTS

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Joe Smith
Michael Blokhuis

Ferdinand Roth
Jerome Korger
Jason Melby
Gary Hauser

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Alan Baldwin
Steven Thorton
James Kirby
Heath Graves
Bradley Stoner
Failing Yang
Ronald Secord
Teri Roden
Grant Gyllander
Charles Frandsen
Ryan Stenslien
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Matthew Malott
Steven Pataska
Brian Deyo
Daniel Kloss
Brad Schomberg
Quintin Schaitel

FIELD SERVICES BUREAU



Gary Uting, Bureau Director
Captain

The Field Services Bureau never Closes; We Protect and Serve 24 Hours a Day Every Day of the Year!

The bureau consists of three shifts; each commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by three sergeants, with support of a 4th shift of patrol officers assisting with peak calls for service during the evening and early morning hours. Services provided include community policing, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, criminal investigation, special event public safety, honor guard duties and handling service-oriented calls with the public.

The bureau provides command, control and most of the officers for emergency response situations, dignitary escort and protection, horse patrol, motorcycle patrol, bicycle patrol and foot patrol. Support is provided to and received from the police chaplain program, police reserve program and the police internship program. The key to our success is our ability to conduct immediate problem solving by team effort working directly with the community involved.

The Field Services Bureau personnel are among the best trained officers in the state of Wisconsin with many bureau officers providing training to other officers throughout the state. Many of the bureau officers have attended Federal Homeland Security Training and State Emergency Management Training. The officers continually demonstrate the highest degree of professionalism under difficult circumstances as they serve the community under the department's mission statement.

PATROL DIVISION

IN THE NEWS

2005

Have technology, will travel



Peter Thomson/La Crosse Tribune
Patrolman Brad Stoner with the La Crosse Police Department talks on his mobile phone as he retrieves information Thursday on the laptop computer in his squad car.

Today's police squad cars, outfitted with all sorts of high-tech equipment, are simply cool

Police officers commended for heroism in fire

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

On the side of their squad cars is the phrase, "To protect and serve," and that's exactly what four La Crosse police officers did last weekend when they saved a woman and her elderly parents from a burning home, officials said.



Blokhuis



Thomson



Fischer



Lawrenco

Thomson was the first officer to reach

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30 tries, 13 sales

Crackdown on underage alcohol sales will start up again

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

Let me explain, the woman said, as the officer wrote a \$280 ticket for selling alcohol to a minor. Her argument: It wasn't the first time she's sold beer to the 20-year-old. She figured the man — a

"All we're hoping to see is 100 percent compliance with the law, especially



when alcohol seems to be the root of so many problems police get involved in."

CAPT. GARY UTING,
La Crosse police



Thursday, February 8, 2005 Local and regional news CITY PRESS 1000

Police keep eye on drinking

Alcohol busts continue

By KATE SCHOTT
La Crosse Tribune

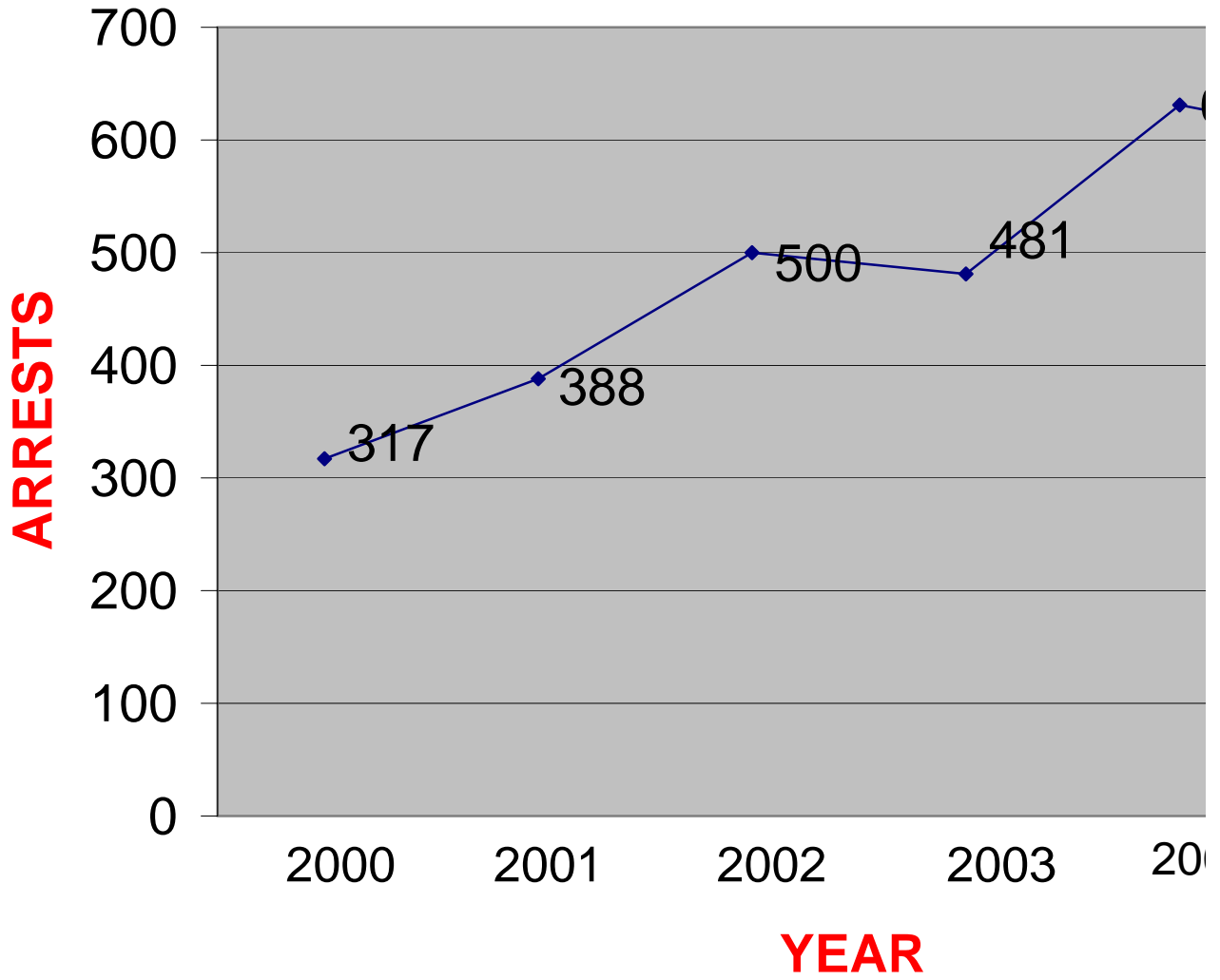
For the second weekend in a row, La Crosse police officers

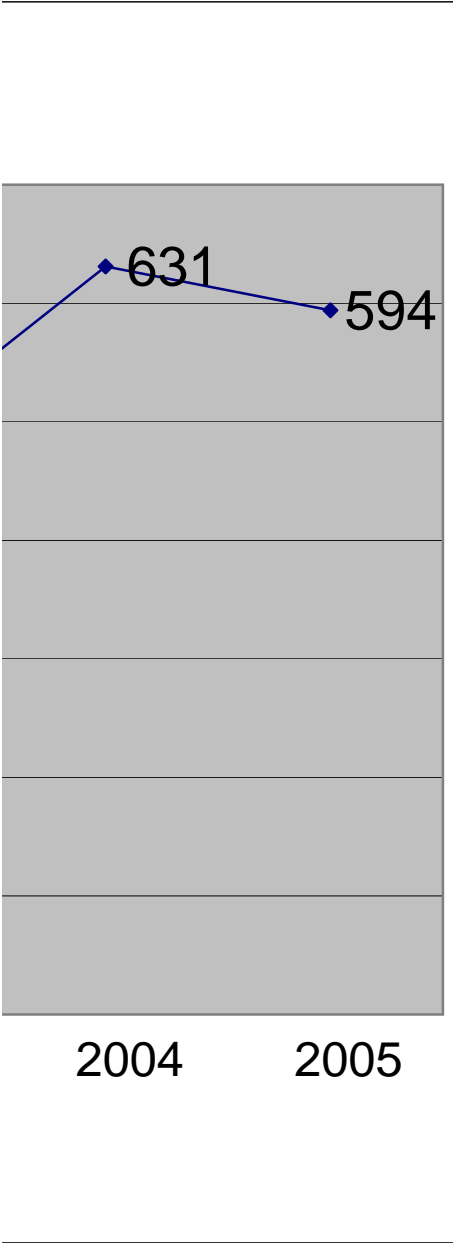
Capt. Gary Utting, director of field services for the La Crosse Police Department, said there were several house parties broken up Saturday, including one at 424 N. 11th St. About 60 tickets were written there, he said, many for underage drinking, but a few for providing alcohol to a minor and

Last weekend, the La Crosse police issued more than 120 citations for underage alcohol consumption at several house parties. A raid about 10:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, 1325 State St. near the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse campus, accounted for 105 of them.

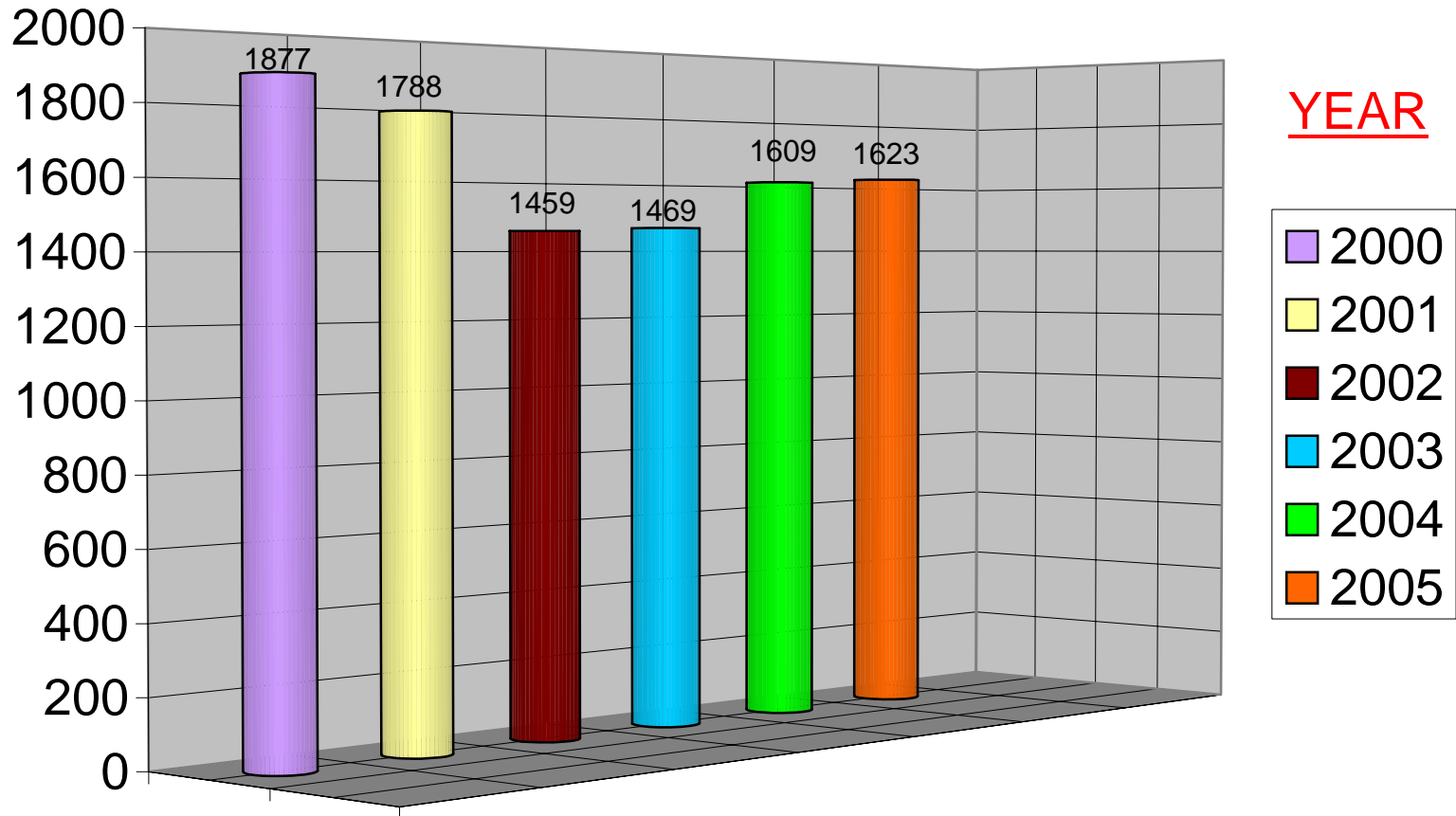
Monday if any disciplinary action had or would be taken against the TKE house. He said both campus and the mayor's task forces addressing alcohol are making headway but cautioned there is still much to be done. "This is a deep culture in this community," Haisel said. "If we

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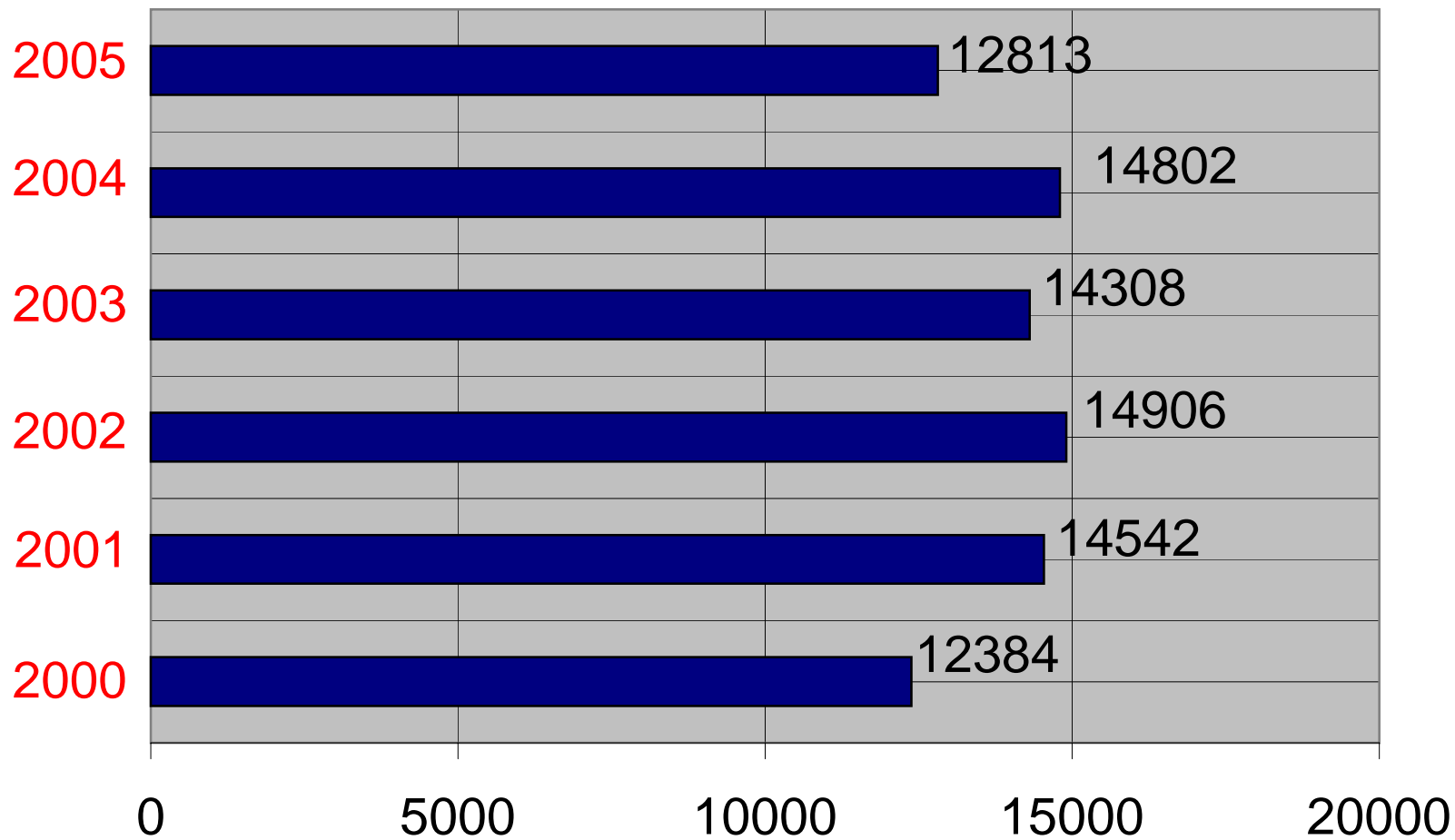


TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



WARNING TICKETS

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