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2007 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The intent of this report is to provide both a summary of the activity of Wahoo Police Department during 2007 and a brief description of what some of those activities include. This is not intended to be a comprehensive report of each type of activity, that information is presented monthly to the Wahoo City Council and provided to the media as well. This report is designed to share with all, the overall efforts of the Wahoo Police Department. **We want you to understand what we do, why we do it, and how much we do it.**

This is the fifth annual report of Wahoo Police Department. There is a section devoted to statistical comparisons with each year beginning in 2003. Please note that short term changes as noted in this comparison are not necessarily indicators of a trend.

The Wahoo Police Department consists of six full-time sworn staff members and two part-time sworn staff members. There is one Chief of Police, one Assistant Chief of Police, four full-time Patrol Officers, and two part-time Patrol Officers.

Each work shift is a ten hour shift from: 07:00-17:00 (7:00am-5:00pm), 16:00-02:00 (4:00pm-2:00am), and 21:00-07:00 (9:00pm-7:00am) to provide the community with law enforcement service around the clock.

Part-time officers are used, whenever possible, to cover situations that would otherwise result in overtime costs. Holidays are worked by officers just as any other day of the year. When you are opening your presents on Christmas, a Wahoo Police Officer is working. When you are hugging your pillow at four in the morning, a Wahoo Police Officer is working.

During 2007 the department worked 12,616 hours of regular time and 553 hours of overtime.

The patrol function is primarily carried out by automobile, with regular foot patrol and occasional bicycle patrol. Wahoo currently is three and one half miles in length from North to South and two and one half miles in width from East to West. The patrol area covers 1,290 acres and approximately 530 blocks of city streets. The department's two patrol cars were driven a total of 48,496 miles during 2007.

Police patrol results in five basic types of activity for the officer:

1. Traffic Enforcement. This ranges from accident investigation to writing citations for speeding or other infractions.
2. Parking Enforcement. The bulk of that enforcement is for off-street violations and parking where signs prohibit.
3. Criminal investigation/enforcement. These are the cases which result in most of the arrests by the agency.

4. Public service. Wahoo Police Department is a full service agency and tries to provide services which are not available from any other agency or business in the community. These services are extremely varied.

5. Crime prevention. All of the previously mentioned activities as well as general patrol duties are ultimately intended to perform this function.

Details of the activities in the above categories will be briefly explained in the following paragraphs.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Wahoo police officers investigated 81 traffic accidents, and stopped 296 vehicles resulting in 285 citations and 250 warnings. Seventeen drunk drivers and four suspended drivers were removed from the roads. The average time for an accident investigation and preparation of the required reports is an hour and a half. Traffic citation times vary from 10-15 minutes for a simple infraction to 2-3 hours to completely process an intoxicated driver and his vehicle.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

A total of 542 vehicles were cited for parking violations. Off-street parking violations resulted in 432 parking tickets. The majority of the remainder were for parking where signs prohibit parking or parking downtown overnight.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS/ENFORCEMENT

Reports were received of the following:

Disturbances	188
Drug violations	8
Harassing/obscene phone calls	18
Threats	13
Automatic Alarms	42
Burglaries	23
Suspicious activity	101
Stolen vehicles	4
Animal complaints	215
Fraud	10
Thefts	98
Abuse/neglect	71
Sexual assault	3
Criminal Mischief	63
Trespassing	19

Those reports resulted in 250 incident reports and 204 violations for which an arrest was made. Investigation times vary from minutes to days depending upon

the case. Calls which result in an arrest invariably require hours, not minutes, of an officer's time.

PUBLIC SERVICE

It is difficult to divide public service from crime prevention but for the purposes of this report we will limit crime prevention details to those activities which directly involve interaction between an officer and citizens with a prevention and/or educational format.

The Wahoo Police Department provides escort services, when requested, for funeral processions, parades and special events. Transfers of money or requests for escorts for security reasons are handled when possible. Officers provided escort services 272 times during this period.

Applicants with the military and sensitive employment positions require us to provide criminal or law enforcement records to those agencies. Our responsibility is to search what records we have for any contact with that person and provide it to qualified recipients. One hundred eight such checks were performed in this twelve-month period.

The need for security of homes and businesses prompts us to check business doors and vacant homes whenever possible. Available manpower and priority of other calls dictates how often those checks can be made. Persons who will be away for vacations and other tasks can request "Vacation/security checks" of their residences.

We do not record each check of a door but we do record "Open doors" found and requests for "Vacation/security checks". Thirty-nine such calls were recorded this year.

Public service really means assisting people. The above are details of assistance provided to the public, but we actually maintain records of assists which do not fall into those categories. "Assist party" calls numbered forty-eight through December. In addition to those general calls there were another 283 which were to assist motorists. This could be anything from changing a tire to unlocking a vehicle which had the keys locked inside.

"Assisting" also means helping out other agencies. We assist the Saunders County Sheriff, Nebraska State Patrol, and Nebraska Game and Parks along with other entities of the City of Wahoo. Not all of those "Assists" are recorded (such as unlocking/locking the cemeteries and restrooms.) We did log 876 assists of other law enforcement agencies and sixty-four with fire and rescue during this time.

Lost and found property accounted for sixty-eight calls for service. Many items were returned to the rightful owners. Other public service calls would include

issuing handgun purchase permits, delivering emergency messages, providing information, etc.

CRIME PREVENTION

Wahoo Police Department provides safety programs to schools and groups which educate the public on steps they can take to protect themselves from criminals and/or accidents.

DARE classes are presented to students at both St. Wenceslaus and Wahoo Elementary School. This was the fifth year for the NEW DARE curriculum. The new curriculum lasts for ten weeks. Assistant Chief Weis committed one hundred hours to training, preparation, and presentation of the DARE program.

We believe strongly in the basics that students receive in DARE. We are confident that the 100 students who are currently taking DARE (2007-2008 school year) will graduate and move on with the skills needed to do well in our society.

Officers of Wahoo Police Department make a presentation to each Alcohol Education Class at Youth Services. These classes are held every month and the officers spend an average of one hour in their presentation.

Bicycle safety and other programs are done as opportunities arise.

Booklets and training are provided in conjunction with National Child Safety Council. This is also provided to both elementary schools in Wahoo.

The final page of this report is a comparison graph showing the relationship of 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 statistics.

All of the Wahoo Police Officers welcome your comments or questions. Please feel free to approach us at any time for assistance or information.

NEW ENDEAVORS

Some new endeavors the Police Department was involved with include:

LB 1184 CHILD ABUSE TREATMENT TEAM

LB 1184 CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

RAP MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE

YOUTH SERVICES SYSTEM/PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATED RESPONSE TEAM

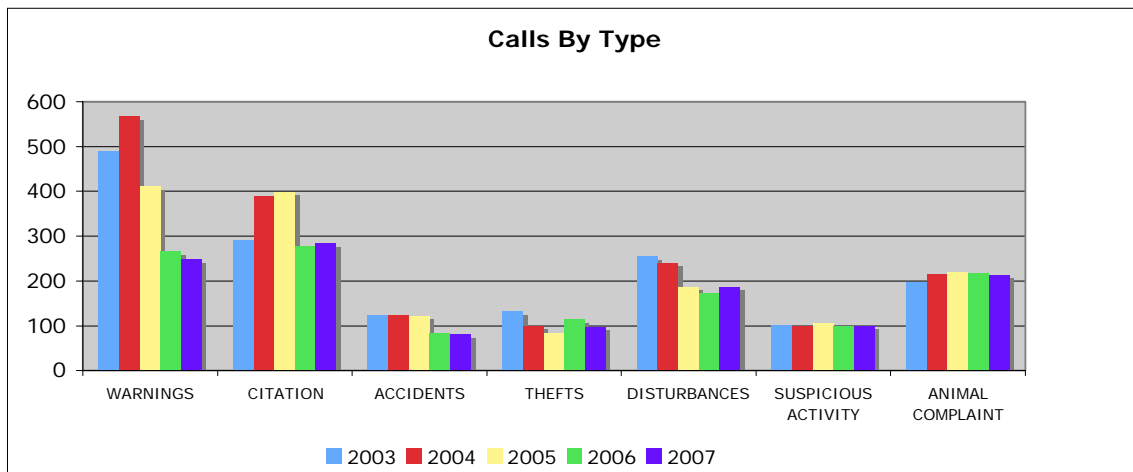
WEEKLY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL INVESTIGATOR MEETINGS

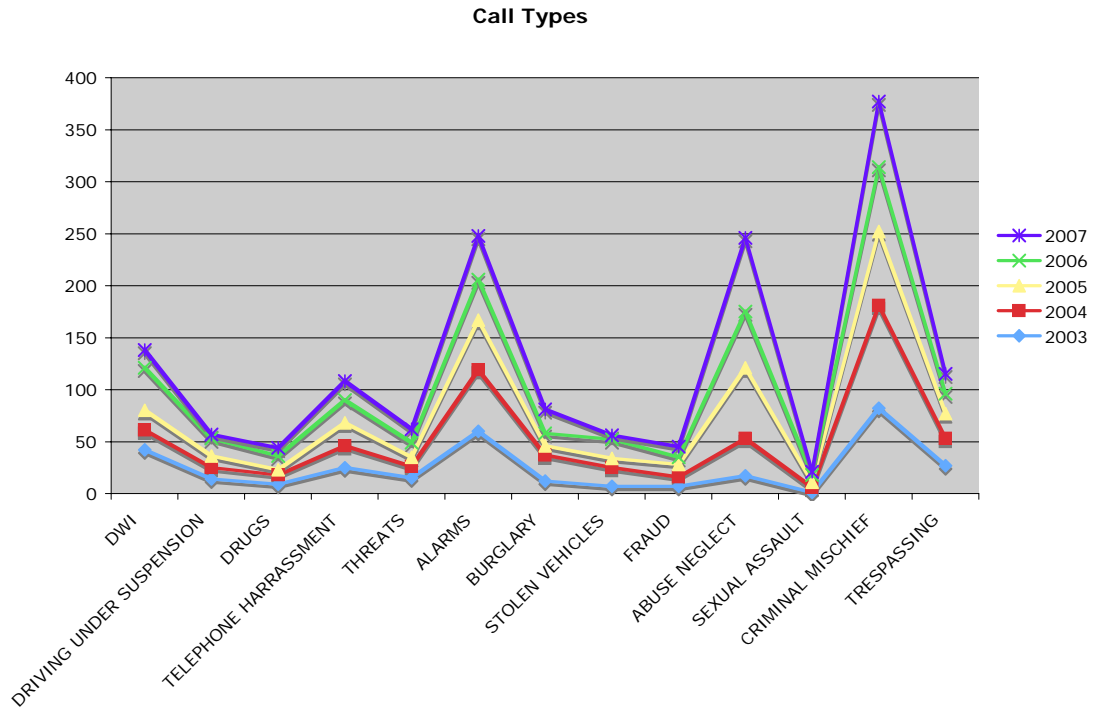
PROJECT EXTRA MILE ALCOHOL AWARENESS

SAUNDERS COUNTY DRUG COURT

SAUNDERS COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT

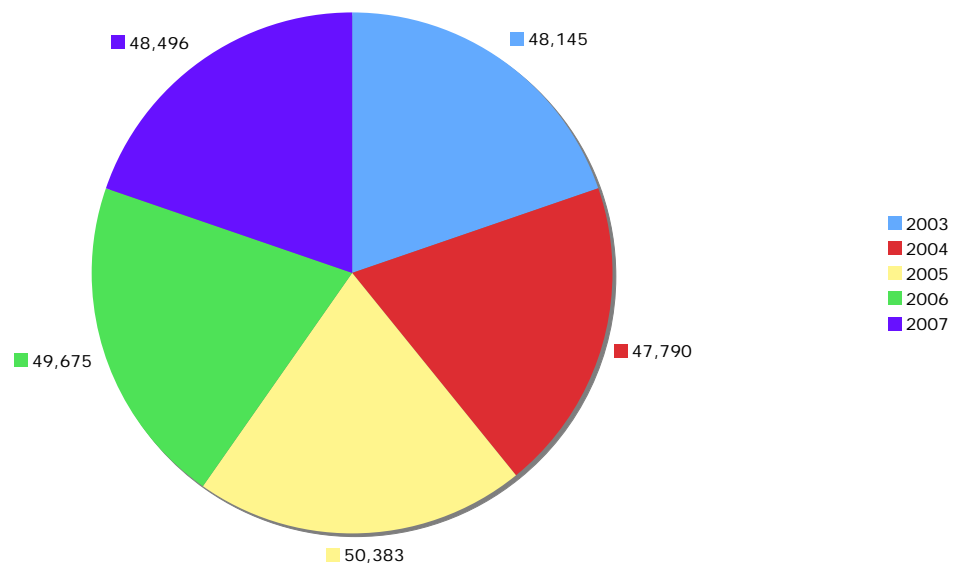
Call Comparison Graphs with 2007 incorporated into each of them.



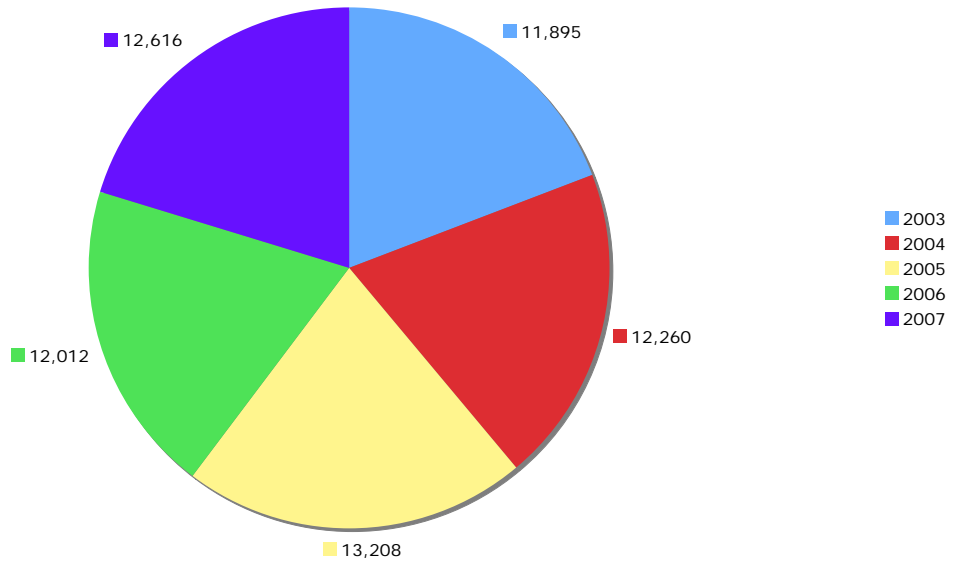


Types

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Regular Hours



Overtime Hours

