



Law Enforcement Across the Globe

2012

Sparta Police Department End of Year Report

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*The Honorable Ron Button, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Button and Members of the City Council:

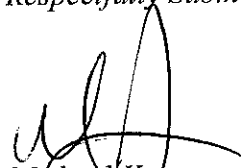
The Annual Report of the City of Sparta Police Department, for the period of January 1st through December 31st, 2012, is herewith submitted for your review.

The staff and I always look forward to completing this report and strive to make it not only informative, but entertaining to read. This year we've included some obscure facts about law enforcement agencies across the world that we thought you'd enjoy.

This past year was dominated by two major stories; an officer-involved shooting and the breakup of a heroin distribution ring. Both of these stories garnered a great deal of media attention and are illustrative of the diverse nature of law enforcement and the adversity that faces our officers. These stories also brought to the public's attention the underlying substance abuse problem that plagues today's society and this community. The Department remains committed to working with the City Council and our community partners in addressing these issues.

As the City continues to grow so do the demands placed on the Police Department. In order to meet tomorrow's demands we must plan today and anticipate the future. Current events suggest that local law enforcement's role will remain pivotal in securing and protecting our National and Community interests. To be successful our mission and personnel must have the support of the City Council and Community. We continue to build upon these relationships and look forward to working closely with our community leaders in an effort to meet tomorrow's policing needs.

Respectfully Submitted,


Michael Kass
Chief of Police

Committed to Excellence

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission

The mission of the Sparta Police Department is to enhance public safety through crime prevention, education, and enforcement of the law while working in partnership with the Community to preserve the quality of life for Sparta residents.

Our Vision

Preserving quality of life through innovation and excellence in policing.

Our Values

Courage – To face one's fears in the face of adversity and do what is required to protect others.

Pride – In work and family we are accountable to each other and the Community.

Excellence – Strive for perfection knowing that "good enough" really isn't.



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE COMMISSION

Second in size only to the United Nations, the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC) was established in 1923. Headquartered in Lyon, France, ICPC membership consists of 190 countries. The United States did not become an official member until 1938. Also, in 1938 the ICPC fell under Nazi control for the duration of the war, not to be reestablished until the end of the war in 1945. The ICPC follows a self-authored constitutional governing system. Two key articles state:

- To ensure and promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities within the limits of the laws existing in the different countries and in the spirit of Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- It is strictly forbidden for the Organization to undertake any intervention or activities of a political, military, religious or racial character.

CODE OF ETHICS

"As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional Rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession ... *Law Enforcement*."



AZERBAIJAN

Azerbaijan is a European country surrounded by Georgia, Russia, Armenia and Turkey. The National Police Force falls under the authority of the Ministry of International Affairs.

In high contrast to each other, there are two ways to join the police force:

- One is to “buy” your way in which includes purchasing your own uniform, weapon, police vehicle, and pay a fee. This type of “officer” usually supplements their income by accepting bribes.
- The second entry is to attend the National Police Academy which is a five-year program. Background for acceptance includes height and fitness, a secondary education which includes literature, history, geography and languages. At end of this program, graduates are certified in law enforcement and promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

OATH OF HONOR

*On my honor,
I will never betray my profession,
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage
to hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.*

*I will always uphold the constitution,
my community, and
the agency I serve.*



SWEDEN

Like the U.S., Sweden requires their officers to complete the National Police Academy. Unlike us, Sweden has one overseeing board for the nation, which is a formal member of government. Also different is the lack of separation of forensic laboratory services; law enforcement and evidentiary testing fall under the same jurisdiction.

Sweden has 21 counties which also have law enforcement agencies headed by a government-elected commission. These agencies provide basic law enforcement dealing with minor civil disturbances. Major cases are elevated to the national level.



Chief
Mike Kass



Lieutenant
David Kuderer



Admin Assistant
Heather Miller



Lieutenant
David Livingston



Admin Assistant
Micky Brown



Chaplain Jef Skinner



Chaplain Randy Larson



Detective
Mark Meyers



Sergeant
Jason Pipkin



Sergeant
Booker Ferguson



Sergeant
Joel Ames



SRO
Kyle Seubert



Officer
Marc Nelson



Officer
Chris Itnyre



Officer
Kyle Guralski



Officer
Jose Tovar



Officer
Chris Welker



Officer
Beth Ambrosius



Officer
Andrew Kuen



Officer
Kyle Erickson



Officer
Jenna Branigan



Nitro



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Trinidad & Tobago have a 200 year old police department. Sorely lacking in modern police training, operation and equipment, they are currently undergoing a major overhaul to bring them up to first-world standards. Formal police training at an academy can be traced back to 1890, which saw the first training in firearms, coinciding with the start of arming officers.

Specialized departments include:

- Anti-Kidnapping Squad which was formed due to the collateral crime associated with drugs.
- Headed at the national level, Community Policing plays a large part in law enforcement; school education, your counseling, neighborhood watch, etc. Any social function is a platform for education.
- Vehicle theft is so common, there is a specialized unit dealing solely with this problem.

SPECIALIZED DUTIES

Accident Reconstruction

Officer Guralski

Alcohol Compliance

Sgt. Pipkin

Officer Kuen

Officer Branigan

Armorer (Colt)

Sgt. Pipkin

Officer Guralski (M14/M1A)

Bicycle Safety

Officer Nelson

Officer Erickson

Lt. Kuderer

Bike Patrol

Officer Kuen

Det. Meyers

Officer Tovar

Officer Erickson

Computer / Internet Crimes

Det. Meyers

Officer Itnyre

Officer Kuen

Computer Search & Seizure

Det. Meyers

Sgt. Ferguson

Officer Itnyre

Officer Ambrosius

Crime Scene Technicians

Lt. Livingston

Officer Itnyre

Officer Ambrosius

Officer Tovar

Officer Kuen

Crime Stoppers

Lt. Livingston

Death Investigator

Sgt. Ferguson

Officer Ambrosius

Officer Tovar

Drug Investigators

Lt. Livingston

Officer Nelson

Officer Tovar

Det. Meyers

Officer Kuen

Field Training Officers (FTO)

Lt. Livingston (Coordinator)
Lt. Kuderer
Sgt. Pipkin
Sgt. Ferguson
Officer Seubert
Officer Itnyre
Officer Ambrosius
Officer Nelson
Officer Tovar
Officer Kuen
Officer Erickson

Hostage Negotiator

Sgt. Ferguson
Officer Branigan

Instructors

Sgt. Pipkin – Firearms, Patrol Rifle,
Simunitions
Sgt. Ames – Firearms, Shotgun, Simunitions,
TASER, Less Lethal, Thermal Imager
Officer Nelson – TASER, Less Lethal,
Thermal Imager
Officer Guralski – EVOC, Firearms, Patrol
Rifle
Officer Itnyre – DAAT
Officer Kuen – Vehicle Contacts
Officer Welker – Radar/Laser

Internet Crimes Against Children

Officer Ambrosius

K-9

Officer Welker

Law Enforcement Fitness Trainer

Officer Kuen

Physical Crime Prevention

Officer Guralski

Police Training Officer (PTO)

Sgt. Ferguson
Officer Nelson

School Resource Officer

Officer Seubert

Sexual Assault & Forensic Interviewing

Officer Ambrosius
Officer Nelson
Officer Seubert

Tactical Team Members

Officer Nelson (Team Leader & Medic)
Officer Guralski (Precision Rifle)
Officer Kuen
Officer Tovar

Terrorism Liaison Officer

Chief Kass
Sgt. Pipkin
Officer Nelson

Terrorist Bombings

Officer Itnyre
Officer Kuen

TraCS

Sgt. Ferguson
Heather Miller
Officer Erickson

Traffic Safety

Lt. Kuderer

Video Investigations Analysis

Det. Meyers

White Collar Crimes

Det. Meyers



TURKISH GENDARMERIE

The Turkish Gendarmerie is branch of the Turkish military and is responsible for “public order” in rural areas. Law enforcement is described as having a military nature, they are responsible for local laws, internal security and border control.

Thought to have been established in 1839; in the 1870s, law enforcement officers were brought in from England and France to establish a modernized organization. In the 1950s, one of their major concerns was smuggling.

Specialized units include the Gendarmerie Criminal Department which is equitable to Crime Scene Investigators, with crime scene examination teams, finger and palm print divisions and explosive device disposal units.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Officer Beth Ambrosius

- Basic Cognitive Graphic Interviewing
- WAI 2012 Conference
- Basic SWAT
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- New EVOC Training
- 1st Line Supervision
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Investigating Domestic Abuse

Sergeant Joel Ames

- CCW Training
- Patrol Rifle Training
- BFI – LEOKA Training
- New EVOC Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Combined Tactical Unit Training
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Governor's Highway Safety Conference
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Traffic Control & Scene Management

Officer Jenna Branigan

- Interview & Interrogation
- Basic SWAT
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Crisis Intervention Team
- Radar Certification
- PIT Pursuit Training
- New EVOC Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Investigating Domestic Abuse
- Reid Interview & Interrogation

Officer Kyle Erickson

- Legal Update – Perlman
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Field Training Officer
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- New EVOC Training
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- 1st Line Supervision
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Badger Tracs 10
- FBI Statement Analysis

Sergeant Booker Ferguson

- Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- CCW Training
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- New EVOC Training
- Badger Tracs 10

Officer Kyle Gurski

- Report Writing
- Patrol Rifle Training
- FBI – LEOKA Training
- New EVOC Training
- Sniper Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Sniper Training
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capabilities
- OJA Advanced Sniper Training

Officer Chris Itnyre

- Technical & Adult Education WTCS
- WAI 2013 Conference
- Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- Patrol Rifle Training
- FBI – LEOKA Training
- New EVOC Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Krave Maga Certification
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Vehicle Contacts Instructor
- Chapter 51 & 55 Training Update

Chief Mike Kass

- WI Police Leadership Training Conference
- Leading by Legacy IACOP
- Legal Update – Perlman
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Chapter 51 & 55 Training Update

Lt. Dave Kuderer

- Legal Update – Perlman
- Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- Patrol Rifle Training
- LESB/T & S Officer Forms & Required Documents
- New EVOC Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Wisconsin Crime Prevention Conference
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Chapter 51 & 55 Update Training

Officer Andrew Kuen

- Technical & Adult Education in WTCS
- Law Enforcement Fitness Specialist
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Field Training Officer
- FBI – LEOKA Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- New EVOC Training
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Evidence Technician

Lt. Dave Livingston

- WI Police Leadership Training
- CCW Training
- Patrol Rifle Training
- New EVOC Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Field Training Officer Supervision
- Chapter 51 & 55 Training Update

Det. Mark Meyers

- New EVOC Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- 1st Line Supervision
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Investigation Overdose Deaths & Prescription Drugs
- Chapter 51 & 55 Training Update

Officer Marc Nelson

- Basic Cognitive Graphic Interviewing
- Legal Update – Perlman
- Patrol Rifle Training
- FBI – LEOKA Training
- New EVOG Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Rifle Transition to Handgun

Sgt. Jason Pipkin

- Legal Update – Perlman
- Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- CCW Training
- Patrol Rifle Training
- New EVOG Training
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Rifle Transition to Handgun

Officer Kyle Seubert

- Legal Update – Perlman
- Rifle & Pistol Obstacle Course
- Patrol Rifle Training
- The Bulletproof Mind
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- SRO Training Conference
- New EVOG Training
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- WI Juvenile Officers Conference
- Chapter 51 & 55 Training Update

Officer Jose Tovar

- Basic Cognitive Graphic Interviewing
- WAI 2013 Conference
- WAHI Conference
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Field Training Officer
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- New EVOG Training
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Combined Tactical Unit
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- Crime Scene Unit Training

Officer Chris Welker

- Legal Update - Perlman
- Patrol Rifle Training
- Radar Certification
- New EVOG Training
- Basic Civil Disturbance
- Pistol & Rifle Qualification
- Rifle Transition to Handgun
- K-9 Recertification

Admin Assistant Heather Kenworthy

- LESB.T & S Officer Forms and Required Documents
- Badger Tracs 10



POLICE SCOTLAND

Newly reorganized, Police Services of Scotland will become effective April 1, 2013. Replacing eight separate law enforcement agencies and the Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency, this reform was approved by Scottish Government in 2011. With one Chief Constable of Police Scotland, the hope is to bring equality to the law enforcement services throughout the country. Run much like a major U.S. police department, there are branches and divisions for specific duties.

Current law enforcement practices can be traced to 11th century "traditions" and early Roman and English influences. Each ethnic region had its own "customs" which were considered legally enforceable; the last known case to use a custom as a source was 1890.

Today, there are two branches of law enforcement; private (laws pertaining to people vs. people) and public (laws of the state vs. people).

AWARDS & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Sparta Police Department Awards Committee receives nominations for recognition from department personnel who feel that one of their peers has exceeded the basic standards subscribed to by the men and women of the Sparta Police Department. After careful review and consideration, we, as a Department, are pleased to announce 2012 recipients.

Meritorious Conduct



Sergeant Booker T. Ferguson

For his professional, decisive, and calm response to a possibly deadly threat to himself and fellow officers.

On January 9th, 2012, Sergeant Ferguson, along with other officers, responded to a 911 hang-up call. With no prior indication of the possible threat, he was confronted by a man with a rifle. As a veteran officer, Sergeant Ferguson was prepared for the unexpected and immediately took a defensive position and ordered the suspect to drop the weapon. Rather than follow the commands, the man started to raise the rifle. Sergeant Ferguson fired at the suspect, striking him twice and ending the immediate threat. Insuring the area was secure of any additional threat; Sergeant Ferguson remained in control of the scene and officers, maintaining evidence integrity and orderly investigation. Sergeant Ferguson's quick thinking and decisive actions prevented potential serious injury or death to his fellow officer or civilians.

Letters of Recognition

Lt. Dave Kuderer
Officer Seubert
Officer Nelson
Officer Guralski
Officer Tovar

Officer Beth Ambrosius
Officer Erickson
Officer Jenna Branigan x2
Chaplain Jef Skinner

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Thirty Year Service Award To



1 Year



11 Years



25 Years

Lt. Dave Kuderer

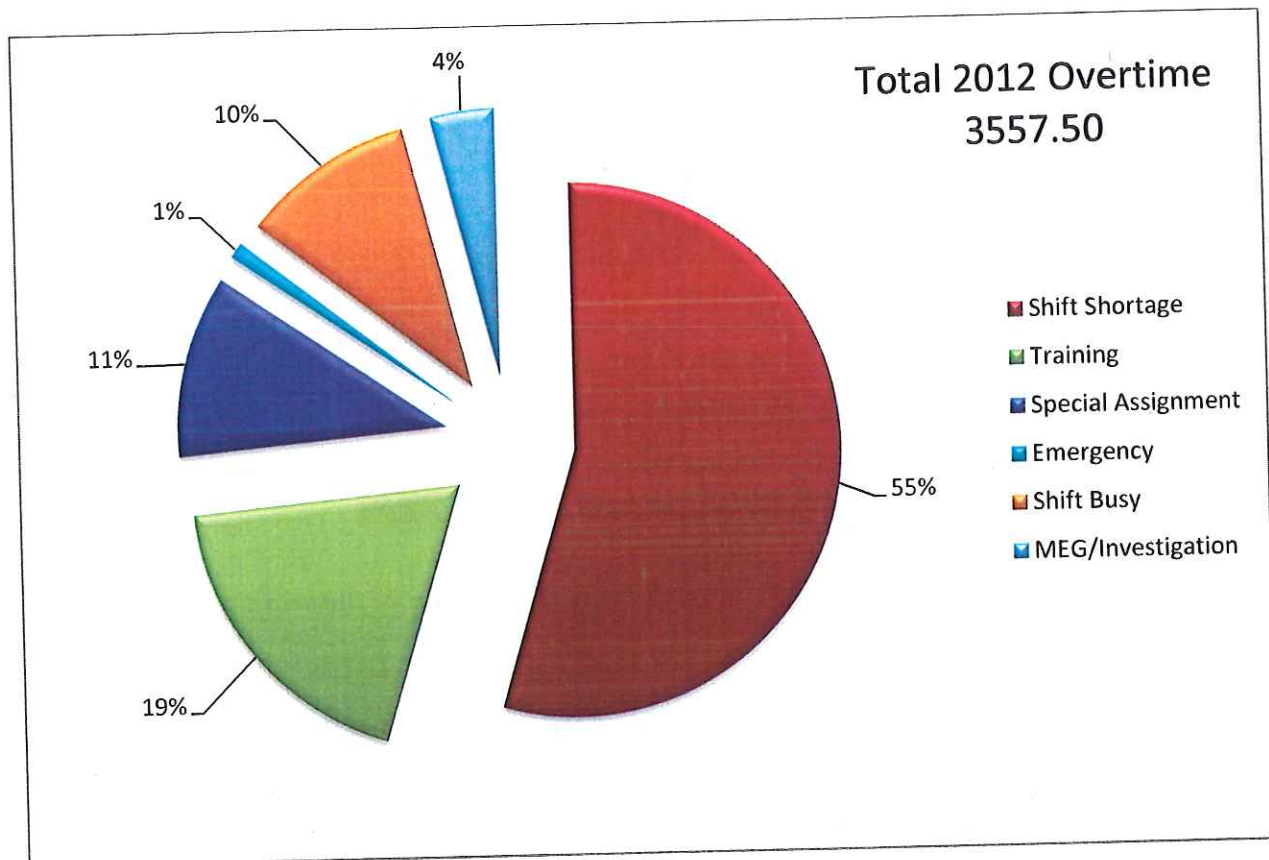
Five Year Service Award To



Det. Mark Meyers

Officer Andrew Kuen

OVERTIME STATISTICS



- Shift Shortage - Due to vacations, training, special assignments, emergencies, and investigations conducted by other officers.
- Training - Hours in excess of officers' normal work schedule.
- Special Assignment - Court, briefings, presentations.
- Emergency - Natural disasters, Combined Tactical Unit call-out.
- Shift Busy - Incidents occurring at the end of a shift or ones that have to be finished for the next day.
- MEG/Investigation - drug investigations, major cases



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Office of Protective Services

Officially established in 1882, the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds was authorized to employ four watchmen to protect the buildings and grounds of the Smithsonian. This federal "guard" now consists of 850 officers who have limited authority to protect the visitors, staff, grounds and property of the 2800 acres that make up the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and museums (including Panama); as well as the 3200+ acres that make up the National Zoo.

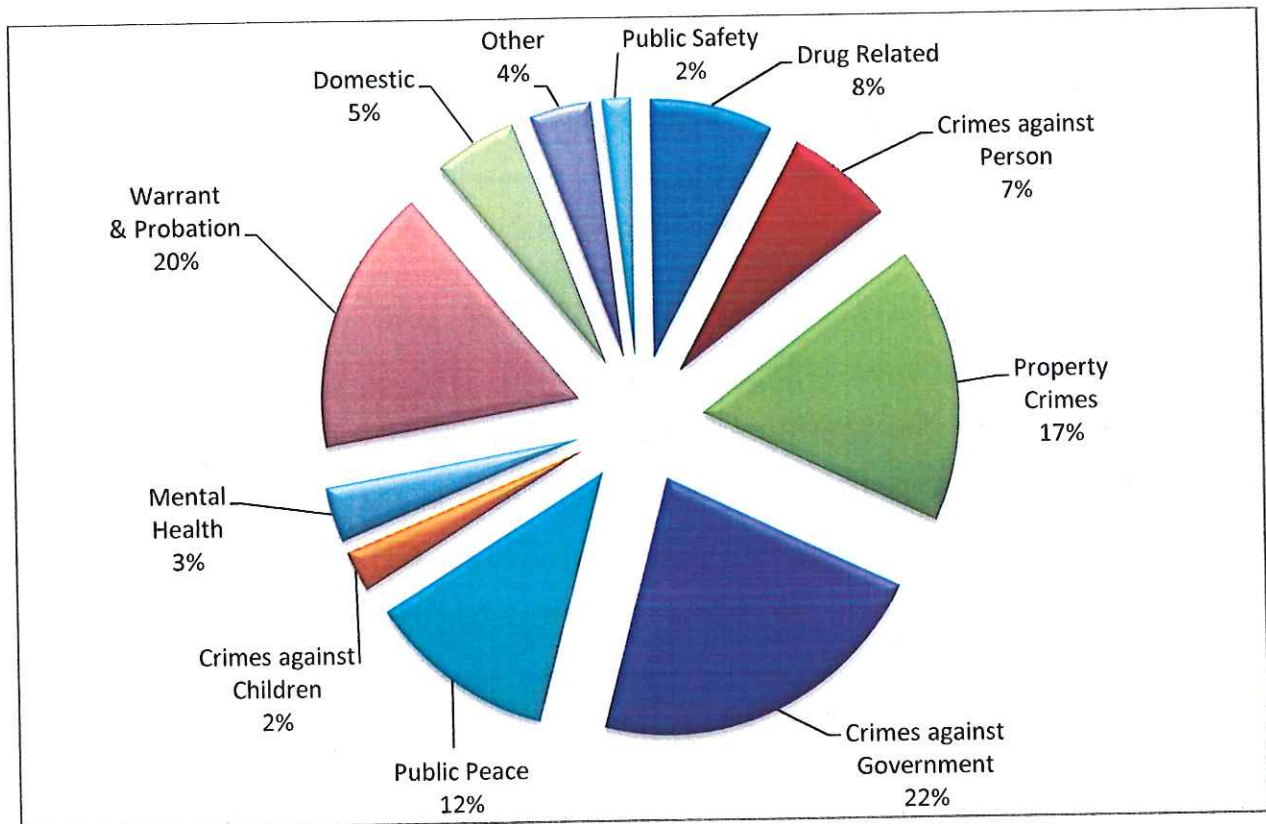
There are several departments within this organization:

- Smithsonian Museum Protection Officers
- Smithsonian Museum Physical Security Specialists
- US National Zoological Park Police

As diverse as the grounds and waterways they patrol, this department covers Smithsonian sites in New York, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. One major division consists of bomb-detecting K-9s that are on routine patrol in and around the properties.

ARREST PERCENTAGE

By Type of Crime





LIECHTENSTEIN NATIONAL POLICE FORCE

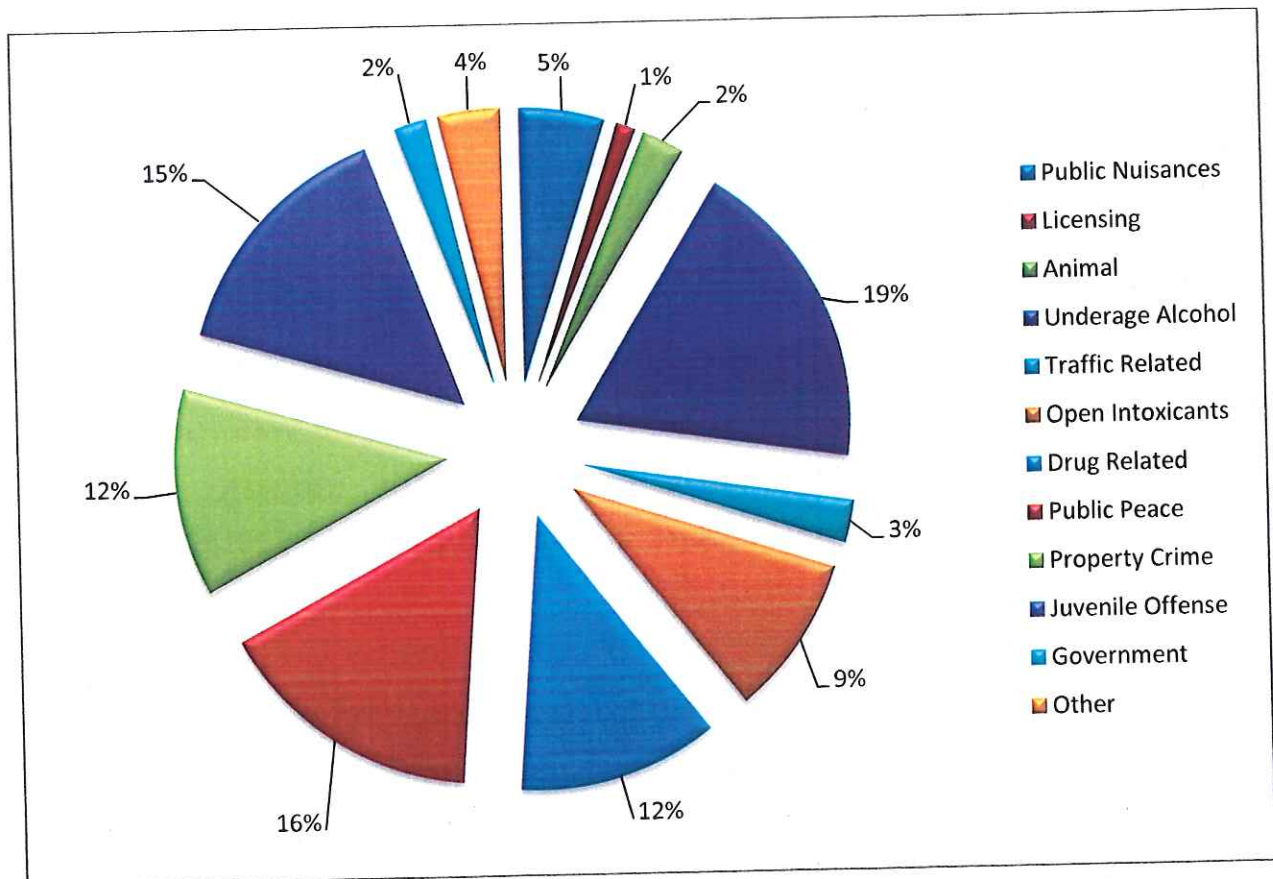
Landespolizei

Only 61 square miles, this tiny county has one police department. Consisting of 91 offices and 34 civilian staff, this alpine country is landlocked between Switzerland and Austria, with whom they share policing duties across borders. With very low crime (it was reported in 2007 that the last murder happened in 1997); citizens do not feel the need to lock their doors. Jails are reported to hold few, if any, inmates with sentences over two years; most are sent to facilities in Austria. Until recently, the police were not armed.

In 2004, Liechtenstein had a major concern with security and safety when their soccer team beat England in a Euro Cup qualifying match. To insure good order was kept, they drafted 300 Swiss and Austrian police to assist in security.

MUNICIPAL OFFENSE

By Type





POLICE OF RUSSIA

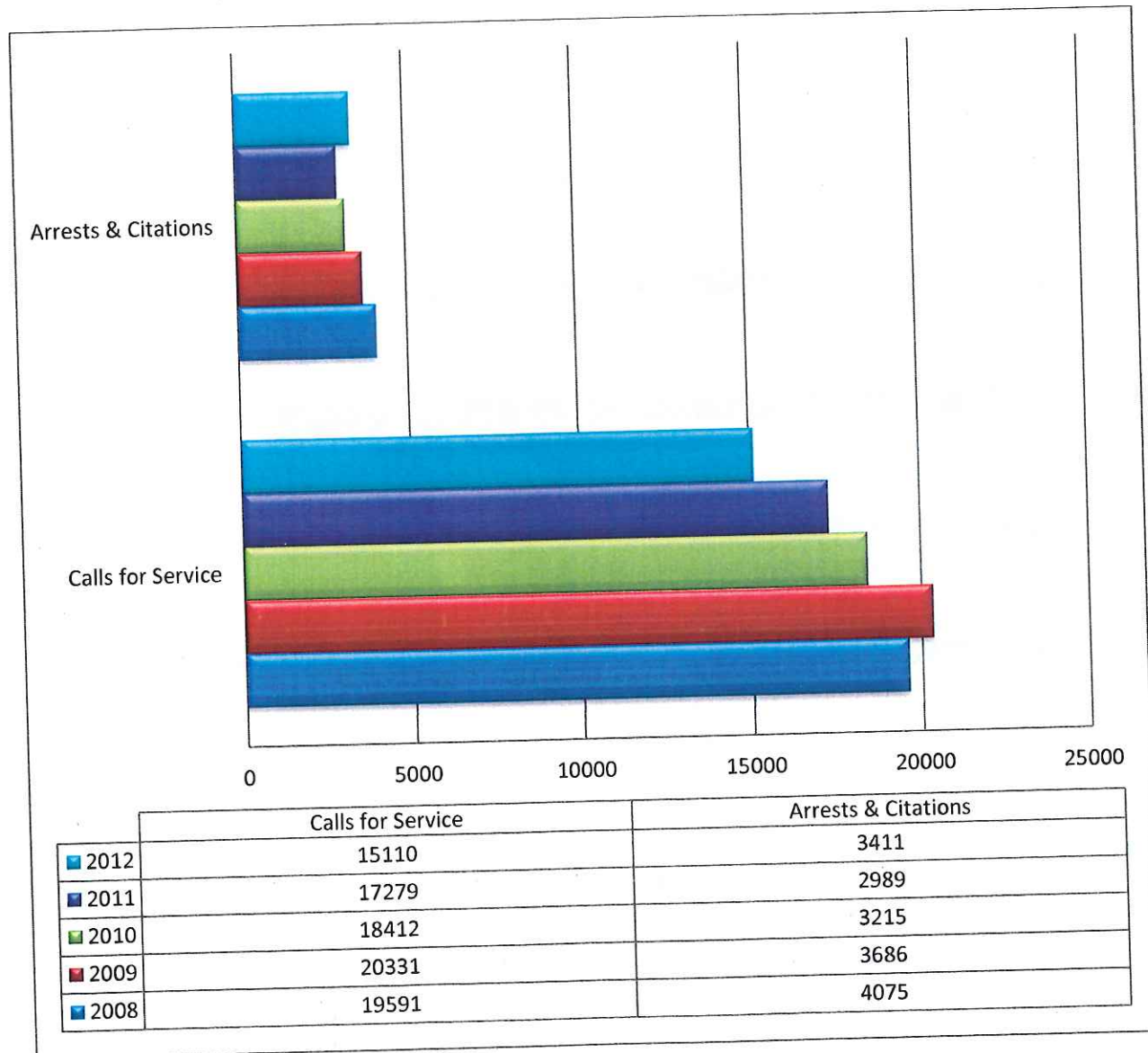
Politsiya

In 2011, Russian police procedures were drastically changed from the prior militia style enforcement. Prior to 1917, Russia had standard policing practices, but in this year the People's Militia was formed and remained so until now. Early police records indicate a formal department was present in 1718 in St. Petersburg and 1722 in Moscow.

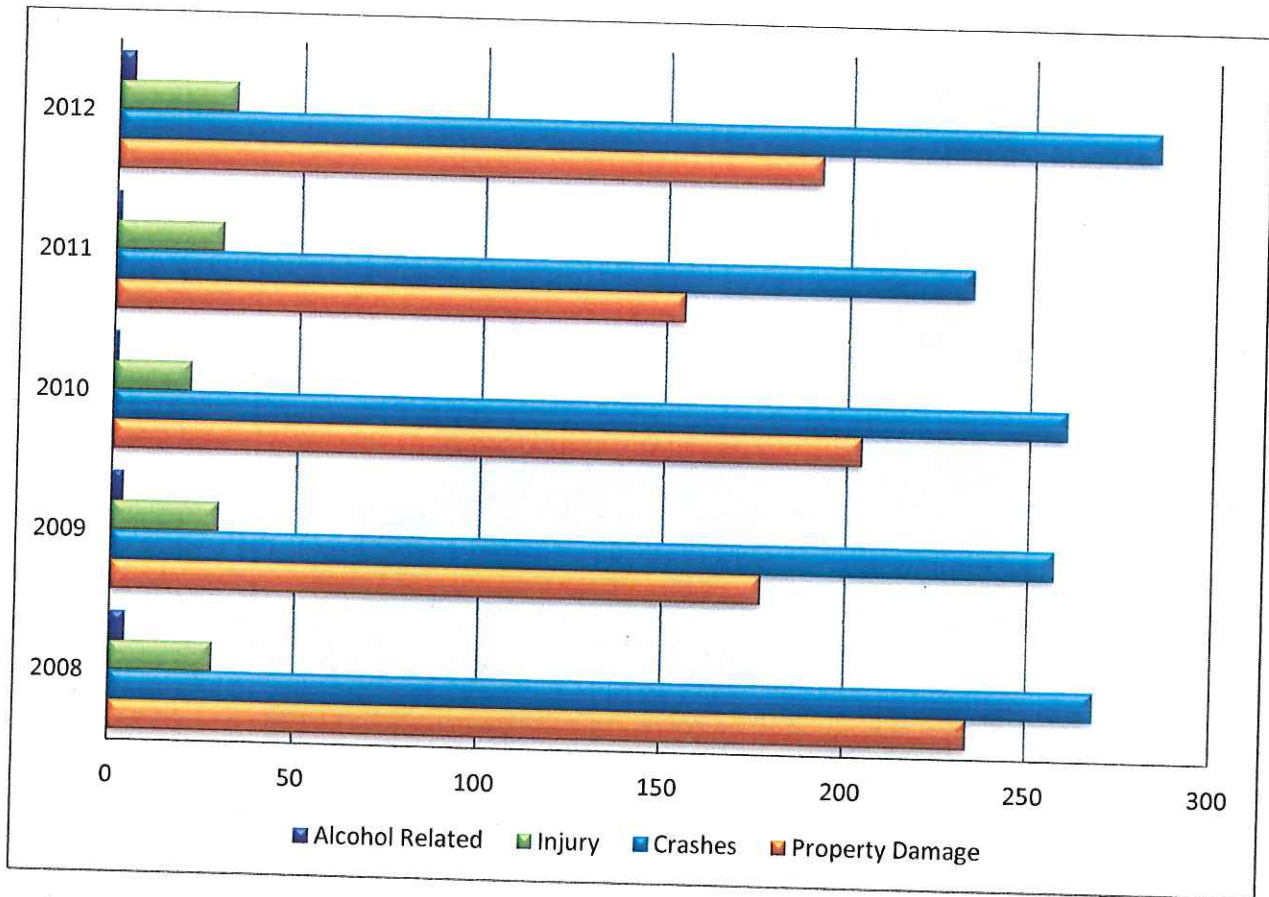
Major reform laws include:

- Personnel decreases and salary increases. Officers with prior administrative penalties or have been linked to criminal activities will be fired and those who have been shown trustworthy will receive a 30% increase in salary.
- The police are now a federal level organization that does not fall under city authorities; hopes are to reduce corruption.
- Detainees now have the right to a phone call within three hours; as well as an attorney and interpreter. Detainees must be read their Rights.
- Russian police can no longer demand a company's financial records without cause.

FIVE YEAR TRENDS

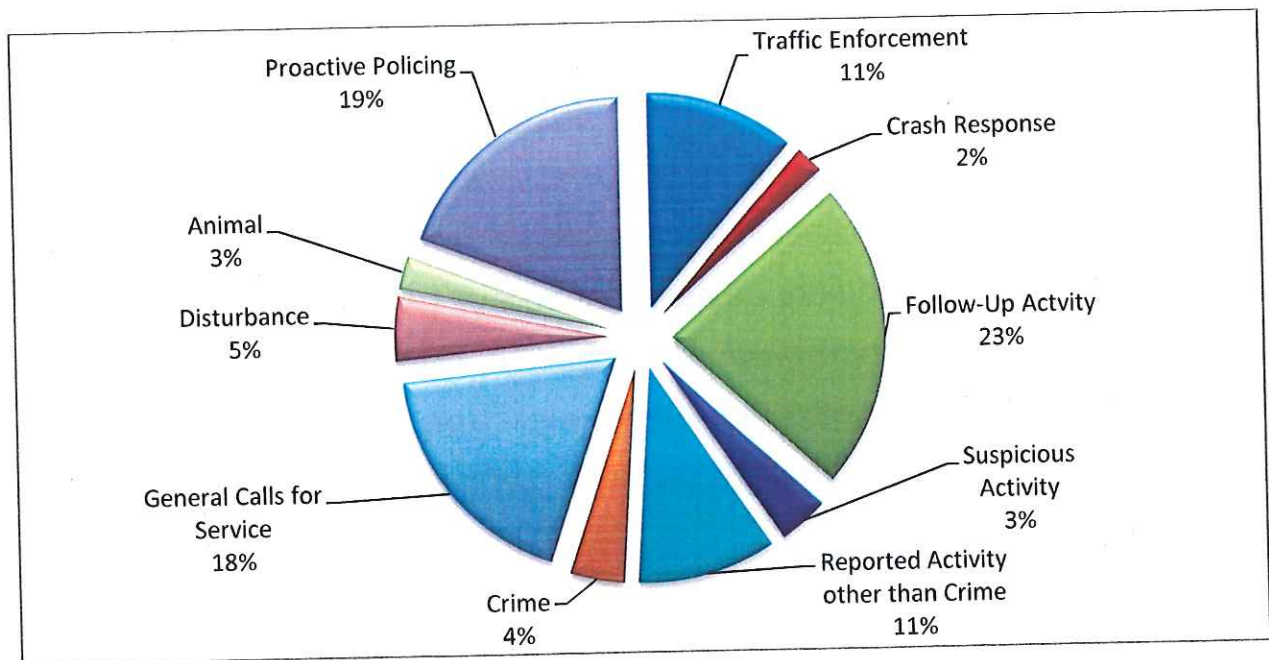


FIVE YEAR TRAFFIC CRASH TREND



For the past several years, the Sparta Police Department has participated in various grant-funded traffic enforcement programs, such as "Click It or Ticket" and "Belts and Booze", designed to reduce the number of traffic crashes and injuries associated with those crashes. As the graph depicts, traffic crashes have declined in the past five years and the number of alcohol-related crashes has also been reduced. Traffic enforcement and community awareness both play important roles in reducing traffic crashes and maintaining safe highways for Sparta residents.

ALLOCATION OF POLICE SERVICES



This graph depicts a percentage of Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) calls grouped into similar activities. The graph isn't intended to present a true representation of actual time allocated to a grouped activity, but provides a visual reference for comparing police services, either requested or self-initiated.



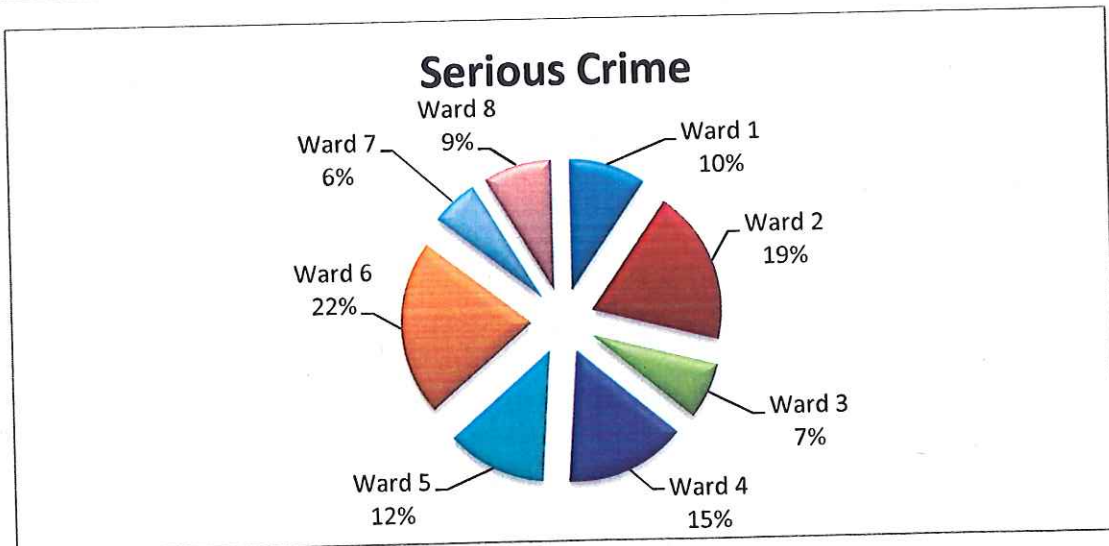
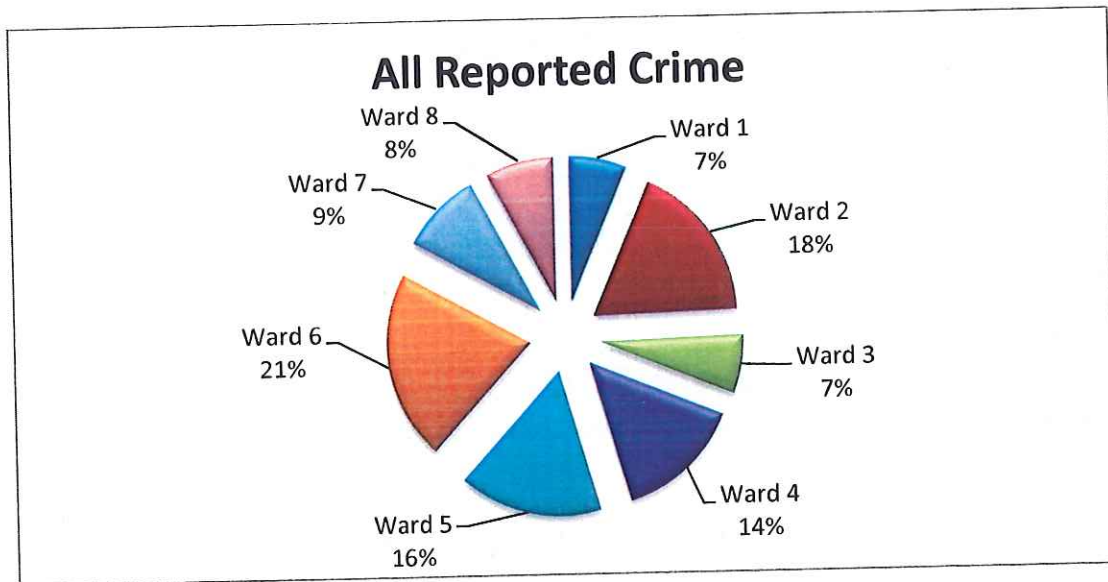
NATIONAL POLICE CORPS OF SPAIN

Until 1986, Spain's police force was divided into two entirely separate entities; the uniformed services (similar to our police departments) and plainclothes services (comparable to FBI, CIA, etc). As a combined force under one command, police handle immigration, security, gaming, drug enforcement, control of private security companies, along with general law enforcement.

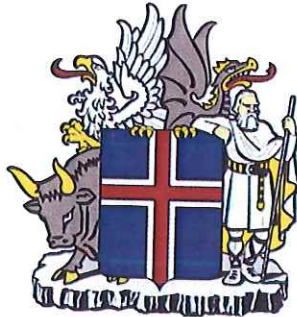
Much like our application process, applicants complete a written test, physical test, medical exam, interview, etc. They also received training at the police academy which is six months long. Candidates live in barracks and attend classes and specialized training course.

REPORTED CRIME

By Aldermanic District



The Sparta Police Department contributes crime information to the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance and then onto the FBI via Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). Developed in the 1950's, UCR was the first national means of tracking crime nationwide. In 2012, UCR crime only accounted for approximately 4% of our overall calls for service. Serious crime remains very low and for the purpose of the above graphs is narrowly defined as; homicide, robbery, assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, sex assault, and theft.



NATIONAL POLICE OF ICELAND

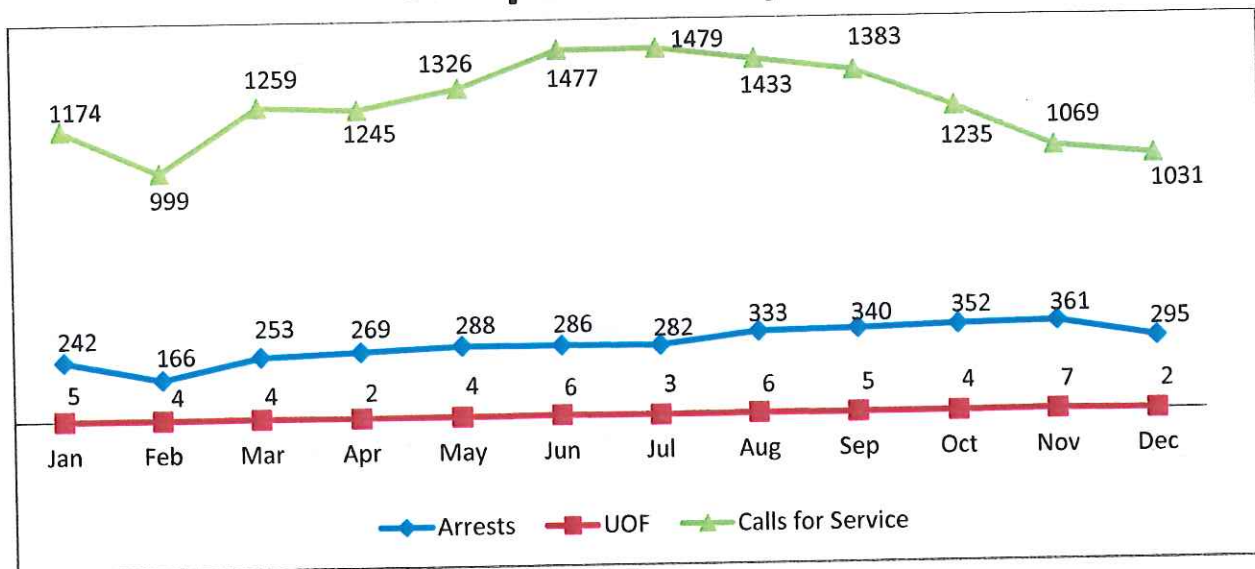
The National Police of Iceland can trace its history back to 1778, about the time industry was starting to appear. Prior to this, royal proxies provided enforcement. The first police were considered night watchmen (Morningstar) who guarded prisoners. In 1803 the first "policeman" was hired.

Unlike most police forces, Icelandic police carry only batons and OC spray; with firearms being issued only in major emergencies. It is common for competition shooting events to maintain proficiency.

The National Police Commissioner owns all vehicles and rents them to the local agencies (Subaru, Chevrolet and Ford vehicles are part of their fleet).

USE OF FORCE (UOF)

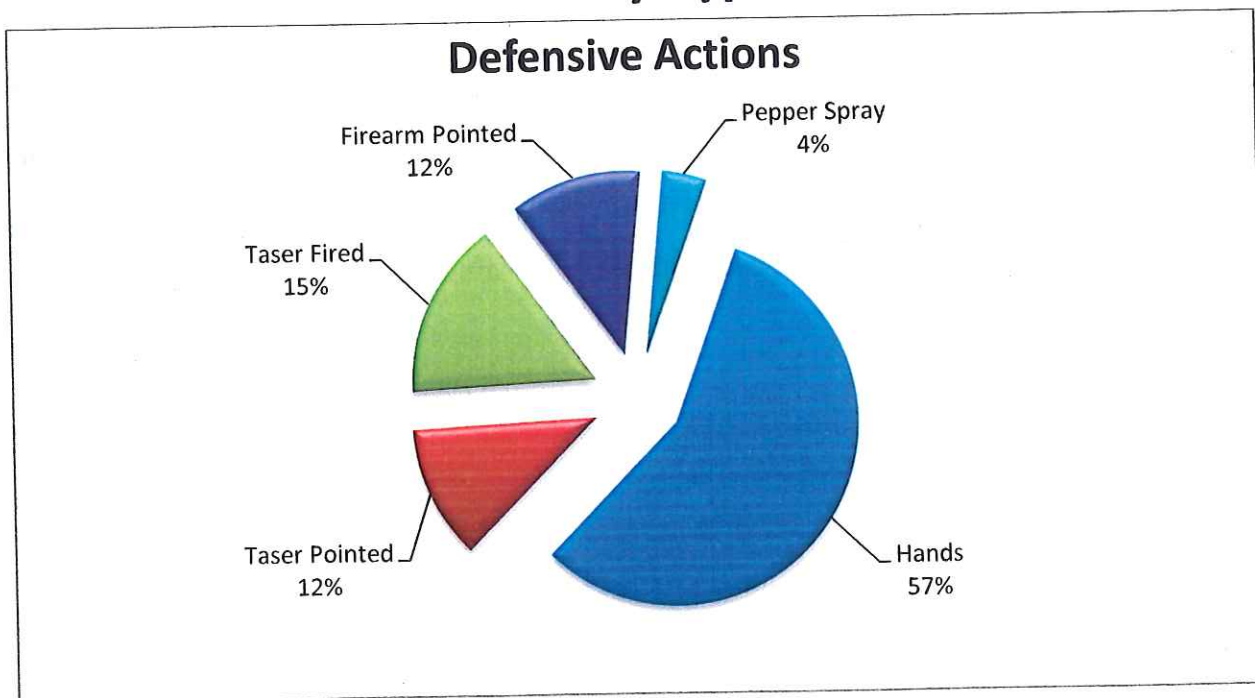
Comparison Report



Average Number of Arrests Requiring Force = 2.1 %

UOF by Type

Defensive Actions





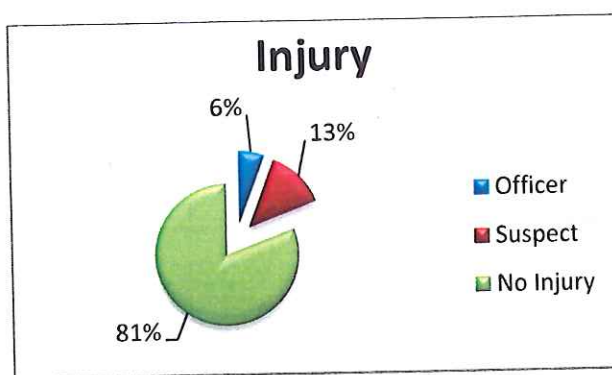
MONACO POLICE FORCE

Civilian law enforcement is provided by a National Police Force consisting of 515 officers. Although this may seem an insignificant number for a country; it is the largest force per-capita and per-area in the world, with approximately one officer for every 68 people. Monaco boasts one of the lowest crime rates, very few property crimes; fewer violent crimes (report one murder in a five year span).

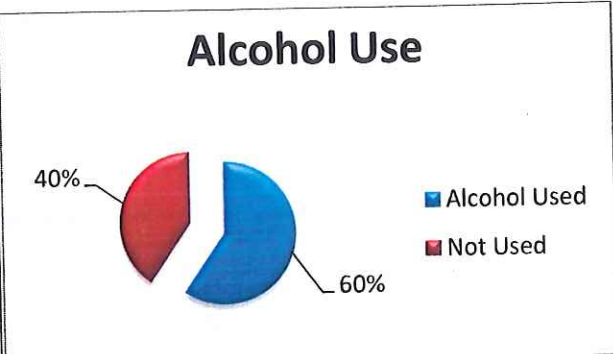
What Monaco does have is a large influx of high-profile visitors that require extensive security; along with a constant flow of visitors to the country. Monaco also has a Maritime and Airport Police division which handles air and sea passengers, along with water border control.

UOF Statistics

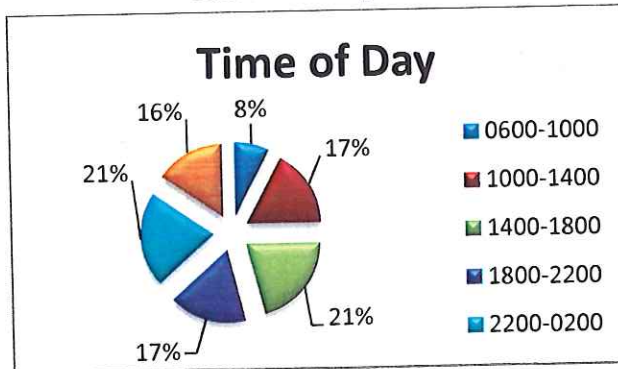
2012 Suspect/Officer Injury Ratio



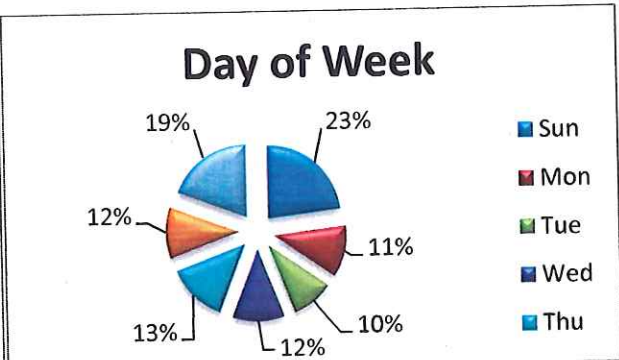
2012 Alcohol Usage Factor



2012 Defensive Action by
Time of Day



2012 Defensive Action by Day of Week





SAMOA POLICE SERVICES

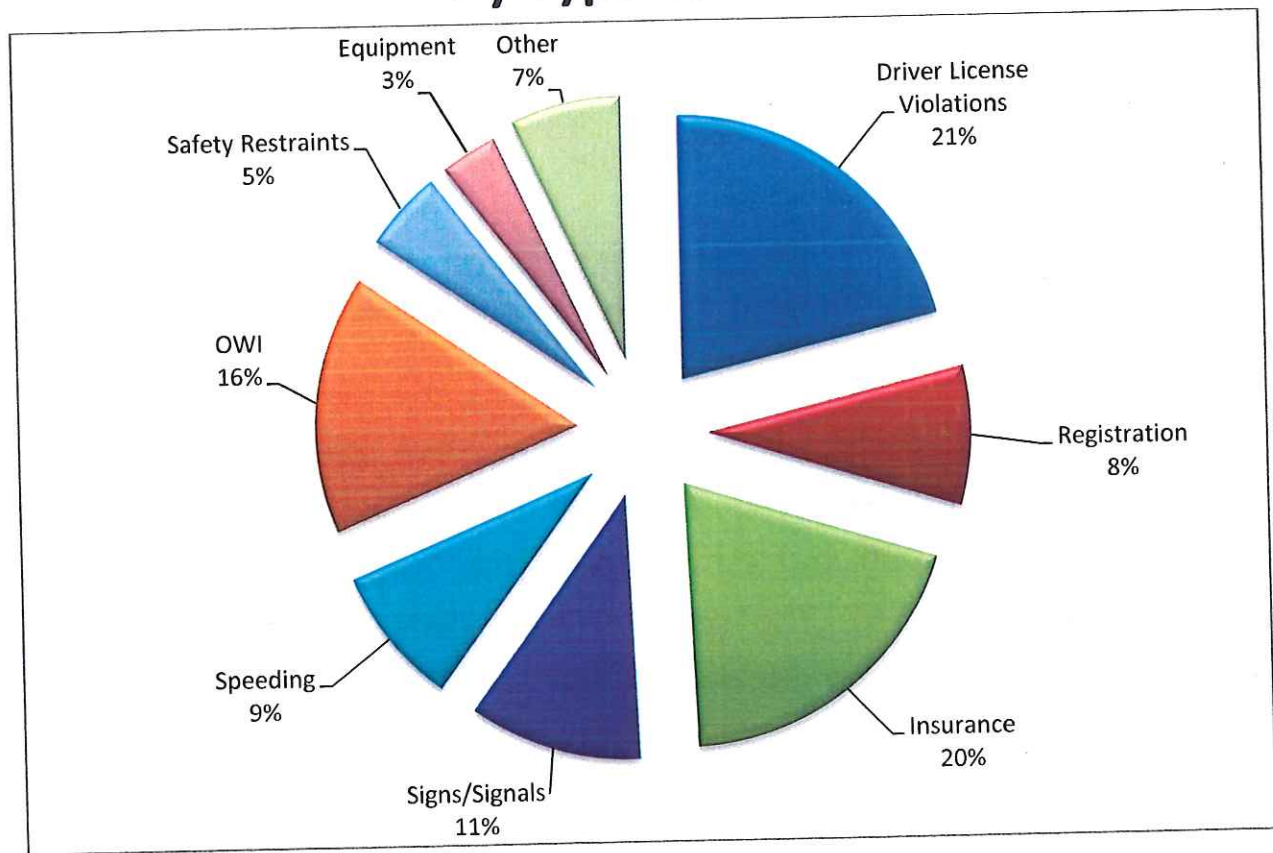
With the protection of major interests from neighboring countries Australia and New Zealand, Samoa has no military and a very small police force (500 officers at last count) due to low crime.

But this peaceful country is seeing an influx in drug trafficking; mostly marijuana. Along with the drugs, comes the guns and violence so in 2009, Samoa and Australia joined into an agreement for a joint force called The Samoa Australia Police Partnership. It is hoped this partnership will curtail international abuse of the islands.

Of special note is that Samoa Police Services maintains a brass band that marches each weekday to the government building and raises the Samoa flag.

TRAFFIC CITATION PERCENTAGE

By Type of Offense





Dubai Police Force

Fifteen thousand strong – the Dubai Police Force falls under the direct supervision of the “Ruler”. A Dubai Police Department was not established until 1956, but strives to be the “most progressive of all Arabic police forces”. The male officers carry batons and female officers carry semi-automatic handguns.

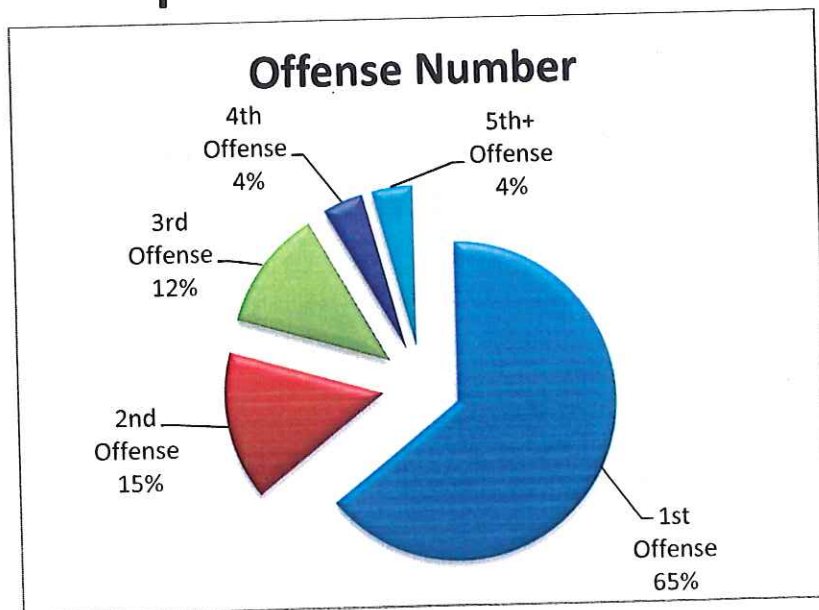
The Dubai Police Academy was founded in 1987 and is a separate entity from the police department. A degree from the academy is considered equal to a university degree. Maintaining international standards, the academy accepts foreign students who have access to the latest technology in police sciences.

OWI Statistics

BAC/PAC Results

Month	Average Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense	5th+ Offense
January	0.146	3	0	0	0	1
February	0.156	4	0	0	0	0
March	0.144	3	1	1	0	0
April	0.116	4	0	1	0	0
May	0.185	3	1	0	1	0
June	0.165	4	3	1	0	0
July	0.115	4	3	1	0	0
August	0.158	4	2	0	0	1
September	0.176	3	1	3	1	1
October	0.185	7	0	0	1	0
November	0.145	7	0	1	0	0
December	0.141	1	0	1	0	0
Average	0.153	47	11	9	3	3

Repeat Violation Offenses





ISRAEL POLICE

One police "department" services Israel with a force of 35,000 and access to 70,000 Civil Guard volunteers. Due to the continuous unrest in the area, the civilian police force has a strong counter-terrorism unit and border patrol division. Civilian police carry their weapons both on and off duty. The Yamam (acronym for Special Police Unit) is the police elite counter terror hostage rescue unit. It is known as one of the most experienced and specialized in the world. The unit has taken part in hundreds of operations in and outside the borders of Israel

Israel also has a Military Police Force; a unit that moves from peacetime to wartime duties, the Military Police Corps is designed to enforce the principals of "A Choice in Life", which means no traffic accidents, narcotics or alcohol use, suicide or weapons misuse.

GRANT FUNDING

The Sparta Police Department received a \$1,110.00 grant from the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition for Alcohol Compliance Checks in Sparta businesses. There were two police officers and two volunteers that conducted the alcohol compliance checks on 27 businesses during 2012. There were seven non-compliance incidents, out of the 27 compliance checks. There were 15 Municipal citations issued to the following businesses:

1. Harris Crossing
2. VFW
3. Amber Inn
4. Country Inn
5. King Buffet
6. Pizza Hut
7. Colonial Bowling Alley

The bartender and bar owner were each issued citations.





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On the Beat

Spring Comes Early!

121 E. Oak ST/Sparta, WI 54656/269-3122

April 2012

From the Chief

www.spartapd.com

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a training seminar titled, "Leading by Legacy" that was hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). One of the cornerstones of the program was identifying three "core values" that the class stood for and wouldn't compromise, under any circumstances.

Our class chose integrity, professionalism, and compassion. All of us have values and standards, but how many of us have actually taken the time to write them down? Putting them on paper seems to give them life and a true meaning. In the next few months the employees of the Sparta Police Department will be identifying the agency's "core values"; stay tuned to see how we define ourselves.

Chief Mike Kass

Law Enforcement - Comrades Across the Ocean

Police Chaplain Randy Larson presents Chief Kass with a police shield plaque from the government of Nairobi, Kenya he received while on a mission there. Swapping patches is a long time tradition, but receiving the plaque from a foreign country is a real honor.



School Visits or Group Tours - Schedule One!

The men and women of the Sparta Police Department are thrilled to work with the children of our community. Pictured are Sgt. Pipkin and Officer Seubert letting kids look through our squad cars after a "stop bullying" talk. We also conduct tours of the police department and it's equipment, always a great hit with the kids. We do fingerprinting for groups and provide parents with a vital information card to keep. If you're interested, please give us a call and we will set something up.



Pedestrian Safety Starts with YOU!

Crossing today's busy streets can be a trying and sometimes dangerous endeavor. The State's traffic laws are in place to govern this activity, but really it's a matter of mutual respect between motorists and pedestrians that assures safe passage across our busy roadways. Here are some key points:



- Whenever possible cross at a corner with a marked crosswalk.
- Before crossing the street look both ways and attempt to make eye contact with any motorist.
- Always walk never run across a roadway.
- Obey the crosswalk sign at traffic signals.
- Wear clothing that's bright and reflective when walking at night.
- Motorists must yield to a pedestrian that's in a marked crosswalk, but be wary and mindful that a motorist may not always see you nor be able to stop in time.

Bike Registration—A Free Service

Increase the chances of recovering a lost or stolen bike; registration is quick, easy, and free. Forms are available at the PD.



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Comments or Questions:
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Saturday, April 28, 2012

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Sparta Police Department

Got Drugs?



As part of the National Take-Back Initiative, the department will be accepting any unused or expired prescription medication you have. This is the opportunity to dispose of pharmaceuticals responsibly; keeping them out of landfills and away from potential abusers.



With spring comes the threat of severe weather, floods, or other disasters. The time to prepare is now before disaster strikes. Ready Wisconsin is there to assist you in developing the four key components to disaster preparation. Visit their website for more information:

www.readywisconsin.wi.gov

An Early Season for Mopeds

Again this spring, we have the threat of record gas prices, mopeds are an economical solution, but you need to know the rules:



- Must have a valid driver's license to operate a moped on a roadway
- You must obey all traffic laws!
- Passengers are not allowed
- Mopeds must be titled and registered with the DMV
- You're not required to wear a helmet, but it is highly recommended

REMEMBER! As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission.

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!





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Think Summer Safety!

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July 2012

From the Chief

www.spartapd.com

Avid readers of this newsletter have more than likely seen the changes to the exterior of the police department building. A long overdue facelift that we hope makes the building more attractive and inviting to the public. A special thanks to Reinhart Mueller for his design and hard work & our own Micky Brown for her designs and flowers!

Another change is in the works for the Department's electronic media footprint. We're currently redesigning our website to make it more user friendly and are adding some new features we hope you'll use and enjoy. One big addition will be a news feed featuring stories that don't always make into the local media outlets. We're also adding an online reporting option for reporting some crimes and ordinance violations. Look for the website to come online sometime in July. If there are other features you'd like to see let us know.

Chief Mike Kass



Almost Done!

We've come a long way on our "facelift". A direct phone line and payment box are next. Thanks to everyone who helped.

The Sparta Historic Preservation Commission would like to recognize you for the great job you have done in preserving and improving the residential appeal of the City of Sparta. The recent improvements to your house have been done with care and class and reflect very positively on the City of Sparta.

*Sandie Perry
Kerry Goodman
Amy Schmitz*

*Ken Rieky
John W. Winters
Pat Eggers
Deb Moore*

2012 Butterfest Parade Certificate of Appreciation



Another Successful Butterfest

From our eyes, the 2012 Butterfest celebration was a success! The parade route was lined with families and the children looked to be getting plenty of candy. While the weather was hot, participants took necessary precautions and no heat-related injuries occurred. Thanks to all those motorists who traveled near the Fest grounds and yielded to the many pedestrians. You made Butterfest safe and accident free.

Comments? Send an email to:
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DEPARTMENT ANNIVERSARIES:

Lt. Kuderer - 30 years;
Officer Kuen - 5 years

Elderly and Summer Heat

Seniors are especially at risk in high heat situations. If you have an elderly relative or neighbor, please check on them regularly. Here are nine simple tips to help keep them safe:

1. Drink plenty of liquids - 8 or more glasses per day
2. Avoid caffeinated or alcoholic beverages - dehydration is accelerated
3. Dress appropriately - loose fitting and light colored
4. Wear sunscreen - if outdoors, wear a hat, sunglasses and 30 SPF sunscreen
5. Stay indoors during extreme heat
6. Keep air flowing - if they don't have an air conditioner and can't relocate to another residence, open the windows on opposite sides of the house with fans in them
7. If they need to go somewhere and don't have a car, DON'T LET THEM WALK; call a friend, relative, or taxi
8. If they can't relocate in extreme heat and don't have air conditioning, have them take a cool bath or shower to help keep the body temperature cool
9. Know the signs of heat stroke - Especially important for caregivers as the elderly may not recognize them in time. Flushed face, high body temp, headache, nausea, rapid pulse, dizziness and confusion. Take immediate action if these symptoms are present

BEST OPTION IS TO FIND AIR CONDITIONING



Street Storage of Recreational Vehicles No Longer Allowed!

Last year the City Council altered the City ordinance that allowed recreational vehicle parking on City streets. It is now illegal to store a recreational vehicle on any City street. Recreational vehicles must be maintained on private property. Temporarily parking a recreational vehicle on the street is allowed for short periods of time, not to exceed 48 hours, after that it must be off the City streets.

This is a great time of year to get out and participate in one of many recreational opportunities available throughout the Sparta area. If you like to golf, ride a bike, canoe, or hike, the Coulee region has it all and you'll enjoy some of most breathtaking scenery Wisconsin has to offer!

Be Active - Be Healthy







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Check Your Furnace

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October 2012

From the Lieutenant

www.spartapd.com

Our new website, www.spartapd.com, is now up and fully functioning. You may now pay a parking ticket, request services (security checks, presentations, tours), report a simple property crime, report an ordinance violation, request an open record, and more; all from the comfort of your computer chair. One of our greatest goals for the site was to keep you informed of what is happening in our community. News releases are sent to the media and updated as soon as possible to our site. We also have a News Feed blog that is routinely updated with stories that may not be media worthy, but we feel you would be interested in.

Also, follow us on Facebook where we announce community involvement initiatives, upcoming events, and other items of interest to Sparta residents.

If you have any suggestions for either our website or Facebook let us know; we always welcome to your input.

Lt. Dave Livingston

Rolling Hills Scarecrow Contest - We Won!



Our Administrative Assistants, Heather & Micky, entered their "cop and kid" scarecrow into the Rolling Hills contest. We are very pleased to announce we won. It will be on display in front of the PD soon.

www.SpartaPD.com



Halloween Safety

Halloween is a favorite time for children, but it is up to parents and adults to make it safe. Trick or Treat is on **Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00—7:00 p.m.** Here are some basic tips for keeping our kids safe:

- Always have an adult accompany the younger kids
- Stick to the set hours of Trick or Treating
- Plan a route so someone else knows where you're going
- Stay in populated areas and stay in a **group** of friends
- Don't eat candy or treats until inspected by an adult
- Don't go in a home, get in a car, or walk away with a stranger
- Have a flashlight, glow stick, or reflective costume on



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School In Session

Kids are back in school and we want to remind drivers to be vigilant of school buses, school zones, and kids crossing streets. It is our responsibility to keep the kids safe.

Department Anniversaries:
5 Years: Det. Mark Meyers

Comments or Questions:
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Football & Holidays - Don't Let Fun Turn Into Tragedy - Help Prevent OWIs

This is the time of year where football and holiday parties provide the opportunity for individuals to over indulge in alcohol consumption. Be aware of yourself and those around you.

If you're hosting a party, avoid drinking games, have plenty of food, have designated drivers, have a large variety of non-alcoholic beverages, stop serving alcohol 90 minutes before you anticipate the party to be finished, visit each of your guests before they leave; if you suspect they have had too much to drive, find alternate transportation or let them sleep on your couch.

Be a good host and provide a good time, but also a safe one for you guests, yourself and the public.

Visit madd.org for more information.  **madd**

Alternate Side Parking Starts November 1st

It's almost that time of year again, winter is coming and alternate side parking starts. We wanted to remind you of the rules.

Alternate side parking is in effect every day from 2:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m.

- On even dates, park on the even side of the street.
- On odd dates, park on the odd side of the street.
- The odd or even side of the street is determined by house numbers.
- Cul-de-sac parking is not allowed during this time period.

You may also pay a parking ticket on-line through our website. Go to Pay a Parking Ticket on the home page and fill in the required fields: ticket number, license plate number, and make/model of vehicle. You do not need a PayPal account to use this feature; just follow the instructions. If you have any questions or problems let us know.

Keep Your House & Car Doors Locked Don't make it easy for someone to steal from you. Keep your house and car doors locked.

City of Sparta Curfew Laws Less than 17 YOA: 11:00 p.m.—5:00 a.m. Weekdays/12:00 a.m.—5:00 a.m. Weekends

