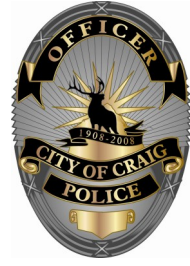


Craig Police Department

2011 Annual Report



Walter K. Vanatta
Chief of Police

Craig Police Department

Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

Renewed: June 15, 2011

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 laws of my constitution, my community and the agency I serve.

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Philosophy

Community Policing

Community Policing is an organizational philosophy that promotes community, government and police partnerships, proactive problem-solving and community engagement to address the causes of crime, fear of crime and other quality of life issues.

Continuous Positive Improvement

We are committed to continually making positive efforts to improve service delivery on an ongoing basis, resulting in a safer community, and providing a fulfilling work environment for our employees.

Mission

Provide high quality police service that will create a sense of safety and security to improve the quality of life.

Values

Respect ≈ *We will respect Our Self—Our Coworkers—Our Community*

Integrity ≈ *We hold ourselves accountable for our actions.*

Service ≈ *Through community input, provide quality service in a courteous, efficient manner.*

Equality ≈ *We treat everyone in an impartial, considerate and compassionate manner.*

Message from Chief Vanatta:

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future” — John F. Kennedy

John F. Kennedy’s words are a reflection of 2011 for the Craig Police Department. Part of our operational philosophy is remaining committed to *continuous positive improvement*. During the year we embarked on several projects aimed at improving our services in the future, being more transparent in our actions, as well as reinforcing those core values needed to maintain the community trust. Our members continually maintain a positive attitude and stay dedicated to professionalism and focused on community service.

Our staff responded to approximately 16,633 calls for service (a 4% increase from 2010) including 11,511 criminal calls, which was an 8% increase over 2010. The adult arrest rate had a corresponding 23% increase from the previous year, as well as a 43% increase in juvenile arrests.

For the thirteen plus years that I have had the honor of being Police Chief, the Craig City Council and City Manager have always been very supportive of the police department’s mission to provide high quality police service. On behalf of the fine men and women of the Craig Police Department, we are continually grateful to our elected officials, appointed leaders, and the citizens of our community who have supported and partnered with us to help in our efforts to do a better job of taking care of those who live, work and play here.

I am extremely proud of the dedication, commitment and compassion of all our team members; they are the reason for our success. As the *Law Enforcement Oath of Honor* on the cover illustrates, we are committed to integrity and holding ourselves accountable. The *Oath* was renewed on June 15th, signed by all employees, framed and mounted on the patrol room wall as a constant reminder. The department has subscribed to the *Oath* since 2002. We all take this oath seriously, and I believe the men and women of this department exemplify that spirit. No one is perfect, and we will have employees that make conscious decisions to stray from our values. If that occurs, we will hold them accountable.

In a 2011 article Stephen M.R. Covey said, *“While there may be a few bad apples within the ranks, the overwhelming perception of the U.S. police is one of trust. And what a difference trust makes in how we view the world and what we can accomplish. Because of that critical difference, the first job of policing is to inspire trust.”*

Policing is a duty that carries honor, responsibility and visibility. It requires maintaining one’s character in good times and bad. As President Lyndon B. Johnson said *“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or to lose.”*

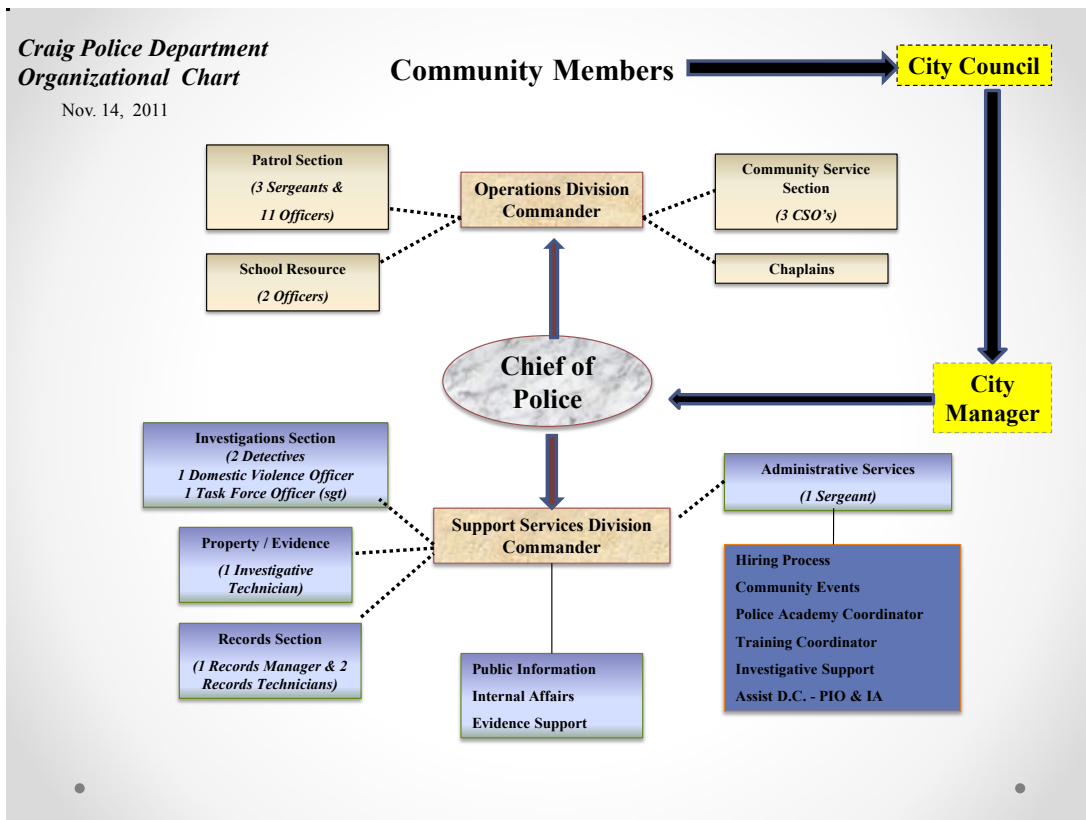
It is with distinct pleasure and considerable pride in the members of the Craig Police Department that I present this report on their 2011 activities and accomplishments.

Respectfully,



Walter K. Vanatta
Chief of Police

Organizational Structure



Strategic Planning

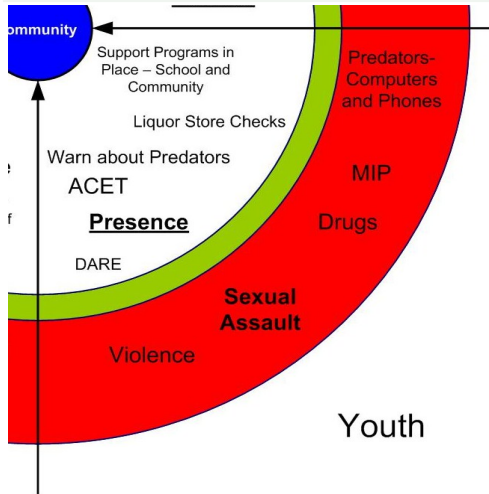


The Department's Strategic Plan is community driven to enhance Craig's quality of life. This strategic guidance is an essential part of our mission. The plan has four priority areas. They are:

- *Crime
- *Safety and Health
- *Youth
- *Community Outreach

Work within these priority areas are divided into Response, Technology, Prevention and Community which are interdependent on each other for success.

Youth Related Activities



School Resource Officers and D.A.R.E. instructors Norm Rimmer (left) and Tony Gianinetti (far right) with one of this year's 5th grade D.A.R.E. classes at East Elementary.

These officers also taught a self-defense class to high school aged girls that was very well received and was recognized by the Moffat County Victim Advocates group.



Youth Safety:

- ◆ School Resource Officers, in partnership with Grand Futures, implemented a “texting” crime reporting system in the schools. Along with Safe-to-Tell students have multiple options for reporting suspicious or criminal activity.

Other Youth Focused Activities:

- ◆ Investigators Jen Kenney and Carolyn Miller gave high school age youth presentations on sexual assault awareness and prevention.
- ◆ Partnering with State agencies, both tobacco and alcohol compliance checks were conducted.
- ◆ Several officers participated in a community Sexually Violent Predator Notification Meeting conducted by the Moffat County Sheriff's Department.
- ◆ Child Protection Team Membership
- ◆ Fish With A Cop



Explorer Scouts on field trip to CNCC in Rangely.

Youth Related Activities Explorer POST 2196



Explorer Scouts Austin Luker and Madison Forgay staff a police department information booth at the High School Career Day.

Moffat County Law Enforcement Agencies (MCLEA) Post 2196 is chartered by the Western Colorado Council/Three Rivers District of Learning For Life. Goals of Exploring include education, recreation and teaching life and leadership skills to young people 14 to 20 years of age interested in learning about law enforcement. A benefit of the program is allowing qualified Explorers to ride on patrol with Police, Sheriff, CSP, and Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officers. Detective Dale Secules continues to be a motivating force for the group, working with officers from the other agencies to improve the program.

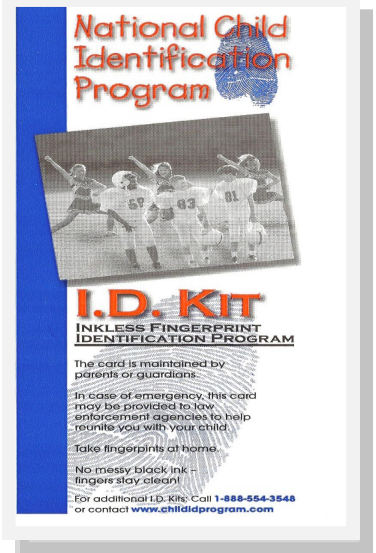
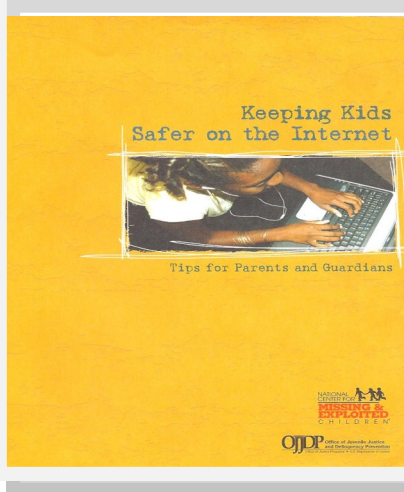
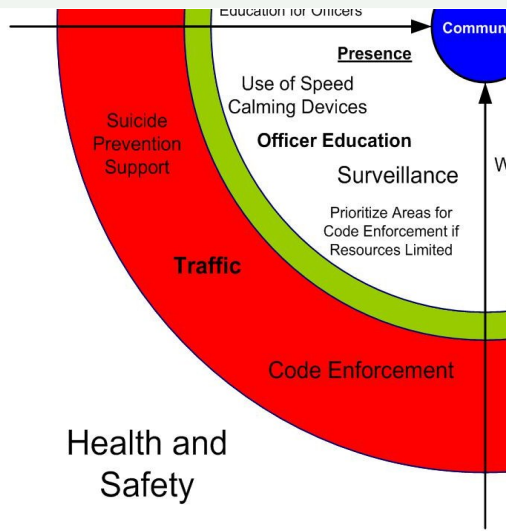
MCLEA Explorer Post 2196 saw moderate growth in the number of Explorers participating this year. 2011 ended with 15 young people participating in the program. MCLEA Post 2196 is unique to Exploring in that one Post benefits in experiencing the variety of missions of the three different law enforcement agencies. The Explorers were led by a youth Sergeant, a youth Corporal, and guided and overseen by law enforcement officers and adult volunteers. 2011 activities included:

- ⇒ Explorers received instruction from department staff and community volunteers including CPR, Crash Investigation, Close Order Drill, Crime Scene Investigation, Judicial Procedure, Ethics, Youth Protection Issues, Defensive Tactics, and Firearms basic training.
- ⇒ A grant from the MCHS Key Club/Youth United Way was applied for resulting in \$1,184 being awarded for Explorer uniforms. The uniforms help provide a professional appearance to the group as well as increasing our community's awareness of the Explorers.
- ⇒ Field trips were taken to the CNCC Rangeley Campus' Shooting Scenario Simulator and to Bears Ears Range for introduction to shooting with live ammunition.
- ⇒ MCLEA Post 2196 participated in two community events; the first was setting up and presenting a booth at the MCHS Career Day introducing students to the Explorer program. The second was designing and constructing a float representing Law Enforcement Exploring and displayed in the MCHS Homecoming Parade. The float utilized a Colorado State Parks patrol/rescue boat and was decorated by Explorers and adult leaders and volunteers.
- ⇒ Recreation activities included bowling, movie night, potluck dinners, and attending the Craig Police Department picnic. Planning for future Post activities took place and the group is looking forward to organizing a fundraiser, community service project(s), and field trips to Colorado Bureau of Investigations in Grand Junction and Search/Rescue class with river float.

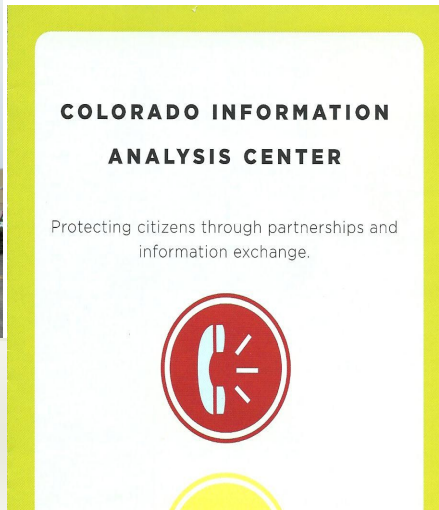


Explorers working on the Homecoming Float.

Health and Safety



National Drug Take Back Day—Partnering with the Colorado State Patrol to remove old drugs from the community. Over 30 pounds of drugs were gathered.



We continue to provide safety information on several topics, including participation in groups like Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide. We also have trained Terrorism Liaison Officers the work with the Colorado Information Analysis Center.



The department continues to work with Colorado Department of Transportation on traffic issues within Craig, on the State highways, as well as utilizing stationary and mobile traffic calming radar devices such as the one shown above.

Health and Safety

Code Enforcement Officers (CSO) continue to aggressively work violations. Weeds saw an 81% increase from 2010, which may in part have been due to the amount of moisture we had. However, junk/trash also increased 54%. As the numbers reflect, CSOs Connie Davis, Jill Nelson and Josh Wright have been very busy. I applaud their efforts to make our community cleaner and healthier.

During the year they issued 33 Administrative Citations for code violations, 47 parking warnings and 28 parking citations.



Complaints Code Enforcement Officers Responded to in 2011

Animal Complaints	1,649
Community Service Complaints (trash, weeds, etc.)	868
VIN Inspections	281
TOTAL	2,798

Code Enforcement Activity 2007—2011

Activity	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Change 2010- 2011
Abandoned Vehicles	198	97	340	230	182	-21%
Junk	73	24	225	215	331	54%
Misc Code Violations	41	55	126	94	32	-66%
Weeds	151	88	374	225	408	81%

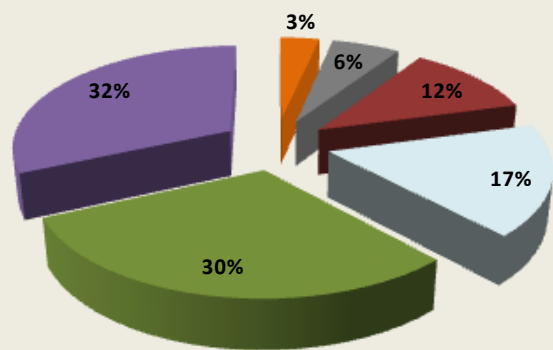
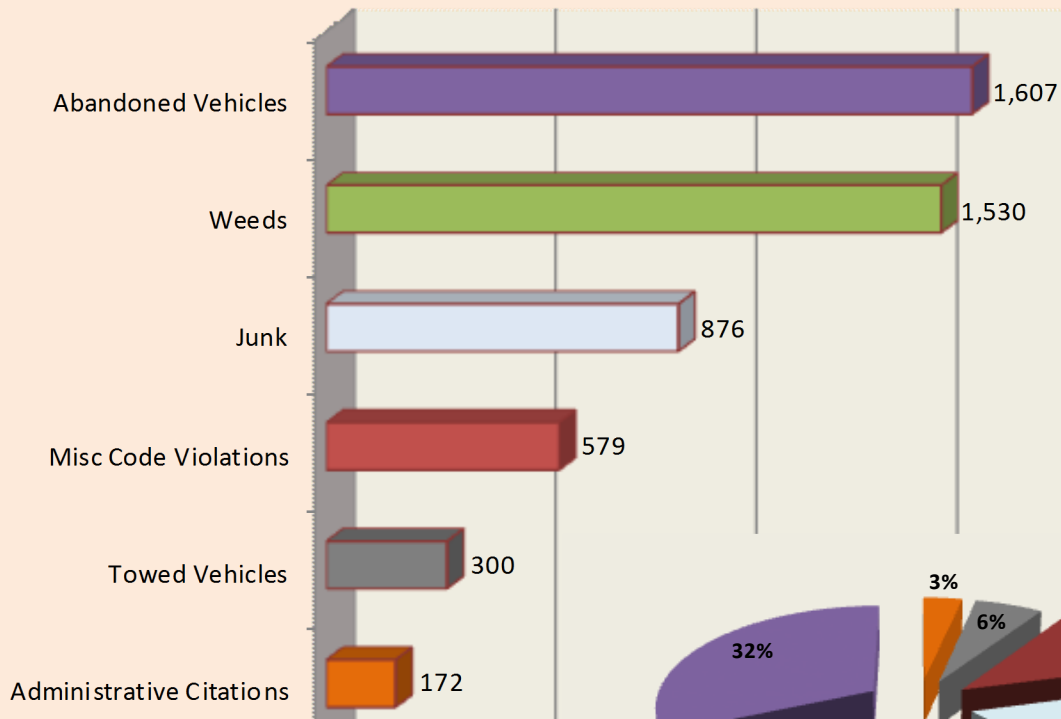


Toadflax

Over the last three years abandoned vehicles have steadily decreased. In part this is due to partnerships the CSOs have made with apartment complexes (which also reduced the number we have to tow) as well as people not adding more of them to properties. Part of the increase in Junk, and decrease in Misc. Code Violations relates to a small change in classification of items and CSOs being more aggressive with enforcement. As mentioned earlier, weeds were abundant in 2011 due to the amount of moisture we had, but CSOs have also become better educated at recognizing noxious weeds such as Thistle and the always pretty Toadflax.



Total Code Enforcement Activity 2003—2011

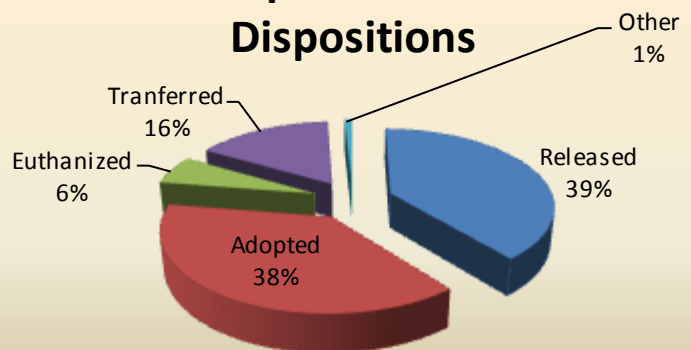


Since 2003 Code Enforcement Officers have handled 4,892 incidents. As the graphs reflect, the majority of those calls (62%) were abandoned vehicles and weeds.

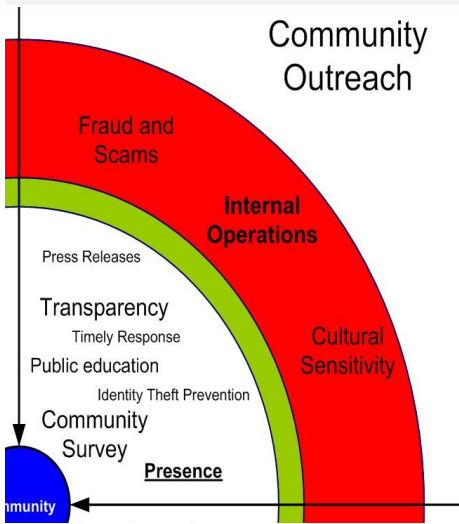
During 2011, a total of 1,967 animal complaints were handled. Of those 1,649 (83%) were CSO calls. This resulted in 513 animals being impounded. The graph below reflects the disposition of those impounds. Seventy-four (74) summons were issued and 29 vicious dog calls were responded to. Of those 29, 11 (38%) resulted in injuries to people. Interestingly, animal calls have declined every year since 2008. Over that time these complaints have declined by 21% (528 calls). This could be a reflection that the educational efforts of CSOs and officers about pet care and ownership responsibility are making some ground. Combined with that, the efforts of the local Humane Society are having a positive effect.



2011 Impounded Animal Dispositions

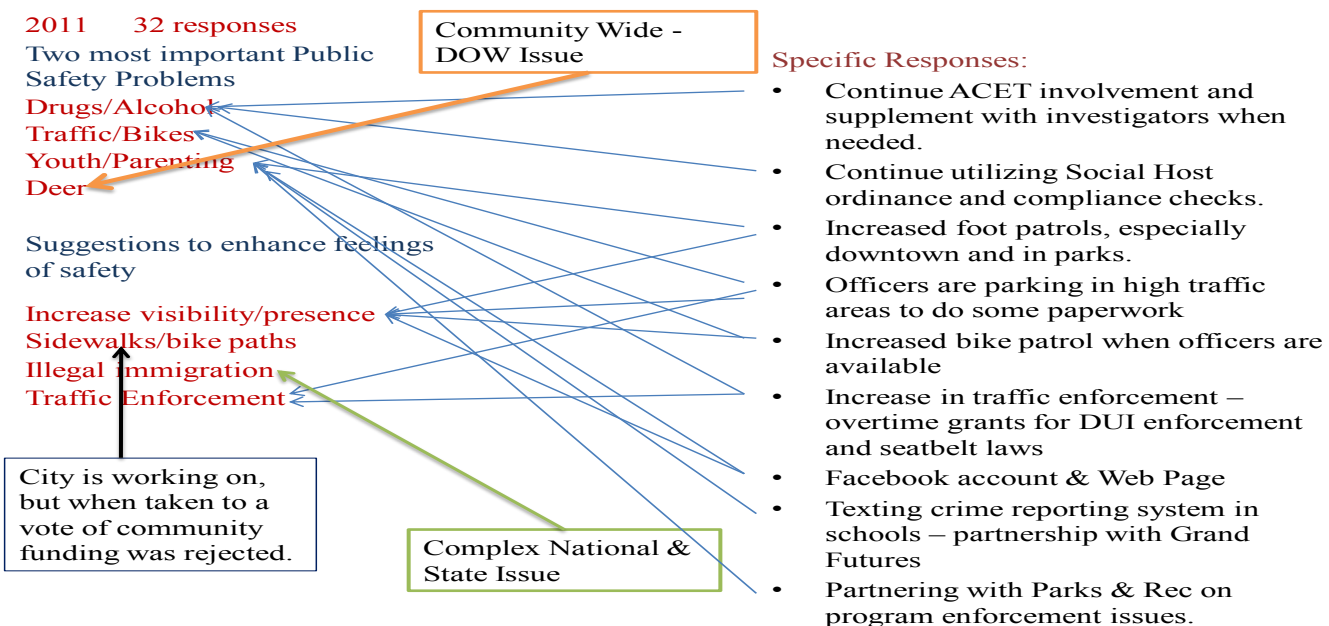


Community Outreach

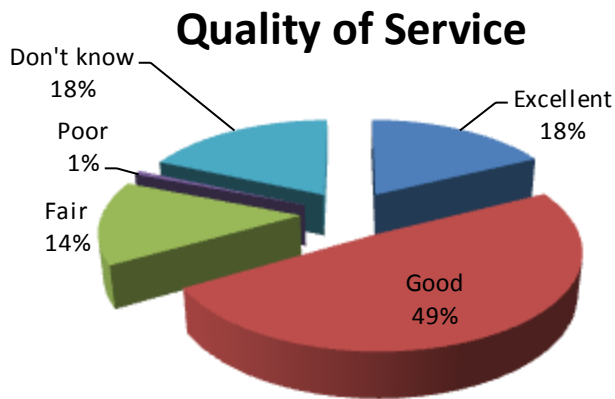


My Neighborhood Update continues to provide the community with current crime information. The link to this data is on our web page at Craigpolice.org. During 2011 the site was visited 817 times, and over the last three years has an average monthly viewing of 173. This is just one example of the department's efforts to remain transparent and provide the community information. The department also created a Facebook page that Officer Travis Adams administers.

In 2011 we completed our third Community Survey. The Survey was divided into several categories, including: Demographic, Level & Quality of Service, Experiences with CPD, Public Safety Service, Relationships, Involvement, and two open ended questions related to the "two most important public safety problems facing Craig" and enhancing community safety. The 24% response was discouraging, but the feedback received was valuable. Based on the responses, some specific plans were developed. Those responses and actions are depicted below.



Community Outreach



- ◆ Quality of Service overall was viewed as good to excellent (combined 67%).
- ◆ For the last 2 surveys, over the last 5 years Drugs and Alcohol, followed by Traffic have been listed as the top Public Safety Problems in the community.
- ◆ By far, the number one suggestion for enhancing the feeling of safety was to Increase Visibility and Presence.

The department has ongoing education programs for Identity Theft and Fraud Protection, Bank Robbery Prevention, Self Defense and Sexual Assault Prevention. Our Partnerships for investigating Sexual Assaults has become a model for other agencies in the State.

Employee Recognition



Above: Corporal Alvin Luker, Chief Firearms Instructor, presents Officer John Meyers with the 2010 Firearms Achievement Award. This award is given in recognition of an officer's commitment to attending training sessions and improvement in shooting skills.

Right: Corporal Alvin Luker is presented with the 2011 Employee of the Year Award by Chief Vanatta.



Employee Recognition



Right: Officer Fritz also received an award from George Rohrich, TMH-CEO for delivering a baby while on patrol. Out of 4.2 million babies born in 2011, only 6,600 were delivered by a police officer.



Above: Chief Vanatta presents Officer Ryan Fritz with the Department's Life Saving Award for his quick action that was credited with saving the life of an inmate in the Moffat County Detention Facility.



Above: SRO Norm Rimmer is presented the 2011 Firearms Achievement Award by Officer Lance Eldridge, a firearms instructor. Rimmer also received an award for passing the department fitness test with the fastest time.

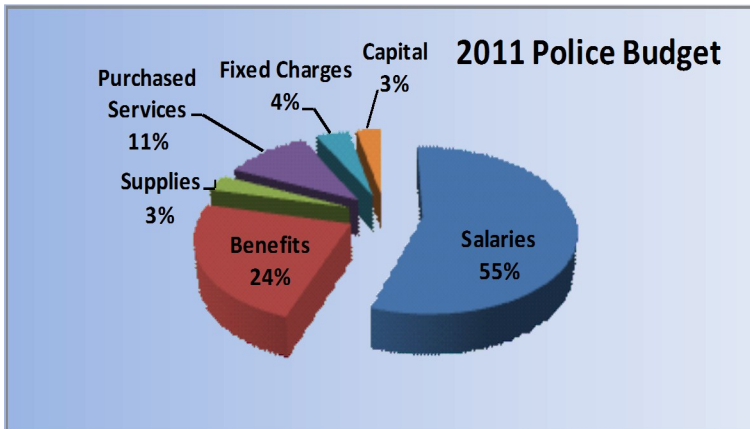


Below: Sergeant Tony Fandel and Detective Dale Secules were recognized as co-employees of the year for 2010. They are both dedicated employees who model the department's values.

Pictured L-R: Corporal Bryan Gonzales, Officer John Meyers, Chief Vanatta, Officer Lance Eldridge and Sergeant Brian Soper. The officers were honored with the Department's Valorous Conduct Award for action they took as a team to disarm a suicidal man who was armed with a handgun and was struggling with his wife. They performed an extraordinary act involving valorous conduct which extended far above the normal call of duty and at great risk to their personal safety or life in an effort to save another human life.



Budget



- ◆ The department is 30% of the City’s General Fund. We continually seek grants to supplement the budget. These include funds for ballistic vests, digital cameras, investigative technical support and other equipment.
- ◆ Sales of 14 Abandoned Vehicles generated approximately \$3,473.00 to help offset towing fees. These sales average approximately \$229.57 each. About \$2,280.00 was spent in towing. For the 2nd year in a row, these sales have generated a profit. This is also a reflection of the reduction in abandoned vehicles. There were 179% (25) fewer vehicles sold and 108% (\$3,473.00) less revenue generated than during 2010.
- ◆ Mental Health Transports cost the department over \$4,975.00, which is a 38% increase over 2009. These are unfunded and generally not the result of criminal activity.
- ◆ The budget is 79% personnel related.

Training

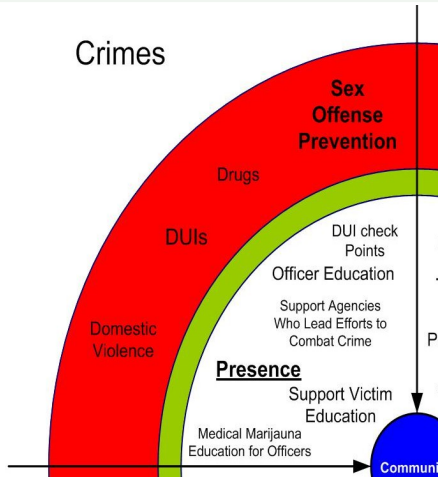


Above: Realistic training provides the backdrop for improving skills and decision making. Ethical decision making is blended into training, not only from a classroom perspective, but from a practical standpoint as well. Right: Officers on firearms range.

Employees taking the Oath of Honor during a Swearing In Ceremony. Employees don’t just take the Oath once, but every time a new employee is sworn in we all re-commit to the principles in the Oath and holding ourselves and others accountable for our actions.



Crime



Annually, officers participate in a multi-agency "active shooter" training. This year the Craig Middle School was the site of the training.

DUI Enforcement

The department participated in the Colorado Dept. of Transportation High Visibility Impairment Enforcement periods in 2011. Utilizing grant funds officers conducted six (6) over-time enforcement periods. The enforcement periods and results were as follows:

- ◆ St. Patrick's Day – 5 DUI arrests
- ◆ Memorial Day – 5 DUI arrests
- ◆ Prom DUI checkpoint – 0 arrests
- ◆ July 4th - 1 DUI arrest
- ◆ Halloween – 1 DUI arrest
- ◆ Holiday Parties – 3 DUI arrests



The Department made 100 arrests for DUI/DUID in 2011 compared to 82 in 2010. This is an 8.2 % increase.

The checkpoint operation during the local Prom resulted in no DUI arrests, but increased officer visibility and public awareness for DUI enforcement.



A full classroom attending the Reid Interrogation class. Officers from several area agencies attended. By sponsoring some classes we get free training for some of our officers.

Crime

WHAT IF....?

- I'm a 14 year old freshman and my boyfriend is an 18 year old senior and we have intercourse?
The 18 year old could be charged with Sexual Assault on a Child, a felony charge which can carry a prison sentence of 4 years to life (indeterminate sentence) and lifetime registration as a sex offender.
- I'm 16 and my girlfriend, who is also 16 likes to text me sexually explicit pictures of herself?
Your girlfriend could be charged with Sexual Exploitation of a Child, and you could be charged as well for the possession of the photographs.
- I'm 17 and my girlfriend is 12 years old. We don't have intercourse, we just "mess around" and touch each other, sexually - because I don't want to get in trouble?
Even though you do not have intercourse, you are still engaging in sexual contact. You can be charged with Sexual Assault on a Child.



**This brochure is not intended to provide legal advice. It is strictly for educational purposes.*



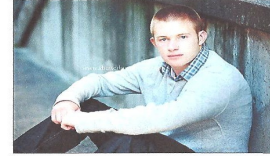
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS: YOU PLAY A ROLE
We can't always prevent children from making poor choices. We can, however, talk with our kids about the potential consequences of their decisions. It may not be easy, but parents play an important role in helping teens to navigate relationships. **While the "age of consent" may be 17, you still have control over your child until he or she turns 18.**

We offer here, in simple terms, the current laws for teens involved in sexual activity or explicit pictures, video or texts. While helping teens make the best decisions regarding their health will always be left to parents and guardians, this is a guide to educate them about their legal responsibilities.

Moffat County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
Advocates Hotline: (970) 824-2400
Craig Police Department: (970) 826-2360
Moffat County Sheriff's Office: (970) 824-4495
District Attorney's Office: (970) 824-7041
or for emergencies
Dial 911

Moffat County Sexual Assault Response Team

This is your boyfriend...



This is your boyfriend in handcuffs.... Why?



TEENS, SEX AND THE LAW: A GUIDE FOR TEENS AND PARENTS
Make educated, informed choices that can last a lifetime

Teen Sex Offense Prevention has been a focus of the Moffat County Sexual Assault Response Team, which we are a partner. Over the last few years there has been a dramatic increase in young people committing felony crimes without realizing it. The brochure above was produced to educate teens on current laws involving sexual activity or explicit pictures, video or texts.

In 2010 our investigators handled several cases of underage girls (under 15 yoa) having consensual sexual relations with adult males (at least 4 years older than the victim). By Colorado statute, consensual or not, this is sexual assault on a child. In 2011 we only had one case of this type. The working relationship of our community SART team is getting a great reputation state-wide. We have had several other agencies request information on how our team works and even had some travel to our community to observe one of our meetings. Thanks to all of our team members that make this happen!



The department continues to be a leader in investigating domestic violence cases and forming partnerships to advance victim education, officer training and successful prosecution. Left: Detective Dale Secules receives the Officer of the Year Award from Ms. Karen Aragon with Advocates Crisis Support Services. Detective Secules' commitment to victims is evidenced by the fact he has been awarded this honor for the last two consecutive years.

Crime

National Incident Based Reporting System

2010 – 2011 Comparison

Group B Offenses	2010	2011	Change %
Bad Checks	9	6	-33%
Curfew/Loitering	2	17	750%
Disorderly Conduct	15	29	93%
DUI	82	100	22%
Family Offenses	52	34	-35%
Liquor Law Violations	27	40	48%
Runaway	11	8	-27%
Trespass	104	87	-16%
All Other Offenses	395	497	26%
Total Group B Offenses	697	818	17%

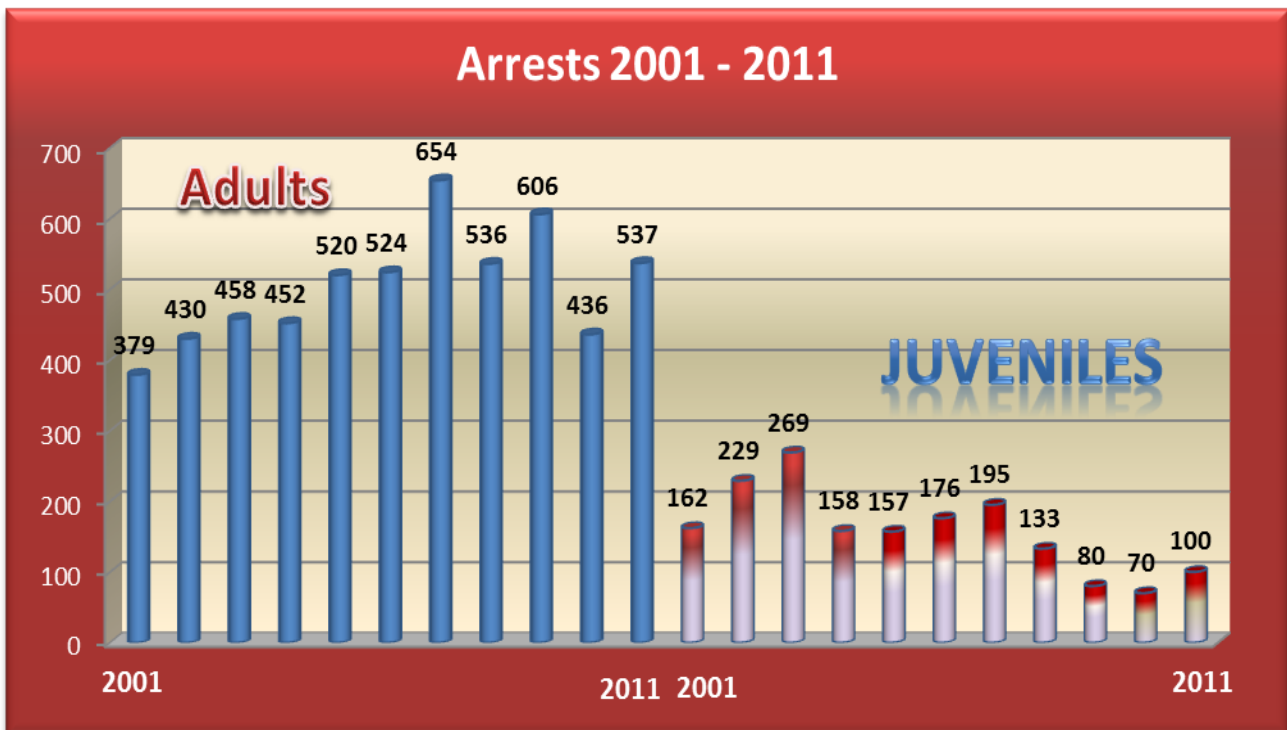
Criminal activity is broken down into two groups.

The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Group A and B crimes are listed in the following charts, which compares 2010 and 2011 offenses.

The Group B offenses (left) reflect arrests only, not the total number of incidents that we responded to.

Youth related offenses of Curfew/Loitering and Liquor Law Violations saw substantial increases, as did Disorderly Conduct. As was noted in the 2011 Month End Reports alcohol played a significant role in almost all of the Disorderly Conduct arrests.

During 2011, 537 adult and 100 juvenile arrests were made for violations of Group A and B crimes. The following chart shows an arrest comparison for the eleven years spanning from 2001 through 2011. The increase from 2010 appears to coincide with the increase in offenses and calls for service.



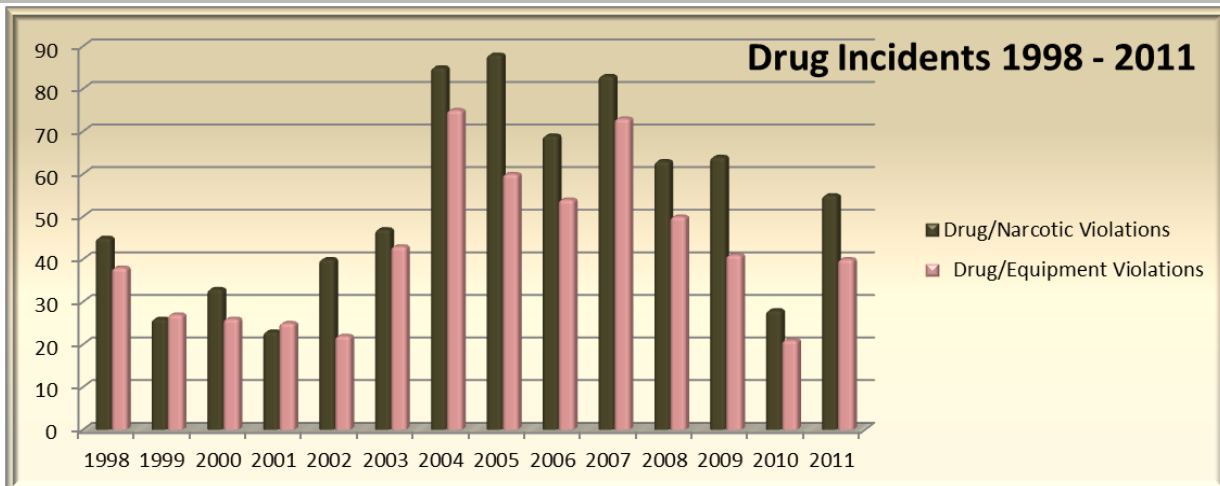


Crime

Illegal Drug Activity



Drug related incidents continue to be a community-wide issue. 2008 and 2009 were very similar. 2010 saw a dramatic (56%) reduction. However, 2011 returned to the same levels as 08/09. While “meth” continues to be in our community, we are seeing a large increase in prescription drug abuse, especially within the younger age groups, as well as a come back of cocaine and heroin. Medical marijuana continues to be an issue with no control over dispensaries and issuance of cards. Frequently we find medical marijuana in the possession of non-card holders. We estimate that approximately 85% of all our crimes have a drug causal relationship. The chart below gives a pictorial view drug related violations over the last 14 years.



All Crime Enforcement Team (ACET) 2011 Activity

The team investigated 29 narcotics related offenses during the year, as well as assisting other agencies. This resulted in charges for Distribution of Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana and Mushrooms. Over \$42,400 in drugs were seized. The goal is still to focus on people who distribute drugs to our communities. ACET members continue to maintain a 100% conviction rate. The team looks forward to the addition of a Routt County Deputy to the team soon. Some sentences of note were:

- ◆ Jamison Fjoser—12 years in Department of Corrections
- ◆ Scott Steckel—8 years in Department of Corrections
- ◆ Ray Siqueros—5 years in Department of Corrections

Medical Marijuana laws have complicated some investigations. There appears to be rampant abuse of the substance and the law. There has also been a resurgence of heroin and prescription drug abuse.

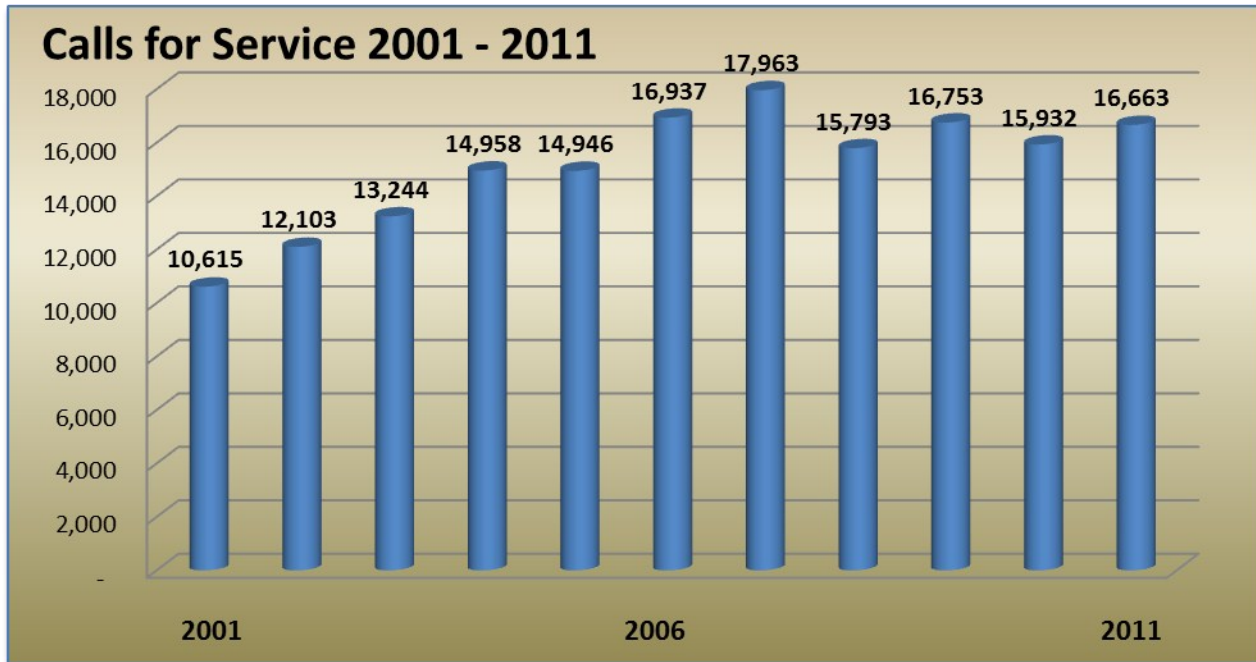
Crime

2011 NIBRS CRIME SUMMARY					
			2010-2011	2011	Clearance
Group A Offenses	2010	2011	Change	Cleared	Rate
Homicide/Att. Homicide	0	0	0%	0	0%
Kidnapping	4	8	100%	7	88%
Sex Offenses/Forcible	32	29	-9%	22	76%
Robbery	1	2	100%	0	0%
Assault - Aggravated	10	12	20%	11	92%
Assault - Simple	84	66	-21%	57	86%
Intimidation	21	8	-62%	6	75%
Arson	2	2	0%	0	0%
Extortion	0	0	0%	0	0%
Burglary	50	53	6%	14	26%
Theft - Purse Snatching	0	1	100%	0	0%
Shoplifting	31	37	19%	25	68%
Theft from Building	66	75	14%	25	33%
Theft - Coin Machines	4	1	-75%	1	100%
Theft - from Vehicle	67	46	-31%	3	7%
Theft - M.V. Parts	4	6	50%	1	17%
Theft - All Other	50	40	-20%	5	13%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	8	33%	2	25%
Forgery/Counterfeiting	11	9	-18%	5	56%
Fraud	17	25	47%	7	28%
Embezzlement	0	1	100%	0	0%
Stolen Property	0	1	100%	1	100%
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	171	150	-12%	37	25%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	28	55	96%	51	93%
Drug/Equipment Violations	21	40	90%	40	100%
Incest	0	0	0%	0	0%
Statutory Rape	2	0	-200%	0	0%
Pornography	3	1	-67%	1	100%
Gambling	0	0	0%	0	0%
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0%	0	0%
Bribery	0	0	0%	0	0%
Weapons Violations	15	17	13%	16	94%
TOTAL GROUP A OFFENSES	700	693	-1%	337	49%

Total offenses for the year were 1,511, which is an 8 percent increase from 2010. Our officers take a great deal of pride in their job and work very hard to clear cases they investigate. As a result, 49% of the cases investigated were cleared. However, this figure is somewhat skewed in that some cases that occurred in 2010 were cleared in 2011, and some cases that occurred in 2011 will not be cleared until 2012. The overall increase in offenses is a result of the increase in calls for service during the year. In some cases, one call may have more than one offense associated with it.

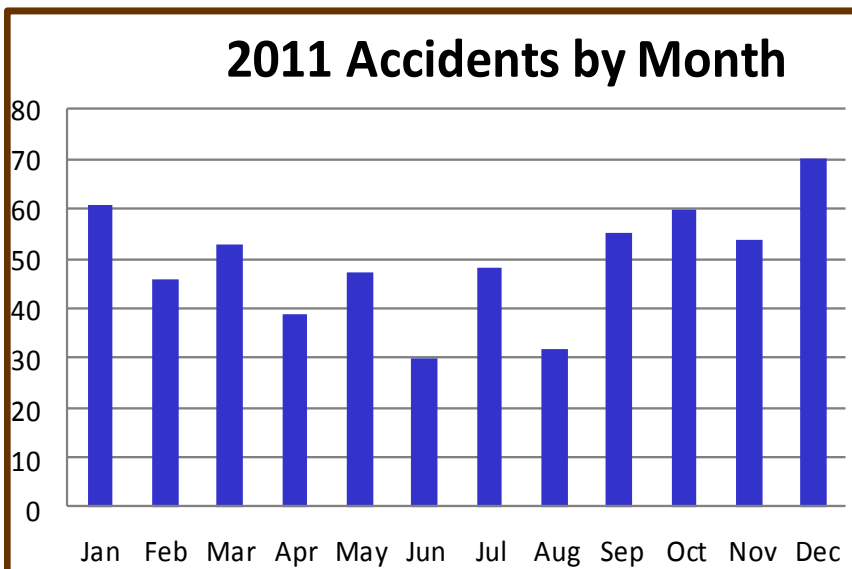
Crime—Other Activity

As the graph below reflects, officers responded to over 16,600 calls for service in 2011. This is a 4% increase from 2010, and similar in number to the calls received in 2008/2009.



The chart below reflects total calls for service, accidents and the average number of calls handled by officers per year.

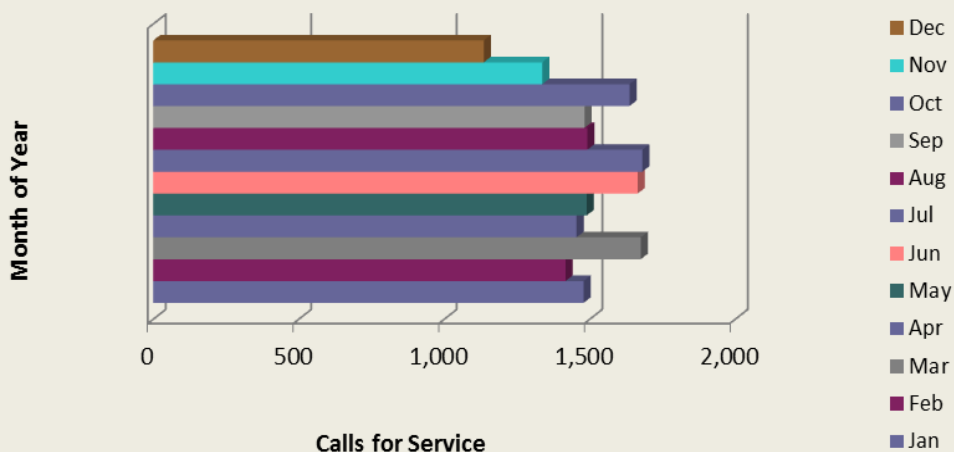
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Calls for Service	10,615	12,103	13,244	14,958	14,946	16,937	17,963	15,793	16,753	15,932	16,663
Accidents	179	362	372	372	374	414	430	516	381	311	595
Calls Per Patrol Officer	817	931	1,019	1,151	1,150	1,303	1,382	1,215	1,289	1,226	1,282



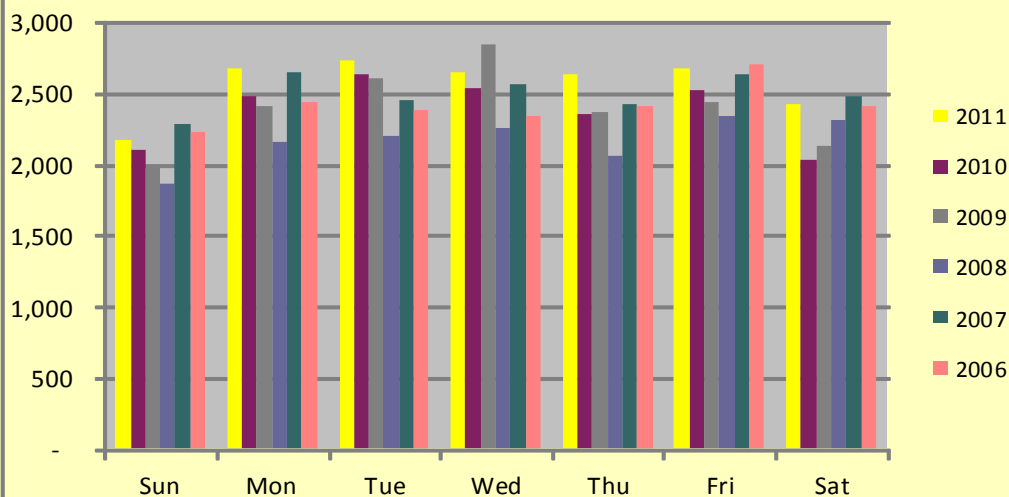
Normally, motor vehicle accidents occur most often during December and January. This year October joined the active months.

Crime—Other Activity

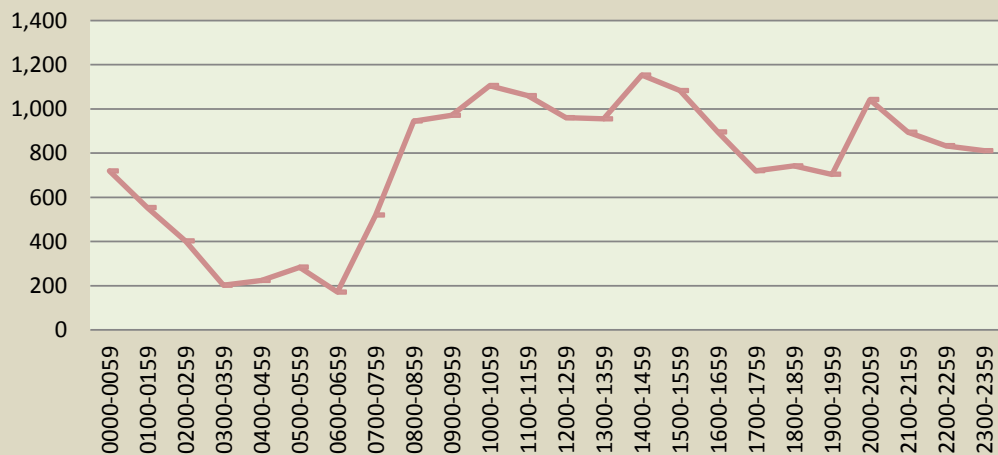
2011 Calls for Service by Month



Calls for Service 2006 - 2011



2011 Calls for Service by Time of Day



- ◆ The department's highest call volume months are March, June, July and October.
- ◆ The busiest days have shifted over the years with the busiest day in 2011 being Tuesday, closely followed by Friday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- ◆ The busiest time of day remains from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; however, officers remain consistently busy from 8:00 am through 2300 hours (11:00 pm).
- ◆ Sunday was the slowest day of the week in call volume.

Crime—Investigations Division

Detectives were assigned 143 cases for follow-up investigation, one less than 2010.

- ◆ 78 cases were submitted to the District Attorney's Office for filing charges.
- ◆ 57 cases were sexual assault related investigations. (Decreased by one from 2010)
- ◆ 41 cases were domestic violence related investigations. (More than doubled from last year)

Highlights

As a result of the dramatic increase in the use of the Internet for the victimization and exploitation of children through child pornography; our agency, the Moffat County Sheriff's Office and state/federal agents are teaming together to attack these types of crimes in our community. Both our department and the Moffat County Sheriff's Office have sent investigators for training and have obtained equipment to specifically investigate these types of crimes. (Funding for both equipment and training was almost 100% funded by federal agencies, and funds seized by the Sheriff's Office.) We would all like to believe that this horrific type of crime does not occur in our area but during the last year, our agency has investigated several local Internet exploitation cases.

- ◆ Some of the cases involved teen age youth sending out naked images of themselves to known/unknown individuals that they had contacted on the Internet. (Parents please monitor your children's internet use!)
- ◆ Other cases are very complex. During the week of Christmas 2011, our investigators with Detective Jen Kenney being the lead investigator, Moffat County Sheriff's Office Investigators and FBI agents obtained a search warrant for a residence in Craig. This search warrant resulted in the arrest of a male subject for the possession and distribution of child pornography. As of this report it has been determined that this male has over 25,000 "known" digital images and over 400 "known" videos of previously identified child pornography in his possession. "Known" images are images that have been confirmed as child pornography by world-wide investigators and have been electronically marked. The individual also had thousands of other suspect images that have not been previously identified. These images include children from infants to 18 year olds. Investigators are currently attempting to determine if any of the unidentified images may include local children. It has also been determined that this individual was actively sharing his images and obtaining other images with other willing participants around the world. This investigation is far from complete and will probably be prosecuted federally because of the number of images.



Department Investigators train with the All Crimes Enforcement Team as they prepare for searching Meth Labs. Meth Labs are extremely dangerous to officers and require special Haz-Mat suits.

Cleanup costs associated with these labs can run into the 10's of thousands of dollars.

Crime—Investigations Division

- ◆ Significant amounts of investigative personnel hours were spent on sexual assault and domestic violence cases. (Almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of all of our cases.) With these statistics, our local domestic violence/sexual assault advocates group again applied for a federal grant that included funding for a DV/Sexual Assault Investigator. In October of 2011 we learned that not only was the grant approved but that funding was increased to a three year grant –vs.- the previous one year grants. This was the good news. The bad news was that Carolyn Miller, our current DV/SA Investigator, left the department to go to work for the State of New Mexico. Carolyn’s dedication to the investigation of these types of cases will be missed by the entire community. Corporal Travis Young applied for this position and will be transferred from patrol to investigations as soon as patrol staffing will allow. Travis has been interested in this position for some time and has centered his training towards meeting this goal.



Chief Vanatta presents Detective Carolyn Miller with a recognition plaque for her over 15 years of service. Detective Miller resigned to re-locate to New Mexico and will be missed.

- ◆ Suicide deaths in our area continue to be above average. Investigations handled four suicide investigations last year. Three members of the investigations unit are currently part of a community suicide prevention group that is working to reduce or eliminate this disturbing statistic.
- ◆ Investigations assisted ACET with several drug operations in 2011. This included assisting with an active meth lab in the Hayden area. The dangers associated with these types of labs were definitely present in this case. This prompted the re-certification of two investigators on handling meth labs for future assistance to ACET as needed. One specific buy operation started in Craig and traveled east to Hayden before it was completed. The “seller” was from Steamboat. What started out to be a 30 minute deal turned into a 4 hour road trip. Once we start one of these operations, we never know how long it may go, where it may go or who all may be involved.
- ◆ Like last year the “fraud by scam” deals continue to get more creative. The use of the Internet also plays a big role in these types of crimes but the phone and mail systems are still used. The majority of the victims of these types of crime are the elderly.

Crime—Investigations Division—Evidence Section

Investigative/Evidence Technician Blake Abdella oversees the department's Evidence and Property Section, as well as the Needy Assistance Program.



The purpose of the Needy Assistance Program is to provide non-local (indigents and transients) people in desperate need with food, shelter, gasoline and other services in the Craig area. In 2011 the Needy Assistance Program awarded 28 vouchers for gasoline, food and lodging. The total dollar amount for the vouchers was \$1,431.77. Funding for this program comes primarily from United Way and other donations.

During 2011, the Colorado State Patrol elected to maintain their own evidence. As a result we now only have evidence related to three agencies (Craig Police, Moffat County Sheriff, ACET).

There were 1,053 items of evidence submitted into the property room. Currently, there are 5,007 items being stored in our evidence facility.

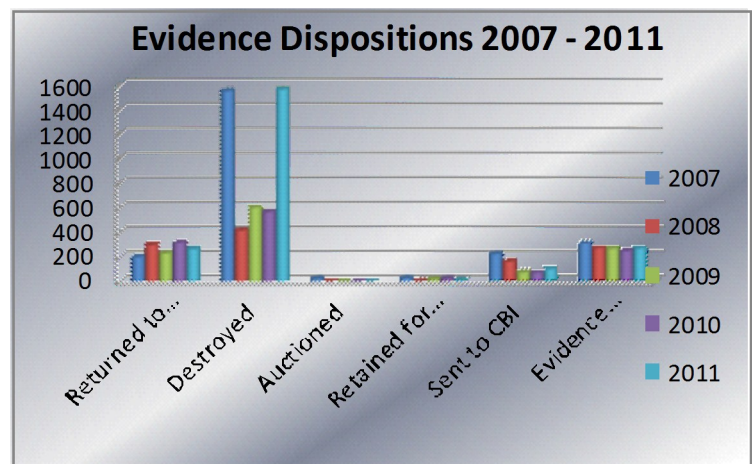
Property dispositions are as follows;

- ◆ 265 items were returned to owner
- ◆ 1,562 items were destroyed
- ◆ 12 items were retained for Department use
- ◆ 101 items were sent to CBI (either hand carried or sent UPS)
- ◆ 52 CD/DVDs were copied for DA
- ◆ 536 items were released to CSP
- ◆ 21 items were opened for Pics/Copies/Fingerprinting



The District Attorney's Office requested evidence in 270 different cases. From this number, 191 requests were for Craig Police Department cases, 66 requests were for Moffat County Sheriff's Office cases and the remaining 13 requests were for ACET.

Since we are mostly digital, only 52 CD/DVD's were physically removed from evidence and copied for the District Attorney. Other Audio and AV files were copied from the Secure Digital Evidence File, which is maintained on a computer hard drive. 2,047 audio and audio video files were downloaded, which make up 654 separate folders, or cases. The photo files downloaded totaled 8,159 files, which comprised 431 separate folders.



Members of the Craig Police Department 2011



The team members of the Craig Police Department express our gratitude and appreciation to all the City of Craig Officials and the Community we serve.

No Matter What—we will accept responsibility and move forward, learning from our mistakes and welcoming change that makes us a better organization.