

# The Charlotte Police Department

2013 Year In Review





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# Introduction

## “CHANGE”

In a quote from Charles Darwin, “ It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change.”

With change, brings opportunity. Opportunity to see those that have served be rewarded with an honor of a career and commitment well done. New faces, new ideas, new struggles and new achievements, bring opportunity for growth.

While we will only look back to honor those that gave a great deal of commitment to this department, we will look forward from here on out, and seek the opportunities to make our community a better place to live, work, and visit for all that the Charlotte Police Department serve.

*Lisa E. Sherman*  
*Chief of Police*

# Dedicated Staff Retirement Honors

## Chief William J. Callahan

Chief Callahan served the City of Charlotte and the Charlotte Police Department from May 28, 1980 until July 19, 2013. Chief Callahan was instrumental in bringing the officers closer to the community they serve, with the application of Community Policing and the School Resource Officer partnership with the Charlotte Public Schools. After 33 years of dedicated service, Bill now enjoys time well spent with his family and continues to serve the community he so values on boards and organizations.

Thank you Chief Callahan



# Dedicated Staff

## Retired Sergeant Daniel J. Schneider

Sergeant Schneider served the City of Charlotte and the Charlotte Police Department from January 12, 1986 till April 1, 2013. Sergeant Schneider was instrumental in maintaining the New Officer Field Training program, and the Evidence and Property room standards. Thank you Sergeant Schneider for your 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Charlotte.





# Your Police Department



## Chief Lisa E. Sherman

Serving since 1989



## Sergeant Curtis J. Bristol

Serving since 1990



## Sergeant James J. Falk

Serving since 1997



## Sergeant Paul R. Brentar

Serving since 2002



## Sergeant Jeremy R. Hafner

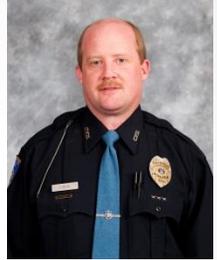
Serving since 2005



# Your Police Department

## Detective James R. Beal

Serving since 1991



## Patrolman Paul R. Montague

Serving since 1989



## Patrolman Jeremy A. Poortvliet

Serving since 2000



## Patrolman Robert J. Antcliff

Serving since 2005



## Patrolman Justin T. Bahm

Serving since 2011



# Your Police Department

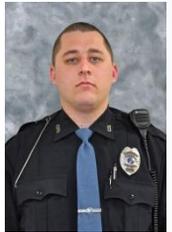
**Patrolman Evan M. Neilson**

Serving since 2012



**Patrolman CJ Gregory**

Serving since 2013



**Patrolman Matthew T. Castle**

Serving since 2013



**Patrolman Gary J. Worden**

Serving since 2013



**Patrolman Adam E. Jaime**

Serving since 2013



**Patrolman Curtis E. McDaniel**

Serving since 2013





# Operations

- Your Police Department is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are always 2 officers on shift each day. With **10382** incidents reported throughout the year, each officer took approximately **700** calls for service last year.



- In addition, our Administrative Secretary handled nearly **500** Freedom of Information requests, over **2100** telephone calls and **2450** walk-ins for service, assistance, or reports. On top of those services, she typed over **640** dictated reports, processed **644** Parking Citations, **944** Civil Infraction citations, and over **480** Misdemeanor Citations.
- Your Department has a wide variety of specially trained officers who use their skills not only on duty, but teach and represent our community on State wide boards and organizations. Members are a part of:
  - **MACP- Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police**
  - **MATAI- Michigan Association of Traffic Accident Investigators**
  - **IAPE- International Association for Property and Evidence, Inc.**
  - **NASRO- National Association of School Resource Officers**
  - **NAFTO- National Association of Field Training Officers**
    - **FOP- Fraternal Order of Police**
  - **FBI-LEEDA- FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association**



# Training

Officers spent **1279** hours in training during 2013. This was a **41%** increase over the past year. This year much of the training was mandatory required training requested by the Eaton County Prosecutor's Office in the area of Forensic Interviewing Techniques. Each officer was required to spend 16 hours learning the techniques required by the courts for the interviewing of children who are victims or witnesses in crimes.

Additionally, officers have mandatory training in Firearms, Deadly and Non-deadly force, Pressure control tactics, Taser deployment, Active shooter, and Basic LEIN operations. With a force of 6 brand new officers, the training time extends far beyond the listed amount.

Each new officer is assigned a Field Training Officer for 14 weeks. With that, they are required to study and understand the Department's General Orders and Policy and Procedures, Michigan Law and Procedure, Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, City of Charlotte Ordinances, Traffic Accident Investigations, Report Writing, Emergency Vehicle Operation, Interpersonal Communication Skills, Court Testimony, Traffic Enforcement Operations, and work with all specialized departments; Detective, School Resource and Administrative Secretary.

Additional Training was gained in:

- Executive Development
- Traffic Crash Reconstruction
- Freedom of Information Act
  - Hostage Negotiations
- Below 100 Trainer/Instructor
- School Resource Officer Courses
  - Prescription Drug Summit
  - Crime Scene Investigations



# Detective Bureau Report

For the 2013 Year, the Charlotte Police Department Detective Bureau became involved in 196 criminal investigations. This is 15 more than last year and the second highest amount handled by one Detective within the Department. Sex Crimes continue to take up the majority of the Detective's investigative time. These cases consist of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Sex Offender Registrations and Violations, Sex Offenses, the filing of false reports and suspicious situations.

Currently there are 62 Registered Sex Offenders that live within the city limits of Charlotte. These contacts consist of random house checks to ensure compliance, mandatory updating of sex offender information and changes in status, monthly verifications, and investigation involving violation committed by the sex offenders. In an effort to alleviate the amount of work placed on one person for these matters, 3 additional department members will be trained to verify and update current sex offenders on a monthly basis.

Outside of the Kassem Hallak case, the Detective was also involved in 13 death scene investigations. These death scenes involved 4 fatal car crashes. The Detective works in conjunction with the Accident Investigation Team during these investigations. Additionally, there was 1 suicide and 8 other deaths at local homes. 2 Armed Robbery investigations were also taken on along with several child abuse and neglect cases where the Detective works closely with Child Protective Services and DHS.



# Year in Review Case Highlights

On **2-14-13**, during the early morning hours, a local man was found bloodied and unresponsive in the 500 block of West Lovett Street. Based upon his medical condition, it was indicated by hospital medical staff that he may not survive. The scene as well as the man's injuries did not suggest that this was the result of a car/pedestrian crash. These injuries were also inconsistent with having been struck by a train, or being the victim of an assault. All of the subject property was still in his possession. The subject did survive and regain consciousness; however he had no recollection of the event. He did recall walking down the street while highly intoxicated after leaving a local bar. It is believed that the subject fell, due to intoxication and was unable to break his fall, thus causing his injuries. The local bar was charged with serving an intoxicated subject and pled responsible at a Liquor Control Hearing in Lansing.

On **4-23-13**, a one and four year old were brought to Hayes Green Beach Hospital due to the fact that they both had sustained serious bruising to their faces and bodies. The mother of the child was questioned and offered excuses for their injuries that were simply unbelievable. The mother's boyfriend was questioned and admitted responsibility for the children's injuries, and pled guilty to Child Abuse. The mother of the children gave up her parental rights and ultimately pled guilty to Child Abuse in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for her role in failing to protect the children.

On **04-26-13**, a train/pedestrian fatal crash occurred at the end of Harris Street. The pedestrian was a high school student walking home on the tracks from school. This student had a history of walking home on the tracks and would wear his ear buds, listening to music very loudly while walking home, preventing him from hearing any on-coming trains. As a result, the Police Department facilitated a relationship with members of Operation Lifesaver and the school district in an effort to hold educational presentations for the students and their parents. Several presentations were done at the beginning of the school year.



# Case Highlights

On **5-30-13**, EMS responded to a residence on North Washington for an unresponsive baby. CPR was *utilized and the baby did regain a heartbeat. Once transported to Sparrow Hospital, the baby was ultimately declared brain dead, life support was turned off and the baby passed away.* This incident was the result of an unsafe sleep environment, and a tragedy that should have never happened.

On **7-20-13**, a local resident was robbed at gun point by a subject known to him. The victim did surrender his money and no one was hurt. The investigation did lead police to two suspects responsible for the robbery, and a warrant has been requested through the Eaton County Prosecutor's office and police are still awaiting their decision.

On **8-02-13**, a roll-over fatal crash occurred on I-69 and Lansing Road. This crash involved three CMU college students traveling back to school in Mount Pleasant. The cause of this crash was the result of the driver reacting to another vehicle that had begun to swerve into her lane, causing her to lose control of her vehicle.

On **8-12-13**, there was a Burglary of a local home by known subjects and a theft of numerous coins was involved. A large number of the coins were recovered from coin shops in Lansing. After several interviews, two suspects that were known drug users were identified. The female half admitted to waiting in the car while her boyfriend broke into the home. She also took part in the sale of the stolen coins. The male half denied all involvement. Warrants have been requested on both and the department is awaiting the Prosecutors review of the matter.

On **9-08-13**, during the busy Frontier Weekend, a subject committed suicide in his home on North Cochran. This subject was having domestic issues with a girlfriend and chose to take his life with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. After a lengthy investigation, there was no sign of foul play in this matter.



# Case Highlights Continued

On **9-17-13**, a female subject reported a Criminal Sexual Assault to this department. After making a statement, the victim then decided that she no longer wanted to pursue charges on the suspect. The victim was advised that the Prosecutor would have to make that decision based on the interest and safety of the public. The victim insisted she had been raped. Additional follow-up continued which led the investigator to believe that the victim's story may not be accurate. A third interview of the victim was conducted at which point she admitted to lying about the alleged assault. This case has been forwarded to the Prosecutor requesting charges for filing a false police report and restitution is being sought for the time spend by law enforcement staff investigating a false report.

On **9-27-13**, a death scene was investigated in the 100 block of West Harris Street. The investigation involves a subject injecting the deceased with heroin, which ultimately resulted in her death. The evidence processed at the scene is still awaiting testing at the MSP crime lab. Upon receiving those results, this case will be submitted to the Prosecuting Attorney's office for review.

On **10-09-13**, The Fifth Third Bank on Lansing Street was robbed. The suspect fled the scene and ultimately abandoned his vehicle in a bean field east of town. Police Department Evidence Technicians were able to lift latent prints at the scene that identified the suspect. Numerous items of evidence were discovered also leading investigators to the suspect. It was revealed that our suspect had been involved in a string of bank robberies across the country. The suspect was captured just a few days later attempting to rob another bank out of state. The suspect is awaiting charges on all counts.



# Case Highlights Continued

On **10-25-13**, there was a car/pedestrian fatal crash on Lansing Road. Just north of Packard Hwy. This crash involved a female driver and a male pedestrian. Alcohol was a factor in this crash. Evidence from the scene is still being analyzed at the MSP Crime Lab. Upon receipt of those results, the case will be forwarded to the Prosecutor's office for charges.

On **11-10-13**, officers responded to a serious injury crash on Packard Hwy, near Lipsey Drive. One week after the crash, one of the three subjects involved passed away from complications from his injuries. Alcohol and speed were a factor in this crash. This case will be forwarded to the Prosecutor once additional evidence from the scene and hospital are received.

On **11-19-13**, a woman reported that she had been raped by a man she had been having a relationship with. Once her statement was taken, follow-up was conducted with several people that had contact with the victim. An interview was also conducted with the suspect. The investigation brought into question the reliability of the victim's story. The victim was re-interviewed and she admitted that she had lied about the rape. Charges for filling a false police report and restitution is being sought for this crime.



# Special Victims Unit

The Special Victim's Unit is currently comprised of two team members, Detective James Beal and Officer Paul Montague. During the course of the year, Officer Frazer moved on to work for the Barry County Sheriff's Department, causing our team to be down a person from last year. For 2013, investigators were involved in 181 investigations. This is the largest number of investigations ever handled by this team during the course of a year's time. This would be an equivalent of one new case every 2 days.

Most of these numbers are the result of dealing with Registered Sex Offenders. Currently, there are 62 registered sex offenders residing in the city limits of Charlotte. Of those 62, 14 are incarcerated at the Eaton County Jail. 3 legally reside in school zones and one of the 62 sex offenders is a woman.

For 2013, there were a total of 130 contacts involving sex offenders. These contacts range from sex offenders coming in to verify their address, to them coming in to update information, to conducting random house checks on the sex offenders, to investigating violations committed by the sex offender.

The entire month of July was devoted to the Kassem Hallak trial. Hallak, at the time, had been a licensed physician in Charlotte that had been accused by many female patients of inappropriate behavior, as well as being sexually assaulted. Hallak was ultimately charged with 11 counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct, and was convicted of 8 counts, which included a CSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree charge against a 12 year old girl. Hallak will be spending the next 7 to 15 years in prison.

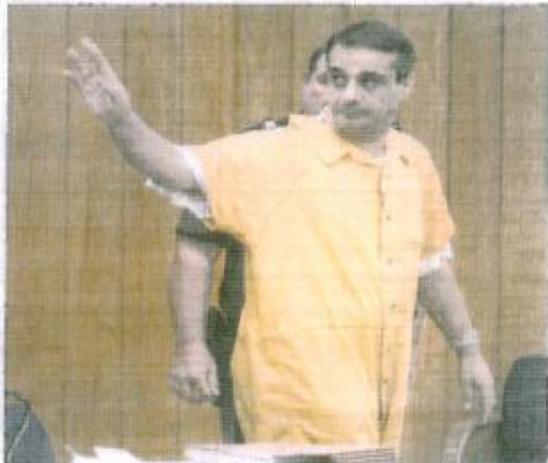
During 2013, there were only 19 complaints of CSC made. On occasion, someone will make a report of a CSC and the investigation will turn out facts that the complainant failed to disclose. This year, there were two occasions where women filed false police reports. The police and the prosecutor take this very seriously. Not only because this is a crime, but also because it takes valuable time away from other investigations that are legitimate. In both cases, the women admitted they lied, and both are currently waiting to be charged by the prosecutor. Upon conviction, it will be requested that both women reimburse the Police Department for the time and efforts Police Personnel invested in these cases.

Other investigations handled by the Special Victims unit included 6 Suspicious Situations, 4 Assist Other Agencies, 9 Neglect/Abuse Cases, 10 Obstructing Justice, 2 Sex Offenses, and 1 Indecent Exposure.

Goals for 2014 include expanding the size of the team with officers that wish to gain experience in investigations and training, as well as courtroom experience.

# Doctor Gets 7-15 Years For Criminal Sexual Conduct Involving Patients

**Charlotte doctor gets  
prison in sex assaults**



Dr. Robert J. ...  
... for 15 years in prison after he was ...



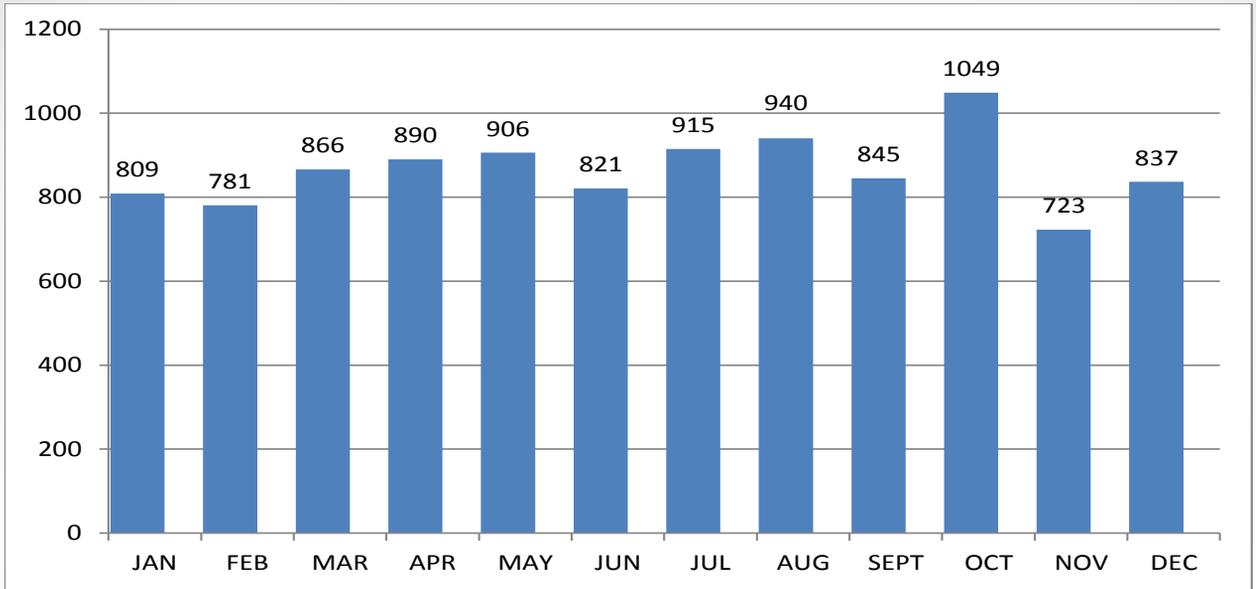
# Emerging Drugs and Methamphetamine

- An area of great focus this year involved the increase in Methamphetamine involved cases in addition to other emerging drugs being seen on a daily basis. In an effort to better deal with these issues, we have formed a collaborative effort with the Eaton County Sheriff's Office Meth Team.
- Two of our officers have been trained to date, along with members of the Charlotte Fire Department, to respond and make safe locations and evidence involving Meth.
- We investigated 7 Meth related incidents, charged 5 suspects, 3 are incarcerated for the offenses and 2 remain outstanding.
- Additionally, we have formed a partnership with the Eaton County Substance Abuse Group and the Recovery Network and provided an officer liaison to work with the organizations and conduct community forums to an education effort for all community members.

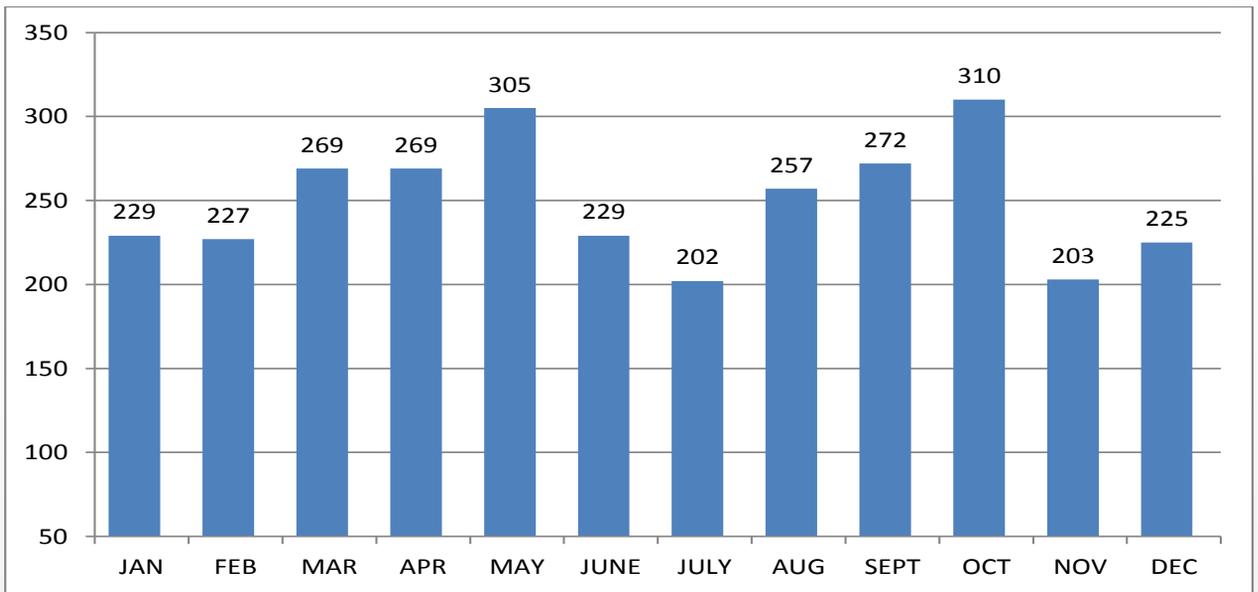
# Community Outreach

- Your Police Department throughout the year takes great pride in reaching outside of the daily calls for service activity and finds ways to contribute in a bigger way to the community.
- Communication is essential for a successful relationship with the public. We continue to publish in the local papers a segment entitled "Police Beat". This chronicles only a few of the numerous calls taken daily by officers, in an effort to keep the public informed on what happens in their community. We have just recently started engaging the public with a Facebook Page. In this we have displayed photos and notices of community events, and requests for public help with on-going investigations. We will continue to find innovative ways to communicate with the public we serve.
- Partnerships, presentations, and donations from the officers involved the following groups and organizations throughout the past year.
  - **Resource Recovery Network**
    - **Tide-Me-Over Project**
      - **Shop-with-a-cop**
        - **Rotary**
        - **Siren Shelter**
        - **Fill-a-Cop Car**
      - **Christmas Kiddies**
    - **Eaton County Child Abuse Council**
      - **United Way**
      - **ECSAAG**
      - **Olivet College**

# YEAR END STATISTICS

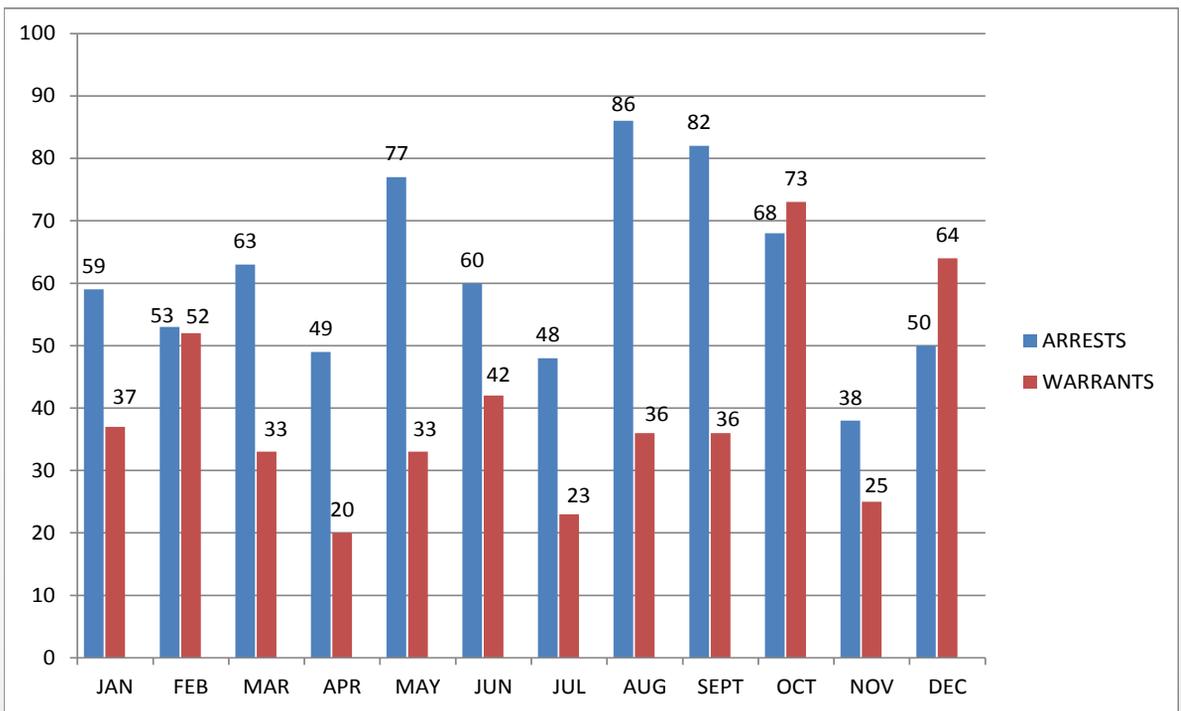
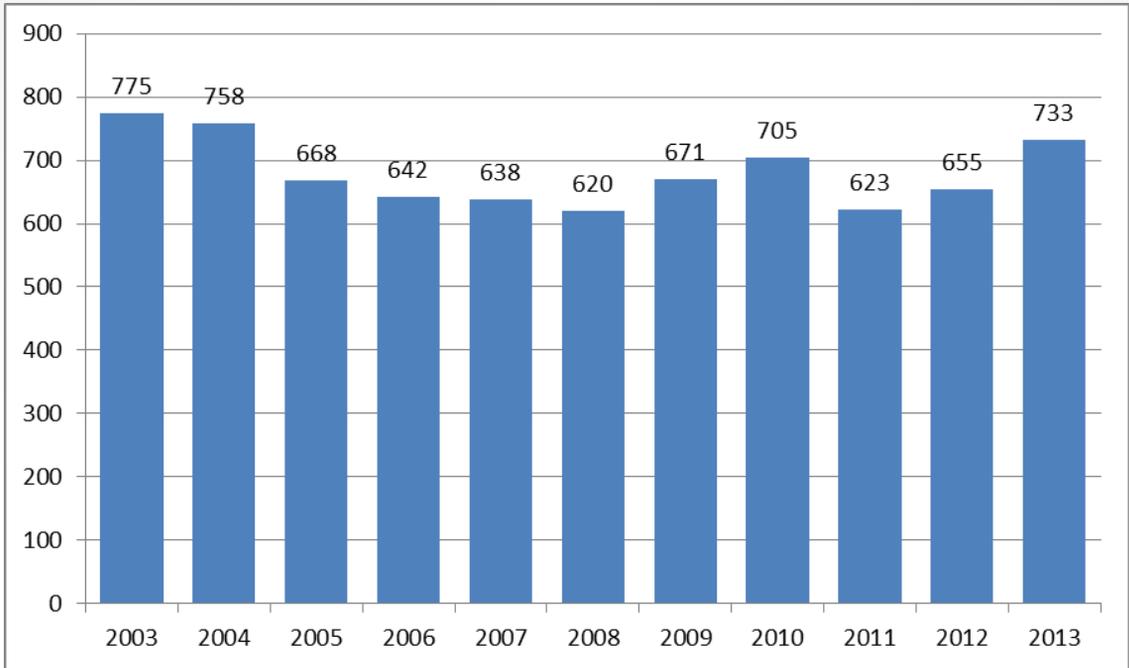


INCIDENTS PER MONTH

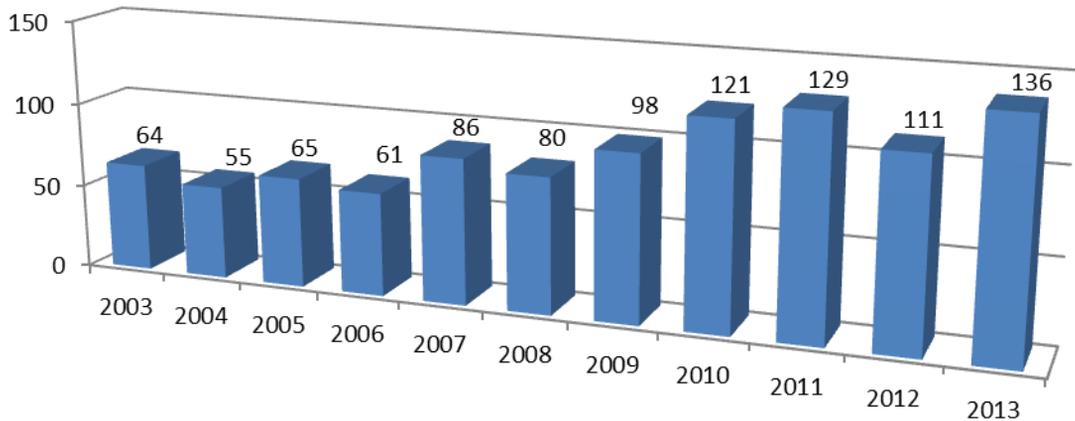


TOTAL CRIMES PER MONTH

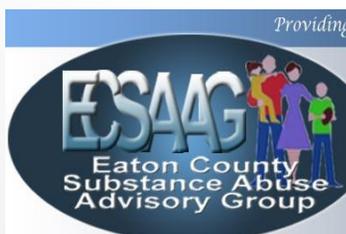
# Comparison of Total Arrests and Arrests Compared to Warrants Issued



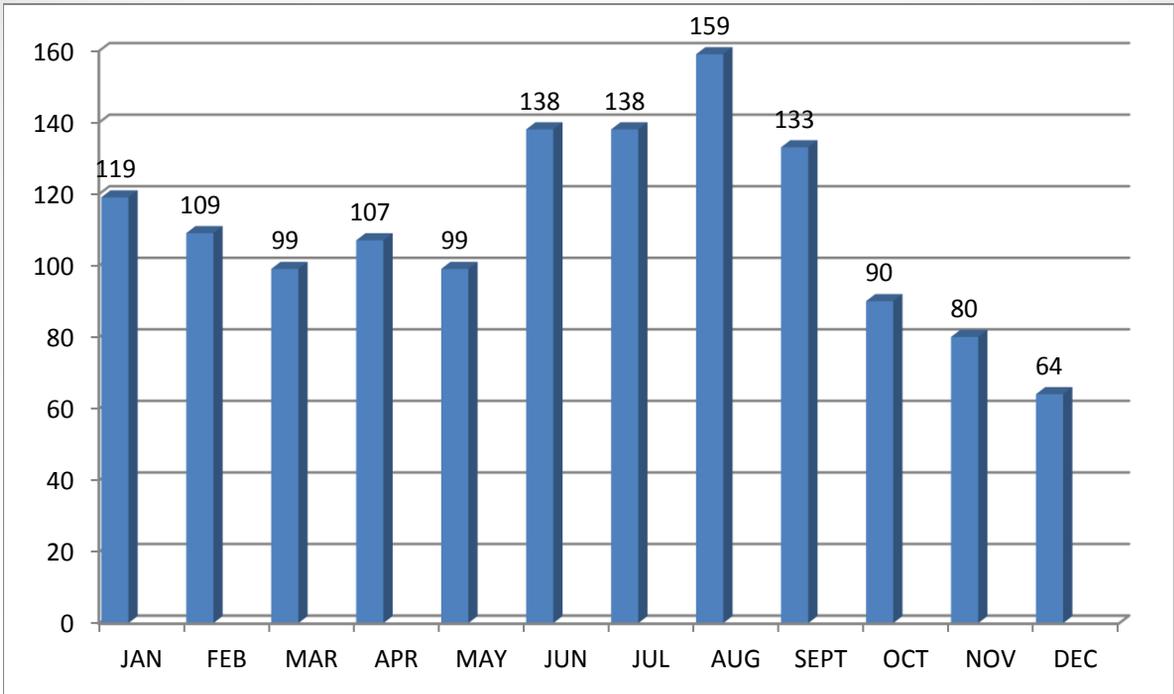
## Total Violation of Controlled Substances



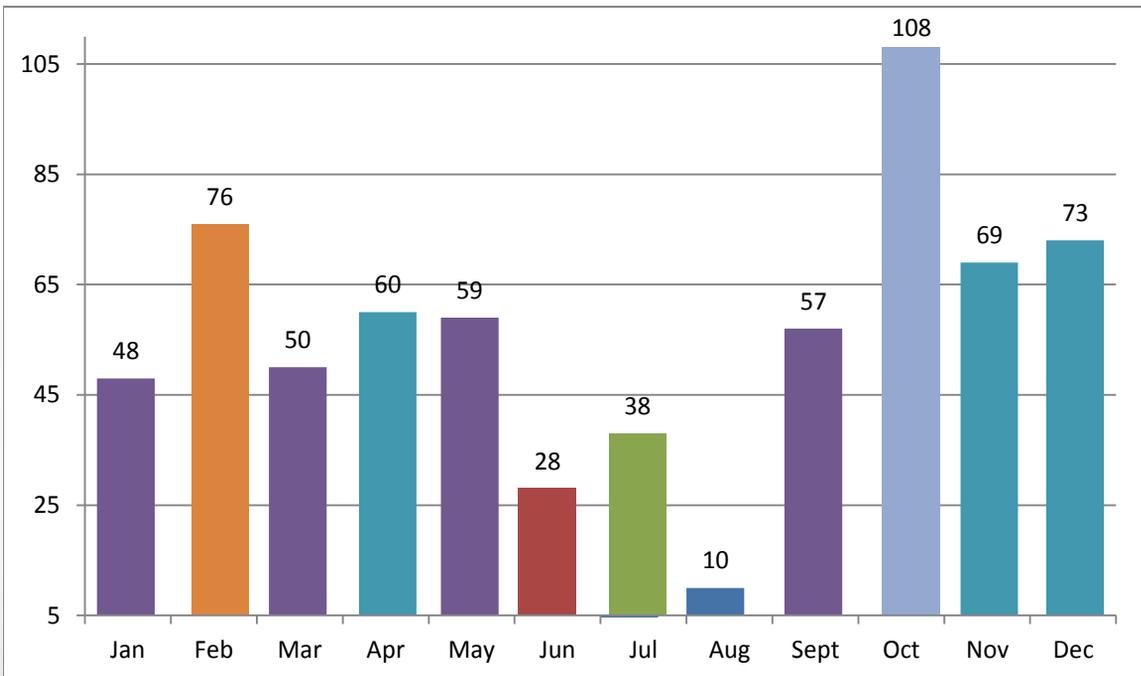
Number increases in this area are due in part to the fact that the morals have loosened about the legality of Marijuana, and more importantly our ability to identify those people purchasing and manufacturing Methamphetamine. Additionally we are seeing a rise in the use of Heroin and prescription drug use. This is why we put an emphasis this year on getting officers trained in the Meth detection and clean-up and why we dedicated an officer to the partnership with Eaton County Substance Abuse Advisory Group and the Recovery Network.



# YEAR END STATISTICS



TOTAL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS INCLUDING SPEEDING



PARKING VIOLATION BY MONTH FOR 2013

# Yearly Activity Summary

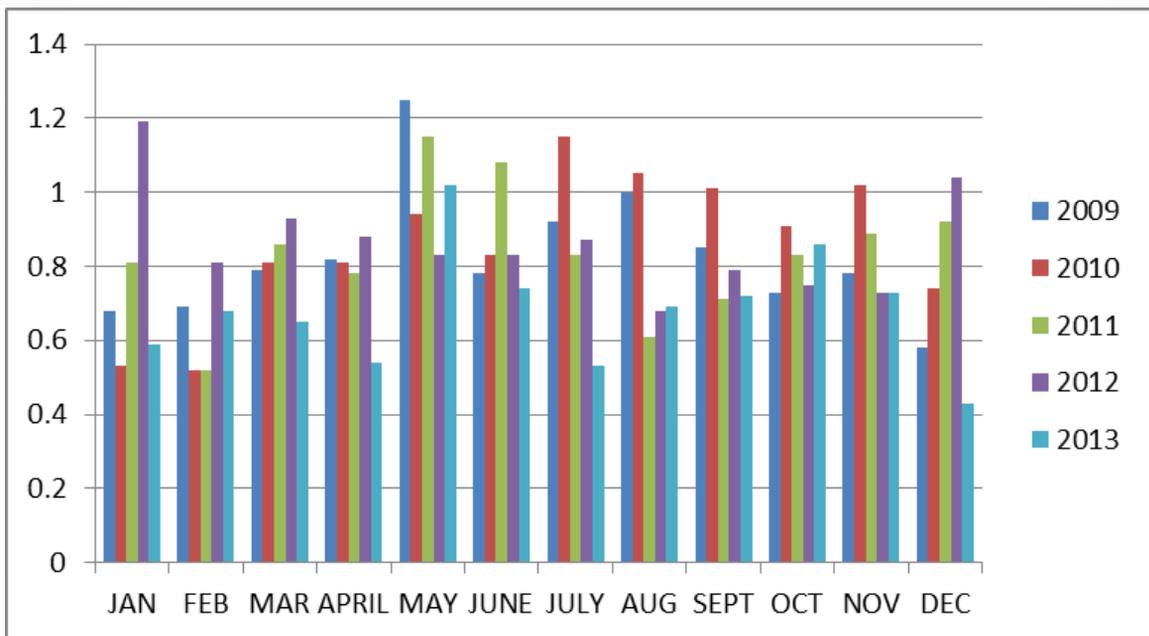
Type of Activity	2012	2013	% +/-
INCIDENTS	10918	10382	-5%
CRASHES	384	425	11%
TOTAL CRIMES REPORTED	3132	2955	-6%
ARRESTS	655	733	12%
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	1243	1162	-7%
SPEED VIOLATIONS	213	173	-19%
PAPERWORK HOURS	4201	4610	10%
OFFICER TRAINING HOURS	904	1279	30%
VIOLENT CRIMES	482	410	-15%
PROPERTY CRIMES	881	718	-19%
MORAL/DECENCY CRIMES	251	270	8%
PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES	1514	1498	-1%
JUVENILE/MINORS	90	61	-32%
CIVIL-NON CRIMINAL	65	37	-43%
INVESTIGATIONS/INSPECTIONS	1955	1954	0%
TRAFFIC STOPS	2301	2447	6%
ALARMS	144	199	28%
FIRES	50	73	46%
ACCIDENT-OTHER	3	1	-67%
MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENTS	199	264	25%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	2654	2311	-13%
GENERAL NON CRIMINAL/ZONING	311	258	-17%
WARRANTS ISSUED	457	474	4%
PART I CRIMES	936	742	-21%
PART II CRIMES	2196	2212	1%

CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHOOL RESOURCE STATS  
January 2013 through December 2013

Incident	2013	Incident	2013
Kidnapping		Civil Infraction	1
Parental Kidnapping		Parking Violation	1
Sexual Assault		ABAN Vehicle	1
Non-Aggravated Assault	14	Traffic Hazard Investigation	1
Agg./Felonious Assault		Traffic Direction/Control	1
Intimidation/Threats	13	Alarm - Police Response	3
Larceny	12	Domestic Disputes	
Motor Vehicle Theft		Civil Disputes	4
Stolen Property-MV		Suspicious Situation	20
Fraudulent Activity		Inspections - all	
Rec/Concealing Stolen Property	3	Fire Regulation Violations	1
Destruction of Property	8	Assist CFD / Building Dept.	1
VCSA	12	Assist DPW	
Sex Offense	2	Hazardous Situation	
Obscenity		Suspected Narcotics Activity	4
Family Abuse/Neglect	3	ABAN/Recovered Property	4
Family - Other		Drug Overdose	
Liquor Law Violation	1	Bomb Threat	
Obstructing Police	1	Suicide	
Obstructing Justice	7	Suicide - Attempt	2
Weapons - Offense	4	Missing Person	
Arson		Public Relations Activity	5
Burglary	1	Patrol Information	
Public Peace	24	Assist Citizen	14
Traffic - Hit and Run	2	Assist - All others	9
Traffic - OWI/OUID		Lockout	1
Traffic - Misdemeanor	1	Subpoena Service	1
Health/Safety Violation	3	Juvenile Safety Violation	
Invasion of Privacy/Trespass	4	Animal Control	
Conservation		Zoning Violations	
Vagrancy		Transport Prisoner	3
Misc. Criminal Offense		Non Criminal referrals	33
Delinquent Minor	7	Traffic Stops	29
Runaway	2	Assist ECSD	1
Incapacitation			
Insanity	1	TOTAL	271
Crash PD - Public St.	1		
Crash PD - Private Property	5		
Crash PI - Public St.			
Crash PI - Private Property			

# Part I Crime Victimization Rate

Per 100 Population

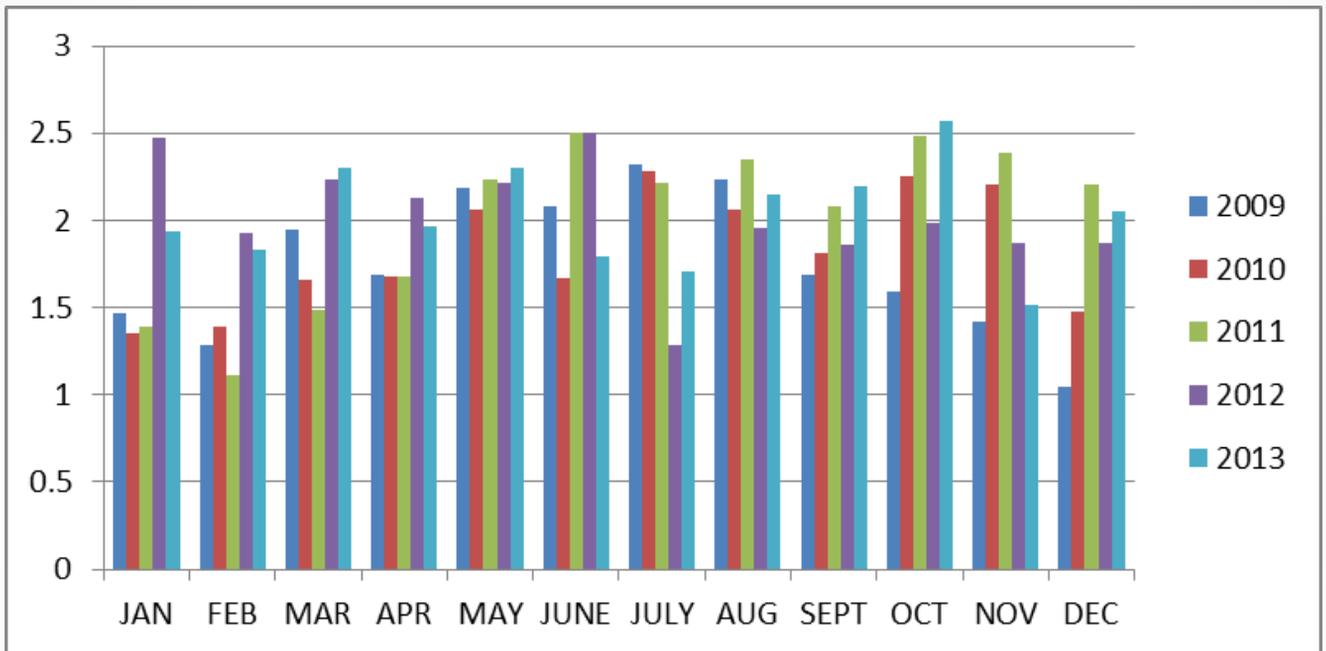


Part I crimes are those crimes that are deemed the most serious in nature and pose the most harm to the citizens of our community. Listed below are those crimes that are designated as Part I by the FBI.

- Murder
- Robbery
- Forcible Rape
- Aggravated/Felonious Assault
  - Arson
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Larceny (over \$100)

# Part II Crime Victimization Rate

Per 100 Population



Part II Crimes are those crimes that tend to affect quality of life in various ways, but do not include acts of violence against persons. These include:

- Simple Assault
- Disorderly Conduct
- Traffic Offenses
- Liquor Law Violations
- Vandalism
- Stolen Property
- Weapons Offenses

- Vagrancy
- Prostitution
- Fraud
- Gambling
- Embezzlement
- Counterfeiting
- Loitering



# The Year in Photos



# Charlotte POLICE

