

Annual Report

2000

Roger J. Aikin, Chief of Police

Bloomington Police
Department



A Community Partnership

*In Memory of
Dennis J. O'Brien
Chief of Police
Bloomington Police Department
July 28, 2000 to August 20, 2000*



By midsummer of 2000, the Bloomington Police Department was poised on the threshold of a new year, century, and millennium.

Spirits were high as Dennis J. O'Brien became

Chief of Police and the Department looked forward to progress and growth under his guidance.

His twenty-nine years of experience, rising through the ranks, inspired confidence in his leadership abilities.

The enthusiasm was short-lived, however, as death suddenly took their leader after only twenty-four days as Chief.

Though saddened by the loss of a popular and capable Chief, the officers and employees of

the Bloomington Police Department strengthened their resolve to

continue to serve the citizens of Bloomington by following Chief O'Brien's example.

His integrity, compassion, sense of humor, and dedication to duty are an inspiration to all who honor his memory

by rededicating themselves to the finest traditions of the Bloomington Police Department.



*May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bloomington Police Department is to work in partnership with the citizens of Bloomington to enforce the laws and enhance the quality of life in our community.

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City Manager Thomas Hamilton
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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Rapid, profound change in key leadership positions, implementation of new initiatives, and a renewed commitment to enduring law enforcement obligations created an environment rich in opportunities for Bloomington Police Officers in 2000. We responded to those challenges in a spirit of cooperation as we relied on close alliances with our citizens, community leaders, private and government organizations, and our peers. With the help of this network, we were able to continue providing the high level of professional public service our citizens have come to expect.

An innovative partnership between two area high schools and the Police Department was formed when two School Resource Officers were deployed in the fall. These full-time police officers, assigned to Bloomington and Central Catholic High Schools, serve as liaisons between faculty, students, parents, and law enforcement.

Development and implementation of cutting edge technology, including a new Computer Aided Dispatch system, mobile data computers, and the Electronic Justice System (EJS) required careful coordination of resources between several agencies. The EJS crime reporting and records management system allowed greater flexibility in crime data analysis. It provides an excellent foundation upon which future crime mapping and forecasting tools can be built. These advancements will provide police managers with tools to aid in better use of personnel and resources.

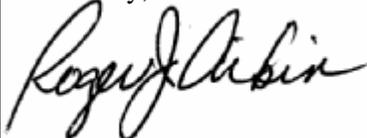
The Neighborhood Traffic Control Committee continued to assess community traffic problems and coordinate responses. Additionally, the Traffic Division was expanded to six officers so more attention could be given to traffic crash reduction through enforcement. Traffic Officers partnered with the Pro-Active Unit to provide directed patrol in school zones, which remain a high priority.

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Continued grant funding allowed more police resources to focus on breaking the cycle of domestic violence. Furthermore, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program was strengthened through restructuring, which allowed a sergeant to teach DARE on a limited basis. Finally, the Public Affairs office worked closely with the community on numerous projects including National Night Out, the Senior Training Outreach Program, and Copy Your Kids, to name a few.

With the basic community policing philosophy well established, we look forward to refining our service delivery in 2001. Rather than merely managing change, we will lead it. We will identify emerging issues that may significantly impact the way we do business and take appropriate action in a timely manner. We will create a working environment that fosters decentralized decision-making thereby empowering line level personnel to engage in effective community problem solving. Working with our employees, we will establish a shared vision, based on shared values that encourage commitment to our goals rather than compliance with them. This transformation will more fully align the Bloomington Police Department with the contemporary community policing model so that we may continue to improve police service in the future.

Sincerely,

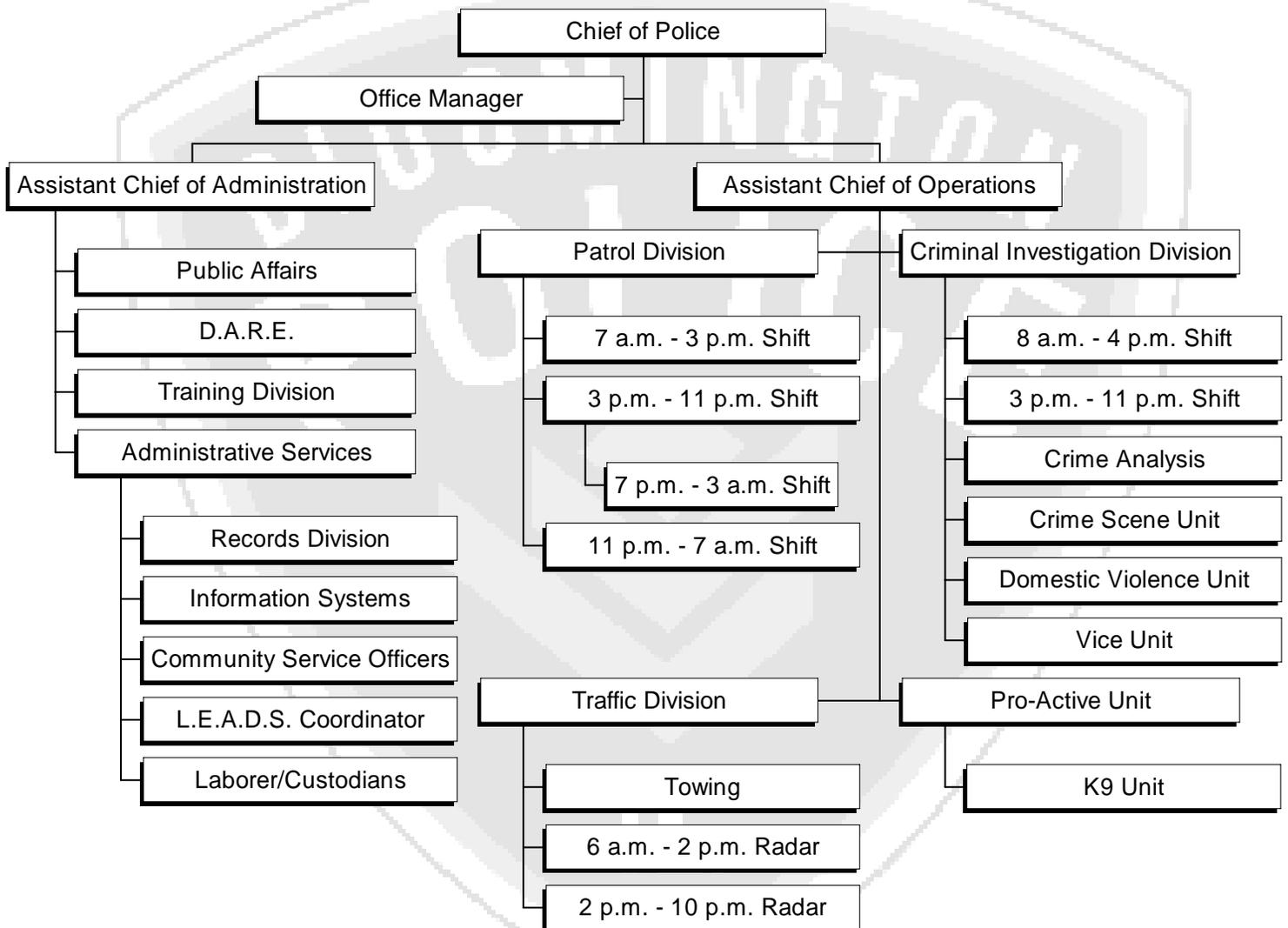


Roger J. Aikin
Chief of Police

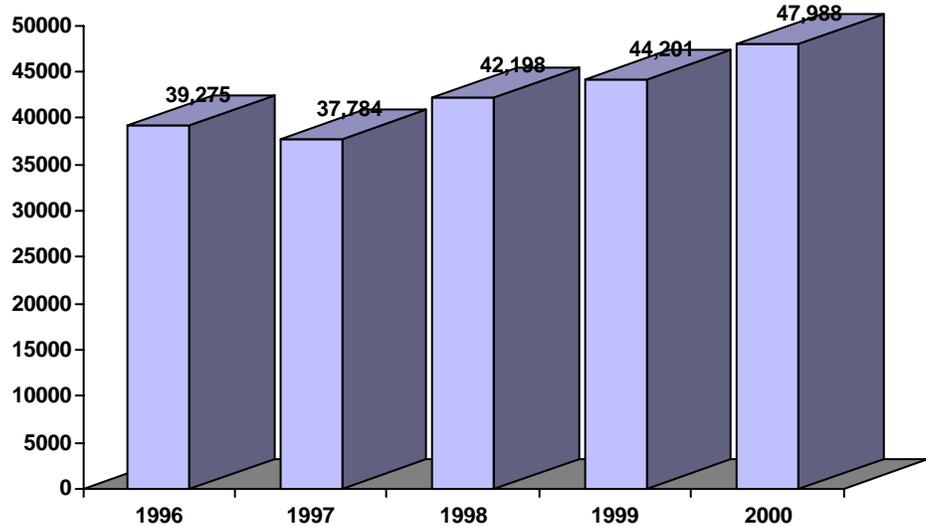
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Bloomington Police Department

Organizational Chart



Calls for Service

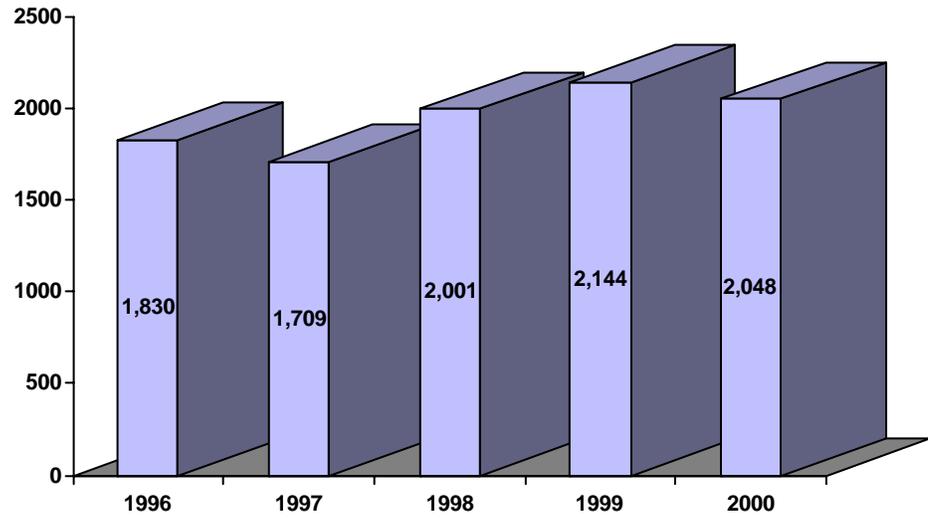


2000 Calls for Service Breakdown

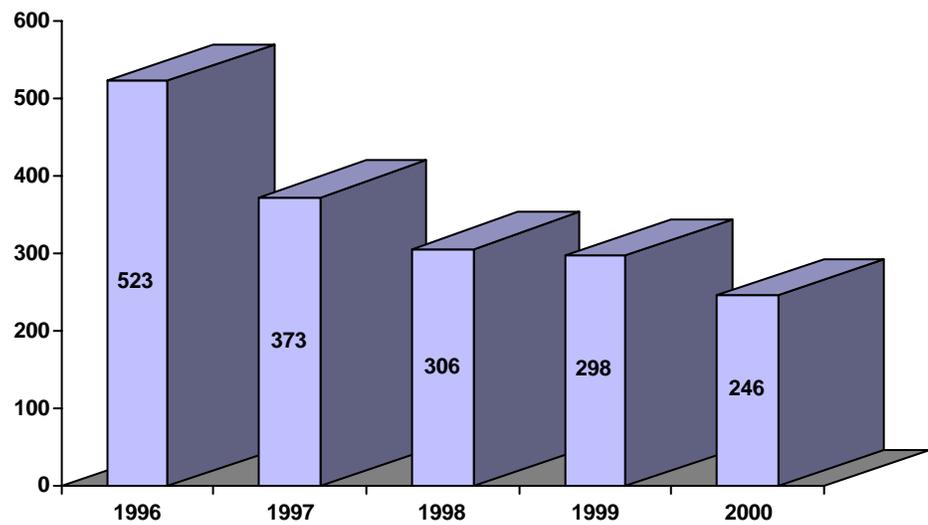
Traffic Stop.....	13,851	Animal Complaint	496	School Resource Officer	126
Domestic Dispute	2,344	Criminal Damage to Property.....	492	Transport - Custody	114
Accident - Property Damage	2,323	Criminal Damage to Vehicle	455	Fraud - Forgery	113
Suspicious Person	2,088	Accident - Personal Injury	433	Prowler.....	111
Alarm - Burglary	2,079	Missing Person	403	Armed Subject.....	107
Loud Music - Party	1,628	Special Assignment	327	Shots Fired.....	93
Motorist Assist.....	1,518	Paper/Process Service	324	Traffic Light or Sign Problem.....	77
Other Public Complaint	1,424	Fireworks.....	301	Sex Offenses.....	75
Suspicious Vehicle.....	1,296	Drug Violations	288	Funeral Escort.....	73
Fight - Riot - Battery	1,129	Retail Theft - Shoplifting	274	Mental Subject	65
Parking Violations	1,128	Civil Dispute.....	250	D.U.I.....	61
Unknown Problem.....	1,118	Intoxicated Subject	247	Drive Off - Failure to Pay.....	57
Assist Other Agency.....	1,025	Foot Patrol.....	246	Robbery	55
Warrant Attempt.....	977	Stolen Vehicle.....	225	Death Investigation	30
Trespassing	937	Open Door/Window	213	Home Invasion	27
Juvenile Complaint.....	863	Pedestrian Stop	213	Lost Child.....	27
Disorderly Conduct.....	838	Suicide.....	183	Fire Call.....	26
Burglary - Not In Progress.....	813	Transport - Non-custody	182	Hit and Run - Personal Injury	22
Theft.....	796	Found Property	172	Medical Emergency - Assist.....	22
Check Well Being.....	594	Burglary in Progress	163	Bomb Threat	12
Other Departmental Services	549	Telephone Harassment	144	Kidnapping	12
Traffic Detail - Complaint.....	546	Alarm - Hold Up	142	Hostage.....	1
Hit and Run - Property Damage	512	Threatening Phone Calls	132	Person Shot	1

Special Note: The above statistics do not represent a specific count of criminal or non-criminal activity. They account for call types initiated by officers or to which they responded.

Adult Arrests



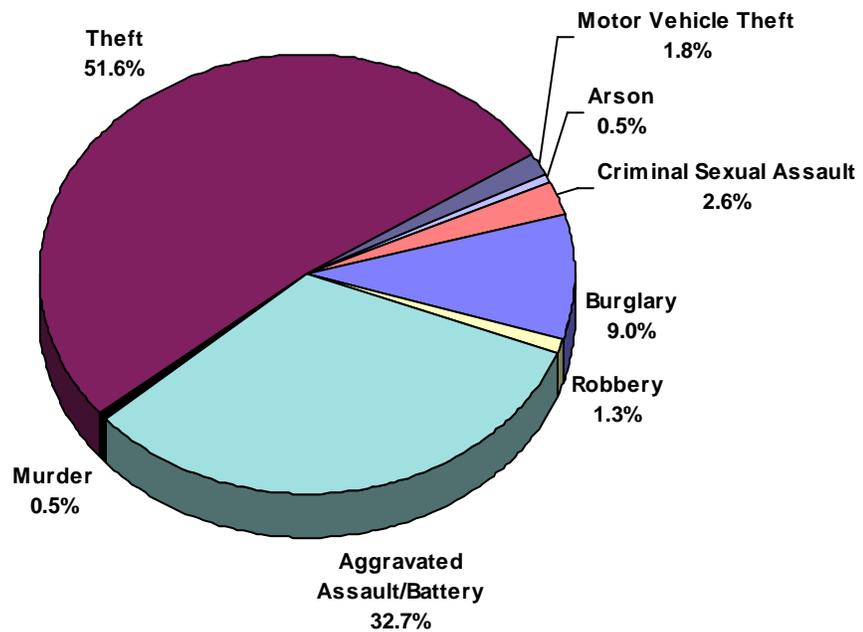
Juvenile Arrests



Index Crime Arrests

Year	Murder	Criminal Sexual Assault	Robbery	Aggravated Assault / Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
1996	2	20	21	226	78	431	16	7
1997	0	19	11	197	62	425	10	6
1998	2	17	11	225	81	397	9	3
1999	1	12	7	203	83	340	8	2
2000	3	16	8	201	55	317	11	3

2000 Index Crime Arrests

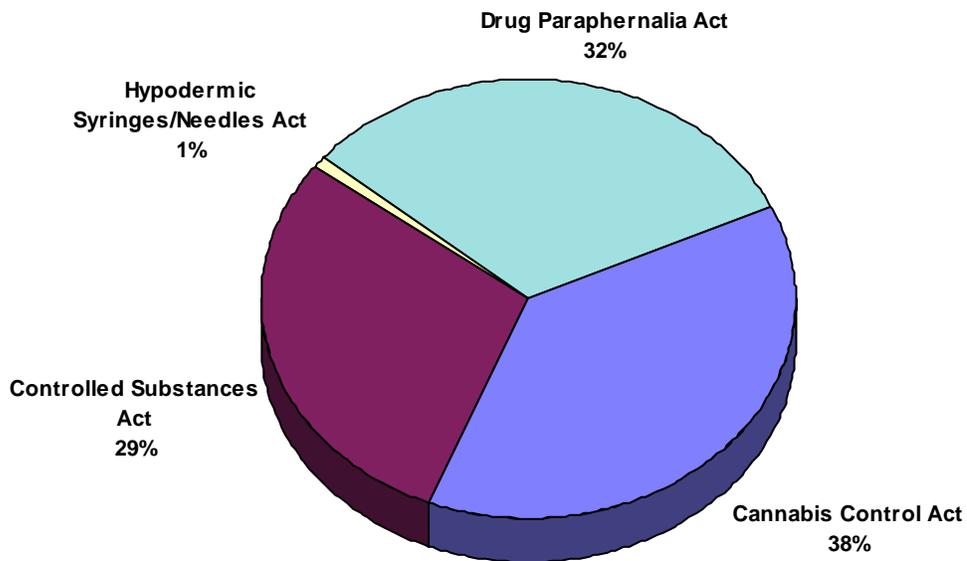


NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Drug Offense Arrests

Year	Cannabis Control Act	Controlled Substances Act	Hypodermic Syringes and Needles Act	Drug Paraphernalia Act
1996	138	187	2	105
1997	147	137	0	91
1998	144	182	3	128
1999	213	244	1	179
2000	206	158	5	173

2000 Drug Offense Arrests



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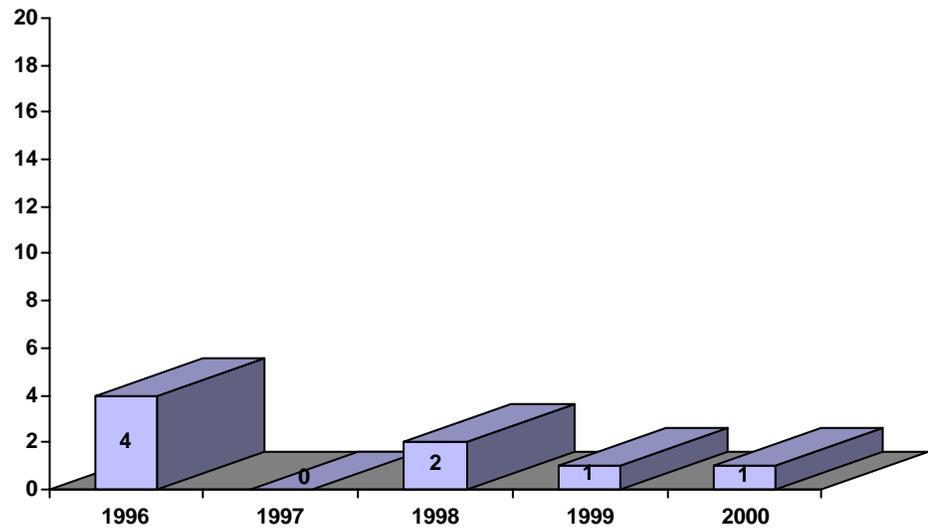
Index Crime Offenses

Index Offenses consist of the violent crimes of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, and the property crimes of burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. These serious crimes are defined as Crime Index Offenses by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Committee on Uniform Crime Reports.

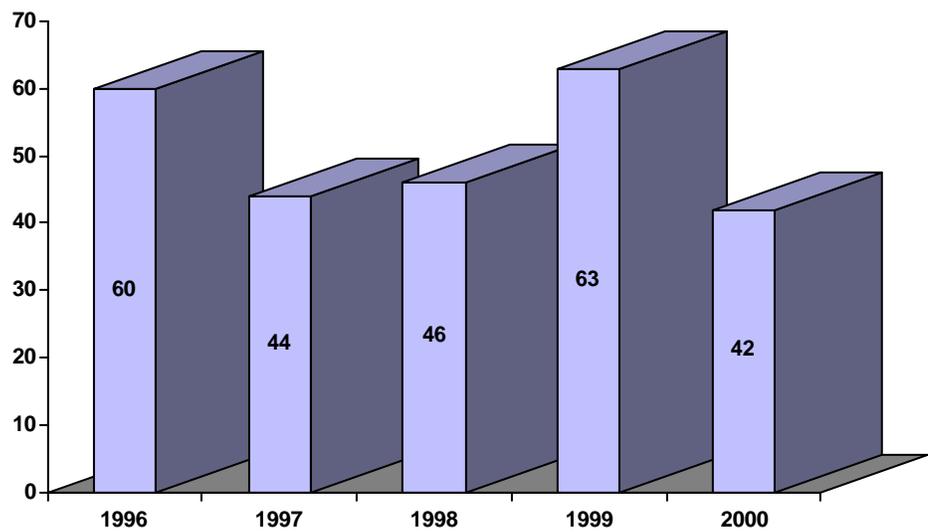
Index crimes used by the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program, and this Department, translate into the following Crime Index Offenses as nationally reported:

ILLINOIS CLASSIFICATION	NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Degree Murder Second Degree Murder 	Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal Sexual Assault Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault Forcible Sodomy Criminal Sexual Assault with an Object 	Forcible Rape
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armed Robbery Robbery Vehicular Hijacking Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking Aggravated Robbery 	Robbery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempted Murder Aggravated Battery Aggravated Assault Heinous Battery Aggravated Battery of a Child Aggravated Battery of a Senior Citizen Ritual Mutilation 	Aggravated Assault
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burglary Residential Burglary Home Invasion 	Burglary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft Over \$300 Theft \$300 and Under Retail Theft Theft/Burglary from Vehicle Theft/Burglary of Vehicle Parts or Accessories Pocket Picking Purse Snatching Theft from Building Theft from Coin Operated Device 	Larceny/Theft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motor Vehicle Theft 	Motor Vehicle Theft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arson Aggravated Arson 	Arson

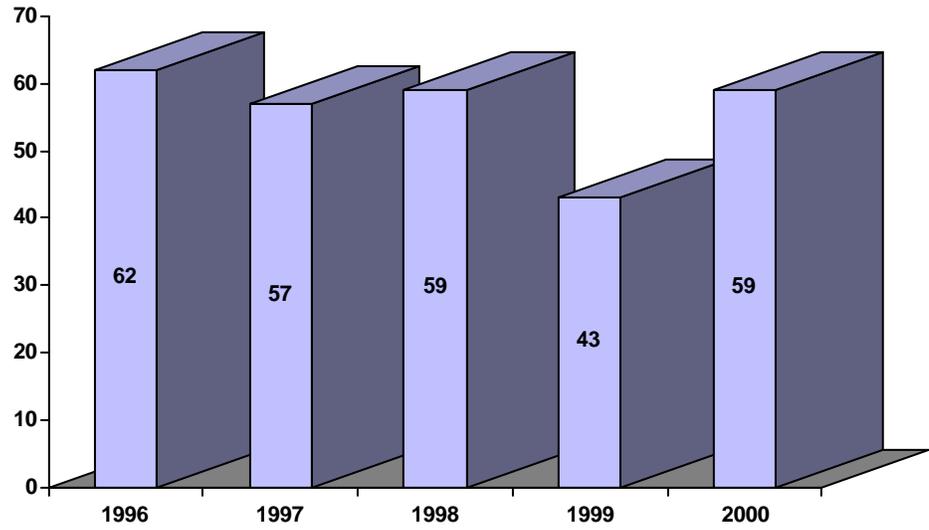
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter



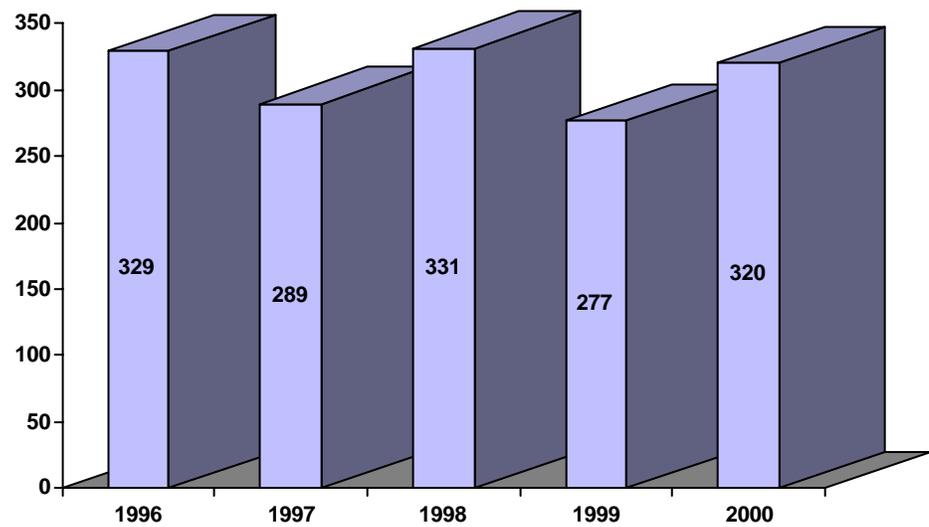
Criminal Sexual Assault



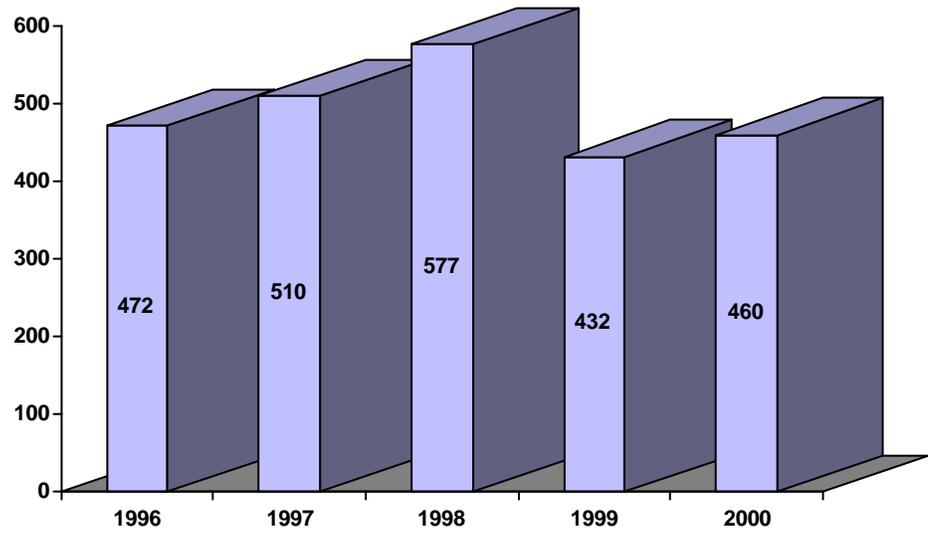
Robbery



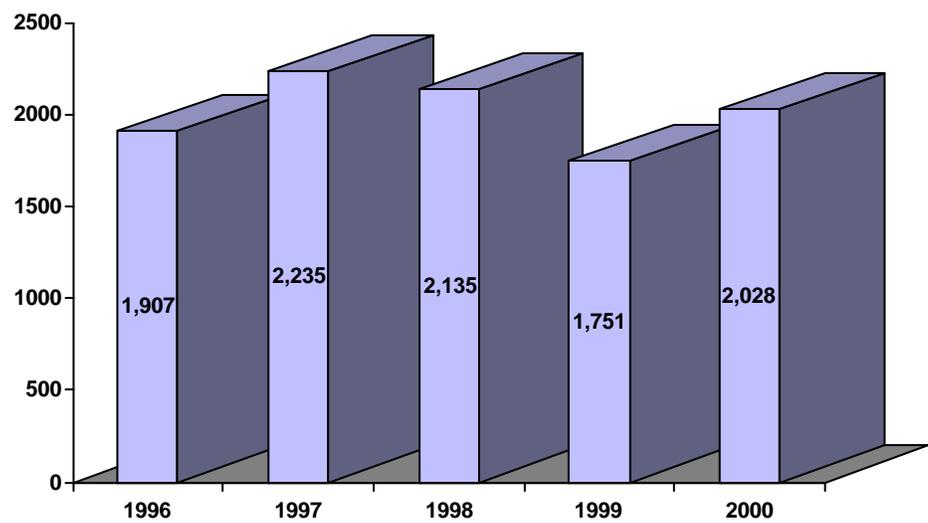
Aggravated Assault/Battery



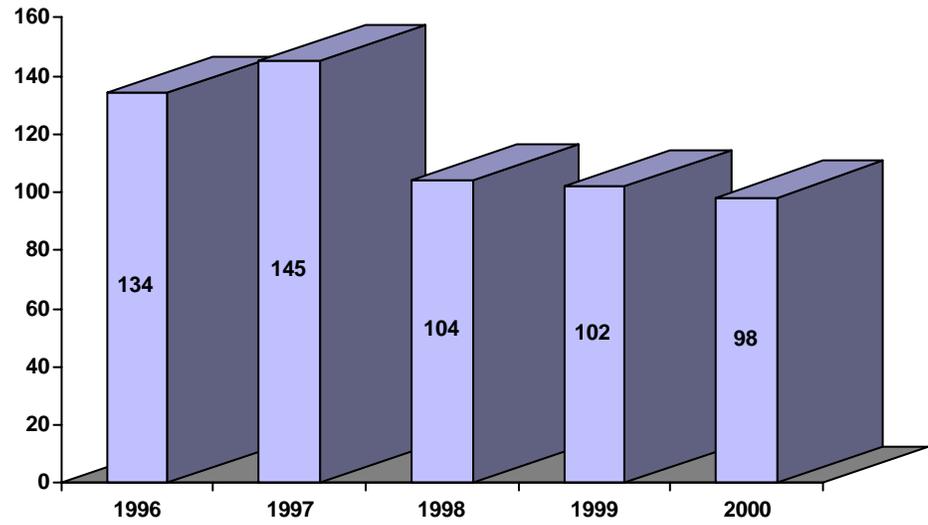
Burglary



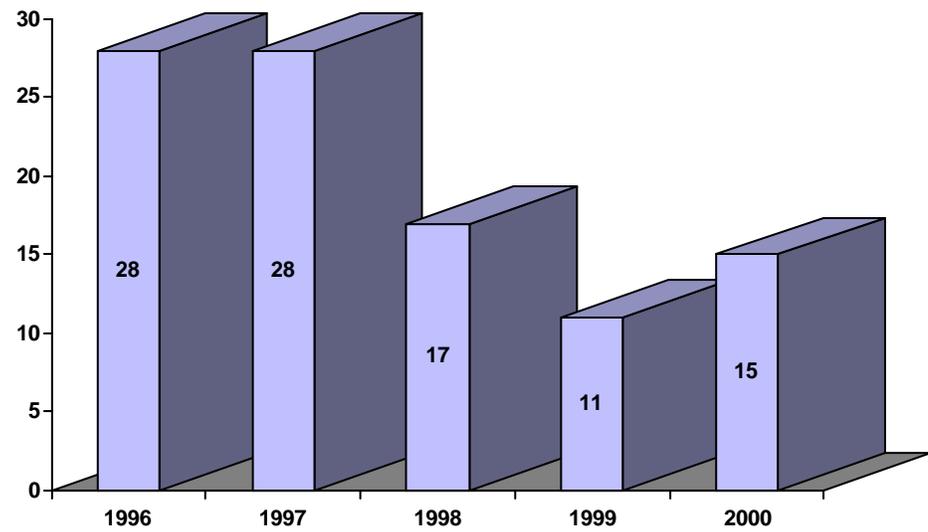
Theft



Motor Vehicle Theft



Arson



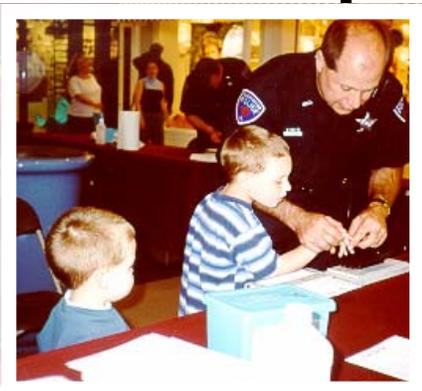
Public Affairs Division

The Public Affairs Division has a permanent leadership role in the Bloomington area, as well as an outstanding national reputation. This division has developed a partnership with the community and a lasting unified spirit of cooperation which demonstrates its commitment to excellence. This invaluable partnership includes businesses, corporations, social groups, neighborhood associations, the religious community, the media, and citizens from a variety of professions, age groups, religions, and ethnic backgrounds. The promise of the Bloomington Police Department Public Affairs Division is to strengthen these partnerships by identifying and breaking down barriers in order to unite the Police Department with the community.

Public education and awareness training as well as problem solving tactics remain the focal point in the division's commitment to the business and residential communities. Available training programs cover such areas as: armed robbery prevention for merchants and financial institutions, fraud awareness, crimes against the elderly, dangerous drugs and narcotics awareness, home and business security, landlord training, and nuisance abatement/property maintenance. Personal safety and realtor safety are also addressed in certain programs. Other available training programs include traveling alone safety, school violence, violence prevention/conflict resolution, and workplace violence.

The Public Affairs Division broadened its cooperation with the media by promptly providing factual, objective, and responsive information, thereby utilizing their enormous scope of public service communication availabilities.

Copy Your Kids, is an event sponsored by area business leaders for the security and protection of our children. Families have the opportunity to videotape and complete saliva DNA sampling of their children free of charge. This is the first year that the Bloomington Police Department went away from the traditional fingerprinting of the children to parents collecting a more reliable source of identification - saliva DNA. It was a well-rounded, educational, one-day program held on April 07, 2001 at Eastland Mall. This important program has reached thousands of children since its inception in 1994.



Officer Rick Barkes fingerprinting for Copy Your Kids at Eastland Mall

National Night Out Against Crime campaign was held on August 07, 2001 at Miller Park. This one day event once again educated and entertained thousands of participants. The event's success is largely due to the community's citizens partnering with the Bloomington Police Department in the spirit of creating a safe, crime-free environment in which to live. The National Night Out celebration continues to gain both local and national attention. The 2001 celebration marked the Police Department's eighth year of participation in this prestigious event and received national recognition for the fifth consecutive year. The National Town Watch Association recognized the Bloomington Police Department for its efforts in 2001's National Night Out with an overall eighth place award for communities with populations of 30,000 to 99,999. This year we developed a short survey

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to uCose at National Night Out this year. Several volunteers walked around and mingled with the crowd, asking for a few moments of the participants' time. People were asked if this year was their first year attending National Night Out, what they like about it, and what suggestions they have for next year's celebration. Of the 138 people surveyed, 134 people said they would attend again. This type of positive feedback encourages us to continue this worthwhile event..

The Neighborhood Watch Program expanded with the creation of new neighborhood watch areas and associations. The education of the block captains and community leaders continued through newsletters and presentations. The division continued in a leadership role by providing quality education, service, and physical improvements for safer neighborhoods. The division also participated in the Walk and Talk Program, which targets high crime areas and was initiated to improve the quality of life for Bloomington's citizens. To do this, City officials went door to door to address citizen concerns. The area addressed in 2001 was all the building structures located in the area of Market Street north, Roosevelt Street east, Mason Street west and Locust Street south.

The Public Affairs Division faithfully works with the area's aging population on a variety of programs concerning elder abuse and financial exploitation. In partnership with PATH, the Bloomington Police Department created the Senior Training Outreach Program (STOP), an innovative crime prevention/informational program designed to reduce victimization among citizens over fifty years of age. In 2001, the Bloomington Police Department along with PATH held the first night course of STOP. The night course of STOP was adopted in order to continue STOP's vision of educating our aging population. Our concern was some of the individuals who could attend this program may be working when our day time course is offered. The first night course was appreciated by the attendees. There have been approximately 270 graduates from STOP since its inception in the Fall of 1997. Rather than relying on the traditional approach to educating citizens about police procedure, STOP:

- orients participants to policing and judicial procedures
- addresses the major forms of abuse, neglect, and fraudulent practices directed toward seniors
- discusses important age-related issues
- encourages and promotes volunteerism

The Public Affairs Division continues to act as a strong senior advocate, along with other community services such as PATH, the M-Team, YWCA's Senior Services, and AARP.

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2000
National Night Out
Celebration

Public Affairs Division

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In 2000, the Public Affairs Division introduced a program called the “Beacon Safety Light Program” to the community. The beacon safety light is a special light bulb which takes the place of a regular porch light. When the light switch is turned on, it acts as a regular light, but with a double flick of the switch, the beacon safety light begins to flash on and off repeatedly. This is a valuable tool for police officers, firefighters, and other people who may be trying to locate a particular residence where there has been an emergency call for service. The beacon safety light is very useful, especially at night when house numbers are difficult, if not impossible, to see from the street. So far, these lights have been distributed to STOP graduates and Neighborhood Watch block captains.

The Bloomington Police Department continued in its ongoing partnership with Bloomington School District 87 in the year 2000. As part of the America Reads Challenge, police officers read educational and meaningful stories to the elementary grade students. This interaction has continued to bond the community and strengthen partnerships with its children.

The Financial Institution Security Association, created by the Public Affairs Division, continued as a viable source of education, crime prevention, and an example of cooperation between McLean County law enforcement agencies and area financial institutions. The combined efforts of these agencies met with success in reducing financial loss and apprehending offenders.

The Twin City Landlord Training Program continued to provide landlords, property managers, and property owners with information on various methods useful in ensuring safe housing for renters. Chronic drug dealing and other illegal activity remained a high priority for the landlord training program. Those taking the class were taught that the most effective way to deal with drug activity on rental property is through cooperation with their tenants, neighbors, and the police department. They learned the best way to keep illegal activity off their property is by taking immediate action once aware of problem areas.

The Public Affairs Division’s goals for 2001 are to:

- continue in a “Community Oriented Government” philosophy, embracing the following principles:
 - a comprehensive and strategic approach to community issues
 - a partnership built upon the assets of the community
 - participation between the police and the community as co-equal partners
- provide leadership for the community
- maintain the Police Department’s website with current and factual information pertaining to scheduled events and programs
- create a school safety program and a training program for school crossing guards
- continue in commitment to all existing programs and improve upon their

D.A.R.E. (*Drug Abuse Resistance Education*)

In 2000, the Bloomington Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program continued to educate Bloomington's youth about the dangers of drug use. The program's main objectives are to:

- reduce drug use among youth
- enhance the decision-making processes of children
- help youth consider the risks and consequences of their actions
- improve the police/community relationship by developing a positive rapport with today's children

In October 2000, two Bloomington Police Officers attended the Illinois State Police D.A.R.E. Officer Training in Springfield. One replaced a seven-year Bloomington D.A.R.E. veteran, now a Sergeant, who will remain in D.A.R.E. part-time. The other teaches on a part-time basis as well and is available for backup when needed.

Bloomington D.A.R.E. officers follow the curriculum established by D.A.R.E. America. This curriculum is primarily addressed to fifth grade students; however, second, fourth, and seventh grade students also receive the D.A.R.E. message annually. Approximately 2,500 Bloomington elementary and junior high students received the D.A.R.E. program in 2000, either in District #87 or in parochial schools. The D.A.R.E. officers may also, if requested by a teacher, go into other grade levels for special class appearances.

Along with classroom education, the Bloomington Police Department D.A.R.E. Program constantly seeks positive alternative activities for the students. Events in 2000 included attending Illinois State University sporting events (men's and women's basketball and volleyball games), a halftime free-throw shootout, swimming at Illinois Wesleyan University, bowling at Pheasant Lanes, a Peoria Rivermen hockey game, a Peoria Chiefs baseball game, monthly roller skating parties at Skate 'N' Place, and a trip to Six Flags in Gurnee. Six students were also selected to attend a week long D.A.R.E. camp in southern Illinois.



Officers Yamada, Evans, and Donath at a fifth grade bowling party

Ted Herbers of Holy Trinity School won the annual Katie Maguire Essay Contest. This award was named for an outstanding D.A.R.E. student who was killed in a 1995 car/pedestrian accident. Ted received recognition for his accomplishment in a Community News article and his name was added to a plaque displayed in the lobby of the Bloomington Police Department. Additionally, he received tickets to a Peoria Chiefs baseball game and got to throw out the first pitch.

The Fifth Annual Katie Maguire Memorial 5K Run at State Farm on Ireland Grove Road was organized and run by family and friends of Katie. Approximately \$1,500 was raised for the D.A.R.E. program.

In 2000, Sheridan School D.A.R.E. students were treated to a visit by members of the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs players shared advice about achieving goals and the importance of being drug free. This was a memorable experience for the children in attendance.

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D.A.R.E. *(Drug Abuse Resistance Education)*

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Fundraising in 2000 continued to be an important part of the D.A.R.E. program. D.A.R.E. continued to receive local financial support from Bloomington School District #87, McLean County Sportsmen's Club, Coldwell Banker, and numerous other private and commercial groups. The seventh annual D.A.R.E. golf outing, held in June 2000, was the most successful yet. A record 150 golfers participated, along with twenty-eight business hole sponsors (another record). The money raised will help offset transportation costs for trips and will supplement the purchase of supplies for D.A.R.E. At Christmas time, Barnes and Noble Booksellers invited representatives of D.A.R.E. to wrap gifts purchased in their store. The D.A.R.E. Program received many donations through this fundraising effort.



Officers Klepec and Donath
wrapping gifts at
Barnes & Noble

The D.A.R.E. Officers continued to maintain and promote the McGruff House Program. This national program enlists community volunteers to offer their homes as a safe location for children in need of assistance. Currently, approximately seventy-five households are actively involved in this program in Bloomington.

While classes were not in session, the D.A.R.E. officers worked patrol and other police-related duties. This enhanced the professional growth of the officers and kept them abreast of changing laws and procedures, as well as changes occurring within the community.

The future goals of the D.A.R.E. program are to:

- expand and grow with any curriculum changes
- continue involvement with alternative activities for students
- keep abreast of student and school needs and make necessary changes
- improve the relationships between the police, schools, and the community

School Resource

In August 2000, the Bloomington Police Department created a new partnership with area high schools through the addition of two School Resource Officers (SRO's). One officer was assigned to Bloomington High School (BHS) and the other was assigned to Central Catholic High School (CCHS). The position came about as a result of increased nationwide concern for school safety. Though that is the SRO's main focus, they have many other functions. One function is to build positive relationships with the students. This is key to bridging the gap of mistrust and misinformation many young people have about police and the criminal justice system. The School Resource Officers have found creative ways to overcome these beliefs and develop new ones.

The SRO's also place a high priority on building safety and security concerns. While BHS is highly developed in regards to security, CCHS has considerably more (minor) provisions to implement. In both schools, members of the administration, as well as the officers, carry portable radios for ease of communication throughout the schools' campuses.

Both of the School Resource Officers have offices in their schools. This is not only practical considering they spend a majority of their time at the schools, but it also shows the students that these officers are permanent fixtures in their schools. The SRO's have an open-door policy, acting as counselors to students seeking their help and giving general guidance to those who need it. In addition, each officer acts as a liaison between his school and the police department, ensuring that important information is relayed between the two institutions.



Officer Erik Yamada



Officer Marvin Arnold

The School Resource Officers have taken an active disciplinary role with the students in their schools. They tackle issues such as truancy and drug use through presentations and individual counseling. The officers also strive to promote good behavior not only during school, but also during extracurricular activities, such as sporting events and dances.

Though the overall goals of the two School Resource Officers are the same, several key differences have been discovered with regard to the different schools. These differences lie mainly in the fact that BHS is a public school and CCHS is a private school. The officer assigned to CCHS has had to adapt to a "small school" environment, which is more rigidly structured due to its nature as a parochial school. The BHS officer's challenges revolved around the large number and profound diversity of students at his school. In the year 2000, the SRO's made tremendous progress in their schools. The BHS officer was given information at school which helped lead to the arrest of three persons involved in a bank robbery. The CCHS officer worked diligently with students to instill positive habits in them, such as securing their belongings and locking their car doors. There has been marked improvement in these areas.

In 2001, as the School Resource Officer position continues to evolve, the officers will focus on several different issues. The CCHS officer will place further emphasis on building safety issues. He also plans to spend more time in the classrooms and help to supplement the existing curriculum with basic law enforcement-related material. The BHS officer plans to increase interaction with students and continue building relationships between the police, community, and school system.

Training Division



The Bloomington Police Department is committed to making certain its officers are equipped with the necessary tools, both physical and mental, to perform the duties delegated to them. Because technology involved in police work improves at a staggering pace, the training necessary to implement those changes presents a huge challenge. The Bloomington Police Department Training Division works in conjunction with many agencies to make certain the Police Department's officers are properly trained.

All new recruit officers are graduates of the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield or the University of Illinois Police Training Institute in Champaign-Urbana. These four hundred plus hours of basic training provide a foundation of education for each officer that will continue throughout his or her entire law enforcement career. Officers continually train in all areas to stay abreast of changing laws and the methods required to enforce them. Officers train on a local level through Mobile Team Unit 8 which provides much of the training needed including the mandatory CORE classes. These CORE classes include: CPR/First Aid/Bloodborne Pathogens training, defensive driving, self defense, and use of firearms, as well as many others. From the ranks of this department, many well-qualified instructors provide their expertise to help train fellow officers.

Other training vendors used included, but are not limited to, the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; Northwestern Traffic Institute in Evanston, Illinois; the National Intelligence Academy in Coral Springs, Florida; and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana. All of these institutions represent the finest training in their designated fields of expertise ranging from administration and management to police supervision, electronics technology, and pursuit driving.

The Training Division of the Bloomington Police Department will strive to adapt to the changing times to make the education of its officers a priority in the future. With this continuous cycle of training, Bloomington Police Officers will be better prepared to respond to community needs in a safe and lawful manner.

Patrol Operations

The uniform division is the backbone of the Police Department and the focal point for all police activity. All other police services are either supportive of, or supplemental to, the patrol operation.

Any officer not assigned to a specialized function is a patrol officer, regardless of rank. Each patrol shift has its own character due to the hours worked, the types of calls for service, and the characteristics of citizens encountered.

Something each shift has in common is a shared commitment to preventive patrol. This is time during which an officer may patrol an assigned area to look for suspicious activity, issue traffic violations, or contact individual citizens and/or groups to discuss activities in the area. The officer may discover a dangerous situation or problem and engage citizens, other City resources, business leaders, or fellow officers to assist in addressing the identified problem. It is a time to focus on Community Policing and build individual community partnerships.

In 2000, First Shift (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) patrol officers participated in numerous activities and events, including the McLean County Disaster Council's Exercise 2000, which was a cooperative effort among ESDA, State Farm Insurance, EMS, the Bloomington Police and Fire Departments, and other agencies in the community. First Shift officers also provided assistance in the City of Bloomington's Sesquicentennial celebration, the Prairie Air Show, the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show, and several parades throughout the year.

Second Shift (3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) saw a distinct difference in the type of activity it encountered. The officers provided preventive patrol and engaged in traffic enforcement throughout the shift. However, activity in the early part of the shift included a large number of calls for vehicular crashes, assistance to citizens, reports of theft, etc. The activity in the latter part of the shift focused primarily on residential neighborhoods and included domestic problems; neighborhood disputes; and reports of drug and gang activity.

Third Shift (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) also responded to a wide variety of complaints. This shift tended to see more calls for service relating to burglaries in progress, domestic disputes, and loud music or partying complaints. Calls on third shift were mainly handled by multiple officers due to the nature of the complaints and potential for violence, coupled with the shift's hours. Third Shift responded to the majority of "bar fight" calls and also engaged in a great deal of preventive patrol, especially relating to businesses and high crime areas.

The Bloomington Police Department had an additional patrol shift in 2000 known as Power Shift. The shift's hours were 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. One purpose of this shift was to provide continuity of service throughout the late evening hours during the change between Second and Third Shifts, during which time there was often a significant overlap of calls for service. In addition, Power Shift provided preventive patrol and worked several special details throughout the year.

While there are distinct differences between the shifts, their overall goals are the same. In 2001, the Patrol Division will focus increased attention on defined community policing activities, problem-solving tactics, and improving the quality of life for Bloomington's citizens.

Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) supplements the patrol force of the Bloomington Police Department. The detectives assigned to CID have the responsibility to initiate more complex and time-consuming investigations than can be handled within the patrol function. These investigations span a wide variety of crimes and include misdemeanors and felonies.

In 2000, the Criminal Investigation Division reviewed 8,090 reports for possible assignment and follow-up. Detectives were assigned to investigate 2,233 of these cases. Other cases were forwarded to the McLean County State's Attorney's Office for review. Still others were either assigned back to the Patrol Division for investigation or cleared by other means.

The Criminal Investigation Division investigated one homicide in the year 2000. This homicide involved a local business owner who was killed during an armed robbery of his business. All of the department's resources were utilized in this investigation resulting in the arrest of three suspects. This case is currently pending trial.

The William Little homicide investigation, which began in 1986, intensified in 1999 with the arrest of two suspects and continued to be investigated in 2000. Two detectives were assigned full time to this investigation. One suspect was brought to trial as an accessory in the event; however, the defendant was acquitted of all charges. At the end of 2000, the other suspect was brought to trial for the actual homicide. The trial continued into the first few weeks of January 2001, and the jury found the defendant guilty. This conviction was brought about by cooperation between members of the Bloomington Police Department and many other agencies.



Detective Randy Craft and
CID Lieutenant Robert Siron

In 2000, the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance continued to be enforced and resulted in several meetings with property owners/managers. This resulted in successful interventions in several cases where drug activity and other offenses were occurring and affecting the quality of life for neighboring citizens. This process continues to be of importance when dealing with rental properties where chronic drug activity and other offenses occur.

Personnel of the Criminal Investigation Division continue to receive advanced training to enhance their capabilities as investigators and as police officers. This training helps them to become more efficient and effective in their work and to better utilize resources fundamental in completing investigations. The supervisors of the division continue to receive training as well to improve caseload management and organization of the division's activities.

The Criminal Investigation Division looks forward to the year 2001. Projected goals include bringing the division up to its authorized strength and possibly adding an investigator. CID also looks forward to working with other departments and agencies to serve the community and surrounding areas.

Vice and Drug Unit

The Bloomington Police Department's Vice Unit continued an aggressive level of activity in the year 2000. The unit opened forty-five cases resulting in:

- the arrest of 71 suspects
- the seizure of 509.3 grams of crack cocaine (street value = \$50,930)
- the seizure of 6,617.7 grams of cannabis (street value = \$34,950)
- the seizure of 300 grams of methamphetamines (street value = \$30,000)
- the seizure of 3.2 grams of heroin (street value = \$320)
- the seizure of 69.1 grams of ecstasy (street value = \$1,730)
- the seizure of one firearm
- the seizure of ten motor vehicles used in the delivery of a controlled substance
- the seizure of assorted cell phones, pagers, and scanners
- the seizure of \$20, 574.54 in cash
- Felony convictions for the majority of cases, resulting in a conviction rate in excess of 95% of cases prosecuted.

The success experienced by the Vice Unit is the result of the cooperation between the department's Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Pro-Active Unit, and the McLean County State's Attorney's Office. In 2000, Assistant State's Attorney Jeff Horve continued his aggressive stance in the prosecution of drug violations. The Vice Unit also worked in cooperation with the Illinois State Police Task Force Six and the Normal Police Vice Unit in planning and investigating drug cases.

The unit also took a proactive stance against underage liquor sales in Bloomington. They conducted several undercover sting operations, resulting in three ordinance violations to three separate businesses for sales of liquor to minors.

The number of arrests for drug violations dropped by over one third in the year 2000; however, the amount of cocaine removed from the streets increased by more than 500%. Similarly, two major raids resulted in more than 6,000 grams of cannabis being seized. The Vice Unit experienced a drastic change in the methamphetamine and ecstasy cultures in Bloomington. These two areas will likely result in new challenges and demand increased attention in 2001.



Examples of drugs seized
in the year 2000

The Vice Unit's primary focus for the year 2001 will continue to be the removal of drugs from the streets of the community. As new drug trends migrate to the Bloomington/Normal area, the unit will adapt to aid in their suppression.

Forensic Sciences/Crime Scene Unit

As part of the Criminal Investigation Division, the Forensic Sciences/Crime Scene Unit is staffed by two full-time detectives who operate a modern crime laboratory. The unit is responsible for the collection, preservation, and documentation of physical evidence at crime scenes as well as the coordination of the forensic efforts of the entire force. In 2000, the unit worked on over 700 cases, 239 being Marijuana Leaf Identification tests. Two hundred ninety-seven cases were submitted to Illinois State Police Forensic Science Laboratories for further analysis.

Subsequent to its collection, most forensic physical evidence is forwarded to one of eight Illinois State Police forensic laboratories (the closest is in Morton, Illinois) for analysis. However, some analytical functions are performed in the Bloomington Police Department's laboratory.

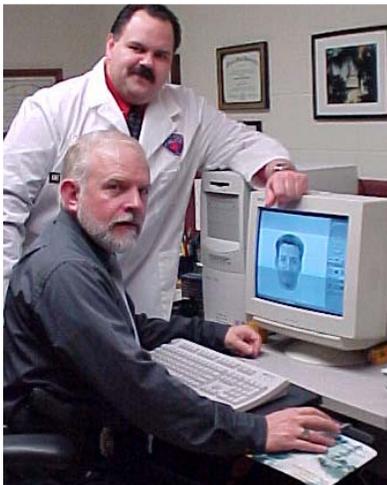
Services the forensic detectives use that are provided by the Illinois State Police Laboratories include:

- Latent fingerprint examination and comparison
- Operation of the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS.)
- Drug chemistry trace analysis
- Microscopy
- Firearms and toolmark examination
- Operation of the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) database
- Biology/DNA analysis and comparison
- Operation of the Combined DNA Indexing System (CODIS) database
- Tire track and footwear examination and analysis
- Polygraph examination
- Questioned documents examination and analysis

Besides collecting and submitting evidence for all of those disciplines, the BPD forensic unit offers the following services:

- Marijuana leaf identification
- Forensic photography/imaging
- Computer forensics
- Latent fingerprint development
- Crime scene investigation and analysis
- Forensic art and compositry

The Bloomington Police Department is one of the few agencies in the world that offers both hand drawn and computer generated compositry services by International Association for Identification (IAI) Certified Forensic Artists. The forensics unit uses the E-FIT (Electronic Facial Identification Technique) software for computer generated composites and currently maintains a thirty percent "hit rate" of suspect identification.



Forensic Detectives
Tom Sanders (seated) and
Tommy Lee Walters

Forensics unit detectives often teach or lecture at local colleges and make presentations to civic groups and schools. Arrangements for forensic presentations and laboratory tours can be made by contacting the Criminal Investigation Division commander.

Domestic Violence

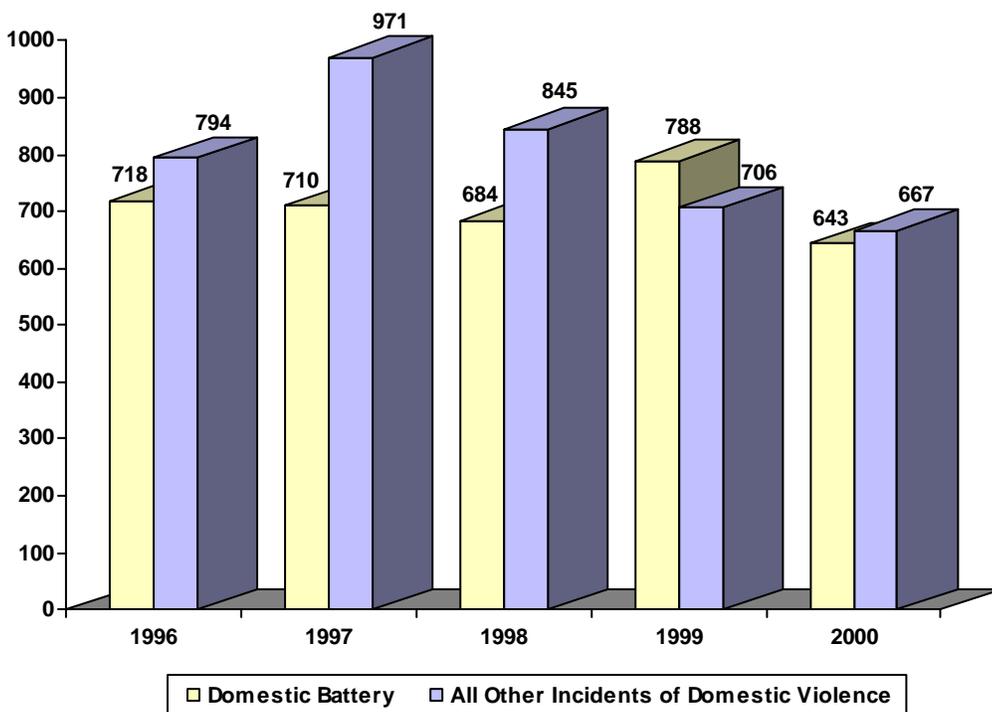
Domestic Violence is one of the most complex issues officers will face in their law enforcement careers. Understanding the dynamics of such violence—also known as family violence or partner abuse—is vital to breaking the cycle of violence. Officers must not only grasp the complexity of this problem, but assist in educating society in an effort to put an end to the violence. Only through education and working together can we as a society eradicate the plague of Domestic Violence.

In 2000, the Domestic Violence (DV) Unit worked in partnership with the McLean County State's Attorney, Normal Police Department, McLean County Sheriff's Department, Neville House, McLean County Probation Department, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Children's Foundation, AVERT, and many other community organizations to educate citizens and relieve society of this epidemic.

The DV Unit continues to be staffed by two full-time officers. Working alongside these two officers is a victim advocate from Neville House. This working relationship presents a positive and united front to the victims, who many times are scared, confused, and unwilling or unable to trust others.

The Bloomington Police Department was awarded the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant in 1999. This federal grant had many facets,

including resources to hire back officers fifty-six hours a week to assist the existing DV officers with the investigation of domestic violence crimes. The grant continued through November of 2000. As it progressed into its second year, the grant's positive effects were evident. Officers continued to broaden their knowledge through roll call training, and victims continued to receive services through the victim advocate. The number of appropriate and effective arrests increased, while the



number of calls for service concerning domestic violence decreased. The officers gave presentations to local clergy and other community organizations in an effort to increase public awareness about domestic violence.

In 2001, the Bloomington Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit will continue to strive toward easing the burden of domestic violence on the community through education and partnership with other community agencies.

Pro-Active Unit

The Bloomington Police Department's Pro-Active Unit served the citizens of McLean County in the year 2000 as a multi-jurisdictional crime suppression unit. The unit consisted of one Bloomington Police Sergeant, four Bloomington Police Patrol Officers, and one Normal Police Patrol Officer.

As in years past, the main focus of the unit for the year 2000 was the suppression of street level crime. Because of the variances in street level crime, traditional policing approaches sometimes become difficult to implement. Pro-Active officers were given the flexibility to work in the entire community, free from assignment of a call load in a specific area or beat. This allowed the officers to operate in a preventive mode, rather than taking the traditional reactive approach to crime.

In the year 2000, the Pro-Active Unit provided additional traffic enforcement in school zones and conducted field interviews in an attempt to identify major criminal elements in the community. The unit also provided regular support for the Vice Unit, assisting in the execution of drug-related search warrants, buy/bust operations, and surveillance. In addition, the unit assisted the Illinois State University Police Department with dignitary security.

In 2001, the Pro-Active Unit will no longer be supplemented with officers from other agencies, and it will primarily serve Bloomington. This restructuring will allow the Pro-Active Unit to focus heavily on problem areas within the City, rather than spanning their activity across several jurisdictions. Despite these changes, the main focus of the unit will remain the suppression of street level crime. The unit will also continue to provide support to other Bloomington Police Department divisions and work proactively to deter crime and improve the quality of life for Bloomington citizens.

Traffic Division

The Traffic Division expanded with the addition of two full-time officers in the year 2000. With this expansion, the Traffic Division was comprised of one Sergeant, one towing officer, and four traffic patrol officers. This staffing resulted in an increased number of citations issued as well as vehicles towed and sold.

The Traffic Division concentrated a great deal of time and effort on school zone safety. This continues to be an issue as a large number of citizens drive in a risky manner near school zones, which shows a lack of concern and respect for students' safety.

The Traffic Division's Towing Officer removed 566 vehicles abandoned and/or in a state of disrepair from city streets or private property. Another 1,070 vehicles were towed by the Patrol Division (due to arrests, abandonment, etc.), bringing the total number of vehicles towed to 1,636. Towed vehicles not claimed by the owner or license holder are sold at monthly auctions. A total of 343 vehicles were sold, generating \$24,239.40 in revenue for the City. This is a 55% increase over the revenue earned from vehicle auctions in 1999.

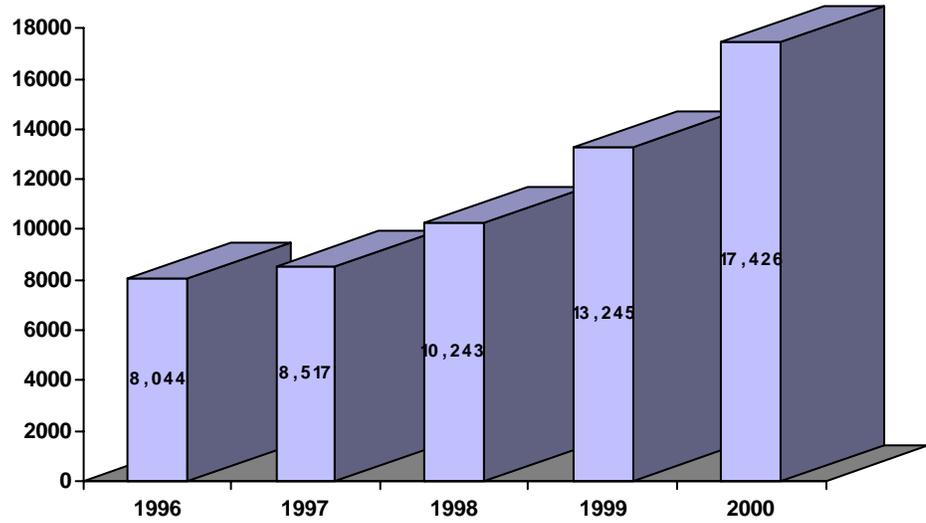
The Volunteer Handicap Parking Program was restructured, making it more convenient for volunteers to partner with the Traffic Division to enforce handicap parking laws. This change was in direct response to volunteers expressing their suggestions concerning how to simplify the program to better accommodate their efforts.

Another program maintained by the Traffic Division was the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This program targets intersections with a high rate of vehicular crashes through consistent monitoring by Traffic Officers who issue violations as necessary. The officers also respond to citizen requests for increased traffic enforcement in specific areas within the city limits.

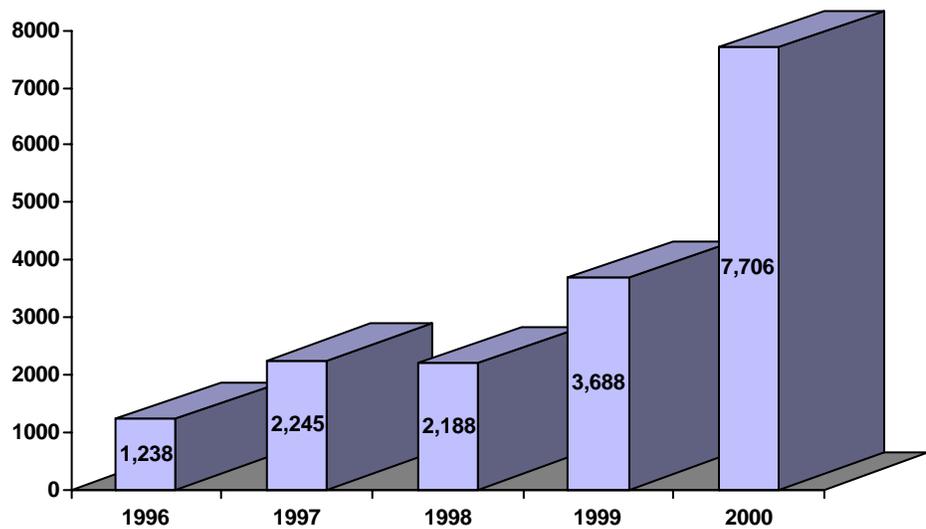
Although the division accomplished a great deal of its goals for 2000, the officers will continue to strive toward improving upon this success. This will require the continual support of other officers and of citizens.

In the upcoming year, the Traffic Division will continue to take a proactive approach to the enforcement of traffic laws in an effort to improve the safety of Bloomington's neighborhoods and roadways. Public safety and education will remain the division's primary goals.

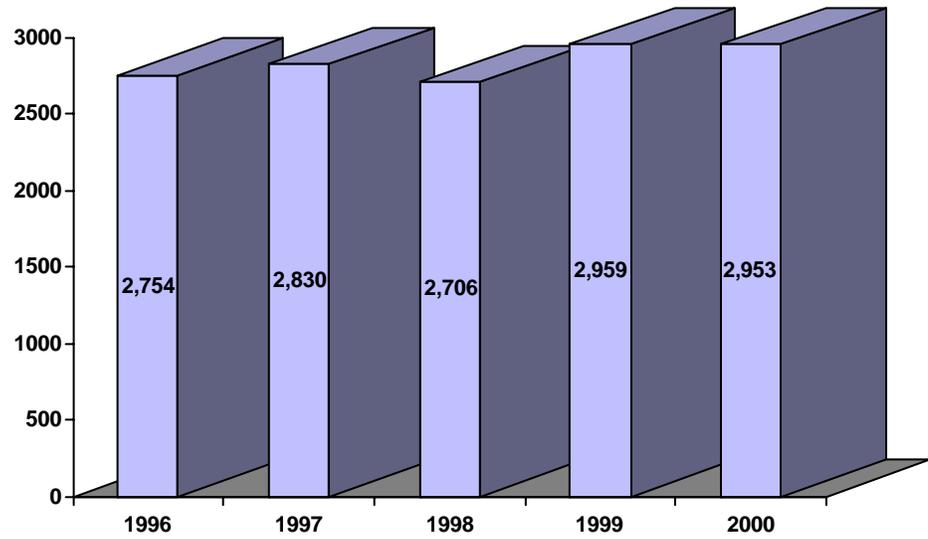
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