

# **FRANCONIA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**



***ANNUAL POLICE REPORT  
2004***

**1. COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND DISPOSITIONS**

Complaints Received	2,303
Complaints Closed	2,022
Cleared by Arrest	242
Open Complaints	281

**2. CLASSIFICATION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED**

**A. *PROPERTY COMPLAINTS***

Burglary	4
Unlawful Entry	7
Trespassing	19
Arson	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	6
Unauthorized Use (Motor Vehicle)	3
Theft of Property	83
Lost/Stolen Registration	3
Found/Lost/Missing Property	45
Criminal Mischief	58
Fraud/Credit Card	26
Bad Checks	4
Open Building	31
Weapons	2

**B. *PERSONAL COMPLAINTS***

Sex Offenses	3
Aggravated Assault	8
Simple Assault	6
Offense Against Family	1
Terroristic Threats	6
Harassment	23
Harassment by Communications	33
Disorderly Conduct	46
Disturbances	33
Juvenile Disturbances	21
Domestic Disturbances	63
Domestic Standby	5
Immigration Violation	5
Protection Order Violations	6

**C. MOTOR VEHICLE RELATED COMPLAINTS**

Driving While Under the Influence	75
Vehicle Crashes (Reportable)	170
Non-Reportable Crashes	143
Hit and Run Crashes	20
Motor Vehicle Code Arrests	879
Traffic Complaints	74
Abandoned Vehicle	9
Vehicle/Building Lockouts	37
Hazardous Conditions	12

**D. MISCELLANEOUS**

Drug Act	43
Liquor Laws	17
Public Drunkenness	22
Suspicious Person, Auto, Activity	262
9-1-1 Hang Up	142
Missing Person	13
Attempt to Locate Person	7
Runaway/Truancy	4
Mental Health	16
Death Investigation	7
Suicide	1
Attempted Suicide	3
Animal Complaints	104
Dog Law Violations	2
Game Laws	8
Littering	12

**E. TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES**

False Alarms	163
Burning	8
Noise	15
Park Violations	47
Solicitors	1
Fireworks	8
Other Twp. Ordinances	6

### **3. ARRESTS**

Burglary	1
Aggravated Assault	3
Simple Assault	1
Fighting	1
Domestic Disturbance	3
Protection Order Violations	3
Criminal Mischief	2
Criminal Trespass	5
Disorderly Conduct	36
Terroristic Threats	1
Harassment	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5
Driving Under Influence/Alcohol	75
Liquor Laws	18
Public Drunkenness	7
Drug Laws	43
Theft	4
Receiving Stolen Property	1
False Reports	3
Vandalism	1
Warrant Service	4
Unlawful (Suspicious) Activities	3
Other	3

### **4. COMMUNICATIONS HANDLED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Total Communications	18,422
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**5. ARREST CASE STATUS**

**A. Adult Arrests**

Total Adults Arrested	242
Cases Still Pending	202

**B. Juvenile Arrests**

Total Juveniles Arrested	31
Referred to Juvenile Court	12
Cases Still Pending	16

**C. Motor Vehicle Citations**

Total Motor Vehicle Citations	879
Found Guilty at Hearing	25
Found Not Guilty	111
Charges Withdrawn	91
Discharged by Judge	18
Reduced	73
Acquitted	3

**6. POLICE SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE YEAR**

Motor Vehicle Courtesy Warnings/ Equipment Violation Notices	1,711
Assists to Other Police Departments	507
Assists from Other Police Departments	91
Assistance to Ambulances	497
Assistance to Fire Departments	108
Alarm Responses	163
Warning Notices Sent to Subscriber	69
Violation Notice – Fee Assessed	17

**7. CRASH INVESTIGATIONS**

Crashes Investigated:	
Reportable	170
Non-Reportable	143
Persons Injured	100
Fatalities	0

**8. ASSISTANCE TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – 506**

Hatfield Township Police Department	48
Hilltown Township Police Department	10
Kutztown Borough Police Department	1
Lower Salford Township Police Department	160
Marlborough Township Police Department	1
Montgomery Township Police Department	1
Pennridge Regional Police Department	6
Pennsylvania State Police - Skippack	11
Perkasie Borough Police Department	1
Souderton Borough Police Department	88
Telford Borough Police Department	165
Towamencin Township Police Department	14

**9. ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – 91**

Hatfield Township Police Department	3
Hatboro Police Department	1
Hilltown Township Police Department	1
Lower Salford Township Police Department	30
Pennridge Regional Police Department	1
Pennsylvania Game Commission	2
Pennsylvania State Police – Skippack	1
Souderton Borough Police Department	20
Telford Borough Police Department	27
Towamencin Township Police Department	5

**10. COURT APPEARANCES**

District Court	426
County Common Pleas Court	10
Juvenile Court	4

**11. DISPOSITION OF INCOME**

**A. District Court Fines**

Total Funds to the Township for Vehicle and Non-Traffic Violations:  
\$52,701.83

Montgomery County Clerk of Courts – defendant restitution for  
prosecution costs \$1,967.89

**B. Other Income**

Dog Impound Fees	\$120.00
Copies of Reports Sold to Insurance and Others	\$4,167.25
False Alarm Notice Fees	\$1,200.00
Reimbursement for overtime details	\$607.50
Defendant fees recovered for lodging at Lansdale PD	\$1,200.00

**C. Grants**

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

1. Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) \$960.00

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

1. North Penn D.U.I. Task Force overtime reimbursement  
\$3,722.50

Montgomery County District Attorney's Office

1. Bureau of Narcotics Investigations overtime reimbursement  
\$4,990.32

United States Department of Justice

1. Bulletproof Vest Partnership - Reimbursement of one-half of  
the cost of the purchase for officers' vests \$670.00

**12. POLICE VEHICLE REPORT**

Total Vehicle Miles	150,441
Total Gallons of Gasoline	14,272

**13. FIVE-YEAR COMPARISONS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY**

	<u><b>Complaints</b></u>	<u><b>Communications</b></u>
<b>2000</b>	2,455	17,951
<b>2001</b>	2,999	20,010
<b>2002</b>	3,517	20,999
<b>2003</b>	2,875	20,098
<b>2004</b>	2,669	18,422

**14. HIGHLIGHTS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2004**

FACILITY

The police department moved into its brand new stand-alone facility on May 5, 2004. The new building, which is adjacent to the current township building, was designed to handle the expected growth of the township for many years.

TRAINING

All officers successfully completed their mandatory 16-hour annual update classes as required by the Municipal Police Officers Training and Education Act. The training included updates on current law changes, officer safety, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Officer Travis Bivighouse and Officer Edward Hall conducted the bi-annual firearms qualifications courses for the department.

Each officer also attended various in-service specialized training throughout the year. Some of those classes and the officers who attended are listed below:



- Officer Travis Bivighouse was certified in Advanced Accident Reconstruction.
- Chief Kozeniewski and Sergeant Jeffery Gower attended a training session on Police Integrity.
- Officers Tim Boyle and Wayne Pursell were assigned to the newly formed Montgomery County Field Force Team. The team will respond to provide crowd control and other order functions at large gatherings and disturbances.
- Officers Bivighouse, Ed Hall and Steve Rinker attended the Police Officer Supervisor In-Service (POSIT) class that was presented by Penn State University.
- We added two new employees this year. Officer Charles Stockert joined us in March as our third part-time patrol officer. In September, Janice Froshour was hired as our new secretary.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

The Annual Univest Grand Prix Bike Race was held in the Indian Valley on September 18th. Six officers assisted with road closures in Franconia Township during race that was abbreviated due to heavy rains.

For the eighth consecutive year, the Police Department observed the National Night Out Against Crime Celebration on August 3rd. Officers and residents met at Franconia Community Park in an effort to get to know each other better. The North Penn Goodwill Service canteens supplied complimentary snacks. A classic car show was a highlight of the evening. Nearly 2,000 people were in attendance.

### EDUCATION

Officer David Klepfer continued in his role as the School Resource Officer for the public schools in the township. Besides being a presence in the Indian Crest Junior High School, he also conducted the following events:

- Bicycle Safety Rodeos
- Dangerous Stranger Safety Programs
- Police Officer Identification Programs in kindergartens at all schools and all nursery schools.

Officer Klepfer conducted the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program at the Franconia and Vernfield Elementary Schools. Officer Tim Boyle presented the program at the West Broad Street Elementary School. Over 300 students graduated from the course in 2004.

Chief Kozeniewski made several presentations to the bus driver certification classes at Transportation Services, Incorporated. This instruction was on the rules of the road for school bus drivers.

### EQUIPMENT

Two 2004 Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicles were added to the fleet of patrol vehicles.

Officer Glenn Kranich applied for a grant and received Night Vision goggles for the department. The officers have already used these goggles for nighttime searches for suspects and missing persons.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

The police department continues to be an active participant in the following regional police activities:

- North Penn Tactical Response Team
- Montgomery County District Attorney's Bureau of Narcotics Investigations Team
- North Penn DUI Task Force

Respectfully submitted,

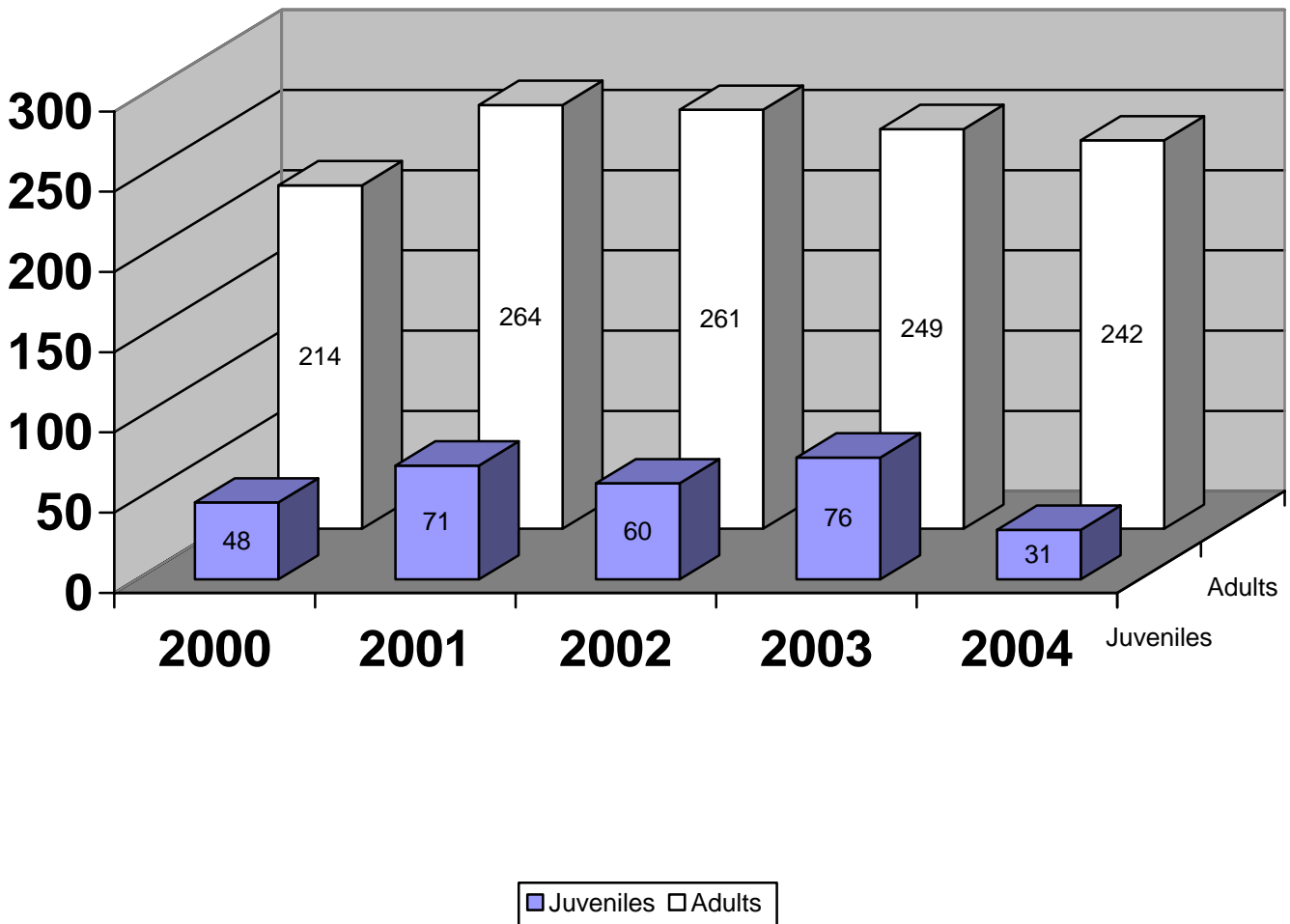
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Joseph S. Kozeniewski  
Chief of Police

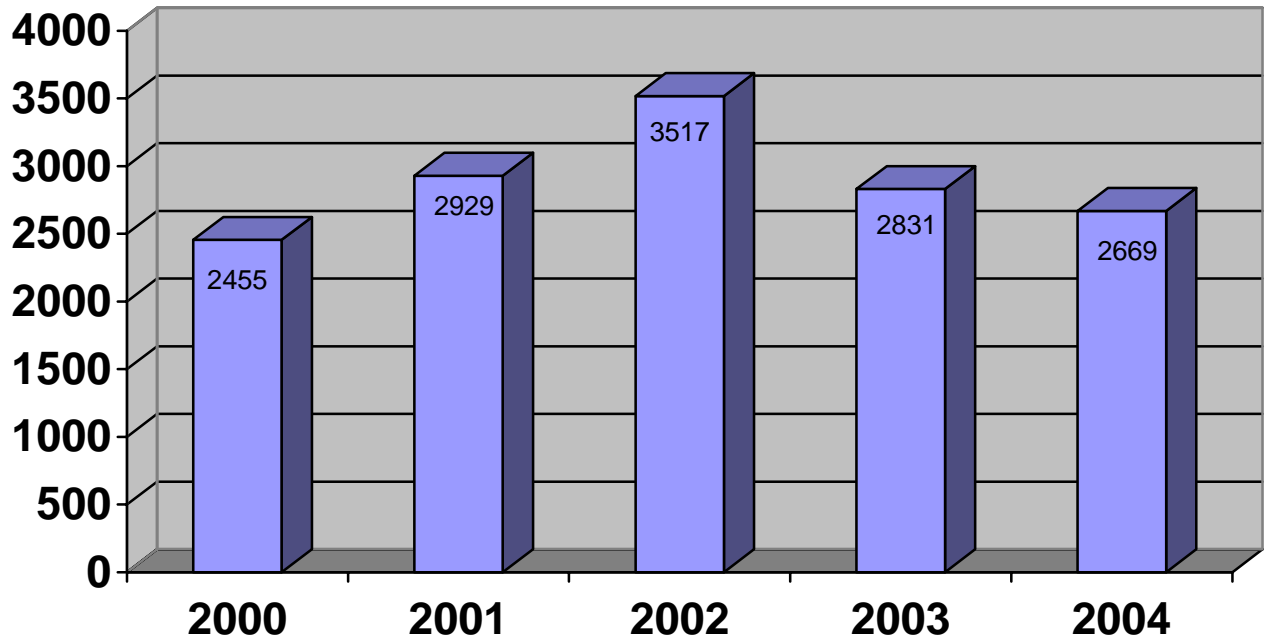
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## COMPARISON CHARTS

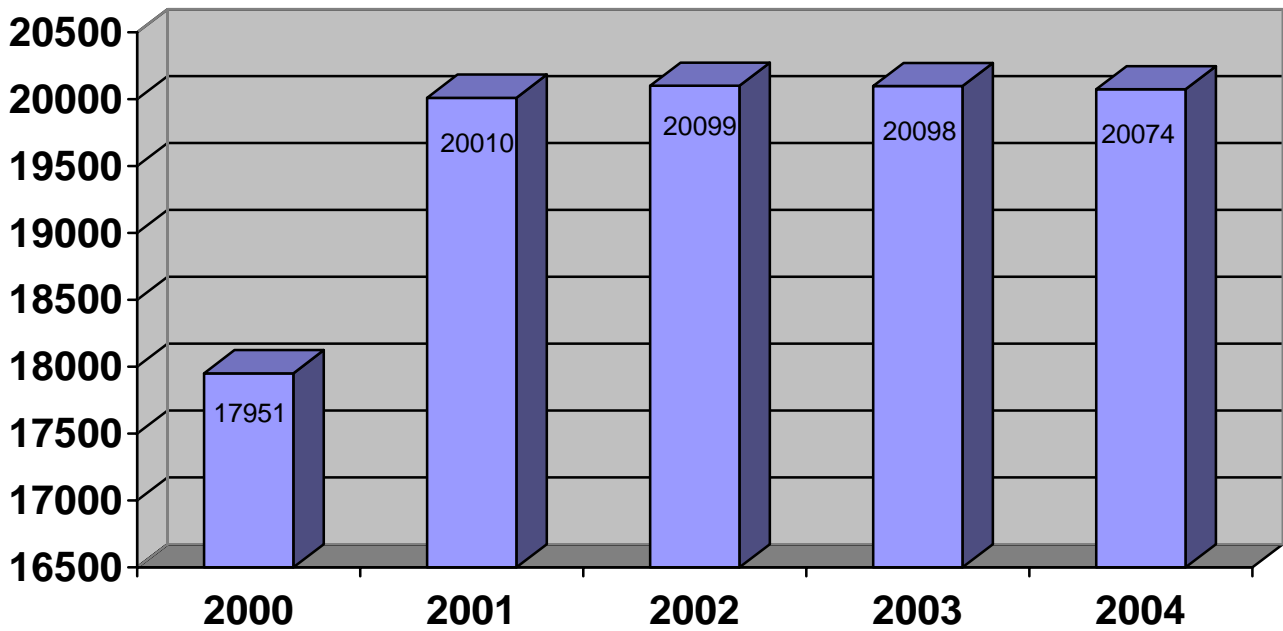
Adult and Juvenile Arrests- Five-year comparison



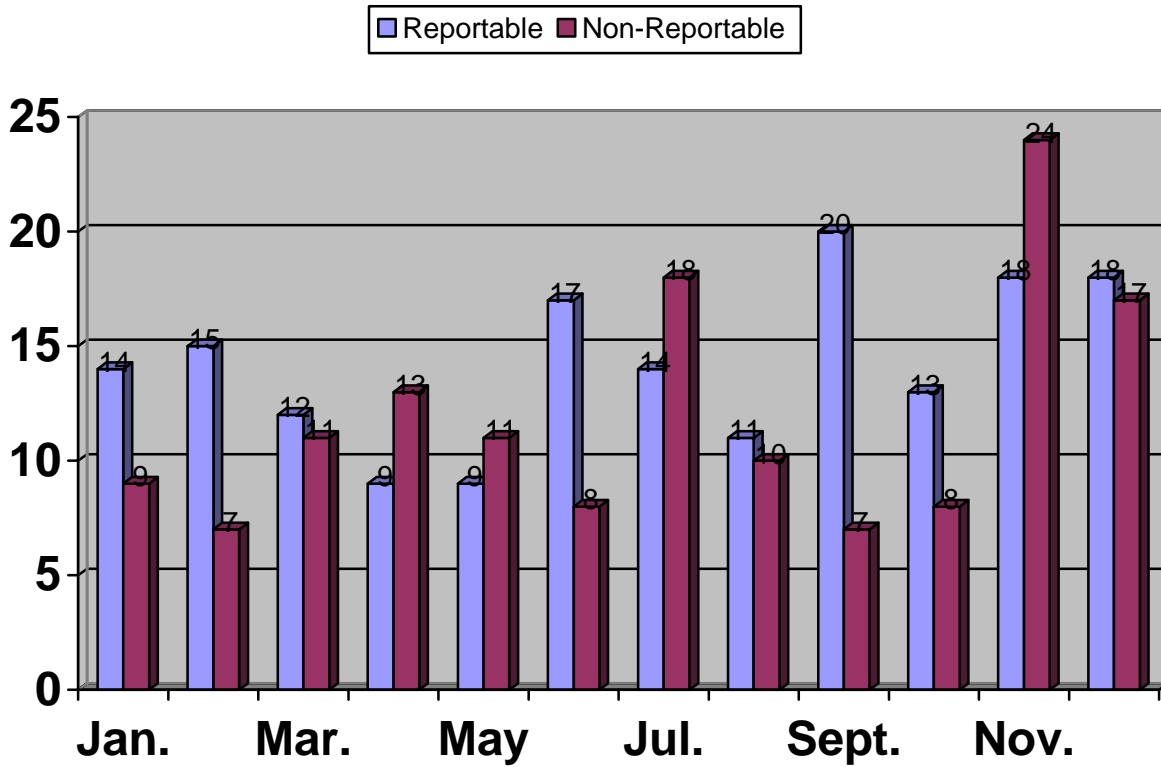
### Complaints – Five-Year Comparison



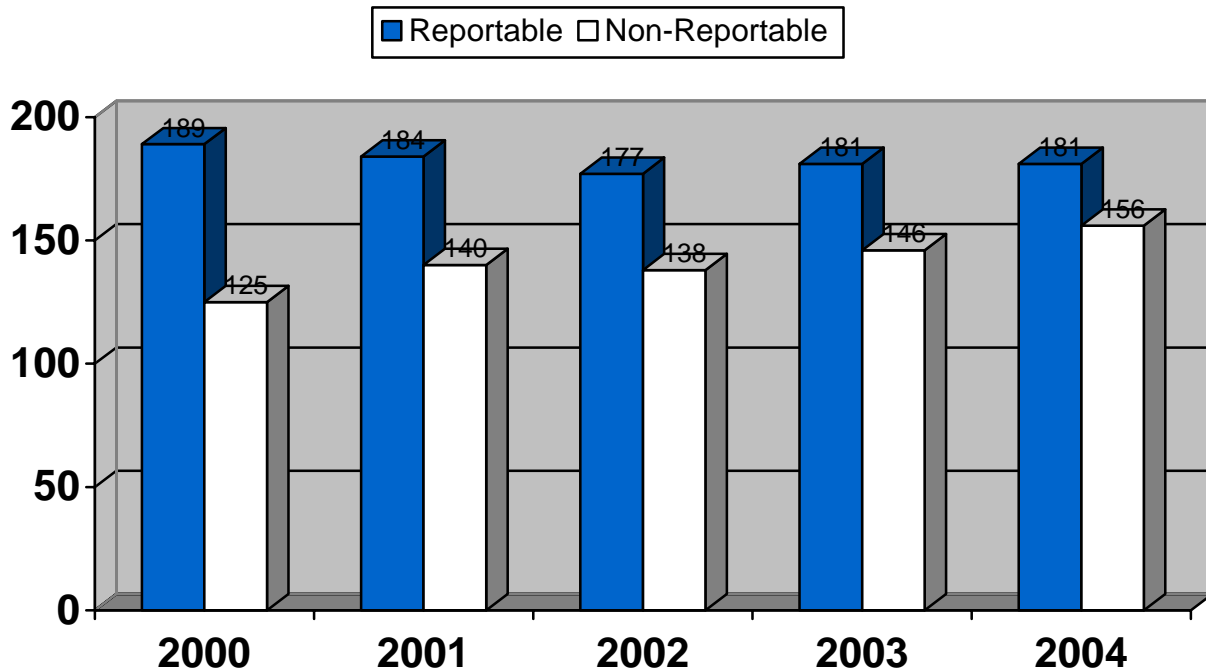
### Communications – Five-Year Comparison



### 2004 Crashes – By Month



### Vehicle Crashes- Five Year Comparisons



### Crashes: Injuries & Fatalities Five-Year Comparison

