

Township of Hamilton Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT

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2013



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



This is the 2013 annual report for the Township of Hamilton Police Department. This is the fourth annual report completed by the police department that gives a detailed overview of police operations, staffing, calls for service, and a break-down of data by beat area and sector for the previous year. In my first year as Chief of Police one of my goals was to ensure that our police operations are transparent to our community. The annual report is an important tool that is created to inform the residents we serve.

All police employees are expected to be professional and responsive to the residents that we serve. I would like to thank all of the police employees for their dedication and hard work. More specifically, I would like to thank Harry Maxwell, Information Technologist, and Lt. Paul Sorrentino, Support Services Commander, for their hard work in research and analysis to make this report possible.

The Township of Hamilton Police Department is a community-based police agency that is accredited by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The police department is focused on solving problems in our community and not just handling calls for service. We in the police department view ourselves as an integral part of our community and we must be accountable to the residents we serve. We utilize a COMPSTAT process that helps us to develop operations plans that focus our attention on the issues that are important to our stake-holders. These Operations Plans are developed through community meetings, property manager meetings, internal data tracking and feedback we get through Township Committee meetings.

The police department protects 115 square miles, a regional shopping district, Cape Atlantic Community College, as well as county offices and three school district facilities. The police department is open 24 hours a day 365 days per year, including holidays.

The police department maintains a 911 communications center for all emergency services. In addition, Hamilton Township entered into a shared service agreement with Egg Harbor City Police Department in 2011. Hamilton Township now provides 911 communications service for Egg Harbor City as well as Hamilton Township.

The police department is broken down into three divisions; Operations, Support, and Professional Standards. The Operations Division includes all uniform personnel and detectives. The Patrol officers are separated into three platoons consisting of three squads each. One platoon rotates between dayshift and evening shift. The overnight shift has a smaller staff of officers and is permanent. Support division includes the Communications Bureau (dispatch), Records Bureau, Fleet Management, Facilities, and Information Technology (i.e. MDT's, In-Car Video, Records Management System, and all computer

hardware). The Professional Standards Division includes promulgation of all policy/procedure, training, hiring and promotional testing, Internal Affairs, random drug testing, legal aid liaison, and accreditation.

I would like to thank every member of the police department for their hard work and assistance during the transition to a new CAD/RMS System and a new Communications Center in 2013.

TOWNSHIP HISTORY



The Township of Hamilton was incorporated February 5, 1813, and is the largest municipality in the State of New Jersey, with 115 square miles. Today, Hamilton is a unique mix of two worlds: rural forest and bustling suburb. The western three-quarters of the township is rural pine forest protected from dense development by Pinelands Commission restrictions and large preserved tracts of land.

In stark contrast, the eastern quarter has developed into a suburban area due to its status as a Pinelands Regional Growth Area. Mandated to absorb growth fueled by Atlantic City, Hamilton's Regional Growth Area is home to the majority of the township's 26,000 residents. It is also home to a regional shopping district that includes over three million square feet of first class retail establishments.

The historic village of Mays Landing, in Hamilton Township, also has the distinction of being the County Seat of Government in Atlantic County since 1837.

Hamilton Township's origins are directly tied to the Great Egg Harbor River and its tributaries running through it. George May, after whom the village of Mays Landing was named, built a shipyard and trading post near Babcock Creek in 1756. By mid-19th Century, Mays Landing reached the height of its shipbuilding. Between 1830 and 1880, more than two hundred vessels were built along the Great Egg Harbor River with lumber from native forests and iron from Weymouth foundries. Half of the vessels were produced in Mays Landing. By the end of the century wood shipbuilding began to disappear due to the lack of suitable lumber. Iron was then substituted for wood in hull construction.

Today, the Great Egg Harbor River and Lake Lenape are recreational resources used by local residents and visitors alike.

In the new millennium, Hamilton Township will continue to grow, offering a modern community with all the amenities of suburban life while preserving the peaceful lifestyle of a rural community.

Hamilton Township is also the home to Atlantic Cape Community College, Atlantic County Institute of Technology, the Atlantic County Justice Facility, the County Court Complex, the main branch of the Atlantic County Library, and one of the largest producers of blueberries in the State.

POLICE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

For more than 100 years, from 1813 to 1916, law enforcement in the Township of Hamilton was performed by annually appointed constables, citizen-peacekeepers who protected the township part-time while working fulltime in business, trade, and farming.



The Township Police Department was founded in 1916 and was composed of one Chief of Police. A number of citizens appointed as special police officers were available to be called into service by the Chief of Police in an emergency. The township's first Chief of Police was Maurice Taylor, appointed in 1916, and serving for 26 years until his retirement on July 16, 1942.

By the 1960's, the growth of population and business in the Township prompted the growth of the size of the police department. The department grew from one police chief and several on-call part-time special officers to 13 full-time police officers by 1976. The department continued to grow in size: 19 officers in 1984, 43 officers by 1995, 71 officers in 2006, and now stands at 49 officers in 2012.

During its history, the Hamilton Township Police Department has had nine chief executives:

Maurice Taylor	Chief of Police	1916 – 1942
Jack Penze	Chief of Police	1942 – 1956
Joseph Massey, Sr	Chief of Police	1957 – 1966
Joseph Andricci	Chief of Police	1966 – 1967
	No Chief of Police	1969 – 1976
Theodore Gallo	Acting Chief of Police	1977
	No Chief of Police	1977 – 1980
Ronald W. Martin	Chief of Police	1980 – 1995
Eric F. Frederiksen	Chief of Police	1996 – 2001
Jay McKeen	Chief of Police	2001 –2009
Stacy V. Tappeiner	Chief of Police	2010 –Today

Today, the Township of Hamilton Police Department is a professional organization that is focused on the importance of ethical values, the necessity of continuing improvement, commitment to service, responsiveness, and ongoing self-evaluation as an organization.

OUR MISSION:

To deliver quality police service that meets our community's expectations.

We:

- Do our job with skill and judgment, to keep people safe, and to keep ourselves safe.
- Are part of our community, and determine our proper activities from those we serve.
- Adapt our efforts to changing conditions, and try to anticipate rather than react.
- When possible, we solve the problem, rather than just handle the call.
- Are committed to doing the best we can, and will work to continually improve.
- Each have specialized and technical skills, duties, and responsibilities, but we all have one job:

to help people.

2013 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Chief of Police

Executive Officer

1 Captain of Police

Professional Standards Division

1 Lt. Division Commander

1 Admin Assistant

Human Resource Specialist

Operations Division Cmdr
Lieutenant

1st Platoon

Platoon (LT) <Vacant>
3 Patrol Sergeants
10 Officers + 1 K9 Officer

2nd Platoon

Platoon (LT) <Vacant>
3 Patrol Sergeants
(includes 1 K9 Sergeant)
12 Officers

3rd Platoon

Platoon (LT) <Vacant>
2 Patrol Sergeants
8 Officers

Detective Bureau

1 Detective Sergeant
4 permanent Detectives
1 Civilian Evidence
Technician

Traffic Safety Unit

<All positions currently
Vacant>
Traffic Coordinator
Traffic Officers

1 Support Division Commander
Lieutenant

1 Communications Supervisor
11 Full Time Dispatchers
3 Part Time On-Call
Dispatchers

Records Supervisor

2 Full Time Records Clerks
3 Part Time Records Clerks

1 Records Information
Technologist

Full Time Employees

49 Sworn Officers

17 Civilian Employees

Part Time Employees

3 Part Time Records Clerks

3 Part Time Dispatchers

2 Class II Special Officers

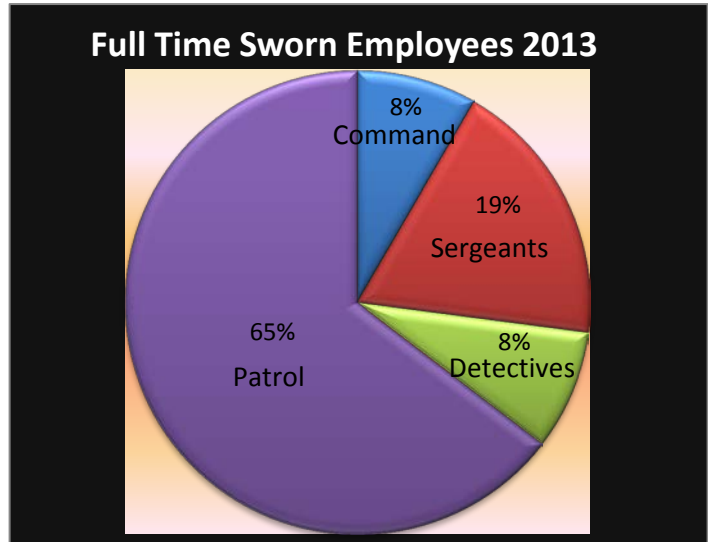
PERSONNEL

The Township of Hamilton Police Department had 74 employees in 2013.

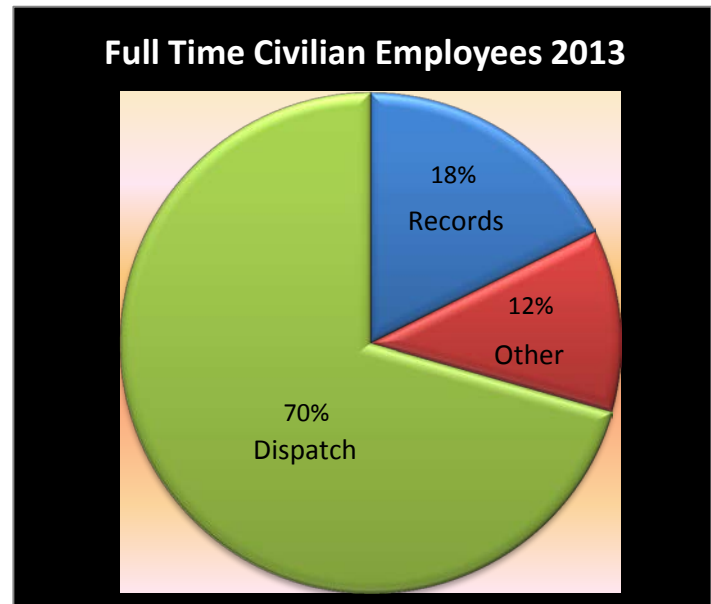
The Police Department had 49 full-time officers and 2 part-time special officers for a total of 51 sworn personnel, which accounts for 69% of the total department employees.

There were 17 full-time and 6 part-time civilians in the department, for a total of 23 non-sworn personnel, which accounted for 31% of total employees.

OPERATIONS	2013
Chief of Police	01
Captain	01
Lieutenants	03
Detective Sergeant	01
Detectives	03
Juvenile Detective	01
Sergeants	07
Patrol Officers	30
Traffic Coordinator	0
Traffic Officers	0
Training Officer	0
K9 Sergeant	01
K9 Officer	01
Full-Time Sworn Total	49



SUPPORT	2013
Police Records	02
Executive Assistant	01
Dispatchers	11
Dispatch Supervisor	01
Police/ MIS	01
Crime Analyst <Vacant>	0
Evidence Technician	01
Total Full-Time Civilian Employees	17



OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division consists of the Patrol Bureau and Detective Bureau. Several smaller specialized units such as K9 and Bike Patrol are integral parts of the Operations Division as well.

The traffic coordinator, traffic officers, training coordinator, school resource officers and civilian analyst positions were eliminated in 2011.

Patrol Bureau

The Patrol Bureau has 30 police officers in 3 Platoons under the supervision of 8 patrol sergeants primarily assigned to patrol the 6 'Areas' with the Township. Officers previously assigned to specialized units such as Traffic and Training were returned to a patrol platoon. This action provided additional coverage for the community. Our agency has continued to meet our commitment to the Atlantic County Emergency Response Team by assigning Officers to this unit.

Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau consists of 1 detective sergeant and 4 permanently assigned detectives. The Detective Bureau's primary responsibility is investigating criminal cases. Additional responsibilities in the Detective Bureau include background investigations (new employees), liquor license applications, firearms applications and Megan's Law registrations.

The table below displays the total criminal activity and final disposition of cases assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2013.

Offense	Total Cases	Inactive	Closed / Exceptionally Cleared	Arrest Made / Charged	Active
Assaults (Weapon, Physical, Sexual)	10	0	4	6	0
Arson	4	0	3	0	1
Burglary Commercial	10	8	0	0	3
Burglary Residential	70	27	9	24	10
Burglary Vehicle	34	10	0	14	10
CDS Search / Warrants	2	0	0	2	0
Fatal Crashes	9	0	9	0	0

Fires (Structure)	6	0	6	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery / Home Invasion	9	2	0	3	4
Theft of Transportation	12	11	0	1	0

The following is a compilation of cases investigated by the Detective Bureau during the year 2013. The numbers are reflective of activity; however, they do not include assistance to patrol where patrol was the primary unit.

Investigations / Activity	Total	Comments
Total Cases in Case Management	439	
Active Investigations	141	
Closed Investigations	233	Arrest/X-Cleared/Closed
Inactive Investigations	97	
Megans Law Registrations	43	
Firearms Applications	361	
Runaways w/ Detective Follow-up	18	All located and removed NCIC
Missing Persons Located	6	Removed NCIC
Missing Persons Not Located	1	Entered NCIC
Fingerprints	46	Public Safety/Volunteers/ABC
Station House Adjustments	10	Juveniles Only
Juvenile Contacts	200	
Juveniles Charged	104	

Firearms applications have continued to increase since we started tracking activity in 2009. The application process includes the new firearms identification cards, duplicate/change of address firearms identification cards, handgun permits and permit to carry applications. Applications are processed through the Records department while our Detective Sergeant is tasked with oversight of the process.

Year	Applicants	Permits	Initial Firearms ID	Change of Address	Duplicate ID	Permit to Carry
2009	188	260	77	0	60	24
2010	173	201	104	0	37	21
2011	191	230	143	0	9	0
2012	364	515	260	1	0	1
2013	547	687	269	65	8	13

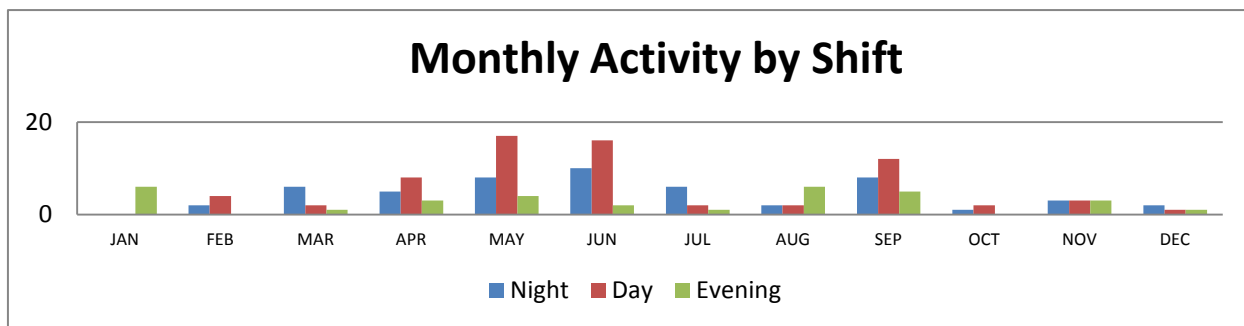
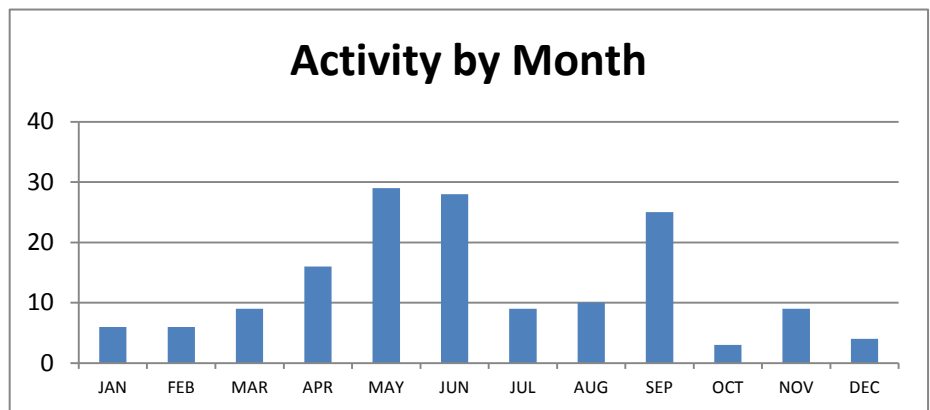
K9 Unit

The K9 Unit consists of two K9's: K9 Kota and K9 Hunter. The dogs are in good health and are expected to continue to operate at full capacity in the upcoming year. Handlers, Sergeant Robell and Sergeant Nelson continue the meet training standards necessary for both K9 and handlers to maintain a successful K9 program. Training for the K9 Unit tops 285 hours yearly.

The K9 unit operates primarily on donations collected from citizens of our community as well as businesses operating in the Township of Hamilton. Walmart and the Hamilton Mall our two of largest business contributors. The staff and students of Hess school are credited with organizing a yearly fund raiser that contributes to medical expenses, kenneling and training. The Township of Hamilton Police Department would like to thank all who have contributed to the program.

The tables below display activity of our K9 Unit in 2013. The data lists total K9 activity by month and by patrol shift.

Activity	TTL
Building Searches	14
Open area Searches	12
K-9 Tracks	18
Article Searches	5
K-9 Apprehensions	2
Suspect Surrender	18
PR/Demo	29
Mutual Aid	30
Other Use	26
Narcotic Searches	0
Narcotics Recovery	0
Total Activity	154



Evidence/Property Technician

The Civilian Evidence Technician works under the direction of the Detective Sergeant. His responsibilities include receiving and storing all evidence/property as well as transporting evidence to various labs for analysis. There were **1,692** items taken as evidence in 2013 valued over **\$68,664**.

The technician is also responsible for custody and control of over **10,000** items of evidence, including everything from illicit drugs and weapons to fingerprint evidence and sexual assault evidence collection kits. The Evidence Technician plays a critical role in maintaining the chain of custody of evidence leading up to court trial and holding evidence for unsolved crimes.

In 2012 a complete inventory of our property and evidence rooms was conducted pursuant to accreditation standards. The inventory included accounting for all property and evidence collected by this agency.

The chart below shows the total types of property stolen or collected and maintained by the Police Department for 2013.

Evidence	Found	Seized	Safe Keeping	Stolen	Recovered
740	96	155	101	469	121

SUPPORT DIVISION

The Support Division is comprised of Police Records, the Communications Bureau, and Police Information & Technology.

Clerical Staff

An Executive Assistant provides Administrative Support to the Chief of Police. Her duties include, police human resources, purchasing, and payroll reporting. She is also responsible for administrative research and reporting, maintaining administrative orders and memorandum and coordinating workers compensation files. She also handles all administrative tasks associated with hiring and promotions.

Two full-time and three part-time police records clerks have duties and responsibilities unlike other clerical positions. They must accurately review and process thousands of police reports. The Records Department is also responsible for the preparation, maintenance, and retrieval of reports which contain confidential and sensitive data. They must have proficient computer skills and knowledge of a variety of software packages. They are also the front line to citizen services, dealing with people in a professional and caring manner under all circumstances. Activities in this department include but are not limited to the preparation of Discovery packets, OPRA responses, background investigations, contact with Division of Child Protection and Permanency, distribution of Parole and Probation information.

The police records clerks are responsible for processing and archiving all 45,207 police reports. In addition, the Records Bureau processed 972 requests for discovery, 6,144 ticket entries, 215 Open Public Records (OPRA) requests and 696 vehicle tow reports.

The Records Bureau also processes citizen requests for copies of police reports. Records personnel provide an average of 150 police reports per week to the public.

Communications

Eleven dispatchers answered 56,570 calls for service in 2013. 45,207 were Township of Hamilton police service calls, 8,050 were Egg Harbor City police service calls, 1,881 EMS calls and the remaining 1,432 calls were for various services such as, road department, MUA and agency requests for both the Township of Hamilton and Egg Harbor City.

These figures do not include thousands of phone calls received from the public requesting information such as road closures, fireworks information, parade details, etc. This data also does not account for the 911 calls received concerning incidents that occurred outside of our jurisdiction. The location of the incident and the needed services are identified prior to transferring the call to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Communication personnel are also trained to provide medical assistance by telephone. Personnel must talk citizens through medical events that could include CPR, clearing an airway, and/or providing basic first aid to another. Communications personnel are the first to have contact with citizens who need assistance, whether it's a crime, traffic accident, fire, injury, or missing child.

Police Information and Technology

Police Information and Technology is a civilian position responsible for the management, maintenance, and trouble shooting of all police information systems. This includes Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), the Records Management System (RMS), Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs), Mobile Video Recorders (MVRs), and update/repair of police computer workstations.

This unit submits Uniform Crime Reports (UCR), does statistical reporting for the department as well as the Department of Transportation (DOT), Schools and complex Open Public Records requests (OPRA).

This unit also maintains the local connections for the State and Federal law enforcement databases, such as NCIC, AOC, TRAK, SIMS, CHI, and AFIS.

On-line (WEB based) Reporting

Web Reporting was developed in 2011 to reduce the workload on patrol by giving citizens an alternative reporting venue for minor incidents and minor motor vehicle crashes. This has proven to be successful in reducing the call volume for patrol officers while still providing an important service to citizens. The following table shows the 2013 on-line reporting numbers by call type.

Accidents	41
Incident Reports	2
Fraud	46
Theft	35
Harassment	34
Lost/Found	49
Property Checks	10
Property Damage	13
Other	9
Total	239

On average it takes an officer approximately 10 to 12 minutes to respond to a call for service. The average call takes approximately 45 minutes to complete the report. Based on the average response time and call time, the police department saves approximately *239 staff hours*. *This is time better utilized responding to more serious calls or performing other prevention activities in the community.*

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

The Professional Standards Division, supervised by a Lieutenant, is responsible for all internal affairs investigations, maintaining our Accreditation status, drug testing, promulgation of policy/procedure, promotional testing/hiring, random drug testing, and legal aide liaison duties.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

An informed public must have confidence that its police department honestly and fairly investigates and adjudicates all allegations of misconduct against its employees. The table below shows Internal Affairs cases investigated in 2013. This report is submitted to the Prosecutor's Office annually. The County Prosecutor works closely with the police department as an oversight agency in any reported incidents of police misconduct.

Type of Complaint	Total Cases	Sustained Criminal	Sustained Internal	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Admin Closed	Pending
Excessive Force	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Improper Arrest	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Improper Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Search	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Differential Treatment	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Demeanor	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Other Rule Violation	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Other Criminal Violation	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	15	0	2	9	3	0	1	0

ACCREDITATION

The Township of Hamilton Police Department achieved accreditation on June 10, 2009 by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission. In 2013, the police department was re-accredited for an additional 3 years. Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria (best practices) verified by an independent and authoritative body. The accreditation process, using 116 standards, requires an in-depth review of every aspect of the agency's organization, management, operations, and administration to include:

- Establishment of agency goals and objectives with provisions for periodic updating;

- Re-evaluation of whether agency resources are being used in accordance with agency goals, objectives, and mission;
- Re-evaluation of agency policies and procedures, especially as documented in the agency's written directive system;
- Correction of internal deficiencies and inefficiencies before they become public problems.

Accreditation requires that agency policies and procedures are in written form and are available to all agency personnel at all times. Accreditation policies address officer safety issues, provide for adequate training, address risk management, and the proper equipment of all personnel. Accreditation increases cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and other branches of the criminal justice system.

TRAINING

All Employees, sworn and civilian, receive ongoing training. A portion of the training is mandatory and includes in-service training at the Atlantic County Police Academy, firearms training, and use of force training. The 2013 training records listed below includes all Police Department employees and accounts for the majority of the agency's training hours. *Computer based training is not calculated in hours.*

Activity	Training Hours	Instructor hours
Mandatory In-Service and Range	2,272.5	356
Police Training Supplemental	1582	132
Academy Instructor	0	0
Civilian Personnel Training	52	0
Total hours	3,906.5	488

During 2013 the police department sent officers to the following specialized courses;

- Traumas in Law Enforcement Seminar
- Firearms Instructor Recertification Course
- Incident Response to Suicide bombings
- Advanced S.W.A.T. Training
- Fire Arson Investigations
- Tactical Shooting Instructors

In 2013, the Township of Hamilton Police Department Professional Standards Division continues to use the Power DMS Web based document management system to include mandatory firearms and domestic violence training to all department personnel in a timely and more efficient manner. There were 60 individual documents distributed electronically in 2013 *saving over \$1,727.00 in paper and printing.*

POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE

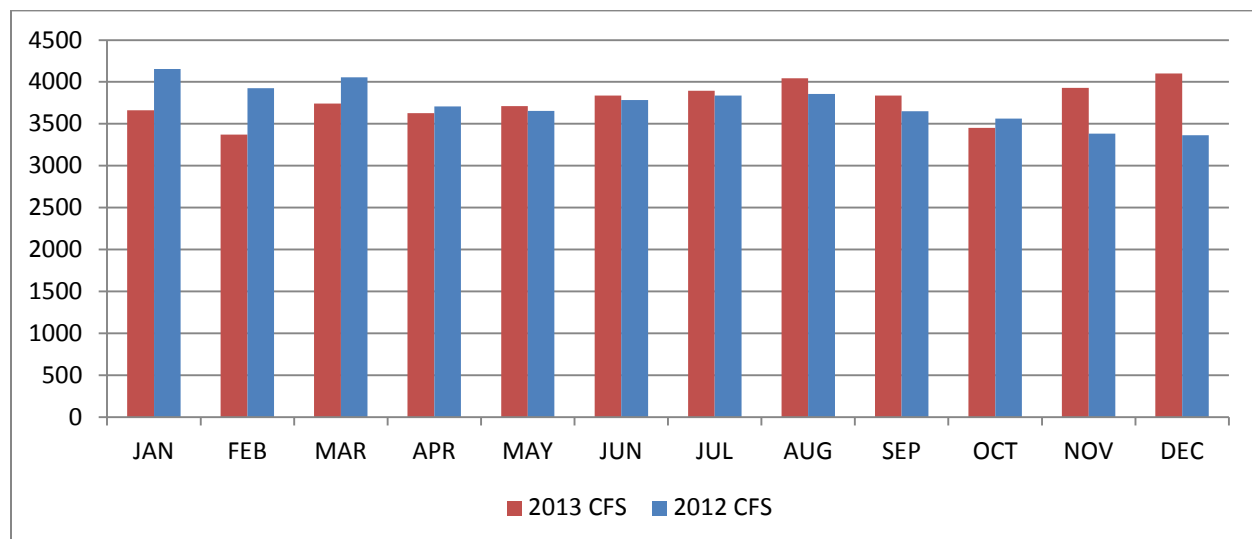
Police calls for service are broken down into three main categories to more accurately depict trends and patterns within the community as well as assist in resource deployment and crime analysis.

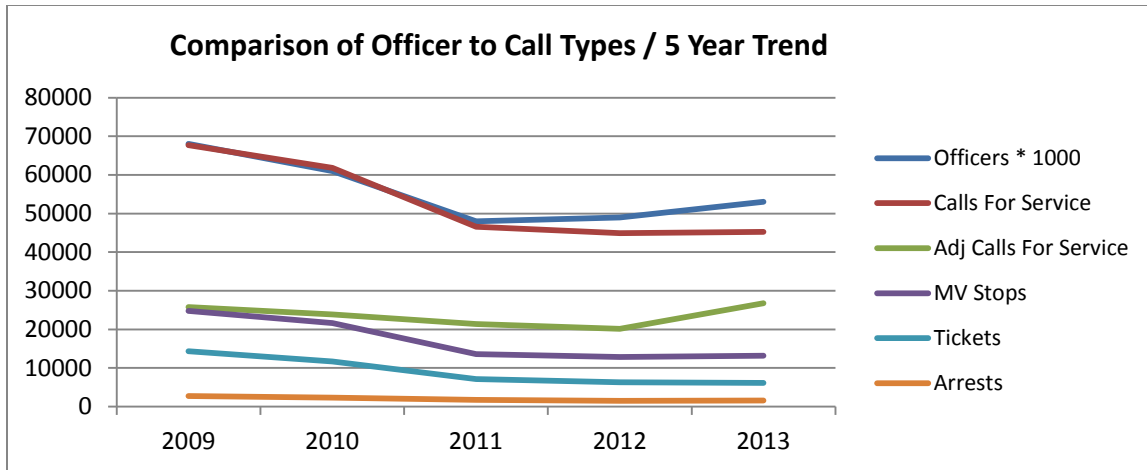
Calls for Service (CFS) include all serviceable calls received by this department. This is not just calls for police service, but EMS, Fire, and other administrative requests. For the year 2013, CFS was 45,207, up 0.6% from last year's total of 44,933.

Adjusted Calls for service (ADJ CFS) ADJ CFS are those calls that require a police officer to respond and complete a report. This call for service type requires the most resource allocation. ADJ CFS for 2013 was 20,559, up 2.1 % from last year's 20,140.

Active Policing Calls (APC) APC calls are generated by a police officer while actively patrolling their beats. These call types include motor vehicle stops, tickets, property checks, community policing, and other proactive police activity. APC for 2013 was 26,744, up 8.6% from last year's 24,637.

The comparison chart below depicts the *Total* calls for service (CFS), comparing 2013 to 2012. Significant increases in 2013 CFS can be seen in November (16%), and December (22%).

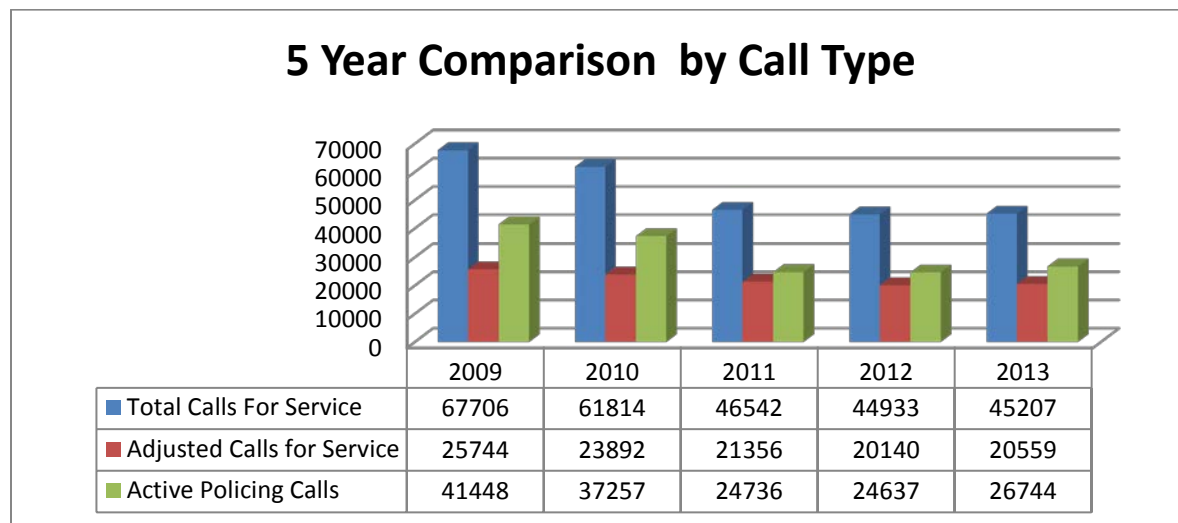




The chart above shows historically, that CFS and APC calls follow similar trends and are largely dependent on the number of officers. However, ACS calls, those received from residents for police services, as well as arrests remain steady (and largely unaffected) by the number of officers. The increase in ACS (11%) is due to an increase in property crimes.

Referring to the above chart (Officers x 1000), staffing was down 24.6% between 2010 and 2011; statistically identical to Total CFS. Total officers over 2012 and 2013 have remained the same which accounts for the plateau in the chart above. The number of officers has increased by 4 for 2013 as indicated in the graph.

The chart below displays a different view of Calls for Service, comparing the three call types per/year over a 5 year period, showing the trend of CFS and APC and the consistency of ACS.



POLICE SHIFTS, AREAS & BEATS

SHIFTS

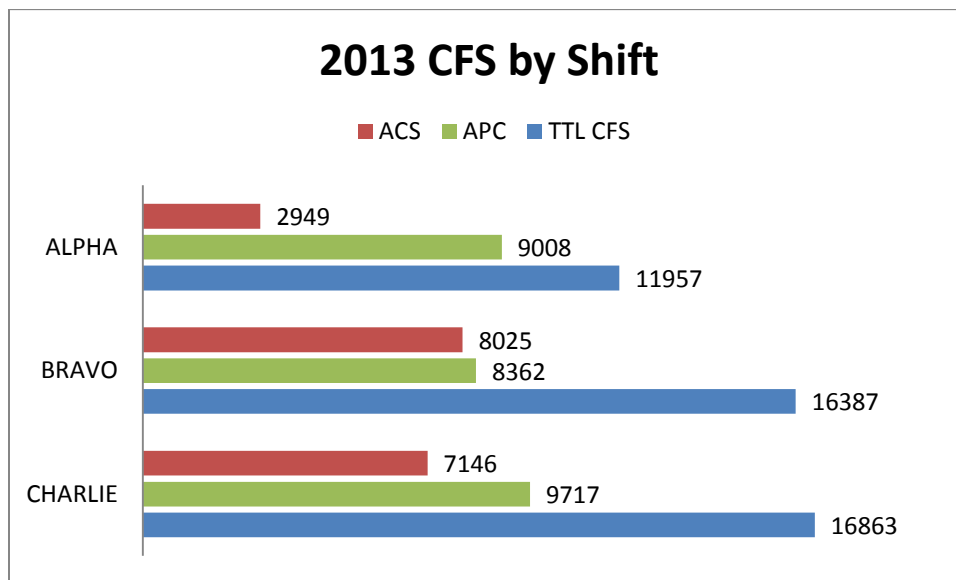
The police department operates around three overlapping shifts described below:

ALPHA – (*Night Shift*) from 2330 hours to 0800 hours.

BRAVO – (*Day Shift*) from 0730 hours to 1600 hours.

CHARLIE – (*Evening Shift*) from 1530 hours to 2400 hours

The chart below describes the total *calls for service* (CFS), *adjusted calls for service* (ADJ CFS), and the *active policing calls* (APC) received for each shift.



PATROL AREAS:

Area 1 – Northwest Area: includes NW *Mays Landing*, Bearshead, Mizpah, and Weymouth.

Area 2 – Northeast Area: includes *Mays Landing*, Weymouth-Dacosta / Elwood, Indian Branch Park and Laureldale.

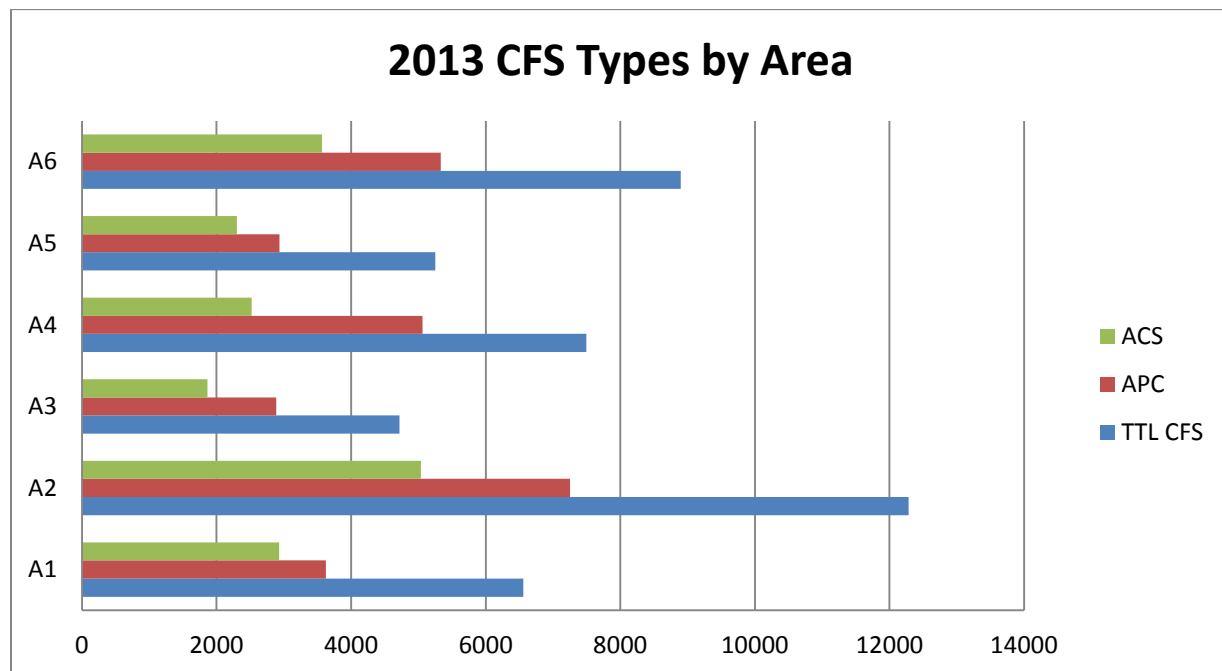
Area 3 – Southeast Condos: Woodlands, Oakcrest Estates, Cologne Gardens, and Hamilton Green.

Area 4 – Southeast Shopping District: Hamilton Mall, Festival Mall, Consumer Square, and Hamilton Commons

Area 5 – Southwest Area: includes the Industrial Park, Somers Point Rd., Ocean Heights, Reega, and Mays Landing Proper.

Area 6 – Southeast Area: including Cologne, Timber Glen, Evergreen, Hamilton Walk, Victoria Point and Victoria Crossing.

The chart below shows the calls for service types for each beat.

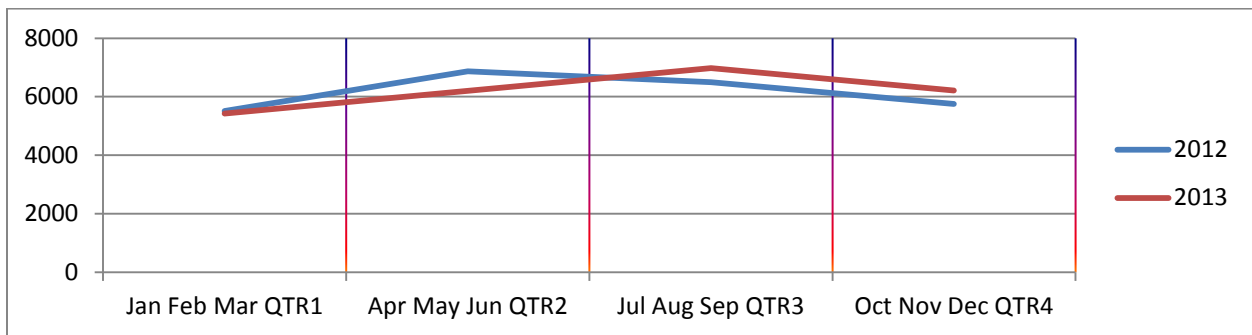
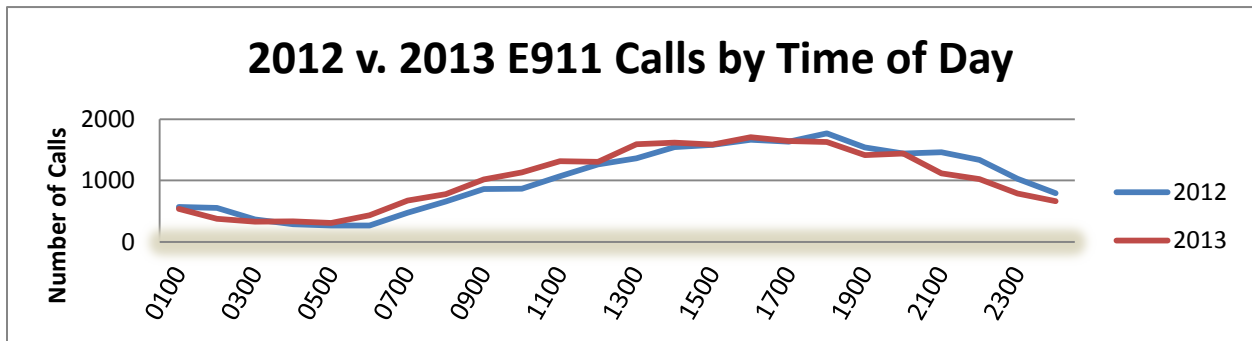
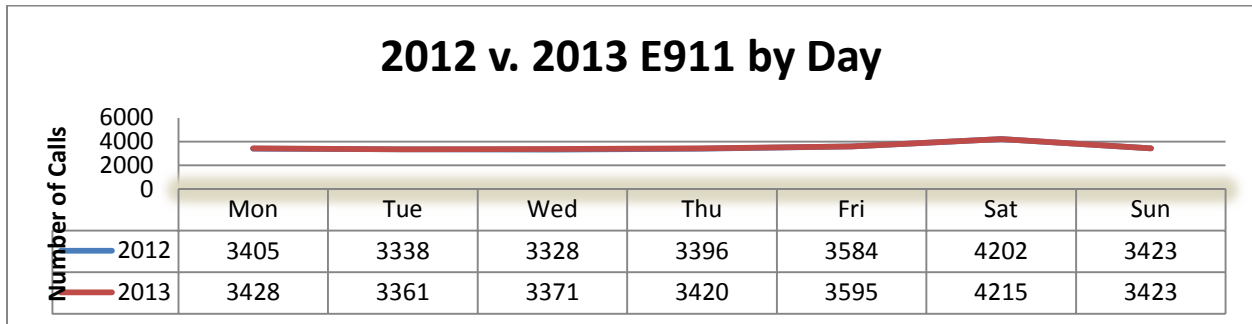


911 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Our E911 Dispatch Center handles all 911 CFS for the Township of Hamilton and Egg Harbor City. The total E911 CFS for 2013 is up 0.6% from 2012. The chart below displays data collected for all E911 CFS over a 5 year period. ADJ CFS, 911 CFS have continued to increase regardless of staffing changes.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
E911 Calls	20,230	20,497	22,576	24,646	24,813

The following charts show the average of 911 CFS by day, time of day and quarter. The 911 CFS begin to climb on weekends, in late afternoon and in the summer months when people are more active and/or travelling.

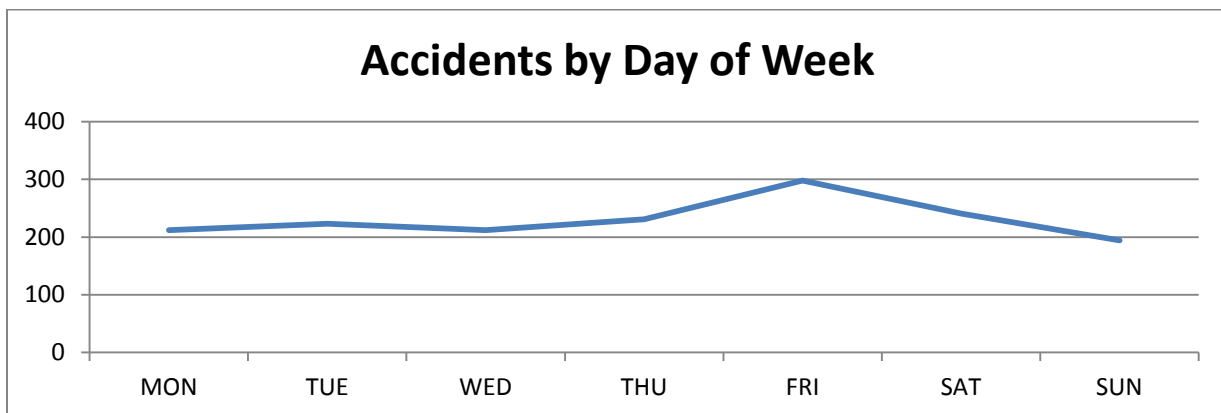
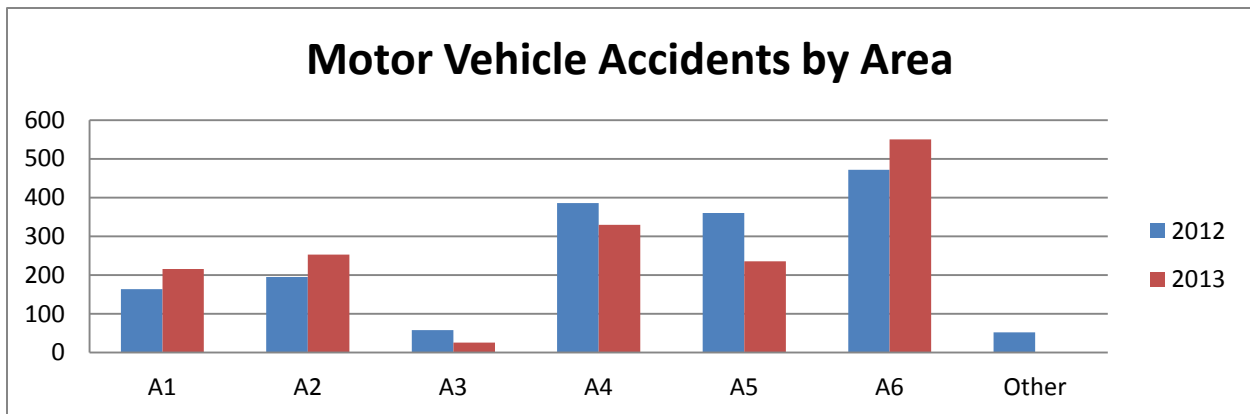


TRAFFIC

Traffic is a major concern for the Police Department; considering we have three major highways; Rt. 322, Rt. 40 and Rt. 50 running through the Township. Add to that the transient population increase during the day and evening and traffic gets very heavy at times.

There were 1,611 accidents reported to this department in 2013. Of the reported accidents, 1,410 required a State accident report to be completed by the officer. Those State reported accidents resulted in 9 fatalities in 8 crashes, 292 injuries, 6 pedestrian (none fatal) crashes and 40 DUI involved crashes. There were 55 minor crashes referred to the online reporting system. Of the 55 crashes, 41 required no further action by a police officer. The average time it takes an officer to complete a crash investigation is 39.18 minutes.

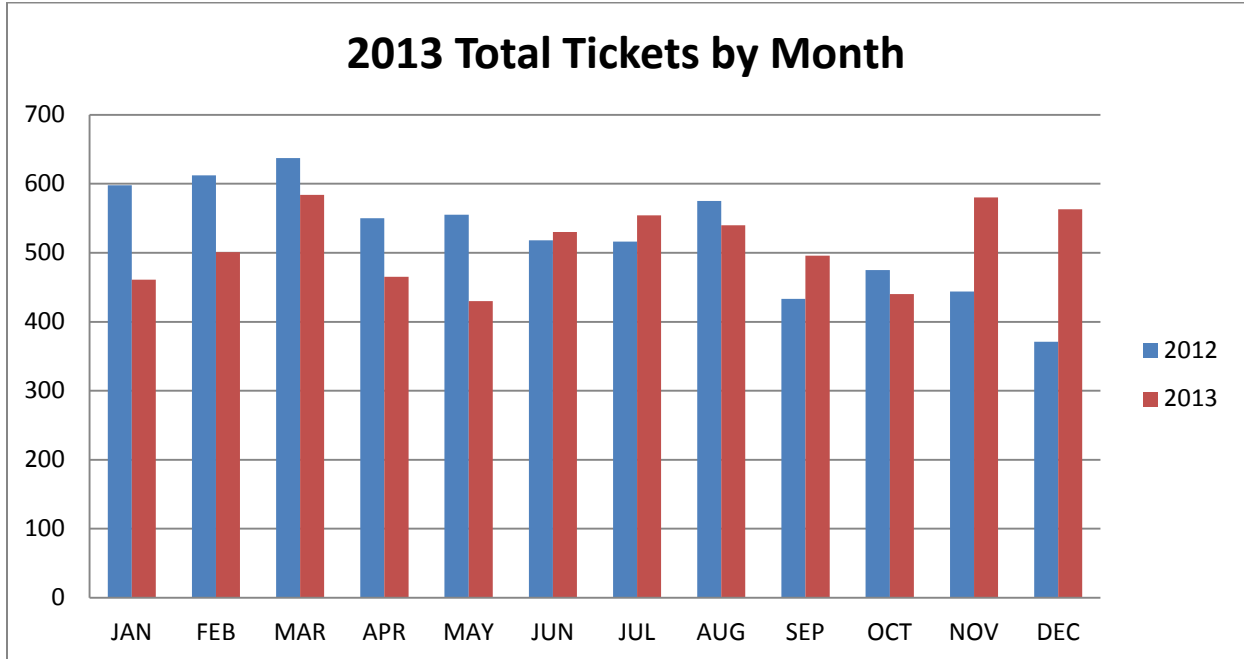
The chart below compares 2012 to 2013 motor vehicle crashes by beat. Beats 4, 5, and 6 consistently have the highest numbers of crashes. These areas are comprised of the eastern patrol areas that include the Township's retail district and housing developments. Total accidents are down 4.5% from last year.



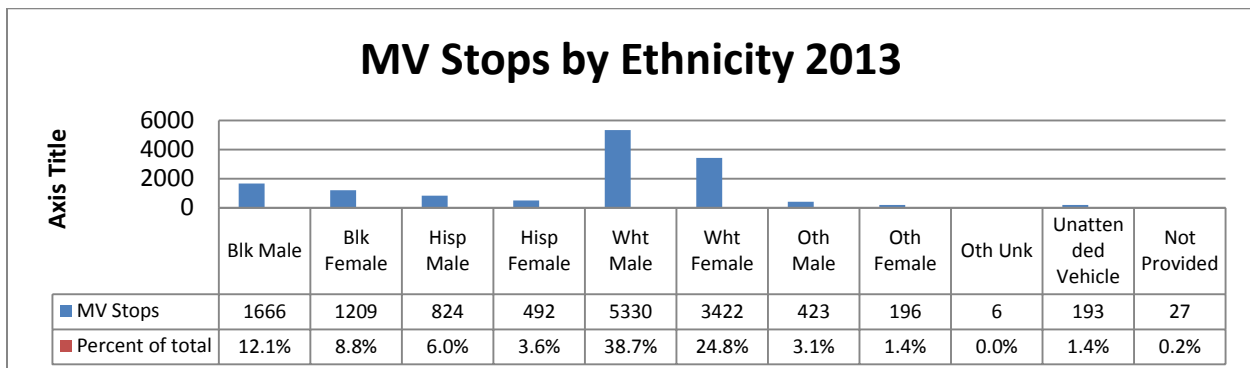
There were 13,788 car stops this year compared to 13,322 in 2012, an increase of 3.5%. 6,144 tickets were issued on 4,987 stops.

Tickets were issued on car stops approximately 45% of the time in 2013.

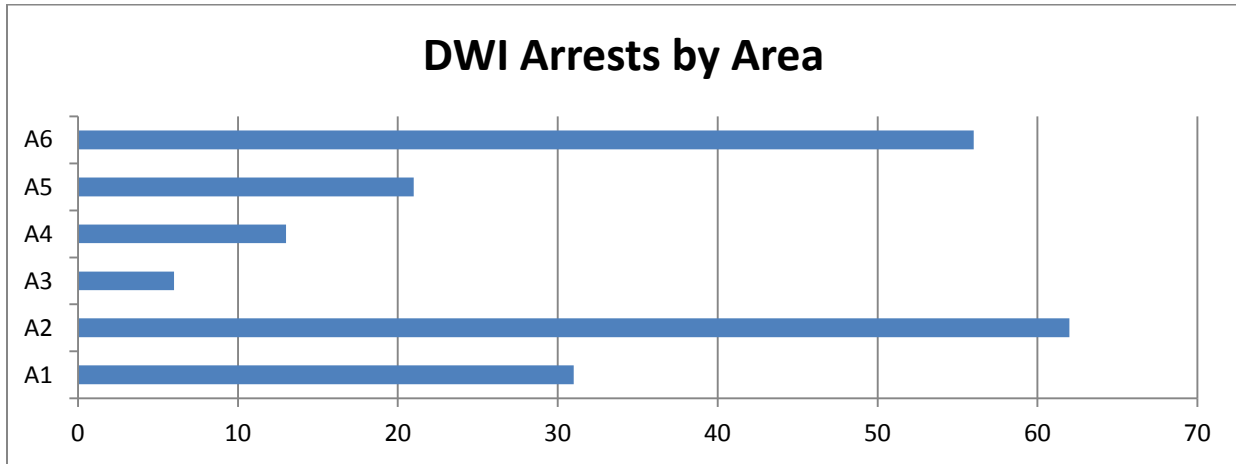
The total tickets for 2013 is 6,144 a 2% decrease in tickets from 2012 (6,284). The following chart shows tickets issued by month comparing the two years.



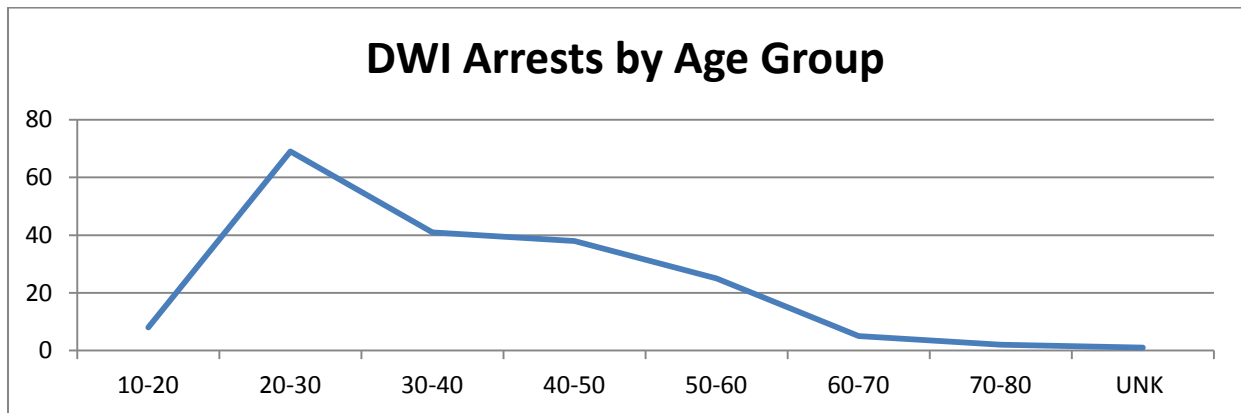
Demographic data concerning motor vehicle stops and tickets are also tracked by the department to identify trends and patterns. The following table breaks down motor vehicle stops by race and ethnicity along with the percentage of the total stops they comprise.



There were 189 DUI arrests in 2013, almost identical to the 187 in 2012. Most DUI arrests occurred in the early morning hours, and within Beats 2 and 5, which has remained consistent over the past 5 years. The following charts illustrate the Areas and demographics of DUI arrests.

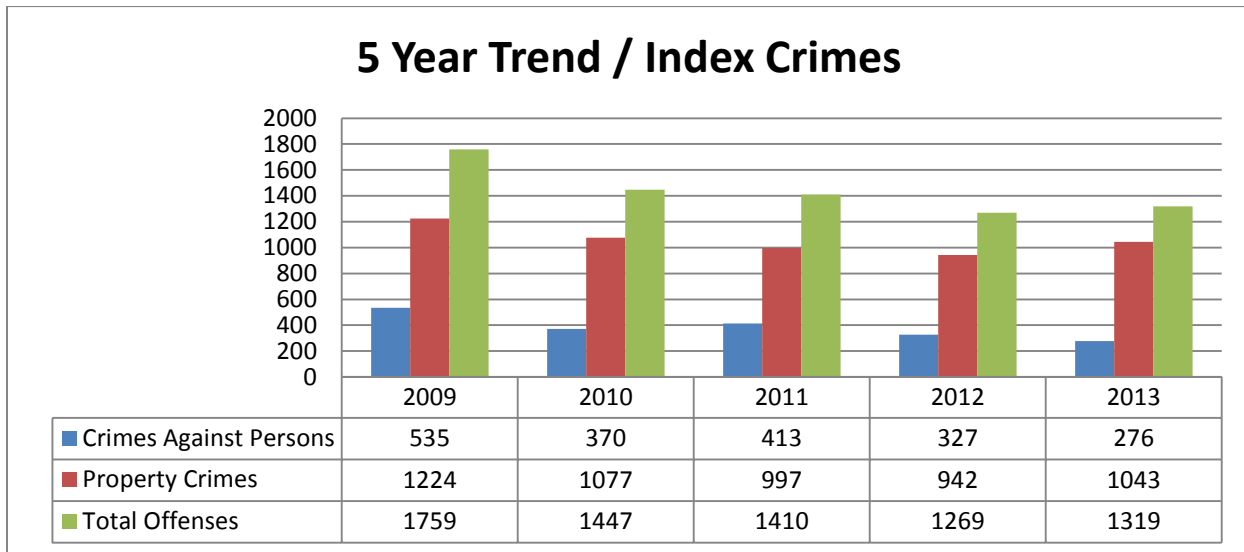


The age group of 20-30 years old represents the most frequent offender for DUI arrests.



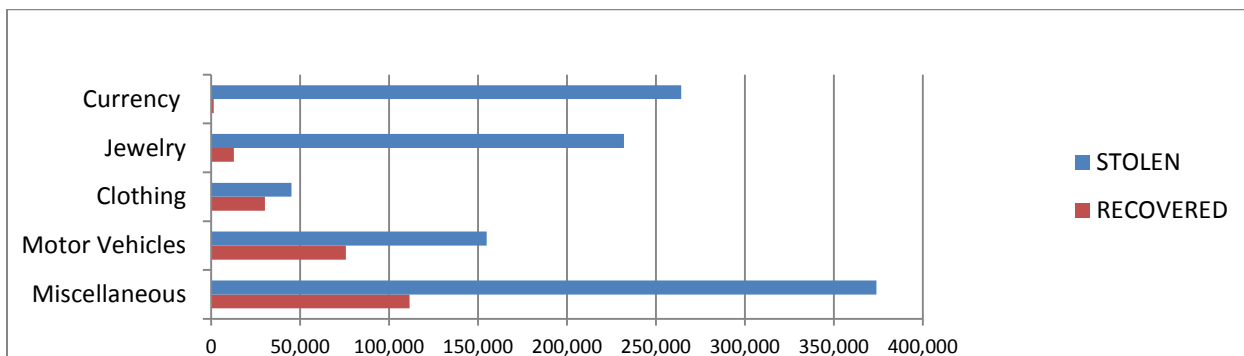
UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR)

The following calls for service are 'Index Crimes', those crimes reported to the Federal and State UCR bureaus. Index crimes are considered the more serious crimes committed against persons that include the violent crimes of Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Assault, and additionally the property crimes of Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson for a total of nine index crimes. The graph below shows the five-year trend for all *reportable* index crimes. Violent crime and property crime have been separated to show the individual trend. Total reported crimes for 2013 are up 3.9% from 2012. Property crime climbed 10.7% last year for the first time since 2008 and violent crime dropped 15.6% compared to 2012. A trend reflected nationally as well.



*Simple Assault included in above chart but not counted as a violent crime by UCR.

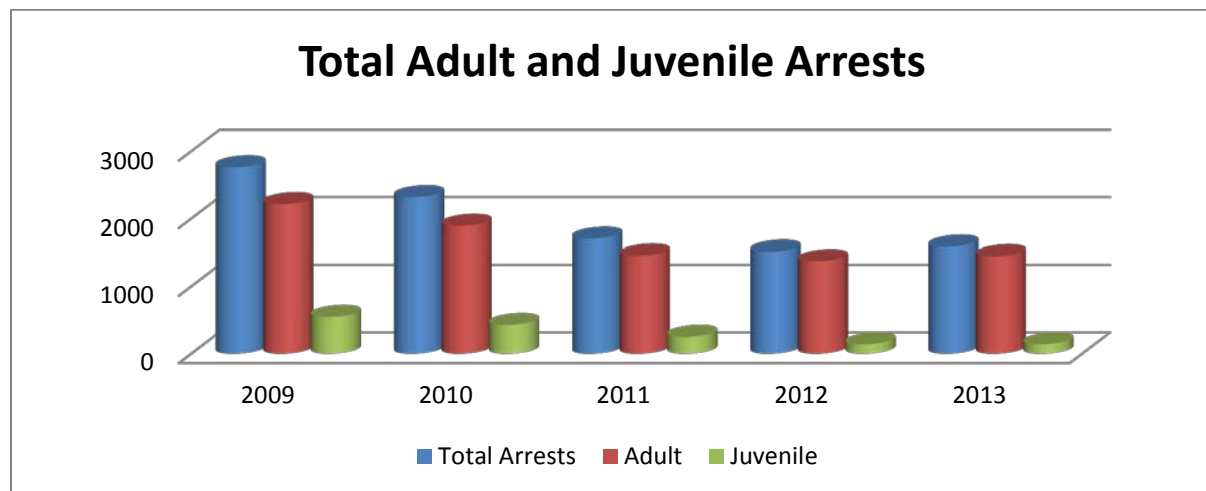
Stolen and recovered property is also reported to UCR. Property is broken down into the general categories shown below. In 2013, \$1,070,403 in property was stolen and \$231,606 was recovered; or 21.6%. The charts below show stolen and recovered property in their respective categories.



The following are all *index* crimes reported to UCR by month for 2013.

2013	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault Agg	Assault Simple	Burglary	Larceny	MV Theft	Arson	TTL Offenses
Jan					17	22	52	5	2	98
Feb				2	14	7	58		2	83
Mar			2	2	25	15	53	2		99
Apr			2	1	25	15	58	2	1	104
May		1	1	2	25	25	69		1	124
Jun			2	1	27	20	72	3	1	126
Jul				1	19	8	77	3		108
Aug			1		20	15	70			106
Sep			2	2	13	10	61	3		91
Oct			2	1	16	10	93	4	1	127
Nov		1	4		22	17	56	1	1	102
Dec			3		20	15	108	5		151
TTLs	0	2	19	12	243	179	827	28	9	1319

In addition to crimes and property, arrests (adult and juvenile) are also reported to UCR. This includes arrests for Part 1 crimes shown in the table above, as well as Part 2 crimes such as disorderly persons, DWI, fraud, etc. (which are not counted as part of the index crimes above).



Reported arrests through UCR are further broken down into categories such as *Male / Female* and *Race / Ethnicity*. The tables show the breakdown of those categories by percentage of total arrests.

Arrests by Ethnicity	Adult	Juv
Hispanic	13.9%	13.2%
Non-Hispanic	71.9%	69.8%
Unknown	14.2%	17.0%

Arrests by Race	White	Black	American Indian	Asian/PI	Other	Unk.
Adult	60.2%	34.5%	0.1%	0.7%	0.2%	4.3%
Juvenile	47.8%	49.1%	0.0%	1.3%	0.6%	1.3%
Arrests by Gender	Male	Female	Other			
Adult	65.0%	34.5%	0.5%			
Juvenile	66.0%	34.0%	0.0%			

Our agency also records the residency of the arrested party. The data notes that over 60% of adults and 40% of juveniles that are arrested by our Police Department do **NOT** reside in our Township. This is an important factor when calculating staffing needs and the allocation of resources. Many staffing formulas calculate police staffing based on officers per 1,000 **residents**. This type of formula does not take into consideration a community's transient population, *which more than doubles in our township*.

STAFFING AND POPULATION

Residency has become an important statistic for the department to track. Our static population as reported by the census bureau was 26,503 in 2010 (last reported), a 29% increase over the past 10 years. Also, what the police department *must consider* is the transient population. The Township of Hamilton is unique within the county; it is not only the county seat and home to the majority of county offices and schools, but also a regional shopping district. The table below is a small sampling of the transient population from businesses and county schools that significantly impact our total calls for service.

Transient Population Impact: Business / Schools			
Business/School	Year	Month	Daily
Hamilton Mall	6,000,000	500,000	16,667
Regal Theaters	1,078,356	89,863	2,996
ACCC	720,000	60,000	2,000
Atl.Co. Special Services	324,000	27,000	900
Totals	8,122,356	676,863	22,563

Considering the partial data provided above, our daily population increases to an estimated **49,066** or essentially doubles during the day. The arrest data table above shows that 64% of adults and 45% of the juveniles arrested are ***non – residents***. This has a significant impact on police services for our local residents, consuming hundreds of staffing hours. To further illustrate the impact of the transient population; ***about 65% of the 1845 motor vehicle crashes handled by this agency involve non-local drivers.***

Law enforcement organizations nationally utilize a generally accepted formula to determine adequate staffing numbers, which is based on a recognized standard of *one officer per 1000 citizens*. A formula that considers only residential population is flawed and fails to calculate the impact of a transient population. The allocation of resources is based on the needs of the municipality, which includes both local and non-local citizens.

The following chart includes data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics comparing our agency to national and state figures.

Officers per 1000 Citizens	
Comparison	Average
National	2.4
New Jersey	3.66
Township of Hamilton	1.8
Township of Hamilton including Transient Population	.09

Nationally, the officer per 1000 citizen ratio is 2.3 to 2.5, an average that has remained steady for over 20 years. New Jersey averages about 3.6 officers per 1000 citizens and can be as high as 4 in the Northeast. New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the country and only 47th geographically in size accounting for the higher ratio.

The Township of Hamilton currently is 1.8 per/1000 given the current population of 26,503 and 49 officers. Considering the daily increase in population to approximately 46,155, that further reduces the *Officer/Citizen* ratio to .09 officers per 1000 residents, well below the national average of 2.4 and State average of 3.6.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2014-2015 the police department will be working on transitioning to P25 compliant radio equipment for all emergency services. This will be a significant IT project that will be undertaken by the Support Division. This transition is required of all public safety organizations within Atlantic County.

The police department will continue to utilize social media to expand the ability of the police department to get information to the public in a timely manner. In the year 2014 the police department will be on Facebook, Twitter, Nixle Alerts and other social media outlets.

CONCLUSION

The Hamilton Township Police Department was re-accredited in 2013. The department has been continuously accredited by the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police since 2009. Lt. Mark Cooker, accreditation manager and Professional Standards Commander, has guided the department through this process and has done an outstanding job. Accreditation is key to demonstrating that the police department meets best practices within the field of law enforcement.