

# Coeur d'Alene Police Department 2009 Annual Report



# Vision Statement

*The personnel of the Coeur d' Alene Police Department are dedicated to the principle of community involvement and interaction with our citizens.*

*The absence of crime will determine the success of our efforts.*

*We are committed to maintaining the quality of life that truly makes this area special and desirable to all of our citizens.*

*As our community grows and we all face different challenges, our goal is to remain responsive to the needs of the public that we serve.*

*This department is committed to preserving the quality of life that we all cherish. You will find no more dedicated and committed employees than the men and women in this department.*

# 2009 Year in Review



*Welcome to the Coeur d' Alene Police Department's Annual Report for 2009. We hope that you will find this report helpful and informative.*

*It is the goal of the men and women of this department to serve the citizens of our city in the most efficient, effective way possible. A vital part of that commitment is to provide as much information as possible to our citizens.*

*Our report is comprehensive and represents the goals and objectives of the police department.*

*You will find a tremendous amount of public safety and service information in this report. Please feel free to contact us with any thoughts or ideas on how we can improve our service to you.*

*- Chief Wayne Longo*



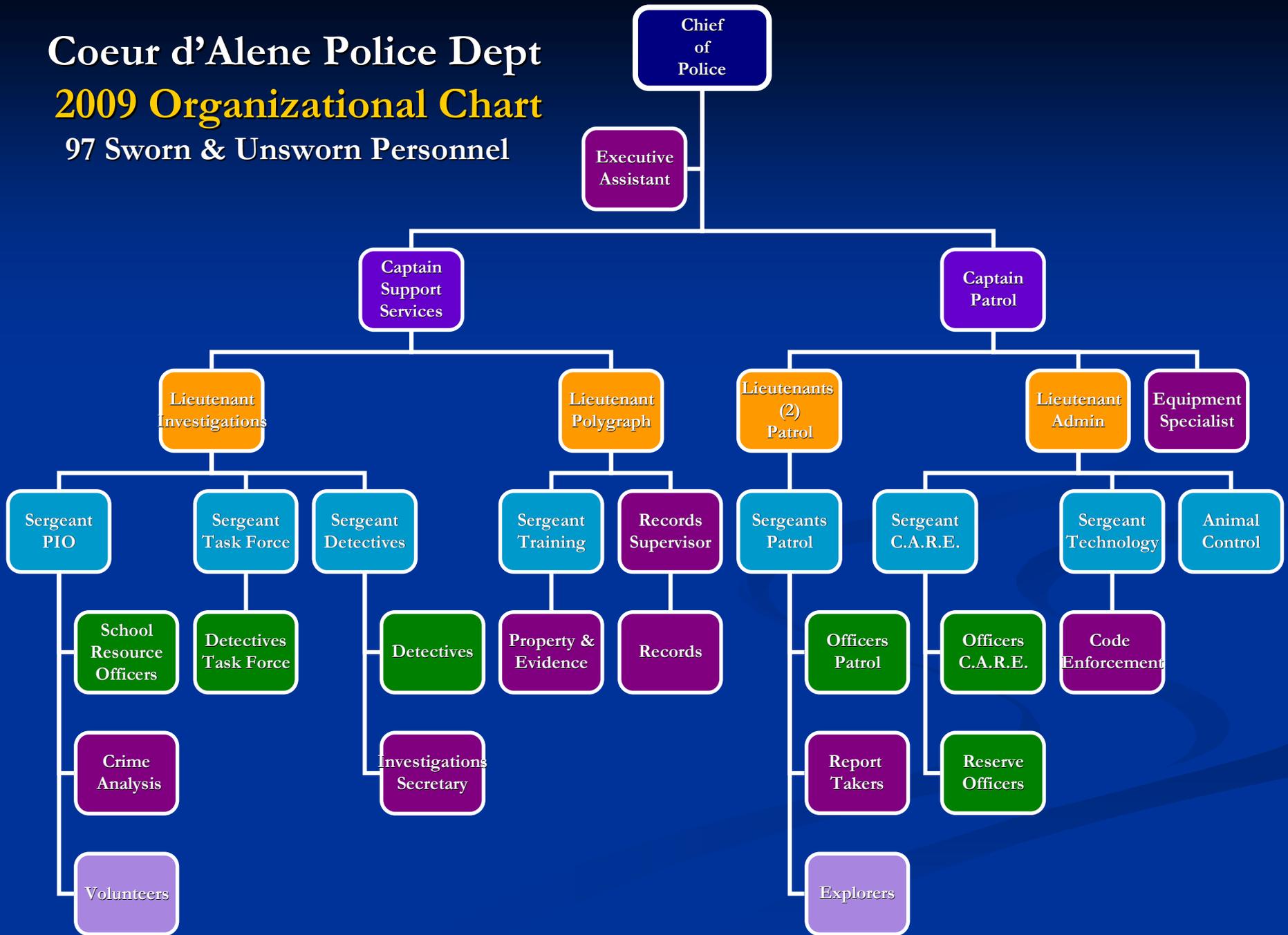
# Coeur d'Alene Police Department Operations Overview



# Coeur d'Alene Police Dept

## 2009 Organizational Chart

97 Sworn & Unsworn Personnel



# Patrol Division Operations



Captain Steve Childers

- ◆ Patrol Officers
- ◆ Report Takers
- ◆ C.A.R.E.
- ◆ Animal Control
- ◆ Police Information Technology  
Maintenance / Equipment Unit
- ◆ Code Enforcement
- ◆ Special Units
  - ◆ SIR Team
  - ◆ Reserve Officers
  - ◆ K-9

# Patrol Division



# Patrol Officer Activities



**Patrol Officers respond to a variety of Calls for Service.  
They are our “frontline” to Public Safety.**

# Patrol Officers



## Officer Response:

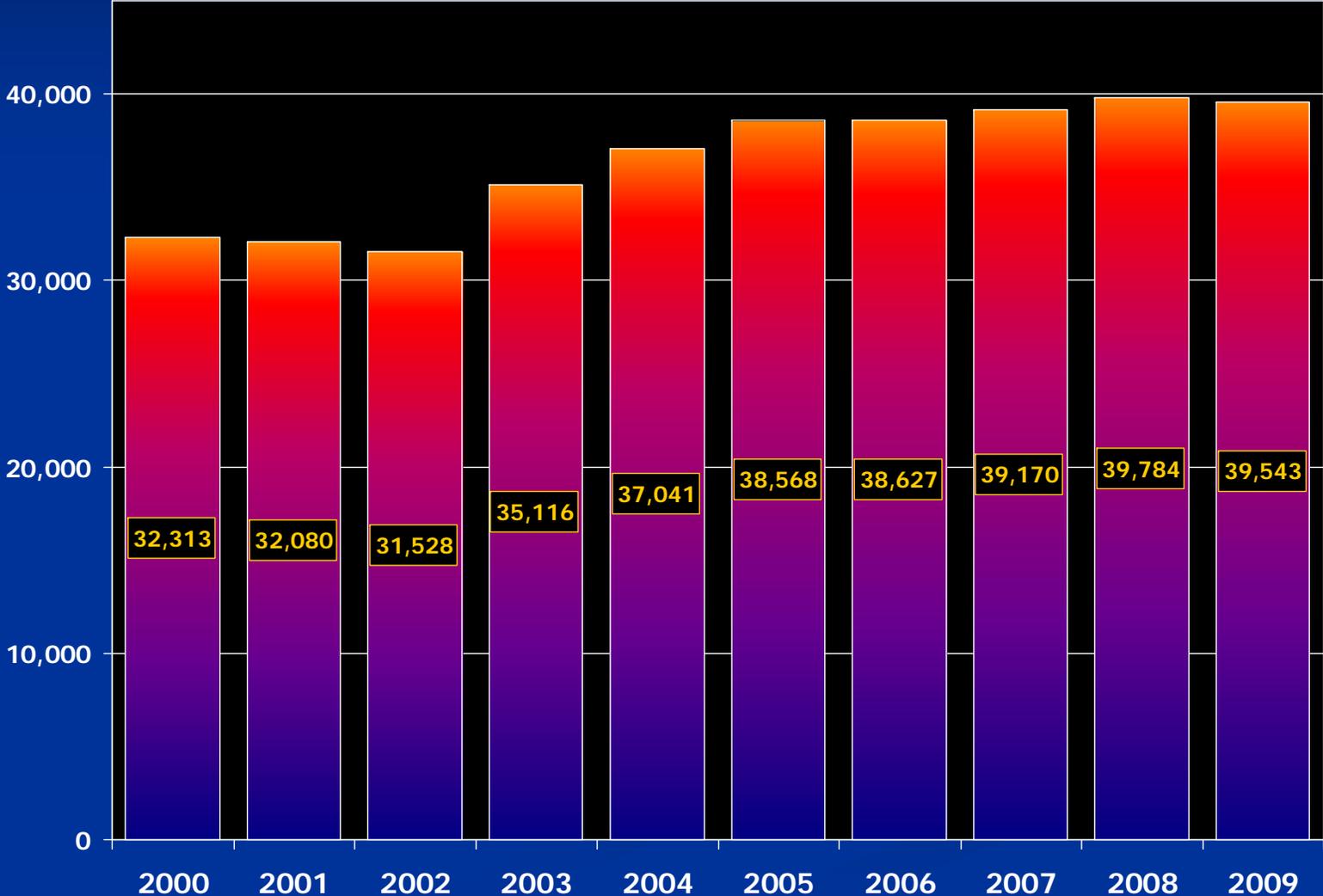
- ♦ Investigating reports of crime.
- ♦ Compiling crime reports.
- ♦ Arresting offenders when necessary.

## Other Activities Include:

- ♦ Responding to & investigating traffic accidents.
- ♦ Issuing citations for traffic law violators.
- ♦ Maintaining a visible presence to discourage criminal activity.

# Calls for CDA Police Service Trends

Increase of 22% in Past Ten Years



## Coeur d'Alene Police - 2009 Calls for Service Nature & Percentage of Time for Type of Call

TYPES	#	%
Assist Public & Other Agencies	9,616	24.3%
Traffic, Accidents & Vehicle Problems	5,399	13.8%
Crimes Against Persons	4,509	11.4%
Juvenile Problems, Suspicious, Disputes	4,677	11.8%
Property Crimes: Thefts & Vandalism	3,981	10.1%
Animal Problems	3,591	8.8%
Messages & Citizen Call Backs	2,956	7.5%
Alcohol/Drugs	1,947	5.0%
All Other Crimes / Calls	1,458	3.7%
Response to Alarms	1,409	3.6%
<b>2009 TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>39,543</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Calls for Service

**24% of 2009 Calls involved**

## *General Assistance to the Public & Other Agencies*

- ♦ **Welfare Checks** involving concerns about family members, neighbors, etc.
- ♦ **General Public Assistance** involving a variety of help from answering questions about scams to assisting with neighborhood & family problems.
- ♦ **Agency Assistance** helping other agencies such as interviews for out of state cases, assisting in warrant arrests, and providing information about suspects.

# Calls for Service

**14% of 2009 Calls involved**

*Traffic, Accidents & Vehicle Problems*

- ♦ **Traffic Problems involving Road Hazards and Traffic Violations.**
- ♦ **Accidents involving Collisions and Hit & Runs.**
- ♦ **Vehicle Problems involving:**
  - ♦ Abandoned Vehicles
  - ♦ Parking Problems
  - ♦ Disabled Vehicles.

# Calls for Service

11% of 2009 Calls involved

## *Crimes or Incidents Involving Persons*

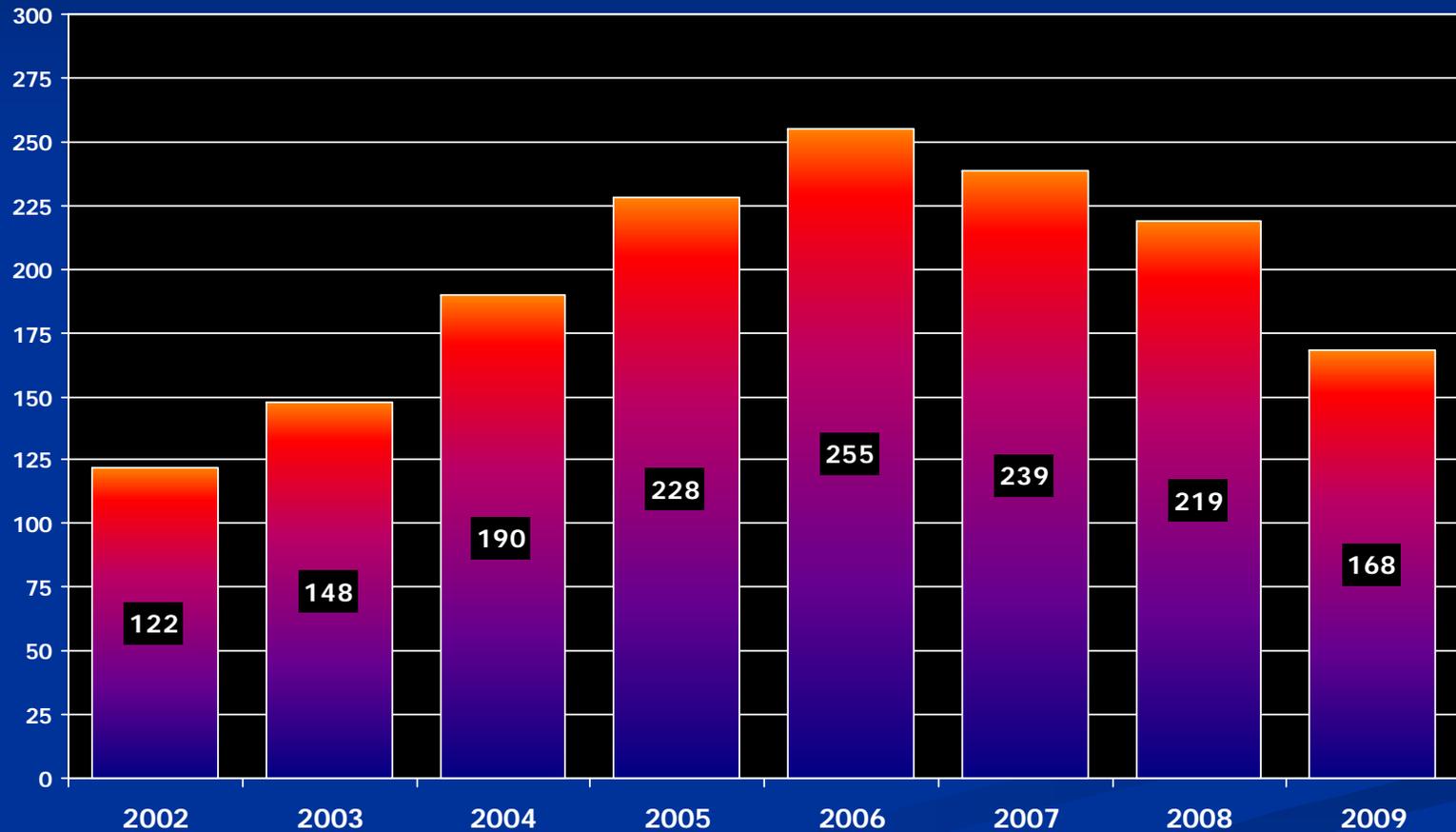
- ♦ **Assaults** involving injury or threat of injury such as Domestic Violence, Assault with Weapons, Robbery and Stalking.
- ♦ **Missing Persons**
- ♦ **Sex Offenses** involving Rape, Pornography and Lewd Conduct.
- ♦ **Protective Custodies / Involuntary Detentions** involving Suicide Attempts, Mental Problems and Alcohol /Drugs abuse.

# Ongoing Project: **Involuntary Detentions**

*38% Increase in Eight Years*

- ♦ **Involuntary Detentions** involve taking people into custody that are a danger to themselves or others or gravely disabled.
- ♦ **Problem:** Increase in Involuntary Detentions has created a strain on Police and Medical Resources.
- ♦ **Solutions:** Coeur d'Alene Police Administrators are actively working with prosecutors, Health & Welfare and medical personnel on how to better meet the needs of our citizens.

# Involuntary Detentions



# Calls for Service

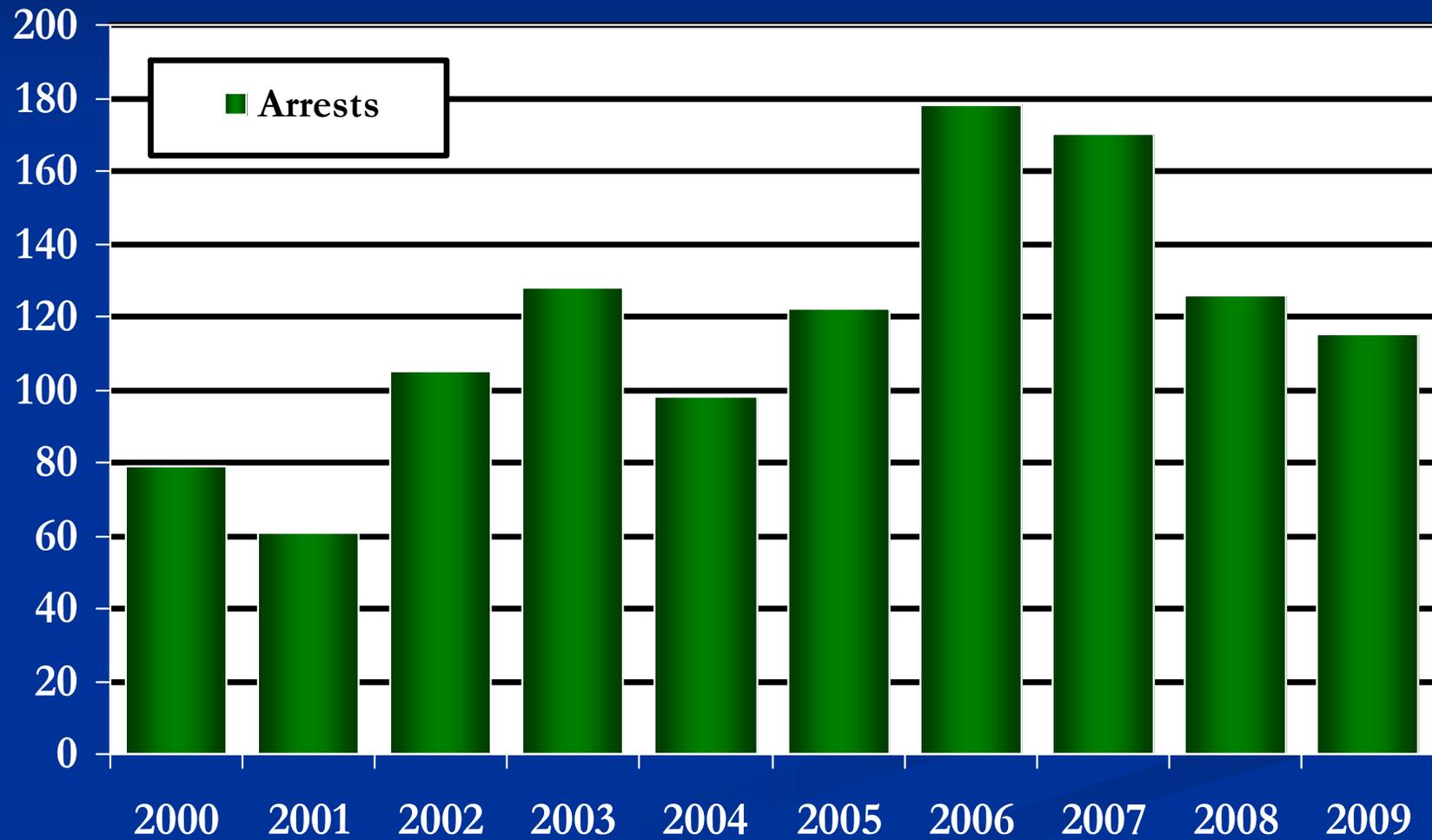
12% of 2009 Calls involved

*Juvenile Problems, Suspicious Persons, Disputes*

- ♦ **Juvenile Problems** involving Juveniles Disturbances, Curfews, Runaways, Fireworks.
- ♦ **Suspicious Persons** involving Suspicious Persons or Suspicious Circumstances.
- ♦ **Disputes / Threats** involving Disorderly Conduct, Disturbing the Peace, Trespassing and Threatening Activities.

# Coeur d'Alene IBR Crime Statistics

## *Disorderly Conduct Arrests*



# Calls for Service

10% of 2009 Calls involved

## *Property Crimes: Theft & Vandalism*

- ♦ **Burglaries** involving Businesses, Residences, and Vehicles.
- ♦ **Thefts** involving Vehicles, Property and Shoplifting.
- ♦ **Forgery & Frauds** involving Counterfeit Checks, Embezzlement, Forged Checks / Credit Cards.
- ♦ **Vandalism** such as Graffiti, Willful Damage to Vehicles, Homes and Businesses.

# Calls for Service

9% of 2009 Calls involved

## *Animal Problems*

- ♦ **Coeur d'Alene Police has One Full-Time and One Part-Time Animal Control Officer who respond to a variety of Animal Related Calls such as:**
  - ♦ Dogs at Large (753 calls)
  - ♦ Barking Dogs (518 calls)
  - ♦ Lost Animals (382 calls)
  - ♦ Vicious Animals (167 calls)
  - ♦ Animal Abuse (353 calls)
  - ♦ Animal Bites (55 calls)



# Calls for Service

8% of 2009 Calls involved

*Messages From and Call Backs to Citizens*

- ◆ Questions about Reports / Arrests
- ◆ Follow Up / Additional Information on Reports Taken



# Calls for Service

5% of 2009 Calls involved

*Drugs or Alcohol Offenses*

- ◆ **Driving Under the Influence (DUI)**
- ◆ **Intoxicated Persons**
- ◆ **Unlawful Possession Alcohol / Drugs**
- ◆ **Use of Drug K-9 Dogs**
- ◆ **Drug Overdose**

# Calls for Service

4% of 2009 Calls involved

## *All Other Calls*

- ♦ **Service of Civil Papers** such as Civil Protection and No Contact Orders
- ♦ **Lost / Found Property**
- ♦ **Littering**
- ♦ **Attempt to Locate** Suspects, Vehicles and Missing Persons

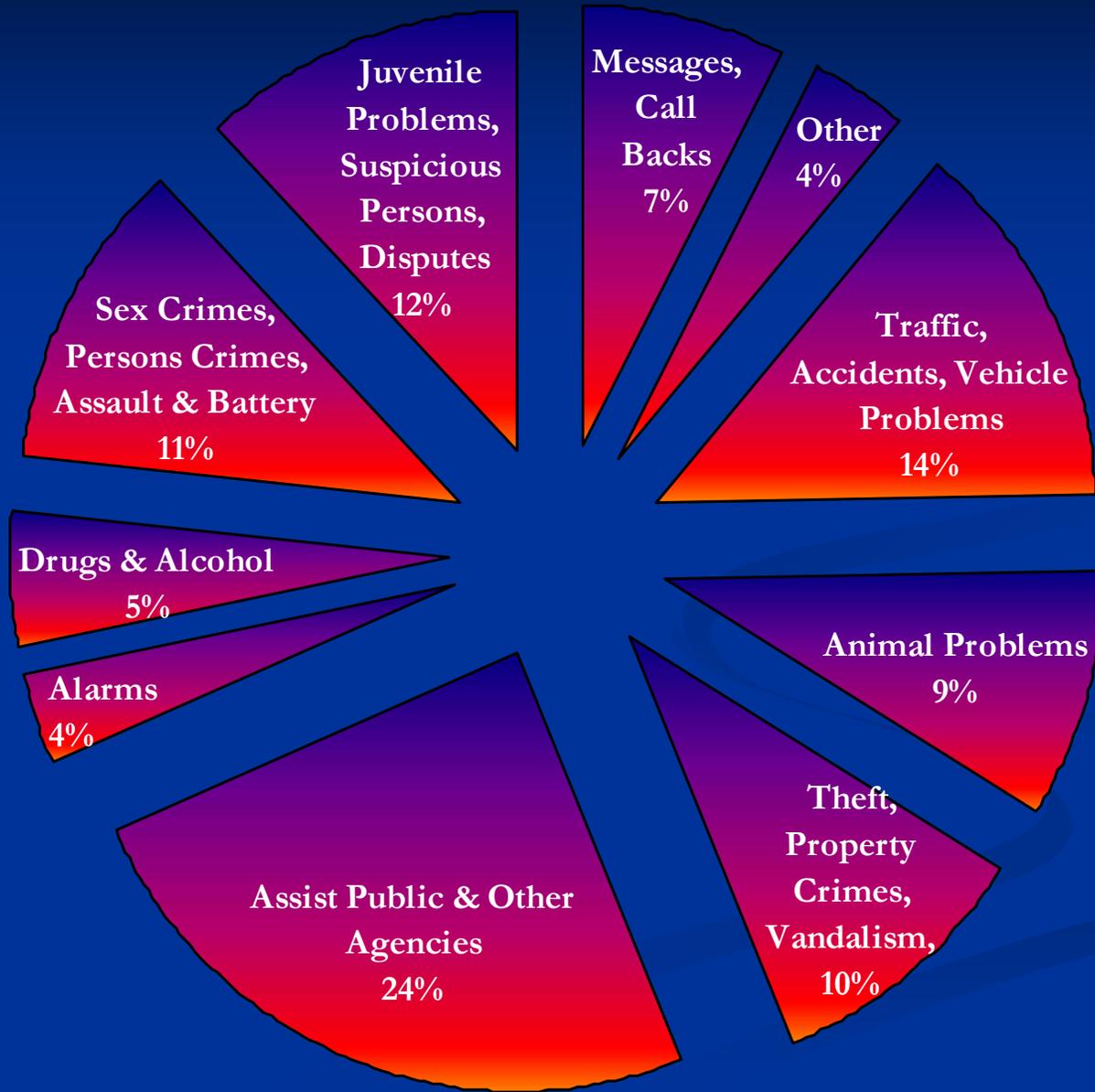
# Calls for Service

**3% of 2009 Calls involved**

*Response to Alarms*

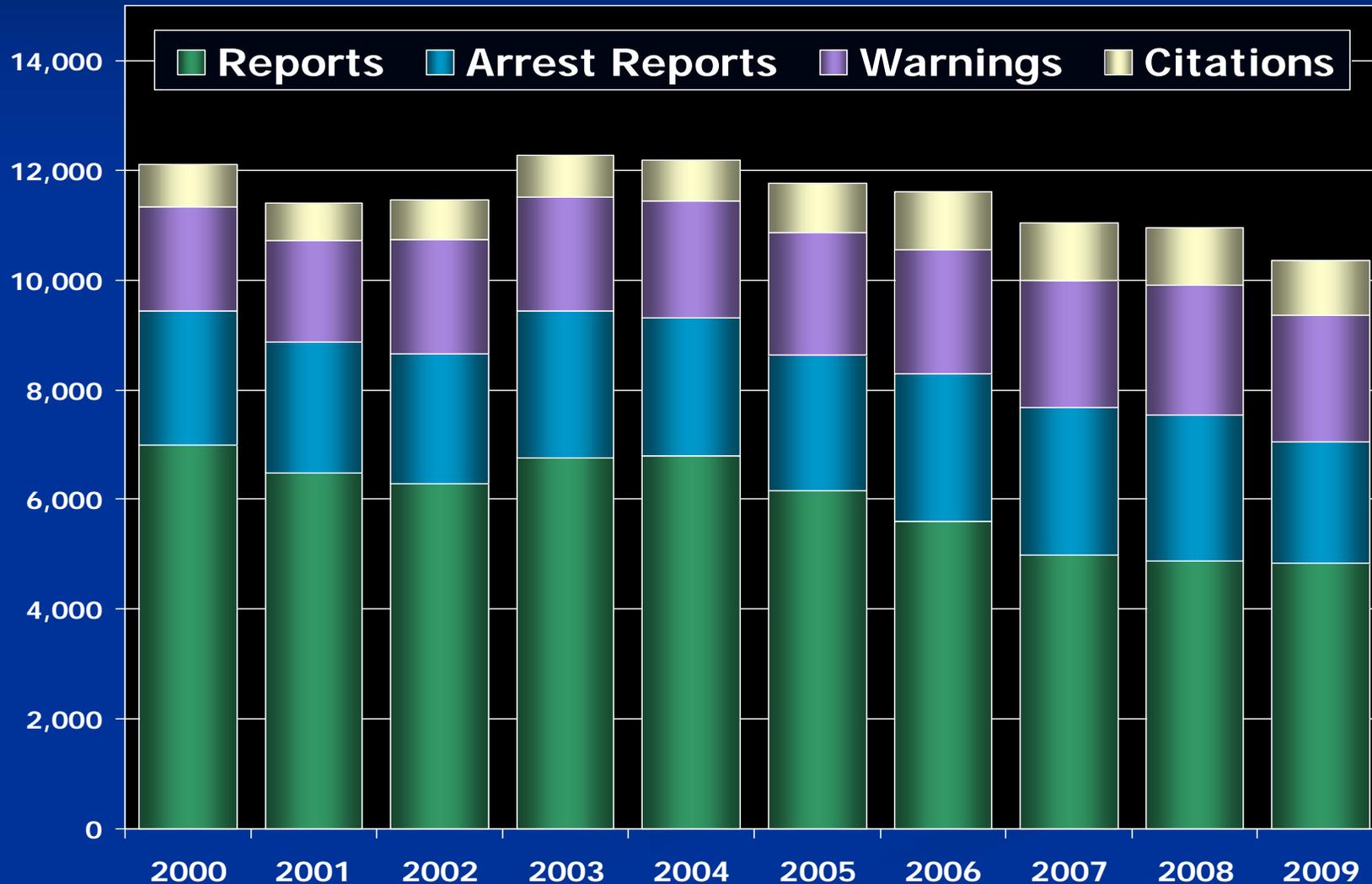
- ◆ **Bank Alarms**
- ◆ **Business & Residential Alarms**
- ◆ **Security Checks**
- ◆ **Unsecure Premises**

# 2009 Calls for Police Service



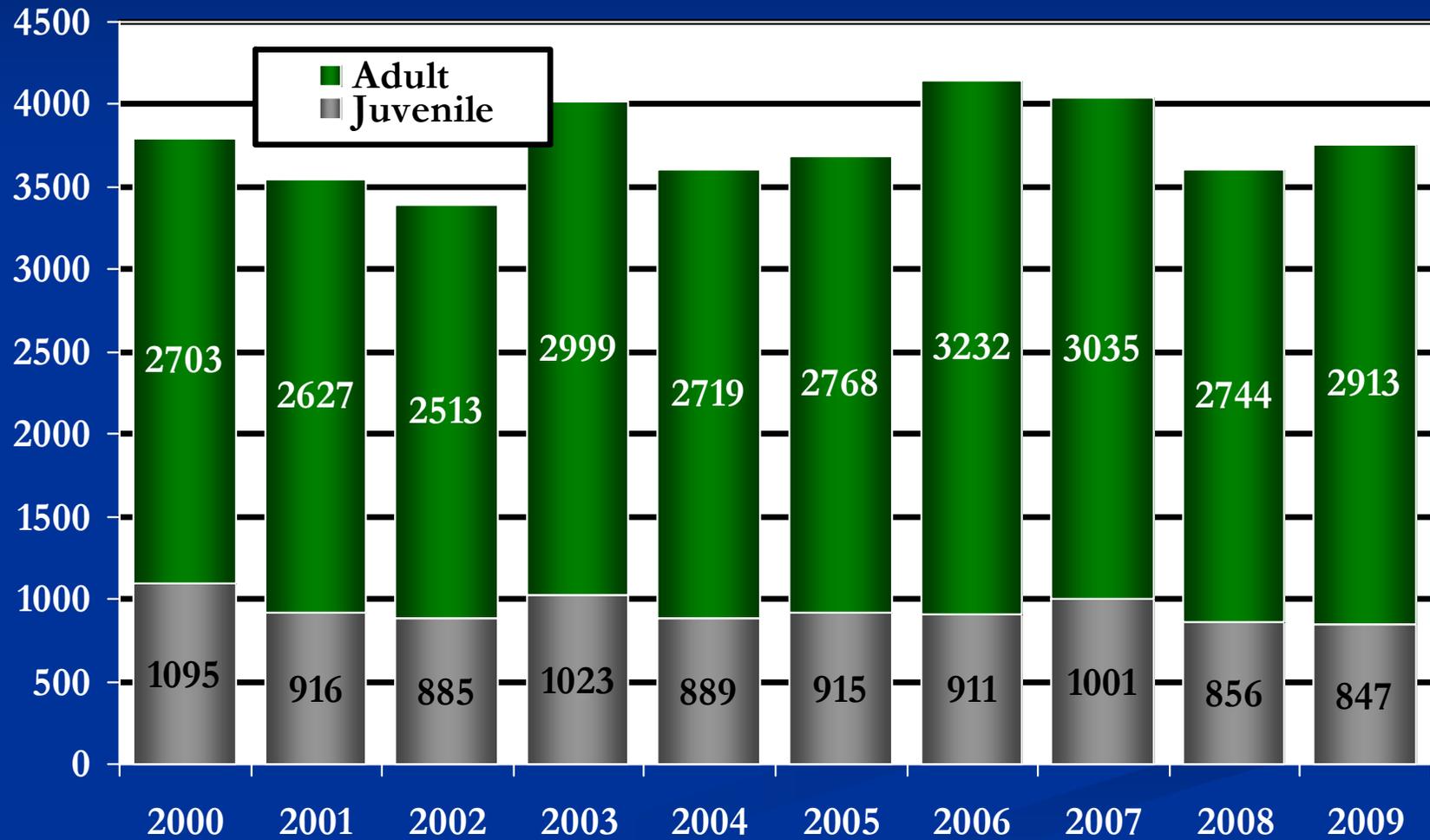
# CDA Police Report Trends

## *Citations, Warnings & Reports Taken*



# Coeur d'Alene IBR Crime Statistics

## *Juvenile & Adult All Arrests*



# Special Units / Projects



# Report Takers

- ♦ **Respond to Non-Emergency calls such as:**
  - ♦ Burglaries / Thefts / Forgeries & Frauds
  - ♦ Vandalisms
  - ♦ Bike Thefts / Recovered Bikes
  - ♦ Lost & Found Property
  - ♦ Phone Harassment
- ♦ **Resource for information about:**
  - ♦ Internet Scams
  - ♦ NSF Checks
  - ♦ “No Call” list.
- ♦ **Collect and Process Evidence.**
- ♦ **Frees up Patrol to Answer Emergency Calls:**  
In 2009 responded to 4,292 calls and took 1,839 reports.

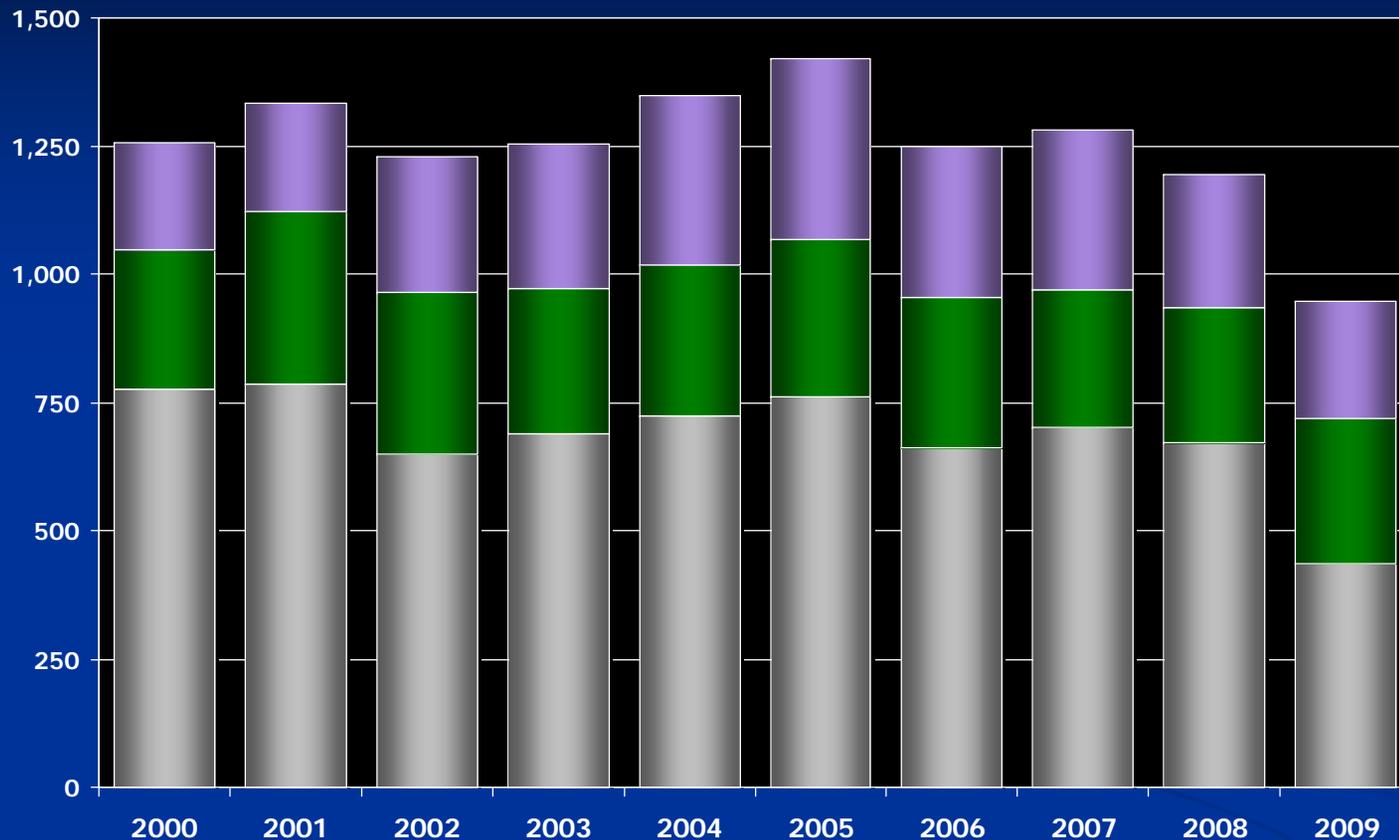
# Community Accident Reduction through Education Team



**C.A.R.E. was established in 1995 to Reduce the Number of Injury Accidents in Coeur d'Alene through:**

- ◆ Public Education
- ◆ Special Emphasis Patrols
- ◆ Specialized Patrol Units

# CDA Accidents Ten-Year Trend



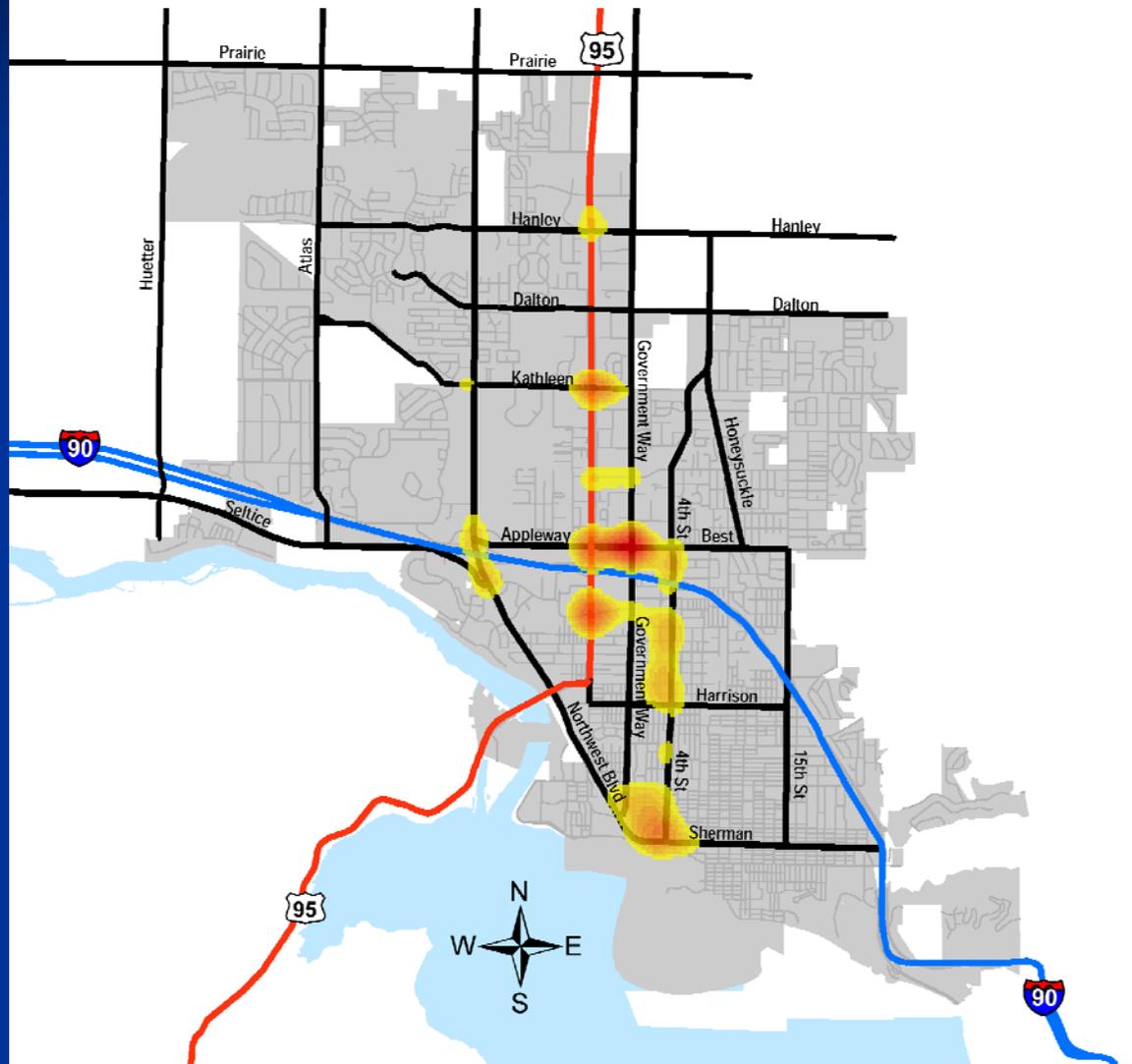
Property Damage Only Accidents Down 43.9%

Personal Injury Accidents Up 4.8%

Hit & Run Accidents Up 9.6%

**Total Accidents Down 24.4%**

## 2009 Accident "Hot Spots"



# C.A.R.E.

## *Public Education*

- ♦ **Traffic School**
  - ♦ Educates public on commonly observed unlawful and dangerous driving behavior.
  - ♦ Option in lieu of punitive uniform citation.
- ♦ **Safety Presentations to Community Groups:**
  - ♦ Driver Education Classes
  - ♦ School Crossing Guards

# C.A.R.E.

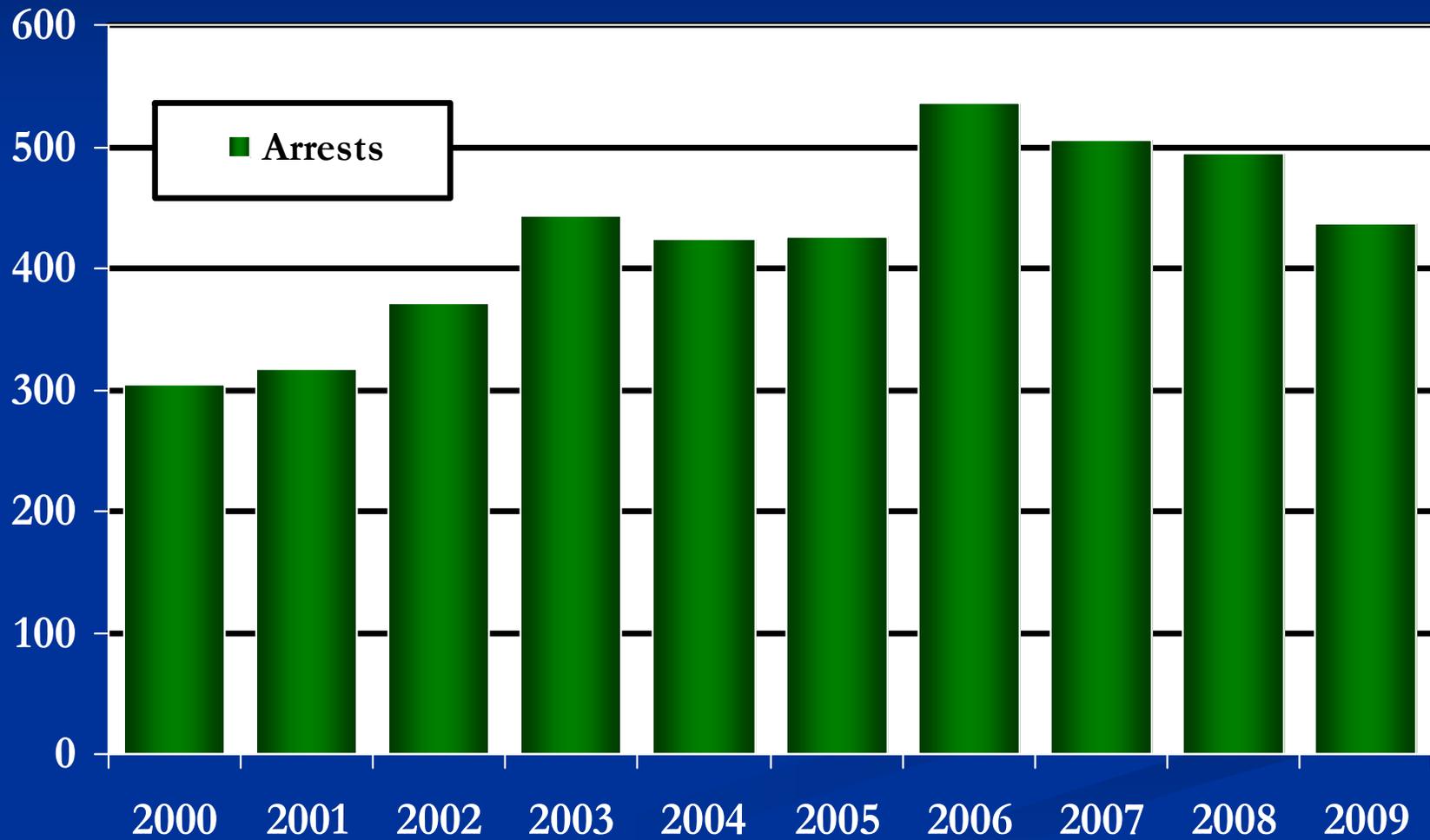
## *Special Emphasis Patrols*

- ♦ **DUI Emphasis Program:**
  - ♦ Grant funded – provides overtime for special emphasis during specific times of year and times of day to focus on DUI Violations.
- ♦ **Seatbelt Emphasis**
  - ♦ “Click It Don’t Risk It”
  - ♦ Junior Seatbelt Officer Program
- ♦ **Special Events**
  - ♦ Traffic Control
  - ♦ Crowd Control
  - ♦ Parade Participation



# Coeur d'Alene IBR Crime Statistics

## *DUI Arrests*



# C.A.R.E.

## *Special Patrol Units*



**New in 2009: Addition of  
3<sup>rd</sup> Harley Davidson Motorcycle**

### **Motorcycle Patrol Program**

- ◆ New Program in 2004 with two Harley Davidson Motorcycles.
- ◆ **Motorcycle Trained Officers**
- ◆ Motorcycles are highly visible and have proven to be very effective in traffic enforcement.
- ◆ **Popular at special events such as parades.**

# C.A.R.E.

## *Special Patrol Units*

### **Bike Patrol & Reserve Program**

- ◆ Special Units that assist regular Patrol Officer during peak times of the year.
- ◆ **Patrol downtown areas.**
- ◆ Frees up Patrol Car units to respond to other activities throughout the City.



# Special Intervention & Response Team



The SIR Team was formed in 1999 to respond to and provide crowd management at events at risk for violence and/or unruly crowds.

Each member is a sworn officer who is issued specialized protective equipment and receives specialized response training.

# Police Info Technology

## Police Information Technology



- ◆ Coordinates and researches new technology implementation.
- ◆ New Projects include:
  - ◆ **E-Tickets issued through driver's license scans using special equipment and laptops in Patrol Cars.**

# Code Enforcement Officer

- ◆ Purpose: Preservation and enhancement of neighborhood, open spaces, and business corridors through the use of effective voluntary compliance or enforcement strategies outlined in our City Code.
- ◆ Code Enforcement handled over 303 Code Violations in 2009.

# New Project: Underage Drinking Emphasis

- ◆ **Grant Funded Emphasis Targeting Underage Alcohol Violations: Created a “Party Patrol” to Enforce Underage Drinking Laws by Locating Parties and Citing Offenders:**
  - ◆ 386 Minors were Contacted
  - ◆ 369 Alcohol Citations Issued
  - ◆ 48 Minor DUI Citations Issued
- ◆ **Patrolled**
  - ◆ 178 Parties
  - ◆ 56 School Events
  - ◆ 24 Youth / Community Events

# Equipment Support

- ◆ **Equipment Support provides Logistical Support for Officers through the maintenance of our supply systems for:**
  - ◆ Law enforcement Uniforms & Equipment
  - ◆ Maintenance of Vehicles & Radios
- ◆ **Upcoming Projects include:**
  - ◆ Conversion to 700 Mhz Communications
  - ◆ E-ticket Equipment Installation in Vehicles
  - ◆ Improved Vehicle Maintenance Program to decrease costs and increase fleet efficiency.

# Support Services & Investigations



Captain Ron Clark

## Investigations

- ◆ Detectives
- ◆ Community Relations / Press Info Officer
- ◆ Task Force (Drugs & Gangs)
- ◆ Crime Analysis
- ◆ School Resource Officers

## Support Services

- ◆ Records
- ◆ Investigations Clerical Support
- ◆ Training Program
- ◆ Property / Evidence
- ◆ Polygraph Program

# Investigations



## **Detectives have many responsibilities:**

- ♦ Investigation of Reports taken by Patrol.
- ♦ Responding to Crime Scenes at all hours to Conduct Interviews and Process Crime Scenes.
- ♦ Attend Court Hearings & Meet with Prosecutors
- ♦ Attend Intelligence Meetings with Other Law Enforcement Agencies.

# Investigator Case Assignment Process

- ♦ **Cases are Prioritized** based upon suspect or lead information and Severity of Crime.
  - ♦ Priority 1: Good lead or suspect information.
  - ♦ Priority 2: Possible lead or suspect information.
  - ♦ Priority 3: No leads or suspect information.
- ♦ **Cases are Assigned by Type of Case:**
  - ♦ **Persons Crimes** such as Sex Crimes and Assaults to Crimes Against Persons Detectives.
  - ♦ **Property Crimes** such as Burglaries, Thefts & Vandalisms to Property Crimes Detectives.
  - ♦ **Juvenile Crimes** involving Juvenile Suspects to School Resource Officers.

# Investigation Tools

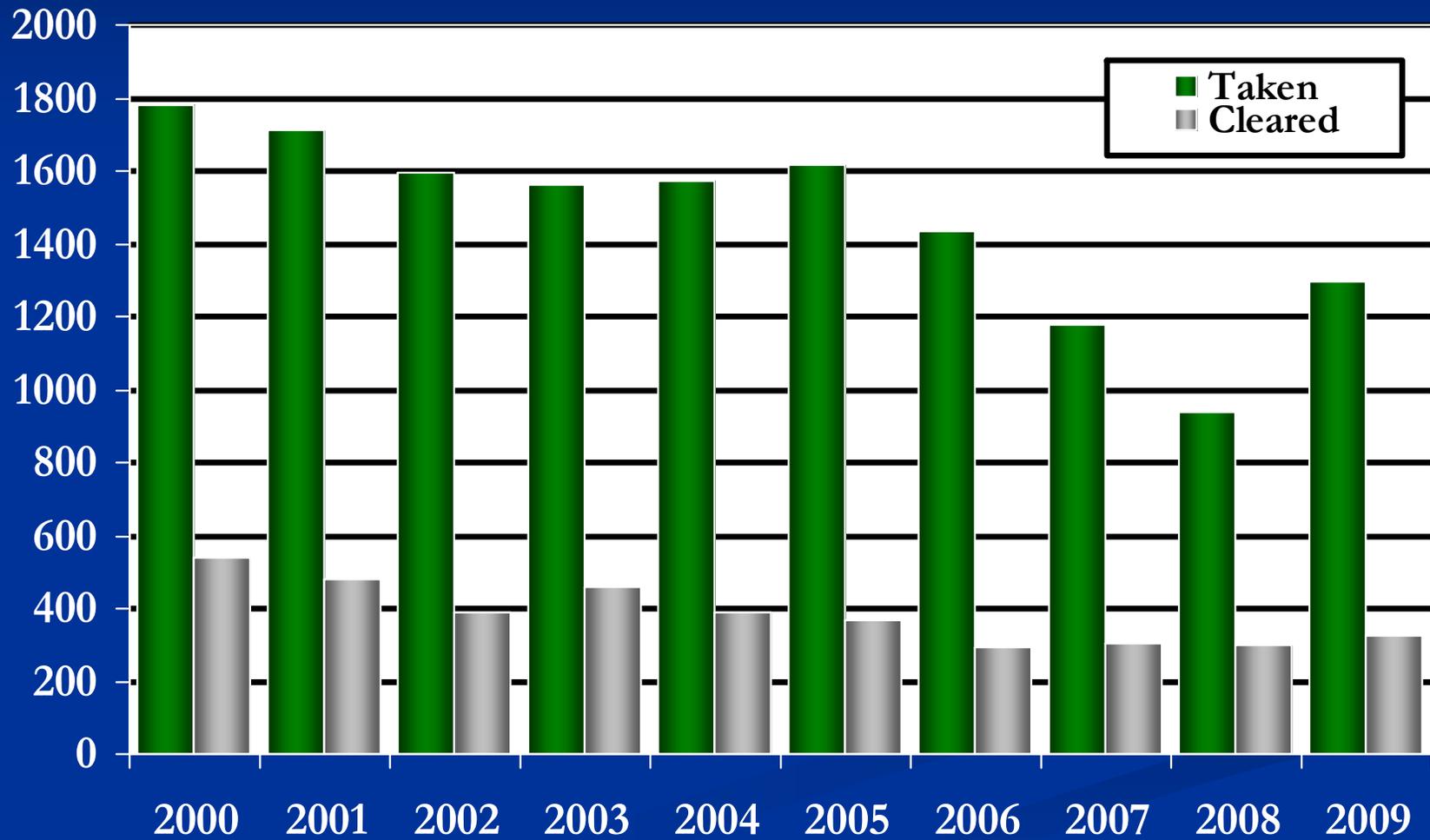
- ♦ **New Program: Child Pornography Investigator**
  - ♦ As part of new Internet Crime Against Children programs throughout Idaho.
  - ♦ Increased surveillance and Investigations of Internet Predators.
- ♦ **New Information Sharing Networks:**
  - ♦ **LINX:** Partnership data sharing that includes members from over 200 agencies throughout Pacific Northwest.

# Property Crime Trends



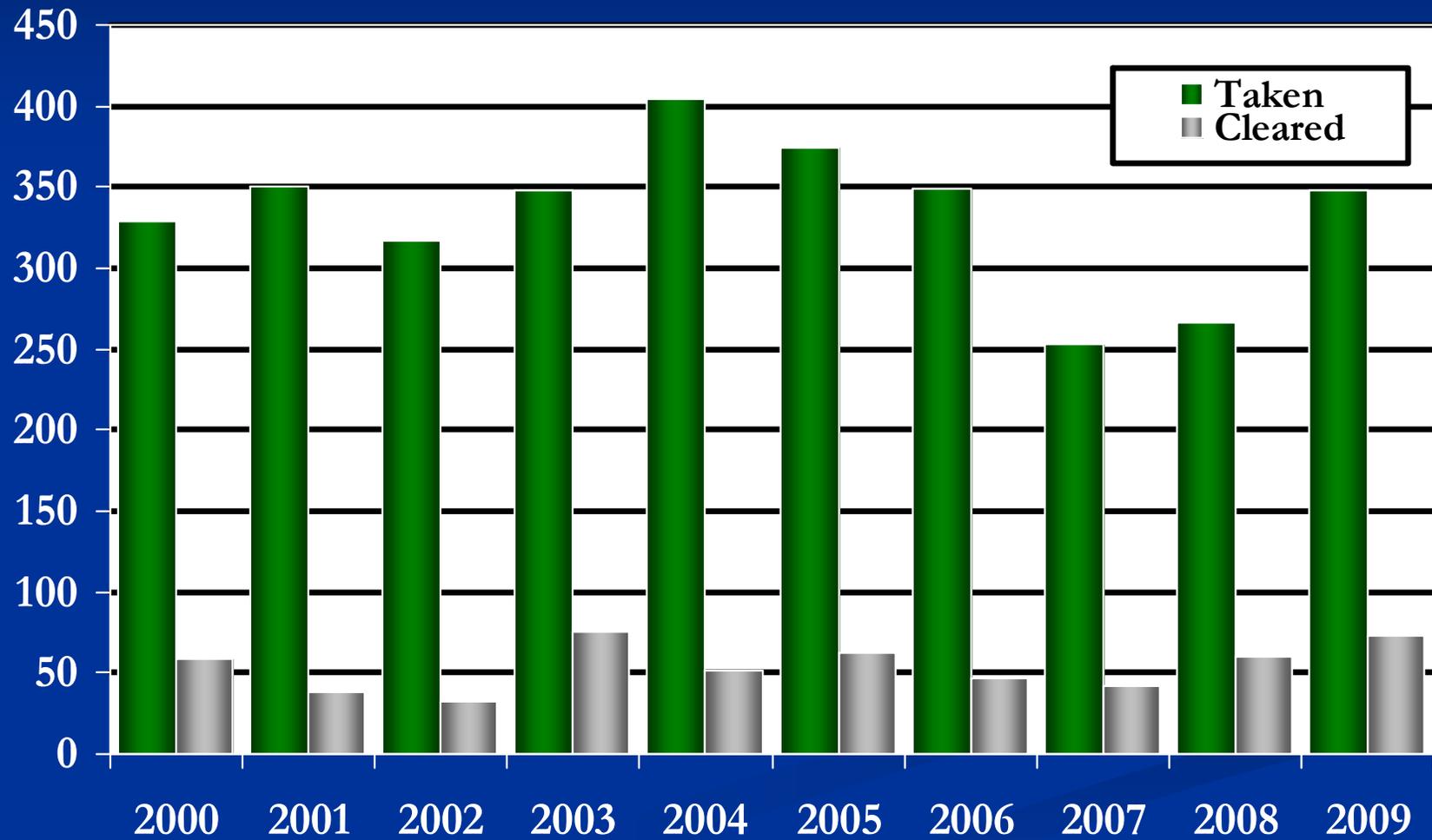
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*Theft Reports (including Theft from Vehicles)*



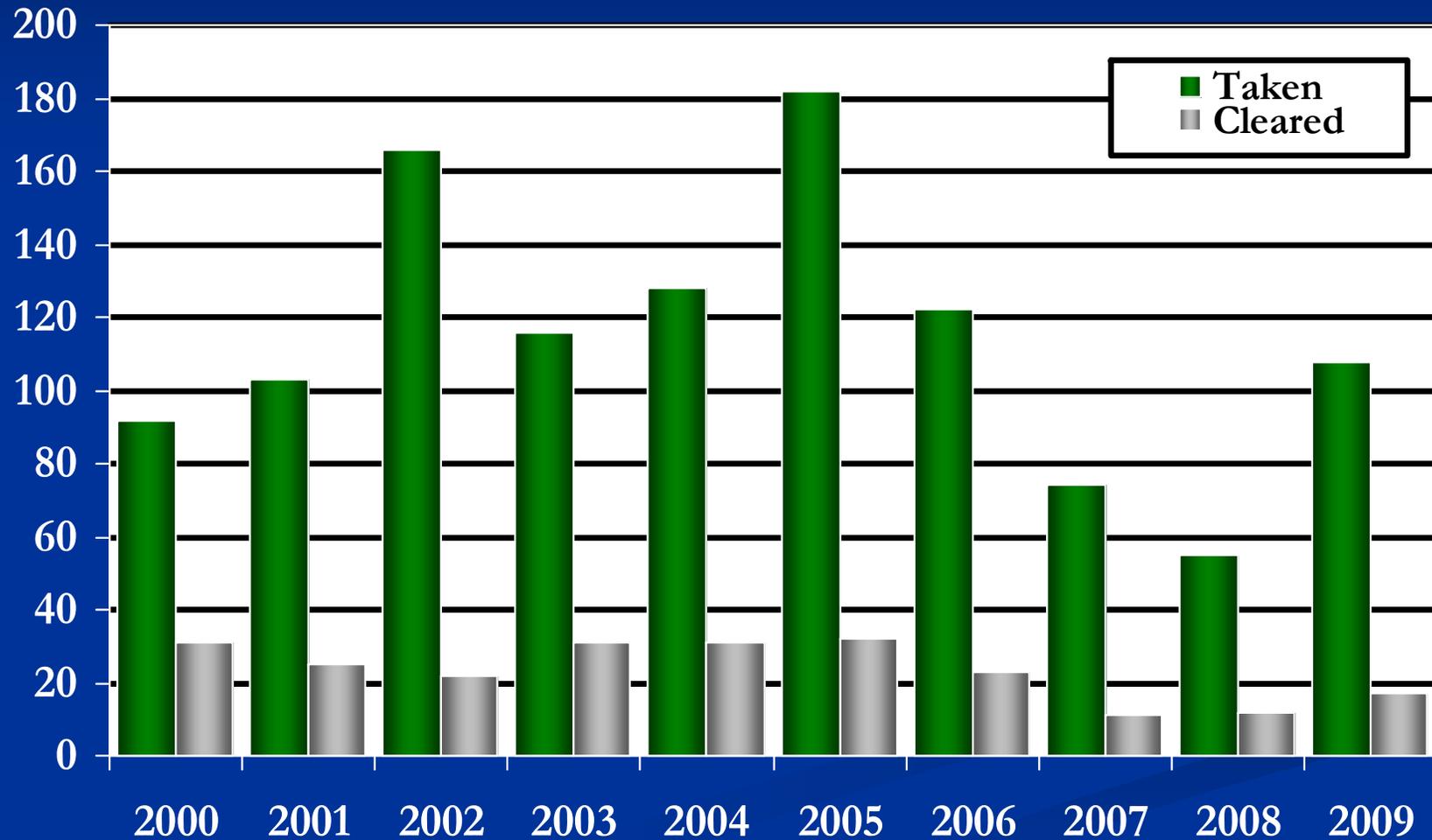
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## *Burglary Reports*



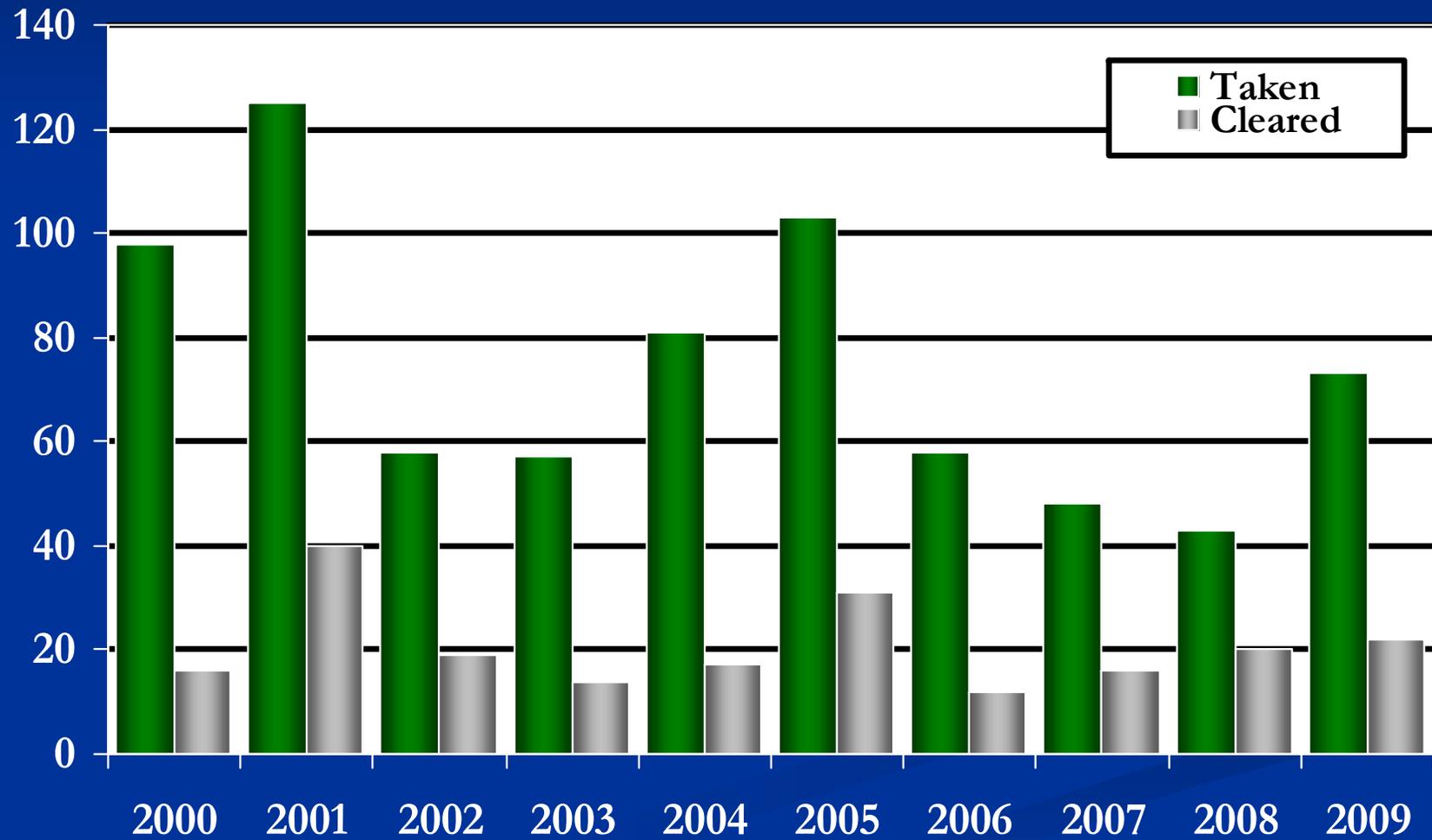
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## *Motor Vehicle Theft Reports*



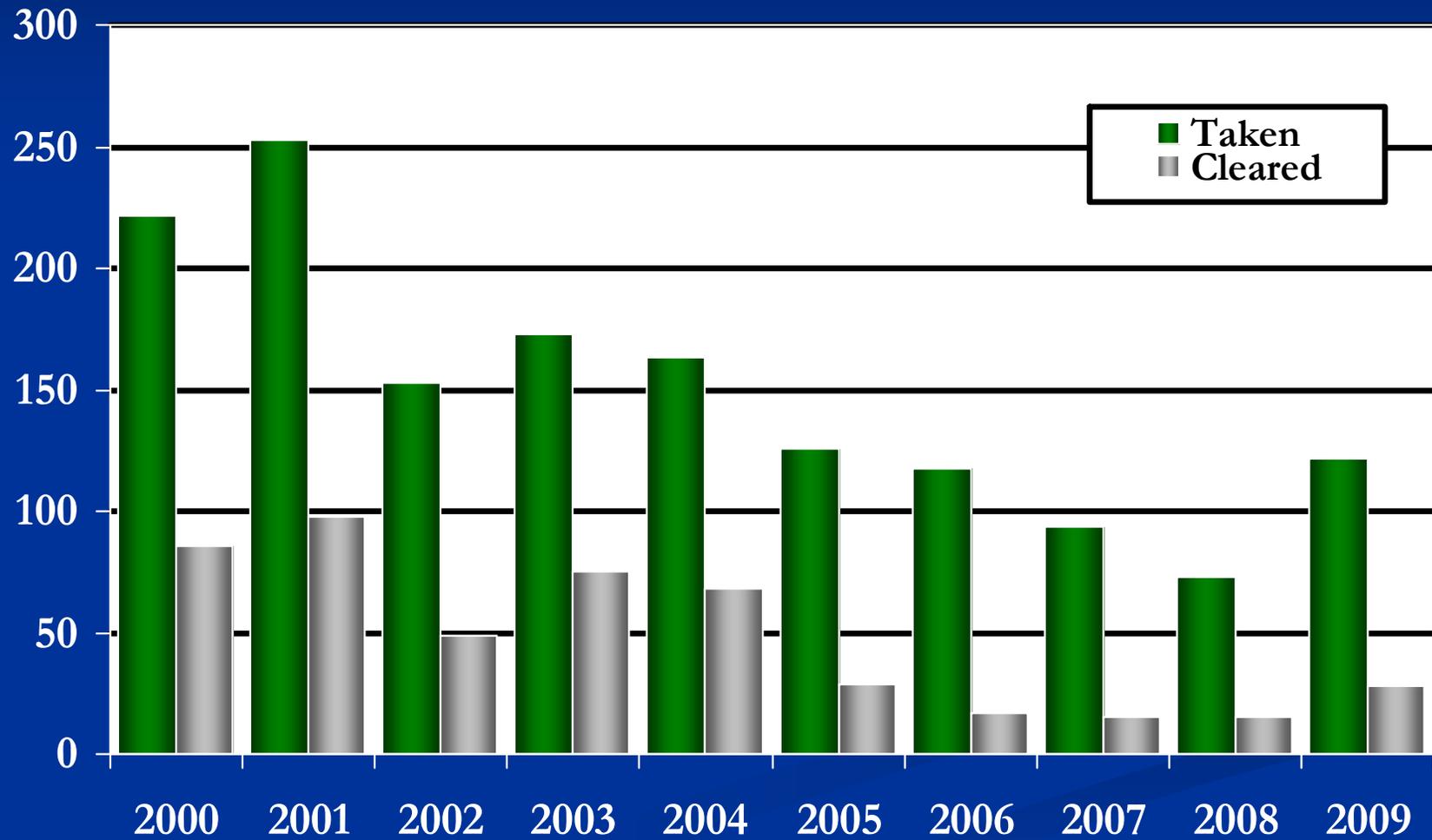
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## *Counterfeit – Forgery Reports*



# Coeur d'Alene IBR Crime Statistics

## *Fraud Reports*

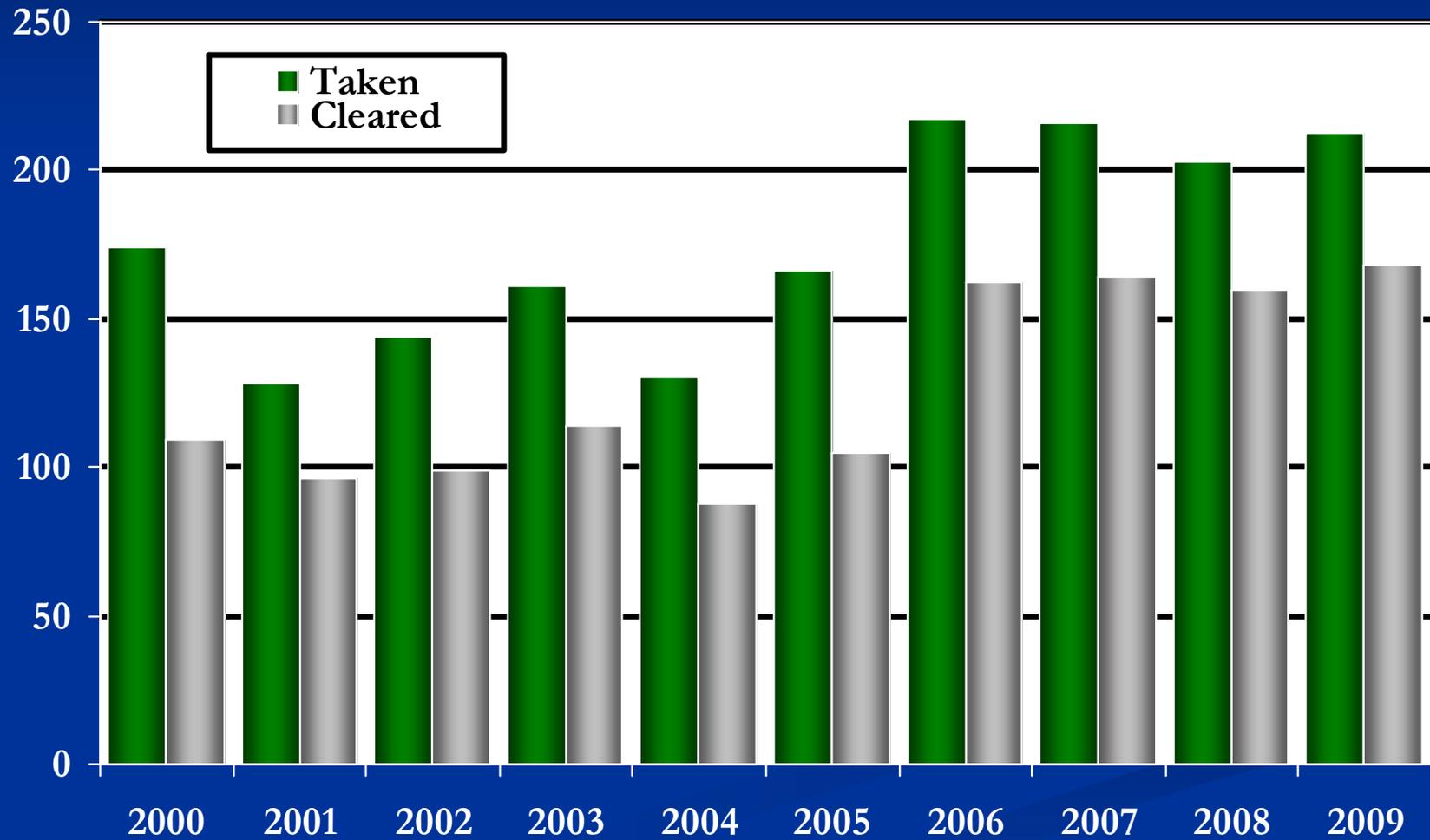


# Persons Crime Trends



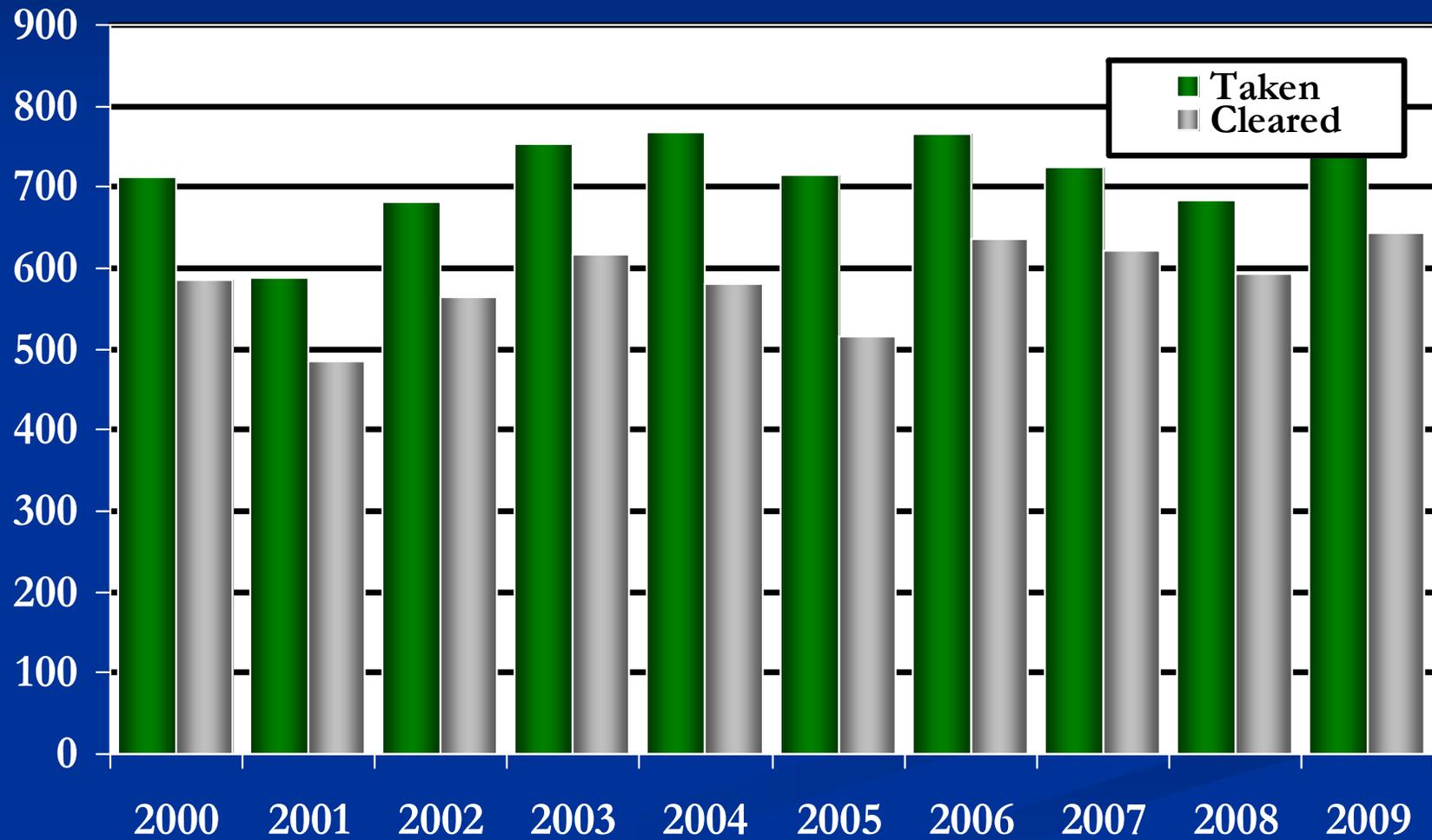
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## *Aggravated Assault Reports*



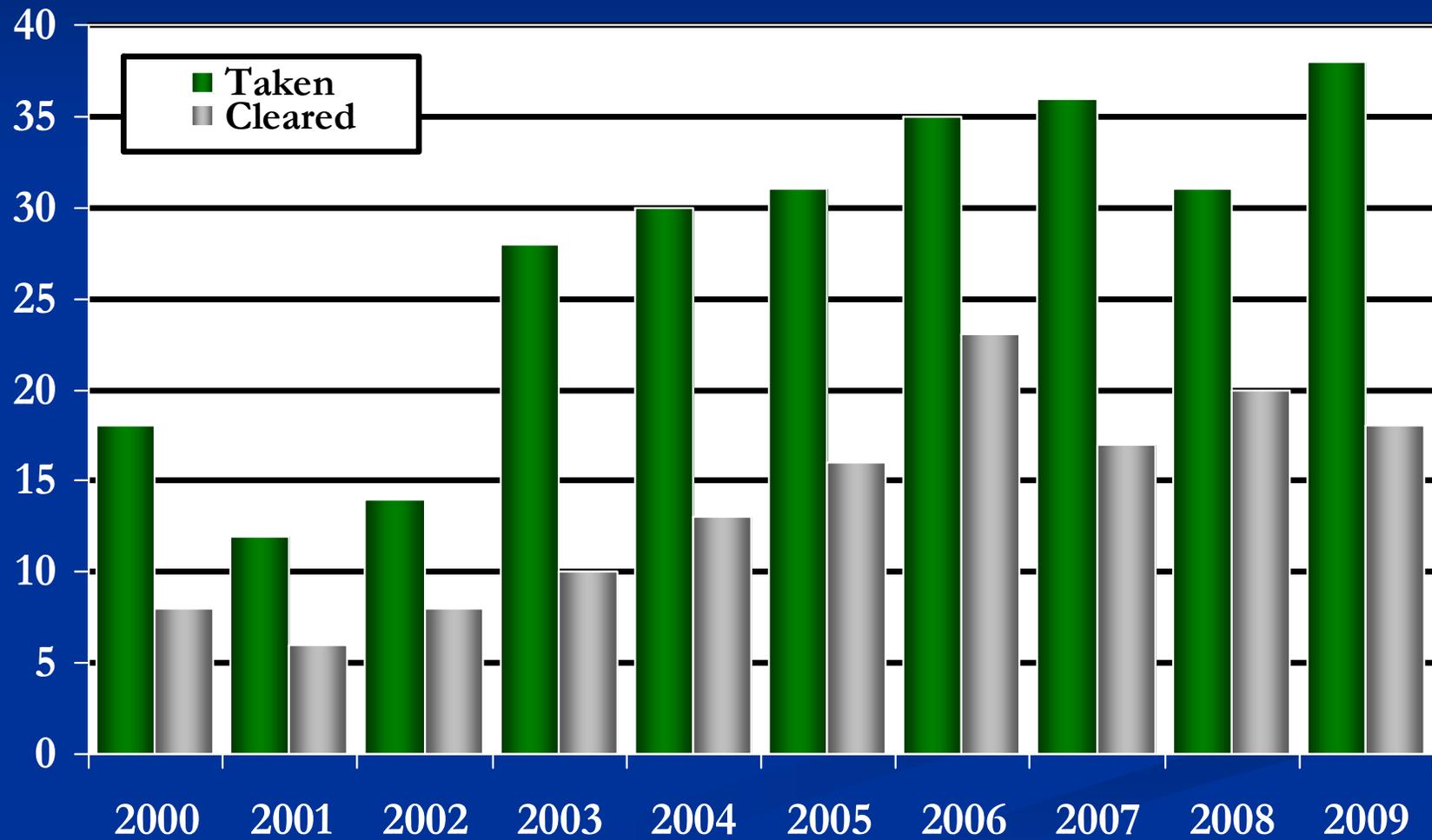
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## *Simple Assault Reports*



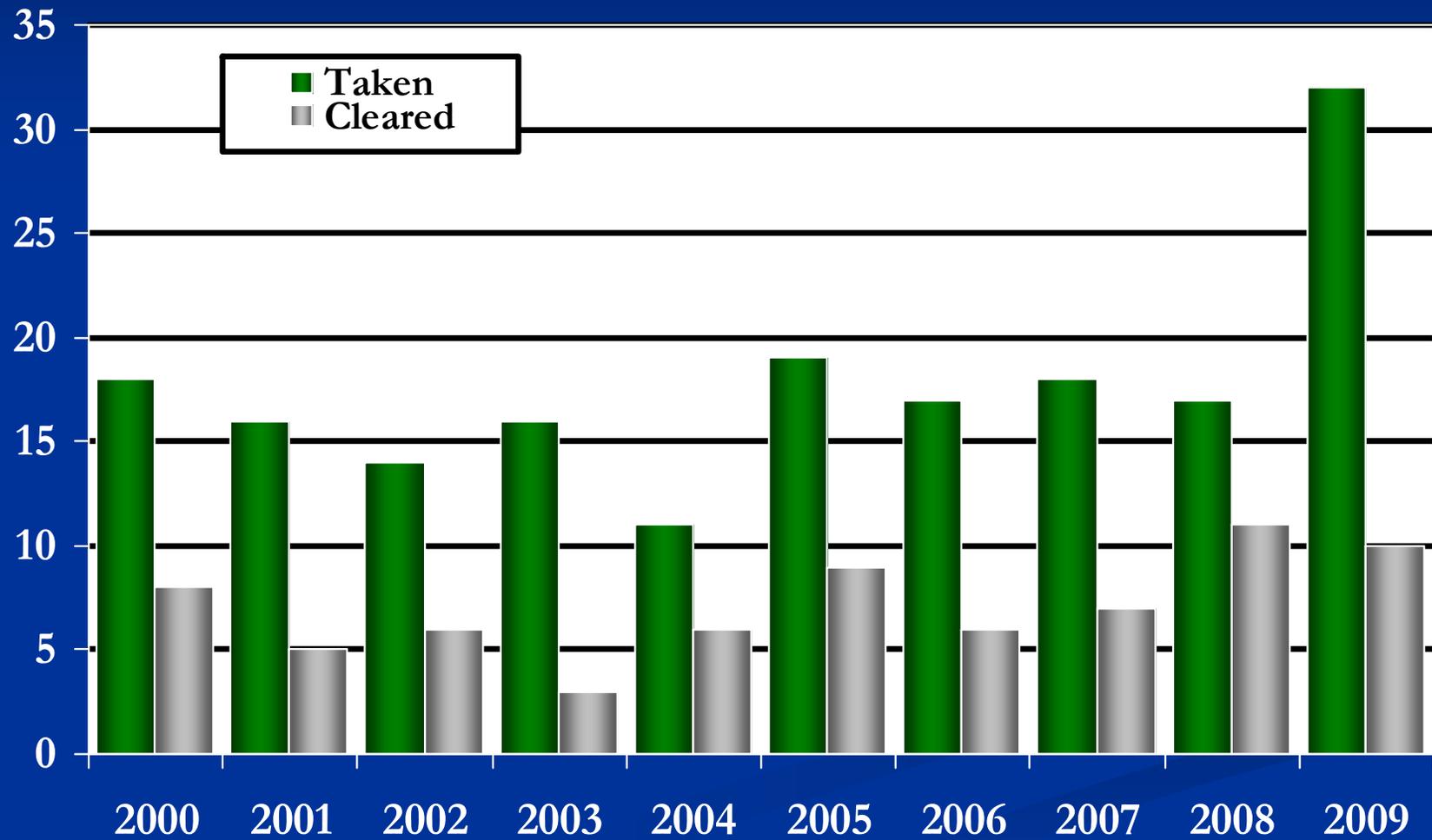
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## *Rape Reports*



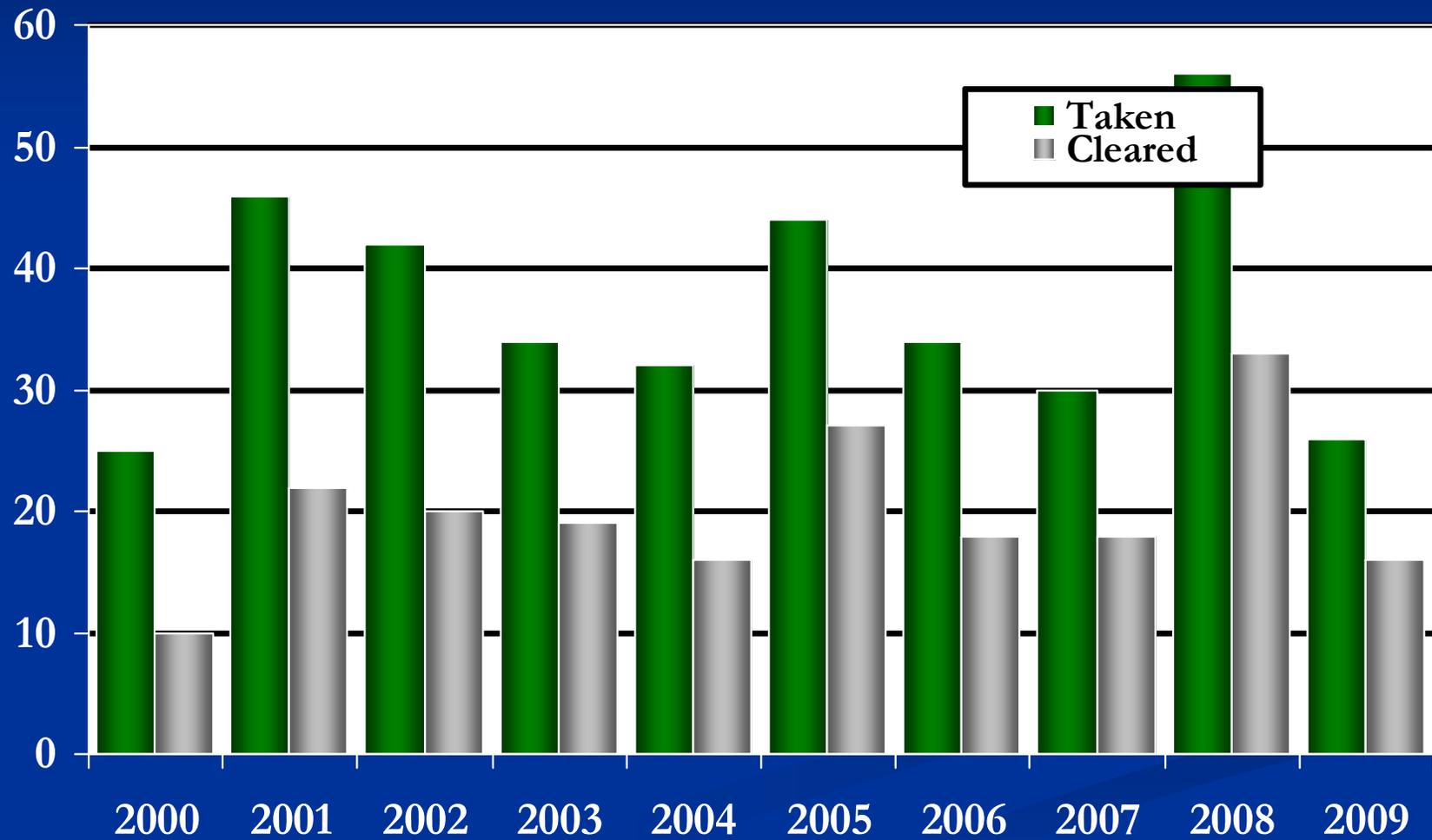
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## *Robbery Reports*



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## *Forcible Fondling Reports*



# School Resource Officers



# School Resource Officer Program

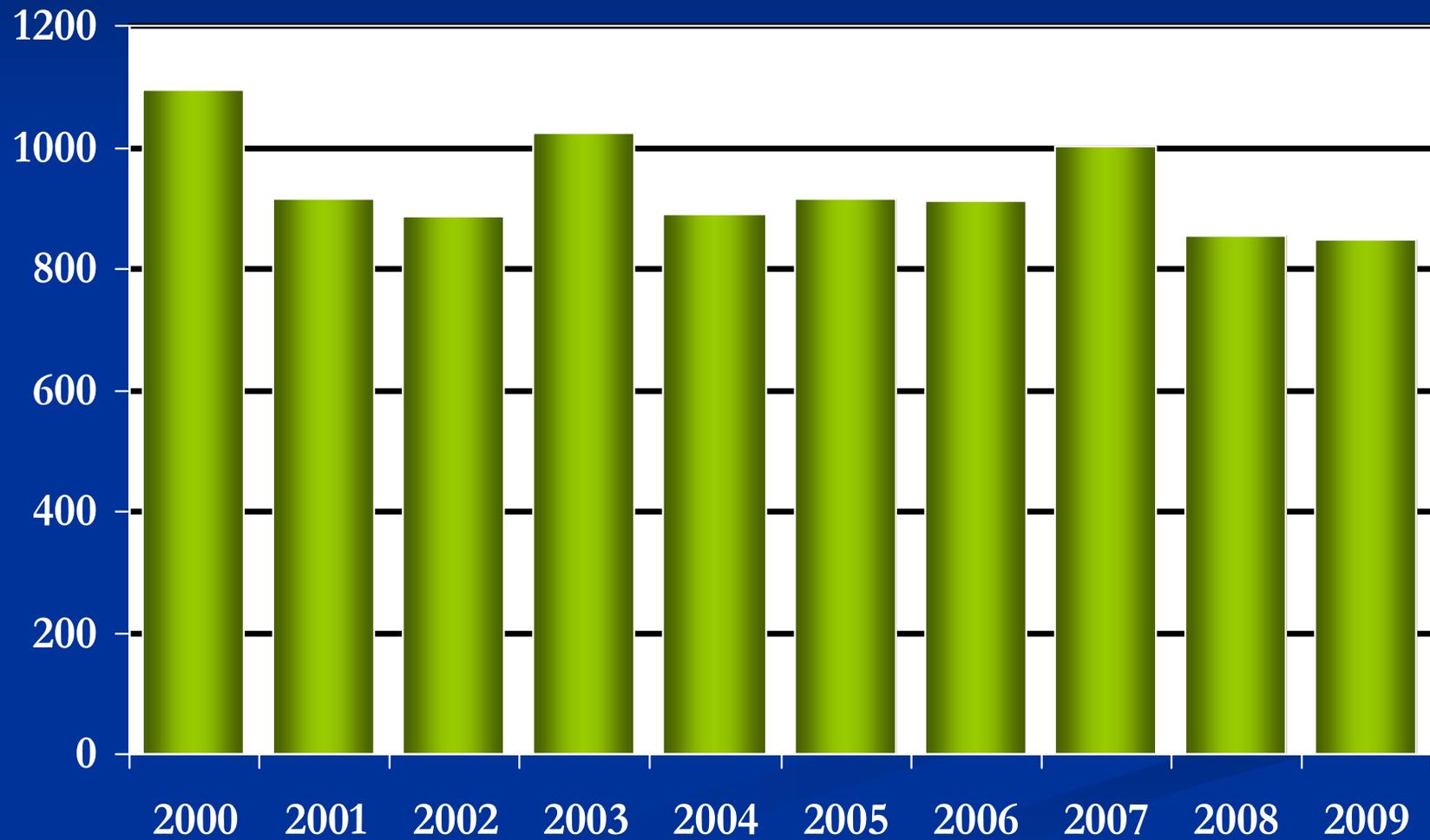
- ◆ Continuing effort between CDA Police and CDA School District to provide for the safety and well being of students and school personnel on our campuses.
- ◆ Presence of uniformed police officers allows for an array of police services to be provided to both students and staff.
- ◆ Officers issue citations, investigate cases and review cases with Juvenile Diversion on a regular basis.

## School Resource Officers 2009 Activities

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES	CALLS
Juvenile Cases Assigned for Investigation	495
<b>New Reports Written Involving Juveniles</b>	<b>413</b>
Tobacco on Campus Incidents	118
<b>Alcohol on Campus Incidents</b>	<b>18</b>
Truancy Cases	102
<b>Special Events Attended</b>	<b>95</b>
Juvenile Arrests	135
<b>Drugs on Campus</b>	<b>52</b>
Weapons on Campus	46
<b>Classroom Lectures</b>	<b>236</b>
Court Appearances - Juvenile Cases	53
<b>Suspects Trespassed from School</b>	<b>71</b>
Drugs on Campus	54
<b>Children Sheltered</b>	<b>36</b>
Counseled Students	3,357
<b>Counseled Parents</b>	<b>1070</b>

# Coeur d'Alene IBR Crime Statistics

## *Juvenile Arrests*



# Explorer Program

- ♦ The Coeur d'Alene Explorer Program is sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Police Department and is a division of the Boy Scouts of America.
- ♦ Designed for young people who may be interested in a career in law enforcement.
- ♦ Services that Explorers provide include assisting at community functions and traffic direction.
- ♦ Explorers gain a working knowledge of police work.



# Drug & Gang Task Force

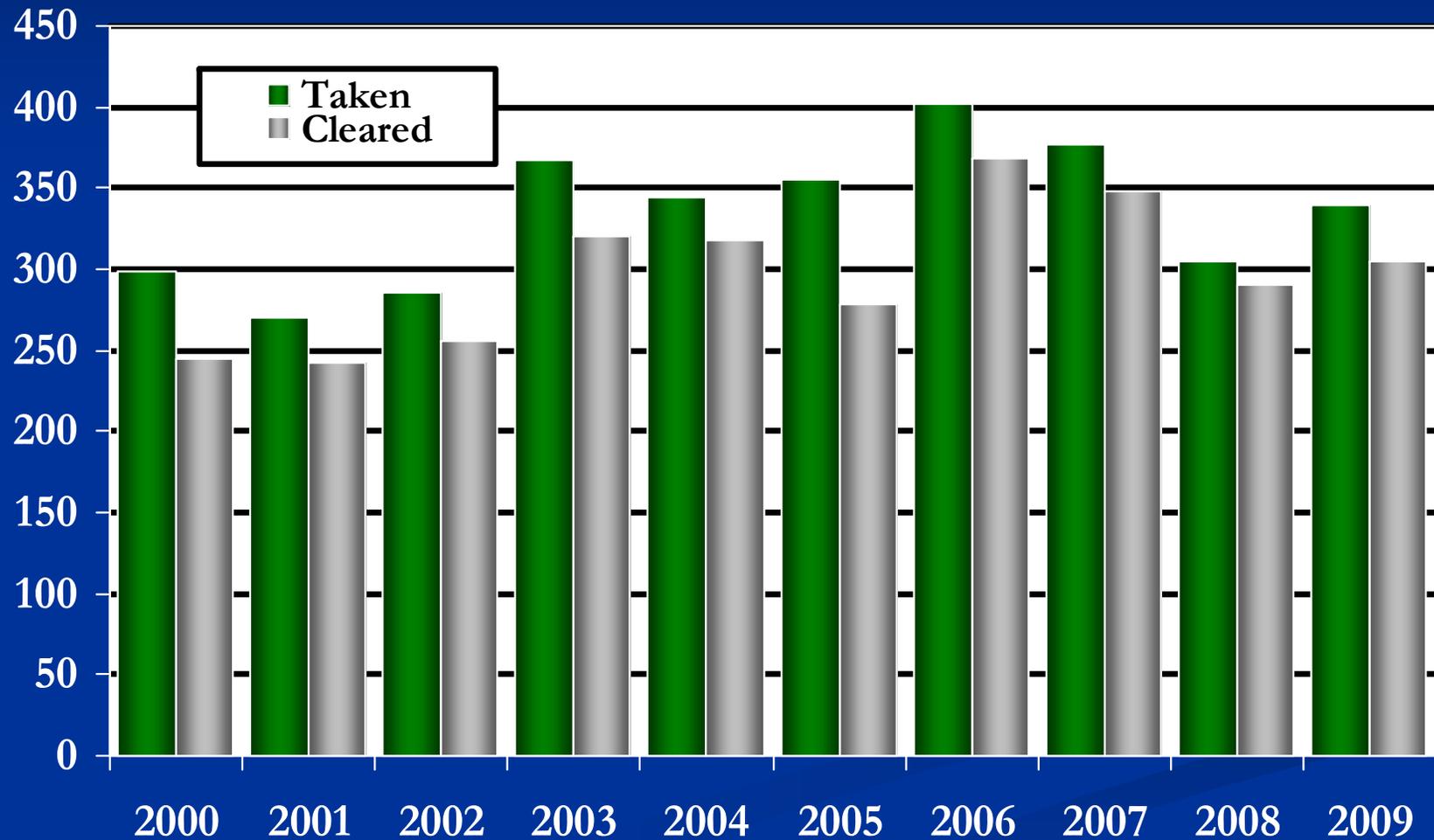


# North Idaho Regional Violent Crimes Task Force (NIRVCTF)

- ♦ **Purpose:**
  - ♦ Targets Violent & Drug Offenders who are Highest Risk to Public Safety
  - ♦ Multi-Agency Investigative Team
- ♦ **Three Coeur d'Alene PD Officers Assigned**
  - ♦ Three Drug Investigators
  - ♦ One Gang / Drug Officer
- ♦ **Fugitive of Week Program:** Features a targeted Wanted Fugitive for media coverage and law enforcement emphasis.

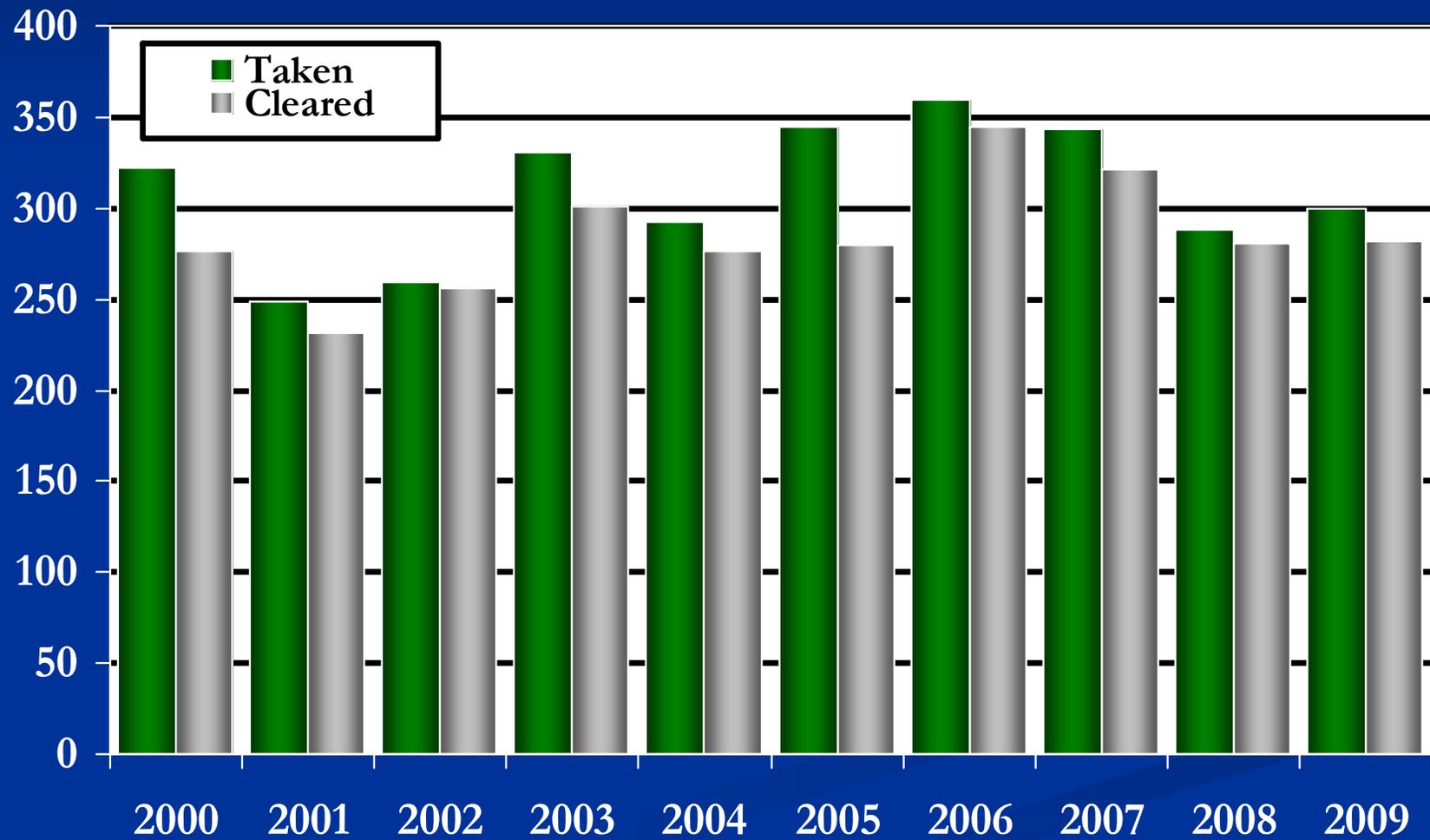
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## *Drug Offense Reports*



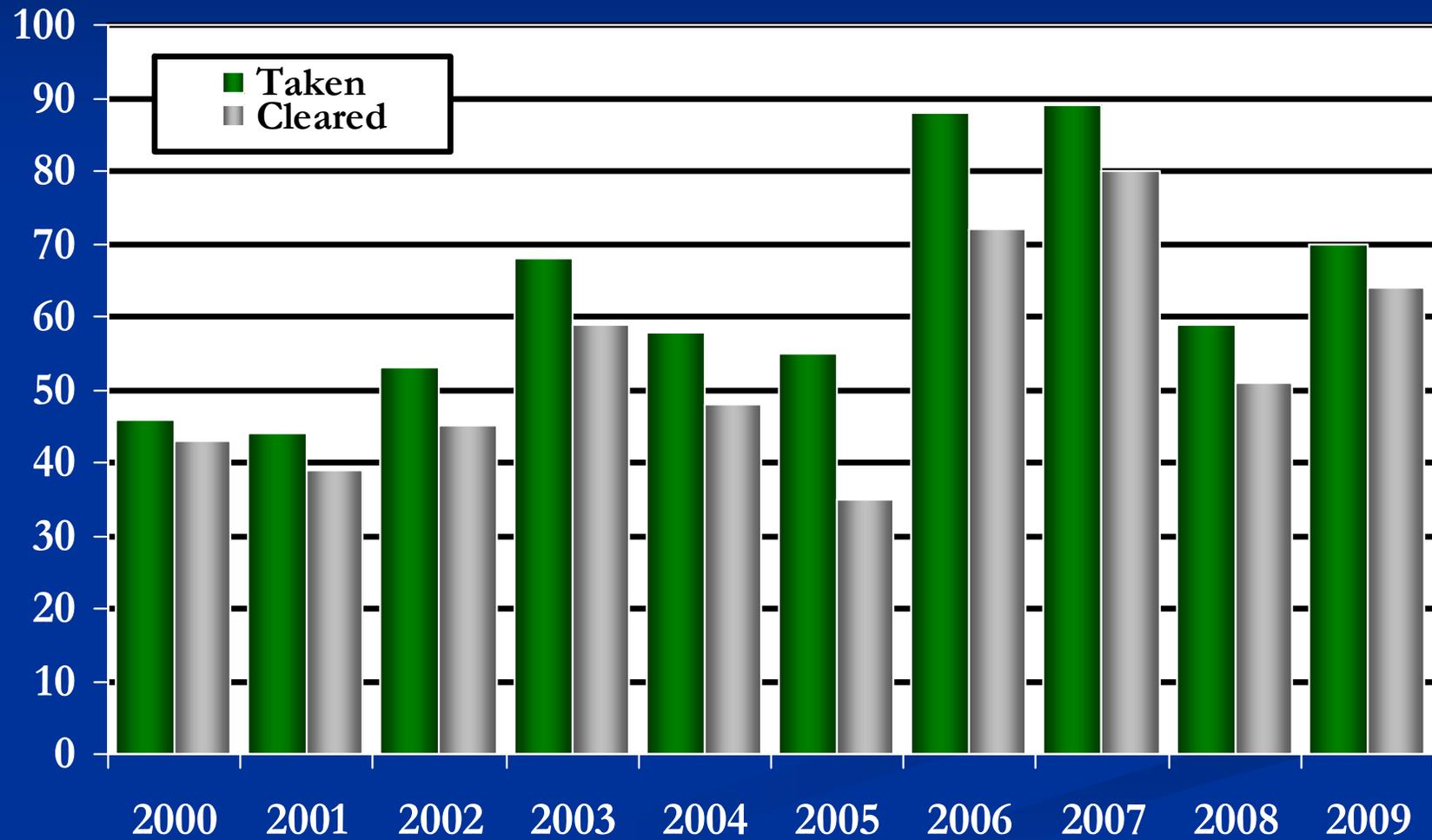
# Coeur d'Alene IBR Crime Statistics

## *Drug Equipment Reports*



# Coeur d'Alene IBR Crime Statistics

## *Weapon Law Violation Reports*



# Prescription Turn In Program

## 2009 AIC City Achievement Awards

### Achievement Award Winner



The goal of the *Prescription Turn In Program* is the reduction of Prescription medications that are diverted for illegal use, by theft or misuse.

Encouraging the public to turn in unused medication will reduce the amount of medication abused by our young people.

In 2009, the Coeur d'Alene Police Department was contacted by **152 people** turning in prescription medications.

# Drug Dogs



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Specially trained “Drug Dogs” and handlers to assist officers in detection of illegal drugs.

K-9 Drug Dogs require 4 – 8 hours of training per week.

Drug Dogs assist Officers in Drug Detection with many incidents leading to arrests.

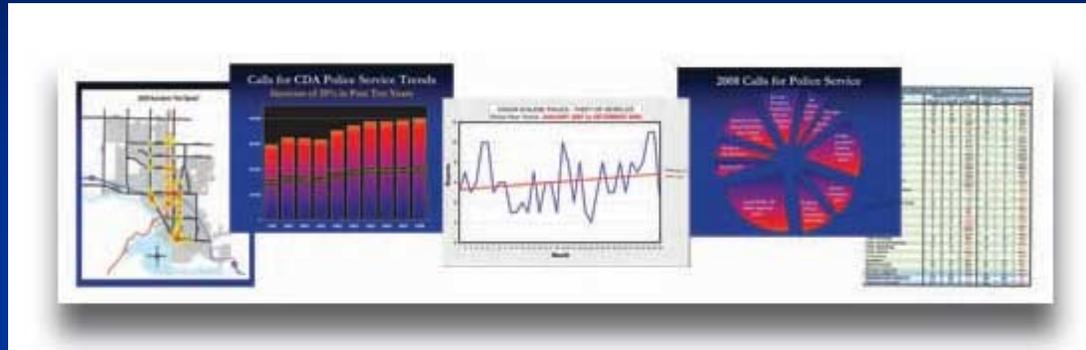
# Community Relations / PIO

- ◆ **Community Relations**
  - ◆ Neighborhood Watch
  - ◆ Crime Prevention Presentations
  - ◆ Holidays & Heroes
  - ◆ Crime Stoppers
- ◆ **Press Info Officer (PIO)**
  - ◆ Press Contact
  - ◆ Issues Press Releases
- ◆ **Volunteer Program Manager**
  - ◆ New Program: Citizens on Patrol



# Crime Analysis

*Provides Information that Helps:*



- ♦ Solve Crimes through Analysis of Crime Maps & Patterns of Crime and Research of Offenders for Investigators
- ♦ Develop Strategies to Prevent Future Crimes
- ♦ Find and Apprehend Offenders by creating Wanted Posters / Intel Bulletins and Distributing this info through Regional and State Info Sharing Networks.
- ♦ Prosecute & Convict Offenders: Court Displays
- ♦ Improve Officer Safety through Officer Safety Bulletins

# Support Services



# Property & Evidence

## Items Received & Sent to Lab for Testing



**Property & Evidence is responsible for the storage, retrieval and disposal of items taken in the course of law enforcement. Activities include coordinating with the Court System for trials; working with the labs; and maintaining the Chain of Evidence and Security of Property held in Storage.**

# Records

- ♦ **Records provide an assortment Police Support Services:**
  - ♦ Data Entry of Crime Data for Submittal to State Incident Based Reporting System (IBR).
  - ♦ Fingerprinting.
  - ♦ Crime / Accident Reports to the Public per guidelines.
  - ♦ Maintenance and Retrieval of Documents in NCIC and ILETS Systems (e.g. Stolen Vehicles, Civil Protection Orders).
  - ♦ Crime Statistics.
  - ♦ Process Paperwork for distribution to Court Systems.
- ♦ **New Efficiency Programs:**
  - ♦ Crime Reporting on the Web: see [www.cdapolice.org](http://www.cdapolice.org)

# Training

- ♦ In 2009, Coeur d'Alene Police officers attended 66 different training courses logging over 3,100 hours of specialty training.
- ♦ Many officers became certified as instructors in:
  - ♦ Arrest Techniques
  - ♦ Various Less Lethal Tools
  - ♦ General POST Topics
  - ♦ Explosive Devices
  - ♦ Breath Testing Specialists
  - ♦ Drug Recognition & Field Sobriety Testing

# Training

## *Other Training Courses Attended Include:*

- ◆ **Investigators**
  - ◆ **Medical Pathology: Causes & Manners of Death**
  - ◆ **Entomology**
  - ◆ **Crime Against Children**
  - ◆ **Criminal Analysis**
  - ◆ **Blood Patter Analysis**
  - ◆ **Advanced Drug & Gang Courses**

# Training

## Other Training Courses Attended Include:

- ◆ **Patrol**

- ◆ Drug Interdiction Techniques
- ◆ Mental Illness Awareness & Intervention Strategies
- ◆ Tactical Consideration
- ◆ Officer Training: North Idaho Academy

- ◆ **Leadership**

- ◆ FBI Command College
- ◆ Sergeant's Academy
- ◆ Executive Level Training

# Training: Reserve Academy

- ♦ The North Idaho Reserve Academy is held once a year and trains dozens of new Reserve Officers.
- ♦ Each January, law enforcement agencies through North Idaho send their prospective Reserve Officers for P.O.S.T Certification.
- ♦ Instructors include many professionals including judges, trained officers and prosecutors.

# Training: Emergency Training



The Federal Government requires all First Responders attend entry level training in the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

In addition to this requirement, the Coeur d'Alene Police Department requires Intermediate and Advanced NIMS training for all supervisors.

# Volunteer Programs





# Volunteers

**Volunteers are an invaluable resource  
to the Coeur d'Alene Police Department.**

**Our Volunteer Program was started in 2004.**

**We now have over 30 citizens who in 2009 volunteered  
5,076 hours of service to our department!**

**Based on the National Reimbursement rate,  
this is a cost savings to the City of over \$82,292!**

# Multi Agency Citizen's Academy



- ◆ **Citizen's Academy held in May 2009 with 25 graduates.**
- ◆ **Purpose is to develop Positive Relations between Law Enforcement and Community through Education on Police Operations and Challenges Faced by Local Law Enforcement.**



# Volunteer Programs

- ◆ **Citizens on Patrol (COPS):** Using a marked car, volunteers patrol our city looking for possible problems.
- ◆ **Mule ATV Program:** Volunteers patrol our park riding a Mule ATV assisting public.
- ◆ **Community Relations Volunteers:** Assist with Neighborhood Watch, Downtown Ambassadors, and work the new Park Public Assistance Building.
- ◆ **Patrol Volunteers:** In 2009, tagged 895 abandoned vehicles in City of Coeur d'Alene.
- ◆ **Investigations Volunteers:** Assist detectives with older cases and researching Registered Sex Offenders.
- ◆ **Police Chaplain & Assistant:** Counsels public and officers.
- ◆ **Records Volunteers:** Filing, scanning and other clerical tasks, fingerprinting.

# Citizens on Patrol (COPS)



- ◆ **Currently Twelve Active COPS Volunteers trained to patrol Coeur d'Alene streets.**
- ◆ **584 Hours Worked 2009**
- ◆ **2<sup>nd</sup> Vehicle Added to Program 2009 to accommodate increased activity**

## Citizens on Patrol Activities

- ◆ Check area malls for illegally parked vehicles.
- ◆ Check and report graffiti.
- ◆ Assist Animal Control.
- ◆ Check & tag abandoned vehicles.
- ◆ Assist Patrol on accidents calls.
- ◆ Radar Patrol Program for speeders.
- ◆ Fair Booth.
- ◆ Traffic Control: Special Events

# Citizens on Patrol (COPS) Graduation



November 3, 2009

# Downtown CDA– Park Presence

## *“Mule” Utility Vehicle in Park*



Mule provided by Specialty  
Recreation & Marine

### **Used by Volunteers to:**

- ♦ Patrol Parks
- ♦ Assist Citizens
- ♦ Provide Information  
to Citizens in Parks

♦ **152 hours worked in 2009**

Increase in Police Visibility in Park



# 2009 Projects & Events



# Fallen Heroes Plaza Coeur d'Alene, ID





*The Heroes*



**Holidays & Heroes Food Drive**  
**November 13, 2009**



# Holidays & Heroes



**Law Enforcement & the Community** working together to bring holiday cheer to under privileged children in our community.

Officers volunteer their time and funds used are donated by the community.



# North Idaho POST Academy



Top from left: Travis Turner, Rodney Taylor, Nata Petersen, Andrew Nye, Jordon Noble, Joshua Leyk, Solar Larsen. Bottom from left: Jeremy Guerin, Brett Fletcher, Daniel Duke Jr., Jim Doster, Austin Cady, Bryan Alexander. Jenna Shaw/Sentinel

## POST Academy completes second term

*North Idaho training keeps costs down; officers stay in own community*

**Rahanna Zellars**  
Staff Contributor

The Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy (POST) recently completed its second term at NIC. Police officers from Kootenai County and the surrounding areas graduated from their 13-week training in the Hedlund Building.

The POST is a police academy that officers must attend within their first year in law enforcement. The academy training goes for 13 weeks and holds a maximum of 25 students and a minimum of 12. The latest class started Aug. 10 and ended Nov. 6.

The academy trains officers in everything from arrest techniques to standard field sobriety testing. Most of the training is at NIC, except firearms, which are taught at Fernan Lake, and emergency vehicle operation, which is taught at the Coeur d'Alene Airport.

The officers are from Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Rathdrum, Bonners Ferry, Shoshone, Idaho State Police and the sheriff's office. There are currently 13 officers preparing and training for their law enforcement careers.

Michael Berg, 66, has been the director of the program since January. He has 34 years of experience in law enforcement.

The academy is taught by 60 POST-



**Officer Jordon Noble.** Jenna Shaw/Sentinel

certified instructors that specialize in a specific field.

"The officers are being taught and learning from instructors in this area so when they come out of the academy, they maintain a working relationship," Berg said.

Until April 6, the state-wide training was only offered in Meridian, a suburb of Boise. The North Idaho Academy currently remains a pilot program that is to be evaluated by Boise State and the Idaho Post after the Nov. 6 completion. This will determine if the Northern Idaho branch will continue.

"So far, Southern Idaho has remained very supportive of the new program," Berg said. "I have no doubt that we will successfully complete the evaluation, no doubt at all."

In the past, all officers had to travel to Meridian for their training, leaving

their lives and families behind. The opening of the POST program in North Idaho has given officers an opportunity to stay and train in their own community.

Jerry Lema, 39, probation and parole officer for the Department of Corrections, had to travel to Southern Idaho for his academy.

"Now that there is a POST in North Idaho," Lema said, "I feel the quality and the numbers of officers that are produced will be a huge asset to the state in these tough economic times."

The academy cost has been cut by having POST training in North Idaho.

"The trainings in Southern Idaho can cost the state \$6,000 which are paid for by traffic fines and court fees," Berg said.

The cost includes travel expense, room, board and food. The North Idaho Academy costs \$1,133 in which the tuition is paid for by the officers' agencies. This is subject to change if the academy remains a fixture after the evaluation.

Having the academy in North Idaho can help to benefit the community in many positive ways.

The cost of the program can help save the state money.

Keeping the training in North Idaho will help the officers from having to travel away from their homes. Also, the academy may help build better relationships with their future colleagues.

- ♦ **Six Coeur d'Alene Police Graduates in 2009**
- ♦ **3<sup>rd</sup> Academy to be held in the Fall of 2010 as a Combined Academy with the North Idaho College Law Enforcement Tech Program.**
- ♦ **Local training for new officers.**
  - ♦ **Less Stress for Families (in past traveled to Meridian for 8 weeks)**
  - ♦ **Cost Savings to Police Departments (no out of town expenses)**

# New: 2009 Grants



- ◆ **Byrne – JAG Grant:**
  - ◆ Amount: \$500,000
  - ◆ Purpose: Intel Led Policing Program
  - ◆ Funds Crime Analyst & Drug/Gang Officer for 3 years
- ◆ **COPS Grant:**
  - ◆ Amount: \$728,725
  - ◆ Purpose: Hiring additional police officers
  - ◆ Funds 3 officers for 3 years
- ◆ **Federal JAG Grant:**
  - ◆ Amount: \$320,413
  - ◆ Purpose: Upgrade police technology
  - ◆ Funds: Updating mobile data computers and police radios for next 3 years.

# 2009 – Intel Led Policing (\$500,000 JAG Grant Funded)

**Intel Led Policing** has been chosen by research groups of law enforcement leaders as the preferred model to reduce crime. Intel Led Policing Involves:

- ♦ **Improving Intelligence Operations by Creating more Fluid Structures of Collecting Information and Moving this Information to Officers.**
  - ♦ **New Analyst** now reviews, analyzes and forwards information to officers and regional law enforcement on a daily basis.
  - ♦ **New Drug/Gang Officer** increases Intel gathering relating to gangs and local drug activity.

# 2009 – Intel Led Policing (\$500,000 JAG Grant Funded)

- ♦ **Engaging and Collaborating with the Community on All Levels:**
  - ♦ To increase communications with the public regarding their neighborhood crime problems, a new **Internet Crime Mapping & Public Crime Alert System (CrimeReports.com)** has been created as part of this program.

# 2009 – Intel Led Policing (\$500,000 JAG Grant Funded)

- ♦ **Integrating Community Policing and Problem-Solving Into Intelligence Operations to Address Conventional Crime Issues.**
  - ♦ Daily Bulletins to Officers and Internet Crime Maps available to the public will empower both officers and the public to take part in creating solutions to Coeur d'Alene Crime.
  - ♦ As partnerships with the public increase, we believe communications will increase as well in the form of more Neighborhood Watch Groups, and Crime Tips.

# New: Internet Crime Maps ([www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com))



- ◆ Internet Crime Maps sharing near real time crime information with the public.
- ◆ Useful for the public and Neighborhood Watch groups to track crime in their neighborhoods.
- ◆ Provides location and photos of Registered Sex Offenders.
- ◆ Email Alert System – Public can select distance and types of crime to receive Alerts about.

**“If you See Something,  
Say Something”**



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