ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

PAUL A. SIGSWORTH, SHERIFF

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To the citizens of Erie County:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the annual report for your Erie County Sheriff's Office for calendar year 2012. This report covers in detail the activity generated as we carried out our varied statutory and public service duties and responsibilities throughout the year.

Your Sheriff's Office consists of three divisions: the Patrol Division, comprised of Patrol Deputy Sheriffs, Detectives, and Dispatchers; the Jail Division; and the Civil Division.

A brief review of the information contained in the report reveals the following interesting statistics for each division of the Sheriff's office for 2012:

- We received 16,173 classified calls for service, an increase of 12% from the previous year. While that number increased, we are pleased to report that major index crimes (homicides, rapes, robberies, felonious assaults, burglaries, and breaking and entering) decreased 31% from the previous year.

- Law enforcement efforts resulted in sworn personnel serving 867 arrest warrants and making 1,864 criminal arrests. Our traffic enforcement efforts resulted in 118 impaired driving arrests, the issuance of 2,179 traffic citations, and the issuance of 2,408 traffic warnings. We also investigated 716 traffic crashes. Our detectives opened 115 investigative case files and closed 279 investigations during the year.

- Dispatchers received a total of 30,164 calls through the 9-1-1 system.

- Civil process efforts resulted in the service of 5,113 writs (subpoenas, protection orders, and other forms of civil process directed to the Sheriff for service) and the sale of 409 parcels as a result of court-ordered Sheriff's Sales. The Civil Division also coordinates sex offender registrations and concealed handgun license issuance. We registered 327 sex offenders during 2012, and issued 1,421 concealed handgun licenses. Since 2002, the number of sex offenders registered by the Sheriff's Office has increased over 55%, and the number of concealed handgun licenses issued in 2012 was an increase of 115% from 2011.

- Corrections officers booked a total of 3,682 arrestees into the Erie County Jail. The average daily population of the jail was 123 inmates.

Other information of interest for 2012 for your Sheriff's Office includes the following:

- Sheriff Terry Lyons, with over 25 years of service with the agency, including almost 12 years as the Sheriff, retired on May 31, 2012. Sheriff Paul Sigsworth was appointed to replace Sheriff Lyons by the Erie County Commission and the Erie County Democratic Central Committee, and was then subsequently elected to a full term in office in the November general election.

- Lieutenant Robert J. Werner, who served with the Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Division deputy, Detective Sergeant, and Patrol Division Lieutenant for over 35 years, retired in June.

- We continued to maintain Patrol Division substations in Margaretta, Groton, Oxford, Huron, Milan, Berlin, Vermilion, and Florence Townships. The existence of these substations allows for our Patrol Division deputies to report directly to assigned areas of the county at shift change, greatly reducing response times to calls for service and increasing visibility throughout the rural areas of the county. These substations would not be possible without the cooperative relationship that we enjoy with the township trustees in all townships throughout the county.

- With the cooperation of educators in the Edison and Margaretta Local Schools districts, we continued to provide a Patrol Division Deputy Sheriff to instruct the DARE program to students in both districts.

- With the cooperation of educators at EHOVE, we continued to provide a Patrol Division Deputy Sheriff under contract as a school resource deputy at the school. This was the eleventh consecutive year for that program.

- With the cooperation of educators at Firelands College of Bowling Green State University, we continued to provide two Patrol Division Deputy Sheriffs under contract to provide primary law enforcement services at the university campus. This cooperative program has been in place for many years.

- With the cooperation of educators at the North Point Educational Services Center, we continued to provide a Patrol Division Deputy Sheriff under contract as a school resource deputy at their facility.

- With the cooperation of Erie County Engineer Jack Farschman, we continued to detail one Patrol Division Deputy Sheriff to primarily perform commercial motor vehicle weight enforcement duties throughout Erie County.

- With the cooperation of the Huron Township Trustees, we continued to provide two Patrol Division Deputy Sheriffs under contract to provide additional law enforcement service to the residents of Huron Township.

- With the joint cooperation of both the Huron Township Trustees and educators at Firelands College of Bowling Green State University, we provided, under a new contract, one Patrol Division Deputy Sheriff to provide additional law enforcement services, whose duties are split between the township and the university.

- Through the Northern Border Initiative, we continued to receive grant funds from Ohio Homeland Security allowing for marine patrols to be conducted in Lake Erie along the Erie County/Canadian border. A total of 36 marine patrols, totaling more than 383 hours, were conducted with our grant funded 32- foot Boston Whaler marine patrol boat. Staffing assistance for the marine patrol was received from both the Sandusky and Huron Police Departments.

- We continued to contract for, or otherwise provide, emergency public safety dispatching service with political subdivisions throughout Erie County. Along with dispatching Sheriff's Office personnel, we dispatched the Sandusky Police and Fire Departments, Huron Police and Fire Departments, Bay View Police and Fire Departments, Kelleys Island Police, Fire, and EMS Departments, Erie Metroparks, and the Margaretta Township, Groton Township, and Vermilion Township Fire Departments. Through the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Advisory Board, chaired by Sandusky Fire Department Chief Paul Ricci and comprised of the chiefs of the agencies that we dispatch for, we continued to work toward additional consolidation of dispatch services for public safety agencies throughout the county.

- We continued to host the co-location of dispatchers for the Perkins Township Police Department.

- We continued to host the operations of the Perkins Township Police Department as that agency's new facility was under construction.

- We continued to cooperate with all law enforcement agencies throughout Erie County by providing back up assistance as requested. We also continued to host monthly countywide police chiefs meetings allowing for direct communication and information sharing between all of the county's police chiefs and other attendees from representing law enforcement agencies from local, state, and federal agencies.

- We continued to work cooperatively with the Erie County Commission and all other county elected officials in an effort to provide the most cost-efficient law enforcement services to our constituents throughout the county.

- 2012 was a year of unprecedented violence in Erie County, with numerous homicides occurring in the City of Sandusky. At the request of the Sandusky Police Department, Sheriff's Office personnel provided numerous hours of assistance to that agency as needed.

In summary, while unique in many ways, 2012 was another busy year for your Sheriff's Office. While statistics alone can be useful, they do not—and cannot—reflect the true devotion to public safety that the staff of your Sheriff's Office has while performing their day-to-day duties under what can only be described as, at best, difficult conditions. Whether the individual is a dispatcher, corrections officer, or deputy sheriff, our personnel strive on a daily basis to conduct themselves ethically, professionally, and in a dignified fashion, regardless of the situation that may occur. The Sheriff's Office staff is the most important asset that we possess.

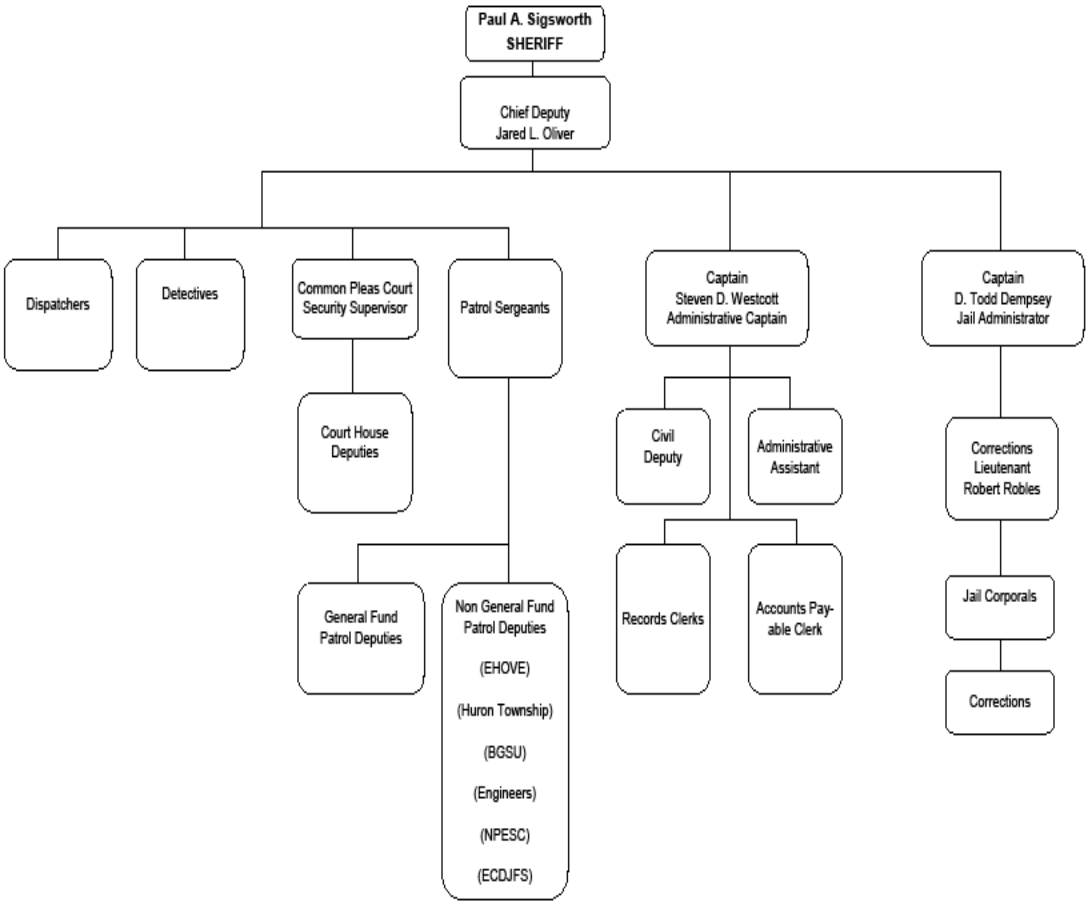
Finally, we wish to thank you, the citizens. We thank you for your ongoing support of our agency, both through your tax dollars and your conduct. We know that the vast majority of you are law-abiding and peaceful individuals who support our efforts to serve and protect you. We are deeply grateful for that support, and we will continue to work diligently every day to continue to earn and maintain your support and respect.

On behalf of all of the members of the Erie County Sheriff's Office, I remain,

Respectfully,

Paul A. Sigsworth
Sheriff

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PATROL DIVISION OVERVIEW

Chief Deputy Jared L. Oliver supervises the Patrol Division of your Sheriff's Office. He has a number of years experience with the agency, having served as a Corrections Officer, Patrol Division Deputy, and Detective, Detective Sergeant, and Detective Lieutenant. He graduated from the 242nd Session of the FBI National Academy in 2011, and was promoted to Chief Deputy Sheriff on June 1, 2012.

Chief Deputy Oliver is the second-in-command of your Sheriff's Office. In the event that Sheriff Sigsworth is absent or unavailable, Chief Deputy Oliver commands the entire agency.

The Patrol Division is composed of Patrol Deputy Sheriffs, Detectives, and Dispatchers.

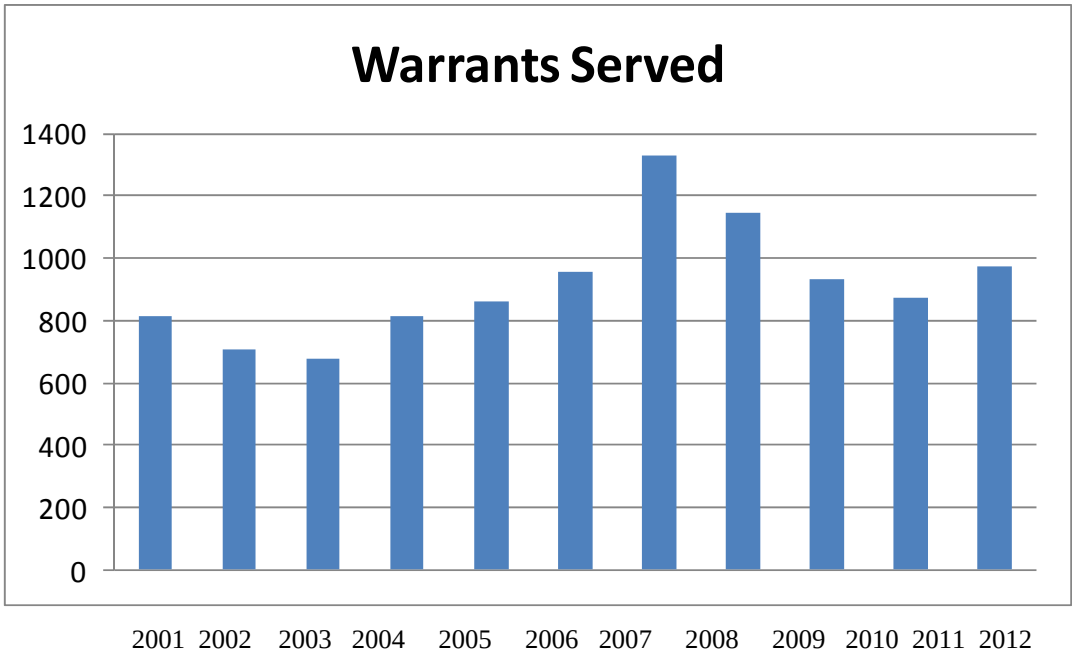
During 2012, Patrol Deputy Sheriffs totaled twenty five in number, exclusive of contract positions and three deputies assigned to the Detective Bureau.

Also during 2012, your Sheriff's Office provided four Patrol Deputy Sheriffs at the Erie County Courthouse to provide security for Common Pleas Court personnel in the courtrooms and throughout the building. Those deputies also conducted prisoner transports between the Courthouse and the county jail, and between other facilities throughout the state and the county jail, and provided security and supervision for those transported prisoners.

Patrol Division Statistics

Warrants Served by Year

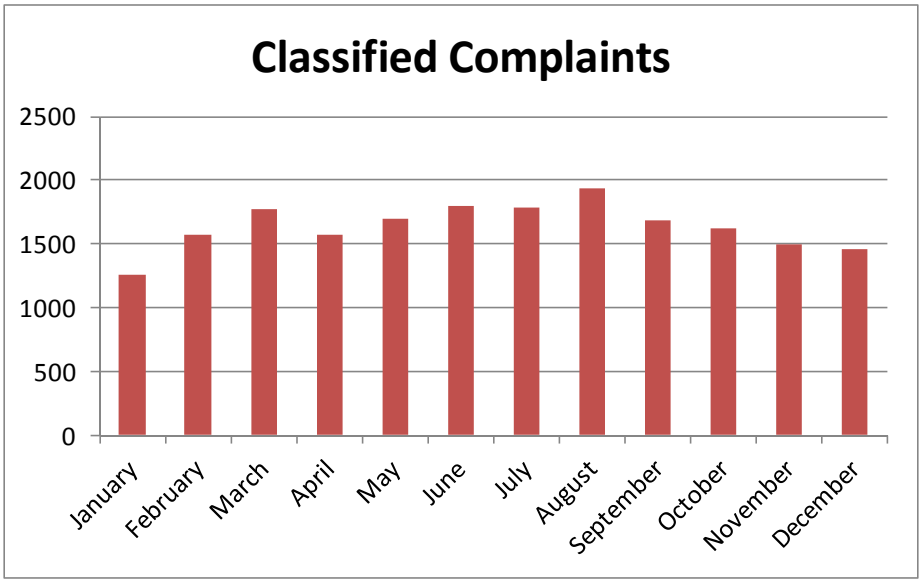
2001	816
2002	710
2003	681
2004	812
2005	859
2006	955
2007	1330
2008	1145
2009	930
2010	871
2011	974
2012	867



Patrol Division Statistics

Classified Complaint Calls 2012

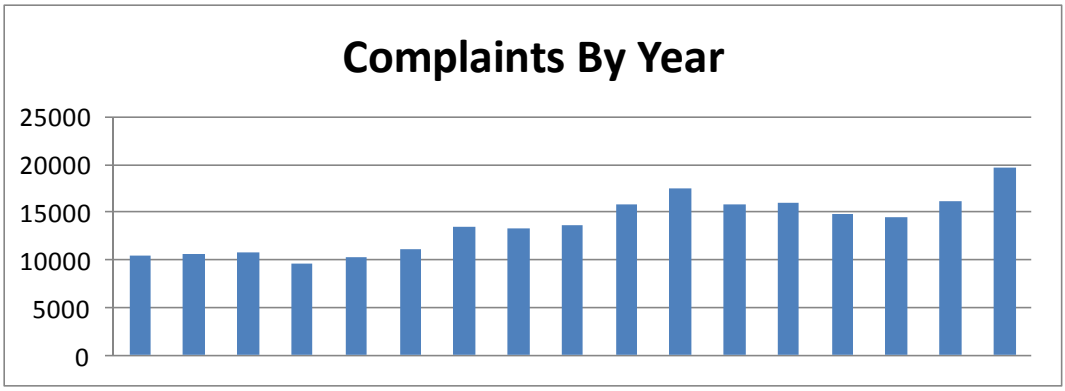
January	1263
February	1571
March	1768
April	1568
May	1699
June	1804
July	1785
August	1931
September	1688
October	1629
November	1493
December	1458
Totals	19657



Patrol Division Statistics

Classified Complaint Calls By Year

1996	10440
1997	10668
1998	10734
1999	9699
2000	10239
2001	11166
2002	13413
2003	13328
2004	13663
2005	15837
2006	17410
2007	15865
2008	16019
2009	14788
2010	14503
2011	16173
2012	19657

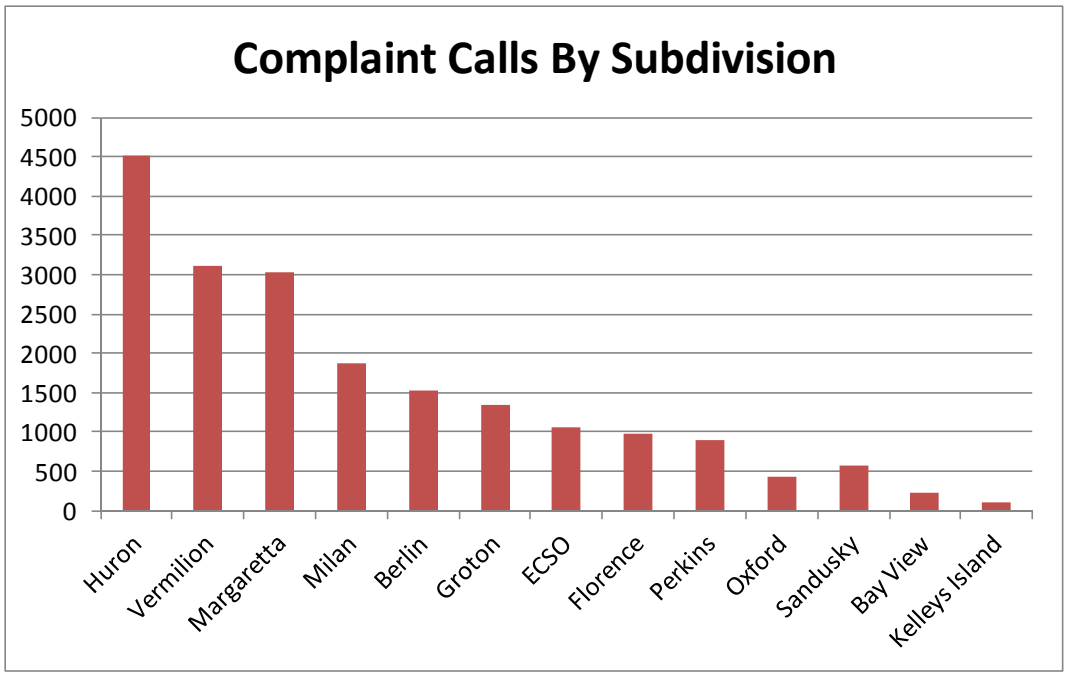


1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Patrol Division Statistics

Classified Complaint Calls By Political Subdivision 2012

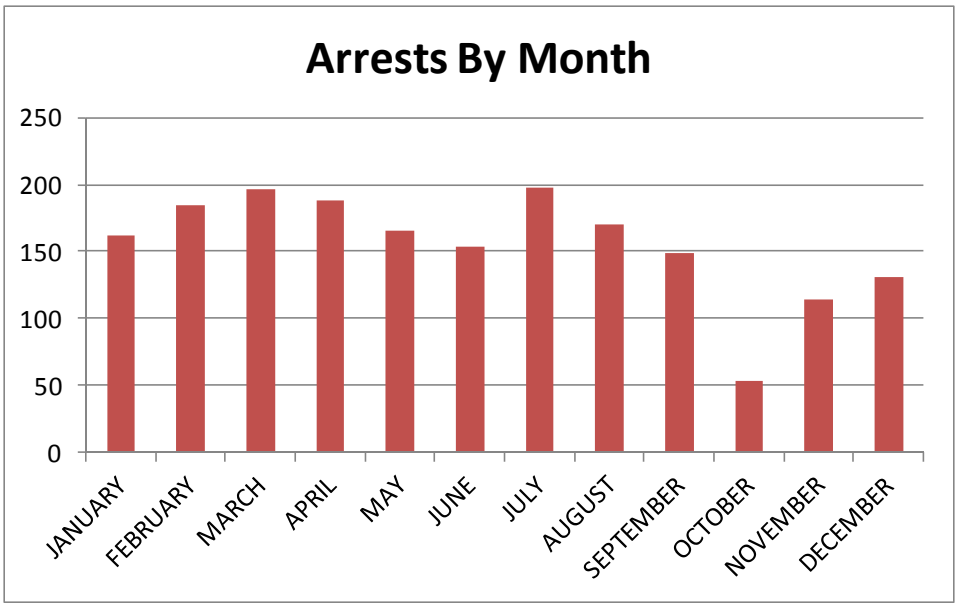
Huron	4505
Vermilion	3116
Margaretta	3033
Milan	1880
Berlin	1531
Groton	1348
ECSO	1062
Florence	979
Perkins	887
Oxford	420
Sandusky	575
Bay View	228
Kelleys Island	93
Totals	19657



Patrol Division Statistics

Arrests By Month 2011

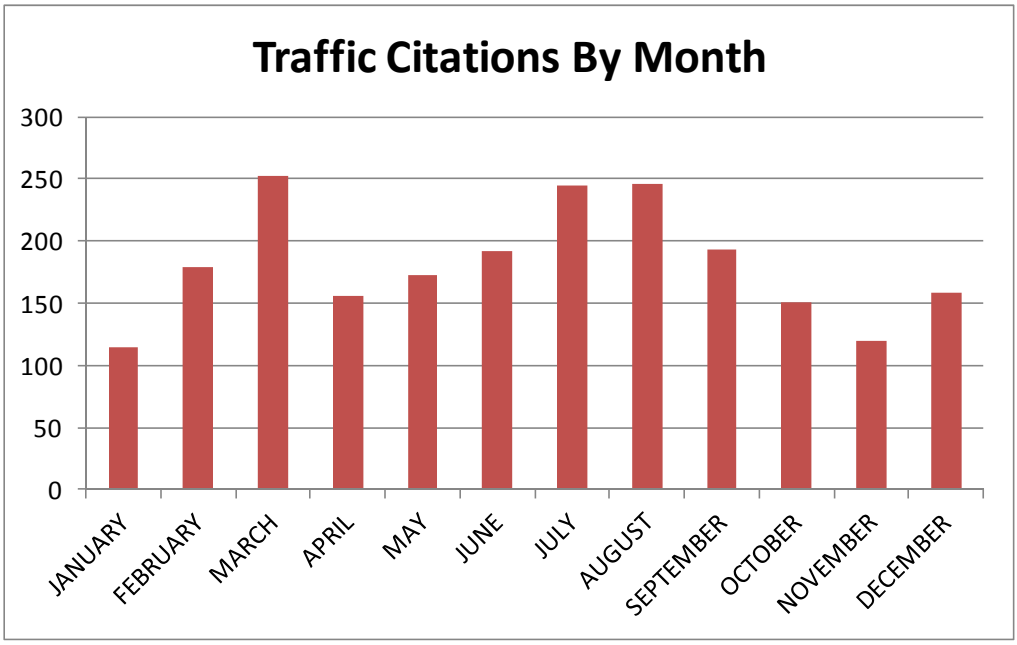
JANUARY	162
FEBRUARY	184
MARCH	196
APRIL	188
MAY	165
JUNE	154
JULY	198
AUGUST	170
SEPTEMBER	149
OCTOBER	53
NOVEMBER	114
DECEMBER	131
TOTAL	1864



Patrol Division Statistics

Traffic Citations Issued 2012

JANUARY	115
FEBRUARY	179
MARCH	252
APRIL	156
MAY	172
JUNE	192
JULY	245
AUGUST	246
SEPTEMBER	193
OCTOBER	151
NOVEMBER	120
DECEMBER	158
TOTAL	2179

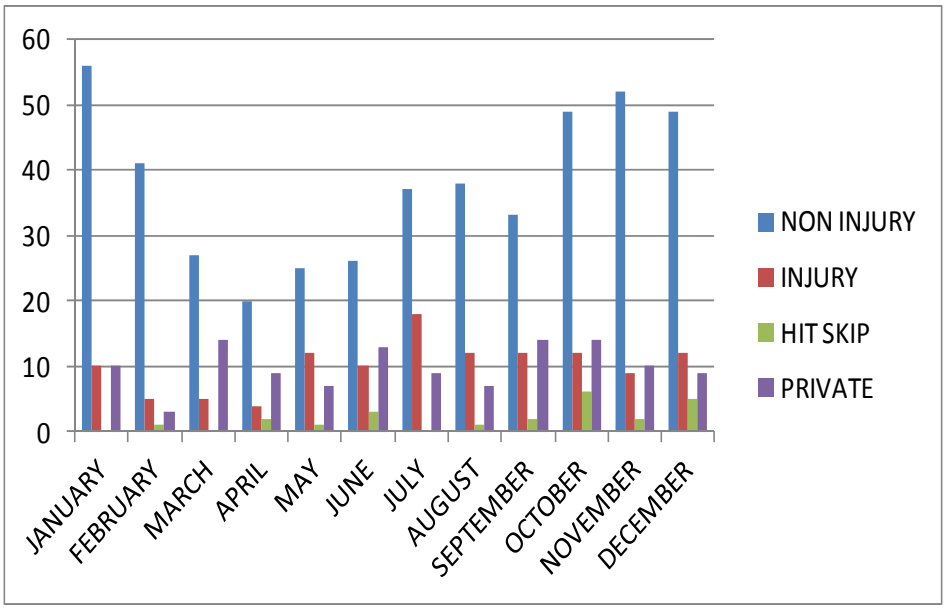


Patrol Division Statistics

Traffic Accidents By Month 2012

	NON INJURY	INJURY	HIT SKIP	PRIVATE
JANUARY	56	10	0	10
FEBRUARY	41	5	1	3
MARCH	27	5	0	14
APRIL	20	4	2	9
MAY	25	12	1	7
JUNE	26	10	3	13
JULY	37	18	0	9
AUGUST	38	12	1	7
SEPTEMBER	33	12	2	14
OCTOBER	49	12	6	14
NOVEMBER	52	9	2	10
DECEMBER	49	12	5	9
TOTALS	453	121	23	119

Grand Total **716**



Patrol Division Statistics

Complaint Classifications By Year

TOTAL CLASSIFICATION BY	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
HOMICIDE	0	0	1	2	1	2	**0**
RAPE	2	2	3	3	8	3	**1**
ROBBERY	4	1	5	2	2	2	**1**
FEL ASSAULT	8	12	18	13	7	14	**7**
BURGLARY	86	99	107	97	62	92	**82**
BREAKING & ENTERING	83	65	74	76	84	86	**59**
LARCENY/THEFT	332	331	409	403	353	368	**414**
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	16	17	39	19	16	8	**19**
UNAUTHORIZED USE MOTOR	8	4	10	5	0	1	**1**
ARSON	12	4	1	3	1	1	**0**
THREATS & HARASSMENT	84	107	91	74	68	70	**102**
SIMPLE ASSAULTS	68	68	69	62	50	70	**75**
FORGERY	9	6	4	3	5	7	**10**
FRAUD/PASSING BAD CHECKS	26	56	75	72	95	91	**117**
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	1	2	2	0	0	**0**
RECEIVING STOLEN PROP	9	4	4	2	2	8	**1**
VANDALISM	334	267	278	197	175	189	**239**
WEAPONS OFFENSE	7	7	13	18	11	23	**33**
SEX OFFENSE	29	20	21	33	16	31	**23**
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	291	364	716	736	602	426	**384**
DRUG OFFENSE	97	119	102	91	81	132	**252**
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	1	0	**0**
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	209	247	233	247	260	232	**172**
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	55	64	75	60	79	85	**100**
UNRULY JUVENILE	99	96	79	85	75	84	**89**
CHILD ABUSE	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
CHILD ENDANGERING	4	7	7	14	2	8	**13**
OVI	83	112	125	94	36	124	**118**
LIQUOR VIOLATION	10	11	22	9	18	18	**27**
CONSUMING UNDERAGE	47	44	44	46	24	22	**15**
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	194	188	221	228	260	216	**368**
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	393	476	392	365	434	385	**372**
DOG BITE	13	5	10	5	7	7	**6**
TELECOMMUNICATION HARASS	155	153	180	125	174	184	**169**
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC	3	8	5	11	3	2	**16**
RIOT	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
BOMB THREAT	1	4	0	0	0	0	**0**
NUISANCE COMPLAINT	34	9	1	0	0	0	**0**
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON	791	745	661	567	549	661	**717**
HUNTING COMPLAINT	23	9	5	4	5	3	**7**
PROWLER	52	35	50	38	32	35	**17**

Patrol Division Statistics

Complaint Classifications 2012

TRESPASSER	110	82	113	103	95	90	122
ATV/SNOWMOBLE/DIRTBIKE COMP	149	108	122	75	74	70	43
LOUD MUSIC/NOISE COMPLAINT	138	145	138	153	141	110	182
FIREWORKS	51	35	29	18	18	27	38
BURNING COMPLAINT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
LITTERING COMPLAINT	32	31	32	23	25	19	32
ABDUCTION/UNLAWFUL RE-STRAINT		1	0	3	0	0	0
MISSING PERSON	24	32	15	13	22	18	20
DEATH INVESTIGATION	23	17	12	15	29	21	24
SUICIDE /ATTEMPT INCLUDED	14	20	18	10	11	22	6
NON-INJURY ACCIDENT	431	458	436	415	445	488	453
INJURY ACCIDENT	43	57	46	55	55	94	121
HIT SKIP ACCIDENT	2	3	8	2	11	26	23
PRIVATE PROP ACCIDENT	116	135	158	132	139	161	119
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS/ENFORCE	5561	4364	3758	3345	2647	4113	6955
DISABLED VEHICLES	870	949	918	845	871	962	741
ROAD OBSTRUCTION	433	353	431	386	378	506	296
TRAFFIC DETAILS	81	58	31	44	63	50	0
PARKING COMPLAINTS	43	42	47	34	43	26	1
COURT ORDERD ACTION	140	121	127	136	170	148	118
IMMOBILIZATION	7	1	3	3	0	0	0
LOST,FOUND,RECOVER PROP	98	77	71	79	68	77	84
ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT	1250	1185	1288	1257	1320	1291	1243
ASSIST WITH ACCIDENT	218	194	179	179	207	135	126
ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC	478	414	571	486	515	494	371
EMS/FIRE CALL						1317	2748
ASSIST EMS	1125	1126	1264	1401	1442	542	0
ASSIST FIRE DEPT	291	248	216	248	432	158	10
BLOCKED TRAIN CROSSINGS	0	91	25	20	29	47	89
MESSAGE DELIVERY	819	744	730	508	493	409	422
WELFARE CHECK	222	173	178	173	233	219	380
911 HANG UP-DEP/DISP CHECK	288	278	263	249	226	222	153
VEHICLE LOCKOUT	6	17	13	14	9	8	3
COMMERCAL/RESIDENTAL ALARM	491	449	517	469	607	550	612
OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	65	45	38	42	34	29	75
MENTAL SUBJECT/TRANSPORTS	13	32	41	30	26	21	13
ASSIST CHILDREN SERVICES	20	9	24	13	20	8	4
ESCAPE	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
FALSIFICATION	2	3	1	1	6	1	0
BIOHAZARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TERRORIST THREAT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUVENILE TOBACCO	1	0	1	1	1	4	3
TOTAL CLASSIFICATION	17330	15865	16018	14788	14503	16173	19657

JAIL DIVISION OVERVIEW

Captain Todd Dempsey is the Erie County Jail Administrator, and Lieutenant Robert Robles is the Assistant Erie County Jail Administrator. Together, they oversaw the operation of the Erie County Jail in 2012. They were responsible for the operation of the only jail facility in Erie County. In addition to the two administrators, the jail is staffed by twenty five full-time, and a number of part-time, Corrections Officers.

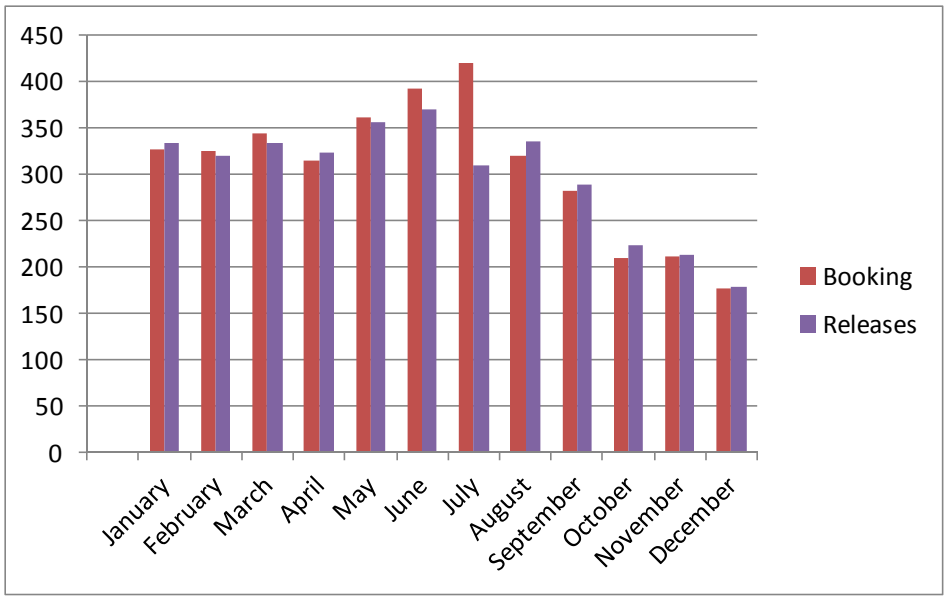
Prisoner meals are provided under contract by the Aramark Corporation, and that company operates the jail's in-house kitchen. Based upon an average daily jail census of 123 prisoners during 2012, a total of 134,685 meals were served. The average cost of each meal is $1.25.

Jail nursing services are provided every day by contract with the Erie County Health Department, and jail physician services are provided by contract with Northern Ohio Medical Specialists (NOMS).

The operation of the Erie County Jail received satisfactory reviews by the members of the Erie County Grand Jury, who routinely inspect the jail as part of their statutory duty.

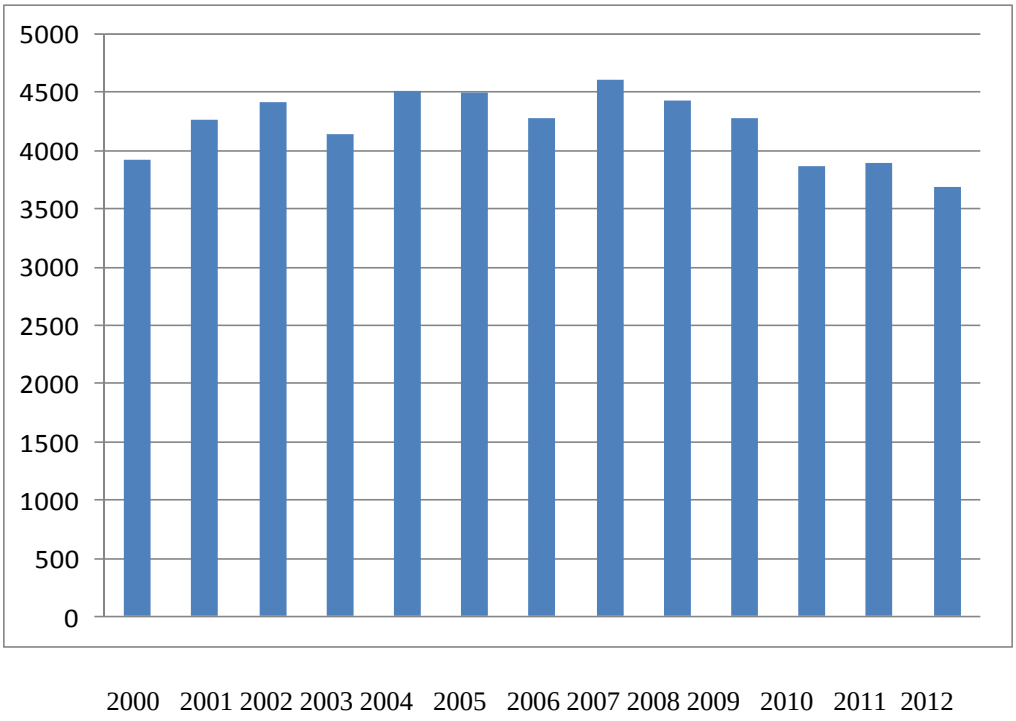
Jail Division Statistics
2012 Bookings and Releases

Month	Booking	Releases
January	326	334
February	325	320
March	344	333
April	315	323
May	361	356
June	393	369
July	420	309
August	319	336
September	282	288
October	209	224
November	211	212
December	177	178
TOTALS	3682	3582
AVERAGE	307	299



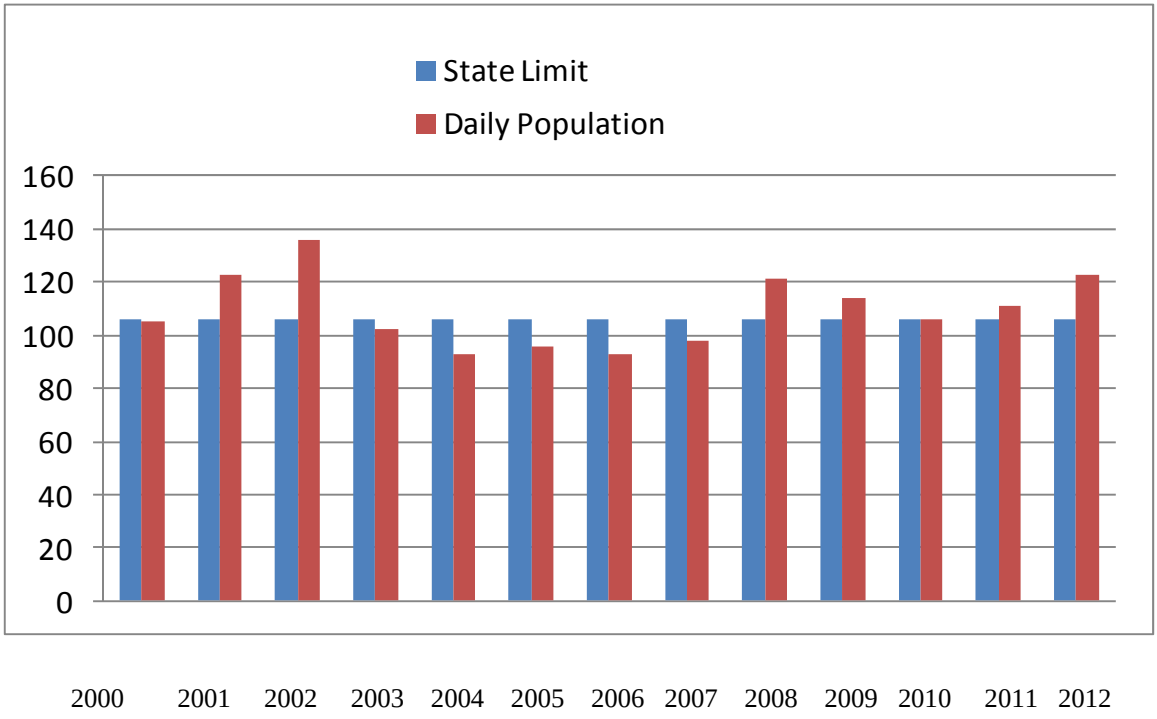
Jail Division Statistics
Bookings by Year

2000	3928
2001	4272
2002	4422
2003	4148
2004	4519
2005	4494
2006	4277
2007	4603
2008	4428
2009	4285
2010	3870
2011	3888
2012	3682



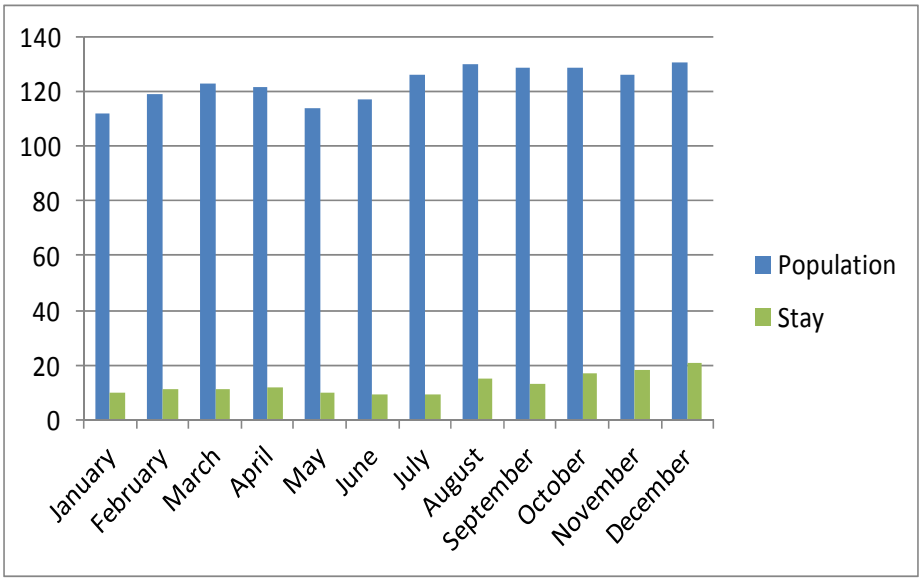
Jail Division Statistics
Average Daily Population

2000	105
2001	123
2002	136
2003	102
2004	93
2005	96
2006	93
2007	98
2008	121
2009	114
2010	106
2011	111
2012	123



Jail Division Statistics
Average Daily Population & Average Stay
2012

	Population	Stay
January	112	10
February	119	11
March	123	11
April	122	12
May	114	10
June	117	9
July	126	9
August	130	15
September	129	13
October	129	17
November	126	18
December	131	21
Average	123	13



CIVIL DIVISION OVERVIEW

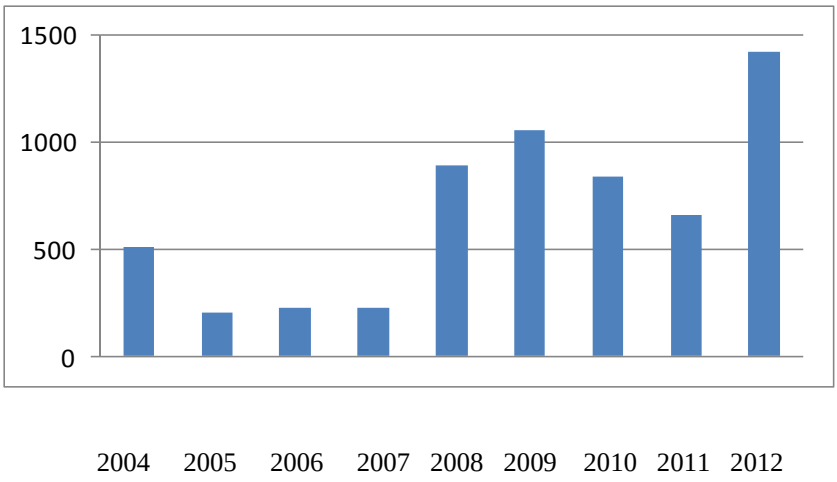
Administrative Captain Steve Westcott supervises the Civil Division of your Sheriff's Office. He is a former Perkins Township Police Department patrol officer and sergeant, a former Erie County Common Pleas Court adult probation officer, a former employee of the Erie County Auditor's Office, and began his employment with the Sheriff's Office as the Assistant Jail Administrator.

The Civil Division is responsible for all civil, fiscal, payroll, personnel, records, sex offender registration, concealed handgun license, background check, and grant reporting duties of your Sheriff's Office. During 2012, Captain Westcott supervised three full-time secretaries, one part-time secretary, and one clerk.

Fiscal/ Civil Division Statistics

In April of 2004 Ohio's Concealed Carry Law became effective. In the nine months of 2004 that Ohioans could carry concealed handguns, the Erie County Sheriff's office issued 508 licenses. The graph below illustrates the number of licenses issued since the 2004 Concealed Carry Law became effective.

2004	508
2005	208
2006	226
2007	226
2008	893
2009	1058
2010	839
2011	659
2012	1421



Fiscal/Civil Division Statistics

Sex Offenders

The Ohio Legislature enacted Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2950, the Sex Offender Registration law, in 1997 know as Megan's Law. This law requires persons convicted of specified crimes and has designated them as a Sexual Predator, Habitual Sex Offender or Sexually Oriented Offender, to register with the Sheriff of the county in which they will reside. This registration procedure takes place upon release from a term of imprisonment or, if not imprisoned, then upon moving into a county after conviction.

Starting in January 1, 2008 the Adam Walsh Act was implemented in Ohio. It changed the structure of how the offenders were classified. The Tier System was implemented with Tier I Offenders being the least serious class and Tier III Offenders being the most serious class. Community notifications are performed on Tier III Offenders that had notifications performed under the old law.

In June of 2010 the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in State v Bodyke that the Ohio Attorney General had no authority to reclassify Sex Offenders who had already had a Judicial Hearing under Megan's Law. As such, all Megan's Law classified Sex Offenders were changed back to their original classification.

In 2012 a total of 12 Sexually Oriented Offenders were removed from the registry after their registration requirements expired. Also in 2012 a total of $225.00 in registration fees were collected, 327 registrations were performed, 264 follow up investigations were performed with 12 arrests being made.

Fiscal/Civil Division Statistics

Sex Offenders

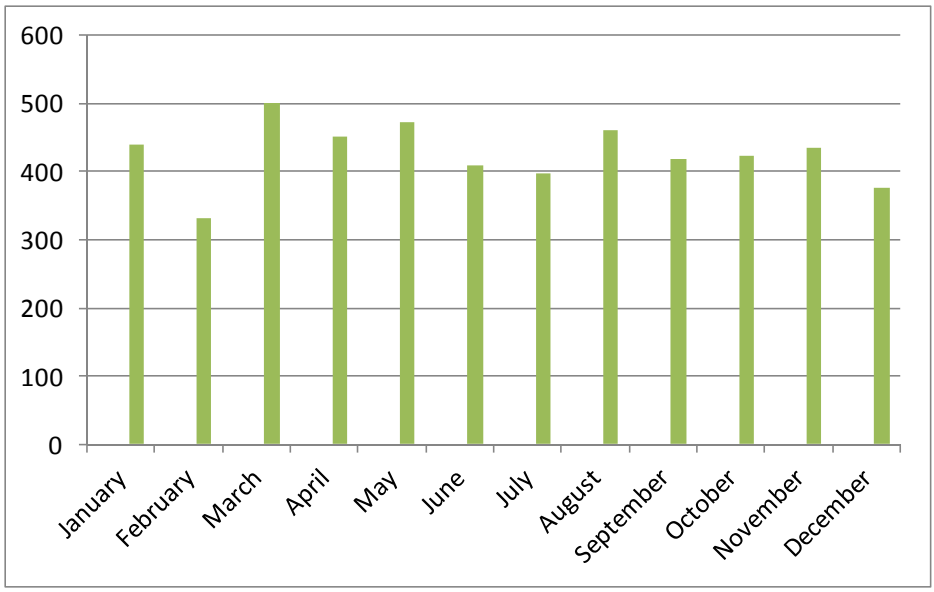
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sexual Predators	2	5	5	6	7	7			10	12	10
Habitual Sex Offender	10	11	7	8	7	11			20	21	19
Sexually Oriented Offenders	87	109	93	96	114	123			112	111	90
Tier I Offenders							46	54	23	30	15
Tier II Offenders							82	93	20	24	13
Tier III Offenders							59	65	6	8	10
TOTALS	99	125	105	110	128	141	187	212	191	206	154

Fiscal/Civil Division Statistics

Civil Writs Received 2012

January	440
February	331
March	500
April	450
May	473
June	410
July	397
August	461
September	419
October	423
November	434
December	375

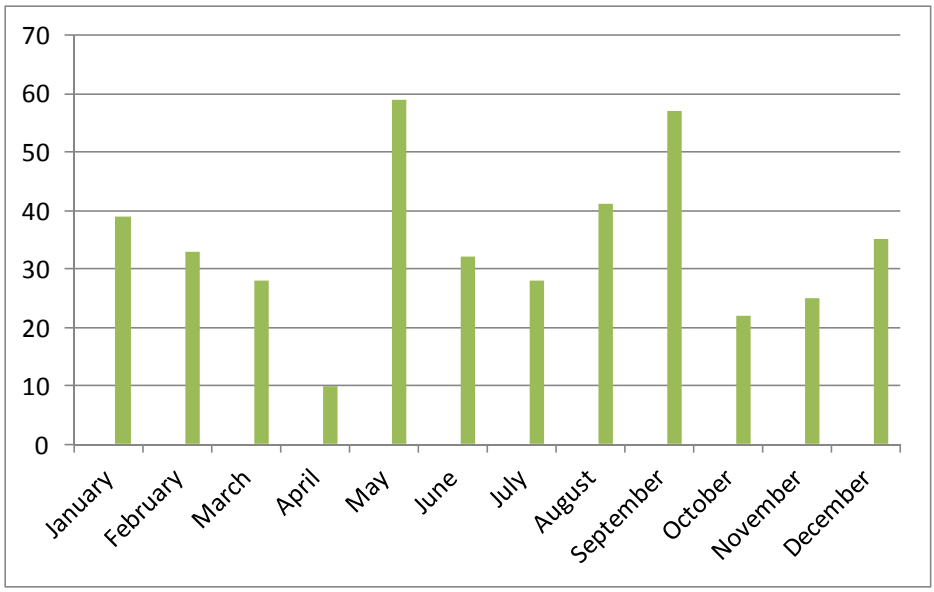
Total 5113



Fiscal/Civil Division Statistics

Sheriff Sales Received 2012

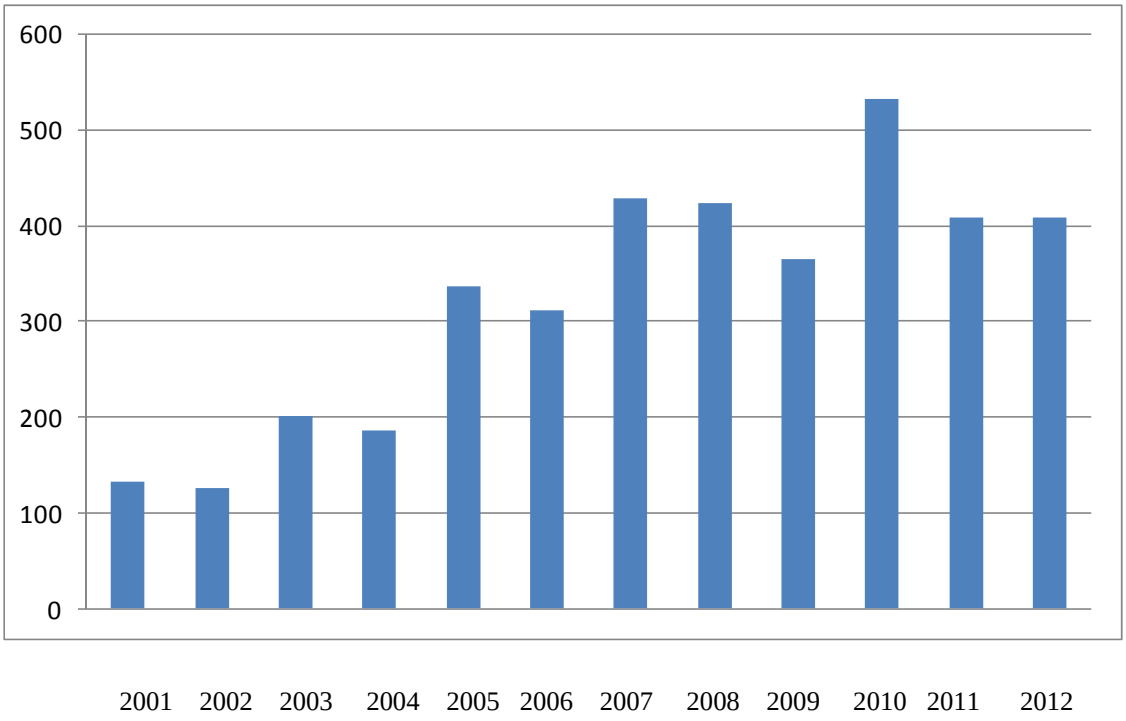
January	39
February	33
March	28
April	10
May	59
June	32
July	28
August	41
September	57
October	22
November	25
December	35
TOTALS	409



Fiscal/Civil Division Statistics

Sheriff Sales By Year

2001	133
2002	127
2003	201
2004	187
2005	337
2006	312
2007	429
2008	424
2009	365
2010	532
2011	409
2012	409



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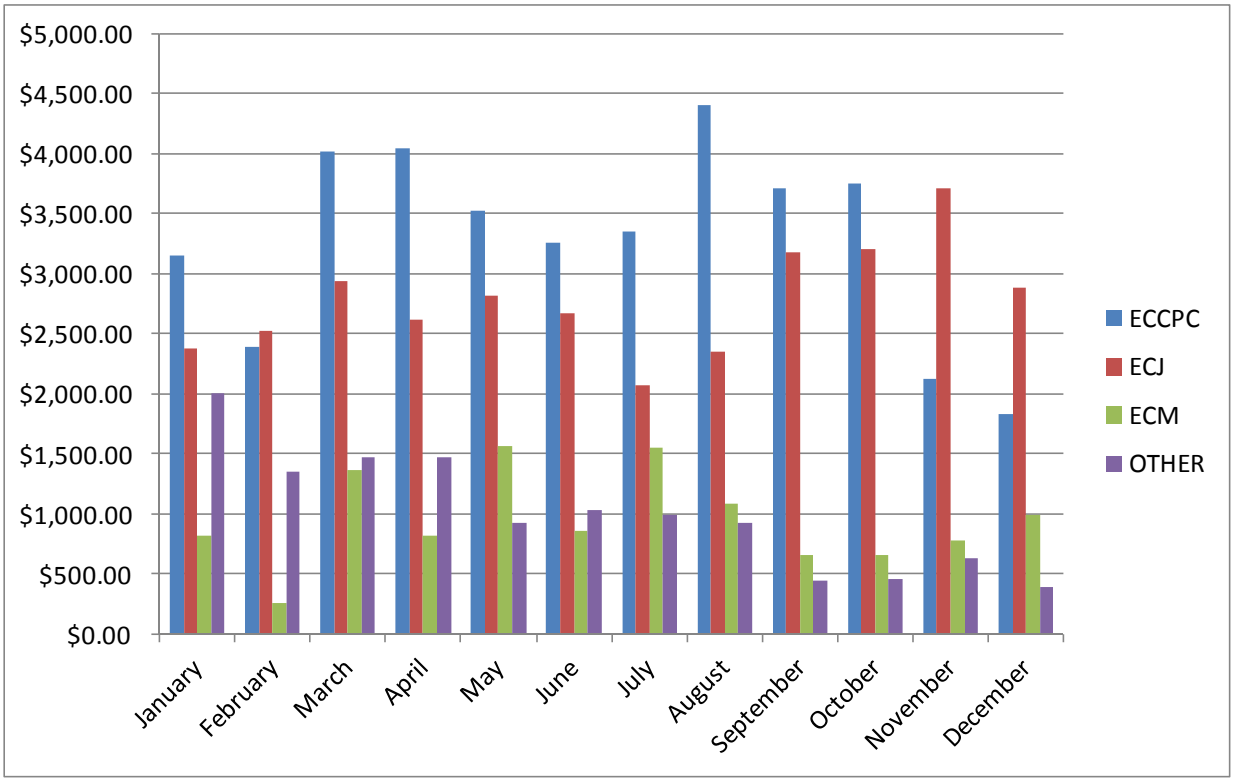
Fees Charged In Dollars 2012

	ECCPC	ECJ	ECM	OTHER
January	$3,153.00	$2,383.00	$816.00	$2,009.61
February	$2,393.00	$2,526.00	$256.61	$1,352.75
March	$4,017.00	$2,942.00	$1,364.00	$1,466.11
April	$4,051.00	$2,614.00	$819.45	$1,469.70
May	$3,522.00	$2,825.00	$1,563.00	$924.98
June	$3,253.00	$2,672.00	$856.00	$1,034.45
July	$3,357.00	$2,067.00	$1,550.00	$987.40
August	$4,412.00	$2,355.00	$1,081.00	$919.64
September	$3,718.00	$3,173.05	$656.00	$443.35
October	$3,747.00	$3,200.05	$656.00	$455.80
November	$2,125.00	$3,707.00	$783.00	$630.85
December	$1,836.00	$2,887.00	$993.00	$396.25
TOTALS	$39,584.00	$33,351.10	$11,394.06	$12,090.89



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