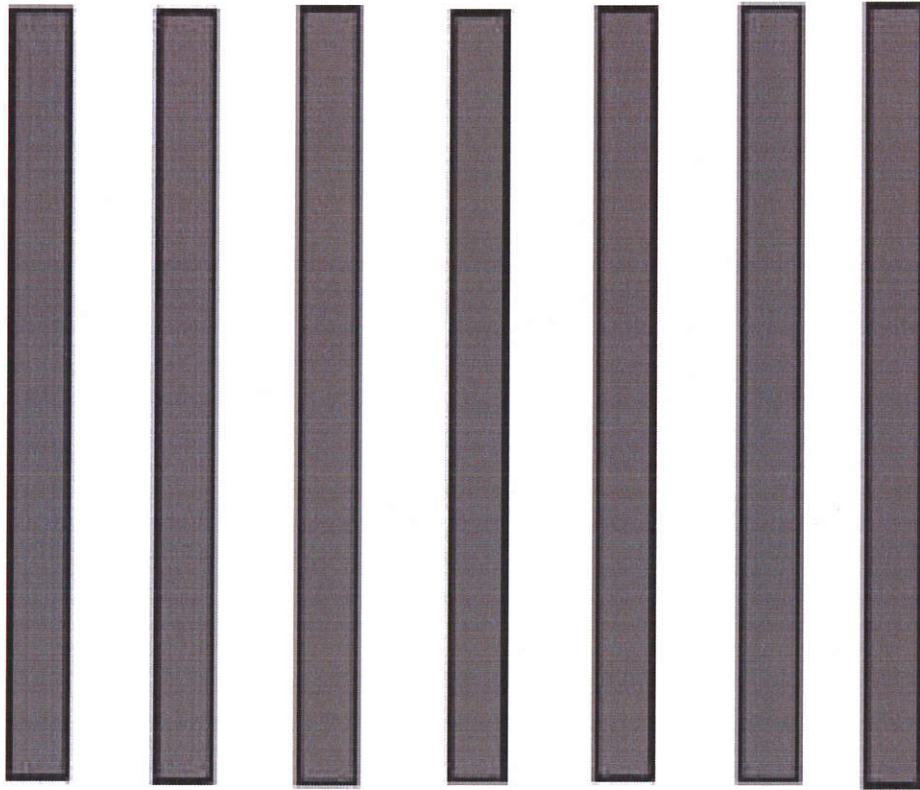


ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



**2012 ANNUAL
REPORT**

ADMINISTRATION



CHIEF ERIC HIGBY

Higby joined the department in 1996 and has spent time in both patrol and investigations divisions. He was appointed chief on September 25, 2009. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the department. He is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. In 2008 he attended ten weeks of training at the 234th session of the F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Chief Higby has recently received training in Freedom of Information, School Violence, and Media Relations.

A.A. Schwartz joined the department in 2001. She is the assistant to the Chief of Police and handles department records, statistical records, annual reports, correspondence, court scheduler, website maintenance, and is the CAD & Records Management System administrator. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and served four years in the United States Air Force.



**ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE
RENÉ SCHWARTZ**



DETECTIVE DIVISION



**DETECTIVE SERGEANT
JEFF LEININGER**

Sgt. Leininger joined the department in 1998. He supervises the detective division, field training program, and the evidence room. He assists with maintenance of the department's website, and serves as the department photographer. Sgt. Leininger has received specialized training in sex offender registration, homicide investigations, gang crime investigations, and serves as a member of the Ogle County Crime Stoppers Board. He is a graduate of Northwestern Illinois University's School of Police Staff and Command, and is assigned to the detective division.



**DETECTIVE
TERRY INMAN**

Detective Inman joined the department in 2001. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration, and served in the United States Navy for eight years. He is a member of the I.L.E.A.S. Mobile Field Force team and the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Detective Inman has received training in homicide investigation and computer crimes including peer to peer. He is assigned to the detective division. Detective Inman is a department FOIA officer. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement Administration and a Master of Science in Biosecurity-Disaster Preparedness.



**DETECTIVE
JOHN KALTENBACH**

Detective Kaltenbach joined the department in 2004. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, is a member of the Emergency Response Team, and is a Taser instructor. He has received specialized training in advanced special weapons and tactics, tactical interactions, homicide investigations, and gang crime investigations. He is assigned to the detective division.



PATROL DIVISION

10 YEAR



**SERGEANT
PHIL**

FRANKENBERRY

Sgt. Frankenberry joined the department in 1998. He served four years in the United States Air Force as a combat engineer. He has received training in incident command, sex offender registration, and special weapons and tactics. Sgt. Frankenberry is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He is a truck enforcement officer and is assigned to the patrol division.



**SERGEANT
JASON BERGERON**

Sgt. Jason Bergeron joined the department in 2000. He served in the United States Air Force for four years. He has received training in incident command, sex offender registration, special weapons and tactics, and supervision of police personnel. Sgt. Bergeron is an O.C. and firearms instructor, and a child safety seat technician. He is a safety seat technician, holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and is assigned to the patrol division.



**SERGEANT
BILL HAAN**

Sergeant Haan joined the department in 2003. He has received training in incident command, sex offender registration, supervision of police personnel, search and seizure, breath alcohol testing, death investigations, and special weapons and tactics. He is a certified juvenile officer and is assigned to the patrol division.



**ANNIVERSARY
SERGEANT
CHET SMITH**

Sergeant Smith joined the department in 2002. He has received training in sex offender registration, special weapons and tactics, supervision of police personnel and incident command. Sergeant Smith is a certified juvenile officer, and he is in charge of the department's fleet maintenance program. He is assigned to the patrol division.



PATROL DIVISION

25 YEAR



ANNIVERSARY
OFFICER
DAVE
CHRISTOPHERSON

Officer Christopherson joined the department in 1987. He served in the United States Army Reserves for six years as a military police officer. He has received training in drugged/drank driver detection, breath alcohol testing, crime scene investigation, and traffic crash investigations. Officer Christopherson is a certified juvenile officer and is a hunter safety instructor. He is assigned to the patrol division.



OFFICER
AARON
RODABAUGH

Officer Rodabaugh joined the department in 2001. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps as a military police officer. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. He has received training in breath alcohol testing and incident command. He is a certified juvenile officer and is assigned to the patrol division.



OFFICER
MATT
WITTENBERG

Officer Wittenberg joined the department in 2004. He is a member of the Emergency Response Team, and is a less lethal shotgun instructor. He is a firearms instructor, assists with fleet maintenance, and is assigned to the patrol division. From 2005 – 2008 he received the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists award for having the highest number of D.U.I. arrests in the department. Officer Wittenberg holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice.



OFFICER
JASON GOODWIN

Officer Goodwin joined the department in 2005. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, during which time he served as a military police officer and investigator in the Criminal Investigation Division. He is a member of the Emergency Response Team and has received training in special weapons and tactics, sniper operations, and breath alcohol testing. He is a Field Training Officer and child safety seat technician. Officer Goodwin is assigned to the patrol division and holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.



PATROL DIVISION

5 YEAR



**OFFICER
JAMES GILLIAM**

Officer James Gilliam joined the department in 2005. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. He has received training in special weapons and tactics, breath alcohol testing, gang investigations, F.T.O., and incident command. Officer Gilliam is a certified juvenile officer, Taser instructor, and a member of the Emergency Response Team. He is assigned to the patrol division.

5 YEAR



**ANNIVERSARY ANNIVERSARY
OFFICER
OFFICER
JAMES JAKYMIW MATT GERARD**

Officer Jakymiw joined the department in 2007. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. He has received training in breath alcohol testing, patrol tactics, and incident command. He is a certified juvenile officer who is assigned to the patrol division.



Officer Gerard joined the department in 2007. He is a certified juvenile officer and is a member of the Emergency Response Team. He has received training in special weapons and tactics, tactical interactions, school violence, patrol tactics, and breath alcohol testing. Gerard is assigned to the patrol division.



**OFFICER
ELVIS BANESKI**

Officer Baneski joined the department in March of 2008. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Management. Officer Baneski lead the department in calls for service, criminal, DUI and drug arrests. He has received training in patrol tactics, street crimes, complete traffic stops, rapid deployment, and breath alcohol testing. He is a bike officer and is assigned to the patrol division.



PATROL DIVISION



**OFFICER
JOSEPH SESTER**

Officer Sester joined the department in 2011. He is a bike officer and is assigned to the Patrol Division. He has training in patrol tactics, complete traffic stops and is a truck enforcement officer.



**OFFICER
SONNY STREIT**

Officer Streit joined the department in 2011 and is assigned to the Patrol Division. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, and minored in Homeland Security. Sonny has training in patrol tactics and current drug trends.



PATROL K-9



**OFFICER
EMILY HARDESTY**

Officer Hardesty joined the department in 2006. She has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. She has received training in Incident command, emergency vehicle operations, patrol tactics, breath alcohol testing, and Police Canine Training. She is assigned to the patrol division and assists with evidence room maintenance. Officer Hardesty is on the ILEAS Mobile Field Force Team and is a K-9 Officer.



K-9 DON

K-9 Don began his career with the department in February 2010.



**OFFICER
BRIAN VANVICKLE**

Officer VanVickle joined the department in February of 2009. Officer VanVickle has completed training in breath alcohol testing, excited delirium and 10 weeks of Police Canine Training. He assists with fleet maintenance and is assigned to the patrol division. Officer VanVickle is also a department truck enforcement officer and K-9 Officer.



K-9 OKAR

K-9 Okar began his career with the department in July 2012.



COMMUNICATIONS

25 YEAR



**COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERVISOR
SANDY SULLIVAN**

C.S. Sullivan joined the department in 1996 and is in charge of the department's communications division. She serves on the Ogle County ETSB 911 Board and attended the IPSTA conference in 2011. She is a certified LAC LEADS operator and is also certified in the areas of legal issues, training officer, EMD, incident command, hostage negotiations, advanced law enforcement dispatch, 911 liability, fire dispatch, CPR, AED, and On-star. C.S. Sullivan maintains scheduling for both dispatchers and crossing guards, and is a FOIA Officer.



**ANNIVERSARY
DISPATCHER
JULIE THRUMAN**

Dispatcher Thrumman joined the department in 1987. She is a certified LAC LEADS Operator and certified in EMD, public safety dispatch, 911 dispatch, active shooter, 911 liability, and suicide intervention. She has received specialized training in incident command, CPR, AED, On-Star, fire dispatch, domestic violence, TTY, and non-emergency call handling.



**DISPATCHER
TONY MILBURN**

Dispatcher Milburn joined the department in 2000, and is a training officer and special needs/child safety seat technician. He is certified in 911 dispatch, 911 liability and LEADS. He has received training in hostage negotiations, incident command, police & fire dispatch, On-Star, EMD, CPR & AED instructor, and is a Firefighter II for the Rochelle Fire Department.



**DISPATCHER
LUISA NAMBO**

Dispatcher Nambo joined the department in 2003. She is a bilingual dispatcher who is a training officer and child safety seat technician. She is certified in LEADS, EMD and 911 dispatch. She has additional training in incident command, domestic violence, 911 liability, active shooter, suicide intervention, CPR, AED, On-Star and Homeland Security.



COMMUNICATIONS

5 YEAR



**DISPATCHER
CORY BECK**

Dispatcher Beck joined the department in 2004. She is a training officer and a certified LAC LEADS operator. 911 dispatch, LEADS, incident command, active shooter, stress identification, 911-liability and domestic violence. She has additional training in CPR, AED, On-Star, fire dispatch, advanced law enforcement dispatch, EMD and TTY.



**ANNIVERSARY
DISPATCHER
ROBIN
OLSZEWSKI**

Dispatcher Olszewski joined the department in 2007. He is certified in LEADS, advanced law enforcement dispatch, advanced fire dispatch, EMD, 911 dispatch, hostage negotiations, active shooter, domestic violence and suicide intervention. He has received specialized training in CPR, AED, On-Star and TTY.



**DISPATCHER
ROGER
JOHANNING**

Dispatcher Johanning was a veteran officer and dispatcher with the Rochelle Police Department when he started back on a part time basis in 2010. He is certified in 911 liability emergency medical dispatch, and fire service dispatch. Roger is currently the Asst. Fire Chief for the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District Hillcrest Station.



**DISPATCHER
MELINDA DAVIS**

Dispatcher Davis was a veteran dispatcher with the Rochelle Police Department when she started back on a part time basis in 2010. Melinda is certified in emergency medical dispatch along with 911 liability and fire dispatch. She is the office manager for the NIU chemistry/biochemistry department.



CROSSING GUARDS



CHRIS WATSON

Ms. Watson has been with the department since 2002. She works at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and North 9th Street.

JAMES BIRECHALL

Mr. Birechall has been with the department for since 2011. He is currently serving as a substitute crossing guard.



JOAN BIRECHALL

Mrs. Birechall has been with the department for since 2011. She is currently serving as a substitute crossing guard.



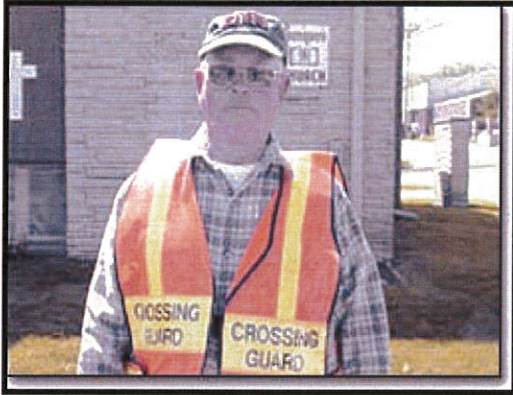
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SHAROOQ MUHSSSEN

Ms. Muhssen has been with the department since 2012. She is currently a substitute.



CROSSING GUARDS

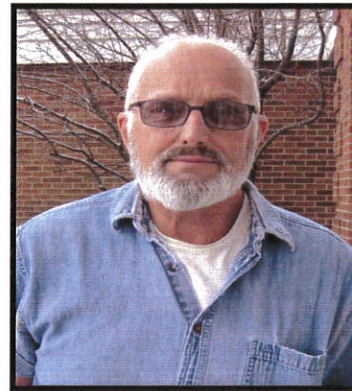


CLYDE STROUSE

Mr. Strouse has been with the department since 2003. He works at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Main Street.

RONALD TIPPY

Mr. Tippy has been with the department since 2006. He works at the intersection of 10th Avenue and Lincoln Hwy.



BOB ECKHARDT

Mr. Eckhardt has been with the department since 2009. He works at the intersection of 1st Avenue and Washington Street.



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RODNEY SANDERS

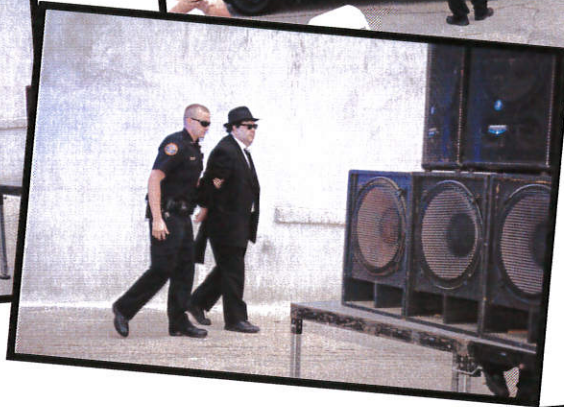
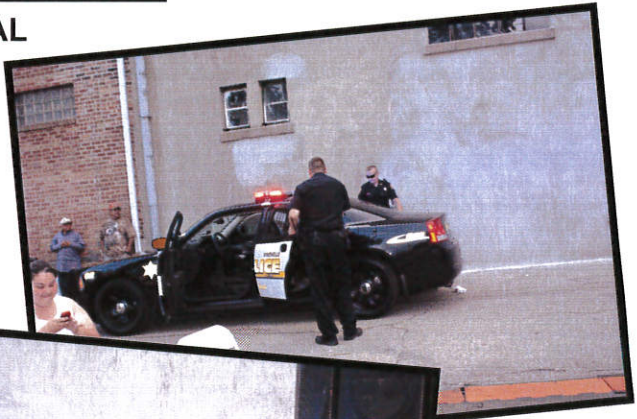
Mr. Sanders has been with the department since 2012. He works at the intersection of 9th and 10th Avenue.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LINCOLN HIGHWAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Photos depict Officers Wittenberg and Streit escorting the notorious Blues brothers Elwood and Jake to the stage for a night of rhythm and blues.



FESTIVAL PARADE LEAD

(right) Officers spend the greater part of the weekend policing the festival to ensure everyone has a safe and pleasant experience. Hats off to you!!



(left) Officer Jakymiw represented the department well with his pie eating skills. The competition was fierce!



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Champions for Children** walk May 12th-. The walk is used to generate awareness of sexual and physical child abuse. This event is organized by the Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center in Dixon.



- **2012 Special Olympics Torch Run**

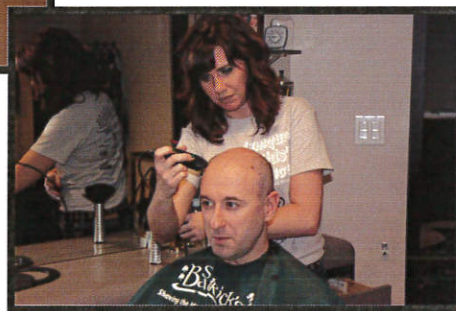
The Rochelle Police Department has taken part in the Special Olympics Torch Run for many years, helping raise funds for Special Olympics.

- **2012 Special Olympics Polar Plunge**

Police personnel participating in their first Polar Plunge—following a challenge from Det. Terry Inman (center) who also participated in the 2011 event. The department raised nearly \$2000 toward the event. Burrrrr.....



- Department members, Officer Streit and Sergeant Smith, participate in the annual **St. Baldricks'** event sponsored by Xpressions Salon which benefits childhood cancer research.



- **School meetings** on various topics and **K9 demonstrations** were held on throughout the year.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



- Officers Goodwin and Jakymiw (left) were awarded a duck cake for their efforts in rescuing ducklings from a street drain while their mother looked on. The pair currently head up the department's newly formed "**Duck Squad.**" Kudo's!!

- The department hosted 3 blood drives this year collecting 105 units of blood. The increasingly popular **Halloween Vein Drain** event kicks off in October with Rock River Valley Blood Bank coordinator Jaclyn Thomson donning her spooky attire, complete with festive treats and door prizes awarded to our Halloween enthusiasts for best costume!



- Chief Higby was a guest on the November 28th "**Let the People know**" radio show hosted by Jeff Leon.
- Communications Supervisor Sullivan (right) and Administrative Aide Schwartz spent an afternoon with Eswood Grade School students discussing emergencies and proper use of 911.
- The department participated in the **Drug Enforcement Agency National Take Back Initiative** (DEA-NTBI) again this year. Each year collection dates and sites are established where residents are encouraged to drop off their expired, unwanted, unneeded pharmaceuticals preventing these items from falling into the wrong hands.



- Chief Higby, Officer Jakymiw (left), and Detective Kaltenbach (right) enjoy lunch with students at Lincoln School as part of **Red Ribbon Week.**



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

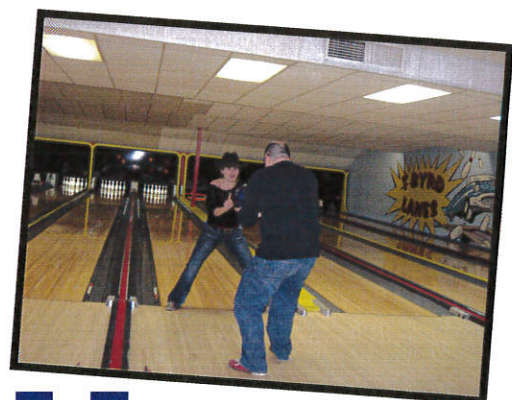
- Each year in May, the Tebala Shrine Temple hosts the **National Police Week** annual **Northern Illinois Police Memorial Breakfast and Service**. This event is held in honor of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Admin. Aide Schwartz, Chief Higby, Comm. Sup. Sullivan, and Det. Sgt Leininger were on hand to represent Rochelle Police Department.



- Throughout the week area law enforcement agencies have displays at **Cherry Vale Mall**. Below, Officer Hardesty and K-9 Don provide a demonstration and pose with visitors.



- **K9 Bowling** is always a hit and provides much needed funds to keep the department's K9's and their handlers in gear and training. This annual event is open to the public and well supported by the community.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2012 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

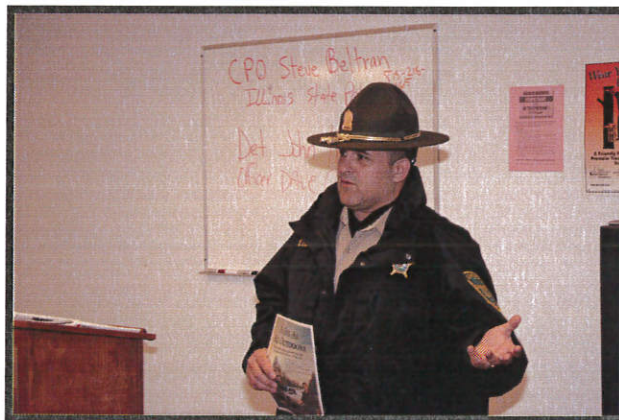
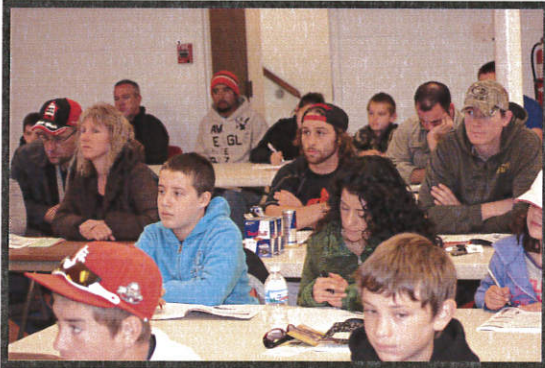
The CPA allows participants a behind the scenes look at the structure, activities and various functions within the Rochelle Police Department through presentations and hands-on experiences. Citizens successfully completing the CPA program receive a Certificate of Completion. Each graduate is then eligible to join the Citizens Police Academy Association (CPAA).



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2012 HUNTER SAFETY

Each year the Rochelle Police Department, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, hosts a Hunter Education Course. The purpose of the course is to promote responsible hunter conduct, discuss the importance of wildlife management laws and regulations, and to encourage the safe handling of firearms and ammunition.



ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT YEAR END STATISTICS

INCIDENT	2012	2011	2010	2009
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	15515	10990	10925	9735
TOTAL 911 CALLS	2415	2660	2215	2071
*INCOMING/OUTGOING CALLS	40711	43599	61192	56435
TRAFFIC STOPS	3809	2204	2082	1976
TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED	1373	1376	1332	1698
WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED	3233	1643	1464	1262
DUI ARRESTS	55	79	61	64
ACCIDENTS	333	314	332	364
ACCIDENTS WITH INJURIES	12	25	19	16
ACCIDENTS WITH FATALITIES	1	0	0	2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	71	78	90	73
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	54	50	83	75
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO LAND	17	8	6	5
BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	8	17	16	4
BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	29	17	24	20
BURGLARY TO VEHICLE	72	23	26	34
BURGLARY OTHER	1	2	5	2
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	3	0	2	3
STOLEN VEHICLES	4	7	4	0
ARMED ROBBERY	0	2	1	0
THEFT OVER \$500	28	21	29	27
THEFT UNDER \$500	123	114	81	83
DOMESTICS	131	150	192	144
DOMESTIC BATTERY	38	41	45	51
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	6	2	3	5
BATTERY	49	44	54	48
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	8	10	10	8
WARRANTS SERVED	243	126	144	131
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	434	434	449	583
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0
MALE PRISONERS	350	341	317	392
FEMALE PRISONERS	109	80	77	105
ANIMAL CALLS	256	234	303	316
ALARMS	205	220	217	322
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT/ABUSE	10	6	6	4
SHOOTING	1	5	4	
ABANDONED VEHICLES	55	52	75	81
PARKING TICKETS	56	105	112	170
ARSON	1	1	1	1

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2012 STATISTICAL TRENDS

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	2012	2011	NUMERICAL DIFFERENCE	PERCENTAGE OF CHANGE
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	15515	10990	4525	41.2%
TOTAL 911 CALLS	2415	2660	-245	-9.2%
*INCOMING/OUTGOING CALLS	40711	43599	-2888	-6.6%
TRAFFIC STOPS	3809	2204	1605	72.8%
TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED	1373	1376	-3	-0.2%
WRITTEN WARNINGS ISSUED	3233	1643	1590	96.8%
DUI ARRESTS	55	79	-24	-30.4%
ACCIDENTS	333	314	19	6.1%
ACCIDENTS WITH INJURIES	12	25	-13	-52.0%
ACCIDENTS WITH FATALITIES	1	0	1	100.0%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	71	78	-7	-9.0%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	54	50	4	8.0%
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO LAND	17	8	9	112.5%
BURGLARY TO BUSINESS	8	17	-9	-52.9%
BURGLARY TO RESIDENCE	29	17	12	70.6%
BURGLARY TO VEHICLE	72	23	49	213.0%
BURGLARY OTHER	1	2	-1	-50.0%
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	3	0	3	300.0%
STOLEN VEHICLES	4	7	-3	-42.9%
ARMED ROBBERY	0	2	-2	-100.0%
THEFT OVER \$500	28	21	7	33.3%
THEFT UNDER \$500	123	114	9	7.9%
DOMESTICS	131	150	-19	-12.7%
DOMESTIC BATTERY	38	41	-3	-7.3%
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	6	2	4	200.0%
BATTERY	49	44	5	11.4%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	8	10	-2	-20.0%
WARRANTS SERVED	243	126	117	92.9%
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	434	434	0	0.0%
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0.0%
MALE PRISONERS	350	341	9	2.6%
FEMALE PRISONERS	109	80	29	36.3%
ANIMAL CALLS	256	234	22	9.4%
ALARMS	205	220	-15	-6.8%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT/ABUSE	10	6	4	66.7%
SHOOTING	1	5	-4	-80.0%
ABANDONED VEHICLES	55	52	3	5.8%
PARKING TICKETS	56	105	-49	-46.7%
ARSON	1	1	0	0.0%

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

TOTAL CALLS 15515 FOR 2012

OFFICER	#	TOTAL CFS	CRIMINAL ARRESTS	WARRANT ARRESTS	TRAFFIC ARRESTS	WRITTEN WARNINGS	PARKING TICKETS	ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS
WITTENBERG	8	787	27	6	84	138	3	1
JAKYMIW	9	866	32	11	131	176	5	5
INMAN	10	22	5			2		2
BANESKI	11	1102	93	43	324	566	2	4
STREIT	31	1406	37	37	220	579	21	6
GERARD	13	870	14	13	56	203	3	
VANVICKLE	14	697	14	12	33	85	2	2
ALBERS	15	16						
RODABAUGH	16	689	16	9	40	100	11	
KALTENBACH	17	17	6	2	1			
CHRISTOPHERSON	18	676	6	1	16	92		
GOODWIN	19	868	26	22	85	224	4	1
GILLIAM	20	679	29	21	25	111	2	
HARDESTY	21	645	23	23	56	122	1	1
SESTER	30	883	61	29	102	205		3
SMITH	22	432	4	2	6	51		
BERGERON	23	529	32	2	31	160		
FRANKENBERRY	24	608	2	4	118	256		
LEININGER	25	28				4		
HAAN	26	480	7	2	32	125	2	
HIGBY	27	2						
TOTAL		12302	434	239	1360	3199	56	25

**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SELECTED OFFICER ACTIVITY**

2012

OFFICER	#	DUI	ILLEGAL POSS/CONS	MINOR POSS/CONS	DRUG	SUSP/ REVOKED	INSURANCE	SEAT BELT	SPEEDING	STOP ARM
WITTENBERG	8	7	2	4	4	3	15		66	1
JAKYMIW	9				2	3	18	3	96	2
INMAN	10									
BANESKI	11	24	14	6	33	19	61	11	179	
STREIT	31	8	3	1	18	24	50	5	141	
GERARD	13	1			3	4	11	1	90	2
VANVICKLE	14	6		1	2	2	10	1	31	
ALBERS	15									
RODABAUGH	16				3	2	4		43	1
KALTENBACH	17				1					
CHRISTOPHERSON	18	2	1	1			5		2	
GOODWIN	19		1		8	8	15	2	176	2
GILLIAM	20	2		3	4	3	6	1	3	
HARDESTY	21	1	2		16	9	5	1	21	1
SESTER	30			5	10	6	10	1	69	
SMITH	22	1					2		13	
BERGERON	23	2		6	2	2	8		113	
FRANKENBERRY	24	1			2	1	21	7	93	
LEININGER	25								3	
HAAN	26				1	4	3	2	50	
HIGBY	27									
TOTALS		55	23	27	109	90	244	35	1189	9

ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER TIME USE

2012

OFFICER	OFFICER #	VAC HRS	SICK HRS	TRAIN HRS	COURT HRS	O. T. /Holiday HRS
WITTENBERG	8	152.0	6.0	42.8	13.6	89.0
JAKYMIW	9	82.0	78.5	69.7	20.2	146.8
INMAN	10	170.0	52.0	94.1	21.8	38.0
BANESKI	11	110.0	24.0	22.9	67.5	89.0
STREIT	31			11.0	35.7	214.3
GERARD	13	112.0	28.0	87.7	10.6	36.0
VANVICKLE	14	100.0		242.7	1.7	181.5
ALBERS	15	168.0	42.5	55.8		
RODABAUGH	16	156.0	44.0	2.2	7.9	125.5
KALTENBACH	17	100.0		106.2	13.8	73.0
CHRISTOPHERSON	18	260.0	72.0	14.1	0.6	166.0
GOODWIN	19	94.0		48.0	5.3	193.5
GILLIAM	20	128.0		32.0	20.7	126.0
HARDESTY	21	124.0	72.0	40.6	6.6	115.0
SESTER	30	48.0		26.1	34.1	106.0
SMITH	22	192.0		24.7	10.2	114.0
BERGERON	23	158.0	12.0	12.5	27.0	203.0
FRANKENBERRY	24	208.0	97.0	145.3	20.5	123.5
LEININGER	25	196.0	24.0	14.0	22.4	17.5
HAAN	26	185.0	23.0	74.3	9.0	150.0
HIGBY	27	208.0	88.0	27.0		
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DISPATCH TIME USE

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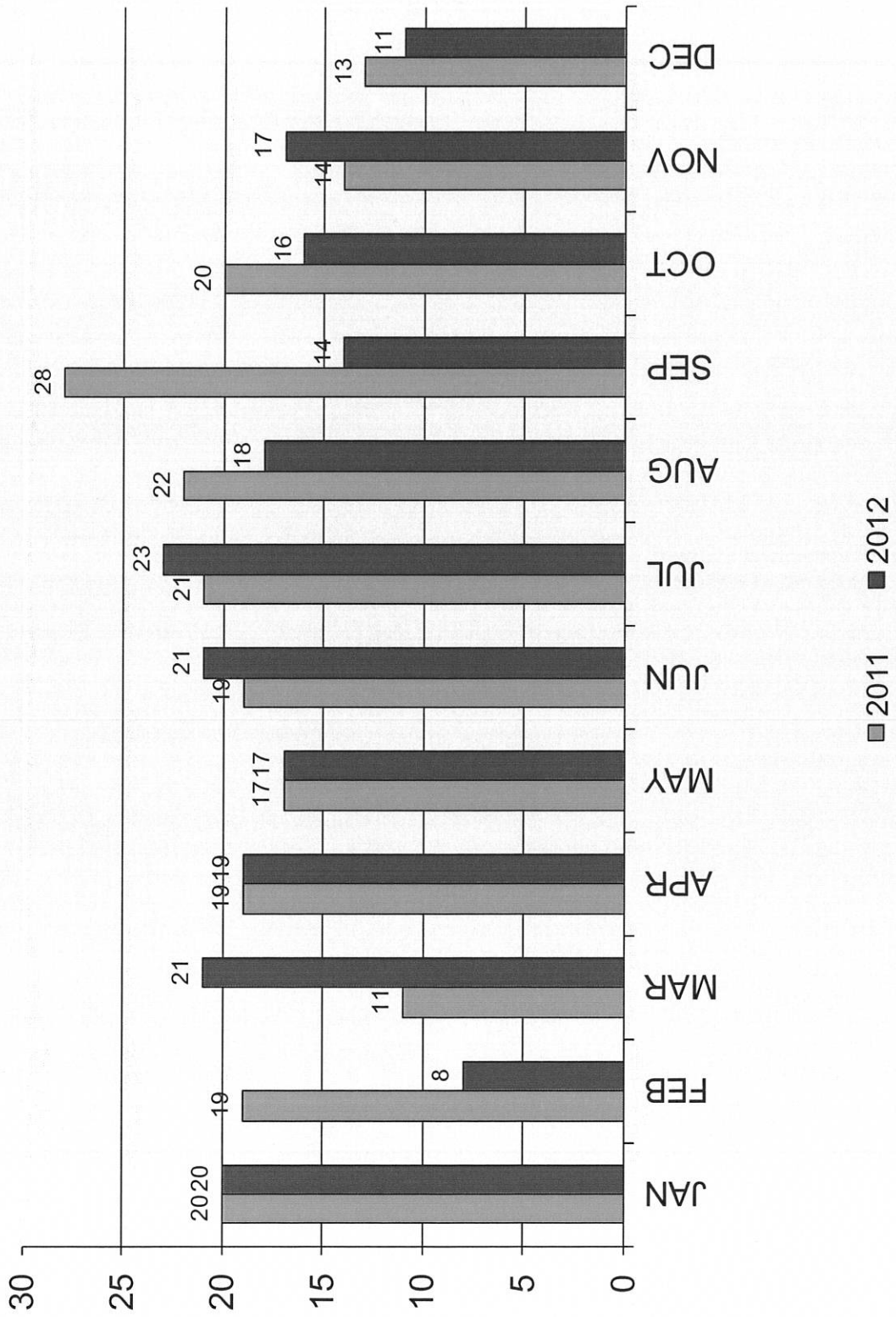
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NAMBO	2	136.0		64.0		208.0	2155	521
THRUMAN	3	224.0		17.8		48.5	2118	610
BECK	4	120.0	24.0	32.0		146.0	2418	222
MILBURN	5	230.3	80.0	32.0		81.5	1926	588
SULLIVAN	7	343.0		4.9		64.0	460	193
JOHANNING	28			32.0			927	291
DAVIS	29			16.0			947	242
CARLS	32			64.0			390	110
SIMMONS	33					10.0	829	97
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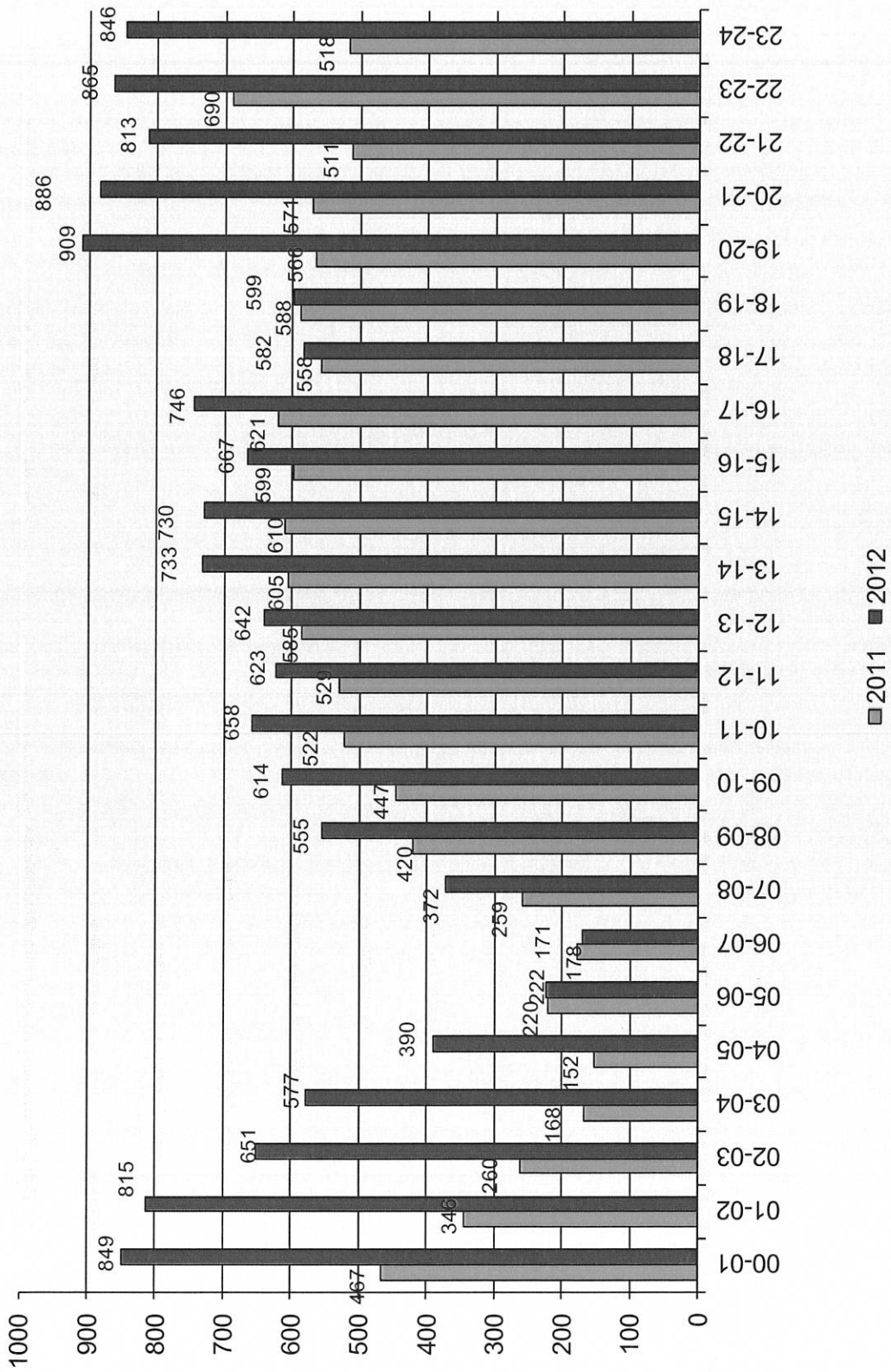
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JANUARY	\$ 10,625.42			\$ 306.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 226.00		\$ 9,500.00
FEBRUARY	\$ 8,044.08	\$ 150.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 10,000.00
MARCH	\$ 11,204.60			\$ 100.00	\$ 222.50	\$ 395.00		\$ 6,500.00
APRIL	\$ 10,338.33	\$ 210.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 141.00	\$ 319.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 8,000.00
MAY	\$ 8,747.36	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 6,500.00
JUNE	\$ 13,242.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 286.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 4,000.00
JULY	\$ 7,245.65			\$ 125.00	\$ 48.61	\$ 201.00		\$ 7,500.00
AUGUST	\$ 9,215.42	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 311.00		\$ 1,000.00
SEPTEMBER	\$ 12,018.34			\$ 440.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 17,000.00
OCTOBER	\$ 7,507.37	\$ 95.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 348.20	\$ 2,068.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 7,000.00
NOVEMBER	\$ 13,776.63	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 369.35	\$ 355.23		\$ 7,000.00
DECEMBER	\$ 14,553.32	\$ 110.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 690.00	\$ 74.54	\$ 375.77	\$ 25.00	\$ 9,500.00
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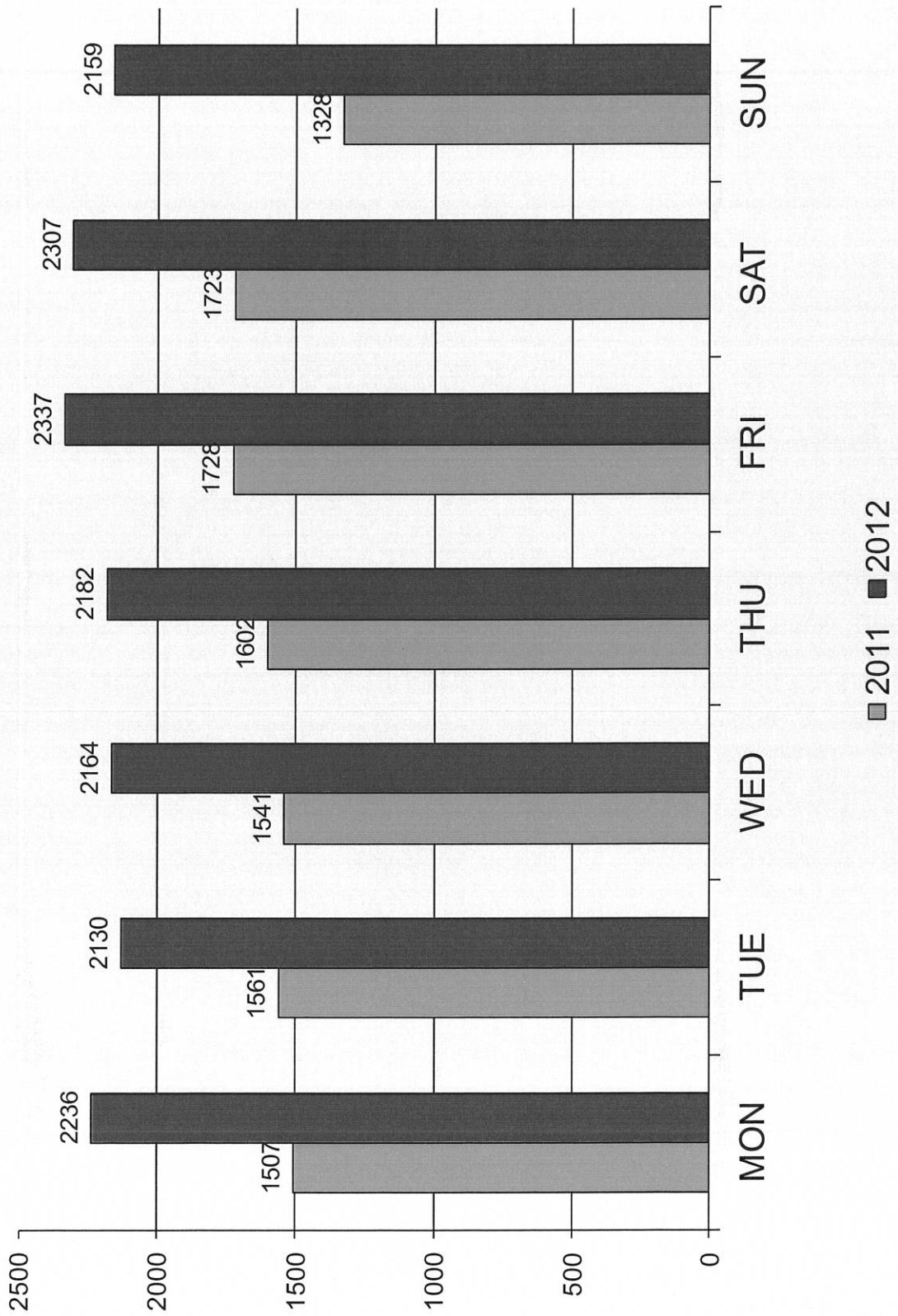
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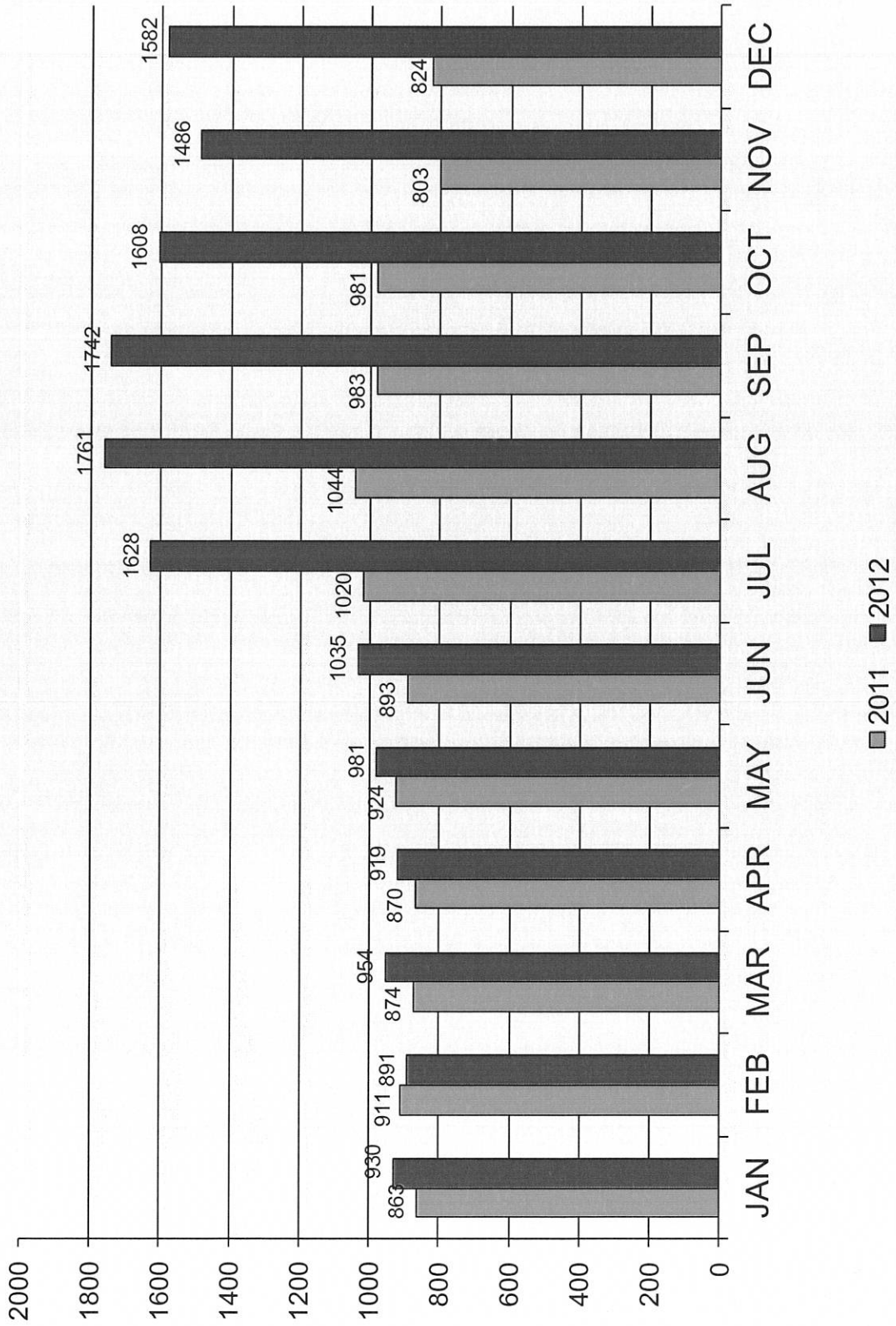
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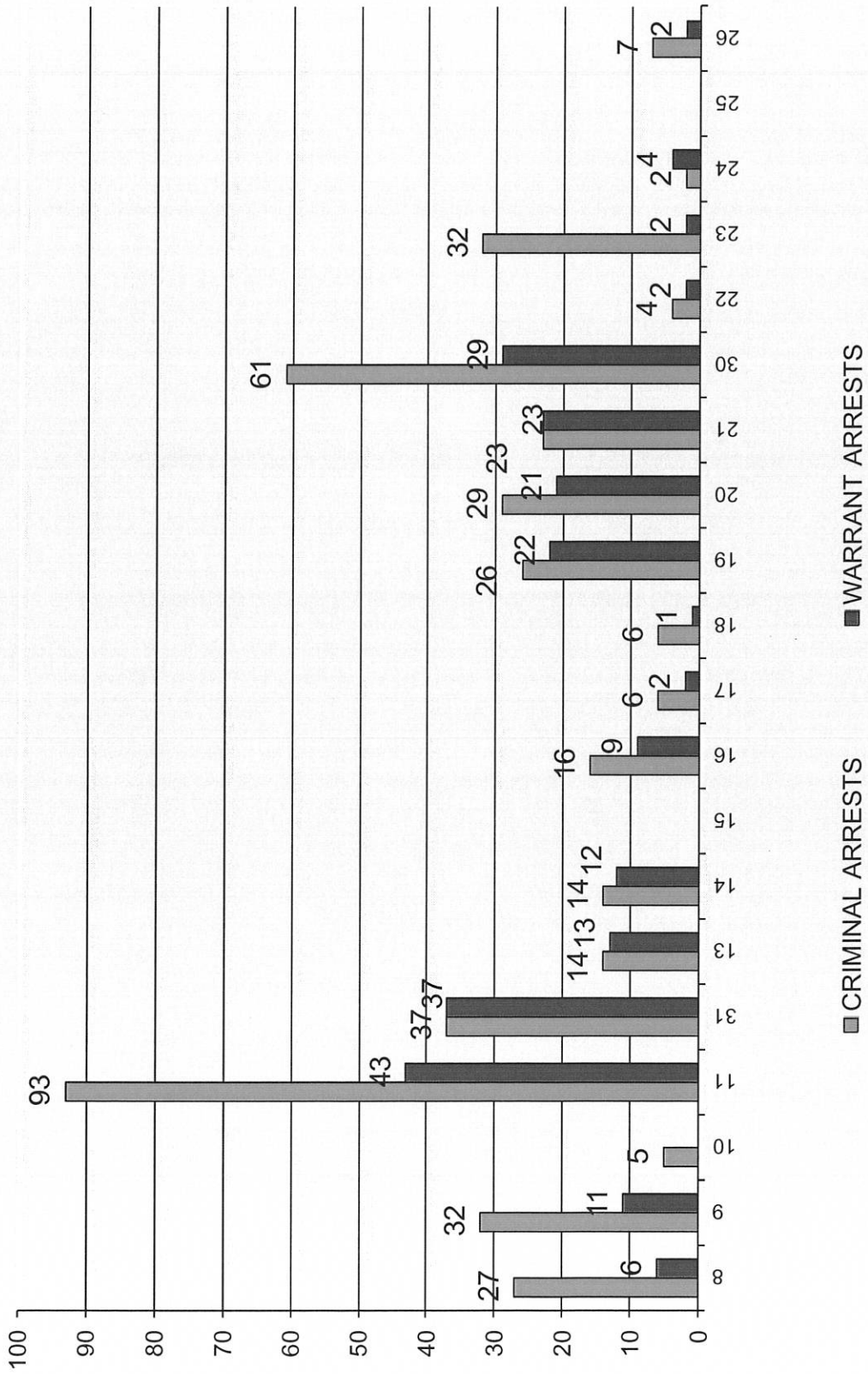
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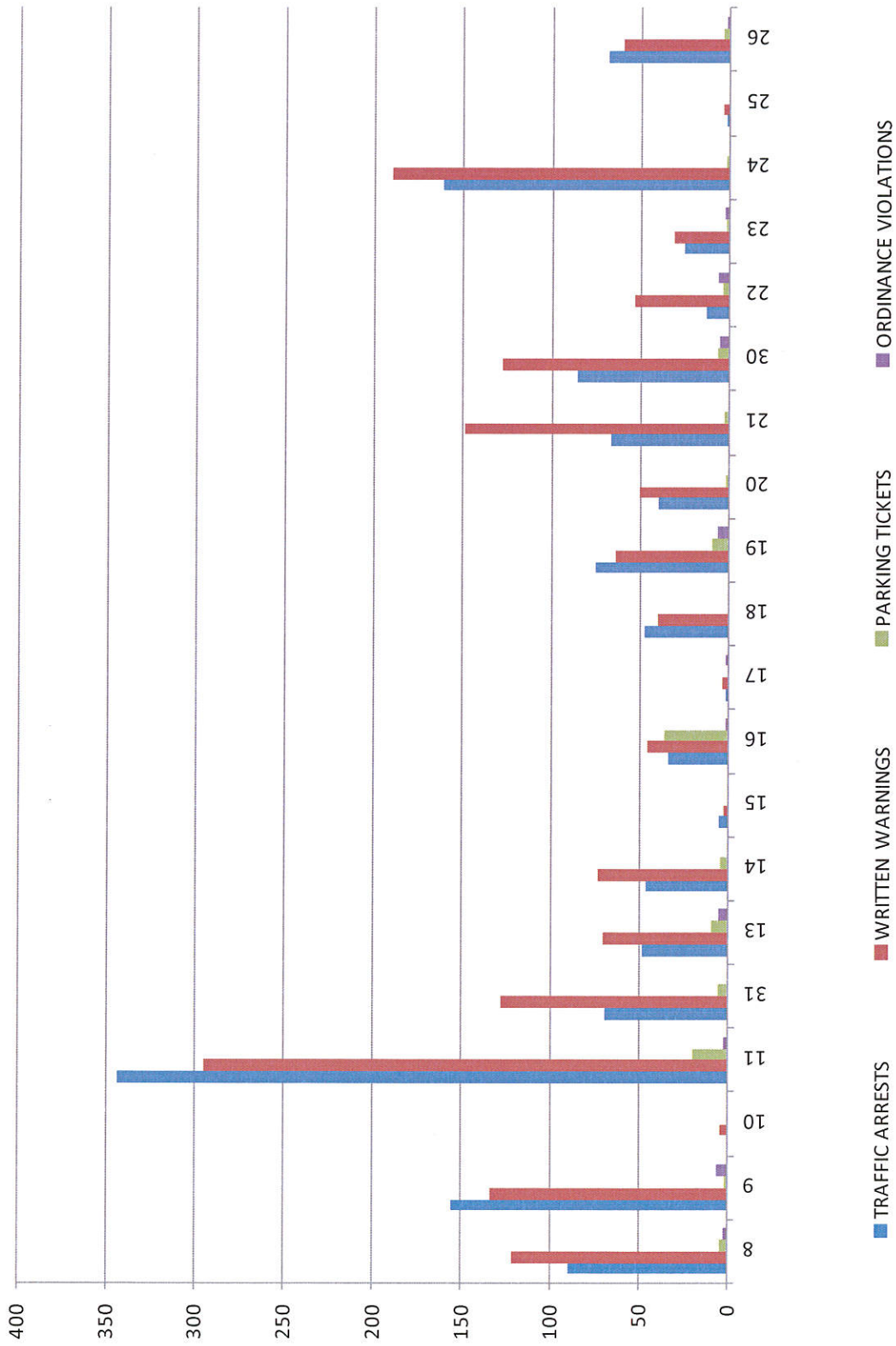


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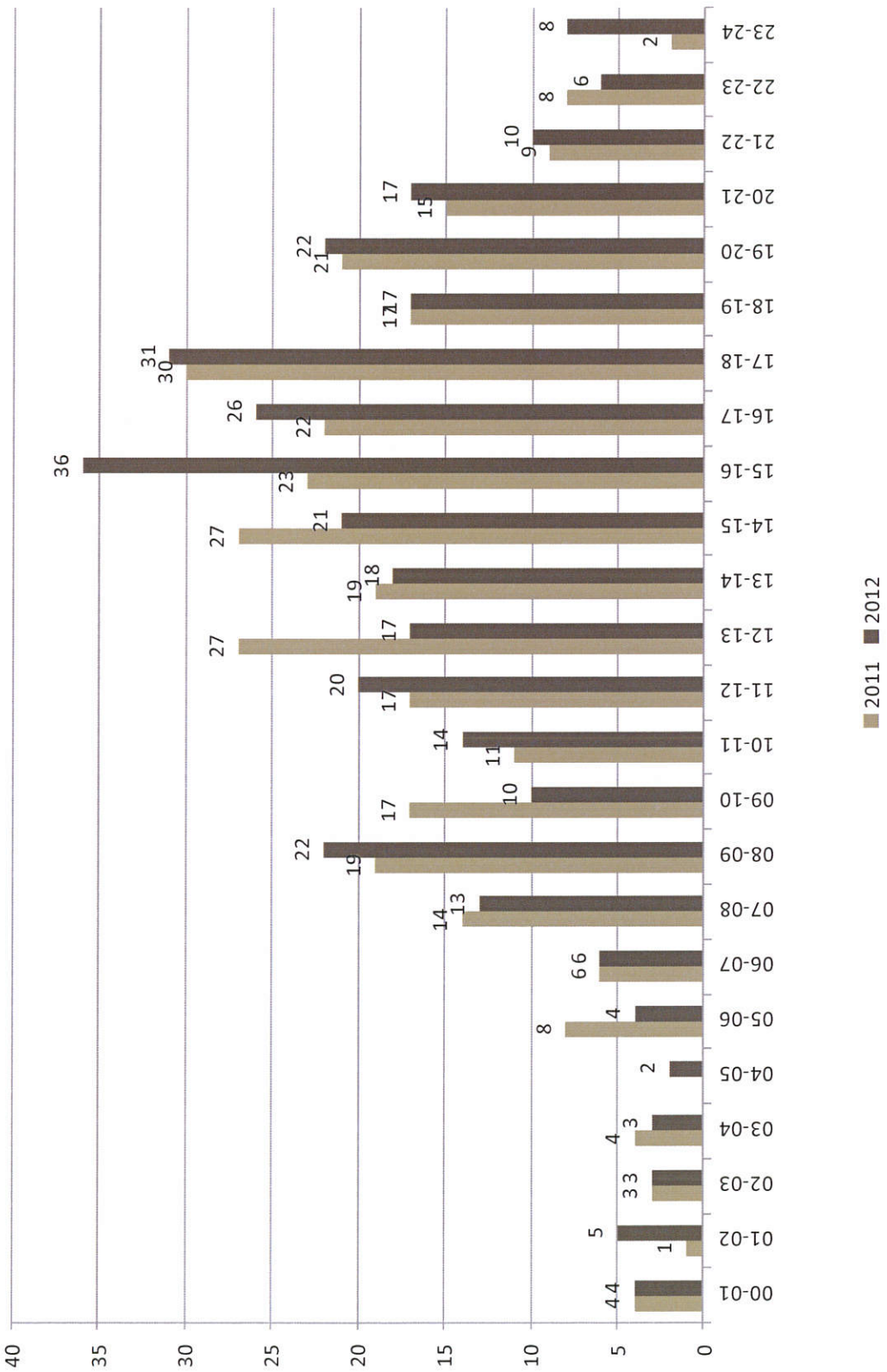


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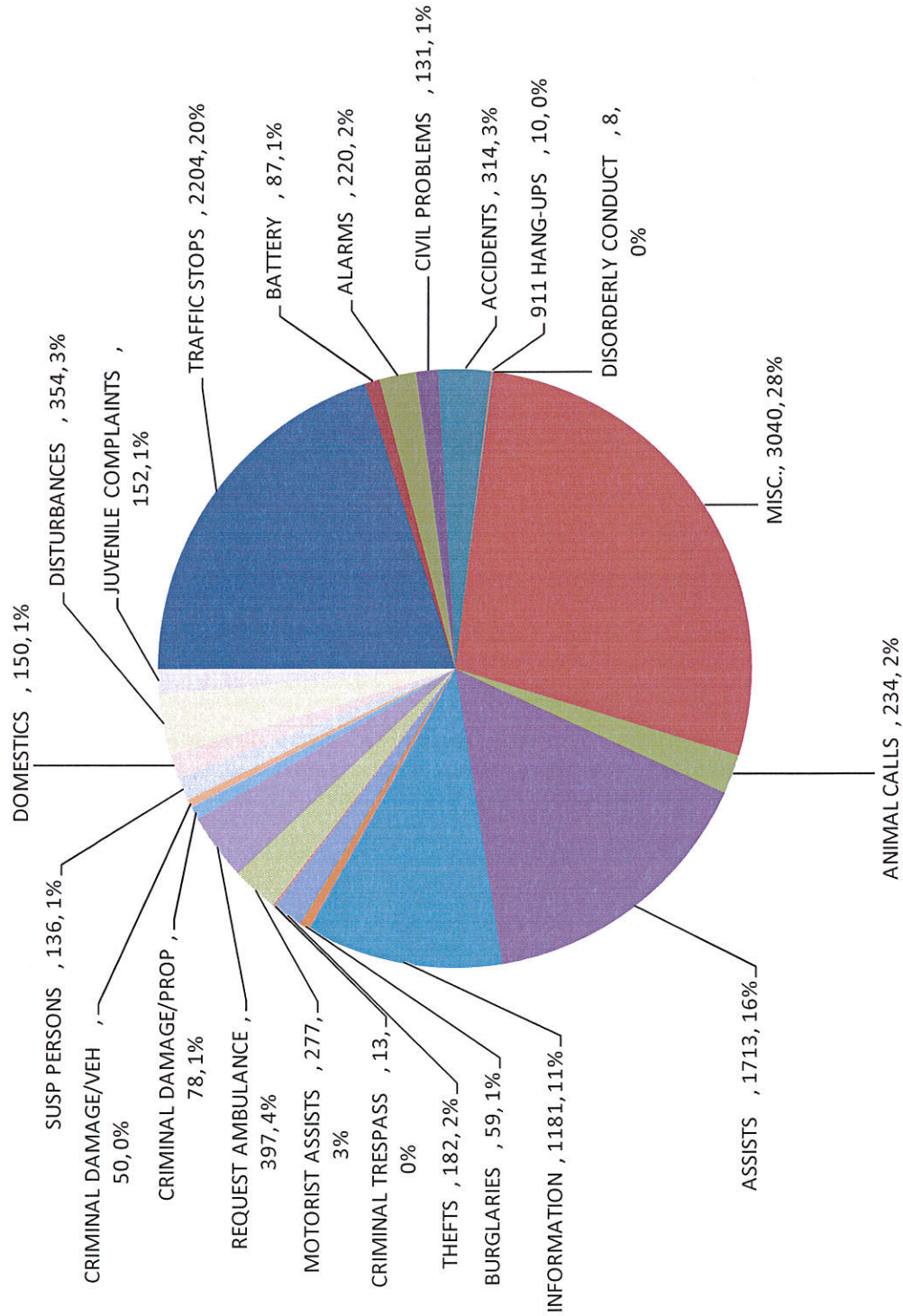
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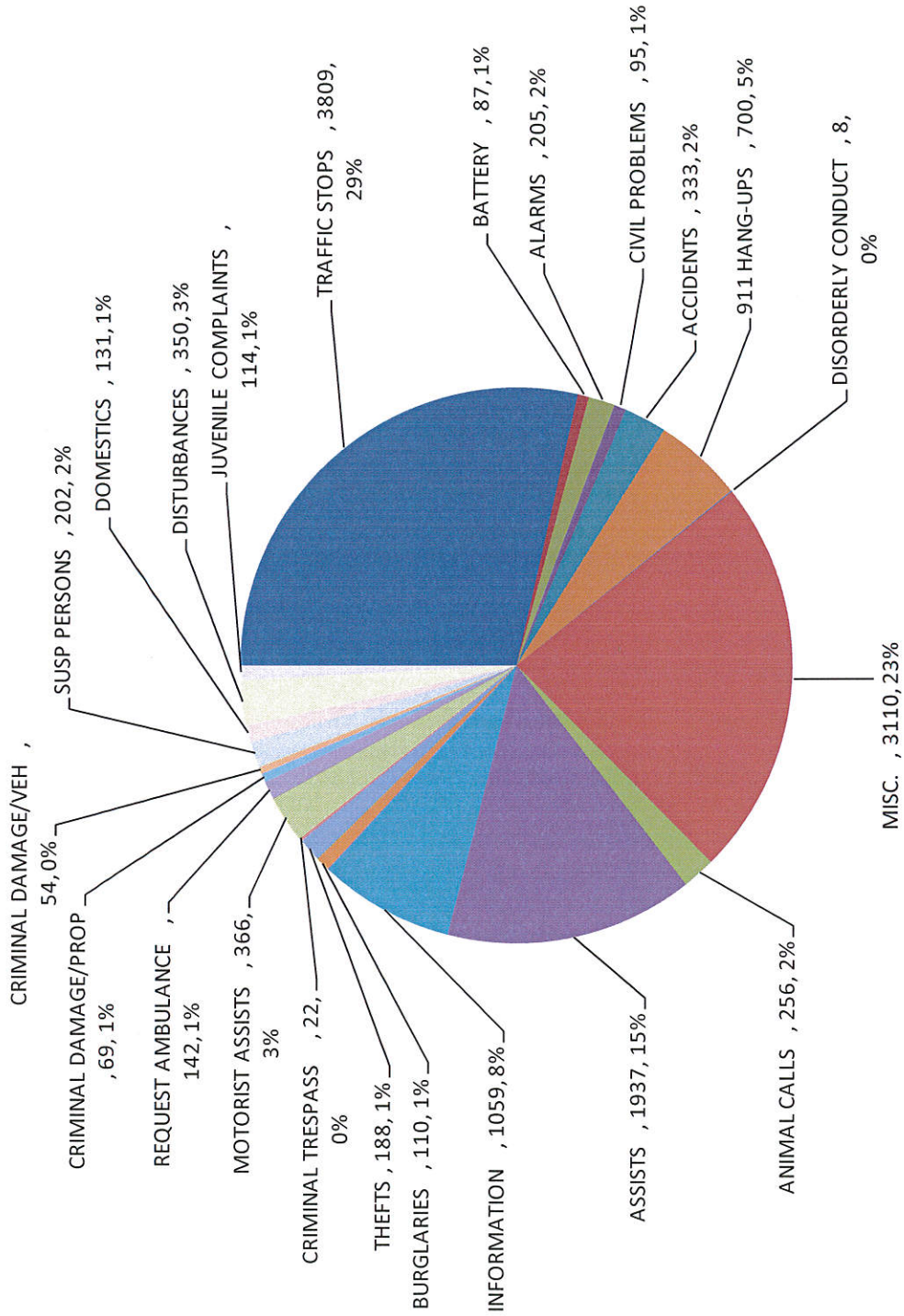
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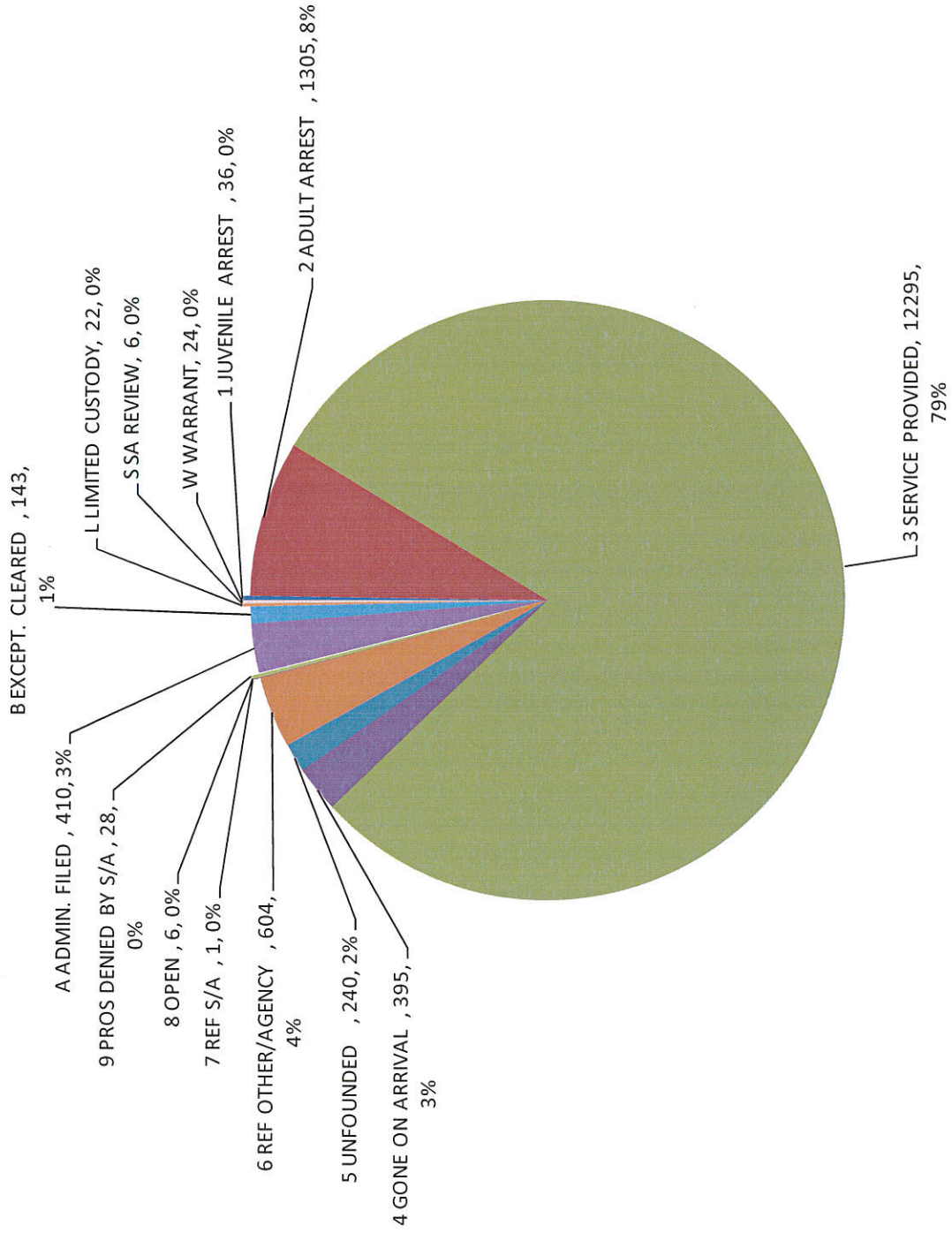
ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
BREAKDOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE 2011
TOTAL CALLS 10990



**ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
BREAKDOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE 2012
TOTAL CALLS 15515**



ROCHELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE DISPOSITION 2012



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RPD gearing up for third citizen's police academy *January 1, 2012*

For the third year, the Rochelle Police Department will be hosting Citizen Police Academy. Applications are currently being taken for the 2012 class that is scheduled to begin Jan. 26.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer our program in 2012," Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby said. "After evaluating our 2011 installment, we realized that we needed to make some enhancements [to the upcoming class]. This time it will be one week longer and we will still offer students the same highly interactive classes. The academy is enjoyable for us, and it gives people a chance to interact with us on a different level." The class is scheduled to run Jan. 26 through mid-April and will meet on Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. in the Rochelle City Council Chambers at Rochelle City Hall.

Applications can be picked up at the police department at any time, and the deadline for them to be returned is Jan. 20.

In order to be accepted to the CPA, candidates need to either work or reside in Rochelle and pass a background check.

The purpose of the academy is to introduce community members to the functions and activities within the Rochelle Police Department.

Classes

Each Thursday night for 11 weeks, the individuals who are selected will learn about Department history, department divisions (communications, patrol, detective, administration),

domestic violence, patrol operations, criminal investigations and evidence, police K-9 deployment, drugs and gangs, criminal law, the Emergency Response Team, use of force, Firearms, DUI and traffic enforcement. A mock trial will also be part of the curriculum. Anyone with an interest in learning more about the Rochelle Police Department and contributing to the safety of the community is encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity. For more information about the police academy contact Detective John Kaltenbach at (815) 561-2015.

Prison time for burglary spree

January 5, 2012

Chancellor Terrell was sentenced in Ogle County Court Wednesday following a guilty plea to several burglaries in the "Hub City" this past summer.

According to information from the Ogle County State's Attorney's office, Terrell was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with participation in the Impact Incarceration Program.

The purpose of the program is to better serve the community and the youthful offender while helping to reduce an ever increasing adult prison population. The IIP provides a positive, cost-effective 120- to 180-day sentencing alternative to traditional incarceration for adult felons between the ages of 17 and 35, with up to an eight-year sentence, who have been incarcerated not more than once previously.

Terrell, 20, of Aurora, was caught July 23 following a

break-in at Arby's. He was apprehended on South Main Street near Avenue E and charged with burglary. He was later charged with seven other burglaries that occurred at local businesses over a several week period.

Local man arrested on sexual assault charges

January 15, 2012

Rochelle Police arrested Jesse Wendel, 22, of Rochelle, Tuesday when he turned himself in on an Ogle County warrant.

Wendel is being held in Ogle County Jail on \$50,000 bond following the arrest on aggravated criminal sexual assault charges. The charges were filed in Ogle County court on Jan. 6 and include two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault and two counts of criminal sexual assault.

The charges stem from offenses allegedly committed in the summer of 2005 and July 2006. Wendel was under 18 when the offenses were committed against the victim who was under 9 years old.

Wendel had his first court appearance Jan. 11 followed by a status hearing Friday morning.

Search warrant results in drug arrest

January 22, 2012

Rochelle Police officers made an arrest Friday after executing a search warrant at a home located at 115 S. 10th St.

At approximately 9 a.m., Rochelle's K-9 Unit assisted officers in the search, which resulted in the recovery of a quantity of cannabis (between 10 and 30 grams), multiple items of drug paraphernalia and cash.

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David R. Smith, 31, was taken into custody at the scene and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver — a Class 4 felony, unlawful possession of cannabis — a Class A misdemeanor, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia — a Class A Misdemeanor. Additional charges are pending, according to Detective Sgt. Jeff Leininger.

Smith was transported to the Ogle County Jail to await a bond hearing.

Rochelle Police officers executed a search warrant at 115 S. 10th St. Friday morning. The search resulted in the arrest of a Rochelle man.

Two men arrested after search

February 2, 2012

On Tuesday, the Ogle County Emergency Response Team executed a search warrant at 332 Willis Ave. in Rochelle that resulted in the arrest of two subjects at the address.

A search warrant and subsequent investigation led to the search of the residence. Lazaro Escutia, 58, of that address was charged with possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owners Identification Card. Also arrested was Juan Escutia, 28, of the same address, for possession of a controlled substance, possession of ammunition without a F.O.I.D. card and possession of drug paraphernalia.

As a result of the search, officers seized three pistols, cocaine packaged for sale and digital scales.

Both Escutias were transported to the Ogle County Jail. Bond for Juan Escutia was set at \$7,500 which was posted Wednesday and he was released. Lazaro Escutia posted his \$1,500 bond and was released on Wednesday as well.

Also assisting the team was the Rochelle K-9 units and the Rochelle Ambulance.

Police academy



February 7, 2012

The Rochelle Police Department sponsored Citizen's Police Academy is underway for the third year.



Above, class participants last week listen to Katie Murray from Shining Star Child's Advocacy Center in Dixon speak about the services offered. Many local law enforcement agencies, including Rochelle Police, use the center when dealing with child victims. At left, Ruth Carter, director of HOPE, speaks to the class about the services offered through the domestic violence shelter. Participants

of the CPA will learn different aspects of law enforcement throughout the 12-week program. (Photos courtesy of the Rochelle Police Department).

Freezin' for a reason

Local law enforcement to participate; other teams urged to sign up

February 9, 2012

It's not every day that people are willing to "go jump in a lake" — particularly in the winter — let alone do so with thousands of other people, including members of the law enforcement community. But that's exactly what will happen on various weekends in February and March as part of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge® to benefit Special Olympics Illinois presented by GEICO.

The event has grown from one location in 1999 to 20 locations across the state this year. The Polar Plunge series will kick off with a SUPER Plunge — where participants raise a minimum of \$2,500 and plunge into Lake Michigan once an hour every hour for 24 hours — on Feb. 24-25 at Northwestern University's North Beach in Evanston.

Locally, teams signed up to participate in the Polar Plunge will "jump into" Olson Lake at Rock Cut State Park in Rockford on March 3.

"Right now we have a team of 13 signed up to participate," Rochelle Detective Terry Inman said. "The event is a great way to get local law enforcement involved in raising money that will be used locally."

Any adventurous soul is invited to join law enforcement officers by

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donning bathing suits, costumes or any clothing of choice (just no wet suits!) to jump in a lake. Each plunger must collect a minimum of \$75 in donations that will be used to support Special Olympics programs in Illinois.

Register a team

Individuals and teams can register for the plunge on the Special Olympics Illinois website at

<http://www.plungeillinois.com>.

Plungers are encouraged to form teams to spread the fun. Each team member must raise the minimum of \$75 in donations and all team members' individual fundraising totals will be merged to form a combined team total.

Teams are placed into divisions based on size and are awarded prizes for the most money raised.

All plungers will receive gifts, compete for prizes and enjoy food and camaraderie with other chilly participants. The more money a plunger raises, the more chances he/she will have to win a seven night trip for two to Rio Negril in Negril, Jamaica, courtesy of Rio Hotels and Resorts and Apple Vacations. The trip includes roundtrip airfare, transfers to and from resort, all meals, drinks and more. For every \$500 a plunger raises, he/ she will get an entry into the drawing for this grand prize.

All proceeds collected by plungers benefit Special Olympics Illinois athletes. In 2011, more than \$1.4 million was raised by more than 5,752 plungers throughout the state. In 13 years, \$6 million has been raised by more than 22,100 plungers!

Last year the event at Olson Lake brought 380

Plungers who raised \$97,000.

Donations

Donations can be made online at www.plungeillinois.com or by mailing donations to Special Olympics Illinois, 605 E. Willow Street, Normal, IL 61761-2682 or at the Rochelle Police Department, 416 N. Sixth St.

Rochelle man found guilty on two counts of aggravated discharge of firearm

(Original charge of attempted murder; shooting incident happened last year)
February 12, 2012

On Thursday evening, the jury in an attempted murder trial which began Tuesday in Ogle County Court came back with a verdict of guilty on two counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm.

Charles Chamness, 28, of Rochelle, was on trial following a shooting incident in Rochelle in May 2011. The original arrest complaint filed was for two counts of aggravated discharge of a Firearm in that Chamness knowingly discharged a firearm in the direction of a vehicle that he knew to be occupied and discharged a firearm in the direction of a person. In July, the State's Attorney's office increased the charges to attempted first degree murder.

According to Assistant State's Attorney Mike Rock, the jury's verdict Thursday could mean a sentence of 4 to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on each guilty count for Chamness.

"We are real happy with the verdict," Rock said. "We anticipate a good sentence [from the judge]."

Rock added that Chamness has a prior Class 1 charge of aggravated discharge of a firearm. That charge has been within the past 10 years, meaning the sentencing on the latest conviction will be non-probationable. "He must serve the sentence that he is given," Rock said.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 5.

"Hub Mugs" sold to businesses prove to be scam

February 23, 2012

On Feb. 14, the Rochelle Police Department received a report of theft, where in the perpetrator approached a local business reference buying "Hub Mugs" which would also have the businesses name and logo applied to the mug. The mugs were then to be sold by the Rochelle Township High School athletic department. This incident took place in May 2011.

There were in fact no mugs, nor was the RTHS athletic department aware of any such program.

The perpetrator of this scam identified himself as Michael D. Clardie with Team Spirit or Spirit Solutions. Clardie is currently in custody for similar offenses committed in at least two other cities.

If you have purchased "Hub Mugs" or other items that were to be sold by the RTHS athletic department, please contact Detective Sgt. Jeff Leininger at the Rochelle Police Department at (815) 561-2017.

Time for the annual St. Baldrick's Shave!

March 1, 2012

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Many times over, the citizens of Rochelle and the surrounding area have shown how supportive they are. Through donations to various benefits and certainly through the St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraising event over the past several years.

Coordinator Carrie Edwards hopes this year people continue to show their support by signing up for the event or donating to the cause.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser is set for March 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Xpressions Salon in the May Mart Shopping Center.

"We really encourage anyone who wants to participate to stop in and see us that night," Edwards said. "It's so much fun and we really enjoy helping as best we can as a salon."

The now annual fundraiser raises money for children's cancer research through participants who volunteer to shave their heads in exchange for monetary donations. Edwards said that more than \$11,500 has been raised in the last three years. "We thoroughly appreciate the support everyone gives our salon in our fundraising events, but by far this one has the most drastic changes, even just for fun, stop in and watch!"

There is still time to sign up and participate as a 'shavee' for the event. Visit www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/1378/2012 to sign up online. Speaking for the whole Xpressions group, thank you so much to those of you who support us!" Edwards added. The event on March 15 will include raffies, giveaways and other chances for citizens to donate to the foundation.

Rochelle man sentenced to prison - Guilty plea in sexual assault case

March 4, 2012

A man pled guilty in Ogle County Court Monday to predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and was sentenced Thursday to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Christopher Bozek, 37, Rochelle, will serve nine years in the DOC on Count I and seven years to run concurrent in the DOC on Count II.

Bozek was charged with three counts of criminal sexual assault of a child and aggravated criminal sexual abuse following his arrest in November 2010. The victims were under the age of 13 at the time.

As part of his sentence, Bozek must also submit to DNA testing, pay \$200 sex assault fine and court costs, according to the Ogle County State's Attorney's office.

Polar Plunge 2012

March 6, 2102

Participants from the Rochelle Police Department, including several family members, took part in the Special Olympics' Polar Plunge at Rock Cut State Park Saturday. Despite the

temperatures in the high 20s, participants went into Olson Lake.



Each year the Rochelle Police Department shows support for Special Olympics through the Torch Run in the summer and now the Polar Plunge. The Polar Po Po Team raised nearly \$2,000.

Mark your calendars: Prescription drug take-back set

The City of Rochelle Police Department will be drop-spot on April 28
March 13, 2012

The Drug Enforcement Administration has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rochelle Police Department.

This is a great opportunity for those who missed previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications. Americans that participated in the DEA's third National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Oct. 29, 2011, turned in more than 377,086 pounds of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories — including Rochelle.

Prior events

When the results of the three prior Take-Back Days are combined, the DEA, and

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its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners were calculate, the DEA has removed 995,185 pounds of medication from circulation in the past 13 months. "The amount of prescription drugs turned in by the American public during the past three Take-Back Day events speaks volumes about the need to develop a convenient way to rid homes of unwanted or expired prescription drugs," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart.

"DEA remains hard at work to establish just such a drug disposal process, and will continue to offer take-back opportunities until the proper regulations are in place."

With the continued support and hard work of our more than 3,945 state, local, and tribal law enforcement and community partners, these three events have dramatically reduced the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse, and increased awareness of this critical public health issue," said Leonhart.

Local man found dead in creek - Second death in three weeks at White Pines Park

March 20, 2012

For the second time in a month, Ogle County Sheriff's Department deputies are investigating a death at the White Pines State Park.

On Sunday at approximately 2:14 p.m., Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call of a missing male adult at White Pines State Park. The missing male was identified as Joseph S. Large, 24, of Rochelle.

Large was subsequently found in the Pine Creek on the north edge of the park. He was pronounced dead by the Ogle County Coroner on scene.

An investigation into the incident showed that Large was at the park with friends having a picnic when he had a verbal disagreement with them. He reportedly then left the picnic area, walking toward the north end of the park along the Pine Creek. Friends began looking for Large and later located him in the creek.

During the deputies' investigation, an area along some rock cliffs next to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad viaduct showed evidence indicating where Large had lost his footing and fell into the water.

Large was taken to the Ogle County Morgue where an autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday. Ogle County Deputies were assisted by Polo Fire Department and EMS, Oregon Fire Department and water rescue, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Just two weeks ago, on Sunday, March 4, Ogle County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 911 call of an unresponsive male that had been located in Pine Creek on the south edge of the White Pines State Park.

The male, later identified as a Brandon A. Landau, 19, of Bronx, New York, was flown to Rockford Memorial Hospital by React helicopter where he was pronounced dead.

The investigation showed that Landau, who was a student at Illinois Wesleyan College, was last seen at

approximately 2 a.m. by friends at a party in the 6000 block of W. Pines Road.

A real "roll" over *March 20, 2012*



Rochelle Fire Department and Steward Fire Department personnel, along with Illinois State Police, were on scene Monday morning shortly after 8:16 a.m. on I-39 following a single vehicle accident. A semi driven by Michael Halpin, 47, Mason, Wis., was traveling southbound on I-39 when he fell asleep, according to officials, causing the semi to drive through the median and strike the pole for the overhead sign in the northbound lane of I-39. Halpin was taken to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle ambulance where he was treated for minor head injuries and released. Fire personnel turned the scene over to the Illinois State Police Haz-Mat officer at 10:37 a.m. Approximately 150 gallons of diesel fuel was spilled at the scene, along with several newspaper rolls that were on the trailer.

Police asking residents for help identifying persons causing damage

April 5, 2012

The Rochelle Police Department is asking the community for help in obtaining information on recent criminal damage to property incidents.

The department has been called to several locations

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recently involving criminal damage to property when offenders have spray painted graffiti on the side of buildings.

Officers are asking anyone with information to contact the department at (815) 562-2131 or Crimestoppers at 1-888-228-4488.

Anyone with information leading to the arrest of the offenders are eligible for a cash reward from Crimestoppers.

Local man arrested for alleged drug manufacturing, possession

Search warrant turns up growing operation
April 8, 2012

Rochelle Police Department officers arrested a Rochelle man Thursday on drug charges after serving a search warrant. On Thursday at approximately 4:26 p.m., officers executed a search warrant at 13865 E. IL Route 38.

A 20-foot rail container was reportedly located on the premises. Inside the container, officers found 17 cannabis sativa plants and manufacturing equipment. The sativa plants, equipment and rail container were seized by officers.

Contact was made with Nathan Stinnett at another location and he was subsequently taken into custody. Stinnett was charged with possession of cannabis and production of cannabis sativa plants, both felony charges.

Stinnett was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

National Telecommunicator Week, April 8-14
April 8, 2012

WHAT is your First thought when there is an emergency? Everyone knows the answer, dial 9-1-1.

Who is the person that answers those calls with the calm and reassuring voice? They are highly trained professionals.

They are known as telecommunicators, 9-1-1 dispatchers, or communications specialists. The National Emergency Number Association defines a telecommunicator as a person who is trained and employed in public safety telecommunications. The term applies to call takers, dispatchers, radio operators, data terminal operators or any combination of such functions in a public safety answering point.

Telecommunicators are the First to hear of an emergency. It is their responsibility to carefully inform the police, Fire, and ambulance personnel of the situation. They also provide prearrival instructions to callers in lifesaving measures, such as CPR.

Ogle County E9-1-1 has two public safety answering points. One PSAP is located at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and the second is at the Rochelle Police Department. Both Agencies utilize the same equipment thus allowing seamless answering of 9-1-1 calls by both agencies, April 8 through the 14 is designated as National Telecommunicator Week. During this week all telecommunicators are recognized for their services to public safety.

"I would like to take the opportunity during Telecommunicators Week to

thank all the Telecommunicators that work for the Ogle County Sheriff's Office," Sheriff Michael R. Harn, Sheriff Ogle County said. "The role you play in the emergency response and safety of our county should be celebrated everyday and not just during one week of the year. The dedication and conviction you display to the deputies, staff and other agencies that you are responsible to and for is above approach. Your continued service and training make you an elite group of individuals who collectively are the best TC's in the state, in my opinion. I congratulate you all on a job well done and with great appreciation I say, thank you!"

"I have had the opportunity to work with the Ogle County TC's over the past 16 years. I have found in any job I have worked in life, that organization, multi-tasking, and most of all the ability to stay calm are great attributes of a successful organization," Chief Chad Hoefie, St. Valley Fire Protection District said. "The Ogle County Telecommunicators, given many job tasks, have always seemed to do just that. In the time when people need help the most, the First person they have a chance to interact with needs to be all of those things. People recognize Fire and police as "Heroes," well it's because of behind the scenes Heroes like the Telecommunicators in Ogle County that so many lives have been saved. These TC's have aided in keeping our people safe with providing much needed information to incoming units, and providing vital

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information when it is made known so that we may make a more informed decision out in the Field. I want to say Thank You from not only myself, yet from the men and women of the Stillman Fire Protection District, who's lives you affect every time we get dispatched."

"Take a second to look down at your phone. See those small numbers that form 911? What happens when you dial them? In Ogle County they are answered by a group of professionals called telecommunicators. Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators," Chief Darin DeHaan, Oregon Police Department said.

"Being in law enforcement for almost 15 years I have worked hand in hand with these individuals. I am continually impressed by their ability to multi-task during a major incident, to remain calm and collected as they gather important information through the screams of distressed callers. From dispatching ambulances, to providing life saving CPR instructions to a frantic family member, they are the voice of safety who are so often over looked.

Telecommunicators serve as a life line for public safety professionals and citizens alike. During National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week take a moment to reflect on the great jobs our Telecommunicators do and if you have the need to call 911 remember those magic words. Thank you!"

OC Telecommunicators
Sandy Beitel, E9-1-1
Coordinator, 26 years Diana

Day, 23 years Patricia Blackburn, 21 years Mary DeHaan, 13 years Lisa Bloom, 10 years Kathy Hardesty, 7 years Heather Welty, Supervisor, 5 years Susan Steeves, 5 years Stephanie Bailey, 5 years Lori Wilcox, 4 years Brian Symons, New Hire

Rochelle Police
Department

Telecommunicators
Julie Thrumann, 24 years Sandy Sullivan, Supervisor, 16 years Tony Milburn, 11 years Luisa Nambo, 8 years Cory Beck, 7 years Robin Olszewski, 4 years Melinda Davis, 2 years Roger Johanning, 2 years

Tyler Carls, New Hire
These telecommunicators receive extensive training and must have many traits and skills.

Telecommunicators must be multitask oriented. They have to answer phones, answer radio channel traffic, and enter data into multiple computer screens. This occurs all at the same time. They must be calm, non-judgmental, and empathetic.

Calls
In 2011, Ogle County Sheriff's Office and Rochelle Police Department 9-1-1 centers handled a total of 130,510 calls. This includes 9-1-1 calls and administrative lines calls. The total of 9-1-1 calls into both communications centers for 2011 was 18,106.

In 2011 the average of wireless call of the total calls received is 75.3 percent. This creates additional challenges for the telecommunicators. Cellular calls don't provide the location of the incident immediately on the map as regular land line phones do. The telecommunicators have

to ask the callers additional questions about their location. Many people don't know their location, or are to upset due to the nature of the call to remember. There are many new technologies that are going to be implemented in the future, all of these technologies will present additional training, questioning and of course stress for the telecommunicators.

Chief Mike Boomgarden, Forreton Police Chief has this to say about the telecommunicators, "I have worked in law enforcement for 34 years. Needless to say I have worked with countless telecommunicators (dispatchers). The dispatchers have a very thankless job most of the time. They are the ones that take the calls from someone Finding their loved one dead unexpectedly or a Mom scared to death because her baby has ingested poison and she needs to do something immediately. The dispatcher has to remain calm, ask the right questions, and soothe and comfort, yet take charge of the conversation. I am humbled by role of the dispatcher in what many of them will tell you is just part of a routine day. I know thanks does not come close to paying the bill for all the dedication and professionalism that they display but the dispatcher has certainly been a huge factor in making my life as a law enforcement officer more safe and secure and of course made me smile or laugh now and then. Thank you for what you do!"

"When you have an emergency and dial 911 for assistance, you count on the

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Police car, the Ambulance, or the Fire Truck to show up and help you. But how often do you think of the person who answers the phone when you dial those 3 digits for help. The Ogle County telecommunicators do their best to obtain as much information about the emergency that the caller can provide so they can dispatch the proper agency to the scene and supply them with the most accurate information on the emergency facing them. The telecommunicators are the unsung heroes of all the calls that we respond to," Polo Fire Chief, Tony Karrow said. "They are under a lot of pressure to do their job to the best of their ability because if they supply inaccurate information, the proper resources may not arrive in a timely fashion to handle the emergency. They keep the caller on the line if possible so updates can be relayed to responders while enroute. They can even provide the caller with assistance over the phone to possibly help a victim such as CPR instructions. As a Chief Officer for a Fire and EMS department I depend on the Ogle County Telecommunicators to supply our personnel with not only the above mentioned information, but also information on hazards and other things that can help keep our personnel safe as they approach a scene. The telecommunicators at the Ogle County dispatch center have taken steps to start interacting with the agencies they dispatch beyond the confines of the dispatch center. They are trying to become familiar with what we do and the equipment that we

use. Their goal is to better serve the citizens of Ogle County and the visitors passing through our county. There are approximately 21 Police, Fire, and EMS agencies that the dispatch center is responsible for and only 2 telecommunicators per shift. They do stay very busy. They don't drive a big shiny truck or a car with lots of flashing lights but they are just as important. I frequently thank them for the job they do. Everyone should thank these dedicated people for the job they do. A week in their honor is a good way to do that."

"Telecommunicators are the First link in the chain of emergency services. Without this vital position, medical, Fire, and law enforcement services would not be delivered in a timely manner. On behalf of the law enforcement officers who depend on your services, we thank you for your efforts and your dedication to our profession," Chief Eric Higby, Rochelle Police Chief said.

Telecommunicators are the unsung heroes and the First responders that serve and protect the citizens and responders in Ogle County.

Dispatchers week

April 12, 2012



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with National Dispatchers Week.



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Police seek information on alleged wallet thieves

May 6, 2012

On Thursday, April 26, the Rochelle Police Department responded to a report of a stolen wallet, at Walmart, 311 E. IL Rout 38, Rochelle.

Upon arrival it was determined that the victim had left her purse unattended in a shopping cart and someone had removed her wallet from the purse, while she was away from the cart.

The responding officer checked the security footage and was able to locate the incident and acquire an image of the offender.

The victim's credit card was subsequently used in various locations in the surrounding area. Detectives went to North Aurora and obtained video footage of two suspects who attempted to use the credit card at Target.

Both suspects are African American males, possibly 30-50 years old. The suspects

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were seen leaving Target in a blue sedan.

Photos of the suspects can be seen on the Rochelle Police Department Facebook page @ <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rochelle-Illinois-Police/145809882107586>.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Rochelle Police Department (815-562-2131) or the Ogle-Lee Crime Stoppers at 188-228-4488 (1-888-CAUGHT U). Remember Crime Stoppers wants your information, not your name. Cash rewards up to \$1,000 are paid out for information that leads to an arrest.

Citation to man on mower puts light on vehicle laws *May 10, 2012*

A recent traffic citation given to a local man for driving a riding lawn mower on the roadway without a valid driver's license, has raised some questions about the laws governing certain motorized vehicles and whether other residents could be in violation.

Edwardo Villalobos, 48, Rochelle, was charged on Saturday, April 28, after being stopped by police for operating a motorized vehicle on a public roadway with a suspended driver's license.

Illinois law states that no person shall drive any motorized vehicle on a public roadway without a valid driver's license.

"I had no idea I was breaking any laws," Villalobos said. "I'm just trying to make some money by mowing lawns."

The case has some in town wondering if others, such as

young teenagers who mow lawns in the summer, are vulnerable to receiving similar citations.

Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby says no, not if they are primarily using the mower to cut grass and not as a mode for transportation on the streets in town.

"We will not be citing children who mow lawns with a riding mower, Higby assured. "But we also don't want them riding down the middle of the street creating a traffic hazard."

Higby added that Villalobos' case is different.

"He has a suspended driver's license and he was using the mower as a means of going door-to-door to solicit business with no permit," Higby added. "We will not tolerate any motorized vehicle driven in the streets that is being operated by an individual with a suspended driver's license."

Villalobos denies he was in the street or using the mower for transportation, saying he rides a bike to get around town. He added that he did get his mower back after paying a \$75 towing fee, but he was not charged the typical \$500 impound fee.

"I'm thankful for that and I am not angry at the police over this," said Villalobos, who has battled alcohol and drug problems and had past brushes with the law. "I have completed my 75 hours of required counseling classes and I still go once a week for support. I have been clean and sober for almost a year and I am going to church every Sunday and want to be a better man for my family. I just want an opportunity to try to turn my life around."

Higby said that the police department isn't trying to prohibit Villalobos from mowing lawns.

"He can certainly mow lawns with a riding mower without having a license," Higby added. "The only reason this came up was because he has a suspended license and was operating on a roadway."

Recognition



May 17, 2012

Several officers from the Rochelle Police Department were on hand at the Rochelle City Council meeting Monday to accept Rochelle Mayor Chet Olson's proclamation of National Police Week recognition. Pictured at left are, left to right, Olson, Officer Matt Wittenberg, Officer Emily Anderson and Don, Police Chief Eric Higby and Officer Aaron Rodabaugh.

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Man flown to hospital after stabbing; Second man transferred to Rockford hospital by ambulance

May 22, 2012

Rochelle police continue an investigation of a stabbing which occurred Sunday and sent two local men to the hospital.

According to reports, the altercation occurred a short time before 8:30 p.m. Sunday at 418 North 2nd Street. Two victims were taken by ambulance to Rochelle Community Hospital with stab wounds which included wounds in the chest area.

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Both were later transported to Rockford hospitals for further treatment; one by helicopter and the other by ambulance.

The injured men were 41 and 43 and are from Rochelle. Police have questioned two men at the scene at the time of the incident; however, as of Tuesday morning, no charges have been filed.

Police are looking for a third male suspect. A car which was apparently used to drive away from the scene was recovered in Rochelle.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Rochelle Police Department at (815) 562-2131.

Creston man sentenced to Five years

May 27, 2012

A Creston man was sentenced Wednesday to Five years in prison for his role in a drive-by shooting at a party at a Sterling home last November.

John J. Smith, 18, of Creston, pleaded guilty to possession of a weapon. In exchange for his guilty plea, Whiteside County Assistant State's Attorney Pat Liston dropped two charges of aggravated discharge of a Firearm.

Smith was also given credit for 136 days served in Whiteside County Jail.

Smith's sentence will run concurrently with a three-year sentence in DeKalb County for violating his parole on an aggravated battery case.

Co-defendant in the Sterling case, Jeremy L. Williams, 20, of Rochelle, is in the Whiteside County jail on a \$500,000 bond, charged with aggravated discharge of a Firearm.

Williams is expected to appear in court Tuesday on a motion to dismiss the charges. He also faces attempted murder and aggravated battery charges in Ogle County.

A third man, Antonio M. Martinez, 19, also of Rochelle, was originally being charged in the Sterling case. Those charges were dropped in March.

One man was injured by shards of glass when a bullet went through a large picture window.

Approximately 45 minutes later, the three men were arrested in Rochelle after police witnessed the vehicle disobeying a stop sign on South IL Route 251. A .38-caliber handgun and live rounds matching the bullets found at the house were in the truck, police said.

On Nov. 17, Whiteside County Assistant Judge Michael Albert dismissed the case against Smith, saying there was not enough probable cause to justify a trial. Prosecutors handed over the case to a Whiteside County grand jury, which handed up a three-count indictment against him in January.

On Nov. 6, police were called to 1207 Second Ave. in Sterling at approximately 4:14 a.m. after neighbors heard shots fired. Witnesses said a fight broke out during the party over whether Rochelle was "tougher" than Sterling. A partygoer punched Smith, and Smith, Martinez, and Williams were kicked out, according to police reports.

The three men and a 16-year-old Sterling girl got into Williams' pickup. A witness told police she saw Williams,

who was in the driver's seat, fire a handgun at the house. She told police it sounded like someone in the back of the truck also was firing, although she didn't know who.

In July 2011, Smith was convicted of aggravated battery in DeKalb County and was sentenced to 30 months probation and six months in jail. That charge stemmed from an incident in December 2010 in which Smith beat a man in Malta.

Williams was arrested in July in the Ogle County attempted murder case.

On July 28, 2011, Williams and several others were reportedly spray-painting gang graffiti on an abandoned building on North Second Street, according to police reports, in Rochelle when the group was confronted by a neighbor.

Police say that Williams fought with the man, and stabbed him several times. He was released from Ogle County Jail on Aug. 16, 2011 after posting \$25,000. He has a pretrial conference in that case on July 23.

Torch run set for next week; Donations accepted at the Rochelle Police Department



June 7, 2012

The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics will be held Wednesday, June 13. Several members of the

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Rochelle Police Department will receive the torch from Winnebago County and will carry it through town, passing it on to Lee County.

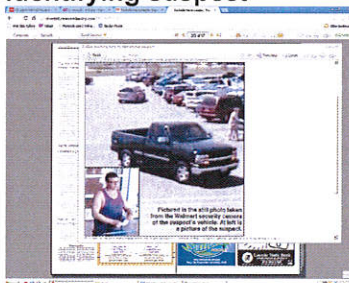
The Rochelle Police Department has taken part in the Special Olympics Torch Run for many years, helping raise funds for Special Olympics.

Special Olympics is an international non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition.

The Rochelle Police Department would like to encourage the citizens and businesses of Rochelle to take this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of more than 2.25 million athletes and their families by dropping off or mailing your contribution to Special Olympics, c/o Rochelle Police Department, 416 N. Sixth St., Rochelle, IL 61068. Please make checks payable to: Special Olympics.

If you would like more information, contact Sandy Sullivan at (815) 562-2131.

Police seeking help in identifying suspect



June 14, 2012

The Rochelle Police Department is seeking information on identifying a

suspect in a recent theft that occurred at Walmart.

On Sunday, June 10 at 11:42 a.m., the police department responded to Walmart, 311 East Route 38, in reference to a theft.

It was determined that the victim had dropped his wallet while in the store. A check of the security footage showed a white male subject picking up the wallet and exiting the store. The suspect was seen getting into a black Chevrolet pickup truck and leaving the area.

A short time later the suspect returned to the store and laid the wallet on the customer service counter. The wallet was missing the U.S. currency it had previously contained.

If you know anything about this incident or can identify the suspect, you are encouraged to call the Rochelle Police Department at (815) 562-2131 or remain anonymous by calling the Ogle-Lee Crime Stoppers at 1-888-228-4488.

Man sentenced to 30 years for shooting

Charles Chamness receives maximum jail time for firing gun during 2011 incident
June 17, 2012

Charles Chamness, 29, of Rochelle, was sentenced to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by Ogle County Circuit Court Judge Michael Mallon on Thursday, according to Ogle County State's Attorney Ben Roe's office.

Chamness was sentenced on two counts of aggravated discharge of a firearm, stemming from an incident in Rochelle in May 2011 in the area of Treatment Plant Road.

Chamness was found guilty by an Ogle County jury on Feb. 9. He faced a potential prison sentence of 4 to 30 years. Mallon handed down the maximum sentence. Due to the truth in sentencing law, Chamness must serve 25 years and 6 months of the 30 year term.

Rochelle man sentenced in Sterling shooting

July 17, 2012

Rochelle man was sentenced Friday in Whiteside County to boot camp for his role in a drive-by shooting last November in Sterling.

Jeremy L. Williams, 20, pleaded guilty Friday to mob action and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, less than a week before his case was set to go to trial.

Whiteside County prosecutors recommended Williams for the impact incarceration sentence — a sentence that lasts between 120 and 180 days.

Under the conditions of his sentence, if Williams fails to the successfully complete the program he will serve a three-year prison sentence. He has been given credit for 250 days that he has already served in Whiteside County Jail; however, that time does not count toward his boot camp sentence.

Williams was arrested and taken into custody at the Ogle County Jail on Monday where he has an outstanding warrant for attempted First degree murder. No bond was set on his warrant and he is scheduled to appear in court this afternoon.

Williams was released on a \$250,000 bond in August 2011 in Ogle County following an arrest with

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charges of First degree murder in June 2011.

Rochelle Police arrested Williams following an incident near the former PBM Concrete facility on North Second St. in which Williams allegedly stabbed a man several times with a knife.

Williams was the second man to plead guilty in connection with the Sterling shooting. According to police reports, Williams, John J. Smith, 18 of Creston, and Antonio Martinez, 19 of Rochelle, were at a party on Second Ave. in Sterling when a fight erupted.

A person at the party punched Smith and the three men were asked to leave the party. A teenage girl left with the trio. According to further police reports, Williams fired a starter pistol at the home while another man with him fired a .38-caliber handgun. The men were arrested at a traffic stop in Rochelle 45 minutes later.

Smith pleaded guilty to possession of a weapon and was sentenced to 5 years in prison as a result. Whiteside County dropped the charges against Martinez in March 2012.

Three men arrested following retail theft,

disturbance; Search nets gun and ammo as well
July 31, 2012

Rochelle police arrested three local men following an investigation into a retail theft Monday afternoon. The arrest came after police searched an apartment in the 1200 block of Sunnymeade Drive because of an initial disturbance call at the residence.

A handgun, ammunition and drug paraphernalia was

found as a result of the search, according to Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby.

The incident began a short time after 1 p.m. in the Rochelle Commons outside of Dollar General when police were notified of a possible retail theft.

Three hours later, a disturbance was reported at the Sunnymeade location which police were told involved the three men related to the Dollar General incident. Police were informed that there were possibly weapons and drugs in the apartment, according to Higby.

Following further investigation, Rochelle police arrested Xavier Thomas, 22, Michael Maise, 21, and Jeremy Cargle, 20, all of Rochelle. All will be charged with retail theft.

Additional charges are pending.

Thomas, Maise and Cargle remain in custody at the Ogle County Jail in Oregon.

RPD accepts unwanted, unused medications for proper disposal

August 7, 2012

Every few months the Rochelle Police Department sponsors a Drug Enforcement Administration National Prescription Drug Tack-Back Day. The next such event will be held Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program is designed for people to turn in accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs that are then safely disposed of.

"We want people of Rochelle to know that while this is certainly a worthwhile and beneficial event, the Rochelle Police Department takes unwanted,

accumulated prescription and over-the-counter medications for proper disposal," Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby said.

He explained that when residents have medications to dispose of they are urged to bring them to the police department, 400 N. Sixth St.

By properly disposing of unwanted or unused medications, citizens are eliminating the drugs being placed in the city water system and landfills.

For more information contact the Rochelle Police Department at (815) 562-2131.

Vehicle strikes motorcycle

August 7, 2012



Late Monday afternoon, a Rockford man was injured following a two-vehicle accident in 1000 Block of North Dement Road in Rochelle. According to reports from the Rochelle Police Department, a vehicle driven by Patrick Peders, 59, of Minnesota, made a u-turn on Dement Road and struck a motorcycle driven by Donald Bull, 32, of Rockford. Bull was ejected from the cycle. He was not wearing a helmet and was taken to Rochelle Community Hospital by Rochelle ambulance. Pederson was issued a citation for improper lane usage. Above, officers assist ambulance personnel on scene at the accident.

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Rochelle officers arrest man on sexual assault, indecent solicitation of a child charges

August 12, 2012

On Saturday, July 28, 2012 the Rochelle Police Department received a complaint in reference to a child being assaulted by a male adult.

On Thursday, Aug. 9, investigators arrested Florencio Nazario, 41, on the charges of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child (Class X Felony) and Indecent Solicitation of a Child. Nazario was transported to the Ogle County Jail to await a bond hearing. On Friday, Aug. 10, Nazario appeared in Ogle County Court where probable cause was found and bond was set at \$100,000. Nazario's next court appearance was set for Wednesday, Aug. 22.

El Sol robbery suspect arrested; Man taken into custody in Rockford

August 30, 2012

The suspect wanted in connection with a robbery at El Sol Restaurant in Rochelle on Saturday, Aug. 25 at approximately 5 p.m. was apprehended by Rockford Police on Tuesday after the Rochelle Police Department advised the Rockford Police of an arrest warrant.

Michael W. Vera, was arrested on the charge of Aggravated Robbery, a Class 1 Felony. Ogle County Judge Robert Hanson set the bond on the warrant at \$250,000.

On Saturday, Vera apparently fled the scene of the robbery at El Sol, 509 Fourth Ave., on foot before police arrived. According to witnesses, the suspect had

entered the restaurant and presented a note to the cashier demanding money. No weapon was displayed, however one was implied. After taking the cash from the register the suspect fled the scene on foot, leaving behind his foot wear, which was collected as evidence.

On Sunday, Aug. 26 at approximately 2:38 p.m., Rochelle Police officers responded to the De Los Hotel, 128 N. Main St., in reference to a report of a battery. Upon arrival the suspect had fled the scene. Officers were able to identify the offender in this incident as Michael W. Vera, who also matched the description of the suspect in the robbery at the El Sol Restaurant.

On Tuesday, Aug. 28, Rochelle Police Department Detectives learned of the whereabouts of Michael W. Vera and contacted the Rockford Police Department, who located him and took him into custody on the warrant.

Charges are also pending against Vera in reference to the battery incident.

Council votes 7-0 to amend city vehicle code

September 11, 2012

Rochelle City Council members considered an Ordinance Amending Article IX of the city code involving seized and impounded vehicles, subsequently voting 7-0 to accept the amendment.

"We first adopted our ordinance before the state statute was enacted on Jan. 1," city attorney Alan Cooper said.

"Because of some concerns of variance between our ordinance and

the state statute, we decided to do over our ordinance as close to state statute as possible.

"Currently we have to send out two notices. I have also worked on the forms the police department is using specifically when the owner is driving [the seized/impounded vehicle] and found when there is no lien on the vehicle the first notice is sufficient."

In 2011 the Mayor and Council approved an ordinance allowing for the seizure and impoundment of vehicles used in connection with specific offenses.

The ordinance provides for the assessment of a \$500 administrative fee in addition to applicable fines, costs, towing and storage fees.

The ordinance has since been amended to clarify the hearing procedures and to comply with subsequent legislation requiring that the hearing officer be an attorney.

The amendment approved Monday night more closely reflects the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code relating to the offenses for which a seizure is authorized, the administrative fee to be imposed, procedures for release of a vehicle from impoundment pending a hearing, notice to owners and others, and determination of the validity of the seizure.

Important changes included in the proposed ordinance relate to the timing and content of notices to owners, lessees and lien holders of seized vehicles, eligible offenses for which a vehicle may be towed and the requirement that all seizures be reviewed by the hearing

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officer, whether or not a hearing is requested.

In addition, the police department has undertaken a 14-month review of the city's costs associated with towing vehicles. The memorandum presented to council from Chief Eric Higby and the breakdown of costs show that the costs associated with such tows are in excess of the \$500 fee imposed since the ordinance was originally adopted.

Police seeking help in identifying retail theft suspects

September 18, 2012



The Rochelle Police Department is investigating a retail theft that occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at approximately 3 a.m. at the Rochelle Walmart. The suspects stole DVD's, video games, laptops and a home security system.

One male and two female suspects were caught on surveillance video, as was their vehicle. All three suspects appear to be Hispanic. Anyone with information about this

incident is asked to contact the Rochelle Police Department, or the Ogle-Lee Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT-U (1-888-228-4488). Cash rewards of up to \$1,000 are offered for information that leads to an arrest.

Same home site of gunshots, arson

September 25, 2012

Rochelle Police Department detectives are now investigating an arson that occurred early Saturday morning at the same residence where a shooting took place Friday morning.

On Saturday at approximately 4:30 a.m., police and Fire personnel were dispatched to 211 Ave. H for a fire. Residents of the home told officials that someone threw a brick through a bedroom window and then threw a 'Molotov cocktail' through the window.

The resident extinguished the Fire before crews arrived on scene.

The shooting Friday occurred at approximately 2:15 a.m. Officers responded after receiving several calls of shots fired in the area of Ave. H and South Second Street. A vehicle was struck by bullets as well as two residences.

In that incident, witnesses told officers that a purple and a silver car were leaving the scene at the time.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police department at 815-562-2131 or the Ogle-Lee Crimestoppers at 1-888-228-4488.

Three charged with Walmart thefts

September 27, 2012



Three suspects were arrested on Wednesday morning at Walmart, 311 E. IL Route 38, after allegedly attempting to rob the store of merchandise — for a second time.

Wednesday morning, officers responded to Rochelle Walmart in reference to a theft in progress. Upon arrival, officers took the three suspects into custody as they attempted to leave the store with several thousand dollars of merchandise, without paying it. The trio are also suspected of a Sept. 12 incident at the local Walmart.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, the Rochelle Police Department responded to Walmart in reference to a retail theft.

Upon reviewing the surveillance footage officers saw three subjects, one Hispanic male and two Hispanic females, leave the

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store with several thousand dollars of merchandise, without paying for it.

As a result of these two incidents all three suspects were charged with two counts of felony retail theft, with each count being a Class 3 felony.

Arrested were Jesus O. Garcia, 33, Diana P. Garcia, 27, and Melisa Lazcano, 20.

All three individuals were subsequently transported to the Ogle County Jail to await a bond hearing.

The investigation revealed that these three suspects were allegedly involved in multiple previously unsolved thefts of this type, throughout northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. The suspects now face possible charges in several other jurisdictions.

The suspect vehicle and a large amount of cash was seized as a result of these arrests.

Man on trial for attempted murder

Incident took place three years ago in Rochelle
October 16, 2012

The jury trial of an Orland Park man began in Ogle County Court Monday.

Jamil Saleh, 42, is charged with the felony offense of attempted first degree murder following a stabbing incident that took place in the "Hub City" three years ago. He is also being charged with three counts of aggravated battery, two counts of aggravated domestic battery and armed violence.

The altercation took place at Cooper Park in August 2009, between Saleh and his ex-wife, Maha Bergeron. She is now married to a Rochelle police officer.

Police reports indicate that Saleh and Bergeron had a conversation prior to the stabbing in which a butcher knife was used.

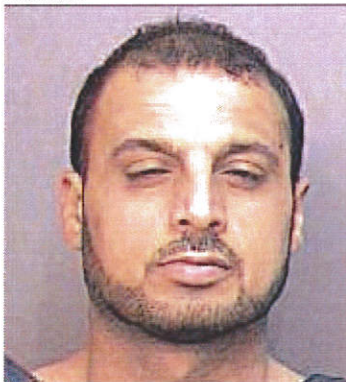
Bergeron received injuries to her hand and chest during the altercation. In Ogle County Court Monday, the jury was selected — including eight men and four women. Two alternates were also chosen. Circuit Court Judge Michael Mallon and the jury of 12 heard testimony from four witnesses Monday for the state, including Bergeron, her husband Jason Bergeron, and a detective from the Ogle County Sheriff's department. More witnesses are expected to testify today before the state rests its case.

Saleh has been held at the Ogle County Jail since the incident in lieu of a \$5 million bond.

Jurors are expected to deliberate the case as early as this afternoon.

Jury returns guilty verdict

Orland Park man could face up to 30 years for attempted murder



October 18, 2012

After waiting three years in jail for trial, Jamil Saleh 42, of Orland Park, sat emotionless on Tuesday when the guilty charge was read for the attempted murder of his ex-wife, Maha Bergeron.

The charge was brought forth following an August 2009 attack in Rochelle's Cooper Park, where he stabbed his ex-wife four times while their children played nearby.

Saleh, who chose to dress in an orange jumper and handcuffs throughout the two-day trial Monday and Tuesday, was also found guilty of armed violence, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery in a public place. He will receive his sentence on Nov. 7. He faces six to 30 years in prison for the charges.

Mounting evidence throughout the trial came in the form of a taped confession from Saleh to Ogle County deputy Brian Ketter, testimony from victim Maha Bergeron, the surgeon who treated her wounds, police reports, witnesses at the park and even Saleh himself, despite the legal advice from his attorney and public defender, Dennis Riley, that he not testify on the stand.

Bergeron testified late Monday afternoon and said she believed her ex-husband was "fine" with the divorce based on previous conversations with him.

Bergeron told the jury that Saleh had called a week prior to the incident and wanted to see the children and she said there was no animosity and she did not say he couldn't see the kids.

The jury also learned that the Bergeron suffered two deep stab wounds in her chest, as well as one in the thigh and one in the hand as a defense wound. Jacinto G. Obregon, the surgeon from OSF Saint Anthony's hospital

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who treated her, confirmed that one of the chest wounds was very close to the pulmonary artery and would likely have caused her death if it had struck the artery. One of her lungs collapsed as a result of the stabbing. The blade of the knife used in the attack was visibly bent, which Obregon said was a possible result of hitting her sternum bone.

According to multiple police reports and testimony by witnesses, Saleh shouted a range of threats during and after the attack, in which he said he wanted her to feel the pain she inflicted on him and he wished aloud she would die.

The attack, which occurred in early evening of Aug. 13, 2009, happened following a conversation between Bergeron and Saleh about the custody of their three children. The couple had been married for 16 years prior to the 2009 divorce, which was filed by Bergeron. According to Saleh's testimony, he took an eight-month trip to his home country of Palestine to "treat his depression" and returned to the states in May 2009 to learn from his sister that his wife had left him.

Upon hearing this, Saleh said he called Bergeron and told her he had been a "terrible husband" and that he was "fine" with the divorce and moved to Miami for a few months to "get over the loss" of his family. He remained there until his sister called him in July 2009 and told him that his ex-wife had married Jason Bergeron, a Rochelle police officer.

In late July, Saleh drove back to his sister's home in

Orland Park, as he was "feeling like breaking down."

The upsetting issue, according to Saleh, was that his wife had married a white American. Because of the divorce decree, the Bergerons had full custody of the children.

"I can't accept my kids to be raised differently. I want my descendants to be Palestinian like me. My religion means the world to me," Saleh said during his testimony.

He said that he feared that his children would come to hate their race and Muslim identity. Saleh also said he didn't want his kids to be raised in the American culture that in his words "values drugs, alcohol, sex and does not respect women."

Despite a civil phone conversation with Jason Bergeron days earlier, Saleh said he was still troubled about the situation and drove from Orland Park to Rochelle, where his ex-wife and children lived. While in Rochelle, Saleh said he texted Maha to find a meeting place to see the children. He wandered the city for hours until she finally texted him back to meet up with them at Cooper Park.

At the park, Saleh greeted the children and Jason Bergeron and then talked privately with Maha about the custody arrangement. He said that he asked his ex-wife for a better custody arrangement with the kids and at that point the situation escalated and turned bad quickly.

"My daughter came over. She likes to take pictures so I went to the van to get a camera for her in the

glove compartment. The kitchen knife was on top. I grabbed both. I went to her, not knowing what was going on. I gave the camera to my daughter to take pictures with the boys. At that moment, I saw Maha light a cigarette."

Saleh said he and his exwife then argued about the custody arrangement and after that he went blank.

"I don't know what happened, but I was on top of her. Then I found myself in Rochelle jail."

Ogle County Assistant State's Attorney, Mike Rock, told the jury that he was skeptical of Saleh's memory lapse about the moment of the attack.

Riley argued that Saleh did not intend to kill Bergeron.

It took the jury just one hour to unanimously conclude that Saleh was guilty on all charges, including attempted murder.

"We're very happy with the jury's verdict and we are happy for the victim," Rock said.

Prior to the jury's decision, Saleh commented on his prison fate.

"I know I'm going to spend the rest of my life in prison," said Saleh. "It's God's punishment. I am just glad she did not die."

Rochelle Police Department to host festive blood drive

October 23, 2012

On Thursday, Oct. 25, save lives and earn a chance to win prizes at the Rochelle Police Department's "Halloween Vein Drain" blood drive. This drive, which is run by the Rock River Valley Blood Center and hosted by the police station, will be held

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from the hours of 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Donors are invited to wear Halloween costumes for the costume contest, in which prizes will be awarded to best female, best male and best child costume. The female with the best costume will be awarded a gift card to Xpressions salon, the best male costume will win a \$50 gas card and the best child costume will win a \$25 gift card, as well.

Additionally, all donors automatically enter in a drawing for the chance to win two gas cards and two free oil changes. The First 60 donors will also receive a free t-shirt and all donors will be rewarded with complimentary drinks and sandwiches after their blood donation. Those

who will donate this Thursday will not only have the chance to show off a costume and win prizes, but will also help save up to three lives within the mere minutes that it takes to donate. This event is sponsored by the Rochelle Police Department and local radio stations Newstalk 1060 and 102.3 Sam FM. First time "vein drainers" must provide one form of ID prior to donation. Those interested in donating by either walk in during the 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. time span or call by appointment at 815-562-2131.

Trio arrested after search *October 28, 2012*

Three adults were arrested Thursday after officers from Rochelle and Ogle County Sheriff's departments and the Ogle County Emergency Response Team conducted a search warrant in Rochelle.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 25, Ogle County

Sheriff's Deputies, Rochelle Police Officers, Ogle County Emergency Response Team and the Rochelle K-9 Unit executed a search warrant at 221 Avenue C. The search warrant was the result of an investigation that started after citizen complaints of alleged drug dealing at that address.



David Mack



Kristan Mack



Diane Dirickson

Following the search, David S. Mack, 24, of that address, was charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver within 1,000 feet of a school — a Class 2 Felony, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver — a Class 3 Felony, and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis — a Class 4 Felony.

Also arrested was Diane F. Dirickson, 30, of the same address. Dirickson was charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver within 1,000

feet of a school — a Class 2 Felony, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver — a Class 3 Felony, and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis — a Class 4 Felony. A third person, a Kristan Mack, 22, of Chicago, was arrested on a Chicago Police Department warrant for Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon. All three individuals were taken to the Ogle County Jail and held in lieu of bond. Officers located approximately 200 grams of cannabis that was packaged for sale, several digital scales and drug packaging material inside the residence. Early in the search, David Mack fled from the scene but was later apprehended by officers. As a precaution, Lincoln School was put on lockdown until the suspect was apprehended. The Rochelle Fire Department also assisted at the scene. As of Friday afternoon, bond had been set for David Mack and Dirickson. Mack's bond was set at \$75,000 of which 10 percent applies. Dirickson's bond was set at \$10,000. Kristan Mack was still in Ogle County Jail as well awaiting transport to Chicago for his warrant. Citizens are urged to report concerns of possible drug activity to Ogle/Lee Crimestoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT U (1-888-228-4488).

Annual Halloween 'vein drain' event held

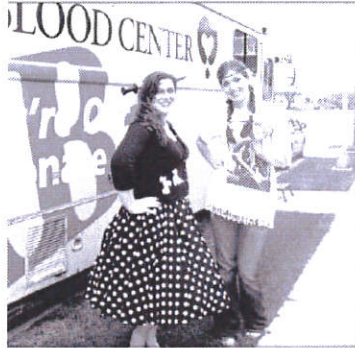
October 28, 2012

City Hall has never looked so scary before. For more than six hours on Thursday, some locals wore Halloween costumes before donating their blood at WRHL's and the Rochelle Police Station's

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annual "Vein Drain" blood drive.

In addition to some of the donors wearing costumes, the nurses and phlebotomists from the Rock River Valley Blood Center also donned festive attire for the charitable event.



One of the donors at the Vein Drain, army veteran Lillianna Moore, said that she came to donate because it was an easy way to give back.

"I'm a disabled vet and I like to give blood," she said. "It's simple to do and I advocate for it when I can."

Another donor and stylist from Xpressions salon, Carrie Frankenberry, agreed that it was an easy way to give back. The salon also donated gifts for the Vein Drain's costume contest.

"We [Xpressions salon] do these kind of community service events all year long. I personally donate blood to give back to the community. This is a quick way to do that."

According to the nurse that aided Frankenberry's donation process, Frankenberry saved three lives in under seven minutes.

Rock River Blood Center's donor recruiter, Jaclyn Thomson, said that although the majority of people know that donating blood saves lives, they are usually not

aware at how quickly the donations are used.

"Blood has a shelf life of 42 days, but we use it within 24 to 48 hours of the donation. The blood is actually ready to use after 12 hours of testing," she said.

Thomson also said that although the center gladly welcomes any kind of blood type donation, they are strongly in need of the O negative variety. "All types are good types but O negative is the universal donor and can be used to treat anyone. It is very valuable."



In addition to the opportunity to donate blood, there was also a sign up for a marrow registry, called "Be the Match." This registry was designed to enable people with deadly blood diseases, such as lymphoma, leukemia and more to search for donors that match their type. According to the registry's recruiter, Taylor Seemuth, the odds to find a matching donor in the registry are only one in 540 people. That being said, the more people that register, the greater the chances are of saving lives.

Additionally, Seemuth said that a common misconception with marrow donations is that they are predominately an invasive surgical procedure, which isn't the case.

"Eighty percent of the time, the marrow can be extracted through the donors' arm and

is similar to donating blood," she said. "In those few cases, the donor would go through surgery, but they would be asleep throughout the procedure and it would be painless. Their lodging, food and procedure would be paid for and the body builds the marrow back in four to six weeks. It's of no cost to them and an easy way to save lives."

Although the RRBC blood donation bus is no longer in front of city hall, those interested in giving back may do so by scheduling an appointment at rrvc.org. The web page also offers opportunities to register as a marrow donor.

Burglary spree

Police looking into 18 vehicle break-ins on Halloween night *November 4, 2012*

Local police are investigating a string of car break-ins that reportedly took place this past Wednesday night on the northwest side of town. According to Rochelle Police Department officials, 18 separate vehicle break-ins took place on Halloween night, with many items being stolen. Most of the vehicles burglarized were unlocked, however one car window was broken and contents taken. Police are looking into leads in the case and urge all area residents to keep their vehicles and homes locked at night.

Saleh gets 40 years

November 8, 2012

An Orland Park man received a sentence of 40 years in the Department of Corrections Wednesday after being found guilty last month by an Ogle County jury of attempted First degree murder in connection

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with a stabbing which took place three years ago in Rochelle.

Jamil Saleh, 42, was also found guilty of three counts of aggravated domestic battery and aggravated battery and one count of armed violence.

The domestic altercation involved Saleh's former wife, Maha Bergeron, of Rochelle.

On Aug. 13, 2009, a confrontation at Cooper Park in Rochelle took place between Saleh and Bergeron. The two had a conversation prior to the stabbing in which Saleh used a butcher knife to stab Bergeron in the chest and cut her face, hand and leg.

Two Rochelle police officers, including Bergeron's husband, were at the park when the altercation took place.

On Wednesday, Circuit Judge Michael Mallon handed down the sentence.

Saleh has already served three years in jail since his arrest in August 2009. He will serve 31 years or 85 percent of the 40-year sentence in the Department of Corrections. Saleh faced a possible prison sentence of 16 to 60 years.

Five arrested following Sunday brawl Several face felony charges

November 20, 2012

Following a call to 9-1-1 dispatchers Sunday afternoon at approximately 1 p.m., the Rochelle Police, Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police responded to the May Mart commons for a fight in progress.

According to Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby, the call originally came in as a large Fight in progress.

"State and county assisted our officers on the call as it came in as a large Fight [in progress] so we called for assistance right away," Higby said.

Several men were arrested as a result of the call.

Leonard L. Cook, 44, of Rochelle, for aggravated assault; Donny J. Sexton, 23, of Rochelle, for aggravated assault; Vincent E. Crum, 21, of Rochelle, for mob action (a felony); Jeremy N. Cargle, 19, of Rochelle, for mob action (a felony), and Michael A. Maise, 21, of Chicago, for mob action (a felony).

All Five were transported to Ogle County Jail and expected to appear before a judge Monday afternoon.

Crime meeting being held on Wednesday. Mayor invites concerned citizens to attend at city hall

November 27, 2012

Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby, city manager David Plyman and mayor Chet Olson will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in Rochelle City Hall council chambers, and all citizens are urged to attend. Higby is expected to give an update on criminal activity in Rochelle and announce a new phone line set up specifically for anonymous callers to report any crimes they might witness.

Plyman will follow up with the city's overall plan of addressing gangs, drugs and other illegal activity in Rochelle.

"We need the help of the citizens to stamp out crime," Olson said. "Please invite your family, friends and

neighbors to attend. I hope to see you all there."

Olson focuses in on battling crime element. Mayor, chief ask community to be aware and alert police of criminal activity

December 2, 2012

After almost a year hiatus, Rochelle Mayor Chet Olson and Rochelle Police Chief Eric Higby held a Neighborhood Community Watch program Wednesday night at Rochelle City Hall.

As Olson explained, the group was formed in early 2011 as a way to keep the community informed and aware of various crime and safety issues in Rochelle.

"We had a couple meetings in 2011 and at the time some things were going on," Olson said. "There were a few shootings and such, we had a couple meetings and things kind of went quiet for a while. I think having these meetings lets the bad guys know that people are watching. The community is our 'seeing eyes'."

The main point that both Olson and Higby wanted the more than 20 citizens in attendance to walk away with is to not wait to make a call to the police department if you see something going on in your neighborhood that doesn't seem right.

"We are encouraging people to contact officials when things don't seem right," Olson said. "Don't wait to call. If it seems suspicious then call it in right away."

Olson continued by explaining some things that the city is doing or would like to begin doing in order to combat crime in the Hub City.

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"We are looking at additional street lighting in some areas of town," Olson said. "We've started a towing ordinance where the city collects a fee when vehicles involved in certain types of traffic stops are involved. We are a technology savvy town and I would like to see live cameras and fake cameras put up in various locations throughout town. In most cases citizens won't even realize that the cameras are there but it will help in certain situations when crime does occur."

Olson also highlighted the things Rochelle is already doing to combat crime — from having two K9 units on the Rochelle Police Department, a dedicated drug officer and cooperation with Ogle County for combating drugs, partnerships with schools and the use of social media to make information readily available to the community are just a few. Higby did address the fact that police officers are aware of drug problems and gang activity in town. "I don't want to be misleading anybody, we don't have all the problems other areas have in the area of gangs but we do have gang issues," Higby said. "There has been one shooting this year and an arson the next night - that was gang related." He reiterated that the community is the department's greatest tool in helping combat crime. "If you see something, call us," he said. "If it is a concern to you then it is a concern to us as well." Several citizens in Rochelle voiced their concern over several areas of town as well. "I have family that lives in the area of Phyllis [Ave.]

and there are problems down there and have been for years," Judy Schermerhorn said.

Bud Norcross also asked if the police department does any proactive work within the schools.

"There is no program such as DARE in the schools [anymore]," Higby said. "If the schools call us and ask us to come speak with the kids, we certainly do that."

Olson recommended that it may be beneficial for Higby to have officers make "friendly" visits to the schools on a monthly basis in order to reiterate police involvement among students.

"Is there something that we can do maybe once a month in order to have a point of presence at the schools?" Olson asked. "Every once in a while have an officer on hand, you know, "Officer Friendly" type stuff?"

Olson said he plans on the group meeting every few months; however, anyone interested in keeping up to date with new information can call his office and be added to his e-mail list. Residents can call 815-562-6161.

RPD investigating possible home invasion

December 11, 2012

Rochelle Police officials are investigating a possible home invasion that occurred Monday evening in the 400 block of Ave. D. One victim was involved and it is possible that a knife was used. The victim was taken to Rochelle Community Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Officials are not releasing further details pending further investigation.

Suspects sought in home invasion

December 13, 2012

Following an armed home invasion on Monday, Dec. 10, Rochelle police officers are asking the community for help in apprehending the offenders.

On Monday at 6:38 p.m., the Rochelle Police Department responded to 417 Avenue D in reference to a reported Home Invasion.

Upon arrival, officers were advised that a Caucasian female, holding a small child, had knocked on the victim's door. When the female victim answered the door the female offender asked to use the phone, as her child was sick.

The victim allowed the female suspect into the living room. The victim put her dog in another room and as she returned to the living room she was attacked by an African American male, who possessed a knife.

The victim was forced into another room, tied up, gagged and sustained a cut to her throat.

The offenders took a small amount of cash and left the residence. The victim was found by a family member, who called 9-1-1. The victim was transported to the Rochelle Community Hospital, for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

The Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigation Unit was called in to collect evidence from the scene.

Investigators have received several tips and have been conducting interviews and continue to investigate this case.

The Rochelle Police Department advises against

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allowing strangers into your home.

Information

If you have any information about this incident you are urged to contact Detective Sgt. Jeff Leininger at 815-562-2131 or call the Ogle-Lee Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT U (1-888-228-4488).