

Hamden Police Department

Annual Report



Fiscal Year 2009-2010

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The mission of the Hamden Police Department is to protect the rights and integrity of all persons without prejudice or bias against race, religion, ethnic and national origin or sexual orientation within our jurisdiction; to safeguard the diversities of our communities and citizens, to be free from criminal attack, threat of violence and persecution, secure in their possessions, and vigilant that together we can enjoy peace and harmony. The Department's goal is to enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of police authority and the constitutional rights of all persons.

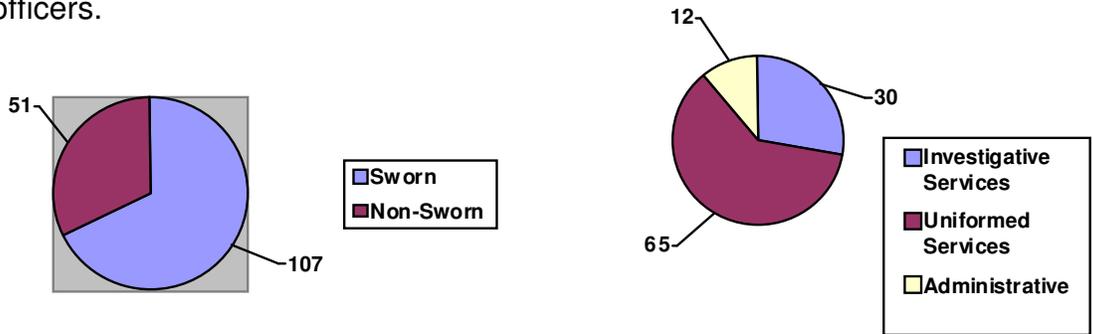


Current construction of The New Hamden Police Department

On May 18th of 2009, the Legislative Council voted to borrow 36.65 million to build a new Hamden Police Department Headquarters facility and renovate the existing Memorial Town Hall. Physical construction began in October 2009 with an anticipated completion date in May/June 2010. The Police Department will utilize approximately 7,000 square feet of space in the Memorial Town Hall in addition to the space provided in the new Headquarters facility upon completion of the project.

Throughout this fiscal year, the Department hired 2 new Police Officers, both of whom were already certified with the State of Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council serving in other municipal agencies. The certified officers were not required to attend the basic Police Academy, and were available for patrol duty almost immediately.

51 non-sworn civilian personnel, including 24 crossing guards, 16 communication technicians, 3 secretaries, 3 records technicians, 1 custodian, 2 animal control officers, and 2 traffic technicians support the Department's 107 sworn police officers.

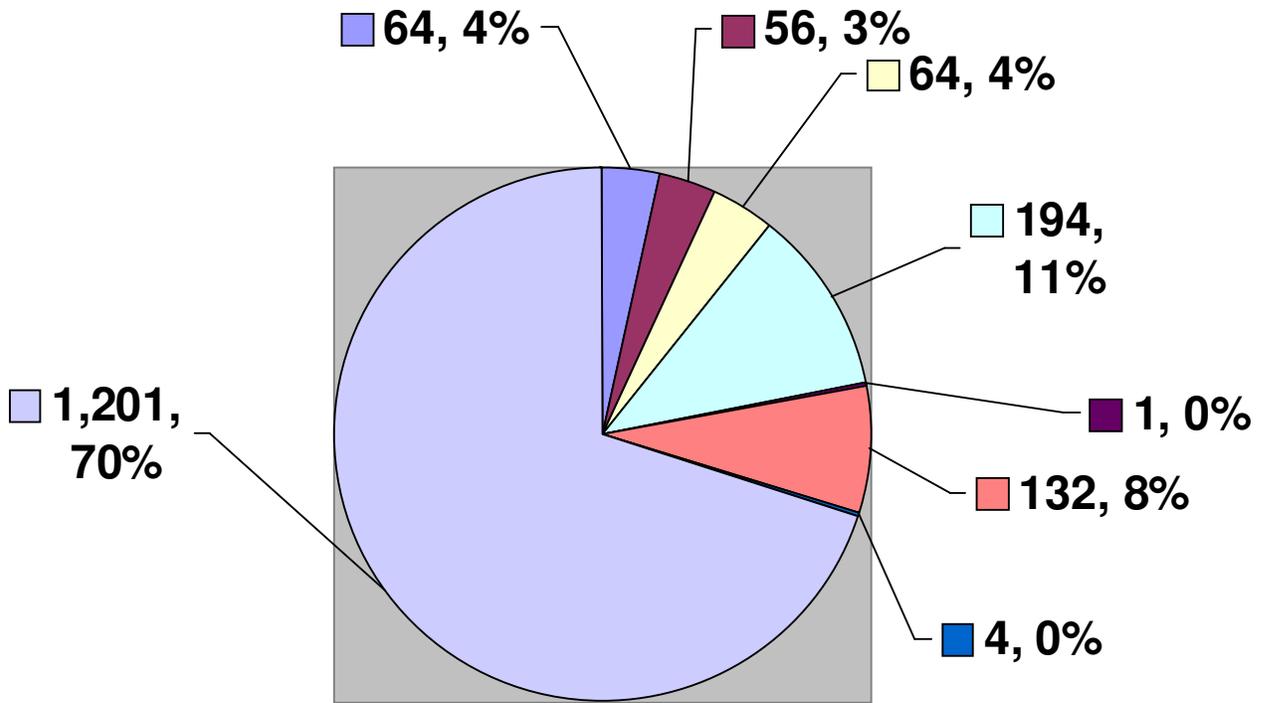


HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PART I CRIME STATISTICS

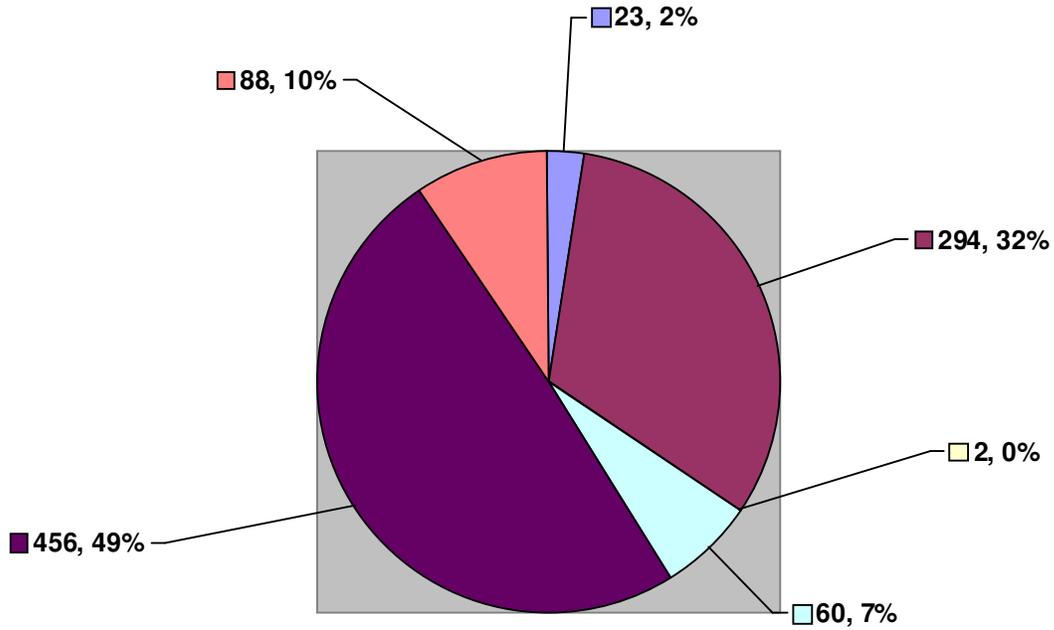
The Department managed 49,487 calls for service during this fiscal year.

The following pie chart is a numerical sampling of some felony crime trends for the last enforcement year. While not all crimes are represented the chart does present a reasonable citing of our activities involving felony level crimes.



PART II CRIME STATISTICS

The following pie chart is a numerical sampling of some misdemeanor crime trends for July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. While not all crimes are represented, the chart does present a reasonable citing of our activities.

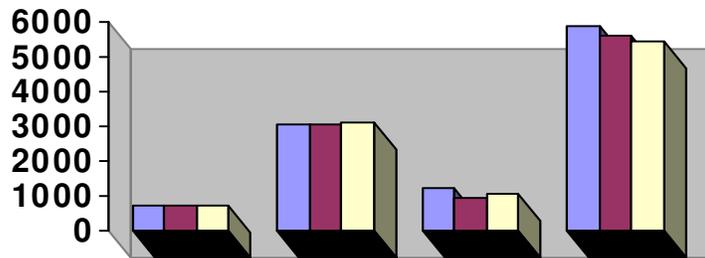


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 Embezzlement	 Disorderly Conduct
 Breach of Peace	 DUI

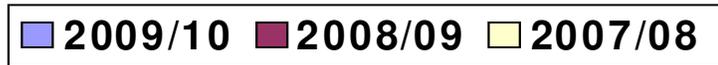
PART III: Motor Vehicle Productivity:

Basic traffic enforcement can and does contribute to the quality of life in our community.

- Communities can realize the benefits of traffic enforcement and highway safety efforts.
- Roads and neighborhoods will be safer.
- Police agencies can effectively police their communities.
- Highway safety partners will recognize similar goals and develop cooperative efforts.



	Misdemeanors	Infractions	Written	Verbal
2009/10	730	3,058	1,188	5,865
2008/09	687	3,025	912	5,587
2007/08	734	3111	1054	5,428



Administrative Services Division

The **Administrative Services Division** is comprised of several smaller divisions, including Central Communications, Training, Ethics and Integrity Unit, Emergency Services Unit, Extra duty/Permits, Records/Information Technology, Property/Evidence, Computer Crime Unit, Community Liaison Unit, Budget/Grant Coordination.

Central Communications Division

Central Communications is supervised by a Police Sergeant and staffed by 16 communication technicians. These technicians are responsible for all emergency and non-emergency calls for service requests that are received by the Department, as well as all radio dispatch communications for both Police and Fire Department personnel. All technicians are trained, in accordance with State of Connecticut guidelines and in Emergency Medical Dispatch protocols to greater enhance our ability to help persons requesting medical assistance. Central Communications upgraded the Emergency Medical Dispatching protocols to the latest version (12.0) and all personnel were trained on the new card sets.



Records/Information Technology Division

The Records/Information Technology Division continues to manage the Department's computer system and manage the department's web site, as well as all mobile data terminal computers assigned to every uniform police vehicle. During FY09/10, sixteen laptop computers were purchased as well as seven Desktop computers for use as workstations throughout the police department. Other purchases included one new printer, thirty new modems for use in our patrol vehicles, and numerous miscellaneous pieces of hardware and software as well as renewed software licenses. The department also purchased 2 new Barcode printers and a handheld scanner to aid in evidence processing. We continue to receive upgrades to our report management software used in-house and in the MDT's via Nexgen Solutions (our software vendor). The department worked closely with the Hamden Fire Department in implementing a direct Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) link with American Medical Response (AMR). Nexgen CAD software sends data to AMR CAD increasing speed and efficiency of transmission of data which provides better service and faster ambulance response.

Computer Crimes Unit

The Hamden Police Department's Computer Crimes Unit is a fully functional computer forensic laboratory that utilizes forensic computer technologies in order to facilitate the collection and preservation of electronic evidence. The Computer Crimes Unit continues to grow, adding new equipment and technology. The Computer Crimes Unit renewed its Forensic Tool Kit (FTK) license for 3 years at a 30% savings in costs for the town.

- On April 8, 2010, Sergeant Robert D'Aniello and members of the Investigative Services Division investigated the largest possession of child pornography case in the Department's history, yielding 24,026 suspected child pornographic image files. The suspect in this case was recently convicted and is awaiting sentencing. The unit has also assisted outside agencies including the State of Connecticut Office of Probation.
- On April 17, 2010, the unit successfully completed several cellular telephone forensic examinations, which is an emerging technology in the field of electronic forensics. This type of investigation is a result of the department acquiring a Universal Forensic extraction device through the successful application of a grant that had additional funding left over and was passed along to several agencies that investigate these types of crimes.
- On September 13, 2009, the Computer Crime Lab searched video surveillance equipment from a local nightclub regarding an assault investigation by seizing the digital video recorder from the nightclub, which assisted in the investigation of the incident.
- On May 25, 2010, the computer crime lab aided the town of Hamden in an investigation by searching a public library computer that may have been used to download unauthorized data/files.



Budget/Grant Coordination

The management of the Department's \$10,866,396.00 operating budget for 2009/2010 as well as all Federal and State grant applications are performed by a Police Captain and Sergeant working under the direction of the Administrative Services Deputy Chief and the Office of the Chief of Police. These personnel work closely with the Finance and Purchasing Departments, as well as the Mayor's Office and Legislative Council in order to coordinate the day-to-day management of the Department's finances.

During 2009/2010 the Hamden Police Department generated revenue in the amount of \$65,480.48 in the collection of administration fees and fines. The breakdown is as follows:

Animal Control Office adoption and Administration Fees	\$3,951.54
Alarm Ordinance Fees	\$19,860.00
Background checks and fingerprinting fees	\$10,740.00
Traffic Ordinance violations	\$14,750.00
Vendor and Precious Stones Permits	\$3,110.00
Bingo and Raffle Licenses	\$515.00
Weapons Permits	\$7,600.00
Police reports	\$4,953.94

The Department continues to be aggressive in the competitive field of grant application with the federal and state governments. During this fiscal year, the Department realized the success of the following grant awards:

- The Department received \$5,750 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to assist in the purchase of bulletproof vests. This is a 50/50 reimbursement grant and will enable the Department to continue to outfit its personnel with this valuable piece of equipment.
- The Department received \$250 from our local Walmart's Department Store which will be used for the purchase of equipment and training expenses to further enhance the capabilities of the Computer Crimes Unit in the investigation of crimes facilitated by technological devices and the internet.
- The Department received \$5,013.80 from the Department of Transportation Highway Safety Section as part of a statewide grant for the enforcement of seatbelt use. The department issued 279 seatbelt infractions, 23 infractions for other motor vehicle violations, 1 criminal arrest and approximately 70 verbal warnings during the two-week enforcement period in November of 2009.

- The Department received \$24,322 from the FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program: Local Solicitation. The funds were used to purchase a Police K-9 w/training program, a light tower, wireless radio headsets for our motorcycle units, and traffic safety equipment.

Diesel Generator Light Tower



- The Department received \$75,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Recovery Act of 2009 Connecticut Justice Assistance Local Pass-through Grant Program. The funds were used for the purchase of 3 new fully equipped Police motorcycles, 7 Speed Laser units, 1 Ultrasonic gun cleaner, uniforms and other miscellaneous items.



- The Department received \$103,996 from the Department of Justice FY2009 Recovery Act (BJA-Byrne JAG). The funds were used to purchase a new Emergency Services Transport Unit, new firearms w/light sources & holsters for all sworn members, specialty rifles for the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) team, traffic safety equipment and other miscellaneous items.



- The Department received \$58,725 from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety FY 2010 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program, effective November 27, 2009 through September 12, 2010, reimbursing the department for 75% of allowable operational expenses of overtime wages for drunken driving enforcement. The department managed to make 3 arrests for DUI, 71 arrests for other m/v violations, and 11 arrests for non-m/v violations. This was accomplished with DUI check-points during peak hours. Our personnel were commended for performing the Sobriety Check Points by many of the traveling motorists encountered.
- The Department received \$5,000 that was donated by the Frank P. Cesare Memorial Fund and the Connecticut Chevy Club that will be used to purchase a utility type vehicle for primary use on the Farmington Canal Linear Trail.

Emergency Services Unit

The Emergency Services Unit (ESU) is comprised of 15 highly trained personnel that manage high-risk warrant services, hostage situations, barricaded subjects, disturbances, and other high-risk situations. Hostage/Crisis Negotiators and Snipers also complement the (ESU). The Hamden Police Department (ESU) has three (3) trained snipers. Members of (ESU) are supervisors and officers who carry out regular duties and responsibilities as well as that of an (ESU) member. These members undergo extensive monthly training in the use of sophisticated weapons and tactics, as well as technology. Team members also are required to undergo rigorous physical fitness training to maintain ideal conditioning. During FY 2009/10 the Hamden Police Department used Grant funds and asset forfeiture monies to purchase and make significant upgrades to the department's (ESU) equipment. The ESU competed in the 2009 SWAT Challenge in Simsbury, Connecticut that was sponsored by the West Hartford Police Department. The unit finished 15th overall out of 27 teams that competed from Connecticut and neighboring states, and had excelled in the rifle event with a 2nd place finish and a 9th place finish in the Physical Training (PT) event.



Training Division

The Hamden Police Department Training Division is dedicated to developing the skills, knowledge and service delivery of sworn and civilian employees. The department provides comprehensive training to ensure our citizens are provided quality, public safety services while being treated with professionalism, dignity and respect. The Training Unit provides continuous training for all employees. Training includes, but is not limited to the following topics which are mandated by the State of Connecticut: Domestic Violence, Rape Crisis, Juveniles, Gang Violence, Police Law/Legal Update, Hate/Bias, Firearms training and Human Relations. Practical training is also required in topics such as First Aid, Baton, Electronic Control Devices and Patrol Procedures, and a variety of other training topics to address the ever-changing trends in Law Enforcement. All officers are required to maintain their state certifications of 60 hours of training every 3 years as mandated in the Police Recertification Program established by the Police Officers Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.). In addition to the monthly in-service training, officers are also sent off-site to attend training sessions in a variety of topics such as: John Bailey Legal Seminar, At Scene Crash Investigation, States Attorney School, Interview and Interrogation, Instructor Development, Executive Leadership Seminar, and Domestic Violence Alert Notification Seminar. The Training Division is also responsible for providing personnel with uniforms and equipment, as well as for all in-service training sessions presented for the police department. The department's training sessions are conducted monthly throughout the year, with the exception of July and August.



Community Liaison Unit

The Community Liaison Unit coordinates the block watch program, provides crime prevention seminars and security assessments. The Community Liaison Unit meets with various church and school groups in Hamden to discuss "Stranger Danger", bicycle safety as well as other youth topics. The unit also coordinates K-9 demonstrations at the local schools to demonstrate the important role the K-9 team plays in law enforcement, as well as developing positive relationships with the youths. The Community Liaison Unit gives alcohol awareness seminars to area college students. The Community Liaison Unit also maintains an office at the Newhall Police Substation to facilitate interaction with the community. This Unit also participates and coordinates in annual community events such as the Halloween party and "National Night Out". The Community Liaison Unit performs this vital function in addition to its normal police duties.

Newhall Substation

The Newhall Substation opened in March of 2008. It continues to provide a permanent police presence in the Newhall neighborhood and acts as a "drop in" and "resource center" location for our Police Officers and community stakeholders. Community activity events, Civic Association and Block Watch meetings are just some of the uses for the substation where crime prevention and other law enforcement topics can be discussed. Officers on all shifts utilize the substation for investigative interviews, to meet citizens on complaints who live in the neighborhood, to complete follow-up reports and paperwork and for meal breaks. The Department Bicycle Unit uses the substation as a deployment point during appropriate weather conditions for bicycle patrol in the Newhall and surrounding neighborhoods.



Uniform Services Division

The **Uniform Services Division** is comprised of the Patrol Division, Traffic Division, Bicycle Unit, K-9 Unit, Animal Control Officers and Honor Guard.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the agency, responding to and investigating the majority of calls for service. This Division operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 52 weeks a year and participates in all types of police investigations. This Division affected over **1300** criminal arrests, issued approximately **3,000** infractions, **734** misdemeanor summons, seized over **1200** grams of illegal drugs (cocaine/marijuana), **20** firearms, and approximately **\$24,000** dollars in U.S. currency.

High-Profile Case Incident Overview

- On July 23, 2009, Officer Timothy Brown of the Patrol Division observed an individual riding on a bicycle on Goodrich Street acting suspiciously. Upon approaching the individual, he jumped from his bicycle and began to run. The individual was apprehended and in possession of a loaded .38 caliber revolver.
- On July 31, 2009, Officer Timothy Brown of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Newhall Street and Mill Rock Road. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and further investigation led to the discovery of a loaded .45 caliber handgun and the arrest of a passenger of the motor vehicle.
- On August 25, 2009, Sergeant John Testa of the Patrol Division and Detectives Sean Dolan and Michael DePalma responded to the reports of shots fired in the area of Kenwood Avenue. Investigation revealed that a suspect who resides at 321 Kenwood Avenue fired a weapon in his front yard. The suspect was arrested and a .45 caliber handgun was seized.
- On September 8, 2009, members of the Patrol Division responded to 1700 Dixwell Avenue on a report of a burglary. While Officers were conducting an investigation, Officer Ronald Glifort ascertained that another burglary might have been committed in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Maplewood Terrace. Upon arrival at this location, Officer Glifort observed that a burglary was in progress. Several Officers responded to the scene including Officer Jason Venditto and his K-9 partner Titan. An individual emerged from the building and was promptly arrested. This same individual had committed at least 4 other burglaries in the same area.

Patrol Division (continued)

- On October 14, 2009, Officers Bryan Kelly and Timothy Brown of the Patrol Division conducted a motor stop after observing a motor vehicle violation. Investigation led to the search of the motor vehicle where officers located a loaded Taurus 9mm handgun. Both occupants of the motor vehicle were subsequently arrested.
- On November 22, 2009, Officers Timothy Brown and Bryan Kelly of the Patrol Division approached 2 individuals on the Farmington Canal Line. Both individuals immediately fled on foot and officers observed one of them pull out a rifle out of his pants and throw it to the ground. This individual was apprehended after a brief foot pursuit by Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 Partner Hunter. The other suspect eluded police.
- On February 9, 2010, members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to 1212 Dixwell Avenue on a report of a shooting that had occurred in the rear parking lot. Investigation revealed that a 64 year old business owner had been shot multiple times. The victim was pronounced dead at an area hospital and the death has been classified as a homicide by the Chief Medical Examiners office. The investigation is continuing.
- On February 18, 2010, members of the Patrol Division responded to 230 Treadwell Street on a report that 2 members of the Hamden Fire Department were being held at gun point by a subject that had initially required medical attention. The firemen were able to leave the subject after convincing him that they needed to obtain medical information from his mother. The firemen advised officers on scene that the subject stated that he would shoot any police officers that responded to his residence. Officers D'Angelo and Manning put on the sweat shirts and baseball type hats belonging to the firemen and proceeded into the basement (pretending to be firemen) where they could see the subject lying on the bed with the revolver lying next to his hand. The officers convinced the subject that they needed to check his vital signs and when they were close enough; they subdued the subject after a brief struggle and secured the firearm as well as a knife.
- On March 26, 2010, members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Bradley Avenue on a report of an armed street robbery. The victim was stabbed in his left hand and was able to escape on foot. Moments later, Officer Stephen Baris located and arrested the suspects.
- On April 2, 2010, members of the Patrol Division responded to a Warren Street address on a report of an attempted burglary. Investigation revealed that an individual entered the back porch of the residence and attempted to gain entry through a sliding glass door. Officers John Glass and Joseph Venditto apprehended the suspect a short distance away from the residence.



During this fiscal year, 5 new uniform vehicles and 3 unmarked vehicles were purchased and outfitted for service with all new equipment including overhead light bars and mobile data terminals.

Traffic Division

The Traffic Division of the Hamden Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws and the investigation of motor vehicle accidents. There are 5 officers and one Sergeant assigned to this unit, who serve as the primary investigators in all potentially fatal motor vehicle accidents, fatal accidents, five of which occurred during this fiscal year. The officers of this unit are trained in all aspects of accident reconstruction and speed enforcement. Traffic officers have continued to work with the Connecticut State Police Truck Squad periodically in the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle violations, and have continued to utilize the Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (SMART) throughout the town, based on citizen requests. In addition, the Traffic Division continues to be responsible for the management of the Department's vehicle fleet and also provides Funeral Escorts when needed. The Traffic Division has three (3) Motorcycles to assist with the Escorts as well as traffic violation enforcement.

2009-2010FY <u>Accident Statistics</u> Accident/ Injuries: 314 Accident/No Injuries: 1547 Hit and Run: 218 Fatal: 05 Private Property: 315
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K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit consists of 4 police dog/handler teams, all of which are certified as basic patrol dogs. Lieutenant McDermott coordinates training and supervises the four teams. The team is supported by a number of officers (Officers McKeon and Gocłowski in photo) who assist in training exercises. The 4 teams are also each certified in a specialty function. K-9 Titan and his handler, Officer Jason Venditto specializes in explosives detection and patrol. K-9 Cesare and his handler, Officer John Battick, K-9 Hunter and his handler, Officer Craig Appleby, and K-9 Hank and his handler, Officer Michael Nawrocki are all trained in narcotic detection as well as patrol.



Each K-9 team is assigned to one of the three shifts to give 24-hour coverage to the department. The teams respond to a variety of calls including, but not limited to, lost and missing persons, fleeing suspects, burglaries, crowd control situations, suspicious packages, and narcotics calls. The teams have proven to be an invaluable asset not only in their deterrence of crime and ability to find and locate individuals that would normally escape, but also as a public relations tool. The K-9 teams performed 24 K-9 demonstrations during the fiscal year for local schools, camps and civic organizations.

K-9 Unit (cont)

High-Profile Case Incident Overview

- On August 11, 2009, at 1:33 a.m., Patrol Sgt. Brent Zuscin attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop in the area of Bowen Street and Arch Street. The motor vehicle increased its speed and proceeded through the Stop Sign at Bowen Street and Cherry Ann Street without stopping and committed several other motor vehicle violations in an attempt to elude the police. As the motor vehicle sped away, the operator lost control of the vehicle which collided with an unoccupied parked car. The operator of the motor vehicle fled on foot. K-9 Officer Jason Venditto and his partner "Titan" responded to the scene and began tracking the suspect. K-9 "Titan" apprehended the suspect hiding under a stack of stockade fencing.
- On September 22, 2009, at approximately 10:30 p.m. the Street Interdiction Team concluded a month long drug investigation. Officers observed Rogelio Rivera flee on foot from a Cherry Ann Street residence. He was promptly arrested. Rivera allegedly threw an object into a wooded area while running. Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner Hunter subsequently searched the area and located a large bag containing 228.9 grams of cocaine. A small quantity of marijuana was found on Rivera.
- On December 12, 2009 at approximately 11:30 p.m. members of the Patrol Division were notified that an armed street robbery had just occurred in the area of Augur Street. Investigation revealed that a Domino's pizza deliveryman, who was delivering a pizza, was approached by 3 individuals who demanded money. The individuals then struck the victim in the head with an object, possibly a tire iron. The individuals made the victim go back to his vehicle where they stole cash and electronic equipment. Officer Jason Venditto and his partner, K-9 Titan, conducted a track which led to a Newhall Street address. Officer Vendiito, K-9 Titan and Sergeant Michael Sigmon found Miguel Villegas sitting on a tire iron and cash. He was subsequently arrested and the deliveryman did not report any injuries.
- On January 9, 2010 at approximately 9:30 p.m. members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Helen Street on the report of numerous shots fired. Upon arrival, officers learned that approximately 20 teenagers fled the area and that several gunshots were fired. The teenagers had gathered at a Helen Street residence to attend a party, and several were unwanted guests. Investigation revealed that a number of gunshots were in fact fired and a parked, unoccupied, motor vehicle was damaged by a bullet. Officer Michael Nawrocki, and his K-9 partner "Hank" conducted a track, which led to the arrest of a 17 year-old Hamden resident, who was hiding in a Murray Street garage.

K-9 Unit (cont)

High-Profile Case Incident Overview

- On February 22, 2010 at approximately 3:45 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Middle Road on the report of suspicious activity. Upon arrival officers learned that 2 individuals were entering motor vehicles in the area. Officer Jason Venditto and his K-9 partner "Titan" conducted a track. The track led to the discovery of Trevor Dixon, who was located hiding behind bushes on Middle Road. Dixon was promptly arrested. Moments later, Hamden Police received a call from a Spring Glen resident, who stated that another individual was "breaking into" a motor vehicle on Whitney Avenue. Officer Venditto and "Titan" conducted a second track through several Spring Glen streets. This track led to the discovery of Devon Groomes, who was hiding behind a garage. Groomes was allegedly in the possession of burglar tools. He was subsequently arrested and Officers recovered car keys, electronic equipment and gift cards.
- On March 2, 2010 at approximately 3:30 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to State Street on the report of a carjacking involving a taxi. Investigation revealed that the taxi driver was approached by an individual on Cook Street, who opened the door of the taxi and assaulted him. The taxi driver advised officers that he was physically removed from the taxi and beaten. He eventually was able to escape his attacker. The individual then entered the taxi and drove off. Shortly thereafter, New Haven Police notified Hamden Police that they had located the unoccupied stolen taxi on Winthrop Avenue. Officer Jason Venditto and his K-9 partner "Titan" subsequently conducted a track from Winthrop Avenue to Sherman Parkway. There they located Dejuana Wells, who was hiding in a parked van. He was promptly arrested.
- On April 10, 2010 at approximately 2:00 a.m., Officer Jason Venditto of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling on Whitney Avenue at a high rate of speed. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Whitney Avenue and Treadwell Street. The vehicle then accelerated towards New Haven. Hamden Police ascertained that the vehicle was reported stolen. The operator of the vehicle, a 15 year-old New Haven resident, engaged Officer Venditto in pursuit. Officer Venditto subsequently lost contact with the vehicle. A short time later, New Haven Police located the stolen vehicle on Scranton Street. Officer Venditto and his K-9 partner "Titan" conducted a track which began on Scranton Street and ended on North Frontage Road. New Haven Police had detained the 15 year-old at that location. The 15 year-old was promptly placed under arrest.

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K9 Assists

Hamden: 313 Out of Town: 50

Animal Control Division

The Hamden Police Department Animal Control Division consists of one full-time Animal Control Officer and one full-time Assistant Animal Control Officer to meet the service needs of Hamden. The ACO's are tasked with handling complaints regarding many different types of animals including dogs, cats, coyotes, foxes, turtles, turkeys, horses, raccoons, skunks, and other various small animals. Dogs and cats generate the majority of complaints and therefore are the animals that are managed more than any other. Hamden relies on the Town of North Haven for all boarding arrangements for impounded animals. The Animal Control Officers have law enforcement powers contained within Chapters 435, 436 and 436a of the Connecticut General Statutes. Despite the lack of a Hamden facility, this Division continues to rescue and rehabilitate numerous wild and domestic animals in the Town and has been involved with programs such as adoption services and training clinics for animal owners in Hamden.

Our animal placement service exists on the Internet at:

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/CT278.html>

2009-2010FY	
• Total number of Animals Impounded	164
• Animals reclaimed by Owners at Shelter	71
• Animals adopted as pets	56
• Animals directly returned to owners	170
• Animals adopted through other shelters	10
• Mutual Aid (assisting other towns)	25
• Total Complaints Investigated	1969

Bicycle Unit

The Hamden Police Department Bicycle Unit is commanded by a Sergeant and staffed with approximately 14 Officers certified in police bicycle operation. The Hamden Police Department utilized bicycle patrol in selected areas throughout the year with a primary focus from June through September. The selected areas greatly benefit from the increased presence of uniformed police officers assigned to bicycle patrols and offer opportunities for more face-to-face contacts with our citizenry. The areas targeted for bicycle patrols include the Hamden Mart and Hamden Plaza, the Whitneyville, Centerville and Highwood neighborhoods, as well as the Farmington Canal Linear Trail and Town Center Park. The Officers also performed at the Old Navy Child Safety Day, and evaluated Segways.

The Following statistics were tallied:

Arrests	2
Parking Tags	37
Field Contacts	42
Citizen Contacts (Approximate)	515
Business Contacts	78
Calls for service	20



Honor Guard

The Hamden Police Honor Guard consists of seven Officers commanded by Lieutenant Michael McNeil who represent the department at many events within the local community and throughout the State. The current group of personnel has been assigned to the unit for over five years. It has become an organized, cohesive unit with permanent membership. During the last year, they have participated in many civic events including the Hamden Memorial Day Parade, the Columbus Day Parade and the Police Memorial Parade in Stamford, Connecticut. In addition, the unit has been detailed to numerous funerals and wakes of active and retired Police Officers throughout the State of Connecticut. These officers practice under a frequent and intense training schedule aside from their normal police duties. Enhancing the appearance and "*Esprit de corps*", the Honor Guard "Class A" uniform is slightly different than what is issued to other rank and file personnel. The Hamden Police Honor Guard will continue to participate in parades, funerals and community events throughout the upcoming year. Shown in photo from left to right: Sgt. Colin Kearns, Off. Michael Nawrocki, Off. Robert Dunham, Off. Stephen Baris and Off. Ronald Glifort. Not shown in photo: Commander of the Unit - Lt. Michael McNeil and Off. Patrick McCue.



Investigative Services Division

The **Investigative Services Division** is comprised of the Major Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit, Crime Scene Unit, School Resource Officers and the Street Interdiction Team.

Major Crimes Unit

Major Crimes Unit (MCU) personnel continue to investigate all major and complex crimes reported to the Department including homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, burglaries, arsons, identity theft, and significant larcenies.

High-Profile Case Incident Overview

- On September 1, 2009, Detectives Thomas Rhone and Michael DePalma responded to 1191 Dixwell Avenue (Walgreens) on a reported robbery. Investigation revealed that a white male had entered the store/pharmacy and stated “give me all the money, this is a robbery” and fled in a beige pickup truck. The suspect was apprehended a short time later in New Haven and was positively identified by the store associate.
- On September 8, 2009, this unit, with the assistance of members from the Patrol Division, investigated a string of commercial burglaries which resulted in an arrest of a suspect that committed over 20 commercial burglaries.
- On December 7, 2009, members of the Investigative Services Division along with members of the Patrol Division responded to the report of a bank robbery at TD Bank, 1225 Dixwell Avenue. Investigation revealed that a male entered the bank and passed a note to a teller, which indicated that he was in possession of a firearm. The suspect fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. Officers promptly developed a suspect and approximately 3 hours later, Detectives, Patrol Officers and members of the Street Interdiction Team arrested the suspect.
- On December 30, 2009, Detectives Raymond Quinn, Brian Stewart, and John Marks investigated an armed robbery of a local business on Fairview Avenue. These detectives were successful in completing a thorough investigation that led to the arrest of the suspects.
- On February 9, 2010, this unit, along with members of the Patrol Division investigated the murder of a local businessman, and the investigation is being led by Detective Brian Stewart.
- In May of 2010, this unit investigated a bomb threat at the Hamden High School. After clearing the building and conducting the initial investigation, this unit developed leads that led to the arrest of 2 suspects who confessed to the crime.

Major Crimes Unit (cont)



The following list is a breakdown of crimes investigated by the Detective Division:

Robberies	46
Larcenies	79
Burglaries	146
Sexual Assaults	118
Deaths	11
Homicide	1

Special Victims Unit

The Special Victims Unit continues to be staffed by 2 detectives and 2 School Resource Officers (SRO's) who primarily investigate crimes against persons under the age of 16 and missing person complaints. These detectives shoulder a heavy workload and work closely with the Hamden School system as well as the Yale Child Sexual Abuse Clinic in New Haven. These detectives are under the supervision of the Crime Scene Unit Sergeant to better facilitate the closely related job assignments that often occur between the detectives assigned to both divisions. The Unit has an Officer assigned at the Hamden Middle School and at the Hamden High School as School Resource Officers. They work closely with the faculty and administrators at each school and maintain a positive presence with the students.

Street Interdiction Team

The Hamden Police Street Interdiction Team (SIT) is a special assignment unit of the Investigative Services Division. The Street Interdiction Team is responsible for investigating, enforcing and deterring vice type crimes such as narcotics, prostitution, illegal firearms/weapons possession and gang activity. The Street Interdiction Team also supports the Major Crimes Unit in major crime investigations. The (SIT) is responsible for gathering and maintaining a gang Intelligence file. The Unit is commanded by a Lieutenant and is comprised of investigators. One investigator is assigned to the F.B.I. Safe Street Task Force in New Haven and another is assigned to the DEA Task Force in New Haven.

High-Profile Case Incident Overview

- On August 7, 2009, members of the (SIT) conducted an investigation that resulted in the arrest 2 adults, 3 juveniles and the recovery of a firearm.
- On September 22, 2009, members of the (SIT) conducted an investigation that resulted in the arrests of 2 individuals and the seizure of Marijuana and Cocaine from a suspected local drug dealer.
- On January 27, 2010, members of the (SIT) conducted an undercover investigation that resulted in the arrest of one individual and the seizure of 3.5 grams of Heroin.
- On April 16, 2010, members of the (SIT) assisted members of the Bristol PD and Plymouth PD with an ongoing narcotics investigation. The agencies formulated a joint operations plan which resulted in 7 arrests and the seizure of narcotics valued at approximately \$50,000.00, and Marijuana valued at approximately \$16,000.00. Also seized during the operation was \$27,101.07 in U.S. currency, 8 firearms, and 2 motor vehicles.
- In the month of May, 2010 members of the (SIT) conducted a lengthy investigation that resulted in the arrest of a fugitive from justice as well as the seizure of Marijuana, Cocaine, packaging material, ledger (containing drug transactions), and the recovery of 2 stolen firearms.

Narcotics Seized	Amount in grams:	Street Value:
Cocaine:	356.1 grams	\$17,755.00
Heroin:	189.55 grams	\$14,215.75
Marijuana:	8590.5 grams	\$171,807.00
Other:	26.1 grams	\$152.00
Misc. Rx Pills:	1617	\$8,073.00
Total Value of Narcotics:	All	\$213,216.75
Seized Cash	Total	\$13,456.50
Firearms Seized:	Total	16
Vehicles Seized:	Total	3

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