

# ***The Hamden Police Department***

## ***FY 2010/2011***

### ***Annual Report***



## HPD Mission Statement

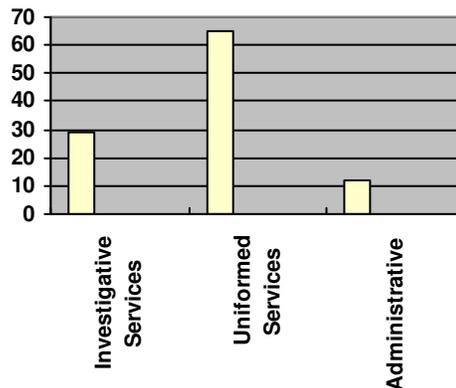
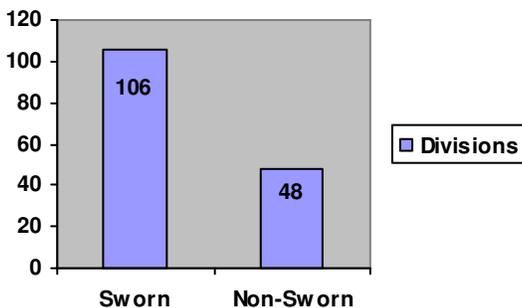
The mission of the Hamden Police Department is to protect the rights and integrity of all persons without prejudice or bias against race, religion, ethnic and national origin or sexual orientation within our jurisdiction; to safeguard the diversities of our communities and citizens, to be free from criminal 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.



On May 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2012. The Police Department will utilize approximately 7,000 square feet of space in the Memorial Town Hall in addition to the 48,500 feet of space provided in the new Headquarters facility.

Throughout this fiscal year, the Department has operated in our current facilities with the present staffing levels:

48 non-sworn civilian personnel, including 24 crossing guards, 15 communication technicians, 1 IT/records manager, 1 administrative assistant, 1 administrative technician, 2 records technicians, 1 clerk typist, 1 custodian, and 2 animal control officers supporting the Department's 106 sworn police officers.



# Hamden Police Department Organizational Chart

Effective on January 1, 2011, the Department was re-organized into 4 major bureaus, each of which is directed by a member of the command staff. These 4 Bureaus include the Special Operations Bureau, Support Services Bureau, Field Services Bureau, and the Professional Standards Bureau.

This re-organization included re-titling the major personnel units to (1) more accurately reflect function and conform to more recent industry standards (2) realign command personnel while shifting units and divisions under the same command umbrella to improve intra-division communication and work output (3) create an identified quality control wing with a focus on internal audits (4) engage in the law enforcement accreditation process.

The **Special Operations Bureau** consists of the Traffic Division, Street Interdiction Team, Honor Guard and Emergency Services Unit.

The Bureau also manages:

- Fleet Management
- School Crossing Guards
- Emergency Services Unit
- Honor Guard
- Special Events

The **Support Services Bureau** consists of the Records Division, Central Communications Division and the Planning & Research Division.

This Bureau also manages:

- Property/Evidence
- Information Technology
- Grants/Budget
- Court Liaison
- Facilities Maintenance

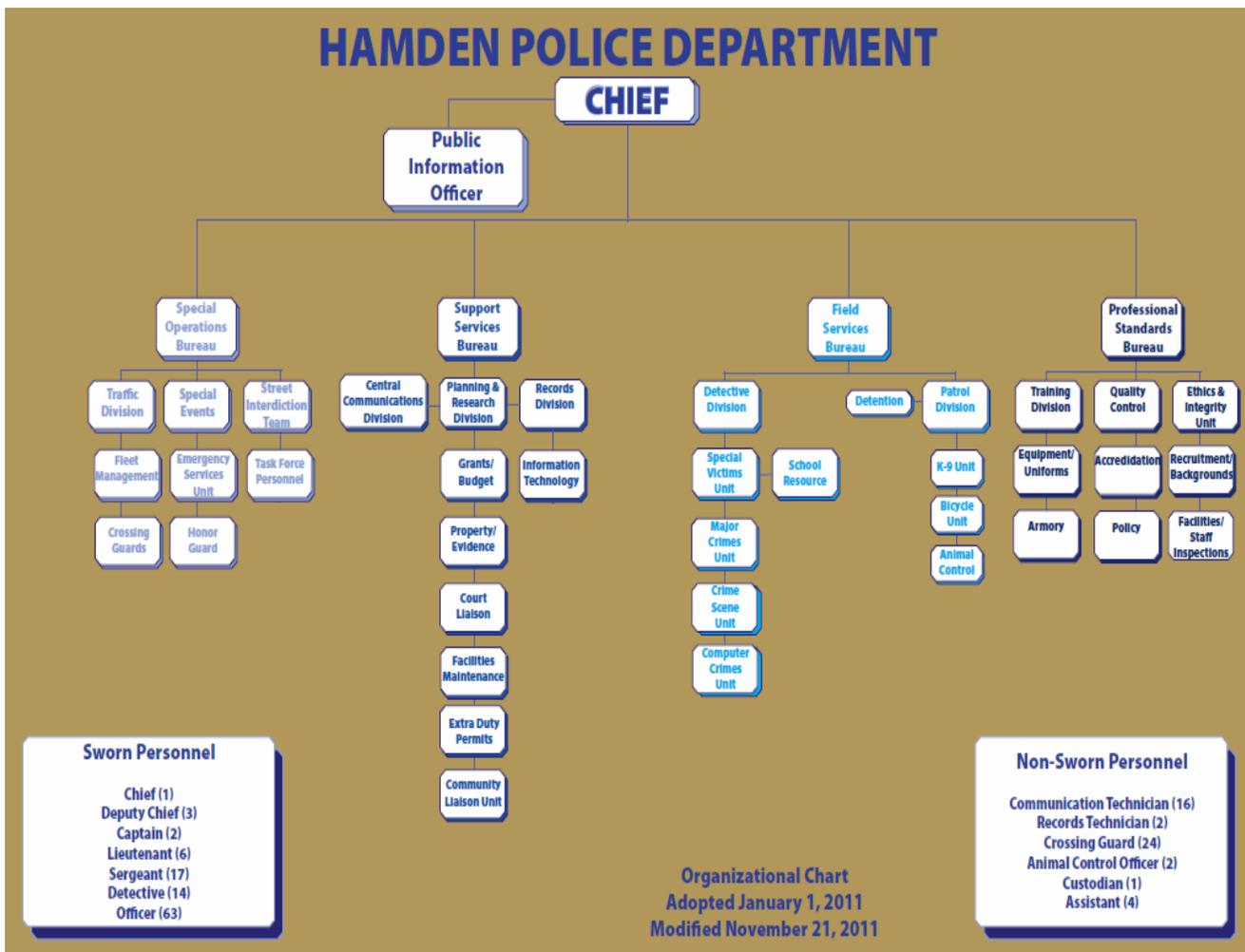
The **Field Services Bureau** consists of the Patrol Division and Detective Division.

The Detective Division contains the Major Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit, Crime Scene Unit and the Computer Crimes Unit. The Patrol Division also manages detention operations, K-9 Unit, Bicycle Unit and Animal Control.

The **Professional Standards Bureau** consists of the Training Division and Ethics and Integrity Unit.

This Bureau also manages:

- Equipment/Uniforms
- Quality Control
- Accreditation
- Recruitment/Backgrounds
- Policy
- Facilities/Staff Inspections

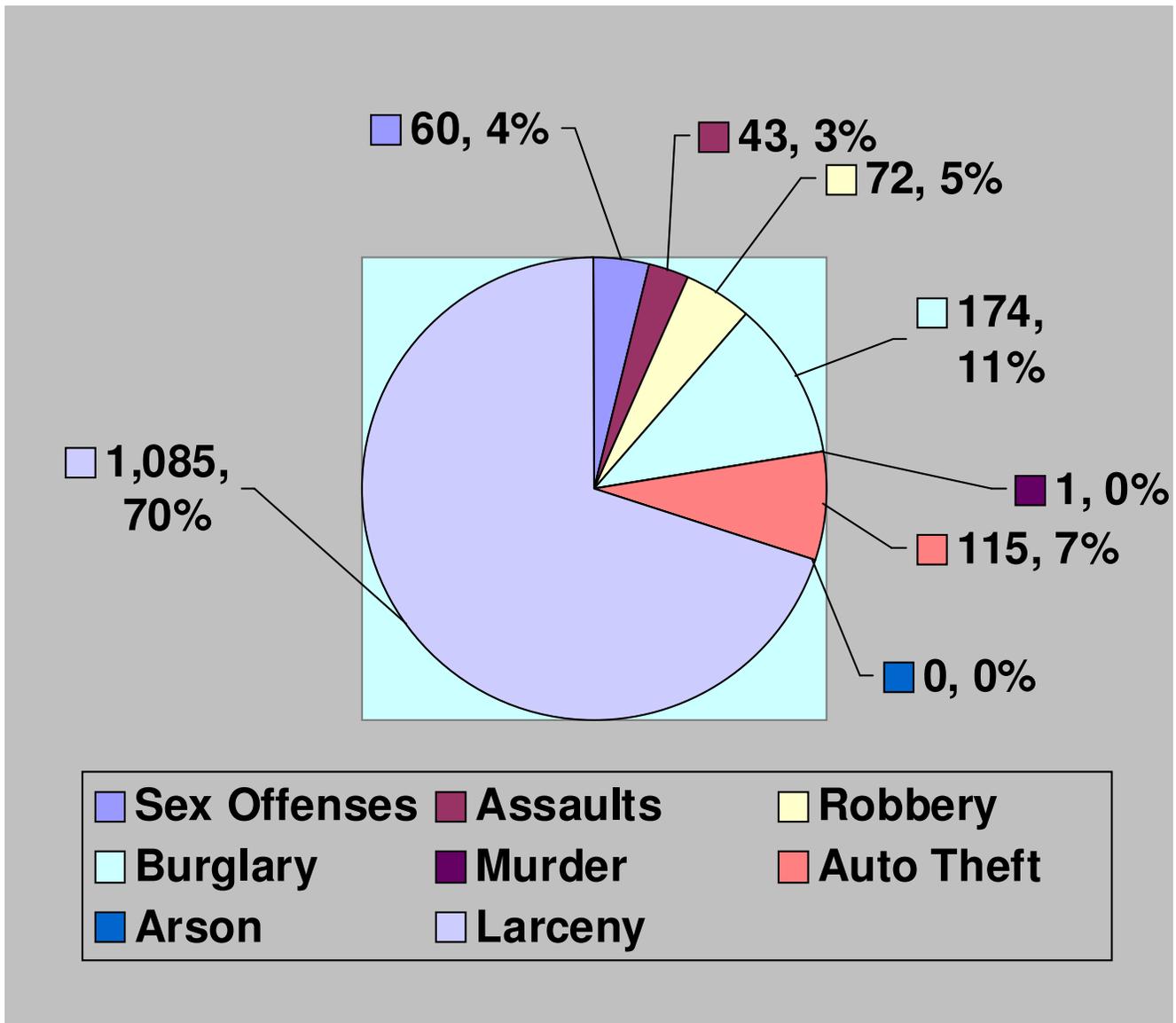


# HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PART I CRIME STATISTICS

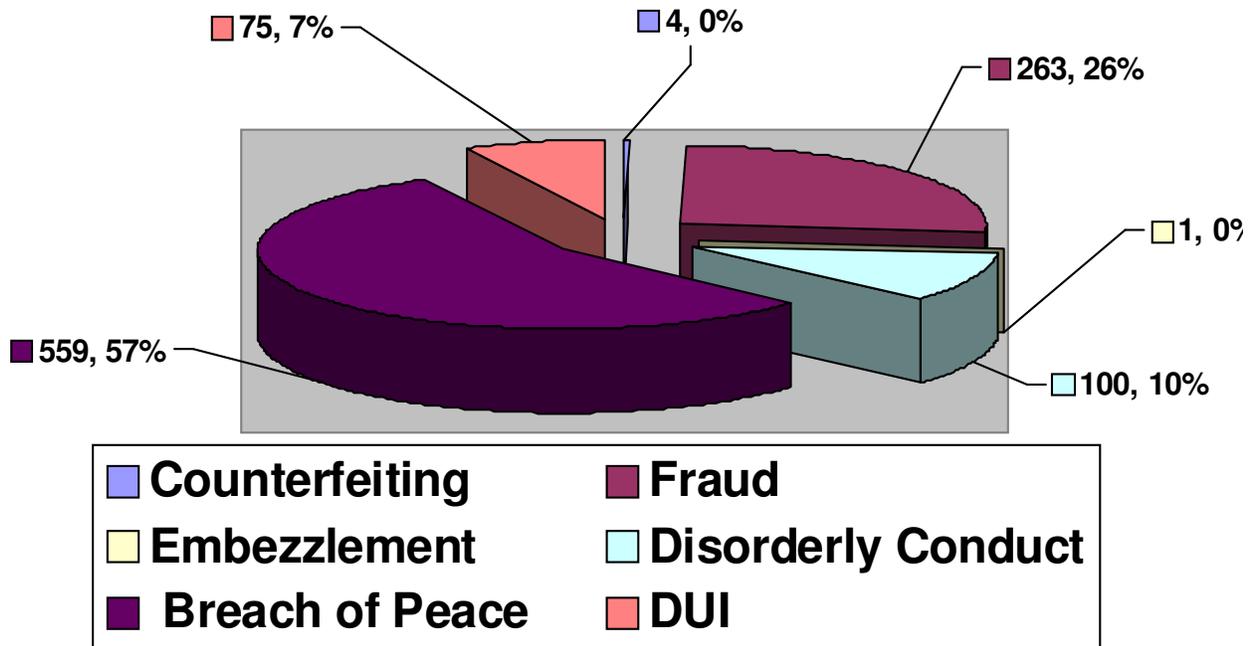
The Department managed 52,259 calls for service during this fiscal year.

The following pie chart is a numerical sampling of some felony crime trends from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. While not all crimes are represented the chart does present a reasonable citing of our activities involving felony level crimes.



## **PART II CRIME STATISTICS**

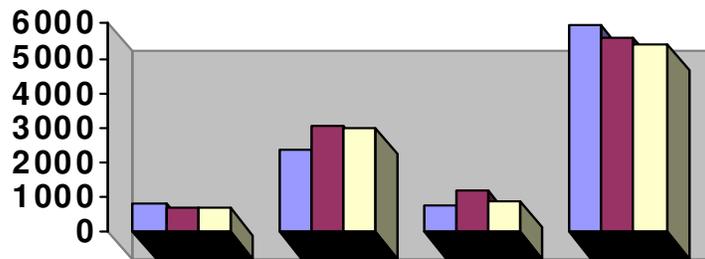
The following pie chart is a numerical sampling of some misdemeanor crime trends for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. While not all crimes are represented, the chart does present a reasonable citing of our activities.



### **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
■ 2010/11	842	2395	786	5,966
■ 2009/10	730	3,058	1,188	5,587
■ 2008/09	687	3,025	912	5,428

■ 2010/11 ■ 2009/10 ■ 2008/09

# Special Operations Bureau

## 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 6 officers and one Sergeant assigned to this unit, who serve as the primary investigators in all potentially fatal motor vehicle accidents, fatal accidents, one 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 Unit 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 four (4) Motorcycles to assist with the Escorts as well as traffic violation enforcement.



2010-2011 Fiscal Year  
**Accident Statistics**  
Accident/ Injuries 314  
Accident/No Injuries: 1547  
Hit and Run: 218  
Fatal: 1  
Private Property: 315

## 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) unit 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, another investigator is assigned to the FBI Connecticut Computer Crimes Task Force, two investigators are assigned to the DEA Task Force in New Haven and one Detective is assigned to the USMS Connecticut Violent Fugitive Task Force.

### High Profile Case Incident Overview

- On August 27, 2010 members of the Street Interdiction Team, in cooperation with the New Haven Police Department's Tactical Narcotics Unit, concluded a lengthy drug investigation. The investigation led to the seizure of 424 grams of marijuana. The marijuana has a street value of \$8,480.00. Hamden/New Haven Police arrested the suspect and charged him with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Sell.
- On September 15, 2010, members of the Street Interdiction Team observed a drug transaction occurring on Edge Hill Road. As officers approached the operator of the vehicle, he fled on foot leading officers on a foot pursuit. He was arrested a short time thereafter. Officers located \$873.00 in his possession. A passenger in the vehicle was also arrested. Investigation led to the search of the vehicle where Officers seized 16.7 grams of heroin.
- On November 26, 2010, members of the Street Interdiction Team observed a drug transaction in the area of 1125 Dixwell Avenue. Investigation led to a motor vehicle stop where officers observed marijuana in plain view. Further investigation led to the discovery of over 20 grams of crack cocaine, which was packaged for sale. The street value of the crack cocaine is estimated at approximately \$1,000. The three occupants in the motor vehicle were all arrested.
- On January 6, 2011, members of the Street Interdiction Team (SIT) responded to 371 Welton Street to conduct a narcotics investigation. The investigation was initiated after information was received and cultivated that a drug trafficking operation was being managed at that residence. Upon arrival, Investigators made contact with a resident. The investigation led the Investigators to conduct a search of the residence where the following contraband was seized: 3.63 lbs. of Marijuana, 1.3 grams of Cocaine, and 28 Klonopin<sup>1</sup> pills, weighing 4.7 grams. Also seized from the residence during the investigation was \$4,241.00 in U.S. currency. The resident was subsequently arrested.

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<sup>1</sup> Klonopin is an antianxiety medication belonging to a group of drugs called benzodiazepines.

## Street Interdiction Team (continued)

- On April 27, 2011, members of the Street Interdiction Team and Patrol Division concluded a joint drug investigation. The investigation led to the execution of a search and seizure warrant on a motor vehicle. The search of the vehicle led to the seizure of 150 wax folds (paper containers) of heroin. The heroin, which weighed 49.8 grams, has a street value of \$3,500.00. The operator of the vehicle was subsequently arrested.

**Special Operations:** Members of the Patrol Division and Street Interdiction Unit assisted the FBI Safe Street Task Force, DEA and the New Haven Tactical Narcotics Unit with a year long investigation known as operation "Crip Keeper". This investigation looked into illegal narcotic trafficking by members of the street gang known as R2 "Black Flag Crips". The investigation included the use of court authorized wiretaps, undercover drug purchases, and surveillances. The investigation resulted in the execution of search and seizure warrants on 6 residences and the seizure of several motor vehicles, numerous guns, 1 Kilogram of crack cocaine and \$60,000.00 dollars in U.S. currency. 67 people were charged with various narcotic and weapon charges as a result of this investigation.

<b>Narcotics Seized</b>	<b>Amount in grams:</b>	<b>Street Value:</b>
Cocaine:	<b>79.6 grams</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Heroin:	<b>106.6 grams</b>	<b>\$10,960.50</b>
Marijuana:	<b>2439.3 grams</b>	<b>\$47,270.00</b>
Other:	<b>9.4 grams</b>	<b>\$188.00</b>
Misc. Rx Pills:	<b>1901</b>	<b>\$6,313.50</b>
Total Value of Narcotics:	<b>All</b>	<b>\$68,732.00</b>
Seized Cash	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,023.33</b>
Firearms Seized:	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>
Vehicles Seized:	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

## 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. It is an all volunteer unit.

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. Several hostage/crisis negotiators and snipers also complement the ESU. Team members also are required to undergo rigorous physical fitness training to maintain ideal conditioning. During Fiscal Year 2010/11 the Hamden Police Department used asset forfeiture money to purchase and make significant upgrades to the department's ESU equipment.



## Emergency Services Unit (continued)

The ESU competed in the 2011 SWAT Challenge in Simsbury, Connecticut that was sponsored by the West Hartford Police Department. The three (3) day competition includes events in pistol, rifle, sniper and the final event, a grueling physical training competition that involves all aspects of SWAT principles. The unit finished 20<sup>th</sup> overall out of 40 teams that competed from Connecticut and neighboring states, and had excelled in several events.



**SWAT Challenge 2011**



**Two of our police snipers and Tactical truck**

## 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 of Connecticut. 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 are: Sergeant Colin Kearns, Officer Michael Nawrocki, Officer Robert Dunham, Officer Stephen Baris and Officer Ronald Glifort. Not shown in the photo: Commander of the Unit - Lieutenant Michael McNeil and Officer Patrick McCue.



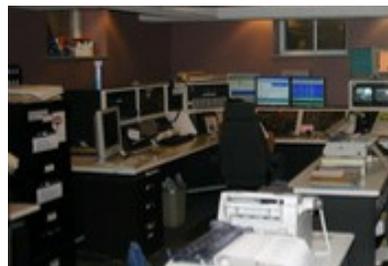
## Support Services Bureau

The **Support Services Bureau** is comprised of several smaller divisions, including Central Communications, Planning & Research, Extra Duty/Permits, Records/Information Technology, Property/Evidence, Community Liaison Unit, Budget/Grant Coordination, Court Liaison, and Facilities Maintenance.

### Central Communications Division



Central Communications is supervised by a Police Sergeant and staffed by 15 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 Pro QA software (12.0) and all personnel were trained on the new program, while the card sets are used as a back up.



### 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 FY10/11, ten laptop computers were purchased as well as three Desktop computers for use as workstations throughout the police department. Other purchases included numerous miscellaneous pieces of hardware and software as well as renewed software licenses. 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.



## Budget/Grant Coordination

The management of the Department's \$11,435,165.00 operating budget for 2010/2011 as well as all Federal and State grant applications are performed by a Police Captain and Sergeant working under the direction of the Support Services Bureau 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 the fiscal year of 2010/2011, the Hamden Police Department generated revenue in the amount of \$105,581.00 in the collection of administration fees and fines. The breakdown is as follows:

Animal Control Office adoption and Administration Fees	\$3060.00
Alarm Ordinance Fees	\$51,844.00
Background checks and fingerprinting fees	\$11,305.00
Traffic Ordinance violations	\$18,615.00
Vendor and Precious Stones Permits	\$4,315.00
Bingo and Raffle Licenses	\$660.00
Weapons Permits	\$11,060.00
Police reports	\$4,722.00

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:

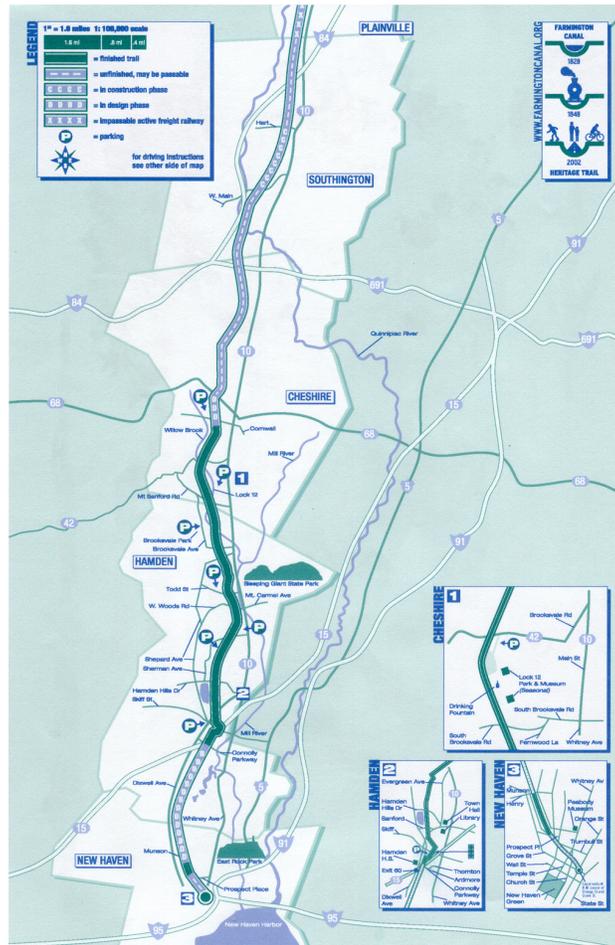


- The Department received \$6,280 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to assist in the purchase of bulletproof vests. This is a 50/50 reimbursement grant and will enable the Department to continue to outfit its personnel with this valuable piece of equipment.
- The Department received \$250 from our local Wal-Mart'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 \$20,879 from the FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program: Local Solicitation. The funds were used to purchase an Automated Law Enforcement Scheduling and Notification System. The name of the software is TELESTAFF. The company, KRONOS, has an internet address of telestaff.net.



- 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 primarily for police purposes on the Farmington Canal Trail. This will be a vehicle that is for most intent a green vehicle that has less impact on the environment.



## Community Liaison Unit

The Community Liaison Unit coordinates the block watch program, and provides crime prevention seminars and security assessments. The Unit meets with various church and school groups in Hamden to discuss "Stranger Danger", bicycle safety and 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 Unit gives alcohol awareness seminars to area college students. The Community Liaison Unit also seeks to maintain an office at the Newhall Police Substation once reopened 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 facility had to close down temporarily due to water damage, but the Department is working closely with Town Hall personnel in an attempt to have the facility reopened.



## Field Services Bureau

The **Detective Division** is comprised of the Major Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit, Crime Scene Unit, School Resource Officers, and Computer Crimes Unit.



### 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 10, 2010, Hamden Police arrested a subject at Meriden Superior Court on the strength of an active arrest warrant. The subject was charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree and Larceny in the 5th Degree and was detained on a court ordered \$25,000 bond. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on July 4, 2010 when Hamden Police responded to a Morse Street address on the report of a forcible burglary. Investigation revealed that the individual entered the residence through a bedroom window. Electronic equipment, valued at hundreds of dollars, was taken. After a lengthy investigation, Hamden Police detectives developed a suspect, and an arrest warrant application was subsequently submitted and approved by the court.
- On October 16, 2010, at approximately 8:30 p.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to 61 First Street on the report of shots fired. Upon arrival officers spoke with 2 individuals who had just been shot. The victims advised police that they were approached by 2 individuals who demanded their belongings. One of the individuals, described as a Hispanic male, was in the possession of a firearm. A preliminary investigation revealed that the 2 victims attempted to defend themselves, when they were both shot. One of the victims, a 23 year-old Hamden resident, was shot in the chin. The second victim, a 21 year-old Hamden resident, was grazed in the head with a bullet. They were both transported to Yale - New Hospital for medical treatment, and the Detective Division is continuing with the investigation.
- On December 1, 2010, at approximately 7:00 a.m., members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to an area adjacent to the Farmington Canal Line, near the rear of 1869 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a dead body. Moments later, officers located the body of a 52 year-old homeless man, lifeless in a tent. It appears that the victim was bludgeoned to death with a blunt object, possibly a baseball bat. Investigation led officers to a local coffee shop, located on Dixwell Avenue. There, officers arrested the suspect who was selling newspapers.

## Major Crimes Unit (continued)

Further investigation revealed that the suspect had asked an acquaintance to help him bury the body. This appears to be a crime of domestic violence. The suspect and the victim were cohabitating in a makeshift home, under a bridge, located near the Farmington Canal line.



On December 15, 2010, at approximately 9:25 a.m., Hamden Police responded to "The Conway Store", 1245 Dixwell Avenue on the report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, officers learned that individuals had entered the rear of the store and demanded money from an employee at gunpoint. An individual allegedly struck the employee several times, while pointing a gun at her head. The employee subsequently gave the individual the proceeds from the store's safe. Investigation revealed that 2 store employees, one who worked as a security officer, orchestrated and participated in the armed robbery. The employees had involved another individual, and all three suspects were arrested. Officer Stephen Baris of the Patrol Division was instrumental in the apprehension of the suspects in this case.

On February 16, 2011, the United States Marshall Service Connecticut Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested a subject in New Haven on the strength of an active arrest warrant. The subject was charged with Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Larceny in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree and 2 counts of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The subject, who was detained at police headquarters on a \$250,000 bond, and was scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on February 23, 2011. The arrest warrant was based on an incident that had occurred on December 21, 2011, at approximately 3:00 a.m., when Hamden Police responded to McDonald's, 2320 Dixwell Avenue, on the report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, officers found a 46 year-old employee, bleeding heavily from the head. The victim was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment. Investigation revealed that an individual had entered McDonald's and immediately struck the victim in the head with a blunt instrument. The individual then picked him up and threw him onto the floor. Another employee heard the victim screaming. The suspect, who was brandishing a knife, then approached the second employee. The individual allegedly threw him to the ground and then forced him to open the safe. Once the safe was opened, the individual allegedly kicked him in the head, knocking him unconscious and an undetermined amount of cash was taken. Detective Thomas Rhone of the Major Crimes Unit developed a suspect and an arrest warrant was submitted and approved for the suspect, who was an ex-employee at McDonalds.



The following list is a breakdown of crimes investigated by the Major Crime Unit:

Robberies	54
Larcenies	64
Burglaries	135
Sexual Assaults	35
Deaths	11
Homicide	1

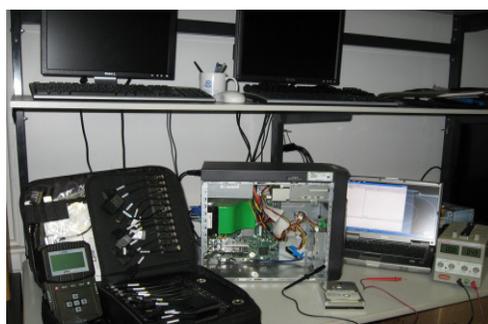
## Special Victims Unit

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 units. 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.



## 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. This unit also purchased two (2) electronic devices to aid in forensic examinations.



- On November 1, 2010, the unit successfully completed a forensic examination on an Apple iPhone 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 November 9, 2010, the computer crime lab aided the town of Hamden in an investigation by searching a public library computer that may have contained evidence to support a larceny complaint against a Town employee.
- On March 23, 2011, the Computer Crime Lab completed a forensic examination on a boost mobile SIM card bases on a search warrant signed by a Superior Court Judge. Telephone number information was discovered and forwarded to the detectives for further investigation.



## Patrol Division

The **Patrol Division** is comprised of 1 Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 9 Sergeants, 42 Patrol Officers and two civilians. These personnel also staff the Bicycle Unit, K-9 Unit, Animal Control and Detention.



The Patrol Division is the visible backbone of the agency. They respond to and investigate 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 effected over 1200 criminal arrests, issued approximately 2,400 infractions, 1433 misdemeanor summons, seized over 1200 grams of illegal drugs (cocaine/marijuana), 15 firearms, and approximately \$12,000 dollars in U.S. currency.

### High-Profile Case Incident Overview

- On July 5, 2010, Officer Tim Brown of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle traveling the wrong way on Goodrich Street, a one-way street. As Officer Brown attempted to stop the vehicle, it fled into New Haven, onto Rte. 34 in West Haven, to Rte. 8, to I-95, until finally coming to a stop on Bird Street in Bridgeport. During the course of the pursuit, officers believed that one of the occupants of the vehicle was in the possession of a firearm. Investigation revealed that a loaded sawed-off shotgun was thrown from the vehicle during the pursuit. The Connecticut State Police subsequently located the sawed-off shotgun on Rte. 15, near exit 57. The suspect was arrested and the shotgun was seized.
- On August 3, 2010, Hamden Police responded to a Burke Street residence on the report of a dispute. Upon arrival, officers learned that the resident was sleeping in her bedroom, at which time an individual, who was later identified as her ex-boyfriend; forced entry into the residence by removing a box fan. The woman's son was able to fend off the subject for several minutes. The subject then fled on foot. Moments later, Officer Ronald Glifort of the Patrol Division arrested the subject on Willis Street in New Haven.
- On August 24, 2010, at approximately 2:45a.m., members of the Patrol Division were conducting a drug investigation in the area of southern Hamden. Investigation led to the stop of a motor vehicle. As Officer Tim Brown approached the vehicle, it fled onto Sherman Parkway in New Haven. Hamden Police utilized "Stop Sticks", which flattened 2 tires of the fleeing vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop on Dixwell Avenue, where the passenger of the vehicle exited and fled on foot. He allegedly threw a loaded firearm into the vehicle. The firearm was earlier reported stolen out of New Haven. Upon making an arrest of the suspect, officers found 13.7 grams of crack cocaine in his waistband. Hamden Police, K-9 handler Officer John Battick and his K-9 Cesare and several members of the New Haven Police Department conducted a track and located the operator of the vehicle, who was hiding in a basement located on Hazel Street. A further search of the vehicle led to the discovery of an additional 2.4 grams of cocaine.

## Patrol Division (continued)



- On September 4, 2010, at approximately 4:30 p.m., members of the Patrol division Police responded to the area of Pine Rock Park on the report of a person displaying a handgun. Moments later, Officer Craig Appleby located the individual, who was seated inside of a motor vehicle. The individual had a loaded 9 mm handgun in his pocket. Investigation revealed that the subject responded to Pine Rock Park to speak with an individual that was having a disagreement with another family member. He allegedly punched the individual and then pointed a firearm at him, and then chased the individual, while pointing a firearm at him. The subject was arrested.
- On September 8, 2010, at approximately 3:15 a.m., Officers Shawn Natcher and William May of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Goodrich Street and Saint Mary Street. A motor vehicle stop was conducted on Dixwell Avenue. As officers approached the operator, allegedly slammed the door on an officer, injuring the officer's thumb. The subject then fled at a high rate of speed into New Haven. Moments later, officers stopped him on Dixwell Avenue in New Haven. The subject allegedly assaulted several officers, while attempting to elude police. He was subsequently arrested and Officers seized 66 bags of crack cocaine and 2 bags of marijuana.
- On December 11, 2010, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Hamden Police responded to the area of 2335 Dixwell Avenue on the report of 3 individuals "acting suspiciously" near a motor vehicle. Upon arrival officers located a motorized scooter with a damaged ignition. Furthermore, officers located a black-colored bb gun lying next to the scooter. Moments later, Officer Eric Gocłowski detained a 14 year-old New Haven resident, who was located in the back of a Hamden business. Another individual who was in the presence of the 14 year-old, subsequently fled on foot. A short time thereafter, an off-duty Wallingford police officer observed 1 of the individuals enter a Connecticut Transit bus. Upon arriving at the location of the bus, the individual exited and fled on foot. Officer Gocłowski pursued the individual, who was running while holding his waistband, simulating that he was in the possession of a firearm. Officer Mark Katz continued the foot pursuit into the vacant parking lot of 2389 Dixwell Avenue. The individual then reached into his waistband and pulled out what appeared to be a black colored firearm. The officer advised the individual to drop the weapon. The individual then pointed the weapon at Officer Katz, at which time Officer Katz fired 2 rounds. The individual was not struck. Officer Katz, along with Officers Nick Lovett and Craig Appleby then struggled with the individual, who was violently resisting. Subsequently, Officers found the black colored firearm lying next to the suspect. Further review revealed that the firearm was a bb gun. The individual, a 14 year-old New Haven resident, was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital with facial injuries. On August 8, 2010, Hamden Police arrested this same 14 year-old individual for committing an armed robbery of a 53 year-old New Haven man. He was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree for this incident.

## Patrol Division (continued)

- On March 1, 2011, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed an individual traveling on Goodrich Street without wearing a seat belt. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted. Further investigation led to the search of the operator of the vehicle, who was on parole, and he was found to be in possession of 51 bags of crack cocaine and \$270.00. The crack cocaine weighed 11.5 grams. Officers seized the narcotics, currency and the vehicle the subject was operating.
- On March 9, 2011, at approximately 5:00 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Putnam Avenue on the report of an assault. The complainant advised police that after she exited a store located at Dixwell Avenue and Putnam Avenue, 4 females approached her. The 4 females ordered her to give them her bag. When she refused, the 4 females assaulted her by punching and kicking her in the face and head. The females allegedly stole the victim's cell phone. The Hamden Fire Department responded and rendered medical treatment. The victim sustained face and head injuries. Investigation led officers to a residence on Cherry Ann Street. Officers arrested the 4 females, who were found inside of the residence.

### Patrol Equipment

During this fiscal year, 5 new uniform vehicles and 1 unmarked vehicle were purchased and outfitted for service with all new equipment, including overhead light bars and mobile data terminals.



## **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 Goclowski 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 many K-9 demonstrations during the fiscal year for local schools, camps and civic organizations.

**2010-2011FY**  
**K9 Assists**

**Hamden: 313**  
**Out of Town: 50**

## **K-9 Unit (continued)**

### **High-Profile Case Incident Overview**

- On August 2, 2010 Officer Robert O'Neill of the Patrol Division observed a motor vehicle violation in the area of Dixwell Avenue and Alling Street. A motor vehicle stop was subsequently conducted on Dixwell Avenue and Pine Street. Investigation led to the search of the motor vehicle, which contained 4 occupants. With the assistance of Officer Michael Nawrocki and his police K-9 partner Hank, a backpack, containing nearly 96 grams of marijuana, 13 Ecstasy pills and \$1,914.00 was located. Three of the occupants were promptly arrested. They were all charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Sell, Possession of Narcotics, Possession of Narcotics with the Intent to Sell and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. All were detained at police headquarters on a \$10,000 bond. They were all scheduled to appear in Meriden Superior Court on August 16, 2010.
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- On October 14, 2010, at approximately 7:30 p.m. members of the Patrol and Detective Divisions responded to a Town Walk Drive residence on the report of suspicious activity. The 43 year-old female tenant stated that she heard someone attempting to break into her residence, while she was taking a shower. Upon the arrival of police, the individual jumped from a second story stairwell landing, onto the roof of a first floor landing. The individual then ran into a wooded area. Officer Michael Nawrocki and his K-9 partner "Hank" of the Patrol Division subsequently conducted a track. A short distance thereafter, Hank located the subject, hiding down an embankment, behind several bushes. He was in the possession of several burglar tools and was promptly arrested.
  - On February 14, 2011, at approximately 6:00 p.m. Officer William May of the Patrol Division observed an individual acting suspiciously in the parking lot of a Dixwell Avenue restaurant. Upon approaching the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from inside the motor vehicle. Officer Michael Nawrocki and his K-9 partner "Hank" subsequently searched the vehicle and located 34.2 grams of marijuana. Furthermore, officers seized \$316 from the operator of the vehicle. The subject was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Sell.

## **K-9 Unit (continued)**

- On February 24, 2011, at approximately 8:45 p.m. Hamden Police responded to the Children's Center, 1400 Whitney Avenue, on the report of a missing juvenile. Upon arrival, officers learned that a female juvenile resident had run away and that she had planned to commit suicide. A short time thereafter, Central Communications received a call stating that a female was standing on the ice of Lake Whitney, in the area of Treadwell Street. Officers subsequently observed the juvenile standing in the middle of the semi-frozen lake. The juvenile ran upon observing police. Officers set up a perimeter, while Patrol Officer Craig Appleby and his K-9 partner "Hunter" began a track. After tracking approximately 1/8 of a mile through a wooded area, the K-9 Unit located the juvenile, who was attempting to hide. The juvenile, who had fallen through the ice, was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment.
  
- On March 8, 2011, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Hamden Police responded to 95 Concord Street on the report of a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers found the victim outside of her residence crying. Investigation revealed that the female complainant was assaulted by her boyfriend, and that he also pushed a 16 year old female against a wall when she attempted to intervene. A short time later, Sgt. John Sullivan of the Patrol Division spotted the subject running from his m/v in the area of West Side Drive and Pleasant Drive and a perimeter was quickly established and a K-9 Unit was called to the area. Officer Michael Nawrocki and his K-9 partner "Hank" responded to the area and tracked the suspect, who was hiding under a deck of a single family residence. The subject was uncooperative and refused to obey Officer's commands. Officer Nawrocki deployed K-9 "Hank" after numerous warnings and "Hank" bit the suspect who fought with the dog for a short time and was eventually taken into custody with the assistance of several officers. A short time later, Officer Nawrocki was taking the dog out of the Police car when K-9 "Hank" collapsed to the ground. The K-9 was in severe distress and was rushed to Central Veterinary Hospital in New Haven. K-9 "Hank" was admitted to the hospital for treatment and made a full recovery.
  
- On June 27, 2011, at approximately 1:15 a.m., Officer Jason Venditto and his K-9 partner "Titan" were called in to assist other members of the Patrol Division who were searching for a suspect who fled the scene in a motor vehicle and subsequently crashed into the front porch of a residence and fled on foot. Officer Venditto and K-9 "Titan" began a lengthy track which resulted in the capture and arrest of the suspect and the recovery of narcotics and a firearm.

## 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 Plaza shopping areas, the Whitneyville, Centerville and Highwood neighborhoods, as well as the Farmington Canal Linear Trail and Town Center Park. The Officers also worked at the Summer Concert Series, National Night Out, and Fourth of July Fireworks events.



The Following bicycle patrol statistics were tallied for the report year:

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

## 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>



2010-2011FY	
■ Total number of Animals Impounded	159
■ Animals reclaimed by Owners at Shelter	62
■ Animals adopted as pets	66
■ Animals directly returned to owners	215
■ Animals adopted through other shelters	5
■ Mutual Aid (assisting other towns)	10
■ Total Complaints Investigated	2,213

# Professional Standards Bureau

## 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.



## **Ethics and Integrity Unit**

The **Ethics and Integrity Unit** is responsible for receiving and investigating citizen complaints alleging abuse of authority, corruption, criminality, poor or slow police service and other external and internal complaints made against the Hamden Police Department. This function plays an important role in the maintenance of professional conduct within the Hamden Police Department. The integrity of the Department depends on the personal integrity and discipline of each employee.

To a large degree, the public image of the Department is determined by the quality of the responses to allegations of misconduct by the agency or its employees. To ensure public trust and maintain the Department's integrity, the Ethics and Integrity Unit conducts timely, objective, and thorough investigations of all complaints.

This unit is also responsible for the complete and thorough background investigations of all employment applicants seeking employment within the department.

During this past fiscal year the Ethics and Integrity Unit has investigated a total of twenty six (26) complaints, thirteen (13) from civilian's and thirteen (13) departmental complaints. Ten (10) of the complaints were sustained.

***The Hamden Police Department continues our delivery of professional, quality law enforcement services to our citizens of the diverse community of Hamden. The men and women of our department are committed to the safety and protection of those we serve.***

