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Information Memo 94-27

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To: Wasilla City Council
From: Irl Stambaugh, Chief of Police
Thru: John Stein, Mayor
Re: Calls for Service

The attached statistical report is provided for your review concerning the first year of service by the Wasilla Police Department.

If you have any questions concerning the information provided, I am available at your convenience.



**WASILLA
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DEPARTMENT
FY 94
STATISTICAL
REPORT**

Statistical Report

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**Wasilla
Police
Department
Introduction**

Introduction

Purpose:

To reflect on the current criminal activity in the community as a means to compare it to future information. In doing so we hope to identify trends and changes in crime activity. Many factors influence these numbers, population changes, reporting procedures, law revisions and economics. These factors should be kept in mind as you review this and future information.

Source of Data:

The information contained in this reports was compiled from the Wasilla Police Department records system.

Wasilla Police Department Goals

Protect life and property by attaining the highest possible level of professional performance.

Promote and maintain crime prevention activities with emphasis on citizen involvement and public awareness.

Manage our resources in an effective and efficient manner so as to achieve a high level of productivity.

Wasilla Police Department Mission Statement

The Wasilla Police Department's mission is to provide the best possible law enforcement and crime prevention services, staffed by experienced, educated officers utilizing the most modern equipment and facilities.

The Department will maintain a cooperative working relationship with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as well as all other emergency services organizations. Mutual assistance agreements with law enforcement and emergency services organizations (to include Palmer Police Department, Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Division of Fire Prevention, Mat-Su Borough Public Safety, and area private security services) will be established.

The department will initially be staffed with 9 commissioned officers and a Chief. Qualifications for commissioned personnel will be as required by Alaska Police Standards Council with an emphasis on academic achievement and exceptional communication skills.

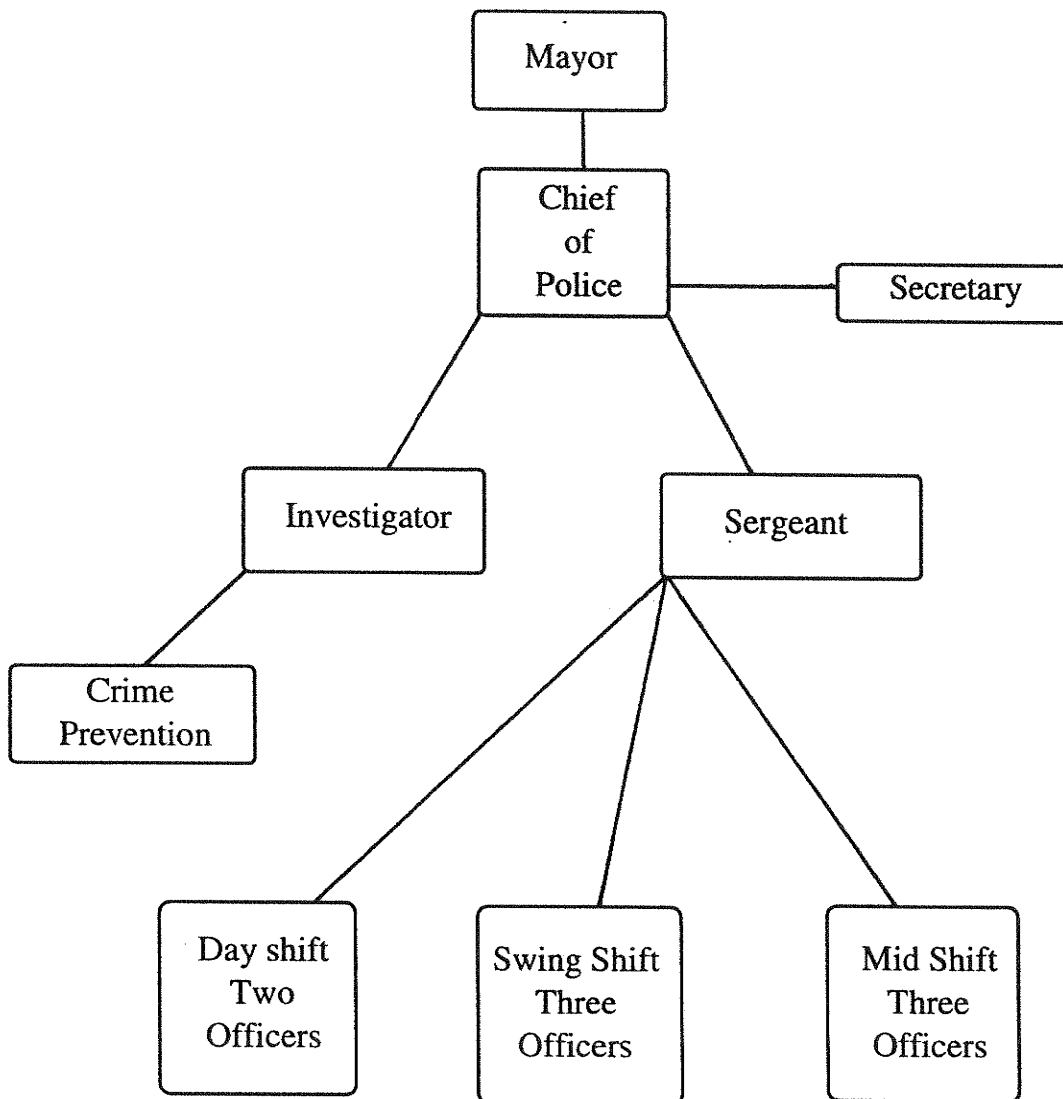
The primary emphasis of the Department is to prevent criminal activity coupled with enforcement of local, state, and federal laws. The Department will support crime prevention and programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Crime Stoppers, merchant education, and related programs. Additionally the Department will maintain a broad knowledge of support programs such as the availability of women's shelters, drug treatment programs, crisis intervention programs, etc. in the interest of community awareness.

If you would like to receive additional information or documents contact:

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Wasilla Police Department

1994 Organizational Chart



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CASE

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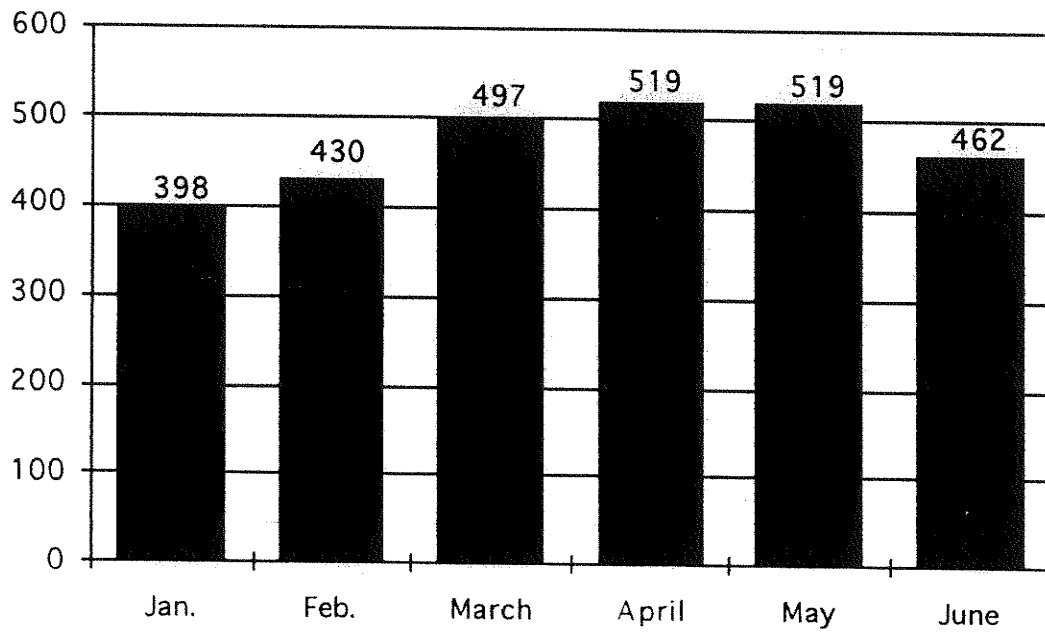
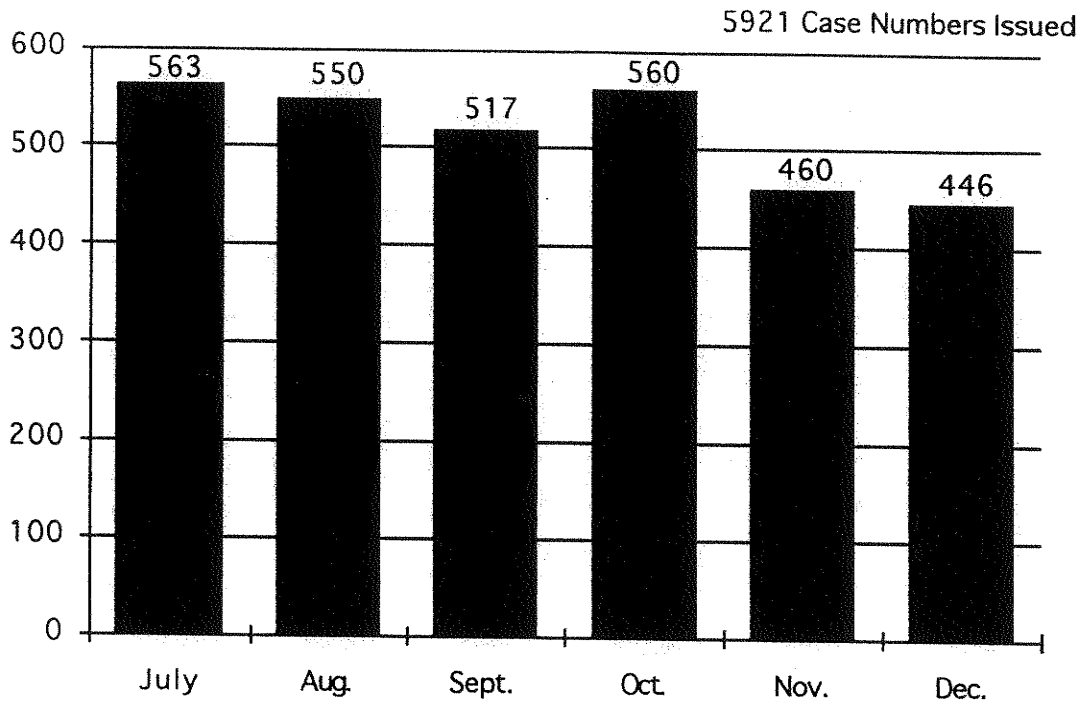
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Abandoned Vehicles	23
Accidents	339
Agency Assists	411
Animal Problem	43
Assault	116
ATV / Snowmachine Complaint	33
Bomb Threats	3
Burglary	58
Civil Problem	205
Criminal Non Support	1
Custodial Interference	1
Death Investigations	4
Disturbance	377
Domestic Violence Writs	8
Driving While License Suspended / Revoked	163
Driving While Intoxicated	206
Extra Patrol Requested	751
Filing False Report	2

Fireworks	2
Forgery	13
Found Property	50
Harassment	69
Hazardous Materials	4
Hit and Run / Accident	65
Indecent Exposure	5
Juvenile Involved (all cases)	353
Lost Property	22
Medic Assist	128
Mental Person	15
Minor Consuming	15
Misconduct Involving Drugs	38
Misconduct Involving Weapons	7
Missing Person	8
NSF Checks	4
Overdue Aircraft	1
Parking Problem	9
Private Person Impound	2
Public Assist	393
Reckless Driving	68
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	13

Resisting Arrest	7
Robbery	6
Runaway Juvenile	54
Safety Hazard	2
Security Check	82
Sexual Abuse of a Minor	5
Sexual Assault	8
Shoplifting	88
Stalking	3
Stolen Bicycle	12
Stolen Vehicle	26
Suspicious Circumstances	433
Theft	329
Traffic Hazard	162
Trespass	29
Vandalism	219
Warrant Service	164
Welfare Check	228
Total Case Numbers Issued:	5921

FY 94 Case Number's Issued



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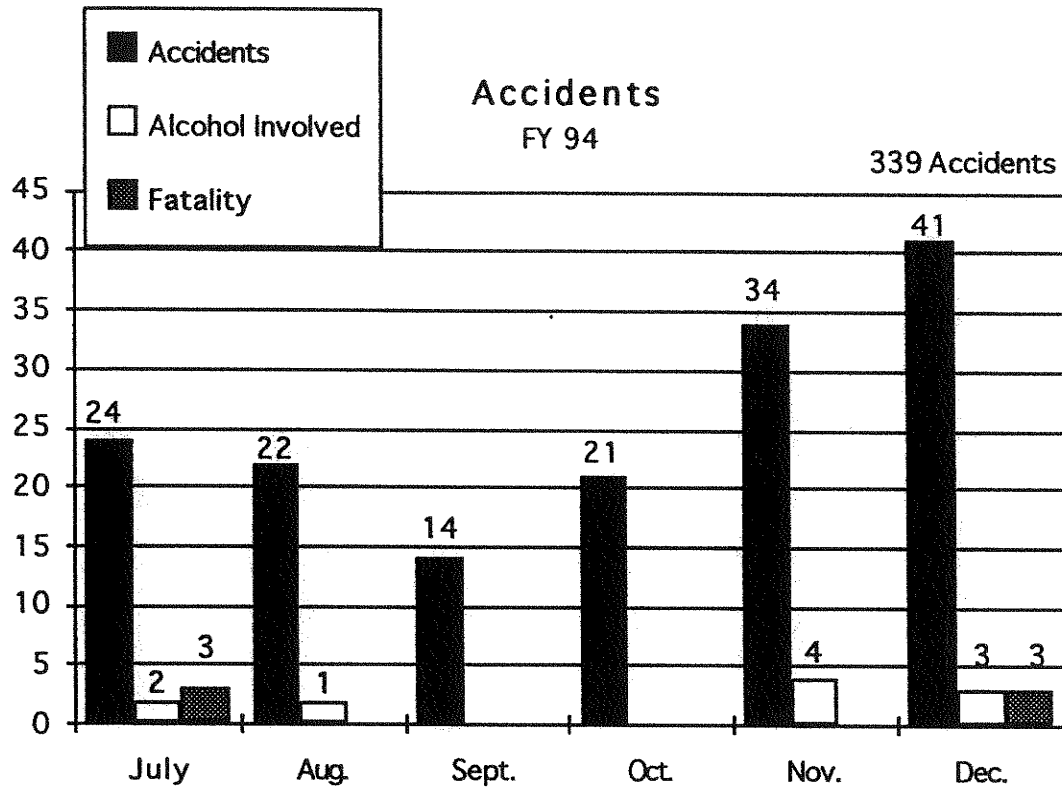
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STATISTICS

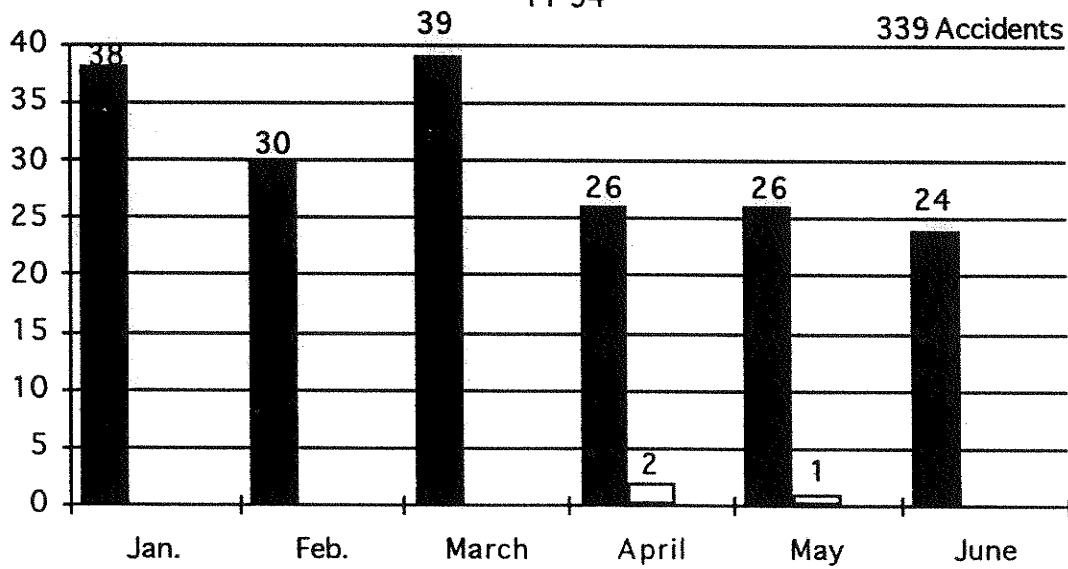
Misdemeanor Arrests	635
Assault	11
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Non Support	1
Custodial Interference	1
Disorderly Conduct	13
Driving with License Suspended and / or Revoked	137
Driving While Intoxicated	206
Filing False Police Report	1
Indecent Exposure	3
Minor Consuming Alcohol	15
Reckless Driving	4
Resisting Arrest	7
Shoplifting	88
Theft	3
Trespass	6
Warrant Service	138
Field Interviews	1799
Initial Investigations	4756
Miscellaneous Activities	2286
Miscellaneous Traffic	1391

Persons Assisted at Wasilla Police Department	1425
Phone Calls received	3523
Time on special duty (hours)	2465
Total Reports Written	1432
Brady Bill Checks	256

FY 94 Accidents



Accidents FY 94



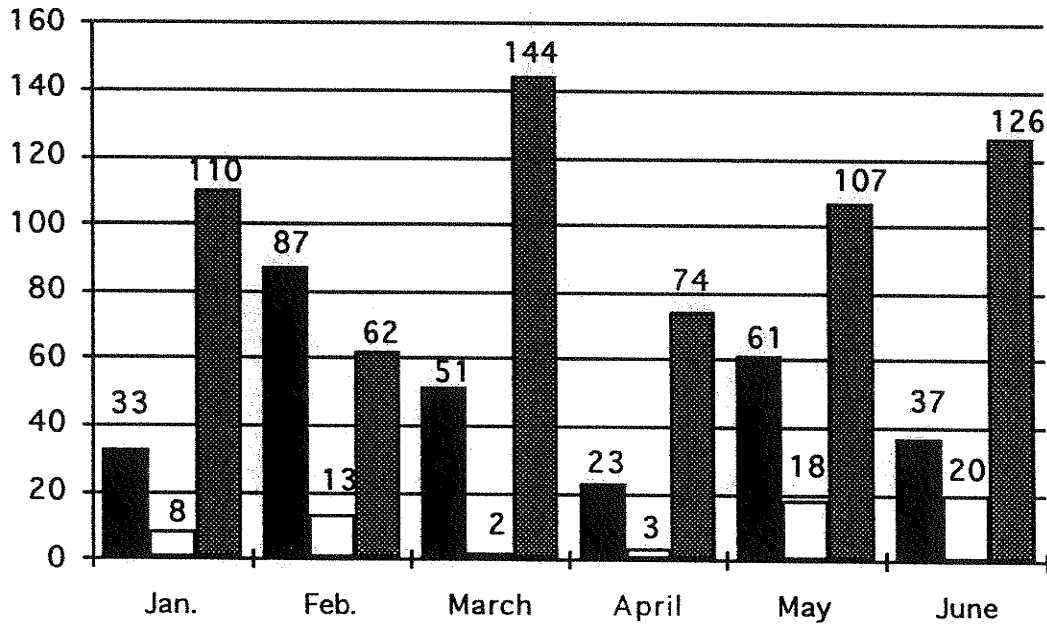
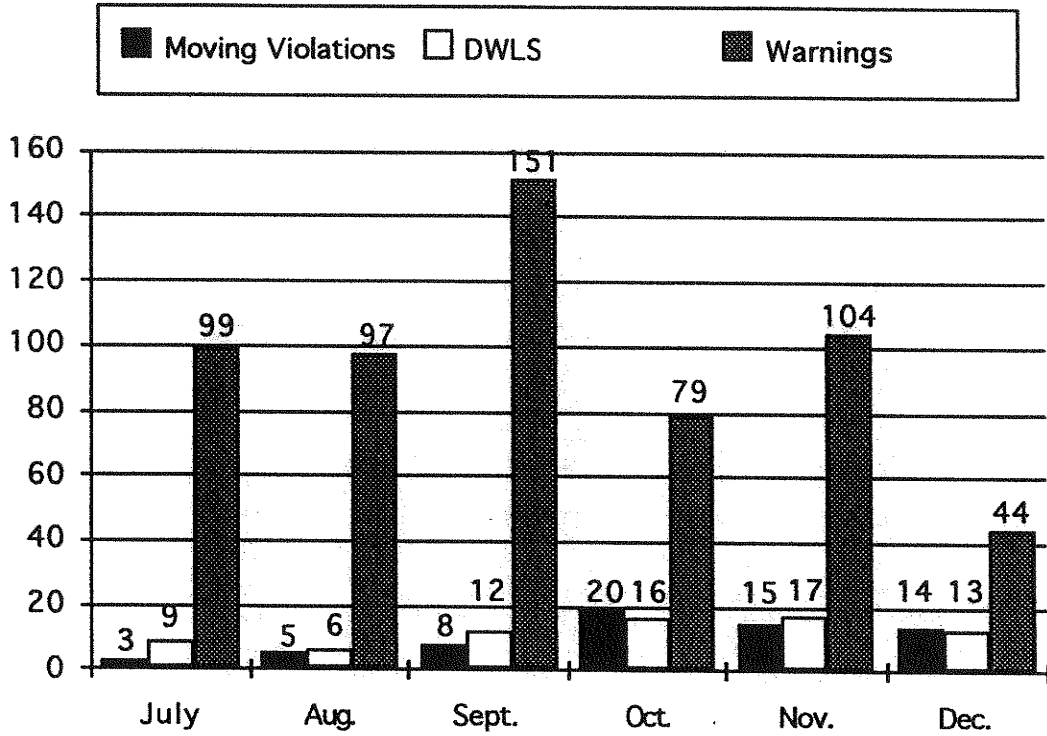
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Accident Locations

<u>Top Ten Locations</u>	<u>Number of Accidents</u>
Carr's Parking Lot	14
Parks and Main Street	12
Parks and Crusey Street	9
Knik Goose Bay Rd. to Mile 4	9
Lucille Street	5
Parks and Church Rd.	4
Parks and Seward Meridan	3
Spruce Rd.	3
Lucas and Melaine Rd.	3
Cottonwood Creek Mall	3
All Other Locations	277

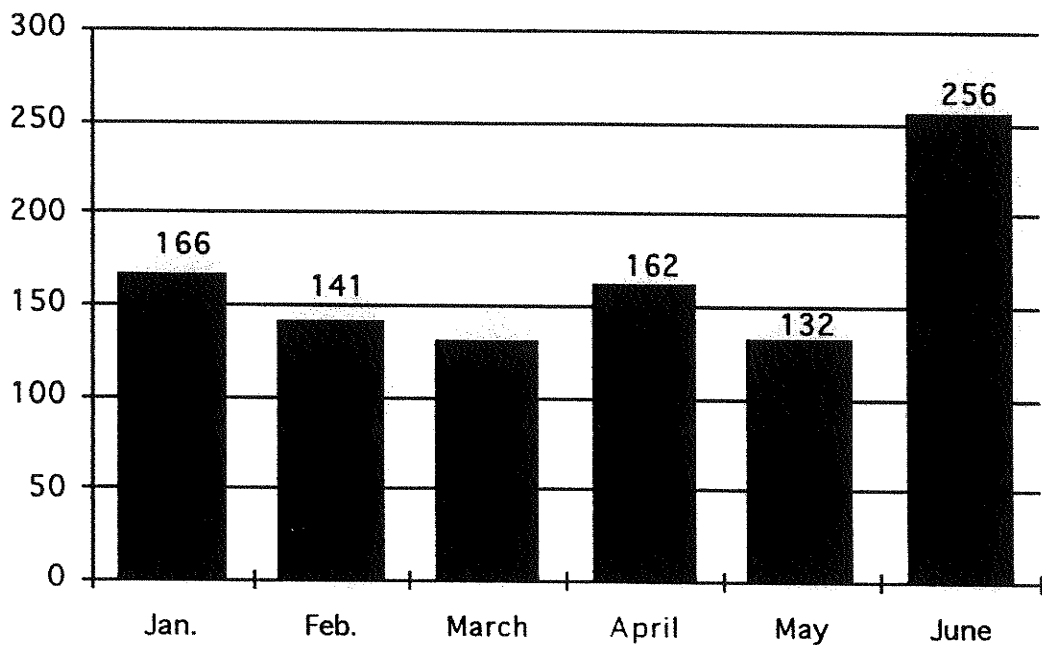
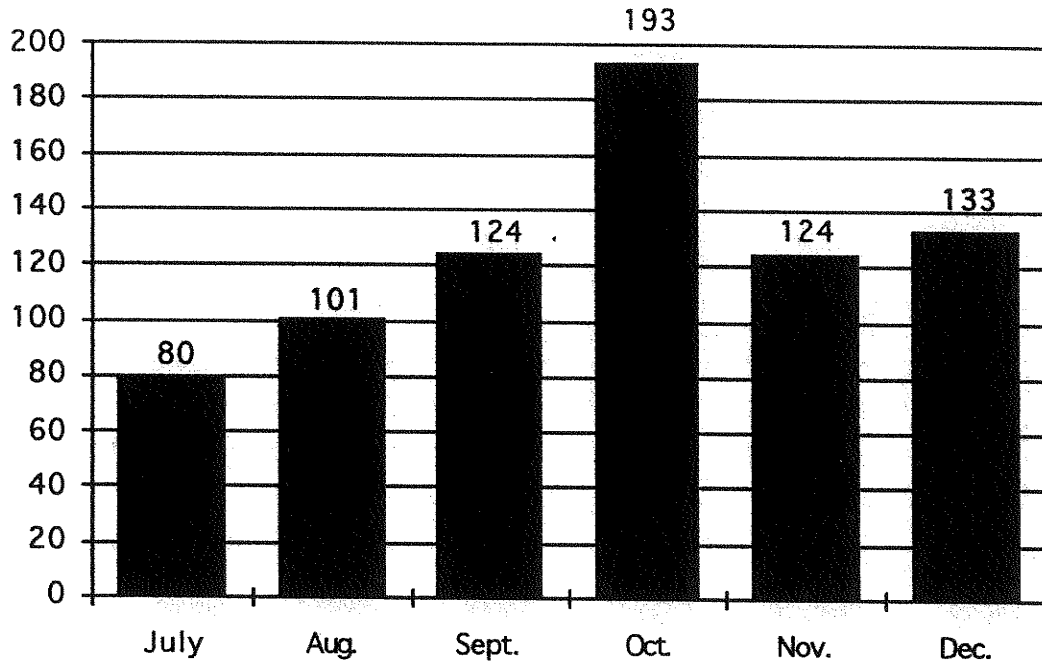
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Total Moving Violations: 357
Total Warnings 1197



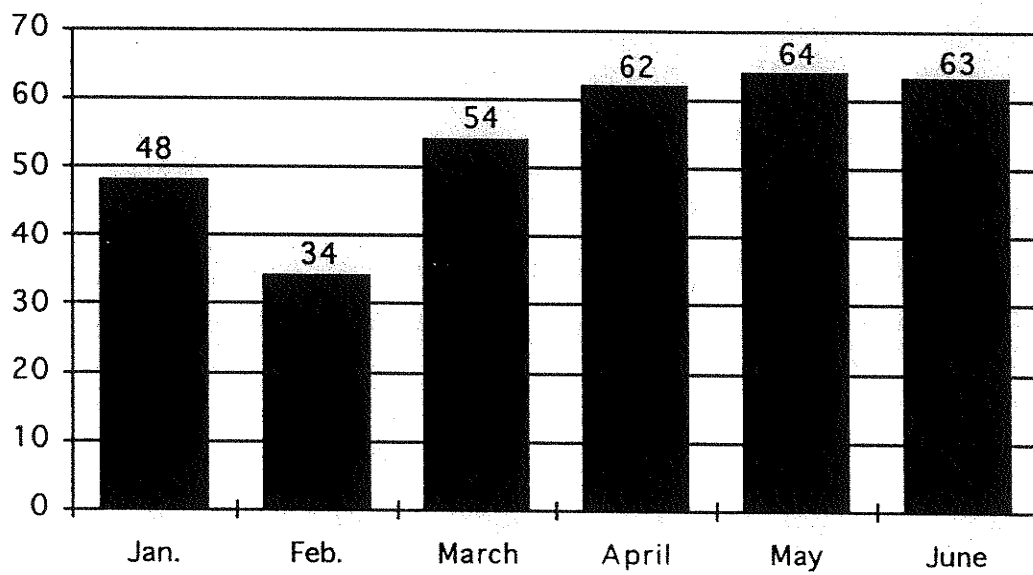
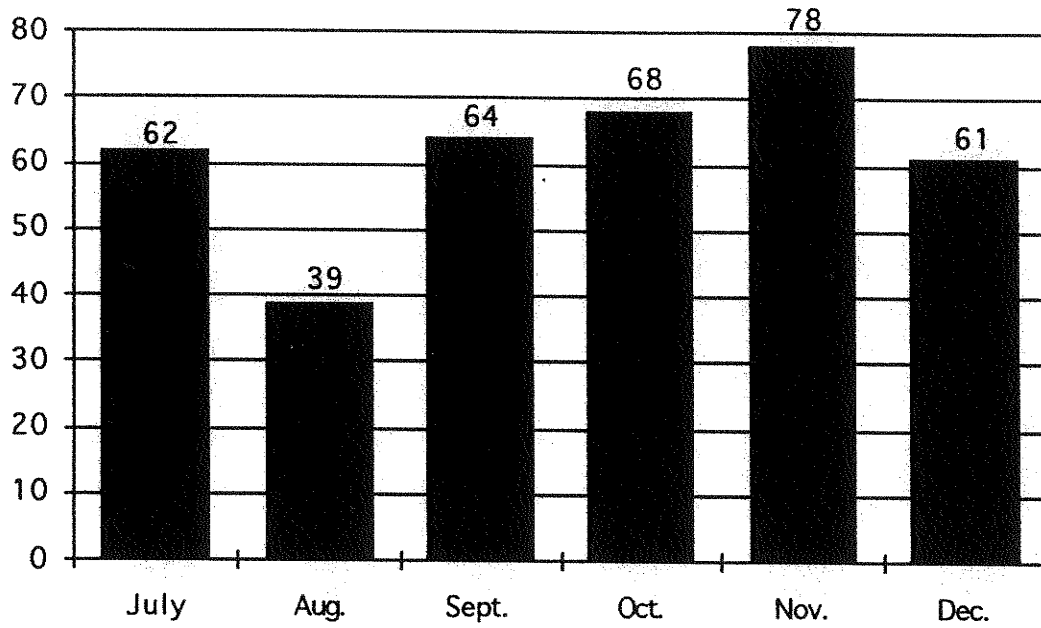
FY 94 Criminal Investigations

Total Investigations: 1743



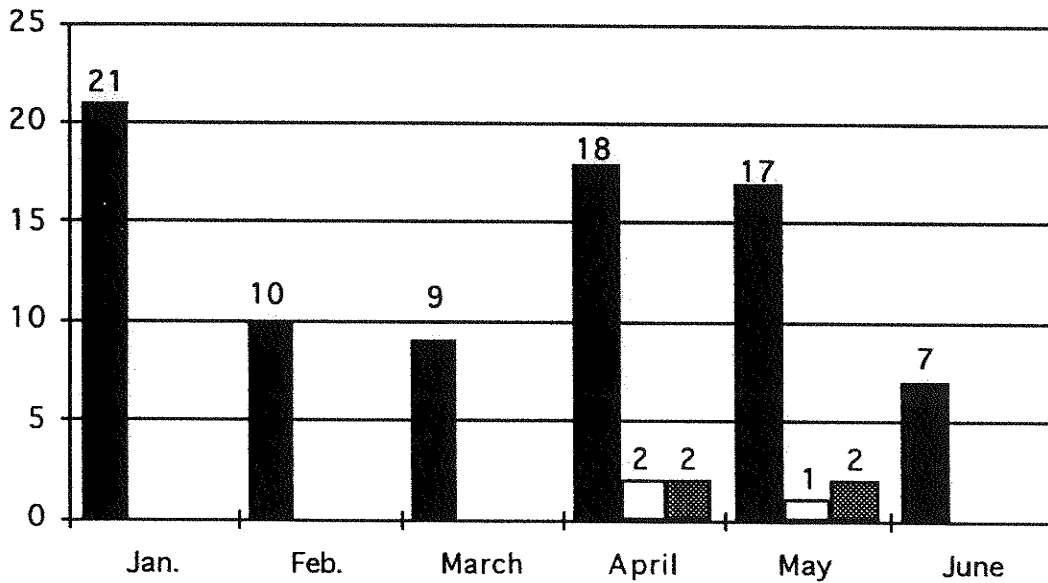
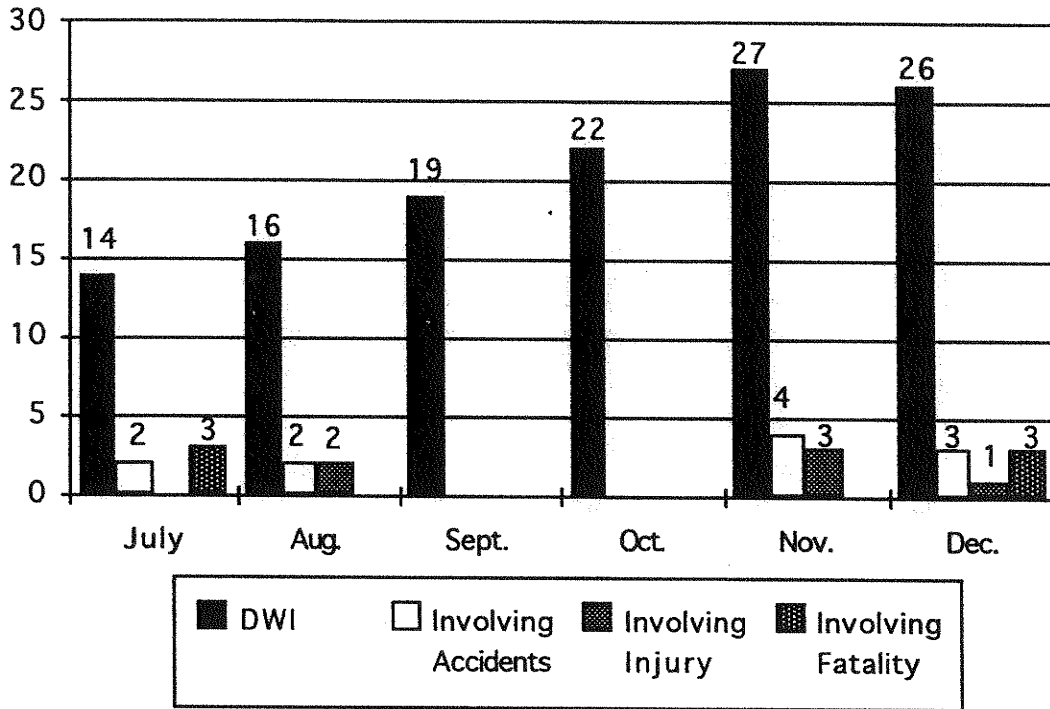
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Arrests
(all violations)

Total Arrests: 678



FY 94 DWI

DWI - Driving While Intoxicated: 206 Arrests

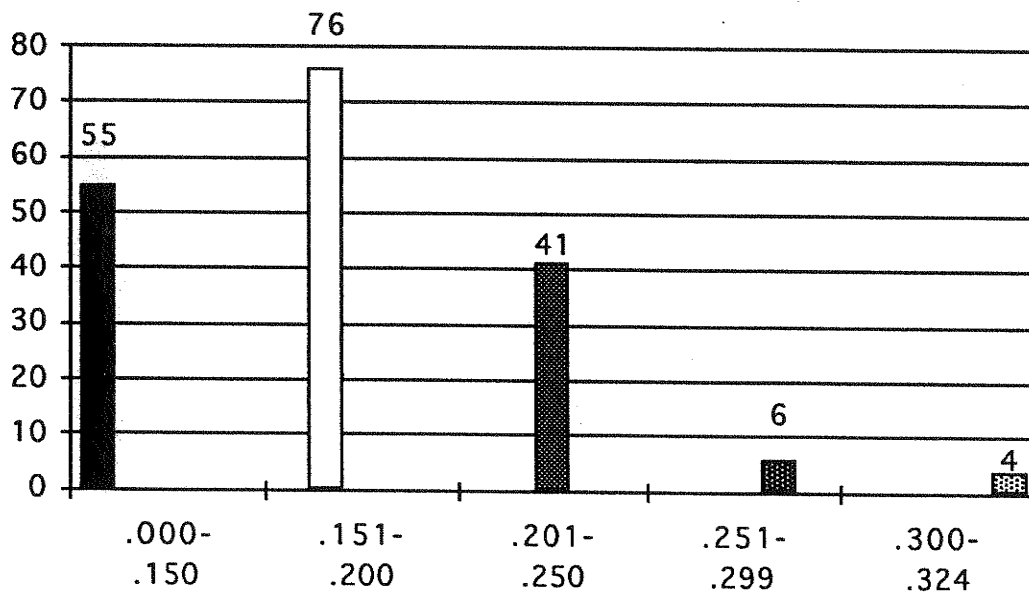


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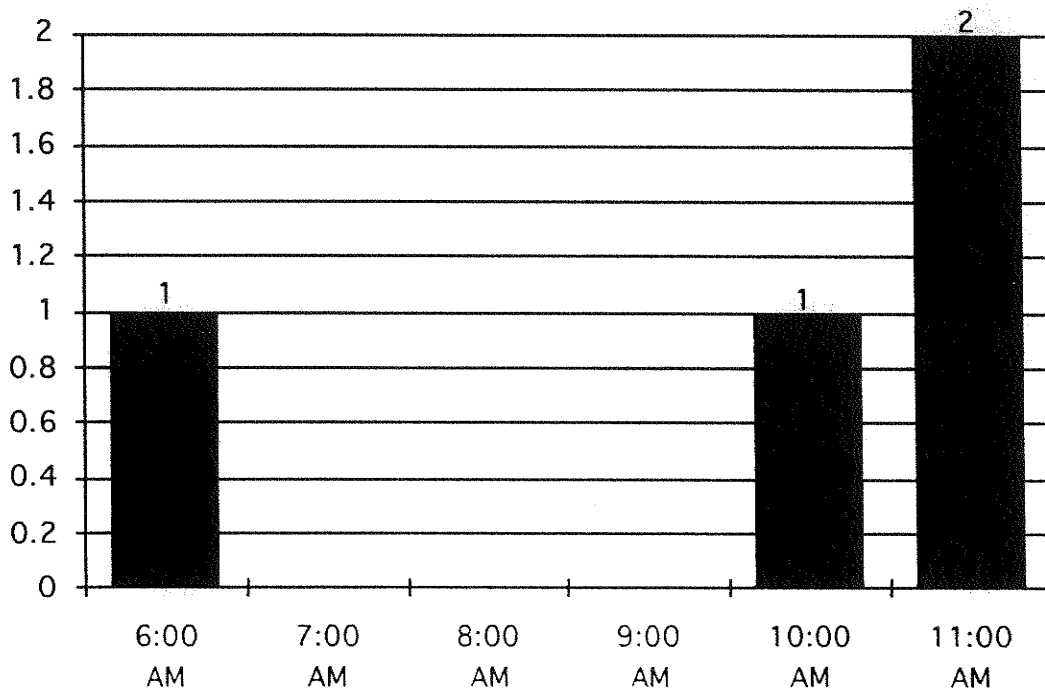
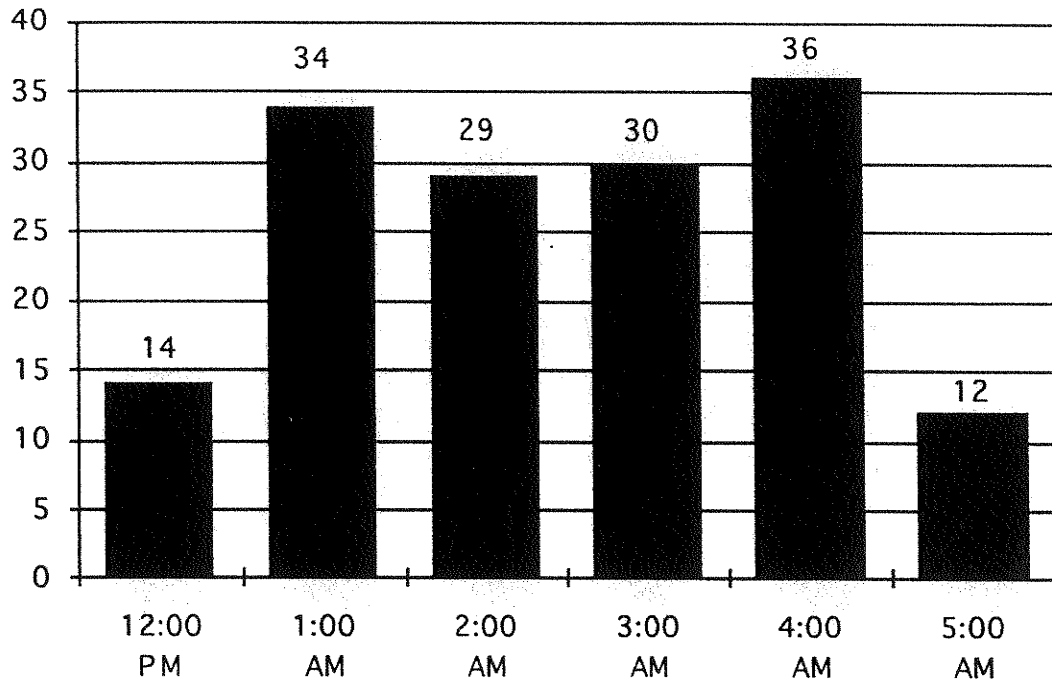
- .000 - .150: 1 to 1 1/2 times over legal limit of .010.
.151 - .200: 1 1/2 to 2 times over limit.
.201 - .250: 2 to 2 1/2 times over limit.
.251 - .299: 2 1/2 to 3 times over limit.
.300 - .324: more than 3 times over limit.

Average BA result: .180

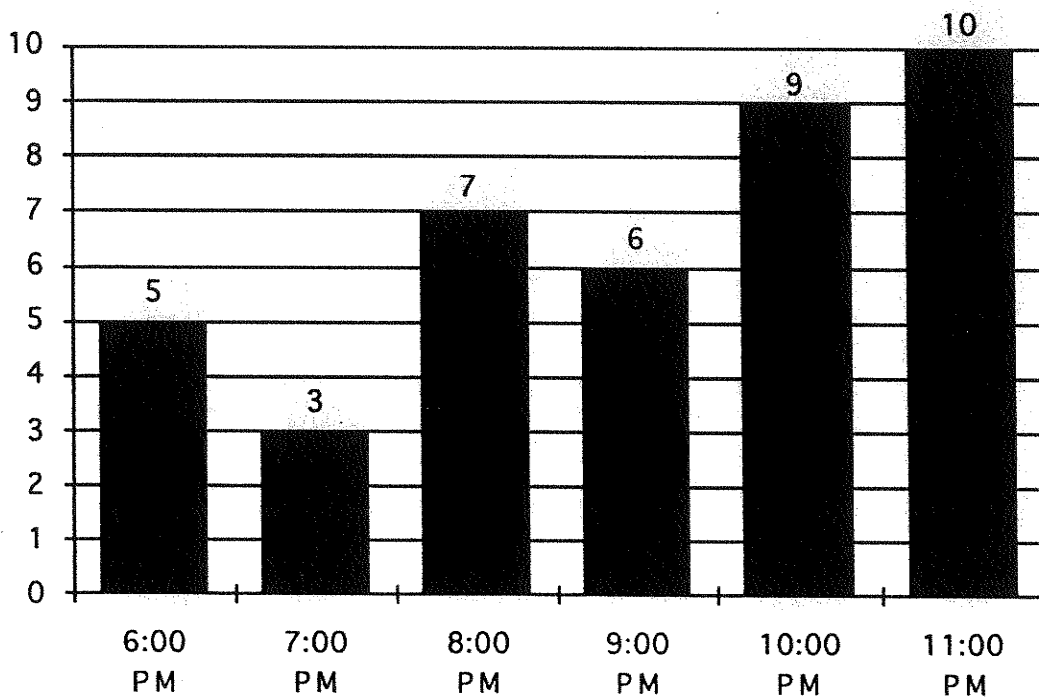
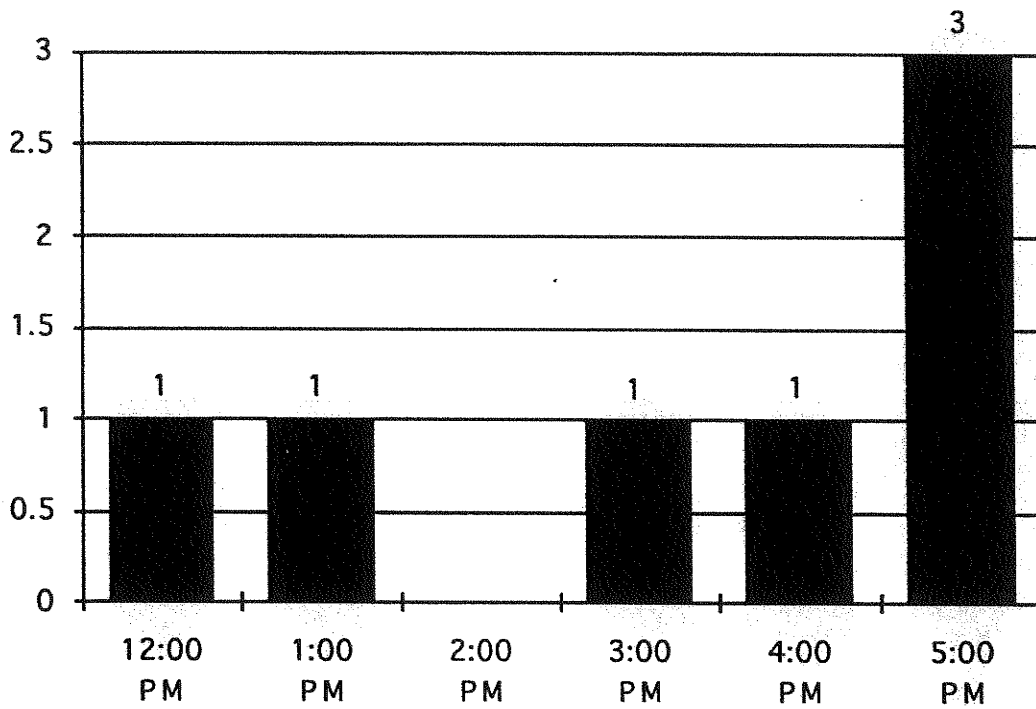
B/A Results



FY 94 Times Arrested DWI



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Times Arrested
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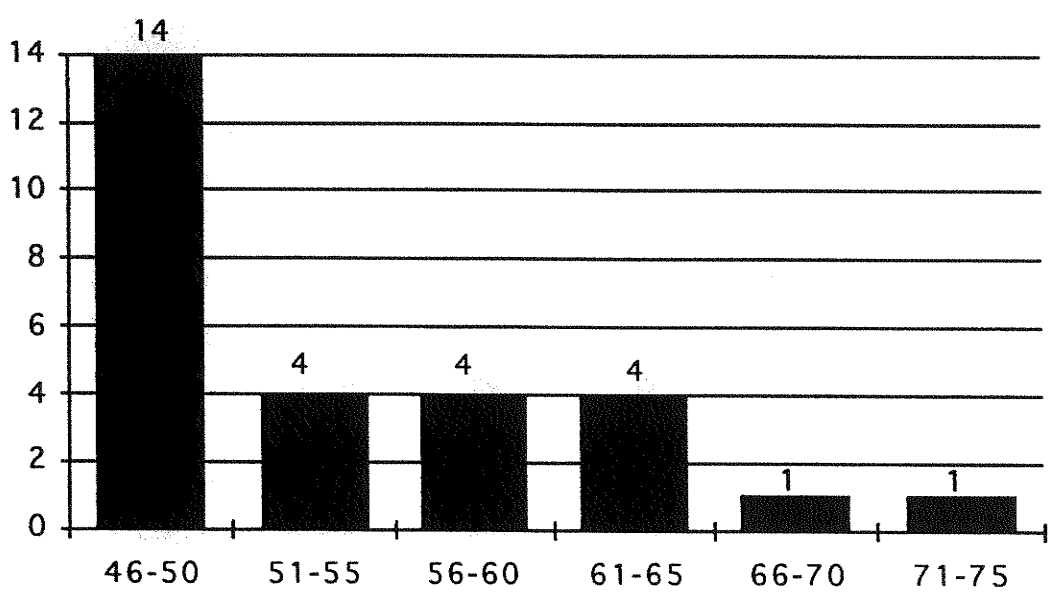
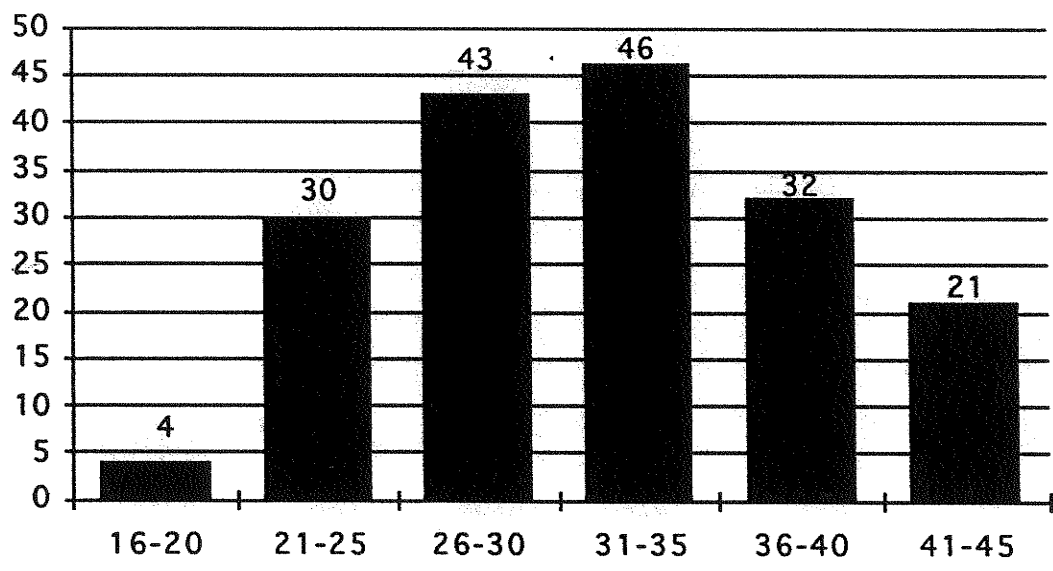


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DWI
Age Range Arrested

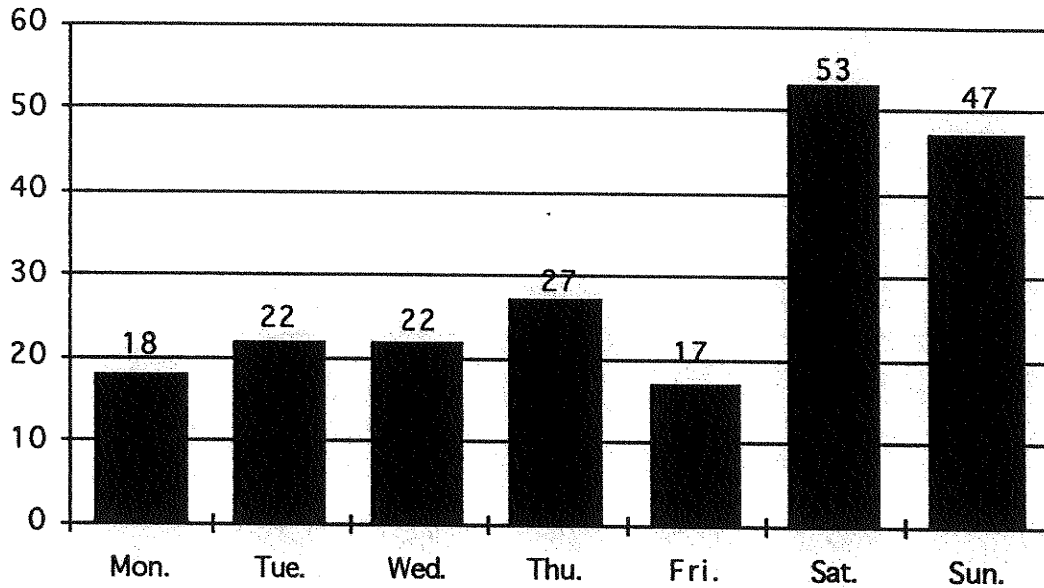
Males Arrested: 163

Average Age: 35.3

Females Arrested: 43



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DWI
Day of Week Arrested



Driving While Intoxicated
(additional Information)

Accidents Involving Fatalities: 2

Number of fatalities per accident: 3

Driving While License Suspended Revoked at time of Arrest: 65

Residence:

Wasilla 100
Other: 106

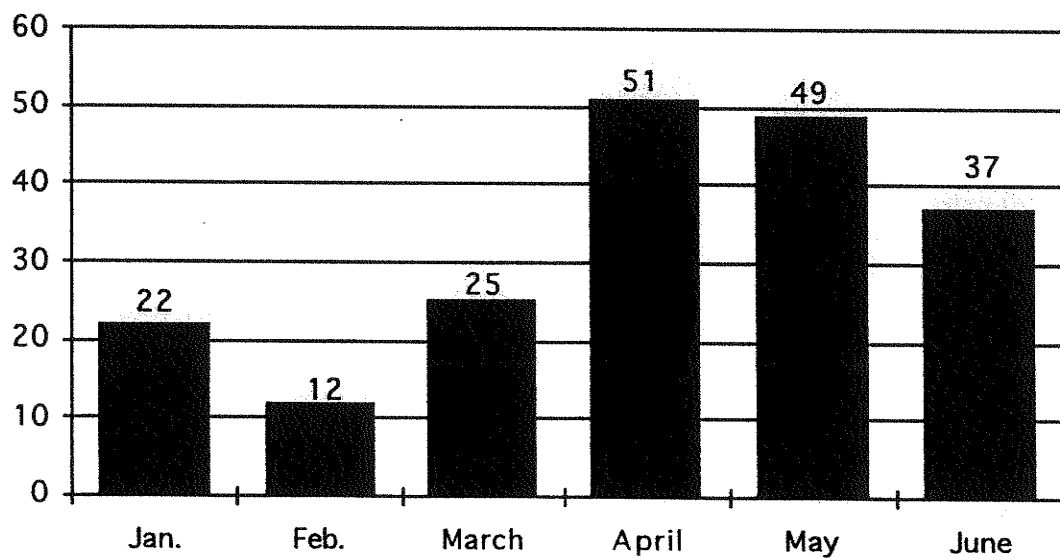
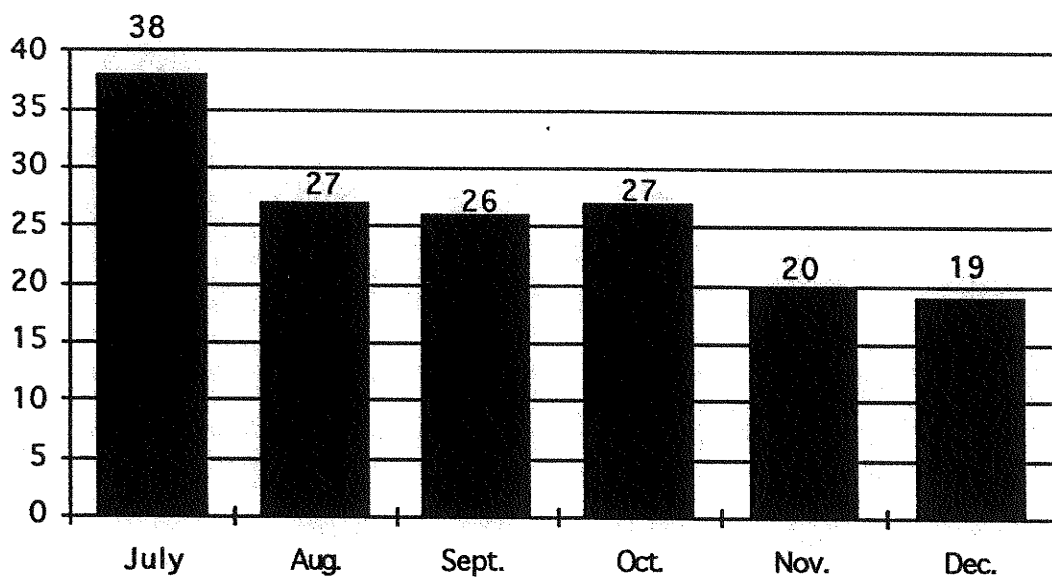
(Other includes Anchorage, Big Lake, Wasilla area, Palmer, Fairbanks, Talkeetna, Tok, and other States)

Refused to take Breathalyzer test after arrested: 24

FY 94 Calls Involving Juveniles

Calls Involving Juveniles Include all areas of calls reported.

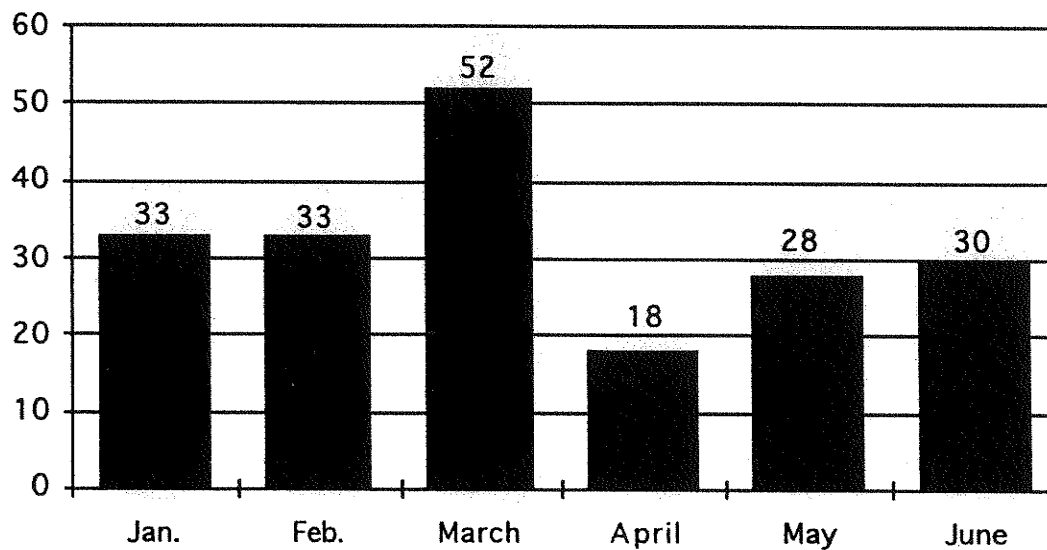
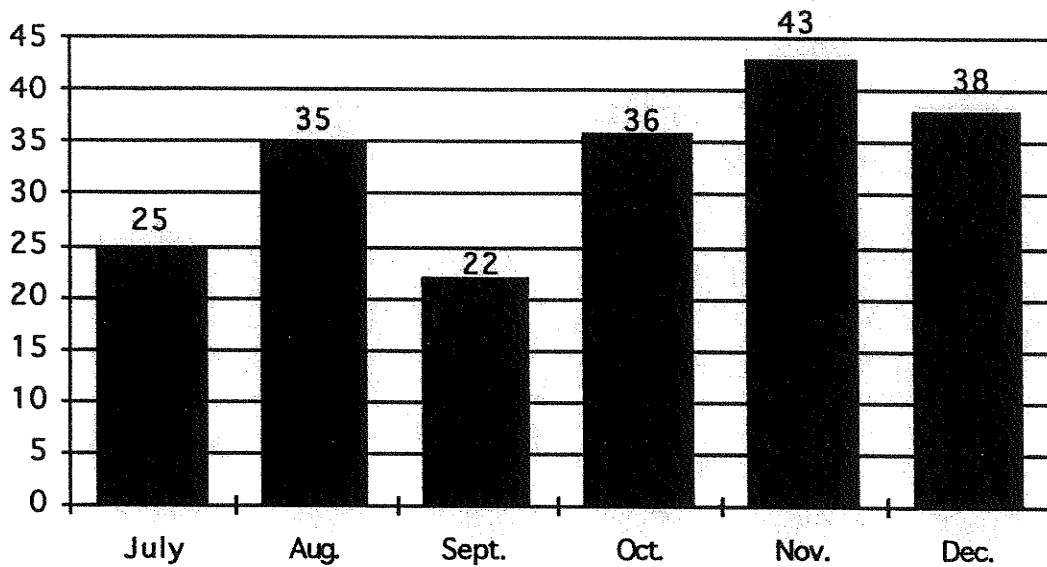
Calls Involving Juveniles 353



FY 94 Public Assists

Public Assists involve calls where officers assist the public in many different areas to include, unlocking car doors, unlocking homes, giving people rides home when they are stranded, assisting stranded motorists, providing tourist information, ect.

Total public assist calls: 393



COMMUNITY

RELATIONS

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Community Relations

The Crime Prevention Program for the Wasilla Police Department was started in August of 1993 after Mr. James Messick was hired as a half time employee. During the time that Mr. Messick has worked for the department the following community projects have taken place.

Neighborhood Watch Classes

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Number Attending</u>
Chinook Villa	19
Mission Hills	15
Southview	16
Senior Center	10
Richmond Hills	12
Wasilla Estates	10
Shadowood	14
Shorewood (with AST)	5
Lakeside Terrace	13
Total Attending:	114

Subdivisions inquiring about establishing Neighborhood Watch classes.

Flag Circle

Prospector Hills

Creekside Estates

North Country Estates

Northern Capitol Estates

Bridgestone

Ancient Tree

Swiss Castle

Memory Lakes

Wilderness Acres

Bicycle Registration Program

Purpose:

To physically mark, photograph, and register bicycles in an effort to deter theft and aid in identification if stolen and/or recovered. Through the voluntary cooperation of the Alaska Bicycle Shop and other retailers bicycles are registered and photographed.

Crime Prevention Survey

Purpose:

To determine the types of crimes of greatest concern to the business owners in the Wasilla area and conduct seminars for the businesses to address their concerns.

With the assistance of the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce surveys were conducted of Wasilla, Big Lake and Palmer businesses.

As a result of the information received from the surveys seminars were held to address the following concerns.

1. Bad Checks and Fraudulent Use of Credit Cards.
Class attended by 45 persons.
2. Embezzlement
Class attended by 24 persons.
3. Shoplifting
Class attended by 27 persons.

Anti-Snowmachine Theft

Purpose:

To reduce snowmachine thefts. The program involves contacting snowmachine groups and providing training in regards to snowmachine anti-theft devices that are available.

Junior Crime stoppers

Purpose:

To involve school age children in the reporting of crimes within the schools. Through a cooperative effort with the local crime stoppers board Mr. Messick assisted their efforts in forming a junior crime stoppers program in the valley schools.

As a result of this work a major burglary case involving thousands of dollars in stolen cash was solved with the majority of the money recovered and the suspects arrested.

Community Relations

Purpose:

To increase the awareness of the community in crime prevention approaches and programs to include.

Public Service Announcements

Conducted through the area media of a variety of topics to include information about seminars to be held.

Home and Garden Show

A community booth was available to ask questions about the Police department and programs available.

Home Information Packets

Mailed to approximately 2000 Wasilla residents with information about Neighborhood Watch, Home Security, Bicycle registration and questions frequently asked about the police.

Public Inquiries

Usually handled at the Sub station located in the Cottonwood creek mall and relating to the working of the police department and programs available to the public.

WASILLA
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HISTORY

Wasilla Police Department

History and Background Information

After numerous attempts by concerned citizen groups and elected officials during the 1970's and 80's a vote was held in October 1992 to establish a 2% sales tax to fund the formation of a police department for Wasilla. The vote was held in October 1992 and passed by 61 votes. The sales tax went into effect in January of 1993 with an anticipated start up date for the police department of July 1, 1993.

In January of 1993 Mayor John C. Stein hired Irl T. Stambaugh a Captain with the Anchorage Police Department as the first Chief of the Wasilla Police Department, the appointment was confirmed by the Wasilla City council on January 11, 1993.

On February 16, 1993 Chief Stambaugh begin work with the City of Wasilla, during the initial start up phase the police department was under construction in the old school house attached to city hall. The first order of business was to hire a Secretary. Angella Long became the first secretary of the department, (she was later promoted and is now the first female officer with the department).

From March to July 1993 Chief Stambaugh and Secretary Long continued work on the start up of the Police department which included buying the necessary equipment which was everything from computers, cars and guns, to the screening of more than 150 applications for officers.

On April 22, 1993 offers of employment were made to the following personnel, all of whom accepted.

Jean Achee	Bethel Police Department
Roger Vercelline	Bethel Police Department
Ray Chmielowski	Metlakatla Police Department
Craig Robinson	Palmer Police Department
Rick Manrique	Palmer Police Department
John McNeal	Park Ranger, Alaska State Parks
Doug Sonerholm	Park Ranger, Alaska State Parks
Bob Yocom	North Slope Borough Police Department

The experience level of the Officers selected ranges from 2 years to 10 years of work in law enforcement.

On June 16, 1993 the above listed Officers started work for the City of Wasilla. From June 16 to July 1st the Officers received in service training and equipment issue.

July 1, 1993 the Wasilla Police Department became operational after an opening ceremony held at the Wasilla City Hall. Justice Ed Burke from the Alaska Supreme Court conducted a swearing in ceremony for the Officers, the opening was attended by representatives from the Palmer Police, Anchorage Police, Seward Police, Alaska State Troopers, FBI and numerous citizens and political figures from the community and surrounding area.

Approximately 5 minutes after the department became operational the first call was received, that call was a burglary to the Wasilla Feed store at 501 N. Airport Drive. That case remains unsolved as of this report.

In August 1993 Mr. Jim Messick was hired as the community relations coordinator for the Wasilla Police Department, his duties include neighborhood watch, Crime Stoppers, Community and Business seminars on a variety of topics and a bicycle registration program.

In September 1993 Officer Rick Manrique attended a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) instructor program and is in the process of adding the DARE program to the area schools for the 1994 school curriculum.

In October 1993 an initiative repeal of the sales tax was rejected by a 2 to 1 margin. Officer Robinson was promoted to Sergeant.

In November of 1993 Secretary Long was promoted to Officer, she has recently completed the Municipal Police Academy at Sitka, Officer Achee was promoted to Investigator. Ms. Debbie Callison was hired as the Administrative Assistant.

On July 1, 1994 the Wasilla Police Department celebrated it's first anniversary.